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FOREWORD

About every fifty years there arises an effort to set down the events of the past as they effect those lucky enough to live in Roane County. There was Hardestie in 1883 then Bishop in 1927 and now a Committee of amateurs are about to see their year long exercise result in a publication that all will be proud of.

In October of 1986 a group of fifteen people met in the rather austere meeting room of the Roane County Courthouse Annex to hear Don Mills explain that he had obtained from the Roane County Commission an authorization to proceed in the developing of a history of the county. Sample books which the publisher has printed in other areas were examined by those present and there is little doubt that the seed for a new family history book was planted that evening.

One month later a dozen citizens again met at the same location with Don Mills of Walsworth Publishing Company leading the discussion. December was left to the celebrating of Christmas and January found thirty-four history book enthusiasts present at the Community Building in Heritage Park. Ballots were passed out and Robert Sergent was elected Chairman of the Committee and Maxine Kee was elected Treasurer.

On February 20th we really got going with the election of the following officers and committees:
- CO CHAIRMAN Quellen Keith
- SECRETARY Carol Cronin
- PUBLICITY COMM. Carol Fouty and Phoebe Gamponia
- FAMILY HISTORY COMM. Barbara Owens and Ellen Platt
- TOPICAL COMM. George Dudding and Terry Williams

Also at that meeting we made plans for a post office box address, bank depositories, publication of a brochure and even decided on the size and type of cover the book would have. WHW!!!

By our March meeting we had our brochures at the publishers, field representatives in place, long and short term goals set and were ready for our first controversy. The great SEAL debate began and was settled by a committee who recommended the seal used in Bishop's History with some enhancement.

April initiated the first ORDER OF THE FOOTPRINT awards but the highlight of the meeting was the distribution of the brochures and the knowledge that they were in the March 29 addition of both Spencer newspapers. Committee training was a major consideration and the topical and family history groups began to see the task ahead.

May started a new agenda format of the committee reporting on their activities and this renewed the interest of the thirty or so who had supported the effort from the beginning. Now we could see that there were many plain citizens out there who shared our desire to compile a modern family history.

June brought the AMBASSADOR PROGRAM with the ambassadors having a sample of the book cover to aid in their book presentations. This was a popular promotion and lasted into the fall. At this time the committee made a very important decision which was to enhance the book with it's success or to put any profit into an enlarged book.

Throughout the summer the Book Committee continued to meet with a faithful group of two dozen coming together to check on progress and learn the nittygrittys of History Book publication.

October brought the high water mark of interest in our book as the small court room in the courthouse was packed with people who had come to attend our deadline meeting. Reports from officers and committees showed three hundred sixty seven books ordered with over eighteen thousand dollars received to date. There were over two hundred family histories in process and the topical committee was well on their way to having the churches and general information assembled. The group extended the deadline for thirty days and adjourned with the feeling that our confidence in the people of the county and especially in those working actively on the book had not been misplaced.

The quality of the people interested in this project has been of the highest caliber and there has never been a scarcity of volunteers to carry out any phase of the work. The effort was also kept on track by the group being willing to abide by the wishes of the majority and not insisting on some phase being done according to the wishes of an individual.

As this summary of the Roane County Family History 1989 committee is being written we have almost forty thousand dollars in the bank, have sold over seven hundred sixty books and can see that the book will have over three hundred pages which have been written by Roane Countians edited by Roane Countians and come September read and enjoyed by Roane Countians. I, for one can hardly wait. Written By Robert Sergent, Chr. RCH 1989 Comm.

NOTE

While every effort has been made to assure the credibility of individual stories, the committee cannot be held responsible for errors of omission or commission. Each household in Roane County was invited to submit a free 500 word story and photo. If there are more than the allotment, it is because other households jointly sponsored an article. The committee has not verified names, dates or facts in these stories, and cannot vouch for their accuracy. Occasionally slight changes were made in the articles, primarily for clarification. Any questions regarding content of stories should be directed to the "submitter" whose name appears at the end of each article.

The Book Committee
It is with sincere gratitude that we pay this special tribute to our book Chairman, Robert L. Sergent.

Your enthusiasm for our Roane County Family History book was unquenchable, your marketing ideas unconventional, and your humor sometimes unbelievable.

But seriously, Bob, we appreciate what you did for Roane County and for the Roane County Family History Committee. We needed a leader, and found one! Thanks, Bob!

Roane County Family History Book Committee
The county governing bodies in West Virginia were called county courts until the name was changed to county commissions by the Judicial Reform Amendment to the State Constitution in 1974.

The Act of the General Assembly of Virginia of March 11, 1856, which formed Roane County also provided that the justices of the peace, then residing in the new county, would form the first county court. The eleven justices, then residing in Roane County, first met April 7, 1856, at the home of M. Benson Armstrong in New California (later Spencer) to organize the county. They appointed a sheriff, county clerk, commonwealth's attorney and constables.

The second day, M.J. Thompson offered to furnish his house in New California as a temporary courthouse until a permanent courthouse could be built. The county court voted to pay him $75.00 as rent and lease his home for one year.

The first courthouse was built in 1859 and was destroyed in a fire which engulfed much of the town in 1887. The second floor was reached by a long flight of stone steps on the outside leading from the ground to a columned portico. On one occasion, a well-known local character, having imbibed too freely, rode his horse up the steps and into the courthouse; from his saddle he addressed an astonished county court then in session.

Since the Constitution of 1872, the county court (now county commission) has had three members, no two of whom may reside in the same magisterial district. The commission has probate jurisdiction and is responsible for the budget, tax levy and fiscal affairs of the county.

COUNTY COMMISSION LAUNCHES HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

With "strokes of the pen" on May 24, 1988, the Roane County Family History book was officially launched! At its regular meeting, the Roane County Commission voted to endorse the concept of a new "grassroots" history book to be coordinated by Walsworth Publishing Company. (proclamation appears on this page). A few short weeks later, the commissioners provided a list of suggested steering committee members, and "the rest is history"!

Sincere thanks to the Roane County Commission for your part in this important project!

Don Mills, Pres.
Don Mills, Inc.

1990 Roane County commission. L to R: Orton Jones, President Darrell Atkinson, Quellen Keith.
CHAPTER I

ROANE COUNTY

Roane County was created by an act of the Virginia General Assembly on March 11, 1856, seven years before West Virginia became a state. But long before 1856, probably 1814, the first families moved from the south and west into this southern part of the state. They were followed by many others from Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The first county seat was at Reedy, and a part of soldiers from Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) had passed through in 1765.

The county and town were named for Judge Spencer Roane of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, whose wife was Anne, the daughter of Patrick Henry. In her early days, the City of Spencer was known as Tannery's Crossroads, the first settler here having been Samuel Tanner who made his first home under a rock cliff and near a "cold spring", hence the name of the stream flowing through the town, Spring Creek. The Spencer High School is now situated on the top of that historic cliff, with the high school athletic field immediately in front. Later, it was known as Cassville, and for a time was called New California: a family who lived in the same section had decided to move on, saying they were headed for California; but when they got as far as Spencer, probably a distance of 10 or 15 miles, decided to stay and forgot about going any farther.

The first settlers in the vicinity of Reedy came there in 1816 and the first post office in the county was established there at Reedy in 1853. The greatest asset of any land is the people, and Roane County may well be unique, the progressive people who have lived here have proved this over and over again. Drilling for oil and gas began in Roane County also. While Roane County has not had an abundance of natural gas, yet during the 1930s Roane County produced many millions of barrels of high grade crude oil and many millions of cubic feet of natural gas. The City of Spencer began using natural gas for light and heat in 1897. Roane County had the largest underground natural gas storage system and is the largest producer of crude oil in the State of West Virginia.

Roane County has an abundance of natural gas, yet untapped, lying at a depth of 5000 feet in the Devonian Shale. With industry and manufacturing becoming greater, still Roane Countians look to the land, if not for a livelihood, then for a way of life, this being a region of many small farms and good homes. Roane County has much of the old cotton industry, including the manufacture of cotton cloth, and another major industry, Burke Parsons-Bowley, has been in existence since 1957. Located at Billings near Spencer, Burke Parsons-Bowley is a wood processing plant which specializes in salt treated and creosote treated lumber products such as railroad ties, split rail fence, guard rail posts, mining timbers, log homes, and bridges. In 1972 the old county airport was converted into the Roane County Industrial Park. The first occupants of this space were a sheet metal fabricator, Interstate Manufacturing Company and an automotive trim factory, N.I. Industries, Inc. The present occupant is the B.I. Goodrich Aerospace Division which is engaged in the manufacture of aircraft evacuation slides. Available at this site is a 100,000 square foot, modern factory and an office building.

Roane County is served by US Routes 119 and 79. Living is good in Roane County.

At Reedy, Geary, and Walton with the recent completion of a K-2 Primary Center at Spencer, Roane County schools is a leader in the state with its computer education programs and high tech learning facilities.

Inaugurated in 1955, the West Virginia Black Walnut Festival is one of the highlights of the year. A Black Walnut Queen is chosen from one of the counties comprising the Little Kanawha Regional Council. In 1989, the festival attracted an estimated 100,000 people from all over the United States. This county ships more walnuts than any other in West Virginia.

The years that have elapsed since Roane County was formed from parts of Gilmer, Jackson, and Kanawha Counties have brought many changes. The City of Spencer was chartered in 1858, four-fifths of the town were destroyed by fire in 1887, including the first court house. The railroad came in 1890, but left in the early 1960's. A new courthouse was built in 1964 to replace the old erected in 1887. Roane County is served by US Routes 119 and 33 and State Routes 36 and 14. It is traversed in the south by Interstate 79. Living is good in Roane County.

A version of this story was published in the Gazette Mail Centennial Edition of August 16, 1963. Submitted by: Maxine Bee Kee

ROANE COUNTY GEOGRAPHY 1738-1989

Geographers and genealogists cross paths when we describe where our ancestors lived. A series of maps exist that describes what county included the area of present Roane County but they are too lengthy to include in this publication. The maps consists of 10 pages and are found in Making A State, written by Edgar B. Simpson. The maps show that Roane County was entirely in Augusta County, Virginia in 1758.

As of 1780 most of Roane County was found in Greenbrier County, Virginia, except a small area in the northeastern portion which remained in Augusta County.

As of 1790 the area formerly in Greenbrier County was now Kanawha County. The map shows that Roane County was entirely in Kanawha County in 1790. As of 1800 the northeastern portion, formerly in Harrison County was divided between Wood and Harrison Counties.

As of 1810 a small northwestern portion was in that territory known as Mason County, most of the area was still in Kanawha with small portions being in Harrison and Wood Counties.

As of 1820 the northeastern portion formerly a part of Harrison County now became Lewis County with the very northern portion being Wood County and the northwestern portion being Mason County. The large southern portion continuing to be in Kanawha County.

As of 1830 Jackson County occupied approximately one third of the county on the northwest from the area formerly known as Mason and Wood. Lewis County continued to cover a small portion on the northeast with Kanawha County occupying nearly one half of the area.

As of 1850 the southern one third of Roane County was in Kanawha County with the western portion being in Jackson County and the northeastern area formerly in Lewis County now being Gilmer County with a very small area in the north in Wood County.

In 1856 Calhoun was formed along the Roane County border out of Gilmer County and Roane County obtained its present boundary from Kanawha, Jackson, Wirt and Gilmer. Submitted by: Robert Sergent

PIONEERS, EARLY SETTLERS

JESSE HUGHES - INDIAN FIGHTER AND SCOUT

Jesse Hughes, the famous scout and Indian fighter was born in 1750 on Elk Creek in what is now Harrison County, West Virginia. His father, Thomas Hughes was killed by Indians on Hacker's Creek in Harrison County in 1778. Jesse had one brother and two sisters. One of his sisters married Alexander West whose descendants later played a part in the early history of Spencer, West Virginia. Jesse Hughes settled at Hacker's Creek around 1772. He was married to Grace Tanner, sister of Samuel Tanner who later became Spencer's earliest settler. Records indicate that Jesse Hughes had six daughters and three sons. One daughter married Jacob and a son married Nancy who later lived in Harrison County.

Jesse Hughes purchased land which is now Roane County. His descendants, the Bonnetts and the Alkiers (Alkiers) later moved to and settled in Roane County. One Bonnett descendant mentioned apple trees on his father's farm many years ago that produced a red juicy apple which they referred to as Al-
kires. Another daughter of Jesse's, Massie, married Uriah Gandee and settled at Sandyville, Jackson County and later moved to a central area of Roane County giving that settlement the name Gandeeville.

So we see that relatives and descendants of this Harrison County family made a home in Roane County. Jesse Hughes, however, played a more important role in the early history of Roane County by traveling through this region around the year 1774 while leading fighting parties to the Ohio River searching out Indians which had attacked settlements in his home territory. Hughes reported back to his friends and relatives in Harrison County and encouraged them to settle this area. Jesse Hughes was born about 1786 in Hacker's Valley. They lived for a time at or near Sandyville, Jackson County, and in 1824, moved to what is now Gandeeville in Roane County. When Uriah died in 1855, his wife made her home with her son, J. S. Gandee until her death on May 30, 1863. She was buried in the Gandee cemetery on the home farm. Submitted by Denver Gandee

MASSIE (HUGHES) GANDEE

Mercy Hughes was born in 1787, the daughter of Jesse and Grace (Tanner) Hughes. Mercy was originally named Martha in honor of an older sister who had been captured by Indians and thought to be dead. When the Hughes’ oldest daughter Martha had been returned to them, they exclaimed “It is the mercy of God!” So the youngest, Martha was renamed Mercy, which under the old Virginia manner of speech was pronounced Massie. Massie married Uriah Gandee in 1801 in Harrison County. Uriah and Massie Gandee came to Roane County in 1823 and made their home just below the Shawnee Trail. This spot between the Kanawhas is now known as Gandeeville. The following story about Massie takes place just after they arrive in Roane County.

The winter of 1823-24 was one of the worst winters ever recorded. The Gandees had killed their hogs and there was a large den of wolves nearby. The Gandee's built a lean-to against their cabin for their sheep and the dogs were often heard below the floor fighting the wolves.

Early in the Spring, Uriah and his son went off to do some survey work. As they rode off, Massie checked the sky. The clouds were thick and the wind was blowing with a sign of a possible blizzard. As the storm blew in, the Gandees ran for cover in the cabin, but the wind and howling of the wolves made it necessary to leave the cabin.

As the night wore on, Massie heard the sound of shots in the distance. She grabbed a musket from the men's room and darted into the pack of wolves and her husband was shot by a wolf that was clinging to one of the men. She then threw down her rifle and darted into the pack of wolves and with her torch started beating the wolves. The Gandee's built a lean-to against their cabin for their sheep and the dogs were often heard below the floor fighting the wolves.

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Adam O'Brien is the ancestor of a great many people in Calhoun, Roane, and Clay Counties, as well as throughout the United States. The story of Adam's life is a testament to the resilience and resourcefulness of early settlers.

Adam O'Brien was born in 1800 in Harrison County, West Virginia. He married Nancy Hicks in 1825, and they had five children. Adam was a farmer and a soldier, serving in the War of 1812 and later in the War of 1812-1815. He was known for his bravery and leadership, earning him the nickname "The Lion of Braxton County." He was also a politician, serving as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Despite his many accomplishments, Adam O'Brien's life was not without hardship. He was forced to leave his home in 1830 due to a land dispute, and he moved to the wilderness near present-day Arnoldsburg, in Calhoun County. There, he built a cabin and raised a family of five children.

Adam O'Brien's descendants have spread throughout the United States, and his legacy lives on in the form of the many families who trace their roots back to him. His story is a testament to the strength and perseverance of early settlers in the American frontier.
Church as Rebecca was Charter Member and David’s obituary is recorded there.

April 1, 1869

Obituary of our beloved brother David Sergent who departed this life at 5th, 1869 in Roane County. He was born in Spencer Oct 9th, 1798 he was in his 70th year of his age whom I have known all my life was a peasabell & moril man & industries & benevolent he had past through many losses in his family & boor them all with christian fortitude he profest religion & joined this church & was baptized October 16, 1864 we as a church have great reason to mourn with his children & with his loss as a member of our church hear on earth but we morn not as thos that have no hope for we feel & believe that our loss is his imortal gain our savior has called him home to enjoy a life in glory for ever when we hope to join him with all our brethren that has gone be fore to spend an endless eternity to gether with our lord & savior Jesus Christ

Red & approved by the church Oct 18th 1868 & ordered to record Thos. Ferril Com & writer appointed by the church August 8th

David is buried on the Lionel Smith farm at Uler. Submitted by: Robert Sergent

COMMUNITIES, DISTRICTS

“ALVORD”

Since Spencer was a dry town, an application was presented to the Circuit Court of Roane County asking for a Certificate of Incorporation. The area included 163 acres and a population of more than 100 persons.

In 1903, the application was approved by the Court with Judge Lynn Brannon signing the order of approval. The new town was called “Alvord” to honor Theodore Alvord, the man who led the Anti-Saloon League in the state.

C. J. Glover, M. Greathouse, and J. W. Hively were named as commissioners to hold an election to name officials for the town.

On October 19, 1903, the first election was held and Benjamin Smith was elected mayor. William W. Goff, William D. Board, Jehu Estep, W. B. Runnion and Marshall Greathouse served on the town council. The council set about to do the things required, build sidewalks, levy and collect taxes, build a jail and so forth. The Fairground was a hub of activity.

In 1904, the Roane County Court granted a license for a saloon in Alvord to sell “Spirituous Liquors”. This was the first saloon license ever granted in Roane County. The license expired in 1907.

In 1905, the records list C. J. Glover, mayor, W. B. Runnion, W. A. Miller, M. Greathouse, W. W. Summers and M. J. Board as council members.

For 18 years Alvord was a town. In 1921, Alvord and Spencer were consolidated by a vote of the people of both towns. At the time of consolidation, officials of Alvord were T. H. Harden, mayor, Ed Runnion, A. R. Thomas, Homer Thompson, Ronnie Wright, and George Lewis as council members. Submitted by: Mrs. Irvin Greathouse

AMBLER RIDGE

Ambler Ridge is a quiet rural community in southern Roane County just off U.S. 119 at the top of Left Hand Hill. The ridge road extends a distance of approximately nine miles from the top of Left Hand Hill to the Mt. Moriah Church, where it ends abruptly and roads branch off to Ryan and Cicerone.

According to my father, Russell B. Hunt, who was a lifelong resident of this area, nobody lived on the ridge until the oil and gas boom started in the early part of the nineteen hundreds. The first oil well was drilled in the Rock Creek area in 1905. In the next 30 to 40 years towering oil derricks were visible in almost every direction for miles around.

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As one resident pictures the era, every knob and knob was covered with shacks and rough-plank dwellings.

Three boarding houses also sprang up to accommodate the influx of prospectors. They were the “Big Hungry”, the “Red Onion” and “Payne’s” place eventually became a barn.

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going with this brothers to the oil fields to cut a butchered hog. He recalls Mr. Ambler cutting off a large section of meat and buying it. Some other products in their horse-drawn wagon were apples, watermelons and chestnuts.

The older brothers, Sherman and Don worked in the oil fields as teamsters, hauling rigging and equipment from Spencer, Clendenin, Elkview and Blue Creek. A round trip usually took three days.

Stories were told about one proprietor, who came during this time of prohibition, and opened a general store. He was known to residents only as "The Jew". The propitious peddler sold bags of flour with whiskey buried deep in the fine grain, and as the story goes he was never caught in the contraband activity. The store building has been gone for many years but the location is still known as the "Jew Gap".

George and Gertrude Moffatt started a mercantile business on Ambler Road in 1927, soon after their marriage. After first having started the store in a house, they soon built a new store nearby at the head of Owl Rock Road. They also built a large garage where revival meetings were sometimes held. I can remember large crowds there just a few years before WW II. The Moffatts later moved to Walton and had a prosperous business there for over 40 years.

Opie and Gatha Hunt operated a store at the head of Owl Rock Road area in the late thirties and early forties.

Two merchants who were in business on the ridge for a long period of time were Esten and Gertrude Hunt. Their store business began Jan. 1, 1950 and lasted until July 1970. O. V. Smith began his store business at the Mattie Gap, later moving to Ambler before going to Big Chimney. His sons, Jim and Bill, have Smith's Superer Value at Elkview and Big Chimney.

Some other merchants through the years have been Ira Bee, who built a store building at the Mattie Gap, Robert P. Hunt, Ted Coleman, Ben Moffatt, Rex Lowe, Amos Paxton, and Ray White. All had stores at the gap.

On the ridge near the Hinkle farm was another store location. Some merchants there were Jube Huffman, Tilden Ray, Ova Griffin, George Clendenin and Esten Hunt.

Doug Taylor presently operates a store at Ambler, the only country store on the ridge for several years. Others who have had stores at this location are: O. V. Smith, Ben Moffatt, Virgil Ray, Otis Ray, Hoyt Taylor, and Coy Rhodes.

Bob Hunt (Robert P.) also had a store at the Paxton Ridge - Ambler intersection. Amos Paxton and later Hobert Johnson operated a store nearby.

A hard-top road did more to bring the people of Ambler Ridge into the twentieth century than anything else. The road had been improved and some areas rerouted in the early thirties, but it was about 1937 when W. P. A. (Works Progress Administration) workers began to pound rock into the dirt. The road was rocked a few miles at a time. Each new mile was a blessing from God. By about 1938, the road had been rocked to the present Roger Huffman home. In the next year or two work was completed to Ambler, and by 1942 to the Sherman Hinkle farm, not far from the Mt. Hope Road. Work came to a halt during WW II. When the last segment was done about 1950, everyone was proud of the new road.

Trucks hauled loads of crushed stone. The road was later paved. Elementary schools that served the ridge area were: Mt. Lebanon, Ambler, Mt. Hope, Owl Rock and Hunt. Mt. Lebanon and Ambler each had two rooms. These schools were often crowded.

Some teachers who taught in these schools over several decades were: Holly Shaffer, John E. Hunt, Frank Jarvis, Sam Jarvis, Russell B. Hunt, Charlie Hill, Benjamin Cummings, Gerald Cummings, Otis Hinkle, Myrtle Hunt, Buelah Lowe Taylor, Smith Ryan, John Henderson, Elbert Henderson, George Whitney, Ora Blosser, Ellie Painter, William Jarvis, Thomas Kiser, Macel Droddy, Cleo Berry, and Reva Starcher.

Here is a special tribute to all those teachers mentioned and also to any who were not mentioned. Many are now deceased.

High school attendance from the Ambler Ridge area began to increase in the middle nineteen-thirties when a school bus was put into service. The bus that picked up the students in the Mt. Moriah area was called the "cheesebox" and two of the first drivers were Forrest Walker and Estil Harper. When roads became impassable, some students stayed in Walton while some walked a long distance and some simply dropped out of school.

A recent development in the area has been the extension of water service from the dam, near Walton. Water was turned on in many homes in 1987. A large reservoir is located on a hill near the Esten Hunt residence. The line now reaches to the Taylor residence just beyond the Jarvis Cemetery.

The availability of water service ranks in importance with the coming of electricity in the mid nineteen-forties and the telephone in the late fifties.

In summary, Ambler Ridge came to life near the beginning of this century. There was great excitement and expectation of prospective riches from the earth. But those who profited most, monetarily, were outsiders. Some people were fortunate enough to get free gas if wells were located on their property. A few wells have been drilled in recent years, however, the boom time has long passed. Pennzoii Company provides gas service to this area today. Few who live there now remember anything about the drilling of the first wells.

Now, near the end of the twentieth century, citizens of Amber Ridge still value the earth. They are interested in a healthy environment and some supplement their living with vegetable gardens, fruit trees, and raising livestock. Many commute to work in other places but return to live on Ambler Ridge.

Submitted by: Irene H. Jarvis

Grace Community

Ten miles North of Spencer, on Spring Creek, near the Wirt County line is the center of Grace Community. Most activities in Grace revolve around the Gilboa Baptist Church which heralded its sesquicentennial in 1889.

Grace Post Office was discontinued September 14, 1935, but Grace Community continues today. Submitted by: Janett S. Newlon
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The Hunts produced justices, teachers and school officials. "Uncle Pat" Hunt was a color bearer for the G.A.R. at Spencer, well known at meetings of this group. There was a prominent Hunt, who was governor of New York in the 1800's and another who was a colonial governor in the middle 1700's. Myrtle (Taylor) Hunt, wife of Sherman, told me that the Hunts came from New York, by way of the valley of Virginia to Russell County and later to Roane County. She also raised corn pigs and raised a fine family. Her husband disappeared. I am less well acquainted with the pioneer history of this family than of the other two.

About the Taylors — John O.'s brothers and his parents soon followed him to Harper District. Elijah and his wife, Lydia (Bishop) came, as did two more of Elijah's sons — Cornelius and Issac. All three of the sons (John, Cornelius and Issac), served in the Union Army in the War between the states. Isaac died at the Battle of Floyd's Mountain. Cornelius was taken prisoner and died at Andersonville Prison and John O. was wounded and sent home. John and Annie had a large family — William Preston was the oldest. His wife was Nancy Emoline, daughter of another Taylor. Stephen and his wife Millie Patrick, who had also immigrated from Russell County, Virginia. A trace of relationship existed between the two Taylor families; although the ancestors of John Taylor came from Scotland and the ancestors of Stephen Taylor came to this country from Ireland, both families settling in Virginia. It is very noticeable in the offsprings, the Irish type, light complexion and red hair and the Scots, dark complexion, black hair and black eyes.

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Dr. Stephen as M.S.U., has a son Stephen St. Clair, Jr., who was selected as one of 100 scholars in the United States when he was
in high school in Rowan County, Kentucky. This congress of students elected him to preside over a follow-up meeting of their group. He has just graduated from Princeton University and been appointed to the Chicago Board of Trade. He will continue his studies at Wheaton University.

Brigadier General Walter Clayton Hersman is a grandson of Nettie Taylor Hersman. Aunt Nettie is a great-granddaughter of John Orchard and Annie F. Hunt Taylor. Uncle Wood Taylor, brother of William P., was twice elected and served in the state legislature, 1923 and 1925.

Another Taylor of note was Sigel E., grandson of Elijah J., who was a teacher and became principal at Spencer High School. He was the best teacher I ever had. My father, Ray Taylor (1894-1955), son of J.E.T., was a grandson of William P. He served in the Navy in both WWI and WWII, began a teaching career at 18 years of age and held a variety of administrative positions in Roane County Schools including County Superintendent (1926-1937). At the time of his death, he was a Deputy Director for West Virginia Department of Veteran's Affairs.

The early pioneers were dark swarthy people. It is an established fact that there were marriages with Indians in Southwestern Virginia which might account for the dark skin and hair. Another theory says that these people were inter-married with Melungeons.

Dr. Clyde Harper, in his research on the Harpers of Harper District refers to the "Melungeons" as being in the background of these people, "Armstead" Harper, the Hunts, Taylors, Bishops and others from Russell County, Virginia. Many of these people had apparently married into or were a part of this group sometimes called "Melungeons", probably coming to Southwest Virginia from Tennessee.

Research on the Melungeons states that they are likely of Portuguese descent. Whether of Indian of Melungeon connection, there are plenty of dark Harpers and Taylors still around.

These people have always been clannish. In 1932, Uncle Jim, J.J. Taylor) and my dad (Ray Taylor) started the Hunt, Harper and Taylor Reunion at the Mt. Moriah Church in late September. It continues to the present time. I can vividly remember attending most, if not all, of those early ones. The Spencer High School Band would play music and sell soft drinks. We would have a big picnic dinner and see many of our cousins. There was always a church service and historical sketch before noon. We walked over to the cemetery by the church and listened to explanations of just which ones were grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. cetera. Of course, not all those early pioneers were buried at Mt. Moriah.

I can trace the Taylors 13 generations, to Robert who came to Maryland in 1651 from Sussex, England.

I have the Bishops traced 13 generations to the Rhineland Pfalz in Germany.

I can trace the Harpers through 9 generations to Russell County, Virginia.

I can trace the Hunts 12 generations to Britain.

What more can I say about these pioneers of Harper District? Paved roads have taken the place of the trails. The one-room schools are all gone. Most of the churches and cemeteries are still there including Mt. Moriah, the first one. Oil and gas wells dot the hills and valleys. With 1-79 close by, new houses are springing up. Yet the deer, bears, turkeys and grouse still exist in the hollows and steep hollies where they have burrowed out its path. The names of the majority of the inhabitants of Harper are still the same as those who came in the wagons in the early 1800's to "cut a looapath" for those who followed. Submitted by: Jane T. George

LINDEN

While writing the family history of Daniel Looney, Jr., family, it was learned that one of the children had been named Clarence Linden Looney. Clarence was born from Feb. 24, 1880 and died April 16, 1881. The use of the non-family name for this son was interesting and further research was made. It was found that he had been named for Clarence Linden Brodus, an early settler in the Linden area. In fact, the Linden post office had been named for this prominent man.

The Broadus family was originally from Wales and was one of the first families in Virginia. Many members of the family were ministers, including Edmund Broadus, the grandfather of Clarence Linden, Edmund Brodus had served fourteen years in the Virginia assembly.

James Madison Brodus, the father of Clarence Linden, married Ellen Barbour Gaines, whose father was a captain in the War of 1812. Ellen was a sister of General Gaines, one of the most famous commanders of that war. James Madison and his wife were residents of Alexandria, Virginia, and he died there in 1880.

Clarence Linden Brodus was born there near Culpepper Court House, Culpepper County, on January 24, 1833. In Frederick City, Maryland, on Sept. 3, 1851, he married Sarah J. Kemp, daughter of Thomas B. and Rebecca (Stover) Kemp. She was born in Page County, Virginia on January 24, 1834. They had two children, T. Madison, born May 18, 1856, who was a teacher, farmer and carpenter at Linden. West Virginia, and the daughter, Ellen Barbour, born March 2, 1858, who married William B. McEnhill in Nov. 17, 1879 in Roane County.

Clarence Linden Brodus served through the Civil War in the Confederate Army, holding a captain's commission, fighting in both battles at Bull Run, also at Kernsmifl, Antietam, Winchester, McDowell, Roads Hill, Cross Keys, Par Republic, etc. He lost his right arm in a cavalry fight at Brandy Station on June 9, 1863, by a shell. He returned to duty in seven weeks and served as a scout until the end of the war.

He taught school in Roane County and was County Superintendent of free schools for two years.

He became a member of Linden Lodge No. 83, A.F. and A.M. and served as Master of the Lodge. Location of his grave is not known. Submitted by: Gene P. Eslmore, Sr.

MATTIE

Mattice is now just a pause in the road - the Mattie Gap that is, where one proceeds on up the hill to the Mt. Moriah Church, or goes left to Straight Creek, or right to the Poca River Road, which eventually leads to Walton. A lone deserted house stands across the road from the last location of the Mattie Post Office.

Mattice was the name given to a post office in south-western Harper District, Roane County, being named for the present Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, on Amber Ridge. The post office was named for Mattie Huffman, a young teacher at Hunt School which was located nearby. She later married Jim Taylor. Wilma Hutchinson, who currently lives at Walton, is her granddaughter.

The John E. Hunt family had the post office in the early nineteen hundreds. Mary Catherine (Young) Hunt, wife of John E., was appointed postmistress May 27, 1901, and held that position until her death in 1917. Daughter Mabel, who had been assistant postmistress, became postmistress June 7, 1917, and remained in that capacity until 1922. Mabel married Daniel Smith Ryan in 1918. Lucy Hunt (Huffman) also assisted with the mail.

A small building near the John E. Hunt log house, which was located down a hill from the "Billy Hunt Cemetery" housed the post office until about 1905. At this time the small, rough-plank building was moved to the top of the hill, the site of the newly constructed home of John E. and family. The mail service was then moved to a room at the front of the new house. Weary carriers on horseback rode up to the house to deliver mail and transact business.
NEWTON

The first settlers to locate at the confluence of “Three Forks of Sandy”, now Newton, West Virginia, included two brothers, William and John King and their families who came here from Pike county, Kentucky, in 1833 or 1834. They were joined by William Noe in 1835, who married Elizabeth King, one of John King’s daughters. Their first child, Samuel Noe, was born there in 1836.

This settlement was known as “Three Forks of Sandy,” until February 17, 1847, when a post office named “Newton” was established there. The first postmaster was Davidson Ross and the post office was kept in his residence on his farm at the mouth of Dog Creek, a mile or so below “The Forks,” as the place was known at that early date. The name of the new post office was suggested by Mr. Ross, being the name of one of his children, and was accepted by the post office department.

Mr. Ross later became a partner with James Keen and T. J. Ellis in a mercantile business at Newton. They constructed a new store building and Mr. Ross secured permission to move the post office to the new building.

There was a blacksmith shop and shoemaker’s shop and a small grist mill located nearby, so that the area soon became a thriving community where lively Saturday “gatherings” were held.

In 1835, Newton erected a flour mill which used a new “Roller Process”. This mill was owned by William W. Ogden with David P. Seltzer as the miller. Mr. Seltzer had been associated with the Spencer Roller Mill prior to his employment at the Newton mill.

Early settlers in Geary district were the Drakes, Keens, Ross’, Wrights, Gearys, Ashleys, Osbornes, Kings and Naylors, just to name a few. Other community centers nearby were Clay, Uler, Elana, Wallback. Left Hand and Amma. Submitted by: Gene F. Emore, Sr.

OSBORNE’S MILL

In 1809 John Kelly, Ware Long, and Francis Garner came to Roane County and together built a cabin on the banks of the Big Sandy about three miles below Left Hand. The following year John Ashley and his family arrived and this site became known as Ashley’s Settlement. During the next thirty years other groups of settlers established their homes within the present boundaries of Roane County. Those who settled here were Dr. William Cobb in 1813. John Young and Allen Baxter in 1818, Andy Malcolm, Richard Ashley and Ralph Smith about 1820. Charles and Michael Drake about 1823, Adam O’Brien, Absolm Naylor and Adam Naylor about 1825.

This is thought to be the first settlement in Roane County. Ware and Mary Long were the parents of the first child born in this area. The first marriage was that of William H. Hancham and Sarah F. Ashley in 1818.

Another early settler of the Ashley Settlement was Matthew Geary. He married John Ashley’s daughter Elizabeth. Matthew Geary purchased a large tract of land in this area. After moving his family to their new home, he employed Peter Darnell in 1835 to erect a water mill. His home at once became the neighborhood center with some eight or ten families living within a radius of five miles.

The first settlement was known as the “Ashley Settlement”, but was renamed Geary Mills after the erection of the new mill by Matthew Geary. This name remained for seven years until a post office was established in 1835 after which it was named Osborne’s Mills.

The principal industry of this community was a boat yard. The boats were built of all sizes under 75 feet in length and floated down the Sandy and Elk to the Great Kanawha where they were finished by having the ends and sides added. Submitted by: Sarah B. Burdette

OTTO

Otto (which was once called Roy), located on Henry’s Fork. Smithfield district, was once a little village within itself. It was undoubtedly named for Otto McMillan, son of Jordan McMillan, who once owned most of the land that is now Otto. After purchasing land from I. D. Chapman, he moved to Henry’s Fork in 1867.

Otto had a church, school, grist mill, store, blacksmith, sawmill, and pump station. The school, post office and store all closed in 1963.

The first post office was established February 9, 1859 and closed on November 22, 1963. James Eppling is said to have owned the first store and post office. Will and Lucy Rishel also operated both at a later date. Later the post office was moved into a separate building with Al McMillan as postmaster. He served as postmaster for many years. Harry’s wife, Lepha, was the last postmistress. Leon McMillan was the last owner of the store and it closed upon his death in 1963.

The mill, which ground and crushed corn, was finally powered by water and later by gasoline. Charles McMillan owned the mill and sawmill. He also leased land to the Eureka Pipeline in 1912 or 1913 to build a pump station. It pumped oil from Tarriff and Clover to Calhoun County.

Grant Starcher and Roy Nichols were the village blacksmiths. Noted for their fine workmanship.

On September 12, 1930, Charles and Alice McMillan deeded to the Board of Education of Smithfield of the County of Roane for $100, land for a school. The Otto and Beverly schools were torn down and consolidated into one school. It was rebuilt at this central location. It now serves as the Otto Community Building. The Beverly school had previously been located at the mouth of Rush and the old Otto school was located in a bottom of what is now the Donzel Walbrown farm, approximately where Greg and Debbie Burdette’s house stands today.

Old Otto Schoolhouse, now the Otto Community Building

The Otto A.C. Church was built in 1925. The land was donated by F. J. and Alice Epling and built by donations from the community. The first trustees were Claire Starcher, Alma Nichols, Orphie
McMillan, Ocie Ferrell, and Frances McMillan, all young women of the community. The church was destroyed by fire in 1918 and rebuilt in 1928. The present trustees are Randall Starcher, H. Starcher, and Edward Hall.

Today, Otto is a friendly community, just as in years past. Many of the descendants of Otto’s first families still live here. Submitted by Donna J. Walkbrown.

TOWN OF REEDY

Town of Reedy, formerly known as Three Forks, is one of the two incorporated communities in Roane County. Reedy District was settled in 1816 with the pioneer settlers being the Boards, Blossers, Cains, Roaches, Seamans, and Stewarts. However, it was not until 1822 and 1823 that we have our first history of Three Forks. Abraham Johnson, of the year of 1823, William Blosser, Robert Blosser, Patrick Board, David Seamans, Thomas Seamans, Charles Stewart, a single brother of William Stewart, all of their wives and children settled in the area. William Stewart spread his land title over four hundred acres on the northwestern side of Three Forks and the Boards, Blossers, and Charles Stewart covered the lands to the eastward and up and down the creek.

Three Forks began to grow as all other communities. William Stewart and Thomas Seamans erected a “little water mill” on a bluff on the Right Fork in 1823. Around 1835, Andrew Stewart, son of William, improved the mill to provide the ingredients for white and corn bread for the community for nearly seventy-five years. Andrew learned the wagonmakers and cabinetmakers trade and installed lathes operated by water power.

Alfred Stewart, brother of Andrew, became the community shoemaker and the Blossers became the village blacksmiths. These business enterprises were the foundation on which the town was built.

First Merchant, Phillip Cox, came to town as a “peddler”, set up his own store offering the public the necessities, plus many items only offered in larger centers.

In 1891 came the first steam flouring mill, constructed for Silas Seamans and John Blosser. Clark Wright purchased his first interest in the business in 1898 and later became sole owner. For more than forty years, the mill was the center of the town and surrounding country. From the earliest days, until the oil and gas boom of the Liverpool field declined, the mill would start early Monday morning and not shut down until late Saturday night except for repairs.

The first post office mentioned at Three Forks was 1852 by Adam Hodan. Due to this, it must be accepted the post office was established before that date. Some early records indicate the town got its first post office in 1835, the town then listed in Jackson County as the area later to become Roane County. William Stewart, one of the first settlers, was the postmaster.

A letter, dated March 15, 1946, from the Post Office Department stated “The town of Three Forks has had no record of a post office at Three Forks but it showed a post office established at Reedy, Jackson County, January 4, 1885, with William Stewart as postmaster. The list of postmasters furnished are: William Stewart, 1855; Charles Boggs, 1861; Dempsey Flesher, 1865; T. J. Thom, 1867; A. Collison, 1869; Thomas Rant, 1870; Charles Boggs, 1871; Andrew Collison, 1874; W. H. May, 1875; Hugh Stoner, 1878; Samuel Roberts, 1881; Enoch Howell, 1892; Alexander Chevrount, 1891; Nathaniel Ledesme, 1891; Robert McKinley, 1914; Guy McCutcheon, 1924; Maurice Carpenter, 1935; Lucille Law, Acting, 1959; Emerson McClung, 1961; Dave McCartney, 1983 and Kyle Parks, 1986 and still serving.

In 1869, a covered bridge was built across the main creek, which was an important factor to the growth of the town. In 1901, a big flood washed the bridge down stream some distance. Later it was replaced by an iron bridge. About the year the first bridge was built, the first portable saw mill, owned by Daniel Sayre and Ezekiel Vernon began operation.

The Town of Reedy, named by William Beauchamp, an early settler, because of the numerous reeds that grew on the stream at that time, had prospered to the point that a group of citizens became interested in incorporating the town. They met to hold an election for approval of incorporation. The issue was “For Incorporation” and the amount of acres, being one hundred sixty. This with the certified election results plus a petition signed by forty residents of the community, were presented to the County Court. James J. Davis, Justice of the Peace, was designated to incorporate. The Court Order, dated March 30, 1894, stated: “That from and after this day, the territory within the boundaries prescribed shall be incorporated municipally by name of ‘Town of Reedy’, and appoint S. B. Seaman, John Bishop and W. P. Stewart, commissioners to hold an election for choosing the first mayor and common council of the new town.”

The date of the first election is not certain due to records lost in flood. From information gathered, it is believed the first officers were Charles Cottle, Mayor, Christopher Stewart, Recorder, William Sawyer, Jacob Coon, Allen Cottle, Harmon Huey and William Stewart, members of council.

The Town Hall, Lattimer Street, was formerly the Town Jail with two cells.

In 1935, when the results from the election were tallied, a unique thing happened in Reedy. The results showed that Guy Lewellen had been elected Mayor. Others were all women. Reedy was quickly dubbed “Petitcool” government. Edith Sheppard was elected recorder and council members were Lucille Law, Garette Camp, Emma Nay, Freda Craig and Ruby Camp. At that time, Reedy was the only municipality to be operated by women. Garette Camp and Edith Sheppard were re-elected in 1937.

Other business operations which added to the growth of the Town were: 1875, Dick and Allen Cottle opened a general merchandise business, later adding wagon making; Jesse Roach, a hardware store, followed by Lee Mathew and Tom Lattimer and, later Blake Fletcher; Andrew Alderman operated one of the early “Men’s Clothing Store”. Harry Cottle took that business over and ran it for several years; Otto McMillan started a general store about the time the railroad was built, with the Rader store later occupying the site; Rev. W. A. Law, who was always on the lookout for something to boom Reedy, and two sons, David and Clyde went into the produce business. This operation was continued for many years down through the family. Others, who ran businesses were Amos Law, Ray Law, N. L. Ledsome, Henry Dye, Walter McKinley, Hubert and Freda Craig, Guy Lewellen, Theo Staats, J. M. Danelli, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dalton and Carter Moss.

One of the busiest places was the B&O Railroad Depot. People used the train for transportation, as well as for business. Farmers milled around using it for shipping their products to market. The out going mail was delivered to the train and the in-coming returned to the post office by a two wheel cart pushed by a local man. A. S. Brown was the agent for many years. Homer Knowlton was agent when the depot was closed.

The section hands did the maintenance for the railroad. J. H. Wyant, Jesse Warren, Bailey Fore and Grant Rogers were some of the foremen.

Barber Shops were operated by Dutch Cain, Major Cottle, L. C. Greek, Carl Hybert and Lonnie Santee. Mr. Cain was a clock repairman and managed the citizen telephone switch board. E. L. Blair had the planing mill, H. M. Bennett ran the hotel and L. V. Tennant operated a black factory. T. W. Dye, as well as Cottle and Lester operated Funeral Establishments and furniture stores.

Two Banks, the Bank of Reedy (1902), third bank in Roane County and the First National Bank of Reedy (1912), seventh bank in Roane County merged in 1929, using the First National Bank Building to operate from. Later this bank merged with the First National Bank of Spencer in 1945.

Doctors serving the community were Dr. O. W. Carter, Dr. J. D. Summer, Dr. T. J. Caso, Dr. Granville Lance and Dr. U. L. Dearman, who came to Reedy in 1910 and administered to the sick for nearly thirty years. He ran a small hospital in the building where Walton’s Store is today.

Barber for the community was Dr. Carl Vineyard.

In 1935, the first newspaper, called ‘The Pointer’, started in Reedy District by Fred Craig. In 1904 it was moved to Reedy, new equipment was purchased and the paper published regularly under the same name until 1909 when the name was changed to
In 1910 the only real normal school in this part of the state began at Reedy under the direction of D. McKown. Enrollment, 100 students, tuition seventy-five cents a week. Board was cheap in private homes. Students came from all around.

Daniell Motor had its beginning in 1926 at Reedy as a garage and service station. E. M. Daniell obtained a Chevrolet franchise and operated his business here and later moved to Spencer.

Jesse Warren, who had been a mechanic for Daniell Motor, operated the Eveready Garage after Mr. Daniell moved to Spencer. Albert Huffman ran a gasoline station from 1918 to 1937.

At the present time, Reedy has the Bill Walton Store and Service Station, Howard Hill Grocery, Paul Hall Dozer Service, Miller’s Farm Equipment, Tucker’s Whirlwind Car Wash, Dietz Realty, Dietz Printing, Vol. Fire Department, three churches and a consolidated school.

In 1894 a much needed public water system was put into operation.

Present Town Officials are Ray Dietz, Mayor; Garnette Camp, Recorder; Council Members are Gladys Italeey, Jane Ellen Knowlton, Georgia Vannoy, Stephen Phares and Martha Parsons. Submitted by Garnette Camp.

REEDYVILLE

Reedyville, located in Curtis District was once the center of business for both Curtis and Reedy districts, competing with Reedy for the business of area residents. Reedyville developed around two grist mills. John P. Thomasin’s horse mill in 1841 and Charles Parsons’ water mill in 1844. Reedyville also had two churches, a boarding house, two general stores, a blacksmith shop, and a shoemaker. Improved mill machinery became available in 1844, making the two mills the best in the area. Due to these reasons and its location, Reedyville grew rapidly. On July 18, 1854, Reedyville was awarded a United States post office.

In the early 1850’s, the Greer family of Ripley bought both mills, consolidated them, and opened the Reedyville Carding Mills. The Reedyville Carding Mills carded all the washed and snow white fleeces of Curtis and Reedy districts and much of Harper district excluding the Jackson County. At this date all household fabrics and cloths making the two mills the best in the area. Due to these reasons and its location, Reedyville grew rapidly. On July 18, 1854, Reedyville was awarded a United States post office.

The following is a list of City Officials: Mayor, Terry A. Williams; City Clerk, Eleanea Kee Southall; Fire Chief, Jack Wine; Chief of Police, Roger Simons; City Attorney, Richard D. Frum; Waterworks Manager, Lowell Hardman; Sanitation Engineer, Deane Wright; City Engineer, James B. Hilliard; Housing Inspector, George Summers Dudding; Street Foreman, William Fury; City Recorder, Charles R. Mace; Housing Authority Manager, Wallance Board; and Council Members, Rex Starcher, Phoebe Gamponia, David Bowen, Elsie Daughtery, and Charles R. Mace. Submitted by: Mayor Terry A. Williams.

CITY OF SPENCER

The City of Spencer, named for a distinguished Virginia jurist, was originally chartered in 1858. Formerly known as Tanner’s Crossroads and New California, Spencer was incorporated by an act of the Legislature February 20, 1867.

Spencer is a Class III city with a population (1980 census) of 2,799.

Spencer, the County seat of Roane County, has always been the center of activity for Roane County with our role changing from a leader in sales of agriculture products, beef cattle, and oil and gas to present day retail business and industry. A diversified manufacturing base, water and sewer expansions, park improvements and the completion of Heritage Park which contains the new Spencer Community Building, are but a few of the improvements in this community which has allowed Spencer to forge ahead in something tough economic times.

In 1968, Spencer saw its most progressive increase in industry and retail sales in over a decade. With 1989 bringing the closing of Spencer Hospital and NI industries and the loss of over 400 full-time jobs Spencer has again pulled together. Although we are not without our economic and social woes, Spencer still maintains itself as the “hub” of Roane County and continues to keep and attract the kind of citizens that make it the place we want to live.

Area leaders are continuing to work on problems of industrial development, better highways, schools and recreation for its citizens. The big event of each year is the West Virginia Black Walnut Festival, which in 1989 celebrated its 35th year, and attracts crowds during the four day event of approximately 100,000 people.

As time marches on and our role changes throughout the year the one thing that Spencer and Roane County residents continue to strive for is the improvement of our quality of life. People here will maintain that aggressive working together attitude that has been recognized by those who visit us.

We thank you the people, from all of Spencer, the resident, the merchant and businessman, to the employees and employers who each morning bring this community alive with the hustle and bustle of activity throughout the town.

When the next history book is written in 50 or 75 years, I'll bet people will be as proud then as we are now.

Spencer City Council - 1989
Rex Starcher, Charles Mace, Phoebe Gamponia, Mayor Terry Williams, David Bowen, & Elsie Stalnaker Daughtery

The following is a list of City Officials: Mayor, Terry A. Williams; City Clerk, Eleanea Kee Southall; Fire Chief, Jack Wine; Chief of Police, Roger Simons; City Attorney, Richard D. Frum; Waterworks Manager, Lowell Hardman; Sanitation Engineer, Deane Wright; City Engineer, James B. Hilliard; Housing Inspector, George Summers Dudding; Street Foreman, William Fury; City Recorder, Charles R. Mace; Housing Authority Manager, Wallance Board; and Council Members, Rex Starcher, Phoebe Gamponia, David Bowen, Elsie Daughtery, and Charles R. Mace. Submitted by: Mayor Terry A. Williams.

TARIFF

The post office called Tariff was established in 1892 due to heavy settlement in the area and the distance the residents had to travel to reach another post office, the nearest being at Linden, some 5 or 6 miles away from some of its customers. The first postmaster, Caleb Anderson Snodgrass, migrated early to the area from Craig county, Virginia. Other nearby post offices were Looneyville, Rokane, Left Hand, and Newton.

The area was developed from two general directions. First, from the Lower Reedyville section where Robert Looney and his wife, Catherine (Stover) Looney had settled sometime in the early 1850s. Two of the Looney family’s children married members of the Vineyard family. Descendants of these families are numerous and widely scattered over the area, many still owning lands formerly owned by parents and grandparents.
Early families settled much of Flat Fork, upper Poca, upper Canoe Run, Henry's Fork and Sycamore, while a second general movement was made upstream from lower Henry's Fork from the mouth of Beech Fork, Orchard Run, Hayes Fork, Rush Run, Flat Run, Buck and Big Wolf and on up Henry's Fork to its head near the Calhoun county line.

The first settlement made in present Smithfield district is reported to have been on Henley's Fork near the mouth of Beech Fork. Here, about 1814, Joseph Lyons and Henry Mace, who were squatter settlers, built their cabins. In the same vicinity, the first white child, a boy named Solomon, was born to Henry and Rachel (Townsend) Mace.

One of the first reported marriages in the area was that of William McGluthlin, who married Polly Lyons. Officializing at the marriage was the Rev. William Hackers.

Other early settlers were Peter McCune, 1817, Thorp and Davis, 1819, Devers, 1820, and in the following decade the following families came: John Trueman, William Brannon, George Martin, Joseph Hambrick, William Vineyard, William Gandy, William Lowe and Robert Looney. Other early settlers were William Ferrell, David Sargent, Daniel McGlothlin, Dr. H. D. Chapman, Hiram Chapman and Thomas Ferrell. Submitted by Gene F. Elmore, Sr.

The Village of Walton came into being along the banks of the Pocatalico River where in a short stretch of the river, Silcott Fork, Johnson Creek, and McKowns Creek change the river from a seasonal stream to an ever flowing one. This nature of the River caused mills to be located and other commercial and community enterprises followed. Presley Vineyard established the first grist mill at the mouth of Johnson Creek in 1826.

Walton was named for Atlanta Walton, the mother of Samuel A. Miller, who once owned large tracts of land in the area and was instrumental in securing the post office. Some controversy appeared over the location of the post office as to whether it would be located at the mouth of McKowns Creek and be called Droddiville or somewhat upstream where Walton was becoming established. When the year or time is considered prior to the establishment of the present road system the mouth of McKowns Creek and the present location of Walton are within shouting distance, but in any event the post office was located at Walton and the name of Droddiville faded.

The town was laid out by Isaac Jones in 1856. The district government was organized in 1863 at the home of Captain William Gandee. First Commissioners elected were John Hively, H. D. Chapman, Matthew Geary, and James Riddle. Officers were Samuel Lee, Supervisor John Hively, Justice of the Peace Madison Hively, Constable H. F. Gibson, President of the Board of Education Asa Harper and Alexander Daugherty, Secretary.

From the earliest times Walton maintained its identity because it's residents found it more convenient to travel south to Clendenin and Charleston rather than north to Spencer. The divide at Bent Hill even down to this time determines whether people go to Charleston or Parkersburg for their needs not furnished locally. This same dividing line separates students at the counties two high schools.

Most authorities recognize Paul Shafer or Shaver as being the first resident who came to the area about 1814, erected a cabin and raised his family. In 1820 Travis Wine, Reuben Reynolds and Presley Vineyard settled in the district. During the next few years William Hammack, St. Clair Summers, John Shaffer, John Law, Uriah Gandee, William Brad, Allen Lowe, and Charles Drodsey settled in the district.

In 1826, Dr. P. Conley opened a subscription school, served as the first teacher, and also was a preacher and performed marriages. In 1826 came Reuben Reynolds and a Methodist Preacher P. Haul to preach in the community. Limited contact to the surfing area until about 1910 when the discovery of oil on McKouns Creek on the farms of Adline Neal, O. M. Champsers, Matthev Hively, Howard Fleshmam, on Johnson Creek on the farms of J. M. Gandee, H. D. Sergent and Jermina Lee brought changes which carry over to this day. The discovery of oil brought new wealth to the area. By 1866 the number of families not to locate in the area because they could not find land for farms and the rural life style never to return. This coupled with the out migration, because of their army service, caused many of the area's best to relocate. Another factor which caused the Walton area to slow it's progress was the accumulation of large tracts of land by a few individuals. This happening caused many young families not to locate in the area because they could not find land for the construction of homes. The Cunningham and Marks additions were the last major land divisions in and near the village that were occurred in the 20's and 30's. Three institutions have influenced Walton greatly during this century and continued to give Walton a measure of stability to this day. They are the Walton schools, Poca Valley Bank and the Walton Library. Because of the transportation system and the regional independent nature of the citizens, the County has rejected a countywide high school on numerous occasions. The present Walton schools with 750 students come from approximately 1/3 of the counties geographic area.

The Poca Valley Bank was established in 1908 and for many years served their depositories from a yellow stucco building, which was known as the bank corner in the middle of Walton. In the early years, three employees ran the institution which today requires 25 persons. A modern facility was built in 1977, in October 1987 a branch was established in Clendenin and one in the Elkview Mall in January 1990.

The third institution which gives Walton identity is the Walton Branch of the Roane County Library. This unique 8 sided structure was opened in January 1986, financed with a Governors Grant of $43,000.00 and $22,000.00 raised in the community. A committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. James Board, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sergent, Mr. and Mrs. David Long, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones and Rev. and Mrs. John Pritchard were instrumental in beginning the project from an idea to completion.

The cross roads village of Walton will likely continue along the same lines that it has developed, that being a residential area with workers traveling both north to Spencer and south to Charleston. Road improvements to the south could cause this area to grow more rapidly than other parts of Roane County but the serious bottleneck in the McKowns Creek area would need to be removed as the first obstacle. Walton's best attribute is it's quiet surroundings, which provides an area isolated from many of the problems of larger urban area.

Submitted by Robert L. Sergent

**ROANE'S FIRST COURTHOUSE**

On October 3, 1856, Alexander West and his wife, Susanna, deeded to William Pool, David Sergent, William Gandee, John W. Cain, and Aquilla Ward. Gent Justices in and for the County of Roane, approximately two acres in the town of California (later Spencer) for a sum of $5.00. This site was to be used for the first
This Indenture made the 3rd day of October in the
year One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty six between Alexander
West Jr and Susannah his wife of the first part and Amos Paul
David Clergent Wm. Hand John W. Cain and Aquilla Ward
Grant Trustees in and for the County of Boone and Trustees in the
County of Boone of the second part both parties to the
County of Boone and State of Indiana for and in
Consideration of five dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof
is hereby acknowledged the party of the first part have this day
conveyed and sold unto the party of the second part for the use and
benefit of the County aforesaid as a site for the erection of the public building
thereon All of a certain Lot or parcel of Land lying and being situated
in the Town of California Boone County and bounded as follows
To wit Beginning at a Stake opposite the Hotel of Albert Jr.
There N 35° E 146 feet and 2 links to a stake opposite to the residence of A.
Howman Thence with said street N 80° W 104 feet and 2 links to a stake
Thence C 35° 14' 30" W 500 feet and 2 links to Main Street thence with said street
N 80° W 104 feet and 2 links to the place of beginning the containing
2.5 acres to the same more or less.
The said party of the first part doth by these presents relinquish all their right title or claim whatsoever in the above described parcel of land
unto the party of the second part and the party of the first part to warrant and agree to warrant generally the property herein conveyed to the party of
the second part and their executors in office if any from all claims whatsoever.
This Indenture which we have hereunto set our hand and official across the
the year and day above written

Alexander West Jr.

Susannah West Jr.
Roane's first Courthouse, 1859-1887

courthouse. This deed was recorded in Deed Book No. 1, page 62.

The contract to construct the building was awarded to two local men, John W. Cain and Albert G. Ingraham in August 1858. The brick for it was burnt in a kiln on the grounds, and the lumber was sawed at McKown's Mill. The contract price was $9,487.00. Work was started in 1858 and the building was completed in 1859, thus giving the new county of Roane its first government building.

The building was made of stone and brick. The first story was cut sandstone of the poorest quality in the county and the second story was made of brick. The first story was divided into several rooms, one the county clerk's office, one for the jail, the others for living quarters for the jailer, and some other offices. The second story was devoted entirely to the courtroom and jury rooms. This second story courthouse was reached by a huge flight of steps on the outside, with a portico shielding the doors from the weather.

Anthony Coon, a well known character of that day, on an occasion when he had imbibed too freely, rode his horse up that flight of steps into the courthouse, and from his saddle addressed an astonished County Court then in session. This building was also the scene of a siege during the Civil War.

The first courthouse was destroyed by fire October 21, 1887 when the town burned. The fire caught in a high slatted belfry built of wood, and also, the heat from the burning square shattered the window glass. All the record books of the circuit clerk's office and of the county court were carried out by some thoughtful citizens lead by John A. Vandale, the prosecuting attorney. However, much of the order books of the county courts first twenty years were destroyed and the papers of suits on file in the circuit clerk's office were not saved.

Roane's second Courthouse, 1889-1964

Destruction of Roane County's courthouse in the disastrous fire if 1887 forced a temporary halt in the functioning of the county government, but only for a short time. Temporary offices from which to operate the county business were soon established in churches, business houses, and in homes.

Early in 1888 plans were inaugurated for construction of a new courthouse which was completed in late 1889. Submitted by Donna J. Walbrown

Roane's present Courthouse

"HOTELS-MOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES"

Around 1856, a Mr. West and Albert G. Ingraham each had a boarding house. In 1870, Spencer had three hotels owned by Chapman, Campbell and Goodwin. In the 1890's, the Chambers Hotel was on East Main Street, and Anderson Miller had a hotel on Market Street. The Cain Hotel was located on Main Street and owned by John and James Cain and was destroyed by fire in 1897.

In 1899, Spencer had five hotels, McConnell, Grand, Lowe, Spencer House, and the Harris Hotel. The Grand Hotel was located on the corner of Main and Market Streets and the call box (as early phones were known) for the telephone lines that ran from Elizabeth to Spencer was in the Grand. The hotel burned around 1914.

In 1908, the number of hotels had risen to eleven, with the addition of the Batten, Todd, Palace, Whiting, Riley, and Calhoun. In 1911 a fire destroyed the Whiting Hotel on Market Street which was rebuilt as a three story brick building. The Riley Hotel was purchased by Dr. H. H. Staats and remodeled into a hospital.

The Campbell Inn opened in 1927 with seventeen rooms, two dining rooms and a dance floor. In 1953, the Spencer Hotel (formerly the Whiting) was sold to Dr. J. Marshall DePue and remodeled and opened in 1934 as the DePue Hospital.

The Arlington Hotel was located on Main Street and the people would sit on the front porch to wait for the train to arrive, they would make their way down to meet the train and then back to the
hotel to get their mail. The Post Office was located in the lobby and then they would cross the street to the Grand Hotel on the corner of Main and Market Street to pick up their edition of the newspaper. Ephraim W. McKown closed the Arlington Hotel in 1916 and opened the McKown Hotel on the corner on Main and Market. The three story building with office space on the ground floor, a hotel lobby and a large mezzanine and the upper two stories had thirty-seven hotel rooms. In 1918, he sold the McKown Hotel but bought it back in 1925 and formed the McKown Hotel Company that started a major renovation. A fourth floor was added. Most of the ground floor space was taken by office space with a restaurant in the former Fifth Avenue Grille. The main entrance to the hotel was on Market Street. To the right of the registration desk was the main dining room and off that a smaller private dining room. The hotel had seventy-six rooms, many with private baths and telephones. On the second floor was a beauty parlor, with a barber shop and laundry in the basement. Around 1923, the Western Union Telegraph office was located in the hotel. This was later known as the Spencer-Roan Hotel. This was torn down in the 1960's to build the Traders Bank.

The King Hotel was located on Front Street in Alvord. Around 1959, the Grandview Motel on the Ripley Road was started and over the next eight years additional rooms were added and a restaurant. W. Don and Dorothea (Miller) Smith were the owners.

Around 1970, the Lemons brothers opened another motel on the Ripley Road called the Manor Motel but a fire destroyed part of the rooms and it was closed.

In 1908, Reedy had two hotels, the Reedy House and the Commercial Hotel. In 1909, Reedy had two more hotels, the Chenoweth, operated by W. J. Chamberlain and the Seneca Hotel.


Newton had two hotels run by H. R. Stump and B. M. Rogers. Gandeeville had two hotels run by H. E. Griffith and C. E. Flicker, Lavinia had a hotel run by Mrs. P. E. Tabbie. Pad had a hotel operated by W. H. Sergent. Graux had a hotel operated by G. Webb. Keedyville had a hotel owned and operated by Agnes Petty. Zona had a hotel run by H. H. Starcher. At Mattie the hotel Sleeth was operated by W. H. Sleeth. Rock Creek had four hotels run by H. H. Fetterolf, H. M. Lynch, J. E. Lee and N. E. Davis. Davis had a University Hotel, a boarding house and four hotels were run by W. H. Bat­

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Earliest times the local grist mill was one of the first services required in an area. It is said that "man can not live by bread alone" but hunters soon tired of a diet of meat. In many cases early settlers came in the spring, planted a crop and then returned for harvest time. If the family came too soon the bread supply ran out before a new supply was available.

Wheat and corn must be cracked or ground before it was considered a suitable food for humans. This has been accomplished by rubbing the grains between stones in one way or another for thousands of years.

During the early 1800's when Roane County was being settled grinding technology had progressed to the use of power which would produce a circular motion, first hand, then horse, followed by water, steam and internal combustion engines.

Historians report of small hand mills with stone burrs being shared in the community but the transportation of these hand mills was not satisfactory in a time when trails rather than roads linked the area.

The successor to hand power was water power obtained by damming a stream, constructing a "race" and harnessing the power with either a water wheel or a wooden tub turbine.

Prior to 1850 most mills were quarrilled from local sources and it was not until later that imported French burrs began to be used. Gristmills and their buildings have two natural enemies which caused few examples to remain intact. In Roane County no early mills remain today and only limited amount of machinery still exists. The enemies of mills are fire and water. The location of the mills near streams made them subject to destruction by flood waters while grinding grain highly explosive dust is produced causing fires.

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Early Grist Mills in the Tariff Area

It is likely that the earliest settlers in the Tariff area had to take their grain or grists to Looneyville where Robert Looney had established a water mill soon after he settled there in the early 1830's.

The first mill known to be located at Tariff was built just across from the Tariff post office and store, near the mouth of Sycamore run. This mill was run by a heavy steam engine which was built on top of its own boiler or firebox, and was fired with wood or coal. The engine had two large steel flywheels which had large flat rims on which the belt was placed which ran the burrs which were located several feet away. The early belts were made of leather and were laced together at each joint with rawhide thongs. This mill was abandoned when gas was discovered in the Tariff area.

A new mill was located just across Sycamore run, nearer the store and post office, being run by a one cylinder gas or gasoline motor. The burrs in this mill were made of stone imported from France, according to local operators. The first miller or operator at this mill that I can recall was John J. Board, Sr., who lived on Big Run, a branch of Sycamore just above Tariff. I can recall that when he had to dress or sharpen the burrs, he had to remove the top stone and often spent days of patient hammering, deepening the small grooves which fanned out from the center of the circular stone. A hole in the center of the top stone let the com enter and ground if finer and finer as it made its way to the outer edge of the two stones. Mr. Board had to stop occasionally to sharpen the hard, steel hammers which soon became dulled by the extremely hard stone.

The miller used a small wooden box, carefully constructed so that it held exactly one gallon of grain, the amount the miller received as "toll" or payment for his work.

This old mill was later enlarged by Robert A. Moss to include a turning lathe, a single making saw and other equipment. During this period, Mr. Moss cut shingles which he used to completely cover the outside walls and roof of his dwelling which sat nearby. This mill and all its contents washed away in the Tariff flood of 1923.

Another mill was installed in an old building which sat in the creek bottom in front of the Jacob Ott and Mary Elmore home. The
old building was the former residence of "Piney" and Orvia (Miller) Harper, Charles and Ada Tennant and others. The mill was also
operated with a gas or gasoline motor by Charley Boggs, later by Alexander "Alex" White, and others.

The first flour mills in the area which served Tariff farmers, was one at Newton and one at Minnora, in nearby Calhoun county. I
can recall travelling with my father when I was a boy, taking sacks of wheat to both of these mills, returning with sacks of flour, mid­dling and bran. This wheat was grown on our farm where it was
threshed by a travelling machine and crew which moved from farm
to farm during the season.

In regard the Tariff grist mill, the story is told as to how Franklin Looney, who owned a farm on upper Canoe run, would, on occa­sion, carry a two-bushel sack of shelled com from his home across
the hill to the Tariff mill without taking the sack from his shoulders.
If, on the way, he happened to meet a friend who wanted to talk for a while, or to milk the cows, or something, and thus fail to arrive back
with his sack on his back. The same was true on the return trip home, how­ever, it was now lighter, being reduced one-eighth by the miller's
toll. Submitted by: Gene F. Elmore

SPENCER STATE HOSPITAL

In 1885, the state legislature began hearings on the need for a
Second Hospital for the Insane. The first hospital for the insane
was built at Weston in 1859. Because of overcrowded conditions,
it was determined that a second facility was needed. They appoint­ed
a commission to choose several sites and present their findings
at the next session in 1887. John G. Schilling, a Spencer attorney,
was among the members of the commission.

One of the factors that would determine the final selection of a
site was the willingness of the county government to purchase the
necessary land and donate it to the state free of charge. Roane
County was enthusiastic with the prospect of obtaining the hospi­tal. The Roane County Court immediately issued an order stating
that they would indeed be willing to meet this requirement.

The decision on the hospital's location was not made until the
legislative session of 1887. Spencer was eventually chosen as the
site of the new hospital. The legislature approved an appropriation
of $10,000 to begin construction. The county was now required
to provide the land for the facility. On February 10, 1888, the coun­ty
purchased 184 acres of land from William R. Goff for the
sum of $9,200. Goff, after receiving this large sum of money began
looking for a safe reposit for his money. Goff and several other
citizens joined together to form the Bank of Spencer. It opened for
business in March 1891. The county's first bank was designated
to handle the funds for the construction of the new hospital. It also
later handled the state hospital's regular transactions.
The building was 1/4 mile in length. It was sometimes referred to as
the longest continuous brick building in America. Bricks for the
hospital's Gothic structure were made on the grounds. Native Roane
County stone hand cut by Henry Waldeck and Lee Kelley
were used for facings and adornments. The slate roof was adorned
with it cupolas and other ornaments with a flat roof. This
radically altered the appearance of the hospital.

The administration building was torn down and replaced with
a modern administration and food service complex between 1973
and 1976. This also changed the view of the hospital greatly.
Spencer State Hospital's function had become provision of cus­todial care rather than serving its patients as a therapeutic treat­ment center. This situation would prove to be the seed of the
facility's eventual destruction. For more than 30 years attempts
were made to free the hospital to fulfill a treatment mission again.
All attempts failed.

Spencer State Hospital's later years saw the citizens of Roane
County united in a battle to save the hospital, much as they united
to bring the hospital to Roane County nearly a hundred years ago.
In June 1989, the closure of Spencer State Hospital came quietly
and an important chapter in the history of Roane County came to
an end. The townspeople can no longer depend on the State Hos­pital
whistle to remind them of lunch time and the end of the day.

THE SAMUEL TAYLOR CABIN

In southern Roane County on Long Ridge is a log cabin that was
built during the Civil War Era. During the spring of 1862, Samuel
Libbun Taylor began building the log cabin. Hand hewn oak logs
were carefully notched and tightly fitted together with cracks be­tween the logs chinked person in special type of mortar. A lean-to style
kitchen was erected on the rear of the structure.

It is said that while building the log house, Samuel Libbun Tay­lor was taken away by two armed Union soldiers. Later that night,
his wife Mary Elizabeth, carrying six month old Henry Clay Taylor,
set out down the road to look for him and met him returning home.
He did not relate any details of what had taken place.

The house also served during the Civil War as a station on the
Underground Railroad, a system of cooperation among antislav­ery
people specifically for the purpose of assisting fugitive slaves
to escape into northern free states. The runaway slaves would ar­
In the mid-thirties the Department of Public Assistance was organized. After a few years all residents of the county farm were removed. However, the county continued to own and operate the farm, using it principally as a stock farm. A caretaker, or farmer, was employed to operate the farm, at a small salary and living quarters. As a result of the program the farm remained self-sustaining and not a burden to the tax payers. It remained in this manner for several years. Submitted by: Donna J. Walbrown

ROANE COUNTY TURKEY DRIVE

My father D. W. Law and my uncle H. C. Law of Reedy were probably the biggest dealers in produce in this section. About the 1st of October, my father would contact his dealers in Pittsburgh, Man- nossen, Beaver Falls and all parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, taking orders for turkeys. He would quote a price for Reedy, and then he had men who would come in regularly each year from various sections of Jackson, Roane, Calhoun and Wirt County. They were, L. L. Reed of Zona, William Randolph, William Flesher and others. They would come by horseback to Reedy and give my father an estimate of how many turkeys they could get in their section. He would give them each a checkbook and cash, also steelyards for weighing. They would go back to their respective communities and start buying turkeys. They would hire local farmers to help them with the turkey drive. At that time the citizens telephone was all the communication we had. The men would start at their various points and would call ahead or have someone ride ahead and have each farmer have his turkeys penned up. Then they would count and weigh them. They would weigh as many as six turkeys at one time by tying one leg and hanging them on the steelyards, then releasing them into the drive that had started. Each farmer had from 25 to 200 head. They continued on until they reached Reedy. Each day the drovers would call my father and tell him where he would roost the turkeys that night. Usually at some farmhouse where the drovers could sleep and get their meals. Wagons would come out to the place of roosting and the men would feed the turkeys before they went to roost. They would feed them again the next morning. They would then be on their way. Part of the drovers would stay up around a fire at night to protect the herd from foxes or anyone who had a mind to get themselves a free turkey. The drovers would each have a feed sack or two across their shoulders. If a turkey was too heavy to walk he was carried for a while. They would cut a hole in the sack and put the turkeys head through so he could get air. Arriving at Reedy was when the work started for my father and uncle. They would weigh the turkeys and count them, checking against the drovers tally and weight. Then they were turned out on the hillside. One of the places was H. C. Cottles land. They had men who watched the turkeys, not letting them stray off. The turkeys were brought over to the Law Produce to be weighed again, tagged and cooped, ready for shipment to the markets. We had at that time four passenger and two freight trains through Reedy each day. Most of the turkeys were shipped in baggage cars. All turkeys had to be delivered before Thanksgiving. My father and uncle would have as many as 4,000 head of turkey at one time on the hills at Reedy. Mr. Henry Morlang, H. Logan and Sons were some of the buyers in Parkersburg. I recall Mr. Morlang and his son Ted, coming to Reedy by wagon. Also my father loaded turkeys aboard the pack boat, Cardell, for shipment up river. For letting the turkeys browse and roost Mr. H. C. Cottle was given a turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This was in the 30's. The coming of good roads killed the local turkey market. Written by: Clyde P. Law about 1970. Submitted by: Lucille Law

ROANE COUNTY LYNCHING

In the 1870s and 1880s, a band of lawless men began terrorizing Roane County. Robberies of stores, homes and post offices, counterfeiting, moonshining and murders were among the crimes that had been plaguing the Harper District area.

The government received complaints that ex-Confederate soldiers were carrying on their own private war. A detective was sent to investigate these crimes, but soon after he married a local girl and returned to Chicago. The government took no further actions and hostility built up in the people over the lack of legal actions to put an end to the violence.

On October 13, 1887, shortly before midnight, a band of robbers attempted to rob the Reverend Thomas P. Ryan. Rev. Ryan was a fearless preacher and detested crime and disorder. The family was awakened by sounds outside the house followed by a knock at their door and a man’s voice demanding admittance. While Rev. Ryan was dressing, a shot was fired through the thin weatherboarding of the house. The bullet passed entirely through the body of the Reverend Ryan and lodged in a wall of the room.
robbers forced an entrance and searched throughout the house for valuables and money. The robbers talked freely during their search and some voices were recognized. During the night the Reverend Ryan died.

The next morning a seventy-five man posse gathered together to arrest Gabriel Littlepage, who was accused of the Reverend’s death. The prisoner remained in high spirits knowing that if tried, they would go free by the alibi route, which their family and friends always furnished. Hundreds of armed men gathered to see that justice was served. Knowing that a lynching might occur, a number of reliable men were deputized to take the prisoners to a safe place for the night. Hereafter the armed men searched until they found the prisoner and demanded the officers to turn the prisoners over to them. The mob hung one man and while attempting to hang another an onlooker slashed his throat. Three other men were acquitted for the murder of Reverend Ryan.

Inquiry into the lynching gave forth no specific information and the matter was dropped. Submitted by: Pamela Dudding

 GAAB

Gabe is just over the Roane County line, approximately twenty-eight miles north of Charleston. It was named for Gabriel Littlepage. This is a rather imaginary treatment of the legend of Gabriel Littlepage. In its main facts, it is true. Gabriel Littlepage lived as the story states and died as it relates.

Gabriel made the journey to the Kanawha Salines to trade furs for salt once a year. At the Kanawha Courthouse he would stop long enough to barter ginseng for a supply of powder and lead. He would then set out into the forest up the Elk River. Gabriel was a tall skeleton-thin old man and was always followed by a grey animal resembling a timber wolf. He wore deerskins like a hunter. His skins were not properly tanned, but raw deerskins laced together with thongs into shapeless clothing. His hair was neither cut nor combed and his beard was a long tangled mass.

His appearance caused much curiosity. Some thought him to be a madman and maybe he was. He seldom spoke, but when he did his words and speech were those of a man of culture and refinement. He was said to be related to a prominent family in the Kanawha Valley. However, he never claimed any connection to this family. Most people called him Old Gabe and refrained from voicing their curiosity. There were many stories as to why he became a hermit. One story was that he had been in trouble with the law in the east. Another person had heard he had been greatly in love with a beautiful Virginia girl who had married someone else. Others claimed his wife and children were killed in an Indian raid. It was agreed that some great guilt or tragedy must have unhinged his mind and turned him into the ghost like creature of the forest that he had become.

It was whispered that he was not a man at all, as his appearance never seemed to change. Some thought of him as a prophet because his appearance resembled the holy men of the past and he was well versed in the holy word. He spoke of those passages which dwell on the vengeance of God and on eternal punishment.

When he no longer appeared in the Kanawha Valley, everyone assumed that he must have died. Some believed he went to Satan and others to God.

Many years later settlers began to move into the area where he had lived. One of the settlers found Gabriels shelter. It was by a little brook where a rock jutted from the hillside. He had cut saplings and leaned poles against the face of the rock and had banked earth against them. He had lived like an animal in a den. In the shelter there was an axe, kettles, and a rusted long rifle. The rifle lay where it had fallen and there were bones near it, the bones of a large dog or wolf, which had been shot through the head. Animals had scattered the human bones but the skull was there. Upon examining the skull they found the top had been blown away.

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There were two houses there which in the past have suffered almost intolerable hauntings. Occasionally the sound of distant weeping can be heard. The face of Gabe’s Rock has been blasted off to make way for a road. Many years have passed since Gabriel Littlepage killed himself and few remember how Gabe Creek received its name. The old man does not allow himself to be completely forgotten. A wolf-like creature may be seen and heard near Gabe’s Rock yet today.

A GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF ROANE COUNTY

It was a long long time ago. Somewhere in the space-time fabric, gigantic energy-mass transformations took place. Elements were formed, galaxies were formed, the solar system was formed and out of a fiery molten mass came the Earth about 4.65 billion years ago. It was the Azonic Era. Then set in a stormy and violent period characterized by heavy igneous (molten rock) activity, lava flows, and erosion of a rocky Earth’s surface. Early sedimentary rocks were formed. This period, 1.5 to 3.0 billion years ago was the Archeozoic Era. Primitive plants and animals such as algae, sponges, and jellyfish began to grow in the waters as evidenced by early fossils. There was extensive marine deposition of sediments and formation of sedimentary rocks. This period 0.6 to 1.5 billion years ago was the Proterozoic Era. Altogether, the Earth’s geologic history up to this point has been termed the Precambrian Era. Precambrian formations are located 20,000 feet beneath the surface of Roane County.

About 550 million years ago, the Paleozoic Era set in lasting until about 220 million years ago. The Paleozoic Era is divided into seven periods and is the most important era in Roane County geologic history. Prior to and during the Paleozoic Era, the interior of North America was submerged beneath the sea with this region lying in a deep trough known as the Appalachian Geosyncline. To the east was a mountainous land mass known to geologists as Appalachia. Drainage from Appalachia carried sand, gravel, silt, and other sediments to be deposited in the trough. As the sediments accumulated to great depths, the trough sank deeper and the layers of sediment became compacted to form many layers of rock. These layers of rock are characterized by the periods in which they were formed. The first period of the Paleozoic Era was the Cambrian Period (550 million years ago), followed by the Ordovician Period (490 million years ago), Devonian Period (410 million years ago), Mississippian Period (355 million years ago), Devonian Period (350 million years ago), and the Permian Period (250 million years ago). During the first three (Ordovician, Silurian, and Devonian), there was extensive deposition of limestone, sandstone, and shale. Brachiopods, corals, and Trilobites inhabited the waters leaving behind their fossilized remains. Oil deposits which were formed in the rock strata and lie in depths of 2400 to 20,000 feet may bring on the next oil and gas boom in Roane County. The Mississippian Period followed the Devonian with such deposits as the Berea, Squaw Big Injun, and Maxon Sands being laid down. These have been the major oil and gas producing formations of Roane County. Then came the Pennsylvanian Period with large deposits of coal throughout West Virginia. Coal seams in Roane County were thin. More oil and gas deposits formed such as the Potterville Salt Sands which have been productive in Harper District of Roane County.

The Permian Period brought the close of the Paleozoic Era along with major worldwide events. Explained by a concept known as plate tectonics and a process called continental drift, all the conti.
and Pennsylvanian rock layers by the action of water. Mammals much of the terrain of Roane County was carved out of the Permian periods, the Tertiary and Quaternary. During the Cenozoic Era, man ventured into this area to explore, settle, and cause his own stone tools, and other artifacts. Then, about 200 years ago, white County until a few thousand years ago when prehistoric American Indians roamed this area leaving behind their flint spear points, stone tools, and other artifacts. Then, about 200 years ago, white man ventured into this area to explore, settle, and cause his own changes in the surface features of this county. Submitted by: George S. Dudding

THE NATURAL BRIDGE OF ROANE COUNTY

Hidden deep in the hills of Roane County, is believed to be one of the longest natural bridges in the eastern United States. But, because it is so well hidden by hillside and trees, very few people know of its existence.

It is approximately 150 feet long. The width about 35 feet. the thickness about 20 feet.

From the bottom of the span to the ground at the highest point is about 25 feet. And about 6 feet at the lowest.

Erosion carved it, as it created all natural bridges. It was once part of a thick sandstone outcrop on a hillside, and a stream flowed over it, forming a waterfall. About 40 feet from the edge of the waterfall a fissure developed in the stone and the stream dropped through it.

In time, abrasive stream action widened the fissure until it was about 100 feet long and 20 or more feet wide. In this manner a "bridge" was isolated from the main body of the outcrop. At the same time, the stream cut away the softer materials underneath the span, so that the natural bridge became as it is today.

This stream is but a mere trickle today.

This bridge is located about 18 miles south of Spencer, off Rt. 36 at Vineyard Gap. Going out the ridge about 1 and 1/4 miles you turn left on the first black-top road, go another 1/4 of a mile turn left up a dirt road. This bridge is about another 1/2 mile out this road on the Holly Nida farm, in Geary District. Submitted by: Joanne Buchanan

TURKEY NOB CARVINGS

Approximately one mile south of Spencer on Route 36 is a hill named Turkey Nob. It is on the west side of the highway, and directly opposite are two ancient cedar trees.

One night in the late fall of 1933 my Bob Grudier were skunk hunting on the back side of Turkey Nob. Bob suggested that we go to the top so he could show me something. There was a large flat sandstone, flush with the grass on top of this hill, and there were what appeared to me to be two turkey tracks carved in this stone. (This was pasture land, at that time) For illumination we were carrying an oil lantern, but in my mind's eye, I can still see those carvings as plain as day.

In the autumn of 1938, accompanied by Howard Buchanan, I again climbed the backside of Turkey Nob in search of these carvings. This is wooded over now, and brush and forest debris has covered everything. We didn't find the stone, but there is a marker, nearby, left by The National Geodetic Survey.

I am certain the stone is still there. covered by debris. and I wonder if these carvings aren't prehistoric petroglyphs. Submitted by: James F. Berhhouse

Pyramid Rocks on the Ira W. Boggs Farm at Linden.

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CHAPTER II

CHURCHES

ADVENT CHRISTIAN

A small group of seventeen banded together to comprise the organization of the Spencer Advent Christian Church. It was during a meeting of the followers of the A.C. faith, held in the court house at Spencer in the autumn of 1900, that an organization was set up and plans put into operation for a church building. The records of the Roane County Clerk reveal that in a deed dated November 10, 1930, recorded in Deed Book 112 at page 20, W. H. Donohoe and Gladie Donohoe, his wife, conveyed to W. H. Donohoe, S. E. Steele and George L. Lewis, Trustees for the Spencer Advent Christian Church, a lot for a church building. Work on the building was started at once, and on June 28, 1931, the new building was dedicated by Rev. Herbert Spencer. The first regular service was held on July 4, and services have been held regularly since. Rev. Herbert Spencer has the distinction of being the first pastor of the church with succeeding pastors being: Rev. Homer D. Baxter, Rev. Agee Withrow, Rev. Clarence Withrow, Rev. Buck Balser, Rev. J. W. Shafer, Rev. S. S. Chambers, Rev. C. W. Noble, Rev. Bernard Moss, Rev. Bradford Moles, Rev. Carroll Jones, Rev. Ivan Young, Rev. Robert Walker and Rev. Marvin Horan, the present pastor who has been serving the church for the last five years.

Advent Christian Church

In 1962 we enlarged our church, adding Sunday School rooms and nursery; and in 1985 we added the Virgil Fetty Fellowship Hall.

The First Advent Christian Church is located on Steele Hollow Road off Route 33. Trustees of the church are: Kenneth Showen, Vernon Bailey, Ray Garrett, Gene Varney and Eleanor Nester. Submitted by: Vernon Bailey, Deacon and Betty J. Boggs, Secretary/Treasurer

ALEXANDER BAPTIST

Sunday school and preaching services were being held in the Little Creek School during the early 1900’s. Once a month, during good weather, Billy Monroe rode his horse through Sonoma from the Little Kanawha to Little Creek to hold preaching services. Alexander Taylor presented the idea to build a church. The people of the community donated materials, money, labor and skills to begin building in 1921.

Alexander Baptist Church

Hoy and Ray Taylor and Carley Kendall laid the foundation from stone gathered in the Peter Cave Falls area.

Frank Simmons donated lumber for the tongue and groove ceiling and other woodwork. Among others helping with the building were Van Taylor, Ech Taylor, John Simmons, Asbury Walker, Julie Kendall, Ross and Filmore Simmons, and Israel Channells. A front entrance room and porch were added in 1986.

Regular 1989 attenders are Argyle and Pauline Henthorne, Jim and Freda Wood with grandsons Jay and Brian, Ernestine. Bryce, Debbie, Melissa and Sarah Stotis, Victor and Geraldine Kerby, Walter and Nada Camp, Don, Barbara and Rachel Owens, Christina, April and Jennifer Deel, Vicki, Bridgette, Joe and Mark Bowen, Stormy, Charlotte, Chad and Andrea Stalnaker, Nellie and Winnie Ashley, Madeline and Brooks Gandy, and Reverend Charles and Janet Davis. Submitted by: Pauline Henthorne

AMMA CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ at Amma, on Little Left Hand Road was one hundred years old in 1987. Isaac and Margaret Allen, with their church friends, moved to Uler in the 1880’s in a covered wagon. Elizabeth Allen a daughter, married George R. Pettit in 1886. George R. Pettit was an apt pupil of his wife who taught him to read by using the Bible as a primer. He became a member of the church.

In October 1887, the church began religious services. It met in earlier years in Drennen schoolhouse on Big Left Hand Road, in the old Amma schoolhouse (later used as a United Fuel warehouse), and in the home of S. B. Pettit. The present church building was built in 1912 on land donated by S. B. Pettit. All labor was donated. G. R. Pettit worked 80 days on the building. He also built the pews and pulpit stand, and donated the bell.

In the old records, the "male members" and the "sister in Christ" are listed on separate pages. Among the male members are the names of G. W. Pettit, G. B. Pettit, William McCroskey, Isaac Allen, Hezekiah Abbott, Lewis Abbott, Jasper Elswick, Edwin Cook, George Taylor, G. T. Dotson, Martin Snodgrass, Bamabas C. Cook, Allen Culpil, Chas Elswick, Aaron Free­land, and James Culpil. Listed among the women were Betty Cook, Mirey Elswick, Eliza Elswick, Agnes Freelend, Sarah Jennings, Julia Patton, Emey Justice, Liza McIntolin, Mary Thompson, Martha Drennen, Melvina Pettit, Margaret Allen, Lula Pettit, Susan Abbott, Elizabeth McCune, Elizabeth Pettit, Louisa McCroskey, Mary Ann Cook, Arpha McCroskey, Mary Abbott, Ada Light, Susa McCroskey, Virginia McCroskey, Martha McCroskey, Ida Abbott, Mabel Sandy, Emiline Cook, Virginia Reed, Charity Taylor, S. F. Snodgrass, Elvira Powell, Caroline Sergeant, and others.


Membership is not as large as it was at one time, but the church still meets after 100 years. Submitted by: W. W. Thompson

BANNER A.C.

The Banner Church is located at Clover, on Route 36. The first services were held in the old Banner schoolhouse. In 1905, F. S. Butcher and his wife, Emma, deeded to the church land situated on the ridge between Rush and Clover Runs.

On Sunday, November 12, 1905, the church was dedicated. The first pastor was Rev. Silas F. Whitney; followed by Rev. Willie Dau­gherty, Rev. Herbert Spencer, also, served as pastor for many years.

Banner A. C. Church
A deed dated June 16, 1928, relates that M.K. and Winnie Nichols conveyed to the Banner A.C. Church, a lot on Clover Ridge. The same year the old church was torn down and moved to the new location, where it still stands today. The new church was dedicated by Rev. Wilbur Spencer and John F. Eilmore.

The current trustees are Wilbur Chambers, Amos Snodgrass, and Benny Hickle. Adelene Hickle and Bernice Chambers serve as the deaconesses. Wilbur Chambers is the Church Elder, and Maxine Snodgrass serves as secretary.

Sadly, now the congregation is too small to have a minister. But, they still have Sunday School, every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Submitted by: Donna J. Waldbrow

BAYS CHAPEL UNION

Located in Smithfield District on Divide between Upper Spring Creek and Laurel Creek. Prior to erection of church, religious meetings were held in the old Glaze Schoolhouse.

In a deed dated May 1, 1914, recorded in Deed Book 58, Page 206, J. H. Bays and Martha E. Bays conveyed to J. M. Cox, A. C. Holland, C. A. Donalson, and D. B. Douglas, Trustees of the Baptist and Methodist Church of Walnut Grove, land for a church location. The church was dedicated in honor of Mr. Bays who donated the church lot.

The church was dedicated by Bishop Grandberry in August 1914, built by Marshall Dilworth and Walter Bays with the dedication in October, 1914. Rev. J. E. Wells delivered the dedication sermon.

Beech Grove Methodist Church

Rev. P. M. Lowe was the Baptist pastor when the church was dedicated; but at this meeting, Rev. J. Herby Smith was appointed as the first Baptist minister and Rev. R. H. Hughes was the first Methodist minister. Other ministers have been James Hackney, Bert Strickland, Dan Anderson, and R. H. Kennedy and others.

Persons who worshipped there through the years were: Glazes, Hollands, Doughlases, Rifles, Coxes, Dilworths, Darnedows, Harrises, Bays, Nidays, Ferrells, Summers, and others.

Present Trustees: Homer A. Harris, J. A. Keffer, Stephen Call, Gertrude Holland.

Present Ministers: Rev. Delmar Simmons, Baptist and Rev. Danny White, Methodist. Submitted by: Erma L. Damewood

BEECH GROVE

Beech Grove Methodist Church, formerly Methodist South, was built in 1887 at a cost of $800. Labor and supplies were donated. W. B. Kyger, a charter member, tells us that Beech Grove had a fairly good membership from a class formed in 1882 by Rev. C. F. Doddrell. During construction, meetings were held in other churches, some met at the Chestnut Grove schoolhouse (located at Hosey Hollow). Some ministers were: Rev. Dountain, Rev. Kendall, Rev. Dowell. Some of those active in the construction of the church were A.A. Smith, the Kygers, Riddles, Lesters, Smiths, Callows, and many others. Much of the work was done by hand in the big barn of Hugh Kyger. John Mitchell, Billy Henry, and Albert Callow made shingles for the roof from a large white oak from Miller’s Run. The church was dedicated by Bishop Grandberry in August 1887. Rev. “Bud” Smith was instrumental in securing pledges to pay off debts. The year was climaxed by a four-week revival in which many souls were saved and joined the church.

Most of the beech trees are gone which furnished shade for meetings and gave the church its name. In 1950 a landslide twisted the church from its foundation causing heavy damage. Members and residents of the community united to locate the building on a basement and turned it facing South. Since then, many improvements have been added: new windows, carpeting, siding, seats, restrooms, and kitchen. In 1950 the trustees were: Elmer Fleming, William Batton, Richard Horton, and John Stallman. John is still a trustee along with John Wyatt IV and Linda Batton. Recent pastors were Rev. Loren Price, Rev. Ollie Zwoolf (1987-89). Submitted by: Pearl Batton Bates

BETHEL METHODIST

Bethel (M.P.) Methodist Church: Located at Barrs, Spencer District. Two and one-half miles Northwest of Spencer. Dr. I. A. Barnes, in his History of the M.P. Church in West Virginia wrote: "This appointment of the Spencer Circuit is located at Barr’s Cut on the R & S Railroad, about three miles from Spencer. It was called the Butcher class when organized. This is another of Dr. Dunn’s churches, built in 1874-75. Rev. Charles L. Hall was a member here. The Butcher, Greathouse and Glaze families are among the membership here."

Dr. Barnes’ information as to the date the church was built may have been a bit in error as a deed on record in the office of the clerk of the county court of Roane County relates the conveyance of land for a church site. This deed, dated July 6, 1889, recorded in Deed Book 15 page 499, relates that J. W. Butcher and Eliza Butcher, his wife, conveyed to M. A. Leggett, C. L. Hall and Marcellus Waldeck, Trustees of the M. P. Church, at Barrs, one acre for a church lot.

Bethel Methodist Church

The church was associated with the Spencer M. P. Circuit until the Methodist Union in 1939, when it was transferred to the Spencer-Circuit of the Methodist Church. It has since been transferred to the Reedy charge.

Some of the early pastors were the Reverends James Dunn, M. L. Smith, R. C. Dean, E. J. Harris, L. A. McNear, G. H. Snyder, C. P. Butler and Elton Steele. The present pastor is the Rev. Ollie Zwoolf.

New class rooms were added in early 1960. Many improvements have been made in the past five years, including central heat and air conditioning, new padded pews, rewiring and aluminum siding.

Present Trustees: Jarrett Smith, Dallas (Bud) Cox, Allan E. Stutler, Ruth Cox and Melanie Stutler. Evelyn Stutler has served as secretary and treasurer for more than 30 years. Submitted by: Allan and Evelyn Stutler
CHERRY VALLEY

A deed dated April 9, 1896, recorded in Deed Book 26, Page 433 in the office of the County Clerk of Roane County, shows that Daniel Roberts and Margaret (Board) Roberts, his wife, conveyed to P. G. Miller, J. W. Miller, W. R. Parsons, J. R. Parsons, and F. H. Lucas, Trustees, 1/4 acre for a church lot.

Early records show a church known as Stover Fork Church with Rev. G. A. Doyle as Pastor. The first record of the Cherry Valley Church is shown in secretary’s report dated July 25, 1896.

Early pastors from the year 1894 to 1919 were C. C. S. Board, G. H. Snyder, D. B. Warren, T. F. Goode, J. H. Lough, M. Ireland, H. S. McCutcheon, and J. B. Bowen.

EGYPT RIDGE

The Egypt United Methodist Church was built in 1896, during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Dunn.

CLARENCE

The Clarence Methodist (M.E.) Church was organized in the late 1800s with the meetings being held in the old Union Schoolhouse located near the mouth of Petty Run. In 1896 a new church was constructed on the upper waters of Middle Fork of Reedy Creek under the pastorate of Rev. Perry B. Fisher by the members. The membership was made up of the Boards, Berts, Parks, Rhodes, Sleeths and other families.

FAIRVIEW (M.P.) METHODIST

Located on ridge between branches of Stutler’s Run, Coal Run and Wagon Run, in Reedy District. Deed dated August 17, 1888, conveyed the church lot from Aaron Chevrount and Sarah Chevrount, his wife, to Chris Stutler, A. G. Gough, Matthew Matics, James B. Stutler, and R. G. Gough, Board of Trustees of the Fairview Church.

The church was built in 1888 and meetings were held before a floor was completed. Dedication was in 1890 by Rev. Bud Smith. Rev. Elisha Nicholson was one of the earliest pastors. The families responsible for the organization and the early support of the church included: Several different Stutler families, Chevrount, Gough, Matics and McCutcheons, all donating their services and efforts in the building of the new church. Rev. Goff, Rev. O’Dell and Rev. B. R. Skeen pastored the church several years.

Howard Board, Jerome T. McCutcheon, Oden Carpenter, and Bliss Boggs, were the church and cemetery trustees for many years. Orpha McCutcheon served as Secretary and Treasurer for 25 years.

Fairview Cemetery Association was organized in 1982, trustees were Bliss Boggs, Dallas O. (Bud) Cox and Allan Stutler. The Association purchased the church and cemetery in 1983 from the Methodist Conference.

Many improvements in recent years included new roof, installing electric, painted and under penned the church. The cemetery has

Submitted by: Velma Pursley
FIRST BAPTIST

Any attempt at a written history of Spencer Baptist Church, in this writer's opinion, would be incorrect without acknowledging the contribution of the Little Creek Baptist Church. The records of the Little Creek Church tell us that in the early years, that congregation met at both Little Creek and California (one of the first names Spencer was known by).

About 1856 Little Creek began work on a meeting house in California. In 1857, a Mr. Weese was paid “for his labor on the meeting house.” The courthouse records show that Elijah Weese was an owner, at one time, of the lot where the old Baptist church was located at the corner of Main and Church streets.

It is because of the facts listed above that this writer believes the First Baptist Church of Spencer was constituted when California changed its name to Spencer and members of the Little Creek Church, living in or near Spencer, left Little Creek to form the new church. Undoubtedly, members of other Baptist congregations, living in Spencer, moved their membership as well due to the distance from town to their respective churches.

Records of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association and the Harmony Baptist Association give us some early membership figures. For the first 30 years membership grew from about 10 or 20 members to nearly 75. Dropping off after 1887, when fire destroyed the original building, to about 50 in 1894; it began to grow rapidly passing the 300 mark about 1927. Today, membership is approximately 411.

Spencer Baptist Church has had 3 houses or worship. The first one has been mentioned. The second one was dedicated in 1894 and stood where the 3rd and present building now stands. The present building was dedicated in 1962 with an educational wing being added in 1972.

GANDEE CHAPEL

People in the Willowbend Community felt the need to join together for church services. Rev. Jesse Gandee helped to organize a Sunday School at the Willowbend School on April 7, 1945. First teachers were Mrs. Ellis (Golah) Carpenter, Mrs. Roy (Leona) Gandee, Mrs. Elmer (Edna) Schreckengost and Rev. Gandee.

During the first revival meeting, Sept. 1945, Elmer Schreckengost and Rev. Gandee broached the building of a church. The Congregation agreed. Ernest and Dora Ward donated an acre of land between the Ward Cemetery and the Spring Creek Road. Money, materials were collected and time given.


FLAT FORK BAPTIST

The earliest records of the church read: “January 19th 1850. A council convened at the Flatfork school house Kanawha Co. Va. to take into consideration the property of constituting a Regular Baptist Church.”
Gandee Chapel Church

Charles Schreckengost, Hayward Runnion helped. The ladies often brought picnic lunches. Building construction began in 1946. All of the above and others working on the church were: Denzil Runnion, Gross Tolley, Mack Casto, John and Elmer Schreckengost, Leona Gandee, Pearl and Ida Runnion, Bonnie and Edna Schreckengost carried boards from Clarence Harper's to Hayward Runnion's house where Hayward made backless benches for services in the schoolhouse. These benches were used in the new church before regular church pews and two altar chairs were purchased.

The Gandee Chapel Church was so named to honor Rev. Jesse Gandee, the first minister. Rev. Gandee appointed three trustees: Hub Wines, Ellis Carpenter, and Aud Schreckengost.

The church was dedicated in 1947. An addition was built in 1966. Submitted by: Leona Gandee and Edna Schreckengost

Gilboa Baptist Church

The Gilboa Baptist Church was organized in 1839 in what is now Grace Community, by Rev. Thomas Cain. The name, Mount Gilboa, was chosen from 1 Samuel in the Old Testament.

Early on services were held in homes, schoolhouses, and other meeting places in the Grace area. By 1880, Gilboa had established a Sabbath school.

Early ministers were: Thomas H. Cain, Harvey Cofer, Thomas Monroe, R. A. McMillion, G. A. Burdett, A. O. Rhodes, and Jarret M. Fox.

The organization purchased a plot of ground June 9, 1888 and built their church. Trustees of Gilboa in 1888 were: T. T. Smith, F. P. Fox, J. W. Hylbert, E. H. Murray, and H. M. Icard. In 1917, the church was moved to its present location. Trustees were: G. A. Hylbert, H. M. Icard, H. J. Fox, J. L. Hickman, and J. W. Hylbert. In 1959 and 1961, additional land was acquired. Trustees were: J. E. Scott, H. J. Fox and J. S. Newton.

Although the church has been moved and remodeled several times, part of the original church is still in use. The church presently sets on about one acre of church property.

In 1899, the pastor is Rev. Lester Walker and the trustees are: Sam Davis, Gary DePue, Richard Carpenter, Bryan DePue, and Richard Shenkle.

The Gilboa Baptist Church has an active membership of 55 to 60 members. Submitted by: Jarrett S. Newton

Good Hope Baptist Church

Founded on June 22, 1822 by Thomas Cain and under the direction of Elder King, this beautiful church stands on Cain's Run (named after the founder) in Reedy District. Today’s church was completed in 1875 with Thomas Cain and Isaac Morris doing the carpenter work. Charter members were: Patrick and Mary Board, Thomas and Mary Cain, Margaret Board and Susan Wine.

Thomas Cain also organized and taught the first school in Reedy District, while his son Thomas H. Cain became a minister at the age of 17 and was pastor for many years in Wirt & Roane Counties, including two terms at Good Hope totaling 25 yrs.


Hays Fork Advent Christian

Hays Fork Advent Christian Church is located about two miles above Linden where the waters of Duck Run enter Henry's Fork Creek. The church was originally established in 1888 as a Union Church, housing classes of the Advent Christian, Baptist, and Methodist faiths. Eventually, all that was left was the Advent Christian class, which had been organized in 1870 at Linden. Charter members were: J. S. Chambers, Thompson McGraw, J. P. Hershberger, John Ferrell, and Lucinda Young. Silas Whitney and Wilbur Spencer were early pastors. Other pastors have included Herbert Spencer, T. H. Estep, Carl Morris, Willis Anderson, and Robert
Green. Myles Spencer served as Elder for over 35 years.

On the fragile, old books in beautiful script writing are the forefathers of some of Roane County's respected citizens. Samuel Starcher, Sylvanus Norman, John Patton, Will Kishel, and Anderson Boggs are a few examples.

In the 1950's, classrooms were added: but on August 4, 1975, after a severe thunderstorm, the entire building was consumed by fire. With donations from several other churches and contributions from people far and wide, the church was rebuilt by Fred Batten Construction Co. and dedicated in October, 1975, debt-free. Special credit is given to the late Elba Hill. During these two months, touching services were held on the parking lot and in Linden Grade School.

Present membership totals 32: average attendance is near 20. Services include Sunday School at 9:55, preaching every second Sunday, Bible Study on Sunday nights and Topical Study on Thursday nights. Submitted by: Barbara Spencer Truman

HEBRON

The following is an excerpt from a longer article by Mark Hersman of Spencer, WV.

Thus it is recorded in the Mark Hersman Class Book, Page 5, 1854 "Spring Creek Class. P. Potts, Superintendent.


The Spring Creek Class name was changed to the Pleasant Hill Class in 1870 and continued until the name was changed to Hebron in 1878.


Henry Clay Camp, son-in-law of Mark and Elizabeth Hersman, built the Hebron Church. He was a carpenter and built many schools and churches in this area. It is reported that the cost for building materials and labor was $175. Mark and Margaret Hersman paid $150.00 and others paid $25.

The new structure of the Hebron Church was built after the previous building was destroyed by fire.

HENRY'S FORK BAPTIST

The Henry's Fork Baptist Church was organized on Saturday, April 21, 1866, by a delegation from Little Creek, Hollywood, and Flat Fork churches. The first meeting was held in a log building located in the creek bottom just below the present Tariff bridge and post office. This site was used for about 18 years until 1884 when a one-acre plot was purchased from David H. Booth for $6.00 and the present building was constructed. Additions to the original building were a steeple and bell and Sunday School rooms.

Although the church is now located almost a mile up Sycamore Run, the name of the church was not changed. No record could be found concerning the date of the dedication of the new building.

Charter members of the church were: H. G. P. Suttle, Kellis chewing. Jamison Booth, Sr., John Ferrell, William Tucker, Nancy Ferrell. Jane Tucker, Sarah Ferrell, Manerva chewing. Emily Young, Mary Suttle, Elizabeth Suttle, David H. Booth, Katherine Suttle, and Mary Manerva King.

The first pastor was the Rev. J. A. Wright with J. H. McGlothlin, Clerk, and Kellis chewing. Treasurer. The first deacons were: H. G. P. Suttle and John Ferrell.

About 1900, the interior of the church was omately painted and decorated by an itinerant Irish painter named McCarthy, who also painted a number of residences in the neighborhood. Although the walls have been repainted, the ceiling and borders around the tops of the walls remain much as it was painted almost a century ago. Submitted by: Gene F. Elmore, Sr.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC

Roane County's first Catholic Church traces its beginning to Thanksgiving of 1957 when Father Bernard Quinn arrived as the first pastor.

Fr. Quinn was a member of the Glenmary Home Missionaries based in Glendale, Ohio, to serve rural areas with small Catholic populations. The young clergyman served as pastor for Roane and four other surrounding counties: Clay, Gilmer, Calhoun and Wirt Counties.

At this time, the few Catholics in Spencer attended mass in Parkersburg and later in Ravenswood or occasional services held at Spencer State Hospital. Eunice and Mary (Mamie) McQuain, daughters of a late physician of the area, were apparently the only longtime residents of Spencer who were Catholic. The few other practicing Catholics included Benny Varda, the Vernon L. Sheppard family and the G. F. Hedges Jr. family. The James Fitzpatrick lived in Walton and the small congregation was swelled by the presence of some of the foreign doctors and other personnel practicing at Spencer State Hospital.

The first church was the converted living room of the former Jeff Simmons home on Parkersburg Road which was purchased by the Wheeling Diocese. In 1960 the present church was constructed and the Simmons home was used as the rectory as well as the center for religious instruction and other church activities.

During this time, the little parish in Spencer was continually growing, bringing in Catholics from the outlying areas, new residents, particularly teachers and medical staff from the new county hospital, and also attracting new members.

In the winter of 1987, a new multipurpose building was constructed, made possible by a generous bequest by Eunice McQuain as well as the combined efforts of the church members and a talented building crew of the Glenmary Brothers.

Since the establishment of the parish, two counties have established their own parishes; Gilmer with a diocesan pastor and Clay based in Glendale, Ohio, to serve rural areas with small Catholic populations.

Holy Redeemer's present pastor is Fr. Paul Fredette. Fr. Michael Kerin is associate pastor. Pastors include Fr. Mert McMahon, Fr. Thomas McElhinney, Fr. David Glockner, Fr. John Otterbacher and Fr. Roland Hautz. These priests were assisted by many associates through the years. Bro. Tom Kelly also served the parish in past years. Fr. Gerald Hay, a Franciscan priest, assisted the church for a number of years and later helped to establish the church in Clay.

Submitted by: Mary Helen Hedges

KEFFER METHODIST

Keffer Methodist Church was built in 1896 by Andrew Keffer and his brothers. The land was given to them by Andrew's sister, Mrs. Kirk, and it still bears the name and continues to serve the folks who live on Rush Run. Many of the older members were my Father and Mother George and Ocie Bissell Keffer, Henry and Grace Keffer, Otha and Ruby McMillan Bissell, Ada & Dessie Webb, Dewey and Sylvia Keffer, and several other members who have married...
and moved away. When my father George Keffer died, my cousin Luther Bissell took his seat and continued to serve the Church until his death on May 15, 1989. We all listened to a lot of good preaching by ministers. The older ones were Price Parsons, Dan Anderson, and Roland Kennedy. The church was a very spiritual church and I have seen my father shout up and down the aisles along with the other members. The Church started from the Calhoun Circuit then changed to Speed, it is now the Spencer Circuit with the Reverend Greeley Wayne as the present minister. There have been several funerals held in the church including Andrew Keffer and his wife Frances Hess Keffer, the last one buried from the Keffer Church was Luther Bissell who will be sadly missed. There was also one wedding held in the church. Reverend Leon Strickland married Marsha Webb and Michael O’Brien in 1980. There is still a good attendance at the church. Carolyn Bissell Whited, Luther Bissell’s daughter is the Secretary. They hold a Keffer reunion on the 4th Sunday in June. Many people still come to hear the fine preaching and singing. Submitted by Ann Webb

LITTLE CREEK BAPTIST

Located on waters of Little Creek, Spencer District, near where Tyson’s store was located and one of the landmarks of the district for many years. This church has a record of 99 years of service. Information is not complete but our sources state that the organization was effected about 1890 or 1891 at a meeting held in the Triplett Baptist Church, just across the ridge from Little Creek. The church was erected in 1890 on land donated by prominent residents of the community to be served by the new church. A deed dated Feb. 3, 1893, recorded in deed book 22 page 130, related that I. H. Epling and Zelda Jane Epling, his wife, Thomas Epling et al; and Calvin Tyson and Jemima Tyson, his wife, conveyed to Thomas Epling, F. L. Bartlett and C. P. Hildreth, Trustees, for the benefit of the Little Creek Baptist Church, two tracts. This deed stipulates that a church building must be erected within a period of five years of the deed to become null and void.

METHODIST MEMORIAL

Methodist Memorial Church is the end product of the founding in 1853, of the California Mission, the first Methodist Protestant Church organized in Spencer (formerly New California). Rev. J. R. Potts was assigned by the Pittsburgh Annual Conference as the first missionary. History states that this mission became extinct after a period of four years. In 1861, Jeremiah Lewellen settled on Spring Creek, three miles below Spencer, and invited Rev. W. L. Warren, pastor of the Spencer Mission to his home to preach. Subsequently, a church was built which was called Spring Creek and later Zion. Then came the formation of the Spencer Circuit in 1865, with Rev. D. K. Ford serving as the first pastor of this organization. In 1894 a church building was erected on Market Street in Spencer. This new church building was a beautiful white church with a cupola and bell. The contractor who constructed this church was Pleasant Smith, a charter member of the church. With the rapid population growth of the area due to the expansion of agriculture and the oil and gas boom, the membership decided the church should become a station. This was approved by the annual conference on August 26, 1909. Rev. I. A. Barnes from Bradford, Pennsylvania was secured to serve as minister. Much of the progress and growth of the church at that time was attributed to Rev. Barnes.

On March 5, 1927, a new church building was dedicated. This is the present structure located on Market Street.
Land donated by Austin Thomasson on the knoll across the road from the Hoff School was established as the Thomasson Cemetery before the Civil War in the early 1850's. This location is one-half mile below Reedyville on the Tuckers Run Road. The name was later changed to the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Among the early burials was a confederate soldier killed in a skirmish in the ravine beside the cemetery and church plot. His name is thought to have been Parsons. Other surnames are: Starkey, Dunaway, Hersman, Hoff, Weaver, Burgess, Ward, Knight, Lang, Goff, Harris, Showen, McAuley, Leary, Rader, Harrison, Evans, Kyer and Potts.

Many families near Reedyville on the Gilmer, Ripley and Ohio Turnpike met April 9, 1859 at the home of John Pointdexter Thomasson for the purpose of organizing Sunday School and Church Services. M. B. Edmondson (from Blue Creek) in the chair, assisted by Elder Joseph A. Wright.

Order of business:
This church shall be known as the Mount Olive Regular Baptist Church with membership in the Pisgah Association (later changed to Good Hope Association). M. B. Edmondson was elected as pastor (moderator). Pastors to be elected yearly.

Early meetings were held in homes. Rules of decorum were read at each business meeting and the covenant quarterly. When someone missed three regular church meetings in succession, they were visited by the church committee who reported back to the congregation as to the cause.

In a few years, a meeting house was rented from a Mr. Allen Crispip. (Later, meetings were held in the Hoff Schoolhouse located toward Spencer, four miles this side of Reedyville on the old Gilmer, Ripley and Ohio Turnpike, noted in records of M. C. Rader.) The population increased in the Reedyville Community and the people felt the need of separation of school and church. Austin (Aught) Thomasson, grandson of J. P. Thomasson donated land for a new church building beside the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Addie Hoff and Margaret Smith took up community donations mostly of one or two cents but someone gave Addie a quarter. Lumber was donated and hauled by Tommy E. Ward from his farm on Colt Ridge. The lumber was finished by James Hoff and Daniel H. Smith made the seats for the church. These pews are still being used. The parishioners finished the Mt. Olive Church in 1886. It was dedicated in 1887.

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The Church was the center of our social life beside nurturing the spiritual side of life and promoting good character.

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MT. MORIAH

1855 — 1895 — 1935

In a primitive five cornered log cabin on the land of Armstead Harper near the mouth of Flatfork, Asa Harper gathered the first school of the district together with twenty pupils in 1859. This school was also used for worship services. In its facilities for worship no district church can claim more credit than Harper District. The first sermon was preached in the year of the first permanent settlement at the cabin of Armstead Harper. The first society was organized about 1850 by William Gilbert, John Smith, and J. F. Ellison. The original church house was built on Armstead Harper’s property and the first services were held in the fall of 1850. It was the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, and the first members were: Armstead Harper and wife, John Smith and wife, Robert

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Hammont, Mary Hammond, William Ferrell and wife, John Ferrell and wife, and Elijah Taylor and wife.

In 1895, the church was moved to its present location on property donated by Robert Hunt. The windows for the church were transported from Spencer by wagon pulled by oxen by Marshall Harper. Workers from the community erected the building.

In 1935, the old structure was torn down and the present building erected. Homer Amos took a contract to build the new church for $705. The church records kept by Gertrude Hunt, secretary, indicate Mr. Amos was paid in payments and the acknowledged with such payment receipts. Rev. M. P. Lowe delivered the dedication services on Oct. 13, 1935. At that time Rev. Jimmy Fields was pastor. His salary at that time was $50 per year.

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Submitted by Kathy Springston and Doug Taylor

MOUNT WELCOME UNION

Located three miles southeast of Walton just off route 119, on Ambler Ridge (not called Mount Welcome Hill). This church serves Advent and Methodist denominations. The church was erected in 1914 and dedicated May 31, 1914.

May 28, 1914, recorded in Deed Book 68, page 475, W. S. and Corda E. Lynch conveyed to Trustees of Mount Welcome Church of Walton, ninety-one square rods on the divide between Rock Creek and Left Hand Creek, Walton District. On same date, same deed book, page 476, Elizabeth Humphreys conveyed to Trustees twenty-four square rods to church site. Two trustees were Mat Sinnett and Lee Bird.

Religious meetings were held in the old Green schoolhouse on Route 119 just below where the Opie Wright property is located. The minister at this time was Rev. Ted Hayes. He had no transportation and walked where ever he went. The church group decided to furnish transportation for him and bought him a horse from Harry Sharp with a Buena Vista saddle and bridle. At this time they considered Mr. Amos paid in payments and the acknowledged with such payment receipts. Rev. M. P. Lowe delivered the dedication services on Oct. 13, 1935. At that time Rev. Jimmy Fields was pastor. His salary at that time was $50 per year.

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NAPIER CHAPEL

Prior to the church being built, Sunday School was held in the Belmont School building.

J. B. Whited and Louella Baker Whited donated ground for a church and cemetery. The building of the church was a community project. Those I remember were my father, John Brabham, his brother, Clovis, my Uncle Ira Reed, and Jerome Whited. Several people worked on the project. Clovis Brabham made a beautiful solid oak podium which is still in the church and remains beautiful as ever.

The church was dedicated August 6, 1915. It was dedicated to the United Brethren Conference and named Napier Chapel in honor of the first pastor, Rev. Asa Napier.

Rev. Foster preached the dedication sermon, followed by a dinner for all at the foot of the hill across the road from the church. There was an abundance of good food and warm fellowship. That was during the horse and buggy days. Several buggies were on hand, some coming from a distance.

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Submitted by: Ermah L. Damewood

Mt. ZION METHODIST (M.E.)

The Mt. Zion Methodist Church is located on Mt. Zion Ridge off US Route 33. It was organized in 1878 and built on land donated and later conveyed by deed dated Sept. 3, 1902 by H. F. Pfost and his wife Flora Pfost. The original structure was log which burned around 1900. A new church was constructed in 1902 and served until once again burned by fire on May 23, 1930. After a fund drive, the present church was built and dedicated on Oct. 18, 1932 at a total cost around $3000. The church still serves the needs of the community for which it was built. The present minister is the Rev. Wayne Hinzman. A photograph has been provided by Mrs. Bonnie Phillips of Spencer, WV. Submitted by: George S. Dudding

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Napier Chapel Church

The first trustees were Dr. G. H. Lance, A. B. Hart and Leslie Allen. The first person to be buried in the cemetery was the infant son of Ira and Eva Reed. The large Bible was donated by Mr. Tom Parsons of Lowther Chapel.

May Randolph led the singing for a good many years. Louella Whited kept the church clean for a good many years but refused pay for her services.

Harrison Allen always started the fires in both wood stoves when necessary. He also made pine torches which he held high so people could see their way home on dark nights.

The first baptismal service was held on the Culver Walters' farm a few miles below the church.
When the United Brethren Church united with the Methodist, the Napier Chapel congregation bought their church from the Methodists. That was due largely to the efforts of Euba Brabham. Since the building was badly in need of repair, the congregation decided to remodel it. Several changes have been made.

Money for materials was donated, some from former members who have moved away, their relatives, business people, regular members and friends. The original pulpit still remains but the sides have been built up on a level with the pulpit. We now have gas and electric, carpet on the floor, new benches, and a communion table. A few of the original hand made benches are still in use.

The original bell is in the belfry. Roy Tibbie donated a new Bible to the church.

Soon after the church was finished, Ira John Brabham and Mary Ann Sisic were married, the only wedding ever to be performed in Napier Chapel.

The first minister was Rev. Efford Epling. The church has been renamed. It is now Napier Chapel Community Church.

Trustees are Gordon Hickman, Earl Brabham and Floyd Parsons.

Earl Barbham is in charge of the cemetery.

The church sits on a hillside overlooking a beautiful valley. It has given many happy memories to us. The sound of the church bell on cold frosty mornings is something to remember as were many other things.

Two long picnic tables have been placed on the lawn.

Gordon and Eva Hickman donated ground for a parking lot and to enlarge the cemetery.

My stepmother, Ella Brabham Bailey, was the last surviving member of the original members.

Noble Methodist (M.P.)

The Noble Methodist Church is located on Noble Ridge off US Route 33 in the southern part of Reedy District. When the church was first forming, it met in the old Badgett Schoolhouse. The early trustees of the church were Enoch Phillips, James Kelley, Early Staats, G. W. Lewellen, Joney Rollans, and David Hill. In 1906, the first church building was built with the Rev. J. H. Keffer as pastor.

Peniel Methodist (M.E. South) Church is located on U.S. 33 in the community of Peniel from where it got its name. Peniel as defined in the Bible means “the face of God.” It is the place where Jacob wrestled with the angel (Gen.32:30.) and called the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved.” A deed dated 29 May 1888 from Thomas Adamson to the Church.

Otto Advent Christian

According to minutes dated September 13, 1925, in the earliest church record book, it is stated that “a church which has been erected by the community and surrounding communities to God by Rev. Wilbur Spencer of Charleston, dedicated as an Advent Christian Church but welcome to all denominations”. Prior to this, services were conducted in the Otto Schoolhouse located about 1/4 mile down Henry's Fork from the present location of the church. The earliest minutes are dated August 17, 1919, and membership was around thirty.

On April 12, 1964, a meeting was called, and after discussion, it was voted to build Sunday School rooms. Work began on May 18, 1964. Orland Looney built three rooms at the rear of the main building. Dedication services were conducted on Sunday, September 13, 1964, and all indebtedness was paid off by the end of that day.

The church had to have major repairs in 1976 when cinder blocks had to be replaced with concrete blocks. This was done by Smith Epling. Later, we had the whole building worked over in June 1978 by Ripley Remodeling & Siding Company. We were very pleased with this remodeling job, but on the morning of November 24, 1981, about 2:30 A.M., a fire destroyed the Otto Church causing a great loss to the neighborhood and all who held dear the memories of this place.

The congregation met at the Otto Community Building for services, and plans were made, work was begun, and a new church was built, furnished, and dedicated on May 30, 1982. This construction was done by Ripley Remodeling & Siding Company. People were so generous and helpful, and by the end of the dedication day, all indebtedness was paid off.
REEDY UNITED METHODIST

The Reedy M. E. Church, South and M. E. Church, North became the United Methodist Church when all Methodist Churches were joined together in May 1939. The North Church was a successor of Flesher's Chapel, located at the edge of the town, and dates back to 1828, making it possibly the second oldest church in Reedy District. In 1899 Flesher's Chapel, which was organized by Rev. George Holt, was torn down and the lumber moved to the land for the North Methodist Church near the center of town. The land was obtained from T. A. and Susan Roberts in 1891. This building was sold when the Methodist Churches were united and has been remodeled into a private home. It still stands on the same land at the corner of Rice and Church Streets.

The M. E. Church, South, Main St. shows date of organization was about 1886 with Rev. Wm. Smith listed. In a deed dated Oct. 12, 1888 A. M. and Nancy Cottle conveyed to the trustees the church lot. It is assumed the present church was built soon after the land was deeded. Earliest records show Rev. John Simpson was pastor 1889 to 1891; Rev. A. L. Barnett in 1892; Rev. J. B. Davis in 1896 and Rev. R. S. Bise in 1898. With the union of the Methodist Churches, this Church was chosen to house the congregations of the two Churches. They kept the North Methodist parsonage and sold the South Methodist parsonage to a private citizen. The North Methodist Pastorage was torn down and a new one erected at about the same time the churches were unifying. Later another lot was added to the present one. We have not had a pastor to live in the parsonage for some time and it is rented.

RUSH CREEK BAPTIST

Located at Village of Rushville, Smithfield District. Deed dated September 12, 1885, recorded in Deed Book No. 11, page 448, F. F. Lowe and Melinda Lowe, his wife, conveyed to R. P. Burke, D. L. Kincaid and John Sinnett, Trustees of Rush Creek Baptist Church, parcel on Rush Creek, Smithfield District for $25.


Unusual phase of history is that Peter Burke, one of the original members and Trustees, who has been dead more than 93 years still pays $6.00 per year to the church. Mr. Burke provided in his will that $100 must be invested with the interest going to the church but the principal never to be used.

With the people moving away from this community the congregation decreased to the point the church was closed about 35 years ago. However, the building is kept in good repair, lot maintained and organization kept intact. At the present time there are two trustees, Jason Taylor II and Clyde Sinnett; and two deacons, Clyde Sinnett and Alfred Layne.

SPENCER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

In January 1973, the Assemblies of God started church services in Spencer. They operated out of the Church of the Nazarene building in Alvord. Later it held services on Radio Street.

It's first pastor was David Edwards from Ravenswood, West Virginia. He started services July, 1974.

On November 17, 1974, there was a Revivaltime World Prayer meeting with 120,000 people praying in 2,000 churches for 55,000 prayer needs.

This church building was formerly the Presbyterian Church and was sold to the Assemblies of God, September, 1976. It is located at 408 Market Street, Spencer, West Virginia.
SPENCER BAPTIST TEMPLE

The Spencer Baptist Temple was organized February 1951 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hardman, who live on Oak Drive in Spencer, WV, under the leadership of Rev. Orland Reynolds. Eight families were represented—eleven adults and four children. Each week the small group met in different homes for prayer meeting and the study of God’s word. At one of these meetings it was decided to purchase a lot on which to build a church. The location was on Route 36 about one half mile from Spencer. This was purchased from Brian Holswade for the sum of $4,000.00 which was borrowed from The Traders Bank in Spencer. Ground breaking for the new structure was September 18, 1951. The size was 44 by 80 with full basement.

In two years this church building was complete and paid for and a fund was started to build a parsonage on an adjoining lot purchased from Mr. Holswade. Rev. Orland Reynolds served as first pastor at a salary of $75.00 a month. He pastored the church from 1951 to 1972. First Sunday school—February 24, 1952. Formal opening—April 13, 1952. Dedication Day—April 18, 1954. Pastor Reynolds and family moved into the new parsonage October, 1955.

Ira Frichard served as the first Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Nancy Rardon served as church clerk. Goldie Miller as treasurer. First Trustees and Deacons were Lawrence Hardman, Orvie Conley, Charlie Miller, Hank Rardon, Willie West, Lloyd Looney, and Wes Webb.

SPENCER CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Spencer Congregation of the Church of Christ meets for worship at their modern building, located on Triplett Road just off of Route 36, two miles east of Spencer. This congregation held their first meeting in the American Legion Hall, at Spencer, March 26, 1950. Eleven persons were present on that occasion and they immediately made plans for a permanent building.

The site for the new building was purchased from William L. Simmons; the deed dated March 14, 1950, recorded in Deed Book No. 165, Page 276, conveyed the property to George Wood, Ralph Martin, Telford Powell, Charles Patty, and Floyd Campbell, the first trustees of the congregation.

Work on the building began on May 1, 1951 and was completed in December of that year. The building was dedicated by Minister Blaine Cook on the first Sunday in January 1952. In 1954 extensive remodeling and the addition of a new auditorium were made to the old building. A paved parking area was added on land adjacent to the building which had been previously purchased for that use.

The purpose of the congregation is the restoration of the church after the pattern found in the New Testament. The church is dated from A.D. 33 when the Apostle Peter preached the first gospel sermon at Jerusalem as recorded in Acts Chapter 2. The church recognizes no head but Christ and no higher spiritual authority on earth than the leadership of the local congregation. Submitted by: Donald E. Southall

SPENCER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

In 1931, a tent revival meeting led to the organization of the Spencer Church of the Nazarene with a small church on Water Street. Later we built on 4th Street in Alvord section. The present location is at the corner of Parkersburg Road and Oak Drive. Rev. John Hambly was the pastor, who along with some dedicated members felt the church should relocate and started the new, beautiful brick building. Due to ill health Rev. Hambly had to resign before it was completed. The church seats about 300 people. We have 141 members. Church services are held Sunday Morning, Sunday Evening, and Wednesday Evening. There is an activity room with a kitchen and a room where visiting ministers may stay. We hold 3 revivals a year. The church purchased a lot at 505 Central Avenue and built a beautiful brick parsonage in 1956.

Our former pastors were: organizing evangelist, Rev. Tosti, Delbert Nuzem, Walter Nuzem, Charles Morehead, W.V. Thompson, Lida Strickland, Carol Greeding, J.D. Poole, Ruth Reynolds Grimm, George Fitzler, Aaron Bess, John Hambly, Allen Woolums, Paul Hicks, Carl Smith, J.L. "Rip" Wright and present pastor Rev. Walter and Virginia Speece.

Trustees: David Booth, Ella Coen, Bob Gregg, James Tallman. Stewards: Smith Bartlett, Gerald Jones, Eileen Runnion, Frank Miller, Missionary president: JoAnn Spiker Starcher, N.Y.I. leader: Carolyn Berkhouse, Sunday School Superintendent: Lowell Cottrell. This is the church board and is elected every year by the church members. Submitted by: Walter Speece, pastor

SPENCER PRESBYTERIAN

Spencer Presbyterian Church dates back to 1874. The Baileys, Gibsons, Smiths, Stones, Adams and Walkers comprised the first congregation and worshiped in a white frame structure on Markoe Street. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Williams signed the deed. On this same land in 1903, a red brick structure was erected. The Victorian Gothic architecture, dark woodwork and stained glass windows made it a downtown landmark. William Bishop, Albert S. Heck, Brooks Dodson and Robert Clevenger were elders in 1900-02. Rev. V.F. Baxter served from 1900-07.

Due to a cave-in in the rear wall it was decided to vacate the church and in 1971-72 under the guidance of Rev. Stephen Miller a plan was formulated to erect a modern, multi-purpose building.
16, 1973, the 100 seat church was dedicated. Lord provided. Money came in the mail from all over the U.S.A. hearing of the dream church, gave $1,000. The building began and church became inadequate, so in 1970 it was decided to build a "real" church building. The Mountain View Conference gave them $1,500 to buy a lot on the hillside east of town. A lady in Michigan, never had to stop once for lack of funds. As the need arose, the Lord provided. Money came in the mail from all over the U.S.A. Laborers came great distances to donate their labor. Finally, April 6, 1975. The building was dedicated to the Glory of God on April 16, 1973, the 100 seat church was dedicated.

Spencer Tabernacle with Pastor Larry K. Haught

is the church founded and established upon the words of Jesus, but I wanted the whole church to be holy and to be built literally upon the word of God.

Today a beautiful white church with a tall steeple, which was also built and erected by members of the church, sits quietly in the valley of the mountains, looking over the town below. The church bell rings on Wednesday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night to welcome all who would come in and worship with the members of "The Spencer Tabernacle Church".

This church has 200 members on the church book and many other people attend. Submitted by: Evangelist Larry K. & June Haught

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST

As early as 1817, early Methodists met in the home of a "Mr. Tanner". Growth in membership resulted in the formation of California Mission in 1851, with Silas Morley as Pastor. In 1860 the name was changed to Spencer Circuit.

After some years of meeting in homes, a frame church was built; and a parsonage, valued at $200.00, added in 1857. Both buildings were torn down and replaced in 1890-91.

By 1913, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Wells, plans were made for the third and present brick buildings. Work was started in 1914 and finished in June of the following year.

The union of two Spencer churches occurred in 1939 when the First Methodist Episcopal, pastored by Rev. Grover Johnson, united with Grace Episcopal South. Credit must be given these two fine pastors for the smoothness of the union of two congregations. Rev. Houck was to be the first pastor of the new church, named St. John's and occupying the building of First M.E.
STONY POINT UNITED METHODIST

In September 1895, at the Annual Conference held in Buchanan, West Virginia, the Reedy charge was divided into five separate appointments: Reedy, McCutcheon, Seaman, Beulah and Stony Point. During the late 1800's the people of Middle Fork of Reedy, in the area of the Stony Point school house were holding church services in the school. The school house was located on a rocky point overlooking Reedy Creek, therefore it obtained the name "Stony Point". One of the first ministers during these early services was Rev. F. C. Peptune.

December 7, 1922, L. L. Atkinson and John W. Wright with adjoining lands, deeded 40.3 rods (1/4 acre +) in a corner of their properties along the Middle Fork Road "to erect and maintain a suitable church building upon the land". Donations of material and labor were furnished by all the community. "The building was started during the Pastorate of Rev. Jack Regan and brought to a successful conclusion by Rev. Dan Anderson, Pastor of the Mt. Union Charge.

TRIPLETT REGULAR BAPTIST

This church was constituted as "Little Creek Regular Baptist Church" in November, 1853, with nine members, namely, Abraham, William, Susan and G. G. Springfield, Jacob, Elizabeth, Margaret and Matilda Heckert, and Zennah Vandall. During the period 1855-1857 where no records exist, twenty-six more members were added, namely, Abigail Bassett, Jane and Mary Elizabeth Springston, and Elizabeth Calkins. Milton Wilson, Luda Greathouse, Christine Andrews, Jemima and Elizabeth Vandall, Sophia Daniel, Nancy Lance, Samuel Tanner, John and Margaret Hughes, Lydia Clevenager, and John and Elizabeth Huff.

Like other churches of this era, the church was served by a circuit riding minister one weekend per month. Its pastors were: J. A. Wright (1857-1861), Jonathan Smith (1862-1864), John Stump (1864-1874) and 1890, Harry Cofer (1875-1883) J. W. Wood (1884-1890) and J. H. Fox (1891-1907). Among the deacons elected were John Hughes 1857, John Huff 1858, Peter Burk 1860, William Springston 1861, Jeff Springston 1889, S. J. Newlon 1895, W. A. McCoy 1895, Bash Newton 1903, P. H. Morford 1905, J. Marks 1905, and M. F. Epling 1905.

Records show that they erected a meeting house in "California" (now Spencer) in 1857. This is confusing because in November, 1858, they voted to meet in the Little Creek school house. It is unlikely they built a meeting house in Spencer for their use, so possibly this was their help in starting the Spencer Baptist Church. Fourteen years later, they erected a log meeting house at the head of Triplett's Run. The congregation grew to more than 100 by 1889, at which time they built a new meeting house and changed their name to "Triplett Regular Baptist Church. (At a later date, I believe this building was moved to the intersection of Triplett and Egypt Ridge Roads where it now stands.) Why and when the church disbanded is a mystery to me. The last entry in church records retained by Sophia Springerston Morford was June, 1907. Submitted by J. A. Springfield

WALTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Walton Church of the Nazarene, located off of Rt. 119 in Walton, was organized during a revival on April 24, 1904, with six charter members: Matilda Tailor, Macl Tolley, Betty Carpenter, Evelyn Osburn, and Dale Osburn. Oshah Hunt was soon installed as the treasurer, a position she held for twenty-five years retiring in 1989. The revival speakers were Rev. Paul Smith and Rev. John Hamby of Spencer and Rev. Curtis Cox from Clendenin. During this time the building was purchased from the Church of Christ in Christian Union.

The first pastor was Rev. Paul La Saunce who could only stay a short while. Then Rev. Paul Smith assumed the pastorate. The present minister is Rev. Joseph Neuch. Present officers are: Mrs. Kay Cottrell, secretary and Missionary Pres.; Mrs. Sherry Evans, treasurer; Paul Paxton Sr., Sunday School Supt. and Trustee; Mrs. Deanna Miller, Youth Director; Lonnie Surface, Head Trustee; Ralph Carper, Trustee; Mrs. Genevieve Paxton, Head Steward; Mrs. Vicki Nichols, Steward; Mrs. Connie Lupardus, Steward.

WALTON UNION

Walton Union Church began April 24, 1903, when M. A. Ward conveyed to J. D. Donohoe, J. H. Depue, E. G. Greathouse, M. T. Harper, and P. G. Cunningham, Trustees, an one-quarter acre lot located in the Village of Walton for $36.00.

The deed stated it was to be used by Christian denominations for Worship Service. The Methodist Protestant denomination was to have preference, and other denominations were to use it when it did not interfere with the Methodists.

No record of first ministers or charter members.

In 1934, the Advent Christian denomination began Worship with J. F. Whitman, Minister; H. C. Taylor, Elder; and Bernice Deverick Clerk.

In 1936, the Baptist denomination was organized with the H. C. Smith, Minister; Alma Crotty, Clerk; and N. D. Cox, Deacon.

The lot and building was sold in 1962 to Bernard and Betty Hensley, by the trustees. The deed called for the removal of the building.

A new lot was donated in 1961 by S. P. and Orla Whitney. Said lot was accepted by Trustees Ralph Lee, Silas Deverick, and Glen Harper representing the Methodist, Advent Christian, and Baptist denominations.

At a later date, a lot was purchased and donated to the church by Silas Deverick for $750.00 from S. P. and Orla Whitney.

In 1986, Herman and Violet Jackson donated an additional lot adjacent to the church lot. Lot was conveyed to Trustees Ralph
THE ROACH CEMETERY

My true beginning is not known, only speculation can be made to "as whom was the first". The cause was to benefit the neighborhood's needs, uniting family and friends in death as they had been in life. William Roach acknowledged the need and donated a portion of his land to accommodate himself and others. L. L. Atkinson, Ornie Atkinson, and Denver Haynes also saw fit to enable others to be included with their ancestors by offering another piece of land. Thus I grew into the size I am today.

I am located on a knoll overlooking Middlefork of Reedy. Physically it would seem shorter to travel the two miles from Reedy to me than to climb the hill from my entrance which was to the right across the road from where the Stoney Point Church now stands. A path that was carved out of rock, winding as it did down the hillside and climbing upwards to my gates. Gates that opened outward, accepting all who came here, allowing them to rest undisturbed.

From the road one can see my mighty spruce trees swaying gently in the breeze, the trees shadow having crossed over the path of those nestled within. Unknowns remain silent, known only to me, the stones of others weathered against unknowns.

The little ones all so young and precious are Harry E. Chancey born March 8, 1900, died Oct. 9, 1902, and UFA Cinderella, 1902-1906, his sister, the children of G. M. and R. M. Chancey, Jacob A. Millon, Oct. 23, 1898-Jan. 9, 1901, the son of J. L. and Mary M. Fore, Fore 1905-1906, the son of Bailey and Marthie, another infant of theirs died (1963) and 1918. Guy D. (died (1969) the sons of Guy and Dorothy (Fore) Randolph. Myclle Irene Fore, Dec. 2, 1933-Dec. 4, 1933, and her sister, Marybelle Fore who died Nov. 27, 1953, age 9 years, 10 mos. 10 days, the daughters of Foster C. and Audra (Leary) Fore.

A. M. Chancey who died Aug. 16, 1868, age 5 months, 17 days, the son of A. and Sarah Chancey. Dolah Victoria Leary, she was born April 3, 1897, and died June 7, 1899, of diphtheria, the daughter of William and Susan. William Gay Leary III, the infant son of William and Melanie, who died in 1977. Enrie E. Board 1899-1900. Elizabeth Burditt, July 21, 1932-Nov. 1834, her inscription reads "Deceased Now". Georgia Roach, the son of Jesse and Annie, died Oct. 30, 1869, and Thomas Roach, the son of William and Delilah Roach, is described "As A Child" having died in 1835.

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One of the most popular spots in the churchyard is the water well R. Chancey 1824-1876, and the children of R. R. and Violette (Wright) Moss, died Jan. 5, 1927. Also an infant son, Tinie, of R. J. and Eliza V. Moss, who died in May, 1875, is here and Thelma H. Moss 1899-1900. Levi Staats who died Sept. 23, 1864, age 2 years, 11 months, 12 days, was the son of J. and M. Staats. Charles D. Bartlett having died April 19, 1865, age 2 years, 8 months, 25 days was the little boy of D. W. and M. J. Bartlett; then Roxylanna Bartlett died Sept. 15th, 1865, age 1 year, 1 month, 19 days, also the child of D. W. and M. J.; John J. Somerville the son of John and Faye who died Oct. 2, 1972, and an infant of Floyd and icy Atkinson is buried here having been born and died the same day, June 7, 1930.

Opal Moss' twins are here also as is Gertrude Bill, the daughter of Mollie Ball (Anderson) and other babies of Mollie's lie nestled beside their mother near the left side just inside the gate coming up my old pathway.

The older ones include Andrew Chancey who was born Jan. 12, 1846, and died Sept. 3, 1927, age 81 years, 7 months, 31 days. Andrew's wife, Mary C., 1850-1855, is here also. In 1859 Sarah Chancey who died Nov. 12, 1897, age 26 years, 19 days, the wife of H. Chancey. Calvary Chancey died Aug. 11, 1894, age 73 years, was a farmer. His wife, Rebecca, died Jan. 27, 1892 at the age of 62 years. A. Glen Chancey was born Aug. 6, 1906, the son of Fleet S. and Ida M. Chancey. Glen was a preacher, who died on Aug. 4th, 1927, his funeral was 7, his body was placed in the ground and his body being a member of I.O.O.F. his fellow lodge members were all in attendance here on a blistering hot summer day. Fleet Chancey, the son of Andrew and Mary was born Nov. 23, 1873, and his wife, Ida, who died 1921, was buried with an infant child in her arms. There's also another Sarah Chancey who died on Sept. 7, 1868 at age 19 years, she was the wife of A. Chancey. Herie T. Chancey was born Sept. 8, 1878, and died May 18, 1899. Roswell R. Chancey 1824-1876, and the children of R. R. and Violette J. Chancey. Roseline 1853-1878, Isabelle S. and Iraim E. Chancey are also here.


Malissa (Seabolt) Fore 1885-1918 was the first wife Thomas H. Fore. Thomas, 1877-1939, was the son of George W. Fore, an auctioneer, 1826-1909, and his first wife, Irena (Chancy) Fore 1827-1880. George Fore, also the son of G. W. who was born 1873 and died 1940, his wife Anna (Wyatt) Fore 1879-1917, and their son, Russell J. Fore, 1902-1950, also journeyed here. Earnest C. Fore July 2, 1902-April 30, 1950, age 47 years, 9 months, 28 days, his sister, Opal C. (Fore) Moss 1911-1942, and his brother, Foster C. Fore, who died on Dec. 17, 1982, are buried near their parents Bailey Fore 1879-1931 and Martha (Wright) Fore 1878-1963.

Clarissa (Sheppard) Riddle, the wife of Albert, died Feb. 2, 1899. Her son, Samuel S. Riddle, who lived up Green Valley Road, died June 16, 1950, at the age of 75 years, 11 months, 25 days. Sarah's wife, Lillie (Straley) Riddle 1863-1955, was the daughter of J. M. and Hannah Straley. Jacob M. Straley, the son of George and Ruth, was born in 1837 and died in 1895, and his wife, Hannah Straley, Aug. 18, 1842-Aug. 3, 1902, the daughter of John and Margaret Staats, were both teachers in the Valley Forge School. John Staats died July 20, 1859 at the age of 40 years, 3 months, 10 days. His first wife, Margaret, who died May 23, 1861, age 51 years, 1 month are here with their son William T. Staats, Nov. 16, 1838-39.

William's wife, Cinderella, whom he married on July 22, 1898, and her husband, R. J. Moss bom Aug. 8, 1840, the son of James and Martha Moss, who she married June 11, 1868. Theodisa Spencer, 1860-1912, the wife of James D., he being born 1840, and Anna M. (Butcher) Wyatt, 1885-1916, who married W. R. Wyatt, 1880-1911, on Nov. 16, 1902.

There's Jesse Anderson who died Oct. 6, 1834, at the age of 22 years and James L. McMillion, his inscription reads "Gone dear Father but not forgotten", was born April 2, 1869, and died Jan. 1, 1936, and Alvin D., a WWI VET, April 23, 1888-July 15, 1973. Alvin's wife, Louise A. (Wright) Wettet 1911-1969, came here also as did John W. Rhodes, Feb. 2, 1831-June 25, 1902, his wife, Lucinda, July 11, 1832-June 1, 1904. Their children, Annie A. Rhodes 1869-1894, and Allen K. Rhodes who was born July 7, 1859. Allen's wife, Sara E. (Watson) Rhodes, Feb. 5, 1860-Dec. 12, 1921, whom he married March 19, 1885, is also here. Esmele Rhodes was born Jan. 4th. 1836, and died Oct. 20, 1921, the daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Raines) Malson. Esmele, also known as "Aunt Nin" from Reedy, was a widow when she married James P. Rhodes in April 17, 1894. Her first husband, Larkin D. Howell, Dec. 9, 1834-May 28, 1891, is buried here too.

Others include John G. Rotherbesburger, who lived over towards Peniel, the son of Peter and Mary D. was born Jan. 28, 1859 and died June 1, 1930. John's sons, Ralph died April 21, 1920 age 14 years and Eneas who died Sept. 26, 1920, Lucy Belle (Butcher) Harlow, 1870-1898, the wife of Otho T. Harlow, and her son Nancy Lee Harlow who was born 1898 and died 1899. Eliza V. Moss, the daughter of Samuel and Catherine Rhodes, March 20, 1847-Oct. 22, 1898, and her husband, R. J. Moss bom Aug. 8, 1840, the son of James and Martha Moss, whom she married June 11, 1868.

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William H. Beach died April 22, 1894, age 55 years, the husband of Annaliza, was from the Reedy District. Minnie C. Stutler, 1871-1902. Martha J. Bond, May 1, 1850-April 25, 1878, was the wife of E. M. Bond. Mattie J. (Riddle) Lester, June 5, 1863-1980, was the wife of Wellington L. Lester, whom she married May 22, 1884, in Roane County. Lenora Lawson was born Feb. 24, 1870, and died Sept. 2, 1903, age 35 years, 9 months, 8 days. Ishiah Ichard, A Civil War Veteran, was a member of Co. "B" 17th WV INF. There's also Ella McCown, Bob and Bill Ball who are buried next to the Atkinson plot, and Mollie Ball Anderson whose home burnt down on the next ridge plus Johnnie Allen Somerville who died Jan. 18, 1989, the son of John and Jacqueline (Fore) Somerville and the husband of Mayesel Sue, was buried here on a bitter cold Jan. 20, 1989, and finally, Joseph Lee, who died June 22, 1907, at the age of 80 years, his inscription, a story within itself. "He stopped at this Inn on his way to Jerusalem".

All lie within my boundaries. I am the Roach Cemetery. Submitted by Janet L. Keed.

Old Hebron Church

Reedy - Early 1900's
CHAPTER III

SPENCER HERITAGE PARK

The concept for Spencer Roane Heritage Park was originally conceived by a group of historic minded citizens seeking a way to preserve items depicting the heritage of the area. It was determined that the land surrounding the old B&O Railroad Depot would make the perfect setting for such a park, since the railroad had played a significant role in the development of the county and Spencer.

Funding for such an undertaking was not easy to achieve and the project took well over a decade to complete. Construction was done in phases as money became available. Some of the financing came from federal revenue sharing money. Other money was obtained through various state grants. Under the leadership of Spencer Mayor Terry Williams, local money and labor was budgeted for much of the work, including work on the community building. That structure was dedicated in 1988 under the direction of the Spencer City Council which included Charles Mace, Rex Starcher, Bob Vance, Elsie Stalnaker and Jack Jordon.

In the fall of 1989, visitors to the 35th annual Black Walnut Festival were given the opportunity to tour the completed park. In doing so, they were treated to a step back into time and a first hand view of how life was in an earlier place and time.

The official gathering place at Heritage Park is the community building, a large spacious structure equipped to offer clubs and organizations a meeting room for business as well as social events.

But the focal point of the park is the restored B&O Railroad Depot which was converted into a mini-museum. That museum now houses numerous items of memorabilia donated by local citizenry. Pains were taken to see that the 94 year old structure was restored to look as it did when it was used by the railroad company. Even the same paint color scheme was used. An old railroad caboose also is located near the depot. This caboose was donated to the park by the B&O Railroad.

Recently installed at the park and located along the banks of Spring Creek is an 84 foot tall oil derrick. Donated to the city by Pennzoil Company, the derrick originally stood in the Wallback area. It was erected to be a working piece of equipment.

The most recent addition to the park came in the fall of 1989. Three Black Ebony Markers were erected as a tribute to all those Roane Countians who gave their lives and who served in the armed forces for their country. Local contributions were given freely in order to achieve this monument.

The park is laid out in such a way that several eight foot wide brick sidewalks make walking easy and lead visitors to the various points of interest. In the center of the park, benches are placed around the American Legion Fountain. The fountain, which was originally located near the Roane County Library, was contributed to the park by Legionnaires.

As the years continue, it is expected more work will be done on the park and other bits of county history will be included thus creating a true park of heritage for Roane County.

HERITAGE PARK MUSEUM

The museum at Spencer's Heritage Park is located in what was the depot of the B&O Railroad Company. Several years ago, B&O donated the depot building and ground to the City of Spencer to be used as a park and museum.

The museum's doors were first opened to visitors on May 15,
Since its beginning, the Library has served as a major part of our community and has grown not only in circulation, but in the services it provides to the community of over 15,000 residents. The present Board members are Christine Earles, Adena Sherrill, Phoebe Gaunton, Donna Board and Mary O’Dell. The County Librarian is Lorraine Scott, assistant Librarian Nancy Tillinghast. Submitted by: Mardell Depue Cottle

WALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Walton Public Library, a branch of the Roane County Library, was dedicated on January 12, 1986 to serve the people of Walton and surrounding areas. The Library was brought into being by Mardi Smith, Director of the Alpha Regional Library at that time, and a committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sergent, Mr. and Mrs. James Board, Mr. and Mrs. John Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. David Long, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones.

The building site was donated by Mr. and Mrs. James Board, and is especially accessible for the High School students. The Walton Public Library is a carousel library providing the same services as the main library in Spencer.

The first librarian was Lisa Femmel, and the present librarian is Kathy Davis. Submitted by: Lorraine Scott

SLATE RUN AIRPORT

After losing two County Airports to industrial parks, Kellwood and Norris Industries, a small group of flying enthusiasts formed the Roane County Flying Club and purchased several acres of land on Slate Run to build their own private landing field. In August 1973, Harry Boggs, who had his own equipment, started leveling the road and grading the land for the runway. Edward (Heavy) Henley, a member of the club, helped in the construction as an operator in his spare time. Roy King built the fence at the entrance to the field. Kermit McKown with Rev. Orville Walker, built the old club house. They are all deceased except Harry Boggs, who is the only surviving member of the original group. Harry drilled the well, rocked the road and runway.

Several members built their own private hangers along the runway. In 1975 Harry Boggs built his hanger by the club house. In 1987 he built an addition to his hanger and tore down the old club house and rebuilt a more modern building to accommodate a club house class room, offices, and etc. In 1985, the flying club started paving the access road, and by the end of 1987 the rest of the road and runway was paved.

The little 1,750 foot long airport is becoming very active. There are now 16 airplanes based at the airport. Harry Boggs has been President of the Flying Club since the airport started. In 1973, he has been flying since the age of 16 and he also has three sons. Richard, Jeff and Greg and a son-in-law, Larry Parker, that fly. His oldest son Richard, got his private license before joining the Navy where he was a jet fighter pilot and instructor. Richard is now the instructor at the airport where he taught his two brothers, Jeff and Greg, to fly. He was instrumental in starting the Civil Air Patrol Squadron, which is comprised of nearly forty members of which Richard is Squadron Commander. He also has a Cadet Squadron of students between the ages of 12 and 18, consisting of about 20 members.

Richard has a Charter Service operating from the airport. The little private airport has been and is a great asset to the people of Spencer and Roane County. Nearly every week the airport is used by people out of state who land here to conduct business.

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In 1970, the construction of I-79 began. The community of Amma was torn asunder. Several families were located in its path, some relocated within the community, others moved away.

Submitted by: Debra A. Boggs

Many new families moved in, the new Geary School was overcrowded upon completion.

Beginning southward in its path were, Bert King Homestead, Raymond and Irene Cook, John and Melda O'Dell, Roy and Ruby Nida, John and Maggie McCune, James and Elsie Parker, Clara and Julia Engle, Amma Post Office, Fred and Dora Smith, Elsie and Dan Looney, Greely and Gladys Jarvis, Charles and June Looney, Gene and Kathleen Ashley, Frank and Kay Ashley, Icy Ashley, Ora and Phyllis Ashley, Herbert and Clara McClain, Romie and Maysel Drennen, Larry and Carol Ford, Harley and Margaret Abbott, Lucille Montague, Lewis and Betty Sloan, Holly and Elsie Gibson, Dave and Hester Ferreli, Carl and Elise Thomas, Ruby King, Ralph and Nettie King, Road Side School, Goad Reunion Grounds, Kenneth and Mary Kay Boggs. Of these people twenty homes were taken, some twice.

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The Flying Club has hopes of lengthening the field in the future.

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The construction and moves caused much agony and a wave of after horrors of misery and exhaustion, as eleven of the elderly people did not live to see the project completed. The closeness of a small community has gone forever, but those of us that remain are free and the world is ours.

Which shall it be for you and me,
Who God's good gifts obtain,
Shall we accept for self alone ....
or take to give again.

Submitted by: Melda O'Dell

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The first American Legion Post, No. 19, was chartered at Spencer in 1919. Their meeting place was the Blue and Gray Veteran's Hall on Front Street in Alvord. Post No. 19, lost its charter after three years. The Blue and Gray Hall burned about that time.

Roane County Post No. 21 was chartered March 24, 1927, with thirty-four charter members. The Post built the American Legion Hall with the assistance of the N.Y.A. which provided the labor during the 1930s. The Old World War I Veteran's CCC Camp at Billings was dismantled and the materials were hauled to Spencer and

used in the construction of a new Legion Hall. Ralph Boggs was Post Commander at the time. The hall was used as a Community Building and as the National Guard Armory until this hall also burned in April 1974.

Post No. 21 has always been active in educational programs and sponsored Boys State and Boy Scouts. In the 1970s, the Post Color Guard was rated as the best in the State of West Virginia in all fields.

In 1978, under the leadership of Commander Walter Criss and Judge Advocate, Orton Jones, Post 21 bought the old Blue and Gray property. The block house was remodeled into a post home where meetings are held by the Legion and the Auxiliary, also the V.F.W. Bingo is played there to support community projects.


The accompanying photo shows the American Legion Color Guard and Legion members in a parade down Main Street in Spencer, a part of the funeral honoring the late William Stine, last veteran of the Civil War in Roane County. Stine was born June 24, 1844, and died October 28, 1938, age 94 years.

Members in the front row, left to right, are: Roy Lester, Holly Miller, Forrest Hoff, O. F. "Pete" Waldeck, and Capt. Harry Holswade. Other members were Clarence "Mutt" Richardson, W. C. "Doc" Dye, Bert Dickerson, Gay Vannest, Ray Gough, Smith Belt and Emmitt Lester. Submitted by Denver Gandee Sr.

OUR HEROINE RETURNED

March 8, 1945

The men soldiers were on the Death March. To escape the Japs, Col. Ruby G. Bradley with another nurse ran about 15 miles over a rugged mountain toward what they thought was the direction to the seaport Manila. Their trail led them back to where they had started.

Col. Bradley returned home after being a war prisoner of the Japanese 37 months on the island of Luzon during WWII.

On that cold March day in 1945 the Colonel was escorted into Spencer by the High School Band while banners across the street
The volunteers have taken pride in having amassed more than $40,000.00 for the benefit of the hospital. The objects of our organization were to unite its members for the purpose of mutual benefit, and for the promotion of their common interest in education, philanthropy, public welfare, moral values, civic and fine arts. To promote mutual sympathy, intellectual development, and united effort for the welfare of the community.

The Spencer Juniors have worked with the local Red Cross, American Legion, Jaycees and the Roane General Hospital. Also, we have held parties at the American Legion Building, also known as the American Legion Building, we were instrumental in the purchase of the flags for the Color Guard which were destroyed by this fire. We helped purchased the town’s Christmas lights which were also destroyed by this same fire.

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**ROANE GENERAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

The Roane General Hospital Auxiliary was founded on the principles of volunteering time, helping with hospital patients, delivering mail and flowers and generally making a contribution to hospital details.

On March 20, 1970, Fanny Reed founded the Auxiliary. Twenty-two ladies met to exchange ideas on ways to improve the livelihood of Roane General Hospital. The first item of business for the new auxiliary was to name the charter volunteers. A group of twenty-two began volunteering their time. They are Mary F. Hardman, Margaret M. Sheppard, Mary Helen Hedges, Darlene Scott, Sue Dixon, Frances Avis, Fanny Reed, Lois Brown, Swannie Chrisfield, Claudia Hays, Wilma Westfall, Helen Westfall, Virginia Elmore, Phyllis Ross, Gertrude S. Priest, Frances Carper, Minnie Reynolds, Martha Dodd, Ruth Hardway, Beatrice Bullington, Phyllis Ashley, and Virginia Evans.

Martha Dodd served as the auxiliary’s first president and obtained a charter. She visited the Memorial Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia and obtained rules, regulations and by-laws. The Roane General Hospital Board of Directors also passed judgement on the by-laws and welcomed the volunteers into the halls of the hospital.

The volunteers have made fundraising a goal in order to help the hospital to obtain the needed equipment and quality health care. Money has been raised by various activities such as gift shop sales, bazaars, trim-a-tree, and city of Roane County. The Auxiliary also sponsored the Queen’s Ball.

The Auxiliary is dedicated to the volunteers who have served more than one term. Submitted by: Fanny Reed, November 30, 1989

**WORLD WAR II SOLDIERS**

Roane County contributed greatly to the effort to win World War II. Pictured are five Roane County soldiers who entered the service in December, 1942. Standing proudly behind the soldiers are their wives. From left to right: Opie and Blanche Board, Paul and Pearl Dimmick, Harry and Dolly Walker, Jim and Imogene Boyd, Dan and Lee Carper, and Jarrett and Gay Smith.

Submitted by: Blanche & Bobbi Board

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THE REEDY LIONESS CLUB

The Reedy Lioness Club was the first women's Lion's Club formed and chartered in Reedy, W.V. on April 9, 1984. The charter members were: Mia Hill, Gladie Smith, Lou Bise, Georgia Vannoy, Virginia Santee, Ruth Hill, Cathy Bise, Carrie Williams, Norma Jean George, Robin George, Sandy Santee, and Shirley Short.

The club does many things in the community to help others. In 1984, a 35mm camera was purchased for the Roane General Hospital, at a cost of $350.00. Also, in 1984, they raised funds for little Rebecca McGhee. In 1986, they held a fund and benefit sing for the Lee Sears family, and for Bonnie Hockman.

The club has bought numerous pairs of glasses for those who could not afford them. At Christmas, fruit baskets are delivered to over 150 people, "Toys for Tots" are given to nearly 500 needy children yearly. They also mail sympathy and get well cards.

Minnie Hill made and donated a quilt, which was raffled off to start the treasury, Gladie Greathouse, the next oldest member, sold the most chances. The quilt brought in $350.00.

At the present time, the club has 14 active members. They are: Minnesota Hill, Gladie Greathouse, Lou Bise, Georgia Vannoy, Cathy Bise, Carrie Williams, Delores Brannon, Blanch Waldeck, Virginia Santee, Lorena Mitchell, Norma George, Robin George, and Barbara Phares. The Lioness president is Norma George, and the secretary is Ruth Hill. Submitted by: Norma J. George.

ODDFELLOWS LODGE

Campbell Lodge No. 101, Independent Order of Oddfellows, was chartered in Spencer on March 24, 1887. Lodge records relate that a Sojourner resident, brother W. W. Campbell, was largely responsible for the institution of the Lodge, which works under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I.O.O.F.

Charter members of the Lodge were J. W. C. Armstrong, John Hubbard, J. M. Cleaver, C. C. Cleaver, H. F. Lewellen, George W. Hurd, T. H. Chapman, A. B. Thorn, J. A. A. Vandale and George F. Cunningham, with Brother Armstrong being elected as the first Noble Grand.

The Lodge Hall now utilized is located on Main Street, adjacent to the Robey Theatre, and was occupied and dedicated on December 3, 1916.

The Lodge Hall is large and well appointed, and the seventy-fifth session of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in Spencer in 1940. Campbell Lodge has furnished two Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. S. P. Bell in 1906, and Dr. W. C. Camp in 1949.

The Campbell Lodge Hall is home to two other branch lodges of the order, Spencer Encampment No. 42 and Spencer Rebekah Lodge No. 132.


THE SPENCER REBEKAH LODGE #132

The degree of Rebekah was founded in 1851, by Schuyler Colfax. Brother Colfax was born in the city of New York on March 23, 1823.

The Spencer Rebekah Lodge #132 was founded March 26, 1908, membership being six and our membership now is forty-five. The member with the most years belonging to Spencer Rebekah Lodge #132, and living now is Mrs. Iva Davis, who joined in 1935, and is a 54 year member.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were the first fraternal organization to establish homes for their aged members and for orphaned children. Although times have changed, the need for loving care for those who cannot care for themselves continues. Our homes, valued in excess of one hundred million dollars, provide that kind of care to our members.

Since 1935, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have been a part of the beauty and excitement of the Rose Parade on New Years Day. The Float, seen by millions of people, has been endorsed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies since 1965.

Rebekah Assembly of West Virginia is held in October each year and District meeting is held in April each year.

The Spencer Rebekah Lodge observes birthdays twice a year and has Past Noble Grand recognition once a year. Also, in November, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have their annual turkey dinner.

We meet every second and fourth Monday night in each month. Our order stands for friendship, love and truth. Submitted by: Noble Grand, Jean L. Watson.

SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL

The annuals of Spencer High School reveal the birth of the institution in September 1911.

The first high school instruction was meted out in the Harry C. Woodyard property which was located on the Cliffs to the front and not far distant from the present high school building. The Woodyard property at that time was the home of several grade rooms, a so-called junior high, and the newly established Spencer High School.

During the year of 1911-12 there were two instructors, Laban White and W. J. Cunningham. By 1927 there were nine instructors devoting their efforts to high school instruction.

The old Woodyard property having proved inadequate for the needs of Spencer's growing school population, a new high school building was completed and occupied in the fall of 1916.

By the 1940's the school's enrollment had increased to the point that an addition to the school building was necessary. The first class in this new building was graduated in 1953. The classes were then numbering around 100 as opposed to 1 in 1913.25 in 1917.

During the late 1960's the 1916 building had deteriorated to the state that it was condemned by the State Fire Marshal. Construction of a new and expanded replacement of this section was completed in 1980.
FAMOUS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
1923

This was the team, these were the stars. The Spencer High School Girls State Championship Basketball Team was unique in at least three ways. (1) The Spencer Girls Basketball Tournament was the pioneer movement that brought girls basketball teams together for a championship game. (2) Only four years after the founding of the State High School Tournament in 1919, the Spencer High School girls won the State championship in 1923. (3) The Runnion sisters played on that State championship team.

Not only was Spencer the champions in 1923, but also they were co-champions with Wheeling in 1926. However, due to increasing “anti-sentiment” in girls high school athletics, the West Virginia high school principals voted in 1924 to abolish the girls basketball tournament. One suggested reason given: “basketball was just too strenuous for girls.”

Still, for a short period of time (1919-1927) Spencer, Roane County, and this entire portion of the state enjoyed a brief “moment in the sun.”

It is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,500 enthusiastic fans crowded into the old gym to witness that championship game. The enthusiasm, the community support, the sense of complete involvement made this moment a time of honor and happiness which gave to this high school, this town, a place of honor and pride, and a source of many happy memories.

Our county, state and country is the home of many Spencer High School graduates who hold a fond feeling for the spirit and meaning of Spencer High School.

1921 UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM

The football record at Spencer High School dates back to 1914 when Coach Riddle fielded his first eleven players. Only two games were played, both with Ravenswood and two defeats were recorded.

The school was represented on the gridiron in both 1916 and 1917, with a new coach, Dan M. Pendleton, a young lawyer, and new owner of the Roane County Reporter, donated his services in order for the school to continue its football program. At the end of the 1917 season, football was discontinued because of World War I taking so many boys.

In the fall of 1920, football was resumed with Braden Allman as quarterback and Harry Conley as captain. They chalked up the first winning season for Spencer High School. The enthusiasm, the community support, the sense of complete involvement made this moment a time of honor and happiness which gave to this high school, this town, a place of honor and pride, and a source of many happy memories.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

Walton High School began in a rather unique way. It was first organized as a grade school and was the result of the combined efforts and determination of two prominent citizens of Walton at that time, Dr. P. F. Marks and G. C. Droddy, who were members of county school board. The land was purchased from Henry “Choke” Summers and the building was a three story affair with the first and second stories consisting of two classrooms each, while the third story was a large auditorium. It was built of buff brick which had to be hauled from the railroad station in Clendenin, WV by wagon and team. The inner brick was made locally. This building was moved into at mid-term during the 1914-15 school year. The average enrollment then was 80 or 90.

Due to an increase in enrollment, a second building was constructed on the same tract of land for the accommodation of the primary grades, freeing the original building for the use by the upper grades. Thus, in the school year of 1923-24, Mr. K. A. Maxwell and Miss Marjorie Rich became the first faculty members and established WALTON HIGH SCHOOL. The first class from this school was graduated without ceremony in 1926 with a total of 7 members who had received some high school credits elsewhere. The first full four year class was graduated in 1927 with a total of 16 graduates. The number of graduates has increased to an average now of 40 to 50 members each year.

In the 1928-29 school year, there was an addition of a gymnasium and auditorium on the first floor. Upon completion of this project, commercial subjects and music were added to the curriculum. Walton’s first accredited high school band was organized at this time. Athletics was restricted mainly to basketball. Football was organized in the late 1930’s. School bus transportation was begun at this time, thus increasing the enrollment.

This building was completely destroyed by fire in February, 1940. The students finished the remainder of that term and the following school year in a garage building owned by George Moffatt, a prominent businessman in Walton. Reconstruction at the same site began as soon as was possible with a large portion of the work done by WPA labor. The building was constructed of gray cut stone which was cut and hauled from a quarry at nearby Zona, WV. It was a two-story building consisting of 8 classrooms. A temporary gymnasium was built by the community with donated labor and materials. Football had to be discontinued during this time due to World War II and a lack of facilities but was reorganized in approximately 1947. The school’s yearbook, “The Waltonian,” was also discontinued during the War years but publication resumed in 1947 and has continued each year.

A second addition to this building was begun in 1946-47 and consisted of a gymnasium and 8 additional classrooms. This work was completed in 1950 in time for graduation exercises in the new gym.

Remodeling of this present building has now been completed with a new band room addition and in full use in the spring of 1981. In the summer of 1984 new lighting and a new gymnasium floor was installed, making this facility one of the finest small high school gyms in West Virginia.

In addition to the new Scholarship, the curriculum has changed. In 1989 the business classes were changed to prepare students for the rapidly changing world. Our foreign language offerings have been broadened by the addition of German I and II and Introductory Spanish. Driver Education has been expanded to serve the growing demand of this class and thought-provoking classes such
as World Issues, Psychology, and Physiology have been brought in during the 1988-89 years. To keep up-to-date, more computers were added, and during the summer of '89, a satellite was installed on the WHS campus. A darkroom was completed in 1988 giving the newspaper and yearbook staffs easy access for their projects.

During the spring of '89, construction began for the approximately $30,000 lighted sports complex on campus grounds. This project, upon completion, will contain a football field, a running track, plans for an outside basketball court, and a later addition of a baseball diamond.

Future goals for Walton High School include the expansion of curriculum by satellite distance-learning programs and to achieve status as both a State Exemplary School and a National School of Excellence. Submitted by: Chuck Brogg and Barry Show

GEARY SCHOOL

The Geary School was opened for classes in 1981 and was built to consolidate the three smaller schools of Newton, Left Hand and Linden. The consolidation was a successful, school board/community effort with parents and school personnel working together to make the transition from the smaller schools to a much larger facility.

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Teachers who taught during this period included Corby Gainer, Herbert Ashley, Rader Hardman, Naughty Roberts, and Lucille Wilson. Submitted by: Tony Williams

**VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE & THE FFA**

The FFA is a national organization of students enrolled in Vocational agriculture/agribusiness in 50 states and Puerto Rico. Organized in November 1926, the FFA is an integral part of the curriculum of Vocational Agriculture/agribusiness departments in the public schools. All students in these programs are to receive instruction in personal leadership growth and development which can best be achieved through the FFA. The FFA offers the opportunity for achieving a personal goal of becoming productive citizens in our democracy.

Vocational Agriculture was first taught in Roane County at Spencer High School in 1919-20 by Frank Cutright. The department was closed and did not reopen until 1934 with Charles W. Hill as the instructor. Vocational Agriculture was first offered at Walton High School in 1933 with Challens B. O’Dell as the instructor. The West Virginia Association Future Farmers of America (FFA) was chartered in April 1929; therefore, did not come to Roane County until the Walton Chapter was organized in 1934. The Spencer Chapter was organized in 1934. Submitted by: Jim Workman and Paul Cummings

**THE POINTER - THE REEDY NEWS**

In 1903 Fred E. Craig (1879-1973) moved to Reedy from his father’s farm near Spencer, and in 1904 began publishing Reedy’s first newspaper - THE POINTER. This four page publication was issued monthly for a time, then appeared weekly until 1909 when a larger press was obtained and the name was changed to THE REEDY NEWS.

The POINTER was printed one page at a time on a Kelsey Press, the first subscriber to the paper was William E. Smith, who in 1926 became the father-in-law of Editor Craig.

Not noted for coverage of state, national, and international news of the day, THE POINTER contained brief news stories of social and political activities, notes of church meetings and editorial comments of the editor. Submitted by: Harry Bates

**LEGEND OF STEELE HOLLOW**

Caves have played a great part in the history of Roane County. We all know the story of Samuel Tanner and his family, settling under the cliffs below the campus of Spencer High School, and thus becoming the first pioneers in Spencer.

One evening while visiting with my grandparents, we were discussing the cliffs and caves and how we thought they should become a historic marker and be improved and preserved. After discussing this for awhile, Grandfather told us a story about a cave he explored when he was a young boy.

My Grandfather was born in Steele Hollow, a mile or so further up the road from where we live now. The road use to go past a large cave that is just below the Ernest Hall home. It seems that a pioneer family settled in this cave, which at that time was quite large. The family had a very hard time of food and supplies were very scarce. The lady of the family became known as “Aunt Sally” and soon the cave became known as “Aunt Sally’s Rock.”

One winter when the food was almost gone, Aunt Sally’s husband set out to hunt game for the family. Sometimes he would be gone several days. While he was gone this time, Aunt Sally and the children became very ill with the fever. The food was gone, the wood was burned and Aunt Sally was too ill even to get water from a nearby spring for her children.

The children cried and cried. The crying bothered Aunt Sally, who was in a semiconscious state from the high temperature. The constant crying of the children and the fever drove Aunt Sally completely out of her mind and in a haze she killed her children to stop their crying.

When her husband returned, he found the children covered up, laying on the floor of the cave and Aunt Sally was stark raving mad.

Tales go that at midnight you can hear the children crying. My Grandfather and some of his friends decided to see if it was children crying. While waiting for the midnight hour, they heard something unfamiliar and they ran home so fast they couldn’t tell if it was crying children or not.

The story goes on to say that after the sad thing happened Sally was so ill and would not eat and soon died. The husband moved away from here soon after that. The family of the cave still remains but when they rerouted the road, part of the caves were destroyed. My grandfather was Bronce E. Roberts. He told me this story in March, 1966. Submitted by: Rebecca Greathouse Benson

**"JAKE’S TENT THEATRE"**

One of the most cherished recollections of my childhood was that of the annual visit of “Jake Jackson’s Tent Theatre" which took place over a period of about a decade from 1929 to 1930. I never knew where Jake and his wife made their home, but they were welcome visitors in the Tariff vicinity while they spent about two months of the year in town, only a few miles away.

Memories of this show never fail to bring back the nostalgic smell of the old carbide generator that supplied gas for the lamp in the old projector. This show filled a great void in the more or less uneventful life of the younger generation of the Tariff community.

**OIL!! AND GAS!!**

The economy of Roane County has been stimulated, occasionally in hard times elsewhere, ever since the blessing of oil and gas was first discovered in its good earth just before 1900. The 1970’s energy crisis made all the more interesting a look at the industry’s beginnings, its booms, and its lulls, all three of which have almost paralleled the growth pattern of The Traders Bank, also begun at the turn of the century.

According to Corlis Harris (Traders Bank director, driller, former owner of Harris Oil Company and co-owner of Rouzer Oil Company, both of Spencer), the following geological survey of Spencer originates and includes compelling information on the prospect for oil and gas fields extending for miles in any direction around the town of Spencer. Harris was active in several of the local oil firms and was also a bit of a hub of the oil industry in the area.

Spencer, Roane County, is located on the waters of Spring Creek, which is a tributary of the Little Kanawha River, and it empties into the latter 4.8 miles above Burning Springs Village. The area of its drainage basin is 89 square miles. From its head near Walnut Grove post office to its mouth (measured by the markers of the stream) it is 17 miles. The airline distance between the same points is 17 miles. From Spencer to Sonoma, the total fall is 90 feet in a distance of 22 miles, or at the rate of 4.1 feet per mile.

The geological structure deals with the lay or pitch of the several strata of the area. Whether formed by sedimentation of lava flows or not, the original position of the rock strata is important. Earth movements, however, have often brought about changes in their original position. The attitude of the strata in the area is of great importance in oil exploration as the strata are considered in the formation of oil fields. The attitude of the strata is the angle of dip, which is generally an indication of the direction in which the oil is found.
distinct northeast-southwest trend. To describe the structural forms thus made, the upward-bending arch is called anticline and the downward-bending trough, a syncline. The axis of a fold is the line joining the highest points of an anticline and the lowest points of a syncline. The strata dip is from the axis of the former to the axis of the latter. The strike is the general direction of the horizontal edges of the dipping strata, and it is generally (though not always) parallel to the axis of a fold, diverging from it when the axis is not horizontal. The nose of the anticline is the term applied to the structural form caused by the sudden rise or fall of the axis of the fold.

The Spencer Syncline is immediately east of the Flat Fork Anticline. It is a part of a structural basin, if it is so called because it passes near the county seat of Roane County on its west (in its north and south course), and it crosses Reedy, Curtis, and Walton districts.

The products drilled for are petroleum and natural gas. Petroleum is an oily, flammable bituminous liquid, which may vary from almost colorless to black. It occurs in many places in the upper strata of the earth. It is a complex mixture of hydrocarbons and small amounts of other substances, and it is prepared for use as gasoline, naphtha, or other products by various refining processes: fuel and motor oil, other lubricants, illuminants, solvents, waxes, insulations, surfacing materials such as floor coverings, roofing, highway asphalts, man-made clothing fibers (double knits), synthetic rubber for tires and other articles. Natural gas is the mixture of methane and higher hydrocarbons used chiefly as a fuel.

In 1897, the Flat Fork of Poca gas field in Harper district was opened up by the American Oil and Development Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. Pennsylvania. This was the first paying pool of natural gas in Roane County. This gas field was found in the salt sand, which usually constitutes the main portion of the Pottsville beds (so named by an early geologist), because of the large quantities of salt water generally encountered therein. It is sometimes divided up into three divisions: first, second, and third salt sands. The salt sands are a very important oil and gas horizon in West Virginia.

Also in 1897, the first franchise was issued by the Roane County court to lay pipeline in the county highways to bring gas to the town of Spencer. On Page 215 of County Court Book No. 7, dated November 10, 1897, this franchise is recorded. To all recollection, the first natural gas used for light and fuel in Spencer was in February, 1898.

When the aforementioned American Development Company completed its mains in the town’s streets in February, 1898, Spencer consumers were offered gas at twenty cents per thousand cubic feet, or eighteen cents per thousand, if paid on or before the tenth day of the month. Originally the McCallmon Oil Company (formed in Aspers, Pennsylvania), it was reorganized as the corporate American Oil Development Company; a Mr. Dennison was its manager when Spencer was first given the franchise.

Next to attract attention was the small field on the Foltz land on Island Run in the southeastern corner of Spencer district. In 1902, the Carter Oil Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, drilled some nine or ten producing oil wells, and almost as many “dry holes” or unproductive wells, which proved to be all within an area of one-half square mile.

That oil production was from Maxten Sand with pay sand at 1760 to 1786 feet deep. Maxton Sand occurred about midway in the Mauch Chunk series of sands. It ranged from 10 to 80 feet in thickness.

The oil yield was dark and heavy, and it required steaming to get it to flow freely from tanks into pipelines. It was an oil of high grade, rich in paraffin, which is the base of all the petroleum in Roane County.

From 1907 to 1912 inclusive, every magisterial district in Roane County was drilled. Some fifteen or more oil and gas companies were drilling, each having its principal field, in which some company, other than the first one to find the oil or gas, held leases and rushed to drill in its well or wells! Some of the drilling sites were Rock Creek field, McKown Creek field, Shambling Mills field, the great Geary district field, the Clover Run field in Smithfield district, the David Simmons and Boggs Fork field (later the Curtis district field) and last, the Reedy district Sandy Summit field drilled by Heck Oil Company.

The first seven oil and gas fields to produce were from the Big Injun Sand. It is the easiest stratus to be identified by the driller, coming as it does directly under the great Greenbrier Limestone, called by the oil fraternity, the “Big Lime.” The Big Injun Sand seldom reaches 100 feet in thickness and it is generally only 40 to 50 feet thick.

The Curtis district field and the Sandy Summit fields were found to be from the Berea Grit Sand, which is the first sand below the Big Injun to be recognized by drillers, generally speaking. It comes 475 to 525 feet below the top of the Big Lime. It ranges in thickness from 25 to 50 feet. The Berea appeared to be the basal member of the Pococno Sandstone.

On February 7, 1913, The Weekly Bulletin stated that oil reached $2.40 a barrel and remained steady at that price. That same year, drilling began on Tanners-Run Scaffold Run field near the municipality of Spencer. Boggs No. Five, and Atkinson No. Six came in close together, both good for 800 to 1,200 barrels a day. This production was from Berea Grit Sand, which was approximately 2,800 feet deep. A deep well for 1913.

The price of crude oil in 1902, about the time oil was first produced in Roane County, was $1.50 a barrel, an average. In 1920-1921 the going price of $6.10 per barrel was. to that date, an all-time high!

Then in 1932 (the depression) the price of Penn grade oil fell to a record low of 92 cents a barrel, but it only stayed at this price a short time. During the late 1940’s crude oil was $2.91 a barrel. In 1953 it rose to $4.05 a barrel, and in 1954 it dropped to $2.70. In 1957, a gradual increase in the first six months of the year took the price to $4.25, but in 1958, it dropped to $3.25. During most of the 1960’s Penn grade crude oil averaged $4.00 per barrel. Then, in 1973, at the highest price since 1920-1921, oil hit $4.60 a barrel, and during the energy crisis in January, 1974, the price rocketed to $10.13 per barrel — the highest price in history!

The year 1913, a booming year for oil and gas production in Roane County, saw the use of nitroglycerin for explosives to create container-pockets after wells were drilled to the oil level. Wells were shot with sixty to ninety quarts of nitroglycerin as a standard practice until 1953 and 1954, when hydraulic fracturing replaced that method. Pan American Petroleum Corporation of Oklahoma announced the process of hydraulic fracturing as early as 1948.
Essentially it consisted of applying hydraulic pressure to a formation causing the rock to fracture. The fracture was induced by a specially designed fracturing fluid which contained a propping agent; and it was just that — the propping agent, placed in the fracture, held it open and kept it from closing when hydraulic pressure was released. That created a space to hold the oil flow of the well. The first fracturing treatment was performed in March, 1949, in Oklahoma.

Major advancements in equipment, chemicals, propelling agents and techniques are headed by hydraulic fracturing, as by 1974 it had become the best overall method of well stimulation in the past two decades.

The early 1970's looked back on trends the oil and gas industry took in the preceding ten years, and they included: 1. A change in fracturing fluids from 100 percent oil base in the 1950's to 80 percent water base, or hydrofracturing, in the 1970's. 2. Rotary rigs made it possible to replace wood and steel derricks in the form of the late 1960's. 3. Profitable drilling inside proven oil fields, as well as on the edge of fields where the sand was hard. b. Roane County, again the largest producer of crude oil in the State of West Virginia.

In 1974, the future outlook for the industry in Roane County was based on the estimate of geologists that 60 to 70 percent of oil still remained. A basin's strata would have to be taken out by secondary means as repressuring with natural gas or water injections, to move later to other fields for pumping. Plans would have to include drilling test wells — to locate the basement, which is a depth of around 20,000 feet in West Virginia. Corlis Harris, Roane County driller of twenty-seven years' experience, was a part of three generations of his family in the industry, as predicted in early 1974 with its modern techniques the oil and gas business gained in the early 1970's, it will be America's potential source for 75 percent of its energy through 1980, if not a good many years longer. Some of America's first drilling took place in Roane County.

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**TARIF'S GASOLINE PRODUCING PLANTS**

In the late teens or early twenties, Tariff's oil and gas fields had finished drilling in the producing area and oil and gas in large quantities were being shipped out. The oil was transported by way of large pipelines which allowed the oil to flow, "by gravity" down stream to oil storage tanks and plants where the crude oil was used for the production of several different products.

About this time, the auto industry was growing rapidly and greater demands for more gasoline were being made. The two oil and gas companies in the Tariff field decided to enter the gasoline production business. One was the Carter Oil Company and the other the South Penn Oil and Gas Company. The South Penn gasoline plants were located at the forks of Sycamore Run above Tariff, about one-half mile above the Henry's Fork Baptist Church. The Carter plant was up the left fork of Sycamore, half a mile farther upstream.

As a child, I remember seeing the large wagons, with extra heavy wheels, driven by several yoke of oxen as they hauled the heavy machinery from Spencer to Tariff, a distance of some twenty miles. One wagon would carry only the base or cylinder block while the next wagon might carry two of the huge metal flywheels for the motors and compressors.

The plants were finally completed and pipelines carried the gasoline to the markets.

The South Penn plant had three compressors and the exhaust lines ran underground to a point some distance from the plant where a large, box-like cement structure was used to muffle the sounds of the motors. From the top of this concrete box there were three large iron pipes from which the exhaust was vented. Steam was generated from the plant and occasionally the plant workers would have a steam-cooked chicken dinner for their families, thanks to the extreme heat of the exhaust system.

The plant had a gasoline pump where local automobile owners could fill up. As I recall, the price was around $.18 per gallon. Some auto owners claimed that this gas was too "high test" for their cars, and someone came up with the idea of putting a handful of small gasoline plants. These plants were both dismantled and at the present time there is little evidence that such a business once thrived in Roane County.

The gasolines lines from the plants ran over hills and valleys and through wooded areas and on occasion, someone would "tap" the line and make off with an unknown quantity of the precious liquid which modern travellers, talking on their CB's, call "motion lotion." Submitted by: Gene F. Elmore, Sr.

**SOUNDS FROM THE PAST**

The sound of a REID or J. C. gas engine has almost passed from the scene in Roane County. No longer are communities reminded each day of the activities of the many pumpers, roustabouts, and cleaning out crews who began their days by "kicking" their gas engines to life. Oil field gas engines are started by first lighting the hot tube, then after filling the oilers while the tube heats, the fly-wheel is turned backward by pushing down on the spokes of the wheel with one foot. Thus, the term "kicking" the engine. The engine was turned backward until ignition occurred and the engine began to run. The engine speed was adjusted with the brass stop on the gas line near the engine. After the worker turned on the cooling water, he moved from the engine house to the derrick area. Pumps then operated the clutch on the derrick floor to start the walking beam moving which gave the pumping motion to the pump barrel located several hundred feet in the hole. Meanwhile, the engine was issuing its loud reports which could be heard a mile away.

Today the pump jack with its electric or small gasoline or natural gas engine has replaced these dinosaurs of the petroleum industry. Nowadays, the green gassy oil is being removed from our underground reserves with hardly a sound. Submitted by: Robert Sergent

**FIFTY YEARS OF ROANE COUNTY AGRICULTURE**

From early history, farming has played a major role in the development of Roane County. When early pioneers began to establish permanent homes, land cultivation and livestock keeping soon followed. It takes one month's labor to change one acre from forest to cropland, so it is easy to understand that raising large families was essential to developing farmland. By 1930 most land was cleared and large acreages of hill-land was fenced for pasture. Horse powered farm equipment was generally used and allowed the production of grain and hay at very high levels. The limitation to horse powered farming was the amount of feed required to feed the horses, the high labor requirement to work horses and handle the loose hay and harvest crops.

In the 1930's hay was generally cut and raked by horse power, hauled on a sled or wagon and stored in barns or in outside ricks of stacks. Small grains were sown by hand, cut with a cradle and thrashed by a traveling crew. Corn was planted with a hand planter, cultivated with a horse and cut and shocked by hand. Livestock raising consisted mostly of cattle and sheep with most cattle being marketed as two or three year olds. Dairying, poultry and swine operations, were generally carried on for each families practical needs. By 1940 there were five commercial dairies in the county. There are no commercial dairies being operated now.

Mechanization began in the late 1930's. Steel wheeled tractors were replaced by rubber tired ones before World War II. During the war a scarcity of farm equipment slowed mechanization until after 1945. During World War II, government programs taught welding to farmers to maintain and repair the aging farm equipment available. The main effect of World War II on agriculture was to remove for all time the large amount of labor available to county farmers. In the early 30's several government programs began which
brought new technologies and farming methods. The Agriculture Extension Service established in 1918 began to hold demonstrations throughout the area to improve crop, livestock and home practices. Early leaders of this program were Ben Creech, Paul Perrine, Herb Riggle, Adele Bigelow, Sara Warren, John Curry, Denver Sinnett and others. Livestock days were held throughout the county to demonstrate the latest methods of dehorning, docking and castrating. The Soil Conservation Service and Soil Conservation Districts began programs to control soil erosion and improve land usage. The AAA program, later the ASCS program subsidized purchase of lime and soil conservation practices.

While the farmer was receiving information from West Virginia University and other federal agencies, his wife and children were being instructed in nutrition and homemaking skills through the Farm Women and 4-H Club movement.

Livestock marketing became more competitive with the establishment of a Cooperative Marketing Association which supplemented the Livestock Market of Spencer which continues doing business today. In addition to the information programs, the Farm Security Administration, later known as Farmers Home Administration, provided supervised credit programs for area farmers.

The late 40's and 50's were times of great changes for farming in Roane County as well as the rest of the country. With abundant labor now available, labor intensive enterprises were altered or eliminated. Grain production was drastically reduced. The area became known for its pasture and hay to support beef cattle. The establishment of purebred herds and flocks improved the quality and efficiency to a point when Roane County was a leader in the production of high quality feeder calves and market lambs. Hereford cattle were predominant with a few Angus and Shorthorn being raised. Today cross breeds featuring Seminole Charolais, Hereford and Angus seemed to be popular. Some producers have returned to the higher quality older breeds. The beef cattle industry itself had changed from the marketing of two or three year old cattle to supplying feeder calves for out of state finishing.

Poultry production increased somewhat into the 50's and 60's with fewer broiler and laying flocks. Today poultry, sheep and swine are at or below the levels of 1930 with few fowl and animals being kept for home usage. Haymaking essential to any livestock program has evolved from the sickle and scythe of the early 1900's to the horse drawn mower of the 30's, to the square 50 pound bales of the 50's - 70's to the present large round bales weighing 1,000 to 1,500 pounds.

The early demand for farm equipment was evidenced by three dealership selling Ford, International and Case equipment during the 40's - 60's in Spencer. At this time Millers Farm Equipment at Reedy is the only farm equipment dealership in the county to be located for over 50 years. Store.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE IN ROANE COUNTY

On May 8, 1914, the United States Congress created a new and unique system of education designed to take knowledge directly to the people of rural America. This system was the Cooperative Extension Service which was created by the Smith-Lever Act. This act brought together in one agency the many different extension activities of the land-grant colleges and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Smith-Lever Act set the pattern for financial cooperation by federal, state, and local levels of government in supporting this program. Through this act programs were designed to help rural people improve their lives - to do a better job of farming and to improve the home and family life.

In Roane County before the first extension agent, Ben Creech, arrived in 1917, the people were hotly discussing the hiring of a county agent. They were wondering if the county agent would really be as smart as he was supposed to be - "a sort of cure-all for disease of stock and poultry and farm pests."

Concerned citizens asked the County Court to help hire the county agent in 1916, but failed to get a favorable reaction. However, by 1917 there was enough support to hire the first agent.

It was much later that the first home demonstration agent Adele Bigelow, arrived in 1935. She organized the county's first Farm Women's Club in July, 1935. The Speed Homemakers Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Beulah Taylor, who was the club's first president and is still a member.

By the late 1930's, three full-time extension agents were employed in Roane County to work with agriculture, home economics, youth development and community development. Although records are incomplete from 1919 to 1923, listed are those persons who served as county agents in Roane County.

On June 15, 1918 the Roane County Farm Bureau was granted a certificate of incorporation by Houston G. Young, West Virginia Secretary of State. The objectives and purposes for which this corporation was formed are:

1. To assist in the agricultural advancement of the county by cooperation in the employment of the county agent as provided by Chapter 39, section 28 of the Code of West Virginia.

2. Organizing the Local Clubs for the purposes of carrying out plans of work relative to better methods of farming, better rural schools, better roads, better churches, and better homes.

3. Participation in the cooperative buying and selling of livestock, fertilizers, farm machinery and other farm necessities.

Poultry Days and Post Office addresses of the incorporators and charter members were: J. A. Boyers, Zona, WV; L. B. Boggs, Spencer; F. H. Harper, Harmony; E. T. Hybert, Grace, Wills Reed, Flat Rock; M. J. Hughes, Harmony; F. P. Kelly, Walton; S. A. Fleshman, Walton, WV; W. B. Rhodes, Spencer; C. C. Kelly, Spencer; G. N. Day, Spencer; F. B. Lawrence, Spencer.

Since its incorporation, Roane County Farm Bureau has been involved with state and local issues. Its members are vigorously represented on both state and local levels.

The Harmony Farm Women's Club - 1949 (Now called Homemakers)

The Roane County 4-H Club in Roane County was organized in Hofftown community and in 1940 reached its first membership of 36. The following members were elected officers: James C. Collins, President; John Hively, 1st Vice President; Walter Counts, 2nd Vice President; Russ Martin, Secretary; and Miss Alma Jane Ward, Treasurer.

By a special act of the Legislature House Bill 75 was passed in 1939 enabling the Roane County Court to establish and maintain a county 4-H camp. A committee was appointed to select and purchase a site by the President of the Roane County Farm Bureau. Present members of the Committee are Walter Counts, President of the Roane County Farm Bureau, 4-H Leaders, Farm Women, and the County Extension Agent. Present members of the Committee are Walter Counts, Keith Joe Evans, Gary Siegel, Robert Sergent, Peggy Seiter and Neil Hedrick.

The Camp remained much the same from 1950 to 1980's with only minimum maintenance. In the 1980's work on the utility system was started and the kitchen was remodeled. In 1984 through the Governors Job Program the cottages were remodeled and some work done on the assembly hall. Also in 1984 with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service RCD& project, the athletic field was graded and subsurface drainage installed. The following year the present aluminum bleachers were erected. Walter Counts is the current director. Submitted by: Robert S. Sergent

4-H IN ROANE COUNTY

There is a mystique about the West Virginia 4-H Program. This quote by Robert Meadows, a young 4-H Agent who worked in West Virginia in the 1970's-80's, sums up the devotion to this program that has been felt by many. It is the good fortune of the youth of Roane County that Roane came into this program early and strong. 4-H began in West Virginia by way of the United States Department of Agriculture as a testing program for corn and tomato seed and possibly other agricultural practices. The purpose was to improve the health and productivity of rural people. All of West Virginia was regarded as rural. Certainly Roane County was and still is a rural county. The U.S. Department of Agriculture testing started as Corn Clubs and/or Tomato Clubs and went on to include canning and bread making. These clubs were scattered across West Virginia. I am not certain but it is likely that some of these existed in Roane County. When the Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, Cooperative Extension came into being in all counties and states by way of the Land-Grant Colleges, (West Virginia University and West Virginia State College). The 4-H Youth Program began in earnest between 1916-1920 in Roane County. There were district Extension Agents, who came to help youth with projects, to encourage, organize and evaluate. The program, both in Roane County and on the state level advanced by degrees. Roane County was an early one to organize 4-H Clubs. The first 4-H Club in Roane County was organized in Hofftown community by W. B. (Bud) Rhodes, in 1917. Mr. Rhodes soon became the first

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After the project was abandoned by the WPA in 1942 the Roane County Court carried on the project to completion. The camp was designed by T. D. Gray, Extension Landscape Specialists WVU. By a 1938 court order a committee was established for the control and maintenance of the Roane County 4-H Camp. The committee was to be made up of representatives from the County Court, School Board, Farm Bureau, 4-H Leaders, Farm Women, and the County Extension Agent. Present members of the Committee are Quellen Keith, Joe Evans, Gary Siegel, Robert Sergent, Peggie Seiter and Neil Hedrick.

The Roane County 4-H Camp near Gandeeville is the only public recreational facility in Roane County capable of housing as many as 150 campers at one time. The property is composed of 62 acres with 7 cottages, an assembly-dining hall combination and a director's cottage.

The first 4-H club organized in Roane County was at Hofftown in 1916-17. The 4-H camping program began in 1918 at a site near Walton. The Walton site was on a large bottom which had a spring in which grew the handspike tree. (The story goes that a woodsman was rolling logs in the Poca River and when he finished he stuck his handspike which was a sycamore pole 3" in diameter and 8 feet long in the spring. The handspike took root and grew into a tree and was still standing into the 1950's.)

The first camp at Walton was directed by C. H. Hartley who was a co-founder of the 4-H program in West Virginia. (Two unknown members of that first camp were Carl Sergent and Quentin Looney. The first night the 4-H club members arrived but the tents did not and the campers spent the night sleeping around haystacks on the site.)

Succeeding camps were held at the Chris Lowe place near Gandeeville, the Sally Lowe farm on the Harmony Road, the Roma Hershman farm at Speed, F. F. Vandale farm on Spring Creek, George Burdette farm on Reedy, R. Tennant farm near Kyger, Speed Elementary School, and then to the old Sheppard farm adjacent to the present location.

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In 1959 a WPA project was proposed to build a road, construct 20 cottages, a 50 by 100 stone dining-assembly hall, and grade a large area in front of the large general purpose building. The initial project was for $107,331 with $38,544 county funds and $66,787 federal. The only work done in 1940 was the road 4,700 feet, 30,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved and temporary kitchen facilities were built in the grove.

About the same time through the efforts of C. L. Riggie, Ivan Owens, Alma Jane Ward and others the buildings and equipment from the Billings CCC Camp were obtained. The material consisted of three CCC camp barracks, one mess hall, 25 mess tables, 30 mess benches, one recreation hall, one officers quarters, one forester quarters, and one bath house.

A meeting of 100 interested persons assembled to dismantle the CCC camp. The following firms and people donated trucks to haul the lumber from the CCC camp to the 4-H grounds: L. H. Drake, Carl Sergent, McIntosh and Son Co., Farmers Roller Mills, South Pen Oil Co., Carson Vineyard, Hardman Supply Co., American Legion, Cash Feed Store, N.Y.A. C. A. Parrish Co., Spencer Lumber Co., Dayton Rhodes, Spencer Bottling Works, Homer Bell, Jarrett Depue, C. C. Cook, Kincade Produce, and Clarence Daugherty.

In 1942 there were four cottages completed and work was done on the dining hall. Equipment was borrowed from the State Road Commission with the county being responsible for operators, fuel and repairs. The cottages were built with stone foundations from the Curry quarry and lumber from the CCC camp. The 50 by 100 dining hall was to be a stone building but on August 31, 1942 the WPA project was cancelled as there were not enough WPA workers available to carry on the project. Through the efforts of John Curry and others, a great deal of materials to complete the building was purchased and stored on the site before the WPA project ended.
4-H Clubs have been in existence in Roane County ever since 1917, kept alive by volunteers and by the Extension Agents in Roane County.

Cooperative Extension underwent changes through the years. It was in 1957 that John M. Curry was employed as the first 4-H Club Agent. That title has remained intact until 1986 to designate the Agent whose primary responsibility is to work with youth. When John was hired, his coming completed a team of three to work in Roane County. The other two are Mrs. Virgil Valentine - 3. Roane County Women’s Council - Mrs. Virgil Valentine, Spencer, WV.

4-H Leaders' Organization - Denver Sinnett, Spencer, WV. 4. At Large - George Holswade, Spencer, WV.

There are 59 West Virginia 4-H All Stars living in Roane County. Prominent Roane County 4-H Alumni: Judge Larry Starcher, WV II Interim, non-professionals: Denver Sinnett and others, William Corbin, Donal Miller, Linda Knotts, Neil Hedrick, Lyndall Jones, Jeff Harlow, John Winemiller, Walter Freeman, Jane T. George, Susan Kohl.

1920's - Clubs and camping were the main things.
1930's - In 1932 there were 16 clubs, and 245 members. Shortly after John Curry came to work in Roane County, the program expanded. We took part in the Southern West Virginia Fair, more people attended state camps and John coached a livestock judging team which won the state contest. There were 23 clubs.

First Year at Camp Sheppard - 1938

Camping.
1940's - 4-H felt the effects of WW II as many of the able volunteers and agents went off to serve their country. The main emphasis was on developing skills to help win the war. I remember victory gardens, collection of scrap metal, etc.

When professionals were not available, non-professionals were hired in Roane County to coordinate the 4-H program. It was during this time that Camp Sheppard had recently been acquired and building of the camp in its present form began. Denver Sinnett was the 4-H Agent who did a great deal to speed along the new camp.

Roane County 4-H began to be a little more formal in the development of new businesses and old ones changing. 4-H'ers still exhibited projects at Southern West Virginia Fair and competed in public speaking, demonstrations and other events on a district level. Bill Corbin coached a winning livestock judging team and Donal Miller also coached a winning team. During the 1950's 4-H was very strong in Roane County.

I. B. (Tubby) Boggs - Boys State 4-H Agent, Rev. Calvin McCutcheon - State Champion Sheep Shearer, Dr. Randall McCutcheon - State Champion Sheep Shearer and International Four-H Youth Exchangee. Dr. Roy Butcher, Robert L. Sergeant, Dr. Bill Atkinson.

The Reedy Lucky Club organized in 1934 is one of the oldest clubs in West Virginia to be continuously organized. Submitted by Jane T. George.

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

The Roane County Farm Bureau was the overall sponsoring agency for Agriculture Extension work in the county, until July 1, 1953. After that date, by act of the State Legislature, the Roane County Agricultural Extension Committee was organized as the sponsoring body.

The Roane County Agricultural Extension Committee which was created by the Acts of the 1953 Legislature held their first meeting on the evening of June 10, 1953. Members of the Committee, as created by law, represented the various organizations and appointments at large by the Board of Governors and President of West Virginia University as follows: 1. Roane County Farm Bureau - Rommie A. Jones, Walton, WV. 2. Roane County Women's Club - Mrs. Virgil Valentine, Spencer, WV. 3. Roane County 4-H Leaders' Organization - Denver L. Sinnett, Spencer, WV. 4. Roane County Court - Dewey Keller, Otto, WV. 5. Roane County Board of Education - Robey Knight, Left Hand, WV. 6. At Large - Clay Miller, Spencer, WV. 7. At Large - George Holswade, Spencer, WV.

During the 1940's and 50's, federal agencies, including Farmers Home Administration, Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service were operating in Roane County.

The 1940 census statistics reported 2,409 farms in Roane Coun-
ty. In 1987 the census reported 460 farms in Roane County. 1,555 horses and mules were reported in 1940. Cattle reported in 1940 totaled 18,405. In 1987, some 355 cattle farms sold 5,133 head of cattle.

There were 8,455 sheep reported in the 1940 census compared to 17 sheep farmers who had 455 sheep in 1987. Submitted by Neil Hedrick

SPENCER'S NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ALL TEENAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Following a disastrous fire in 1942 when five homes burned in the Alvord section with no organized fire department, the teenagers of Spencer High School formed what became recognized as the state and nation's only all teenage fire department. Melvin Crisp lip a high school student was elected as the first chief. As each student graduated from high school they were automatically out of the department, thus the chief changed every one to two years. The teenagers attended fire school at West Virginia University yearly, elected their chief and other officers. When a fire call was received during school hours, Spencer High School was turned into chaos as the teenage firemen responded to the fire call. Many firemen ran on foot to the fire station which was located under the mayor's office. The department had only one fire truck for the city and none for the county. The first county fire truck was purchased in 1955. Thus the Spencer Fire Department became the Spencer Roane County Volunteer Fire Department. Spencer's crewcut teenage volunteers were the subject of about a dozen articles in national magazines. The all teenage department proved that the Spencer High School students were capable of carrying great responsibility. The teenagers provided total fire protection from 1942 until 1957.


The department was converted to an adult operated department in 1957 being made up of members who had previously served in the teenage fire department. Joe Smith was elected chief and served until 1971. In 1971 the new eight bay Spencer Fire Station was constructed with over $50,000 being raised in donations and pledges. A great portion of the work was done by department members on a volunteer basis. Jack Wine was chief in 1972 and 1973. Bruce Parrish chief 1974. Dr. Cottle became chief November 1974 and served as fire chief for 13 years. In 1975 the city's "Big John" aerial truck was put in operation. In 1975 the Spencer fire protection district was established which reduced fire insurance rates for people within six miles of Spencer. With upgrading of the department the city of Spencer's fire insurance rate was dropped to one of the lowest in the state for a city its size in 1976. After three homes burned in Clover, a substation was built in 1982 on donated land with construction totally by volunteer labor. Two trucks were stationed at Clover which resulted in reducing fire insurance rates for a six mile area around Clover in 1982. Spencer Roane Fire Department's membership increased from 13 in 1975 to 65 over the next ten years. The department was known for its advanced fire fighting techniques. With the loss of federal revenue sharing funding the emergency services levy was passed in 1980. Jack Wine became chief in August 1987.

The Reedy Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1959 with Jack Brabham as chief. Reedy now has its own station and three trucks. In 1974 the Walton Volunteer Fire Department was formed. Initially operating out of the community building with Jim Board as chief. Walton now has its own station built in 1977 with thirty members and six trucks. Newton Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1974 with Jack Tawney as first chief followed by Tom Smith. Newton's station is built on land donated by Lee Ellis its president.

Spencer and Roane County should be very proud of their volunteer fire departments all of which qualify their communities for fire protection districts with savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people of this community through reduced fire insurance rates. All members serve on a volunteer basis. Submitted by Dr. Aaron D. Cottle, Former teenage fireman

Clover Elementary School

Roane Co. Hospital, Spencer, W.Va.

Fountain at Second State Hospital, Spencer, W.V.

Roane Co. Hospital, Spencer, W. Va.

Spencer-Roane County Volunteer Fire Department - Built 1971

Fountain at Second State Hospital, Spencer, W.V.
Will McMillan House at Otto - 1913

Home of James Keffer at Ernest, now Rush, W.V.

West Main Street, Spencer, W.V. - 1911

John D. McCauley Farm House near Peniel - Built early 1900s

View of Spencer taken from State Hospital hill - 1912.

North Market Street - Old Traders Trust & Banking Co. Building on corner.
CHAPTER IV

NESTER PHOTO COLLECTION

The following pictures are printed from the Ralph Nester collection which is the largest and most comprehensive collection available. The Book Committee wishes to extend special good wishes and thanks to Ralph and Beck for their cooperation.

Judge Spencer Roane for whom Roane County and the town of Spencer were named.
Spencer Grade School-Ona Belt, teacher.

Paving of Lynn Street about 1920.

Ed Hersman, first Buick dealer in Spencer. Car is a 1912 Buick.


Whiting Hotel. Upper porch - Bill Whiting, Macel Whiting, Ruby Whiting. Lower right - Mr. and Mrs. Whiting.

Main street taken east from west. Building on the right is Masonic Building. Note no building beyond Church Street. 1899-1906.
Market Street see depot in background.

Market Street showing Raines Bakery in Robey Building. Pete Waldecks Cleaning & Pressing upstairs over Morrisons.

Snow fall in 1929.

Pictured 1929 left to right: Opal Starcher Foglesong, Orelene Farmer, Virgionia Boyles Goodwin, Haze Reed, Richard Miller and W. B. Reed, Sr.

Courthouse Square in 1950's before it was cut back to widen streets. Note memorial and fountain in center.

Looking south on Market Street from Main. First building on right Lowes hotel where Traders Bank now stands.
Driver Jim Roberts and Joe Wolfe in the fall of 1917.

View of Spencer, W. Va., Looking up Spring Creek

First steam locomotive into Spencer.

House stood at 106 Locust Ave., now Monarch Rubber. First settlers lived near here because of a cold spring on property. Little building in the background was the home of Buffalo Jess Tanner in his old age. This house was built by Bill Poling about 1912 and was the home of E. E. Nestor family from 1942 to 1962.

Main Street looking west.

Spencer Roane Hotel razed 1966 for Traders Bank Building.
High School, Spencer, formerly Woodyard home.

One room school house, Fairview School, Parkersburg Road.

Market Street.

Main Street February 1929.

Oldest known picture of Spencer.

Picture taken from top of asylum hill after 1902. Note Circle Ave. section is not developed.
Main Street Looking west.

Spencer Theater in Wells Building. 1911.

First Baptist Church, established about 1897.

J. M. Harper and Judge Shilling
Building located where Traders driveway is on Market St.

Captain H. J. Simmons, Sr., organized Company "D." Spencer, WV 1906-07.

Roane County Fair Grounds. 1910.
Frank Gough Hardware, 1890

Steam Traction Engine

Spencer Summer Normal, 1905, W. R. Gorly principal, enrollment 266

Oxen pulling casing for Roane County oil field.

Foster Brothers Store

Spencer Ball Team, September 28, 1910
Ten Horse Team moving a boiler.

Cars 1915, in front of St. Johns Church.

Fair at Spencer

South Market Street

House built around 1860, torn down to build phone bldg.

Cleaverger, Heet Short, Harry Vance, Ed Holland, Pete Knolls, Everett Batten, Blaenie Adams.
Sheep on Market Street
Never let a day go by

Building of Dan's Run Dam, 1913-1914

Reunion of Union Veterans on East side of Court House

Arlington Hotel
Donald Whetstones Band

Roane County Fair, 1910

Flood of 1913 from Simmons Street
Roane County Bank Building - Corner of Main and Church Streets

Tom Arnold employees, Dec. 30, 1941

Construction of first Concrete Bridge across Spring Creek.

April 24, 1912, Shep West, Teacher

Thompson Drug Store 1900
Man with beard - "Huck" Short-Millard Thompson

Cleavenger Grocery
Spencer High School Championship Team 1917

Curious Rock, located on the Vineyard Farm on the summit of hill opposite the mouth of Round Knob Run of Poca River.

Horses moving boiler on Market Street.

Plugging oil well in Tanner Bottom.
JAMES H. ABBOT


ALBERTS

Alberts, Arthur (b. 7-26-17 in Logan County, WV d. 3-03-67)

Married Ida Mae Zinn (b. 9-15-19 d. 1-25-75) in 1940. They lived in Charleston, WV where Ida was a student nurse at Kanawha Valley Hospital. She lacked 6 mos. of completing her training when they eloped to Ashland, KY. They first lived in Daves, WV on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County where he was in the timber/sawmill business with his family (Alberts Lumber Company). Their operation was located where Turnpike Road is now situated. In 1948, they purchased the old Cutright farm, east of Rt. 119 near the Nebron Church and moved to Roane County. They operated a sawmill on the farm for a time before turning to long haul truck driving and eventually to salesman. They divorced and Arthur never remarried. He remained in the Charleston-Huntington area until his death. Ida worked as a practical nurse at the DePue Hospital in Spencer, also doing private duty nursing in local homes before going to work in the Roane County Sheriff’s office and then as secretary to State Farm Insurance Agent. Ross W. Conley for 12 years. In 1968 she married Martin L. Cooper of Davis, WV. It was there in 1978 that she was kidnapped, held for ransom and brutally murdered by David Mills. While living in Spencer she was active in the Black Walnut Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Band Boosters, garden club and was well-known for her sewing abilities and gardening talents. They had three children: John Arthur b. 7-05-41 d. 7-06-41, Roylene Ann b. 10-16-42. Stephen Allen b. 12-27-44.

Roylene remained in Roane County marrying Daniel M. Moore of Reedy. They had 3 sons, Richard Daniel b. 6-2-61, Rustin MacArthur b. 9-5-64, Roderic Eugene b. 4-25-69.

Stephen lives in the Parkersburg area and has 2 children, Stephen Alan, II b. 12-27-64, Joshua Michael b. 11-09-80, Andrea Leigh b. 12-09-82. Submitted by Roylene Moore.

ISAAC & MARGARET ALLEN

Isaac Allen and Margaret Ann Hanna Yoho were united in marriage March 24, 1864. These people were my grandparents, although I never knew them. One of my cousins Rhonda Powell, granddaughter of Rhoda King brought me the photostatic copies of the Old Bible. Uncle Simpson called her father over before he passed on and told him he wanted to give him the old Bible. They did a lot of repair work on it and had it rebound. I greatly appreciate her effort, as I thought the information was gone forever.

ALDERMAN

Grover Cleveland Alderman was born February 6, 1888 and died September 15, 1962. He was the son of Stewart L. (born 1855 and died August 21, 1891) and Sarah Ellen Post Alderman (born November 14, 1855 and died May 9, 1927). Sarah’s parents were Izaac and Mary Brake Post.

Cleveland married Minnie Minton Bays June 15, 1919 and they had a son, Onal Dale Alderman born August 31, 1921 and died September 14, 1962, and a daughter, Gladys Doreen Alderman born August 9, 1926. Doreen married Lakin F. Ryan July 29, 1956 and they had two children, Shelly Lynn Ryan and Ollie Evans born August 15, 1953 and died October 10, 1987 and Stewart Alan Ryan born December 12, 1966. Minnie was born January 20, 1883 and died January 14, 1972. Cleveland belonged to the Linden Lodge AF & AM and worked in the oil fields and farmed the home place of Minnies which they bought from her parents when they moved to Zeara Falls, Ohio in 1919.

Minnies parents are James Harvey Bays and Martha Elizabeth Harmon Bays. Minnie was a homemaker and she and Cleveland were Baptist and belonged to the Bays Chapel Church which is located on the home place. Submitted by Mrs. Doreen Ryan.
Uncle George were instrumental in the founding of the Church of Christ at Amma. The other brothers and sisters were members also.

Louina married Albert Wright, four daughters, Clara, Vesta, Stella and June. They lived on Rockwood.

William Frank married Lucy Ellis, five children, Eska, Dona, Willard, Foster and Harry. Elvira married Telford Powell, lived at Millstone, three children, Griff, Leon and Evelyn.

Mary married John Booth, lived at Utz, two daughters Lucille and Anna. Lucille Smith is the widow of Harley Smith and I appreciate her patience in giving me part of this information. She has been a great help.

Simpson married Bertha Wilson, nine children, Pierce, Ray, Freddie, Doniver, John, James, Gordon, Ruth and Lewis. He lived at Newton.

Pedro N. Ambrosio M.D. was born in Il- ligan Mt. Province and raised in LA Union where she finished her grade and secondary schools. She then enrolled at the University of the Philippines where she finished her medical degree and Doctor of Medicine in 1965. Following graduation she came to the United States Church Home and Hospital in Baltimore Maryland for a postgraduate training, subsequently moved to New York City where she finished her Pediatric training at Lin- coln Hospital in New York City.


They made the old Staas Home on Par- kersburg Road their residence, and after it burned down in 1976; they rebuilt their home in the same place.

The couple and their children have been active in this community. Both doctors have served as Chief of Staff at one time or another at Roane General Hospital as well as President of the Western Medical Society. Dr. Erline is presently the Presi- dent of the Western Medical Society of West Virginia. She is a member of the General Medical Staff. In the grade school, she has served as a Secretary subsequent- ly President of the PTA. She also helped or- ganize Bike-a-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis as well as for the grade school.

As their children got more involved in school activities such as the band and cheerleading; they supported them at one time bringing the Jr. High Cheerleaders to Williamsburg Virginia for National Compe- tition. In High School Cecilia was Head ma- jorette and Ruth was a cheerleader.

In the church, they belong to the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and are very active. Both have served at one time or another as President of the Parish Council. Presently Erline is Secretary of the Parish Council and Chairperson of Family Life Committee.

Recreationally, they both are active in the bowling leagues and Pedro plays tennis.

The Ambrosios, Spencer is home. In 1985, the parents of Erline, Ricardo and Petra Corpuz immigrated here to live with their daughter.

The little children they brought with them from New York are now both grown and studying at West Virginia University, where Cecilia is a senior majoring in Ac- counting while Ruth is a freshman in Pre- med.

The couple has been here since 1971, and have engaged in the Practice of Medi- cine holding offices at the Roane Medi- cal Building and admitting patients at Roane General Hospital in Spencer. Their stay in Spencer has fulfilled their goal to serve humanity. Submitted by: Dr. Erline Ambrosio

### ANDERSON

**My name is Stella Jane Tanner Anderson born 5/30/1951 at Spencer, W.V. I am the fourth child of Elbert Madison Tanner and Cieora Starcher. My father was born 1/15/ 1893 at Barns Run, W.V., the son of John Wesley Tanner and Candice Estel Mowrey. My mother born 11/9/1903 at Grantsville, W.V., the daughter of Jacob Adam Starcher and Sarah Jane Marks.**

Grandmother Candice is the daughter of Rev. George Mowrey and Melinda Carpen- ter. Grandfather John Wesley is the son of Jesse Tanner Jr., and Sarah Jane last name unknown. Grandmother Sarah Jane Marks is the daughter of Thomas Marks and Elizabeth Betty Short. Grandfather Jacob Adam is the son of Henry Starcher and Elizabeth McElwain (Wayne).

My sisters and brothers are Helen Eliza- beth, Frances Pearl, Hershel Edward, and Arley Deo.

I married Rev. Willis Edward Anderson 10/3/1953 at Spencer. W.V. Willis was born 5/24/1933 at Frame, W.V., the son of James William Anderson and Victoria Ann Griffin. His father was born 7/15/1888 at Smithville, W.V., the son of Samuel Grim- shaw Anderson and Nancy Catherine Ed- gell. His mother was born 10/25/1890 at Beech, W.V., the daughter of George Washington Griffin and Millic Varnes. His brothers and sisters are Alonzo Ray, Lora Chester, Orvil Cleveland, Beulah, Tressie Maude, and James Loren, Kermit Val, Marilee.

### Simpson Family


Isaac Allen was in Company G, 7th Regi­ ment, West Virginia of the Civil War. My Aunt’s visited us often, the family was close knit. Aunt Vira loved cooked apples. Aunt Lou loved to make comforts, when we went to Aunt Rhoda’s, Margaret would tell spine chilling tales that we loved to hear. I loved to drink from Aunt Lizzie’s Gold and Carnival purple glasses with the grapes on the side. I have looked in Antique stores, but have never found them. This was a family raised in the old Christian tradition that is almost gone from the American Scene. Submitted by: Lucille Smith

### Simpson Allen Family

Submitted by: Stella Anderson

THE AMBROSIOS

The building of a new hospital in Roane County and the search of the Ambrosios for a more quiet place to raise a family brought Drs. Pedro and Erline Ambrosio to Roane County. On the night of July 29, 1971, the family - Pedro, Erline, their daughters Cecilia and Ruth, as well as Er- line’s mother Petra arrived in Spencer.

Pedro N. Ambrosio M.D. was born in Sta. Ignacia, Tarlac, Philippines to Teodorico and Sarah Jane Marks.
REV. DANIEL H. ANDERSON

Daniel Harvey Anderson's ancestors came from England. First known settler was Charles Anderson 1701-1759 m. Grace Preston b. 1700 daughter of James and Sarah Preston. The Andersons and Prestons were large land owners there.

Each Anderson Family had a son Charles. The first family migrated to Green County, Pennsylvania. Others were born and raised there.


When Daniel was sixteen, the family moved to Noble Ridge near Liverpool, W.V., Roane County. Ezra and Elizabeth bought a farm deeded August 1, 1894, built a spacious log cabin, later became a farm home. Ezra lived until August, 1894. He was taken back by wagon to Littleton, WV for burial.


Daniel Harvey m. George Anna Lattimer 1876-1896, a son Arlie 1896-1898, lived a few days.

October 23, 1905. Daniel Harvey 1876-1940, m. Belle Radcliffe 1885-1964, daughter of Wilson and Sarah Lawrence Radcliffe. About this time Daniel was issued local license for ministry at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church near their home, served 12 years.

In 1917 he began active ministry in the Methodist Church of the West Virginia Conference and moved to Reedy, WV for one year. The Conference sent him back to Mt. Zion Circuit for eight years.

Leaving their farm home, he served the Speed Circuit for six years, ending his ministry in Roane County.

The next four years was the Smithville Circuit, Ritchie County. Daniel last move was Parkersburg, WV. Mt. Moriah Circuit with two churches for four years.

Living in the same parsonage, he was assigned to the Parkersburg Circuit, and remained there until his death, February 17, 1940. His burial, Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane County.

Daniel Harvey and Belle Anderson's family: Delbert m. Hazel Rowhan, Children: Delbert Jr. m. Madge Keen Sons: Michael and Steven. Daniel m. Betty Hunt, Daughters: Rhonda m. Gary Siers, Daughter: Danielle, Shella m. Michael Smith, Son: Chad. Rita Sharp;


No Children, Wanda m. Charles Swain, Daughter: Penny m. Thomas Tietie, Son: Christopher.

Earl, Delbert, Jr., and Son Michael, served four years in US Navy, Korea, Germany, and England.

All of Daniels family are well educated. High School and College Graduates or training for their occupations.

Rev. Dan as he was called gave 35 years of service to the Methodist Church. He loved people and family. If living, he would enjoy and be very proud of the younger Anderson Families. Submitted by: Hazel C. Anderson

ARGABRIT

Isaac Argabrite born in September 1805 possibly in Monroe county, Virginia. was son of Jacob Argabright. He signed marriage bond with Elizabeth "Betsy" Swope in Monroe county. 30 December 1828. She was born 1810 Wolf Creek, Monroe county, (W.A.) daughter of Jonathan Swope and Frances Legg. The Swope/Schwab family came from Duhren near Heidelberg, Baden, Germany and were early settlers in Monroe county before 1753.

Isaac and Betsy settled on Middle Fork of Reedy after 1850 where they farmed. His will was dated 16 January 1857 with a codicil on 7 February and it was probated on 2 March 1857. Roane county death register states he died of typhoid fever. Betsy died 31 August 1858.

According to his will, their children were: Mary Francis - 1831 (Ephraim Staats); Matilda Katherine - 1833 (Joseph Hardman); Rebecca Agnes - 1836 (John Greathouse); Ethila Hamilton - 1839 (Henry Greathouse); Isabel Susan - 1841 (Ben Hardman, Jr.; Jacob Harrison - 1842 (Alice Ingram); Virginia Carolith - 1844 (James Greathouse); Amanda Ruth - 1846 (Tom Summers); Jonathan Thomas - 1848 and William "Floyd".

Floyd born 28 February 1850 married Elizabeth Wine 10 September 1872. She was born 10 September 1858, daughter of Richard Wines and Nancy Miller of Jackson county and born in March 1854. Their children were Lucy B. - 1872, Martha Elizabeth - 1876 and Jacob Lee - 1878.

Lucy married 2 April 1891 John R. Davis, son of Henry and Mary Catherine (Hill) Davis. They had Mabel G.; Walter G.; and Glenn E. Lucy and son Glenn were deceased.

Floyd's obituary in Cola, Esta, and Roza. Floyd's obituary in the Spencer Times-Record listed four children, and he died in Reedy, WV on 24 September 1923. He was 73 years, 6 months and 23 days.

William "Floyd" Argabrite and Elizabeth Wines were my great grandparents. Submitted by: Sue Butcher Maiheau

ARGABRIT

The family is of German descent. Jacob Sr. (Jacob) Argabrielt (changed to Argabright or Argabrite) was born in one of the German Provinces, came to America as a "stowaway". He lived in a German settlement in Lancaster Pa., married Elizabeth Black, of German descent.


Returning to Rockingham Co. he married Mary Shatel in 1789, parents of ten children. Four daughters, six sons. All born in Rockingham Co. W. Va. Elizabeth, born 1790, married David Swob. She was the Great Grandmother of Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973). Born at Hillboro, W. Va. American novelist, was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1938 for literature. Writer, Humanitarian, was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1938 for literature. Writer, Humanitarian.

Mary born Sept. 9, 1792, died May 6, 1875. Married April 22, 1822 in Nonco. Co. to Catherine Burdette, born 1806 in Monroe Co. daughter of John and Eleanor (Swop) Burdette. Parents of four children: Kelly born July 11, 1825; Dianne, born 1827; Wiley, born 1831; Rebecca, born 1833.

Martin served eighteen months in the "second war for independence" 1812-1813. He drew a land warrant, moved his family to Roane County in 1837, claiming land on the Middle Fork of Reedy, near Peniel, lived there until he died.

His brother Isaac Argabrite born 1805, married Elizabeth Swope, born 1810, daughter of Jonathan and Frances (Legg) Swope. Isaac was father to Pearl S. Buck. Isaac settled on Upper Fork of Reedy, raised a family of seven girls and four boys. Martin was a handy and useful citizen in pioneer days as he was a house carpenter. He built a log cabin for his family which stood approximately forty feet from the present house location which was built by his son Kellis.

Martin was called to do all kinds of work at that time when specialists were unattainable. Many new innovations in carpentry, improving cabinets, household and kitchen furniture owed their origin to his ingenuity and handicraft. It was said that section of the county, through him and some others, moved ahead of other portions at a rapid rate. His services were sought far
and near to teach the pioneers the use of tools.

His son, Kells, enlisted with Company G
60th Volunteer Infantry, Confederate. Mar­
rried Christian Hardman, born 1828,
dughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Goff) Hardman. They were the parents of five
sons and three daughters. He continued to
add more land to the farm.

His son Okey Johnson, born March 13,
1871, died October 23, 1955, married Oc­
tober 9, 1897. Icy Board, born September
11, 1879, died October 6, 1961. She was the
daughter of Miles and Elizabeth Board.
Okey often remarked that he spent his en­
tire life within fifty feet of where he was
born.

The First Armistead in America was Wil­
liam, who came to Virginia in 1634.

The Armsteads owned land in what is
Nicholas County, WV. (1200 acres) on Hurricane
Creek. The land in the year 1900, at the time of
the Wellford Church. He also made cas­
ses, and near here.

Armstead Family

Okey and Icy Argabrite, Golden Wedding Anniv.,
Oct. 9, 1947

The young couple was determined to
take from the land and forest a living for
themselves and the family of sons and
dughters.

They not only retained the homestead,
but bought more land, until it became one
of the top stock agriculture farms, for
which Roane County is so well known.

Mr. and Mrs. Argabrite were always inter­
ested in the betterment of the community and
the advancement and well-being of
people in the surrounding territory. They
were always active in church work, being
for many years associated with the Peniel
Methodist Church, where Mr. Argabrite
was superintendent for several years.

Mr. Argabrite in his late seventies was
still actively engaged in the supervision of
his farm of over three hundred acres. He
enjoyed especially the raising of Hereford
cattle.

The Argabrites are the parents of eleven
children, five boys, six girls: Lucy, Laura,
Mabel, Ray, Paul, Lillie, Dale, Charles, Virginia and Idell. Still living as of
October 1989, Mabel, Virgil, Charles, Vir­
ginia and Idell. Submitted by Marion Argabrite

ARMSTEADS (ARMISTEADS)

The Armsteads owned land in what is
now West Virginia from the 1700's.

John B. Armstead had a large land grant
in Harrison County. Lewis Armstead lives
there now. William Armstead had 3500
acres in Nicholas County.

The First Armistead in America was Wil­
liam who came to Virginia in 1634.

James Miller Armistead, with his wife
Jeanette Davis, and their eleven children
lived in the year 1842 at the mouth of Jordan's Creek (Elk River).

John Randolph Armistead, James's
grandson, said James came across with
his Welsh woman, "Across the mountain".

James soon acquired a tract of land
(1200 acres) on Hurricane Creek, now in
Roane County, WV.

The land in the year 1900, at the time of
James M's death, was from where Virgie
Armistead Drake lives near Dave's Run to
Armstead Hollow, named for Thomas.

James, son, who lived there. It is across
from Andes Run, where James M. gave
land for the first church on Hurricane
Creek.

Silas Patton, Van B. Patton's son lived
near here.

James M. Armistead built a water mill, to
gind corn, wheat, and to saw lumber.

From this mill he used the lumber to build
his house.

The house still stands on land now
owned by Early Patton, a grandson of Van
Buren and Jeanette Armistead Patton.

Jeanette was left land there by her father,
James Miller Armistead. On Daves Run, in
front of our old home, you will find two mill
stones.

James M. was 49 years old when he and
five of his seven sons served in the Confed­
erate States of America; The 22nd Virginia
Infantry. James H., James Alfred, Thomas
Jefroistead Drake, and Josiah were in the Union
prison camps; where Josiah died in 1862
at Camp Chase, Ohio.

James M. Armistead's son John and Mat­
thew Sneed, were captured and killed in
Roane County. The Armstead families we
have wrote and talked to, tell that one of
the boys was killed at McCowan's Creek and
the other in the Rocks above the home­
place. This was done by Bush Whackers or
homeguards of the Union army. There are
different versions of this story, but most
Armsteads know about it.

James M's daughter, Susan (Mary) mar­
rried John Campbell, she died, leaving
daughter, Irene.

Sarah (Sally) married Robert Wright,
who was in 22nd Virginia Infantry, CSA.
Frances married Milton L. Auxier. Their
granddaughter, Frances Berry, lives in
Nicholas County.

James Miller's two youngest sons were
Benjamin Franklin and Elisha Horton Arm­
istead.

Benjamin married Frances Naylor,
dughter of John M. and Martha Ashley
Naylor. It is through Frances that we are
related to Captain John Young.

One of Benjamin's sons was John Ran­
dolph; our grandfather and great-grand­
father. John was a carpenter. Rig Builder,
blacksmith, and owned a gristmill. He built
the Wellford Church. He also made cas­
ses, as did Charley Armstead, son of
Thomas.

One of our Grandfathers, James R.
short, had John to build a casket for him,
before he died in 1926. He said no one
could build them like John. The casket set
in Aunt Nelle Short Ashley's cellar house
for years.

Isaiah Armstead, son of Thomas, had
the first post office in Clio; before he
moved to Arkansas.

The second son of Benjamin was Benja­
mint Howard, a Baptist preacher and car­
penter. A son John Roy lives at Elkhorn.
The third son was James Weaver Arm­
stead, farmer and carpenter, and a great
fiddle player. His son, James Clyde, lives
at Spencer.
wife was Irene Auxier. Their children were Leola of Nicholas County. John W., and Minnie Lanier. One descendant is Wilford Estep of Nichols County.

Descendants of Thomas include Curtis, Freda England of Arkansas and Geneva Archibald.

The Armstead cemetery on Hurricane Creek, on land now owned by Sophia Justice, has six of the civil war markers: Put there by the children of Ray Armstead, Sr. The other civil war marker is on the old Emory Nichols farm; now owned by cousin Gatha and Mack Payne. Gatha is daughter of our Maggie and Golda Meadows. Golda’s mother was Aunt Bell Nichols Myers. Aunt Bell was a midwife and delivered babies all over the country. She delivered Ray’s girls, Ollie Wray and Mary Elta. Early Patton said she went in all weather in a horse and wagon. She was sister to Viola Nichols Armstead, our grandmother.

The Armstead Genealogy is in the Wm. and Mary College Quarterly, written by United States President John Tyler, whose mother was Mary Armstead Tyler, submitted by Mary Etta Armstead Smith and her daughter Marilyn Ann Smith Walker.

RAY ARMSTEAD

Ray Armstead was born 3-19-1905, the son of John R. and Viola E. Nichols Armstead. Ray married Howie White and had two children: Roy Ray Jr. m. Mary Lou Plantz and Mildred m. Frank Lyons Jr., all of Clendenin. Ray married secondly Ruth Patton, daughter of Warren and Ollie Patton. Ten children were born to them; Frederick m. Betty Sigmon; Otto Nichols lives at Hurricane. Elijah died 10-13-1967. Ray retired from Cabot Gas Co. He and his father worked in the gas and oil fields, were carpenters (Dad, his father, and uncle Jim Armstead built, or helped build, the Methodist Church) made caskets, had a gristmill, and oil fields, were carpenters (Dad, his father, and uncle Jim Armstead built, or helped build, the Methodist Church) made caskets, had a gristmill, and blacksmith shop, and farmed. The Armsteads were in the confederacy during the Civil War. James, the pioneer, was in the war at age 50. He had five sons and one son-in-law in that war. Mathew, John, and Josiah died. Thomas survived to raise a family, and James Alfred never married.

Ray Armstead’s grandfather, John Hayes Patton, was in the Union during civil war. He was born in Ohio in 1828 and came to Kanawha Co. soon after with his parents, William and Eleanor Hayes Patton. They moved thence to Roane Co. John Hayes Patton owned a farm at Vineyard Gap and is buried close there, at Hershberger cemetery.

Ray’s grandmother, Mary Ellen Patton Nichols, elder child of John Hayes Patton and his first wife, Eliza McCune, who died in 1856, married Elijah Nichols, son of Robert and Margaret Schoolcraft Nichols. Robert was son of Zephaniah and Rebecca Davis Nichols. Zephaniah and his brother Leaven had a pension from the Union for their service in the war. They were Indian spys in the revolution. They were born in Kent Co., Maryland, moved to Pennsylvania, then Nicholas Co., and Lewis Co. Leaven was on Pennsy. Va. line and also drew a pension from Lewis Co. Zephaniah was on Va. line and drew a pension from Lewis and Kanawha Counties. Most Nichols in Roane Co. descend from these two brothers.

Margaret Schoolcraft Nichols family was mostly wiped out by the Indians either killed or captured. Leonard, John and Jacob were captured, the last two escaped. Leonard stayed with the Indians and lived as they did. John and Jacob were in the Revolution and drew pensions. I believe Leonard is the brother. Bowles in John. John’s wife was killed and his children were killed or captured by the Indians. Jacob married a Parsons and was father of Aaron, a Spruce Creek pioneer, died in Roane Co. in 1902. Jacob also had sons: James, John, and daughter Mary Ann Cooper. The father of John, Jacob, and Leonard was Ansted Schoolcraft, according to 1909 Harrison Co. history. John was heir of Ansted. John was born near Moorefield 2-13-1757, and in Ohio Co. He volunteered under Capt. Bilderbeck as an indian spy. He moved to Monongalia Co. in 1783; served under Capt. Chris. Carpenter. This declaration made in Lewis Co. 7-1632 at age 76. Ray’s mother, Viola Nichols, died in 1911 when Ray was 6 years old. She and husband John Armstead had three children: Eva Ashley of Clendenin, Belvja Jett who died young, and Ray. Viola’s father was Elijah, born 12-1850; first married Mary Ellen Patton and raised a large family at Vineyard Gap. Belvja Jett lived and died at Clido and had a family. Two of Elijah’s children are living. Roy Nichols and wife Veronica live at Walton. Otto Nichols lives at Hurricane. Elijah died 5-1-1935 and is buried at Dave’s Run.

Ray’s wife, Ruth’s father, Ben Patton was youngest child of John Hayes Patton and his second wife, Permelia Drake, Ruth’s home was on Andes run at Clio. Her mother, Ociecilia Short Patton, came to Roane Co. with her family about 1889 in a covered wagon from Louisa, Ky. They were James and Martha Ellen Jordan Short. Martha’s mother, Elizabeth Green and her brother also came. The Shorts and Pattons are buried at Payne cemetery.

Ray’s father was married secondly to Eddie Abbott Burdette and had daughter Ollie Michael, who died 6-15-1969 at Sterling, Va. He married the third time Josie Marion and had daughter Connie Sue. Josie lives at Ellsview. John Armstead died in 1960 and is buried at White cemetery, Clio.

Ray’s great-grandmother was a cousin to Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy. The Pattons are related somehow to President Rutherford Hayes through John Hayes Patton’s mother, Eleanor Hayes Patton.

William Armstead. The Immigrant, settled in Jamestown in 1634; from Yorkshire, England. We are in the same family that includes Gen. Lewis Addison Armstead, killed at Gettysburg. Gen. Armstead’s brother, Frank, died in Kanawha Co. at Charleston. His brother, John, inherited his estate. These two brothers were also officers in the confederacy. The Armsteads are related to Presidents John Tyler and Benjamin Harrison and Martha Washington.

This family history has been researched in history and microfilm at Archives at Charleston, W.V., and in the many books owned by Clarence Spencer, husband and father of the writers of this history. Submitted by Ray’s daughter Joyce C. Spencer and her daughter Joyce Spencer.

ARNOTT (ORIGINALLY ARNOT)

The Arnotts originally came from Kinross, Scotland where they owned 600 acres and where the original Arnott Tower, built in the thirteenth century still stands and where many of the Arnotts still live near Kinross.

Arnot Tower, built in 13th century.

William Henry Arnott, Sr. (b. March 12, 1761 d. May 12, 1847) and married Elizabeth Trusdale (b. Aug. 15, 1760 d. Dec. 30, 1840). Their grandson, Anderson Arnott, had a very successful in Springfield, Illinois, and was the first person to carry the mail from the Atlantic to the Pacific, finally settling out to the Pony Express. His brother, Jesse drove the special built hearse with 65
lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Submitted by: William Rex Arnott and Noma T. Arnott

ATKINS/DRAKE

Benjamin Franklin Atkins was born in Boone County, West Virginia 11-24-1864. Following the death of his wife and two children about 1890, he came to Roane County where an uncle was living less than a mile from Route 36 on what is known as Poca Road. He was already acquainted with two men from the community who later became his brothers-in-law. They were in the timber hauling business at the time.

Benjamin's father, Levi, served during the Civil War as a grandfather, John Wilson Atkins, died in a Union prison before the war ended. The Atkins family was among very early settlers in Boone County.

Benjamin married Sarah Ellen Drake, daughter of Harvey and Nancy Webb Drake. Her parents were Milton and Elizabeth Bays Webb.

Harvey Drake's father, William, was born 1811 in Virginia and married Elizabeth Payne. They came to the Smithfield District in 1839.

Harvey was born in 1836, Nancy in 1838. They were married in 1861.

Sarah was born 9-24-1870, one of five children. Her sister, Mary, married Clarence Hershberger. Brothers Thomas and Samuel never married. The younger brother, Henry, married Minnie Noyes, who died quite young leaving no surviving children. She extracted a promise from Henry never to remarry. Therefore, no descendant now believes that there were four sons and four daughters in this family.


Ola married Ethel Boggs; they had no children. Attie married Burl Keen; one child, Fay. Della married Lona Monroe; five children. Mildred, Juanita, Delta, Jr. (Ray), Harold Lee and Bettye. Charles married Lucy Monroe; one child, Joe. This child married Vernon Meggs and they had one daughter, Mildred. They were married in 1957.

Benjamin married Ruby Catherine Evans. One child, Debrah Hall. Harold is married to Phyllis Caruthers; two stepchildren. Bettie is married to Eugene Gandee; two daughters. Joe was married to Daphne Wood; two children.

Drake school on Poca Road was attended by the four children and seven grandchildren of Benjamin and Sarah. One great-grandchild, Sue Ellen Miller, was the last Drake descendant to be a student there before it was closed in 1953. Submitted by: Gaye Keen

LEANDER LOCK ATKINSON

Leander Lock Atkinson b. 7-20-1858 Meigs County, Ohio d. 2-14-1942, at his home on Middle Fork, near Reedy, WV. His parents were James b. 1816 Breenbier County, VA d. 1882 and Margaret Templeton Atkinson b. 1816 d. 1897 and both are buried at the Spencer Cemetery. Lock's brother, Charles b. 7-27-1863 d. 7-30-1916 m. Sara Evelsizer b. 7-9-1859. It is believed that there were four sons and four daughters in this family.
OMA ATKINSON

Oma Clemeth Atkinson, b. 3/25/04 on Colt Ridge near Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia. Oma was married to Martin Atkinson, b. 1888. d. 1955 and Mary Eunice (Euna) Butcher Atkinson. Oma was one of thirteen children, Ralph, Oma, Orpha, Oshel, Walter, Locke, Oma, Blanche, Marjorie, Eugene, Martin, Jr., Orda and Howard. Of the thirteen children, Eugene died of a childhood disease. Oshel and Walter died in 1918 from epidemic, Ralph died in 1986 and all of the other children are living as of this writing.

Oma's great grandparents were James, b. 1819, d. 1882, and Margaret Templeton, b. 1816, d. 1897. They were married in 1838 in Washington County, Ohio and moved to Roane County in 1856. They had four sons and four daughters. One of their sons, Leander Locke, b. 1858, d. 1942 was married in 1880 to Elizabeth Jane Nester, b. 1860, d. 1952. She was the daughter of Samuel Wilson Nester and Elizabeth Smith Nester. They were the parents of six children, Martin, Brown, Gertrude, Alma Clara and Floyd.

Mary Eunice was the daughter of Joseph and Pheobe Nell Butcher. Joseph died when "Euna" was 5 years old. Her mother remarried Nichols Fisher Butler (not related).

Martin and "Euna" moved from Colt Ridge to a farm on Middle Fork of Reedy Creek where they lived, farmed, raised their children and died. They are buried in the Spencer Cemetery. Oma married Harry K. Roberts in 1942. To this union was born five children, Charles Award, b. 10/21/24, d. 9/6/81 and Stephen Frederick, b. 6/12/47. James William is the father of three children, Robert Brian, b. 1/19/67, Robin Renee, b. 1/10/73, and James Gregory King, b. 7/6/74. Stephen Frederick is the father of two children, Shawn Michelle, b. 2/28/67, Stephen Frederick, Jr. (Scott), b. 2/25/69, and Christopher Scott, b. 5/27/71. Phyllis Irene remarried on 12/2/86 to Dan Harlan. b. 1/22/20. Wetzel County.

Lloyd Darrell is a farmer and retired from Kaiser Aluminum. He served seven years on the Roane County Board of Education, two terms in the West Virginia State Legislature, and is presently serving as a Roane County Commissioner. He married Betty Foster in 1949, and they have four children, Jane Beth, b. 12/2/24, Ronald Darrell, b. 5/29/51, Carrie Ann, b. 11/15/53, and Randall Lloyd, b. 10/3/57. Jane Beth married Larry Stonestreet, 4/4/70, and is the mother of two children. Phyllis Irene remarried on 12/2/86 to Dan Harlan. b. 1/22/20. Wetzel County.

Euna Butcher Atkinson. Oma was one of those forefathers. He lived and farmed on Middle Fork of Reedy Creek, was a cattle buyer, and was appointed to the County Commission in 1963 and later ran for that position serving 16 years on the Commission.

Hazel, wife and mother, was greatly interested in family, County 4-H Clubs for her children, and Farm Womens Clubs. She died August 27, 1971.

Oma's second marriage was to June Adair Shoulds Robertson who had two children, Ruth Ann and David Robertson. June died on June 2, 1985.

Charles Award was a Sergeant in Field Artillery in WW II, serving 36 months in Germany in the European Theater of Operations. He served in the Korean War in the Air Force and was stationed in Ft. Sumter, SC. After the war, he returned to Roane County and farmed, worked at Kaiser Aluminum and retired from Kaiser Aluminum at Ravenswood, WV.

Lloyd Darrell is presently married to Dolores West White, b. 8/23/43, who has one child, Jeffrey Alan White, b. 3/21/68.

Billie Martin received his degree in Math and Chemistry from Glenville State College in 1956. He returned to Spencer in 1961 to teach at Spencer High School. He received his Medical Degree from West Virginia University Medical School in 1965. He did his residency in surgery at Beckley General Hospital and Charleston Area Medical Center, after which he did general practice of medicine and surgery at Spencer. Billie Martin then moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he practiced surgery at Camden Valley Hospitals. He married Phyllis Jean Fouty on 6-5-50, and they had two children, Richard Alan, b. 11/5/52 (stillborn), and Gregory Brent, b. 8/12/57. Phyllis Jean died March 2, 1981. Billie Martin is presently married to Carol Lynne Hoselton. Submitted by: Lloyd Darrell Atkinson and Billie Martin Atkinson
June, Don/deceased, Madge, Kenneth/deceased, and Rosemary. Waitman was elected Justice of the Peace Geary District 1914 - appointed Deputy Sheriff January 1921 - Taught school and was a farmer.

Gene was born on election day November 3, 1920. The women were given the right to vote. Icie cast her first vote that morning and that evening Gene was born.

He attended Amma Elementary School, Spencer High School and Morris Harvey College. He served three plus years in the 76th Division, U.S. Army during World War II. Gene & Kathleen (Harris/Ashley) were married on January 14, 1947, in Charleston, West Virginia. To their union two children were born: Mary Jo and Robert Gene (Bob).

Gene was an employee of Union Carbide in South Charleston for twenty-three years. During this time, he was active in the Republican Party. He was elected to the Republican Executive Committee in 1952 & 1956 from Geary District. He also served as Chairman of the Committee. His interest in Politics continued as he was elected and served four terms (1961-1968) in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He also served two six year terms as County Clerk of Roane County, West Virginia.

It may have been that his son Bob’s early exposure to the Legislature played a small part in Bob now being the present delegate from the 10th District. The family attended all last day sessions in which Gene served with both Bob & Mary Jo serving as pages.

Kathleen is the daughter of Fred C. Harris born August 15, 1903, died December 7, 1970 and Clara Candie Harris born May 13, 1903, died January 1, 1935. She was born July 7, 1927. She attended Lower Hurricane, Walton Elementary and Walton High School. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Morris Harvey College, a Master’s in Special Education from West Virginia University and General Supervisor Certificate from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. She retired from the Roane County School System on September 1, 1988 with thirty-two years of service. She was an elementary teacher for 16 years and was Roane County Special Education Director for sixteen years. She looks forward to seeing her two grandchildren’s Benjamin & Samuel Ashley start their education in Roane County Schools.

Their daughter Mary Jo was born on December 13, 1948 in South Charleston, West Virginia. She attended Amma & Newton Elementary Schools and graduated from Spencer High School in 1966. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from Marshall University in 1970 and 1973 respectively. Mary Jo is an Elementary School Principal in Brooke County and resides in Weitsburg, West Virginia.

Mary Jo & Kathleen belong to the Order of Eastern Star at Clendenin. Gene is a member of Clendenin Lodge No. 126 and 32nd degree Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at Charleston. Gene & Kathleen are members of the United Methodist Memorial Church of Spencer. Submitted by: Gene M. Ashley

ASHLEY

Ira Leslie Ashley was born 2-07-1896 at Clilo in Roane County, West Virginia. His parents were William Wylie b. 10-19-1855 d. 09-24-1935 and Elizabeth Cutlip b. 12-04-1858 in Braxton County d. 10-26-1949.

Ira Leslie Ashley

He married Eva Forrest Armstead b. 06-07-1900 and their children are as follows: John Pershing Ashley b. 01-27-1920 d. 08-30-1926, Viola Elizabeth Ashley Nichols b. 07-22-1921, William Burt Ashley b. 9-18-1924, Wilma Virginia Ashley Young b. 06-13-1932, Lena Irene Ashley Nichols b. 05-12-1929, Emma Jean and Emma Dora Ashley b. 08-08-1930, Caroline June Ashley Drake b. 1-23-1928, Harry Leslie Ashley b. 08-19-1930, Carol Jean Ashley Nichols b. 12-02-1926 d. 10-1970, Clara Bea Ashley Nichols b. 01-03-1941.

He worked for United Fuel Gas Company at Clendenin in Kanawha County West Virginia as an Engineer for approximately 30 years and retired. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War I. Submitted by: Deborah Ramee Graham

ASHLEY

James Willis Ashley was born September 18, 1865 on Spring Creek near Reedy, WV. The oldest son of John Thomas and Martha Faxon Ashley. James married Susan Matilda Stewart, Daug. of George and Mary Ellen Board Stewart in Nov. 1889. Susan was born near Reedy in Sept. 1872. James died in 1938, Susan died in 1959. They were buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Sissonville.


ASHLEY

John W. Ashley, born 1774 married to Mary Alford, moved from North Carolina to Roane County about 1810. Their family consisted of eleven children. One son, Richard, produced twelve children, one of whom was John Thomas Ashley.

John was born 1838 and later married Martha Paxton. He was a veteran of the Civil War. They had nine children. They now rest in Fox Cemetery, Grant Community.

One son, Joe Orland, born 1838, married Virginia Grant in 1903. They lived off Bear Run in Granny Hollow. They had ten children of which eight lived to adulthood. Their children are as follows: Dale, Stella, Joe Orland and Virginia Grant Ashley
ASHLEY

Richard Ashley, a son of Joseph Ashley, was born in Surry County, North Carolina about 1792, and came to Kanawha County, Virginia, sometime after 1810. He married Polly Young on August 14, 1816. Polly's father was John Young, an Indian Scout, Daniel Boone's lieutenant at the mouth of the Elk in 1791, and one of Charleston's founding trustees in 1794. Young escaped from Fort Tackett at the mouth of Coal River during an Indian attack in 1790, with his day-old infant son Jacob and his wife Keziah, a daughter of Lewis and Mary Tackett. They have four children: Linda June, Daniel, Leslie, and James. All of the children live in Ohio.

Linda June married Michael Flesher. They have three children, Nancy, Amy, and Michael.

Leslie married Vickie Smith. They have three children, Daniel Jr., Joseph, and Benjamin.

Le zie married Debbie Ross. They have two daughters, Nicole, and Kristy.

James married Lynne Gouldaman. They have one son, Robert. The last child born to Joe Orland is Blaine. He married Lyneen Gouldaman.

Both Bob and Anita have deep roots to Roane County. They are the son of Gene M. Ashley and Ruth Ashley, who were married on October 10, 1846. Among G.W. and Miriam Ashley's children was John R. Ashley, who married Margaret Ritchie, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Ritchie.

John Ashley's children were: Charles Ashley, Owen Vincent Ashley, George Washington Ashley and Lula Ashley who married Howard Armstead. The last three children were by Margaret Ritchie.

Owen V. Ashley (usually called "Vinnie") married Alice Myrtle Groves, a daughter of John Alexander Groves and Methura Given. John, a Civil War Union soldier, was a son of Jacob E. Groves and Mary Margaret McTavish. George was a son of William Given, a Revolutionay War soldier, and Nancy Agnes Bratton, a daughter of Robert Bratton, a captain in the Revolution, and Anna McFarland, a daughter of Robert McFarland, a son of Duncan McFarland of Bath County, Virginia. William Given of John Given, captain of a company at Yougstown and Mary Margaret Sillton, daughter of Robert Sillton and Mary Feamster. John was a son of George Given and Sarah Cahly of Bath County.

O. V. Ashley Groves had seven children, Ipha, who married Cecil Summerville and had children: Delcie, who married Lawson Cummings and had children: Edward Glenn; Chloa, who married Ola Nida and had children: Leona who married Sam Zartman and had children, and is now married to George Teel; Boston, who married Delia Nida and had children; and Myrtle, who married French S. Jones and had children.

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Robert Gene (Bob) Ashley married Anita Louise Harold on May 30, 1981. To this marriage, two sons have been born: Benjamim Scott Ashley on June 3, 1985 and Samuel David Ashley on May 24, 1989. Bob is the son of Gene M. Ashley and Kathleen Harris Ashley. Bob was born July 4, 1953, and is the youngest of two children. One is a son, and the other is a daughter.

Among Richard and Polly's children was George, John Ashley, and Betsy Young, another daughter of John and Keziah.

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Addison died in 1934, and Sarah passed away on February 2, 1919. They are both buried in the Tariff Cemetery. Submitted by Genny Johnson

JOSEPH BAILEY

Joseph and Caroline Rogers Bailey were born in Shenandoah County, Virginia in the early eighteen hundreds. According to the 1850 census records of Page County, Virginia. Joseph was born in 1805 and Caroline in 1825. Joseph’s father is believed to have been George Bailey as listed in the 1850 census records of Shenandoah County in which Joseph’s age corresponds to the records. They lived in Page County in the early 1840’s and moved to Upshur County in the early 1850’s.

The following records cover their children through their great, great-grandchildren:

(1) Samuel A. b. 1830; Page County m. 1851 Margaret L. b. 1851 Roane County.
(2) Polly Ann Franklin b. 7-8-1844 Page County d. 5-6-1920 Roane County m. Lewis County 8-17-1865 Martha Ann Starcher b. 1846 Lewis County d. 1865 a few weeks after their marriage.
(3) Mary Catherine b. 8-29-1876 d. 1905 m. 7-25-1879 d. 11-11-1937. They set up housekeeping and lived all their married lives in Gadeeville, WV. and had three children: Romma Ernest b. 5-25-1897 d. 11-11-1967 m. 10-1920 Glada Koon b. 2-8-1907. Two Children: Romma, Jr. b. 8-13-1923 m. 1945 Hazel Foster; Richard Benjamin b. 12-23-1933 Fayetteville b. 6-9-1886 d. 2-28-1928 m. 10-1912 Clyde Deverger; Donna m. 11-24-1901 d. 8-25-1940 Theodore R. Looney b. 11-11-1900 m. 1-2-1961 Margaret L. b. 12-5-1856 Upshur County m. 7-6-1902 L. Harriett James Hinzman b. 11-24-1854, Hackers Creek.

Joseph was a minister in The United Methodist Church, and Spencer Rotarian. submitted by: Bob Ashley

BAILEY

Addison H. Bailey was born in Logan County, Virginia in 1845, the son of James H. and Millie G. Bailey. He came to the Roane County area about 1860 before the Civil War. Addi-

Addison died in 1934, and Sarah passed away on February 2, 1919. They are both buried in the Tariff Cemetery. Submitted by Genny Johnson

After the war was over, Addison returned to Roane County and married Sarah J. Tucker on March 8, 1866. They had nine children: Mary Viola (b. 1868), Rufus (b. 1870), Lewis (b. 1872), Icy (b. 1873), Nelson (b. 1875), Mary Catherine (b. 8-29-1876), Lyle b. 7-27-1877 d. 1865, Martha Ellen (b. 5-5-1878 d. 8-6-1957 m. 1-15-1899 James Samuel Roberts), Robert (b. 8-28-1879 d. 2-28-1919 m. 10-1903 Estella M. b. 2-10-1880 d. 2-28-1919 m. 10-1904 James Samuel Roberts), Elva b. 7-9-1892 d. 12-31-1978 d. 11-12-1968. They lived in Harper District until about 1919 when they moved to Col Ridge Road outside Spencer, WV.

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Theodore Lang Bartlett B 5-11-1861, D 3-19-1921, was married Nancy Pepper Wolverton B 5-11-1861, D 12-1-1939, one of 8 children born to Thomas F. and Nancy Pepper Wolverton. Theodore and Dora Bartlett were farmers, cattle producers, store owners, and operators in transportation.

They were all active in their church and communities in which they lived. Submitted by: Lorraine Vanhorn

BARTLETT


Theodore was a farmer, stockman, oil and gas producer and operated a grocery store on West Main St. with his daughter, Ethel. He also served on the Roane County Court 1920-1924.

He and his wife built a large B room house on a farm located off Craig Ridge, where he stocked his farm with cattle and raised a number of oil and gas wells. Theodore along with his brothers, Claude and A.H. Ridd, figured in the history of Spencer owning portions of Bartlett Extension and Claude St. in Spencer.

Grandsons serving in World War II were Thomas Harley Bartlett, Jr., son of Harley Sr. and Cammie Bartlett, with the U.S. Navy. Willis P. Carpenter, son of Minnie and Otmer E. Carpenter, also with the U.S. Navy. Eugene G. Foster, son of Dorcas and F. Clay Foster, served with the U.S. Marines. Frank Foster served in the U.S. Navy. Homer L. Bartlett, son of Homer Dale and Brooke with his wife, and they were both buried in the Bartlett (Little Creek) cemetery. This plot of land was donated by Thomas F. Bartlett for a church and cemetery. The church was built 1893. The descendants of the families have been faithful in support and attendance through the years.

Theodore married Dora Greathouse B 1-21-1862. D 3-4-1926. She was the daughter of R. Benjamin Greathouse and Louisa Radcliffe of Romans Mills, Bartlett, they moved into Spencer on West Main Street in 1921, where they lived until their deaths. They had 56 grandchildren.

Theodore had a twin sister, Theodosia, married to Dr. Jack T. Morford, a practicing dentist in Spencer. A. H. Ridd married Maggie Mace. Columbus (Lum) married James A. Walker, Johnson married Marcella Hershman, Claude married Caroline B. Hildreth.

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BARTLETT

Thomas F. Bartlett B 1-22-1829, D 9-14-1878. married Nancy Pepper Wolverton B 1850. D 7-16-1879. They settled on Little Creek in 1859 coming to this area from Harrison Co. Thomas and Nancy are both buried in the Bartlett (Little Creek) cemetery. This plot of land was donated by Thomas F. Bartlett for a church and cemetery. The church was built 1893. The descendants of the families have been faithful in support and attendance through the years.

Theodore married Dora Greathouse B 1-21-1862. D 3-4-1926. She was the daughter of R. Benjamin Greathouse and Louisa Radcliffe of Romans Mills, Bartlett, they moved into Spencer on West Main Street in 1921, where they lived until their deaths. They had 56 grandchildren.

Theodore had a twin sister, Theodosia, married to Dr. Jack T. Morford, a practicing dentist in Spencer. A. H. Ridd married Maggie Mace. Columbus (Lum) married James A. Walker, Johnson married Marcella Hershman, Claude married Caroline B. Hildreth.

Theodore and Dora Bartlett Family

The following are children of each of these: Zelda - married Isaac Epling. Ulesiss. Leonard. Lon, Carl, Rome, Orville and her husband, Nettie (Starr) Clara (Belle Miller) Amanda Ellen (Kobe) two that died while quite small. Anna and Lloyd Kenneth. Rosanna and Jacob Laurence - Flavious. Roscoe, Ira, Oma. Esta, Nellie Pearl, Theodore and Dora Bartlett - Edith 3M (Marple, Runnion, Goodwin) Minnie (Carpenter) Delcie (Goodwin) Homer Dale, Benjamin. Hugh, Dorcas (Foster) Thomas Harley, Theodosia and Dr. Jack T. Morford - Mayme (Thomasson) Vera (Burdette) Ray, Warren, Em- mett. Ralph (Dentist in Spencer for years) John Denzil. Earl A. H Siddique. Howard, Mayor of Spencer, grocery store owner and operator on upper Market St. Pearl, Garland and William (Bill). a grocery store owner and operator, also operated a radio shop and owned gasoline bulk plant in Spencer. Columbus (Lum) and
James Washington Walker - Dora (Taylor), Verna (Hildreth) Nancy (Paugh) Ella (Taylor) Adie (Lake) Harvey, Asbury, Grace Hilkie, Lilly (Staley) Oma (Nicholas) Ma- bel (Ott) Johnson and Marcela Hershman Earl, Ivy (Holswade) Harry Claude and Carolyn B. Hildreth - no information as to their children. Submitted by: Eileen Runnion

BATES

My great-grandfather Franklin Bates (b. Jul 20, 1826) and wife Elizabeth (Kessler) Bates (b. May 1829 - d. Oct 1872) (m. Jan 25, 1849) came to Roane County from Fayette about 1857 and settled on a tract of forest land near Reedy. Franklin was the son of William & Catherine (Crist) Bates; William was a veteran of the War of 1812. Franklin & Elizabeth had six children: Sarah E. (b. 2 Nov 1849), Joseph L. (b. 14 Jan 1851), John H. (b. 17 Nov 1853), Eliza Catherine (b. 19 Mar 1856), Elizabeth Ann (b. 9 May 1858 - d. 1926), Jacob F. McClendall (b. 18 Nov 1853). Franklin served with the federal (Union) Co. F 11th WV INF. He was taken prisoner at Bulltown, WV and imprisoned at Libby Prison in Richmond, Va. then transferred to Andersonville Prison, Ga. where he died or was killed June 1864. John H., my great-grandfather, was born in Fayette County and came to Roane County at the age of five with his parents. He was known for having developed a white corn known as Bates corn and also a type of wheat. He married Fluvanna McClung (b. Jul 3, 1856) (m. Mar 12, 1875) to Catherine Runnion born ca 1835. William’s family was living by 1860 in Roane Co. coming from Hackers Creek, Lewis County. First settling on what is now the High School Grounds. (information from his husband and children.) William was a blacksmith or day laborer. From this marriage were five daughters and six sons. Malinda b. 1862, Martha b. 1864, Franklin b. 1866, George b. 1867, Susan b. 1869, Catherine b. 1871, Lydia b. 1873, Samuel b. 1878, Andrew b. Dec 1879, Joseph b. 1883, Stephen H. b. 1885, and 2 daughters. Submitted by: Eileen Runnion

Talmadge and Lula Summers Bates

23 Feb 1916 (m. 15 Feb 1944), Jay Bruboks (b. 11-14-1918) (m. Olive Kellef - div. #2 Mary North), Edna Blanche (b. 5/6/20) (m. John Grzesiowski, Robert F. (b. 9-19-22) (m. Mary North) (d. 1946 Mingo Co.), Fluvanna Hasseltine (b. 4-17-26) (m. Clarence Merrill), Avis Bernadine (b. 8-11-30) (m. Thomas Farfall - div., #2 Robert Starcher), Pearl Batton is the daughter of and married William & Anna (Haught) Batton and married my father Harry at Kyger (Billings). WV. Harry Hamilton, a decorated veteran of WW II, made a career with U S Navy joining in 1935 retiring in 1955 and returning to his father’s farm on Folly Run near Reedy and lives there still.

Both my parents are members of the Good Hope Baptist Church and both were graduated from Spencer High School with the class of 1934. There were four of us children. All of us joined Good Hope Baptist Church and were graduated from Spencer High School. Anna Elizabeth (b. 12/9/1883) married Anna Pleasant (b. Aug 1887 Roane Co. Died January 21, 1948. She was a veteran of Viet Nam with the U S Navy and was killed in an auto accident in Kissimmee, FL. April 27, 1946. Kenneth W. b. Feb 4, 1952. Submitted by: Bertha L. Black born Sept. 7, 1893 Calhoun Co. Died March 29, 1993 Spencer, Roane Co. Both are buried in Spencer Cemetery. Bertha was the daughter of John James (Jim) born May 19, 1887 Roane Co. Died January 31, 1971.; Mary Lynn (b. 26 Oct. 1947) (m. William Piatt, Jr. - div) lives in Roane County and also a type of wheat. He married Fluvanna McClung (b. Jul 3, 1856) (m. Mar 12, 1875) to Catherine Runnion born ca 1835. William’s family was living by 1860 in Roane Co. coming from Hackers Creek, Lewis County. First settling on what is now the High School Grounds. (information from his husband and children.) William was a blacksmith or day laborer. From this marriage were five daughters and six sons. Malinda b. 1862, Martha b. 1864, Franklin b. 1866, George b. 1867, Susan b. 1869, Catherine b. 1871, Lydia b. 1873, Samuel b. 1878, Andrew b. 1883, Stephen H. b. 1885, and 2 daughters. Submitted by: Eileen Runnion

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Herman was born 3/12/1907 where B-P-B Corp. now stands; he accidentally burned the family home at 2 yrs. of age. The family then built a 2-story house near Billings around 1910. Herman’s daughter Jane Wyatt lives there now. Herman attended Spencer High School and in the 1930’s served several years in the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, at Richwood. Oct. 12, 1940 he married Ora Morford (B. 10/24/1911) of Spencer, in Catlettsburg, Ky. Ora was the daughter of Ivan Morford and Clara Reynolds (b. 10/23/1892-1/20/68), Clara being the daughter of William and Reona Reynolds, and Mary Jane Daniels. Herman was drafted into W.W. II in May, 1942. His first child, Deloris Ann (b. 6/11/42). M. David Henry Shaffer of Parkersburg on 7/10/70. They live in Cocoa, Florida. Deloris has one son Richard Earl Batton (b. 11/25/62) he is a Marine and lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife Kim Smolik, from Battleground, Washington. Herman drank acid Germans bottled as beer in Germany, where he drove a wrecker, during W.W.II. He was flown home for surgery to rebuild his esophagus and stomach. He was hospitalized for 6 months. He suffered the rest of his life from the war accident. He was one of the first soldiers to survive that type of surgery. He was a highly decorated veteran, and a member of Beech Grove Church. Son, Joe Allan (b. 8/15/47) M. Linda Wolfe 9/3/66, they have four daughters, Cindy Lynn, Angela Leigh, Julie Ann and Amanda Jo. Jane, Joe’s twin married John C. Wyatt IV (m. 10/22/66) they also had twins, Jon Kristopher, Jay Hennings (b. 7/5/74) who both attend Spencer High School, and Beech Grove U.M. Church.

Herman was an avid Fox Hunter and kept several hounds which won many ribbons. In his late years he suffered from poor sight, and suffered a heart attack and died Jan. 18, 1986. He is buried at Roane Hospital, in Beech Grove U.M. Church. Herman and Ora (No Ford) Batton. March 1960


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William Batton (b. 1817 Lewis County) came to Roane County from Hackers Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia, with his wife Christina Fisher (m. June 25, 1836) and ten children. They settled on what is now the grounds of Spencer High School. He was a blacksmith. His first wife died and he married Catherine Runnion (m. March 12, 1857). Of this marriage were born six sons and five daughters. His great-grandfather David Batton (1845-1929) was born of the first marriage. He married Samantha Carpenter (1853-1931) (m. July 28, 1869). They lived in Reedy and are both buried there. They had five sons and four daughters: Joseph Webster (m. Beulah Roberts), Alonzo (m. Blanche Roberts), Sylvester (m. Pearl Harlow), William (m. grandfather - m. Anna Haught), Stella (m. Ed Tate), Eva (m. Dalymple, #2 Hallett), Jane (m. Genis Harris), Clemma (m. Tate, #2 Smythe, #5 Newman). William, my grandfather, (12/9/1883-12/1963) married Pleasant Anna Haught (b. 6/5/1860-12/1952) in 1903. She came to Roane County from Marion County, West Virginia, to live with her aunt Antinum Tealmid and after her own parents had died. William and Anna Batton were both members of the Beech Grove Methodist Church. William ran a general store in Billings (Kyger) in Roane County and did some farming. He was known as "the Mayor of Billings". Of this union were six sons and one daughter: Hershall (b. 12/31/1903 d. 1/26/74) (m. Bernice Foully, #2 Bertha Swiney): Howard (b. 11/10/1905 d. 5/4/1967) (m. Hazel Lawlor) born 2/23/1907-1/1986) (m. Ora Morford); Dutch (b. 4/21/1909 d. 11/4/59) (m. Alice Smith); Woolrow (b. 11/27/1912 d. 1968) (m. Mable Wine #2 Alice Smith Batton); TWINS Pearl and Earl (b. 2/23/1916-4/1969) (m. William Finley) of Spencer. William Myron Bays Batton was born at Kyger, West Virginia and married my father Harry H. Bates (b. 2/8/1916; Seph Johnson 1873-1941. Submitted by: Anna Bates Flint

## BAYS

Ancestors of the Roane County Bays came from England in 1700. Peter Bays, John Bays and William Bays landed in Charleston, South Carolina. James Bays was another one of the "boys with the others and while waiting in a park for their boat, he was killed by a deer." From Charleston they moved to Virginia. In 1729 Peter Bays made his will in Goochland County, Virginia. About 1785 they moved to what is now Russell County.

Herman Bays, Russell County, William Bays with his wife Adeline (Ascue) Bays and five children arrived in Roane County in 1856. James Harvey was the eldest. The four younger ones died after their arrival during a diphtheria epidemic. They established their home on Rush Creek in Smithfield District. Here they had five children: Nancy Jane (Nannie) 1859-1926; Susan 1861-1980; Peter Andrew 1864-1949; Elizab Martin 1866-1949; Joseph John 1873-1941.

Bays family in 1908


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John Frederick Bee, 1857-1951, was born in Doddridge County, West Virginia, the son of Josiah H. and Mary Jane Davis Bee, and grandson of Ephraim and Kathryn Davis Bee.

Ephraim Bee, 1799-1888, a "land speculator" owned thousands of acres of land in Roane and surrounding counties about which he wrote in a letter of 1883. The letter now belongs to his great great granddaughter Eleneva K. Southall. He owned and operated a tavern called the Bee Hive which also served as a stage coach stop, having also been a station in the Underground Railway. Ephraim worked for the formation of Doddridge County and for the formation of the state of West Virginia, becoming a member of the first West Virginia State Legislature.

Josiah Bee, 1824-1876, was a captain in the Union Army. Men who served with him made a desk which they presented to him upon his discharge. The desk is now in the possession of Daniel Simmons Bee of San Antonio, Texas, a great great grandson of Josiah.

Frederick H. Bee could remember being hidden in the cellar during hostilities of the Civil War. After the War, the family moved to Wirt County, where he as a young man "read law." There his father Josiah, after being kicked by a horse, died and was buried in Beauchampe Cemetery. Mary Jane Bee, widow of Josiah, "kept hotel" called the Kanawha House in Elizabeth. There she bought a sewing machine from a traveling salesman and in part payment for the machine, her son Fred was apprenticed to the salesman; thus began a lifetime career of buying and selling. He travelled by wagon, selling organs, pianos, and sewing machines. Fred was buying wool for the Hassler Bros. woolen mill of Ripley when he met his future wife, Lola Bell Brown; she was barefoot, going down the road near the Roane and Jackson County line. She was wearing a linsey-woolsey dress, he was driving mules hitched to a spring wagon. During their courtship, they saw each other once a year for four consecutive years. They were married in Spencer in 1881. Fred and Lola Bee were the parents of four: I. Fanny Bee who died young. II. John Agustus (Gus) who married Evangelina (Eva) Simmons. Gus and Eva Bee had two children: A. Philip Simmons Bee who married Jane Fulton. Phil and Jane Bee had five children: 1. Phyllis Jane Bee, 2. John Frederick Bee, 3. Daniel Simmons Bee, 4. Beatrice Ann Bee, 5. Eva Kathryn Bee, B. Maxine Rose Bee who married Joe Newton Kee. Maxine and Joe Kee had one daughter: I. Elevena Bee who married Donald Eugene Southall. Elevena and Donald Southall had one son: a. Jeffery Eugene Southall. III. Annabelle Bee who married W. E. Waybright and had no children. IV. Frederick Homer Bee, Jr. who married Grace Morrow. Frederick and Grace Bee had two daughters: A. Betty Bee, B. Fanny Jane Bee.

Fred Bee operated a small factory for making brooms called the Buffalo Broom Company. He sold war surplus and later owned and operated the Buffalo Store Company at Marshall, West Virginia. He survived his wife and children and lived in Spencer the last few years of his life. He is buried beside his wife in Frozen Camp Cemetery, Jackson County. Submitted by: Maxine Bee Kee

SAMUEL PARIS BELL

Samuel C. Bell arrived in the United States from Ireland when he was seven years old. On reaching manhood he married a German lady and settled at Clifton Furnace which is located about eight miles from Morgantown, West Virginia. His children were: Samuel, William, John, Henry, George, Anna, Agnes and Margaret.

(SII) Samuel, son of Samuel C. Bell, was born in Monongalia County, West Virginia, in 1812. He served both as constable and justice of the peace in Calhoun County, and at the outbreak of the civil war, he joined the Confederate Army in 1862. After being engaged in several important battles, he was taken prisoner by the Union forces, and together with a number of other Confederate prisoners was imprisoned at Alton, Illinois, where he died in March, 1863. He had married Susan Stevens, whose father was a Frenchman and whose mother was a Scotch lady. They had the following children: Samantha Ann, married William T. Haverty; Drusilla, married Isaac T. Law; William Edgar, married Rachel Rebecca Ferrell, daughter of Hiram and Matilda (Knight) Ferrell. Henry Perry; Margaret Virginia, married Marshall W. Trippett.

(SIII) William Edgar, was born March 8, 1847. A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a long number of years, as it had been a tradition in the family to support the Lodge as a member of the Bell family had signed the first charter of the first Old Fellows Lodge in America, being Washington Lodge No. 1, of Baltimore, Maryland, instituted April 26, 1819, and chartered by a member of the Past Grands of the Order in England.

On December 23, 1866, William Edgar, married Rachel Rebecca whose father was reared in Monongalia County, of Irish-Scotch descent, and became one of the pioneer citizens of Calhoun County, having settled in that county when there were no more than a half dozen families lived in the entire territory. His children were: Martha Bell, married Perry Poling; Samuel Paris, married Ona "Peach" Stump; Hiram Prince, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church South; Perry Fricus, a merchant at Pt. Pleasant and Robert Pierre, was editor of the Point Pleasant Register, of Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia.

(SIV) Samuel Paris, son of William Edgar and Rachael Rebecca (Ferrill) Bell, was born at Grantsville, West Virginia, July 23, 1870. He was married July 12, 1893, to Ona "Peach" Stump, daughter of MARTIN J. and Mary (Rutherford) Stump, of Stump-town, Gilmer County, West Virginia. Ona was born November 1, 1877, at Normantown, Gilmer County, and her ancestors were the first settlers of Central West Virginia.

Peaches Stump Bell, 1877-1940

Samuel Paris, at the age of twenty-one was elected county surveyor for Calhoun County. Before his second term expired he resigned his office to enter actively in the practice of law. He read law while he was teaching school, afterwards entering the office of Hon. J. M. Hamilton, then United States Congressman from the Fourth District of West Virginia. Admitted to the practice of law in February, 1897, and remained in the office with Hamilton until January 1, 1905. At that time a law partnership was formed with A. O. Matthews, with offices at Grantsville, which continued until 1910, when a law partnership was formed with the Hon. Walter Pendleton, of Spencer, under the firm name of Pendleton, Matthews and Bell, with offices at Pt. Pleasant. Spencer and Grantsville. In 1919, Samuel Paris moved to Spencer where he practiced law until his death in 1949.

Samuel Paris was at one time editor of the Calhoun Chronicle, published at Grantsville and was also editor of the Layman's Herald, the official publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was published at Sutton, West Virginia. He was a member of many fraternities: Eureka Lodge, No. 40; Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Ioof Lodge No. 7; No. 25; No. 35; No. 65; Knights of Pythias No. 65; Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 1; and...
Improved Order of Red Men. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of West Virginia in 1905 and 1906. Known as "Paris," he enjoyed attending reunions throughout West Virginia and was called upon to teach the Sunday School lesson when reunions were held on a Sunday.

Paris was a charter member of the Spencer Rotary Club formed in 1921. His children were: Myrtle Lucretia, born March 11, 1895; Holly Page, February 21, 1897; Wilma Kate, March 18, 1899; William Bert Heilman, and resides at Ripley, West Virginia.

It should be noted that four of the grandchildren became lawyers: H. Page Bell deceased, son of Holly Bell, Gene Bell, Oregon, son of Holly Bell. Samuel Paris Bell, III., Tallahassee, FL. son of Samuel Paris Bell, Jr. and Charles E. Heilman, Huntington, W. Va., son of Bert and Elva Kate Bell Heilman.

Samuel Paris Bell, Sr., died at the age of 79 and is buried with his wife in a family lot at the Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

EDITH FREELAND BENNETT

I was born on November 2, 1908 on Wagon Run, a part of what is now the Grace Community. My parents were John L. Freeland and wife Molly Fox Bennett. I lived with my father and siblings in Lucile in Wirt County about 1930. George and Nancy were members of the Two Runs Baptist Church. They operated a store in Lucile. Adda taught school in Geary District in Roane County. She was later employed in Boone County where she met her husband, Luther Luder Copley and lived there until her death in 1981.

After moving to Wirt County I met James Leamond Bennett, son of George Washington and Nancy Fidelia Greathouse Bennett, formerly of Roane County. We were married at Two Runs on December 13, 1953 by the Rev. L. E. Springston. To this union were born three children: Mary Lou b. Dec. 3, 1956 m. Charles Raymond Sheppard, Harold Leonad b. May 3, 1941 m. Virginia Ellen Crew, Doris Wilma b. Dec. 9, 1944 m. M. Breer.

In 1981, I was employed by the Wirt County Board of Education as a cook and also cooked for 4-H Camps.

I have been active as a member of the Two Runs Baptist Church, serving as superintendent, Sunday School teacher, Choir director, teacher and director of Vacation Bible School, Women's Mission Society, soloist in my church and churches in Wirt and surrounding counties.

My husband, Jim, was employed by the WV State Road Commission for nearly a half-century. Onie married February 27, 1895 to Nancy Fidelia Greathouse. She was born March 29, 1873 in Roane County, daughter of George W. Greathouse and Sarah Slaughter. George and Nancy were members of the Gilboa Baptist Church. They moved to Lucile in Wirt County about 1950. George was a farmer and was well liked and respected by his friends and neighbors. They had four children, all born in Roane County. Onie Cecil Bennett, Samuel Robert Bennett, Clarinda Jane Bennett, and James Thomas Bennett. Onie died April 27, 1977. Nancy died November 5, 1956. They are buried in the Two Runs Baptist Church Cemetery in Wirt County.

BENNETT

George Washington Bennett was born December 30, 1872 in Roane County, the son of James Thomas Bennett and Caroline Greenleaf. He had two half-brothers, Frank Hickman and Carter Hickman, and a half-sister, Elmira Hickman Edwards. He married February 27, 1895 to Nancy Fidelia Greathouse. She was born March 29, 1873 in Roane County, daughter of George W. Greathouse and Sarah Slaughter. George and Nancy were members of the Gilboa Baptist Church. They moved to Lucile in Wirt County about 1950. George was a farmer and was well liked and respected by his friends and neighbors. They had four children, all born in Roane County. Onie Cecil Bennett, Samuel Robert Bennett, Clarinda Jane Bennett, and James Leamond Bennett. Onie died January 23, 1950 at his home. Nancy died November 5, 1956. They are buried in the Two Runs Baptist Church Cemetery in Wirt County.

Onie Cecil Bennett was born December 5, 1895. He was a private in Co. B, 7th Inf., 3rd Div. in World War I. He was inducted into the army September 18, 1917, was in Europe from April 6, 1918 to April 2, 1919, where he was wounded by being gassed and from shrapnel in the hand. He was discharged June 4, 1919. Onie married October 9, 1922 to Elva Nina Huffman. She was born March 9, 1898, daughter of Albert and Estelle Thomas Huffman. They lived at Lucile in Wirt County. Their children: Marion Justine Bennett, born June 8, 1923, Mildred Pauline Bennett, born January 21, 1927, married Roy Everett Stewart. Margaret Ruth Bennett, born August 6, 1929, married first, Weyman Jeffries; second, Wayne Adams. Ralph Cecil Bennett, born January 22, 1935, married Ruth Houchin. Onie Bennett died March 17, 1984. Elva died July 5, 1986. They are buried in the Two Runs Church Cemetery.

Samuel Robert (Bob) Bennett was born November 9, 1899. He married April 1, 1933 to Amma Sims. She was born July 8, 1909 in Wirt County, daughter of Henry Martin (Bob) Sims and Martha Alice (Sissy) Cain. They lived at Sheppard Ford in Wirt County. Their children: George Martin Bennett, born July 8, 1932, married Helen Wyhowens. James Robert (Jim-Bob) Bennett, born July 9, 1935, married June 5, 1957 to Wanda Lou King. Deloris Maxine Bennett, born January 6, 1943, married first Floyd Thorn, second Terry Craft. She died March 18, 1978. She is buried in the Two Runs Church Cemetery. Bob Bennett was a guard operator for the West Virginia State Road. He died February 16, 1979 in Akron, Ohio. He is buried in the Two Runs Church Cemetery.

Clarinda Jane Bennett was born November 22, 1900. She died February 12, 1919.
BENT

George Brinton Bent (1816-1858) and his wife Elizabeth (Mitchell) Bent (1817-1901) were wed in Lewis County, Western Virginia, in 1836, came to Roane County with their first born children about the year 1843. They lived on a tract of forest land on the head of Spring Creek on the divide through which U.S. 119 now passes. There they made their home, brought up their family and completed their lives.

Elizabeth, the daughter of Rev. John Mitchell, was born in New York in 1817. In 1836, Claud S. (1898-1930) married Ona (Oly) Doris Wilma Bennett, born and died same day 1891.

The Bergmans of German stock came to America in colonial times, settled in different parts of the country. Johann Bergman, not to their liking, so Christian and families sailed for the new world 1738 seeking new freedom of worship. Christian and families sailed again on ship "Loyal Judith" arriving Philadelphia 1742. Johann died as children. Laura married and had a son and a daughter. Laura married and had two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, submitted by: Mary (Bent) Guy.

BERGMAN/BARICKMAN

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The religious pressures upon the Bergmans, not to their liking, so Christian sailed for the new world 1738 seeking new homes for their families. He returned, told of fertile lands, large bodies of water and freedom of worship. Christian and families sailed again on ship "Loyal Judith" arriving Philadelphia 1742. Johann decided to join his sons in America 1752, wife Anna stayed in Germany.

Claud S. (1898-1930) married Ona (Oly) Doris Wilma Bennett, born and died same day 1891.

Lyda Susan (1842-1874) married J. D. Morrison. Died at birth of second daughter. Two daughters Blanche Alkire and Lura McCray Byrd.

Bent of West Virginia. He was a charter member of the Randolph County Historical Society and wrote many articles for their publications.

Elizabeth (1853-1860) Columbus (1855-1862)

Tarleton (1856-1857) choked to death on a chestnut, however, county records state he died of fever.

Arista Bules (1857-1940) married, had no children. A merchant, he lived and died in Garibaldi, Oregon.

The survivors of the Bent family are Malissa's two grandchildren and great grandchildren. Kenna's three children, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and Claud's daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Submitted by: Mary (Bent) Guy.
James F. and Irene R. Berkhouse
cemetery. Diana was divorced, but she left
2 children, Brad, and Jeff. Deardorff.
James F. is a retired Greyhound Driver.
Judy, Mrs. Arnold Douglas, lives at Maiden.
Randolph Neal lives in Alexandria Va. He's
married to the former Linda Heckert of
Clarksburg.
Donald Clyde, 1921-1982, married Mont­
alee Grady. Two children were born to
them. Donald of Spencer, and Mrs. Brenda
Ables of Hawesville Ky. Donald served in
The U.S. Army (82nd Airborne) during
W.W. Two, and worked in aluminum plants
until his death. Submitted by Judy Berkhouse
Douglas and Neal Randolph Berkhouse

BISSELL
I have lived in Roane County 21 years but
my roots run deep for many years back in
Roane County with my Starcher relatives
being among some of the first settlers in
Roane County. My name is Alberta Cross,
everyone. They always took in strangers
for meals and no one ever left my grand­
parents home hungry. Although my grand­
mother had 8 children, she always made
room for anyone needing a meal or a
nights lodging. The Bissells and the Star­
chers were all good hard working Christian
people.

Alberta Cross

My grandfather died before I was born
and I was 2 years old when my grandmoth­
er Belle Sheba Starcher Bissell died. My
uncle Edmond Holly Bissell retained the
farm and I loved to visit there every sum­
mer. Many happy days of childhood were
spent at that farm. Submitted by: Alberta Cross

GENEALOGY OF THE BISSELL
FAMILY
This Genealogy was researched by Glen­
a Bissell. Greatheads with additions made
by Alta Bissell Starcher and myself, Alberta
Dudschus Cross.

My Great Great Great Grandfather, War­
ren Bissell, 1. Great Great Grandfather,
Arthur Bissell, born May 5, 1805. Died April 21, 1898. 2. Great Great Grandmother, Eliza­
to John Gill. 2. Warren Bissell, born October 19, 1830. Married to Estal Carell. 3. Alden Swift Bissell, my great grand­
father, born October 9, 1832. Married to Eura E. Bissell, born June 4, 1834. Married to Perry Wise. 5. Adaline Bissell, born May 1, 1836. Married
May 9, 1856. 8. William Bissell, born December 5, 1842. Married to Liddie Caldwell first wife. Second wife, Susan Scott. 9. Elizabeth
Bissell, born June 6, 1847. Married to John Shumaker.

1. My Great Grandfather Aiden Swift Bis­
sell, born October 9, 1852 at Bedford Town­
sip, Meigs Co., Ohio. Died October 22, 1896
at Otto, Lycoming Co., Pa. Great Grandmother,
Elizabeth Dobson Bissell, born June 6, 1858. Married to John Dobson. They came from Ireland to the United States.
4. Wired Bissell, born December 27, 1862. Married to Ella Clarckson, first wife,
This history deals with Hiram and his descendants. After moving to Spencer, Hiram went to Holbrook College in Lebanon, Ohio. After college he returned to Spencer where he taught school for forty years. He taught three generations of children.

Hiram married Luella Clarkson. They had the following children: Gracie, married Henry Keller; Orbie, married George Webb; Nelson, married Manda Nichols; Ocie (twins), married George Keller; Otha (twins), married Ruby McMillian. Fannie, their first child, died at one month and ten days.

After Luella's death, Hiram married Frona Spencer. To this union were born: Euphia, married Marshall Kefler; Wilbur, married Gladys Quillin; Joseph (triplet), married Ada Swan; George (triplet), married Mildred Pierce; Mary (triplet), married William Keffer; Wilbur, married Eupha, married Marshall Kefler; Wilbur, married Gladys Quillin; Joseph (triplet), married Ada Swan; George (triplet), married Mildred Pierce; Mary (triplet), married William Keffer.

Of the two families, there were two sets of twins and one set of triplets. Two of the other children have the same birthday. Otha Aiken Bissell, my father, had four children: Maxine Brown, Edith Wallbrown, Luther Aiken Bissell, and Evelyn Starcher. The name, Aiken, has been in the family back even before my great grandfather. Maxine named one of her sons Timothy Alden Brown. Tim's son is Thomas Alden Brown. Our only brother, Luther Aiken, passed away on May 15, 1989. His grandson, Travis Aiken Whited, is also keeping the Aiken name alive. Submitted by Edith B. Wallbrown

JAMES W. & IMogene DEPUE BOARD

James W. Board was born on May 3, 1913. The youngest of nine children of Joseph and May Dulin Board of Spencer. James graduated from Spencer High School, served as senior class president and was a member of the National Orchestra and Chorus during his high school years. James married Imogene DePue on September 13, 1933. Imogene, the daughter of Mark and Ethel Clark DePue and seventh born of ten children, attended Spencer High School, but graduated from Marlinda High School. Imogene was also a member of the National Orchestra. Both James and Imogene continued to enjoy music during their lifetime and formed an orchestra during the 1950's called the Top Hatters, playing at various functions throughout West Virginia. James and Imogene operated a 275+ acre farm, inherited from Imogene's parents, Mark and Ethel, located between Billings and Reedy, beginning in 1947. They raised and sold Hereford cattle. The farm was sold in 1965 and a portion of that farm is currently the home of former Circuit Judge George Scott.

James, a veteran of World War II, operated a Pennzoil service station in Spencer for 37 years then served as Director of the Spencer Housing Authority and later as Director of the Spencer Water Works, retiring in 1977. James died on July 18, 1988, at age 72. Two children were born to James and Imogene, Nancy Lynn born February 23, 1946, and Wallace James born July 27, 1947.

Imogene began her professional career in the real estate business in 1957. Imogene was the first and only female to achieve the status of Realtor in Roane County to date. She founded DePue Realty Company, in cooperation with her brother, Attorney Robert DePue. The realty company was relocated to 343 Main Street in 1973. Since then, the company has expanded to the Realty Company on the first floor and second and third floor served as home for James and Imogene until her sudden death on October 12, 1986, at age 69. Board DePue Realty Company continues to be operated under the management of Wallace James Board, who had been an associate in the business for some 15 years prior to Imogene's death.

Nancy Lynn Board, a registered nurse, graduated from Spencer High School, Alderson-Broaddus College with an Bachelor’s Degree in nursing and attended West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in the graduate business program. Nancy married Frederick H. Reed, son of Orville and Irene Carpenter Reed of Spencer. Two children were born to this marriage, Tammy Lynn, in 1971, and Christopher Brian, in 1972. Nancy later moved to Charleston, and at the writing of this history, January 28, 1989, serves as Executive Secretary of the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses. After her move to Charleston in June, 1975, Nancy married David Lee Wilson, of Charleston. David died on May 30, 1978, at age 40.

Wallace James Board graduated from Spencer High School and West Virginia Institute of Technology with a degree in Business Administration. Wallace married Dianna Sue Smith, daughter Glenn Smith of Newlon. Two children were born to Wallace and Dianna, Jennifer Shae in 1974, and Jamie Suzanne in 1979. Wallace, in addition to managing Board DePue Realty Company, serves as Director of the Spencer Housing Authority. operates a photography business, photographing homes in the Roane County area. Wallace serves on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Spencer, at the writing of this history January 27, 1989. Submitted by Nancy Reed Wilson

BOARD

Patrick Board was born June 12, 1750 in "Pigeon Hollow", Pennsylvania where Patrick and his father and mother had fled after leaving Wales. Patrick enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in Berkeley County, Virginia. After serving in Maryland, his regiment moved to Long Island where his entire company was taken prisoner. Patrick and six other soldiers escaped the same night of their capture. After his escape, Patrick joined a company of New Jersey Regulars. He was under command of Generals Washington and Wayne. After serving there three years, Patrick was drafted and was present at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Patrick married twice. His second wife, Mary "Polly" Keysor was of German heritage from York, Pennsylvania. In 1816, Paul moved to a large tract of land on the "Right Fork of Reedy Creek" becoming a homesteader in what is now called Palestine.

Patrick was a stonemason by trade and was crippled by a premature blast while constructing a dam to hold back the water near the mouth of Reedy Creek in 1814. Patrick and Mary had six children. Patrick's son by his first marriage Gamaliel settled a few miles from his Father's homestead at a place now called Frozen Camp.

One of Gamaliel's sons was John who was born in 1805. John was the father of William who was born in Frozen Camp in 1832. William Board married Susan Waybright. Their children: Emma Jane Ingram, Ernestine Hardman, and Michael Thomas. William married for a second time, Mary Hess and William had seven children. Mary, Thomas James, Benjamin T. (a Methodist Minister), Viola (married Asbury Reed), Nora (married William Robertson), and Lakin.

Lakin Board was born on his Father's farm at Pendell. He later became the owner of the farm. Lakin married Mary Mahal Wolfe daughter of Frank and Martha Parsons Wolfe. Martha was a descendant of William Parsons who was Ripley's first settler. Frank Wolfe was a descendant of Johann Wolfe who had migrated from Germany to New Jersey then to what was then the western part of Virginia. When Samuel Tanner who is generally credited with being the first settler of Spencer arived. Wolfe had just completed his new home. Johann moved into his new home and left the commodious cliffs for Tanner. From 1905 until 1932, Lakin and Mary Wolfe Board were blessed with ten children. The names of their children are: Mahan "Pete", Mildred "Birdie", Olin "Happy", Opie, Frank, Charles, Lawson "Toopie", Wanda "Beck", Jarrett, and Denise. These children continued their mechanical and salesmanship abilities and the daughters for their artistic and homemaking skills.

Pete married Monad Howe. Their children are Betty, Mary Lyn, and Denver Lakin.
In October, 1898 a military marker was dedicated to his memory by his descendants. Elements of the West Virginia National Guard, whose lineage traces back to the Morgan Rifle Company, Stephenson's Rifle Regiment, and the 11th Virginia Regiment, provided the color guard.

Patrick Board married Mary Keyser (born 1770 in York County, Pennsylvania) and together they moved to the Reedy area of Roane County where they raised a large family, of whom the following are known: Joseph, Mary, John, Andrew, Elizabeth, George, Nancy, David, Thomas and William Keyser.

Patrick Board died in 1839, and his wife Mary in 1850. Both are buried at the Mount Olive cemetery in Reedyville.

I am descended from Patrick and Mary Board through their son John as follows: John Board (1795-1875) married Nancy Parsons in 1821. Miles Board (1833-1911) married Eliza Bradley in 1855. Olies Johnson Board (1876-1946) married Melissa Emma Evins in 1897. Russell Clark Board (1889-1972) married Hwawatha Kay in 1945. David Russell Board (born 1946) and Linda Mahan were married in 1966 and have two children: David Andrew (born 1967, married Lorinda Granbold 1986), and Sarah Ruth (born 1986). Submitted by: David Russell Board

BOARD - SEAMAN

Sometime in the fall of 1815, my great, great, paternal grandfather, Patrick Board, came to Reedy in Roane County, Va. He was born 12 June 1750 at (sic) Pork Hollow, Pa. and died 6 Nov. 1839 in Roane Co. He married Mary "Polly" Keyser in Washington Co., Maryland in 1789. Mary was born near Little York, Pa. in 1770, and died in 1859. Patrick was the first settler in the Reedy colony according to an oral report given by John Hodel in 1855. Olies Patrick and Mary Board's youngest child William K. Board was born 24 March 1816, the first white child born in Reedy colony, Roane County.

Patrick sold part of his patented land to David Seaman, my great, great, maternal grandfather. David Seaman was born 15 June 1768 in New Jersey and died 13 June 1859. David married Ann Elizabeth Board (Patrick Board's sister) 14 April 1796 in Maryland. Ann Elizabeth was born 29 March 1774 in Maryland and died 15 June 1864 in Roane County.

From Patrick and Mary Board's family John W. Board (5th of 10 Children) was born 1798 in Pa. and died 1875. John married Nancy Parsons Casto (widow) 10 May 1821. Nancy was born 1802 died 9 Apr. 1863 (the day Lee surrendered at Appomattox). To John and Nancy, William M. Board (4th of 10 children) was born 1830 died 1914. William M. Board married for his first wife Susan Waybright 25 Mar 1852. To this union, Thomas Jefferson Board was born 12 April 1861 in Jackson County and died 3 Aug. 1952 in Akron, Ohio. Thomas J. married Emma Sleeth 28 May 1882. Emma was born 1 Apr 1863 in Lewis County, died 1939. Emma and Thomas had 10 children the 4th was my father, William Clark Board, born 27 Oct. 1888.

Emma Sleeth's father was Adam Clark Sleeth born 1837 died 9 Sept. 1897. He married Mary Romine (born 1841 died ?) in 1856. She was the daughter of Jonathan and Emily Nichols Romine. Adam Clark Sleeth was the son of Henry Waldec Sleeth born 1801 and grandson of David Waldec Sleeth and the great grandson of John Sleeth, who settled on Hacker's Creek, Lewis County in 1770.

William Clark Board married Ottie Mosh Seaman, my mother, 16 July 1916. Ottie (the 4th of 6 Children born to William Addis- son and Nevada Lindmoon Seaman) was born 14 Jan 1897 died 24 March 1979. William A. Seaman was born 10 Dec. 1863 and died 15 June 1933 married Nevada Ellen Lindmoon, 25 Nov. 1888. Nevada was born 5 March 1872 in Noble County, Ohio, died 7 June 1939 in Roane County. William was the 9th of 10 children born to George Vigo and Jane Bobbs Seaman. George V. was born 28 Feb. 1813 died 17 June 1876, mar­ried Jane Bobbs, 13 June 1844. Jane was the daughter of Jane LeMasters Boggs (5th of 10 daughters born to Benjamin Le- Masters, a noted Revolutionary War veteran.) George V. was the son of David and Ann Elizabeth Board Seaman, mentioned earlier.

W. Clark and Ottie Seaman Board

William Clark and Ottie Seaman Board had only one daughter, Vera Pauline, born 9 Oct. 1917 in Roane County. Vera married Holly Foster Lewellen (born 10 Dec. 1916 in Roane Co. and died 16 Aug. 1970 in Roane Co.) 20 Nov. 1938. They were the parents of Carolyn Sue born 6 July 1940 and Donald Eugene born 15 April 1945 both born in Roane County, W. Va. Submitted by Vera Board Lewellen

ANDERSON & MISTIE BOGGS

Anderson Boggs was born near Linden, Roane County, W. Va. March 17, 1868, the child of Thaddeus and Susan Webb Boggs of Irish and English descent. He was a circuit-riding preacher for the Advent Christian, United Brethren, and Methodist Churches and organized churches in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky. At the age of nineteen he founded...
the first Advent Church in Virginia.

Rev. Boggs married Mistie Mae Howard (born 1881) in Athens County, Ohio in 1887. They lived on Flat Run where their first four children were born and then moved to Mason and Jackson Counties West Virginia. They were the parents of thirteen children - Susan Hannah (who never married); Rebecca Levada (who married Ralph C. Boggs); William Henry (who married Marie Crawford); Howard Thaddeus (who married Ruby Shepherd); twin boys, Silas and Paul (who died in early childhood); Margaret "Maggie" (who married Earl Lowery, Dr. Hill, and James Royal); Bessie Agusta (who married Hallie Gander); Mistie Marie (who married Herbert Holland); George (who died in infancy); Ira Ward (who married Irena Wilson); twin girls - Ruth Alice (who married Ronald Schaller) and Naomi Belinda (who married Albert Morton).

Because of Anderson's illness (os­temyelitis), the family moved back to Flat Run on the old Boggs property in 1918 where the three youngest children were born. The teenage boys built their house under the direction of their father. The house still stands where it was built and is presently the home of Alice and Ronald Schaller.

Although times were difficult, because of Anderson's disability, the family was never on welfare and managed to support one another in times of need. A strong religious faith seemed to sustain each family member and promote pride and confidence in meeting life's many adversities.

Misty, who suffered with diabetes for many years, died at the age of sixty-nine in 1950. Anderson lived to be ninety-three.

He was ever alert and searching the Bible - God's word and the wisdom of the ages - for the secrets of a Christian life on earth and hope for man's future. Submitted by: Ira Ward Boggs

BOGGS

Clarence C. (Clair) Boggs, son of Henry Clay & Sarah Ann Elizabeth Garee Boggs, was born at Wallback, W. Va., March 16, 1882 - died December 24, 1955 at the age of 74 years. "Clair" was a farmer & cattleman who spent most of his life in the Loo­neyville, W. Va. area where he owned a 122 acre farm.

Early in the 1920's "Clair" used his team of horses to haul and string an 18" gas line for the United Fuel Gas Company when they built a gas transportation line from Clemen­den, Kanawha County to the Ripley area in Jackson County, W. Va. Clarence was a member of the Epling Chapel Church but also attended and supported the Flat Fork Baptist Church.

In 1906 Clarence married Zelphia Car­penter, daughter of Albert & Caroline Blosser Carpenter. Their children were: Beulah Fay, June 7, 1909; infant daughter, stillborn, 1908; infant daughter, stillborn, 1909; James Anderson, August 11, 1911; Woodrow Oscar, October 23, 1912; Bes­sie Agusta, April 11, 1914.


Elise and Clarence Boggs. Right, Hazel Withrow.

February 15, 1914.

Clarence and Elsie's children are Mabel Ivy, July 3, 1919; Gedney Elizabeth, March 19, 1921; Rex Arnold, January 5, 1924 - July 13, 1981; Dorothy Hazel, February 1, 1925 - October 8, 1939; Dollie May, September 2, 1927; Clarence Clay, Jr., December 15, 1929.


BOGGS

F. Lee Boggs, Jr. born at Tariff, June 29, 1928, was the oldest son, of seven children of Fitzhugh and Cheesie Conley Boggs. Fitzhugh's parents were James and Jane Boggs. Cheesie was the daughter of Monte and Jane McClain Conley. Monte's father's name was Isaac, Jane's father's name was Isaac, Jane's father's name was Isaac. Jane's father's name was Isaac. Fitzhugh went to work at Tariff the day he was born. Fitzhugh was one of the seven children of Robert and Jennie Helmic who raised her after her mother died when she was nine years old. My brothers include: Alton Cornell, married Edith Warden, one son Alton Jr. who married Dorothy Webb. After Alton Sr. and Edith were divorced he married Donna Boatwright. They have two children. Ben married Donnie Brannon, one son Roy Dale, married Christline Miller; Paul married Jean Brannon, one son, Michael, married Treeca Boatwright. In 1988, Arnold married Shirley Harless. Robert Leon, died August 6, 1986. Survived by his wife Trula and daughter Juanita; Daniel married Betty Brannon, son on one daugh­ter, Connie who married Ronald Rogers, two children. Julie Ann and Matthew Aaron. Donnie died in 1983. Basil later married Donna Armstrong, one son, Daniel. Basil died Sept. 16, 1988. Basso had a twin sister Macel who died soon after birth. Submitted by: Hazel Keen Boggs

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HENRY CLAY BOGGS

Henry Clay Boggs, son of James Anderson and Susan CALLU Boggs, was born in Braxton County, VA, on March 21, 1893. He was married May 18, 1915, in Braxton County to Sarah Elizabeth Garee, daughter of John Smith Garee and Nancy Hayhurst Garee. She was born in Marion County, VA, on June 1, 1894. They had two children: Sarah Ann Garee and Henry Clay Boggs.

They farmed for a few years, then George started working as a repairman on Coal Tipples for several years. In various places. After being around so much coal dust, he came down with black lung and retired at age 55. He received black lung pension several years. He died in 1966 in surgery due to his inability to breathe because of black lung. They had no children.

Sarah Ann Garee and Henry Clay Boggs

In 1868, Henry Clay and Sarah moved with their two small children to Wallack, Roane County where thirteen more children were born. Henry Clay served one term each as school trustee and road surveyor and ran a successful farm at Wallack until 1896 when the family moved to Looneyville, also in Roane County. Henry Clay and Sarah spent the remainder of their days at Looneyville where they died, she in 1916 and he in 1919. They are buried there in the Looney Cemetery. Many of their descendants still live in and around Looneyville.

The remarkable record of the family of Henry Clay and Sarah Ann Boggs - seven sons and five daughters - is noteworthy. Not only did each attain adulthood but the first death among the fifteen occurred in 1937 when the youngest of the family was forty-six and the oldest seventy-one years of age. Since then, each has died in his own time, the last one and the youngest in 1978.


Seven of the fifteen children lived their lives in Roane County: Augusta, Margaret, Martin, Clare, Cleve, Myrtle, and Milton. Seven lived in neighboring Clay County: Curtis, Etta, Mary, Smith, "Gee", Edward, and Owen. John Garee, the youngest, settled in Sistersville. West Virginia.
BOGGS

Isaac and Mary Perdilla (Garee) Boggs came to Roane County in 1866. Isaac was reared on his father's farm where Gassaway is today. Isaac & Mary settled on a farm on Cookman Fork, one mile east of where is now Wallbuck. B. J. Boggs, James and William Boggs had purchased 1505 acres of land out of the Wallbuck survey in 1858. The farm was in two counties. Clay and Roane, and included what is now the Wallbuck exit and up and down into state 79 for one and one-half miles.

Isaac Boggs was born January 10, 1837, died September 3, 1915, and he married on October 11, 1866 to Mary Perdilla Garee. Mary was born February 3, 1850, and died April 14, 1916. Both are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Wallbuck, WV. Their children were as follows: 1. Lillie May Boggs, born December 25, 1867; married Marshall A. C. Hopkins on December 25, 1882; died November 21, 1945. 2. James Anderson Boggs, born July 21, 1869, died March 10, 1971. 3. Nancy Rosabelle Boggs, born February 28, 1871; married first William Steeonts on December 25, 1886; married second James Keen; died February 1, 1938. 4. Florence May Boggs, born November 4, 1873; married Otis Hargis September 4, 1892; died in 1956. 5. Ida Alma Boggs, born March 29, 1876; married William Gary Smith December 29, 1897; died April 13, 1953. 6. Sara Inez Boggs, born May 28, 1878; married Floyd Smith December 20, 1899; died June 30, 1946. 7. Lorenza Dow Boggs, born July 4, 1880; married Clara Ross November 29, 1909; died March 28, 1902. 8. John Clemenin Boggs, born April 16, 1892; married September 2, 1915. 9. Isaac Rex Boggs, born July 24, 1884; died in 1886. 10. Claudia Pearl Boggs, born June 26, 1887; married Floyd Ross March 22, 1908; date of death unknown. 11. Ira Brooks Boggs, born February 14, 1890; married Katherine "Cady" Ross January 3, 1916; died October 28, 1955. Ira Brooks Boggs was elected Superintendent of Roane County Schools in 1914 and served from 1915 to 1919. While at Spencer, WV. he came to know Ben Creech, who was county agricultural agent. Ira Brooks became interested in 4-H Clubs and was State Advisor for Boys 4-H Clubs from 1926 until his death in 1955. He was considered the best writer in the Extension Service. He wrote articles for "The West Virginia Farm News"; "Little 4-H Journeys" and "4-H Suggestions." After his death, the best of his articles were published in a book, "WA-KON-DA DHE-DHII", by the West Virginia 4-H Foundation, Inc., 104 Oglebay Hall, Morganton, WV. I. B. "Tubby" Boggs was a graduate in agriculture from West Virginia University. He and his wife and daughter are buried in the Lone Oak Cemetery in Morganton, WV. Mary Eliza Boggs was his only child. Submitted by: William Cary Smith, Jr.

IRA WARD BOGGS

Ira Ward Boggs, the 11th of 13 children of Mistle and Anderson Boggs, was born Jan. 5, 1920 at Linden, W. Va. He attended the one-room school there. In 1936-37 he went to Civilian Conservation Corps at Moundville. There he met Chloe Irene Wilson who became his wife. They were married on Feb. 26, 1938. Irene, the 6th of 16 children of Effie Morgan and Albert Maywood Wilson, was born Feb. 1, 1920 at Moundsville.

Ward purchased the homeplace with

BOGGS

James Curtis Boggs (1866 - 1950) was the first of fifteen children born to Henry Clay and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Garee Boggs. When he was two years old, his parents moved from Braxton County to Wall-
realizing that the farm was too large for one family to operate. Mr. Boggs decided to have the family of Cornelius Thomas and Ona Turner Estep move to the farm. Mr. Estep was a farmer and a blacksmith. While at Wallback, the Esteps added six children to their first six who moved with them from Kanawha County. The Boggs and Estep children played, farmed, and attended school and church together. In due time, James Curtis (Curt) and Sarah Elizabeth (Liz), second of the Estep children, fell in love and were married April 24, 1890 by the Reverend Jonathan Smith.

Curtis and Elizabeth started their home and family on his father's farm where they lived until 1896 when they and the older Boggs family moved to Looneyville.

The Wallback farm passed through several ownerships and was finally broken up by the building of I-79. The farm was small, but the basic log structure was salvaged by Harry Sutton and rebuilt where it can be seen near the mouth of Summers Fork of Sandy.

In 1899, 225 acres of land were sold to Garrison and Frieda Tawney to the DNR for a public hunting area. Frieda Vineyard Tawney is a grand-daughter of Henry Clay Boggs.

Curtis and Elizabeth moved to Clay County in 1912 and lived the remainder of their married life there. He was a farmer and stockman and served several years as a Democratic committeeman and was at one time president of the district Board of Education. Both Curt and Liz were avid readers and were educated beyond their eight years of formal education. They encouraged their children to get an education, and they did. Seven of the twelve were teachers and taught a combined 145 terms. The others always had gainful employment as well.

James Curtis and Sarah Elizabeth (Estep) Boggs


Four sons served in WWII: Guy, Ray, Ira, and Cornelius. Two, Waltman and Clyde, served in WWII. Several grandsons served in WWII, the Korean, and the Viet Nam Wars. One grandson, Pascal (Pat), a Marine pilot, was killed in Viet Nam.

Submitted by: Ona Meadows

BOGGS

As far as I have been able to determine, my "oldest" relative from Roane County, West Virginia, would have been Francis Boggs Sr., who fought gallantly in the American Revolution. He was born in 1754, apparently in the area of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and migrated to what is now Roane County.

From there, I trace my ancestry to James Clevelden Boggs (1778-1846), thence to James Anderson Boggs (1815-1884), and Isaac Boggs (1857-1915) to Lorenzo Dow Boggs (1880-1902) to Leo Dow Boggs (1902-1935).

REBECCA LEVADA BOGGS

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My grandfather, Lorenzo Dow Boggs, grew up on a farm one mile east of Wallback on what is now I-79. He married Clara Ross of Elana and they operated the farm in their married life there. He was a farmer and raised five children - Marcel Augusta (bom 8/22/26), who married Lawrence Place of Spencer; Harry Clay (bom 5/17/28), who married Betty Richards of Reedy, W.Va.; Unabelle Rebecca (bom 8/5/29), who married Ralph Blackwood of Kansas; Effie Mae (bom 6/2/31), who married Glynn Creamer of Texas; and Mildred Gall (bom 3/21/35), who married Michael Popp III of Grant Town, W.Va.

Becky was postmaster at Looneyville for thirty years and owned and operated a country store for many years. She was the author of two books, The Bleeding Hills of West Virginia and The West Virginia Oracle. She also wrote several other short stories which were never published.

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Rebecca Levada Boggs and Ralph Clay Boggs

RALPH C. & REBECCA LEVADA BOGGS

Ralph Clay Boggs, bom 4/25/1901 at Big Otter Creek, was the son of Nancy Augusta and Ernest Boggs. But was raised by his grandparents, Henry Clay and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Garee Boggs who lived at the mouth of Flat Fork on Poca River near Looneyville, W.Va. He attended Front Royal Academy at Roanoke, Virginia, for two years before returning to Roane County. He bought the old Bob Ferrell farm from his mother and step-father - Fredrick Vineyard's farm at Looneyville.

Rebecca Levada (Becky) Boggs, bom 6/11/1906 at Linden, was the daughter of Anderson and Missy Boggs. She met Ralph when she was teaching school at Laurel Elementary School at a "box social." They were married and raised five children - Marcel Augusta (bom 8/22/26), who married Lawrence Place of Spencer; Harry Clay (bom 5/17/28), who married Betty Richards of Reedy, W.Va.; Unabelle Rebecca (bom 8/5/29), who married Ralph Blackwood of Kansas; Effie Mae (bom 6/2/31), who married Glynn Creamer of Texas; and Mildred Gall (bom 3/21/35), who married Michael Popp III of Grant Town, W.Va.

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died at the age of seventy-eight in 1979, in the home of her son Harry Clay in Spencer. Submitted by: Gail Popp

WILLARD & SUSIA BOGGS

I, Susia Rae (Harold) Boggs, have Genealogy as my hobby, so it is difficult to limit myself to 500 words for the History Book. I have one of my mother’s grandparents traced back to the 1700’s and another of her grandparents traced back to William Hensley, who was born about 1583 and died in 1654. I also have the Boggs name traced and verified back eight generations, although I do not have my Husband’s side verified. If my information is correct, we are both descended from Charles Boggs from Ireland, whose son John settled between Reedy & Spencer, and another son, Charles Jr. while I am descended from John.

John Boggs purchased most of the land between Reedy and Spring Creek, at various times, but lost much of it through faulty deeds after clearing it and building homes for himself and his children.

I, Susia, was born in Calhoun County, 9 Oct. 1921, d/o Ernest Ray and Anna Thurman (Hicks) Harold. When I was almost 6, my parents moved to Tariff, Roane Co. WV, where they purchased a general merchandise store. They sold gasoline, hardware, feed, clothing, groceries, etc. They also had the post office. I grew up working in the store. My first job was selling candy. Harder jobs were added as I grew older.

Dalton and I both graduated from Spencer High School and then attended Mountain State Business College. When WWII broke out, I returned to Tariff to help my mother run the store. My father dying when I was 14.

Dalton was drafted into the Army 12 May 1941, before WWII started and was discharged 16 June 1945. Staff Sergeant William Dalton Boggs was a radio operator in General George Patton’s 3rd. Army — 4th. Armoured Division, during WWII. He was in England, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

June 19, 1945, Dalton & I were married: two days after he returned from the Army. We both helped my mother in the store for over two years, then she sold it and we all moved to Parkersburg, where Dalton got employment at The American Viscose Co. In 1946, Donna Sue Boggs joined our family and 22 months later Gladys Ann was born.

Later Dalton had a chance to join the Leadbeaters Union. When Jobs grew scarce, he changed to the Pipilters Union in Daytona Beach Florida. There he worked several places on the Kennedy Space Center and was employed at Disney World almost from the beginning of construction until the first part was almost completed and opened to the public.

This type of work was seldom in one place for long, so we seldom lived in one place. Dalton has worked in Virginia, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Alabama, and West Virginia. He retired from the Union when he was 62, and purchased land at Tariff, WV, where we spend our Summers and return to Florida in the Fall. Submitted by: Susia Rae (Harold) Boggs

BOGGS

William Garnet Boggs, known to many in Roane County as “Rev. Boggs”, was born July 14, 1905 in Curtis District, Roane County, WV. His parents were Oliver Car­son and Lydia Luverna (Goodwin) Boggs. He was one of six children - Garcia Roy, William Garnet, Orla Virginia, Lydia Luvema (Goodwin) Boggs and Catherine Jane Boggs are all buried at Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, (Curtis District) Roane County, WV; Oscar Alan Fits Goodwin is buried in Glenlade Cemetery, Akron, Ohio; Anna Eliza (Hunt) Goodwin is buried with her second husband, Sebastian (“Boss”) Hudkins in Spencer Cemetery, Spencer, WV.

Una Williams was born in Jackson County, WV, June 25, 1905 and was the daughter of Samuel Woodward and Cora Ada (Cline) Williams. Una was one of six children - Okla Verl, Una; Walter Clinton (“George”); Ralph Boyd (“Ted”); Betty Rae, and Ruth Joyce. Samuel Woodward and Cora Ada (Cline) Williams are buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley, WV.

Una’s grandparents were William Henderson and Dorcas Lenora (Rhodes) Williams and William Orville and Martha Arzana (Merrill) Cline. All four of her grandparents are buried in the Baptist Grove (Frozen Camp) Cemetery, Fayette County, WV.

William Garnet and Una were married May 15, 1932. They lived at Peniel, Reedy, and Speed the first twenty years before moving to Lewis County, WV, in 1952. They had three children: David L. born 1933, Denis (“Denny”) D. born 1935, and De­lores J. born 1936.

David graduated from Marshall College in 1935. He married Ardelle Stalismith of Urbana, Ohio, where they reside. He retired after 30 years of high school teaching, and is now employed by Citizens National Bank, Martha is secretary-treasurer for the United Methodist Church.

Their son, Michael, graduated from Ohio University and is a Senior Loan Review officer with the Huntington Banks and lives in Columbus. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is a student at Ohio University.

Denis graduated from WV Wesleyan, Buckhannon, in 1956. He taught music in Maryland, served two years in U.S. Army and worked at United Nations in New York before returning to this area. He received a Masters degree from UCLA and a PhD. from Claremont University, and is a teacher in Los Angeles. He is single.

Delores graduated from West Virginia High School and attended West Virginia University. She married M.Wm. Adler of Weston in 1953. Bruce, graduated from Princeton and Van­derbilt and is a lawyer in New Jersey. Ann Alicia graduated from WV University. She married Ron Tickle and they reside in Washington, D.C. M. Wm. Jr. graduated from Gienville College and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Jonathan attended Boston University for two years and is a graduate of WV University.

William Garnet was a teacher in Roane County elementary schools for over twenty years. He was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Church in 1941. In his nearly twenty-four year career in the ministry he served numerous churches in Jackson, Roane, and Lewis, and his last church being St. John’s United Methodist Church in Grafton, WV.

Una stayed with and worked for Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius C. Staats in Ripley in order to attend high school. She graduated in 1930 as salutatorian of her class at Ripley High School. Una then attended Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, and took additional courses from Marshall, Morris Harvey, Glenvill, and WV University. She taught elementary school in Jackson and Roane Counties for several years. She was active in church work with her husband. Af­ter his retirement, she devoted time to macrame, decoupage, Swedish weaving and quilting. She designed and made Centen­nial quilts for each of her three children in 1976.

William Garnet Boggs died March 25, 1988 at the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston, WV, and is buried in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens at Weston. At this time (1989) his wife, Una, resides in Westover, Lewis County, WV. Submitted by: David L. Boggs

BOOTHE

Jamison Boothe, 1806-1889, came to Roane County around 1854 with his ten children: Adah, David, Mary, Nancy, Jamison, Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Stephen, and Hiram. Jamison’s sons were Confederate Soldiers in the Civil War. Jamison was a farmer.

David Hunter Boothe, 1832-1912, came to Roane County from Russell County, Virginia. He married Avalie Ellis, 1835-1905, on January 1856 in Ramer County, (WVA). David and Avalie had thirteen chil­dren: Margaret, Henry, Emily, Nancy, Mary, John, Evan, Jamison, Peter, Catherine, William, Edward, and Josephine. David Hunter Boothe was a farmer, a Justice of the Peace, and a Methodist Deacon. His father, the land for the Henry’s Fork Church and the land for the Tariff Cemetery. He was in Company G, 60 Virginia Infantry, 3rd Reg’t of Infantry, Wise Legion of the Confederate Army. Avalie, David’s wife, was beaten by
Union soldiers and made to prepare a big meal. She was pregnant at the time. David Hunter Boothe and Avaine Ellis Boothe are buried in the Tariff Cemetery.

Henry Jonathan Boothe, 1858-1933, was born in Roane County. He first married Martha Caroline Smith 1852-1909, on 4 December 1879 in Roane County. Henry and Martha had seven children: Kenna, Clark, Mary, Myrtle, William, Martha, and Malla. Henry married second, Margaret Louisa Drake 1875-1928, on 10 March 1910 in Roane County. Henry and Louisa had three children: Opa1, Woodrow, and John. Henry married third, Martha Ellen Drake, 1892-1964, on 23 July 1932 in Clay County. Henry and Martha had no children. Henry was a farmer, oilfield worker. Justice of the Peace, and carried mail on horseback from Looneyville to Tariff. Henry Jonathan Boothe, Martha Caroline Smith Boothe, and Margaret Louisa Drake Boothe are all buried in the Tariff Cemetery.

Myrtle Lee Boothe, 1885-1966, was an operator of the Citizen Telephone System switchboard at Newbern for several years. Myrtle Boothe and Opal Boothe, born 1911, also operated the switchboard at Tariff until the Citizen Telephone System was established. Myrtle Lee Boothe is buried in the Tariff Cemetery. Opa1 Boothe was a seamstress, sewing out of her home for many people. She also wrote a column in the county newspaper for many years about the people and events of Tariff. Woodrow Brooks Boothe was born in 1913 in Roane County. He married Orva Hill, born 1913, on 20 October 1943 in Summit County, Ohio. Woodrow and Orva have two children, Sandra and Ronald. Woodrow is a farmer, carried mail on horseback as a mailman in the county. He also worked at pipeline construction and as a mechanic. Woodrow served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

BOYER

George Washington Boyer b. 4-5-1850
Monroe County d. 7-6-1892 Roane County and Emmanuella Miller b. 11-14-1849 d. 12-12-1918, daughter of Josiah Miller of Reedy, were farmers at Zona, Harper District, Roane County. His family migrated from Roanoake, Virginia and settled in Roane County about 1850.


BOYLES

The Boyles name goes back to Ireland and England. The name descended from Sir Philip Boyle, a Knight of Arrogan. He had ten boys and five girls in all. Perhaps no other family in Great Britain has produced more prominent men than the Boyles' (hence the name) during that era. The first to make peer was Richard, son of Roger Boyle, he became the Great Earl of Cork. Robert Boyle, another son was a scientist. He invented the air pump. Charles Boyles, the earliest known Boyles, was born in Ireland in 1722 and died in 1813 at the age of 91. He came to Augusta County, Virginia in 1745 with his three brothers. Charles and his wife Ester had six children. The youngest, Gilbert (1772-1835) married Elinor "Nellie" Goff and they had ten children. The second child of Gilbert and Elinor was James (1806-1972). He married Catherine Woffring and they had nine sons and three daughters. Six sons served in the Union Army and all returned safely. Their third child was David (1834-1899). His first wife was Rebecca. After the Civil War they came to Calhoun County from Barbour County. They had five children: M. Pless, Garrett, Charles, Myrtle and Lyman, the twins, and Elizabeth. David married the second time after his first wife's death.

BOYES

Victor Wayne and Charlene Ransom Boyes moved to Roane County in December, 1983. Vic is originally from Morgantown, WV, and Charlene is from Northfield, NJ. We were transferred here because of Vic's job with the Monongahela Power Company. Charlene is a secretary at Spencer High School. We have three children: Shane, 23, Dayna 20, and Adam 16. We moved to Morgantown before our move to Spencer. All graduated from Spencer High School and were active in the band. Roger played point guard on the basketball team. Sandra will graduate from Glenville State College in December, 1989. She will marry Allen Dale Brock, from Pocohontas County on November 18, 1989 at St. John's United Methodist Church where we are members. Roger is attending West Virginia University in Morgantown and Ron attends Fairmont State and is in the business program.

All three kids have held various jobs in Spencer. Roger and Ron were the first delivery boys for Subway Pizza in Spencer.
married French Goodwin and had a daughter, Anna Lou. Gordie married Myrtle Fett after his first wife died.

Tina married Arthur Brewer and moved to Kansas. They had nine children: Clara, Harry John, George Lee, Dorothy Elizabeth, Dora Kathryn, Arthur Gordon, Edith Grimm, Harry L. and Wally Short Runnion. Their oldest daughter, Goldie Lee (1924) married Eddie C. Reed, son of Haze and Ruby Reed. They had three daughters: Sherry, Terry, and Kellie. First son Ronald (1926) married Edith Grimm, daughter of Edwin W. and Goldie Short Grimm. They had one son Jeffrey and one daughter Debbie. I, Harold, married Drusilla Ann McMillion, and owned a country general store.

Swank and they moved to Curtis District, Ohio. He was a farmer. My friend, William Alexander Brabham, was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. They had five children: James, Dorothy, Robert, George, and William. James married Mary Matilda Hively. Their first daughter, Dorothy (1935) married David Grimm. They had four daughters Belinda, Catherine, Barbara, and Sharon. Bill lives in Parkersburg. Bill lives on Middle Fork of Reedy but is employed in Parkersburg. Bill lives in Williamstown, but works in Marietta, Ohio.

James Mac Welch and wife of Upper Poca talico, below Looneville. He came to Roane County in infancy where he lived. His wife married lands near the place of marriage and where he became a prominent farmer.

Benjamin Early Bradley was born near Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia, on October 12, 1875, the son of Charles Lewis and Ruhama Greenleaf Bradley. ANCESTRY

James Bradley lived in Jackson County possibly before the year 1845, coming there from Rockbridge County, Virginia. He married Miss Nancy Rhodes in Jackson County, she being a sister of Peter Rhodes. James and Nancy (Rhodes) Bradley were the parents of the Charles Lewis Bradley first mentioned.

Children of Charles Lewis and Ruhama Greenleaf Bradley are as follows: Seven sons, three sons married three Welsh sisters: Benjamin Early, Dora Welch; Frederick, Robert, and Walter. Benjamin Early married Mary and David. They live in Parkersburg.

BRADLEY

Benjamin Early Bradley was born near Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia, on October 12, 1875, the son of Charles Lewis and Ruhama Greenleaf Bradley.


My ancestor, Thomas Brabham emigrated from England, arriving in America September 1, 1783. He settled in Loudon County, Virginia, near his family there. He was a shoemaker by trade. Some of his children moved to Ohio. My great grandfather, William Alexander Brabham was born in 1820. He married Amy Oliver who was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. They reared their family in Muskingum County, Ohio. He was a farmer.

Their son, Edward Metros Brabham was my grandfather. He married Mary Matilda Swank and they moved to Curtis District, Roane County, West Virginia, where they reared their family.

Two of their sons, Clovis and John remained in Curtis District and reared their families here. Clovis was a farmer, carpenter, and oil field worker. John was a farmer, carpenter, and owned a country general store. Both helped to build Napier Chapel Church.

Clovis had three sons who served in the armed forces, Clifford, Wilbert, and J. W. My father, John Brabham married Gay Reed.

BRABHAM

Levada married George O'Brien. They have five sons. George, John, Kim, Jim, and Mike. George passed away. Levada is a supervisor at Kellwood.

Raymond married Irelene Lemley. They have two sons, Kenneth and Lester. Raymond passed away a few years ago. His family lives in Franklin, Tennessee.

Betsy married Charles Koone. They have two sons, Charles and Kevin, a daughter Susan. They live in New York.

Glenda married Sherrill Bradshaw. They have a son Robert, three daughters, Brenda, Linda, and Karen. They reared their family in Evansville, Indiana.

Larry married Rhonda Phillips. They have a son Harry and a daughter, Mikasa. Larry is a licensed auctioneer and antique dealer.

Harry married Grace Ferguson. They have a son Larry. She has three children, Gordon, Carole, and Susan Finnie by a former marriage. Harry is in construction business and lives in Parkersburg.

Jo Ann married Alvie Norman. They live near Monaca, Pennsylvania.

My two brothers, Earl and John D. were World War II Army Veterans.

My son Raymond was a U.S. Marine. Larry served in the Navy as an airman. He had previously served in the Air Force. Larry retired with twenty years service in the Navy.

I, Alta Brabham Knopp, am a former school teacher and also a retired Licensed Practical Nurse. Submitted by Alta Brabham Knopp

Edna married Ray McCrady. He passed away. She lives in Parkersburg.


Irene married Glen Green. They live in Parkersburg.


A. Alta Brabham married Virgil Snopp. We had seven children. They were reared in Reedy.

Janice lives in Ripley.

Shirley drives a school bus. Ira John was a supervisor at the Norris Plant. Sharon has a flower shop. Hazel lives in Virginia.

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The first road on Poca "Crane's Nest" to serve the Bradley family was built by B. E. and Mac Welch and kept in good condition. This road later became the main road through the area. The road up Poca was through the Pocatalico River. During the winter the water would freeze solid, allowing a loaded wagon and a team of heavy work horses to travel. In the winter months, B. E. and Hace Miller would cut this ice into squares and store it in an ice house, packed in sawdust to keep the ice from melting. During the summer, the ice was used in making ice cream for the family, also used for making ice cream from ice cream supplies, held at the Bradley home. The ice cream being served in small glass dishes.

The first place of worship for B. E. Bradley and family was in the Vineyard Run school house. School in the building during the week, then a place of worship on Sunday.

There was in attendance, B. E. Bradley, wife and children, nine members of this family, traveling to a place of worship on Sunday morning in a buggy drawn by horses. B. E. assisted in the building and organizing of the Epling Chapel Baptist Church.

Submitted by Maud Bradley

BENJAMIN EARLY BRADLEY

Benjamin Early (B. E.) Bradley was a very industrious man. When first married, he would start to work at 4:00 o'clock a.m. and worked many a day for 35 cents and bought things the family needed. B. E. was an example of a good father before his children. In winter when the weather was too cold for the mother and small children to attend church, B. E. and the older children walked one mile to and from church many times in deep snow.

The greatest obstacle in walking was the Pocatalico River. The only way of crossing was a pole thrown across the river to serve as a foot log. The Bradley girls were always afraid to cross on the poles but they were always assisted by the hand of their father and older brothers.

B. E. Bradley's wife, Dora Welch Bradley, was a most gracious lady and mother; telling her children always right from wrong and older brothers.

B. E. assisted in the building and organizing of the Epling Chapel Baptist Church. Submitted by: Maud Bradley

BRADLEY

Many happy days were when B. E. gave his permission for Maud and Pauline to attend parties. Their older brother Fauch Bradley was chaperone and drove the family car, a 1921 Henry Ford car.

With plenty of powder on their faces to lend mystery, Maud and Pauline would try to get in car before being noticed by their mother.

But on the way Fauch would say "you girls rub off some of that powder" - and off came some of the powder. Among the party in summer time and the moon shining a girl and boy friend would sit in a buggy and talk while others were square dancing.

They were all served with home made cake and home canned pickles. Submitted by: Pauline Bradley

BRADLEY

The most memorable article to be delivered was an obituary by J. Herby Smith for Lorene "Little Sister" Bradley, daughter of B. E. and Dora Welch Bradley, born August 23, 1914 - March 3, 1917.

There is a Reaper whose name is death and with his sickle clean he reapeth the beard grass and the flowers that grow between. During the funeral a member of the family was heard to say, "She was the flower of the family."

In memory of "Little Sister" and another little daughter of B. E. and Dora Bradley, "Little Dot" born November 26, 1905 - May 3, 1917.

There is no death; the stars go down to rise upon some other share and bright in heaven's jeweled sky. They shine for ever more.

Submitted by: Maud Bradley

BRADLEY


COL. RUBY BRADLEY

My father, Fred Bradley was born in Jackson County, W. Va. in 1870. He moved to Roane County about 1870. He owned and operated a Saw Mill, farmed a small tract of land on Spring Creek - near Spencer. He was President of the Board of Education of Spencer District for two terms. He died in 1946 of pneumonia. He married Bertha Jane Welch in 1892. She was born in Charleston, W. Va. in 1876. She was very active as a volunteer Red Cross Worker during WWI. She died in 1932 - following a heart attack.
GLENDA JEAN KNOPP
BRADSHAW

I was born February 4, 1936, on the Marsh Farm on McCrady Fork, and within hollering distance of the Antioch Schoolhouse. Dr. Brand from the Defoe Hospital had to ride a horse from Peniel to our house because the snow was knee-deep. I was 250 lbs. Old Ben Buckely and Mrs. Bertha Batten were with me at the time. My parents are Virgil Clement Knopp (deceased) and Allie Pearl Brabham Knopp. Mom is 80 years old as of this writing.

I graduated from Spencer High School in 1954. When I was a girl growing up we received a Regular Army Commission in Army Nurse Corps. I received the West Virginia University B.S. in Psychology in 1954. I, Col. Ruby G. Bradley, 15 June 1955 (promoted to Colonel 1958) was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal by the International Red Cross for outstanding service when I was a prisoner of War of the Japanese for 37 months during World War II and for my service in Korea. When I retired on 31 March 1963, I received the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit. I hold distinction of being the most decorated woman in the history of the United States Army (a title I still hold in 1989). On June 1, 1964 I was awarded an honorary degree as Doctor of Science by the West Virginia University Submitted by: Col. Ruby G. Bradley, Iei.

The Bradshaws

Brenda married Dennis Pence. Their children are Gwendolyn Denise and Benjamin Lee. Brenda is a welder-pipe fitter. Linda married John M. Ballard. Their children are Natalie, Tom and William Louis. Linda has her own picketing business.

Robert Allen lives in Houston, Texas, and is attending Control Data Institute there.

Karen Ann has a daughter Jennifer Elaine. Karen married Mike Coffie. He has two children by a former marriage, Christopher and Kebra. Karen is an electrician.

My children's dad is an electrician's foreman at Alcoa Aluminum. I and four other people including my husband, Brad, got the Alcoa Warrick Employees Federal Credit Union started.

I returned to live in West Virginia in 1985 but am planning on going back to live in Evansville next spring. Submitted by: Glenda Jean Knopp Bradshaw.

BRANNON

The Family name BRANNON is believed to have originated in Ireland from the old Irish term Bran. This term at that time was used to mean a raging torrent and indicated that the family that adopted it may have lived by a swift river, or it possibly described the father's fearlessness in battle, according to Roots Research Bureau.

The Brannons began to emigrate from Ireland to Virginia about 1750. As their immigration increased, many of them, following the trends of the times, joined our country's historical Western Movement. Several families settled in what is now central West Virginia.

In the works of Col. D. S. Dewees in his "Recollections of a Lifetime", William Brannon, Sr. (b. 1765) "emigrated from Virginia to the then Far West about 1804, came to where Amoldsburg now is, stopped with Peter McCune, Sr., he being a tailor by trade and an inexperienced..."
woodsman, consequently could not wield an ax with any degree of certainty. Peter McCune, Sr., notwithstanding a raw Irishman not long from the Emerald Isle, a patriot in behalf of the Americans in the Revolutionary War, thoroughly imbued with freedom's cause, and having been in the wilderness long enough to have learned to wield an ax — Samarian like, he gave up his cabin home and little improvements to William Brannon, Sr. and in the long bottom just above the mouth of Rush Run ... there reared a cabin home."

William Brannon, Sr., was the father of Thomas P. Brannon (1801-1892), who in turn was the father of Oliver Brannon (1848-1922), our grandfather.

Grandfather Oliver Brannon married Dorothy Laughlin on October 26, 1871. They reared their family of twelve children, including a granddaughter, near Amoldsburg and Orma in Calhoun County. About 1920 they moved to a farm about two miles east of Spencer on Route U.S. 33. The children remaining in the family at that time were Dolphus, Moody, Viola, Walter and granddaughter, Marie Brannon.

During this generation of Brannons' the Westward Movement was in full swing and many young people were still being attracted to the promise of a better life on the Central and Great Plains. Prior to the family's move to Roane County, four sons had gone - Ulysses Grant and Jesse to Ohio, Sylvester Riley to Texas and John to Oklahoma. Within a few years Viola, Walter and Marie left for South Dakota. Viola had married Jennings Leigh of South Dakota and Walter had married Erma Snyder of Roane County.

Continuing to live in Calhoun County were Lewis Maxwell Brannon and Effie (Brannon) Starcher; and there they reared their families.

Dolphus and Moody lived out their lives in the Spencer area, where they reared their families. Their occupations were largely in building maintenance and construction work.

Our Uncle Dolphus married Julia Carpenter and to them were born two daughters: Elia Josephine, who married Gene Clark and lives in Ohio, and Frances, who married David Meyers and lives in South Carolina.

Our Uncle Moody married Mae Ward, who became well known for her elementary school teaching skills. To them were born two sons, William (Bill) and Hubert Brannon. Bill married Patsy May. He served his community in newspaper and radio advertising, as well as owning and operating a restaurant and car wash, until his death in 1987. Hubert married Jo Ellen Young and lives in Ohio.

Our father Lewis M. Brannon (1879-1969) and our mother Otta Poling (1884-1962) were joined in marriage on March 14, 1912 in Calhoun County. To them were born eight children: Paul Maxwell (b. 1913), Marjorie (1914-1927), Mildred (1916-1970), Madeline (b. 1917), Poling Riley (1919-1921), Margaret (1921-1921), Myrtle Imogene (b. 1924), and Alta Virginia (b. 1928). Lewis Brannon moved his family from Calhoun County to Spencer in 1936. He earned his living as a retail furniture dealer in a store on Market Street. He closed his store and retired in 1959 at the age of 80.

Lewis Brannon's son Paul married Hester Ellen Mckown on October 20, 1943. To them was born one son, James Paul. Paul and Hester pursued careers in Roane County, Paul as a teacher and school administrator and Hester as a registered nurse, until they moved to Kanawha County in 1961.

Daughter Madeline married Paul R. Smith, June 24, 1961. Paul Smith is a carpenter and an evangelist for the Nazarene Church. Madeline became assistant manager for G C Murphy Spencer store from which she retired in 1983.

Daughter Alta married Gale Franklin Keen, son of Losa and Okey Keen of Spencer. Gale married a career in administration with the West Virginia National Guard. Alta has been employed for over forty years in the general offices of Hardman Supply Company in Spencer.Submitted by: Paul Brannon, Madeline Smith and Alta Keen

ALBERT S. & EVA LEE EDWARDS BROWN

Both of them were born and raised in Mason County and came to Reedy from there. When "Sid" was 16 years old he began to study to be a telegraph operator. And, after a few years as an under-study he became the Depot Agent and telegraph operator at Reedy for B & O Railroad.

He made his home in that Roane County community for over 56 years, working for the B & O Railroad the whole time.

Sid and Eva raised a family of five children: three boys and two girls, who attended school at Reedy.

Their children: Ira L. "Buss" Brown married Elfie Harris of Reedy. They were the parents of five children: four boys and one girl, Valjean, David, Robert, Jim, and the girl, Marcilline.

Everett M. Pete Brown married Beulah Nichols of Reedy.

Dorothy Mae married Ace Samen of Reedy. They had four sons: Daris and Marvin.

Claire married Hoyt M. Bogs of Spencer. They had one son, Sidney.

Albert F. married Majorie Townsen of Elizabeth. They had one son, Jack.

The B & O offered internship deep in Sid's children and grandchildren.

Everett worked on the bridge crew for several years.

Both Ira and Albert retired from the B & O as Engineers with a combined total of over 80 years.

Also two of Ira's children, David and Jim, are engineers now for the B & O.

Sid died in 1951 and his wife, Eva, died in 1956.

As Reedy grew, the depot became a gathering place as the train traffic grew near to those who were coming into town. A favorite joke Sid played on those in the depot was to go out the back door of the depot and make a train whistle sound by blowing on his hands and seeing the people making a dash to see the train. Submitted by: Clara Brown Boggs and Sydney Boggs

BROWN

Richard William Brown, M.D., known by many as "Doc" came to Spencer, Roane County, in May 1950. He assumed the medical practice of Harold W. Snodgrass, M.D., which was located on the second floor of the Tom Arnold building, above the automobile agency.

Dr. Brown was born in Mercer County, West Virginia, and had his pre-med education at West Virginia University. After attending Chicago Medical School, being graduated June 20, 1947, the following day he married the former Lois Duty. They left Chicago for Huntington, West Virginia, where he served a rotating internship in St. Mary's Hospital. From Huntington the Browns moved to Havana, Illinois, where he was in practice with another physician. Later, he practiced with the Marshall Field Clinic in Chicago.

Thinking always of someday returning to his native West Virginia, he learned of an opportunity in Spencer, and decided this was the place he would like to live and practice the art of caring for people. Early in his practice he delivered many babies in the home; he made house calls to the sick in Roane, Wirt, and Calhoun counties.

The Browns arrived in Spencer with a 91/2 month old son, Robert (Bob) Worth Brown, born July 17, 1949, in Chicago. Dr. Brown was called to military service in 1953, with another child due, and because of Dr. Brown's impending departure for overseas duty, Mrs. Brown stayed with her parents in Chicago where their son William (Bill) Scott Brown was born March 12th, two days before his father left for Korea. Capt. Brown was in the Korean-American Theater of
Alexander, better known by everyone as Alex, was born on November 30, 1886. As a young man, with his parents, Alex moved to Wirt County and later to Roane County where he met and married Gertrude Keefer, the daughter of Andrew Keefer and Francis Ann (Hess). They lived in and around Spencer, West Virginia from 1902 to 1920 where Alex was Justic of the Peace and Constable for thirteen years. They were the parents of ten children, namely:


In the year 1920 the family moved to Looneyville where they resided until 1934. Alexander and his sons operated a store in Spencer, West Virginia from 1926 to 1928. While in Looneyville, Alexander took over the mail route from Looneyville to Walton, West Virginia for four years. His sons, especially Carl, helped carry the mail on horseback all year long. He was a good father and a good friend to everyone he met.

In 1934 Alexander and his family moved to Parkersburg in Wood County, West Virginia. Alexander bought a farm in the place called Elly. With the boys help, he worked the land until they went out on public works. Urie worked at the American Viscose Plant and the other seven boys got their start at the O'Ames Shovel Plant. Alexander died at the age of 81 at his home in New England, West Virginia after a long illness. He was a member of the Lo cropped Methodist Church. Gertrude, born on January 27, 1879, died in the year 1954. Alexander and Gertrude are buried in the State Memorial Cemetery in Spencer, West Virginia.

CHILDREN:

- Urie married Glenna Keaton, they had one daughter Mary Gertrude (Halie) and four grandchildren.

- Bernard married Mary Ross, no children.

- Orland married Vesta Sampson, they had two sons, Ronie, died in infancy, and David. One daughter Connie Sue and three grandchildren.

- Carl married Velma Dougherty, they had one son, Alfred Lee, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Gertha Ray married Emma Lutz, they had two sons Clifton (Sonny), Ernest and two daughters Delma and Hazel, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Emma died in 1974. Roy remarried Ester Seamen.

Hollie married Reta (Bunny) Buckley, they had two sons Robert and James and one daughter Roy, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Roy married Gedin Boggs, they had one son Harvey Clay and two daughters Patsy and Virginia and two grandchildren.

Benjamin Mayford married Madelain Hutton, they had two sons Benjamin and Joseph, one daughter Elizabeth and five grandchildren.

Francis married Cyrus Sampson, they had five children. Vida the oldest daughter, Jack and Jessie, twins and Roy and Ruth, also twins, seventeen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Virginia Evelyn never married. Submitted by Virginia Buchanan, daughter and Velma Buchanan.

BUCHANAN


The family moved from Spencer in the year of 1920 to Looneyville, W.V. Alexander bid the U.S. Mail route in, and Carl carried the mail on horseback for four years from Looneyville to Walton.

In 1934 the family moved again, this time to Parkersburg, W.V. Carl went back to Looneyville and was married on Aug. 4, 1934 to Velma Daugherty. A daughter of Roy and Elise (Daugherty) Boggs. She was born in 1935. In Spencer, W.V. Carl and Velma stayed at Looneyville, where he worked on various jobs until he got work in the oil field.

They then moved to Parkersburg. He got a job at the O'Ames Shovel Plant in 1936. Carl started work in the laboring gang, then to the boiler house where he was the main boiler man. Later on to the millright, where he worked until retiring in the year of 1975. After 34 years.

He bought a 91 acre farm, and with the

Submitted by Dr. Richard Brown
help of the boys, worked it until his death in Feb. of 1908.

Carl and Velma had one son, Alfred. He married Elizabeth Ann 'Betty' Windland. They have four children, Jeffrey Allen Buchanan, has one son; Bryan, one daughter - Karla; Cheryl Diada (Boggs), two daughters, Alicia and Amy. Pamela (Smith), three sons, Chad, Sean and Devin; Anita (Cain), no children.

Carl was a member of Senior Citizens, and attended Van Pleasant View Baptist Church. He is buried in the Sunset Memory Gardens Cem. at Parkersburg, W.V.

Velma still lives in Parkersburg. Submitted by: Shelly Buchanan

BUCHANAN

Joshua Buchanan was born at Fishing Creek, Ohio County, then a District of West Augusta, Va., now West Virginia, on Feb. 7, 1827. As a young man he moved to Wood Co. with his father William Buchanan. On Feb. 7, 1855, he was married at Rockport to Elvilda Buchanan. She was born July 1, 1831, in Monroe Co., Ohio.

While still in Wood Co. on Feb. 10, 1863, Joshua enlisted in Co. I, the 11th West Virginia Infantry, Union Army. He went all through the war as a Private. He fought in the battles of Cloyd Mountain, Berryville, Winchester, Snicker's Ferry, Cedar Creek, Richmond, Meadow Bluffs, Fisher's Hill, Pond Creek, and at Lynchburg. He also helped take an active part in the fall of Petersburg, High Bridge, and at Appomattox when Lee surrendered to Grant. Co. I, the 11th W.V. Inf. Mustered in at Ravenswood, W.V. on June 16, 1862, and Mustered out June 17, 1865 at Richmond, Va.

Joshua and Elvilda had eight children, all born in Wood Co. They were: Amanda, 1855-1906, unmarried; Elizabeth, 1857-1939; married in 1891 to Wenzel Short, 1866-1937, they had one daughter, Mary. Jordan, married in 1901 to Victoria Chambers: William Henry, 1860-1916, unmarried; Urie Lyghtle, who was named after a 2nd Lieutenant that Joshua served under in the war. 1863-1950, married in 1905 to Emma Conley, 1882-1939; Alexander, 1866-1948, married in 1902 to Gertrude Kieffer, 1870-1970; was married four times, the first in 1896 to Wm. Franklin Reynolds. The second in 1909 to Everett Wine. The third in 1926 to Mr. Reynolds. The last in 1949 to A. S. Reynolds. She out lived all of them.

Joshua and his family moved from Wood Co. to West Fork, Calhoun Co. in 1876. From there to the Donohoe Farm in Roane Co., 1883. From there to Daniels Run in 1884. From there to Pretty Farm Run, May 8, 1887. This farm containing 100 acres, was bought from Wm. Woodward and J. G. Schilling for seven hundred and fifty dollars. Jacob Queen and his family lived on this land in this deed be made to Elvilda and her heirs, because he had given her his pension money, and it was this money that paid for the farm. Joshua died Mar. 11, 1890, at home, Elvilda died Dec. 12, 1908. They are both buried in the Slate Cem. at Spencer.

Butch Buchanan's still own and live on the farm at Pretty Farm Run. Submitted by: Howard and Velma Buchanan

BUCHANAN

Urie L. Buchanan "Joss" was born in Wood Co., W.V. Oct. 13, 1863, a son of Joshua and Elvilda (Buchanan) Buchanan. Joshua's parents were: William and Elizabeth Buchanan, from Marshall Co., W.V. Elvilda's parents were: Ebenizer and Rebecca Buchanan, from Monroe Co., Ohio. It is not known if these two Buchanan families were related or not.

After the death of his parents, the farm on Pretty Farm Run was divided among the children. Uriie bought out each brother and sister, one at a time until he owned all of this land.


Uriie and Emma had the following children: (1) Harlan B. b. 1-22-1906 d. 8-25-1953, married 3-26-1938 to Fern Rada; they had two children: JonAnn married Deo Wilson, she lives in Florida and has a daughter Kathy Ann, Mary Elizabeth, lives in Phoenix, Arizona, married Larry Sherland; Robert Larry, has a stepson and one daughter, no other information. (2) Infant, Girl b. and d. 1907, (3) Letha Mae b. 12-1-1909, married 9-23-1933 to Russell Anderson, they divorced but had one daughter: Violet Lucille b. 12-9-1933 married to Deo Webb b. 10-31-1936, they had three daughters: Violet DeAnn b. 1954, killed in a auto accident in 1979, married Roy Silke; one daughter Tracy Rachelle; Catherine Louise married to Paul Plum, Jr., they live in Pa. with their two children. Michele Denise and Jason Nathaniel; Patricia Denise married Eddie Drennen, they live at Gandeeville, and have two sons, Bryan Joshua and Michael Travis. Letha, Violet and Deo live on Clau St., Spencer. (4) Georgia Ann b. 5-21-1912 d. 3-5-1984 while a patient at Cabell-Huntington Burn Center. She had a severe burn in Feb. 10, 1985, when a stove

expended in her home. She was married 8-1940 to Herman Nichols, they made their home at Linden, W.V. They had four children, James Edward married Rosie Courtney; they have three children: Tonya, James II and Leslie. (5) Velma Stillborn. They have two step-children and two children of their own. They are: Benjamin and Angie Young, Adam and Matthew Nichol, Letha married Charles Caldwell, they have Robert, Amanda and Chad.

Charles Otmer b. 9-22-1914, d. 5-20-1959 when a plane that he was cleaning expended at Martin Aircraft in Baltimore, Md. He was married to Edith Fairly, they had no children. (6) Otis Joshua b. 12-4-1916, d. 4-1967 of a heart attack at his home in Baltimore, Md. He married Marie Whittaker, they had a son, Roger Ouis married Pamela King (she kept her maiden name), they have Benjamin, Caleb and Caitlin. Otis and Marie had a child that died in infancy. (7) Oris Robert b. 7-29-1919 married 7-26-1945 to Opal Mildred Young b. 1-21-1924 d. 7-14-1967. They had three children: Janet and b. and d. 1946; David Jeffrey married three times, 1st to Kathryn Shannon, one daughter Melissa Oop, 2nd to Jeanne Garrett Simons, one daughter Stacey Ranae, David has one step-daughter, Vicky Simons. David is a dozer operator in the oilfield, and lives on Pretty Farm Run; Rita Jenine married Elie Falls, they have a daughter Samantha Hope, Rita is a school teacher in Spencer, and lives in Wirt Co. Oris remarried 4-23-1971 to Barbara Jackson. As a young man he moved to Wood Co. with his father William Buchanan. On Feb. 7, 1855, he was married at Rockport to Elvilda Buchanan. She was born July 1, 1831, in Monroe Co., Ohio.

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Urie and Emma Buchanan Family

submitted by: Howard and Velma Buchanan

BUCK

The Buck family came to Roane County from Barbour County, settling near Peniel on Buck Ridge. John Smith Buck, 1869;
1947, son of Oliver and Martha Smith Buck, married Stella May Phillips, 1882 - 1953, and they were the parents of four sons, Donald, Willis, Howard, and Walter, all born at Peniel in Roane County, John Smith Buck, moved his family to Spencer in 1920 where he and his wife, Stella, operated a boarding house and restaurant in the Whiting Building (later the site of the DePue Hospital, and now an apartment building) on the lower end of Market Street near the train depot. This boarding house was more like a working man’s hotel, and catered to the numerous oil field workers in the area. Stella, in addition to preparing large family style meals which were served at breakfast and dinner for the princely sum of 25 cents for all you could eat, also packed lunches for the oil field workers who stayed at the hotel. The restaurant operated by the Buck’s was also the first in the area to sell sliced bread. The bread was baked by Storck’s Bakery in Parkersburg, and delivered by train to the Spencer area.

Donald Buck, son of John S. and Stella M. Buck, married Mildred Jackson.

Willis Buck, son of John S. and Stella M. Buck, married Bessie Nichols.

Howard Buck, son of John S. and Stella M. Buck, married Orie Webb.

Walter Buck (1915 - Present), fourth and youngest son of John S. and Stella M. Buck, married Martha Emilee Starcher, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Adkins) Starcher, in Kanawha County on June 21, 1955. Walter and Emilee lived in Spencer until about 1944, when they moved to Akron, Ohio, where Walter worked in the Goodyear Aircraft Plant in Akron, Ohio during World War II. They returned to the Spencer area about 1946. Walter worked for the WV State Liquor Commission for several years. Emilee, in addition to keeping house and raising her family, also worked as a clerk at the Spencer Department Store until that business closed in the mid 1970’s. Martha Emilee Buck died June 5, 1982, and is buried in the Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, WV. Walter continues to live in the family home on Cross Street, and now works at the Hughes Drug Store in Spencer. Walter and Emilee were the parents of one son, John Clinton Buck.

John Clinton Buck was born June 14, 1936 in Spencer, WV. He is a graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. He was married in Harrison County, on September 9, 1960, to Sheila Jane Lynch, daughter of Paul J. and Ruth (Himes) Lynch. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962. After his honorable discharge from the Army, John and Sheila returned to Spencer, where they have made their home since 1962. John’s occupation in Spencer is that of pharmacist, and he has operated the Hughes Drug Store in Spencer since 1962. John and Sheila are members of the First Baptist Church in Spencer. They are the parents of two sons, Randy Allen and Charles Thomas.

Randy Allen Buck was born July 7, 1964. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1982, and received his B. S. Degree in Business and Marketing from West Virginia University in 1986. He is currently employed as a Certified Public Accountant by Price Waterhouse of Raleigh, NC, specializing in tax auditing. Charles Thomas Buck and Natalie Paige Barker, daughter of Bobby and Carol (Tyson) Barker, were united in marriage at Spencer, WV on July 15, 1989, and currently make their home in Raleigh, NC. Submitted by: John S & Sheila Buck and Walter Buck

BURDETTE

The Burdette’s are of French descent. Two brothers of this name appeared to have come to Curtis district about the same time, their names, Richard and Elijah.

Richard was a sporting man and particularly a horse fancier, attended the horse races regularly at New Orleans. He left in the neighborhood a son whose name was Thompson Burdette. Information of Thompson’s career is more meager than his father, but he left a son, Perry Dixon Burdette, born 1852, he married Miss Mary Ellen Miller. Perry Dixon and Mary Ellen were born 11 children. His father being Lycurgus Burdette, who married Miss Molly Kelley, daughter of Thaddeus and Rebecca Jane Hardman Kelley in 1905. Lycurgus enlisted in the Army and became Sergeant of Battery O, First U. S. Artillery and fought in the Spanish-American War, and was one of the few who of that battery survived the historical Galleon Flood of September 8, 1900. His story of that awful night and of his clinging to a square of flooring would be a small volume of itself. Until their death they were residents of Spencer, their children being: Hazel Burdette Carder - born 1906 - still living; Hasling Burdette - born 1909 - died 1934; Helen Burdette Murray - born 1913 - died 1955; Hallie Burdette Garrett - born 1918 - still living. Submitted by: Hallie Burdette Garrett

BURDETTE - KNOPP

Ancestors, family and descendants of Flossie Ethel Burdette born 7/30/1893 - 8/28/1957 Married Charles Knopp. Flossie Burdette was the daughter of Perry Dixon Burdette (1852 - 1930) who married Mary Ellen Miller (1855 - 1898) on November 2, 1874. Perry Dixon was the son of Thompson and Matilda Burdette. Mary Ellen was the daughter of Isaiah and Mary Miller. Thompson was the son of Richard.

Other children born to Perry Dixon and Mary Ellen Burdette were: Camden Josiah - married Myrtle Wyatt. They had three sons, Hoyt, Howard and Harry; two daughters, Carrie and Ethel (Carrie and Harry were twins) Lycurgus (Curt) married Mollie Kelley. They had three daughters Hazel, Helen and Hallie and one son, Hastig. Thornton (Cad) Cadmus married Bessie Knopp. They had two daughters, Gillis and Oshel. Theodore married Fanny? They had one daughter, Dorothy. Clyde married Maud Scott; one son Kenneth (Bussie) and one daughter, Kathleen. Walter never married, died 1918 - flu. Sterling died age 17 years. Kitty Ann married Lewis Steward and had two daughters, Rose and Ethel and two sons, Laco and Charles. George Lee married Kenner Evans - had one daughter, Leoma. Flossie Ethel married Charles Knopp - two daughters, Orva and Texas Ellen and one son, Gayle. Euphia Zion married Verde Douglas - two daughters, Rita and Juanita and one son, Ray. Euphia divorced then married Erwin Davis.


Charles Donald 10/1/1933 married Sharon Bolcs and they were the parents of Douglass, Joseph and Rock. Charles and Sharon divorced and Charles married Carolyn Lake (nee Barnes) and they did not have any children.

Larry 9/23/1935 married Mary Stevens and they have two children. Richard who married a nurse from Haverhill England. Mandy Dillon, They have a daughter, Alicia and Joni Marie has one son Timothy Jay Caplinger, and Joni is married to Matthew Rubin.

Gayle Knopp married Ethel Weekley in 1939 and on Christmas 1940, twin daughters were born. Beth Anne and Carol Sue (Carol was still born). Beth married John-
ny Phillips (now divorced) and they are the parents of two sons, Von Edward and Eric Gaye.

Tetrix Ellen Knopp married George Stephens in 1936. This marriage produced one son.

Charles and Flossie Burdette Knopp and children. Orva. Tetixia Ellen and Gayle moved from Roane County to Liverpool WV. Jackson County in 1922. They went to Florida in 1925 in a Model T Ford. It took them ten days to get to St. Petersburg. Charles was a contractor and carpenter. In the spring of 1926 they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to work for several months then back to Liverpool then in 1930 they moved to Parkersburg. WV, Wood County. Their son, Gayle Knopp graduated in 1940 as Second Mate from Officer Candidate School, Fort Trumbull, New London Connecticut and served in the Second World War on ocean-going vessels taking ammunition overseas. Submitted by Texia Ellen (Knopp) Stephens

BURGESS

My grandfather Hugh Egan Burgess helped me to sort out the large families of his brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. My research at court houses, cemeteries, and in local history books helped fill in other data. I am so thankful that I talked to all of my grandparents while they were still alive, otherwise some of this history would be lost. Write it down before it’s too late to leave a written ancestry to your children.

George William Burgess was born in Louisa County, VA. The 1850 Lewis County Census shows him as a shoemaker age 24 married with 3 children. His wife was Mary C. Rapp born in Augusta County, VA. They settled in Roane County on Scaffold Run, farmed, and raised 11 children. Their children were Sally, Rosie, John Hansel 1846, Augusta County, VA, Margaret. George Wright, George Penell, Brown T., Amelia Belle 8 Feb 1866. Wright B. 16 Apr 1849. Mary Clementine 20 Aug 1859, and Olive 1866?.

Hugh Burgess married Flora Elena Hoff (see the HOFF Family) 3 Oct 1914 at Spencer, and their children were Edward Hoff 9 Sept 1915 (see BURGESS FISHER), Frances Eleanor 30 Mar 1918 (see BURGESS COTTRELL TERRELL), and Elizabeth Louise 26 Oct 1920 (see BURGESS BODE) all born at Spencer. Flora was born 30 April 1897 at Spencer of Fannie Brown and Napoleon Bonapart Hoff. Hugh worked at Spencer State Hospital as the chief electrician until his retirement, when he and Flora moved to Ravenswood to live near their daughter Frances. Flora died 29 July 1976. Hugh died 29 Nov 1976 Charlestown, and they are buried at Ravenswood.

Much of my information came from personal interviews and conversations with Hugh and Flora Burgess who were born and lived most of their 85 and 76 years in Roane County. They also had lived in Roswell, NM, Wichita Falls, TX, and St. Mary's, WV. Submitted by: Thomas E. Cottrell

BURGESS - BODE

Elizabeth Louise Burgess and William Godfrey Bode eloped and were married 28 June 1939 in Callettsburg KY. Louise was born 26 Oct 1920 in Spencer the daughter of Hugh Egan Burgess and Flora Elena Hoff (see the BURGESS Family and the HOFF Family). Louise and Bill have three children: Sue Ellen 25 Sept 1941 Spencer, William Michael 16 Dec 1944 Spencer, and Kevin Brent 17 Mar 1954 Charleson, WV. Bill worked many years for the Hope Natural Gas Co. (now CNG Transmission Corp.) at Spencer, and transferred to Harrisville, WV, with his family where they retired and still live. When Louise, Bill, and family lived in Spencer, they lived for a time on the Ripley Road in the house built by Louise's grandfather Napoleon Bonapart Hoff about 1900. Hugh and Flora Burgess also lived there before selling and moving to Ravenswood WV.

Sue Bode married Jerry Lewis Valentine (his second) 4 Sep 1964 at Memorial UMC Spencer, WV, and their son Christopher Shawn was born 28 Sept 1970 Louisville, KY. Sue and Jerry live in Milford, OH, Chris is in high school at University, and Jerry works for McMakin in Cin. OH. Jerry was born 28 June 1957 the only child of Buel Cloval Valentine and Sybil Coralee Bonnet who live at Speed south of Spencer, and Jerry's father by his first wife is Tonya Lynn who was born 30 May 1962 Spencer.

Mike Bode married Ann Bernadette Savino 15 Apr 1972 at St. Albert Catholic Church Kettering, OH, and they live in Eden Franie, Mt., with their boys Andrew Brent 14 Oct 1976, and Nicholas Michael 14 Jul 1982 both in Minneapolis, MN. Mike earned his business degree at Marshall University Huntington, WV, and moved to Dayton, OH, where he and cousin Tom Cottrell, a math teacher in Xenia, and Gordon DePew Jr., into computers with NCR, shared an apartment in the late 1960s before they all got married. Mike is the executive vice-president and director of imports with Berman's Leather in Minneapolis, and he often flies to Europe, South America, Asia, and in the States on business. Ann was born 4 Nov 1948 of Nicholas Anthony Savino (deceased) and Sylvia Louise Meyers in Kettering, OH, where her father owned a neighborhood Italian grocery store.

Kevin Bode lives in Harrisville, WV, where he owns Kevin's Barber Shop and occasionally plays drums in a rock band.

BURGESS - COTTRELL - TERRELL

Frances Eleanor Burgess married Gerald Rex "Ted" Cottrell (see Lester and Ted COTTRELL) first 8 Nov 1937 Speedville, WV, and again 23 Mar 1941 Clendenin, WV. Their children were born 13 June 1938 Spencer, and Carolyn Louise 13 Sept 1939 Spencer. Frances graduated from Gradwohl Institute of Technology in St. Louis, MO, and became a medical technician to support her family. She worked for Dr. Richard Brown in Spencer, Staat's Hospital in Charleston, Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston, and at Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood, WV, where they live, and they spend the cold months, October to May, near Rushkin, FL.

Thomas Cottrell married Jane Lee Pollard 31 Aug 1974 at St. Andrew UMC Beaver Creek, OH, and they live in Xenia, OH. Tom teaches mathematics and computer programming at Xenia High School, and Jane is a secretary with Super Valu. Jane was born 1 Feb 1942 Waverly, OH, and her parents are Ralph Walters (deceased 1982). Two children: Garrett Thomas, Robert. Three grandchildren.


BURGESS - FISHER


French Edward Greathouse, born 10 Oct 1911 at Walton, WV, married Macie Patricia 25 Sept 1933, and their daughter Linda Lu Greathouse was born 30 June 1943. Macie also lives in Beckley, WV, and French died there in 1984. Macie and Macie Patricia are twins, born 19 Sept 1913 at Rockcreek in Walton Dist., and their siblings were Armetta, Violet, Murphy, Coy, Malcom, and Gay Edward who died at age 1. Armetta was murdered in 1975.

The Fisher’s lived at Apple Grove north of Huntington, WV, on route 2 where they were sharecroppers raising tobacco. Their eight children were Wilma Jean, Randall “Windy”, Ray, Roy, Mary Ruth, Lena and Fannie. Mary Jo and Ruth live in Denver, CO. Fannie married first Herbert Houchins and then Peter Simmons. Cheri moved to Bakersfield, CA, and remarried.

Pete died at age 94 in 1978. Wilma’s second husband was Daniel Webster Goodwin, Jr. and their daughter, Cheri Dawn, born 21 Nov 1955, married in 1976 to David Perine. Their daughter was Renee Perine. Cheri next married Jeff Jett, and their children are Joseph Daniel, born 2-2-86, and Amy Melinda, born 12-10-87. Jeff is produce manager at Foodland in Spencer and now lives in Parkersburg, WV. Sisters Wilma and Fannie were next door neighbors on old U.S. 33 at the west edge of Spencer, and now the new road passes behind their former homes. Note from cousin Tom Cottrell. When we were kids I loved to visit Richard because he had the best comic book collection in Spencer, and sometimes we got to go fishing up at Miletree Dam. Submitted by: Richard Burgess

BURGESS

Being the youngest of eleven children I do not have much background information, but I will attempt to put down what I know. Great Grandfather George William Burgess - (1814-1891) came from Virginia to Roane County about 1849. Married Mary C. Rapp. My grandparents John Hensel Burgess, a shoemaker, and Susan Jane Dearman (1846-1907), were the parents of nine children: Florence Hoff, Gertrude Bricker, Virginia Wilson, Leota Hamilton, Everett, George, Charles, Noah Webster, and Hugh. Our father, Everett (10-23-1871 to 11-19-1956) served in the 2nd Regiment of W. Va., Volunteers from 6-23-1898 to 4-10-1899 during the Spanish American War. A lumberman by trade, he married Sarah Jane Dobkins (10-23-1883 to 12-17-1946), daughter of Thomas Dobkins and Nancy Jane Lowe. They had eleven children, eight living. In 1932 Sarah sold the farm on Scafield Run and moved her family to Reedy where she died in 1946.


Opal (3-23-1907) of Akron, Ohio married to Wm. Lucas (deceased) had one son William. Then married Ed Fahey (deceased 1981), four grandchildren.

Infant, died at birth 1906.

Hattie (6-8-1910) of Spencer married Milford Rader (deceased 1981) one daughter Elwade Westfall Keller, two grandchildren.

Thomas Earl (5-6-1912 to 1932) died from complications from a fall on ice at school at age nine.

Ruby (2-5-1914) of Akron, Ohio, married Ralph Walters (deceased 1982). Two children: Garret Thomas, Robert. Three grand-
Lakin and Roxie (McCauley), Burr and daughter Rose Maria

They lived there until after the birth of their only child, Rose Marie, born February 11, 1950. They moved back to Roane County from there to Calhoun County where he worked on the Keith farm, and on to Charleston where he worked in a chemical plant. Lakin also worked as a manager of a nursery for John Amos at Winfield for several years. From there they moved to Newark, near Elizabeth. Lakin worked as manager of the Little Kanawha Nursery until he retired in the 1970's.

During John D. McCauley's illness; he and Dick lived with Lakin and Roxie. While living there he received the best of care. John died, January 8, 1957, and Ella made her home with Roxie and Lakin for the next 12 years. Her family were always welcome to visit her at any time.

Roxie was born December 21, 1904, at Reedyville, Roane County, the daughter of John Dee and Ella Jane (Phillips) McCauley. She died June 7, 1969, at Parkersburg and is buried at the Peniel Cemetery.

Lakin was born October 25, 1905, the son of Thomas (Lakin) and Roxie (Comer) Butcher. He now lives with his daughter, Rose Marie, in Parkersburg. Their home is a warm and friendly place to visit: just as Lakin and Roxie's was in years past. Rose, like her mother, is a gracious hostess and a wonderful cook. Ted and Caroline always look forward to visiting them. Rose was married for a few years to Eugene Williams and has no children. She now works for the Department of Human Services in Parkersburg.

Lakin is a life member of the Burning Springs Masonic Lodge No. 132. This past February he received his 50 year pin. He is very proud of this achievement. Submitted by: Dorothy McCauley

JAMES A. BUTCHER

James Albert McCauley with his wife Martha Ann (Smith) Butcher and three children, Marietta, Floyd S. and Isaac arrived in Lewis County about five weeks before his son, Solon Butcher, was born. Submitted by: Rev. Paul P. Walden.

They lived in Parkersburg after they were married. where Roxie worked at Viscose.

Burton Home on Rush Creek

Anna married William Douglas; after Will died she moved to Ohio; Ella married Norman Dick in Ohio; Hoyt married Anne Stacher, lived in Roane; Piettie married Rufus Kincald, lived at the Butcher home place on Rush Creek; Clark single had a career in the Navy.

Marietta, eldest child, died when a young woman. Isaac married Lillie Boice, lived on a farm on Rush Creek adjoining his parents farm.

Floyd S. Butcher married, 15 November 1904. Emma Bays of the Walnut Grove Bays family. Shortly after their marriage they went to Clarksburg where he attended the annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of West Virginia. He was a delegate of Linden Lodge #83 Linden. Early in 1905 he and Sam Sarver bought the country store at Linden. During the Summer of 1905 he was in Spencer for several days as a witness in a trial of an event which occurred while he was working in the country store at Looneyville in 1904. He was supposed to have contracted typhoid from water in a contaminated well in the courthouse yard. He died 18 September 1905 about five weeks before his son, Solon Butcher, was born. Submitted by: Thelma Kincaid Shoaplin.

Nearby all descendants of this family now live in other states. A daughter of Hoyt, Lavel Kathryn, lives in Clarksburg. Isaac has a son. Maxel and a daughter, Fay, both in Charleston. Thelma Kincald Shoaplin, daughter of Piettie and Rufus Kincald, is the only descendant living in Roane County. Her home is on the Parkersburg Road in Spencer. Submitted by: Thelma Kincald Shoaplin

BUTCHER - GLAZE

Joseph Butcher, (son John Anderson Butcher/Christena Alkire) and wife Eunice (daughter George Fisher/Barbara Elizabeth Bush) were descendants of early settlers Lewis (then Harrison) County, VA, now WV. Inventory of Joseph's estate held October 1846 and Eunice married Edmund Badgett. Her eight children went with them to Reedy, Roane County, as listed in 1860 Census. Eunice died 21 May 1890 and is buried at Badgett Cemetery, Reedy.

Oldest son John Webster Butcher born 29 June 1828 married Eliza Luventa Glaze ca 1852. Born 30 March 1853, she was the daughter of Henry Glaze and wife Sophia
Means, who also came to Roane County late 1850s where they farmed on Spring Creek. Sophia was known for her beautiful singing voice and was a well-remembered Sunday School teacher. The church was rebuilt in 1940 and some of original pews they built were in use when the church was dedicated. The church was reorganized in 1850 and a new church building was built in 1852. The church continued to operate as a Presbyterian church until it was closed in 1960 and some of the original pews were sold to the Granville Baptist Church.

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William and Susanna's ch: James, John, Isaac, Andrew Jackson, David, Thomas Samuel, William VanBuren 1857-1900, Margaret Grant, Mary Jane, Obediah T. 1844-1915, and Lewis Mack Cales.

Wm. V.B. Cales m. Joanna Claffin 1844-1910 of Gallia Co. Ohio, the d-o Warren and Esther Jane Durst, Claffin g-d-o Robert and Elizabeth Dean, McClain of Vermont/Canada/Gallia Co. Ohio, and Abraham and Catherine Rife. Durst of Shennandoah/Gallia Co. Va. and Ohio.


Cale Family

Obe and Ella moved to Parkersburg, Wood Co. W.Va. 1904 and my grandparents Mack and Nellie moved there 1914.

Ella 1859-1927, was one of 5 ch: Matilda Thornton, Rebecca Gray, Irene Simmons, and Wm. Edward Tolley of John M. Tolley and Mary Catherine Cales 1857-1911 of Middlebrook, Augusta Co. Va.

Mary Catherine Cales, Tolley d-o John Tolley 1792-1855 and Elizabeth Creek 1798-1881 and one of 5 ch: Dinah Wade, William, Elizabeth Hanger, and Isabelle Cales.

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Mack and Nellie Cales Ch: Janie Piggott, Lewis Maxwell, Ernest Preston, Mary Virginia Headley, Roderick J. and Burley Robert Cale all of Pkbk. W.Va.

Robert camp father, m. Davis in 1870. Rebecca Davis was born in 1849. They made their home at Dexter, Roane Co. Their children were Mary Ellen (1872-1925) married Alfred B. Payne (1871-1946) and had two children, Jamie and Robert. Jane Ellen (1874-1954) married Abraham Hardeman (1867-1919) and had two children, Lenore and Homer. Amanda (Mae) Belle (1877-1940) married Major John Cottle (1866-1953); John Marcelleus (1880-1958) married Lillie Jane Burrough (1887-1959); William Anderson (1883-1958) married Anna Florence Chany (1897-1967). Charles William died 1883 and buried in Hebron Cemetery. Rebecca married Anthony Wayne Harris in 1885 and had two children. Thomas Benton (1886-1946) married Ora Bianch Ludwick (1884-1970), James Robert (1888-1959) married Mamie Buck (1892-1965), and John Marcelleus married Lillie Jane Burrough Dec. 27, 1902. Lillie Jane was the daughter of Reu and Deliah Comer Burrough. She had eight brothers, Otis, Everett, J. W., Charles, John, Albert, George and Lakin. Two sisters, Delta and Peggy, and one child, Lona. The family lived around the Reedy, Roane Co. area. John spent most of his life in timbering and trucking. Lillie Jane was a homemaker and midwife. She was known to spend any number of days with a family during childbirth. She travelled with Dr. U. L. Deareman on many deliveries. They were caretakers of the Roane Co. Poor Farm several years. They were children of: Emma Mae (1905-1968) married Howard C. Cline (1903-1977). Two children, Howard C. Cline, II (12/23/1924) married Virginia Dell Murray and they have a son, Howard C. Cline, III.

Their daughter Evelyn (8/2/1927) married Roy Lowther and have a daughter, Sandra Gail (10/1/1956). Sandra married Charles Clancy and has a daughter, Caitlin Emma (5/18/1988).


Rebecca Ellen and Howard had three boys, still-born.


Oris Ray (1915-1968) married Garnette Marie Warren (1917). Their children are: Jane Ellen (5/26/1936) married DonaldKnowles. They have two daughters: Donita Rae (10/11/1956) married Jerry D. Garden and have two daughters, Cienna Dawn (8/23/1986) and Monia Elyn (2/11/1988). Donita and Jerry divorced shortly after the second child was born. Joellen Marie (9/27/1963) married David Michael Greenlee and have no children. John Leon (8/16/39) married JoAnna Kincaid and they have three sons, Michael Todd (9/21/1965) married Tammy Lynn Justice, Chil-
The farm on Missouri Fork has been in the Camp family for 127 years, going through 3 generations and continues to be owned and used by the Children of John Robert Camp. Submitted by Walter and Nada Stalnaker Camp.

JOHN WESLEY CANDLER

John Wesley Candler was born Dec. 25, 1875, on the Kanawha River near the Salines, the son of Thomas Jefferson Candler and Ann Elizabeth Seaman. His father, Thomas, having died in New Orleans, his mother, Ann Elizabeth, brought her young son, John, back to Roane County to live. John W. Candler grew up near the Three Forks of Reedy, Roane County, reportedly owning nearly 500 acres of land in his lifetime. On Sept. 16, 1849, in then Wirt Co., (W) Va, John was united in marriage with Elizabeth Jane Knapp. Elizabeth was born about 1828, the daughter of Abraham Knapp of Mason County. Her mother was probably Abraham's first wife. Jeanette Taylor, whom he married Oct. 3, 1821, in Monroe County, Virginia.

Although records show that John and Elizabeth traveled to Mason County periodically to work or visit relatives, their Roane County home, "The Candler Place," as it became known was established in 1853. In 1855, he built the first log house; the family of Margaret Ann Hersman (who was the wife of Henry) paid $150.00 and he furnished the materials and according to old records the family of Margaret Ann Hersman (who was the wife of Henry) paid $150.00 and the balance was paid by donations. That church stood until 1858 when it was struck by lightning and burned.

Henry and Margaret raised 10 sons. Our father, John, was the sixth son along with James Howard, a druggist; William Calvin, MD; Ernest I., a banker; Jacob H., factory-worker (BFGoodrich); Carl Homer, factory worker (BFGoodrich); Harry H., dentist; Ola G., owner of a Stamping plant; Ottie, dentist and Denver D., a druggist.


was born 1854 in Pennsylvania and died in 1894. Lafayette and Martha were both buried in the Seaman/Board Cemetery.

It was also the Seaman/Board Cemetery where John W. Candler was laid to rest beside his beloved Elizabeth who had died May 14, 1892. A cemetery that was originated by early settlers, a cemetery that converges on a point overlooking the bottom lands where Aunt Matt Headlee's two story home still stands today. The home where John W. Candler died June 11, 1911, at the age of 88 years, 6 months, and 6 days. Submitted by C. J. Reed

THOMAS JEFFERSON CANDLER

Thomas Jefferson Candler was born in Russell County, Virginia, the only known son of John W. Candler, a wealthy resident from the vicinity of the Russell Court House.

Thomas J. Candler was united in marriage to Ann Elizabeth Seaman, the daughter of David Seaman and Elizabeth "Betsy" Bord. Ann was born Nov. 17, 1807, possibly in Monongalia County as her parents settled near Reedy, Roane County about 1822.

Thomas J. and Ann Elizabeth lived near the Kanawha Salines and it was on the Kanawha River that their only son, John Weslyn Candler, was born on Dec. 25, 1827.

Thomas evidently worked at loading boats with salt at the Kanawha Salines as records show that he "decided to sell out, load a produce boat, and venture with his small family to New Orleans". It was in New Orleans that Thomas contracted what was known as "yellow fever" and in four days time was dead. His wife, Ann Elizabeth, and son, John, returned to Reedy to live with her father David Seaman. The Seaman Fork's was "located in the bottom west of the little stream" on land purchased from Patrick Bord's land patent. Ann Elizabeth Candler, a staunch member of the M. E. Church, died Feb. 7, 1869, age 62 years, 8 months, and 10 days. She was buried at the Board/Seaman Cemetery at Duke Station, Reedy, WV, beside her parents. David Seaman having died June 12, 1859, age 90 years, 3 months, 29 days and Elizabeth "Betsy" Bord Seaman died June 15th, 1864, age 90 years, 2 months, and 17 days.

Submitted by Sandra Turman

CAPT. E. CLARE CARPENTER

Thomas Carpenter, son of Jesse Carpenter, born in Meigs or Gallia County, Ohio in 1796. We do not know the mother's name, but Jackson County records show marriage of Jesse and Julia Carpenter, Dec. 12, 1835. Probably a second wife. He is listed on tax list in Kanawha County in 1801. In 1833, he was granted a pension for two years service in the Revolutionary War, under Capt. Tunk, Lewis County (Comstock says Nicholas County). A pension of $80 per year was granted. Jesse Carpenter was also a soldier in the War of 1812. Thomas Carpenter died Oct. 5, 1822. He married Sarah Wright, born 1812 on Fork Lick, Big Elk River. She died 7-25-1872. They were buried on Charles Fork, Spring Creek, Roane County. Thomas was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1844 he received a land grant of 999 Acres in what is now Roane and Jackson Counties. Thomas and Sarah had two sons, John A. and James, born in the part of Jackson County which in now Roane. John married Mary Sharp, Reedyville. Their children were Winfield Scott Carpenter, my grandfather, and Mary (Polly), Luverna, Joseph, John, Eugenia, Florence, Okey and Calvin. John A. died 3-22-1878 in Roane County.

James became a lockman with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Clare worked 42 years on 21 different rivers, including Monongahela, Youghiogeheny, Ohio, Mississippi, Kanawha, Green, Achaflayia, Calcasieu and Intercoastal Canal; and pleasure boated on 10 others, including the Snake, Yukon, Mohawk, Hudson, Rhine, Danube and three of The Great Lakes. Submitted by Capt. E. Clare Carpenter

DENNIS, DIANNA, MICHAEL & BRADY CARPENTER

Dennis W. and Dianna Lester Carpenter were married on April 16, 1976, in the Spencer Catholic Church. They have two children, Michael Ray (Miki), born October 15, 1979, and Brady Preston, born April 26, 1982. Michael is in fourth grade at Spencer Elementary and Brady is a second grade at Spencer Primary Center.

Dennis is the son of the late Roy W. and Emeline McClain Carpenter of Walton. He has two sisters, Sandra Michelle of Springfield, Virginia, and Cheryl Tinch of Charleston, West Virginia. He graduated from Walton High School in 1969, Glenville State College, 1973, with an AB in Education, and from WVCOGS, 1982, with a Masters in Educational Administration.

He began his teaching career at Reedy Elementary, January 1974, teaching Social Studies and Physical Education grades 5-8. He also coached basketball and softball. In the fall of 1975, he transferred to Spencer Elementary and taught sixth grade Science and Social Studies with 45-50 students in each class. In 1976 he began to coach Jr. High football and basketball.

In 1978, he transferred to Spencer High as a permanent substitute and coached freshman football; was varsity assistant baseball coach and coached girls' track. During his tenure at S.H.S. he coached boys' basketball at two levels, freshman football, golf, girls' track, and girls' softball. He transferred to Walton High in 1986 as Assistant Principal.

Dianne is the daughter of the late Roy and Bessie Fields Lester of Spencer. She attended Spencer Elementary School, then she and her mother moved to Akron, Ohio, where she attended Tallmadge High and graduated in 1971. They returned to the Charleston area that same year and Dianna attended Morris Harvey College getting a degree in Business Education. Dianna holds an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science from Morris Harvey, a BS from Morris Harvey and a Masters Degree in Business Education from Marshall University, graduating in 1980. Dianna has now taught Business Education at Walton High School for 15 years. Dianna is the
at Hartville. The Carpenters came home to Roane County in July of 1967 and bought a store and gas station from Edward and Janet Westfall. They ran a profitable business for five years before selling out to Bob and Diane Smith.

Jetty retained a part of the property and built and furnished a machine shop. The building is now owned by Larry D. Eppling II and houses a feed and farm supply store known as "Fizzle" (Howard Brissendine) to come to the farm so he could tag along and "help" him with his work.

He would like to thank Howard and Dessie, and their children, Charlie and Alice, Jim and Ruby, for all the time and energy they spent with me. They are loved as if they were family.

Dennis gives a very special thanks to his mom and dad for all the love and sacrifices they made to see that their kids would have a good home life and basic skills so they could succeed in life. Submitted by: Dennis Carpenter

JETTY CARPENTER

Jetty Eugene Carpenter was born October 18, 1951 at Ambler Ridge, below Walton, WV. He is the fifth of eleven children born to James Charley and Laura (Harper) Carpenter. His maternal grandparents were Rueben James and Elizabeth Belle (Evans) Cobb. His paternal grandparents were Art and Laura (Harper) Carpenter.

Naomi Jewell and Dennis Carpenter were married December 4, 1955 at Ott口, WV. She is the seventh of eleven children born to James Charley and Arthelia (Harris) Nichols. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas Jefferson and Elizabeth Belle (Evans) Harris. Her paternal grandparents were Rueben James and Emma (Carpenter) Nichols. Her paternal great grandparents were Charles and Liza Nichols. Charles owned several acres of land at Ott口. He was also a timberman and had a country store which was located 1½ miles up Ott口, on Rush Run. There was a room over the store building where the people gathered to worship. It was called Nichols Chapel. A granddaughter, Dorothy "Ridge" (Nichols) Parks, lives at the original home place.

Jetty Carpenter and Jewell Nichols were married March 3, 1952 at Uniotlontown, Ohio. He was drafted into the Army in July of 1952 and served two years. He served 15 months in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division, 72nd Tank Battalion. After military service, Carpenter worked for a while at Monarch Rubber Company at Hartville, Ohio. He then went to work as a machinist apprentice at Martz Hold & Die Company at Walton High Future Business Leaders of America sponsor and has seen some of her students participate in regional, state and national conferences. She also has had four state officers elected from her club including Crystal Paxton, state reporter, Tamra Patton, state treasurer, Ira Naylor, State Treasurer. In 1989-90 she served as State President of the F.B.L.A.

The son of Joseph Carpenter and Sarah Runyon Carpenter, Joseph F. Carpenter married Willi Blandis Wolfe on March 1, 1894 on her 21st birthday. Blandis was the youngest child of Joseph Blandis, and Elizabeth Alkire. Joseph and Blandis first had a farm on Lion Fork. They then moved to Middle Fork of Reedy where Joseph farmed and ran a saw mill until his death in 1915. Blandis then sold her farm and moved to Reedy where she made her home with her youngest son, Billy, until her death in 1950.

Joseph and Blandis were the parents of 8 children: Joseph Oran B. 1884, married Grace Fowler and lived his adult life in Rochester, PA. Died 1961; Robert Roy B. 1887 married Clara Levetten. Roy and Clara raised 11 children in Reedy where he was a rural mail carrier for about 40 years. Roy died in 1970. Maurice C. (Billy) B. 1889 was never married. He was Post Master in Reedy for many years. Billy died in 1964.


CARPENTER, KEE, MILLER, PARSONS, WOLF

Elizabeth Ann Kee was born 11-3-1854 in Jackson County, WV to Nancy Miller. Maternal grandparents were Joshua and Nancy (Wolf) Miller and great grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Stailey) Wolf, on 10-4-1856 in Roane County. Nancy Miller married Alfred Carpenter, a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Carpenter. Alfred and Nancy (Miller) Carpenter had two sons, Joshua and Marcellus.

Alibet Kee was born in the early 1890's in Summer Creek. She moved to Roane County because she was teaching in Spencer in October of 1974: when the factory closed in the summer of 1989, he took a temporary transfer with the company to Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Jety is also an ordained Baptist Minister. He was ordained into the ministry on November 26, 1976 at the Epling Chapel Baptist Church at Looneyville. He has pastored at the Boggs Fork Community Church, Harmony Baptist and Good Hope Baptist Church. At this writing he is at Henry's Fork Baptist Church at Tariff, WV.

Jetty and Jewell have four children: Stephen Jetty Carpenter, was born August 27, 1955 at Canton, Ohio. He is married to the former Janifer Webber. They live on Boggs Fork Road. Stephen has two children by a previous marriage: Adam Stephen and Charles Andrew Carpenter. Ronald Eugene Carpenter was born September 10, 1960 at Canton, Ohio. He is married to the former Janifer Webber. They live on Boggs Fork Road. Stephen has two children by a previous marriage: Adam Stephen and Charles Andrew Carpenter. Ronald Eugene Carpenter was born September 10, 1960 at Canton, Ohio. He is married to the former Janifer Webber. They live on Boggs Fork Road. Stephen has two children by a previous marriage: Adam Stephen and Charles Andrew Carpenter. Ronald Eugene Carpenter was born September 10, 1960 at Canton, Ohio. He is married to the former Janifer Webber. They live on Boggs Fork Road. Stephen has two children by a previous marriage: Adam Stephen and Charles Andrew Carpenter. Ronald Eugene Carpenter was born September 10, 1960 at Canton, Ohio. He is married to the former Janifer Webber. They live on Boggs Fork Road. Stephen has two children by a previous marriage: Adam Stephen and Charles Andrew Carpenter.

Carpenter Family, taken in 1910
Theodore L. Bartlett and Dora (Greatlett, b-3-1885, d-11-25-1973, daughter of Beth Jane (Greathouse) Carpenter, married Nancy (Jones) Wright, who came from John Wright who was born @1803 in Meigs County, Ohio and Nancy (Wolf) Meigs. Jacob M. (1840-1896) married 12-12-1867 Miller died in Calhoun County after 1870. born 1850.


Addie Geneva b-12-7-1941, married 5-30-1958 in the Livestock Exchange there for many years. Their children were as follows: Alvin Earl b-12-19-1935, d-19-1954 of cancer, aged 18 years. buried Egypt Cemetery. Rosella Faye b-8-23-1937, married Boyd Arthur Wayne b-9-4-1938, they have two children. Virgil Carl (twin) Virginia Carol (twin) b-6-17-1940. Carl married Cora Mae Miller b-12-9-1942 and they had three children. Carol, William, and John, whom they lost due to a fire. They had four children, they divorced in 1973 and Carole married her cousin, Edmond Deo (twin) son of Ellis and Golia (Miller) Carpenter. He was previously married.

Homer Granville b-6-19-1916, d-3-10-1989, married at age 16 years. married to the home of her daughter. He died in 1989. Married Lacy G. Mace b-4-1913. They lived at Parma, Ohio. They reared their family. Their children are as follows: Irene Lucille b-7-11-1924, married 4-1-1940 Steve Reed b-7-24-1925, son of Willis and Stella (Eakin) Reed. Dick worked in oil fields and then at Kaiser Aluminum where he retired from shortly before his death. He died in 1985. They had two sons: Frederick Harold b-6-9-1945, married Nancy Lynn Board, two children, Tammy Lynn and Charles. They were divorced in 1974. (2nd) married Rebecca (Smith) Stewart, who was previously married and had two children. She and Fred had one child: Angie Lee. They lived in Mason County at New Haven, WV. Stanley Neil b-5-21-1954 married 12-1974 Brook Ann Banks, b-12-30-1955, daughter of Cecil and Paula (Bennett) Banks. They live in Ravenswood, Jackson Co. They had two sons: Eric b-2-1948 and Kyle b-9-1947.

After their children were all married and gone, Otmer and Minnie sold their farm on John's Run to Victor Marple, who still lives there today, and bought the Theodore Bartlett farm (Minnie's father) at the mouth of Mile Tree Run, up Tann's Run from Spencer. Also purchased Phil Starr farm on Triplett Road and he continued to farm until a year before his death. Otmer died in 1963. Minnie continued to live there until she became disabled and she was moved to the home of her daughter Geneva, who cared for her until her death in November 1973. Submitted by Daughters, Irene E. Carpenter Reed and Donna Carpenter Hively.

**PHIL & MARIE CARPENTER**

Phillip Adams Carpenter (March 26, 1896 - July 7, 1982) son of James Monroe Carpenter (1853-1943) and Elizabeth Jane Greathouse Carpenter (1860-1942) married March 17, 1922 to Marie Zelida Goebel Carpenter (July 13, 1902 - May 9, 1977) daughter of Adam Henry Goebel (He was born in Germany November 20, 1871 and immigrated to America when he was sixteen years old.) He died in 1948.) and Amanda Ellen Epling Goebel (June 19, 1872-1926).

Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann lived in Lewis County in 1880 and moved back to Orma @1886 and then moved to Morgantown @1901.

After the death of Nathaniel on 1-30-1902, Elizabeth Ann married John B. Golf (1843-1928) on 11-1-1906 in Calhoun County. John and Elizabeth Ann moved to Spencer, W Va @1907. Elizabeth Ann died 3-4-1939 in Spencer. She and Nathaniel Parsons are buried in Carpenter Cemetery at Orma, W Va in Calhoun County.

Joshua Miller was born @1796 in Greene County, Pa. and he came to Jackson County @1827 and lived on Middle Fork of Reedy in Roane County until @1858 when he moved his family to Sutton Township in Meigs County, Ohio. Joshua Miller married Nancy Wolf. Nancy was born @1806 and was the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Staley) Wolf. Joshua and Nancy (Wolf) Miller had 10 children: James W. (1827-1915) married 7-4-1858 in Harrison County to Martha Jane McWhorter, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Alkire) McWhorter; Elizabeth born 1829 and married 4-17-1848 in Jackson County to John Oliver Alkire; Rebecca born 1832; Nancy (1835-1916) married Alfred Carpenter (1833-1909); Louise born 1836; Thomas W. born 1838 and died in the Civil War; Jacob M. (1840-1896) married 12-12-1867 in Meigs County to Elizabeth Jane Lawrence, daughter of Dorman and Sarah (Ander-son) Lawrence; Narcissa Jane born 1843; Sarah Jane born 1848; and Mary born 1850.

Joshua died between 1860 and 1867 in Meigs County, Ohio and Nancy (Wolf) Miller died in Calhoun County after 1870. Joshua Miller could be a half brother to John Wright who was born @1803 in Moncloo County, W Va and was the son of Basil and Nancy (Jones) Wright, who came from Pennsylvania. Submitted by: Mrs. Pamela Brasher.

**OTMER EIJAH & MARIE MAE “MINNIE” BARTLETT CARPENTER**

Otter Elijah Carpenter b-5-9-1885, d-9-6-1963, son of James Madison and Elizabeth Jane (Greathouse) Carpenter, married 8-10-1907. Marie Mae "Minnie" Bartlett, b-3-1-1885, d-11-25-1975, daughter of Theodore L. Bartlett and Dora (Great-


CARPENTER

Roy Carpenter (1/23/1887-10/26/1976), the son of Joseph P. Carpenter and Willi Blandis Carpenter (nee Wolfe) was wed to Clara Lewellen (5/16/1889-12/30/1959), the daughter of Charles William Lewellen and Diadema Lewellen (nee Post) on September 1, 1909 at Spencer, WV.

After their wedding Roy and Clara lived at Middle Fork, Reedy, until about 1917 when they moved to Reedy. At their Middle Fork home five children were born to them. The children were Irene, Velma, Lucille, Betty, and Kenneth. Later in their Reedy home six more children were born. They were Walt, Paul, Ernestine, Billy, Wilma Jo, and Jim.

Roy was employed as a rural mail carrier at the Reedy Post Office for over forty years until he retired in about 1957. He worked with his brother Maurice (A.K.A.) Billy, who was the Reedy Post Master for many years. Although the family no longer resides in Reedy the Carpenter heritage is carried on through Roy and Clara's children.
ed: one year at Laurel School in Looneville, two years at Sirtington, two years at Oak Grove School on Green Creek, two years at Ambler School and one year at Mt. Hope also on Ambler Ridge. Emeline also served in the Roane County System at various times and schools.

Their oldest daughter, Sandra, attended first grade at Ben Tree Elementary in Clay County and then the next eleven years at Walton Elementary and Walton High School. Sandra died in 1994, and left two weeks later to begin working for the C.I.A. in Washington D.C. She married Charles Markell of Alexandria, Va. She has one daughter, Erica McClain Markell.

Dennis, born August 24, 1938, lives in Spencer with his wife, Dianna Lesher Carpenter and two sons, Michael Roy and Brady Preston. Both Dennis and Dianna are working for the Roane County Board of Education, stationed at Walton High School.

Cheryl graduated from Walton High in 1975 and began her working career at Kellwood in Spencer. She then moved to Charleston and worked for Union Carbide. Cheryl lives in Charleston with her husband, Jeff Tincher, and has two children, Jenifer and Mike.


Roy and Emeline were loving parents that wanted their children to succeed in life. They taught their children to work hard and to be honest. Submitted by: Cheryl Tincher

WILLIAM CARPENTER

WILLIAM CARPENTER DESCENDANTS

William Carpenter, killed by Indians on Jackson River at Big Bend, Va., in 1764.

Exactly how many children he had and who or how many wives he had is not known, but in my research I am concerned with the following: Sudna, a daughter of William, and Luda (Springston) Great (ruined all Charles Harrison McDonald). Eliajah and Sarah are both buried in the Hill Grove Cemetery.

That made him seven years old when his father died. That had always been the stories that was told in the family, that Elijah was 7 years old when he came to the home of Samuel and Sudna Tanner. While there is no birth record for Elijah, stating that John and Polly were his parents, we have come to this conclusion that they were his parents, from all the other records we have found.

Elijah married Sarah Grady 1853 and to them were born the following children: Ann b-1855, James Madison b-1856, Malinda b-1856, (married Rev. Jerome Nowley), Mary Jane b-1860, (married Mr. Hicks) Lyda J. b-1862, George b-1864, Francis or Fannie E. b-1865, Allie b-1866, (married a Nester), John H. b-1867, Emma b-1870, Gay M. b-1874, (buried Hill Grove Cemetery), L. Trina b-1876, William b-1879, Elijah and Sarah are both buried in the Hill Grove Cemetery.


Virginia E. Carpenter b-11-18-1886, married 9-20-1906 Daniel Webster Goodwin b-5-11-1883, d-1-1-1956, son of Oscar F. and Anna E. (Hunt) Goodwin, 48 in childbirth, both buried in Little Creek Cemetery, Roane Co. Issue: Clifford Goodwin. Daniel was a Goodwin married 2nd to Sarah Tanners in Roane Co., Diclie Flora Bartlett, daughter of Theodore L. and Dora (Grathewhe) Bartlett: (3) Edith (Bartlett) Marple, daughter of Theodore L. and Dora (Grathewale) Bartlett, also sister to Minnie, wife of L. Troy Marple. Amos and Edith are both buried in Little Creek Cemetery. Trip-lett Road, Roane Co.

Herman E. Carpenter born 1888-89, moved to Oklahoma, married and had one son. Lorraine Carpenter who married but had no children.


Laurel Ather Carpenter b-6-18-1905, married 2-15-1923, her cousin, Hubert J. Goff, b-6-8-1898, d-7-6-1937, son of Calvin Arnd and Mary Jane (Miller) Goff. Both buried in the Little Creek Cemetery. Trip-lett Road, Roane Co. Issues of Laura and Hubert are: 1. Kathryn Frances, 2. Mary Elizabeth.

I have attempted to correct some of the errors made by John House in his book "Pioneers in Roane County, WV", written in the Roane County Historical and Genealogical Society. This book was a great help to me on this project. This book is available at the Roane County Library. I would like to thank each family that provided information and pictures. I would like to thank the author of the Roane County Historical Society for her help in compiling this information. I would also like to thank the Roane County Historical Society for their support in compiling this information.
Alkanah Washington Carper was born in 1839 in Giles County Virginia, came to Roane County a young and well educated man, with his parents and seven brothers and two sisters. He enlisted in the Union Army in the war of the Rebellion and fought in several battles including Cloyd's Mountain and Winchester. Three of his brothers also served. After his discharge he married Mary Jane Smith, daughter of John Smith and Francis Cochran, both from pioneer families of Pocahontas County, then Virginia.

He lived on Shafer Fork of Left Hand to this union were born six sons and four daughters, see picture standing left to right, Francis born 1866, Orpha Mae 1868, John Nicholas 1871, Stella 1873, Nelson Joseph 1875, William Irvin 1878. James Garfield 1880, Clay Smith 1885, Hattie 1887. Mack 1891. Francis married Lewis Amma. He farmed and was in oil and gas, had three daughters Pauline, Mary and Garnett. Pauline married Lem Shafer, 4 children, Jim, Jackie, Sue and John. Mary married Hugh Osborne from Glennville, one stillborn son. Garnett married Warren Mullins of Speed, 3 sons William, Joe and John. James Garfield married Kate Kelly from Walton. two daughters Genieve and Anna. Genieve married Don Chewning, of Charleston, Anne lives in Conway SC and married Jimmy Mc Kee of Charleston. Uncle Jim entered politics in Charleston and lived on Edgewood. Clay married Nancy Hammick of Walton, had one son Eugene, and daughter Marie. Eugene married Bes sie Hobbs, one daughter Joyce. Marie married Stanley Herberch of California. no children. Marie calls me all the time, visits often and keeps up on all genealogies, its a wonder she hasn't traced us all the way back to Adam... she is great, says God's goodness is everywhere for the taking, don't settle for a spoonful, get the shovel out and live... great outlook on life, great person, good to be around.

Hattie married William Euwer, one daughter Catherine married Mark Rader of Clendenin, two children, Sarah and Susan. Mack married Nan Euwer, a sister to William, no children. They adopted Iris, daughter of Ephrim Carper.

Aunt Hattie and Uncle Bill, Aunt Orpha, Aunt Nan and Uncle Mac. Grandpa and Grandma, other members of the Euwer and Carper families are buried in a small cemetery not far from the old home. What a glorious family this was. I am proud to be a descendant of them, may God be with them all...

Submitted by: Malissa Skinner

A.W. CARPER

Alkanah Washington Carper, of Left Hand, passed away at his home last Tuesday, October 26th, 1915, at 9 a.m. at the age of 76 years and 11 days. Death was due directly to paralysis. Mr. Carper was sicken just two weeks before death. He had been in feeble health for the past six years but was able to be about practically all the time.

Mr. Carper was born in Giles County, Virginia, October 15th, 1839 and came with the family to Roane County (then Virginia) in 1858. He enlisted on the side of the Union in the Civil War and served through the struggle. He was a member of Company B, 9th West Virginia Infantry. Among the engagements in which he participated were the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain and the Battle of Winchester. He witnessed the return of General Sheridan after his famous ride.

A.W. and Mary Carper

On November 22nd, 1865, the deceased was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Smith. But a few more days and they would have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Carper is a member of the well known Smith family of Gaity District. Their union was blessed in the birth of their ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom survive, as follows: Miss Orphie Carper, of Left Hand; Mrs. Frances, of Grand Island, Neb.; Mrs. Stella Osborne and Mrs. Hattie Ewer of Clendenin; John and James of Charleston; Nelson of Amma; Irvin, Mack and Clay of Left Hand. All of the children and the devoted wife were at the bedside when the summons came for their loved one. This was the first visit of the Death Angel to their home.

Although Mr. Carper never held public office nor took a leading part in public affairs, yet he was one of the most prominent men in the county. His home was the center of a broad hospitality that brought hundreds of friends. He lived in the time when the people of Roane County were wont to throw open their doors for all who came their way. Among all the homes where hospitality was held, Mr. Carper's was the first visit of the Death Angel to their home.

Rev. J. Herby Smith conducted the funeral services at the home of the deceased, Wednesday, October 27th, and the remains were laid rest in the family burying ground immediately following. Thus ends the life of a good man, a good citizen. The large number of persons that attended the last sad rites over the remains of their loved neighbor and relative was an eloquent testimonial of the love and affection of all who knew him.

Submitted by: Marie Carper Herbruck

NELSON JOSEPH CARPER

Nelson Joseph Carper son of Alkanah Carper was born 1875, died 1941, was married to Osa Osborne Miss. To this union were born four children, Irene 1905, Claudia 1906, Ray Byron 1908, and Maxine 1910. Osa Osborne Carper departed this life in 1912. On her deathbed she handed Maxine to someone and said "Take care of my Baby." She is laid to rest in a well kept grave in Osborne Cemetery within the boundary of Sandy Brae Golf Course. Ray B. died 1936 unmarried. Maxine departed this life in 1967. she married Chilton Bird, no children. She taught school forty two years, went with me a lot of places. I miss her greatly. She had many friends. I still treasure her books that Chilton gave me after her death.


My daughter remarried in 1916 to Junie Allen of Uler. She was born 1890 died 1959. To this union were born six children, Bruce 1917, Frank 1919, Clay 1920, Jack 1923, Melda 1925, Joan 1930. Bruce married

Our childhood then was much different from that of today, we farmed, raised cattle, raised a large garden, canned food, picked blackberries, churned, swam, camped, went to church, had lots of company sometimes for several days at a time.

William Ohley "Bill" Clarkson was also part of our family and life. He stayed with us for several years. When anyone would ask my daddy how many children he had, he would reply "Ten youngens and Bill." Bill was the grandson of Mont Savage of Capitol Hill, Charleston. His grandfather was one of the first settlers on the hill and Bill gave me his collection of Indian Spear Points that were found, some of which are really great.

My daddy was a farmer, owned interest in gas wells, merchant and a great Muskie fisherman. He was a member of the Methodist Church and my mother a member of the Church of Christ. We were kind to all the preachers.

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Nicholas Carper's first born son was Fleming Carper who was born in Botetourt County, VA about 1828. Fleming fought in the Civil War. He was a member of Company B, 9th Regiment, WV Infantry. Fleming married Jenny Martin. They had four children: (a) Moses; (b) Rachel; (c) Nancy; (d) William Benton.

Nicholas married to carry on the name as descendants of Fleming. Nicholas died at an early age of Tuberculosis. William Benton's first wife was Mary Herbert. William and Mary had four children: (a) Virginia "Jenny" O. Carper; (b) Florence Macedonia Carper; (c) Rosie Carper; (d & e) twin boys (names not known): Mary Ellen died in 1896 or 1897.


James Howard (known as Howard) was my father and is responsible for my interest in our family history. He married Anna Maud Ramsey on Aug. 3, 1924. She was born on Feb. 24, 1910 and was the daughter of James Ramsey and Martha Ellen Bowman. Patthngs Ramsey, James and Martha had two children: Addie and Anna. They married brothers, Addie to Theodore and Anna as listed above.

James Howard and Anna were married for 55 years. They had seven children: (1) Herbert, (2) William, (3) John, (4) Virginia "Jenny" O. Carper; (5) Rosie Carper; (6 & 7) twins boys (names not known): Mary Ellen died in 1896 or 1897.

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My father James Howard was born and raised on Little Left Hand and lived there his entire life. He was kind, stubborn, generous, and a hard worker. He always helped and welcomed everyone into his home. He was a member of the Amma Church of Christ. Although, he was a wonderful father, he was also a wonderful grandfather to my children. We have many fond memories of him, all of which mean more to us than we could ever express on the pages of a book. We know that he would be very proud that we have written this in honor of his memory. Submitted by: Linda Sue Simmons on Sept. 3, 1966. She remarried on Feb. 9, 1980 to Thomas Carr Lee Justice, Jr. born May 30, 1949. She graduated Spencer High School, attended Charleston Beauty Academy, worked in Banking and Finance and the medical field. In June, 1970, Debbie married Roger C. Keller, son of Carroll and Alberta Keller of Charleston, West Virginia. Roger graduated East Bank High School, served as a marine in Vietnam, worked at Union Carbide and is presently a firefighter for the City of Charleston. They have one son, Rodney Cameron Keller who will graduate Sissonville High School 1990. A son.


CARPER
Nicholas Carper was the first Carper to come to Roane Co. He married Sarah Nida in Giles Co., Virginia on Oct. 25, 1837. Their children were: Alkanah, Phoebe, Cliff, Calahan, Miles, Martha, Shelton, Charles, Ballard, and Harvey. They all married in Roane Co. to local people and settled near each other. They all arrived in the year 1858. Nicholas was a farmer, and cattleman, a hard worker, and took an active part in politics and religious affairs. He was a believer in education and his stern German personality was lightened by his sense of humor. In 1868 Nicholas bought a 310 acre tract on Shaver Fork on the ridge between Little Left Hand Creek and the fork of Shaver Creek. He built one of the first frame houses in the area and it was painted white, in those days a mark of esteem because there were so few of them. Charles W. Carper was this writer's maternal grandfather. His children will be mentioned, only because this writer could not possibly undertake to correctly name families of the others. Charles W. Carper 1853-1930 was 5 years old when he moved to Roane Co. from Giles Co., Virginia. He had 2 wives and 21 children. On the 210 acres he bought from his father in 1881 he built a fine two story house with a huge stone fireplace. Unfortunately the home can not be seen today because it was destroyed by a cyclone on Aug. 2, 1899. Charles and his first wife, Amanda Paxton of Clay Co., and their nine children were Ballard, Martha, Harvey Roland, Flora, Fred, Sattie, Lula, a stillborn son and Elsie. Amanda died in child birth with her last child, Elsie. She was raised by Phoebe (Carper) Geary, Charles' older sister and goes by the name of Elsie Geary Looney, and still lives at Amma. Charles remarried in 1894 to Elizabeth Jane Thomas who became an instant mother at the age of 21 to seven children ages 1-15. Elizabeth, (known by many as "Aunt Lizzie") gave birth to 11 children as follows: Jacob (married Madge Pickens), Beissie (married Kenny Looney), Ora Mac (married Boyd B. Goodwin), Effie (died at age 11), Earl Ray (married Ollie M. Hershberger), Gladys (married Guy Raymond Vineyard), Frank Wilkin (twin, died at 14 months), Frankie (twin, married Jess W. Akers), Dorr Dwight (twin), Dorothy A. (twin, married) (1) William C. Starcher, (2) Jess W. Akers, Clyde (married Lessie Groves). Today, while a great number of Carpers still live in Roane Co., the descendants of Nicholas and Sarah Nida Carper, are scattered all the way across the map. Submitted by: Mrs. George Rutherford (Marsha) and Mrs. Charles B. White (Mary Beth Hill)


JACK CARPER
Jack Allen Carper, youngest son of N.J. and Junie Allen Carper of Amma, West Virginia and Betty Lou Helper, youngest daughter of Otis and Clara Helper of New­ton, West Virginia, were married August 8, 1976 at Amma. They have three children; Nathan Allen born October 15, 1976, Janessa Marie, born July 19, 1978. Kevin Andrew, born February 16, 1989. They both graduated Spencer High School. Ginger attended Glenville State College, graduated from Charleston Beauty Academy. Dennis graduated with honors from West Virginia Institute of Technology with a degree in Business Administration. Upon graduation, he was employed by Southern Appalachian Power Company. In July, 1980, Dennis and Ginger moved to Carlinville, Illinois for Monterey Coal Company. In 1984 they moved to Houston, Texas where Dennis accepted a position with Exxon Oil Company. 1988 they moved to Knoxville, Tennessee where Dennis serves as Vice-President of Public Relations for Inspiration Coal Company. The Jack Carper family are all members of Church of Christ. Submitted by: Deborah Keller

JACOB CLIFTON (JAKE) CARPER
Born January 10, 1958, the eldest son of Charles William Carper and Elizabeth Thomas Carper. Jacob (Jake) was the grand­son of Nicholas Carper and Sarah Nida Carper.

Nicholas Carper came to Roane County
in 1858 from Giles County, Virginia. Jacob (Jacob) and Magdel was the eldest of eleven (11) children of the second marriage of Charles William Carper. He was born on Shaver's Fork of Left Hand and lived there until he entered the Army in 1917. He served in the American Expeditionary Force in France in the Tank Corp. (he often said the tanks were made from Prince Albert cans) until the war was over.

Upon his return home he married Madge Pickens from Gilmer County. They moved to Morgantown where he worked in the Tin Mills. There was born one son, Charles Calvin Carper. About 1925 he moved to Clay County as an oil field worker, a job he held until his retirement in 1965.

In Clay County three girls were born, Winifred, Eloise, and Doris. About 1935 he moved back to Shaver's Fork and built a home and there the youngest son, Darrel, was born. He lived there until about 1947 when he moved to Left Hand, where he lived until his death in 1971. His wife, Magdel, lived until 1983 and died in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Jacob (Jake) and Magdel had five (5) children, two boys and three girls. Charles Calvin and Winifred live in Charleston, WV. Eloise lives in Lyndhurst, Virginia. Doris lives in Waynesboro, Virginia and Darrel lives in Rockwell, NC. Submitted by: Charles Calvin Carper.

CARPER

Shelton Van Buren Carper was born 8 Jan 1851 Giles County, VA, the seventh child of Nicholas and Sarah (Nida) Carper. Nicholas was born 16 Jan 1799 Botetourt County, VA, the eldest son of Jacob and Sarah (Raymer) Carper. Jacob was born about 1774 in MD. He married Sarah 26 Jan 1796 Botetourt County. Jacob was the son of Nicholas Carper born about 1749 in MD, and Elizabeth (either Harvey or Shrider). Nicholas served in the Revolutionary War as a member of the 42nd district of Botetourt County. This Nicholas was a son of Jacob Carper, who was a son of Nicholas Carper (Niklos Korper), born Germany in 1710. Nicholas, the immigrant arrived in Philadelphia on 11 Aug 1732.

Shelton's mother was Sarah Nida born 15 Apr 1818 Giles County VA, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Harriss) Nida. She married Nicholas 25 Oct 1837 Giles County. They were the parents of ten children: Ocie, Rama, Okey, Sally, Prudy, Hattie, Senator, Robert, Roy and Mary. Ocie married Bess Criner, Rama married Matt Harper, Okey married Creasy King, Sally married Joe King, Prudy married George King, Hattie married Claude Smith, Senator died young, Rob married Lizzie Hilvey and Roy married Bertha Nida. Mary died as a baby.

Shelton was a teacher, a legislator, a Justice of the Peace and a pettyfoggler. (A pettyfoggler was a lawyer without a law degree. He handled small cases and local disputes.) On 17 June 1877 Roane County Shelton married Susan Ledsumse. They made a handsome pair. Shelton standing almost six feet tall, weighing about 220 pounds. Susan, tall, slim and pretty. She was born 4 Nov 1857 Roane County, the daughter of Daniel and Drusannah (Dye) Ledsumse. Duss was the son of Daniel and Drusannah (Dye) Ledsumse of Wirt County WV.

Shel and Susan first settled on Big Sandy. In 1881 they moved to Little Left Hand and started buying land. They owned over 350 acres with some fine bottom land. They built a big, two-story house (it burned down in later years). They were the parents of nine children: Ocie, Rama, Okey, Sally, Prudy, Hattie, Senator, Robert, Roy and Mary. Ocie married Bess Criner, Rama married Matt Harper, Okey married Creasy King, Sally married Joe King, Prudy married George King, Hattie married Claude Smith, Senator died young, Rob married Lizzie Hilvey and Roy married Bertha Nida. Mary died as a baby.

In December 1918 my parents purchased a 37 acre farm at the head of Cain's Run, Roane County. There I, Bonylin, was born February 6, 1919. I married Elmer O'Brien December 9, 1944 and we reside in Spencer.

My father was superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, called, "Dry Point" because we had no water there. In those days families attended church together. We had 100 in our Sunday School. He was a hard working man. I have seen him cradle wheat, stack hay, clear new ground, plow fields but he always had time to help a neighbor. Every fall he would sell cattle to Mark DePue, Mardell Cottle's father. He had a temper but my mother's kind, placid nature calmed him down. She was a saint in my mind.

In 1960 my parents sold the farm and purchased the Cecil Crouser property in Livermore where my father served as assistant postmaster for three years. He suffered a fall on May 2, 1968 and died May 11. My mother died July 16, 1969. Both are buried in Board Cemetery above Reedy. Submitted by: Bonylin O'Brien.

CASTO

Our family is a descendant of Azariah Casto who immigrated from Wales in 1696. He settled in Egg Harbor, New Jersey and married another immigrant from Ireland. They had one son William Casto. Sr. born in 1717. He married Hannah Bonnet and together they had two sons, Jonathan and William. Jr. William, Sr. drifted westward to the country along the Buckhannon River in Lewis County, Virginia (now West Virginia).
William Casto, Jr., known as the pioneer, was born in Lewis County, Virginia (WV). He lived there until manhood. He married and started to rear a family. During the time of the War of 1812, he moved to Jackson county and established a home on Mill Creek near Ripley. His wife, Fatsy Parsons and he had nine children. Their first son, James Casto, lived on 80 acres of land near Fairplains, Jackson County. He married a Sidney Kessel and together they had 11 children. Their eighth child was Charles Carney Casto, born in 1836.

Charles Carney Casto was married three times. His first wife was Martha Stewart and together they had 30 children. His second wife was Minnie Moss and together they had one child. His third wife was Fatsy Litton and they had 3 children. The oldest son of Charles Carney Casto and Martha Stewart was Jennings born in 1861. He married Sallie Smith and together they had 3 children: Clay, Vora, and Corrine. Their first daughter, Rosa born in 1863, married Dr. Alexander Parsons and they had no children. Thomas, their third child, born in 1865, married Drusilla Brown and they had 8 children: Pauline, Coy, John, Holly, Rosa, Perry, Johnnie, and Charles. There is no information on their fourth child. Perry, Minnie, their fifth child born in 1869, married Mark Goff. They had 4 children: Rose, Alice, Irene, and Irene. Their sixth child, Robert, born in 1874, married Maggie Smith and they had 2 children, Ralph and Aubrey. Number seven was Holly born in 1876 and he married Mac McLahan. There is no information on the eighth child. John born in 1878. Maude, their ninth child, born in 1879 married Dayton Rhodes. They had 4 children: Phyllis, Martha, Charles, and Virginia. Finally, number ten was Fannie, born in 1880. She married Charles Conner and they had 2 children: Johnnie and Holly.

Thomas and Drusilla were our grandparents. Their oldest child Pauline married Blaine Vance. They had 5 children: Homer, Juanita, Johnnie Mae, Robert, and Iona. Coy married Daisy Wyatt and had five children: Ralph, Ella Lee, Velda, Betty, and Opal. John was never married. Rosa married Rex McMillion and their children were Frances and Drusilla. Holly, Perry, Johnnie, and Charles all died at birth or shortly thereafter.

I dedicate this article about the Casto family to my mother Rosa Nell Casto McMillion who was born 1897. She will be 93 on April 10, 1990 and one of the last living grandchildren of Charles Carney Casto. Her oldest daughter Frances Louise lives in Canton, Ohio and has 2 children Richard and Judy. She also has 1 grandson, I. Drusilla Ann, married Harold Boyles and we have 4 children, Belinda, Catherine, Diana, and Tammie. We also have 1 grandson and 3 granddaughters. Submitted by: Drusilla Ann Boyles.

ROOFUS CASTO, JR.

Reuel Roofus Casto Jr., known by most people as Junior, b. 9-22-1929 at Cicerone. His parents Roofus Casto and Lola (Taylor) Casto. They divorced and Lola married Harley Hunt.

Junior was in World War II service as a truck driver. In 6-26-1948 Jr. married Rosa Schoolcraft b. 2-6-1930. Junior worked as a Pipeline Construction operator for several years, then settled down to the Kanawha Co. Board of Education as School Bus Driver, and on also as plumber. He retired 6-30-1989, as plumber.

Rooius Casto, Jr. and family, 1962


Leander Doran Chambers and wife Rebecca Ferrill


Wm. Bailey Chambers m. Floda Kyger of Reedy 1863-1964. They lived at Banner Hill Rd. and Clover where they are buried. Their ch: Rolley, Paul, Eunice, Laura, Burt, Weldon, Charles Wilbur who m. Bernice Starcher d-o Marius and Roberta Webb, Starcher of Otto. They reside at Spencer and have two ch: Sharon Egner of Va. and Brian Wilbur Chambers of Chambers Fork where he resides with his wife April and daughter Carmella, also Edith, and Frank Kyger Chambers who m. Sylvia Bamhouse the d-o Cecil and Floda Webb. Bamhouse of Otto. They reside at Otto at the mouth of Chambers Fork and have three ch: Kay Smith, Janice Ward and Richard Chambers. Submitted by: Sheri L. Cole

CALVERY MEAD CHANCEY

A name not new in Roane County history is that of Chancey. This family goes back to the early 1800's when Hiram and Isabel settled here. They left many descendants, a grandson of Hiram, was Calvery Mead Chancey (Tosh) who was my grandfather. Calvery Mead was born April 29, 1863 in
Roane County the son of Calvary and Rebekah (Hall) Chancey. He was raised in this county and married here on April 26, 1883 to Rosa Mae Staats, the daughter of William T. and Cinderella (Straley) Staats. They built their home on their farm at the head of Buffalo Creek and the head of Greenbriar Creek, a watershed from which the water drained to Mill Creek and to Reedy Creek. They had ten children born to them. They are listed as follows: Odie B., b. 13 Dec. 1884, m. Eva Patterson (2) Nellie Smith, Effie Alice, b. 10 Aug. 1887, m. Cyrus A. Davis, William Harrison, b. 10 July 1889, m. Mary Matilda Dunagan, virgin only; Olive M., b. 3 Mar. 1890, m. Tennessee Davis, Emma Estelle, b. 9 Sept. 1893, m. Everett Davis, Meri­deth Mead, b. 1 Oct. 1894, m. Burchell Inman, Flossie Mae, b. 26 Feb. 1897, m. Lafayette Pursley, Harry Edison, b. 8 Feb. 1900, Uffie G., b. 30 Jul. 1902, Myrtle Violet, b. 21 June 1905, m. Cecil Higgins, Revna Viola, b. 9 April 1908, m. Clarence Kittle.

Rosa died September 11, 1923 in Ravenswood. Jackson County and is buried by her husband at Ravenswood Cemetery. Grandpa married for his second wife, Florence Anderson Tatterson and this ended in divorce, he then married Fannie Lois Ludwig March 2, 1928. Calvery died at Ravenswood of a heart attack on February 10, 1930.

Calvery was a farmer and a country store owner most of his life. Calvery was very protective of his children and let his feelings be known when he was unhappy. Effie Alice was my mother and her father was very unhappy when she ran away with my father to get married. My father was a widower with little children and was 15 years mother's senior. Grandpa adjusted and things worked out well. My parents almost were very unhappy when she ran away with my father to get married.

During the Civil War the Chapmans had it both ways — some Union, others Confederates. William and John Chapman, distant cousins, were Confederate officers in the infamous Mosby's Rangers who caused the Union Army a lot of trouble in Northern Virginia. But the side of the family we are concerned with was Union.

One of the brothers became the father of Daniel Webster Chapman, born in 1947. For purposes of the Roane County Family History, we are concerned with Daniel Webster Chapman and his progeny.

Web Chapman, as he was called, lived in Spencer from about 1870 until he died in 1942 at the age of 93. He was a business man, owning one of the first drug stores in Spencer. He was also a practicing dentist. He was the secretary to the RS & G Railroad when it first came to Spencer. He married Martha Weas from Jackson County. Web and Martha had eight children: Donzel, Fordice, Arthur, Inez, Arthur, Ethel, Marie, and Imogene.

Donzel D. Chapman, M.D., the oldest child, was a practicing physician in Roane and Lewis Counties from 1903 until 1962 when he died at the age of 88. He was graduated from Barnes Medical College in St. Louis, Missouri, and was superintendent of Spencer State Hospital from 1930 to 1952. He married Florence I. Bode, a nurse from St. Clair, WV, Doddridge County. They had three children: Daniel H., William D., and John T. Chapman.

Daniel H. Chapman, living in 29 Palms, California, is a retired motion picture writer, director, producer who is married to Ruby Robbins from Champaign, Illinois. He was married to and divorced from Gwen Bridges. He had two sons: Daniel R., a clinical psychologist who married Betty Collins, and Christopher D., a landscape architect, who married Erin Kelso. They have a daughter, Jessica. Both families live in San Francisco, CA.

William D. Chapman, II, a Ph.D, is a professor at Indiana University in Indiana. He is married to Martha Coitfri. They have three children: Dennis Chapman lives in Weston, WV, and is a salesman for a mining supply company. He has two sons. Kirk and Scott, by his first wife. He is now married to Colleen Anderson.

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Beverly Chapman Linger, living in West-

ton, WV, was an art teacher. She was mar-
tied to and divorced from William Linger.

They have one son, William, III.

Theresa Chapman Riley, daughter of Dr.

Donzel and Florence Chapman, married John.

Robert Edward Lee Looney, both na-

tives of WV b. Sept. 9, 1909 Tariff, Roane

Co., WV d. Sept. 6, 1963 Orting, WA. buried

Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis, WA m. first

Hugh Smith Knapp Aug. 27, 1933, Elah

Chapman, WV d. 1952 Portland, OR hotel fire.

m. Aug. 7, 1907 WV divorced 1925 WA.

They had Pierce Smith Knapp Aug. 15, 1908

WA and Olive Knapp Mar. 22, 1918

Raymond, WA.

Maud graduated from Green Mountain

Business College, WV. She was a home-

maker, great cook, seamstress, and kept

the family history records. She went to

Le-

barn, WA 1912, to Raymond, WA 1918, to

Orting, WA 1963, and was a member of the

Methodist Church Raymond, WA for over

40 years, and a member of the Orting, WA

Methodist Church her last 2 years.

Maud Knapp m. second William Francis

Chappell b. May 27, 1881 M Mar. 13, 1963

Orting, WA. m. Aug. 1, 1916. They have 9 children: Joseph R., Margaret A.,

Donzel and Florence Chapman, married

Fordice Chapman, second son of Daniel

Weber and Martha Chapman, lived in St.

Louis, Mo. She was married to Verner John-

ston, a Roane County resident.

Theresia M., Mike J., and John S.

Vedonia Chapman, married 1912 Brookwood, WV. He was married to and di-

vored from Madge Whiting. They had one

other Chapman. She was 97.

Fred, was secretary to the Shriners' Order

in that city. There were no children. Inez

holds the record for living longer than any

other Chapman. She was 97.

Arthur Chapin Riley. Now third, he was an

employee of the Hope Gas Company. They

have 9 children: Joseph R., Margaret A.,

Koehler b. Nov. 6, 1908 m. May 8, 1937

Yuma, AZ. He attended WA State Univer-

sity, Pullman, WA. He served in U.S. Ma-

rines 26 years, retiring as Capt. They en-

joyed RV travel for many years, and also

square dancing and round dancing. Pierce

is a Mason, Shriner, Scottish Rite. Address:

4508 Third St., Apt. #14 La Mesa, CA

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Pierce Knapp and Helen Mary Koehler b.

Nov. 6, 1908 Aug. 31, 1960 June 3, 1936 Puylapul, WA. They were married in St.

Louis, Mo. She was secretary to the Shriner's Order in that city. There were no children. Inez holds the record for living longer than any other Chapman. She was 97.

Imogene Chapman Young, second daughter,

lived in Glenville, WV. He was married to and divorced from Madge Whiting. They had one daughter, Martha. Arthur was a stockman and businessman in Gilmer County.

Elia Chapman lived in Spencer most of her life. She remained at home, keeping house for her father in his declining years. After his death, she lived with her sister, Imogene, in Dunbar, WV. She was never married.

Imogene Chapman Barr Farrell, the youngest daughter, lived to the ripe old age of 93, a long time resident of Spencer. She was once the librarian at Spencer High School. She was married to and divorced from Rupert Barr. They had two children, Robert and Marion. She was later married to Emory Farrell, a Roane County resident. They lived in Dunbar, West Virginia.

Yes, the Chapmans whose forebears were pedestrians on the streets of London, have left many footprints in the red clay of Roane County, leading off in many direc-

tions for better or for worse. Some have been returned to the cemetery on the hill near where they lived, leaving behind their progeny, recorded in the family history of Roane County. Submitted by: W.D. Chapman

CHAPPELL

Olive Maud Looney was third child and first daughter of Melissa Florence (Keen) and Robert Edward Lee Looney, both na-


There we three older children were born.

Grandfather Clark died in 1907. Then

Mark bought the hotel from grandmother

Clark who died in 1929, age 85.

About 1909 our family moved out on the land short distance from Reedy. We at-

tended school in the one-room school house at Moore's siding. That siding had a side track, often two or three freight cars

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were parked there. The passenger train stopped there four times a day for passengers coming and going between Spencer and Parkersburg.

My father rented the hotel to doctor U.L. Dearman who turned it into a hospital for a few years. The old hotel is now remodeled and known as Waltons Store. Never again will I hear my Mother Ethel play her piano to entertain the hotel guests and to keep us kids quiet. Mother died 1978 at age 93.

J. L. DePue Cottle, R.N., daughter of Mark and Ethel Clark DePue, married J. Leon Cottle in 1932. In 1938 we had one son, name: Aaron DePue Cottle. M.D. Aaron is extremely civic minded.

Dr. Cottle has won many awards for distinguished volunteer service for his community, the County, and the Medical field.

Submitted by: J. L. DePue Cottle, R.N.

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**CLARKSON**

Warren Edwin Clarkson of Roaxalana, Roane County, WV, married Ada Williams of Wilsonsburg, Harrison County, WV, in 1916.

Edwin, b. August 1891 at Roaaxalana, Roane County, WV, d. July 1982, Elkview, Kanawha County, WV, was son of William H. Clarkson of Rock Creek (near Walton), Roane County, WV, b. 1839, d. 1903; and Lewis Clarkson, of Monongalia County, WV.

Mary B. Clarkson, Edwin’s mother, was married three times. Mary first married Reverend Samuel M. Ferrell, a Baptist preacher of Looneyville, WV. To this union, two daughters were born: Flora Inez Ferrell (Cottle Price) b. 1877, d. 1960; and Laura Miller Ferrell (Smith) b. 1881, d. 1959.

Mary’s second marriage was to Christopher Summers of Walton, WV. To this union was born a daughter, Lucie Eastham.

Mary’s third marriage was to William H. Clarkson, son of William W. and Harriett Kearns Clarkson of Rock Creek, WV. To this marriage was born a son, Warren Edwin (see first paragraph). William H. brothers were: Marshall H. Clarkson, b. 1839, d. 1903; and Lewis Clarkson, of Monroe County, WV.

Ada Williams, b. May 1891, d. November 1961, was one of six children born to John Thomas Williams of Wilsonsburg, Harrison County, WV, b. 1856, d. 1911, and Dora May Martin of Simpson’s Creek, married in 1889; Dora b. 1860, d. 1936, buried Wilsonsburg, WV. John Thomas and Dora Martin Williams six children were: Ada Edgar H., Veva, Charles, Claude A., and Mabel. Two daughters were born to Ella Mae Fletcher and John Thomas Williams by a previous marriage.

Edwin and Ada Clarkson in 1923 bought a farm west of Spencer, near Reedville. Curtis District, Roane County, WV. Later they bought another farm making a total of 365 acres.

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**ERNEST COE**

Ernest Dayton Coe was born June 24, 1912 the son of Willie and Stella Smith Coe, and grandson of Houston and Minerva Harris Coe. Houston was born in Surry County, N.C. He descended from Timothy Coe who arrived in America in 1652 and settled in Accomack County, Md. Willie was a Baptist and a contract worker for the United Fuel Company. He and his wife are buried in the Jackson Cemetery. They had five children Myrtle, Ernest, Burl, Chester, and Doyle. Stella’s parents were Johnathan and Anna White Smith.

Ernest married Ruby Mae Harper Feb. 3, 1935, daughter of George Leonidas and Eula Noel Harper, and granddaughter of George Alan and Amilla Kidd Harper. They have six children Bonnie, Barbara, Kay, Phyllis, Billy, and Charles. They have lived at Cottontree, Vineyard Ridge, and now reside at Walton. Ernest has worked as a farmer, gas and oil well operator and employee of Union Carbide Corp. Ruby was a homemaker until her children were grown, then worked at Carper’s Restaurant and retired from Spencer State Hospital.

Bonnie married Bill Whited (the boy next-door). They have three children Danny, Debbie, and Denise. They have six grandchildren Amanda, Adam, Nikki, Beth, Billy Jo, and Brandon. Bonnie lives in Mabane, N.C.

Barbara married Ronald Huffman and they reside at Walton. She has worked at Kellogg and Ronald works for Penzoil.

Kay married Jim Simmons Nov. 20, 1964 at her parents home by Rev. Delmer Simmons. They have one son, Timothy Allen born August 23, 1966 and is married to Elizabeth Ann and parents of Justin Scott Simmons.

Phyllis married Jim Harris. They have three daughters Lisa, Susan and Catrina and one granddaughter Lindsay. Phyllis lives at Charleston and works at Windows and Yeager Hospital.

Billy and his wife Denise and son Justin live in Mississippi. He is stationed there with the U.S. Navy. He joined the Navy in May 1973. He has a daughter, Crystal Lee born May 27, 1969 and lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Charles is at home. He served two years in the US Army.

“Roane County’s Christmas Baby of 1989,” born December 29, 1989 is Charles Coe who arrived in America in 1652 and settled in Accomack County, Md. Willie was a Baptist and a contract worker for the United Fuel Company. He and his wife are buried in the Jackson Cemetery. They had five children Myrtle, Ernest, Burl, Chester, and Doyle. Stella’s parents were Johnathan and Anna White Smith.

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Submitter: J. L. DePue Cottle, R.N.
COEN

Murray Donald COEN, known as Don to his many friends, came to Roane County in 1938 as a young man of 19 to accept employment as a teller for Traders, Trust and Banking Company. Don was born March 16, 1919, the second of five sons of Seigle Roy and Tracie Ellen Chapman Coen of Athens, Ohio. He was graduated from Athens public schools and from Mountain State Business College in Parkersburg, WV. While in business college he met Ella Belle Brown, daughter of Guy Cecil and Araminta Coberly Brown from Glenville (Glimmer County).

Don and Ella Belle were married January 27, 1939, and began their life together in Spencer. Don continued working for Traders, Trust and Banking Company. Don was born March 24, 1919, daughter of W.T. and Dora Harris of Enonville, Virginia. She lived and worked in Illinois, Virginia, and Tennessee before she returned to WV and began working at the Traders Bank in Spencer where they lived until their deaths. Claude died February 17, 1968 and Ella died September 15, 1983.

Don's widow and surviving son continue to own and operate the Automotive Supply Company, (now known as NAPA AUTO PARTS) expanding recently into a fourth location - New Haven (Mason County). Ella Belle continues to live in Roane County. John and his family live in Mason County; Claudanna is in Charleston. Submitted by: Ella B. Coen

COLEMAN

Claude Cameron Coleman was born in Enonville, Virginia. He came to West Virginia in 1920 as a highway and bridge builder. He had his brother, Elmer, was contractors for roads in this area of West Virginia.

Claude married Loretta Jones. October 24, 1921, daughter of W.T. and Dora Harmon Jones. Their first home was in Charleston, West Virginia. They later moved to Walton, Roane County, West Virginia, where they lived until their deaths. Claude died February 17, 1968 and Loretta died September 15, 1983.

Claude and Loretta had two daughters: Mary H. Coleman born June 2, 1928, and Claudanna C. Coleman born March 17, 1930.

Claude worked for a number of years building roads in West Virginia and later was a Supervisor for the Civilian Conservation Corp. He was also an expert in dynamite work and did special blasting jobs for various contractors.

COLEMAN

Claude and Loretta Coleman

Loretta was a homemaker most of her life. She was employed by the Roane County Board of Education at Walton High School where she was a cook.

Their daughter, Mary, married Russel V. Conser, March 29, 1958. They have lived in Lorain, Ohio since their marriage. Mary taught school one year at Robinson Run in Roane County. She then moved to Lorain, Ohio where she is employed by the Lorain Public Library as a Supervisor. Russel taught Science in the Public Schools in the City of Lorain until his retirement in 1964.

Claudanna began work after graduation from high school at the Poca Valley Bank in 1947. She served as a Teller and Assistant Cashier for twenty years. In 1969, she began work at the Traders Bank in Spencer. She is an Assistant Cashier and works in the New Accounts/Certification of Deposit Department.

Claudanna married John D. Kingerly December 21, 1956, and they reside in Walton, West Virginia. John served as Teacher and Principal of Walton High School and later served as Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of the Roane County Schools. He retired July 1, 1985, with thirty-two years of service. Submitted by: Claudanna Kingerly

JAMES COLEMAN

James Coleman was born in West Virginia according to census records. The exact location and the details regarding his family remain a mystery to this day. James moved to what is now Roane County West Virginia in the 1840's and married a neighbor girl who was 16 years old at the time. James was 48 years old at this time making this a May-December romance. The woman that he married was Lucinda Allen, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Estep. Their marriage was performed by the Reverend John Snyder of the Methodist Church on January 5, 1846. Samuel Estep was the son of Shadrick Estep and Susanna was the daughter of Miles and Hannah Terry. Hanna was the sister of John Ross, the chief of the North Carolina Cherokee Indian tribe.

James bought a farm of about 285 acres on the left hand fork of Big Sandy creek of Elk River in 1859. This farm was adjacent to his father-in-law's farm and Adam Oxier's farm.

Adam Oxier's son Lewis later married James and Lucinda's daughter Christina. James and Lucinda had the following children: Christian c. 1848 who married Lewis Oxier; Christopher Columbus c. 1850 who married Harriette Ellen Akers; Kenan c. 1852 who married Jennette Allen; James c. 1854 and his brother Alexander c. 1855. These two boys died at an early age.

The next children were Merci Ann c. 1856 who married Calib Nidy; Floyd c. 1861 married Nancy Price; Mary Elizabeth c. 1865 became the wife of Preston Canterbury; Jefferson Davis c. 1866 married Alice Akers; and Sarah c. 1870 married John Akers the brother of Alice Akers; Malakal c. 1872 married John McCormick. Most of these children became farmers or the wives of farmers. One exception was Christopher, known commonly as Chris, who was a farmer and a peddler. While his family worked the farm, Chris would go from farm to farm peddling notions like pins, needles, thread, etc. in exchange for farm produce which he would then take to the city to sell to buy more notions to peddle.
Chris also sold and installed a patented farm gate that could be opened and closed from either horse back or wagon.

The Chris Coleman farm was located on Green Creek close to the Kettle West Virginia River. Today the farm is still owned by descendants of Chris Coleman, The Rome Shaffer family.

Most of the children of Chris Coleman moved west to the area of Lafayette, Indiana to become farmers. In all, Chris had approximately 50 grandchildren who went on to become skilled craftsmen, farmers, military personnel, and nurses. One of the grandchildren, Ted Coleman, son of William H. Coleman Chris Coleman's eldest son, became the owner of a large machinery company and was very instrumental in the construction of Cooskin Park located in Kanawha County West Virginia.

The children of Chistopher and Harriet were as follows: William H. married Lula Hunt; Silas S. married Cora Shaffer; James Adam married Mary Norman; Virgie Lee married Charlie Lentz; Ida May married Squire Packard; Dan married Mary Hunt; Grace married John Fellows; Nora Jane married John Roth; Myrtle married a Clark; Bert married Mammy Taylor; Della Alice married William Wamer; Ernest married Maude.

Harriette Ellen died March 29, 1901 and Chris Coleman then married Rachel R. House on May 24, 1902. They were married for approximately 12 years until the time of her death. After her death, Chris Coleman then married a widow named Martha Lewis. Chris became ill after their marriage and Martha was unable to care for him. Chris Coleman went to live with his daughter in Lafayette, Indiana. He lived there, with his daughter, until the time of his death on April 14, 1924. His wife Martha lived to be 64 years old when she died in Charlestown West Virginia on May 23, 1953. Submitted by: William E. Warner

COMBS/DILLARD

Samuel Miller Combs was born 25 May 1891 on Hayes Fork, Smithfield District to John Million Combs (son of Cullen and Sarah Twenty) and Julia Ann Tallman (daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Cox Tallman). Sam and his twin sister Lucinda Combs Vineyard were the next to the youngest of nine children. The others being Daniel B., Esther M., Charles L., Crawford, John W., and Grace Combs are still living.

On 25 December 1913 in Kanawha County Sam married Rhoda Francis Dillard (daughter of Benjamin Franklin Dillard (son of Joseph and Mary Dillard)) and Anna Eliza McCoy. Rhoda was born 22 October 1893 in Kanawha County, the third child of eight. The others being Bertie F., Thurza M., Eveline R., Preston W., Ola E., Franklin W., and Louellen M. Sam and Rhoda started married life in Kanawha County but by ca 1919 they had moved their family back to Tariff, Smithfield District. Sam worked in the logging industry and later turned to farming. They were the parents of 9 children. 1. Elbert Franklin (at twin) was born 11 August 1914. He has a son and currently lives in Michigan. 2. Bumeez Francis was born 29 January 1916. She has 3 sons and a daughter and currently lives in Kanawha County. 3. Walter Delbert was born 51 August 1918. Walter married Ameda Rowe (daughter of Rector and Eliza Lewis Rowe). They live in Looneyville, Smithfield District and have 3 sons. 4. Macel Marie was born 18 February 1920. She has a son and currently lives in Michigan. 5. William Brentford was born 19 May 1921. He died the 22 September 1964 in Michigan. He was the father of 6 sons and 2 daughters. 6. Olive May was born 2 November 1923. She has 3 sons and currently lives in Florida. 7. Anna Eliza was born 26 September 1925. She has a daughter and a son and currently lives in Florida. 8. Wesley J., Jr. "Frank" was born 8 February 1928. Frank currently lives in Michigan. Submitted by: Patricia Combs

CONLEY - HAROLD

Brooks Roy Comley was born June 21, 1925 at Uler, Roane Co., WV, the 7th child of John Christopher and Carolina Isabel Tawney. His paternal grandparents were Thomas Comley and Nancy Audrey Tawney. His maternal grandparents were Tawney and Elizabet Tawney. The daughter of Stephen and Mary (Tawney) Keen, Elizabet was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Tawney. The children of the marriage were united in marriage at Spencer, WV at the home of Rev. M. Lowe.

Elwanda Muriel Harold, daughter of Homer John Harold and Nancy Audrey Tawney, was born May 3, 1927 at the home of her maternal grandparents, John Spencer and Jane (Tawney) Tawney. She lived in Elizabet and Elizabet. WV. Her paternal grandparents were John Christopher and Carolina Isabel (Hardway) Harold. Elwanda, on her mother's side, is the great granddaughter of John Hamilton and Elizabeth Jane (Keen) Tawney (John was the son of Daniel and Lovisa (Harless) Tawney and Elizabeth was the daughter of James Madison and Nancy Jane (King) Keen) - and the great granddaughter of George Washington and Nancy Jane (Belter) Ross. George was the son of David and Nancy (Drake) Ross, and Nancy Jane was the daughter of William and Nancy (Yates) Belcher. On her father's side, she is the great granddaughter of Elias and Barbara America (Simmons) Harold (Elias was the son of Michael and Catherine (Varner) Harold and Barbara was the daughter of Moses James and America Simmons). All of these families were early pioneers living in the area when Roane County was formed from Kanawha, Jackson, and Gilmer Counties of Virginia in 1856.

Brooks served for two years in the Army during World War II and spent active duty time in Berlin, Germany from May 1945 until October 1946. He and Elwanda were married while he was in the Army and upon his honorable discharge, they made their first home on the farm of Kelly and Ethel Conley. The daughter of Christopher and Harriet Conley, Harold at Uler, WV. Brooks returned to his home and worked there continually for the next 38 years until his retirement in March, 1961.

Brooks and Elwanda (Harold) Conley are the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Ann Conley, born November 10, 1947 at Spencer, WV, married to Roland Kim Longfellow, son of Edward and Jendaline (Mace) Longfellow. Divorced. There were three children born of the marriage: Crystal Ann, born June 9, 1966; Shara Denise born February 4, 1972; and Kendra Renee born July 15, 1977. Margaret presently resides in Florida. 2. Barbara Kay Conley, born born at Spencer, WV, married to Roger Lee McClain, son of Vernon and Maxine (Morris) McClain. They make their home at Newton, WV and are the parents of two sons. Gary Steven born September 30, 1976, and Jamie Lee born September 26, 1977. 3. Robert Allen Conley, born July 23, 1951 at Spencer, WV, married to Jeannie Woods, daughter of Joe and Christina (Strickland) Woods. Divorced. There were two children born of this marriage: April Renee, born March 10, 1979 and Robert Allen, II, born December 17, 1976. Robert presently resides near Left Hand, WV. 4. Gary Brooks Conley, born August 27, 1953 at Spencer, WV, and he died August 25, 1971 in a car accident at Left Hand, WV. He was unmarried. He was buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery at Elana, WV on his 18th birthday. 5. Marilyn Jane Conley, born July 22, 1966 at Charleston, WV, married in Winchester, VA to Dwight Clayton Baxter, son of Ralph and Martha (Thomas) Baxter. They have no children at this time. Marilyn and Dwight currently live on the farm just across the creek from where the original Tawney family homestead sat at the mouth of Granny's Creek Road, their home being situated on a plot of ground adjacent to where the oldest Tawney son first built a log cabin for his family.

Brooks and Elwanda Conley have resided in the vicinity of Newton for most of their lives, and have made their home on Dog Creek near Newton, WV, for several years. Brooks is retired from Union Carbide and currently enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping. Elwanda has been a homemaker all her life and enjoys the hobbies of quilting and crocheting. Submitted by: Elwanda Harold Conley and Robert Allen Conley

CONLEY

Cary Conley was born in Calhoun County, May 21, 1861, a son of Thomas Monteville (1858-1924) and Jane (McClain) Conley (1865-1926). Tom and Jane are buried in the Cottrell Cemetery at Oka, Calhoun County.

On October 10, 1901 in Calhoun County, Cary married Rosa Lee Spencer, born December 2, 1878. She was a daughter of Seddon (1855-1941) and Mary Jane (Young) Spencer (1855-1940). Seddon and Jane are buried in the Young Cemetery at Linden, Roane County.

Cary and Rosa were the parents of the following nine children: (1) Ocie Ola, born 12-14-1902, married 1st to Dick McCrosey. They had four children: Okay...

Brooks Roy Conley family
married Virginia Stone, they have two sons, Johnny and Jeffery. Johnny married Carolyn Nida, they have three children: Betty, Maxine and Tammy. Betty married with 2 children: Julie, married and has 1 child; and Terri, married with no children. Dick died in 1939, and is buried in the Wright Cemetery. Spencer. Ocie married 2nd to Bill Harmon, no children. Ocie died 6-18-1985. Her body was cremated, but has a monument in the Wright Cemetery.

(2) Ina Jean 'Peggy', born 9-27-1904, married Hubert Carpenter. They had eleven children: Betty; Cleopatra Joyce; John; Hubert, Jr.; Maxine; Rose; Tom; David; Alice; Owen and Jamie. Peggy lives in Waterford, Pa.

(3) CASE, born in 1907 and died in 1930 at Clendenin, Kanawha County. He's buried in the Wright Cemetery.

(4) Essie Gay, born 12-7-1908, married to Kuhl 'Red' James. He was originally from Clarksburg, WV. They had 3 children: William Edward married Jean Humphrey. They had 3 children - Carol, Ann, and William Jr. Alice Rose married Neil King. They have 4 children, but no names were available; Frances Ann, unmarried. Essie worked for several years at Stone and Thomas in Charleston, WV. 'Red' died in 1973 at the age of 69. William E. died 8-1-1986 at the age of 57. Both are buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston. All were residents of Charleston.

(5) Cagar, born 2-27-1911 at Tariff, Roane County, died 12-25-1968 in Weirton Medical Center, Weirton, WV. He was married to the former Murdine Wright, with no children. Their address was Follansbee, WV. His body was cremated with no further information.

(6) Mont, born 4-8-1912, married Betty Wetzel. They divorced, but had three children: Tommy married to Jo (?), lives in Chapman, S.C.; Carl lives in Ohio. He married and has children, no other information; and Betty Lou, no information. Mont married second to Helen Douglas of Spencer on 5-18-1973. They divorced with no children. Mont now lives in Ohio.

(7) Lucy Ellis, born 9-12-1915 married on 2-25-1935 to Howard L. 'Bill' Runnion. He was born 10-11-1911, a son of Robert and Myrtle Runnion. Bill was an employee of Standard Furniture in Spencer for 25 years. Some time in the early 1960's, possibly 1961. Standard Furniture moved out to Woodrums Furniture of Charleston. He worked here for 1 and a half years.

Bill suffered severely with arthritis. A friend of his told him to rub his feet and legs in drip gasoline. On February 6, 1963, Bill turned on all of the fires in his house, went out on the back porch and was bathing his feet and legs in gasoline. He had forgotten to turn out the pilot light on the refrigerator. The fumes caught fire and spread through the kitchen to him. He jumped off of the porch and rolled over and over in the snow to put out the fire, but not before he received 3rd degree burns to over 80% of his body. He was in the DePue Hospital in Spencer for 6 and 1/2 months, then moved to a Parkersburg Hospital for 3 months. He spent the remaining 25 years of his life confined to a wheel chair. He died 10-2-1988.

CONLEY

McDonald Conley, known as Mack was born May 28, 1916 in Roane County. His parents are Homer and Levada Fields Conley. Homer was a teamster in the oil fields, stockman, and farmer. Mack was one of nine children. He was raised in the oilfields of Tariff, WV and worked as a driller for United Fuel Gas Co. in all parts of the state. During his last fifteen years he was employed by Pennzoil Co. in the Spencer District. In the Thirties and Forties, he was a well known baseball pitcher for the Tri County baseball league. He also was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many weekends traveling to various places in the mountains of WV. He was a World War II veteran, member of the Newton Baptist Church and the Linden Masonic Lodge. In 1952 he and his family moved from Newton to Spencer, WV. His death occurred April 7, 1968 at the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg, WV. He had a Masonic funeral - Masonic brothers, friends and family offered overwhelming support to him and his family during his seven months of illness. Those who knew him will not forget his manner, humor, wholesomeness and all of his devotion to his family.

Mack married Frankie Vineyard Conley December 9, 1939. Her parents were Aljournen and Idalene Carper Vineyard. Aljournen an identical twin was a mail carrier, Justice of Peace, census taker and farmer. Frankie is the oldest of five daughters. As a young girl she carried mail by truck for her father. She was an avid reader and very studious and graduated from Spencer High School with the class of 1938. She had ambitions of becoming a registered nurse but met our father at a Sunday baseball game and soon thereafter they married December 9, 1939. Their marriage produced two children - Michael David, 1/12/41 and Jane Ann 7/14/42. After raising her children to school age she began work at Kellwood Knitwear Company where she retired in 1980 after more than twenty-five years of service. She
on his MBA at WV Wesleyan College. His wife Rebecca graduated from Glenville State College and has a BA Degree in Home Economics and Biology. She is presently office manager and nutritionist for the Diet Work Shop in Clarksburg, WV. Michael and Rebecca have two children, Cynthia Jane and Brian David and two grandchildren, Zachery David and Lakin Elizabeth.

Michael D. and Becky Conley

Michael David, married Rebecca Jane Summers from Glenville, WV 12-31-64 and now resides in Bridgeport, WV. Michael is employed by CNG Transmission Corporation as a District Superintendent at Salem, WV. After graduating from Spencer High School in 1958 he served four years on active duty with the US Air Force as a meteorologist. Upon separation from the Air Force he enlisted in the Army National Guard at Spencer, WV. He is a graduate of the US Army OCS Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, OK, US Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY; US Army Engineer Officers School, Fort Belvoir, VA and the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He holds the rank of Colonel in the US Army National Guard and is Commander of the 111th Engineer Group. During his many years in the National Guard he has been activated by the Governor many times to Command troops during State disasters and emergencies. Among his decorations are the US Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal and the humanitarian Service Medal to name a few. He holds a B.A. Degree in Mathematics and Biology from Glenville State College and has completed graduate work at WV Wesleyan College and WV University. He is presently working

Jane Conley and Harvey Shipman

Jane Ann married Harvey Andrew Shipman from Worcester, Massachusetts, 4/8/81 and now resides in Pinehurst, NC. Jane graduated from Spencer High School with the class of 1960. She graduated from Charleston School of Commerce, Charleston, WV in accounting. Her studies also included Business Administration at WVU College in Washington, DC where she resided twenty-one years. Prior to her moving to Washington in 1967 she was employed at Spencer State Hospital as an admission clerk in the Medical Records Department. On her arrival in Washington she began her career with the United States Congress. Her first job was in the United States Senate where she was employed by Senator Harrison Williams (D-NJ) and later promoted to his Senate Labor Committee as an Administrative Assistant. (Pertinent legislation that was considered while there was Coal Mine Health & Safety; Buffalo Creek Disaster; the investigation of Tony Boyle re Yablonski Murder; Minimum Wage: Occupational Health & Safety and various other labor legislation). She later transferred to the House of Representatives and assumed the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Democratic Study Group which was an objective research group for the Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Jane is an avid golfer and Club Champion of her club. She was a member of the Women’s District Golf Association where she played on the Women’s Golf team in Washington for many years. She also netted a hole-in-one and has won several awards including Best of Show for pillows at the Annual Woodlawn Needlepoint Show which has entrees from all over the United States. Her husband, Harvey, recently retired from Penn Central Corporation where he held the position of Senior Vice President of Legislative Relations at R. W. Vernon College in Washington, DC over twenty years. He graduated from George Washington University - his terminal degree was a Masters in Political Science. He is a World War II veteran. former Special Agent of the FBI, received a political appointment by President Kennedy to the State Department and has had thirty years of involvement in the political process in Washington, DC. Her husband is also an avid golfer. She has six stepchil-

Frankie Vineyard Conley

was a staunch and unblemished member of the First Baptist Church and the Bible Study Class. She also served as an exemplary and dedicated member of the Roane General Hospital Auxiliary in Spencer, WV. She continued her interest in reading and enjoyed quilting. She died August 3, 1989 and will be remembered by her friends and family as a lively, straightforward honest person who was kind, loving and in return loved.

CONLEY HISTORY

George Ferd Conley son of Benjamin and Ann (Riley) Conley married Demma Hardman 2nd of fifteen children born to Sase and Ernestine (Board) Hardman.

Ferd and Demma Conley raised eight children out of ten. named in order of birth, Faye, Ben, Opie, Ruby, Lisan, and twins. Laco and Lacy.

Faye married Gay Seaman and had John, Corrine and Ilena. John married Hazel (Miller-Lowther). Corrine married Ralph Full and had several children with their names all beginning with an R. Ilena married Harold Sims and their children are Rodney, Vicki and Melanie.

Ben Conley married Inez Conley of Jackson Co. They lived in Pennsylvania and had Reva and Wayne. Orva also lived in Pa. until 1937 when they moved back to W.V. He married Nell Golden who died 1960, then Orva married Maysel Harper. Orva and Nell had children Dorothy, Robert and Mary Lou. Dorothy married Martin Atkinson, Jr., and they had Gretchen who married Paul Wood and Martin, III. (Rick) who married Jeanine Lawson and had two sons, then married Jeanette (Raines) Wolfe, Gretchen and Paul have children, Jodi and Jeff.

Robert married Golda Fields one daughter, Sherry. Mary Lou married Garrett M. Boyles. Their children are David, married to Julia Pettry, daughter Grace. Daniel has been married twice but I don’t have names. Jennie married Randy Ash with daughters, Sara and Nicole.

Opie Conley married Hazel Golden, sister to Nell. Their children are Jacqueline and Harold. Jackie married Robert Omo­grosso and has two daughters, Candace and Lisa who are both married. Harold married Sarah Grubb from Va. and has one son, Ricky and daughter Cindy and Patty all married. Hazel died in 1980. The family live in Pa.

Ruby Conley married Clar Archer and had Irene who married Curtis Fouse. The Fouses have Kerolyn, Charles, Gary and Darrell. Freer Archer married Betty Reed and has two daughters, Brenda and Becky.

Ison Conley married Mary Louise Miller and raised a family of two boys and three girls, one son and daughter who died in infancy namely Noreen and Kevin. All five children now are living in a two mile radius of their parents on Stover Fork.

Arthur Larry married Iris June Watson.
They have four children. Tammy married Gary Harvey and has three daughters. Kayla, Brittany and Sarah. Patricia "Patti" married Charlie Starcher, daughter Whitney, William (Bill) married Michele Harris, and they have four children. The family is believed to be buried near Ravenswood.

JAMES CONNOLLY GANDEE

James Connelly was a small boy in 1791 when his parents, Jeremiah and Mariah (Whalen) Connelly moved to America from Galway, Ireland. Shortly after coming to America Jeremiah changed the spelling of his name from "Connolly" to "Conley." James' son, Jeremiah Conley and his wife Deirdre (Davis) came to Roane County in April, 1859, from Upshur County. He sold his farm land there for $8.00 an acre and bought land in Roane County on the Flat Fork of Harper District for $1.00 per acre. Jeremiah and Deirdre's family consisted of Matilda (Hickel), Sara (Wilson), Benjamin F., Irvin F., Marshall, Alma (Woodard), Esta (Wright), Luke (died at early age), Daniel and James William.

Benjamin Conley married Ann Riley and they had the following issue: James Wil., who lived most of his life in Reedy after his marriage, G.F. (Fred), Elsie (Steinbeck), Orla (Radabaugh), John I., Stella (Boyer), Robert H., Okie C., Ord. Calvin Coy, Hettie (Kee) and Lila.

Ord Conley married Ethel Gandeel in 1905. Ethel was the daughter of Jacob Gandeel and Josephine (Snodgrass). Josephine's parents were Isaac Wesley, Snodgrass and Emily (Curts). Jacob Gandeel was the son of Uriah Gandeel, for whom Gandeel was named. Uriah married Hassie Hughes, daughter of famed Indian fighter, Jesse Hughes and Grace (Tanner). Hassie was captured and lived with Indians in Ohio when a girl. Uriah and Hassie moved to what is now Gandeeville in 1823. Their mother, Grace (Tanner) lived with them during their last years and is buried at Gandeeville. Uriah died in 1884, Ord 1886, Coy 1889, Hettie 1891, and Lila 1896.

James W. & Ethel Hughes Conley

According to my great-great uncle Irvin F. Conley, of as of 1939 the early Conley history is as follows. James Conley came to America from Galway, Ireland in about 1790 with his parents, Jeremiah and Mariah Whalen Conley. They landed in Baltimore, Maryland where they lived for about 6 years before moving to Roane County, W.V. where they lived for about 2 years. James was one of 8 children. A sister married an Irish sailor named Cummins who was pressed aboard a British ship during the War of 1812. He escaped by diving overboard and swimming ashore. James served on the American side as a private soldier. James and the rest of his family were living in Harrison County, W.V. at this time. James married Assentie Romine and they had 9 children, two dying in infancy. One of these was named Jeremiah. Born February 23, 1815, the second child, he became my great-great grandfather. Jeremiah married Deirdre Davis. James' wife, they had 11 children. The second child was James W. Conley, the my great-grandfather. We believe that this is the beginning of the Roane County Conleys. As with many families of the time, Benjamin and his wife, Ann Riley, had many children. The first child, James William Conley, my grandfather, and the oldest Conley of which I have any recollection. A picture of him and his family are included. He was the first of 12 children and was born on October 3, 1870. He was followed by O. Fred 1872, Elsie 1873, Orlie 1875, Judy 1877, James 1878, Sally 1880, who died at 90 years old, Robert 1882, Okey C. 1884, Ord 1886, Coy 1889, Hettie 1891, and Lila 1896.

James W., my grandfather, married Ethel Hughes and set up their own home in Roane County near Flat Fork, Harper District. He became a farmer and operated a general store until April 1919. The family then moved to a farm in Sunflower, Reedie District, Roane County. This we call "the old home place." To this union was born 13 children as follows: Iva Smith 1901, Harry (died at 18 months), Orla Barnes 1904-1969, Charlie 1906, Ruth Critchfield 1909, Wilma (Bobbie) Sallaz 1910, Paul 1914, James Marshall, my father, 1915, Myrtle Mae Suter 1917, Howard 1918, John 1921, Gordon 1923. Five of the boys served in various branches of the US Armed Forces during WWII.

My father tells stories about growing up in Roane County. When the family moved from Harper District to Reedie District, they moved in 3 wagons. The wagons were packed with furniture and other household items. Grandmother and the children traveled in a Hack (2-seated buggy pulled by horses.) This happened on April 1-2, 1919. The two older boys and some hired help drove the livestock. Although the distance traveled was only about 30 miles, the trip took the better part of 2 days. The two older boys had a single horse between them taking turns riding and walking. My grandfather engaged in farming and oil. During WWII, due to shortage of help, they sold the farm and moved to Reedy and later to Spencer remaining there until their deaths; James 9/1954 and Ethel 11/1957.

At last count, James and Ethel had 36 grandchildren and great grandchildren and even some great-great grandchildren. The children of James and Ethel along with many of the later generations now gather each year at the City Park in Parkersburg, Wood County, W. V. for a reunion. Submitted by: Dennis Conley

CONRAD

John Conrad, born 1760, in Germany, died 23 July 1850, in Wirz Co. He married Kathem Windel and lived on Right Reedy. Nine children: Jacob, William, Christopher, John Jr., Sally (Willkerson), Daniel, Peter Jasper Sr., Elizabeth (Rockhold), Susan (Ott) (McMackneal), and Mary (Ott).


David, Lucinda (Thomas), Margaret (Sheppard), Louise Ann (Cob), Cindy (Aaron), John Jr. (Cob), Anthony (Cob), Peter (Cob), John (Cob), and Peter (Cob).

Peter J. Sr., married 2nd, 21 April 1842 to Jane Blosser, they had eight children.

J. W. Conley Family, 1947

Rev. William L. born 1865, 6 ft. 5 in. died 24 Aug. 1926, a Baptist Preacher. Married 1st Margaret Board, four children: Alvin, Harvey, Lewis, and James, married 2nd Alveria Board, No children.


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I married Miss Nancy Jane Wesley of Charleston on Nov. 22, 1951. She is the daughter of Mrs. Narcie J. Wesley of St. Albans, WV and the late George Wesley. We are the parents of two daughters: Nanette Richardson of St. Albans and Letha Jarrett of Cross Lanes WV and a son Calvin A. Cook of St. Albans.


Bamabas Snow was quite active in the political and social life of Geary Dist. of Roane County. He was postmaster at Amma and a merchant of dry goods. He ran a saloon on Beauty and Market Sts. in Spencer. He always wore white shirt as he thought it added to his stature. Submitted by: Tony Cook

COOK
Clarence E. Cook (1893-1947), eldest of ten children, son of Edwin M. Cook and Elizabeth Shamblin Cook, was born at Amma, Geary District. When young he worked on the gang, United Fuel Gas Company, and was a "well man" for the same company until his death. He served his country during World War I in France and Germany. In May, 1920, he married Maggie Elizabeth Pettit at Amma. Her parents, George and Elizabeth Allen Pettit, came from Waynesburg, Pa., and Wetzel County, W.Va., in 1945 Clarence and Maggie began operation of a general store on Little Left Hand Road in a building previously owned by Brooks Pettit. After Clarence's death, Maggie married Calvin Burkhalter.

Clarence was a very hard worker. The community's problems were his concerns as well and he was always ready to lend a helping hand when needs arose among his neighbors. He had a keen sense of humor and was always ready for a good practical joke.

Clarence's great-great-grandfather was Saul Cook (1758-1846) born in Marshfield, Mass. A Revolutionary War veteran, he was a farmer and raised four children. Clarence's grandfather, Bamabas Snow Cook, son of Saul Cook and Elizabeth Snow Cook, veteran of the War of 1812, was born in 1784. He went from Maine to northeastern Ohio on a visit to relatives. There he became a member of the Church of Christ. He preached the gospel for 25 years. He came to Kanawha County where he was Justice of the Peace for many years and operated a gas station. He was well versed in law and played the organ as a pastime.

Clarence and Maggie have three children: Blaine, Jacqueline, and Bobby. Blaine began preaching in 1938 and has continued 51 years in this work in the Church of Christ. He and Alene Crawford were married at Calhoun, Florida, in 1944. Four children blessed this marriage: Thomas, Jeanne, and Susan. Jacqueline worked many years for the telephone company in Charleston. She married Charles Proffitt, of Charleston, and lives in Hurricane, W.Va. She has children: John and Karen. Bobby married Jewel Dye of Milton and has spent his life in the automobile leasing business. He lives in Houston, Texas. They have two children: Mike and Sherry.

Clarence and Maggie have eight children, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Submitted by: Blaine Cook

CARL COOPER
The 1850 census of Marion County indicates that Hiram King Cooper (1811-1892) and Mary Davis Cooper (1813-1881) were living in Gilmer County along with nine children: Robert, Sarah, Samuel, Rebecca, Rowanna, Artiminta, William, Mary and James. Another son, John, was born later.

The family relocated to the Little Creek area of Calhoun County, a few miles above Creston. Hiram and his two oldest sons bought land from William Rathbone. According to Wood County records, Robert bought 100 acres in 1854 in what was then Gilmer County. Later, Hiram bought 50 acres and Samuel 65 acres which was part of the original William Tilton & Company survey.

Samuel Cooper (1834-1908) married Minerva Martin (1834-1899), the daughter of Jessie and Elizabeth Franklin Martin of Harrison County.

Through trading and buying, Samuel ended up with 273 acres which he later shared with his three sons and their families. At the lower end of the farm he left 65 acres to Hiram Blackburn (1859-1909), who married Sally Strong in 1882. Their son, Norman Wright, occupied and farmed the farm. David Edward (1857-1919), married Sally Hildreth and lived on 118 acres of the middle section of the farm. David Edward (1857-1919), who married Huida E. Wright (1860-1959), the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emeline Norman Wright, occupied and farmed the upper 90 acres. On this farm they raised nine children: Arthella, William Homer, Blanche, Grover, Minerva, Lucy, Delbert, Edward, Roxie and Roy.

The Coopers of Calhoun County and many of their are buried in the Cooper Cemetery located one mile south of Annamoriah on Stutler's Road, a part of the original farm.

William Homer (1883-1947), the oldest son, married Estella Hutter (1885-1916), the daughter of John and Louise Wright Hutter, they had one son, Carl Walter. "Essie" died when Carl was four years old. Homer then married Bessie Ball (1879-1969). The second marriage produced three children: Carl, Dorothy and Jack Allen. Homer moved his family to Spencer in order to work for the Eureka Pipeline Company.

Carl Cooper (1912-1978) married Mabel Price (b. 1913), the daughter of Roscoe (1892-1960) and Alta Clevenger Price (1893-1969). Both were graduates of Spencer High School with the class of 1932. Carl and Mabel moved from Saddle Run to Parkersburg Road, rear two sons: Steven Lowell (b. 1936) and David Winton (b. 1944). Before his death in 1978, Carl retired from 34 years service to Columbia Gas Company to enjoy his lifetime hobby of farming.

After Carl's death, Mabel continued to live at the family residence where she enjoys the neighborhood and her hobbies of painting, piecing quilts, and collecting wildflowers.

Steven and his wife, the former Wanda Carol Taylor, daughter of Sigel and Margaret Witt Taylor, recently retired from the Roane County school system.

William Homer Cooper (1883-1947) married Bessie Bell Ball (1897-1969), daughter of C.S. and Louverna Taylor Ball, July 15, 1917. They resided at the mouth of Little Rowels Run on the West Fork River, Calhoun County. In the year of 1919 they moved to Spencer so Homer could pursue his lifetime work with the Eureka Pipeline Company. After Homer's death Bessie worked at the Spencer State Hospital from which she retired in 1962.

Earl (1918-1962) the oldest son excelled in athletics and graduated from Spencer High in 1939. While employed by Monsanto, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Center and served aboard a L.S.T. in the European Theater during World War II. After the war he enrolled in Glenville State College, then transferred to Marshall College completing his degree in Business Administration. After college Earl worked as a salesman, later establishing his own business in St. Louis, Missouri. Desiring a career change, he entered public education as a teacher in the St. Louis School System. Later he transferred to the Palm Beach County School System in Florida. In recognition of his service and accomplishments with the Florida School System an annual memorial scholarship was established in his name by the Palm Beach Vocational Association.

Earl's family: Patricia Ann, Home Economics teacher in Williamstown, West Virginia was the issue of his first marriage. In 1956 he married Donna Pfeiffer of Marion.
Indiana. Earl adopted: William, an attorney in St. Louis, Missouri; Sherry, an attorney in Jupiter, Florida; Dione Geiger, employed by Atchua County, Gainesville, Florida; and their child Joseph, who is employed by Unisys in Tallahassee, Florida. Dorothy (1921-) married Walter M. Kopec and resides in Newton Square, Pennsylvania.

After graduation she enrolled in Camden Clark Memorial Hospital's Nursing Education Program, graduating in 1944 with honors. To answer an urgent need for nurses, she entered into the Navy Nurse Corp and served as an officer for the duration of World War II.

After the war she completed two years at Glenville State College, transferred to Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She was proud to practice her profession with kindness and compassion during her retirement in 1980.

Jackie Allen (1931-), lifelong resident of Spencer married the former Joyce Casto of Ripley. During high school he was a member of the band and volunteer fire department. Jack graduated with the class of 1949.

Upon graduation Jack earned a degree from Mountain State Business College in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He worked for various businesses in the community before establishing his own business: Cooper's Roofing and Heating, Inc.

Jack's son, Roger Allen resides with his family in Cambridge, Ohio. Submitted by Dorothy Kopec and Jack Cooper

**CORBITT**

Isner, Lakin Corbitt, born: 8/17/1911, Spencer, West VA., Roane Co. to: James Edward, and Effie Mae (Blankenship) Corbitt, brother to: Zella, Francis, Chlors, and Ervin. Grandson of Albert Galletan and Phoebe Margalisa (Hodam) Corbitt, Great Grandson of John Henry and Sarah (Cogar) Mace, of John Henry and Sarah (Cogan) Mace, great great, great, great granddaughter of Isaac (Hines) Mace, great, great granddaughter of John Henry and Sarah (Cogan) Mace, great, great, great, granddaughter of Isaac and Sarah Mace. Most from the Henry Fork/Pump Run area.


The Corbitt family moved to Galion, Ohio in 1941. Isner was supervisor of North Electric Telephone Co., for 14 years. They built a nice home on their 10 acres, now owned by Hamond, Jack, and Jack Jr. at Cardington, OH. But in 1952 Isner suffered a massive heart attack, was taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, OH. Dr. Buckles replaced the metric valve. They gave him a small chance for life and suggested a warmer climate. Since both sons were married, Isner, Grace and Carol moved to Ft. Myers, Florida. August 1956 and divided forces (Isner) to be doing very well, and was selling real estate. But, in March 1957, he became very ill, and, on March the 23, at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft. Myers, he passed away. Grace and Carol brought him back to Cardington, Ohio and he died, vivacious to Grace's parents, (Nan and Myrtle Con- nolly). Glendale Cemetery. Here beside his husband, Grace will rest also. They had 25 years together, 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Grace is still in the real estate business with Carol Masters Realty, in Ocala, Florida, where she lives today. Carol owns the business and has her own home and farm. Submitted by Grace (Corbitt) Fanner

**COTTLE**

The Cottle ancestors were Scotch.

Harry C. Cottle was my grandfather. Married 1900 married Stella Buck, a kind and gentle lady, faithful to her Methodist Church and Rebekah Lodge. Grandfather Cottle was a mortician, merchant and owned and operated a men's clothing store in Reedy, he was president of the First National Bank in Reedy in 1950's. They each lived past eighty years of age. They had two sons, Ernest and Justin Leon.

Ernest married Frances Stone of Jackson County. They had three children, Jane, Marie and Robert. Robert was a West Point graduate and served in the Korean War. After his retirement he held a position in Washington, D.C.

Ernest taught school as a young man and later worked for the state as an engineer.

Justin Leon married my mother Mardell DePue of Spencer in 1932. I was born in 1935. My father was the deputy county clerk from 1932 to 1958. He was on the Board of Directors of the old Roane County Bank. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service until he retired. He died at age 73.

Books Cottle is a college graduate and employee of Camden Clark Hospital. Brooks Cottle is a college graduate and C.P.A. in Parkersburg.

My Mother, Mardell DePue Cottle, the daughter of Mark DePue, was a career nurse a few years before she married my father. She loved to skate, fish and trap but her patients always came first.

Mother is very industrious. When her loted work is finished for the day, she turns to work on a project. She is always working on her computer.

In the public library at Spencer is a note book compiled by Mardell, it explains the work we volunteers did in that 1986-87 levy election. Mardell spent hundreds of hours on the phone in Direct Contact with the voters and learned about the need for the levy. Our Levy won by 65% while others failed on the emergency services and their library.

Mardell, the benefactor of the Heritage Park Museum, had a custom made book especially for the historical artifacts and their donors. She spent much time in that writing. Read the preface in that book, a copy hangs by the door in the Museum.
Mother made many original pieces of furniture from logs from the Great Smokey Mountains. The Indians wanted to display a few of the pieces at their "Fall Festival".

Mardell has campaigned for the past five years to win support for a veterans nursing home in Roane County. She has won the support of many members of the legislature, veteran groups and other groups throughout the state for this much needed facility.

Mardell's most recent interest has been this Roane County Family History Book. She called several hundred people living in and out of the county, explaining how to be a part of this important project.

Aaron DePue Cottle, M.D. attended my first 3 years of school in Los Angeles, California, then returned to Spencer where I finished high school in 1957. After completion of premedicine at West Virginia University in 1960, I received my medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington D.C. in 1964. I completed my internship in Pittsburgh then, enlisted in the service where I was promoted to major in 1966. I was assigned the majority of my service time on the Cherokee Indian Reservation as a medical officer practicing family medicine, pediatrics, surgery and obstetrics for the Cherokee Indians. As a Surgeon, I was responsible for the over all public health service operations on the reservation including the Cherokee Indian Hospital. I helped organize and train the Indians for operation of the reservations first emergency ambulance service and was the only non-Indian member of the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department.

I opened my office in Spencer in 1967 for family practice, surgery, obstetrics and pediatrics.

Upon returning home in 1967 I rejoined the Spencer Roane Volunteer Fire Dept. As a school boy of 14 I had joined the then, all teenage Spencer Fire Department and served until I graduated from high school. I was elected Captain at age 15 before I was old enough to drive the City fire truck! I served 26 years as an active volunteer member of the fire department, with 13 years as fire chief.

In 1974, I was appointed fire chief by the City and County to reorganize the fire department. The department grew from only 13 members in 1974 to over 65 members in 1987. Following three home fires at Clover in 1981, it was apparent that a fire station was needed to protect this area. Thus, I took this on as a project, and as a tribute to the people of Clover and department members, the station was built on donated land with all volunteer labor. Upgrading of the department resulted in lowering of fire insurance rates for Spencer and the surrounding areas, as a result of the establishment of fire protection Districts. The Spencer Fire Department became known as a leading department for its advanced techniques in fire fighting. In 1970, I was certified as a fire science instructor by the West Virginia University Fire Extension Service. Also a member of the West Virginia State Fire Chief Association since 1974.

In 1974, when I became health officer, it was apparent that there was a marked lack of health department facilities. With the cooperation of the county commission over a five year period I was able to obtain land from the state and grant funds for the new health department building which totaled over one half million dollars. This building allowed the health department to eventually care for three times as many patients as it had before. In addition to providing housing for the Roane County Ambulance Service and eventually the Roane County Family Health Center physicians and staff, prenatal clinics were established, free flu vaccine for the elderly initiated, pediatric clinic for 1000 low income families, which presently provides complete physicals for over 1200 children each year was started.

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MARDELL DEPUE COTTLE

My Aunt Mardell DePue Cottle is the daughter of the late Mark & Ethel (Clark) DePue. Aunt Mardell is the sister of my mother the late Odra DePue Lester Fleming. Aunt Mardell was born in 1906 in the Reedy Hotel, Reedy, West Virginia. The hotel was owned and operated by my grandparents, Mark and Ethel (Clark) DePue. My parents, Odra and Uncle Marshall C. DePue were also born in that hotel.

When I was a child, we moved many times to accommodate friends and relatives who were visiting. Aunt Mardell's lap and steered her little Ford that had a rumble seat. I really thought that I was driving that wonderful piece of machinery. What a thrill!! Another exciting thing that my Aunt Mardell and Uncle Marshall DePue did was ride fast horses in opposite directions and lasso each other as they passed. Our cousin Foster McClumie taught them the trick which is referred to as the “western cowboys you see in the movies.”

Aunt Mardell lived in Hollywood, California. In 1925, she attended Broaddus College in Spencer, the county seat of Roane County, W. Va.

Aunt Mardell married J. Leon Cottle in 1932. They had one child Aaron DePue Cottle, M.D., who was born April 16, 1935. Aaron was born on his father's and Grandmother DePue's birthday. Dr. Cottle is a graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. After Dr. Cottle's Army service, he opened his medical office in Spencer, W.Va. Aunt Mardell continues to help in that office at Aunt Mardell's Home for Veterans in West Virginia and a Veteran's home in Roane County.

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Aunt Mardell has an apartment full of beautiful log furniture which she made by hand when she lived in North Carolina. This furniture is the result of one of her many talents. Submitted by June Lester Cometet

HOPE COTTRELL

Alice Hope Cottrell was born 4/27/1925 Speed, Roane County, WV, of Ira Clarence Cottrell and Lora Dale Stalnaker in the house built by Ira that same year. Hope married Howard Burns Carper Jr. on 8/18/1945 Seattle, WA, where he was stationed in the Naval Air Corps. Their children are Timothy Alan 5/4/1947, David Anthony 4/16/1951, and Mark Ira 6/8/1954 all born in Charleston, WV. Howard “Bud” was born 5/3/1925 in New Castle, WV, of Howard Carper Sr. and Lottie Craig Ferrell. The Carper’s had lived in Charleston, VA, Miami, FL, and Lincoln, NE, before going to Roswell, GA. Howard established the Carper Sales Company, a food brokerage company in Atlanta, and distributed the Frosty Acres food label. The company is now F.A.B. Inc. (Frosty Acres Brands) in Norcross, GA. Howard died from a heart attack 10/6/1975 at Panama City Beach, FL, and is buried at Roswell, GA. His sons Tim and David work at Frosty Acres where Tim is the president.

Ira Clarence and Lora Dale Stalnaker Cottrell

Tim Carper married first Yvonne Lella Powell 8/24/1968 Straton, NC, and their twin boys are Christopher Ryan and Timothy Sean 2 June 1972 Atlanta, GA. Yvonne “V” was born 3/20/1946 in Stratton, NC, of W. J. Powell and Zilah Bailey, and V lives in Atlanta with the twins. Tim’s second marriage was to Carla Kulbreth in St. Mary's, GA, and she was born in Waycross, GA. Col. Jake was born 9/20/1966 Atlanta of John and Deborah Moon. Tim and Kaye live in Cumming, GA.

David Carper married Carol G. Black 6/30/1979 Atlanta. Carol was born 12/20/1950 Atlanta of Frances Richardson and A.P. Black. David and Carol live in Marietta, GA.


Hope married Col. Jake Foster Fulllove, Jr. 10/10/1981 at Atlanta, GA, and they live at Bay Point in Panama City Beach, FL. Col. Jake was born 6/22/1921 Shreveport, LA, of Mary Shirley Barbin and Jacob Fullove, Sr. Col. Jake was in the USAAF thirty years serving in WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam, and he is now in condo development in Panama City Beach. Jake's deceased first wife was Margo Coulson of Dumphreys Scotland. The following is from a letter from Jake to his daughter Hope: "When we were married I wore a pair of white kid high-top shoes well (half to my knees) buttoned up the side. I've kept this button hook all these years, and honey, if this little button hook could talk, 'Oh, the tales it could tell!' Nothing bad, just things about a couple of silly, romantic young things who thought life would always be roses without any thorns." This letter, family pictures, and several objects are treasured heirlooms. Submitted by Alice Hope Fulllove

COTTRELL

Ira Cottrell told several stories of his grandfather Andrew Cottrell who came to Roane County from Hacker's Creek in Vir
ginia which is now Lewis County, WV. Andy was a large man with red hair and a bad temper, and he and Manuel Westfall were shot by Yankee soldiers in 1860 while clearing a field near their home in Speed. Andy was very likely related to the Cottrell's who lived in Clarksburg and Jane Low in the late 1700's, but that link has not been proved.

The Cottrell Cemetery at Speed contains deteriorating sandstone markers on five Cottrell graves and two others as well as several fieldstone markers. One reads: "In Memory of Rachel wife of William Cotterill born 1779 died July 16th 1860 age 81 years." and this may be Andrew Cottrell's mother. From "Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia: Genealogy of the Hughes Family" comes these facts: Rachel Hughes daughter of Grace Tanner and Jesse Hughes married William Cottrell on 5/25/1794. William was killed at Hackers Creek, and Rachel then moved to Spring Creek, six miles from Spencer, where she died, buried near Spencer. Okey Erwin Peters compiled in the 1940's a 229 page book of the genealogy of the Peters and Snidow families and many Cottrell's (145) are included along with Confederate soldiers John and Samuel Waggoner and their nephew Gilbert Newton Cottrell. Still, Rachel and William Cottrell's children have not been found, but they may eventually prove to include our Andrew.

Andrew Cottrell married Maria Waggoner in Lewis County VA, and their children were Gilbert Newton 2/5/1842 Roane County VA, William E. 1/14/1844 to 12/9/1851, Perry Sylvester 12/5/1845, Nancy 7/21/1850, Susan 8/23/1850, Lucretia, Elizabeth, Rachel 7/16/1855 to 9/25/1856, Yelinda Katherine 8/15/1856 to 5/16/1859, Minerva J. 1856, and Matilda 8/12/1859. It is likely that Nancy and Susan, and also Melinda and Minerva were twins since there are several other twins in the Cottrell family. John Waggoner married Susanna Richards and their children were Elisha 3/5/1852, Eliza Luvema 11/7/1871, Mary Emma 4/24/1873, Lewis McChutt 1/12/1877, Esta Jane 10/6/1878, Clara Maria 6/10/1881, Robert Lee 5/12/1886, Charles Snidov 5/24/1888, and Ira Clarence 8/18/1892. Gilbert and Nancy were buried at the Sinnett Cemetery on Roane Creek in Roane County.

Ira Clarence Cottrell married Lora Dale Stalnaker 11/2/1910 in Roane County and their children were Lester Shirley 4/6/1911, Lawrence Harold 7/9/1913 to 8/20/1913, Gerald Rex 10/27/1915 to 9/22/1967, Paul Leo 10/15/1918, Leonard Francis 3/1/1921, Mary Leonore 3/1/1921, and Alice Hope 4/27/1925 with most born at home. Ira and Dale lived at Speed and were involved with farming and the Cottrell Cemetery. For many years relatives met at a large family reunion on Nancy's birthday in August at the Cottrell homestead. Charlie Cottrell's home in Speed, but the gathering has ceased since their deaths. Submitted by: Leonard Francis Cottrell

LEONARD & LEONORE COTTRELL


Ira Clarence Cottrell married Lora Dale Stalnaker 11/2/1910 in Roane County (see The Stalnaker Family), and their children were Lester Shirley 4/6/1911, Lawrence Harold 7/9/1913 to 8/20/1913, Gerald Rex 10/27/1915 to 9/22/1967, Paul Leo 10/15/1918, Leonard Francis 3/1/1921, Mary Leonore 3/1/1921, and Alice Hope 4/27/1925 with most born at home. Ira and Dale lived at Speed and were involved with farming and the Cottrell Cemetery. For many years relatives met at a large family reunion on Nancy's birthday in August at the Cottrell homestead. Charlie Cottrell's home in Speed, but the gathering has ceased since their deaths. Submitted by: Leonard Francis Cottrell

PAUL COTTRELL

Paul Leo Cottrell was born 10/15/1918 Speed, WV, of Ira Clarence Cottrell and Lora Dale Stalnaker. Paul married Virginia Carlotta Cottrell 12/25/1937 in Charleston, WV, and their children are James Doyle 6/22/1936 Speed, Larry David 7/31/1941 Spencer, Samuel Allen 8/12/1944 Spencer, and Linda Lea 5/10/1952 Oakland, MD. Carlotta was born 11/15/1917 Spencer of Robert Matthew Rader and Georgiana Gandee. Paul and Carlotta live at St. Albans, WV, where Paul now retired was a welder and truck driver.


Larry David Cottrell, Sr. married first Rose Marie Pauley 1960, and their son was Larry David, Jr. 9/12/1961. Larry, Jr. married Kathy, and their daughter is Chelsea 10/21/1965. Larry, Jr. died 4/7/89 from an industrial accident at B.F. Goodrich in


Submitted by Paul Leo Cottrell

LESTER & TED COTTRELL

Lester Shirley Cottrell, Sr. was born 4/6/ 1911 at Shaffer, Roane County, West Vir- ginia. He married Ida Dale Stalnaker. Ida was bom 4/6/1911 at Shaffer, Roane County, West Virginia. They were married 8/28/1931 Wood County, WV, of Clarence Stalnaker and Sara Dale Stalnaker. Ida and Dale bought property at Shaffer on Clover Ridge near Loo- neyville and lived there when they first got married. Lester married Dorothy Hope Stone 11/2/1934 at Speed. and their son is Lester Shirley, Jr. 3/1/1936 Clendenin, WV. Hope was born 12/25/1912 in Roane County at Two Run near Taff of Melissa Cook and Fred Stone. Fred was born of John B. Stone and Sarah Kelly. Hope died 8/8/1987 and is buried at Rockledge near Cocoa, FL. Lester was a retired tire salesman, lives in Cocoa.

Lester Cottrell, Jr. married Joan Ann Carson 12/27/1958, and their children are Alan Lester 8/4/1960 Atlanta, GA. Peter Lee 8/24/1961 San Diego, CA, and Kenneth John 1/7/1966 Rockledge, FL. Les studied mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech. and was on co-op in Michigan when he met Joan who was a student nurse. Joan was born 10/3/1935 in Addis- son, MI, of Rev. Verle John Carson and Evelyn Blue. Les and Joan live at Cocoa, FL, where Les is a civil engineer and Joan works with The Boeing Company. Alan graduated from American Univ. majoring in the School of International Studies. lives in Cocoa, and is interested in politics. Peter graduated from Florida Southern and Duke Universities and is an ordained minis- ter in the United Methodist Church. He is the campus minister at Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton, Florida. Kenneth graduated from S.M.U. in finance and computers, is a computer consultant with Compu- terized Church Management in Florida, and lives in Cocoa.

Gerald Rex “Ted” Cottrell was born 10/ 27/1915 at Speed of Ira and Dale Cottrell. Ted attended Marshall College. he married Frances Eleanor Burgess 11/8/1937 at Speed, and their children were Thomas Edward 6/13/1938 Spencer, and Carolyn Louise 9/15/1939 Spencer. Thomas has degrees in mathematics and education from Marietta College and BGSU in Ohio. and Carolyn has an associate degree from Carolina Coastal Community College Jacksonville, NC. For more on Tom and Carolyn see BURGESS COTTRELL TERRELL. Ted was in the Army Air Corps during WWII with missions over Germany. While in the service in Colorado Cost met Alice Lounthan through USO, they were married 1944 in Charleston and had one daughter Barbara Jo 5/24/1945 Charleston, WV. They lived in St. Albans, WV, where Ted and his brother Paul operated a service station and tire business. In 1955 Ted, Alice, and Barbara moved to North Miami Beach, FL, and they owned and operated a service station in West Hol­lywood, FL, on US 441. Ted was murdered 9/22/1967 in an unsolved burglary of his station, and he is buried at Ilebon Cemetery near Speed. Alice was born 12/9/1914 Joplin, MO, of Ebenezer Franklin Louthan and Maud Alice Olmstead. Barbara has a degree in psychology and works at the School of Medicine at Oregon Health Scien­ces University in Portland, OR, and her mother Alice lives in Denver, CO. Submitted by: Lester Shirley Cottrell, Sr.

COTTRELL

The first in Roane County was Rachel Cottrell, daughter of Jesse and Sudana Tanner Hughes, the Indian fighter, she married William Cottrell, of Hackers Creek, Harri­ son County, Va. May 25, 1974 where they lived until the death of William. Rachel with two of her sons came to Roane County and bought land at Speed. Andrew, bom 1815, married Maria and had eight children: Elizabeth, born 1841; Gilbert, born 1851; Sylvester, born 1845; Lucretia A. born 1846; Susan, born 1850; Nancy, born 1851; Minerva, born 1857; and Melinda, born 1860. Andrew was in the Home Guards during the Civil War, and was shot in the back while plowing corn at home. Grandfather of Ira Cottrell. Jesse Cottrell born 1795, married Elizabeth Phillips, born 1800; this was the first marriage in Harper District. They had eight children: Samuel, born 1838 married Maria L. Westfall 10 Mar. 1864. George, born 1840, Jesse, born 1843, Rachel, born 1847, married 2nd West one son Isaac. Lewis, born 23 May 1852, died 19 Apr. 1854; married Mary Elizabeth Davis 6 Sep. 1875. Malinda, born 1855, married Wilson Run­ ion 11 Jan. 1873. James M., born 1860, married 1st Barbara Simons. 12 April 1882, and 2nd. Chaolute Lance. 5 Jan. 1897.


ROMIE COTTRELL

The Romie Cottrell family are descend­ ants of Jesse Hughes a founder and pio­ neer of Roane County. Jesse’s daughter Rachel was married to William Cottrell. Their son Jesse had five children, one of them being James Cottrell who settled on Hollywood near Newton in Roane County. James married Barbara Simons and they had four children — Harvey, Jesse, Benjamin and Ida Cottrell. Ashley.

After Barbara’s death, James married Charlotte Lange, daughter of Granville and Sally Lange, and they had seven children — Romie, Okey, Della, Thelma, Vigie, Elva and Dornal.

Romie bom 15 July 31, 1897 on Holly­ wood. He spent his early years working in the oil fields and cutting timber. Romie married Deessie Kent, daughter of George F. and Elizabeth Reynolds Kent on
August 8, 1925, Romie and Dessie spent a few months in Akron, Ohio, but returned to Hollywood where they raised their family.

They were the parents of four children. Leona born August 26, 1926, married Brooks Looney on November 16, 1946. Their children are Sandra Looney and Steve Looney.


Jerome Ray "Sonny" born on August 6, 1936 was an invalid and died on February 24, 1945. He is buried at Keen Cemetery.

In the early forties Romie started working as a steam and pipe fitter and continued his occupation until his retirement at age 82. He was a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 565 Union in Parkersburg.

Romie was an avid baseball fan and player, having played and been a member of Babcock Baseball team and Old Timers Baseball team at Watt Powell Park. Baseball was his favorite pastime all of his life.

Dessie died in a car accident on January 25, 1953. She is buried at Keen cemetery near Newton.

After Dessie's death, Romie married Minto Reynolds and they had one son, Gary born in 1954. Minto died in 1964.

Romie died on October 12, 1985 and is buried in Keen cemetery. At the time of his death, Romie was survived by two sisters, Thelma Cottrell and Virgie McGlothlin, both now reside in Newton, also surviving were four children, eleven grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren. Submitted by: Norma Allen

OSCAR HAWKINS COUNTS

Oscar came to Roane County from Russell County, Virginia. He was the son of Joshua and Mary McCoy Counts. Mary was one of the families in the midst of the Hatfield and McCoy's Feud.

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ISAAC COX

They thought they were Dutch, but I have discovered that they go back to County Roscommon, Ireland. They came to the United States in the late 1600's. They were the parents of four children: (1) Joshua and Mary McCoy Counts. Mary was one of the families in the midst of the Hatfield and McCoy's Feud.

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French Cox married Nellie Pearle Dalton and to them was born one son, Herman Dinner Cox. Here we have another Cox who married a Cox and Pearle were my maternal grandparents. Herman married Emma Jane Taylor July 29, 1939. They had four sons: (1) David Herman Cox (August 7, 1942) married Judith Mae Bell. His family are Melinda Sue (October 23, 1965) and Rodney David (July 24, 1971). David works for & P Telephone Company, Bell Atlantic. He is a systems technician. As I write this, he is building a log house in southern Roane County. (2) John Robert Cox (June 7, 1944) married Rhonda Ray Barker. John served in the U.S. Navy and then graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Forestry. He is a Soil Conservation Service Engineer in Braxton and Clay Counties. His children are: Jeffrey Robert, (October 13, 1969), Melissa Dawn (January 16, 1974) and John Eric (November 18, 1976). (3) Timothy Allen Cox (October 2, 1948) married Harriet Grace Johns. Their children are: Anna Jane (June 25, 1970) and Allen David Johns (November 28, 1981). Timothy had a prominent role in the revival of the Folk history and cultural heritage of West Virginia. He was the young-
At the age of ten, impressed by the print on the pages of the McCuffy Reader and the Parkersburg State Journal, Fred Edwin Craig decided that he would like to become a printer.

Born on April 16, 1879, he was one of three sons (Henry Wilbert and James Andrew) and three daughters (Florence Hax, Addie Hall and Leslie Golf) of Winfield S. and Elizabeth (Ward) Craig, who came from Noble County, Ohio in the early 1870s and settled on a farm about five miles northeast of Spencer.

At the age of 18 he passed an examination and obtained a teacher's certificate. After teaching a few terms of school he invested in a printing press and some type, and moved to Reedy, where he began publishing The Pointer in 1904.

His first subscriber was William E. Smith, who became the editor's father-in-law in 1926 when Fred E. Craig and Georgia Lulu Smith were united in marriage. In 1909 the name of the publication was changed to The Reedy News and was issued weekly until August 30, 1949.

In addition to his responsibilities as editor and publisher, Craig was active in church and civic affairs. He taught a Sunday School Class at the Reedy Methodist Church for more than 50 years, and served two terms as mayor, and several terms as recorder and as a member of the Reedy Town Council.

Editor: Craig died at the age of 94 on August 21, 1973. Mrs. Craig died on November 3, 1948, and a son, Edward Ward Craig, was stillborn on March 10, 1935.

A son, W. Frederick Craig (b. April 10, 1927) is the Paul and Louise Miller Distinguished Professor of Newspaper Production Management at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, now in his 28th year as a faculty member. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and is married to the former Kay Wickline of St. Albans, WV. They are the parents of Timothy F. Craig of Jacksonville, FL and Elizabeth Jayne (married to Peter Ford) of East Rochester, NY, and the grandparents of Philip Craig Ford, age six.

Another son, Robert S. Craig (b. July 28, 1928), lives in Charleston, WV. He retired in 1988 after teaching 27 years at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. His wife, the former Mary Ellen Updike of Mill Creek, Randolph County, died in 1976. A daughter, Anne, teaches music at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Another daughter, Martha, (married to Steven Hinchman) of Charleston, has a son, Craig Pringle Hinchman, born March 30, 1988.

CRINER

Henry Esby Criner, born at Johnston Creek, October 16, 1864, son of George Washington Criner and Sara Jane Eagleson Criner. He was a farmer and raised registered fox hounds. He married Barbara Alice Smith, the daughter of Edgar F. Smith and Rachel Lesher Smith. Barbara was born February 8, 1870 and died May 20, 1924. Esby died April 11, 1944. After their marriage, they moved to Kyger, now known as Billings. They were both buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. To this marriage there were five children - Willie, George, Homer, Gay and Ruth.

Willie Clare married Emma Cunningham (both now deceased). They lived all their lives in Akron, Ohio, where he retired from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. They had no children and are buried in Akron, Ohio. They died in the 1950's.

George Smith Criner born at Johnston's Creek, married Ona Whited. They lived all their lives in Roane County. He was retired from the United States Post Office in Spencer. Both are buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. They had one daughter, Helen Criner who married John Pett. Helen taught in the Roane County school system until her retirement. They had two children - John and Judy. John William Pett now lives in Texas and has two children - Mystic and Shawn. Judy married Smith Epling a son of the late Rev. Elford Epling. Smith is a licensed minister residing in Tennessee. They also have two children - Bridget and Nathanial.

CRINER FAMILY

Homer Webster Criner, born March 1, 1894 and died September 6, 1947, married Nora Gertrude Smith, a daughter of George W. and Louise Ward Smith, on July 12, 1914. They lived in Roane and Wirt Counties except a short time when they resided in Akron, Ohio. Homer retired from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He then operated a general store on Craneston Run near Reedy until his death. He was buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Nora later married Rev. W. D. Dotson, now deceased. Homer and Nora had five children - Orlean, Harold, June, Carrie and Robert. Orland Roy Criner, born June 2, 1917 at Billings, then Kyger, (died December 14, 1985) married Lucy Callow August 26, 1937. Or-
January 5, 1964 in Parkersburg, West Virginia, married Michael Dean Hersman. Michael is the Chief Operator for the Spencer Water works in Spencer and is employed with the West Virginia Division of Veterans Affairs. They have no children. Robert Lee Criner, born October 17, 1941 at Reddy, married Beverly Matics. He spent 10 years in the Navy and is employed with the US Navy Industrial Management. They are now living in Urbana, Ohio, and have four children - Greg, Michelle, Todd, and Kurt. Gregory Allen, born December 18, 1963, married Chris Schaefer and they live in Urbana, Ohio. Michelle Dawn is unmarried and continues to live in Urbana, Ohio. She was born May 13, 1965. David Todd is unmarried and enlisted in the US Navy as a cryptologic technician. He was born January 17, 1967. Kurt Wesley Criner, born September 4, 1971, is at home.

Gay Parks Criner married Helen Chapman. They had no children. Gay retired from the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville, West Virginia. He and Helen are buried at Moundsville.

Alice Ruth Criner died in 1937, unmarried. She is buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Submitted by: Carole Williams, Cheryl L. Hersman, Sharon Butler

CRISLIP

A.L. Crislip was a pioneer dentist in Spencer. He used a foot pedal drill to treat cavities, hammer gold into fillings and inlays and vulcanized rubber dentures or "false teeth" in his small laboratory. Red wax and plaster of Paris were used for the mouth molds. With these materials and careful attention he cured his patients of toothache and restored their ability to chew their food.

A.L. Crislip, or Alonzo, was born in 1868. He was the only son of Jacob and Mary Christina Timmel Crislip. He and his five sisters grew up on their parents’ farm in Curry District of Roane County. They attended a one-room schoolhouse near their home but received the greater part of their education from their mother. Her father had been a well educated tutor to a titled Prussian family before coming to America by way of Canada.

Since three of his six sisters were musically talented their home became a gathering place for many of the young folks in the county. The dining room rug would be rolled aside and dances, both round and square, were held in their home during the winter evenings. The young men also favored "fox hunting" and each had his favorite dog. Alonzo's dog was named Gippy. Most of his contemporaries also owned riding horses and drove surreys and buggies. The McClain family were their neighbors, and the McClain house near their home was owned by Arthur Evens and later by George Stover. Alonzo and Gippy lived there. The young men also favored "fox hunting" and each had his favorite dog. Alonzo's dog was named Gippy. Most of his contemporaries also owned riding horses and drove surreys and buggies. The McClain family were their neighbors, and the McClain house near their home was owned by George Stover. Alonzo and Gippy lived there.

Alonzo did not marry until he had completed his medical studies. The practical part of which was aided by Dr. Webb Chapman. He set up his office in the building which stood on the corner of Main and Church Streets where the Spencer Roane Hotel was later built. He also bought a house behind the hotel which stood where the present bridge over Spring Creek is now located. This house later became his dental office and later as well as his home.

CRONIN - MCCLAIN

Very little is known of the early Cronin family line. The earliest member of record was Daniel Cronin, born in Kinsale Harbor, County Cork, Ireland in 1740, arriving in America in 1811. Richard Cronin is the great grandson of Daniel and Bridget (Gallagher) Cronin, and the first descendant of this line to live in Roane County, WV. The Cronin family traces their heritage from the Isle of Mull in Scotland, and is on permanent disability retirement from the US Navy as a cryptologic technician. He was born January 17, 1967. Kurt Wesley Criner, born September 4, 1971, is at home.

Richard Cronin, son of Daniel Francis and Iva Frances (Liston) Cronin, was born September 26, 1932 in Richwood, Nicholas County, WV. His paternal grandparents were Stephen and Mary Ann (Kearney) Cronin. His maternal grandparents were Raymond Dayton and Mable Belle (Martin) Liston. Richard lived in Nicholas County until about nine years old when his family moved to Charleston, WV. Richard grew up in Charleston, graduated from Charleston Catholic High School and attended both West Virginia University at Morgantown, WV, and West Virginia State College at Institute, WV. He joined the US Navy in 1952 and was injured during the Korean war and is on permanent disability retirement from the Navy. His son, Matthew Cronin, is the great grandson of William and his wife Susan (Kille) McClain, has lived in Roane County for most of her life.

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Dr. A.L. Crislip and Family

Alonzo married Kathryn Lee Bond, the eighteen year old niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd. She lived with her aunt and uncle in the Arlington Hotel just across the street from his first office. They had a son and two daughters. His son, Chester A. Crislip, graduated from Dental College of Louisville. They decided to use their wealth to care for his father's dental practice and help his stepmother rear his young sisters. Frank Louise and Mary Kathryn.

This family united with the First Presbyterian Church in Spencer. Submitted by: Mary Kathryn Crislip Pursley

Nancy Carol (McClain) Cronin, was born July 27, 1943 in Ravena, Portage County, Ohio, the daughter of John Henry and Leona Helen (Tawney) McClain. Her pa-
Cronin Family

My grandparents, William H. Crouser and Louisa (Dodd) Crouser, were instrumental in the development of the early oil fields in West Virginia. William was born on November 22, 1844, in Metz, West Virginia, and Louisa was born on April 21, 1846, in Roane County, West Virginia. They were married on December 23, 1863, in Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia. Submitted by Carol Cronin.

Cromer, 1-28-1907. Cecil and Betty came back to Spencer shortly after they married in 11-17-1924. They lived in an apartment on school house hill and later moved to Locust Avenue where three children were born. John Wilbur, 12-17-1936; Twin Linda Mae, 6-4-1928; and Wanda Lee, 5-19-1931. Later dad was transferred to Liverpool, W. Va. where he worked as a rousetout for the South Penn Oil Company. There Joan was born: 12-21-1936. Dad was made foreman and was transferred back to Spencer, where they lived on West main street in 1945. They later moved on the Parkersburg Road in 1959. Cecil was promoted to superintendent of South Penn and filled that position till he retired in 1969. Cecil belonged to the Modern Woodman and Betty was a member of the Spencer Rebekah Lodge #132. They both were members of the Spencer Baptist Temple Church.

Due to illness they both entered into a nursing home at Parkersburg, W. Va. where they both died. Mother passed away 9-3-1982, and dad passed away six weeks later, 10-17-1988, not knowing mother had gone before him. They both are buried in Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, W. Va. They left four children: John Wilbur, 12-17-1936; Twin Linda Mae, 6-4-1928; and Wanda Lee, 5-19-1931. Both are buried in Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, W. Va. Submitted by: daughters, Joan Showen and Wanda Rhodes.

CROW

The following was written by George B. Crow, brother of Martha, and read by him at a family reunion of the Crows held on the home farm in Jackson County, West Virginia, on August 21st, 1904.

Dorinda was my paternal grandmother, born November 4th, 1779, in Derbyshire, England. She married Moses Horton on December 29th, 1799 in Ireland. Susanna, my mother, was born to them August 28th, 1810 near Dublin. When about six years old she with her parents moved, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, to Monroe County, Ohio. The voyage lasted four weeks. She was a large woman, strong of body and mind and the most thorough believer in the Bible, Churches, and preachers I ever met.

A very trying period of her life was during the Civil War, with husband and son, William, gone South. Word drifted back that father was dangerously wounded, with certainty whether he was even alive when the word was received. This time perhaps weeks and months, might pass before she could hope to hear again. As letters and messages did not pass through the lines of the army rapidly and often not at all. In the meantime, Jane and Martha, her two daughters were both dangerously sick. Death added to the constant annoyance and worry inflicted by the soldiers of the Union Army, searching the house as high as they could go in one day and night. the driving away of live stock, and constant fear of other and more terrible acts made life little worth living except to perform the duty devolving upon her as the head of the family, which she did with a wonderful display of courage and fidelity. She died December 7th, 1891, and is buried at Cottageville.

George Crow, my father, was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, on March 27th, 1804, of German parentage, where he spent his boyhood days until eight years of age, when his father moved to Monroe County, Ohio. His father's name was Martin and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Cackler. In 1828 he married Susanna Horton and at once commenced housekeeping in a one roomed log cabin in Noble County, Ohio.

Soon, the western fever took such hold on them that they sold out and started for what was then the far West. They traveled in covered wagon and in many places through an almost trackless new country, surrounded on all sides by roving bands of Indians. They stopped about sixty miles this side of what is now the city of Chicago and took up a government land claim. At that time Chicago was a small town, not larger than Ripley now is. But after a year's trial, finding the county too new and uncertain, they returned in 1834 to Ohio. Here they lived until 1847, when having traded the Ohio land for the farm in Jackson County where they both lived until their death.

In 1849, father was elected to the Legislature of Virginia at Richmond, in which he served during the long session of 1851 that adjusted the laws to the new Constitution then just adopted. From the close of the session until the Civil War he was engaged exclusively in agricultural pursuits. In the unhappy conflict his lot was cast with the South. He left home in the spring of 1861 expecting only to be gone a few days, but which proved to be about three years. The Amnesty Proclamation issued by President Lincoln granted pardon and protection to all who would return home. He eagerly availed himself of the opportunity to return home to his family. His land was restored to him by reason of his acceptance of the provisions of the Amnesty Proclamation. He set about repairing the ravages of the war until 1872, when he was again elected to the Legislature, but this time of West Virginia. Perhaps no occurrence of his life afforded him more consolation than this event because he felt his election was evidence of his complete restoration in the hearts of his fellow citizens to the position of honor, confidence and esteem that he had possessed before the Civil War. His mind was strong to the last. He died December 11th, 1899, aged 95, and was buried at Cottageville by the side of his wife.

To them were born seven children: Michael, Dorinda, William, Jane, George, Charles and Martha. Martha married
Cunningham

Poard H. Cunningham was born (5-10-1895 — 5-9-1969) in Calhoun County, son of Homer and Rachel (Smith) Cunningham. Poard H. Cunningham, served during the American Civil War. His friend, James Riddle, named the farm. The Damewood name originated in Bel- glasses, which were drunk by the Indians. Jemmy had told me we were a mixture of Dutch, Irish and English.

Our oldest known ancestor was Malachi Damewood. D. 1774, was living in Roane County, Virginia. He married Hannah and they had ten children. About 1803 Malachi and Hannah Damewood (with their children) moved to Flat Creek, now Cornyton, Knox County, Tennessee.

James Damewood 1780-1860 married 1803 Mary Polly Huffman. They had one child, Jo Ann, b 23 May 1930. She married J.W. Stephens on 2 June 1952 and had three children: Mark Jeffrey, b 17 June 1955; Scott Lang, b 17 January 1958; and Jayne Blair Ingraham, b 31 October 1966. Submitted by: Mrs. John Ray Hussey

DAMWOOD

The Damewood name originated in Belgium. Jemmy Damewood, James' father told me we were a mixture of Dutch, Irish and English. Our oldest known ancestor was Malachi Damewood. B. 1774, was living in Smoke County, Virginia. He married Hannah and they had ten children. About 1803 Malachi and Hannah Damewood (with their children) moved to Flat Creek, now Cornyton, Knox County, Tennessee.

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James' son, Melaki 1804-1868 was a carpenter and fell from a house to his death. He married Sarah Britz 1826. They had six children.


Matson A. Damewood

Martha May's parents were John Nelson and Louisa Jane Stalnaker Dilworth. John Nelson's father was Anthony, a farmer and blacksmith. He was Lieutenant in Company D, 10th Virginia Calvary Confederate service. Anthony's son James K.P. was in same regiment Co. K - wounded, died 1864. son Joseph W. was in 22nd Virginia Infantry, was a prisoner of war for over a year - died 1872. Louisa's parents were John and Susan Chenoweth Stalnaker of Randolph County by birth, came to Roane vicinity about 1830. Martha May was noted for her hospitality and carrying food to the road for neighbors returning from Spencer.

Matson and Martha May were members of Bays Chapel Baptist Church and are buried in Clover Cemetery. Three children: Staci Edice 1895-1982, married (1913) J. Talmage Summers. Three sons, (See Summers); Mary Louanne 1899-1963. Married (1920) Home Lawrence Five sons. (See Lawrence); Ermah Leonelle 1907. Never married. Education: Graduate of Walton High School, Summer term Marshall College, Huntington, Registered
Nurse - Mountain State Hospital, Charleston, W. Va., one year scholarship George Peabody School of Nursing, Nashville, Tenn. Work: Public Health Nursing - National Youth Administration which closed because of WW II, four years in Kanawha County. Twenty-three in Glimer County. Retired in 1972. While in Glimer I sang alto for fourteen years in a Gospel Quartet. 1971 I was chosen as Glimer's Belle for their Folk Festival. Now residing in sister Louline's home at Walton. Submitted by: Ethel L. Damewood

JAMES A. DANIELL

Daniell, James Alexander (1809-1890) born Summerset County, England. Wife, Sophia (Wetherell) Daniell (1809-1865). London, England. They were married in St. Bride's Church, London, England. 1833 and soon thereafter came to the United States. about 1835. to Boston, Massachusetts. Here James was naturalized 1840 and became part owner in a textile mill at Lennox, Massachusetts. Born to them there were three children, Mary E., Charles A. and James W. Daniell. They moved from Lennox to Jackson County, Virginia (now Roane Co.), about one mile above Cassville, (now called Spencer), 1843. Born to them there were four children; John, Cynthia C., Franklin, and Nellie. Here James built and maintained a water grist mill in a place yet known as Daniel's Run. James was somewhat better educated than the average for his time and was highly respected by citizens of his community. Sophia, James, Cynthia and John are buried on the property.

The story goes that John was beaten to death during the Civil War because he would not tell the raiding soldiers where his father's horses were hidden. The other children of James and Sophia were: Mary E. married George Springston; Nellie, married Millard Fillmore Simmons; Franklin G. married Sarah T. Hodges. The following children were born: John, Cynthia C., Franklin and Nellie. Here James built and maintained a water grist mill in a place yet known as Daniel's Run. James was somewhat better educated than the average for his time and was highly respected by citizens of his community. Sophia, James, Cynthia and John are buried on the property.


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James A. and Sophia (Wetherell) Daniell were the parents of three (3) children about 1835. James was naturalized in 1840 and became part owner in a textile mill at Lenox, Mass. Born to the couple in Massachusetts were three (3) children: Josephine Mary Elizabeth (Daniell) Fras of Springhill, 1839-1917, married Elizabeth Catherine Wolfe 1845-1887, married William B. Reynolds 1867-1889.

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JAMES C. DANIELL

Daniell, James C., born December 23, 1866, Wetzel County, West Virginia, great, great grandson of James A. (1809-1865) and Sophia (Wetherell) Daniell (1809-1865). Although I was not born in Roane County, most of my grandparents were, and it is interesting to me how families are brought together. The Daniell history is found elsewhere in this book so I will try to include my great grandfather, Franklin Fleet Daniel (1862-1941) son of Charles A. (1838-1915) and Edith Wees (1839-1878).

Franklin Fleet Daniell was born in what is now Roane Co., Upper Spring Creek, in a place known as Daniell's Run, and moved with his family to Wirt County in 1880 where his father had purchased a large farm. Here in 1895 he married Anna Amelia Graham (1873-1954) daughter of Richard and Margaret Sheppard Graham of Wirt County. They came to the United States with the newlyweds, but little is known about these relatives at this time. Harriet married a Mr. Elliott, lived in Brooklyn, New York, and had three children: Frederick, Frank, Rhoda. Brother Henry 1819-1900+ was with James in Massachusetts, and the Spencer area, then moved to Mason City, Mason County, West Virginia where he married (Mary), he lived, and died being survived by no children. The father of James, Harriet, and Henry Daniell served in the English army as a drummer in the Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
counties and are buried in the Two Run Cemetery, Wirt County.

Bom to Fleet and Anna were five children, two of which died in infancy. The three remaining were: Samuel Franklin (1897-1978), married Pearl Sims, their children were: Eula Buck, Alice Lockhart, and Virginia Simmons. He was County Surveyor, farmer and building mechanic and lived near Palestine, West Virginia. Roscoe Richard (1906-1963), married Laura Wilson, their children were: Richard, Thomas, Dorothy Little, and Nancy Godfrey. He was a school teacher, educator and family historian. At the time of his death lived near Belize, Ohio. Robert Shirley (1910-1988), married Ernestine Whited (1912-1988), May 10, 1929. She was the daughter of Floyd Whited (1886-1970) and Florence Lola Stalnaker (1893-1985), their children were: Clinton F., died in infancy, Roberta Taylor, Robert Lewis Daniell (1939), my father, and Sharon Gangloff. He is a retired Steamfitter and welder and still lives in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

My father, Robert Lewis Daniell married Carolee Jane Spencer (1939), August 22, 1956, in Wirt County and they now live in Tyler County. I have one sister, Julie Ann Daniell Folger, wife of Rev. Clay Folger, living near Antioch, Ohio. They are parents of Gabrielle Faith and Jeremiah Daniel Folger. I have recently married Dawn Marie Rudolph and live in Fairmont, West Virginia.

My mother, Carolee Spencer Daniell is the great, great granddaughter of Captain John Spencer and James Keen early settlers of what is now Roane County.

Outgrandparents of mine who lived in early Roane County include: Ellis, Young, Haverty, Lantz, Westfall, and Chenoweth. I guess you could say, some of those hardy pioneer's love of farming is still with us today as we enjoy the beauty of the out-of-doors and all nature while working with our hands. Submitted by James C. Daniell

DAVID M. DAVIS

David Michael Davis was the son of Caleb and Elizabeth Michaels Davis. He was bom in Marion County, W. V., on February 25, 1875. He and his family moved to Lee District, Calhoun County, W. V., Later on he moved again to Geary District, Calhoun County, W. V. While working for James G. and Alice Clarkson Keffer and living as a boarder in their home he met their daughter Ollie Keffer and married her on April 14, 1901. He is shown as a boarder in the 1900 Census of Smithfield District, Roane County.

Caleb, the father of David Michael Davis was bom around 1816 in Marion County, Va. (W. V.): He married first Mary Ann Bock, daughter of Nicholas and Amelia. He married secondly Elizabeth Starrett, daughter Nancy Pyles and Joseph Starrett, in Marion County on March 7, 1861. They had five children including David M. He and Elizabeth are buried at the Ogden Cemetery at Uler.

David Michael and Ollie Keffer had ten children, including my mother, Letha Gladys. She was born June 30, 1906 and died November 17, 1952 of Hodgkins disease in South Charleston, W. Va. Letha married Larnabush Snow Cook on July 27, 1924 at the home of her father at Pigeon, W. V. They had four children: Katharine, Madeline, Roy and myself, Calvin.

Caleb was the son of Clement and Elizabeth Michaels Davis. Clement was the son of Caleb and Leah Davis. Caleb emigrated to Harrison County from Delaware around the turn of the century (1799-1800). Caleb, Leah, Clement and Elizabeth are buried at the Davis Ridge Cemetery, in Marion County.

David Michael died on February 15, 1952 in Parkersburg, W. V. and is buried at Bethesda Cemetery at Palestine, W. Va. Ollie Blanche died in Parkersburg on January 25, 1978 and is buried in the Lubeck Cemetery at Lubeck, W.V.

David was a music teacher. He loved to sing. According to his daughter he was always carrying a tuning fork around with him. He was also a farmer. Submitted by Calvin Cook

DAVIS

Isaac C. Davis was born 1-24-1851 on Sycamore Creek in Harrison County, Virginia. His parents were Daniel N. and Elizabeth (Cowell) Davis. Daniel was born 3-4-1825 and at this time nothing is known about him until his marriage to Elizabeth Cowell (born 5-29-1826). Matthias Cowell's oldest daughter. Matthias was bom in Greene County, Pennsylvania (as was Elizabeth) his father being Christian Cowell.

In 1853, Daniel and his family along with Matthias Cowell and his family moved to Wood County, Virginia, where they each purchased a farm. Daniel's farm was 75 acres along the northwestern pike (now U.S. R.t. 50). Isaac Davis lived in Wood County along with three brothers and four sisters (one brother lived only one day, and one died at age six years) until 1871. It is believed that Isaac and his older brother, Matthias Charles Davis, may have worked on the railroad bridge across the Ohio at Parkersburg, and also on the railroad from the bridge to Little Hocking, Ohio. Isaac then moved with his parents to Ritchie County, W.V., in 1871. (See Hardestys' History). They lived on a 60 acre farm about 2 miles up Goose Creek from Petroky. He farmed there with his father and was an active member (along with his brother Daniel) in the Goose Creek Baptist Church. Daniel Davis died 9-4-1895 and Elizabeth died 3-5-1897. Both are buried at the Ogden Cemetery at Uler.

In 1898, in Roane County, W.V. He attended the old Valley Forge School located about 3/4 mile above the mouth of Staats Run and the mouth of the left fork of this stream. Roy never went the place where he was bom. On 10-27-1921, he married Jennie L. Rexroad (born 12-20-1895 in Lewis County) daughter of John C. and Mary A. (White) Rexroad. Roy ran a grist mill and was a partner in a sawmill for a while. Then, he started carrying mail on a Rural Route from the Ready Post Office. This, he did on horseback and when the roads were good, in a buggy. He lived 4 miles up Middlefork from the post office, and in the winter rode his horse to Ready on the ice on the creek, because the road was too rough when frozen, that a horse could not walk on it. Then he got a model T-Ford and used this for many years. He became a full-time carrier and is remembered today as Roy Davis "The Mail Carrier." Roy died 10-5-1957 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane County.

Roy and Jennie (Rexroad) Davis had six children. They were: Don, born 10-8-1922; Wavel Miller, born 8-31-1925; Roy Gene, born 3-10-1928; W. Glen, born 7-23-1930; H. Charles, born 11-11-1934; Ina Kelley, born 8-27-1936.

I, Harry Charles Davis (5th child of Roy and Jennie) attended the Valley Forge School, which had been moved about 1 1/2 miles to where Bobby R. Brabham now lives. Then, I attended Spencer High School until 1952. I spent 3 years in the U.S. Army (2½ in West Germany) and then worked for U.S. Steel for 3 yrs. Then joined the U.S. Air Force for 5 years. While living in the Air Force in West Virginia and Lewis County, New York, I met and married Janet Rula Lucas (9-23-1934), she being the daughter of Wilbur J. and Kathryn (Fitzgibbon) Lucas (See Lucas Family). We now live at Peniel, Roane County, next door to Janet's mother, who moved to Roane County from New York in 1988.

Jenet and I have six children. They are: Kevin, born B-27-1959, (married Pam Fox). Kevin is now a carpenter and contractor in

I also have three grandchildren: Justin, born 6-16-1985 and Shane, born 11-12-86, sons of Kevin Davis. Dalton Caldwell, born 8-3-1989, son of Kimberly (Caldwell) Davis. Submitted by: Harry C. Davis

DAVIS

In 1893 my grandfather, Isaac C. Davis, married Jennie E. Malcolm, and lived on Middle Fork of Reedy. To this marriage was born three sons, Freddie Lee, 9-15-1894, Roy Cavolt, 3-16-1898 and Walter Glen 5-22-1901.

Freddie never married and lived at the home place. He was a farmer and also worked for the State Road Commission. My father Roy C. married Jennie L. Rexroad, daughter of John C. and Mary A. Rexroad on 10-27-1921. They made their home with his father and mother.

Dad was a farmer and a Reedy rural mail carrier until his death 10-5-1957. He was well liked by everyone.

To this marriage was born four sons and two daughters. Don Lee, 10-8-1922, Wavie Fenn, 8-31-1925, Roy Gene, 3-10-1928, Willis Glen, 7-23-1930, Harry Charles, 11-11-1934, Ina Faye, 8-27-1936, all of which reside in Roane County except for Roy Gene who lives in Dover, Delaware.

One of the activities on the farm that probably I recall most vivid is the making of Maple Syrup, across the creek from our house in what we called the Sugar Orchard. In February when the sap was coming up, Dad would tap the trees and insert a homemade spout made from Shumack. Then a bucket was set under the spout to catch the sugar water as it flowed from the trees. All of us would help carry the buckets of water to the shanty where it was boiled down to syrup. Sometimes we would hang a bucket of water over the fire and boil eggs. We would roast potatoes and broil slices of ham in the coals. Dad had a cot made in the shanty and many nights stayed and boiled water all night. When the syrup was made and brought to the house he would give it to anyone of his neighbors who wanted some.

I, Wavie, married Down W. "Bill" Miller, son of George and Hilda Miller of Lincoln County. West Virginia, on 10-15-1949. Bill was a carpenter and built several houses in Roane and Kanawha counties.

He died 9-13-1974, and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Roane County. I have worked for Dr. T. G. Starkey as a Dental Receptionist since December 1972. Bill and I had two children, Richard Alan, born 2-2-1952 in Columbus, Ohio. died 5-15-1970 and buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Rick was loved by all who knew him and is sadly missed.

Pamela Jane, our daughter, was born 3-29-1957 in Denver, Colorado. She was ten months old when we came back to Roane County to the old home place. Pamela married Thomas Jarvis and to this marriage was born a daughter, Stephanie Fern, 5-17-1980, and a son David William. 12-20-1982.

My mother, Jennie L., is still living at this writing and lives with me at the home place. Submitted by: Wavie F. Miller

DAVIS

Isaac C. Davis 1851-1921 and his wife, Jennie Elizabeth 1870-1946 owned a large piece of property located on Middlefork of Reedy. They had 3 sons and this land was divided between them.

Freddie Lee, born 1894. Freddie never married, although he was known to have kept company with the women now and then. He was a veteran of World War I, he received an honorable discharge and came home never more to leave. He farmed and worked hard all his life.

Roy C., born 1898, married Jennie (Rexroad) in 1921, and they had 6 children: Don, Wavie, Roy, Glen, Charlie, and Ina. Roy was known far and wide as "The Mail Carrier."

Walter Glen 1901-1957. Walter was the youngest of the three. Walter married Autumn Flesher (daughter of William and Mac (Law) Flesher of Reedy) on 6-21-1919. They built a house on the piece of property that was given to him by his father, Isaac.

The brothers were very close and therefore, there has been a family bond between all of the Davis children since.

Walter and Autumn had 2 children: Freda G., 6-1-1920 and Icie M. 10-25-1925.

Freda married Archie Miller, son of Newton and Flora Miller of Spencer. They moved to Flemmimg, Ohio. They had four children: Linda, Brenda, Ronnie and Doug. Linda married Jonathan Allen and they had four children: Linda, Brenda, Ronnie and Doug. Linda married Jonathan Allen and they had one child: Melissa. Brenda married Jim Church and they had one child: Deanna. Ronnie and Doug are single. Freda died in 1984 and is buried at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Ohio.

JAMES S. & RACHEL RIDDLE DAVIS

James S. (Sant) Davis was born at Clarksburg, Harrison Co., West Virginia on March 25, 1839. The son of Edward and Lydia (Jenkins) Davis. James had two older sisters Martha and Mary. Lydia died when James was two years of age. Edward married for his second wife Christiana Strader and she raised the three children as her own. Approximately 1858-1859 a lot of the Davis clan migrated to Roane County as Lydia and Edward operated a general store at Reedyville.

I, Wavie, married Down W. "Bill" Miller, son of George and Hilda Miller of Lincoln County. West Virginia, on 10-15-1949. Bill was a carpenter and built several houses in Roane and Kanawha counties.

On Middlefork everyone knew Walter as "Uncle Joe." He was an honest, easygoing, good humored person. We used to go to the Green Valley Church and before we would leave church, father would invite the whole Sunday School home for dinner. My mother would set the biggest table of food you could ever imagine. My father worked at the Prison Labor Camp at Kyger, WV, where Bill was commander of it today. He also worked on the State Road Commission for many years.

Walter, Autumn, Roy, and Freddie are buried at the Mt. Zion Cemetery located in Roane County.

J. Icie Davis, worked at the Kellwood Plant at Spencer, WV for 39 years. I am now retired, but I am currently doing Senior Citizens work at the Alpha Regional Library at Spencer. WV 2½ days a week. I am living on the old homeplace, although the old house was torn down in 1988, and I had a new one built about 500 ft. from where the old house stood.


I plan to live out my life on Middlefork. It is a beautiful valley and it is my family roots. Submitted by: Icie M. Davis

James S. and Rachel (Riddle) Davis

I don't know how much education James had but he could read and write. James S. met and married Rachel Riddle in Roane County on February 13, 1858. Rachel was the daughter of James and Eliza Cunningham Riddle and the family had moved from Lewis County to Roane. James and Rachel lived in a small log cabin on Tucker Run and while living there James joined the volunteers of the northern army being formed in Spencer. Edward, also, joined this unit and father and son served three years together in the Civil War from 1861 to 1864. They were in Co. B, later Co. G. Ninth Volunteer Regiment Infantry.

James built his new home in front of his log house about the year 1880 and raised his family there. He and Rachel had the following children: Artemus, b. Jan. 17, 1859...

Rachel died November 13, 1908 in Spencer. They had sold their home on Tucker Run to C. L. Snider and later the property was deeded to Hugh Mount et al. James was married in 1869 to Sarah Miles and they made their home in Buchanan. W.Va. Sarah died on April 9, 1926 and then James sold this home and moved to Cleve­land, Ohio to live the rest of his years with Charles G. His youngest son. James died on August 31, 1930 and is buried at the Mentor Cemetery at Mentor, Ohio, buried next to his son Charles.

James S. was my grandfather and I never had the opportunity of knowing my grand­father or grandmother, thus the only knowledge of him is by friends and rela­tives still living. He was of stocky build, reddish hair, and a hard worker. He loved children and was known to be a mean shooter of marbles. He was known to be on the thrifty side, shall I say, and fairly strict in his ways. He requested that the boys in the family wear the same white shirt, tie and jacket. I wish I had known both of my grandparents. His old home place was still there in 1987 and I love to go by and see the place where my father spent his youth. My father was Cyrus A. Da­vis the only son of James and Ra­chel’s children. I do not have to make the statement that the Davis Family of mine consid­ered Roane County, West Virginia as home.

Submitted by: Naomi Davis Giffen

**VIRGIL EVERETTE DAUGHERTY**

VIRGIL EVERETTE DAUGHERTY was born February 12, 1902 at Pad, West Virginia. His parents were William H. Daugherthy and Florence Snyder Daugherthy (both deceased). He was one of ten children - Roy Alfred Daugherthy (deceased), Eva Daugherthy Shafer (deceased), Dona Daugherthy Smith (deceased), Wilbur Daugherthy Phillips (deceased), Romie O. Daugherthy, Lessie Daugherthy Looney, Hazel Daugherthy Phillips and Brooks Daugherthy. Virgil attended Elementary School at Pad, West Virginia. He attended Reedy Normal School, the Teachers Uniform Examination and taught his first term of school at Stringtown in 1918. He then went to Marshall College for a Teachers Training Course. While at Marshall College, the Board of Education at Meigs, Kan­awa County asked him to be the Principal of the Blue Creek School (1919). He then returned home to assist his father on the farm. He taught the home school at Pad in 1920. He taught at Hamiltonia 1921-22-23. During his teaching in Pad, he was walking to Spencer each Wednesday night for a night class in education. In December of 1923, R. W. Shumaker, Superintendent of Spencer High School, asked him to get a replacement at Hamiltonia and enroll in high school and graduate with the class of 1924. The Trustees of the Hamiltonia School released him and Coy Deverick finished his term. The Board of Education of Walton District had just built a new Elementary four room school at Walton and hired him as Principal of the new school (1924). While teaching at Walton, Virgil married another teacher at that school, Eura Gandee. Virgil and Eura were married August of 1926. They each continued their teaching at Walton 1925-1926. Virgil was one of four children born to James Addi­son Gandee (deceased) and Bertie Jones Gandee (deceased). The other children were Homer Gandee (deceased), Lula Gandee Vamer (deceased) and Lucille Gandee Hammad, of Nashville, Tennessee.

In June of 1928, O. R. Hardman, President of The Traders Bank of Spencer con­tacted Virgil, they had lost their bookkeeper at the bank and the Board of Directors had chosen Virgil Daugherthy as their new bookkeeper. The Board of Education of Walton District released him from his con­tract in 1928 and he went to the bank as the new bookkeeper. Eura continued her teaching career at Walton until 1933 when Virgil and Eura built a new home at 817 Capitol Street, Spencer, West Virginia where they still resides.

Virgil was being drafted in the Army in 1942, World War Two, but instead enlisted in the Navy at the suggestion of some good friends. When called for duty he was as­signed to the 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines and went to Camp Bradford for boot camp training. At the end of his training his Battalion was assigned to the 1st Marine Divi­sion and went by the name of 3rd Battalion, 17th Marines and served in the South Pacif­ic Theater of World War Two. He received an Honorable discharge in June of 1945.

Virgil returned to The Traders Bank in September of 1945 to resume his duties as a banker. At the next Stockholders Meet­ing of the Bank, he was promoted to Vice President, Cashier, Director and Secretary to the Executive and Discount Committee until his retirement in January of 1974.

**DAVIS**

George Edward Davis was born January 14, 1875 on Spring Creek in Roane County near the Wirt County line and died at his home at Grace on October 7, 1955 one half mile from the place of his birth. His parents were: Thomas J. Davis (1854-1929) and Margaret Hickman (1848-1926). His brothers were: William Armstrong, Henry, Lee and Fred Davis. Five sisters: Genia Six, Mary (Mollie) Roberts, Sarah Pickard, Carrie Tennant and Nellie Davis.

He married Addie Myrtle Fox (1881-1950) daughter of Franklin Pierce Fox (1854-1939) and Regina Sapp (1861-1913) in 1898. She had two brothers: Samuel (1884-1974) and Carter (1887-1961). Three sisters: Melissa (1878-1965) Bertha (1879-1961) and Grace (1889-1963). The Grace Post Office was named for her.

George was a farmer, carpenter, team­ster, linesman for the Citizens Telephone Company and Postmaster at Grace. He op­erated a grocery store for a time and always had a checker board handy to play anyone who wished to play and was tough to beat. He was a good bass singer and could play the fiddle and banjo. All his children could play one or more instruments. George and Addie had six children. Edgar (1899-1948) was a painter and an ex­cellent banjo player. Bess (1901-1984) was a school teacher and married Robert Han­na. They had three children: Robert D., Orilla Jean, and Patricia Lou. They had three children: Robert D., Orilla Jean, and Patricia Lou. Gall (1909-1974) Married Ray Merrill and they had six children: William, Alice, Roy, Gamett, Rob­ert and Sandra. After Ray’s death Gall mar­ried Charley Walker. Nora (1913-1951) married Clifford “Casey” Jones, a truck driver. Their six children are: Oren, Freda, Virgil E. Daugherthy

Virgil was treasurer of the American Red Cross for many years, also treasurer of the Roane County Republican Party for twenty­five or thirty years, and a one time member of the Roane Community Commission, ap­pointed to fill the vacancy of Don Coen, who was killed in a plane crash in 1966. He served in that capacity until January of 1968.

Virgil was one of the original partners of The Rouzer Oil Company, formed in 1955 when they purchased about 1600 acres from the Preston Oil Company near Bo­mont, West Virginia. He has served as Sec­retary and Treasurer of that company until the present time. Recently he was appoint­ed by Judge McCarty as Jury Commissioner of Roane County.

He has been a Master Mason since 1924. Royal Arch Chapter-Scottish Rite - Knights Templar and Shriners for many years.

After retirement from the Bank in 1974, Virgil and Eura did a lot of traveling, until she became ill of a heart condition. They had been going to Duke University Hospi­tal, at Durham, North Carolina for several years for examinations and treatments. Eura died at Duke University during heart surgery in January of 1981.

Since Eura’s death, Virgil has continued to travel, gardening, and taking one or two Canadian fishing trips each year. In September of 1988 Virgil married again to Elsie Mace Daugherthy and they still live at 817 Capitol Street, Spencer and continue to travel and enjoy life. Submitted by: Elsie M. Daugherthy
GLEN E. DAVIS


Glen Davis Family

DAVIS

* Samuel Davis, born in Loudon County, Virginia 28 Aug. 1873, married 15 April 1877 Phoebe Comell. 2nd Ruth Lewis, ten children: He was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War. under Col. Merriweather. Chil- dren: John Silvanie, George, William, Sarah (Lewis). Israel, Martha, James, Joseph, Humphrey and Gary Davis, All of Harrison County.

* John Silvania Davis, born 1788, died Mar. 1861. A Veteran of the War of 1812. Lived at Lost Creek, Harrison County, VA. Married Rachel Ann Lincoln and had five children: youngest of these was Ora, father of Elah. Among Elah's Ancestors are the Tall- man's, McCluthins, Lances, McCluthins, Hammericks Justices, Wells, Stevens, Cox, Gillispe, Boones and Lincolns. She has been writing Genealogy of some of the families for several years.

The Tallmans can be traced fifteen generations to Hamburg Germany, first record is Henry born 1596, his son Peter immigrated to Rhode Island in 1647. Grandson Fe- ter settled in Berks County PA sometime before 1744. He married Rachel Ann Lin- coln daughter of Morticah Lincoln and she was the Aunt of Abraham Lincoln. Their son Benjamin Tallman married Dinah Boone in Virginia in 1764. She was related to Daniel Boone. Peter was a Colonel and Benjamin a Corporal in the Revolution. Benjamin and his son Boone Tallman moved to what is now Roane County, his son Samuel was the father of James Boone Tallman 1852-1929, daughter Laura was my grand- mother, who married Anderson McGlothin son of James Harvey McGlothin 1836- 1890 wife Pricy Justice 1837-1899. I have recently traced the McGoathins to the Rev- olution and before. The older Tallman's have several people buried in the Tariff Cemetery.

Abram White Helmic 1822-1900 married Bertha Skidmore 1828-1898 on Big Laurel now Clay Co. and settled on Hollywood of Sandy about 1856 had 11 children. My Great-grandfather 1866-1927 married Nancy Lante of Granville Lake and Nancy Hambuck and had five children: youngest of these was Ora, father of Elah. The first record of the Helmicks was Jamestown, Virginia about 1643 from Jamestown. Virginia about 1643 from Strasburg, Alsace, Germany. Submitted: by Magistrate Elah A. Davis and William A. Davis.

Children by Susan: Suriapha (Richards), Rihannna B. (Townsend). and Celia V. Davis (Kettle).


John Davis, born 27 Nov. 1846, went to Clarksburg. Married daughter: Eliza Da­ vis; he hanged himself.


Susan Davis, born 24 Mar. 1852.


Marcellus Davis, born 6 Aug. 1860, married 13 Sept. 1868 Mary Olive Stallknecht, five children: Addie (Mercer), Don, Laura Grace (Itersman) Frances (Hess) and Daisy (Balter).

Marinda Davis, born 16 June 1864, married 3 Nov. 1879 Nathaniel Chambers and went to Pennsylvania. Submitted: by Brown Davis Jr.

DUDELL LOVE LOW DECKER

Dudley, son of William and Nancy Ann Decke, born Portland, Ohio, operated mercantile store, Potzbebe and Derker, where Hughes Drug Store is now located, Spencer, about 1897. He was charter stockholder in Traders Trust & Banking Co., a Mason, and was second term Mayor of New Malamore, Ohio, at death.

Dudley married Myrtle Wimmer Ross (10-12-1888) of Racine, Ohio, and brought his bride to Spencer, where they rented a second-floor apartment in Albert S. Hox's house on Market Street (now occupied by Barbara Vandale Weiner, 1989). They were members of Presbyterian Church soon after its con- struction on Market Street. Myrtle was charter member of Spencer Mother Club and past worthy Matron, Order of Eastern Star.

William Decker, Dudley's father (4-20-1853) of Racine, Ohio. Dudley & Myrtle, buried Ra- cine, Ohio.
Dudley and Myrtle Decker honeymooning at Niagara in 1902


Son, Ross Overton (7-9-1905 — 7-7-1985) born Racine, Ohio, wife, Viola Johnson (1st) Ruth Johnson (2nd), one son, Ronald Overton, born 1932, wife Anne Larsen Decker, C.P.A., daughter, Alice Elizabeth; and, one daughter, Ann Ross, born 1939 husband Dr. Robert Gage, have two daughters, Kathryn and Suzanne.

Daughter, Laura, Lois and Jessica.

Leila Decker Pinney (8-13-1903 — 4-21-1978) born Racine, Ohio, wife Beatrice Bachellor, daughter, Arlene, born 1943, husband, Edward Fytle, hardware merchant, daughters, Laura, Lois and Jessica.

Daughter, Clarionia Elizabeth (2-24-10 New Matamoras, Ohio), married Samuel Brooks McClung, Spencer, January 16, 1932. Their only son, Samuel Brenton, Oil and Gas Consultant, born 12-13-1932.

Spencer, WV, wife, Bonita Elise Anderson; daughter, Julie Elise McClung, Wake Forest University, class of 1990; his children by former marriage are Dr. Samuel Brenton McClung, 2-2-1955, wife Julie Illingsworth, daughters, Kathryn and Leta; and, Kathryn Jane, 12-9-1956, husband, Capt. Michael Lewis, American Airlines; sons, Michael Aaron and Gregory Allen.

Dudley and Myrtle moved from Spencer, with baby daughter, Lella, about 1903 and did not return until 1930, when he accompanied Clarionia back to Spencer, where she was employed as secretary in the offices of Woodyard Publications, Inc., consisting of The Times-Record and 30 other weekly newspapers, then the largest weekly chain in United States, owned and operated by three Woodyard brothers, William, Edward and Henry.


DEPUE

The Depue's originated from France. Beniah Depue, Sr., was married to Evalena Belmont Boggs, daughter of John and Susan Boggs. They were the parents of three sons: Marshall, Benjiah, Jr., Henry and five daughters: Mrs. H. F. Goff, Mrs. Ben Patten, Mrs. Luther Parsons, Mrs. Madison Sergent, and Mrs. Cyus Goff.

When Evalena Belmont Boggs married Beniah Depue, Sr., her father gave them several hundred acres of land as well as several slaves. On this land she and her husband built their home. It was built at the present site of Dorman and Myrtle Carpenter Depue's.

Beniah Depue, Jr., built a new house in the year of 1887. The old house was removed and the new one was constructed over the original basement then called a cellar. This cellar is constructed entirely of cut stone except for the floor. At one time the floor was dirt but has since been made of cement, possibly at the time the second house was built. A door to one of the clothes closets is from the old house. It is handmade and is wider and heavier than the other doors in the house. The house now contains all of the modern conveniences.

Beniah Depue, Jr., was married to Sara-fona Cunningham of the Walton area. They were the parents of five children Myrtle Depue Weekley, Mamie Depue Miller, Perry Benjiah, Harry Camden and Bryan Dewey.

Bryan Dewey Depue was married to Geneva Board, daughter of Sarah Vandale and Alonzo Board. To Geneva Board and Bryan Dewey Depue was born one son. Dorman A. Depue.

Dorman is married to Myrtle Jane Carpenter, daughter of Fred and Ella (Hamilton) Carpenter. Dorman and Myrtle Carpenter Depue are the parents of three sons Bryan Frederick, Gary Allen, and Harold Dorman.

Bryan Frederick married Dotty Evans, daughter of Jakie and Opal Evans. They have one son, Bryan Frederick II. They own and operate the Depue Oil Company in Spencer, West Virginia.

Gary Allen married Wendy Welland of England, daughter of Stanley and Delia Welland. Her parents still reside in England. They have one daughter, Tina Michelle and one son, Robbie Daniel. Harold works at the Air National Guard and lives in the Sissonville area. Submitted by: Dotty Depue

MARK DEPUE

The Depues were Huguenots, protestants of the 15th and 16th centuries, in France. Depues stemmed from Baron Charles Louis Montesquieu, the great French writer and philosopher.

Henry, King of France, established the first Protestant church in Paris in 1555. This caused great turmoil with other religions. France was no longer peaceful. The Depues became Huguenots and with half million others looking for freedom, came to America. The Depues settled in New Jersey in other Magdalen Islands in the 1600's. Three Depue brothers fought for America under Washington. David and Benjamin enlisted, they were Captains. Henry "the boy patriot" was a young lad, messenger for Washington at Valley Forge. Henry went to Greenbrier County, Virginia where he married Jane Mays. About 1810 he settled at Big Bend in Calhoun County.

Beniah Depue, son of "Henry, the patri­tor," was my great-grandfather. He died 1883. He married Evalena Boggs, daughter of John and Susan Boggs. To this union were born two sons: Marshall and Henry. Marshall was my grandfather. He was born 1853 — died 1907. Marshall married Mary Elizabeth Jarrett, daughter of Eli Jarrett of Kanawha County in Elk River area. Eli owned much land. Jarretts were also Huguenots from France.

Marshall and Elizabeth lived on Spring Creek near the Depue Cemetery. Marshall accumulated several hundred acres of land in other counties. After the birth of three sons: Jarrett H., Mark and Orland, Marshall built a large frame house on the Spencer — Parkersburg road between Barcut and Kyger — Billings around 1866. The house was occupied by a Depue the next 100 years and it still stands occupied.

My grandfather, Marshall Depue, served in the West Virginia Legislature from 1871 — 1875. He helped survey Roane County and raised cattle. My grandmother, Elizabeth Depue died 1936 at age 96.

My Uncle, Orland Depue married Floret Hess. He died young, he had no issues. My Uncle, Jarrett H. Depue died 1950 at age 88. Jarrett H. owned several hundred acres of land, raised cattle, was a trader in oil interest, etc., and a noted fox hunter. He owned many fine fox hounds and won many trophies. He married Madora Cunningham. They had three daughters: Mabel, married Dr. Lon Beagle, Elizabeth married Attorney Grover Hedges, and Iva married Dr. Will Goff.

My father, Mark Depue, was born in 1863 during the Civil War and died in 1947 age 84. He was a graduate of Wheeling Business College, Wheeling, W.Va. He owned 135
more than 2000 acres of land and raised Hereford cattle, then, they were shipped by B & O Railroad in cattle cars to the meat packing house in Chicago. He helped form the First National Bank in Reedy 1912. He was president of that bank in the 1920's also chairman. He was director of First National Bank in Spencer, until his death. Mark married, Ethel Clark, daughter of Foster Clark and Martha Jane Long Clark. Clark and Longs were from Whetzel County. Their Ancestors came to America in the 1700s. My mother, Ethel Clark DePue was born 1885, died 1978 at age 93. Mark DePue and Ethel Clark DePue were married in 1902. They were the parents of 10 children, namely: Mary b. 3-11-1890, died 1967. Don, died 1967. Marshall C., died 1969. Odra, died 1985. Robert 'Bob,' died 1986. Imogene, died 1986. Martha, died 1987. Roseline, died 1988. Mardell and Lee Neal still living in January 1989. Submitted by: Mardell DePue Colte, R.N.

CECIL DEVrick
James Devrick, born 1827 in Pendleton County, VA, came to Roane County when young. He married Eleanor Welch (born 1829). They had 3 children: George Samuel, born 8-10-1851; Charles Homer Devrick, married 12-8-1886; and Earl Devrick, born 11-26-1895. Married Bernice Vineyard, second marriage. Their children are: Marjorie Calvin (1912-1989) was President of the First National Bank in Reedy 1912. He was married to Ethel Clark, daughter of William Alfred (born 7-1-1853 in Roane County married 10-30-1879 Margaret F. (alred born 5-28-1860), daughter of William Alfred (born 1853) and Amanda Davis (born 6-10-1856, Washington County, VA).

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Robert Sr., mar. Ruth Starr 4-15-1915 in Roane Co. Ruth b. 1891 and d. 3-3-1924. They had 2 sons, both born in Roane Co. Sharon b. 5-12-1918, d. in Oregon. Robert Jr., b. in Roane Co. d. in Kern Co. Ca.

Robert Sr., mar. (2) Lyndall Pickens in 1924 in Jackson Co. She was b. 6-6-1906 in Jackson Co. Robert Sr., and Lyndall had 4 children, Iris b. 2-17-1924 in Jackson Co. Robert Fountan b. 6-21-1931 in Washington Co. Oh. Virgil b. 3-20-1934 in Guernsey Co. Oh. Kay Gray b. 4-16-1941 in Washington Co. Oh.

Very little is known about Anthony Dilworth’s ancestors except they came from England. Submitted by Roger L. Donaldson and Foster C. Dilworth

CHESTER CURTIN DODD, JR.

Parents - Chester Curtin Dodd, Sr.; Margaret Goad Dodd Born: January 12, 1928, Spencer, W. Va.


Children - Margaret Joan Dodd Cottrill, born March 1, 1930, Canton, Ohio, but in 1967 came back to Spencer to enter the oil and gas business. In 1972, with the oil and gas business at a low time, Chester was employed by the W. Va. State Insurance Department, first as Property-Casually Department manager, then Director of Agent’s Licensing. After two years of driving from Spencer to Charleston, and with improving oil and gas markets, Chester went back to the oil and gas business.

In 1971 he became a director of the Traders Bank, following a tradition of his father’s who had been a board member since 1934. In 1987 he became Chairman of the Board of Traders Bank, which has left the bank in a branching effort into the Ripley, W.V. area.

An active member for over twenty years in the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, he served three terms on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer and President. He was also an area Vice President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in the early 1970’s. After their daughter’s car left home for college, Joan has been active as an Aide at the Spencerkindergarten for the past fifteen years and was previously an aide at Reedy Elementary and as a Special Education Aide at Spencer Elementary School. She has been active in St. John’s United Methodist Church as choir member and Family Life and Fellowship coordinator.

Music has always been a part of Chester’s life. From operetta’s in Spencer Elementary under Sybil Wright to Band and Chorus under Karl “Doc” Brown, and Symphonic Choir at OSU along with church choir from age 14 until today, it has been an important part of his life. He has sung solo’s at weddings, funerals, and church functions, and was part of a barbershop quartet. In Columbus, Ohio he was a member of the “Richard Johnson Choral Ensemble” and has been a member of the Messiah chorus in Charleston for over ten years.

He has been active in local politics and served as Precinct Captain and later as County Republican Chairman. He is a past president and a “Paul Harris Fellow” in the Spencer Rotary Club. A Past President of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce and served on the Spencer Housing Authority and the Roane County Authority for many years.

In recent years, Chester was active as a member of the Camps and Conferences Commission of the United Methodist Church of West Virginia and served as Development Director while the expansion of the Camp Center was under way. He is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors on Finance of the W. Va. Annual Conference, the United Methodist Church of W. Va. and has been a Trustee, and Lay Delegate from St. John’s United Methodist Church where he also serves as a choir member and Sunday School teacher.

Submitted by John Dodd

CHESTER CURTIN DODD, SR.


Upon graduation as valedictorian of Sandy High School in DuBois, Pa. in the Spring of 1921, young Chester Dodd worked outside the summer months on his father’s family farm in Roane Co. Pa. and then migrated to Spencer, W. Va. to enter the bridge building business with his brother-in-law Henry Minns.

His first employment with Hardman-Miller Construction Co. involved building sidewalks in Reedy, W. Va. and later building culverts and small bridges on what is now State Route 14 between Barr Cut and the Wirt County line.

During the 1920’s he worked in many areas of Western Pennsylvania and Virginia during the 1920’s and 30’s. When World War II started, he was called “coal auguring” in 1952. He returned to the bridge building business and later took on a partner named Nathan Archer, and named the firm Dodd & Archer. Two of Chester’s brothers, Ernest and Russell, joined the firm as partners in the early 1930’s.

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Chester married a young nurse who was working at the Depue Hospital in Spencer, Martha S. Olson had come to work there from Anaconda, Montana after she met Dr. J. M. Depue and Chester while they were both graduates of the University of Idaho.

She became the instant mother of three children upon her marriage to Chester in July, 1938, and bore a son Steven James
in July 1939. The family settled into a residence on the Parkersburg Road where Martha still resides.

Following World War II, Chester's older brother, Ernest and his partner, Nathan Archer retired. Brother Russell and Chester continued in the coal stripping business in Tucker County and later Chester, Jr. joined with his father and they operated mines in Randolph County and Ohio. In the 1950's, a new innovation in the coal business attracted the Dodd's into 'augur mining' operations. Dodd Construction Company, Inc. was formed to operate this work as well as the construction of a segment of the West Virginia Turnpike and the Mile Tree Dam in Spencer. Coal operations centered primarily in Fayette County during this period, but office operations were always in the Heck building in Spencer, where Mr. Dodd kept his office for fifty years.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Dodd engaged in many business activities, as well as church and community activities. In 1931 he was elected a director of the Traders Trust and Banking Company (now Traders Bank) and served as a Vice President for 37 years. In 1971 he was elected President and in 1972, Chairman of the Board. In all, Mr. Dodd served as a director of the bank for fifty years and was honored by the bank for his long service. His son, Chester, Jr. has continued this line of service and is now Chairman of the Board.

Oil and Gas investments and development were also a part of Mr. Dodd's business interests in addition to most of his business career, and during the last twenty years of his life (1962-1982) he was a leading developer of oil and gas in West Virginia. The redevelopment of the Walton-Stringtown fields in Southern Roane County were due largely to his initiative, as was the development of a field in northern Kanawha County referred to as the Will's Creek Field. Another field which was developed through his efforts was located in southern Nicholas County and he was involved in investments in oil and gas in many parts of West Virginia. In the later years of his life, he operated under the name of C. C. Dodd Oil and Gas, which is still operated today by his son, Chester, Jr.

During the period of 1935-1965 Mr. Dodd farmed in various ways as a hobby. Purebred cattle, chickens, farm pond development, ponies and horses, were of interest to him. In 1964 he converted his farm into a subdivision which he named Green Acres. He built the roads, oversaw the utility installation and built a few houses to stimulate competition. This subdivision is now in the Spencer Corporation limits with the main road through the area named Dodd Drive.

Mr. Dodd was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church where he served as Trustee. He served on the committee which purchased the land for the Spring Heights Education Center. He supported the Red Cross, serving as the first chairman of the Blood Committee. He was a Rotarian, an Eastern Star, Mason, Shriner, Jester. He served appointive terms as a member of the Roane County Board of Education and the Roane County Court. Mr. Dodd also served as chairman of the Spencer-Roane Boy Scout District and was active in the Chamber of Commerce.

Submitted by: Chester Dodd Jr.

ELMER H. DODSON & LUCY BELLE DODSON

Legend has it that the Lewis County Dodd family descended from one of two brothers who were British soldiers during the American Revolution. They saw the great valley of Virginia, fell in love with its beauty, and resolved that this would be their permanent home. After the war they returned to England, but immediately returned to the Shenandoah. We cannot prove or disprove the legend, but in any event it appears that Joseph Dodd was born in the Shenandoah Valley September 5, 1814 and died in Lewis County February 17, 1868; he may have been the son (or grandson) of one of the British soldiers. We find no evidence that Joseph's father ever lived in present day West Virginia.

Joseph married Priscilla Hensley (born 1827) and their first child, Mary E. Dodson was born in 1844. Shortly after the birth of their daughter Joseph and Priscilla moved to Ohio, along with his mother, Elizabeth (born in Pennsylvania in 1781), where their second child, Charles E. Dodson was born in 1846. The remaining Dodson children, seven in all, were born in Lewis County: Louisa C. in 1850; Elmer Hensley in 1852; Jacob C. in 1854; Albertus N. in 1857; Hartman N. E. in 1860; Elsworth A. in 1864; and Porter F. in 1865.

Dr. Elmer Hensley Dodson

Elmer Hensley Dodson graduated from Glenville State Normal School on June 14, 1874, a member of its first graduating class. After two years as a teacher at Glenville he became a student in the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Baltimore where after graduation, he took advanced work and graduated from Bellevue Medical College in New York City. August 7, 1878. While still a medical student, he married a school teacher in his native Camden, West Virginia. Lucy Belle Fety, a graduate of the second class of Glenville, a daughter of Esaia and Margaret Fety.

George Fety emigrated from Holland or Germany to Pennsylvania or New Jersey in the nineteenth century and shortly thereafter helped settle Monongalia County (West) Virginia. His son, George Fety was born in Monongalia County as was his grandson, Joseph Fety.

Joseph Fety had four children: Esaia (1814-1868), married Margaret Louisa Carmack (1821-1874), a daughter of Dr. Evan Carmack. In 1838, married Arminia Rule Steenbeck, (who had two children from a previous marriage, Patty and George Steenbeck), and they had two children: Maggie (1882-1950), and Virginia Myrtle (1889-1967), married Gordie Bylies (1886-1952).

Lucy Belle Fety (1856-1941), married Dr. Elmer Hesley Dodson (1852-1911). The married life of the Dodsons was spent in Glenville, where all but the youngest of their six children were born, and in Spencer, where Dr. Dodson was Assistant Superintendent of the Spencer State Hospital for fourteen years until his death February 22, 1911.

The six Dodson children were, as follows: Edna (1879-1972). A pioneer in child welfare work. Edna was never married. Raymond (1880-1945). Married nell Smith of Charleston, and was a lawyer in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Ross Dodson (1883-1953). He was married to floral (Hess) DeFlue of Spencer on December 16, 1919. Dr. Brooke Dodson (1887-1930), was a major, M. C. USA, at the time of his death. He was married to May A. Blanchard, Beatrice Nelle (1889-1973), married Loretzant C. Hamilton. Grantville, August 30, 1916. Ruth Lyndal (1890-1972). Married Clyde Clifford Porter December 29, 1925. Submitted by: Loretzant C. Hamilton

DONALSON

William Alexander Donalson was the first Donalson to come to Roane Co. He came in 1853 before Roane Co. was formed in 1856. He was b. 8-25-1820 in Monroe
Alexander Donelson


Ernest mar. Marjorie Roberts in Lewisburg, W.V., 12-15-1932. She b. 2-24-1908 in Fayette Co. Marjorie's parents were Frank Roberts and Jesse Hartley. Ernest and Marjorie had 1 son, Edward. Edward's parents were Charles and Elizabeth Fremling. Edward was discharged at Richmond, Va June 1865. Before he left he hid his mountain rifle in a hollow beech tree, when he returned the wooden stock had been destroyed by worms. His great grandson Darrell Donelson of Zanesville, Ohio has this gun. The revolver he carried during the war was handed down to William Batten, a great grandson. His Army discharge has been handed down to Charles Lee Watkins, a great great grandson.

Silas S. Donelson (1843 -1883) came to Readey around 1857. October 20, 1862 he joined Company F, 10th W.V. Infantry Volunteers. Union Army and was discharged at Richmond, Va June 1865. He married Sarah Ann Pickrell 10/05/42 a daughter of Levi Pickrell of Folly Run. They had eleven children, the oldest of who was Silas S.


DOOLITTLE

Abraham Doolittle came to America from England around 1640, was a charter member of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and participated in King Philip's Indian War. Abraham had four children, all of whom were born in Monroe Co., Mary Martha, Alexander, Margaret, and William. Very little is known about Alexander's grandparents.

Submitted: Gordon Donelson and Virginia Donelson Keiter
John William Doolittle (1872-1962) married Victoria May Tennant (1879-1941). Their children were Icie Pearl who married Harley Stewart and had a daughter Imogene and later married Howard Crance; Goldie who married Ken Batten and whose children were Edwin Doolittle and William Batten; Silas who married Grace Bates and Vallie B. who had a son Robert C. Doolittle.

Charlie and John Doolittle farmed together all their lives on joining farms (the homestead) at the mouth of Cain's Run. Robert Doolittle was born 06/17/26 at Reedy, served in the Navy during WW II, graduated from WVU in 1948 and married Anna Mae Phillips 09/10/49, the daughter of Russell and Margrie Phillips of Billings. Bob retired from General Motors in 1981 and he and Anna currently reside in Spencer. Their children are John William, Robert Jr., Russell Jr., and Russell Philip, all of whom are graduates of West Virginia University.

John W. Doolittle married Naomi Lake of Cleveland, WV and they live in Charleston. Their children are Sherri, John W., Granville, and Michael.

Robert C. Doolittle, Jr. married Violet Harmon of Beckley, WV and they reside at Holly River State Park. Their children are Emily, Thomas, Robin, and Jennifer.

Russell P. Doolittle married Jackie Adkins of Beckley and they reside at Charleston. Their children are Phillip and Jason. Submitted by Robert C. Doolittle, Jr. and John William Doolittle.

DOTSON

Brothers, James and William Dotson came from England, in colonial days, and settled near Richmond Virginia.

James Dotson had a son William Dotson that married Mary Franks. Their home was at Greenwood, Virginia in what is now Doddridge County West Virginia. Their children were: Emmanuel, William Jr., John, Squire, Henry, Saul, Nancy, Jane, Cynthia, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Margaret.

Emmanuel Dotson (1798-1881) married Hannah Sears in 1820. They were parents of: Hiram S., John W., Granville and Louisa.

Hiram S. Dotson was born on Cabin Run, Doddridge County in 1822. He married Susan Markwell in 1843. Their children were: Mansfield H., Spencer B., Perry F., Amos A., William Flavius, Alphas R., Mary E., Alice, Sarah, Susan and Granville.

Susan Markwell Dotson died in October 1865 and Hiram S. was honorably discharged from the Union army to care for his large family.

In 1864, Hiram S. Dotson married Melvina Pool. To this union were born: John W., David V., Thomas J., Annabella and Mary.

Amos Ashbury Dotson (1849-1929) married Evaline Peck (1843-1899). They lived on a farm in Wirt and Roane County on lower Spring Creek. Their children were: Dorothy, William D., Nettie, Orville, and Orma.

William Dountain Dotson (1833-1869) married Mary Emma Miller (1841-1955). He was a carpenter by trade and was an ordained Baptist minister for over 50 years. Their children were: William Amos (1833-1875), Harry Thorne (1805-1877), Deborh Victor (1900-1988), Oliver Clay (1909-1970), Orville Clyde (1911), Charles Henry (1914), Roberta Pearie (1916), Ferrel Quentin (1919), Darrell Paul (1921), and Sarah Evelyn (1925).

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In 1963, Rev. W. D. Dotson married Nora Criner. They lived in Graceland Community until his death in 1969.

At one time Rev. Dotson's children lived in nine different states.

Sarah Evelyn Dotson married Jarrett S. Newlon August 9, 1941 at New River, Virginia. Jarrett (Jerry) Newlon was a Navy Veteran of WW II and an employee of the federal government for 32 years. Evelyn was employed as a bookkeeper for many years. They have a son Lawrence David Newlon, born in Charleston, West Virginia.

September 10, 1942.

Lawrence (Larry) Newlon married Mary K. Hahayaw August 18, 1962. They were educated at WVU and University of Pittsburgh. They live at Greensburg, PA where Larry is a 25 year employee of Allegheny Power Service Corporation as a Load Forecasting Analyst. Mary K. is employed in the Pennsylvania school system as a teacher.

Larry is a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve with 25 years service.

The Newlon's have two daughters. Laura Diane Newlon Elliott, born July 12, 1967, a Medical Technologist graduate of Alderson Broaddus College, now living in Burlington, N.C. where she is employed in a large hospital. Amy Ruth Newlon, born January 31, 1971. is a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Submitted by Lawrence David Newlon.

JOHN HARVEY DOUGHERTY

This is a big job, subject to mistakes and errors, but looking Upward for inspiration I decided to write of the Dougherty's of Smithfield and Walton Districts. They are of Irish extraction having come during the potato famine in Ireland and settling in parts of this country while it was a part of Kanawha County from what is now known as Greenbrier County.

There are three unmarked graves, except for Rag stones set up in the Looney Cemetery at the mouth of Johnsons Creek. It is believed to be that of John Harvey's parents and one son or daughter.

Major Dougherty, who married highly ambitious Nancy Hively - a half-sister of "Jimmy" Robinson, John F. Robinson's father. On rainy days Uncle "Alex" had the habit of going to sleep. Nancy would say, "Alex, Alex, isn't there something you could do?" Uncle "Alex" would jump, rub his eyes and say, "Laws o' mercy! Did I go to sleep?" They had two daughters-one married Iris Taylor, born in Russell County Virginia, July 1847, married Sarah F. Dougherty, Roane County West Virginia, March 31, 1870 daughter of Alexander "Uncle Alec" and Nancy (Robinson) Dougherty, born in Greenbrier County; and Susan married William W. Thompson. Uncle "Alex" and John Harvey joined farms on McKowns Creek and Robinson Run.

2. James W. Dougherty, Uncle "Will" married Barbara Hively August 26, 1856. Daughter, Phoebe Frances married C. Columbus "Lum" Paxton February 6, 1879.

Rev. William H. married Emma J. Sergen, born August 24, 1855, he was 22 and she was 21. To this union were born two children: Roy died about 22, and Ancil who married a Curtis, they had two daughters: Fanny (died young) and Ona, a teacher, married Roy Criner. Ancil's first wife died and he married Sarah Elizabeth Krems and had a large family. After Roy and Ancil's mother passed away. Rev. William H. married Florence Emily Snyder. Rev. William H. Dougherty had 13 children-two by his first marriage and 11 by his second marriage. 5 girls and 6 boys.

Other children of Uncle "Will" D. were John (deceased early), buried beside Uncle "Will" D. and Barbara Hively Dougherty in G. L. Hively Cemetery on McKowns Creek. Eliza, who was engaged to John Kelly, who went to feed the sheep one morning and died of a heart attack; Silas, a farmer; and Melissa who married Nathaniel Vineyard, a widower, at age 74 years. Eliza, Silas and Melissa lived together, bachelor and old maids until Melissa's marriage.

3. George Washington Dougherty, Uncle "Will" Dougherty's brother, married Sarah Anna Roffin on September 24, 1859. She was a daughter of Captain John Hively, who had Henry A., Howard C., and George Everett. Henry married Dora Looney on September 18, 1866, his age 26 - hers 21. They had "Bill" who married Myrtle Brown. When "Bill" was 18 he married Anna Smith, a schoolteacher; Ralph Elbert Dougherty, George married Victoria Fisher on June 25, 1890 age 34, hers 19. He was elected and served one term as assessor of Roane County. Howard C. married Stella Kincade on May 15, 1905 age 22, hers 18.

4. There was a Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty who had Major D. a toll collector on a Pr. Pleasant bridge, and Dr. John D., a dentist.

Of Dr. John Dougherty and brothers, Vonnie, I know very little except they were sons of "Little" Dave Dougherty who married Clara Ann Henderson. I don't know who Major Dougherty was. Gracie Dougherty Bartlett was a grandchild of a Mrs. Neal.

5. Sarah S. Dougherty married David T. Fleshman on McKowns Creek, Sept. 28, 1854. He was an introducer and breeder of...
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DOUGLAS

Andrew Doughlass and his brother were born in River Clyde, Scotland. In 1849 they came to the United States and settled in Virginia. In 1854 Andrew moved to Har- rison County, West Virginia. He married Rhoda Dilworth, bought land and lived in what was known as Romines Mills. Andrew served as a volunteer in the Union Army of the Civil War as a devout Presbyterian. They raised four (4) sons and five (5) daughters. I. Reuben Rudolph: a school teacher. In 1876 he moved to Roane County. West Virginia, married Mary Jane Lewellen October 13, 1877. Bought a tract of land near the Lewellen farm but named it "Pretty Farm Run" located off Route 36. Reuben opened a school and principal of Spencer independent district schools was a Mason. I O O F and a Knight of Pythias. He was elected and served as the first county superintendent of schools 1893 to 1896. They had (2) two sons and (4) four daughters. 1. Lewellen Aubrey married Margaret Mae Morris in 1914. He became a school teacher; later he and his brother became drilling contractors. In later years he became Post Master of Spencer Post office. They had two (2) sons and four (4) daughters. He died in 1941. Edna Lucille married James Paul Bartlett in 1941. They had two children: James Paul, Jr. and Judith Hutson. They each had two children, a boy and girl each. B. Phyllis Maxine of San Antonio, Texas. No children. C. Stephen Andrew married Phyllis Barber. They had (4) four children, Linda, David, Donald and Delores twins. Stephens lived in Baden- ton, Florida. D. Marie Margaret married Eugene "Gene" Somerville. They have two (2) children Mary Jean & Patrick. They have two grandchildren. E. Clarice Elizabeth married Eddie Smith. They have (2) two children Michael & Stephanie. They have (3) three grandchildren. They live in St. Louis, Missouri. F. William A. "Bill" married Elaine Davis. They live in Dallas. Texas with Michael a son. 2. Rector R. Married Ruby Moore 1925. They have three (3) children, Ray Edward, Annadean who live in Roane County September 17, 1911. He later moved to Akron. Harley was owner and operator of a long distance trucking company. He drove an eighteen wheeler and leased his trucks to Refrigerated Food Express Inc. of Boston Massachusetts. Harley died August 7, 1962.

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DOUGLAS - SKIDMORE


V. Edward married Etta Boyles. They had six (6) children. Submitted from Kellwood Co. in 1975. Submitted by: Helen Douglas Conley

DOUGLAS

My grandfather, Edward Douglas was na- tive of Upshur County. He was born in 1850 and died in 1908. Edward married Hen- rietta Boyles who was born in 1853 and died April 7, 1913. This union had 12 children. Andrew, Lacey, Ted, Tracy, William, Upton. Fleave, Harry, and my father, Cecil were the sons. Emma Douglas Fouty, Percy Douglas Haddock, and Lucy Douglas Lee were the daughters.

My grandfather, Jesse Edwin Post was born November 2, 1855 in Upshur County. He was the son of Isaac and Mary Blake Post. After moving to Spencer, they attend- ed the Methodist Memorial Church. Jessie married Margaret Jane Deverick. She was born in 1856 in Doddridge County. This union had five daughters: Lora Post Wamer, Iza Post Melior, Iva Post Melior, Ida Post Riffe, and my mother, Ingebag Post Douglas was born February 23, 1886 and died September 5, 1979.

My father, Cecil Ogden Douglas was born in Upshur County at Adrien in 1875. He later moved to Roane County to a 252 acre farm 5 miles north of Spencer on Route 36. The farm was known as the "Old Lewellen Farm". It had been owned by Jeremiah Lewellen and his wife Isabella. Cecil married Ingabey Post on April 10, 1910. They had two children, Harlen and Helen. My father was a farmer and an oil field worker while my mother kept the home fires burning. My father died in April 1949.

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Skidmore, she had ten brothers and sisters: Harriett Frances, Rohan (Hannah), Sarah Ang, Napolian Bonham, Alphie Elijah, Lemuel, Lair Davis, William Biggs, Asbury Rosabaugh, and Amelia Jane Skidmore.

Lair Davis Skidmore, m. Victoria Barr, of Cutt Bar, the where David Skidmore's house stands, south of Chicken Bluff (Tennessee), Bessie, Gertrude, Mae (Hughes), Virgil, World War I, and Homer, all of Coal Run, Ohio.


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DRAKE - JARVIS

Hobert Eugene Drake was born June 5, 1918 at Newton, Roane County. His parents were Floyd E. and LuEmma Tawney Drake. He was one of six children - Hobert, Mildred, Charles, LeRoy, William R. and Ronnie.

His grandparents were Newton Jasper and Wanda (Wonder) Hall Drake and Daniel Lincoln and Mary (Mollie) Hailey Tawney of Newton Roane County.

Hobert entered the Army in December 1942. He was in the 713th. Military Police Battalion. It was a tough spit-polish outfit of the war. All soldiers chosen for this Unit were six feet or over, weighed 180 pounds or more and had to be physically and mentally alert with a keen peripheral vision to be qualified for this division.

He entered Europe on D Day plus 16, at Omaha, one of the bloodiest battlegrounds of the war. His discharge shows that he fought in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

After the war was over, he was picked, together with a man by the name of Woods, for General S. Patton's Bodyguard. They were with the famous General constantly, one or the other. Hobert drove the General when he rode in an Army vehicle. Woods drove him in his big black Packard. Hobert was with General Patton all during the Potsdam Conference when Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met.

Hobert had just come off duty on the Bridge at Remagen a few minutes before the Bridge was blown up.

Hobert had been released thirteen days from duty as General Patton's bodyguard and was on the high seas coming home to receive his honorable discharge, when news reached him that General Patton had been killed in a car accident. Hobert was discharged in December 1944.

He is now retired from the oil and gas industry, which he followed in the footsteps of his father, and all his Drake Uncles - Claude, Frank, and Hubert.

Hobert is a direct descendant of Edwin Drake who drilled the first oil well at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

He now lives in his large turn-of-the-century home, overlooking Washington Park, with his wife, Donna Drake. He is proud of the fact that he was the grandson of Major John Drake, who served in the War of 1812. After the war he was appointed the first US Marshall of the Western District of Virginia. He also serves as a teacher, Reading Supervisor and Director of Federal Programs.

Hobert's hobbies are fishing, hunting, and gardening. Donna enjoys writing children's short stories, church work, and part-time work in the Roane County School System. Submitted by: Dona J. Drake

DUDDING

George Summers Dudding was born December 31, 1930 at Point Pleasant, W.Va. He had one sister, Patricia Nancy Dudding. George graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1950. Glenville State College in 1953, and received a Masters Degree from West Virginia University in 1975. He arrived in Roane County in 1973 to teach mathematics at both Wallison and Spencer High Schools. He was also employed by the Spencer Police Department and Glenville State College as an adjunct instructor. He was a Lieutenant in the Spencer-Roane Volunteer Fire Department. He married Pamela Walbrown of Otta, Roane County on December 24, 1981. They had one child, John Summers Dudding born October 14, 1985.

George Summers Dudding was the son of John Goethals Dudding (born 3-27-1917) and Marcelline Bumgarner (born 2-10-1924) both of Mason County, W.Va. He was the grandson of George Summers Dudding (born 4-12-1861 Putnam Co.) and Lillie Ann Chapman (born 5-9-1886 Mason Co.). He was the great grandson of Captain James Benton Dudding (born 1-31-1827 Kanawha Co.) and Victoria Bowyer (born 1-4-1838 Kanawha Co.). Captain Dudding was owner and operator of the Kanawha Valley Packet Line which piled the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers. Two of his sternwheelers were the "Telephone" and the "West Virginia". His father in turn was William Dudding (born 1-14-1784) the son of Alfred Wellington Duddington the son of Dr. A. Earl Duddington who came to America from England in 1750 settling on the Potomac River where Washington D.C. now stands. The present capitol grounds were known as Duddington's Pastures.

A great grandmother mentioned above, Victoria Bower was the daughter of Captain John Bowyer (born 4-26-1794 Greenbrier Co.-Va.-W.Va). Captain Bowyer served in the War of 1812. After the war he was appointed the first US Marshall of the Western District of Virginia. When this state was formed, he served on the WV legislature. He owned over 60,000 acres of land in WV and Ohio of which one single tract of 40,000 acres was in Putnam County. In 1989, 111 years after his death, a 2000 acre

Johann Adam Beyer (born ? Palatinate, Tumbull's Company commanded by Colonel and landed in Philadelphia, Pa. 9-17-1771. which sailed out of Rotterdam, Holland acre tract of John Bowyer's estate is still Sewell, located near the present New River Gorge Bridge. Peter Bowyer later moved on to Cass County Indiana. Jacob Beyer (father of Peter) was the son of Anthony (Andreas) Beyer (born 2-2-1710 Epstein. Palatinate, Germany). Samuel's father was Johann Adam Beyer (born ? Palatinate, Germany). At the time of this writing George and Pamela Dudding and son John Dudding reside at 208 Spring Street, Spencer, WV. Submitted by: George S. Dudding.

DYSSEY

Dussaway Thomas Dye III, was born in 1850 and died 5-23-1930. He married (1) Mary Jane McClung, born in Nicholas Co. on 1-16-1859. She died 1-16-1901. (2) Margret Thom Mays, a daughter of Zodiac and Evelyn Moody Thom. There were four children born to Dussaway and Mary Jane. They were: Vinty 5-5-1876 d. 7-7-1877; Addie May, born in Wirt Co. 9-7-1877, married Vaught Lee. They had one child. Thomas W. Dye, ran a funeral home in Reedy at the end of Main Street, down from the depot and served churches in Johnson’s Creek, Mt. Moriah, Blue Creek, Flat Fork, Harmony, Spencer, born in 1832, was a Baptist minister in the Wirt/Roane Co. line. He married Helen Thorn. She was b. 6-29-1884 d. 6-29-1884 d. 6-20-1974, a daughter of Elizabeth Bum grossed. Eugene nor his brother had a male child. Eugene now has this Crest in the Dye family for generations. The crown is arazed sword with wings em etched on Cemetery Hill Road (Simmons Street) and served churches in Johnson’s Creek, Mt. Moriah, Blue Creek, Flat Fork, Harmony, Spencer, born in 1832, was a Baptist minister in the Wirt/Roane Co. line. He married Helen Thorn. She was b. 6-29-1884 d. 6-29-1884.

DYE

Lothrop Fulton Dye traces his American heritage back to Virginia when Robert Dye, born in England, came to Accomack County, Virginia. He died in Northampton County in 1680. From then the line goes from Daniel Dye, Robert’s son, born 1640, died 1707; then 1715; and in 1759; Vincent Dye (1715-1796); William Dye (1747-1815) — William was a Revolutionary War veteran and who moved to Halifax County, Virginia; Abraham Dye (1770-1857), who moved to the western section of North Carolina; Robert Dye (1792-1857); Abraham Dye (named for his grandfather - born January 30, 1836 in Russell County, Virginia and died December 6, 1910).

Before the Civil War, Abraham Dye moved his wife, Louisa Hascue to what is now Roane County (then part of Kanawha County). Abraham built a log cabin on the Pocatalico River near Looneyville. Their children: James Madison, John Morgan, Nancy, Creed, and Emma. Creed Fulton became one of the more famous Methodist Church ministers and had a small book written about his life in the 1800’s. Both Abraham and Louisa are buried in the Looneyville cemetery. John Morgan Dye was born July 29, 1863 and married Emma Smith, daughter of Jonathan Smith and Lydia Stump. The Smiths also came from Virginia, specifically Halifax County. Jonathan Smith, born in 1829, was a Baptist minister and served churches in Johnson’s Creek, Mt. Moriah, Blue Creek, Flat Fork, Harmony, Spencer, born in 1832, was a Baptist minister in the Wirt/Roane Co. line. He married Helen Thorn. She was b. 6-29-1884 d. 6-29-1884. They had no children, and were divorced in 1976.

Brother, Samuel Allen, b. 2-16-1937. He married Betty Lou Maze, b. 9-4-1940. They had two children: Tresa Lou b. 11-30-1959 and Carla Sue, 10-26-1965. Sister, Elva Lou, b. 4-30-1939, married Alfred Kelly. They had two children: Debra Elaine, b. 11-13-1956; and Dennis Darrell, b. 5-30-1959. Brother, George Arnold, was stillborn. Sister, JoAnn, b. 11-1-1950, married to Daniel Lester Emrick. They had two children: Gregory Allen, b. 1-18-1972; and Lisa Danielle, b. 9-2-1974.

The family of the Dye Crest, which has been handed down through the generations, dating back to the 1600’s. When the family came here from Denmark, they settled just below the Roane Co. line. It was custom to give the Crest to the first born male child. Eugene now has this Crest in his possession. The Crest is a trident of silver, with a shield under a helmet, and a crown. The crown is arazed sword with wings engrossed. Eugene nor his brother had a son, so this ends the custom.

Eugene worked in Warren, Ohio, at Copperwell Steel for thirty years. He retired in 1985 and came back home, where he lives on a 30 acre tract of land that has been in the Dye family for generations.

My grandfather, Jacob Samuel Fresh water, (born 2-2-1710 Epstein, Palatinate, Germany) and his wife, Elizabeth, also from the same area at 208 Spring Street, Spencer, WV. Submitted by: George S. Dudding.

ALVIN EUGENE DYE

Our family dates back to fourteenth century England, but for the sake of time and space, this history will begin with those ancestors who came to Virginia in the seventeenth century and settled in Russell County. Abraham Dye, born January 30, 1835, son of Robert and Mary Dye, married Louise Hascue, born August 20, 1835. They came by wagon to what is now Roane County in 1854, and settled on a farm along the Pocatalico River near Looneyville. Of their seven children, one was our grandfather, John Morgan Dye, born July 29, 1863.

Grandyfather Dye married Florinda Fams worth Smith, born October 11, 1866, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Smith, one of West Virginia’s most famous ministers. They had nine children, Lothrop Fulton: Jonathan Smith; Oral Wayne; Cyril Winton; Pearl; Romeo Napoleon; and Oshial. An infant daughter, Inez, died in 1894. They lived at Hammock, all their lives and their burial is near Stringtown.

Their son, Cyril Winton Dye, born January 14, 1892, stayed on the farm for a few years, but was not a born farmer. He always loved cars and became a mechanic in the garage Grandfather Dye built in Spencer. He married Rena Virginia Parrill, born October 17, 1895, daughter of Dewitt and Lydia Miller Parrill, on October 16, 1917. They went to live in Hammad and Cyril worked in the oil fields for two years. When we entered World War I he volunteered to serve in the Army and was assigned to the
307th Division of the Motor Transport. He often told the story of marching from Englewood, N.J. to Hoboken, perhaps 20 miles, to board the troop transport ship for France. He served overseas 19 months and was honorably discharged. Upon his return, he and Rena went to live in Ambler where he worked for the Ohio Fuel Company. When the oil industry was phased out and the Depression took its toll, he lost his job. He became a city policeman in Spencer. Three years later he entered the State Police on July 2, 1934. He served in Glenville, Grafton, Morganport, Ripley, Ravenswood, and Spencer. He retired July 3, 1959, and he and Rena remained in Spencer for the remainder of their lives.

Cyril could not remain retired, so in 1960 he was elected Sheriff of Roane County. He was a good solid Democrat all his life and he liked to say that he won the election because he had nobody to do what he did all his relatives out to the polls. He retired again in 1964. In all his years in public life, I don't think anyone ever had a bad word to say about "Doc" Dye.

Cyril and Rena had six daughters, Dorothy, Mavis, Betty, Mary Lou, Jacqueline, and Jo Ann. Two, Dorothy and Mavis, served in World War II. Dorothy was an Army nurse with the Fifth Army and spent many months overseas in North Africa and Italy. Mavis was in the U.S. Navy ( WAVES) for over two years. That made Cyril very proud and he always said, "I can't send any sons to help, but two of my daughters went.

Before it was time for them to become ill, their daughters arranged a 50th wedding anniversary party in their honor in 1966. That was the highlight of their wonderful years together. Cyril died March 14, 1970; Rena June 20, 1979. They rest together in the Eventide Cemetery, Spencer. World War II scattered their children far and wide. Only two continue to reside in West Virginia: one is in New Jersey; one in Florida; one in Ohio. But West Virginia and Roane County will always be dear to our hearts. Submitted by: Mavis Dye Senadin

OPIE DYE

Robert Dye and his family emigrated to Roane County from Russell County, Virginia, in 1853. The family consisted of his wife, Elizabeth, two sons and one daughter. The daughter apparently died while still young. The two sons were John F. and Abram (Abraham).

Abraham married Louise Hascue in 1858. The children born to them were James M., John M., Nancy Jane, Creed F., and Loria Emma.

Cyril was joined by Minnie Smith, daughter of Nicholos F. and Sarah Smith. They were the children of Opie, Oma, Dalmar, Thelma, and two sons who died while still very young.

DALE & OLETA (BURROWS) DYE

Dale was born at Big Springs, WV. on February 22, 1918. His parents were Jeff and Eltie Gay Dye. Dale married Oleta Burrows, daughter of W. Bailey Young and the widow of Boyd Ferrell. They had no children. Dalmar was a teacher in Roane and Clay Counties for the majority of his life. He also was Postmaster at Linden for several years.

Oleta was born on Bridgeport WV, daughter of Clarence C. Boggs. They had two children, Anna Kay and Shara. Both Woodrow and Oma were long time employees of the Spencer State Hospital. Oma is still living in Reedy. Anna Kay lives near Reedy and Shara still lives in the area.

Oleopied Elizabeth Mae Ferrell, daughter of James M. and Magnolia A. Greathouse Ferrell. Both Opie and Elizabeth were long time school teachers. He was also a merchant and postmaster at Linden. Their four children from the marriage are Creed F., Elita F., Lulu B., and Peggy O.


Lulu B. married to J. Patrick Lowe, son of Charles and Garnet Lowe, and lives in Fishersville, Virginia. They have two children. Linda Kay, who married Michael Mears, has two children and is living and teaching in Atlanta, Georgia. David, who died young; Wayne, who married Karen Funk Porter, has one daughter and one step-daughter, lives in Spencer, and works for a drilling company; Melissa, who is a student at Marshall University in Huntington; and Todd, who has just graduated from Spencer High School.

Our family was established in what is now Roane County before the Civil War. Abraham Dye, b. June 30, 1805, married Louisa Hascue, b. May 28, 1811, at Big Springs, WV on June 20, 1835. After their marriage they made the journey from Russell County, Virginia to Roane County in a wagon and settled on a tract of land along the Pocatalico River near Looneyville. Here Abraham built a log cabin and began clearing the land. He also built a sawmill on the same place. In the census of Virginia of 1850 Abraham is listed together with his parents, a brother and one sister. His...
father, Robert, and his mother, Mary, remained in Russell county until their deaths. Robert died in 1857, being preceded by Mary in 1856.

To Abraham and Louisa Dye were born: James Madison, John Morgan, Nancy, Creed and Emma. John Morgan Dye was born July 29, 1863 in the Abraham Dye farm on the Pocatalico. This was thirty-nine days after West Virginia became a separate state, but he often said, "I am as old as West Virginia." John Morgan Dye married Florinda Farnsworth Smith, daughter of Jonathan Smith and Lydia Stump.

But I take greatest pride in the fact that my name is derived from Dionysus, the god of wine. Our family settled in Virginia early in the seventeenth century. Dye as a surname is derived from Dionysus, the god of fertility and wine in Greek and Roman religions. Records in Yorkshire reveal that the name of Dye was known there in 1301 A.D. But I take greatest pride in the fact that my great-grandfather, Abraham Dye, settled in Roane county before it was a county and before West Virginia became a state. Thus Grandfather John Morgan Dye's statement can be extended to all of us who descend from Abraham Dye: we are, as a family in Roane county, older than West Virginia.

Submitted by: Hazel (Ellison) Bullard

THE ELMORE FAMILY

JACOB OTT & MARY (LOONEY) ELMORE

Jacob Ott Elmore was born in 1874 on a mountain overlooking Craig Healing Springs, in Craig county, Virginia, and came to Roane with the migration of the entire family in 1886.

In 1903, Jacob Ott married Mary Jane Looney, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Rebecca (Lowry) Looney. Her great-grandfather was William Peter Elmore and her great-grandparents were Robert and Catharine (Stover) Looney, pioneer settlers of Looneyville. They were married in the old double-log house they built there by Robert and Catharine, near their water mill on Flat Fork of Poca.

Submitted by: Hazel (Ellison) Bullard

THE ELMORE FAMILY

Parents of Andrew Jackson Elmore were William and Hannah (Scott) Elmore, who were married in what is now Craig county, Virginia, in 1844. Their children were: Joel Stanley, Andrew Jackson, and John L. Elmore.

Joel Bradley Elmore (1847-1930) was born in Virginia where he married Sarah Shaffer (1853-1918). Their children were: Samuel C., William A., Nora N., and two daughters whose names are not known. Joel and Sarah and their family moved to Roane county where they settled at Tariff.
trict, postmaster of the Tariff post office and in 1932 was elected assessor of Roane county.

Mary Elmore was involved in church work and was superintendent of the Henry's Fork Baptist Church for several years. Mr. Elmore was a member of the same church, also a member of Linden Lodge No. 83, A.F. and A.M. at Linden, serving as secretary and master of the lodge. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner. Jacob Ott died Oct. 1, 1963 and Mary died Aug. 19, 1977. Children were Earle Looney, Ula Maxine, Paul Andrew, Gene Francis, Joseph Otmer and Mary Louise Elmore.

Children of Jacob Ott and Mary Elmore:

THE ELMORE FAMILY
GENE F. & VIRGINIA ELMORE

Gene F. Elmore was born at Tariff, Aug. 14, 1910, a son of Jacob Ott and Mary Jane (Looney) Elmore. He attended Tariff grade school, Spencer High School, Glenville College, Houston University, and West Virginia University where he majored in journalism. He was a member of "Journalists" honorary journalism society and Delta Kappa Psi, local social fraternity. He was also a member of the R.O.T.C. and Gold and Blue marching bands.

In 1935, he married Virginia Hunt, daughter of George H. and Hester (Keen) Hunt of Tariff. He was employed by the Soil Conservation Service and worked in three CCC camps at Ripley, Jane Lew and Beverly. During World War II, he was in the U.S. Navy Air Force and was discharged with a rating of ART/Sc. He was later employed by the Internal Revenue Service and retired in 1967 with 32 years of Government service.

Virginia attended Brush Run grade school and Spencer High School. She was employed by the State of West Virginia until her retirement in recent years. At Spencer, Virginia was a member of Junior and Senior Women's Clubs, Grey Ladies, Order of Eastern Star where she held a number of offices including Worthy Matron. For her service to the Order of Rainbow for Girls, she was awarded the Grand Cross of Colors. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is currently a volunteer worker for the Roane General Hospital Auxiliary at Spencer.

Gene F. Elmore, Jr., was born March 21, 1936 at Clarksburg, West Virginia and attended grade school and Spencer High School, at Spencer, W. Va. He also attended Glenville College, also West Virginia University where he was enrolled in the music department, and was a member of the University Band. He taught music and was band director at Burnsville and Walton High Schools.

He later secured employment with the West Virginia Department of Rehabilitation and returned to the University where he secured his Master's Degree. In recent years he returned to teaching and was retired in 1989.

Gene married Joyce Norman, daughter of Paul and Marie (Hensley) Norman of Spencer. Joyce is currently employed by the Traders Bank at Spencer.

Gene and Joyce have two children, Darren, born May 16, 1968 and Jane Anne, born Aug. 1, 1971. Darren is currently employed in South Carolina and Jane is enrolled in Glenville College.

Gene became an Amateur Radio Operator while in High School and still operates, using the Call W8PBJ. During his life, Gene was for many years, a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Spencer.

Sondra Leigh Elmore was born at Spencer, Nov. 13, 1941. She attended local grade school, Spencer High School, Glenville College and West Virginia University where she secured her Master's Degree. She was a member of Xi Beta Tau Sorority.

Sondra first married Robert Wright of Burnt House, but they later divorced and she married James Paul Reger, II, of Clear Springs, Maryland. James is a son of James Paul and Catharine (Ogden) Reger of Buckhannon, W. Va.

James Reger attended the University of Maryland and West Virginia University where he received his Master's degree. He later taught at Cleveland College and West Virginia University. He is currently employed in the Geology Department by the State of Maryland.

Sondra taught in high schools at Spencer, Ripley, and at University High in Morgantown. She also taught at Cleveland, Ohio, Jackson, Ohio, and in Florida and is currently teaching at South Carroll County High School in Maryland.

The Regers have one daughter, Leigh Anne, now a Freshman at South Carroll High School.

VIKING LYN ELMORE

Virginia Lynn Elmore was born October 18, 1945, at Spencer, and attended Spencer Grade school and Spencer High School, then graduated from West Virginia University. She was employed for a time by Kaufman's in Pittsburg, Penna. She married Raymond Aborn Vine II of Parkersburg. The Vines lived for a time in Detroit where Raymond was employed by the Ford Motor Company. The Vines then lived in New Orleans and Richmond before becoming associated with Capitol Ford Truck Sales company of Atlanta and Crown Ford Truck sales in Greenville, South Carolina. The Vines currently live at Greer, S.C.

The Vines have two sons, Raymond Aborn III, born March 18, 1971 and Timothy Michael, born March 8, 1974. Raymond is now attending Clemson University and...
EARLE LOONEY ELMORE

Earle Looney Elmore was born December 19, 1903, at Tariff, in Roane County, West Virginia, the first child of Jacob Ott and Mary Jane (Looney) Elmore, both former school teachers. In his youth Earle lived in a log house on the family farm at Tariff where he did the usual chores of country living, worked in the fields, tended the livestock and attended a one-room school. After graduating from Spencer High School, he returned to teach one term of school near his home.

He later worked for the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, taking three years leave for service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, returning with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.R.

JENNIE FLORENCE ELMORE (HARTLINE)

Jennie Elmore, a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Smogdgrass) Elmore was born at Tariff, Roane County, April 29, 1891. While visiting her sister in Akron, Ohio, she met and married Edward Blaine Hartline. Edward was born at Elk Lick, Pennsylvania, Sept. 9, 1884, and became a professional painter and paper-hanger. They were married Aug. 24, 1910, and spent most of their lives at Akron.

Edward and Jennie had four children: Sylvia Violet, born Nov. 9, 1911, Margaret Marie, born Feb. 25, 1915, Mildred Frances, born Nov. 19, 1917, and Shirley Ralph, born Nov. 10, 1919. In their later years, Ed and Jennie made many trips to visit their children, Sylvia in Montana, Marie in Pennsylvania and Shirley in Michigan. Edward died Oct. 28, 1969 and Jennie died Dec. 6, 1971. The Hartline family lived for a year at Tariff where Sylvia attended school at "Brush Run" near her grandparents home. Sylvia was in the third grade and remembers carrying her lunch to school in a lard pail. One day she picked up the wrong pail and might have had lard for lunch if her mother had not noticed the error and delivered the real lunch pail to her.

Stanley Andrew Whitham, born at Madison, Indiana, Jan. 1, 1911, graduated from high school in Montana and attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago before being employed by Bell Telephone at Akron, Ohio. There Stanley met and married Sylvia on Oct. 21, 1932 at Spencer, West Virginia. When Stanley lost his job during the Depression, they moved to Greycliff, Montana. Sylvia admits that she was not really prepared for ranch life in the West, Stanley was in Montana before Sylvia arrived and he met her at the railroad station. A large trunk of her belongings had to be tied on the running board of the car where it blocked the door on Stanley's side. On the road to the ranch-house, both of them had to get out of the car on the passenger's side to open and close the gates. After six years at Greycliff, they purchased a ranch at Reedpoint, Montana.


David had three children and is a stockbroker at Fort Collins, Colorado. Ruth had four children, two grandchildren, and married a rancher. They now have a greenhouse business near Big Timber.

Mary had five children, one step-child, and three grandchildren, and is employed as a Low-Income Eligibility Technician. Her husband is a mechanic/heavy equipment operator also at Big Timber. Sylvia and Stanley lived on the ranch at
JOSEPH RAY ELMORE

Joseph Ray Elmore (Joe), born August 30, 1950, s/o Otmer Ray and Phyllis Maxine (Morris) Elmore, graduated from Spencer High School then joined the Army where he spent 3 years, one of which was spent in Germany.

Soon after his discharge, he married Deedrea Harold d/o James Richard (Jim) and Ida May Phillips (Smith) (Bays) Harold. One daughter, Ashlee Jo, was born February 6, 1986.

Joe's dad, Ray Elmore, is employed by Pennzoll and is the s/o Joseph Otmer and Faye Thurman (Harold) Elmore. Joe's mother, Phyllis, is the d/o Denver Newton and Cora Olive (McClain) Morris.

Otmer Elmer is the s/o Joseph Ott and Mary Jane (Looney) Elmore. Ott and Mary were both school teachers and farmers. Ott was the Assessor of Roane Co. for several years.

Faye Elmore is the d/o Ernest Ray and Anna (Hicks) Harold who were merchants at Tariff, WV for many years.

Denver Morris is the s/o Aaron Lindsay and Mary Angeline (Mollie) (Harris) Morris. Cora is the d/o Randolph Middleton and Mary Jane (Looney) Elmore. Ott and Mary were the parents of nine children Thomas, Orville, Albert, George, Holbert, Oliver, Carrie, Melissa, and Mary.

They lived their later years at Looneylive village where John was a farmer and veterinarian, was very interested in the community. In the year 1916 he donated a site of land for the Epling Chapel and Cemetery at Looneyville. He also helped to build and furnish timber for the church before his death in May 1945.

Orville Dryden born January 7, 1885, married Lula Gertrude Drake born August 24, 1906, and had four children, Ted D., and Emma Webb Drake. They were both from the Clover. Looneylive area and traveled the Richwood area to work in the logging and timber business. They later came back to Roane County, and he worked in the fields of Tariff and Clover for Epling Oil Co.

Orville and Lula were the parents of the eight children as follows:

Beulah Faye, 1909-1987, she married George W. White. A local boy before leaving Roane County. She taught a room school for many years and died in 1987.

Orville Lee "Happy", 1913-1987, married Oris Delbert Epling, the son of Demetrius "Demi" and Emma Webb Drake. They were both from the Clover. Their children were Larry W., Noani Hope, Janice, Charlene, and Jacklyn.

Ruth Evelyn born in 1911 married Bruce Edward Bailey and they had no children.

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John Berton, 1916-1952, was a World War II veteran.

Orville Bruce born in 1919, married John B. Roure a neighborhood farmers boy. Their children were Frances Kathrym, Carolyn Kay, Judith Marilyn, Janet Louise, and Nancy Lou.

Bruce-born in 1921 married Malinda Rose Sill, and have one child Betty Lou. "Happy" worked on the farm and remained at the home place until his death.

Rex Harper Smith the s/o William Cary and Ida (Boggs) Smith. Both Joe and Deedrea's ancestors can be traced back to Charles Boggess, the oldest son, John and Charles, were pioneer settlers of Roane and Clay Counties.

Joe's grandmother, Faye (Harold) Elmore d/o Ernest and Anna (Hicks) Harold, is the granddaughter of John Christopher and Caroline (Hardway) Harold. John was the s/o Elias and Barbara Harold and brother of Daniel and Jesse mentioned earlier.

Faye's grandmother, Jerushia Ellen (Jarvis) Hicks, wife of Henry Clay Hicks, was the d/o Alfred and Sarah Thurman (Hensley) Jarvis. Sarah was the d/o Rev. Aaron Hensley. The Samuel Hensley, Jr., mentioned earlier was the nephew of Rev. Aaron Hensley s/o Samuel, Sr., Aaron's brother. The Hensley family has been traced back to William Hensley (b. about 1583 - d. 1654) the gr. gr. gr. gr. gr. gr. gr. grand nephew of Rev. Aaron Hensley who came to Jamestown, VA a few years after the second settlement was started. Submitted by: Decodra Elmore
Joseph N. Fox, born 1753 in Morris County, New Jersey. He then changed his name to Peter John Fox.

Joseph M. Fox, born 1755 in Morris County, New Jersey, the son of Peter John Fox. He served in the 11th Virginia Regiment of the Regular Army in the Revolutionary War, from 1776 to 1783. He was in the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown, the Battle of Monmouth, and spent the winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. He lived in Whitley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married Alcey Jane (Jenny) Wilson in 1789. She was born 1755, died 1834. January 15, 1814 she sold 356 acres of land in Perry Township in Green County was patented to Joseph Fox. Joseph married Elsey Haines August 1837. She was born in 1787 the daughter of George Haines. Joseph Fox died in 1847 and was buried on his farm in Green County.

Martin Fox was born in 1799 the son of Joseph M. Fox and Jenny Wilson. He married Nancy McAbbety. Martin died in 1894. Both lived to the age of 94 years. She died four years after Martin on the same day and month.

Martin Peter Fox was born in Green County, Pennsylvania in 1825, son of Martin Fox and Nancy McAbbety. He married Anna Jones.

Rev. Jarrett Newton Fox


Mary Fox died in 1917. Rev. Jarrett Fox died January 14, 1929, age 80 years and 5 months. They are buried in the Fox Cemetery on Bear Run.

The following was written by Fred E. Craig, Publisher of the Reedy News.

IN MEMORIAM

On January 14, 1929, just as the noon day shadows began to fall east. Rev. Jarrett N. Fox passed from the dimness of this world's vision into the glory of the Eternal Life.

That the community has lost a noble citizen, a church, a stalwart Christian: the young, a wise counselor; and the old, a sympathetic friend, seems much to say, but to those who knew him best, it seems inadequate. I am forced to say, surely death has claimed a shining light. Rev. Fox was a brilliant intellect, an original brain, and a cultured mind. The most difficult problems of life before him seemed to vanish like a frost on a summer day. His exegesis of the Scripture lessons, his sermons in the pulpit, his fine talk with his friends, all bore the stamp of a soul made clean by the Blood of the Lamb, and of a deeply religious personality.

His home was of Christian hospitality. To its portals came many with perplexing problems, which for him were easily solved, for no one could talk with him for thirty minutes without knowing that the main spring of his existence was Faith in God. It was his steadfast Faith which dispelled the gloom of earthly cares, and marked the way to the Great Beyond.

Courage was one of the predominating factors of his life. Moral courage to speak the truth in love "fearlessly." Spiritual courage to look death calmly in the face and exclaim with the Apostle of the Resurrection, "Oh Death, where is thy Sting?"

For he had set his house in order and comforted his soul unto his God, to launch bark, in perfect trust, upon the Great Dark Sea.

The Baptist Churches he loved so well has honored him with many pastorates, with which he served with all the power of his fine mind and Christian integrity, and many, many days before they cease to feel their loss, or to mourn his going.

That he was perfect, I dare not say, for he, like each of us, was human and prone to error, but to say the least, he was a manly man, a stalwart Christian, a lover of church, and a fearless exponent of its principles.

All to my mind's eye, I see him as he stands on the shore of the great stream eternal, when his craving for immortality is about to be satisfied and as the waves break in soft ripples about his feet, that faith in their murmuring voices the legend and his story of "Peace be Still!" And he listened and there was no more rippling of the waves, but voices murmuring sweet whisperings. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Submitted by: Mary Lou Shippard and Doris Hendrickson.

FERRELL

The name Ferreli appears to be patricianic in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Irish, meaning, "grandson of Fearghal." It is also one of the oldest in the history of Roane County.

Around 1799, Richard and John Ferreli, sons of Richard Ferreli, who was killed by Indians in Thompson's Valley, Virginia in 1780, moved to what is now McDowell County, West Virginia. Allegedly, they were the first settlers on the West Virginia side of the Tug Fork of Sandy. Many of their descendants still live in that area (Logan and McDowell Counties). Some were, indirectly at least, involved in the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud. Books showing both Rev. Jarrett Fox and "Chap" Riddle were made and he was carried to the home of Anderson Ferrell.

One of John's sons, William, married Frances Bailey of Russell County, Virginia and they moved to this area in 1842. With them came three sons: Thomas, b. March 12, 1820; John, b. December 28, 1827; and William, b. February 2, 1833.

The name Ferrell was associated with the Irish, meaning, "grandson of Fearghal". It is also one of the oldest in the history of Roane County, Virginia, which is now Roane County, West Virginia, and made their home. They had nine children: Amy H., b. October 14, 1843; Frances C., b. January 10, 1845; George W., b. September 2, 1846; Samuel A. M., b. June 22, 1848; David M., b. October 25, 1849; Andrew D., b. July 4, 1851; William B., b. December 30, 1853; John W., b. December 23, 1855; and Melissa J., b. January 29, 1858. All of these children married, settled in the area, and raised their families.

Thomas Ferrell was a successful farmer and also had a deep interest in public af-fairs. He served as a justice of the peace and this was part of Kanawha County and later the first "High Sheriff" when Roane County was formed. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1872, and was state senator from this district from 1874 until 1876. He was a charter member of the Flat Fork Baptist Church, which was established in 1850.


Dora's reaction to this episode, fortunately, was not recorded.

Chris and Dora had four children: Lorna, who married Frank Vinary; Ralph, who was killed in an aircraft accident at age 20; Harry W., who married Orva Snodgrass; and Pearl, who married George Young.


Neil left West Virginia University to enlist in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Later commissioned, he retired in the grade of Major in 1971. He served two tours in Vietnam and earned numerous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and the Silver Star (the nation's third highest award for gallantry in action). Neil married Judy Smith in 1979 and they have one daughter, Sarah Frances, b. June 15, 1982. They live in Looneyville on one of the farms originally established by Thomas Ferreli.

Maj. Neil Ferreli

Larry Ferreli graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Psychology. Soon after graduation, he was employed at Spencer Hospital as Recreation Director. In 1969, Larry married Norma Smith, a sister to Judy. They have two daughters, Andrea Jill, b. February 4, 1970, and Kris, b. November 17, 1980. They currently reside at 128 Prospect Street in Spencer. Submitted by: Harry W. Ferreli and Neil L. Ferreli

FERRELL - KELLY


Wm. S. Ferrell d-o John and Nancy Jackson, Ferrell of Russell, Frances d-o Hugh and Sallie Sherman, Bailey of Lancaster Co. Va., and g-d-o John and Judith Brent, Bailey of Lancaster.


Elizabeth Kelly m. 1st John Hershberger and had three ch: William Lewis, Joseph Peter, and John McDonough Hershberger. She was the eldest of eight ch: John Woodside, Aldridge James, Sallie Stone, William Allen, Joseph Thompson, Benjamin Franklin, and Claudius Peter Kelly, of Peter Condor, Va. In 1863 John married Sallie Sherman, Bailey of Russell son, Ferreli of Russell Co. Va. Anne was half-sister to Mary Ball, Washington the mother of our 1st President.

Col. Edwin was half-brother of Francis Conwhy, the father of Eleanor Roosevelt. Conwhy, Madison who was the mother of James Madison our 4th President.

Elizabeth Kelly, Ferreli was the 4th g-g-d-o Capt. Alexander Doniphan 1850-1876 of Richmond Co. Va. and wife Amy. Capt. Alex by his 2nd wife Margaret Mott was the 5th g-g-d-o Henry S. Truman our 33rd President.

Thomas "Jeff" Jefferson Ferrell 1862-1933 m. Mary "Fannie" Chambers 1867-1948. Lived at Chambers Fork where he ran a country store and raised their children: Maude Ellis, Rush, Brooks, Betty Doris, Derrell, Ethel White, and Jewel Devine.


ROMIE FREER FERRELL JR.

Romie Freer Ferrell Jr. was born November 11, 1925 to Romie Ferrell Ferreli and Hatti Harris Ferrell. His paternal grandmother was Mary Ferrell. His maternal grandparents were Lilly Dove Harris and Marcus Daniel Harris. He attended Laurel High and graduated from Spencer High in 1947. He served in the Army from February 1944 to April 1946. Romie was in the South Pacific Theater with the 54th Engineer and Shore Regiment of the 4th Brigade.

In 1947 Romie married Cora Alice Paxton on May 27, at the home of Rev. Orland Reynolds.

Alice was born April 8, 1927 in Walton. Four daughters and child of Worthy Porter Paxton and Lessie Anne Kessel Paxton. Hatti Harris Ferreli was the first of the four grandchildren. The other three were Ruby Winston and Cora Dodd Kessel. Her paternal grandparents were William and Cora Auxier Paxton. Alice attended Laurel Hill and graduated Spencer High in 1945. She worked in Spencer and Parkersburg until 1947, when she married Romie.

Romie worked for DuPont at Belle, when he was transferred to Aiken, S.C. in 1952. He worked at this DuPont site. He retired and was employed by Kimberly Clark Corp. He and Jan also run PINE LOG RABBITRY.

Corky is employed by Wal-Mart Inc. She is a data processor.


Romie and Alice make yearly trips to Spencer to visit relatives; and keep up with the property they still own on Lion Fork.

Submitted by: Romie and Alice Ferreli

FERRELL, HARRIS, POST, TANNER

George Delbert Hinsman Post met his future bride in Geraldine Ferrell in church one Sunday. After courting her for three months, they were married September 3, 1932 at the parsonage in Spencer. George worked as a coal miner, farmer, plumber and later as a semi-truck driver hauling coal in the Northeastern part of the country. Better job opportunities took them to Martins Ferry, Ohio. They lived on a farm till it burnt to the ground in 1950. George then settled his family in the community, adding on a mobile home with a barn, greenhouse, and garage. In 1952, they moved to downtown Martins Ferry. They had ten children: Reta June born August 23, 1933, Lola Ethel born January 3, 1936, Romie Delbert "Sonny" born September 28, 1937; died December 4, 1942, Ina Mae born October 21, 1939, Carol Ann born October 21, 1941, Sandra Kay born August 16, 1943, Roger Lee born July 23, 1945, Linda Jean born July 29, 1947, Kathy Sue born April 9, 1949, and Cheryl Lou born June 30, 1957.

Romie and Ina Post Family

George was born May 27, 1912 in the back of the Roane County Courthouse. His parents George Delbert and Roxie (Tanner) lived there with George's father Jeremiah Columbus Post who was Deputy Sheriff at the time. George contracted tuberculosis and died a few months after his son's birth. Roxie and her son continued to live with Jeremiah until she remarried to Walker Westfall. They had two children
Donzel Ray, who married Golda Ferrell, and Opal who died at infancy. They lived on Spring Creek until Roxie's death May 19, 1918. George then went to live with his many aunts and uncles and at one time also lived with his grandfather Jeremiah who by this time was living in Akron, Ohio. Jeremiah and Jennie Virginia (Davis) had six children. George born September 21, 1888. Leota Bell. Russia Batten. Roman Ralph. Ernie Gay, and Denver Charles. Jeremiah was the son of Granville and Rachel Elizabeth (Conley) whose grandfather James Conley was from Ireland. The Post line can be traced all the way back to Valentine Plost (1740-1800) who immigrated to this country possibly from Germany. Jennie's parents were Simon Arthur and Martha (Dean) Arram. Her grandfather John Davis was born in 1812 and her great grandfather Samuel Davis served in the Revolutionary War.

Roxie, born January 14, 1890, was one of ten children of George and Hannah (McDonald) - Anderson Sheridan. James, Alfred West. Rosa Eunice. Walter. Flora Jane Hall-Burnside. Mack. Lloyd, and Ethel Leary. These Tanners are descended from Roane County's first settler Samuel Tanner and his wife Sudna Carpenter. They came from Harrison County, Virginia in 1812 and took up residence under a shelving rock for a few years until Samuel built a house along Spring Creek. Samuel was a veteran of the Revolutionary War where he was present at the murder of Chief Cornstalk. Sudna's sister Rebecca married Samuel Miller and they came to Roane before 1837. Ina is a descendant of these Millers. Ina's parents are the late Romie Freer and Ina's parents are Lewis James and Mary Ann (Holland) who came to Roane County with their parents William and Nancy (Bumus) in 1865 from North Carolina. Lewis's grandparents William and Francis (Bailley) arrived in Roane in 1842 from Russell County, Virginia bringing with them three sons: Thomas. John (Lewis's father), and William.


George and Ina Post reside in Martins ferry and have 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Submitted by Nichole Marie Ray

FETTY

Charles Allman Fetty (3-26-1877 — 7-10-1960) was the son of George Perry and Anna Pyle Fetty. In 1906 he married Stella Jane Richards (2-2-1906) the daughter of Richard and Sarah Boice Richards who resided in Creston, WV (Wirt County). Charles and Stella Fetty moved to Nancy's Run. Roane County, from Richardson Calhoun County, in 1913. Then an employee of the Carter Oil Company, he later went to work for the Hope Gas Company where he was employed until his retirement. They moved from Nancy's Run to Schoolhouse Hill in Spencer, and by 1917 were living near Clover residence until 1936. They then returned to Spencer and lived on Parkersburg Road until their deaths in 1986.

Charles and Stella Fetty had six children. Their children are (1) George Allen Fetty (2-2-1930), who married Julia Louise "Judy" Hix and had three children: Kathy Fetty Starchar, Linda Fetty Hill, and Jack Fetty. George George Fetty resides in Jackson County. (2) Eloise June Fetty (1-23-1935), who married Jerry Worstill. Her children are Kay Downy, Larry Boso, and Deborah Wines. Eloise now resides in Akron, Ohio. Jess Fetty was employed by United Car franchise in Charleston, WV. He made his home on Speed Road near Spencer. Jess and Freda Fetty were antique dealers in Roane County for many years. Jess was a Roane County resident until the death of his wife in 1987 and now resides in Akron, Ohio.

Clarence A. Fetty, son, married Gladys Phillips. Their children are (1) Patrick Allen Fetty (6-10-1935), who married Laura Rosenthal and lives in Maysville, WV. (2) Terry Fetty (8-23-1943), who married Ronald Little. They have one son, Douglas Allen Little, and live in Davyville, WV. (4) Reba Grace Fetty (10-6-1945), who married Donald Edward McKown. They have two children, Darren Edward McKown and Lisa Dawn McKown. They live in Maysville, WV.

Clarence Fetty left Spencer in 1946 and moved to Calhoun County where he worked for the Hope Natural Gas Company. In 1976 he moved to Newark, WV, where he still resides.

Opal Kathryn Fetty, daughter, married John C. Berkhouse. Their children are: (1) John Thomas "Tom" Berkhouse (3-16-1941), who married Cora Bogg and had two children. John Thomas Berkhouse Jr. and Natalie Berkhouse. Tom Berkhouse is a resident of Roane County where he is employed by the State Department of Highways. (2) Terry Berkhouse (6-15-1955), who married Laura Rosenthal and lives in Missoula, Montana.

Opal Fetty Berkhouse is a life long resident of Roane County and continues to make her home on Vandale Fork near Spencer.

Virgil Charles Fetty(5-22-1917 — 9-18-1987) married Connie Kincaid. Their children are: Stephen (1-31-1948), who married Barbara Grady. They have one son, Andrew Seth Fetty. Stephen is a resident of Roane County. He is employed by the Department of Human Services, and has his own business called Woodworks and Signs. (2) Robert Charles Fetty (3-8-1949), married Christine Miller they reside in Flagler Beach, Florida. They have two sons, Nathan Joel Fetty, and Andrew Fetty. Jeff makes his home on Lion Run in Roane County and is a full time sculptor. (3) Jeffrey Wayne Fetty (12-15-1953), married Charlotte Hopkins. They have two sons, Nathan Joel Fetty, and Andrew Fetty. Jeff makes his home on Lion Run in Roane County and is a full time artist blacksmith. (4) Julia Annette Fetty (12-3-1963), married David M. Boyles. They have one daughter. Grace Elizabeth Boyles. Julia is a homemaker, and the resident of Roane County.

Virgil Fetty was a life long resident of Roane County. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion, and the First Advent Christian Church. He retired in 1980 from Carl E. Smith Inc. in Sandys. WV. He and Opal operated a rugustry and enjoyed his craft until shortly before his death in 1987. Submitted by: Julia Fetty Boyles and Rebecca Fetty McKown

FIELDS

Washington Fields, born 1815, came to the Lower Flat Fork of what is now Roane County from what is now Russell County. Virginia about the year 1850, with his wife, the former Jennie Fields, and five sons and two daughters: Samuel, Thomas, Henry. George Washington, Elijah. Rachel and Leah. They had been preceded by the family of Reese Fields of Tazewell County. Virginia, who settled in the West Harper District of what was then Jackson County about 1845.

Efforts to trace the ancestry of Washington Fields in the records of Virginia or Russell County have not been productive. and it is not known where George Washington and his family were born. He had the same ancestors, nor whether they were born in America or immigrated from Europe. The Russell County Court House burned in 1872, destroying all of the records before that date, except those that had been transferred to Richmond. A
search of records and compilations in Virginia, as well as the National Archives, reveals that a Reece Fields was recorded living in Russell County for the first U.S. Census in 1820. Various Fields are listed in surviving tax records of Russell County as early as 1785, and other Fields are recorded in other Virginia counties as early as 1776.

Josiah Hughes, in his "Pioneer West Virginia," lists one Washington Fields as one of the pioneers of Roane County, and records available in the Roane County Library show that a number of Fields families have been prominent farmers and local officials for more than 100 years.

The Fields clan was one of many "Scotch-Irish" immigrants who arrived in America between 1720 and 1775. They had originally been Scotchmen who had been banned to Ulster County, Ireland by King James I to keep certain independent-minded Scotchmen under control.

The family name of Fields was corrupted from Field, an old English word, and the prefix de or de la, meaning "of the field." Some lines were of Norman origin, and one Hubertus de la Feld came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066, settling in Lancashire. He was said to be the ancestor of the family of a Count de la Feld, who traced his ancestry back to the sixth century A.D. Research shows that the first of the name in the South were John Field of Charles City County, Virginia in 1635 and others in the same county. These other Fields families are related.


GEORGE WASHINGTON FIELDS

George Washington Fields, known as "Wash" to his family and friends, was born in Russell County, Virginia around 1813. His parents were John Fields and Ann Rhodes. His grandparents were Samuel and Martha (Patsy) Fields. In a transfer of real property in 1834, "Wash" was to receive a 50-acre farm on Breezer's Branch in Russell County as a condition of caring for his grandparents in their declining years. Wash's brother-in-law, Richard Ferrell, signed the agreement. It is likely that Wash's parents died before he reached the age of seventeen, since the Russell County census in 1830 indicates a young boy of Wash's age in the Samuel Fields household. In fact, his parents could have died when he was rather young, since one of Samuel's sons, Richard, died in 1814.

Wash Fields married Jane "Jennie" Ferrell, daughter of William and Martha Ferrell, on Jan. 10, 1836. They lived in Harmony, near one of their farms on Lower Flat Fork. Family tradition is that he is buried next to his heirs. His burial place is not known, but it is likely that the three Fields families are related since it is thought that all the Fields in Russell County are from three brothers who settled on Cedar Creek in the late 1700s.

George Washington Fields and Jennie Ferrell had the following children: 1) Martha Fields, born 1829 or 1832, married James Ferrell. 2) Thomas Talbert Fields, b 1834, m Matilda Kiser. 3) John E. Fuller Fields, b 1836, m Celia Presley. 4) William Bowers Fields, b 1839, m Rachel Kiser. 5) Rachel Fields, b 1843, m Daniel Newsome. 6) Eliza Fields, b 1844, m William Green. 7) Henry Clay Fields, b 1846, m Janie Garrett. 8) George Washington Fields, Jr., b 1848, m Phoebe Kiser. 9) Elijah LaForce Fields, b 1851, m Nancy R senton. 10) Isaac Fields, b 1856, m Nancy Ruanra Moore.

Martha Fields married James Ferrell in Russell County and remained there throughout her life. All the other children came to Jackson/Roane County with their parents and married there. Wash Fields died before 1869, since this was when his land was divided up among his heirs. His burial place is not known, but family tradition is that he is buried next to his brother-in-law Richard Ferrell on or near one of their farms on Lower Flat Fork. Wash's father was Nathan Cunningham a United States Marshall. He was a brother to Dice Cunningham and Webster Cunningham. After Nathan was ambushed and killed, Dan took over as U.S. Marshall, and went on to become very famous and was always known to us as Uncle Dan, being our father's uncle. Joe's family later moved to Clendenin, where he and his father ran a blacksmith shop, and became inventors. They received patents for the monkey wrench, nut lock, fifth wheel, and many more.

After their children all married, they became restless and started moving. To Reddy, to Zona, to Spencer, and after a few more times, they settled out on Rt. 33. Joe died there on Jan. 9, 1961. Our mother lived there until the last few years of her life, when she returned to Clendenin. She died on Jan. 10, 1978.

Joe and Sarah Fields were hard working, God fearing people, and instilled many good values in their children. Although it has been many heart breaking years since we lived there, our memories will always linger on the big, beautiful house in Harmony, and the memories of the family. The Joe and Sarah Fields family. Submitted by: Mrs. Frankie Allen

JOE FIELDS & SARAH FIELDS

Joe Fields was born at Harmony on Sept. 16, 1889 to George W. Fields and Alice Cunningham Fields. Alice Cunningham's father was Nathan Cunningham a United States Marshall. He was a brother to Dice and Webster Cunningham. After Nathan was ambushed and killed, Dan took over as U.S. Marshall, and went on to become very
Reece Bowen Fields

mony. Roane County, West Virginia to care
for Sarah Ann's aging parents. Mathias
Rhodes was the son of Benjamin Rhodes
(wife unknown) and Tocilie Age County Vir­
ginia and Madison County, Kentucky.

Martha Parsons was a daughter of John
Parsons and Mary Gathreouse Parsons.
John being a son of Charles Parsons. Revo­
lutionary War Veteran. She was born in
1826 at Proxin Camp, Jackson County
where they had a large farm. She died 1890
(ca.). Roane County, West Virginia.

Mathias and his brother, Joseph
Rhodes, came to Harmony area of Roane
County, West Virginia and bought a large
tract of land and built houses close to­
gether shortly after 1840, being among the
first settlers of the area. Mathias helped to
establish post offices according to Hardes­
ty's history books of West Virginia. Joseph
gave land and helped establish churches in
the community. Mathias was born in
1813 in Virginia. Married February 24,
1840 in Ripley, West Virginia and died in
1888 in Roane County. He is buried in
Rhodes/Fields Cemetery on the home­
place about two miles from Harmony, West
Virginia. The land is now owned by Dr.
Clyde Harper.

Reece Bowen Fields’s brothers were:
Tillman, Lydelbum, and Frank, sister Elisa.
He was active in church and community af­
fairs and was a Justice of the Peace of Har­
per District. They were buried in the
Rhodes/Fields Cemetery, Harmony, West
Virginia.

Reece Fields and Sarah Rhodos Fields
children were: Canadiza Fields (1871-1880),
Bubbly Fields (1853-1867); Wesley
Fields (1876-1879); William: Fields (1882-
1887); Dolly Fields married James Casto;
Lola Fields married Oscar Casto; Dell
Field married Arthurina Cook; Flossie
Fields married Henry Hawkins; Ellen
Fields married George Raines; Alice Fields
married William C. Rhodes.

William C. and Alice Fields Rhodos were
my parents. Their children were: Lloyd
Rhodes; Amos Dell Rhodos married Clara
Grace Gallispe: Clayton Leo Rhodes; Nellie
Opel Rhodes married Roy D. Kelley; Cles­
sie Ray Rhodes; Bessie Rhodes; and Mary
Rhodes married Isaac M. White. Amos
Dell Rhodes children are — Donald
William married Jo Ann Dean; James
married Mary Elia Kramer; Wesley married
Donna Ranson; Sharon married Raymond
DeBoil. Ten grandchildren and four great
grandchildren complete the family.

Nellie Opel Rhodes children are —
Roy D. Kelley, Jr. married Margaret Sigh;
Richard Kelley married Arlene Henderson
after Betty Omijenski died leaving two 
small daughters. There are four grand­
children and two great grandchildren.

Mary Rhodes White has two sons —
Lloyd Douglas White married Judith
McDonald and Isaac M. White, Jr. married
Rebecca Miller. Their sons are Kirk Andrew
and Blairn Patrick White. Submitted by
Mary R. Whited.

THOMAS TALBERT FIELDS

Thomas Talbert Fields was the eldest
son of George Washington Fields and Jane
(Ferrell) Fields. He was born in Russell
County, Washington State, U.S.A. in 1854. When Thomas was
approximately fourteen years of age his parents moved to the Jackson-Roane
County area before Roane County was
created. They settled on Lower Flat Fork
Creek, a tributary of Poca River. This farm
is now in Harmony. Jackson County, West
Virginia. Thomas was one of seven boys and two
girls born to George Washington and Jane
(Ferrell) Fields.

Thomas Talbert Fields married Matilda
Kiser, daughter of Joseph Kiser Jr. and Polly
Childress, in Jackson County in 1855. One source has him returning to
Russell County to marry. As Matilda
appears in the Russell County, Virginia
1850 census (age 15) in her parents household and as her parents continued to live
and die in Russell County, we can
assume that Matilda was living in the Jack­
son-Roane area with relatives when she
married in 1855. Thomas Talbert Fields
and wife Matilda lived in Harper and later
in Walton districts in Roane County. Tho­
mal Talbert Fields and Matilda Kiser Fields
were the parents of the following. The
dates are birth dates. George Washington,
1 Oct 1856, (died in 20 days). Joseph
Kiser, 6 Nov 1858, m. Missouri Noble.
Leah, 11 Dec 1861, m. William Carpenter.
?? Rachel, 11 Dec 1861, m. James Stanley
Gandee. Samuel Richard, 18 Oct 1863, m.
Sophronia Hughes. Thomas Jackson, 2
Feb 1866, m. Sally Greathouse, Martha
Jane, 9 Feb 1870, (lived 4 mos.). Mary
Elizabeth, 9 Feb 1870, m. James McGraw.
Nathaniel T. Lee, 8 Jan 1873 m. Cornelia
Greenleaf.

Mildred Kiser Fields

Family tradition is that Thomas Talbert
Fields fought for the Confederacy during the
Civil War. It is thought that he returned
to Russell County, his place of birth, to
enlist in a local regiment. No precise record
has been found for this Civil War service.
At least one brother (William B. Fields)
fought for the Confederacy.

In 1879 Thomas Talbert Fields was ap­
pointed Deputy Sheriff of Roane County
by A. Cain, Sheriff, with the assent of the
count. E. S. Parsons and William Fields
appeared in open court and took the
several oaths prescribed by law.

In 1881. Thomas Talbert Fields sold his
farm(s) in Roane County including the
farm on which he lived and left his family.
As she agreed to the sales, there was likely
some agreement of separation. He
appears in the Minnesota state census of
1885 in Wadena County. The census indi­
cates another “wife” (Elizabeth Roberts)
and three children, two of which he appar­
ently fathered. William Bowers Fields and
George Washington Fields Jr., brothers of
Thomas Talbert Fields, were born in
Wadena County, Minnesota. George Jr.
took out a homestead patent in Minnesota
and received his title in 1889. It is noted
that these two brothers married Kisers.
These Kiser girls were sisters and were
probably cousins to Mathilda (aban­
donned wife of Thomas Talbert Fields).
Samuel Richard Fields, a son of Thomas
Talbert went to Minnesota in 1885 to see
his father but soon returned to Roane
County. Sometime after Thomas Talbert
Fields died of pneumonia in 1886 in Wade­
a County his two brothers and their fami­
ilies returned to the West Virginia area.
At least two children born to George Jr
were born in Wadena County (one girl was
named Hannah). The farm on which he
lived is buried in the Wadena cemetery. Matilda
Kiser Fields is buried in the Kiser cemetery
in Jackson County near the end of Vicars
Ridge.

Joseph Kiser Fields married Missouri
Noble in Roane County in 1883 and moved
to Oregon after 1891. We are in contact
with some of their descendants.

Samuel Richard Fields, a son of Thomas
Talbert, is my grandfather. After returning
home from his visit to Minnesota in August
1885 at age 22, he worked as a hired hand for John
William Suggs. Samuel’s mother Matilda had
settled near the Hughes farm. This Hughes
farm is on the waters of Upper Flat Fork
about three miles from Harmony. He mar­
rried Sophia, the daughter of John Wilson Hughes in
1888. They lived for a short time at Coun­
tsville but then sold and “Fronie” purchased
land, built a house and settled on Higly
Creek which is a branch of Flat Fork. As they
farmed they purchased other farms and
farms and land. The old homestead at Higly
still stands (barely). All but the two
older of their children were born at this
house on Higly. The two older children
were born but not near the Hughes place at
Countryside. In year 1952 in the forty­
fourth year of marriage they moved from
the Higly farm to a farm in Gandevelle.
John Kiser of Gandevelle and others were
hired to build a new house to replace the
old house on this farm. Samuel died in

The children of Samuel Richard Fields and
Sophronia Hughes were: Winnie Moy, born
1889, m. William P. Counts, Myrtle, born
1890, m. Ferris Kee, Albert, born 1891, m.
Ula Harper, Walter, born 1894, m. Grace
Hutton, Wilmer, born 1894, m. Geneva
Ray, Donley M., born 1896, m. Essie Mays,
Owen Denver, born 1900, m. Elsie Davis,
Earl William, born 1903, m. Doris Davis.

The generation saw a move from the
farm toward towns and cities especially at
the end of World War 1. Only Albert,
Walter, and Walter took up farming as an
occupation and Wilmer left farming during
World War II.

There were approximately thirty grand­
children of Samuel Richard and Sophronia
Fields. These grandchildren and their de­
sendants have spread over much of the
United States. Both the Hughes place at
George Adam Flesher

One of the earliest settlers of the "Three Forks of Reedy" was George Adam Flesher. Before 1815, he moved from the Middle Forks of Reedy, WV. He was born November 24, 1800 in the Maga-
la Valley, son of Adam Flesher of "Indian Warfare" fame and Elizabeth Staat Flesher. Grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Flesher, the early pioneer settlers on whose farm the town of Weston was established in 1816.

In Harrison County, January 9, 1815, George Adam Flesher married Sally Connally, born June 12, 1798 in Lewis Co., daughter of Gen. George Cole and Sally Morris Connally.

Their first two children were born at Weston, where they had made their home for the first 9 years of their marriage. By 1828, they had moved to Reedy country, where they farmed. In December, 1829, they built a large log house on the hill overlooking the Methodist Church. They are buried in the Reedy Cemetery on November 13, 1879 in Wiseburg, WV. Sarah M., born July 5, 1826 in Lewis Co., died in 1855. William F., born May 15, 1827, died in 1860. Elizabeth, born ca 1822 married Elias Fisher. He died April 24, 1858, or less, of the fever which swept the area. William Kelly, born May 28, 1824 in Frog Creek, WV. He was of French Huguenot descent. He was a son of Adam Flesher and Margaret Butcher Flesher.

The great-grandchildren of Autumn and Walter Davis. We are the grandchildren of Icie Davis and the daughter and son of Barbara Jean (Davis) and Danny Harper of Reedy.

We regret that we never knew our relatives that we have spoken about, because they died before we were born. We want to thank our grandmother (Icie Davis) for relating this information and memories to us. Submitted by: Shelly Rae Harper

Larry and Peggy Flesher Stricklin

Raised 11 children. Sarah died in 1907. George died in 1904 and are both buried in Beech Grove Cemetery at Billings, W. Va. Dempsey, born February 30, 1828 in Reedy district, married Eleanor Murray, October 21, 1850. Born July 22, 1829, Eleanor was a daughter of John Murray. Making their home on "Three Forks of Reedy" Dempsey and Eleanor raised 9 children. They are buried in the Reedy Cemetery on the Hill overlooking the Methodist Church.

John Flesher, great grandfather of the writer, was born May 15, 1829 in Brush Creek, Reedy district. On May 15, 1895 he and Margaret Butcher, were married in Lewis Co. She was born January 1, 1839 in the Reedy district to Joseph and Eunice Fisher Butler. John, besides farming was in the sawmill and lumber business. By the early eighties, Margaret and Clarke's Battalion sharpshooters conferred volunteers. He died January 6, 1876, and is buried in Beech Grove Cemetery. Billings, W. Va. He and Margaret raised five children. Andrew Lewis, born May 25, 1860, married Henrietta Sommerville November 13, 1879 in Wiseburg, WV. She was a daughter of Jackson and Sarah Otto of Sommerville of Jackson Co., W. Va. Andrew and Henrietta were the parents of 7 children, four of which were born in Roane County, W. Va. Rufus Clark, born March 23, 1862, married Anna Ruth Flesher, born November 20, 1864 in Ray Co. Mo. Anna Ruth was a daughter of Duke Simpson Flesher and America Jane Best Flesher. Their family consisted of 3 sons and two daughters. Two born in Missouri, three born in Kansas. Edida Lucinda, born August 25, 1855, married Robert Andrew McCutcheon, also from Reedy, on January 1, 1882. They remained on the old homestead where they were born 10 children. Eddia Lu died of Typhoid fever on November 20, 1902, and is buried in Boggs Cemetery. James Har-aus, born July 4, 1868, married Sarah Ellen Robinson on July 13, 1890 in Bates Co. Missouri. She was a daughter of James Allen and Tabitha Johnson Robinson. Of Butler, Mo. Mazella Belle, born November 5, 1870, was born to Levi Murphy in Clay Co. Missouri on November 5, 1885. Levi was a son of Peter Levi and Lucretia Ann Rollins Murphy of Reedy, Va. After John's death, his sons continued to run the sawmill, lumber business, and farm the land for another few years. But business, politics, and Margaret, her two sons, and daughter Mazella Belle had decided they would move West. They moved by steamboat to Sullivan Co., Mo. Andrew and his family joined them in late 1886. Because of the cold winters and the loss of two of their brothers, Andrew decided to continue migrating South, where they settled in Rock Island, Texas to live the rest of their lives. Margaret Butler Flesher and her son, Jim settled on a farm in Adir.

Descendants of W. R. Flesher

Autumn grew up in Reedy. Her family moved to Middletown when she was 16. Autumn attended Sumner Normal at Reedy. This was like high school to us. Her family lived where Harry Sommerville lives today, although the old house burned in 1938.

Autumn M. Flesher (1900-1961) married Walter Glen Davis (son of Isaac Davis of Middlefork) on 6-21-1919. They were both 19 years old.

All Autumn's nieces and nephews called her "Aunt Aumie". She always had cakes and pies baked for anyone that happened to come to visit. Autumn and Walter attended Green Valley Church, this church sat upon the hill right beside of their house.

Autumn and Walter had 2 children: Icie Davis - 1925 and Freda (Davis) Miller - 1920. They had 5 grandchildren (Jeanie Harper, Linda Allen, Brenda Church, Ronnie and Doug Miller) and 4 great-grandchildren (Deanna Church, Melissa Allen, Shelly and Bart Harper).

I, Shelly, and my brother Bart are two of the Flesher.

Fleshers nationality is Holland and Dutch.

Dempsey (1834-1896) married Mary Ann Farmer on 12-2-1856. They had 10 children, which were: Tom, Andy, (twins, Granville and John), Elizabeth, Charles, Dempsey P., William R., Fannie, and Addie. William R. Flesher (1879-1938) married Mae Law (daughter of William and Sarah Law of Reedy) on 12-24-1888. Their children were: Autumn - 1900 (My Great-Grandmother); Wise - 1905; William - 1905; Andrew - 1907; Pete - 1910; Mary - 1913; Edna - 1915; Herald - 1921; and Mandell - 1926.

Countsville and the Fields High farm in Harper district are still in family ownership but they are no longer utilized as the sole source of income as some 100 years ago. Submitted by: J. W. Fields

FLESHERS

Shelly and Bart Harper). Children (Deanna Church, Melissa Allen, Brenda Church, Ronnie and Doug Miller) and 4 great-grandchildren (Deanna Church, Melissa Allen, Shelly and Bart Harper).
George Adam Flesher (1798-1878) and his wife Sallie Connelly whom he married about 1820 were the first of this name in Roane County. He was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Staats Flesher and grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Flesher. These earlier Fleshores had settled in the Monongahela Valley. In present day Weston there is a plaque commemorating Henry as a Revolutionary War veteran who was its first settler.

George Adam and Sallie also lived in Weston for a few years. However, in 1830 they came to Reedy in Roane County and acquired a large tract of unbroken land near the Three Forks. They were the parents of William Kelly, Dempsey, John, Malinda, Altha, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary.

Dempsey went to Weston and learned the trade of saddler. He came back to Reedy and married Eleanor C. Murray, daughter of John Murray. Dempsey and Eleanor made their home on part of the family tract. To them were born: Virginia, Ida, Florence, George, John Columbus, Sarah, Sallie, Martha and Thomas.

John Columbus "Lum" married Roxalana Lowe, daughter of Samuel Henry Lowe and Catherine Meadows who lived on Rush Creek near the Pocatola River. Lum and Roxie made their home on a portion of the ancestral lands near Reedy. Their children were: Guy, Natalie, Everett and Okey.

Everett married Grace Huffman, daughter of Absalom and Alza Campbell Huffman of Grantsville and Creston. Their children were: Thelma Jean, Cecil, Gillena, John, Glenn Max, and Mary. Everett and Grace divided their time between their home and jobs in Wood County and the farm home near Reedy.


The name "Flesher" is a German name and is probably occupational in origin and means "one who butchers." The Fleshores have worked as farmers, carpenters, teachers, butchers, mechanics, special workers, and construction workers.

According to census records there are probably less than 2500 people in the United States today carrying the Flesher name. Submitted by Glenn Max and Geneva Flesher

**FLESHMAN**

Beginning in the year 1783, David T. Fleshman and his father were the first of his name in Roane County to introduce and breed improved strains of livestock. A partially improved farm of 400 acres on McKewn Creek was conveyed to David T. Fleshman by deed from Abel F. Sinnett. More than 200 acres were in blue grass fields within ten years and stocked with the best imported breeds of horses, sheep and cattle. The Fleshman stallion and the Fleshman bulls were the talk of Roane County. Later, the farm became an oil field and O. Mac and James M. operated a grist mill and performed many services. One of David T.'s sons, Samuel Austin, followed him as a stock man, buying the entire surface from his brothers and one sister.

David T. Fleshman was born in Greenbrier County, (then Virginia), Jan. 27, 1829, son of John and Catherine (Tuckwiller) Fleshman and settled in Roane County, 1872. He married Sarah S., daughter of James and Phoebe (Gardner) Daughter Sept. 28, 1864. They made their home first in Greenbrier County where four of their five children were born. David T. was a school trustee in Greenbrier County for 8 years and 10 years in Roane County. Sarah S. was born June 27, 1837. Their children: Charles W., born June 21, 1858; Elizabeth J., Jan. 14, 1861; James M., Aug. 3, 1863; Henry Howard, May 15, 1866; Samuel Austin, Aug. 27, 1878. Charles W. was a popular school teacher in Roane Co. with special training as a penman. He organized and taught classes in penmanship. Elizabeth J. married O. Mac Chambers. Feb. 8, 1880; James M. married Florence Childress. Henry Howard married Lulu Jones. Samuel A. married Maggie Virginia Cromwell. O. Mac and James M. operated a grist mill in Hunting for several years before moving to Huntington and Clendenen, W. Va. Henry Howard managed Turnbull Farms. Samuel Austin replaced the old farm home with a brick home in 1916, where his family was reared and where he and Maggie lived until their deaths in 1956 and 1965. Gay, a graduate of West Virginia University and Harvard University managed the farm until he became ill in 1969 when his sister Lone and Robert were managers. Gay was a graduate of Greenbrier College and West Virginia University. Robert was a graduate of Greenbrier Military School, West Virginia University and Pittsburg Dental School. They have one daughter, Carolyn Fluharty who is married to Dr. Thomas H. Green, a dentist and they are parents of three children: John, Ruby and Tommy. Submitted by Lone Fleshman Frame

**FLUHARTY-HAUGHT**

Noah Lafayette Fluharty (Pete) was born in 1878 in Wetzel County, West Virginia, a son of Noah and Lucretia (Stackpole) Fluharty. Maternal grandparents were Richard M. Jr. and Eleanor (Thompson) Stackpole and paternal grandparents were William and Margaret (West) Cunningham Fluharty.

Mrs. Fluharty was well known in the Spence area as a school teacher and club worker. She died February 22, 1891 and is buried in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Mancer and Carolyn Fluharty were married July 21, 1967 at the Hays Fork A.C. Church at Linden, WV. Mancer and Carolyn were born in Roane County and have lived here all their lives. They were educated in Roane County schools.

Mancer is a veteran, serving 4 years in the United States Air Force. He is a former employee of Kellwood Company Spencer and presently employed at Hays and Company. Carolyn has been employed at the First National Bank, full-time and part-time for the past 25 years.

They are the parents of 2 daughters, Tanya Jo born Oct. 11, 1972, and Tara Lea born Sep. 28, 1976. Tanya is presently a senior at Spencer High School and is a member of the Spencer High School Band and Spencer High School Show Choir. She is also a private piano student of Mr. Gerald M. Snyder. Tara is presently in the 8th grade at Spencer Junior High School.

Mancer, Carolyn, and daughters attend the Spencer Church of the Nazarene and the Hays Fork A.C. Church at Linden.

Carolyn is the daughter of G.H. Sr. and Chlorus Hensley of Linden. Carolyn's father Chlorus has always been a homemaker. Her Parents are the late Cullie and Rosa Wilmuth Hensley of Looneyville, WV.

Carolyn's mother Chlorus, has always been a homemaker. Her Parents are the late Bailey and Josephine Wright Young of Linden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hensley are now residing at Linden on a farm and enjoying retirement. They are members of Hays Fork A.C. Church.

Carolyn also has one brother, Guy Jr. He is residing in Beckley, WV with his family wife Sherry and their children Vickie Lynn age 10 and Justin Michael age 9 months.

Mancer is the son of the late Richard and Ruby Greathouse Fluharty of Spencer. Mancer's father Richard is retired from the State of WV. Mrs. Fluharty had always been a homemaker. Mancer also has one sister, Audrey Sellers, residing in Vienna, WV.

Mancer, Carolyn, and daughters are now residing at 621 Oak Drive Addition, Spencer.
Noah L. Fluharty was married Aug 13, 1899 in Doddridge County, W Va. to Dora Jane Haught. Dora Jane was born March 15, 1880 in Doddridge County to Eli and Prudence Ann (Beverlin) Haught. Maternal grandparents were John W. and Mary (Carroll) Beverlin and paternal grandparents were John A. and Rachel (Yount) Haught.

Noah L. and Dora Jane Fluharty had 6 children: Prudy L. was born Sept 26, 1901 in Harrison County and was married July 28, 1917 in Spencer to Vitalis Parsons (1892-1959). Prudy L. died Jan 5, 1926 in Spencer; Milo was born April 3, 1903 in Harrison County and died Nov 7, 1912 in Spencer; Leora and Izora (Twins) were born Dec 10, 1905 in Harrison County. Leora was married March 19, 1921 in Spencer to Loyd Parsons (1891-1965). Leora died April 26, 1936 in Spencer; Izora was married Jan 22, 1922 in Spencer to William Ray McDonald (1900-1956). Izora died Jan 17, 1976 in Canton. Ohio. Hollis W. was born Oct 16, 1909 in Spencer and was married Aug 2, 1930 in Roane County to Dorothy Mae Palmer (1909-1963). Hollis died Dec 18, 1983 in Summit County, Ohio; and Wallace was born Nov 18, 1915 in Spencer and died Aug 27, 1927 in Spencer.

Izora and Leora Fluharty (twins)

Noah L. Fluharty repaired watches and clocks and had interest in gas and oil wells. Noah L. and Dora Jane lived on Elm Street in Alvord and he died June 25, 1940 and after his death, Dora Jane lived on Fifth Street in Alvord with her daughter, Izora McDonald. Dora Jane died Sept 30, 1949 in Spencer.

Noah L. and Dora Jane Fluharty are buried in Spencer Memorial Cemetery in Spencer, W Va. Submitted by: Jack Parsons

AUDRA LEARY FORE

Audra Lee Leary was born on Jan. 16, 1914 in Roane County, the daughter of John B. and Claudia (Boggs) Leary. Her father's ancestors had toiled on the farm lands where she was raised; her mother's grandparents were John A. and Rachel (Yount) Haught.

To this marriage eight children were born. Their first child, Mycel Irene, was born Dec 2nd, 1933, at Audra's childhood home, the Leary Place. It was here that Mycel died two days later and a tiny coffin was laid to rest amidst ancestors in the Roach Cemetery. Another daughter, Mary Belle, was born Jan 16, 1944, and died Nov 27, 1953, at Spencer; she also was buried at the Roach Cemetery.

Audra and Foster's other children were: Betty Jaelcuille 'Jackie' Fore, who was born on Jan 9, 1936. She was married on June 20, 1952, to John Somerville. They were the parents of four children: John, Jerry, Jenny, and Jennifer. Jackie and John were divorced and she remarried in 1963 to Paul Holcomb of the M.E. Church. Funeral services were conducted at his residence by the Rev. Claude H. Beresford with burial in the Roach burying ground.

To this union the following children are known: James Fore listed as age 22 years in 1880; William F. Fore age 18 years in 1880; Ida S. Fore, age 16 years in 1880, marrying April 15, 1883, age 21 in Roane County to Peter Hall; Ida listed as age 12 years in 1880. She moved to her present home in 1984 and lived on Middlefork near Reedy.

Noah L. Fluharty was married Sept 25, 1884, in Roane County to Martha M. Wright (1879-1917), whom he married about 1892.

George W. FORE

George W. Fore was born April 4, 1826, in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and died April 11, 1909, in Roane County. His obituary states "Easter Sunday, 1909, marks the departure to the spirit world of George W. Fore of Reedy." He was listed as being one of the old field schoolmasters, an auctioneer, a showman (of a traveling show), a local preacher, and class leader of the M.E. Church. Funeral services were conducted at his residence by the Rev. Claude H. Beresford.

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F. P. FOX

Franklin Pierce Fox was born in Monongahela County, then Virginia, June 27, 1854. He was married in Preston County February 26, 1877 to Regina M. Sapp, daughter of Samuel G. and Martha (Divitt) Sapp. Her parents were living in Washington county, PA at the time of her birth, September 4, 1861. Two daughters were born in Monongahela County. Clara Melissa b. 1878 d. 1965 and Bertha Dell b. 1879 d. 1961. They moved to Roane County and settled on a farm in what is now known as Grace community. Born there were two daughters, Addie Myrtle b. 1881 d. 1950 and Grace Truman b. 1889 d. 1965. Two sons. Samuel Martin b. 1884 d. 1974 and Carter Fillmore b. 1887 d. 1961.

Pierce was a school teacher. Among those attending his classes were his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also a farmer, Squire, Notary Public and clerk for the Gilboa Baptist Church for many years. He had an exceptionally good memory and furnished information for Bishop's History of Roane County.

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Emma Catharine (Kyer) Fox, the wife of our highly esteemed friend Russell Fox, on Friday April 21, 1893, yielded back to God omnipotent, the breath of life. He had permitted her to enjoy for the short space of 21 years 4 months and 25 days only.

This beloved woman was married to her husband on the 9th day of November 1880, and leaves six children, 2 boys and 4 girls, without the maternal shield of motherly affection. She had that magnetic power of being happy and rendering others happy under all circumstances, such as Milton calls: "Heaven's last best gift to man." Disease had undermined the foundations of her life some two years ago but none thought the end so near. She was suddenly summoned to step into the unknown, by the arch liver of our race, whose call is imperative. The aged father, the strong husband, the loving children and many friends indeed and truly wept, that one so modest, so patient, so kind and good, should be a life so brief.

Sad indeed the spectacle to witness the children paying the tribute of affection to the poor dumb cold life of Mamma and calling the name of "Ma," she was so wont to answer, to that cold and silent form. But the cord of mother love had been loosened and those ears could not hear nor those lips answer those she loved.

"Hast thou counted the sands that unroll the yonder sea? Hast thou counted the sands that underlie it? Hast thou measured the heights of heaven above? Then mayest thou mite out a mother's love?"

Everywhere there are homes in which the death angel has recently entered, holding in his brace a devoted parent, a dear companion, and leaving agonized hearts to bleed and mourn. over the desolation and darkness which the unexpected messenger has caused. So it is with the fond father, kind husband, and the lonely children in this affliction. But Christianity has entered this affliction. But Christianity has entered the heart of the family and left the old parents amidst the fond memories of childhood and the old father with a heart which is not yet wholly void of love, but is filled with the assurance that death is but the dust to dust and the transitory to transitory.
planted the tree of Hope, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

After prayer at the home the procession slowly bore to the cemetery on the hill, the lifeless form of the dear mother and wife, who added one to the dusty millions who in solitude shall sleep the years away.

"So fades a Summer cloud away.

So sinks the gale when storms are o'er.

So gently shuts the eye of day;

So slowly bear to the cemetery on the hill, the fitful fever of life, the husband and father, the faithful husband, the willowy wife, the tender father, the warmest hearth, the tender wife, the parent, the mother, the daughter, the sister, the brother, the child, the grandchild, the grandmother, the aunt, the uncle, the cousin, the grandchild, the great-grandfather, the great-grandmother.

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Wells Alvin Fox was born January 8, 1882 in Roane County, W.V. and died November 27, 1952 at Laird Memorial Hospital, Kanawha County. He was the son of Isaac Russell Fox (1843-1914) and Sarah Emma Catherine Kyer Fox (1862-1893).

On September 12, 1903 at the W. A. Hotchkiss residence in Roane County, he was married to Aura Lee Holtz. Born February 17, 1894 and died August 31, 1947. They are buried at Montgomery Memorial Park, London, W.V.

Aura Lee Holtz Fox

Wells' mother died at age 41 leaving six children. At age 11 he was the oldest, and his sister Bertha, 14 months old, was the youngest. Wells' father taught him blacksmithing at his shop in Roane County. Following Wells' and Aura's marriage they made their home together with Isaac Russell and his other children. Wells had deep affection for his oldest sister Gladys who assisted greatly in keeping the family together.

Wells and Aura's first three children died as infants. They adopted a young motherless child and named him Harry Gordon (December 10, 1910 - October 17, 1973). He married Louise Bums of Kanawha County, and had two children, Kathryn, and Jerome.

Around 1911 Wells, Aura, Gordon, and Isaac Russell Fox moved to Blakley, Kanawha County, where Wells worked at a sawmill camp. The family later moved to Mammuth, a coal mining town where Wells worked in the Mammoth machine shop. He became an expert locomotive and mining machinery mechanic. He was highly regarded by the company.

Working conditions in the mines led to frequent labor problems with the miners. Resultant strikes led to loss of income for all workers. Frequent mine accidents and economic hardships were a part of the life of the people. Wells retired in 1948. In Kanawha County Wells and Aura were blessed with four daughters and a son.

Gladys was born January 5, 1922. She married Samuel Rutledge and divorced. She then married Ralph Lovelock who died September 26, 1985. Their children are David and Christopher.

Russell married Mary Helen Babcock who died September 29, 1981. Their children are William R. Charles Alvin, John Gordon, Patrick Girard, and Lee Joseph. Russell lives in Colwich, Kansas. His family constitutes the only living descendants of Isaac Russell Fox bearing the Fox name.

Copies of a more detailed manuscript of the Isaac R. Fox and Sarah Emma Catherine Kyer genealogy are available at the Roane County Library and the West Virginia University Genealogical section at Morgantown. Submitted by Helen Fox Swafford

GAMPONIA

Herminio and Phoebe Gamponia came to Roan County in answer to an advertisement in the paper for a surgeon needed to start Roane General Hospital in November 1969.

Wells Alvin Fox

Phoebe and Herminio Gamponia

The family moved to Spencer on June 27, 1970, and lived at 413 Green Acres Circle.

There are six children: Jessica, Melissa, Edgar, Deborah, Julie, and Vanessa; the last born on January 26, 1971, at the new
the granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan and Lydia Stump Smith, and the sister of Rev. J. Herby Smith, all Baptist ministers of the area. According to Bishop’s History of Roane County Rev. Jonathan was looked to as the leader of that church in Roane County for many years, serving the congregations of the Town of Spencer as pastor numerous times and for long periods. He was also County Surveyor and Superintendant of Schools from 1864 to 1866.

The children of Albert Abram and Maggie Smith Gandee were: Nelson Carl b. 9/8/01 d. 9/2/58 married Alma Triplett. Elva Mae b. 9/7/03 d. 2/1/58 married Albert Davis. James Walter b. 7/11/06 d. 5/8/68 married Jeanie Elswick. Elsa Price b. 1/22/09 d. 1/25/59, Luther Robertson b. 5/5/10 d. 1/30/22, Thelma Catherine b. 3/5/15 married Holly Myers. Maggie Lorene b. 1/2/16 married Claude Cobb, Kitty Kathleen b. 9/3/15 married James Lawton Breedlove.

Albert and Maggie spent their early years in Clay, where he was Section Foreman for the railroad. later moving to Cledenin, where he worked in the coal mines. In 1922, they bought a farm on the West Union Ridge near Cledenin, in Kanawha County. They lived there until their deaths in 1969 - she on May 27 and he on June 8. They are buried in Barren Creek Cemetery. They have three children still living - Thelma Catherine Myers of Amma, Roane County, Maggie Lorene Cobb of Marengo, Indiana, and Kitty Kathleen Breedlove of Cledenin, Kanawha County.

On 12/20/47, Kitty Kathleen married James Lawton Bredlove b. 2/25/17 d. 10/20/64. They had two children - Juanita Sharon b. 2/18/50 and James Layton b. 12/25/51. Kitty still lives at the home place, where they moved when she was only three years old.

Juanita Sharon married Samuel Madison Shafter on 9/5/83. They live in Walton, Roane County.

James Layton married Lila Rae Cunningham b. 6/10/24. They live on the home place. He has two children from previous marriage - Regina Renice b. 7/24/73 and James Lloyd b. 4/9/77, and a stepson G. W. Cunningham, b. 9/10/90. Submitted by: Sharon Shafter and Kathleen Bredlove

LEVI GANDEE

Levi Gandee, son of Uriah Gandee, was born about 1794 and lived at Ravenswood, now West Virginia, near Buffington’s Island. Levi married Cynthia Badebee in 1814. They had five daughters, Rachel, 1836, Mary 1840, Emaline, 1842, Ann 1844 and Virginia, born in 1849. Their sons were: Levi, Jr., 1834, William 1838, and David, born 1846 and died in 1901. One of their sons, David Smith, known as “River Dave” Gandee, married Leah Whited (1854-1892) daughter of Frank (1825-1900) and Jane Lyon Whited (1826) of Flinttown, all of whom were charter members of the Mt. Hermon church at Red Knob and are buried there.

David was a school teacher. He acquired a large farm on Jones Ridge at Red Knob. He was elected Assessor of Roane county and was a well-known speaker and debater. Their children - (1872-1939), Elfie (1876-1929), Iola (1876-1956), and Joanna, (1881-1957). Sons were: Leonard (1874-1963), Alonzo (1879-1950), Levi (1883-1918), Jesse, (1885-1977). Clarence (1887-1971) and Albert and Alford (twins) (1889-1990).

REV. JESSE MILFORD GANDEE

Rev. Jesse Milton Gandee (1885-1977) was born at Red Knob and served in the Army from 1907 to 1919 as a Corporal in the infantry. He married Delia Powers (1890-1971) at Red Knob, in 1910. She was a daughter of Floyd and Bell (Hite) Powers. He was ordained in 1930 and founded the Gandee Chapel Church in 1947. They were both buried in the cemetery near the church.

They owned two farms on Nancy’s Run. He was retired from the Monarch Rubber Company at Spencer. They had five children: 1. Irene, (1918-1996) who married Lowery, both of whom later moved to Uniontown, Ohio. They have 5 children, 2. Delores (1929) married Franklin Starcher of Spencer and they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. They have 5 children, 3. Coy was born in 1912, is a disabled veteran now in a Veterans Home in Huntington, W.Va. 4. Roy was born in 1916, and married Leona Allen of Gandeeville, W.Va. She was a daughter of Enoch and Elia (Metc) Allen. He was retired from the West Virginia Department of Highways and has a farm on Miller Run and Nancy’s Run. 5. Bernie married Charles Statts of Spencer and they have 4 children. They presently own and operate the Staats Drug Store. 6. Denver Gandee was born October 13, 1923. He married Emma Harris, Dec. 1, 1945 daughter of Willia and Rosa Harris. They have one son, Denver Gandee, Jr. born in 1952.

DENVER GANDEE

Denver Gandee was born October 13, 1923, a son of Jesse Milton and Emma (Hite) Gandee of Spencer. Denver married Emma Harris in 1945, a daughter of William P. and Rosie McCaill Harris. William’s parents were Lafayette and Dove (Phillips) Harris, and his grandparents were Barton and Jane (Jackson) Harris. His wife came to Roane County in 1865 from Barbour County.

Rosie’s parents were Joseph Henry and Euna (Nester) McCaill and her grandparents were S. P. and Jane McCaill who came from England, all settling on Buck Ridge Road, Reedyville. All are buried at Peniel, W.Va.

Denver enlisted in the U.S. Army and during World War II distinguished himself, taking part in five campaigns in the E.T.O., and was wounded and taken prisoner at the Bridge at Remagen in Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Belgian Croix de Guerre.

He has been active in 4-H work in the P.F.A., the American Legion and Farm Bu-
Jane (Hutchison) Hamrick and James and had great-grandparents who fought in the Revolutionary War, 1776-1777, with the Pennsylvania Continentals. It is believed that after this period they moved to Randolph County where he became involved in a Tory uprising, was 'forgiven', became sheriff for two terms and in 1798 moved to Mason County, possibly the Uriah Gandee who operated a floating grist mill on the Ohio River. At the age of 18 he married Cynthia (Coon) Hinseman and probably lived near Ravenswood. His wife, Charity (Coon) Hinseman and probably lived with her. Submitted by: Denver Gandee and Denver Gandee, Jr.

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John Envin Gandee was born 25 Jan 1857, at Harmony, Roane Co., VA.(WV) to Samuel and Mercy (Raines) Gandee. He was the grandson of Uriah, Jr., and Mercy (Hughes) Gandee and John M. and Mary (Hinseman) Raines. He died March 2, 1929 at almost 96 years. She was a dear and special person and is missed by all who knew and loved her. Submitted by: Joyce Price Looney

GANDEE

Nestled among the hills of Gandeefville, on PID Round Mill, is a large two story house. This was the home of the Gandees, for which Gandeefville got its name. Uriah Gandee, who was the pioneer settler of Gandeefville, was born Sept. 2, 1782. He married Massie Hughes, daughter of Jesse Hughes the famous Indian Scout. Jesse Hughes died in 1750, his first wife was Mary Leforce. They had seven children. Two died as infants, Jakie and Flosie. Starting with the eldest Doyle, Dewey, Mayford, Jerry Othel, Blandis died Jan. 9, 1981 at almost 96 years. She was a dear and special person and is missed by all who knew and loved her. Submitted by: Joyce Price Looney

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Uriah Gandee founded Gandeefville in 1824. Uriah and Massie were the parents of at least twelve children.

David Lorenza (Dow) Gandee was born May 16, 1863 and died August 14, 1937 at Zona, Roane County. David was a great grandson of Uriah Gandee. Dow Gandee, as he was known, was a farmer. He married Mahala Starcher on August 25, 1895. She was the daughter of Isaac and Martha Bartlett. David and Mahala were the parents of seven children. Two died as infants, Jakie and Flosie. Starting with the eldest Doyle, Dewey, Mayford, Jerry Othel and Myrtle.

Jerry Othel Gandee was born June 26, 1906 at Zona. He married Faye Atkins (1907-1931) of Hamlin, Lincoln Co. They had one son, Jerry Othel Jr., who was born May 2, 1929 and died Dec. 31, 1933. After Faye's death Jerry married on April 16, 1932 to Muriel Kee McIver. A young widow with a small son. John Frank McKee, Jr. She was the daughter of Alfred Newton (Bub) and Eletra (Robinson) Kee of the Countsville and Gandeefville areas. Jerry and Muriel were the parents of two children. Submitted by: Joyce Price Looney and Denver Gandee and Denver Gandee, Jr.

Gandeefville

John and Mary Ellen lived on a farm on Big Run' near Harmony and raised eight children. They were: (1) Bertha, born 28 Apr 1893, died 16 Jul 1954, married George Jones 25 Dec 1913. Their children were: Roxie, Violet, Mabel, Mae and Orville. (2) Clara, born 10 Sep 1894, died 2 Apr 1952, married L. A. Ben' Coon 10 Aug 1910. They had a daughter, Virgie. (3) Charles Peyton, born 9 Jun 1896, died 27 Feb 1959, never married. (4) Martha Ellen, born 5 Mar 1898, died 23 Jan 1957, married first, Herman Taylor, 22 Jan 1917, second, Charles W. Hill. They had no children. (5) Esta, born 29 Jul 1909, now living in Ravenswood, Jackson Co., married Hoyt Jones on 24 Sep 1916. Roane Co. Their children are: Grace, Carl Edward and Gertrude. (6) Gilbert Newton, born 6 Mar 1901, died 25 Aug 1956, married Anna Lena Marple, 22 Sep 1928, in Spencer's last public wedding. Anna Lena was the daughter of Moletus and Edith (Bartlett) Marple, the granddaughter of Theodore Lang and Dora (Greathouse) Bartlett and Salutius E. and Anna E. (Armstrong) Marple. Gilbert Newton and Anna Lena's children were: Gilbert Newton, Jr., Anna Fay and John Edward. (7) Stella, born 8 Feb 1903, died 30 Dec 1945, married Nathan Frank Taylor 29 Jul 1921. Roane Co. Their children are: Clarence Edward, Garland, Carl Leslie and Dorothy Lea. Carl married second, William Clarence Drennen who died 1944, and when she died after childbirth, the baby, Judith Ellen, was raised by Gilbert and Lena. Submitted by: Anna Herbertson

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Gundee Family

letters, Kathryn Joyce and Alyce Muriel.

Jerry worked for Eureka Pipe Line Co. out of Parkersburg. He worked in the pipe crew, walked pipeline, and retired as an operating engineer. Jerry and Muriel lived in Hamlin, Lincoln Co., Cairo, Ritchie Co., and in 1956 moved to Walton, Roane Co.

In the fall of 1956 they built a home close to the Caldwell Pump Station, five or six miles down Poca River from Walton.

Their children: John Frank, Kathryn and Alyce attended the Hedgeapple or Osage Grade School. All three are graduates of Walton High School.

Jerry, Muriel and family attended the Mount Moriah Church.

After their children were gone from home, Jerry and Muriel moved to Sissonsville and later to Elkview. Jerry died on March 2, 1980. Muriel still resides at Elkview.

NOTE: this is only a small part of the Gundee Family history... Submitted by John Frank Riches

VINEYARD

Peter C. Vineyard

The Corder obituary also said of one of the Vineyard's sons: "Peter C. is the eldest active school teacher in Roane County, having taught for forty years — in 1878 he was elected Superintendent of Schools and served one term, two years."

Peter married Martha Mae Vineyard, the daughter of John and Sarah Shaver Vineyard. Martha died on April 28, 1899 at the age of 39. The children of Peter and Martha Vineyard were: 1. Carl (8-25-1887 to 11-9-1964) married Stella Smith (1-19-1893 to 11-21-1922). Stella died at the age of 29 and was buried in the Smith Cemetery near the High Rocks. Their son, Gerald D. (1-7-1920 to 1-10-1944), died in Luxembourg in World War II and was buried in the family plot in Granville, Michigan. Carl married Martha Jane McGraw (7-1897 to 4-30-1976) by a former marriage to Peter C. Elizabeths; three in Michigan and one in Indiana. Their names are: Elva Lee; Hazel; Juanita; and Mary. One daughter deceased, Ruby Maxine (1926-1934). 2. Losa Candace (8-25-1889 to 11-10-1979) married Loman Edgar (Ed) Garrett (See Garrett article for descendants.) 3. Lydia (5-20-1892 to 10-30-1966) was educated to the age of 78. Both are buried in the Vineyard Cemetery.

3. Lydia married: Mary Gayle (4-15-1928) married Mary Gayle (4-15-1928) and was buried in the Smith Cemetery near the High Rocks. Their son, Gerald D. (1-7-1920 to 1-10-1944), died in Luxembourg in World War II and was buried in the family plot in Granville, Michigan. Carl married Martha Jane McGraw (7-1897 to 4-30-1976) by a former marriage to Peter C. Elisabeths; three in Michigan and one in Indiana. Their names are: Elva Lee; Hazel; Juanita; and Mary. One daughter deceased, Ruby Maxine (1926-1934). 2. Losa Candace (8-25-1889 to 11-10-1979) married Loman Edgar (Ed) Garrett (See Garrett article for descendants.) 3. Lydia (5-20-1892 to 10-30-1966) was educated to the age of 78. Both are buried in the Vineyard Cemetery.

Alosa C. Vineyard, Peter C., Peter Wade, Martha Mae, Lydia and Ronie Earl Vineyard

1918 to 7-19-1655) married Pauline Simms; Opal Pearl (9-16-1920) married John E. A. Miegret; Hoy Maxwell (9-16-1922) married 1st to Lavis Looney, 2nd to Mattie Starcher; Ralph Weck (6-14-1924) unmarried; Ross Edison (4-5-1926) unmarried; Mary Gayle (4-15-1928) married Joseph Graves; Virgil Vernon (10-12-1929 to 2-27-1971) unmarried, Robert Lee (11-15-1931) married Phyllis Young (1941-1975); Franklin Earl (9-11-1933 to 4-4-1974) married Marlene O'Dell. Two of the sons, Ross and Ralph, remain on the farm today. Their father was killed in a farming accident at the age of 49; their mother died at the age of 78. Both are buried in the Vineyard Cemetery.

2. LOMAN GRANT GARRETT

Loman Grant Garrett was one of the early 20th Century owners of the tract of farmland, still owned by a Garrett in the 1980s, out the ridge road from Vineyard Gap in Roane County.

Loman Grant Garrett (May 12, 1856 to June 26, 1929) bought the land from his oldest child, Charles M. (1878 to 1964), in 1909. Charles M. had purchased the land from Brad Vineyard in 1905. In 1916, Loman Grant sold the land to his seventh child, Loman Edgar (1889 to 1977).

Loman Grant married Flora Lytle (August 23, 1854 to August 26, 1894) on June 6, 1876 in Harrison County, West Virginia. A successful farmer and stockman, Loman Grant was a well known citizen of Auburn and surrounding communities and a member of the Indian Fork Baptist Church. He owned a farm on Horn Creek in Gilmer County and had significant land holdings in Calhoun County.

Aidata Loman Grant Garrett

Loma Lorraine Garrett's sister, Leah, married another Garrett, Charles F. who was the son of Jesse and Catherine Swick Garrett. Near the turn of the century, Leah and Charles F. loaded a covered wagon and migrated to Kansas.

In February of 1929, Loman Grant was
yard was elected County Superintendent of Schools in 1878, perhaps also a first. Edu-

L. E. “Ed” Garrett

At the same time, Ed Garrett was known to his children and grandchildren as a quiet-spoken man of gentle demeanor, who was sentimental, compassionate, and loyal.

Like his own father, he was a farmer and stockman. Ed Garrett married Losa Can-
dade Vineyard (born August 25, 1889) on November 1, 1906. Losa, the daughter of Peter Clenton and Martha Mae Vineyard, was a descendant of two of the early sett-
ing families of Roane County, the Vineyards and the Looneys. Sarah (Sallie) Looney Vineyard was Losa’s paternal grandmother.

Losa’s father, Peter (1849 to 1935), a farmer and teacher, was a graduate of Fair-

L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett had eight children: 1. Garland E. (1-1-1910 to 10-14-

4. GARLAND EDWARD GARRETT

Garland Edward, the first child of L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett, was born January 1, 1910 at Vineyard Gap.

Garland taught several years at Vineyard Gap and Oak Hill Schools and his brothers and sisters were among his pupils. They recall him as a thoughtful disciplinarian who required a seriousness of purpose about assignments.

One recalls recess spent under the hillside schoolhouse with teacher/brother studying a reading lesson that had been neglected the previous evening. Another episode was reported gently to their mother at the evening dinner table for whispering in school to a level of distraction. Both improved.

5. JAMES HERBERT GARRETT

James Herbert Garrett, an educator in West Virginia and Maryland public schools for more than 47 years, was the second child of Loman Edgar (L. E.) and Losa Vineyard Garrett, born March 30, 1911 at Vineyard Gap.

Herbert attended elementary schools in the community, graduated from Clendenin High School in 1932, and taught his first class at the age of 16. He received his B.S. degree from Glenville State Teachers College and an M.A. degree from West Virginia University. His doctorate in education was from Johns Hopkins University in Balti-
more.

Herbert worked in the Roane County School system 27 years and was principal of Spencer Elementary School eight years.

In 1956, Herbert accepted a position with the Baltimore County School system where he served as principal in the system until his retirement in 1976. An elementary student wrote “Mr. Garrett” at his retire-
ment that he would never forget the way he could stop a student from running in the hallway without “ever raising his voice.” And then that smile, that extraordinary
smile, would cross Herbert Garrett’s face.

An avid gardener and antique collector, he and his wife, the former Colleen Maude Lowe, renovated a farmhouse with an orchard and garden tract in the Randallstown community of Rockdale in suburban Baltimore County. The home, with its rows of daffodils blooming in the fruit orchard (also noted for its cherry blossoms) in springtime, became a hospitable eastern base for a variety of family members throughout the years.

Two daughters were born to James Herbert and C. Maude Lowe Garrett, also a native of Roane County, and both earned master’s degrees and are high school teachers.

Nancy attended elementary school and high school in Spencer. She received a bachelor’s degree from Marshall University and a master’s in education from Ohio University. Nancy married Charles Eugene (Gene) Wood on June 30, 1957. Nancy and Gene live in Athens, Ohio, where Nancy teaches at Alexander High School and Gene, a accountant, is with the Internal Revenue Service.

Jane attended Spencer Elementary Schools through the third grade and later attended Baltimore County Schools, graduating from Milford Mill High School. She received a B.S. degree from Ohio University and an M.A. from Ohio State University. Jane married Don Stephen McAulliffe of Columbus, Ohio, in 1962. They live in Pickerington, Ohio, where Jane teaches at Pickerington High School and Don, a lawyer, is in private practice.

James Herbert Garrett was killed in a Maryland farm accident on March 17, 1980 at the age of 68. He is buried in Rocky Branch Cemetery in Wallton.


6. LUCILLE VINEYARD GARRETT

Lucille Vineyard Garrett was the fourth child of L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett, born July 5, 1915.

As a teacher in Roane County schools for more than 40 years, many of which were one-room schools with all eight grades, Lucille understood how her pupils felt. “I ran off my first day of school,” she recounted in a Times Record interview (5-8-1980). “I met my dad (Ed Garrett) and he sent me back to be disciplined.”

On children and teaching: “I probably would have a poor rating as a disciplinarian but if a child had a problem I thought it was important to listen.”

Besides, when a small child is faced with the tasks of being a teacher, it is necessary for the child to feel relaxed.”

Like her father and her brothers, Lucille Garrett Johnson was tall; six feet. The school Ed Garrett sent Lucille back to attend was Vineyard Run. Not long after, her mother, Losa, and P. Wade Vineyard gave the land for the Vineyard Gap School where Lucille finished the elementary grades. She continued: attending Clanden-in-High School, graduating from Spencer High School and from Givens State Teachers College in 1935.

She taught 20 years in one-room schools: schools like Beech Hill, Oak Hill, Gravel Hill, Two Run, Red Mud, many of which were gone when she retired in 1980. Then, she was teaching in Clover Ridge, a four-room school.

There are many family legends about Lucille. One involves a due bill from a family deep in the hollows and a child of school age. Legend has that Lucille walked back into that hollow with a trade in mind. The due bill would be forgiven if the child came to school. So, the mother walked the child three miles over the mountains everyday until the child was old enough to walk by himself.

Lucille Vineyard Garrett married Alton Clark Johnson who preceded her in death in 1970. Both of their daughters received degrees in education: Candace Westfall is a Health teacher at Spencer High School and Kate Burbank is a West Virginia University Extension Specialist in Spencer.

Lucille Garrett Johnson

Lucille had and was a character. So, it was only appropriate that when she retired from teaching in Roane County there would be newspaper articles. Her retirement came just a few months after the death of her brother, Herbert, also a mentor in the teaching profession.

On how she battled with cancer — one was supposed to lose nine years earlier. That, too, was a story of courage, strength and fortitude. Lucille died on May 17, 1981. She was buried on Clover Ridge in the cemetery, near the six children who were there that day, too, with flowers and heads bowed, the older children with their arms around the younger ones. And, Lucille was where she always wanted to be: Not far from Vineyard Gap.


7. DIXIE GAIL GARRETT

Dixie Gail Garrett Kincaid, the fifth child of L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett, was born January 14, 1917 at Vineyard Gap, Dixie attended community elementary schools, graduated from Spencer High School and Charleston Business School. She married L. Hiram Kincaid of Clover Ridge, Roane County, on August 8, 1939. Hiram, also a Spencer High School graduate, attended community college on a football scholarship and worked at West vaco in South Charleston.

In 1944, the couple relocated to St. Louis, Michigan and in 1949 they founded G & K Cleaners which they operated until 1968. They retired and they manage rental properties.

The Kincaids, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989, have one daughter, Barbara, a fund-raiser in higher education, currently living in the Philadelphia area: 1. Barbara Kay (9-2-1943).

8. RICHARD CARL GARRETT

Richard Carl Garrett, the sixth child of L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett, was born at Vineyard Gap on May 20, 1918.

When World War II broke out, Richard volunteered for the Air Force. His recruit training was at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

From there, he went to Luke Field in Phoenix where he worked as an airplane mechanic and was selected for the Air Force Cadets. He returned to Kelly for training and was selected for pilot training at Cimarron Field in Oklahoma City. Two days before graduation, he was eliminated from pilot training because, he says, he was “dangerous to myself and others in the air.”

At Midland Air Force Base, he was trained as a bombardier and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Richard was a bombardier instructor at Big Springs Air Force Base in Texas and was promoted to First Lieutenant. He did advanced training at Charleston and returned to Texas to assist in setting up a training program for returning combat bombardiers who would replace instructors who had no combat duty.

Promoted to Captain in 1944, Richard applied for combat duty. While awaiting assignment out of Lincoln Air Force Base in Nebraska, Richard volunteered to escort troops. He escorted 26 B-17 crews to Stone, England, the replacement center for flying crews in the European Theater.

He was assigned to a B-29 crew as a bombardier and practiced on that aircraft at Minot Air Force Base in Texas. Then, the crew picked up a new aircraft and headed for the Pacific and a variety of assignments: Honolulu, Kwajalein Island, Guam, Tinian and Saipan Islands. Richard flew over Tokyo, signed the treaty with the Japanese was signed.

Discharged toward the end of World War II, Richard was recalled as a Captain during the Korean conflict where he trained as a navigator and radar operator in Texas, Utah, and California.

He married Betty Jean Hines and they live in Pasadena, Texas. Their children are: 1. Pamela Lee (7-30-1956) married Robert
The first clear day 4500 bombers bombarded the SS troops - an area 10 miles wide and 25 miles long.

We were camouflaged and dug in. I had stayed there for so long. One day I decided to walk around a little. I wasn’t supposed to do this. I looked up and there was a German plane right over me. When I saw that swastika it frightened me. I started running and rolling over and over. Finally the plane left without firing at me. I guess they just felt sorry for me alone. My buddies watched this and really got a good laugh. They nicknamed me “Big Bird”. That name has stuck with me all through the years.

I gave God all the credit for bringing me through safely.

We were the first Americans in Berlin and we joined the Russians at the Elbe River. We were in Berlin five weeks, including the parade when President Truman arrived.

I was discharged at Fort Meade, Maryland. As a Corporal, I received a trophy for Best Rifleman’s Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and a Combat Medal with Seven Battle Stars for all the battles in the African-European Campaigns. I also received the Croix de guerre (Croix de guerre, gallant act in war.)

Loman Garrett, now a resident of Ravenswood, married Madelyn Hershberger, also a native of Roane County.


10. RUSSELL LLOYD GARRETT

Russell Lloyd, the eighth and youngest child of L. E. and Losa Vineyard Garrett, was born at Vineyard Gap on May 14, 1923. Russell attended Spencer High School, entering in the fall of 1939 as a Freshman and leaving in 1943 as a Senior. During his sophomore year he lettered in football, playing the positions of Tackle and Kick-off man, he also received a trophy for Best Scout of the spring. He was elected Captain of the team in 1942. He was chosen to play in the All-State High School Game, but because of a neck injury he received while wrestling, he decided not to play. He was considered by many as “being one of the best and toughest players to come out of Spencer High School.”

Russell quit school in the spring of ’43 to remain on the farm and carry on the legacy of farming, trading and hunting.

Ed and Russell raised cattle, horses and dogs. They would winter as many as 47 head of horses. In the wintertime, with the wind whistling, and temperatures below zero, Russell would walk around the hill at all hours of the night with his lantern in his hand and a couple of dogs by his side. He would sit up all night with the cows having calves. These nights were long and cold, but he never complained because this was a way of life for a farmer.

When the work day was over, it was time to relax. Russell would gather up his hands and go to the point, not far from where he kept his horses and mules. This is where he turned his dogs loose and spent most of the night. Listening to ‘Ole Sledgehammer’ or ‘Ole Tooldresser’ run a fox. He has kept as many as 52 head of dogs. What times these were!

Ed and Russell traveled all over the country trading. Russell had one day a week that he didn’t leave the farm. This was trade day. Men came from Ohio, Kentucky and other parts of West Virginia just to trade.

Russell worked for the Spencer Livestock Exchange for 27 years, and 10 years for Carl Smith on the stock market.

He is regarded by all in the family as the best storyteller.
JOHN M. & PHOEBE ALMIRA GEARY

John M. Geary came with his father, mother, brothers, and sisters to this America and settled in what is now Roane County in the year 1861. The house they built is still standing and is now over 135 years old. The father, Matthew Geary, came from Down County, Ireland. He was born May 10, 1790 and died Jan. 24, 1865. His wife, Elizabeth (Ashley) Geary was born in 1809 and died in 1894. They settled at Osborne Mills and were residents when Roane County was organized. They owned about 2000 acres of land and left six daughters and two sons. The sons were John M. and William Geary. John M. was one of the first settlers and located in Roane County at a location now called Amma. The year 1861 was a year of hardship because the Civil War was going on and the "bushwhackers" caused a lot of trouble for four years. Over a hundred years since, and everyone called him Uncle John. He could quote Robert Burns’ poetry from "kever to kever". He was also noted for his long beard which covered his face from the age of 21. None of his children ever saw his face and everyone thought he was a farmer and lumberman.

He helped in the inauguration of the free school system and was a trustee and board member. His postoffice was Osborne Mills. A new postoffice was opened at his residence about 1890. He named it Amma for a daughter and was postmaster for fifteen years. He farmed 400 acres of land. He built a home at Osborne Mills. Matthew's brother, John Geary, drowned in the Elk River as a young man.

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David Lee George, was named for my great uncle, Lee George, of the Coplins Clinic, Elizabeth, W.V., May 12, 1958, a son of Norma Jean (Greathouse) George and William Paul George. I have an older brother, Denzil Paul, born 6/23/56 and a younger sister, Robin Lynn George, born 6/16/57.

I attended Elizabeth Graded School and Reedy Graded School. I was also a student at Spencer High School for three years. I played in the Little League in Reedy. 1970. I was one of the first carry out boys at the Spencer Foodland when it opened. I worked there until I joined the U.S. Army in 3/77. I was sent to Fort Knox, Ky for basic ait. where I majored in Diesel Mechanics. I was then assigned to 2nd & 5th Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, from there to Fulda, Germany as M.P. Training for eighteen months. I returned home to Reedy where I met and married Brenda Pauline Rogers, a daughter of Claude Rogers, of Shock, W.V. We were married 4/19/80, at the Good Hope Church near Reedy. I was then sent to Hawaii for three years. My wife and her son, Ricky Wayne Jarvis joined me in 12/80. She and I had two sons while in Hawaii: Christopher Michal, 3/21/82 and Jon-Erik Lee, 5/20/83.

While stationed in Hawaii we visited all the tourist attractions, also while we were there we visited the islands of Kona, Hawaii, and Oahu. I was then sent to the Hunter Airfield Army Base in Savannah, Georgia for the next three and one half years.

On 6/12/85 my mother and sister was in an auto accident, we spent my 30 days leave at the Airfield helping her get back on her feet, after suffering a broken hip and other injuries. I was then sent to Wursburg, Germany for three years. In 7/18/88, my mother visited us in Wursburg for two weeks. We visited old castles, old churches, de residents who witnessed my life lived there then, the Clove factory in the Black Forest and the Christol Factories.

In 10/88, we returned to the States, where I was assigned to Ft. Campbell, Ky.
Norma Jean was born 7/30/36 to Harley Lewis and Gladie Skaggs, Greathouse at Davisville Wood County.

Harley Greathouse was born 1/17/1900 in Roane County to Calvin A. and Ida Younge. Gladie Skaggs was born in KY to Sylvester and Phebie Holbrook Skaggs 9/26/1875. Harley’s parents worked farming, hauling oil well and ect. to wells including Burning Springs. Later he was a railroad worker. He retired in the sixties.

On a team trip to KY. He met and married my mother 10/16/24. They were parents of seven children: Freda Hope (stillborn), Roy Lee (5/16/27), Kathleen (4/13/30), Louella (10/24/32), Norma Jean (7/30/36), Harley William (5/12/39), and Carolyn Sue (8/10/44). My dad Harley died in 1970 from liver cancer, and is buried behind the house where he lived in Roane County near Reedy, where he wanted to be. My mother remarried first to Kim Kyer. Harley O’Brión, Clay Smith. Divorced in 85. She now lives at the home place with Louella.

Norma Jean started school at Kanawha Station in a small, one-room school, moved to Roane County near Reedy in 1947 and attended (Reedy Roberts Stewart Grade School) and graduated in a county grade school ceremony at the Robey Theater in Spencer in 1950. She attended Spencer High School for three years, quit school and started work for Orris Stutler, retiring after 20 years service. Although I now work at the Kellwood Co in Roane County, I am a Union Stewart with Local 2363 and Board of Directors joint board. Also I am president and publically chairman of the Reedy Lioness Club. Submitted by: Norma J. George

MYRL LEARY GIBBS

On Jan. 9, 1916, at the “Old Candler Place” on Middlefork, Roane County, Myrl Francis Leary was born, the daughter of John B. and Claudia (Bogs) Leary. Her childhood having been spent on Middlefork, she attended Longbottom and Stoney Point Schools.

In 1931, she left Roane County following her mother to Akron, Ohio. By 1940 Myrl had settled at Hartford, WV in Mason County where she met her husband, Arthur C. Gibbs, whom she married on March 10, 1942. Arthur or “Buddy” as he is known by, was born on March 4, 1921, the son of Arthur E. and Hazel (Lewis) Gibbs.

Buddy and Myrl are the parents of two daughters: Janet Lynn and Becky Jane Gibbs. Janet was born Oct. 31, 1950 and was married on Dec. 15, 1979, to Charles E. Reed. They have two sons: Charles Joshua born Sept. 8, 1981, and Stephen Joseph born March 13, 1984. Becky Jane Gibbs was born April 4, 1968, and resides with her parents.

Buddy, a U.S. Naval Veteran having served in the Pacific during WWII, retired in 1983 from the Poole Mineral Corporation, at New Haven, WV after 31 years employment. Myrl Gibbs worked for the WV Dept. of Human Services as a Foster mother, retiring after 20 years service. Although Buddy and Myrl still reside on the Old West Point Road at Hartford, WV, she often returns to visit the place of her childhood. Submitted by Arthur C. Gibbs.

GIBSON

Our great grandparents Martin and Matilda Gibson were the first members of our family to reside in West Virginia. Martin had met Matilda in Kentucky where they were married. They lived in Tazewell County, Virginia where our grandfather Esquire was born. Esquire was the eldest of six children. His brothers and sisters were James, Sally, Isiah, Sifa and Kesiah “Kessie”. Esquire was bom March 13, 1984. Becky Jane Gibbs was bom April 4, 1968, and resides with her parents.

Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, Martin and Matilda had moved with their family to Kentucky. After the war they and most of the family moved to Jackson County in the new state of West Virginia. Esquire and his wife moved to Sumter County, South Carolina. They were born on November 5, 1867. Two years later they moved to Walker, West Virginia in the Harper District of Roane County, Floyd was their last child. His brothers, sisters and their spouses were George (Rosa Jordan), LuVenia (Henry K. Harper), Alvorene “Al” (Rebecca Parsons), Perry (Idea Dawson), Pricey (James R. Johnson), and Harlan (Jane Farch) a half brother.

Floyd Gibson married Virgie Lee Chapman on the 5th of May, 1900. Virgie Lee was the daughter of Bascom and Mary Chapman. Floyd worked for lumber companies in Kanawha and Clay County until 1912 when he moved to Roane County and bought a farm that laid along the Big Pigeon and Big Sandy Creeks. He then began his career with the United Fuel Gas Co., later to become the Columbia Gas Co., until shortly before his retirement date, when they paid him off.

Our dad thought it important that certain values were maintained by the young folks and he worked hard to get a church house and Sunday School started in the community. He was able to obtain permission to use the public school located on the Okie Chapman farm on the Big Pigeon Road in Roane County with the understanding that it did not interfere with school activities. It became the center of many community activities.

In 1983 I visited my son in Honolulu, Hawaii, toured all the islands and was
Greenleaf

The Roane County Greenleaf's original with the migration in approximately 1850 of John Greenleaf, a Methodist minister and Judge of the Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Records indicate that John Greenleaf swore in the first County Court to sit in Roane County. He had several children. One, George Riley Greenleaf, who settled in Harper District at Red Knob. George Riley Greenleaf was born in 1836 and died at age 55 in 1891. He married Harriet Raines, daughter of Ireland and Harriet Raines. George Riley and Harriet had nine children. A son, Thomas Jackson Greenleaf (born August 27, 1860) married Nancy Caroline Catherine (Kate) Ryan (born March 19, 1871), daughter of Rev. Thomas F. Ryan of Trace Fork (Roane County) in 1890. Rev. Ryan was a Methodist minister and operated the Post Office at Trace Fork. He was shot in his home at Trace Fork by robbers in early October 1880. A lynching party was formed to locate and administer justice. The group quickly located the perpetrators, one of whom was shot resisting arrest, another was shot and killed, and the third was hanged from a sycamore tree near Lynn Camp School in Harper District.

Virgil Hebrew and Kate Greenleaf had eleven children, 8 daughters and 3 sons. One son, Virgil Eugene (born September 22, 1901, married Anna Jean Byars April 2, 1901, died November 13, 1978), on October 1, 1927. Kate Kee was the daughter of Alfredd Newton "Bub" and Electa Catherine Robinson Kee of Countiesville. Both were certainly old enough to get married, yet the marriage took place. Kate married Myron E. Gregg. They have two sons and one grandson. Bille E. Roberts married Garnett McCaughey, they have two sons, one daughter, one grandson and one granddaughter. Danny Burt Roberts of Ripley, married Doris Moffitt of Walton. They have two daughters, one son and one grandson.

Jack and Ella Mae have three children, Rebecca Rae Greenleaf, who married Martin E. Benson of Ripley. They have one son, Casey Joseph Benson. Robert Jackson Greenleaf, who married Susan Elizabeth Mills of Hancov, Jr. They have one daughter, Cassie Cheyenne Greenleaf, Melinda Lee Greenleaf, she married Patrick Lee Stahlman of Spencer, WV.

The Greenleaves have lived in Roane County all their lives. Their home is located on the Steele Hollow Road, Spencer, WV. Submitted by: Eva Mae Roberts Greenleaf.
who died the latter part of the year 1827;

Boaz b 3 Jan 1758 d 20 March 1826 he married Eliza Laidley, on Lot 47. His first wife was Elizabeth County in 1819. The name was changed to started Middletown in what is now Marion

Benoni b 17 Feb 1768; Thomas b 23 Jan 1748 d 19 Oct 1764; Nathan was a large landholder, bought by being

Delaware regiment commanded by Col. Boaz Fleming, wife of Judge John George Fleming, and her mother Mary Coles Payne 1743-1807 are buried in the Jack­

cemetery, Clarksburg, WV.

Boaz children: Clarissa b 27 Jan 1786; William b 16 Dec 1788; Mary b 3 April 1791; Elizabeth b 24 Feb 1793; Sarah b 7 March 1796; Sarah b 15 Nov 1796; Lemuil b 5 Aug 1802; Jane b 14 April 1804; Joanna b 23 Sept 1810; Margaret b 22 March 1814; Derexa b 10 Oct 1827.

GENERATION 3

Clarissa Fleming b Kent County, D dela­
ware 1 Sept 1786. married James Hamilton b 18 Nov 1786. She was from Marion County and settled in Wirt County in 1857, on what became known as Parrish Fork. Governor Henry Wise of Virginia surveyed 375 acres of a branch of Standing Stone Creek, to Elizabeth and his sons.

In the 1860’s William and his sons drifted a shallow oil well which produced reasonably well. They leased several acres to speculators. Then they sold their farm to oil speculators from New York and Philadelphia for $50,000. They received $35,000 in cash but not got the remaining $150,000.

Elizabeth and William R. moved to Here­ford, Wirt County where they pur­chased several hundred acres of land. The Parrish Cemetery at Hereford at the top of the hill, holds the remains of William R. and Elizabeth and five of their six sons and other family members.

Their children: Joshua Fleming; Allison died in his youth; Mariah; Clarissa Ellen; Louisa; Richard Elmus - Co. A-19th Regi­me­nt Virginia Calvary; William Ulysses - C.S.A. 19 Regt. Va. Cavalry; Colley Har­mouth; Zachariah Kidwell; Henry Hamilton; Myrtle Elenora.

William R. was the son of William Parrish. The eldest William was the son of Edward and Rachel Evans Parrish 1748-1813, who came from Maryland to Monongalia County, Virginia. He was a SGT with Maryland

Continental Troops in the American Revo­lu­tion 1776-1779. Edward was the only child of Richard and Rachel Owens Parrish. Rich­ard 1707-1875, was the son of John and Sarah Franklin Home Parrish. John, 1672-1727, was the son of Edward, 1640-1680, and Clara Parrish from Yorkshire, England.

GENERATION 5

Joshua Fleming Parrish b 9 Oct 1829 d 17 July 1895 m Nanerva Kerns 9 Oct 1849 at the home of her father John Kerns of Greene Co. Pa. She was b 8 Sept 1833 and d 30 Dec 1926. Joshua was a member of Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accept­ed Masons of WV from 1862-1895. They had eight children: Louisa Jane 1850-1902; Mary Elizabeth Parsons; James Madison; Mary Ellen b 1853; Ghabriel Davis; Nancy Malissa m Robert Bruce Parish 1857-1882; Frances 1863-1942; 1942-1882 died single; Charles Ulysses b 1862 m Leila Cline; Newton Fleming b 1865 m Jeretta Cartwright; Martha Belle 1868-1951 married Thomas Mitchell; Minnie Hamilton b 1876-1878 died single.

GENERATION 6

Louisa Jane Parrish b 17 July 1850 Marion Co. Va. d 26 Aug 1902 married James Madison Golden 22 Feb 1887. He was born in Page Co. Va. 19 March 1839 d 23 July 1923. Marion Co. WV. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Golden. He served as a Confederate in the War Between the States in Co H 31st Regt. Va. Infantry, as well as his brothers Eldridge, Francis M. and John J. They had nine children: Esther Charlotte b 4 Feb 1868 married Thomas W. Latimer; 17 Feb 1889 b Florence La Vane; William b 14 Feb 1870 married David L. Wade 25 Jan 1889; Wade Hampton b 10 Oct 1872 married Lola Benson 28 April 1895; George Fleming b 10 Oct 1875 died single 18 Dec 1900; Maude Minerva b 13 Feb 1877 d 10 May 1918 married Addison Smith 20 March 1898 - Addison 2 Jan 1910; Otto James b 11 Aug 1880 d 22 Dec 1929 m Flora Cline 20 March 1910; Lillie May b 17 May 1883 m Everette Williams 28 Dec 1906; Harvey Cidney b 19 Nov 1885 married Sylvia Miller on 18 Nov 1888 m Margaret Martin 28 Nov 1916. During World War I he served with the Na­tional Army in France Co 1 317 Infantry.

GENERATION 7

Harvey Cidney and Sylvia Milhan Golden had four sons and one daughter. Har­vey b 19 Nov 1883 married Sylvia Argabrite b 26 April 1920. Sylvia b 4 Feb 1893 Wood Co. WV d 8 Sept 1970. They are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Peniel, where they resided. They died 10 years to the day apart. Har­vey’s love of animals, particularly the horse, was his joy.

GENERATION 8

Russell James b 2 July 1912 d 31 Oct 1985 m Beulah D. Fouty 4 Feb 1984. Rus­sell retired from the Oil Fields of Roane County. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with Co. B 5th Armored Battai­lon. Fort Knox, KY. H. Brooks b 9 May 1915 d 22 Jan 1984 m Virginia Dare Argabrite b 26 April 1920. He was a staunch Democrat, and retired from the Oakmar Oil Co.

Eugene Franklin b 15 March 1912 d 29 Aug 1943 m Lucile Coe. He enlisted in the U.S. Army 17 July 1941 and was stationed at Camp Wheeler. Georgia and Fort Bragg. North Carolina, before being sent to North­ern Ireland. The 39th Infantry of the 9th Divi­sion was sent to North Africa. He was in the Sicily-Italian Campaign, a prisoner of
Ohio.

Their son, John Wesley Milhoan b. 1825 Belmont Co. Ohio d. 1892 Wood Co. WV. He married Sarah Jane Schull b. 1833 d. 1907 Roane Co., WV. She was the daughter of John and Mary Schull of Frederick Co., Va. They married 19 Aug 1848 Belmont Co. Ohio. They had seven sons and three daughters, Emily, Martha, James, John, Thomas, Mary, and Mary Franklin. John Wesley bought land in Franklin County, WV and was a millwright by trade. After Wesley died in 1892 Sarah sold their land and she and the younger boys moved to Roane County where she died in 1907.


GOLDEN - MILHOAN

George Milhoan b. 1801 and Jane Luke married 20 Aug. 1824, Belmont County, Ohio.

Sylvia - Milhoan - Golden

Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Lucinda's daughter Sylvia married Harvey Cidney Golden b 19 Nov 1885 d 9 Aug 1960. He was born in Barbour Co. WV son of James Madison and Louisa Jane Parrish Golden. Harvey and Sylvia lived at Peniel. They had four sons and one daughter.

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GRAHAM

Frederick Luther Graham was born 01-01-1893 at Left Hand in Roane County, West Virginia. His parents were William Isaac Graham b. 05-27-1859 d. 06-17-1938 and Mary Ellen Settles b. 12-15-1851 d. 12-05-1922 and remarried Clarissa Ashley b. 04-22-1864 d. 11-28-1931. He married Pearl Florence Groves b. 11-23-1899 on December 31, 1922 and their children are as follows: Neil Marie Graham b. 08-14-1924, Luther Edward Graham b. 12-10-1927, William Barney Graham b. 09-27-1929 and Delbert Richard Graham b. 04-12-1933.

GREATHOUSE - CUMMINGS

Leondis “Lark” Greathouse was born 3-28-1886 in Roane County and was a son of Leondis “Lee” and Rebecca Jane (Roberts) Greenhouse. Maternal grandparents were Daniel and Margaret Jane (Board) Roberts. Paternal grandparents were Edward M. and Samantha (Pickens) Greathouse. Edward M. was the son of John Jr. and Phebe (Casto) Greathouse and grandson of John and Sarah Greathouse. Lark was one of six children: Edgar Emerson (1889-1971) married Minnie (Daisy) Simmons; Daniel Dale (1891-1975) married Leola Sommerville; Segi Shirley (1898-1901); Obin Oshe (1900-1901); Zirkle Zane (1903-1964) married Marie Lowther. Lark Greathouse married Leatha Leila Cunningham in Roane County. Letha was born 2-11-1905 in Roane County, a daughter of Irvin and Mary (Miller) Cunningham. Maternal grandparents were John Wesley and Sarah (Starcher) Miller. Paternal grandparents were George Porter and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunningham. Mary (Gough) Cunningham was the daughter of George and Sarah (Ward) Cunningham. George Porter b. 1846 was the son of George Cunningham and Mary (Gough) Cunning
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Forest attended Parkersburg Business School. Taught school before entering the armed services in September 1917. Served as Private I/c of Battery D-314 Field Artillery. Squires, daughter of William and Lucy Lee. He was a part time mail carrier and delivered mail on horse back. He retired from Monarch Rubber Company in 1961. After the death of Letha on 5-6-1965 in Wood County. Lark lived alone for awhile, then his son moved in with him and his son and daughter in law until his death 6-7-1969 in Wood County. Lark and Letha are buried in Spencer Memorial Cemetery in Spencer, W.Va. Submitted by: Mary Low Stevens

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Benjamin Harrison Groves born Nov. 16, 1888 at Kester, West Virginia Roane County. This was the day Benjamin Harrison was elected president. No question about the name. His parents were John Alexander and Mathura Jane Givens Groves. The brothers being Matthew, John, Howard and William, Melissa Taylor, Mary Ann Shamblen, Alice Myrtle Ashley and Emma White were his sisters.

Groves’s parents were Jacob and Ann Parker Groves of Monroe County, and Adam and Mary Schoonover Givens of Webster County.

His father Alexander was with the Home Guards during the war between the states. He was in the skirmish near Reedy. It was here Alexander pulled Nathaniel Lee to safety, behind a rock. After Lee was wounded. This created a friendship that lasted the rest of their days.

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Groses General Store - Vineyard Ridge

Harrison married Eva Dove Westfall of Kester. She was born at Speed. Roane County August 16, 1890. Her parents were Randolph and Mary Ellen Reynolds Westfall. Her grandparents were Perry and Elizabeth Reynolds Westfall also from Speed.

Harrison and Eva had four children, namely Ruby, Lessie, Skoval and Kermit. They were all born at Kester, W.Va. The four children are still living. Ruby married Cecil Carper, deceased. Lessie married Clyde Carper, deceased. Skoval married Gertrude Simmons and Kermit married Juanita Jackson.

The grandchildren are: Ramonda Sue Douglas and C. Stephen Carper, children of Clyde and Lessie. Nancy Kay Fawcett, Skoval Jackson Groves and B. Larry Groves are children of Skoval J. Groves, Sr. and Gertrude Groves. And Douglas Allen Groves is the son of Kermit and Juanita.

Also surviving are 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

The Groves home was a gathering place for both young and old. Harrison loved Gospel singing. Many Sunday evenings were spent with friends and relatives participating in song.

He was a farmer, mail carrier, oil and gas well driller and a merchant. Community improvement was one of his priorities. He fought for better schools, church, roads, electric, telephone and beautification. He loved to help 4-Hers. He was a member of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, also a Mason. He was an active member of Ephraim Chapel Baptist Church at the time of his death.

The family had the misfortune of losing their wife and mother Dec. 23, 1937. She stood beside him proudly in all of his endeavors. He later married Rosa Summers Laurentz.

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COMMODORE P. GUTHRIE

Commodo P. Guthrie, born August 15, 1835 in Tyler County (W)Va., son of Robert and Catherine Guthrie. Guthrie married May 24, 1857 in Wetzel County, Phoebe Payne born in Tyler County January 30, 1840, daughter of Levi and Mary (Stansbury) Payne. They came to Jackson County after the Civil War and settled at Marshall WV. Commodore died March 16, 1874 and is buried at the Baptist Grove Cemetery, Frozen Camp. WV. Phoebe died December 26, 1923 and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane County on Rt. 33.

Their children are: Mary Belle (1858- ) married July 11, 1880 to Ezra B. Parsons (1856-1900). Francis M. Guthrie (1860-1905) married September 19, 1886 to Leona Dove Young (1866-1936). Henry E. Guthrie (1863-1944) married Mary A. Smith, daughter of Alkanah and Mary J. Smith._Comm. Guthrie drove a "coffee" wagon behind the Union army lines during the Civil War. He couldn't march due to a stiff ankle. He was a farmer and active in the Johnson's Creek church. He was a juror on the first grand jury in Kanawha County. Sarah was the daughter of John and Mary Aftoff Ashly. They were calling on a Art. Tawney who operated a store at Uler, WV. Mr. Tawney wanted out of me store so frequently happened in sparsely populated areas at that time. Wiley and Dice had eight children. Lewis, William, Laura, John, Eva, Blandis, Lucy, and Nancy, 1891-1970, my mother.

The Hammack home was a mecca for family and friends. Wiley was ready and able to expound upon and argue politics, law, or religion with one and all. The accommodations were sparse but no one was turned away. Wiley read aloud from the Bible, law, and whatever fell into his hands. That's how I learned to read sitting in his lap. I lived with them my first eight years. Many happy memories.

Nancy married Clay Carper, 1885-1961, son of Alkanah and Mary J. Smith Carper. Nancy and Clay lived at the mouth of Sill-
on up to what was to become Elana, purchased a large farm, and built a new store and home. After the store was built a new post office was secured and placed in the store. Ulysses S. Ross was the postmaster and the post office was named Elana, WV.

This was about the year 1912. This was a very progressive community at that time, and there were a lot of good farmers in the cattle, sheep and poultry business. Dad did very well in the store business, and later purchased another store at Newton, WV. During this period, he became a dealer for International Harvester Farm Equipment and International trucks.

About 1936 the country store business began falling off as better roads and cars and trucks were getting plentiful, and everyone was going to town to shop. Dad decided to bring the International Harvester franchise to town and opened up the Spencer Truck and Implement Company in the Hardman building near the old Arnoldsburg bridge on Pike St. This building last housed a store. Recapping being done by fire recently, Dad's business progressed very well from this location, and he took on additional lines, including Hudson Automobiles. In 1940, needing more room, he purchased from Mr. C.C. Dodd a large tract of land on the Arnoldsburg bridge near the old Monongahela Power Company and Starcher Motors are now located.

He moved the business into the old metal clad building formerly occupied by Goad Lumber Co. He just got this business going good and tragedy struck . . . he passed away from a heart attack at the early age of 52 years.

My brother, Smith, and I took over Dad's business and managed to keep it going during the war years with the help of Roy Foglesong. I joined the Army Air Force and Smith went into the Navy. Upon completion of our military service, we resumed the operation of our business in 1946. Our business was good and we decided we needed a better building and built the one that Monongahela Power now occupies. The partnership between Smith and myself continued into the late 1960's, at which time we dissolved the partnership. I took over the operation of the Texaco Bulk Distributing Plant at the end of Oak Drive (now Harris Oil Company), and Smith took over the Arnold's building and went into the farming business, and he also operated the East End Texaco station where the present WV ABC Store is located.

Smith Hamric married Mildred Drake and to this union was born three sons and three daughters. I am James E., Ill, who lives in Spencer, and has one son, James E. IV "Jay". Marjorie is at Texaco station where the present WV ABC Store is located.

It was during this period that the Army Air Force trained many of our men for the armed forces. Dad's business was needed a better building and built the one that Monongahela Power now occupies. He was graduated from Capitol City Commercial College in Charleston.

He was a Republican and in 1944, was elected to the West Virginia Board of State Auditors. He served as the Auditor of the State of Roane County. He was reelected in 1950 and 1956, but did not seek a fourth term. In January 1963, he went to live with his oldest daughter, Nancy Margaret, in Tuni-ca, Mississippi.

Our mother kept the home fires going on the farm since our father was often working away from home. She loved flowers and her gardens were always productive. She made such good cottage cheese, which along with butter and eggs, was sold to add to the family's income.

Growing up during the Depression years wasn't without problems. The importance of learning was stressed by our parents and all five of us children were graduated from Spencer High School. Our school days at Hofftown gave us a good foundation. The one-room school, located near the L.E. Boile home, was closed in the early 30's and students then attended Spencer Grade School.

Only one Thomas Henry and Madge Nutter Harden's five children made Roane County home. Third child and first son, Thomas Henry Harden, Jr., married Marjorie Edith Bradley, daughter of Doy O. and Maie Looney Bradley. He founded Harden Insurance Agency, from which he had retired shortly before his death on 24 January 1986. He is buried beside his parents in Eventide Cemetery.

Their first-born, Nancy Margaret, married Paul Elwyn Phillips of Tunica, Mississippi. A widow since 1969, she lives in Lyons, MS, with her eldest son.

Marjorie Elana, married Clark Hardman Jr. of Tanner, Gilmer County, Cross City, Florida is their home.

Fourth child, William Howell Hardman married Lillian Grace Essex of East Greenwich, Rhode Island. They lived in McMinville, Oregon.


Madge Nutter Harden died 28 October 1961; Thomas Henry Harden died 4 April 1967. They are buried in Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, West Virginia. Submitted by Margaret Harden Hardman

HAHRDAN

Although Charles Crow Harden ("Charley") (born 1879 died 1916) was extremely well known in Roane County and throughout West Virginia during his short lifetime, little has been written about him in previously published histories of Roane County. As one of his seven surviving grandchildren, I am pleased to have the opportunity to record his life and the way.

Charley Harden was born on June 24, 1879 at the old Hardman homestead on Tucker's Run (just recently purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Grannooll), Charley, O.K. ("Ruby"), and Susannah were the children of S. F. and Mary Harden.

From boyhood Charley evinced a consuming interest in the farm. He early turned his attention to improved and modern methods, reading everything that could be found that in anyway dealt with the farm. He became skilled in all its phases. He experimented and translated the information gathered to practical uses in his everyday life. He was among the first in Roane County to take up the idea of farmers' institutions and farmers' organizations, believing that through such institutionalization the best interest of the farmers could be more rapidly and effectively advanced.

Quite by accident, he became accustomed to speaking in the conventions which he attended. He showed wonderful natural ability as a speaker on the subject which was dear to his heart and it was not long until the Department of Agriculture began to make demands upon his services as a lecturer on farm topics. Before he died he was able to say that he had spoken to more than one audience in every county of his beloved West Virginia. He had also addressed agriculturalist meetings in Pennsylvania and Ohio and at the time of death, had invitations to address farmers' meetings in far western Colorado, in Cincinnati and other points outside his native state. This was quite a record for that time. As a speaker, he was forceful and eloquent.

Charley Hardman was not only a theoretical, but a very practical farmer as well. Fertilization of soils, rotation of crops and conservation of fields were among the things that he gave attention. He was instrumental in the introduction of the silo in Roane
Charles Crow Hardman

Counties. Purebred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens, Poland China hogs, and Southdown sheep were bred on his farm and shipped. During the first two decades of the Mississippi, to farmers all the way from Florida to the Great Lakes. He was successful in breeding a very high class of stock and helped to advance the livestock industry, not only in his own state, but in many of the surrounding states. Charley Hardman was twice elected President of the West Virginia Agricultural and Horticultural Association, for the years 1912 and 1913. In September, 1915 C.C. Hardman was elected President of the West Virginia Livestock Association, a place of honor which he held at the time of his death. He died at the young age of thirty-seven. On June 22, 1904 "Charley" married Gertrude ("Trudy") Thomasson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Thomasson, also of Spencer. When "Charley" died, Trudy Hardman was left to manage the farm and to raise three young children Floyd, 11, Charles Willis ("Hi"), 8 and Martha, 2 alone.

On November 27, 1941 Charles Willis ("Hi") Hardman (born November 6, 1908 died March 29, 1963) married Helen Margaret Wilson (born May 16, 1912 died March 6, 1975) daughter of J.B. Wilson and Eva Barrett Wilson of Lawrence, Kansas. "Hi" and Helen Hardman bought out the other shares of the family farm on Tucker's Run and lived there from 1948 - 1975. There they raised purebred Shorthorn cattle and in later years, American Saddle horses. In addition to farming, "Hi" worked at an inspector for the West Virginia State Road Department until his retirement in 1973. Although not a native of West Virginia, Helen Hardman soon grew to love Roane County. Always an advocate of quality education, in her 35 years Roane County Helen Hardman worked towards that goal as a teacher and later as a social worker for Roane County schools. Helen Hardman was one of the people who worked so hard to get funding for Roane General Hospital. She was co-founder of the Roane Association (for the Mentally Retarded). "Hi" and Helen were the parents of two children - a daughter, Frances Ann born November 9, 1948 and son Charles Wilson (born November 23, 1950 died March 28, 1956). Fran Hardman was graduated Spencer High in 1966 and West Virginia University in 1970. On August 24, 1968 Fran Hardman married John Randolph Conner (born February 1, 1947), son of Randal L. (born November 27, 1921 died August 12, 1986), and Vera (Cottrell) Conner (born September 7, 1919 died September 5, 1983) also of Spencer. Fran lived in Illinois, California, Missouri, Connecticut and New Hampshire. John, Fran and their three sons, Jason Barrett, born September 30, 1972 at Whitman AF B, Missouri, Charles Benjamin (born February 6, 1977 at Vandenberg AF B, California) and Zachary Alexander (born February 17, 1986 in Nanhua, New Hampshire) have all lived in Roane County since June, 1976. The Conners sold the Hardman farm in July, 1989; however, John and Fran still fondly treasure their Roane County roots. Submitted by: Frances Ann Hardman Conner.

O.R. HARDMAN

Joseph O.R. Hardman, I, 1714-1767, left Pennsylvania and arrived in Philadelphia on October 7, 1743. He moved to Frederick County, Maryland and became a stone mason and brick-layer, using these skills in constructing the first courthouse in Frederick. In 1744, Joseph was married to Margaret; their son, Joseph II, also became a bricklayer and stone mason but entered into some real estate ventures with his wife, Elizabeth. Their son, Joseph III, with his wife, Dorothea Riddle Hardman and family, migrated to Virginia in 1798, establishing their new homestead, Holly Meadows, along the Cheat River. The move to unsettled territory brought the need for farming, stock raising, and timbering which became chief industries for survival and played an important role in the lives of future Hardman generations. At Holly Meadows on April 20, 1813, George Washington Hardman was born. He married Martha Grace Holswade and settled at Hardman Bend (1814) in Calhoun County, Virginia. Four of their eight sons moved to Roane County along Right Reedy Creek. Sylvester, one of the four, married Martha Crow. Their family consisted of Ira Roy, Susanah, Charles, and Owen Ruby. The youngest - known as Ruby - became a prominent business leader and banker in the region.

Owen Ruby Hardman

O.R. Hardman played an instrumental part in the development of business and industry in Spencer. He began his career constructing roads and bridges followed by the establishment of a large county produce business consisting of poultry, medicinal roots, hides, and wool. He also organized the Spencer Livestock Exchange, was president of The Traders Bank for thirty-nine years, and was a member of the board of the bank for an additional ten years. As well as being president of Spencer-Roane Grocery, Middletown Department Store, and Wellston Store Company, he was active in oil and gas production and development in Roane and Calhoun counties. Being president and founder of Hardman Supply Company, Ruby Hardman was a respected businessman and was often sought after for his advice.

Charles Owen married Martha Grace Holswade and from this union there were four children: Gwenolden Mae, Anna Neale, Charles Owen, and Helen Louise.

Charles Owen married Mary Rosetta Fiedler of Morgantown, WV. Their children included: Charles Stanley, Frederick Crow, Thomas Fielding, and Sarah Holswade (Giachino) along with five grandchildren.

Charles Hardman received a business degree from West Virginia University and was commissioned an officer in the infantry during World War II. Serving the next four years in American and European theaters of war he received various medals which included the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After the war, he followed his father in business in Spencer, serving as bank director, president, and chairman of the board of Traders Bank. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of a chain of hardware stores. His three sons have continued to be involved with the business and have further expanded the Hardman hardware chain.

The grandchildren of Ruby and Grace Hardman, their spouses, and their children are listed as follows: Janet m. Gary Butts, two children: Brian and Christopher; Jon Hardman, son: Charles Owen, three grandchildren. Charles Owen married Mary Rosetta Fiedler of Morgantown, WV. Their children: Susan (Butts). Janet has two children and resides in Arizona; Jon bought the Hardman farm in July, 1989; however, John and Fran still fondly treasure their Roane County roots. Submitted by Frances Ann Hardman Conner.

HARMON

George W. and Mary Clementine (Sarver) Harmon and their three children, Martha Elizabeth, William Jackson, and John W., came to Roane County early in the 1860's from Roaneville, Va. Family tradition says they left Virginia because they disagreed with the remainder of their family regarding the impending Civil War. They first settled at Cottageville where their youngest son, John, died. In 1868, George purchased his first land on McKown's Creek near Walton from Isaac Edwards. He continued purchasing land on McKown's Creek, Poca and Big Lick until he owned over 500 acres. An old history of Roane County says that he owned and operated a store on McKown's Creek; however, in later years he farmed and owned a store near the Johnson Creek bridge.

George (1825-1896) was born in Allegheny County, Pa., and was married to Virginia (1793-1875). Their daughter (1792-1850/57) Harmon, Williams' parents were George (1761-1837) and Eve (Boyer) Harmon. George and Eve lived in Rockingham County. Submitted by Jamie A. Hardman

Sylvester, one of the four, married Martha Crow. Their family consisted of Ira Roy, Susanah, Charles, and Owen Ruby. The youngest - known as Ruby - became a prominent business leader and banker in the region.
County, Va. until 1791, when they moved to 400 acres George was granted where the present city of Covington, Va., now lies. George’s parents were Peter and Margaret (Cowpen) Harmon. Peter was born in Europe and came to America in 1733 with his parents, Jacob and Catharina (Hart) Harmon. They initially settled in Swatara Township, Pa. By 1749 the family removed to Stony Run in present-day Rockingham County, Va.

Clementine was the daughter of Casper and Mary Wylie (Perry) Server. The Server and Wysong families held fascinating histories going back well before the Revolutionary War.

Martha (1853-1934), only daughter of George and Clementine, married Harvey Bays 1875. They had eight children: Walter, Minnie, John, Anna Bell, Mary, Luella, Virginia, and Robert. They spent nearly a year with Ernest's family before he was killed by a car so sold his farms & bought the store his brother owned at Oka, WV. After about a year, he sold this store and bought a larger one at Tariff, Roane Co., which Anna & her two daughters continued to operate after Ernest's death in 1939.

During WW II, merchandise was hard to get for the store. No help could be hired, so Anna & Susie operated the store in spite of difficulties. They operated the post office and sold groceries, dry goods, clothing, feed, hardware & gasoline.

The car was used as a truck by removing the back seat. Susie would drive to Spencer, Charleston or Parkersburg to get groceries. The car would be filled leaving only room for the driver.

Since gasoline was also scarce, Susie would visit customers and take their grocery and feed orders each Friday and would deliver them on Saturday.

Anna sold the store and bought an apartment building in Parkersburg, living there for several years. She sold this property and purchased the Courtyard Hotel in Orlando, FL, in partners with her two daughters & their husbands. They sold the motel after 20 years and Anna retired at the age of 85. She is still alive in 1985, at the age of 93. Although almost blind, she cares for her own home and works in her yard. Submitted by: Anna T. Harold

**ERNEST RAY HAROLD**

Ernest Ray Harold, b. 8 Apr. 1894 at Uler, Roane Co. (s/o John Christopher and Caroline Isabel (Hardway) Harold) (M) Anna Thurman Hicks b. 29 May 1896 (d/o Henry Clay and Jerusha Ellen (Jarvis) Hicks) f 10 Jan. 1917 at the bride's home.

They spent nearly a year with Ernest's widowed mother and her younger children where Ernest reaped the crops. On 16 Nov. 1917, Faye Thurman Harold was born. When Faye was 3 weeks old, Ernest's sister took typhoid fever. Thinking it best to keep the children away from disease, Ernest loaded their belongings on a sled pulled by 2 horses and they left for Anna's parent's home about 10 miles away.

The mother and baby were wrapped in blankets as it was a very cold winter day with snow on the ground, but not enough to help the horses pull the sled. Ernest walked and led the horses over two hills. The difficult trip made them all sick.

Eventually, they purchased a small farm near the lodge on Mill Creek. Their furniture had been ordered from a mail order catalog, but had not arrived yet. Soon they were settled in their 3 room house with wood fires & kerosene lamps. Less than a year later, they purchased an adjoining farm with a larger house & free gas and moved to it. In 1921, Susia Rae Harold joined the family.

A few years later, Ernest's brother was killed by a car so sold his farms & bought the store his brother owned at Oka, WV. After about a year, he sold this store and bought a larger one at Tariff, Roane Co., which Anna & her two daughters continued to operate after Ernest's death in 1939.

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**JOHN CHRISTOPHER HAROLD**

John Christopher Harold s/o Elias (Ely) Harold and Barbara America Simmons, b. 25 December 1858. He died from an apparent heart attack although some believe he was not dead when he was buried. His son, Ernest, always felt his dad was buried alive although his mother, was confident her husband was dead. Some say there was perspiration on his forehead at the funeral. When the men were filling the grave with dirt, there was a big noise inside the casket. The men stopped work for a while, but did not take him up to see what was happening as they felt it was too late then.

John Christopher died (age 47) 23 April 1905, and is buried in the Cotrell Cemetery, Oka, Calhoun Co., WV.

At age 24, John married Mary Luvena Drake, age 17, daughter of Sutton Drake. Sutton was the son of Solomon and Eliza Virginia Jane (Elswick) Drake. They were married by Rev. Davidson W. Ross, (M's first cousin) in Roane Co. in 1882. They had one child, Mary Harold. (b. 19 Mar. 1883). Mary Luvena died young. Their daughter married a young man named Hardway, brother of John's second wife, Caroline.

In March 1884, John married Caroline Isabel Hardway (b. 9 Feb. 1867). She was 17, d/o Caleb and Virginia (Burns) Hardway. Her grandparents were George W. and Elizabeth Solomone (Solomon) Burns and Hugh & Nancy (Baker) Burns. They were married by Rev. Davison W. Ross in Calhoun Co., WV. They lived on a farm between Uler and Elana, WV and raised several children who were:

5. Ernest Ray Harold - (M) Anna Thurman Hicks (2 Children)."}

6. Amanda (Mandy) II. Harold (M) Earl Smith. Mandy is buried in the Harold Cemetery at Uler, WV (5 Children).

**HAROLD DESCENDANTS**

Quoting Morton's "History of Pendleton County": "The father of Michael Harold was an official of high position in Denmark, who was assassinated in church. The widow took the boy to America about 1750 when he was about 5 years old." (Index of passengers record a Susannah Harold in 1751) A legend was that the original Harolds first settled in Bucks County, Pa. then removed from there to Maryland, and what is now W.Va. Many Harolds in that time span of mid-1700's came via Philadelphia westward to Westmoreland Co., Pa. as the history of that county, Greensburg area, yet bears proof with a recently built school being named the "Harold Consolidated School". It is thought that the widow Harold could have been related to those immigrants, some of whom did move southward into Pendleton County Va.

Our sire, Elias Harold was probably a disciple of Robert Walton, who had a son of the same name 1810 census. Michael, Jr. married Catharine Vanzer 22 June 1805, and their son Elias was born 1 Mar. 1812, marrying Barbara Simmons in 1835, fathering 10 known children: Betty, Polly, William, Orlando, John, Mandy, Charlotte, Nancy, Catharine, Harriet (Dy) and John. Barbara's family preceded them to Kanawha County, her father Michael and wife being on the 1840 census. Polly Harrod married elderly Arthur White, from whom they obtained the current homestead. copied by (Robert) Harold Elswick, who was born 4 Apr. 1891, and Barbara, born Dec. 4, 1816, died Sep 5, 1902. They appeared in this area after the birth of son Daniel who was...
HARPER - TAYLOR
Part IV

Thomas W. Harper was among the first permanent settlers of Harper District, Roane Co., WV. He came to what is now Kanawha Co. in about 1835. Born Jan ca. 1816, Clinch Mountain Valley, Russell Co., VA, Thomas was the eldest of ten children of John Harper (1797/1877) and Rachel Taylor (1801/1869). He was the grandson of James Harper (died before Jun 1829) and Agnes Birchfield who were married 4 Dec 1785 (Marriage bond) Halifax Co., VA. James and Agnes had five sons and two daughters. The sons were: Harrison: Enoch (1794) married 2nd 16 Sep 1853 Elizabeth Jane Bowles; John Armstead (1800) married Rachel Bishop; Asa married 25 Dec 1824 Tazewell Co., VA Ellener Jackson. (Some say a sixth son, Alexander.)


Thomas W. Harper was a farmer and logger. He moved to Roane Co. near Clendenin, WV and died 31 Jan 1955 near Clendenin, Kanawha Co., WV.


Alexander married Amanda Eliza Fitzwater in Clay Co., 10 May 1886. Amanda daughter of George W. Fitzwater (1835/1922) and Margaret Jane Rogers (1845/1912). Born 6 Oct 1877, Valley Fork, Clay Co., died near Clendenin 1 Nov 1947. Mandy was a granddaughter of John (1805) and Rachel (1800) Fitzwater of Nicholas Co. and Levi Rogers (1803/1871) and Naomi Skidmore (1809/1877), of Newton, Roane Co. Elec and Mandy are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery along with their son Fred; her parents the Fitzwaters; grandparents Levi and Naomi Rogers; great grandparents Charles Rogers (1774/1849) and Hannah Skidmore (1776/1847) and numerous other members of the Rogers and related families. Pleasant Hill is one of what was once the family farm of Charles Rogers at Wallback, Clay Co.; near the Roane Co. line. Two of Mandy's great great grandfathers, brothers, Capt. John Skidmore. (1736/1809) of the Augusta County Millitia, father
Jim is a retired U.S. navy Chief Petty Officer, worked for Tucker. Submitted by Jim L. Harper. 

In the summer of 1986, Prince Fitzwater (1903/ ), nephew of Mandy, related to us the hardships of the early timber camps. He said during the winters, the holes in the chinking of the cabin walls were "big enough to throw a live cat through." 

As with all our ancestors, the roads were bad or nonexistent, the only mode of transportation was by horseback, horse and wagon, riverboat, or afoot. News didn't travel very fast, it might be months or more before word of a birth, or death reached other members of the family.

Four children were born to Elec and Mandy. Frederick I ee (1897/1974) married 14 Jan 1924 Anna Cecelia Perrine (1903/ ), 11 children; Holley Edward; Hattie Margaret (1905/), married 11 Feb 1924 Owen Wesley Taylor (1903/1975), 5 children; Stella (1908/ ) married 4 times, 1st: Roy Casey, last: Mike Comilleri, 2 children. (see Part VI Harper-Tucker) Submitted by: Jim L. Harper.

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Holley was working at Gandee's Grocery in Clendenin. Elva, born 16 Apr 1902, Cicero; Roane Co., daughter of Charles W. Tucker and Mary Lavina Price. They were married 17 Sept 1923, and the Harper-Price families were once again united. Holley worked for Union Carbide until they moved their plant in Charleston. At the beginning of the Great Depression, Holley was unemployed. They moved into a small house up in the "hollow" from Broad Run, above Clendenin. Holley managed to find work of sorts and hunted wild game and had a vegetable garden to supplement their food stores. Times were lean, but they managed to support their growing family. Elva was outstanding in cooking, baking, sewing, and canning and with her unflagging faith and humor brought them through all the difficult and good times of their marriage.

Holley worked at the Cobb Compressor Plant of United Fuel and Gas Co. about 15 years. Six children were born to this marriage in Clendenin. After moving to Florida in 1945, Holley was an automible mechanic, blockmason and general contractor. Holley was a volunteer worker for the North Brevard Charities Organization until just before his death. Elva died 25 Feb 1980 and is buried beside Holley at Brevard Memorial Park, Frontenac, FL. Children: Freda Irene born 18 Jul 1924, married 17 Feb 1944 Maxwell Everett Young (1923/1969); Ronald Philip (1944) married 9 Mar 1968 Sharon Viola Kaser (1946); Gregory Maxwell (1948) married 28 Dec 1968 Constance Theresa Burns (1948); Michael David (1950) married 3 Apr 1971; Alta Louise Holmes (1952); Edward Earl (1951) married 1 Jun 1970 Emily Deane Mills (2) 8 Jan 1978 Deborah Kay Lucas (1957); Joel Dexter, single.

Holley E., Jr. born 16 Nov 1927 died 13 Apr 1982, married (1) 1948 Lena Hicks (2) 4 Jun 1952 Helen Rhodes, daughter Betty Louise (1951) married 1 (1) 1971 Charles Hunter.


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Mathew, James, Joseph, William, Albert, Fonna, Elizabeth Neely, Day Harper.

Epperson married Mary A. Green on May 14, 1848 and they had seven children: David died young; William married Polly Ann Taylor; Joseph F married Lydia Taylor; Jonathan S. born May 31, 1858, married Margaret Harper then Margaret Neely; died March 1923; Henry K born 8-1860 married Lu Venia Gibson, died 2-12-1934; Herbert born 8-1864 married Lu Venia Gibson, died 2-12-1934; Neelson was born in 1864 after his father was killed at Cedar Creek and married Martha Jones; James Harper married Elizabeth heeley and 13 children: some are Matthew, Joseph, Fonna, Dolly and William Albert born 2-9-1878, died 4-21-1964. Albert married Minnie Jane Hunt who
George Leondis (Onnie), started to work for United Fuel when he was fifteen years old. Eula was a very caring mother and homemaker. Their home was at Cottontree. The Harper family reunion is held annually at the Columbia Gas Picnic grounds. Submitted by: Barbara Huffman

HARPER - DRODDY

George Summers Harper, also known as "Whistling George" married Catherine Elizabeth Droddy 30 December 1882, at Cicerone, Roane Co. WV.

George was the youngest son of Asa and Mary Jane (Lowe) Harper and the grandson of John and Rachel (Taylor) Harper. A merchant, a farmer, a land owner and a young entrepreneur, George timbered the wilds of Roane and Clay counties, accumulating his wealth in a short time.

He was born 25 December 1855 in Cicerone, Kanawha Co. Virginia and died at the home of his daughter, Ottie Jane (Harper) Shafer in Pinch, Kanawha Co. WV. He is buried in the Harper family cemetery at Cicerone, Roane Co. A marker was erected at his grave site.

Catherine Elizabeth Droddy Harper was the daughter of Christopher Columbus "Lum" Droddy and Belinda Catherine (Walker) Droddy. Born 3 July 1859 in the Walton Township, Roane Co. Virginia, she assisted her husband in their general store while maintaining her home and family. Elizabeth was known to her family as "Betty". A striking woman, she had long auburn hair and bright blue eyes and a fair complexion. Quite a contrast between she and George, who had piercing dark brown eyes, black hair and dark complexion.

Catherine Elizabeth Harper died 24 January 1892 at her home in Cicerone and is buried in the Harper family cemetery near her husband.


HARPER

Oral Basil Harper (9-25-1908/1-1980) married Oreta Violet Hunt (5-5-1910) on June 28, 1928 at Spencer, Roane County, WV. They had eight children (four boys and four girls) — twins, Emma Deane and Betty Jeanne (4-17-1929); son, Bobby Lee (5-4-1931-3-1981) twins Joanna Faye (6-4-1933/3-1989) and Jackie Gay (6-4-1933); William Edward (5-23-1935) "Teddy" Allen (11-24-1938); Kathryn Lynn (5-30-1951).

Oral and Violet Harper, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Deane married Ray George Bowles. They have three children, (1) Steven Douglas married Jane Dickerhoff; daughter — Stephanie Angelina, son — Steven Douglas II (2) Deborah Ann married Danny Mullane; son Derek Alan, daughter Danielle Erin (3) Sherri married William "Bim" Bair; daughter Ryan Amber, daughter — Mallorie Ann, son — William Travis.


Joann married Stanley Maurice "Bud" Goff, Jr. (6-4-1953). They have three children: (1) Larry Allen married Patty Kiser; daughter — Sherice Nichole (2) Kenneth Brian (3) Patrick Dale.

Jack married Reva Lee Moffatt (10-25-1953). They have three children: (1) James Richard married Melany Ruth Parsons; son — James Richard II, daughter — Melissa Rance (2) Tina Denise married Ben Achie #1 Gordon #2 Larry Wayne Kraus; daughter — Jaclene Denise, son — Charles Peter (3) Terry Dean married Judith Lynn Lehman; son — Brian Matthew.

Bill married Judy Alice Jarvis (6-29-1957). They have two children: (1) William Edward married Rebecca Johnson; daughter — Mallorie Kay, son — Jace Edward, daughter — Kaitlyn Rebecca (2) Charles Gregory married Susie Fout.

Ted married Sandra Ann Young (9-9-1959). They have two children: (1) Daniel Allen married Sharon Lynn Smith; daughter —


HARPERS


Andrew Jackson (1839-1864) born Kanawha County, W.Va., married Elizabeth Sarah Price (1839-1922), daughter of Lavine Price, on 11-17-1857 in Roane County, W.Va.

During the Civil War, Andrew was a Union soldier, mustered into Company K, 13th Regiment of W.Va. Volunteers 9-1-1863 at Walton, W.Va. W.Va. W.Va. was taken prisoner near Lynchburg, Virginia about 6-18-1864. Then paroled on Charleston, South Carolina 12-10-1864. Admitted to U.S. General Hospital, Division I, Annapolis, Maryland. Died 12-21-1864 of chronic diarrhea, was buried 12-24-1864 at Ash Grove, U.S. Cemetery, grave number 1245. He left his wife, Elizabeth Price, and four children. He married a second wife, Elizabeth Banks. They lived in Harper District. They lived on property owned by Armstead who settled this land and for whom Harper District was named. They had five sons and a daughter: James, 1837, 1857, 1858, 1861, 1862.

The Harpers are a sect of the Buchanan Clan and are of either English, Scotch, or Irish descent.

This record starts in Russell County, Va. James Harper married Agnes Birchfield on 12-4-1795 in Russell County, Va. They had five sons and seven daughters. They were John, Armstead (Ammer), Asa, Harrison (Alex), and Orvil.

Robert Madison Harper was born in Kanawha County in 1846. It is believed that he came to Roane County in the 1860s. His family settled on Johnson’s Creek in Walton district.

Robert met and married Catherine Lowe in 1868. He was 22 and she was 18 years old. Robert and Catherine had five children. They were: Isabella-1869; Robert-1873; Melissa-1880; Liza-1885; and Ida-1894. My grandfather Robert married Rama Dore (Carper) in 1897. Their children were Kate-1898; Russa B.-1899; Maggie-1901; Hollee-1903; Georgia-1904; Lacy-1907. Robert-1910; Clemmie-1914.
My father, Robert Madison Harper, was born on 3-21-1910. Robert Madison Harper has been a name that has been handed down from generation to generation. Robert's father died at the early age of 45 years old. His mother, Catherine, had the hard task of raising the children alone. They lived on Johnson's Creek, and this is where Robert stayed until he was 14 years of age. Then he set out to make his own living. Robert went to Clendenin, where he went to work for Steve Bird driving a team of horses in the oil fields. After that, he went to work for I. W. Scott, who had a dairy farm.

Robert met Velva McMullen and they were married 2-28-1928. They had 15 children. Their family consisted of Glenn-1930; Lucille-1932; Barbara-1933: Robert (Sonny) 1935; Sonny married Norma Lou Westfall; Patsy-1938; Betty-1942; Georgia-1946; Georgia married Pastor Ralph Wilson of Stover; James-1944; Danny-1948; Clettie-1950; Jackie-1950; David-1952; Mike-1954; and Richard-1957; Glenn died in 1983 at the early age of 53.

Rev. Harris was the son of Newton Harris of Henrietta, WV, and Anna (Bell) Harris. He was born August 19, 1902. His parents were W. J. Ritchie andreta (Wilson) Ritchie of Five Forks, WV.

Rev. Harris was converted and joined the Knotts Memorial Methodist Church in Grantsville. Rev. Judd Lane was the Pastor of the church and Herman Coshine was the evangelist. The year was 1937.

Rev. Harris entered the ministry in 1939. After working in Cleveland, Ohio in the defense factories during World War II, he returned to West Virginia and served churches in the following areas: Calhoun, Lewis, Gilmer, Roane, Clay, Jackson and Wirt Counties.

Robert and Velva Harper

Robert and Velva Harper worked hard to raise their family. Robert worked for many establishments including City of Spencer, C. C. Dodd (he helped with the development of Green Acres), he also worked at the Golf Course and for the State Road Commission. Velva was a homemaker. They are both still living in 1989 as this book is being published. Robert is 79 years of age and Velva is 78.

I, Danny Ray Harper, (10th child of Robert and Velva Harper) attended and graduated from Spencer Grade School, Spencer High School, Beckley College, Glenville State College, and West Virginia Cogs. I am a school teacher and have taught in Roane County for the last 17 years. I also taught in Boone County Schools (Warren Grade and Van High School). I have engaged in politics frequently.

I am very proud of my family heritage. We were very poor growing up. We had to make a lot of sacrifices, but all my is where and sisters have worked hard and done well. I married, Barbara Jean Davis (daughter of Icie Davis of Reedy) in 1967. I was 19 and Jean was 18. We have 2 children: Shelly Rae, born 1969, Shelly is currently attending Parkersburg Community College; Barton Daniel, born 1973, Bart is currently a Sophomore at Spencer High School. Submitted by: Danny R. Harper

Rev. Harris was the son of Newton Harris of Henrietta, WV, And Anna (Bell) Harris. He was born May 14, 1902. His wife was Minnie Alice, Marion Albert, Louise May, Tandy Edgell, Charles Melvin, Cecil Clyde, Arthella Maude, Scott Earl, Eupha Doris and Homer Aquilla.

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We lived on this farm during the 1930 Depression years, didn't have a lot of clothes, but we had plenty of food. Always raised a large garden, butchered 4 to 5 hogs each fall and a beef was dressed for future use.

As children attended Glaze Graded School, where we had the privilege to join the 4-H club and have a good project that would put food on the table. After attending grade school we all went to Spencer High School after walking two miles to catch the School Bus.

Corlis, was the oldest of Homer and Mamie's children was left to help work the farm while his father was at work in the oil field, he learned to do any kind of work on the farm.

On June 1, 1940 Corlis W. married Justine Spencer, the oldest daughter of Elber and Icy Jarvis Spencer, by her Grand Father, the Rev. Herbert Spencer. To this union there were 3 sons born. Corlis Willard, Jr. Stanton A. and Wayne C. Willard married Peggy Hilland. Stanton married Mary Sue Westfall and Wayne married Beverly Stonestreet.

Willard and Peggy had two daughters, Veronica and Valeria Stanton and Mary Sue had two boys, Rodney and Craig. Wayne and Beverly had one Son Winston and a Grand Daughter Carly.
Bank and worked in the bank. He also served as president of the Rouzer Oil Company and the Harris Oil Company. He graduated from the University of Hard Knocks in Philippi, W. V. He is now retired, spending the winters in Florida. Summers in Spencer and Richwood on the Farm. Now this makes 6 Generations of the Harris family. Submitted by Corliss Harris

E. J. HARRIS

Rev. Elias Jefferson Harris, "E.J." felt the call to preach as a young man and, after he married Annette Bernice Reynolds, "Nettie," he began as a circuit rider for the Methodist Protestant Church, serving a circuit of usually three churches in Tucker, Barbour, Braxton, Lewis, Jackson and finally, in 1896. Roane counties. With their five children (one died in infancy) they moved into the Methodist Protestant parsonage on lower Church Street, still the site of the Memorial United Methodist Church parsonage (remained following the union of Methodist churches in the 1940s).

During World War I Okey served with the U.S. Army in France as a machine gun mechanic aboard the airplanes—it was his job to go up on a test flight before a mission to make sure the guns worked properly. After the war he and Orville ran a meat market on Market Street; later Okey managed the Midland Department Store at the corner of Main and Market Streets. Eventually he and Ralph Casto bought the Roane County Reporter. Okey had found his niche. Expanding their plant from just a newspaper, they began bookbinding, printing legal forms, preparing voting kits for election day. After Ralph's death, Clary Miller, editor of the Reporter, became Okey's partner and the firm of Casto & Harris became a major supplier of legal material throughout the State. After Okey retired he and his beloved wife, Addie, lived in the old house on the hill. Addie died before its completion but after suffering a stroke Okey lived out his life there. He died at 92, leaving his entire estate to the hospital.

Orla, the youngesi, attended West Virginia University, graduating after WWI. After teaching in Ohio, she married Harold Everly and returned to Spencer to teach English and Spanish at Spencer High School until her retirement in 1959. She died in 1982. (See Memorial to Orla Everly.) Submitted by John M. Sutton

Rev. E. J. Harris Family (1910-12)

Ora, Otyce and Orville were teen-agers but Okey and Orla were young children. Only Otyce ever left Spencer—after she married William C. Hershey, a teacher, they moved to McAlester, Oklahoma, where they are buried. Ora married Hamond Robey and they were the only members of both Harris and Robey families to have children (see ROBEY Family biography). Orville married Eva Cutlip of Braxton county and they eventually settled in Spencer, E.J., or "Preacher Harris" as he was most often and affectionately called, served the Methodist Protestant church for many years but with changing times he gave up being a full-time minister. For a time he and Nettie ran a hotel at the corner of Court and Market Streets and later E.J. traveled the state securing right-of-ways for the gas company. They bought a house on the hill across from the Methodist Protestant church on Market Street between Jake Harper and the old Harrad Cemetery. They lived there until their deaths in 1947 and 1948. In the 1920s E.J. served a term as Mayor of Spencer and it was during this period that the road between Spencer and Parkersburg was hard surfaced and opened with a big celebration of friendship and rejoicing between the two towns. Through the years E.J. maintained his license to perform ministerial duties, filling many pulpits and performing many marriages in his living room. He and Nettie were good example. Orla, Orville and Okey were faithfully devoted and lived to celebrate 66 years together.

HARRIS

William S. Harris was the son of George W. and Christina Cross Harris. Born in Randolph County, 1824. Married Sarah Agnes Phillips. Born in Randolph County, June 9, 1824. Daughter of Eli Phillips on Sep. 10, 1843. This marriage had 3 children: George M. D., Eli H., Mary Jane Harris. Eli and Mary died young.


George M. D. remained in Roane Co. and married Barbara (pronounced Barbary) America Simmons, b. 4 Dec. 1816 in Va. Texas, N.Y. and other parts of the world. Although the descendants of William S. Harris are scattered to the four corners of the world there are a few still true to the mountains and remain in W. Va. and some are still in Roane Co. Submitted by: William J. Harris

DANIEL HARROLD, SR.

Daniel Harrold, Sr. was born 20 Sept. 1842 in Virginia (now W.Va). He was the son of Elias and Barbara America (Simmons) Harrold. He married Mary Jane Vaughn, daughter of Tarleton and Polly Vaughn, 30 Aug. 1866. Daniel died 28 Apr. 1924; Mary Jane died 7 Apr. 1886. Daniel was buried in the Harold Cemetery at Uler, W.V.

Daniel and his oldest son, William, were working on the hill one day and they were very hot coming down the hill. They stopped on a level spot under a big tree to rest. Daniel said, "Just put this hat on the ground and said "Shindgodser, here is where I want to be buried if you will be buried with me." Daniel was the first one buried there & William was buried about 15 years later. This is now known as the Old Cemetery.

Daniel and his brother Jesse were both in the Civil War in Co. B 9th Va. Volunteer (Federal) Inf.

Daniel's monument says he served from 1861 until 1865 in the Civil War. He was wounded in the head and leg by a shell at Cedar Creek, 19 Oct. 1864. He was wounded at Cloyd's Mtn. where he fought under General Sheridan. He was wounded in the leg and a piece of shrapnel was left in the wound and it would never completely heal. Daniel and Mary Jane had 10 children:


Mary Jane died and Daniel and (M) Salina Hart, daughter of Stephen Hart and Mary Jane Ferrell; granddaughter of James & Elizabeth Hart were born 20 Sept. 1842 in Virginia (now W.Va). They married Barabra (pronounced Barbary) America Simmons, b. 4 Dec. 1816 in Va.

Children

Daniel and Mary Jane had 10 children:


Two of Daniel's sons became State Senators.

Several of Salina's relatives fought in the Civil War. One of her sisters married a field of the feeding clan and had several children. Submitted by: Jennifer Crist Card

ELIAS HARROLD

Elias (El) Harrold, a slow pokey fellow, was born in Pendleton Co., Va. (now W.V.) 1 May 1812 and died in Kanawha Co., Va. (now Roane Co.) 5 April 1890. He probably was the son of Michael Harrold, Jr. and Catherine (Varner) Harrold. (Unproven) The Harrold and Varner families were of Ohio descent.

She was supposedly the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Wooten) Simmons, who were married 27 Sept. 1812 in Pendleton Co. Elias and Barbara were married by Rev. Sampson Zickeloose, a Methodist Minister. Barbara died 5 Sept. 1904. Elias and Barbara came to Kanawha Co., Va. about 1850 with their family. At least 4 more children were born later. They purchased and cleared land between Uler and Elana, WV.

Marlin Morris, (great-great-great-grandson of Elias and Barbara) now owns part of the pioneer settlement of Elias, and it is believed the well in front of Marlin’s home (shown in the picture) was their old well. Their home was located behind the one in the picture.

Marlin is the great-great-grandson of Jesse Isaac and Mariah Deliah Harrold; the great-great-grandson of Jasper Newton (Old New) and Martha (Cotrell) Harold; the grandson of (Mollie) Mary Angeline (Harold) Morris and Randolph Middleton and Stella (Sodgrass) McClain. His parents are Denver Newton and Cora Olive (McClain) Morris.


Billy owed a neighbor some money, but was unable to pay him. One day Billy was working with some neighbors repairing the road. This man drove by in his horse-drawn buggy and shot Billy. Although there were several witnesses to the killing, it was never brought to trial. They had 11 children.

Barbara had a brother named Jesse Simmons. They were full-blooded Dutch. According to the memories of her grandson, Kelly Harrold(15th child of Daniel), Barbara was very superstitious. She liked to travel on her horse, riding side-saddle and did so a lot.

Daniel and Jesse Harrold were both in the Civil War - Co. B. 9th Va. Volunteer (Federal) Inf. Submitted by: Fay Elmore

**HARROLD - HAROLD**

Elias Harrold 1812-1891 and Barbara (Simmons) Harrold 1816-1902 were married in Pendleton County, Virginia. They came to Kanawha county, now Roane County, in the early 1850’s with four sons and five daughters. The fifth son, John Christopher, was born in 1858 in Roane County. On 2 April 1862, John C. married Mary L. Drake, daughter of Sulton Drake. They had one child between them, Mary H. who later married Columbus Hardway. Mary H. died as a young woman, leaving some small children behind. Her burial place is unknown.

John Christopher Harrold remarried a second time 7 March 1884 to Caroline Hardway, daughter of Caleb and Virginia (Burns) Hardway. They reared a family of five sons and three daughters. John C. died at age forty-eight in April 1904, with his widow expecting their last child. Homer, their fifth son was born almost three months exactly after his father’s death. The children’s name in order of birth are as follows: Edmond C. 1885-1926; French 1880-1966; Minnie 1890-died in infancy; Charlie “CH.” 1891-1974; Ernest 1894-1959; Manda 1896-1962; Bertha E. 1902-1955 and Homer J. 1904-1976.

Charlie “CH.” Harold, the third son of John C. was born 31 August 1891. He married 8 November 1911, to Dixie A. Ross, daughter of Ulysses S. and Nancy E. (Keen) Ross. They were united in marriage by the bride’s father who was also the local Justice of the Peace. The ceremony took place at the Uler General Store which happened to be the residence of the bride and her family at the time.

**Sketch of Charlie “CH.” Harold**

“CH.” was a well-known stockman and farmer for over fifty years on his farm at Uler, in the Geary District. He conducted his business affairs with a few simple rules: a man’s handshake was more binding on a deal than a written contract, never make a promise you can’t keep and never discuss any business on Sunday. He was a good farmer by all standards and held the firm belief that by caring for the land and conserving it, the land would provide a more bountiful harvest. His homespun philosophy has been carried through from his children to his great-grandchildren, who are all noted in the succeeding paragraphs.


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Submitted by: Carolyn D. (Allen) Adams

**HAUGHT**

In the early 1900 Harry Haught and his wife Dicy Kraft Haught moved to Spencer, Roane County. They bought a farm on Spring Creek and there raised their family of five girls and three boys. Lora the youngest son married Yvonne Miller, daughter of Homer Miller of Spencer. Larry was born July 3 1935. He is the oldest of three children, Robert who lives in Boca Raton, Florida and Lorena who is married to James King and lives in Marion, Ohio.

Larry graduated from Spencer High School in 1953. While in high school he took several honors playing right halfback on the football team. In 1954 Larry joined the Marine Corps and served in Korea for a year. After he was discharged he went to work as a patrolman for the Spencer City Police Department. Larry is well known in the Spencer area where he has worked in law enforcement for over twenty-five years. He served as Chief of Police for several years. At one time he was the youngest police chief in the United States. He has also worked as Chief Deputy for the Roane County Sheriff Department.

Larry is a member of the Spencer Odd Fellow Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, and Eastern Star. He also belongs to the American Legion.

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can Legion and VFW.

June Bowyer Haught was born June 23, 1934 at Windyville near Peniel in Roane County, the youngest child of Fay and Ade- na McConnell Bowyer. June has three brothers and one sister. Jim the oldest, is married to the former Janet Jo Whitney, and lives in Charleston, W. Va. Jack, who passed away August 1, 1988, was married to the former Myrtle Cline and lived in New Philadelphia Ohio. Betty Jo is married to James Kollar and also lives in New Philadelpia. Richard is married to Janet Castro and lives in Pasadena, California. June graduated from Spencer High School in 1952, where she was very active in school participation. She was school cheerleader, where she cheered for Larry as he scored his many touchdowns. June and Larry were married January 1, 1954 and lives on the old Haught home place on Spring Creek. They are the parents of three children. Jerry who was born at Camp Pendle­ton, California. January 30, 1956, and now lives in Boyton Beach, Florida. David was born November 27, 1960 and now lives in Florida. David is married to the former Sue Allen of Syracuse, New York, and they have two children. Stacy who is five and Nicho­las who is one year old. Debra was born No­vember 14, 1956 and was married to Harry "Butch" Smith, and she has one daughter. Sabrina who is eleven years old. Debbie has followed in her dad’s footsteps as she has also been in law enforcement for elev­en years.

June has worked for the Roane County Board of Education as Cafeteria Manager, at the Spencer Elementary School for twenty-four years.

Larry has served as pastor of the Spencer Tabernacle Church on Summit Street for thirty years. He and June are very ac­tive in church work. Submitted by Larry and June Haught

LEWIS E. HAUGHT

Lewis E. Haught was born in Monong­hela County, November 3, 1863. Stella E. Campbell was born in Marion County August 20, 1863. They were married October 31, 1888, and lived most of their lives in Roane County, in the vicinity of Egypt Ridge. Lewis died in 1912 and Stella died in 1941. They had four daughters and two sons. Willie B. (1889-1890), Harold Melvin (1897-1943), Evelyn (1890-1960), Beulah (1894-1968), Gyp­sie (1895-1989). Ne­ll (1900-1989).

Evelyn Haught worked for the Gordon Memorial Hospital under the direction of Dr. A. T. Gordon for more than forty-five years.

Beulah Haught married Clarence Cross and they had two sons, Robert and Joe Cross. Beulah was a Nurse and worked part of her adult life for the Wheeling Steel Corporation in Stubenville, Ohio. She also worked at the Gordon Memorial Hospital in Spencer, W. Va.

Gyp­sie Haught married William J. Crawford, and they had one son, Billy Jr. They lived in Washington, Pa. and Gyp­sie worked for the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, W. Va.

Haw­ell Haught married Don Berry and lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area. They reared one niece, Donna Berry, who married Cude Keiffer.


Ona is buried in Spencer and Alta is bur­ied in Cabell County. James Earl is still liv­ing at this writing - Nov. 1989. He is owner of part of the original two hundred acres Haught farm and he is a great-grand-daughter. Jane Nelson.

Submitted by: Floda Hawkins

HAWKINS

James Nicholas "Nick" Hawkins, the son of Benjamin Franklin Hawkins and Ma­linda (Harper) Hawkins, the grandson of Nicholas Hawkins and Rebecca (Wiseman) Hawkins and Armstead and Rachel (Bish­op) Harper, was born Sept. 4, 1869 and died July 30, 1951.

Nick Hawkins married Lottie Meadows on Oct. 26, 1902. She was the daughter of Edmond Meadows and Melissa (Holley) Meadows and the grand-daughter of William and Mary Ann "Polly" (Holley) Meadows and Cornelius and Thursie Holley. Lottie was born Sept. 4, 1870 and died Aug. 7, 1937.

The Hawkins ancestors came from Spottsylvania County, Virginia to Orange County, Virginia in 1816. They lived a short time in Orange and Culpepper Counties and in 1820 moved to Fayette County in what is now West Virginia.

Nick's grandfather Benjamin was born on the Hawkins farm in Fayette County but moved on to present Roane County, where he established a post office called Wood­yard, but the name was later changed to Harmony. He operated a small store there also, but in his later years Nick took the business over and "Ben" returned to Fayette County, where he lived for two years. He and Malinda returned to Roane County and settled in Spencer where they operated a boarding house and eating place. Benjamin died in 1887 and Malinda died in 1922, they are both buried in the family cemetery at Harmony.

Nick and Lottie made their home at Har­mony all of their lives. He farmed the land and served in public office after the post office was moved. He was Justice of the Peace for twelve years and served in most of the other district offices. They and seven of their ten children are buried on the farm in the family cemetery.


HAWVER

The first Hawver in Roane County is James Lovell Hawver, born 5 Feb. 1853, in Fayette County, son of Luther and Donna (Nutter) Hawver, he has two Brothers, Ho­mer Eugene Hawver, a Judge, at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. and Charles William Hawver, who is a heavy equipment opera­tor in New York.

While in Fayette Co. James worked with his Uncle Vestus Hawver hauling coal as his Grandfather George Washington Hawver owned a Coal mine, and the family operated it. James then moved to Hunting­ton, W.Va. where he was a janitor for several years at the State Hospital.

He moved to Roane County in 1878, and in 1961 married Helen Grace Cottrell born 3 June 1930, they live at 105 Imperial Gar­dens, Spencer, W.Va. Both have limited ed­ucations, Helen never going to school, and James only in graded school. They are both Epileptics. No Children.

Helen is an Artist of not much renown in pencil and oils, also sews and pieces quilts. James’ hobby is collecting records.
HEDGES

The first Hedges to take residence in the area that would become Roane County met an untimely fate. But as later generations were to prove, those that followed never bore a grudge.

Charles Thomson Hedges (b. 5-16-1815 in Harrison Co.) and his wife, Nancy C. (Boggess) Hedges (b. 11-18-1818) came to Roane County about 1850 and purchased a tract of 800 acres on Little Spring Creek, where they made their home for life, raising five children.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Charles T. enlisted in the Confederate army as a cavalryman. While at home on furlough, he was killed in his own dwelling, although it remains undetermined if the killers were regularly enlisted Unionists or mere zealots. His wife was in Burning Springs at the time, on an errand to obtain salt. As a result, the dead body lay in the house overnight, with three little children keeping vigil until their mother returned in the morning.

Charles T. and Nancy had seven sons: Caleb Boggess, John Franklin, Henry Clay, Charles Edwin, Hiram Benjamin, Albert Otho and Fernando Robinson and a daughter, Mary Jane.

Charles Edwin (b. 5-12-1852) married Elia Jane Foster on April 13, 1883. He worked as a teacher and farmer before he died Jan. 26, 1894. Of this marriage came two children, a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Grover Foster Hedges (b. 3-5-1885)

Grover F. (Sr.) graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1906. In 1912, he obtained his law degree from West Virginia University. After receiving an appointment from President Woodrow Wilson, he served as postmaster at Spencer for seven years.

This grandson of the slain Confederate soldier was engaged in the practice of law in Spencer for several years. During this law practice, Grover was appointed to represent a man who had been indicted on a charge of murder. As fate would have it, the accused was the grandson of one of the men who had participated in the killing of Grover's grandfather. Even with this knowledge, Grover conducted such a brilliant defense that the defendant was cleared in a jury trial.

On June 3, 1913 Grover married Mary Elizabeth DePue. To this marriage were born a son, Foster Hedges, Jr. (b. 11-5-1914) and a daughter, Marie Elizabeth Hedges (b. 10-17-1916). Grover died in 1955 and his wife in 1970.

Marie married Jerry Adams and had three children before her early death in 1929.

G.F. Jr., known as Foster, graduated from WVU and obtained his law degree from Vanderbilt University. While serving in U.S. Army military intelligence during WWII, he married Mary Helen O'Conor of Cincinnati, Ohio on Feb. 19, 1944.

After the war, Foster returned to Spencer with his wife and resumed the practice of law with his father. The couple had nine children: Daniel Foster, Marilyn Elizabeth, James Gregory (died in infancy), Christine Marie, Mary Frances, John Michael, Anne,
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To Charles and Nancy Hedges were born three children in Harrison County. They came to Roane County about the year 1850, after which five more children were born. Charles and Nancy, on coming here, purchased a tract of some 800 acres of land situate on Little Spring Creek. On it they farmed, worked for Citron, and operated a store. Fernando returned to Roane County on business and to see about his property, became ill and died in 1909. age 51 and Willie being 12 years old. Rebecca and Willie moved back to the farm on Little Spring Creek. Rebecca became a prominent figure in the area. She helped many families with loans and selling livestock on credit. Rebecca died in 1933, age 77.

Willie Hedges married Eska O. Hildreth. April 5, 1927, daughter of Charles P. and Emma (Tyson) Hildreth. To Willie and Eska were born four daughters, whose names are: Carrie Irene; born 1928, married W. L. H. Linger, son of Herbert and Rutina (Corttrel) Linger of Spencer, made their home in Dexter City, Ohio. Hubert died in 1980. Esther Ann; born 1932, married James E. Ward, son of Ernest and Doris (Pritchard) Ward of Spencer; Helen Marie, born 1933, married Richard M. Steele, son of Darrell W. and Donna (West) Steele of Spencer. For her second marriage Helen married Clyde E. Burdette, son of Jack and Rosa (Matics) Burdette of Spencer; Margaret Willadean born 1941, married Billy Joe Webb, son of Lawrence and Tessie (Starcher) Webb.

The Helmic family that settled in Roane County emigrated from Ireland. Whiting "White" Helmic and his wife Parthena settled on a farm in Hollywood near Newton. The family was large but information is scarce concerning this part of the family tree.

One of White's sons, Asa Helmic (1866-1927), married Nancy Rueberta Lantz (the German spelling) or Lance (the present spelling in Roane County), daughter of Granville and Sally Hammock Lantz. Lance was a farmer 1873-1946 and lived with his parents in the large heritage house. After caring for his parents, until they died, the family remained in the old family home. Both White and Asa were farmers on this large farm. Asa was also known as a carpenter, blacksmith, basket weaver, and made handiwork pieces of beautiful quilts, pillows, and crochet pieces were made by Nancy and her daughters.

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In 1942 the family moved to a farm on Spring Creek. Willie farmed, worked for Citizen Telephone Company and Monongahela Steel company to pay off the debt. Willie died in 1952. Willie moved to Elsmere, California in 1953. Married for second wife Gertrude (Longfellow) Kendall of Spencer. Moved back to Roane County, made their home on Ripley Road until Gertrude's death, February 23, 1972. Willie then resided with his daughter, Ann Ward until his death, March 23, 1980.

Grandchildren are: Carolyn (Linger) Allen, Marietta, Ohio; Diana (Linger) Starkweather; Spencer; Deborah (Steele) Knight, Hurricane, WV; Richard D. Steele, Spencer; Bill Webb, Spencer; Terry (Webb) Kelley, Spencer; and 12 great-grandchildren. Submitted by: Helen Burdette

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To Charles and Nancy were born eight children, whose names were: Caleb Boggs, John Franklin, died in the Con-
HENDERSON

Robertus Henderson was born March 16, 1835 in the vicinity near Catawba, Virginia. After marriage to Nancy Looney on May 10, 1842, they journeyed through the mountain country to what is now Roane County, West Virginia, and established their home on a farm near Walton. On this farm they lived their remaining days and reared a family of four sons and six daughters.

The oldest son, Henry Montgomery Henderson b. Jan. 6, 1870, d. Sept. 8, 1942, married Pearl Strickland born March 16, 1894, had a family of two sons and six daughters.

The middle son, Melvina McClung Henderson, b. May 9, 1872, d. Jan. 2, 1961, married Cora Thompson born Jan. 6, 1870, had a family of five sons and six daughters.


The youngest son, Francis Henderson Snyder, b. Feb. 7, 1862, d. Aug. 6, 1939, married Medie McInturer Henderson born March 20, 1884, had a family of five sons and six daughters.

The family of H. Montgomery Henderson and Catherine Phillips Henderson lived in Roane County near Walton.

The oldest son, Henry Montgomery Henderson was born in England and emigrated with his fathers family to America and established his home in North Carolina near what is now Hendersonville, North Carolina. Many descendants of Robertus family still live in Roane County, while a large number have established homes in various states of the U.S.

The family of H. Montgomery Henderson and Catherine Phillips Henderson lived in Roane County near Walton.
Ross McGlun who married Edith Garest had four children, Dave, Craig, Betty, and Burl. Meada M. who married Icie Paxton had three children, Dennis, Mayford, and Estel. Ida May who never married.

Willie Coy Henderson, (son of Henry Montgomery Henderson) b. 1895 d. 1970 was a school teacher, farmer and rural mail carrier and veteran of World War I. He carried mail on Route 2 out of Walton for 35 years. He married Una Taylor and their home was 1/2 miles below Walton on Poca River Road. They had three children: Oral O. Henderson, married Margaret Elmore, their children were Evelyn Ann, Patsy Sue, David Oral and Unis Idelle. Katherine Louise married Lonnie E. Brisenden their children were Lonetta Ray, Una Lee and Bill Grover.

Thurl Taylor Henderson never married. Submitted by: Thurl T. Henderson

CECIL & NINA HENTHORN

Cecil Henthorn was born 9-1-1905 on Barnes Run in Roane County, WV, one of nine children that grew to adulthood of James & Debbie Ann (Batten) Henthorn. His brothers & sisters were: Ovie, Mary, Romie, Rachel, Sally, Argie, Nellie & Justine. Paternal grandparents were John & Margaret Henthorn and Maternal grandparents were William (Billy) & Rachel (Harper) Batten.

In 1930 Cecil was living at home with his father James, who was ill with cancer, his mother Debbie, his grandmother Rachel, a nephew Coy (son of Rachel), a niece Pearl Henthom (daughter of Ovie) (whose name, Henthom. On 12-30-45 she married Warren P. Hudson, son of Fred O. & Mary (Tolley) Hudson. They had four children: Iris, Mildred (Midge), Warren Jr., (Pete) and Sandra Kaye who died at birth.

Cecil moved to Akron, Ohio in 1929. Cecil, Ruby May Runion, daughter of Don and Eleanor (Palmier) Runion. They lived in Akron. Ohio. Their sons Mitchell b. 4-17-61 and Michael b. 3-9-64 were born there. In May 1978 they moved to Mauldin, S.C. He drove truck for Roadway. Louie died of cerebral hemorrhage 10-20-62. Mitch and Mike are both married and each have one child. Loretta later married Bill Bryant and they now live in Simpsonville, S.C.

Cecil Ray met Joanna Barnett in Akron, Ohio in 1929. Joanna was born 6-6-33 in Braxton County, WV. Her parents had died young and she was reared by other members of her family. They adopted 3 sons: Mark, who is married and lives in Lancaster, Ohio, Timothy, who also lives in Lancaster and Matthew, who lives in Sarasota, Florida.

Cecil and Nina were active in the Alexander Baptist Church all their married life. Nina played the piano and he was a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent for several years.

Cecil was a mechanic for Denbigh & Garrett Ford Garage for several years. They went to Akron to visit their sons, and Cecil became ill with pancreatitis and died there on October 20, 1957. He is buried near his parents in Hodem Cemetery on Spring Creek, Roane County. After his sudden death, Nina sold the farm and moved to Raverina, Ohio. Her companion, Ida Seyfried and she did sewing for a local department store. Nina altered men's clothing. After seventeen years, both became ill and Ida was sent to a nursing home in Florida, living only a few months. Nina lived with June for a few months before she was hospitalized and moved to a nursing home in Ripley, WV. She is now critically ill. Submitted by: Iris Louise Hudson Smith and Mildred Kaye Ripley, WV. She is now critically ill. Submitted by: Iris Louise Hudson Smith and Mildred Kaye Ripley, WV.

HERON - JOHNSTON

Thomas Heron married Elizabeth Robertson in Scotland. Sons: John and Adam (second wife unknown). Thomas had son Adam b. 1804 d. 9-16-1882 married Hannah Asbery b. 7-31-1813 d. 3-12-1899 married in England and are buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Charles, West Virginia. They were children: Hannah, Elizabeth, Sally, Argie, Nellie & Justine. Carter family. Mary Hodges, of Mary, Romie, Rachel, Sally, Argie, Nellie & Justine. Carter family. Mary Hodges, Sarah Johnson, Harriet Kilpatrick, George, Alfred John, Nettie Pettigrew, Susan Ruland, William and Emma Hobbs Heron were children: Mary, Minnie, Charles, Archie John (Roe County) andCourtesy, Com and Laura Bell. William's second wife Ada Graham Campbell produced Emma. William born in Toronto, Emma in Devonshire, England. Both buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, West Virginia. Pennsylvania. William Heron became a citizen of Germany 1884. He was a member of Argyle Lodge Number 540 F & A.M. Emma Hobbs Heron was the daughter of James and Mary Combs Hobbs, Devonshire, England. They owned Sydenham Mills for many years, migrating to Canada in 1855. Archie came to the West Virginia Oil Fields in 1855. Archie came to the West Virginia Oil Fields in 1855.

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CLARENCE HERShBERGER

Clarence Hershberger was born 1872, Roane County, son of Joseph Peter and Carrie Chapman Hershberger. Clarence married Mary Drake 1866-1917. He was a carpenter by trade. Mary's parents were Harvey and Nancy (Webb) Drake. Harvey's parents were William and Elizabeth (Payne) Drake. Nancy's parents were Milton and Elizabeth (Bays) Webb.

Clarence and Mary were the parents of three sons. Aubra married Effie B. Boggs. They have two daughters, Irene and Marie. Auba married Eupha M. Boggs, three children, Madelyn, Imogene and Dale. Brook married Ava C. Boggs, three children: Sarah, Patricia and Elizabeth.

Clarence married Evelyn Combs. He was a carpenter and lived in Bumsville. They had one child, and together they operated a Planing Mill and Grist Mill and both were carpenters. Aubra and Dale worked in the gas fields.

All attended Epling Chapel Church and are buried in the Epling Cemetery along with other family members. Clarence, Hazel and Wilma also attended the Plumtree School around 1910. The school was moved to the Heritage Park in Spencer in 1985. After the death of Clarence's wife, he moved his home with his son Aubra until his death.

Joseph Peter (J.P.) Hershberger was born in Mason County 1848. His wife Carrie (Chapman) Hershberger was born 1855.
HENRY CLAY HICKS

My grandfather, Elihu Hess was born 1858 in Roane County, Virginia. He married Hannah (Susan) (Drennon) Boggs, who was born 1865, in Russell County. They came to Roane County around 1887.

Elihu Hess was a farmer and worked in the lumber business. He was a wealthy man and was very good at anything he tried to do. He was Dr. George Connolly. Sarah was the wife of Elihu Hess and was very good at anything he tried to do. He was a good singer and played string instruments.

Elihu Hess was buried at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Oodus was born in Covington, W.Va. and was the son of Elihu Hess and Sarah Hess. He married (Kate) Kathern Smith, who was born in 1890. Their parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Baker) Smith. Oodus was born 1883 in Cook County, Virginia. He had young children and was very wealthy in the Hicks family. He married Roane County throughout Florida, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. Oodus married Nona McCloth in the Army. They had six children. Oodus married Anna Cook and had eight children: Sarah married Cummins Cook and one son; Ira married Clarinda Cook and eleven children; he later married the Hicks family. Thomas married Anna and had two children.

Oodus was born in 1837 in Cook County, Virginia. He had two children; Felix never married, died young serving his country. Felix married Rosa Moore and had fifteen children. Before Prince was married and shortly after he drove team from Roane County to the Army. They had six children. Oodus married Anna Cook and had eight children: Sarah married Cummins Cook and one son; Ira married Clarinda Cook and eleven children; he later married Millie Thomas. Oodus married Anna and had two children.

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HENRY CLAY HICKS

Henry Clay Hicks (1870-1955) was born in Roane Co. one mile from Spencer in a small house on Spring Creek behind the present location of the Baptist Temple. He was the son of Laurence Hicks (1827-1901) and his second wife, Sphinx Ann (Hinkle) Hicks (1837-1901). d/o John & Nancy (Penny) Hinkle.

When Clay was about sixteen, his two older brothers went to Calhoun County to work for Fred James on his large farm. His brothers came home for a visit and was bragging about the pretty girls they had met. Clay asked for their names and they listed several. When they came to Alfred's youngest daughter, Jerushia Ellen. Clay jumped to his feet and exclaimed, "That's the one for me!"

Clay's brothers were very much impressed with the beautiful farmland on the West Fork in Calhoun Co., so they convinced their parents to sell their property near Spencer and buy land near Alfred Jarvis' farm. Laurence sold his property to one of his cousins named Vandale, and they still have it in their family today.

After the family of six were settled in their new home, the neighbors gathered in to welcome the newcomers to the neighborhood. Among the neighbors was Jerushia (Russell) Ellen Jarvis. It was a case of love at first sight. They were married in 1890. She was 16. Clay was 20.

Clay was a very talented man and was very good at anything he tried to do. He owned a grist mill and a saw mill, as well as running a large farm. He made beautiful furniture in his well-equipped workshop. He made the caskets for his neighbors who died, and his oldest daughter, Anna, would trim them with cloth, lace and ribbon. The time she was 12 years old. She would wash and dress the small babies that died and place them in their caskets. Jerushia would help prepare the older people for burial.

Clay and Jerushia's children were: Carl (Kate) Kathern Smith, Anna married Ernest Harold. Mary married Greelie Sampson. Minnie married Claude Boggs, Cora married Wesley (Wess) Fritz, Hallie married Mae Looney, Curt married Mattie (Tillie) Brannon. Dormal married Dallas Jarvis, and Lydia married Johnie Risbin.

Jerushia was born 7/3/1877. d/o Alfred and Sarah Thurman (Hensley) Jarvis. Alfred was the 5/o pioneer settlers of Thomas & Alley (Connolly) Jarvis. Alley's father was Dr. George Connolly. Sarah was the d/o Rev. Aaron and Nancy (King) Hensley. Clay was married (Peggi) penny) Hicks, d/o Washington & Nancy Jane (Greathouse) King.

Monument of Henry Clay Hicks & Jerushia Ellen (Jarvis)

Clay died 15 July 1935, age 65. Jerushia died 13 Feb. 1955, age 76. They are both buried in the Hicks Cem. where both of their parents are also buried. Also buried in the Hicks Cem. on Little White Oak near Chloe, W.Va. are the following children and their husbands or wives. Carl & Kate, Mary and Greelie, Minnie and Claude, Curt and Tillie, Rector, Anna's husband, Ernest, and Cora's husband, Wess. Several grandchildren and other relatives of the Hicks families are buried there.

Submitted by: Theresa Hicks

LAWRENCE HICKS

Laurence Hicks and his two brothers, Washington and Joseph Stephen, Jr. were the sons of Joseph Stephen and Margaret (Peggy) Boggs. Hicks, d/o John and Susan (Susan) (Drennon) Boggs. Susan was the granddaughter of Jacob Martin's daughter that married Walter Drinnon, The City of Marlinton, W.Va. was named for Jacob Martin.
The children of Walter Drinnon and his wife were: Lawrence, Thomas, Charles, Jacob, Esther, James, and William Drinnon. Lawrence Drinnon married Sarah (Sally) Day, d/o Nathaniel & Susan (Wylie) Day. Their children were: James, Charles, John, Susannah, Sarah (Sally), Richard, and Thomas.

Several of the Drinnon family were killed by Indians. Susannah and one brother were prisoners of the Indians; her mother and baby sister were killed by them and her father was scalped and left for dead but recovered.

John & Susan Boggs, Laurence Hicks' grandparents, lived for years in the Meadows of Greenbrier Co. (now WV). They owned a large plantation in partnership with Charles McClung. They were graziers and stock dealers and were very prosperous. John was called a drover and went on large cattle drives to get their cattle to market.

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Monuments of Lawrence Hicks in the Hicks Cemetery; Calhoun County

Lawrence sold his property in Roane Co., which was about one mile south of Spencer on Spring Creek near the present location of the Baptist Temple. He moved to Calhoun Co., and purchased land where he lived until his death at age 74, (18 May 1901). His wife died 9 days later at age 64 (27 May 1901). She was born 4 Jan. 1842. Both are buried in the Hicks Cemetery, Calhoun Co., on Little White Oak near Chloe, WV.

Submitted by: Bina Hicks

The Hilldrith families of Roane County

Laurence married Margaret __. Their children were: Frank, Mary, Allen L., and Elizabeth.

Lawrence was considered a rich man and founded the notable Boggs Settlement by settling his sons and daughters around him. Laurence Hicks married Margaret _. Their children were: Frank, Mary, Allen L., and Elizabeth.

After the death of Margaret, Laurence returned to Greenbrier Co. Va. and married Synthia Ann Hinkle. She was full-blooded Dutch and spoke both the Dutch and English language. They had eight children: Nancy, Leonard, Edgar, Clay, Brown, Luther (Lute), Oklahoma (Dick), and Lora.

Luther died 27 February 1951 at the age of 87 years. Roy G. did get an education and taught school for many years in the county. He also served in WW I as an MP. In 1919 he married Lois Maple, daughter of Seleus "Luke" and Anna Maple of Upshur County. Together they had three sons: Lester, Bliss, and Roy. Roy G. went on to serve as Roane County Clerk for 24 years. He also ventured into the oil and gas business successfully, the results of which can be seen today. Roy G. died January 1952 at the age of 75.

Bliss married Grace McKown in 1946. They are the parents of Norman and James of Spencer and Jane Hildreth Crutchfield of Belchertown, Massachusetts. Submitted by: Jane Hildreth Crutchfield
HINSEMAN/HINZMAN

Henry Hinseman (?-1827) was a Revolutionary Soldier. Reported that he enlisted at Philadelphia the summer of 1779 or 1780, for about 9 months. Then again for 3 years. In the Pennsylvania Regiment. He married Charity R. Hite, daughter of Philip Coon, on 9-16-1794 in Harrison County, Va. They settled on Simpson’s Creek there. About 1799, moved to Hacker’s Creek, Lewis County, W.Va.

Clarity filed for and received pension in 1879. Her name was dropped in 1860, then restored to the roll in 1866, when she reportedly was 105 years old. Living in Roane County, W.Va. When she died; she lived with daughter and son-in-law, Charity and Stephen Starcher. They raised 12 children: Abraham, David, Mary Sarah, Hines, Mary, Elizabeth, Henry, William, David, John, Rebecca, and Charity.

Henry Hinseman II. (1803-?) born Lewis County, W.Va., son of Henry and Charity (Coon) Hinseman, married Mary Means. Little is known of him except, for 8 children born to them: John married Eda Osborne; Thomas married Christina Hinkle; Charity married Laten Snow; Marshall; Perry married Elizabeth Dawson; Jane married James Goldsmith; Steven married John Griffith; Eliza Thomas E. Hinseman (1832-1880), son of Henry II and Mary (Means) Hinseman, married Christina Hinkle (1850-1909) on 4-24-1854. They lived their lives in Lewis and Roane Counties. Both are buried at the Parrish Cemetery, Jackson County, W.Va. They raised 10 children: Samantha married Issac Scyoc; William married Lida Parsons; John married 1 Freyanna Payne; Margaret Walters; 3 Hettie; Mary; David married Emma Evere; James married Jennie Hess; Melissa James married Mary Parsons; Ida; Charles married 1 Emma Hess; 2 E. Nestebrotbe. John Henry Hindsman (1858-1940), born Roane County, W.Va., son of Thomas and Charity Hinseman married Freyanna Payne (1861-1894) on 10-9-1881, in Jackson County W.Va. They had 6 children. He was known as Henry. John Henry then married, Margaret Walters (1864-1898). She died during childbirth. Both Freyanna and Margaret are buried in Parrish Cemetery, Jackson County W.Va.

John Henry then married Nettie and moved to Beaver County, Penn. They had 2 sons that are known. John died and is buried in that home until he died. He is one of the children of John Henry are: Effie married Robert Doolittle; Esther married 1 Charles Parrish; 2 L. Rhodes; 3 _Croll; Mary; Thomas died an infant; Samuel married Della Patterson; James; Daughter died at birth; Henry.

Esther Pearl Hinseman (1884-1962), born Jackson County, W.Va., daughter of John and Freyanna (Payne) Hinseman, married Charles O’Dell Parrish (1882-1930), son of Henry and Margaret (Cain) Parrish of Coon Creek. He died of sickness on 9-30-1910, they had 3 children. She is better known as Pearl. Pearl married L.I. Rhodes on 6-25-1911. They had 5 children. They moved to Co-}

Lumbiana County, Ohio where Irvin died. Pearl then married _Crowl. Crowl died and lived with Negley, Ohio. Pearl moved to Coon Creek, Highland County, Ohio, where Mr. Crowl died. Pearl remained in that home until she died. She is buried in Hancock County, W.Va. All known children of Pearl are: Hober; died an infant; Arthur Parrish married Edith Bailey; Mabel Parrish married Edith Bailey; Angel Rhodes; Mary Rhodes married John Hickman; Okey Rhodes; Warren Rhodes married Evelyn Scott.

Arthur Lemoine Parrish (1906) born Jackson County, W.Va. son of Charles and Pearl (Hinkle) Parrish, married 12 Margaret Walters; 3 Nettie, Mary; 4-24-1854. They lived their lives in Lewis and Roane Counties. Both are buried at the Hacker’s Creek Cemetery.

Children of Pearl are: Hobert died an infant; Arthur married Edith Bailey (1908) daughter of Wasson and Grace (McGee) Bailey of Chester, Hancock County, W.Va. on 6-25-1927. Arthur lived with his grandparents after his mother remarried. He went to East Liverpool, Ohio when about 17 years old. He got a job at the pottery at Newell, W.Va. Arthur and Edith live in Newell, W.Va. and last year celebrated 61 years of marriage. They raised 6 children. Elsie married 1 Sherman Rohr, Jr.; 2 Negley Stuchell; Ralph married Orwina Swift; Grace married 1 Gene Johnston; 2 George Kourpas; Helen married 1 William Vitaline; 2 LeLand Fowler; Marion married 1 Leslie Thomberry; 2 Mere Starkey; Howard married Joan Chalfue; Robert married Sherry Adams.

Pearl then married Crawl and lived in Summers family on the west side of New Kent County, Virginia, who was de-}

scended from John Huett (Hight, Hite), French, the original settler in England having arrived in New Kent County, Virginia about 1698. Mr. Huett, known as Philip Coon, on 9-16-1794 in Harrison County, Virginia. He married Jane Payne; Julia Ann (1861-1862); Ella Hacker’s Creek, Kanawha County, West Virginia where she died. She is buried in Hacker’s Creek Cemetery.

Children of Robert H. and Susannah (Campbell) Hite were: Emma F. (1857-1912) married George W. Shamblin; Mary L. (1858-1919) married Edward S. Frye; William Andrew (1860-1924) married Nancy Jane Payne; Julia Ann (1861-1862); Ella Florence (1866-1903) married Henry B. Stanley: Edward (Bone) (1869-)

William Andrew Hite attended Concord State Normal School 1892-1893. In 1884 he married Nancy Jane Payne of Red Knob and became a farmer. In 1906 they moved to Gassaway, Braxton County so he could find work as a carpenter. They stayed there until 1917 when they moved to Charleston. He was hired out to do carpentry and a tanner for his family. He was buried in the Springhill Cemetery in Charleston.

Children of William Andrew and Nancy Jane Payne Hite were: Dale Dallis (1885-1969) married Glenda Payne Jeffries, she was a pharmaceutical. William Bradford (1886-1956) he was a doctor; Una Clare (1888-1981); Mary Jane Hite (1890-1982) married Lawson Riddle; Robert Caryle (1892-1970) married Ruth Knapp; Bessie Lee (1894-1896) married Lloyd Thompson; Lilly Frances (1896-1979) married Nolan Goldsberry: Florence Clementine (1898-1985) married Walter Harold Kisler; Mar-}

niece Jeanette (1900- ) married George W. Wesley, Dolly May (1903-1903). Pearl Ethel (1905-1927).

Narcie Jeanette Hite and George W. Wes-}

ley were married in 1927 and to them was born one daughter, Nancy Jane (1930) who married Calvin Cook (1951).

Children of Nancy Jane Wesley and Cal-}

vin Cook were: Nancy Jean (1951); John Charles (1953); John Andrew (1954); Charles Watt Richardson (1973); Calvin Anthony (1954) married Judith Lynn Brightwell (1975); Letha Ann (1951) married Ronald Winton Jarrett (1983).

Children of Nannie Jean Cook and Charles Watt Richardson are: Narcie Jean (1981); John Charles (1985).

Calvin Anthony Cook and Judith Lynn Brightwell have one child: Jason Anthony (1976). Submitted: by Nannie Richardson

HITE

William Andrew and Susanna (Campbell) Hite and several of their children came to the Flat Fork section of Roane County the year it was formed in 1856. He was a son of Matthew Hight, of Nelson County, Virginia, a Revolutionary War soldier, whose father was John Hight, of Orange County, Virginia. Who was descended from John Huet (Hight). Who was born to Virginia as a bond-}

servant to Richard Cooke, in 1639. The surname is English, originally Norman-French, the original settler in England hav-
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Lawson B. Thomas Voliver (1875-1957), married Nellie Kelbaugh, May 6, 1925; Emmazetta, Jane Hite were: Lona Alice (1899-1982), were: Nancy; Vernisha C; Sarah Ann; October 18, 1925; Luella Gay (1907- ), married Daniel W. Rhodes, Oct. 7, 1914; AM

Children of William Stevens and Louisa Jane Hite were: Lona Alice (1899-1982), married Okey J. Rhodes, Oct. 7, 1914; Ali Lloyd (1901-1910); Harold Ray (1905-1915); Lula Ada (1904-1906); Della Mae (1907- ), married Daniel W. Rhodes, October 18, 1925; Luella Gay (1907- ), married Luther N. Harris. Sept. 7, 1926;

Amos Wesley Hively was born October 6, 1878 in Roane County to Mark Hively (twin brother to Matthew), and Kisiah Caldwell. Mark was born in Monroe County, Virginia Nov. 23, 1839 to Captain John and Sarah Lake Hively. John was a Captain in the War of 1812 from Roanoke, Virginia. He came to Roane County in 1847 and was a pioneer settler on McKown's Creek. He was on the committee to organize the county into Districts.

Children of Mark and Kisiah were James Mathew, John, Ellis, Martha, William, Amos, Pheba, and Howard K.

Mark married Susan Dodd, daughter of James Matthew Henderson and Malinda Jane Mahan Dodd. Parents of Thomas and Malinda Jane Mahan Dodd. Parents of Thomas were William C. and Malinda Dodd from Monroe County, Virginia. Malinda's parents were Joe and Elizabeth Mahan.

Thomas and Malissa's children were James, Thomas, Clara, Della, Eva, Pamie, Ollie, Ezra, Ruby, and Mary.

Amos and Susan of Long Ridge were parents of thirteen children: Lonnie, Icie Spence (mother of Informan), Lilly Young, Okey, Eva Wilson, Luster, Bessie, Sidney, Donald, Sylvia Ponce West, Dorothy Raines, Mary Jones, and Onnie.

Amos worked in the early gas and oil developments in Roane and Kanawha Counties. He was a farmer. Mark, Amos's father, including most of his family were in the Civil War under Captain Lyle Paxton's Company and Captain William Gandy's Company at Walton.

The post office of Walton was once on McKown's Creek where Captain John Hively lived. John's family were farmers with large herds of cattle. One of his sons was a Medical Doctor of Charleston, and another was a delegate to the legislature. The Hively Family are buried at the Hively Cemetery on McKown's Creek. More recent members of the family are buried at Cummins Cemetery on Long Ridge.

Amos's daughter, Icie, married Roy Spencer at her home on February 27, 1932. Roy was from Kanawha County, son of Marion and Ida Mae Parrish Spencer of Legg. Their children were Clarence, Elbert, Roy Jr., and Helen.

Clarence married Janice Carole Armstead, born in Roane County, daughter of Robert and Ruth Patton Armstead of Wellford. The children of Clarence and Janice are: Carlos, Joyce, Dale, Freda (m. Pharon Cyrus), and Karen (m. James Kenneth Maynard). Their grandchildren are James Kenneth Maynard II, Bryan Edmund Maynard, and Christina Marie Cyrus, who live in Wayne County and Louisa, Kentucky. Clarence is a retired school teacher from Fort Gay and Tolsia High Schools after 33 years of teaching.

Elbert married Peggy Dye, daughter of Opie and Elizabeth Furr Dye of Roane County. They have a daughter, Linda Beth. Both are retired from Spencer High School and live on Jefferson Street.

Roy Jr. married Lulu Huffman, daughter of Rev. Everett and Gertrude Huffman. They have a son, Glenn, who lives at Gallipolis, Ohio. Roy Jr. lives at Point Pleasant, WV. He is personnel manager at Appalachian Power Company.

Helen never married, and died on February 9, 1964 at age 24. She and her father, Roy Spencer, who died August 1, 1975, are buried at Spencer Cemetery on Wills Creek. Elkhorn, WV. Submitted by: Clarence D. Spencer

Charles Herbert Hively was born September 29, 1895, on Egypt Ridge, near Spencer. His parents were Edward and Alberta Rogers Hively.

He served in World War I from 1916 until 1918. His grandfather, Eli Rogers, served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

He married Madge Boyles in August 16, 1919. Her grandfather, David Boyles, served in the Union Army also.

They had two daughters - Phyllis M. and Gypsy I.

Charles Herbert & Madge Hively

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W. S. and Louisa J. Hite

Charles and Madge Boyles Hively

The Hively's lived their lives in Roane County except one year in Winfield, Kansas, where they lived on a farm from 1925-26. Mr. Hively retired from Eureka Pipeline Company. He is deceased as of March 26, 1977 and Madge as of September 30, 1974.

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Delmer R. Hite
The Thirty Years War had left Germany scarred and impoverished, but some migrants, Andrew, Matthias, Ulrich and John Hively, among the various spellings of the family name, ventured to Pennsylvania. The name has been used by the genealogists, but it is known that the last name of this family is of German origin, probably from the Harshman, Hershman, Hersman are among the various spellings of the family name which succeeding generations have adopted. The Coat of Arms (in German, the Wappen) was granted September 5, 1606 by the Holy Roman Emperor, Rudolph II, to Ludwig Hirschmann and his brother, Michael Hirschmann, Mayor (Bürgermeister) of Schomdorf; all descendants are entitled to this coat of Arms. On it are depicted a man and a stag. Hirschmann means Deer-Man. "Hirsch" refers to the stag (male deer with antlers); mann means man. Thus the name Hirschmann is derived from Hirsch (male deer) and mann (man).

The Thirty Years War had left Germany prostrate, and many left to escape the religious persecution to which protestant people were subjected. In the year 1681 William Penn had made a journey through this part of Germany, and had witnessed the hardships and persecution, Penn printed and distributed pamphlets describing the opportunities in Pennsylvania, inviting these distressed people to come to America. The trip took four to ten weeks and, in extreme cases, three to four months. Each person carried his own baggage and provisions; at best, the voyage was one of extreme discomfort and suffering, much sickness, sometimes many deaths. It meant lasting separation from home and friends.

During the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries public records in the various states were very meager and poorly kept. Many were destroyed during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, or have become illegible.

There are some old wives' tales or errors included by the genealogists, but the following is recorded: Andrew and Matthias Hersman migrated and settled in Hampshire, Virginia, now Mineral County, West Virginia. Matthias Hersman was married the second time when he was 103, and engraved on a stone that he died at 125 years of age. Andrew Hersman, buried in the Berean Run Cemetery, had been 83 years of age when his eldest son was born, 100 when the youngest son was born. Matthias dropped second h in last name, making it Hersman.

Submitted by: Ann Hersman
and Diana. Diana married Jonathan Price. They have one daughter, Natalie Rose. Greg is married: his wife's name is Kathy. Lisa is a missionary home on leave from Bogota, Columbia. Linda is a Graphic Artist.

Catherine married Lummus Purcell. To them were born eight children, five boys and three girls. The five boys are Edward, Mayford, Bernard, Donald, and Delmar. The girls are Beatrice, Madge and Freda. Most made their home Akron, Ohio.

Herbert married Madge Boyle. They lived on farm in West of Spencer. To them were born two girls, Phyllis and Gypsie. Phyllis married Harry Carter. They live in Roane County. Gypsie married Ralph Lang, they live in Fairmont, WV.

Lucy Hively married Charles Schwender. To them were born four children, Doris, Paul, Fula, Desoline, Clarise, Jennie Bell, Alice. Nellie and Ralph. Of these, Ralph still lives in the home place on Egypt Ridge.

Jennie Hively's second marriage was to Jake Moore. They had one son, Donald.

Beatrice married Trace Short. Beatrice is one of the four children still living and her home is near Wallback, WV. To this family were born several children including Edward, Helen, Charles, Bonnie and Donald.

Lilli married Cleo Allen. They lived along Amoldsburg road and raised their family. They had four children, Min, Marvin, Goldie, Eunice. Nellie and Ivan. Ivan lives in Clover, WV.

Virgie married Lloyd Lowe, lived in Akron, Ohio. To them were born two children, Jean and Wayne.

Hazel married Johnny Snyder. They lived in Akron, Ohio where Johnny worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Icy married Ray Waggoner. They lived in Akron, Ohio, where she died during childbirth of their only son, Herbert. Icy was the first of the Edward Hively Family to die.

Nelvie married Harley Rowe. To them were born three children, Nancy, Donna and Joel. Nancy works at Akron General Hospital and lives in Barberton, Ohio.

El Hively married Jean Carpenter. They are life long residents of the Spencer area and lived in the home place several years after Edward and Alberta died. To them were born four children: Earl, Ray and Carl. Carl died in his late teens. Carl and Carol were twins. They both lived in the Spencer area.

Ova, fourteenth child and eleventh daughter of Edward and Alberta, married Hodley Purcell. They had three children: Ralph, Violet and Mabel.

Homer, fifteenth and youngest child of Edward and Alberta Hively, married Norma Linda Hively. They have several children including William and Edward Hively. They live in Parkersburg, WV.

Beatrice, Eli, Ova and Homer are still living. Submitted by Robert L. and James C. Hively

LARRY JAMES HIVELY

This is dedicated to my mother who passed away on April 12, 1988. She was Norma Linda (Miller) Hively, born in Spencer, WV on January 13, 1917. She was the only daughter of John Wesley (Bobby Dick) Miller, who was a police officer for the city of Spencer. His father was Reverend John Wesley Miller whose ancestors went back to the early settlers of Roane County.

My father is Homer Edward Hively, born at Pasco, Roane County, now an extinct village. They lived there because my grandfather built the house on Egypt Ridge.

My father is the baby of the family of (15) children born to Edward Wesley Hively and Alberta Averilla Rogers. He was a son of William Jackson Hively and Louisa Meadows. They lived in Webster County. From the 1860 census of that year, there were (6) children - Floyd L., Edward W., William A., Mary E., Sarah J., and Annie C. William Jackson Hively was the son of Rev. John Hively and Armita Dillon and to them was born eight (8) children - (3) were born in Virginia and (5) were born on Rock Creek in Roane County.

Rev. John Hively was born in Roane County. He was a nephew of Captain John Hively who was a member of the committee who held Commission of Justices of the Peace from his Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, who helped lay out the magisterial districts for Roane County in the year 1863.

My grandmother, wife of Edward Wesley Hively was Alberta Averilla Rogers. The daughter of Eli Rogers and Lucy Spencer. Eli Rogers was in the Civil War Company "B", 5th West Virginia. He was severely wounded at Winchester, Virginia, July 20, 1864, but lived a long life on the old home farm at the head of Slate, East of Spencer. He was the first deputy sheriff of Roane County. His father, Rev. Benjamin Rogers, prior to the Civil War, moved from Reed onto this farm at Slate. He was in the Civil War with his son in the same Company. The captain of this company was John W. Spencer who became one of the first sheriffs of the county. Spencer district is named after him. He came from Massachusetts as a clerk with the Chapmans who were some of the first settlers.

Hively

Home of my family is now 1324 20th Street, Vienna, WV. I am married to the former June Mae Bonnett. We have two sons, Larry James II and John Wesley. My wife's family can be traced back to some...
of the first pioneer's of the state. The Bon-
nett's, Hughes, Gandee's, Tanner's, Alkis, Wole's, and others. They are in the book, "Border Warfare" and the old "Bishop's History of Roane County". On her mother's side, her ancestors go back to Point Pleasant, WV history. She is related to the Barham's and to the Logan's who trace their ancestor's back to the Indi-
ed to the Bamhart's and to the Logan's to Point Pleasant, WV history. She is relat­ed to her mother's side, her ancestors go back down to his siblings and their descend­ants. Other members of Madison's family included: Harvey Ellsworth (1867-1936) - married Ardelia Catherine Dalton (1872-1962) and had four children. John - mar­ried Monica Hoyle and had one child. Harvey and Ardelia Hively were the par­ents of the Hoff's who came from WCCH Elizabeth, WV, RCCH COTTRELL, and Elizabeth Hofftown Cemetery west of Spencer. This data was inherited from her mother and child dying in childbirth. NB's other wife and child also died in childbirth. NB's stories are on many entries. He built a two story wood frame house on Tanner's Run, and it is across the stream from the Pizza Hut. NB married Mary Lucinda Butcher, and their children were Maybelle 12 Dec 1880, Waldo Browning 31 Jan 1881, James Emmett A. 7 Apr 1883, Anthony Webster 4 July 1885, Stella Leona 2 Feb 1887, Laura Sophia 14 Jan 1889, and Hiram Dow 15 July 1892. Mary Hoff died of tuberculosis. NB next married Fannie Brown 8 May 1896 in Roane County, and their children were Fannie Eliza 30 Apr 1897, Omar Dewey 1 May 1898, and an infant with both mother and child dying in childbirth. NB's third wife was Sarah Griswold a cousin who he married to take care of his ten chil­dren, and her son - Jimmie lived with them. Sarah's parents were Samuel Griswold and Emma Dilworth. NB died 5 Dec 1911 and is buried in the Hoftown Cem­tery. Many people suffered and died of tuberculo­sis in that era.

Hively

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Hoff

The Hoff's originally came from Ger­many, in the early 1700's, before the Revolu­tionary War, and settled near Trenton, New Jersey. Later moving to Louden Coun­ty, Virginia, near Alexandria. John Hoff, fa­ther of Anthony Hoff, was probably one of the early settlers in New Jersey.

Anthony and his wife, Letitia, reared six children. Betsy - born February 20, 1791; Levi - born January 30, 1795; John - born September 14, 1797; Rachel - born May 15, 1800; Cornelius - born August 12, 1802; Henson - born May 15, 1805

When they were young, John and Hen­son came across the mountains into West­ Virginia, into, we think, Harrison County. Some of them had our family names as John, Cornelius, Moses, Rebecca, Margaret, Anthony.

John Hoff bought a fine farm and grist mill near Lost Creek, Harrison County. He married Elizabeth Manier (Mannier) 1816, daughter of Moses Manier, a wealthy Dutch pioneer of Monongalia County. Both John and Elizabeth were baptized by Elder Phineas Wells in 1854 bringing with him his family as follows: Moses, Robert, Anthony, Cornelius, Elen Dowden (Dock), Elizabeth, Jane and Ann. Trever died in early life and never lived in Roane County.

Both Elizabeth and John were converted and baptized by Elder Phineas Wells in 1818 and joined the Baptist Church at Lost Creek near Clarksburg.

John helped gristmill pioneers settle in Harrison County. They were going west. Some were unable to repay him and a flood came which destroyed the mill. He sold the farm and paid his debts, completed term of sheriff, then he and Elizabeth gathered their family and came in wagons and on horse back to Roane County. He took up 1000 acres of land and planned a farm for each of his children, set aside a cemetery plot, built a log school house in 1856 (Hof­town) and in 1859, organized a church to be held in the schoolhouse until they built Mt. Olivet Church in 1863.

John brought a large library, a large famil­ly Bible, Psalms book, and his violin with him when he came to Roane County.

John's son Robert Hoff married Lydia Jane (Anderson) Denney 14, 1855. Their children were Daniel, Margaret, Rebecca, Addie, Jess, William, and James. Lydia An­derson was born in 1834 near Stanton, Au­ gustus County, Virginia. Her mother and father died of Cholera and the home was burned, and the gristmill was destroyed.

The daughters were brought across the mountains in a covered wagon, by an un­cle, to Harrison County, Virginia. No boys were in Lydia's family.
HOLLAND

William Montgomery Holland was born to James Holland and Phebe (maiden name unknown) of North Carolina. William Montgomery was married to Nancy Catherine Burns of North Carolina. They were the parents of the following children: James Richard, David Jackson, William Lee, Robert Asbury, Phebe Elizabeth, Edith Caroline, Mary Ann, Joshua Amon, Asa Lonzo, Catherine Belle, Anthony Columbus, Charles Edwin and Ross Virena.

While they were rearing their family they moved from North Carolina to Kanawha County, WV. From there they moved to the Looneville area of Roane County, WV. William Montgomery was born March 25, 1828, died May 21, 1897. Nancy Catherine died November 1885.

Of this family Anthony Columbus was my grandfather. He married Arletta Boggs, December 2, 1900. Arletta was the daughter of Isaiah Welch Boggs and Mary Cox Boggs. They were the parents of the following children: Virgil A., Charles Cecil, Elsa Mae, Holly Welch, William Roy, Icie Lena, Mildred Blanche, Beulah Kathleen, Mary Evelyn, Martha Josephine and Howard Vernon who was stillborn.

Anthony Columbus and Arletta were affectionately known by relatives and friends as "Bud and "Lettie".

Bud was the uncle of Burt "Sniggs" Holland who was a member of the famed 1921 football team of Spencer High School.

Bud and Arletta made their first home near Looneville, WV. From there they moved to the Clover Ridge area on the headwaters of Laurel Fork in 1908. There they purchased a small farm. There they built a home and reared their family. An interesting thing happened while they lived at this place. Their water supply being depleted, their son Holly began digging a well. The digging was halted when he encountered a large log at a depth of seven feet. Speculation was raised as to the number of years the log had been there. Even though the log remained, the well supplied an ample amount of water for the twelve occupants of the household.

Besides farming Bud worked in the Clover Oil Field. He also worked as a timberman. He would walk many miles to and from these jobs.

Having deep religious convictions Bud and Arletta attended services in the Fairview School House on Sunday morning and in the afternoon would walk to the Glaze School House for services. This they did until the construction of the Bays Chapel Church which was dedicated in 1914. Of which they were charter members.

Anthony Columbus was born May 24, 1871, died January 27, 1955. Arletta was born August 6, 1852, died May 29, 1939.

Bud and Arletta had fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren. Submitted by: Charles Holland

HOLLIDAY

Wesley Thornton Holliday, known by most as Tommy, was born April 12, 1906 in Fayette County, Edmond, W. Va. His parents were Henry Robert Holliday, born 1875 died 1908 and Lena Agnes Neal born March 17, 1879, died April 1, 1955.

Tommy and his father worked in the coal mines. His father being killed in a mine accident when Tommy was two years old.

Tommy married Evelyn Audry Hickel, born Aug. 18, 1923 from Clover, W.Va. on Jan 21, 1946. Her parents were Lemen Augustus Hickel born Nov. 26, 1881, died Nov. 26, 1962 and Iva Mae Fisher born Feb. 29, 1888. died Nov. 16, 1932. Both Evelyn's parents lived all their lives in Roane County and are buried in the Fisher Cemetery at Clover.

Mr. and Mrs. Holliday

Tommy and Evelyn were parents of ten children. Nancy Carol born Oct. 11, 1944, married Edward Davis of Parkersburg, W.Va., now divorced. Children are Michele, Deborah, and a set of triplets, Brandy, Candy and Sandy. Sandy died Jan 12, 1975 when six weeks old. Michele married Brian Eckleberry of Clay City, Ill., and Deborah married Ashley Stevenson of Charleston, S.C.


Daniel Paul, born July 15, 1950, married
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Holliday Edgell

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son Nathan.

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son Brian.

Tommy and Evelyn came to Roane Country in 1953 from Fayette County. Tom­
my worked at the Monarch Rubber Compa­
ny until he retired. He died Sept. 17, 1975. Evelyn was a psychiatric aide at Spencer State Hospital for twenty-two years before her death on April 1, 1983. Tommy and Evelyn were members of Spencer Taberna­
de Church. They are buried in the Clover Cemetery.

Three of their children were among the last students to attend Banner Grade School before it closed. Five children still reside in Roane County. Submitted by: Lenamoe holiday Edgell

HOVEY - WHITTINGTON - GOFF

Rush Marshall Hovey (January 20, 1876 to December 18, 1964) born in Clifton, Mason County, WV married Susan Lovinia (Susie) Whittington Hovey (March 28, 1875 to June 10, 1940) born in Mason County, WV.

Rush Hovey as a young man worked for H.D. Wells in Spencer in his undertaking business. Mr. Wells was Mr. Hovey's first cousin, their mothers both being daugh­
ters of W.R. Goff. He worked in cabinet making as at the time, caskets were made locally. He moved to Glenville, Gilmer County and set up an undertaking estab­lishment, but it was destroyed by fire. He worked for a furniture store in Parkersburg and later farmed near Liverpool, Jackson County.

Rush and Susie Whittington Hovey had four children: Margaret Corda Hovey (May 6, 1900 - Present) married Howard Haynes. Ida Kathleen Hovey (October 1, 1901 to c.1985) married 1st Markley Durbin (died 1925) married 2nd Harry Benedick; Helen Evelyn Hovey married Enoch Dwight Staats. M.D. and Rush Edwin (Bus) Hovey (June 20, 1912 - December 22, 1952) killed in a road construction accident between Sandyville and New Era, WV.

Rush Marshall Hovey was the son of James Edwin Hovey (April 18, 1847 to Feb­ruary 8, 1937) of Chester, Meigs County, OH and Cordelia Ellen Goff Hovey (April 6, 1847 to June 1, 1936) of Spencer, Roane County, WV. He had one sister, Ida Kate Hovey (born September 16, 1868) who married Winn Sayre and a brother, Clay Hovey (July 24, 1881 to August 27, 1887) who was killed in a hunting accident.

James Edwin Hovey was the son of Marshall Hovey and Elizabeth (Eliza) Fox. The Hovey family settled in Chester, Ohio when it was the county seat of Meigs County. Marshall Hovey was a cabinet maker. He died young and left a widow with two young sons: James and William M. Hovey. Eliza Fox Hovey married 2nd a Mr. Lalone and had a daughter who later married a Sayre. Eliza Fox Lovey Lance was the daughter of Samuel (born October 10, 1791) and Jane Fox (born July 5, 1795). Her brothers and sisters were: John O. Fox (born April 17, 1813); Sallyann Fox (born October 16, 1815); Elizabeth (born March 4, 1818); Sam­antha (born March 4, 1820); Angeline C. Fox (January 4, 1823); Matilda Fox (born March 4, 1825); Cynthia Fox (born Novem­ber, 1827); Almyra Fox (born July 14, 1830); Rhozz Fox and Mary Fox (born June 15, 1834).

James Hovey age 18 moved to Spencer, WV where he met his wife. They moved to Clifton, Mason County where he ran a hotel and was Justice of the Peace. Later he moved back to Spencer where he was in the mercantile business.

James Hovey was married 69 years to Cordelia Ellen Goff, daughter of William Rush (W.R.) Goff (June 1, 1813 to October 24, 1892) and Sarah Bush Goff (December 13, 1817 to November 16, 1896) of Spencer, Roane County, WV. W.R. Goff and Sarah Bush were married July 7, 1836 in Lewis County, WV. She was the daughter of George and Mary Wolfe Bush.

W.R. Goff was the commander of a company of the Virginia Militia for eight years. He was a Justice of the Peace for 13. Be­cause of the changing county lines, he served in Jackson five years, Wirt County three years, and Roane County five years. He built the turnpike, started the first bank in Spencer and sold the land for the state mental hospital there.

It is said that W.R. Goff gave each of his 15 children a farm, a horse and a saddle when they each got married. They left many descendants as there was not a death in the family until all of his children were married and he and his second wife.


With Rush Goff was the son of Hiram Goff and Margaret Rush Goff. Hirrod (Bob) was a Major under General Booth in the War of 1812. He was the son of Salathiel Goff (1748-1791) and Elizabeth Gray Goff. She was the daughter of William Gray and Nava. Goff. Salathiel was a captain in the militia in the Revolution. He was the son of Thiel Goff and Joanna or Nancy Strother Goff.

Susie Whittington Hovey was the daugh­ter of Mathew (1819-1892) and Elaine Riffe Whitington (1845-1935) of Mason County, WV. He was a farmer. They had 11 children. The rest were: John Wesley Whitting­ton (1864-1938); Elizabeth Frances Whittington Mitchell (1868-1890); William Alex Goff (b. 1872); C.E. Goff (b. 1875); R.R. Whitington (b. 1880-1960); Elmo Catherine Whittington Flinn (1885-1947); James Robert Whittington (1872-1958); Mary Bertha Whittington Plants Swisher (1877-1945); Leida Bell Whittington Russell (1879-1941); Alva Mathew Whittington (1880-1969); Carrie A. Goff (b. 1882); Judy Greenlee (1882-1968); Daisy Lee Whit­tington Mash (1884-1971); flora May Whitt­ington Wood (1886-1952); and Lawrence Franklin Whittington (1888-1962). Mathew Alexander Whittington (April 25, 1842-March 1910) was the son of John Sal­othiel Goff and Margaret Rush Goff. Whittington Wood (1886-1952) was the daughter of Samuel Riffe and Katharine Husher Riffe. Submitted by: Helen Staus Harris and Dorothy Staus Hess

HUFFMAN - BURDETTE

Howard Walter Burdett 2-3-1907 — 8-3-1975 grew up on Stutler's Run, son of Cam­dem and Myrtle Wyatt Burdette. Tenn.; (Lewis). "Toopie" liked cattle dealing early and was a widely known stockman, being vice president of Spencer Livestock Exchange, also was member at Reedy Methodist Church. In March 1948 he mar­ried Hazel Huffman Heron daughter of Al­bert and Estelle Thom Huffman owner of the Reedy Garage and Lunch. She had a daughter Janet Louise Heron. Hazel worked at Rendricks' Stins Store, Spencer Manufacturing, G.C. Murphys and during
Jean Thom, children Thorn married Kathy Grant 2. Dr. Mary Huffman stepchildren: daughter Sheila married 1. Ricky Swaim 2. Carolyn married Bill Withers, children: Ston Salem N.C. as a trucker married Shirley McCraw, children: Carolyn and R.C 1. daughters Susan, Peg and Jodi. 2. Betty Arndt; and 3. Myrtle was daughter of John and Margaret Wyatt. Her grandparents were Rev. Will and Nancy Fleshers; Board and Samuel and Louisa Butcher Wyatt. Grandparents Valentine Jefferson and Mary Ann Teeter Butcher (Braxton) and John and Lydia Ludding Wyatt. Patrick and Mary Keysen Board and Dempsey and Elizabeth Jones Fleshers (Lewis Co.) son of Adam and Elizabeth Staats Fleshers (Lewis Co.)

Howard's niece Linda McRobert Nichols (Cathman Co.) son of Desmond and Goldie Gibson granddaughter of George Gibson C.S.A veteran. Their children are 1. David married Rhoda Thomas (Tyler Co.) daughter of Ronald and Helen Lemberger; granddaughter of the Nields. Dave's daughter is Lauren Nicole. 2. Debbie, beautiful; married Tim Cotrell son of Gilbert and Joann. 3. Douglas is an athletic standout and attends Concord College.


HUFFMAN - THOM

Solomon Huffman emigrated from Germany prior 1750, moved to North Carolina prior 1776, then to Craig's Creek, Virginia 1800 with sons John and Jacob the latter went to Texas.

John married Mary Trolinger daughter of Henry and Barbara Beck Trolinger. Her parents and grandparents were Adam and Margaretha Trolinger. The family made gunpowder during Revolutionary War.


Estelle Thom Huffman

Peter and Susanah Hallet Thom sailed to Lynn, Massachusetts from London 4-10-1635. son William, 1610-1660. Sarah Bogothee, the Quakers moved to Flushing, Rhode Island. Son John married Mary Parshall. John Jr. married Catherine Hightower dropping final "E" from name. Their son Joseph married Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Poulke. Joseph Jr. married DraVeeda Irvin, daughter of William Taylor and Rebecca Stewart Taylor. Thomas Jr. married Mary Jones of 1934. They farmed the homestead on Folly Run with John Yousey and Mattie McClung, his parents. Ralph worked for the State Road. Frances took care of the old folks and kept house fastidiously, as well as being an excellent cook.

Ralph and Frances Huffman Yousey


HUFFMAN - YOUSEY

Samuel Ralph Yousey married Frances Huffman Miller, daughter of Al and Estelle Thom 23-11-1903 — 27-6-1987 on 18-1-
Hughes Family

My father, Monroe Jamison Hughes, the youngest of John and Margaret's ten children, was born April 25, 1876. He attended several schools near his farm at Cox's Fork, near Harmony, for many years. He married Fannie G. Bates, (born March 1, 1876) daughter of John K. and Fluvanna (McClung) Bates. On April 1, 1899 they raised six children, Henry Buell, Wilbur Orville, Mildred Mae, Harold Wilbur, Merlis Elizabeth, and Thomas Herbert. My mother Fanny, died May 21, 1950 and my father, Monroe, died September 16, 1952. They are buried at Mount Lebanon Cemetery near their homestead.

Of their six children only Harold Wilbur remained in Roane County, after serving six years in the Marines, residing at Cox's Fork, until he married his wife is from West Virginia. They were married August 18, 1933, and raised twelve children. They farmed their land for many years and my brother, Harold, worked in the oil fields of the area until the decline of that industry. Harold later worked away from home in Ohio, but his wife remained on the farm raising the younger children, and until Harold's retirement. Due to Harold's health they moved to California about 1974 where Harold died September 8, 1978. His grave is at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. Their twelve children are Richard, Jean, Paul, Joyce, George, Doris, Ethel, Frank, David, Kathy, Kerry, and John. Paul and Joyce reside in Roane County, where Paul is Assistant Superintendent of Roane County Schools, and Joyce resides in Roane. They have two children, Richard and David. John and Joyce left home. Josiah and Elizabeth had a third child born to Thomas and Anna, who was born on the Valley River farm. October 13, 1802. In 1825 he married Elizabeth Swiger, born November 1802. They spent about twenty-five years on a farm near Boothsville. In 1853 they settled on Flat Fork, a tributary of the Pocataligo River, about twelve miles from Spencer. They spent the rest of their lives on Flat Fork, surrounded by their children, most of whom farmed near the old homestead. Anna died June 5, 1866 and Josiah died October 1, 1889. They are buried in the cemetery on the old homestead.

My grandfather, John Hughes, Josiah's second son, was born September 18, 1828 in Marion County. He married Margaret P. Jamison at Boothsville, April 21, 1853. Soon after their marriage they became pioneer settlers in New California. (now Spencer). Only a few log cabins composed the settlement at that time. They later moved to an improvement on a part of the Josiah Hughes survey near the Countyside Post Office. About ten years later they moved to the Josiah Hughes homestead.

They spent the rest of their lives in tolling for the good of their ten children. On the death of Margaret, the Roane County, Bulletin said, "There are hardly two parents who have reared ten children more worthy as model citizens in all respects than those reared by John Hughes and his noble wife. They were good people, good citizens, and the county strong, safe and great, and their position as living witness of the fact."

John Hughes died November 3, 1900. Margaret Jamison Hughes died October 10, 1910, at the age of 78.
Roane County. These children were: Mary Elizabeth, b. 1854, died young, Thomas William, b. 1855, m. Alice S. Kelley; Robert Alvy, b. 1855, m. Angie Bridges; Henry Benton, b. 1857, m. Roxalana Vandal; Elizabeth Jane, b. 1856, m. Wright Burgess; Joseph, b. 1860, m. Mary Hamilton; Leonidas Smith, b. 1861, m. Maud Taylor; Sophronia Eleanor, b. 1864, m. Samuel Richard Fields; Luverna Ann, b. 1865, m. Cordelia, b. 1869, m. Bailey Ferrell; Viola Virginia, b. 1871, died young; Monroe Jamison, b. 1876, m. ???.

John Wilson Hughes and Margaret P. Jamison Hughes

Most, if not all, of these children lived, after marriage, in the Roane-Jackson County area.

The old home farm, still called the Hughes Place, was sold by John Wilson Hughes to son Josiah Hughes. Josiah Hughes, in turn, sold the farm to his sister, Sophronia Eleanor Hughes, after her marriage to Samuel Richard Fields. This farm, called the "Hughes Place" is still owned by the descendants of Sophronia Hughes. At least two of the children of Sam and Fromie Fields (Donley and Myrtle) took up housekeeping at the Hughes place upon their marriage.

The children of Sophronia Hughes and Samuel Richard Fields are listed elsewhere in this book. Submitted by: Eleanor Fields

BIRDSEY "BUD" & FLORA HUGHES

My grandfather, Birdsey Northrup "Bud" Hughes, was of Welsh descent, the son of Robert Hamilton and Elmyra (Grisell) Hughes. Robert was the son of Francis and Nancy (Bell) Hughes. Francis was the son of Elijah Hughes of Maryland. Elmyra (a Quaker) was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Adams) Grisell. Thomas was the son of Edward and Hannah (Taylor) Grisell of Pennsylvania. Two brothers of Robert and one of Elmyra died in the Civil War, all Union.

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**George Henry Hunt**

George Henry Hunt (1883-1952) married Leona Hester Keen (1884-1960) a daughter of Nathan S. and Blanchie Upton Keen.

George became a carpenter and worked many years as a rig-builder and tank­setter, erecting wooden tanks for the Pure Oil Company at Dawes, on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. He later purchased the old Peter A. Tallman farm at Tariff and spent his later years farming and raising livestock. George and Hester are buried in the Clover Cemetery in Roane County. Children were Melvin Ferris, George Henry Jr. and Florence "Sissie" Anderson. A daughter, Virginia Gaye, married Eugene Huffman and they own and operate the Huffman Cycle Company at Maynard, Ohio. Children, Elizabeth Gaye who married John R. Steiner, and (2) they have three children, John Raymond Steiner II, born Aug. 1, 1982. Jennifer, born June 29, 1984, and Joseph Michael, born November 10, 1989. Lawrence Henry married and has one son, Brooks Eugene, born May 11, 1982. Patricia Ann Hunt married William Walters and they have two children, Michael Anthony, born July 16, 1960 and Sharon Ann Walters born May 8, 1966. They live in Boise, Idaho.

**Virginia Gaye**


**Bruce and Bessie (Miller) Hunt**


**George and Hester (Keen) Hunt**

Melvin Ferris Hunt was born July 25, 1906 and died Dec. 27, 1964. He moved to Texas where he was employed by the Humble Oil Company at Conroe. He married Polly Smith there and they had one son, Melvin Ferris, II, born Nov. 8, 1952, who married Patricia Ann Murry of Cleveland. They have three children: Melvin Ferris, III, Matthew and Julia Hunt. Melvin Ferris, II, was a U.S. Army veteran and operated Hunt’s Grocery Store on Ambler Ridge.

Mabel Estor Hunt was born Oct. 31, 1908 and died May 22, 1963. She married Alva Jarrett, a veteran of World War I. They lived at Dawes in Kanawha County. Their children were Woodrow and Leona. Woodrow first married Jackie Hudson and they had two children, Deborah and Monty Evan. They divorced and Woodrow married "Sissie" Anderson and they have two daughters, Lori and Lisa. Leona was born in 1929 and married Carl A. "Jack" Dooley and they now live in Houston, Texas.

**Lawrence Bruce Hunt**

Lawrence Bruce Hunt was born in 1911 and married Bessie Miller of Tariff. The family lived at Sissonville and Bruce worked for Union Carbid in South Charleston. After his retirement, Bruce and Bessie moved to Haynes City, Florida for a time, later returning to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where Bruce died in 1984. Children: Virginia Gaye, Patricia and Lawrence Henry Hunt. One child, Anna Bell, died in infancy.

**Harper - Hunt Family**

Esten Robert Hunt was born on September 22, 1908, at Ryan, Harper District, Roane County, W.V. to Sherman (3-27-1850) and Osha (Hunt), Hunt (8-28-1890-6-29-1974). He was the oldest of four children. Esten married (1) Meta M. Harper (1910-1985); Farris F. (1912-1943); Harold E. (1917-).

His grandparents were Alexander Hunt and Mary (Patrick) Hunt and Robert and Sarah (Hunt) Hunt. His paternal grandparents were Thomas J. and Cynthia (Harper) Hunt, both of Harper District, Roane Co., WV.

Gertrude Lee Harper was born October 14, 1906 at Ryan, Harper District, Roane Co., WV. She was one of three daughters born to Marshall Allen (2-3-1874 - 12-13-1958) and Eva (Boner) Harper (3-2-1880-9-1-1972). Her sisters were Lona M. (1905-1971) and Lucille G. (1908-).

Her grandparents were — John Allen and Martha (Taylor) Harper and Dennis and Rachel (Sceith) Boyer all of Harper District.

John Allen was a direct descendent of the first settler in Harper District, Amstead Harper, born 1799 in Rock Bridge Co., VA.

Esten Robert Hunt and Gertrude Lee Harper were married May 24, 1930 at Walton, by Rev. Roland Kennedy.

Esten was a heavy equipment operator, having worked for George Moffatt, a school bus driver and later he and his wife owned and operated Hunt's Grocery Store on Ambler Ridge.

Esten and Gertrude raised two daughters, E. Willadene, born 1932 and Betty Jean, born 1937. Both girls graduated from Walton High School.

Willadene married Earl Curtis Harper in 1949 to them four children were born, Sandra (Harper) Jahn, 1950; David, 1952; Denise (Harper) Moss, 1960; Douglas, 1961. They have 9 grandchildren and are presently living in Hickory, N.C.

Betty Jean married Darrell "De" DeWayne Anderson, of Spencer in 1958, to them were born two daughters, Rhonda (Anderson) Siers, 1960; and Shelia (Anderson) Smith, 1962. They have two grandchildren, and reside in Spencer.

**The Hunt Twins**

The Hunt twins, Irene Hunt (Jarvis) and Pauline Hunt (Humphreys) were born September 1, 1926 at Ryan in Roane County. They were the daughters of Russell B. and Ethel White Hunt. At about one year of age the twins lives were seriously threatened by a serious illness. They took their first train ride when
they were taken to Charleston for medical help. But their parents gave Dr. Ben Smith, a Roane County country doctor, the credit for saving their lives.

People were often puzzled, and still are, by the girls' identical looks. In the first grade their teacher and uncle, Daniel S. Ryan, pinned a safety pin on the collar of Pauline so that he could tell them apart.

Irene and Pauline attended Hunt Grade School, a one-room school which was within sight of their home. They enjoyed school because of their love of books, pictures and just learning. They often sat by their mother and listened to her read to them.

During the younger years of their lives Pauline and Irene attended Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, along with their parents, sisters and brothers. There were also twin boys in the family, Alton and Rabon Hunt born July 4, 1958.

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Russell B. Hunt

Russell Bryan Hunt was born December 11, 1896 at Mattie, WV in Harper District, Roane County. He was the ninth of ten children: Alonzo, Effie (Moffatt), Rosco, Don, Sherman, Mabel (Ryan), Chauncey, Lucy (Huffman) and Rex. His parents were John Edward Hunt, b.1855 d.1913, and Mary Catherine Young Hunt, b.1857 d.1917. His father was a well known school teacher and served as Superintendent of Roane County Schools from 1885 to 1887.

Russell's great grandparents were William B. Hunt, b.1832 d.1914, and Mary Witham Hunt, b.1835 d.1922. She was the first person to be buried in the "Billy" Hunt Cemetery. Their other children were George, Howard, Jennie (Huffman), Charles, Webb, Thomas, Jim, Joe, Fred, Hanna (Edwards), Jocie and Susan (Caldwell). William B. was one of seven brothers who came from Russell Co., VA in 1852 and settled in Harper District. He was active in school work in the district and served as President of the Board of Education for a number of terms. He was a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Other grandparents were Squire and Martha Jackson Hunt, b.1799 d.1881, who came from Russell Co., VA, and John H. Young, b.1808 d.1879 and Catherine Slack Young, b.1818 d.1874, and St. Clair Summers, b.1799 d.1861 and Susan Ham-mack Summers, b.1807 d.1885.

Russell grew up on this farm and later acquired most of the original farm and house, where he lived, raised his family and resided until age 90.

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to help the less fortunate, often taking food and clothing to those in need. She was a kind and loving mother. She was an active member of the Farm Women's Club and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. She died September 21, 1979 at age 78. 

Bruce graduated from Walton High School in 1942. She married Woodrow Scott, had two daughters, Margaret and Martha. She was formerly employed by Carbine and Stone and Thomas, lives in Charleston.

Garnet graduated from Walton High School in 1945 and from Morris Harvey College in 1952. She married Rex Jarvis, had one son, Donald, and lives in Charleston. She retired in 1985 after teaching 37 years in Kanawha County Schools.

Pauline graduated from Walton High School in 1945 and from Morris Harvey College in 1951. She married Basil Humphreys, had two daughters, Helen and Silaene, and lives in Walton. She retired in 1965 after teaching 27 years in Kanawha and Roane Counties.

Ellen graduated from Walton High School in 1948 and attended Morris Harvey College. She married Robert Stowers, had four children, Mary Jane, Robert, Susan and Bryan. She lives in Charleston, was employed by the Charleston Police Department in the 40's and presently employed by Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home.

Altan graduated from Walton High School in 1956 and served four years in the U.S. Navy. He married Joan White, had one son. Marla. Altan lives at Elkhorn and is a Captain with the Charleston Fire Department.

Rabon graduated from Walton High School in 1956 and served four years in the U.S. Navy. He married Barbara Fidley, had four children, Vicky, Tina, Diana and Jason. He lives in Charleston and is employed by Patterson Dental Company.

Russell is the last immediate surviving member of the John E. Hunt family. In October, 1989, he resides with a daughter, Garnet H. Scott in Charleston and is almost 93. He has fifteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Submitted by: Garnet H. Scott

HUNT - HARPER

On Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Dec. 12, 1902 Shevila Hunt was born at Mt. Judea Harper District, Roane Co., WV. She was one of six children born to Holly (12-26-1881 - 12-4-1886) and Vina (7-18-1875 - 9-17-1950) Hunt. The Hunt family were of Augusta County, Virginia and settled in the Bula (1809-1814); Shevila (1802-1876); Ralph (1804-1867); Gladys (1807-1890); Otto (1911-1978); Tessie (1871-1983).

His grandparents were Thomas J. and Synthia (Harper) Hunt and Robert and Sarah (Hunt) Stowers of Charleston and is almost 93. He has fifteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Submitted by: Garnet H. Scott

On June 27, 1905 Lona Mae Harper was born at Ryan, Harper District, Roane County, WV. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Marshall Allen (2-5-1874 - 12-13-1958) and Martha (Taylor) Harper (mentioned above) was Henry's son, John James Callahan Hylbert. Our ancestor, Aaron, is a man and farmer. He was a self-employed carpenter, and Lona was a housewife.

On November 28, 1940 their daughter, Gladys Sharon was born. She attended Walton Schools, having graduated from Walton High School in 1959.

Gladys Sharon married Paul Kenneth Weekly Jr. on August 20, 1965. To them was born a son, James Kenneth on July 11, 1970. Sharon works for Kelwood Co. and Paul works for Pennzoll Co. James graduated from Walton High in 1988 and is pursuing a college degree.

Shevila and Lona were both active members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and are buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, on Amber Ridge. Shevila on April 25, 1976 and Lona on January 6, 1971. Submitted by: Sharon Weekly

HYLBERT - WALKER

An interesting relative who came to America before the Revolutionary War was Joseph Cheuvront. He was the second son of a French nobleman, born in France in 1766. While being educated to become a Roman Catholic priest, he, instead, became a protestant. His family disowned him, and he stowed away on a ship bound for America. When he arrived in New York in 1774, he became bound to the family of John Elsworth to pay his passage. The Elsworths sent him to school to learn English. He spoke and wrote seven languages.

In 1776, when the Elsworths migrated to western Virginia (now Harrison County, West Virginia), Joseph came with them. They settled on Coburn's Creek (about five miles from Clarksburg). He also became a Methodist minister in 1776, licensed by John's Street Church in New York (the first Methodist Church in America). Cheuvront established the first Methodist church in Clarksburg, WV and organized Methodism in Harrison County. He joined the Baltimore Conference in 1800 and served two pastores in Ohio and northern Virginia. HAMMOND'S HISTORY OF HARRISON

COUNTY tells about a visit to Cheuvront's church service in 1794 and reports that the congregation stood up and knelt, and only one person wore shoes. The Rev. Cheuvront wore Indian moccasins. Other reports tell about Indian skirmishes and of one event when he helped a family who was being attacked by Indians.

Cheuvront had three Elsworth's daughters, Elizabeth, in 1777, and had eight sons and three daughters prior to her death in 1800. Two years later he married Sarah Bollen, and they had three sons and one daughter. Our ancestor, Aaron, is a son of Joseph and Sarah. Aaron's son, Isaac had a daughter Phoebe who married Harrison Lockhart. Their daughter, Bertha, married John William Hylbert. The Hylbert's daughter, Opha Mae married Dwight Lyman Walker. Dorothy Pauline Walker was their daughter.

The Lockharts were in (W)Va before the Revolutionary War also. John Lockhart was born in Hampshire County in 1766. He lived and died in Greenbrier County. His son, John, died in 1799 was an early settler in Wood and Wirt Counties. John Moore Lockhart's son, John Harrison Lockhart, married Phoebe Cheuvront. Their daughter, Bertha Lockhart, married John William Hylbert in 1866, and as above, the Hylbert's daughter Opha Mae was the mother of Dorothy Pauline Walker.

The Hylberts were immigrants who came to America from Holland or Germany around 1798. One Hylbert descendant says the original name in America was Bandsensz (Dutch) and that the name was eventually changed to Hylbert (and our ancestors changed it again to Hylbert). Joseph Hylbert, who was born about 1776, came to America (probably New York) in 1798. His son, John William Hylbert (ca. 1792-ca. 1834) married Ester (or Easter) Amick around 1823. They had two sons. John James Callahan Hylbert and Henry Barnabas Hylbert. Our ancestor who is in America, was born in the 40's (mentioned above) was Henry's son, John William Hylbert. It is believed that both John William and his son. John James Callahan may have been drowned or been killed on the river. According to the story, John W. went "down the river," and never returned." Easter sent son John James after him, and he also never returned.

Our ancestor, John William Hylbert (known as Bill or JW) was a farmer, school teacher and community leader in Kanawha County, WV. It is believed that Bertha met J. W. when she was his student. She was 16, and he was 26 when they married. They first had a log cabin and later built a two-story home. Later still, they built another two-story home right next to the Gilboa Baptist Church (where Dorothy Pauline and Orville Clyde Dotson were married) in Grace Community in Roane County. This house is still standing. They also donated the land for the Grace School and the Gilboa Baptist Church. They had eight children, including their twin daughters. Opha Mae and Mary Jane "Marie". These sisters married brothers: Mae married Dwight Lyman Walker (named for Dwight Lyman Moody, a famous minister for which Moody Bible Institute was named) and Marie married Silas Walker. Dwight and Mae are parents of Dorothy Pauline Walker Dotson. Little is known prior to the mid-1800's for the Walker ancestors. It is believed that
Willis Walker came from England to America and to West Virginia in the mid 1800's. He married Mary Jane Boggs, Mary Jane's grandparents (John b. 1757 and d. 11/15/ 1861 at age 104 and Susan Druin) came to America from Ireland. Their son, James R. Boggs, b. 5/22/1800 in Greenbrier Co., WV m. Harriet Walkup b. 1802. Their children were Susan, John Nathaniel, Mary Jane and James. Mary Jane “Jane” married Willis. Their son, Fielden, was born in 1853. Willis died in 1858 when Fielden was only two. Mary Jane then married J. W. Greathreath, step father to Fielden. Fielden married a Sarah Connolly Staricher who had been previously married. They had six children plus her three children. Fielden was Dwight Lyman Walker’s father and Dorothy Pauline Walker’s grandfather.

Having been married in Roane County on June 4, 1939, both Pauline Walker and Clyde Dotson became life long school teachers in WV, Ohio and Florida where they raised their seven children. Fielden was Dwight Lyman Walker’s father and Dorothy Pauline Walker’s grandfather.

Family picture, Pauline (Walker) Dotson

KENNETH W. HYLBERT

Kenneth W. Hylbert, son of Everett T. and Gelia D. (Fox) Hylbert, was born in the Grace community September 27, 1916. He attended the Grace one room school and was graduated from Spencer High School in 1934. He received a baccalaureate degree from Glenville State College in 1940, a Master's degree from W.Va. University in 1951, and completed the doctorate at the Pennsylvania State University in 1953.

He taught in the Roane County schools from 1937 till 1942, including E.ana, Wallback, Reedy, and “on the hill” at Spencer. He volunteered for military service in 1942 and was separated from the U.S. Air Force in 1946 with the rank of captain. He was employed by the Veterans Administration from 1946 till 1955 as a vocational counselor and counseling psychologist. In 1955 he was employed by the Pennsylvania State University as Director, Rehabilitation Education Programs and served in that capacity until retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1979. On retirement he and his wife Doris (Bryan) Hylbert, whom he married in 1941, moved back to W.Va. and to her old home place in Elizabeth, Wirt County. They have lived here for the past ten years.

While at Penn State he was responsible for the development of programs at the undergraduate, Master’s and doctoral levels. He developed the first undergraduate major in Rehabilitation Education in the United States, this serving as a model for approximately one hundred similar undergraduate programs across the country. He has written extensively in the field of rehabilitation, including a widely adopted text for courses in elementary medicine offered students preparing for careers in the human services. He was named Glenville State College Alumnus of the Year (1975) in recognition of his contributions to the field of rehabilitation.

Since his retirement he and Doris have been involved in many activities at the local and/or state levels. Both have been active members of the West Virginia Methodist Conference Board of Church and Society for the past five years. He has served three terms in the Silver Haired Legislature of West Virginia. He is currently a member of the Advisory Boards at West Virginia University and The Pennsylvania State University. He is on the Administrative Board of the Elizabeth United Methodist Church, as well as church organist. He is also the organist for Wirt County’s only funeral home. He is a certified lay speaker in the Parkersburg District of the United Methodist Church.

The Hylberts have two daughters and a son:

K. William Hylbert, Jr. M.D. (36) is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine with a four year residency in psychiatry. He is Medical Director, The Meadows Psychiatric Hospital, State College, Pennsylvania. He is married to Ginger Greco. D.D.S. They have a daughter, Lyndsey Geila, age 5.

Gloria Walker (43) holds a degree in Home Economics from the University of Washington and is heavily involved in interior decorating. She is married to Charles Walker, an electrical engineer. They live in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Of their four children Melissa (11) and Pamela (8) are at home, princes (20) and the county, and students at Bloomsburg State University.

Mary Pinkerton (44) holds a degree in Music Education from The Pennsylvania State University. She is married to Thomas Pinkerton, a research engineer with H.R.B. Singer. She is Regional Business Coordinator, First Hospital Corporation. Previously she taught music and was organist for a large church in Upper Arlington, Columbus, Ohio for five years. They have two children: David (17) is a Senior in High School while Barbara (19) is a sophomore at West Virginia Wesleyan. Submitted by Kenneth W. Hylbert


Floyd worked on the farm and for the Hope Natural Gas Co. as a pumper for many years. He died in 1967 and his wife in 1980. They are buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

Floyd and Alice's youngest son Jack married Jackalea Norman, who was born July 4, 1938, at Linden, West Virginia in Roane County. She is the daughter of Romie and Elva E. (Smith) Norman. Her maternal grandparents were George W. Smith and Mary A. (Harris) Smith, paternal grandparents were Edward E. Norman and Nannie M. (Sulttes) Norman. Jack and Jackalea are the parents of one son Randall Lee Ice, born October 19, 1956.

Randall married Kelly Elizabeth Holland, August 1, 1960. Kelly was born May 3, 1964. She is the daughter of Charles and Wanda Gandy. She graduated from Wirt County High School in 1982. They are the parents of one son, Jason Daniel, who was born 30 years ago. Randy and Kelly are both employed by Kempple Company of Spencer and reside on the old Ice property on Colt Ridge near Spencer. Submitted by Jackalea Ice

JACKSON

Nathaniel Muncy Jackson (b. 6/2/1839, d. 7/29/1921) was born in Russell County, Virginia to Thomas H. Jackson and Martha E. Robinson. He married Melissa Riley (b. 6/21/1829, d. 5/27/1918) in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
and retired from there in 1967. The Lewis
the Compressor Station by United Fuel
1926. He later was employed full time at
pany's Lewis Compressor Station at Clio in
County, not far from Opie's home place. It
was on this farm that their children were
raised on the farm. In the winter she would
fishing. Mabel also accompanied Opie on his hunting jaunts.

Opie and Mabel were known as honest, hard working people. They loved their
large family. Today, their children are a
very close knit family because of the
tenderness and pride Opie and Mabel
showed and taught them during their youth. Several times a year as many of their
children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren meet at the farm to visit and share
memories.

The descendants of Jesse A. and Mary Ann Jackson have a family reunion which is
held each year in June. Only two of their
children are living at the present time, sub-
mitted by: Patricia Jackson Schneider and Iris Jackson

OVIE KARL JACKSON

I cannot trace or find any definite proof of
where the Jackson's originated but it is
quite certain the first came from England.
Levi Jackson was born in North Carolina
in 1777 and then moved to Virginia. Cen-
sus shows Tazewell County, Virginia. 1850 census shows Taze-
well County, Virginia and 1860 census
shows Buchanan County, Virginia. The only information found for wife was her first
name of Ruth.

The Russell County Courthouse was de-
stroyed by fire in 1874. There are no Coun-
ty Records prior to 1875.

Levi had a son Thomas Hunt Jackson
born June 19, 1814. He married Martha E.
Robinson 11-24-1836. Thomas died 3-8-
1864.

Levi Jackson was in the Federal Army during The Civil
War. He was 13th West Virginia Infantry. Nathaniel was in
the Battle at Lynchburg and in The Thirty
Days raid preceding the battle. He was re-
duced forty pounds in weight.
His two brothers Almarine B. and Shad-
reach Allen were in The Confederate Army. Shadrach was killed in The Battle of Droop
Mountain in 1863 and Almarine B. was
taken prisoner and held eighteen months.
They were probably in the 22nd Virginia In-

Ovie and Myrtle Jackson
Ovie and Myrtle had four sons. They also
raised one girl, Kathleen T. Workman who
came to live with them in July, 1943 at age
seventeen and still resides at The Home
Place.

Mayford W. born 4-28-1927 married Het-
ttie Cook January 3, 1948. She was from
Wyoming County. They had two children
Danny M., born 10-13-50 who was killed in
an automobile accident on 2-28-72. He was
married to Jeannette Lane. They had no
children.

Cathy born 6-26-53 is married to Albert
Rock, Jr. Cathy is completing her degree in
computer science taking night classes while
still holding down her job.

Mayford retired from Union Carbide after
thirty-one years of service.

Richard D. was born 6-10-1934 and mar-
rried Bettie Gabehart on 3-25-1955. She
CAPTAIN DAVID JAMES

Captain David James served in the Revolutionary War, he was my Great, Great Great Grandfather. He came from the Norfolk area after the war and settled in the Shenandoah Valley. He obtained land in the Little Levels of Pocahontas County, then Greenbrier County, Virginia, on the Little Levels of Pocahontas County. He obtained land in the Shenandoah Valley. Droop Church was across the road from where he lived. He lived in one of the most beautiful places in the state, he could see up and down the mountain for miles and no doubt he enjoyed an abundance of fish and game from the Greenbrier River and Valley. Droop Church was across the road from where he lived. He did not have the history on this church, but there is an old lady that "owns" it. I intend to make it my next project if the Good Lord is willing.

The shingles on the church cover the holes of Cannon Balls of the Civil War.

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We are closing we wish that we might as we are closing we wish that we might have the opportunity to have known our ancestors every one. Because as we write about our Father, Ovie, our ancestors each and every one. Be then Greenbrier County Virginia, on the Little Levels of Pocahontas County. It is believed that John Jarvis was the son of John Jarvis, (1720-1795) and Hannah Hill (1725-1808), immigrants to Maryland, where other Jarvises preceded them. Young John (1753-1827) ... and brother Solomon, both enlisted in the Maryland Army in the Revolution. It is believed that John Jarvis was the son of John Jarvis, (1720-1795) and Hannah Hill (1725-1808), immigrants to Maryland, where other Jarvises preceded them. Young John (1753-1827) ... and brother Solomon, both enlisted in the Maryland Army in the Revolution. It is believed that John Jarvis was the son of John Jarvis, (1720-1795) and Hannah Hill (1725-1808), immigrants to Maryland, where other Jarvises preceded them. Young John (1753-1827) ... and brother Solomon, both enlisted in the Maryland Army in the Revolution. It is believed that John Jarvis was the son of John Jarvis, (1720-1795) and Hannah Hill (1725-1808), immigrants to Maryland, where other Jarvises preceded them. Young John (1753-1827) ... and brother Solomon, both enlisted in the Maryland Army in the Revolution. It is believed that John Jarvis was the son of John Jarvis, (1720-1795) and Hannah Hill (1725-1808), immigrants to Maryland, where other Jarvises preceded them. Young John (1753-1827) ... and brother Solomon, both enlisted in the Maryland Army in the Revolution.

The Harold family moved to Ohio in 1933, but throughout the years, have maintained our ties with our birthplace and that of our revered ancestors, whose descendants truly have become as innumerable as the sands of the seashore. Submitted by: R.C. Harold

JARVIS


Gary's father died in Feb. before he was born in Mar. in 1901, and his mother died in 1906. When his mother died he went to live at the home of Russell and Sarah Meadows Drake. Sarah was his mother's sister. At the age of twelve he went to Newton to live with Holly and Eska Jarvis. On June 24, 1928 Gary Jarvis married Alfred was the son of Thomas F. Jarvis and Alice Connolly. Sarah was the daughter of Rev. Aaron Hensley and Nancy King. In August, 1783, in Kanawha Co. (now Roane Co.). Tom married Nancy Caroline Keen b. 4 June 1857 in Kanawha Co.

When Nancy was born, everyone said, "She is as cute as a bug." She was called "Bug" by all who knew her. Even to her grandchildren, she was "Grandma Bug." She was the daughter of James Keen and Nancy Jane King. James was the son of David Keen and Nancy Bishop. Nancy Bishop's brother was Billy Bishop, the historian, who wrote the History of Roane Co. Nancy Jane was the daughter of William King and Mary Hamilton, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian.


Emma (Jarvis) Roberts is the only one of the 15 children still living in 1989.

Bug was a midwife and helped deliver at least 250 babies. They raised their own sheep and spun thread to weave into cloth and made the clothing for the family. She was also called upon to doctor any injured neighbor. She probably learned her skills from her Indian ancestors.

Bug died at the age of 76. 9 June 1933. When the neighbors were digging her grave, one neighbor said, "If ever anyone deserved a perfect grave, it is Aunt Bug. Some things still come into this world and I am going to try to make her a perfect grave." He made the grave exactly 6 deep and the sides were straight and the bottom level. He smoothed the bottom and sides with mud until it was like a painted surface, but there was one flaw. Aunt Bug was a large woman and the grave wasn't wide enough. It had to be made wider.

Bug and Tom were both buried in the Harold Cemetery at Uler, WV, near their home. Tom died 12 June 1926 (age 74). At age 71, Bug married Jim Tallman, 16 Nov. 1928. He was 76. He lived one year after they married. Submitted by: Donna James

JETT

My Great-grandfather Wilson Jett married Mary Ann Dye and resided at the head of Poca Road. They had eight children: Ornith, Hattie, Mamie, Rene, Creaton, John, and Jedeth. When Jesse was 15 years sad his father died of an injury he got while clearing land. As the oldest son, grandfather Jesse moved the family to Johnson Creek, where he got work. He and his brothers took jobs clearing land or harvesting crops, when and where available.

Jesse married Matilda Harris, daughter of Jim and Lucinda Harris of Flat Run. He went to work for William (Bub) Sargent during the Oil-Boom and remained in his employment until his retirement.

Myself and my four brothers all served in the U.S. Army and we all had honorable discharges.
JOHNSON

Enos Johnson was born in 1857, in Monroe County, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Hill) Johnson. With his parents, and younger members of the family, he moved to Right Reedy Creek in Wirt Co., in 1868. It was there that he met and married his wife, Caroline Gault. She also was born in Monroe Co. Ohio, and moved to Wirt Co., with her parents.

Enos and Caroline had three sons: all born in Wirt Co. Their names in order of birth were: William David, Robert Everett and Audra Earl. They all were married and lived in Roane Co.

Enos was a grandson of Henry Johnson, who with his brother John, at the ages of thirteen and eleven, were captured by Indians near their home at the mouth of Short Creek, WV in Oct. 1788. They were carried away by two Delaware Indians. Henry and John waited until dark when the Indians were asleep, stole their gun and tomahawk. Henry shot one Indian in the head, while John killed his capture with the tomahawk. This is a two-page, 721-722, story in the book Our Western Border by Charles McIntyre.

Caroline Johnson died sometime around the year 1922. Enos died in 1939. They were laid to rest in the Mausoleum, Spencer.

William David, born in 1881, married Dec. 15, 1901 to Flora Rader, born June 25, 1883. She was the daughter of Lewis M. and America Alice (Geary) Rader. They had two children: (1) Alton Clark, born 8-12-1906 in Roane Co., the eldest son of the eldest son, . carried back for generations. It stopped here with Clark. He married 2-21-1944 to Lucille Garrett, born 7-15-1915, a daughter of L.E. and Losa (Vineyard) Garrett. Clark and Lucille had two daughters.

Candace Lucille, born in Roane Co., in 1944. Married at Covington, Va in May 1965 to James H. Westfall, born 1943 in Calhoun Co. Their children, all born in Wood Co., are: Lisa Anne, 1966; Laura Lynn, 1967; and John Clark, 1969. All students at WV University. Candace graduated from Glenville State College, and teaches Physical Education and Health at Spencer High School. Jim graduated from Morris-Harvey College. We'll list his occupation as a farmer.

Willa Kate, born in Roane Co. 1947, married in Mar. 1969, Roane Co. to William D. Burbank, born 1946 at Minneapolis, Minn. They have one daughter, Miranda Leigh, born in Wood Co. 1976, a student at Spencer Jr. High. Kate and Bill are both graduates of Glenville College. Kate works for the W.V.U. Extension Services in Roane Co. Bill is employed by the W.V. State Highway Dept.

Clark died 5-10-1970. Lucille died 5-7-1981. They are buried in the Clover Cem., Clover, WV.

(2) Ernestine, born 1912, married Richard Miller. They had two sons: Kingsley, born in 1914; and Mike. Richard and Miller, born in 1944. He is married to Joan Cumbin, from Mississippi. They have 3 children: Scott, Sean, and Michelle, all born at Biloxi, Miss.


Robert Everett at the age of 20, married 1-11-1914 to Essie Ferrell, her age 22. They had two sons. Kenneth, lives in Charleston, has one son. Johnny: Harry Gordon, lives in Nitro, has three children: Henry, Jr., Carolyn Sue and Elizabeth.

Audra Earl married 7-19-1914, at the age of 19, to Ada Ferrell, her age 18. She was a sister to Essie. Audra and Ada had one daughter: Dorothy, born 1915, married in 1939 to Charles Custer. Dorothy is employed at Haynes and Co. in Spencer. Charles was an employee of the U.S. Post Office. He is now deceased. They had no children. Submitted by: Kate Burbank and Dorothy Custer.

JONES

Chester D.C. Jones, born March 6, 1854, and Virginia Frances Lee Jones, born January 12, 1849, married March 11, 1875, had seven children: Lewis Wetzel, Albert Hewton, Virginia Prudence, Elizabeth Jane, James Manchester, Francis Asberry, and Dennis French.

C.D.C. Jones operated a farm on the Silket Fork side of the Walton Ridge and operated a general merchandise store in Glenville. He was a road surveyor for the Wirt Co. November 5, 1871 to Mary Ann Settle. At the bride's home on the Ripley and Spencer turnpike, near the Spencer-Curtis line. To this union were born seven children, two boys and five girls: James Luther (B) 1874, married Flora Cummings on 06-11-1891. James Luther became a Reverend. Annie (B) 1874, married William Ashley on 09-18-1892. Alice (B) 1878, married Elmer Seeley. Thomas Abner (B) 1879, namesake of Granville and Sarah's fathers. Thomas Abner married Rebecca Hardman of a Kentucky family. Thomas Abner was Editor of a newspaper in Spencer, then moved to Mt. Hope, West Virginia and became the owner of Mt. Hope Electric Company. He also was a member of Macdonald

JONES

Granville A. Jones was born on 06-24-1845. He was the son of Thomas and Betsy (Alexander) Jones. He was enrolled as a volunteer in the U.S. Army on 02-16-1865 and received his discharge on 08-01-1865 at Charleston, West Virginia.

On 09-17-1869, Granville united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Settle (B) 1857, daughter of Abner and Louisa (Perkins) Settle, at the bride's home on the Ripley and Spencer turnpike, near the Spencer-Curtis line. To this union were born seven children, two boys and five girls: James Luther (B) 1874, married Flora Cummings on 06-11-1891. James Luther became a Reverend. Annie (B) 1874, married William Ashley on 09-18-1892. Alice (B) 1878, married Elmer Seeley. Thomas Abner (B) 1879, namesake of Granville and Sarah's fathers. Thomas Abner married Rebecca Hardman of a Kentucky family. Thomas Abner was Editor of a newspaper in Spencer, then moved to Mt. Hope, West Virginia and became the owner of Mt. Hope Electric Company. He also was a member of Macdonald
JONES

"Valentine Jones was of English and Welsh descent. He served in the Revolutionary War under General Marion and his discharge was lodged with his command. He married and raised his family in Allegany County, Virginia. He married Loviah McMullen whose brother was captured by the Indians."

This was written in an unsigned memorandum in 1883, probably by a great-grandson, C.D. C. Jones.

James and Jane Robinson of Botetourte County, Virginia, had a daughter Sarah. The second wife of Edward McMullen, a Revolutionary War soldier, born about 1735, died 1788. Among McMullen's 15 children was Loviah, who married Valentine Jones in Greenbrier County, August 19, 1769.

To this marriage were born: (1) Sarah, born June 19, 1801. He married Martha White in Monroe County, April 11, 1825. William G. White was born in Onomah, County Tyrone, Ireland, March 15, 1751. He married a Hunter and had two children. She died, he remarried and came to America, dying in Monroe County in 1839. His eldest child by his first wife, William White, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, December 25, 1779. At age 19, fleeing the British, he came to Monroe County, There, on July 25, 1798, he married Catherine Hoke, who was born June 6, 1781, a daughter of Henry Hoke. Martha, second child of William and Catherine, was born in May, 1805. She and Josiah had 15 children.

John E. Jones was a Methodist minister and farmer. He and Elizabeth moved to Fayette County where their second child, Chester David Curry Jones, was born March 6, 1854. In 1858 they moved to Roane County and farmed on the ridge separating Big Creek from Silket Fork. In the Civil War, John E. Jones served in Company G, 7th West Virginia Cavalry, United States Army. He was honorably discharged June 9, 1865. In the 1870's, he served on the Walton District Board of Education. His church transferred him to Webster County, where he and Elizabeth died. They had 13 children.

On March 11, 1875, Chester D.C. Jones married Virginia Frances Lee in Roane County.

Chester D. Jones family, 1901

Samuel Lee was born in Ireland, married Elizabeth McCabe in Wilmington, Delaware, and moved to Harrison County, Virginia, where their son Samuel Lee was born December 22, 1819. On September 30, 1841, he married Elizabeth Potts. John Potts, of Walton Parish, County Cumberland, England, married Mary Nixon, had a child, Nathaniel Potts, and came to America in 1791, settling in Petersburg, Virginia, where Nathaniel married Mary Hampton. Their daughter Elizabeth was born January 17, 1813. Samuel and Elizabeth Potts Lee moved to Roane County in 1857, to land they acquired in 1852. Samuel served as a Justice of the Peace. They had three sons and one daughter. Virginia Frances Lee, born January 12, 1849.

Chester and Virginia were ancestors through their son Lewis, his son French, and his son Onof, of Rebecca Sue Jones, born February 8, 1867, and Sarah Ann Jones, born February 5, 1876. Submitted by: Rebecca S. Jones and Sarah A. Jones

JUSTICE

Alexander Justice, Sr. was born in Pike County, KY in 1796; married Margaret King in 1830. Margaret was born in 1811 in Pike County, KY. They came to Left Hand in 1838 and had 5 children: Alexander, Jr. Samuel King, William H., Priscilla (Pricey), Victoria (Vickey).

Alexander Justice, Jr. was born in 1844; died in 1885. Served in Confederate Army under General J.E.B. Stuart. He married Harriet Elizabeth Jones; she was born in 1843; died in 1880. She was the daughter of Robert Wilson Jones. They had 8 children: John, Robert Wilson, Samuel King, Rebecca, Louisa, Margaret.

Robert Wilson Justice was born on Jan. 28, 1869; died on June 8, 1949. He was the son of Elliot and Harriet Jones Justice.


Robert Wilson remarried to Elizabeth Moss Moore Drake; no children.

John William Justice was my grandfather. He married Myrtle Ann Dye on Feb. 12, 1920 by J. Herby Smith. Myrtle was the daughter of Lee and Elizabeth Harris Dye.
father, John William died of gangrene poisoning. Submitted by: Tammy (Justice) Camp and Lisa Jodice

KARICKHOFF


Betty married Woodrow "Pat" O'Brien, who was on the Spencer police force at one time. They later moved to Ohio, returning to Spencer after his retirement.

Beulah married Charles H. Rhodes of Elyria, Ohio formerly of Spencer. He worked for Fruehauf, later becoming a Realtor, also owned and managed rental properties.

Maggie lived with Charles and Beulah, enjoyed working in the same churches they did, worked some in home nursing care and later moved to Lakeland, Florida with them where she was "Written-up" in the local newspaper.

It was there she died and is now buried beside Harold at the Gandeeville Cemetery along with others of the Karickhoff, Casto, Lance families, Pat O'Brien and many friends and neighbors. Submitted by: Beulah Karickhoff Rhodes

ALFRED NEWTON (BUB) KEE

Alfred Newton (Bub) Kee was born September 6, 1863 at Berlin, Lewis County. The son of James Perry and Harriet (Hinzman) Kee. He married Electra Catherine Robinson (1865-1938) on September 16, 1883 in Lewis County.


The family first lived at the old Koon farm located between Gandeeville and Harmony. Later they moved to the Shouldis farm in the Shouldis and Harmony communities. Finally they bought the Phillip Adams farm where they built their home. This home, located between Gandeeville and Harmony, is still standing and occupied, by their youngest son and his wife, Rolfe and Ruby Kee.

There are many Kee relatives still living in the Roane County area. Submitted by: Mrs. Norma Kee Gandee

KEE

Elam Omar Robinson (1841-1865) served as chaplain in the Union Army. He was captured and was ill when he was released from prison. His wife, Amanda Almeda Marple (1840-1885) and he journeyed to Bryant, Illinois, where he died and was buried. Amanda and her two children drove a team back home to Hacker's Creek, Lewis County, W.V., where her third child, Electa Cathryn Robinson was born in 1865.

Electa Robinson married Alfred Newton Kee of Berlin, Lewis County. Between 1890 and 1892, after they had three boys and two girls, they came to Roane County and bought the Adams farm at Countsville.

Electa's grandmother was Ruth Reger Marple, who during the Civil War defied a gang who would have stolen her horse. The Marple farm on Buckhannon Run of Hacker's Creek, had been an Indian campground, and was reported to have been the birthplace of Tecumseh, the Shawnee Indian Chief. The spring the Indians used was then enclosed in a spring house.

Electa's great great grandfather, Jacob Brake (1747-1841) was captured by Indians at age eleven at which time they killed his mother. Jacob lived with the Indians for ten years and ten months. When a treaty promised the release of white prisoners, his brother John rode his horse to three Indian camps in what is now Ohio and Michigan and finally found Jacob where Detroit now stands. It was said that Jacob came back home reluctantly. During the Revolution Jacob Brake was a Lieutenant in the American Army, but his father John was a Tory and the prime factor in the only Tory uprising in this state. After the uprising John Brake, who was the Baron Von Brok in Germany, returned to his homeland.

Electa was a cousin of General Stonewall Jackson.

Another of the Kee ancestors was Jacob Lorentz (1776-1866) who was born in Lancaster, PA. He was a peddler and a tanner and brought the first wagon over the mountains and had the first painted house and the first store in what became known as Lorentz, Upshur County. Jacob married Rebecca Stalnaker the great granddaughter of Capt. Samuel Stalnaker who explored the Cumberland Gap before the time of Daniel Boone. Their daughter Harriet Lorentz, at age 35, married Col. John Kee who was 75 at the time. John and Harriet were the parents of James Perry Kee family, at the homestead in Countsville, 1928

Kee family, at the homestead in Countsville, 1928

Harold, Maggie (Harris) Karickhoff in wedding clothes. 1923

They built on their farm adjoining his family home near Gandeeville and did general farming. He had a small shop where he repaired and made farm tools, did lathe work and for a short time operated a grist mill.

The farm had many interests for them. One was a large rock in a ravine behind the house with Indian designs and symbols carved into it that no one was able to decipher.

Hidden somewhere was a deposit of almost pure lead from which earlier settlers had made ammunition. It was so well concealed, later inhabitants were never able to find it.

On Harold's grandfathers land, adjoining the family farm was an old gold mine and beyond it his Grandfather Casto's general store.

Harold liked to make things. A drilling rig he designed and built was used to drill all the wells on the family farms.

Maggie had a love and talent for music and she also loved to roam over the hills with Harold when the busy farm life permitted. Sometimes gathering quinces for delicious quince honey. In the spring, strawberry shortcakes with thick cream graced the table followed by peach cobbler and blackberry dumplings.

The first cold days of fall brought butchering when all the family, including his mother, brother Oral and sister Clista worked together curing meat, making sausage and even Maggie's special soap made from the fat.

Harold and Maggie had one child, Beulah Lee. When she was nine years old they went to Bethel "Betty" Lee Williams, same age, from Davis Child Shelter in Charleston, W.Va. The girls grew up together as sisters, often dressing alike.

The little family spend many enjoyable evenings around a large chalk board where learning was encouraged by educational games then Bible reading.

Little did they know how soon those happy times would end, for Harold only lived a few years beyond his fifty-first birthday.

Maggie and the girls lived in Spencer for a short time, then Maggie and Beulah moved to Parkersburg.
James Madison Keen was born in Russell County, Virginia, March 1, 1828. The son of David and Nancy (Bishop) Keen and grandson of Highways for more than twenty years until the year of 1941, when they moved to Hollywood where she and her husband, James, reared a family of eleven children. James was a skilled mechanic and excellent farmer and blacksmith, and worker in iron and steel. He and his family were members of the Baptist church where he served as a deacon for twenty-four years. He served four years as Justice of the Peace. James Madison Keen died March 5, 1901. Nancy died November 24, 1919. George Franklin Keen was a son of Nancy and James Madison Keen who was born January 23, 1871 in the Hollywood area. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Reynolds in 1894. She was born September 16, 1875, the daughter of J. and Lucinda Reynolds of New Castle, Virginia. She came to Hollywood at age nine. George and Betty lived on Hollywood Road where he ran a farm and logging business. George died February 27, 1955, Betty died December 9, 1968. They were the parents of four children: Dessie, Ethel, Okey Franklin, and Harry.

Dessie was born September 20, 1895. She married Romie Cottrell on August 8, 1925. They had four children: Leona, Eva, Norma and Jerome Ray, who died at nine years of age. Dessie died January 25, 1953. Ethel was born May 26, 1898. She married Kelly S. Harth February 16, 1921. They had seven children: Edith, Kelly, Jr., Charles Edward, Betty Jean, James Richard, Paul Dean and Mildred Ann, who died at four years of age. Ethel died July 8, 1969.

Okey Franklin was born December 17, 1900. He married Lona Wright on July 30, 1921. She was born January 7, 1901, the daughter of Samuel K. and Alsy (Keaton) Wright of the Newton-Hollywood area. Okey and Lona lived in the Hollywood area until the year of 1941, when they moved to Spencer. Okey worked for the Department of Highways for more than twenty years having retired in 1963. Lona worked at Spencer State Hospital, Keltowood Company and later owned and operated a restaurant on Main Street. Okey suffered from diabetes due to health reasons. Lona died November 6, 1980. Okey and Lona were the parents of five children: Ann born July 31, 1922, married Elmer H. Love August 15, 1948. He died March 10, 1975, Gale Franklin born December 20, 1924, married Alma Brannon August 20, 1948, Bobbie Jean born February 28, 1929, married Richard M. Bennett August 15, 1950. They had three children, Debra Ann born July 31, 1951, married Richard Brownlee and they have one son, Christopher. Arnold, Carolyn Sue born December 27, 1952, married Calvin Williams Elswick II and they have three children, Alicia, Calvin William III (Trae) and Daniel. Alicia married Blaine Hamming and has one daughter, Brittany Nicole. Richard Franklin born December 27, 1955, first married Terry Lambert and had one son, Scott Franklin born December 26, 1959. Richard later married Jayne Ann Westfall and they have a daughter, DeAnn born January 28, 1961. They had four children, Michael David born November 26, 1961, Steven Scott born February 5, 1967, Burma Jo born May 23, 1958, married Roy D. Cooper. They have one daughter, Cheryl Beth born November 2, 1958, Cheryl Beth married Jeffery Josephi, August 1, 1981. They have one daughter, Christine Beth born August 14, 1984.

George and Betty's son Harry B. was born June 25, 1903. He married Willa Surface and had two children, Eleanor and Larry Dean. Eleanor married Carroll Bellnap and they had two children, Cheryl Lynette and Michael. Larry married Carol Stephens and had two children, William Allen and John Anthony. Willa died November 23, 1955 and Harry died January 12, 1985. Eleanor's husband Carroll died October 14, 1980. 

HAD 350 DIRECT DESCENDANTS

Newspaper article of unknown origin printed about 1910

Probably the greatest contribution ever made to the state of WV came from the late "Aunt" Nancy Keen of Newton, according to an article written by the late P. Tallman, former Sheriff. Her contribution to her state and country can hardly be measured in dollars. At the age of 84, Nancy was the richest woman in WV for she had given the world 320 direct descendants, embracing 5 generations.

Nancy was the widow of James Keen, who died about 10 years ago, an honest respected citizen of Roane County. She was married 69 years ago at the age of 15.

She was the mother of 11 children, eight of whom are still living, in the third generation there have been 35 great-grandchildren born of whom 175 are alive. Twenty-nine great-great-grandchildren comprises the fifth generation and of this number 28 are living.

What a good woman is worth cannot be calculated from an economic standpoint but the late sheriff, in discussing her remarkable achievement said that from his knowledge as a citizen and official, not one of Mrs. Keen's descendants had ever violated a law and that he had never known one to be a delinquent. He considered her respected, law-abiding citizens of the county and reflect the strong character of their maternal ancestor. Submitted by: Ann L. Love.
WESLEY FRANKLIN KEEN

Wesley F. Keen, Farmer, merchant, blacksmith, carpenter, all are vocations followed by Wes Keen, the second son of William Carey Keen (8-30-1854 - 6-25-1938) who was the second son of James Madison Keen (1-1-1828 - 3-9-1901) and Nancy (King) Keen (11-24-1834 - 11-24-1919) Bill was born in Kanawha Co. then Va., now Newton, W.Va. on December 7, 1877 married Electa A. Smith (2-2-1848 - 12-3-1937) d/o John Smith and Francis (Hess) Smith, they had two boys and two girls. Henry married Grace Bissel, they had four boys and three girls. Maxwell married Goldie McMillen, they had eight boys and two girls, and Alma Kate died a very young girl.

It is believed the Keffer ancestors immigrated from Ireland before settling in Roane County, West Virginia.

Marcus married Bell, the daughter of Jackson and Margaret (McCune) Lovers. Bell had three brothers and four sisters: Irie, Raymond, Tom, Blanch, Mary, Rose, and Pearl.

Marcus and Bell lived on a farm at Clover, just outside of Spencer, West Virginia in Roane County. Together they had two children, one boy, Jackson and one girl. Pearl Ann. Marcus was a farmer by trade and did a little team work for the United Fuel, but he mostly farmed. He had a team of horses that were his pride and joy, always helping his neighbors in times of need. Living on mud roads, Marcus was often called upon to help his friends and neighbors out of the mud and snow. Marcus was also a good neighbor to everyone. Bell was often called upon to help out in times of sickness.

Marcus died in 1946 at the age of 63. Bell, who was born on January 6, 1899, died in 1950 at the age of 51. They are buried in the Clover Cemetery near where they lived.

Children: Jackson Keffer married Fucie Hall, they had three sons; Larry and Jerry were twins and Shirley Paul. They moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia in Wood County where Jackson went to work at the O'Ames Shovel Plant, and later to the Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Ohio. Fucie died after an extended illness in 1964. Jackson remarried Judy King, together they had two children, one son Andrew, and one son, Adam, and from a previous marriage, Kelly. Jackson died in 1979, and Fucie is buried in the Sunset Memory Gardens at Parkersburg, West Virginia. In Wood County, Jerry married Sandra Smith, they had one daughter and one son, and Shawn. Shawn died at birth. Jerry married Marian Ricehart; they had one daughter, Lois (Keller) Ross. Jerry died in 1985. Shirley Paul never married.

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LOIS STUMP KEITH

It is only proper and fitting that our great-great-grandmother, Lois Stump Keith, line-age be made known in this historical book as she lived in Spencer from 1930 until 1934.

The earliest permanent settlers in West Virginia were descendants of Michael Stump which were of German origin. They came from Pennsylvania, western Maryland, and eastern Virginia. They founded the Potomac River at the old "Pack Horse Ford", near what is now Shepherdstown in Hampshire County. Their settlement began prior to 1730, and within a very few years they established settlements in the South Branch of the Potomac on a Fairfax Land Grant, parcel number twelve. Fast and Maxwell's History of West Virginia names a number of these early families. Among them were the Stumps, Straders, Hites, Brakes and Minears. There is some evidence that might lead one to believe that some of these settlements were made prior to Morgan Morgan's settlement on the Potomac River at the old "Pack Horse Ford", near what is now Shepherdstown in Hampshire County. All indications signify that Michael Stump and Lord Fairfax or his land agent had a verbal and definite understanding between them. This understanding is assumed from a notation found in the diary of George Washington, which reads "Michael Stump and veteran Henry needs survey for lands settled prior to 1748".

Michael II, (1744-1799) became of age in 1765. His birthday was celebrated by his parents giving him a deed for Lot No. 2 embracing 420 acres of rich land in Virginia (now West Virginia) Ancestry was turned over to his father. He was born in 1744. He was born in 1799. He was born in 1765.

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Lucile Mark and Aunt Bell

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ginia). In 1786 Michael Stump III entered a large tract of land on Hacker's Creek in what is now Lewis County, West Virginia. On February 10, 1786, he married Magdaline Richards. Magdaline Richards was the granddaughter of an early pioneer, Isaac Richards. They moved from the eastern panhandle of Virginia in 1789 to what is now Stumptown which is located between the left hand fork and right hand fork of Steer Creek.

To Michael Stump, III and Magdaline Richards Stump (10/17/1878-6/6/1832) were born the following children: John Michael Stump, Jan. 26, 1787; Sarah Stump, Sept. 4, 1788; Jacob Stump, March 14, 1790; Magdaline Stump, Dec. 13, 1792; Absalom Stump, Feb. 21, 1794; John Stump, Dec. 6, 1795; George Stump, Aug. 28, 1797; Elizabeth Stump, Dec. 31, 1799; Jamima Stump, Jan. 16, 1804; Temperance (Tempy) Stump, March 17, 1806; Jesse Stump, June 17, 1808. Michael Stump, III is buried at Jane Lew, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Michael IV (Sep 27, 1807-11/1/1883) married Elizabeth Bush, Feb. 6, 1810. Elizabeth Bush was the sister of Jacob and Henry Bush of the Leading Creek section of Gilmer County. To this union were born the following children: George, Feb. 14, 1811; Margaret, Aug. 15, 1812; Jacob, Feb. 17, 1813; James, Apr. 9, 1814; Mary, Oct. 14, 1815; Cynthia, Mar. 31, 1817; Henry, Jan. 27, 1819; John, March 10, 1823; Eli, Feb. 13, 1821; Simon Nov. 3, 1824; Archibald, Oct. 3, 1826; Martin, Jan. 5, 1831; Matilda Stump, June 22, 1828; Alfred, Feb. 14, 1833; Elizabeth, Nov. 14, 1836.

Elizabeth Bush was the daughter of Jacob Bush, Sr. and Margaret (Swann) Bush. Jacob Bush, Sr., was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

Martin Stump family is briefed as follows: Lois Stump married Salathtiel Edmund Keith; Elsworth Stump married Ella Stump, daughter of Silas and Catherine Stump; Marcenna Stump married J. A. Westfall; Elsworth Stump (not of record). Lois Stump (09/19/1855-05/26/1934) married Salathtiel Edmund Keith (1858-1940) on Nov. 4, 1889. To Salathtiel and Lois were born three daughters and one son: Emily, Perthena, Leila and Russell Thurman. Emily married Rev. Harley Francis, Perthena married Stump Fett, and Leila married Lennie Ball. Russell Thurman lineage is described below.


Russell Thurman Keith 1894-1979; Edna McGuire Keith 1896-1988

Russell T., a veteran of WW I, was an executive officer in Traders Bank for over 60 years. In addition to banking, Russell T. succeeded in the operation of Keith Farms, an 850 acre purebred Hereford livestock complex, located near Arnoldsburg, West Virginia. Keith Farms, exhibited purebred Herefords at livestock shows and fairs throughout West Virginia and Eastern Ohio.

Quellen, a veteran of WW II, married Johnnie M. Girard, a daughter of Arnold and Wilma (Bell) Girard. Johnnie, a granddaughter of Samuel Paris Bell and Oena (Peach Bell). On her fathers side, she is a granddaughter of Dr. Amade Girard and Anna Lee (Musgrave) Girard of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Johnnie attended Mary Washington College, Romney, and St. Mary's College, Indiana. To Quellen and Johnnie were born two sons: Jon Girard and Thomas Christopher. Quellen received degrees from Hampden-Sydney College and West Virginia University. Employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, for 38 years. Retired in 1980. Since retiring, Quellen has been re-elected to a six year term to the Roane County Commission.

Jon Girard Keith, son of Quellen has degrees from WVU, U of South Carolina and University of Pennsylvania. Present time Jon is President of Baptist Medical Center, Columbia, SC.

Thomas C. Keith, son of Quellen received degree from Marshall University. Has been Executive Director, South Carolina Leukemia Society of America, Columbia, SC for the past 8 years.

John E., son of John E., Jr., was a veteran of WW II, married Kitty Lee Nottingham, a daughter of Aubrey and Mary Lee Nottingham, of Cape Charles, Virginia. To them were born three sons and one daughter: John E. Jr., Kim, Hunter, and Lisa. John E., graduated from West Virginia University and University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Dr. John E., an orthopedic surgeon for over 30 years, resides in Spartanburg, SC.

John E., Jr., son of John E., Jr., was a veteran of the Korean War, married Mary Ellen Conley, a daughter of Ross and Gladys (Hudson) Conley of Spencer. To them were born two sons: Stuart and Steven. Russell T., Jr., graduated from WVU Virginia University. Has served as Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Bankers' Association for over twenty-five years. Resides in Charleston, WV.

Stuart, son of Russell T., Jr., has a degree from Kalamazoo College and a law degree from College of Law, University of Michigan. Stuart is practicing law in New York City.

Steven, son of Russell T., Jr., has a BS degree from University of Michigan and an engineering degree from U of Illinois. Steven resides at Whitefish Bay, WI. Submitted by: Thomas C. Keith and Jon G. Keith

SALATIEL EDMUND KEITH

Mahonas Emanuel Keith came from Scotland to America in the 1740's. Mahonas settled in Pumppkinville, South Carolina. Later, Mahonas moved into Virginia where he met and married Margarette McCray.

William Warren Keith, (1834-1928) was a son of Mahonas Emanuel Keith and married Mary Jane Messenger, (1832-1862). To them were born three sons: Roswell, Salatilith, and William. William Warren Keith owned a farm and operated a general store near Glenville, Gilmer County.

Calhoun County land records reveal Salatilith Edmund Keith, (1858-1940), moved into Calhoun County on or before 1874. Salatilith Edmund Keith's lifetime became a large land owner in Calhoun County. He was elected to the Calhoun County Commission from 1904-1906. Salatilith first marriage was to Mary Carter. To them was born two daughters Nora and Dora. Following the death of his first wife, Salatilith married Lois Stump, (1855-1940), a daughter of Silas and Catherine Stump. To them were born three daughters and one son: Emily, Perthena, Leila and Russell Thurman. Emily married Rev. Harley Francis, Perthena married Stump Fett, and Leila married Lennie Ball. Russell Thurman lineage is described below.

Russell Thurman, united in marriage with Edna Ruth McGuire, daughter of John S. McGuire and Harriett (Cokely) McGuire of Volcano, Wood County, West Virginia. To Russell Thurman and Edna McGuire Keith were born three sons in Spencer, West Virginia: Quellen M., John E., and Russell T. Jr. Russell T., Jr., a veteran of the Korean War, married Mary Ellen Conley, a daughter of Ross and Gladys (Hudson) Conley of Spencer. To them were born two sons: Stuart and Steven. Russell T., Jr., graduated from WVU Virginia University. Has served as Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Bankers' Association for over twenty-five years. Resides in Charleston, WV.

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camed a large land owner in Calhoun County. He held additional land holdings in Gilmer and Roane Counties. Salathiel served as a member of the Calhoun County Court from 1904 to 1908.

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Salathiel Edmund Keith 1850-1940. Lois Stump
Keith 1855-1934

Emily and Harley Francis children were:
Harland, Joseph, Kelly, Pauline and Evelyn.
Perthena and Stump Fotty children were:
Edward and Mary Lois.

Lela and Lemmie children were:
Albert Edmund and Dorcas Louise.

Russell T. and Edna children were:
Quelen M., John E., and Russell T., Jr.

Salathiel Edmund Keith left large parcels of land located in Calhoun County to each of his six children.

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Salathiel, died in 1940 at the age of 82 and is buried beside his wife in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Submitted by: Quelen M. Keith and Russell T. Keith, Jr.

KELLEY

One of the pioneer families to settle in Roane County were Thaddues C. and Rebecca Jane (Friesman) Kelley. They first started housekeeping on Cox's Fork, later moved to Middle Fork of Reedly near Peniel and built their home where they reside till death. He also furnished lumber and helped build the Peniel Church.

Thaddue b 1-10-1852 d 2-3-1940 was a son of William D. and Margaret (Carter) Kelley. William D. served in the Civil War and after returning from the war he served 8 years as Commissioner of the County Court of Roane.

William D. was a son of John L. and Tracy (Davis) Kelley. John L. Kelley was born 3-1-1803 in Front Royal, Virginia. His parents were William and Mary Ann (Lawnson) Kelley. William was born in Virginia 9-25-1777. He was drafted into the army in the War of 1812 at Shenandoah County, Virginia and served as a private in the 6th Regiment of Virginia Militia under Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Coleman and Captain Walter Hambaugh. He served from 9-1-1814 to 12-1-1814 and was discharged at Camp Cross Roads, Maryland. William died in Lewis County, Virginia 7-30-1854. His widow Mary Ann Kelley applied for Bounty Land on 5-26-1855 and was given Bounty Land Warrant # 51388-120-55 in Lewis County, Virginia now West Virginia.

Thaddues C. and Rebecca Jane (Hardman) Kelley were m 4-2-1874. The Hardmans came from Germany to England in 1773 and to Baltimore in 1774 a short time before the Revolution War. They later moved to Georgetown where they were ‘Intimate Friends’ of George Washington. Rebecca’s father William S. Hardman enlisted in the Civil War on 9-3-1862 in the Battalion Virginia Sharp Shooters as a waggoner. Rebecca was also a Great Great Granddaughter of Salathiel Goff b 1748 d 1791, who fought in the Revolutionary War in 1781 to 1783 in Militia Service as a Ranger and Spy.

The William S. Hardmans later moved to a large farm near Peniel called the ‘Bill Hardman Place’ later the home of Thaddues and Rebecca.

Thaddues C. and Rebecca had two daughters. Janette and Mollie and one son Holly and one adopted son Jerma.

Thaddues C. and Rebecca Jane Kelley

Holly m Ella Burdette first wife and they had four children. Daughter Opal m Okey Sherrill, Pellas m Herman Miller. Sons Olie m Chasie Fields and Willis m Ruth Pierso.

Holly married Mabel Rublee second wife and their children were Blondena m Jesse Cooper, Myrtle m Aubrey Miller. They had two sons, who are deceased. Fumas and Hubert.

Herman W. Miller and Nellie Kelley were m 10-14-1926. Their children are Hershel Lee, Iris June and Larry Stephen.


Larry Stephen m Janet Jenkins 10-12-1963. They have one daughter Tonya Lynn b 5-23-1964 and one son Scott Alan b 8-16-1967. Submitted by: Neile Kelley Miller

KELLY CONNECTIONS

Matthew Kelley (c.1653-1689) m. Penelope _ Old Rappahannock Co. Va.
Issue: John m. Amy Doniphan
John: Matthew; Elizabeth m. Geoffrey; Mary m. John Morton; Alexander m. Elizabeth Willson; James.

Alexander Kelley (c.1700-1754) m. Elizabeth Willson (c.1702-1757) d. of Susannah and Kirby Willson. Va. Issue: Susannah.
The Kelley family raised cattle, sheep, and potatoes to provide for their needs. They were an important part of the community, and their name is remembered in the area. They built a house on the Olie C. Kelley farm, which later became the home of Mack Kelly, one where both Lloyd's children and grandchildren grew up. They spent their summers on the Kelly farm. The Kelley family was known in the Peniel community and was a trusted member of the community for several years.

As previously stated, Claudius and Rachel Kelly had ten children, to-wit: Peter, Mary, Frank, and Fred. The family spent their summer vacations with Genevieve and Anne, and their mother died in 1906 with the children. Their mother died in 1906 with the children. Their mother died in 1906 with the children.
Where welcome in their home.

Sada was married to Albert Humphreys, Jr., who died in 1984. They had two children, Patricia Ann and Albert C. Humphreys. III. Patricia Ann married Paul Cottrell, who died in 1980. They had two children, Eugene Paul and Stewart Frank. Eugene is attending Concord College and is in the ninth grade at Sissonville High School. Albert, III (Budd) married Deborah Ligg and they reside in Nitro. They have three children, Kelly Diane, Steven and Gregory. Sada also lives in Nitro.

Walter married Dorothy Brown, who died in 1965, and they had a daughter, Linda Sue, who married Jerome Flunkier in 1966. They live in Gainesville, Florida. A daughter, Kelly Marie, was born to Linda and Jerry in 1968. Kelly married Betty (Grill) in 1966, and they live in Okeechobee, Florida.

Henry is a retired executive from the coal industry, where he served as chief executive officer of his own wholesale coal company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walter married Marjorie Collier, and they have a daughter, Karen, who married Worther G. Becker, III in 1977, and both families live in the vicinity of Petersburg, Virginia. Karen and "Guy" have a son, Worther G. Becker, IV "Worth", who was born in 1958. Walter is a retired executive from a lifelong career in the optical industry.

Orla lives in Charleston, and is employed by Kay, Casto, Chaney. Love and Wise law firm.

Anne was married to Betty Thompson, who died in 1963, and they lived in Brooksville, Florida. Edward died October 5, 1977.

Anne was married to Virgil Brown, who died in 1980. They had four boys, Charles, Claude and Clyde. Anne lives in Edgefield-South Carolina, and the boys all live in that vicinity. Charles is married to Cheryl Long. Charles has two children, Edward and Shannon; Claude is married to Nancy Spire and they have three children, James, April and Joshua. Clyde works in Edgefield and lives with his mother.

Ruth was married to Harold Lanham, who died in 1983. They had two children, Frank Edward and Elizabeth Ann. Frank married Sarah Freeman in 1989, and they reside in Fairlax, Virginia, Elizabeth (Libby) married Richard Miller in 1972, and they reside in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have three children, Kelly Lea, Matthew and Katie. Ruth continues to live in Sissonville, where she and Harold had operated a general store, and is now retired.

Frank and Ellie Kelly on 50th wedding anniversary, 1962

Frank Kelly was a farmer and Ellie was a school teacher. She taught four years at Cottontree before they were married, and after raising their large family, resumed teaching, both at Pad and Cottontree, for several years. They were married 66 years, and Ellie died September 22, 1976. At the age of 85, and Frank died December 3, 1978, at the age of 88. In 1959 they began going to Florida to live a portion of the year. In 1973, after raising their six sons, on a ranch owned by their son, Henry. In 1974, they lived full time in Florida until they died in 1978. Sada and her husband, Albert, spent the most of the year 1978 caring for her parents, and they continued to live at the ranch until Albert died January 2, 1984.

Submitted by: Family of E. F. Kelly

JOHN WOODSIDE KELLY

John Woodside Kelly of Looneville, Roane County, Born 1830 Fauquier County, Va., the son of Peter Conway Kelly and Mary Woodside Kelly, who came from Virginia in the 1830's and settled on lands in Mason Co. along the Great Kanawha River. They had slaves which they brought with them from Virginia. They lived and worked the land in Mason County for a few years although it did not belong to them and they were very much on the lookout for land of their own where they could settle permanently. Finally they heard of land in Roane County, at that time Kanawha County, that could be bought for $1.00 per acre. Good rich land and plenty of good timber to build with.

They came to look it over. Peter and his two oldest sons John and James. What they found suited them very much and they took their entire savings which had taken them several years to accumulate. $450.00 and bought 450 acres of this rich timber land on the dividing ridge of the Potomac and Elk Rivers the year of 1850.

Moving in those days was quite a task by horse and wagon and no doubt took several days to bring all their personal belongings and slaves some 75 miles to this new land. But in time they arrived at their new homestead, built a large log house and started to clear and farm the land. John W. stayed and worked with the family until he was 26 years old at which time he married Eliza Sergent in 1856.

John and Eliza went up on Johnson Creek to the very head, then up on the ridge they found 200 acres of good land which they bought and started a log home of their own. John had a few slaves of his own by this time and a lot of the labor of course was done by them on the house and on the farm.

To John and Eliza were born 5 children: Lewis W. Kelly married 1863 Sarah F. Carper; Rhoda E. Kelly married David Looney; Eliza J. Kelly married Clark Looney; Elia Kelly and Mary Kelly both of whom died young without marrying.

Submitted by: Smith Kelly

KELLY

Lewis William Kelly was the son of John W. Kelly b 1830 Fauquier C. Va., d 1920 Roane Co. W. V. and Eliza Sergent b 1840 Russell Co. Va. d 29 July 1818 Roane Co. W. Va. Lewis had four sisters: Mary Kelly 1803-1909; Eliza 1808-1852; Martha 1801-1839; and Frances 1813-1886. Lewis married 3 times: Orla Johnson, who died young without marrying.

Submitted by: Smith Kelly

John Smith Kelly of Pad, 1863; Paul (Infant), John W. Kelly, Eliza Sergent Kelly, Loretta K. Bradley

Lewis W. Kelly and Sarah F. Carper Kelly had 5 children: Alfred Gay Kelly 1885; Elia Mae Kelly 1887; and William Lewis Kelly 1890. Alfred Gay Kelly married 1909, Melissa A. Samples, Bomont, Clay County and brought his bride to live on the farm. John and Eliza Kelly had two children; John Smith, Jr., Billy Lee, Bobby Gay.
James was a captain of Richmond County Militia in the Revolution.

James Kelly's son John married Jane Payne and lived at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock in Faquier County. Widowed, he next married Dinah Conway in 1797. Dinah was a child of Peter Conway and Mary Bradford, a daughter of Daniel Bradford and Alice Morgan, child of Charles Morgan. Daniel was a son of John Bradford and Mary Marr. child of John Marr. John Bradford was living in Faquier County in 1797.

John Kelly's oldest child by his second wife, Dinah, was Peter Conway Kelly, born in 1798. Peter married Mary Woodside December 26, 1825. She was a daughter of William Woodside and Claramond Allen, who both died in 1812 when Mary was five. Claramond was a child of William Allen and Mary Bradford, a daughter of Daniel Bradford and Alice Morgan, child of Charles Morgan. Daniel was a son of John Bradford and Mary Marr. child of John Marr. John Bradford was living in Faquier County in 1797.

William Allen was a son of Captain John Allen and Ursula Withers, a daughter of Captain James Withers and Elizabeth Keene. James was a son of William Withers, whose brother John was a member of the Virginia militia. The Withers brothers came to Stafford County from Chester, England. Elizabeth's father, Matthew, was a son of Thomas Keene, born in 1593, who came to Maryland from England in April, 1636.

Peter and Mary (Woodside) Kelly moved first to Mason County, then to what is now Roane County in 1849. They built a log house on a spur of Vineyard Ridge between Johnson Creek and Laurel and raised their family of seven children. Mary died in 1852. Peter died in 1859, Elizabeth, their oldest, married first John Hershberger and then William B. Ferrall and had children by both. Sarah, or Sallie, married John B. Stone and had children. John Woodside married Eliza Sergent and had children. Alridge James married first Eliza Russell and then Isabel or Belle, whose maiden name is not known, and had children by both. Joseph Thompson married Catherine Creigh and had children. Benjamin Franklin moved to Texas, married Mollie Kimbell and had children. Claudius F. married Rachel Looney and had ten children.

Rachel's father was Peter, a son of Robert Looney and Catherine Stover, a child of George Stover and Hannah Price of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Rachel's mother was Charity, a daughter of Presley Vineyard and Cynthia Hambuck, a daughter of Martin Hambuck and Susan Ellison. Robert was a son of John Looney and Esther Renfro, a child of Stephen Renfro, an Indian scout. John's parents were Robert and Elizabeth Llewelyn Looney, who operated a ferry across the James in Botetourt County before 1755.

Claudius and Rachel's daughter Elizabeth Jane Kelly married Lewis W. Jones and lived on Silket Fork where they raised seven children. Two of Elizabeth's children, Adah and Aarond, were the widows of Eliza's son George and one of his children and his family still resides in Roane County. Submitted by: Orton A. Jones and Mary Jo Jones.

William D. Kelley

William Davis Kelley of Harper District, was born in Harrison County, Western Virginia, March 28, 1826, son of John L. Kelley, and Polly Anna Looney. John L. was born at Front Royal, Virginia, 1803. He married William Kelly, a soldier of the War of 1812. Tacy was born in Harrison County, Virginia, 1803, and came to Foca in the year 1855. William Kelley was born on the 28th of December, 1848, in Rockingham County, Virginia. In 1862, William Davis, eldest son of William L. and Jane (Means) Carter. These four persons arrived and settled in upper Harper on Flat Fork in the year 1849, on a farm near Flat Fork. He was a member of the Virginia cavalry. The above was referred to at this time as Kelley Hill, and within a very few years were reputed to be "well to do", owned a large acreage of improved land, and kept a crossroads store of general merchandise. William D. Kelley was soon given a commission of justice of the peace.

To William D. and Margaret (Carter) Kelley were born, all at the farm home mentioned, the following children: Tacy J., 1850; Maryjane, 1852; Alice B., 1856; Dexter Lee, 1858; Oscar, 1860; Albert Jenkins, 1863.

In 1862 William D. Kelley enlisted in the Confederate Army, Co. H, 17th Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted at Sissonville, Jackson County, Virginia. He was under the command of General Albert Jenkins. General Service Administration, Washington, D.C. records show that while on leave at his home to see his wife and young family in Roane County, December 15, 1863, he was taken prisoner by the Home Guards of said county, and taken to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, charged with "having been in the rebel service as a private in Co. H, 17th Virginia Cavalry. While in prison at Camp Chase, he suffered severe hardships as did other Rebel prisoners. Records say he was released by order of the Secretary of War February 8, 1865.

Soon after release from the war, he was elected as one of the Commissioners of the County Court of Roane, for a term of two years, then reelected for a term of six years, serving in that capacity for eight years.

William D. Kelley died in 1876 and his wife, Margaret (Carter) Kelley, died in 1904. They are buried in the cemetery of Mt. Herman Church in Roane County.

The following are excerpts from records of General Service Administration, regarding William D. Kelley's release from Camp Chase, Ohio.

KELLY

Matthew Kelly was a tobacco planter along the Rappahannock River in what is now Richmond County, Virginia, before 1664. His son John married Amy, probably a daughter of Alexander Doniphan, and died in 1715. John's son Alexander Doniphan Kelly married Elizabeth Willson, daughter of Henry Willson, son of Elias Willson. Alexander died in 1754. His son James, (1757-1802), married his first cousin Susannah Willson, who was born in 1741.
ESTHER KENDALL

A very old name in England, the surname Kendall is thought to be derived from the township of Kendall in the valley of Kent or Ken in Westmoreland County. The name of Kent or Ken River was probably taken from the Saxon word "caen," meaning clear, bright and white. "Dale" of the name Kendall is thought to be derived from the valley name Kendall is still living at the Homeplace.

*Copy of Release and Oath taken by William D. Kelley on the 17th day of February 1865.*

Wm. D. Kelly
Sworn to and subscribed by me, this 17th day of February 1865
W. A. Richardson
Col 25th O.V.I.
Com'dt of Post

R. Lamb
Capt I.A.A.fy

Submitted by: Claudia Kelley Hayes

Bishop, History of Roane County, W. Va. 1774-1927.

Copy of Handwritten Letter from Arthur I. Boreman, Governor of Va.

Copy of Handwritten Recommendation from Samuel Gallinu, Camp Chase, Ohi.

Copy of Release and Oath taken by William D. Kelley February 17, 1865.

DESCRIPTIOn

Office of Military Prisons
Camp Chase, O., Feby 17th 1865.

By virtue of an Order received from Secretary of War dated at Washington City, D.C. Feby 8th 1865, William D. Kelley, Capt 17 Va Cav Co H, resident of Roane County and State of Va. Prisoner at this Post after having complied with the requirements of, and subscribed the following Oath and Declaration, is hereby released from confinement.

DESCRIPTION

Complexion, Dk. Hair, Dk. Height, Feet-Inches, 5-8; Eyes, Gray; Age, 39.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, S.S.
I, Wm. D. Kelley do solemnly and voluntarily swear that I will support, protect and defend the constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and give all loyal allegiance, and obedience to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law of any State Convention, or Legislature, to the contrary, notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge and purpose, without any intention or evasition whatever: and further, that I will up-

hold and defend the Government of Western Virginia, as vindicated and restored by the Convention which assembled at Wheeling, on the 11th day of June, 1861. And will neither directly nor indirectly give aid or information to the enemies of the United States, or advocate or sustain, either in public or private, the cause of the so-called Confederate States, and further that I will report all information to Gov. Boreman at Wheeling, Va. for further orders. So help me God.

This Oath is taken, and Pass accepted, with the full understanding that if the party receiving it be found hereafter in arms against the Government of the United States, or aiding or abetting its enemies, the penalty will be death.

Wm. D. Kelly

To Maj. L.C. Turner
Judge Advocate
As to William D. Kelley aged 38 years of Roane Co. West Va arrested Nov 28, 1863 in Roane Co by the Home Guards of said County and brought to Camp Chase Dec 15 1863 charged with having been in the rebel service in Co (H) 17 Reg Va Cav I have the honor to report that the prisoner admits the truth of the allegation. He states under oath that in Oct 1862 he was the bearer of false pretenses and representations of designing and bad men he enlisted in the Co and regt afore-mentioned; and that he remained in said service until Nov 28 1863 - that he now and heretofore has seen his great error and regrets his folly and wickedness - that he is ready said - that he remained in said service

Another John Kendall was Sheriff of Nottingham who was killed in 1486 at the Battle of Bosworth.

Seventeen armorial bearings are found under the Kendall spelling. The coat-of-arms illustrates a red shield with a checkered fess of gold and blue. Three blue eagles adorn the crest of the shield denoting magnanimity and fortitude of mind.

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Samuel Kendall 2nd was a man of over six feet in height, weighted over two hundred pounds, rather dark in complexion, raven black hair, tenor voice, loved all kind of sports. He loved fine horses especially race horses; his main hobby was hunting.

Russell Bruce Stump. Two children were married from Roane County Schools and married Russell Bruce Stump. Two children were married on November 20, 1928. They had five children Betty Lee, who lived only a few months. Mary Louise, Franklin Delano, Frances Faye and Oscar Hawkins Counts, Jr.

Mary Louise is a retired School teacher from Roane County Schools and married Russell Bruce Stump. Two children were born of this union, Russell Bruce and Allen. Russell died February 9th, 1981. Mary married Robert Sinnett and they now live in Reno, Nevada where he is working two years and retiring before moving back home to their home in Roane County. Russell married Cheri Lucky from Cowen, West Virginia and they have three daughters: Karen Elizabeth Counts Stump, Courney Louise and Toni Ann. Russell is a Minister and works in Insurance and Real Estate.

Allen is married to Charmaine Sauer of Point Pleasant and they have two children Hans and Heidi. Allen is a Minister and a Mathematics Teacher in Wyoming County. Frank is a Rental Agent and a Farmer. He is still living at the Homeplace.

Frances married Tommy A. Jackson on April 22nd, 1961 and they have one son, Tommy Karl. Tommy A. has been a licensed Agent with Nationwide Insurance for twenty years. Tommy K. is now a licensed Agent for Nationwide. Frances is a Secretary in the Nationwide Insurance Office. Tommy K. has a gun shop in Spencer known as T.J.’s Swap Shop.

Oscar H. Jr., is an Inspector for The Department of Highways and lives at the Roane Jackson County line. He married Linda Burdette, daughter of Edward and Flossie Burdette of Peniel. They have two daughters Tammy Yvonne and Sheryl.
Lynn. Tammy is married to Brian Reynolds who is manager of The Shop 'R' Save at Spencer. Tammy is a Legal Secretary for Lynn. Tammy is married to Brian Reynolds. Sheryl is a student at West Virginia University majoring in Physics.

Thanks to Virginia Jones of Parkersburg for the book on The Kendalls. Cunninghams and Snodgrass. Without I I would not have had my background information. Her Mother Maria was a sister to my Mother's Father.

To my Mom I want to say “Thanks” for all you have done for us and given us. A better Mother could never be found. Submitted by: Frances Jackson and Mary L. Stamey.

KEPLINGER

The Keplingers were of German decent, and Protestant by faith. They first settled in Virginia before the Revolutionary War, having served as soldiers.

Noah Keplinger, my great grandfather born 1828, died 1912, came to Grant County at age seven, and lived there twenty years. After marriage to his wife Hannah, he moved westward to Roane County in 1855. He was a shingle maker by trade, and helped make the shingles for the Roane County Courthouse. He was also noted for his flowing red beard. He lived at Reedy for a short time. Then in 1869 he purchased a one hundred sixty three acre farm on Line Fork, and built a nine room two story house, living in a hand hewn log granyard until it was completed. The corner foundation stones had been hewn from sand rock, and the house was constructed by handmade tools and is still standing in good condition today.

Ellis and Pauline Keplinger

My Father was known for his fields of abundant crops, and white faced Hereford cattle. He also raised chickens and sold eggs to local markets for Farmer Rule Mill and Cash Feed Store. During the depression he traded his merchandise for “Due Bills”. He was a kind quiet man of few words, and helped all who called upon him. Having many talents he dehorned cattle, sheared sheep and ground wheat and corn for his neighbors, asking nothing for himself. In 1956 he quit farming and served cars for Denbigh-Garrett Ford until he retired. He was a true “Ford” man, owning only two cars and two trucks in a lifetime, all Fords.

My Mother was a homemaker, excellent seamstress, and cook. She endured the hardships of many cold winters, without the modern convenience of today, cooking the family meals on a wood stove or doing laundry on a washtub. In spite of adversity she was always cheerful and smiling.

My Mother and Father died the same year, two months and eight days apart, the year being 1986. They are buried in the Eventide Cemetery.

Ellis and Pauline had two daughters, Emogene Ruth and Thelma Maxine. Emogene, born 1926, attended Leaning Oak Grade School, and graduated from Spencer High School in 1944, and married James W. Smith. He was a mechanic for Denbigh-Garrett Ford. They had no children. He died in 1971, and is buried in the Eventide Cemetery. She retired from Spencer State Hospital Sewing Room, and resides at 119 Oak Drive.

Maxine, born 1931, attended Leaning Oak Grade School, and Spencer Elementary School and graduated from Spencer High School in 1949, and married Amos Snodgrass. He is a thirty year employee of Avon Products Inc. Beauty Company. They reside at 129 Oak Drive. They have two sons, Steven Lee and Randy Allen.

Steven, born 1951, attended Spencer Elementary School and graduated from Spencer High School in 1969. He also graduated from the Wood County Vocational School of Practical Nursing in 1973. He married Catherine Amma Bowen. He is employed as a Licensed Practical Surgical Technician at Roane General Hospital. She employed as a Tupperware Manager for Greensleeve Party Sales. His interests are piano, gospel music and woodworking. Her interests are sewing and styling clothes. They have two daughters, Sabrina Michelle and Tabitha Danielle.

Randy, born 1955, attended Spencer Elementary School and graduated from Spencer High School in 1975 and attended the Arch Moore Vocational School for a course in bookkeeping. He is employed as Purchasing Agent for Roane General Hospital. He married Pamela Sue McQuain. She is employed in the mailroom at The First National Bank. His interests are antique cars and golfing. Her interests are being a homemaker, seamstress, and cook. They have one daughter, Vanessa Gwen, born 1982. She is a first grade student at Spencer Elementary School. They reside on Route Thirty Three. Submitted by: Maxine (Keplinger) Snodgrass and Steven Lee Snodgrass.

KINCAID


Daniel T. Kincaid (9/16/1848 - ??) son of George Washington and Mary Campbell Kincaid, married Martha E. Brannon daughter of Solomon Brannon. They were the parents of thirteen children: Newman; Melissa; John B.; Lexie; Seldon C.; Martha; May; Roscoe; Ethel; Annie; Emma; and Myrtle.

Descendants of the Daniel T. and Martha Brannon Kincaid line are: John S. Ott; Lexie; Seldon C.; Martha; May; Roscoe; Ethel; Annie; Emma; and Myrtle.

Kincaid Home

Noah had three sons, William Edmund, Odieon Lee and John Franklin, two daughters, Sarah Ann and Bertha Lola. Noah's name and his wife Hannah are buried in a family plot on an adjoining farm once belonging to his father Gideon Lee, born 1862 died 1933, and John Franklin, one daughter Mamie Etta. Mamie, born 1900, died 1970, was a Methodist Minister and circuit rider, and never married. She is buried in the Sprencher Cemetery.

My Grandfather Odieon Lee, farmed the land as best he could, but being of poor health, gave my father Ellis, born 1901, died 1936, the responsibility of caring for the farm. After finishing the seventh grade at Leaning Oak School, began learning and doing a man's work at the age of twelve. He worked for United Fuel Gas Company for a short time. He then married my mother Pauline (Rader) born 1905, died 1954, and raised his farm with his grandparents lived there until their death and are buried in the Spencer Cemetery.

Lexie Kincaid, daughter, married Lohr-tpine (Miller) and had two sons Harold Lee, died at age 9 months in 1932, and Richard Franklin and one daughter Mary Eloise. He retired from the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville. He is buried in the Spencer Cemetery.

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Monza Jean Vineyard and had one stepdaughter, Pamela Ferrall, and one daughter, Jamie, and Charles William who married Barbara Ruth Bennett - their children are Janet Marie who married Jay Starcher; Judy who married Garland Miller, Jane who married Stanley Heasley, and Jeff who married Danielle Morey.

George William Ferrall (1/5/1850 - 9/19/1906), son of George W. and Mary Campbell Ferrall, married Lula Jane Burke daughter of Peter Burke (3/29/1859 - 4/19/1915) on February 14, 1878. Their children were:

1. Robert Cleveland Ferrall (10/18/1885 - 2/12/1965) married Addie Doughtery (6/1/1891 - 7/5/1950) on February 16, 1908. Robert was better known as "Rob". He was caught between drums and sled while loading oil for United Fuel, injuring his hip, and was on crutches from about 1935. He farmed and farmed during his lifetime. He was a Mason, Baptist, and Democrat. He and Addie were members of Flat Fork Baptist Church. Their home was on Laurel Creek near Looneyville where they reared their ten children. Haskell Wilford (1909-1958); Thelma Virginia (10/4/1910); Herault Atlee (10/6/1913); Jerrold Lawrence (2/25/1916); Eunice Fay (1/28/1918 - 1/5/1921); Phyllis Irene (12/5/1919 - 8/13/1963); twins - Madeline Hettie (10/21/1922) and Irene Paul (10/21/1922 - 10/21/22); twins - Connie Iris (9/24/1925) and Cobey Orie (9/21/1925 - 5/11/1929).

2. Willie Homer "Widge" Ferrall (8/30/1889 - 8/4/1950) married Minnie Florence Caldwell (2/5/1890 - 11/2/1937) on September 30, 1906. Their children were: Hubert Benton "Hatchet" (8/16/1908 - 1/9/1954); Robert Penelton (5/3/1910); Luly Macel (11/9/1911); Harlan Woodrow (10/30/1914 - 12/27/1963); Lester Hiram (5/5/1916); Melissa Bermeda (12/4/1918 - 4/15/1961); Evelyn Christine (12/24/1920 - 12/1920); Hazel Imogene (7/19/1922 - 6/15/1975); Pearl Adeline (4/11/1924); Donald Wayne (12/8/1925 - 12-10/1955); Ronald Leon (8/27/1927); and Anna Joan (2/10/1929).

3. Mary Eton Ferrall married Darrell Prichard. They had eight children: Dola; Donna (1907); Donna; Dora (4/4/1911); Doris; Lewis; and Lotten.


7. Pearl Kincad (8/20/1894 - 1924) married Press Doughterry. Their children were: Dorothy who married Kermit Valentine and had one son, Larry; Freda who married Bill Bull and adopted one son, Steve; and Blondena who married Glenn Knight and had two children Patricia and William.

Other descendants of George William and Mary Campbell are: (1) William who married Barbara Grady and has one son, Andrew; Stephen did woodworking and signs. (2) Robert (3/8/1949) who married Chris Miller. Robert is a sculptor. (3) Jeffrey (12/15/1953) who married Charlotte Hopkins and has two sons, Nathan and Jacob. Jeffrey was an artist blacksmith. (4) Julia (12/25/1963) who married David Boyles and has one daughter, Grace Elizabeth. Julua was also in Rainbow and is a member of Eastern Star. Connie Kincad Petty was a cook for the Railroad Department. Connie married Bill Starcher and Circus. Connie was the mother of William Homer "Widge" Kincad and Minnie Florence Caldwell Kincad Line.

Hubert Bently "Hatchet" Kincad (8/16/1908 - 1/9/1954), son, married Glenna Dale Trader on November 20, 1932 and reared two children: Richard Lee Reynolds and adopted one son, Steven Lee. Robert Penelton Kincad (5/3/1910), son, married Edna Coleman on July 11, 1931. Hobert owned and operated the Kincad Dry Cleaning business for fifteen years. He went into oil and gas work and after retirement was very active in his Masonic Lodge. He married a second time on June 4, 1977 to Pearl Bartlett Smith.


James and Nancy King Keen

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As the years passed and James and Nancy steadily added to their growing family, a tradition also grew which claimed that Nancy Jane Keen was the daughter of William and Mary King, and was born on November 24, 1834, in Pike county, Kentucky. Somehow, Nancy also learned of her possible Indian relationship and planned, year after year, on returning to Kentucky to search out her relatives. When her youngest child was four years old, she was able to locate an old Indian woman who was living alone. She told Nancy the history of the family. This was about the year 1878.

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John David Kingery

His father was William Chester Kingery who was born in Trilla, Ill. He came to West Virginia after World War I, where he established the first Post Office at Lockney, Gilmer Co., West Virginia and served thirty-two years in the Post Office Department. He married Susie Catherine Frame and they had two children Virginia Ruth and John. John was married to Claudena Caroline Coleman on December 21, 1956. Claudena served twenty-two years at the Falsa Valley Bank as teller and assistant cashier. She is presently employed by the Traders Bank in Spencer as an assistant cashier in new accounts and certificated of deposit. Submitted By: John David Kingery

KINISON - RAY

David Alan Kinison was born September 22, 1951, in Charleston, West Virginia. He is the Son of Howard and Virginia Mund. Kinison of Campbells Creek. When he was eleven years old, his parents moved to Zona Route, Harmony and lived there until after David graduated from Walton High School in 1969. After his marriage to Gladys Sue Ray, his parents moved back to the Kanawha County area at Tad.
David is the last of five children: Rollie of Dover, Maine, Gall Nunley of Brooksville, Florida, Lanwood of Ragley, Louisiana, and Gary of Tad, West Virginia.

Glada Sue Ray was born March 10, 1951, at Harmony, Roane County. She is the daughter of Roy Rex Ray and Ida Ellen Cox Ray. She has one sister, Bessie Eloise Ray (Betty).

David and Glada met at Gandeeville Grade School in 1962 and later attended high school together at Walton High School. On August 5, 1969, shortly after graduation from high school, David and Glada were married in Pearisburg, Virginia. Both attended West Virginia Institute of Technology at Montgomery from 1969 through 1973 graduating on May 10, 1973, with bachelors degrees in Business Education.

Glada began teaching at the newly formed Arch Moore Vocational-Technical Center at Leroy and is still employed there. David began teaching that fall at Walton Elementary School. Later moving to teach business at Walton High School and then on the main board office at Spencer where he is currently employed as an administrator. Both Kinisons have completed masters degrees with 42 to 48 hours beyond.

On August 5, 1986, after seventeen years of marriage the Kinisons met their only child Jae, Roy Howard Kinison at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. He arrived after thirty hours of flight time from Seoul, South Korea with a big smile on his face. Jae was born in an orphanage in Seoul on Saturday, May 3, 1986.

Jae's adoption was finalized at the Roane County Courthouse on April 13, 1987 and he became a citizen of the United States at the Federal Court Building in Charleston, September 24, 1987.

Jae is named after his maternal grandfather, Roy Ray and his paternal grandfather, Howard Kinison. He is the only grandchild of Roy and Ida Ray and the great-grandchild of Virginia and Howard Kinison. His parents are Pedro and Reno Lo of Green Acres Circle, Spencer. Submitted by: Ida Ray

**KNIgHT**

James K. Knight and his wife Mary were born and raised in the Harrison County, Virginia area around the early 1800's. Sometimes after their marriage they came to what was then known as Kanawha County, Virginia. They brought slaves with them, whom remained with them until the late 1800's. They settled at Looney Fork and Big Left Hand Creek area. They had four children of which two lived, they were William P. and Emaline.

William P. married L. E. Noe and was given a portion of his father's land. He was a farmer and later built one of the first general stores in the area, which later became J.F. Knight and Sons General Store. He gave land and helped start a school known as the Knight School, and helped organize what is still called Left Hand Church. His home was located on the Amma road which is now known as the Roby C. Knight farm. Roby's wife Lillian Knight still resides there today. William and Sara had six children; J.D., Daniel, Jae, Lillian, Susan, and Florence. Most of their children remained Farmers and Teamsters. Emaline married William B. Justice. They were given a portion of her father's land, where they raised several children. Their great-grandchildren, Emaline and the Justice presently lives on a portion of that land at Left Hand.

Aaron Knight, youngest son of William P. and Jerushia V. Nutter. She was a teacher at the Knight School in the early nineteen hundreds. They were given a portion of land on Broad Run Creek near Left Hand, where they built a home and had nine children; Doris, Daisy, Garrett, Joseph, Frank, John, Ruth, Smith and Robert. He was Deputy Sheriffs under Frank Goff prior to the depression, a farmer and investor in oil and gas. His sons Smith and Bob remained on his portion of land. Bob's son, Bennie Knight presently owns that portion of land on the Amma Road at Left Hand.

Smith C. Knight and wife Norma Mae (Kee) Knight, daughter of Brell Kee of Harmony, presently live in his father's home on Broad Run where they have eleven children; Jerushia Virginia, Aaron Alfred, Smith Coffman, Jr. Doris M., William Franklin, Karen Ruth, Kathem Ann, Nancy Jane, Lillian, Stalin, and Robert L.

Smith C. enlisted in the Army Air Corp. during WWII. Returned to his father's farm and later worked at E.I. duPont at Belle, W.Va. until retirement in 1978. They have eighteen grandchildren. Submitted by: Smith Coffman Knight

**ROBECY C. KNIGHT**

Robey Chapman Knight, the son of Jackson F. and Molly Carper Knight, was married to Lillian Raines in 1937. She was the daughter of Edgar and Clara Raines of Harmony, W.V. They managed to buy the original Knight homestead from the Daniel W. Knight family in 1943. The home had been in the Knight family since 1844.

James K. and Mary V. Rogers Knight settled in Left Hand, W.V. in 1844. They had three children; William Payne, Francis and Emaline. Emaline married William H. Justice and settled the farm next to her father. Francis entered the Confederate Army in 1862 and was never heard from again. This left William Payne to continue the family name.

William Payne Knight and Sarah Elizabeth Noe were married in 1894. They made their home on the Knight homestead at Left Hand. They had five children; James K., Daniel W., Jackson F., Aaron A., and Florence.

Jackson F. Knight married Molly Carper and made their home at Left Hand. They owned Knight's Store and they were Post Master at the Left Hand Post Office. They had four children; William B., Jack, Robey Chapman, and Bonnie.

Robey Chapman and Lillian Knight continued to run Knight's Store at Left Hand. He was Business Manager at Spencer State Hospital, a member of the Roane County Board of Education, a member of the Board of Directors at Traders Bank, and farmer. He also was a Mason and a Shriner. They had three children; June Ann, Brenda Kay, and Robey Jackson. Robey C. and Lillian raised their children at the Knight homestead at Left Hand. Mrs. Robey C. Knight currently resides at the homestead.

June Ann Knight married Thomas Bell from Fayetteville, W.V. He is the son of Hazel Bell and the late Thomas Bell of Fayetteville. She graduated from Morris Harvey College and teaches in Oak Hill. W.V.

W.V. June Ann was the Queen of the Second Annual Black Walnut Festival. Her husband, Tom, was a member of the W.V. House of Delegates, Sheriff of Fayette County, and is currently a car salesman. They reside in Oak Hill. They have two children; Greg and Debbie. Greg married Lisa Toney in 1988. He is a member of the United States Army. They reside in Italy and have one son, Shane Gregory. Debbie is a student at Marshall University.

Brenda Kay married Charles Rich from Illinois. He is the son of Charles and Belle Rich of Illinois. They reside at Left Hand. She attended Glenville State College and a business college in Charleston. W.V. She is the current Post Master of the Left Hand Post Office. He is employed by Johnstown Coal Company. They have one daughter, Lisa. She is a student at Marshall University.

Robey Jackson Knight married Linda Stonestreet in 1978. She is the daughter of Bernard H. Stonestreet and the late Mrs. G. Stonestreet of Spencer. Robey attended Beckley College and Morris Harvey
Bonnie Knopp Phillips

Bonnie — Olga Bodenda - Knopp Phillips was born July 21, 1904, Gay, WV. near Mt. Zion, Roane County. She was married to Andy Phillips and is the mother of six children: Elizabeth - dec., m Ted Miller, Mary Alice m Rader Hickman, 2nd Ray Carpenter; Patricia Ann m Jarret Ellis Kee; James Phillips, Jackie Glen Phillips, and Ronda m Larry Knopp, 2nd Steve Giles. She has 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bonnie and 13 brothers and sisters attended the Sunny Point school, Curtis District. Her first teacher was Lew Riddle; other teachers were Paul Butcher, Boyd Winters, E.E. 'Bun' Knopp, Maggie Miller, Fred Miller, Guy Riddle and Clifford Neely. The family attended Mt. Zion Church.

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(Mindy) Renee born (8/20/1978), William adopted two children Michael Douglas and Marie Ann. William and Marcia divorced. He later married LaVada Williams. They were married for four years and had no children. They now are divorced. Donald Carolton (4/23/1935) was born at Millwood, Jackson Co. married Jane Ellen Camp. They have two daughters: Donita Rae (10/11/1956) married Jerry D. Gandee. Their children are Cienna Dawn (8/25/1986), and Moniah Elyn (2/11/1988). Donita and Jerry were divorced shortly after the second child was born. Joetleen Marie (7/28/1963) married David Michael Greenlee and they have no children.

Homer S. took a job with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as an agent at Spencer, Roane Co. in 1941. At that time he moved his family to Third Street in Spencer. All of their furniture and belongings were packed in a boxcar and railed into the Spencer Depot. He left Spencer in 1947 and returned in 1953 at the same position. During the first tenure at Spencer, his son, Vernon, worked at Well's Ice Cream Shop, McCutty's Toggery Shop, A & P Tea Store, and Phil D. Phillips Drug Store. He and Iva Kefler owned and operated a restaurant and skating rink at Walton, Roane Co.

Homer S. Knowlton and Railroad Crew

When Homer and Josephine returned in 1953, Vernon was married and living away from home, Donald was still a student in school. He entered Spencer High School and worked after school helping his father at the depot, receiving freight and preparing for shipment the next day. Later, due to Homer's poor health, he took the position of agent at the Reedy Depot. He moved his wife to Reedy and stayed agent there until the Reedy Depot was closed. After the Reedy Depot was closed, he traveled back and forth to work at Ripley, Jackson Co. Depot as Agent. Josephine worked at the Spencer Livestock Exchange when Mae Law was running it. Later, she and Ethel Smith Tucker leased the restaurant. Josephine baked the pies, which were enjoyed by all. None was ever left at the end of a sale.

Homer was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for forty-four years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Spencer, Roane Co., the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and associated with the Bible Students Association of New York. He was employed at the Ripley Depot, Jackson Co. at the time of his death. Josephine remained at Reedy until she died. They are buried in the Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery at New Martinsville, Wetzel Co.

The only descendants of Homer Silven and Josephine Sofia Knowlton living in Roane County at the present time are Donald C. Knowlton and family. Submitted by: Donald C. Knowlton, Vernon L. Knowlton and Joetleen Marie Greenlee.

JOHN D. KYER & MARTHA J. KYER

John D. Kyer was born 1835, Nicholas County, Va (now WV), was married 26 July 1859 in Nicholas County to Martha J. "Bertha" O'Flaherty. Born 1857 in Botetourt County, Va. She was the daughter of Hodman O'Flaherty. According to Bishop's History of Roane County he was a miller who came to Spring Creek country while it was under the jurisdiction of Wirt County. John D. Kyer died 15, Feb 1909 at Spencer. Both are buried at Spencer Cemetery.

LANCE

Abram Lance, (1840-1921) of German ancestry, came from the Eastern panhandle to settle on Missouri Fork. He was the father of John, George, Ollie, and Granville Hilly Lance (1878-1959). Granville married Eliza Ann Mathews (1874-1940). They were parents of Elsie, Essie, and Howard Orville Lance. He gave up the life of a farmer to become a family doctor and was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1910. Dr. Lance spent his entire medical career in Roane County with offices at Gay, Red Knob, Reedy and Spencer. During the flu epidemic in 1918 he made house calls continually, coming home only long enough to get new supplies and a fresh horse.

Howard Orville Lance (1900-1986) and Rossie Myrtle Harner (1900-1982) were married October 16, 1920. Rossie was the daughter of Elmer and Anna Hopkins Harner. Howard told many times about having second thoughts about marriage when he heard the minister and his wife having a loud argument as he knocked on their door when making plans before their wedding. Howard received his teaching certificate in Ripley, taught two terms then attended the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and was graduated as a victor of his class in 1926. He started his practice that same year in Spencer.

Granville Howard Lance and Mary Phyllis Boggs were married June 28, 1953 at St. Johns Methodist Church in Spencer. Granville, an only child, was born in Spencer, January 19, 1931, the son of Howard Orville and Rossie Myrtle Lance. Phyllis, the oldest of twin girls, was born.
Howard Lance

Bill and Burgie Boggs, Phyliss, Granville, Rosie, Howard Lance

December 16, 1953, at Linden the daughter of William Henry (Bill) (1904-1965) and Burgie McMillen Boggs (1908). Her identical twin, Friscilla Mae, was born 15 minutes later.

At the time of their marriage, Granville was a student at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in Louisville, Ky. Phyliss worked as a C and P Telephone operator in Spencer and transferred to Louisville as a long distance operator. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse in September 1980.

Granville was graduated 14th in a class of 30, June 5, 1955, with a D.M.D. degree. After practicing a short time he was drafted into the Army in February 1956 and served two years at Ft. Lee, Va as a commissioned officer in the dental corp. The family then returned to Spencer where he resumed his dental practice with his father.

The Lances are parents of five children. Jennifer Lee, born July 5, 1954 in Louisville, Ky. Jennifer received her R.N. degree at Marshall University. She and Michael Sherman Sartor were married February 29, 1980. They are the parents of Craig Sherman Sartor 10-20-85.

Pamela Louise, born January 18, 1957 at Ft. Lee Army Hospital in Virginia received her associate degree in accounting at Marshall University. Married Ronnie Stone 09-05-81. They have a daughter, Kimberly Renee Stone 11-17-84.

Edward Dean, born January 15, 1958 in Charleston, WV. He is a graduate of the WVU School of Medicine. May 1984. Married Joyce Langford Evans 09-21-84. Started his family practice medical career August 1987 in Calabash, NC.

Richard James, born February 26, 1959 in Charleston, WV. Married Marisaela Perez, a native of Venezuela, 11-23-60. They are the parents of Kathryn Marie born 11-23-80. They are the parents of Davis and Elkins College and he is currently teaching and assistant basketball coach at Spencer High School.

Patrick Jay, born February 16, 1966 also in Charleston, WV. Graduated from Spencer High School with training in carpentry at Arch Moore Vo-Tech Center and employed as a carpenter in Spencer.

Although, dentistry is his vocation, Granville has always had a deep interest in his home town. He has been a member of the volunteer fire department since a freshman in high school. Served on the city council in the early 1960's as recorder and served as mayor a short time after the death of Mayor Starcher. He has umpired little league games for years even after his own sons were old enough to play and announces football games for Spencer High School's home games. He also is a volunteer driver for the local ambulance squad and worked very hard as a fund raiser for the building of Roane General Hospital.

Submitted By: Phyliss Lance and Pamella Stone

LAW

In 1794 four brothers, sons of David William Law I left Belfast, Ireland to escape Catholic persecution. They were Thomas, David Wm. II, Frank and John. Arriving in the United States at Philadelphia, John went west, Frank died without issue, Thomas and William came to western Virginia. Thomas to Lewis County and William to Hinsman County. William was married about 1770, married a Miss Burns and later Miss Hannah Sills. Hannah and William are buried at Cherry Camp, Harrison County. They raised a large family, one of which was David William Law III who married Miss Hannah Dennison about 1846. This Wm. Law and Hannah Dennison Law are also buried at Cherry Camp. They also raised a large family, one of which was William Anderson Law born Feb. 2, 1852, in Harrison County. He married in 1870 Miss Sarah Ann Williams, born July 26, 1853 in Harrison County. Wm Anderson Law first became a Methodist minister and later a member of the United Brethren Conference. He was known as a circuit rider. He went to Colorado where he later returned to West Virginia and settled in Reedy, Roane County in 1898. He started a feed and produce business, taught his sons the trade and returned to the ministry. He joined the M.E. Church South and served as pastor and evangelist. He died in 1920. His wife Sarah in 1918. They are buried in the Stewart Cemetery at Reedy. The children of W.A. and Sarah Law are: Mary Olie, born Aug. 28, 1871, married Harvey Johnson. Amos B., born Jan. 15, 1873, married Claudia Anderson. Henry Clyde, born March 2, 1875, married Malcena Howell. Sarah Elizabeth, born Nov. 11, 1876, married Walter McKinley. Jemima May, born Aug. 30, 1878, married William R. Flesher. Martha Allie, born Feb. 17, 1882, married Edward Lowry. Jemima May 18, 1902, married Dec. 7, 1884, Ray Constantine, born Nov. 4, 1886, married Stella Mae Harris, Benjamin Stout born Jan. 31, 1900, Guy Kidd, born Dec. 27, 1892, Frona Gay, born Oct. 29, 1895. David William, born Jan 27, 1896, married Florence McGraw. Frona Gay 1897, married Jan. 1, 1897, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Atkinson McGraw of Racine. Ohio. Sarah was a daughter of James and Margaret Templeton Atkinson who owned a large tract of land on Colt Run of Left Reedy. She was a sister of Leonch Atkinson of Middle Reedy. To D.W. and Stella Law were born eight children. Freda Olive, born Sept. 8, 1904, married Hubert Craig. Their children: Isaac Craig. Betty Craig Miller, and Lane Allen Craig. Freda later married Dwight Moore and later Ernest Haynes. Nell Margaret, born Sept. 6, 1907, married Russell J. Conn and later Douglas O. Starr. Hazel Milford, born July 30, 1910, married Frank Gainer and later Robert Baker. Children: David Allen Gainer and Dottie Lou Baker Rickard. Sarah Elizabeth, born May 3, 1912, married Basili Lawrence, one son James Michael Lawrence. David William, born May 30, 1914, married Mary Ellis, one daughter Kathryn Estelle Law. Drost. Clyde Pierce, born March 28, 1916, married Eloise Lawrence and later Lucile Stewart Ellison. Two step-children Kermit David Ellison and Dixie Lee Ellison Elmore. Raylene, born Aug. 12, 1918, died as a small child. Ted Brooks, born Aug. 6, 1920, married Janice Thomsen. Four sons: Ted Brooks Jr., Allen Thomas, Clyde Lane and Holly Wayne (Twins). D.W. Law was owner and operator of Law Produce and Feed at Reedy, along with his sons for many years. They dealt in poultry, furs, eggs, feed and produce: shipping to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other large cities. He was a member of the Reedy M.E. Church, a director of the First National Bank of Reedy, and an independent oil and gas producer.


LAWRENTZ

The first Lawrentz's in the United States were from Germany and the original spelling of the name appears in early records as LAWRENTZ and LORENTZ. The TZ differentiating it from the Lawrenz's of English origin. The first Lawrentz to relocate to Roane County was Noah, who was from Harrison County, the son of Samuel Lorentz.

Noah and his wife Elizabeth (Allman) Lawrentz were born c. 1817, married c. 1835 and were in Harrison County when the 1850 census was taken. With their four children, Alexander, Rebecca Ann, Peter, and James David. The fifth child George William, born in July of 1850, had not arrived when the census taker visited on July 24th. According to family tradition, George was born at Jane Lew in Lewis County.

About 1853 Noah and Elizabeth moved to Roane County, on 100 acres of Spring Creek purchased from land speculator Ephraim Bee. Two more children were born to them, Jacob Madison in 1855 and Eliza Mildred.

Noah was a handy-man for the community, making rope from hemp, turpentine and tar, but best remembered as shoe-maker. He died in 1880. Elizabeth was charter member in First Spring Creek Church, now Reedy United Methodist Church. She died in 1887 and was buried beside Noah in Hebron Cemetery, the graves now unmarked. Their farm was sold out of the family in 1940, but their log house and barn were still in use in 1978 when the farm was owned by the Jarvis family.

George William Lawrentz married Per­ lina Wines Lowe 1871. "Lena" was the daughter of Charles and Emeline (Meadows) Lowe of Roundknoob. They made their first home on Roundknoob among the Lowe’s and had the following children: 1. Emmie E., 1872-1902. m. Walter H. George William and Per­ lina Wines Lowe 1871. "Lena" was the daughter of Charles and Emeline (Meadows) Lowe of Roundknoob. They made their first home on Roundknoob among the Lowe’s and had the following children: 1. Emmie E., 1872-1902. m. Walter H. Wines Lowe 1871. "Lena" was the daughter of Charles and Emeline (Meadows) Lowe of Roundknoob. They made their first home on Roundknoob among the Lowe’s and had the following children: 1. Emmie E., 1872-1902. m. Walter H. Lawrence. Submitted by: Phyliss Lance and Pamella Stone
Their daughter Mary Louise, born in 1966, now resides where they made their home. Their son Bob married Jennifer Renee Morris and they are currently teaching in Kanawha County. Their son, Robert Milton, was born in 1959 and Jeffrey Paul, in 1962. Milton made his career with Union Carbide and still resides in South Charleston. Deo married Roseland Koontz, and their marriage was conducted from the Stoney Point Church where Claudia had been a charter member. Claudia was a descendant of pioneer settlers who had worked the lands as loggers. Her mother having died in 1908 of consumption, her father, James Edward remarried in 1900 and he and Arthur and Jane White of Roane County.

Shortly after John and Claudia's marriage, John decided that they must return to Roane County and began their trip by train which oddly enough took them through Maryland. This was the first glimpse of the place where Claudia would eventually spend most of her adult life.

John and Claudia began their housekeeping on upper Middlefork. In April, 1911, tragedy struck twice, their house burned down, taking their belongings and shortly thereafter Claudia miscarried their first child.

By 1924, the young couple had moved repeatedly on Middlefork and John was now working on the local and railroad to supplement his family's needs. It was then that he bought the old Leary homeplace from his mother and sisters.

To this home nine children were born: John W. and Elizabeth Jane (Knapp) Candler. William was listed as age 28 years and older of time.

One of their first homes was a one room log house located on a hillside about a mile from the old Leary homeplace on Middlefork. Thereafter they moved to a two story house up at the head of the "flats" below. Leary's Run was situated across from the Stoney Point Church and was originally known as Tucker's Run because of the path to the Tucker family who lived at the Ellison Burdette place.

Silas and Margaret Leary had eight known children: William B. Leary, born Feb. 8, 1853, died May 9, 1921, buried Roach Cemetery, married Jan. 10, 1883, to Susan Stone. John was born April 21, 1856, died April 20, 1929, buried Roach Cemetery, married May 19, 1893. Roane County to Millie Catherine "Kate" Chancey, the daughter of Calvary Chancey. Sarah Deirdah Leary, born March 14, 1860, was married to Carrie L. Rhodes on Oct. 28, 1886. John E. Leary, was born March 13, 1865, and was married Oct. 19, 1890, to Esther "Hester" Deo. John E. Leary was born about 1871 and was married March 22, 1891, at the age of 20 years to Thomas Abraham Candler. William was listed as age 28 years and 28 days is also buried. Submitted by: Charles E. Reed

William B. Leary was born on Feb. 8, 1854 in Jackson County, WV. The son of Silas B. and Margaret (Roach) Leary. William was a farmer by trade, working in the area of Middlefork near Reedy, where he was raised by his parents. He was united in marriage on Jan. 24, 1883, to Susan Victoria Candler, the daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Jane (Knapp) Candler. William was listed as age 28 years and Susan age 23 years.

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Silas Benjamin Leary was born of Irish descent about the year 1825. He was the son of James and Barbara Leary. Although the name was originally known as O'Leary, James Leary is recorded in the 1850 Randolph County Census as a 63 year old man, his occupation was a carpenter, along with his wife, Barbara, age 63 years.

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hia Victoria Leary born April 3, 1897, died June 7, 1899 of diphtheria. All of which are
buried at the Roach Cemetery, Middlefork.

William B. Leary died May 9, 1921 at home and was buried in the Roach Cemetery.
Following his death, Susan sold the old home place to her son John. She died
March 24, 1927. Her funeral was conducted
March 25, 1927, at the Stoney Point Church with Tom Dye as the undertaker.
Although it was cold March weather, a simple bouquet of pansies was placed in her
hands. She was laid to rest in the family plot of Roach Cemetery. Submitted by: Becky
Jane Gibbs.

OTTOT LEE

Otto Leary 1886-1968, was born on the "Pioneer" family farm. Silcott Fork, to
Nathaniel Potts 1844-1928, (known as "Nat"), and Messelley (Faxon) 1849-1930
Lee, m. 10-5-1877, he was one of six chil-

ren: Webster b. 1876, Loyd b. 1880, Cora b. 1882, Otto, Clara b. 1887, and Tal-
midge b. 1890.

"Nat", a Union Soldier in the Civil War, served first as a volunteer in the Virginia
Home Guards. Captain Faxon's Company,
 enlisted in Captain Gandee's Company of State Scouts in 1863, was discharged
October 1864. Reenlisting same day, he
was wounded during a battle near Reedy
March 5, 1865, and was discharged May,
1865. He was thirteen years old when he
came to Roane County with his parents.
Samuel b. 1819 and Elizabeth Potts b.
1813 Lee, both born in Harrison County.

Nathaniel Potts Lee Family, circa 1905

Otto's great-grandparents were Samuel
Lee, born in Ireland, who came to America
and married Elizabeth M. McCabe of Wil-
mington, Delaware, later moving to Harri-
son County, and Nathaniel Potts born in
Walton Parish, Cumberland, England, who
also came to America with his parents.
John and Mary (Nixon) Potts in 1791 and
settled in Petersburgh, Virginia, where he
married Mary Hampson of Maryland. Her
father was born in Ireland. Nathaniel Potts
served in the War of 1812.

Otto's mother, Messelley, was the daugh-
ter of John 1817-1879 and Mary (Vineyard)
Faxon, both born in Kanawha County.

On Christmas Day, 1909, Otto married
Effie Mae Harmon, daughter of William J.
1854-1942, andDicena (Summers) 1857-
1930 Harmon. Effie had gone to Akron to
work in a rubber factory, but returned
home to marry Otto.

Otto and Effie's only child, Otto Harmon
10-8-38. Her parents were James Samuel
1878-1968, and Martha (Bailey) 1878-
1957 Roberts. Ruth was born at Zona.

Lester Family

The Lesters came from England. John
Lester, the elder, was of Russell County, Vir-
ginia, and the family name appears along
with the Kings, Drakes, and Bishops. John
later settled in Pike County, Kentucky. His
first wife's last name was Bishop. After the
death of his first wife, John married Miss
King, with whom two children were born,
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mother-in-law, known as Granny King,
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toddler grandchildren, James, and her two
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Eliza married to Thomas Senior and
joined the Confederacy at the outbreak of the
Civil War. His older half-brother, James,
joined the Union. John C. served as a Cap-
tain in the cavalry experiencing combat
duty at Gettysburg. Following General Lee's
surprise at Appomattox Court
House, John C. returned to his wife and
family in Roane County, now in West Virginia.

Rebecca Brown of Jackson County was
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Otto Harmon's entire career was with The
Traders Bank except for his WWII service.

1943-1946 in the U.S. Coast Guard where
he was a printer, stationed at Curtis Bay,
Maryland. He was a member of the Ameri-
can Legion, Post #21, serving as Treasurer.

After retiring in 1979, he farmed his acres
on Stover Fork. Ruth's career started in
1936 as a Secretary which she pursued un-
til retirement in 1977. After Harmon's
death, she married Sam Davis.

The home of Otto and Effie mostly of their lives. He gradu-
ated from Normal School and taught seven
years, after which he farmed. In the mean-
time he served on the School Board, as
deputy sheriff, and County Commissioner
twelve years.

The "Pioneer" acreage was settled in
1857 by Samuel Le and was continuously
lived upon and farmed by Lees' until 1977
when it was condemned by Eminent Do-
main and became a part of the Silcott Fork
Farm, Walton Public Service District's water
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John Mark Lester.

Emmet E. Lester attended Valparaiso
University and West Virginia University.
Emmet was a scholar of American Litera-
ture and quoted many verses of poetry
from memory. He was in the infantry and
later in Officers Training School in the U.S.
Army in France at the time World War I end-
d. Emmett was in banking and farming.
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DePue December 16, 1921. Odra was the
first daughter of large land owner Mark
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John Mark Lester was born February 8,
1923. He is a graduate of West Virginia Uni-
versity and a retired businessman. He still
serves as a Director of the First National
Bank of Spencer. He is married to the form-
er model and photographer Brenda Cazier
June Adair Lester. born September 15,
1925, attended West Virginia University
and is married to Dr. Wendell Cometet. Jr.
Dr. Cometet is Professor Emeritus of The
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John C. being loyal to Virginia enlisted in the
Cavalry, and attained a rank of a Colo-
nel. John C. and Rebecca had six sons and two
daugthers; their names were Sarah
Jane, Wellington, Perry, Wade. John M.,
Charles, James, Bee, and Etta May. Following
the War John C. became a cattle deal-
er, built a farm of two hundred fifty acres
on the Left Fork of Reedy Creek and died at
the age of forty six.

John M. the son of John C. and Rebecca
married Nannie Stainaker, the daughter of
Marshall and Deliah (Paxton) Stainaker.
John M. served several terms as Justice of
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admitted to the bar; helped promote the
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Claudine, Julia and Martha Looney, 2nd row: Sheila L. Thomas, Kevin Looney, and Beverly L. Talbott


2. Beverly Looney was born November 27, 1959, and married Jonathan Talbott who was born on October 31, 1958. Children, Sarah, born March 31, 1982, and Rebecca, born September 20, 1985. Jon has received Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in Chemistry and is employed by Red-Chek Laboratories in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

3. Kevin Looney was born March 26, 1963, and married Marcia Tierny. They have one child, Laura Marie, born September 1, 1989. Both work for Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company and live in Enfield, Connecticut.

4. Julia Looney was born February 10, 1972 and is currently attending Spencer High School at Spencer, West Virginia. Submitted by: Claude Looney

CLAUDE & MARTHA LOONEY

Claude Looney was born April 9, 1938, in Tariff, in Roane County, a son of Harvey and Ester (Harold) Looney. Claude is a seventh generation Looney which descended from Robert and Elizabeth (Lewellyn) Looney who came to America from the Isle of Man, in the Irish Sea, landing at the Port of Philadelphia in 1732.

John Looney, son of Robert and Elizabeth, was born in Pennsylvania before the family settled at their permanent location on the James River in Virginia. John was a veteran of the American Revolution and a number of his descendants have used him as their Revolutionary ancestor. John married Hettie Renfro, in Virginia, and one of their children was Robert, who was born in Virginia and married Catharine (Stover) Looney who had moved to Virginia from Franklin County, Pennsylvania. After a number of moves, Robert and Catharine and their four youngest children, moved from Pike County, Kentucky to what is now Looeeyville, in Roane County, West Virginia.

Peter Looney, one of their children, married Charity Vineyard and one of their children was Frederick Love Looney who married Charity Carpenter and settled on the extreme head of Henry's Fork above present Tariff, West Virginia. Claude's parents, Harvey and Ester, also lived on the same farm where Claude was born.

Claude attended a one-room grade school at Brush Run, Spencer High School and Marshall University before moving to Akron, Ohio. He married Martha Marie Carpenter of Spencer, who was born August 4, 1937, a daughter of Ellis and Golah Carpenter of Spencer, West Virginia. Ellis was born June 1, 1900, a son of James and Elizabeth Carpenter. Golah was born December 23, 1900, a daughter of Theodore and Clara Bell Miller. While they lived in Akron, Martha was employed for 17 years by the Akron Dime/Akron National Bank as proof operator and assistant manager in the proof department.

While in Akron, Claude worked for B.F. Goodrich Company for 7 years, owner-operator of the Marathon Gasoline Station in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio for 10 years, also working for the Applied Power-Bear Automotive Company, moving to Manchester, Connecticut, in 1976 and then to Somers, Connecticut in 1985.

The Looney family moved back to Roane County in 1987 where Claude is owner-operator of Main Street Exxon and the Dairy Queen on West Main.

Bowman, Sr. graduated from Green Mountain Business College in WV and from Lebam High School. Lebam, WA where he later served on the Board of Education where he met Miss Knapp who was teaching there. He was a life long farmer of dairy and diversified farms in WA and CA plus being a finish carpenter and real estate sales-man. He raised from 40 to 400 acres, alfalfa, cotton, cattle and corn. He died in the arms of his only son. Daniel Bowman Looney Jr. while running cattle on his last farm, age 71.

Bowman, Sr. devoted much time to civic affairs. He served as scoutmaster, 4-H leader, builder of Jackass Rock Camp and Chowchilla Junior Fair, gave land for Chowchilla District Memorial Hospital, served as founder or director for hospital, cemetery, water and Madera County Fair districts. He was a member of the Jersey Cattle Club, Aberdeen-Angus Ass'n, Danish Creamery Association, Lions, Masons, Shriners and First Presbyterian Church. Second marriage was to Ruth Danner b. 1899. d. 1955 m. Mar. 20, 1948 First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, CA. No children.


Jane graduated University of California, Berkeley, CA and has M.A. from Cai Poly, San Luis Obispso, CA. She worked for American Red Cross in San Jose, CA during WW II. She was a teacher, social work supervisor and school librarian.

John attended University of California, Berkeley and Fresno State College. Fres­no. CA. He served as a Sqt. in U.S. Army during WW II. He worked for U.S. Post Office, Cal-Farm Ins. Co., ran his father's blacksmith shop, farmed with the Loo­ney's, owned a hardware store and worked at Bay Bridge Hardware in S.F., CA as last job.

Jane's address is: 4022 21st Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.


Dan attended College of San Mateo and Univ. of Calif. Davis, CA. He served as Corporal in U.S. Air Force during WW II in England. He met his future wife in Denver, CO when she was taking her R.N. schooling. He has been a farmer all his life. Vivian is a homemaker. Their address is: 23271 Road 10, Chowchilla, CA. Submitted by: Daniel Bowman Looney Jr.

LOONEY


When children, Harley and his brother Bowman tried to make the neighbors chickens swim across a river. Their mother Melissa made them take some replacement chickens to the neighbors. Bowman said that was the hardest thing he ever did in his life. Harley and Bowman once owned 20 acres together in Horse Heaven, WA. Harley was a pioneer Pacific County
Alfred B. Looney, Rosanna L. Chewing, William M. Looney, Peggy, Belle, Elsie, Dan and Hetie Looney 1943

Phoebe Almira "Elsie" Carper was born June 22, 1893 to Charles William Carper b. May 17, 1833, d. Feb. 6, 1930, and Amanda Caroline Paxton Carper, b. June 6, 1858, m. March 8, 1877. Amanda was the daughter of William and Pricilla Samples Paxton. Charles was the son of Nicholas and Sarah Nida Carper. Nicholas was the son of Jacob and Sarah Carper. Jacob was the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Carper. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Research in Pinckney, in Boletourt County, Virginia, has revealed much about the two Patriots named above. The courthouse and library have extensive records. Amanda Carper died when Phoebe Almira "Elsie" was born in 1893. Phoebe Geary, wife of John Geary, was Charles Carper's sister, and even though her family was almost grown, she took the baby "Elsie" into her home. Elsie went by the name "Elsie" into her home. Elsie went by the name Geary for sometime. Charles W. Carper married again and there were twenty children in the two families.

It has been related (many times) about how hard it was for Mrs. Geary to find food that agreed with the new baby. Finally she was given bread soaked in coffee. From this perilous beginning Elsie survived and today is 96 as this book goes to press. She concedes she couldn't keep her home going without the help of a dear friend, Linda Hordenker.

Though the family has spread out over the U.S., this home represents something special for all of us. Many changes have occurred over the years, but the land and house endure. The door always open, the table always set. Submitted by Madge Looney

DAN & ELSIE LOONEY

Isaiah Daniel Looney and Phoebe Almira "Elsie" Carper were married at Amma at the home of John and Phoebe Geary. The groom had previously bought the Caleb Snodgrass farm at Tariff. On his wedding day he brought an extra horse for his bride to ride. They were married April 5, 1914 and lived at Tariff for five years. Dan was a farmer and also worked in the Tariff oil fields, hauling supplies to the many oil wells being drilled, using teams of horses or oxen. In 1920 they moved to Spencer. "Bissell" farm located about two miles from Spencer. Their neighbors were W.W. Davis and Mrs. Leota Vandalie. Dan's sister, Kate, made her home with them for 13 years.

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The family moved to Vancouve, Kentucky in 1951 to their part of a 2000 acre farm bought by Dan's father. They eventually rented land and by 1954 became Asst. Road Supervisor. Many bridges were built and roads improved during this time when the "Great Depression" was beginning to lose its terrible grip on the country. Dan and Elsie bought the John Geary homestead at Amma and maintained it in excellent condition until his death in 1973.

Elsie continues to live there, and sees that everything is well kept. This home can be seen from 179 at the Amma exit, across from the Amma Methodist Church.

Denise Edward Looney married the fifth child from the Amma Methodist Church.

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The family moved to Vancouve, Kentucky in 1951 to their part of a 2000 acre farm bought by Dan's father. They eventually rented land and by 1954 became Asst. Road Supervisor. Many bridges were built and roads improved during this time when the "Great Depression" was beginning to lose its terrible grip on the country. Dan and Elsie bought the John Geary homestead at Amma and maintained it in excellent condition until his death in 1973.

Elsie continues to live there, and sees that everything is well kept. This home can be seen from 179 at the Amma exit, across from the Amma Methodist Church.

Denise Edward Looney married the fifth child from the Amma Methodist Church.

Though the family has spread out over the U.S., this home represents something special for all of us. Many changes have occurred over the years, but the land and house endure. The door always open, the table always set. Submitted by Madge Looney
settled on the James River in Virginia near the present city of Buchanan. Here they farmed, operated a water-mill and ran a ferry across the James River. A map of one of George Washington’s trips through Virginia, showed their settlement as “Looney’s Ferry”.

One of their 14 sons, John, became a hunter. Indian fighter, farmer and was a veteran of the American Revolution. John married Hettie Kenro and one of their children was Robert, who married Catharine Stover. They lived in Virginia, Kentucky, and migrated to Kanawha county, in western Virginia in the early 1830s. It is said that Robert fashioned a large canoe, some 55-feet in length, from a very large tree from his Kentucky farm and floated, with his wife, and four younger children, down the Big Sandy to the Ohio river. The children were Sarah or “Sallie”. Peter, Daniel and Abraham. Somehow, the family made their way up the Ohio, Great Kanawa, Elk and Poca to a small branch called Flat Fork, now in Roane county. Here Robert purchased lands, built a water-powered grist mill and became a part of the community later named Looneyville, for this pioneer family.

Here Peter Looney married Charity Vineyard, daughter of Presley and Cynthia (Hammack) Vineyard — one of their children was David Looney, subject of this sketch.

Davidson Daniel and Rhoda Elizabeth Kelly Looney


DAVIDSON LOONEY

My name is Randall Meredith Looney, born Sept. 9, 1960 and married Joretta Lynn Conley and now live in Ashland, Kentucky. I am a Looney of the ninth generation, the first of which was Robert and Elizabeth (Lewellyn) Looney, original immigrants from the Isle of Man, who arrived in America in the early 1800s. This family

CLYDE & CHESSIE LOONEY

Clyde Coviington Looney was a son of Davidson and Rhoda (Kelly) Looney and was born at Looneyville, in Roane county, West Virginia. Clyde married Chessie Ledsome, a daughter of Vincent Ledsome also of Roane county. Clyde and Chessie lived in the Looneyville area on the head of Poca most of their lives. Clyde was a long-time employee of the United Fuel Gas Company.

He was a member of Linden Lodge No. 83, A.F. & A.M. Both Clyde and Chessie were supportive members of the Baptist Church. Both are buried in the Clover Cemetery in Roane county. The Looneys have two children, Don Meredith and Maxine.

Maxine Looney, daughter of Clyde and Chessie Looney, was born July 2, 1916 and married Frank James Epling (1914 - 1969) of Clover, West Virginia. Their children were: Ben Franklin, James Clyde and Nancy Rae.

Ben Franklin was born Dec. 5, 1936 and married Glenda Fay Nettles. Their daughter, Debbie, was born Sept. 29, 1957, and married James Easley. Debbie and James have a daughter, Casey Nicole, born June 27, 1986. Ben and Glenda’s son, James Edward Epling was born May 5, 1961.

Maxine and Frank’s second child, James Clyde, was born Nov. 19, 1943, and married Melissa Ward and they have a son, Joshua James Epling, born May 12, 1977. Maxine and Frank’s only daughter, Nancy Rae, was born Sep. 17, 1949, and married Richard Ferguson Flynn. They have two sons, Richard Ferguson Flynn, Jr., born Dec. 27, 1976, and James Franklin Flynn, born Jan. 21, 1978. Nancy and Richard divorced and she later married Gregory Smith and they now have one son, George Gregory Smith, born June 29, 1963.

Maxine married a second time, to Walter Lewis, and they make their home in Kenova, West Virginia. Submitted by: Mrs. Don M. Looney and Randall M. Looney.

DON & EVELYN LOONEY

Don Meredith Looney was born March 13, 1918, the only son of Clyde and Chessie (Ledsome) Looney of Looneyville, W. Va.

He married Evelyn Maud Hunt, daughter of the Rev. George Henry Hunt and Leona Hester (Keen) Hunt of Tariff. Don served in World War II, being a member of the 4612th Quartermaster Truck Company.
ny and the 869th Ordinance Heavy Automobile Maintenance Company in the Philippine Islands. Don was employed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and retired on disability after working thirty-one years. The Looneys now live in Huntington, West Virginia.

Don and Evelyn have one son, Stephen Meredith Looney, who was born Dec. 17, 1939. Stephen first married Lorene Mae Robinette, and their first son, Stephen Jr., was born June 2, 1958. Stephen Jr. married Sarah Beth Griffith in 1961 and now have a daughter Kristin Renee, born June 23, 1986. Stephen’s second son, Randall Meredith, was born Sept. 9, 1960, and married Joretta Lynn Conley.

Stephen Looney, Sr. served in the U.S. Air Force. He and Lorene were later divorced and he married Betty Sue Maynard Napier in 1978. Their daughter, Stephany Michelle, was born March 1, 1980. Stephen also has a stepdaughter, Malissa Dawn Napier, born June 22, 1972. Submitted by: Mrs. Don M. Looney and Randall M. Looney.

FRANKLIN P. LOONEY

Franklin Pierce Looney, b. 3-15-1878 d. 11-13-1951, was one of twelve children born to Daniel Looney, Jr., b. 9-22-1846 d. 3-24-1891, and Elizabeth R. Lowry Looney, b. 8-6-1846 d. 1-7-1895. His grandparents were Peter Looney and Charity Vineyard Looney. The branch of the Looney family originated in England of Celtic origin. A gravestone marked “Looney” was found on the Isle of Man. Ancestors were pioneers at Jamestown, Virginia, fought beside Daniel Boone in Kentucky, then came by dugout canoe to Western Virginia from Virginia. Smithfield district was the site of their Roane County homestead.

Frank worked and added to his farm on Canoe Road. The wool from sheep was sold for cash, lumber sold and the farm kept neat and cleared. Hay was planted for the farm animals raised for table meat. Several horses were kept for visiting and trips to Spencer for needed staples. Don Clarkson told about his Uncle Frank walking over the hills to the mill for corn meal and flour and on the way back standing for an hour talking to Don’s grandfather, Joe, and never setting down his load of grain. When the geese wells came to the area, Frank made sure his land was drilled with free gas for his home. His life was full of hard work but his home was well provided and warm. Frank never saw a stranger and was always ready to help a neighbor or just talk.

After the death of his beloved wife, Pona Mac Combs Looney, b. 10-24-1876 d. 3-17-1924. Frank and his only child, John Delmar, b. 1-15-1906 d. 6-30-1989, left the farm, first to Akron, Ohio and finally to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Frank worked as a bricklayer inside the tall smokestacks at the American Viscose Plant, Vacations and holidays were spent on his farm. After retirement, he returned to the farm until ill health brought him back to his son’s house in Parkersburg where he died.

Frank was united once more with the soul of the family homestead and buried beside his wife in the Looney Family Cemetery located on Collie Looney’s farm off Canoe Road.

On 8-4-28, his son married Anna Marie Blous, b. 12-19-1909 d. 12-29-1978. Three children, Wanda Faye, b. 6-12-29, Grace Marie, b. 6-26-30, and John Franklin, b. 12-15-32 d. 4-1-33, were born in Parkersburg. Wanda F. Ullman now lives in Liberal, Kansas and has two children, Howard Stewart of Omaha, Nebraska and Cynthia Anne Ullman-Dougherty of Houston, Texas. Grace M. Sayre still lives in Parkersburg and has two daughters, Jane Marie Chase stationed in England with three children, Dawn Marie, Misty Ann and Karl Joseph, Jr., and Janet Fay Van Meter of Columbus, Ohio.

The picture of Frank and John Delmar shows a gun given to Frank when a young man. The gun was made between 1790 and 1835 by William Moore, London, England and is being treasured by Grace M. Sayre. Submitted by: Grace M. Sayre.

References: "Hardesty’s Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Published 1884”, word of mouth, and writings of Orton Jones.

LOONEY

James Pierce Looney, Sr. was the sixth child and fourth son of Melissa Florence (Keen) & Robert Edward Lee Looney, all natives of WV b. August 20, 1898 Tariff, Roane Co., WV d. November 22, 1936 age 38 Puyallup, WA m. Etta Mae Gillies b. November 4, 1899 Nooksack, WA d. May 26, 1983 both in Chico, CA in the insurance business where he met Jane who worked as an agent.


Carol Kay Looney m. David Anthony Medeiros August 28, 1979 Catholic Church, Turlock, CA. They had Dustin Anthony Medeiros August 28, 1979 Catholic Church, Turlock, CA. Submitted by: Jim and Anne Looney.

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LOONEY

J. P. Looney

Pierce came to Lebam, WA 1910, and was educated at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. He had poliomyelitis in WV, was diagnosed later. He had a keen mind and acquired a reputation as a good businessman. He was employed at Schaeffer’s in Puyallup, WA. Frank was married and owned and operated Looney’s Grocery in Puyallup, WA. After his death, Etta Looney operated the store. Later known as Boone’s Grocery named for his second husband Joel Frederick Boone.

Son Jim Looney attended schools in Puyallup, WA, Washington State University, Pullman, WA and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA. He served in the 41st division of U.S. Army in Philippines and Japan. He was a volunteer fireman in Puyallup, is a lifetime farmer, and has served over 30 years as director on civic groups such as Chowchilla Stampede Committee, Chowchilla District Memorial Hospital and Chowchilla Lions Club. They have two sons, Robert and Jason.

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LOONEY

According to rumor Miss Lieveleit and John Looney of Isle of Man had 14 sons. Moses, Joseph, James Peter, Jonathan, Adam, John, Benjamin, Michael, Samuel, Robert, David, Joseph and Abraham or Abigail. Robert Edward Lee Looney is descended from John, son of Robert, son of Daniel. Robert Looney came to California and lived in Augusta and Butte County. He was a volunteer fireman in Puyallup, is a lifetime farmer, and has served over 30 years as director on civic groups such as Chowchilla Stampede Committee, Chowchilla District Memorial Hospital and Chowchilla Lions Club. They have two sons, Robert and Jason.

Robert Edward Lee Looney was the sixth child and third son born to Jeanette Ann Caldwell and Daniel Looney Mar. 4, 1804 Tariff, Roane Co., WV d. Aug. 9, 1941 Lebam, WA age 77 m. Melissa Florence Keen b. June 15, 1871 Puyallup, WA d. Nov. 2, 1941 Raymond, WA age 77 m. Nov. 8, 1885 Roane Co., WV age 21 in home of James Keen. They left Roane Co. for Lebam, WA in 1910. They were farmers in WV and WA, owned a general store and ran a poultry farm.
LOONEY

Presley K. Looney was a son of Peter and Charity (Vineyard) and was born April 22, 1852 in Kanawha County. The first generation of the Looney family to be born in what is now Roane County, Hardey's History of Roane County published in the 1880s, had a sketch on Presley and Charity, however, only two of their children had been born at that time. The entire family is listed below.

Presley Looney and Charity (Vineyard)

Presley became a farmer, acquiring lands on the head of Henry's Fork above what is now Tariff, in Roane County. Presley served two years as school trustee and was a member of the Henry's Fork Baptist Church and served as trustee for the church until his death. On December 23, 1876 he married Charity McGlothlin, daughter of James H. and Pricy (Justice) McGlothlin. Charity was born December 30, 1858.

Harvey and Estes Harold Looney Family


Harvey Looney married Estes Harold, daughter of Anderson and Stella (Jarvis) Harold and they lived on the same farm and in the same dwelling constructed by Harvey’s father, Presley Looney. Harvey was a farmer and later joined with his son, Ray, in the operation of a successful poultry farm, delivering eggs over most of Roane County. Harvey and Estes are buried in the Harold cemetery at Uler, West Virginia.

Harvey’s maternal grandparents were James H. and Pricy (Justice) McGlothlin who came to the area from Russell County, Virginia about 1845. James was a farmer and blacksmith and his address was Linden. Pricy’s parents were Alexander and Margaret (King) Justice, Margaret had first married John King in Pike County, Kentucky, and had at least six children before their divorce. John brought his children to the Newton area of Roane County in the early 1830s. Margaret also came to Roane County where she married Alexander Justice.


Presley Looney and Charity (McGlothlin)

Ester Harold was a daughter of Anderson (1875 - 1949) and Stella (Jarvis) Harold (1876 - 1918) and her maternal grandparents were Weeden Floyd and Deliah Ann Hall Jarvis.
Children of Anderson and Stella Harold:  
2. Ester (1900 - 1977) married Harvey Looney.  
3. Lambert (1903 - 1952) single.  

Harvey's great-grandparents were Robert and Catharine (Slover) Looney, who were pioneer settlers at Looneyville in the early 1830s. Catharine was the daughter of Dr. George Stover and was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Dr. George Stover was born in Switzerland and came to America with his father, William Stover who was a daughter of the Antitum German Baptist congregation in a church that he helped to build now known as Price Church one mile north of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Dr. George Stover first married Hannah Price, a daughter of John Price. John's father, Johannes Price, came to America with his father, Jacob Price, from Prussia in the early 1700s. Johannes Price married an Indian maiden of the Susquehanna tribe. These Indians then occupied the area west of the present city of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. When the Indians left the area, they abandoned the Indian girl who was very ill with fever. Jacob Price was said to have been out hunting and found the girl and took her into his home where she was tenderly nursed back to health. His son, Johannes, later married the Indian girl and their first child was Daniel, a second child, named John, was born months after the death of his father. The young widow longed for her people and was allowed to go away from her father in Michigan when about thirteen years of age. Soon his wandering ended, being the first woman to be a member of the Spencer City Council, and was a member of the County Board of Education.

Jeanette Looney Moore, daughter of William M. died May 17, 1949, leaving two small daughters. Ann and Jeanette. Jeanette came to live with her grandparents and lived there until graduation from college.

STEPHEN CLARK LOONEY

Stephen Clark Looney, the son of John Clark Looney and Ruth Ann Runnion Looney, was born on November 9, 1978, in Spencer, West Virginia. As is true of any young person whose families have lived in Roane County for many years, Stephen is related by blood to many familiar Roane County names, including McGlothlin, McDonald, Runnion, Schreckengost, Arbogast, Hershberger, and others.

The most well documented ancestral line appears to be Stephen's paternal line of descent, the men of the Looney family. The earliest ancestor of which Stephen has record is Robert Looney, who with his wife, Elizabeth, and their family, came to America from the Isle of Man, located in the Irish Sea. After a brief sojourn in Pennsylvania, the family settled on the James River in Virginia. One of their sons, John (1752 - 1817) married Esther Renfro. They resided in Botetourt County, Virginia, where their family was raised. Hardesty's history records that John spent two years with Daniel Boone in Kentucky, and indeed the name is recorded on the monument listing the original settlers of Boonesboro, near the site of that Kentucky settlement. (During this period, the family name was sometimes recorded as 'Luney'.

One of the several children of John and Esther Looney, Robert, was born in 1789. Robert married Catherine Stover in 1809, and nine years later moved his family to what is now Buchanan County, Virginia. Sometime between 1833 and 1839, Robert and his family moved again, this time to what is now the Flat Fork area of Roane County. Tradition indicates that Robert constructed a large dugout canoe for the transport of his family and possessions to their new home via the Levisa, Sandy, Ohio and Kanawha Rivers. The 1850 census records Robert's occupation as blacksmith. Robert also constructed the first mill in the Looneyville area. He died in 1870, and is buried with his wife at Looneyville.

Stephen's line of descent from Robert Looney is as follows: a son of Robert, Peter C. Looney (1823 - 1911) married Charity Vineyard. Of their several children, Daniel L. Looney (1846 - 1891) married Elizabeth Rebecca Looney. Of their seven children, Clark Looney (1870 - 1941) married Annie Mae Hershberger (1874 - 1962). Of their ten children, Joseph Gerald Looney (1914 - 1988) married Marion Josephine McGlothlin, daughter of Daniel J. and Fulya Echos McGlothlin. Of their two children, John and Sharon, John Clark Looney married Ruth Ann Runnion, daughter of Basil and Emma Runnion. Stephen Clark Looney is the only child of this union. At this writing, Stephen lives with his parents at 118 Claude St., Spencer. He attends Spencer Elementary School, Spencer Memorial United Methodist Church, and is a member of Cub Scout Pack No. 437. Most of Stephen's ancestors in the Looney family have been farmers, and Stephen enjoys visiting his grandmother Looney at her home on the farm near Looneyville. He is proud of his family's history, and will someday add another chapter.

WILLIAM M. LOONEY

William Marcellious Looney was born Aug. 7, 1858 in Roane County, West Virginia. He was the fourth child of Daniel and Jeanette (Caldwell) Looney. By 1880 Daniel and his wife farmed 2700 acres of land in Roane County. The other children in this family were: Frances Katherine, b. 1850, m. Col. Asbury Lewis; Matilda Josephine, b. 1852, m. Caleb Snodgrass; Alfred Bowman, b. 1856, m. Alice Chewning; Viola Elizabeth, b. 1861, m. Philip Stone; Rosanna, b. 1869, m. Robert Chewning; Peter Looney, b. 1873; m. Rose Jordan; Robert Edward Lee, b. 1864, m. Melissa Keen. William owned a large stock farm near Tariff in Smithfield District. About 29 oil wells were drilled on this farm. William and Ann Elizabeth Smith were married Nov. 12, 1865. She was the daughter of Dr. Isaiah and Elizabeth (Lockhart) Smith. Their children were: Aghan Daniel, b. 1866; Elzie Carper; Porter, b. 1869; Mess Helmick; Asbury b. 1891, m. Von McGlothlin; Jeannette, b. 1893; Everett Moore; Elizabeth Catharine "Kate", b. 1896. Ann Looney died April 15, 1910.

On Dec. 29, 1916, William Looney and Belle Patterson, b. Dec. 3, 1885, were married. She was the daughter of Charles and Marceline McCullough Patterson, Pike Co., Missouri. Marceline was a descendant of General Samuel McCulloch, of historic fame. William and Belle moved to Spencer in 1917. In 1918 he became president of the First National Bank, remaining in that position for ten years, and a director until his retirement. He was active in county and city affairs, such as board of education 12 years, county court 6 years, and vice-president of the Roane County Grocery. He was well known throughout the county and state for his honesty and integrity, sound business judgment, and moral character. He and his wife were active in the First Baptist Church of Spencer. Belle was also civic minded, being the first woman to be a member of the Spencer City Council, and was a member of the County Board of Education.

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Four generations: Dan Looney, William Crane, William M. Looney, Nedge L. Crane


LONGFELLOW

Michael Longfellow, born April 30, 1933, in the state of Maine, was the son of a large family. For an unexplained reason he ran away from his home in Maine when about thirteen years of age. Soon his wandering...
brought him to Morgan County Ohio near Pennsville where he was liked and grew up as the neighborhoods boy. Near Pennsville 1852 he married Martha Harris, daughter of John and Miranda Smith Harris. They were the parents of nine children: James H., Charles W., Stace S., Otis O., George E., (Doc), Miranda Louise, Leota May, Hattie B., and Anna. Then they made their way to Roane County with horse and wagon and settled on the 100 acres of land 1½ miles east of Spencer which Martha inherited from her parents. This land is now known as the location of Bowers Hill and Slate.

Matthew Lowe, born 1793 in Monroe Co., Va., with his wife the former Elizabeth Clark and their seven sons, Charles B. Samuel H., Levi C., Morris J., Granville John, and Christopher Columbus. He was a farmer and steam power plant operator, of the mother Myrtle in 1938. Thomas was a farmer and steam power plant operator, and a avid fisherman, debater and story teller. He died in 1969. Maudie married James Herbert Garrett in 1935. They have two daughters Nancy Carolyn and Jane Ann. Both reside in Ohio. Herbert was an educator in Roane County and in MD. He died in 1980. Maudie lives at the family home in Baltimore. Virgil L., a miner, married Freda Carr (deceased 1969) and died in 1983. He leaves two step-sons. Earnest (deceased) and Eugene.

Most of Matthew's and Elizabeth Clark's children moved to Roane County about 1800. Matthew and both of his wives are buried there. Matthew Lowe our Great-great grandfather was born in 1793. He was married twice and the father of 18 children. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Clark. To this union were born 12 children who were: Charles B., Samuel H., Levi Clark, Morris J., Granville, John, Adaline, Clementine, Elizabeth, Anne, Rebecca. Agnes.

Most of Matthew's and Elizabeth Clark's children were born in this house. It is one of the oldest houses in that area. There are still many Lowe descendants who live in Monroe and Summers County where these people first settled. Many of the Lowes are buried in the old Pisgah Cemetery at Hilldale. Matthew and both of his wives are buried there.

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Morris J. Lowe married Mary Camp (bell), a daughter of William Camp (bell) of Red Sulphur Springs in Monroe County, West Virginia. They came to Roane County and lived near Morris' father and other members of the family. Their children were: Samuel, John J., William, Elizabeth (Sis), Henry J., Manderville, Charles (Criss), Martha (Fid), Addie, Otmer (Ove).

I shall write the personal history of my Lowe ancestor, Beulah, who married Ray Taylor.


Beulah & Ray had three children: (1) Rose Marie (1921-1984), who married Frederick H. Shreve and had two children: Thomas F. Shreve (1942-1943), and Elizabeth Ann Shreve, who married, (2) Emma Jane, who married, (3) Herman D. Cox, son of French Cox and Pearl Dalton Cox. Jane had 4 sons: David H. Cox, who was married to Judith Mae Bell, and had two children - Melinda Sue and Rodney David Cox. John Robert Cox who is married to Rhonda Kay Barker - their children are: Jeffrey Robert, Melissa Dawn and John Eric Cox. Timothy Allen Cox married Harriet Grace Johns, they have two children - Anna Jane Cox and Allen Robert Cox. Robert is an engineer.

The Farm of the Family.

The farm was purchased from C. Simnett Land Grant. Brother and sister farms joined.


William's daughter, Rachel Dolan Lynch (1815-1835) married Thomas Lowery, Jr. (1810-1891) were married Jan. 16, 1845 in Monrove County, VA (WVA).

In 1925 he married Lillian Appling, of Athens, WV, who was a schoolteacher at Wyco for several years. Until his retirement, they lived at Wyco: then moved to Mullens.

Lynch

George Lynch recognized as the founder of the WVA Lynch's. George was born in Scotland in 1748 and in 1709 married Margaret (Peggy) McCorrie (Scotland). In 1770, they left Scotland and emigrated to the British Colonies in America. After arriving in the Colonies, they settled in Lancers-ter County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of twelve children. John, the oldest was born at sea. 1. John (1770), 2. Hugh (1772), 3. Mathew (1773). 4. Robert (1775), 5. George (1777), 6. Elizabeth (1779). John R. (178-1878. 8. James (3-10-1783). 9-10-11. (Triplets) William, Catherine and Rebecca (6-4-1786). 12. Samuel (1790). James, the triplets and Samuel were born in Monroe County. WVA (VA).

George served in the Revolutionary War, under Gen. Washington. On page 457, Volume 7, Pennsylvania Archives. Fifth Series, may be seen the official record that George Lynch joined the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Militia. September 4, 1776; was Third Captain in Corporal Robert Buyers First Company, Fifth Battalion, command- ed by Colonel James Crawford, Baergen Town Camp. He served under Gen. Washington throughout the war. This paragraph can be used for descents information for their Revolutionary ancestor.


The Looney Cemetery should be called the Lynch's Cemetery from the numbers of interment. Six generations: 1st William and Rachell. 2nd John D. and his second wife - Hundley, a sister and possible a brother. 3rd John W., Wesley, Henry Frank- lin, and Charles Addison. 4th Earl Addi- son. 5th Wilbur Earl. 6th Drew Allan. There are many more of the Lynch's buried there.

During the Civil War, Southern bush- wackers met and stopped "Jackie" John
D. and a neighbor along a road. They wanted him to swear his hourly and legions to the southern cause and union. If he didn't, they would shoot him. He told them that the Confederacy never did have an union. One wanted to shoot the Ole B —

The leader told them, he is crazy enough and let the Ole B go. 10. Charles A. married Goldie Estel Whited (1898-1983) on Oct. 22, 1922, two sons were born. Charles (1924) and William (1926-60).

1. Charles Isaac graduated from WVU '35. Alb. theology, attended WVU and Lynch College after served for 13 months in Greenland and retired from US Steel in '56 and retired from Saxonburg Sintering Plant, PA., US Steel in '82. Operating Superior in Unloading and Sintering plants, Oct. 9, 1942 enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corp and retired from US Air Force (1949) after 8 years 3 months reserve duty with the rank of LTC. He was Air Force Advisor to Civil Air Patrol for 7 years as Air Force Reserve Assistant Officer. WiII spent 17 months overseas with the 12th and 15th AAF, aerial (Waist and ball turret) gunner, B-17 aircraft, 50 combat missions. (Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, France, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Poland and Czechoslovakia.) Awarded Air Medal 4 OLC, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, ETO-MTO Ribbon with 8 stars and Good Conduct Medal. Rank: S/Sgt.

Commissioned, 2d Lt., US Army Air Force, ROTC, West Virginia University, 1948. Korean War: Recalled to active duty. Attended pilot and navigation schools and was a Food Service Officer. Thirteen months in Greenland, stationed at Walker West-One (Narsarsauk, southern tip) and Blue West-Eight (Sondre Strom Air Force Base, 60 miles inside the Artic Circle, on the longest fjord in Greenland). Married Jane Jones Lynch, great great granddaughter of William Lynch, a soldier of the Revolution. A memorial to him is in "The old Lynch Cemetery." Hillsdale, West Virginia.


Lynch Homeplace, Trace Fork, Roane County.

After the war, Wilbur worked about four years as a mechanic for Greyhound Bus Lines. Charleston, WVA. After finishing drafting, he was wounded in the foot, then served as a draftsman by the US Army. Corp of Engineers, working on the Ohio River dams, from the Huntington, WVA office. After about ten years with the Corp, he left the Corp and went to work for Dupont at Belle, WVA as a draftsman until his death. 2. William S. "Boque" Lynch (1873 - 1960's), son of John W. Lynch, married Cora E. Hasteald and were the parents of ten children.

Information from the THE LYNCH FAMILY by Walter Monroe Lynch, son of (S).


Lynch


Lynch Homeplace, Trace Fork, Roane County.

A new home, Wesley and Talitha Lynch built in 1900, still stands today, Trace Fork. Gandeeville, Roane County, West Virginia. All lumber and stones, exclusive of decorations, came from their farm. Lloyd Best, for example, hauled clay in a sled from hill top for mortar for stones for the "chimneyy" Lloyd, when eighteen years of age, hauled the lumber toFlatfork, West Virginia, to the planing mill and back by himself. The sawmill was situated where the house stands today. It was kin dried nearby.

Lloyd Best Lynch was married to Nancy Avie Leah Phillips, December 28, 1906, at the home of the bride, Big Creek, Walton, Roane County, West Virginia. The daugh-

Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1966: Lloyd Best and Nancy Lynch

Lynch

Wesley Lonis Lynch (1851-1929) was born at Ronceverte, Greenbrier County, now West Virginia, the son of John D. Lynch a grandson of 3rd Corporal George Lynch, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War.

At the age of five years, Wesley L. Lynch moved to Roane County with his parents John D. (1810-1894) and Mary Jane Jones Lynch (1824-1869).

On February 14, 1872, Wesley L. Lynch married Talitha Lovett Allen (1855-1939), born in Nicholas County, at an early age Talitha L. Allen moved with her parents, Archibald and Eveline Sparr-Allen, first to Fayette County and then to Roane County.

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Lynch Home — Countsville, WV

At the time Talitha L. Allen-Lynch's death (1939), at age eighty-four, the nine children survived her. She died at the Lynch Home near Gandeaville (Countsville).

Two of the children: John Allen and Stella Jane, who had always lived in the Lynch Home remained there to oversee the farm until in their late years.

At age eighty-four, John Allen died in a Charleston hospital.

At age eighty-five, Stella Jane, died in the home of a niece Mrs. Hersel C. (Opal Lynch) Hutton, Oakwood Road, Charleston, with whom she made her home. Submitted by: J. W. Vencill Jr.

W. L. LYNCH

William Lonis Lynch (1875-1948) was born near Gandeaville (Countsville), the son of Wesley Lonis Lynch and Talitha Allen-Lynch. He traveled as a salesman for Patton Brothers, a wholesale drug company of Kentucky; in 1905 resigned to accept a similar position with The Kanawha Drug Company, Charleston, WV.

December 16, 1908, he married Lola Burton Parsons (1883-1964) in the home of her parents Dr. T. C. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, in Ripley. Dr. Parsons was born at Reedey.

WALTER MONROE LYNCH

Walter Monroe Lynch (1805-1965) was born near Gandeaville (Countsville), Roane County, the son of Wesley L. and Talitha Loventia Allen-Lynch. A former teacher in Kanawha County and Roane County schools, for several years he was in the insurance business. A past Secretary of the West Side Business Men's Association, he was the founder and a past President of the McGuffey Club, in Charleston.

A member of the Calvary Baptist Church, he was a charter member of Charleston Masonic Lodge #153, member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite Bodies, Beni Kedem Shrine, and a fifty-year member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Interested in a reunion of past and present Roane Countians, his enthusiasm grew and spread to others and an organization of former Roane Countians in and around Charleston became a reality. Working with a cooperative committee in Roane County, the first Roane County Homecoming was held on Sunday, August 23, 1929, at the Charleston Westfall farm near Gandeaville. The Roane County Homecoming Association was organized, naming Walter W. Lynch President, F. E. Taylor (continues to grow) and former and present Roane Countians look forward to the assembly from year to year.

Walter M. Lynch married Belle Cunningham, daughter of Charles C. and Mary Lyon-Cunningham, and a teacher in a Charleston school.

After approximately thirty years of personal research Walter M. Lynch compiled a condensed history of the Lynch Family: THE LYNCH FAMILY, by Walter Monroe Lynch. The cover bears the LYNCH COAT OF ARMS used by many of the Lynches of Galway. A copy of the in-depth research is on file in the Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV.

A direct descendant of George Lynch (1748-1821) who, with his wife Margaret (Peggy) McCorkle Lynch, crossed the Atlantic in 1770 and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. A son, John, was born on the ship as they came to their new home. George Lynch joined the Lancaster County Militia and attained the rank of 3rd Corporal in the American Revolutionary War.

The Monroe County Historical Society in cooperation with the Monroe County Centennial Committee sponsored a program unveiling a bronze marker furnished by the Veterans Administration, National Cemetery System, and a NSDAR Emblem, at a Memorial Plot for 3rd Corporal George Lynch in the Lynch Cemetery near Union on August 9, 1975.

Four direct descendants of 3rd Corporal George Lynch have become members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, NSDAR; Charleston: Mrs. Houston F. (Floda Lynch) Atkinson, Kathryn Willogene Lynch, Ph.D. (deceased), Mrs. Hubert C. (Charlotte Lynch) Vencill, and Mrs. John W. (Frances Lynch) Vencill.

The Lynch Cemetery is located 21/2 miles N.E. of Union on the Hillsdale Road. Follow U.S. 219 from Union North 11/2 miles and turn off on Hillsdale Road and follow this road one mile.


LUCAS

In Easton, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1904, Wilbur, the first of ten children was born to Wilbur and Anna Lucas.

His summers were spent with his grand-
depression was still with us — We had to

They married November 25, 1926. Wilbur

would bring Wilbur and Kathryn together.

In 1926, a motorcycle race in Maryland,

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of West Virginia pioneer Asa Harper, and became a Baptist Minister and circuit rider preacher with churches at Walton and Har­mony. Later, he provided land from the Marks Farm for the famous annual Walton Fair (1894-1905). For a while he wrote articles for the Roane County Record.

John and Rachel had twelve children: Arcadia (died at birth), George William, Virginia Frances, Joseph Floyd, Isaac Thomas, Lucinda Alice, Perry Moody, John Edward, Howard Herbert, Carson Roscoe, Nona J., and Lonnie Graydon. All played roles in the development of West Virginia. For example, Lonnie and Lucinda's son, Orville Hackney, became prominent lawyers in Charleston. (Lonnie did the title work for the construction of the Kanawha Blv.) Perry Moody gave his farm to the City of Dunbar to become the Marks Park. (The Marks Road is named after him.) George became a school teacher and Postmaster at Walton. Isaac became a school teacher and minister founding churches in Lookin. Rainelle and Dunbar. His son Lon T. was a Chaplain in World War II served at Guadalcanal and later at the Reserve Facility in South Charleston. He was also known for his wood sculptures, two of which were made for the parsonage of the Mt. Hope Baptist Church. Cornelius' son Perry French, became a famous doctor at Walton. He served in many key county positions including County Health Commissioner and President of the Board of Education. He was instrumental in establishing the Walton High School. He also founded the Spencer, Gandeeville and Walton Telephone Company and created the Marks Addition to Walton. (Marks Drive is named after him.) His brother, Morgan Howard, founded a Marks Addition to Gandeeville. Carson played a role in the early "oil boom" through purchase of oil and coal leases. Howard was a C & O Agent at Huntington for 40 years. Submitted by: Richard Marks

MARTHAL

William Alberto (Bill) Marshall, Jr., his wife, Ida E. Marshall and three children. Gladys, Mary Jane and Shirley took up residence in Reedy, Roane County, West Virginia in November 1925. Moving to Reedy from the Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin area. Mr. Marshall was a heavy equipment operator for the J. P. Connell Construction Company, who at that time was in the process of constructing State Route 14 from Parkersburg, West Virginia to Spencer, West Virginia.

Mr. Marshall, the son of John Wesley Marks Family. 50th Wedding 1917

Harrison's brothers and sisters: James E. Matheny bom 1871; John C. Matheny bom 1891; Flora H. Matheny bom 1895; Daniel M. Matheny bom 1899; Estella Matheny bom 1895; Sarah J. Matheny bom 1899; Dennis Meigs Matheny bom 1900; Inez M. Matheny bom 1905.

Girtha's brothers and sisters: W. Silas Keffer, Clyde Keffer, Robert Keffer, Elizabeth Keffer, James M. Keffer, Gatha Keffer, Charles Monroe Matheny (1858-1930), Amanda Ellen (Stutler) Matheny (1866-1938). They are buried in Young Cemetery at Linden, Roane County.

Henry L. Keffer (1870-1911), Mary Margaret (White) Keffer (1874-1932) are buried in Keffer Cemetery at Rocky Branch near Walton, W.V. Submitted by: Frances Guthrie

MATHENY/KEFFER

Arthur Harrison Matheny, born March 30, 1891, son of Charles Monroe and Amanda Ellen (Stutler) Matheny. Married to Girtha Alice Keffer on March 16, 1907. She was the daughter of Henry L. and Mary Margaret (White) Keffer.

Harrison and Girtha spent most of their life in Roane County where he worked in the oil field. He retired from Virginian Gas and Oil Co. Harrison died January 31, 1975. Girtha died June 22, 1989. They are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery on Rt. 33 near Peniel.


Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison Matheny - 50th Wedding


McCUELEY

John Dee McCueley, son of Joseph William and Sarah Belinda (Boggs) McCueley, was born 3-8-1882 at Reedyville, and died 1-19-1957. On 2-28-1904, John married Ella Jane Phillips, daughter of Marian Phillips (1847-1902) and Luverna Carpenter (1849-1929). Ella was also born at Reedyville, on 7-1-1885, and died 12-13-1969. John was a farmer. He, also, worked on building of houses, roads, and concrete work on bridges. After their marriage John and Ella lived with John's father for a short time. They later rented the Elzie Cumminson farm near Billings. They lived on the

Joseph William and Sarah Belinda McCueley with their fathers, John Samuel McCueley and Hezekiah Boggs
Cummings farm, until they purchased their own farm on Buck Ridge Road near Peniel. The first couple of years they lived in a log house that later became the horse barn. While living in the log house, John built the farm house that still stands today. It was on this farm seven of their ten children were born. John and Ella are remembered as hardworking, morally upright and loving parents. The following children blessed their union: Roxie, born 12-21-1904, married Lakin Burr, 2-28-1929. Roxie died 6-7-1969. Ruth, born 5-27-1907, married Bronce Roberts, 6-8-1929. Ruth Mary, 10-9-1976. Bessie, born 1-9-1910, married Charles Burroughs, 11-12-1932. Bessie died 6-18-1989. Bertha, born 11-24-1912, married Edward Starcher, 10-4-1951. Bertha died 8-24-1987; Sue, born and died 12-30-1915; Hugh, born 12-30-1915, married Faye Nichols, 7-4-1937; Coy, born 6-6-1920, married Dorothy O'Brien, 4-28-1955; Grace, born 8-4-1923, married Raymond Nichols, 12-14-1940; Willadean, born 6-13-1927, married Mural Nichols, 6-6-1949; Don, born 10-20-1929, married Donzel Walbrown, 4-3-1948.

Creek for fifty-six years where they attended Rush Creek Union Church making many friends. They were very respected members of the community who only saw the best in everyone. They are buried together in Rosemary Cemetery near the old farm house.

Submitted by: Emilene Carpenter
Shaffer, and there were no known children born of this marriage.

8. Cora McClain, born January 21, 1901, probably in Calhoun County. She married Dwight Fulks and there were four children born of this marriage: Charles, Leroy, and twins Forrest and (?) who died at birth.

9. Ora Jane Fugate McClain was born April 6, 1907 at Elana, Roane County, WV. She married first to Susan Mabel May, daughter of Wilbur and Edna (Miller) May and there were two children born of this marriage: Ora Agnes, and Ruby Jean. After the death of her first husband she married a second time to Lydia Kathryn Moss, daughter of Holly and Armindra (Coe) Moss, and there were four children born of this marriage: Catherine Jane, Bryan Dale, Glennis Lea and John Riley.

10. Orville McClain, born May 4, 1910 at Elana, Roane County, WV. He married first to Hazel Smith, daughter of French and Martha Smith, and there were two children from this marriage: Eleanor Jean and Sharon. He married a second time to Gertrude Woodling. There were no children from this second marriage.

John Riley McClain, more commonly known as "Riley" was the first of ten children born to William and Susannah (Rifflie) McClain. He moved to the area of Calhoun County, West Virginia, as a child with his parents when they returned to the area between October 1865 and October 1866. Riley, at age 28, and Ora Jane, at age 15, were married at the home of her mother and stepfather, Mary and William Cook, near Oka, Calhoun County, WV on March 9, 1885. This marriage is recorded in Calhoun County Marriage Record Book 1, Page 90. For some time after their marriage, they lived near Oka, Calhoun County, WV, and then moved to Collins Fork near Elana, Roane County, WV where they lived until their death.

Ora Jane (Fugate) McClain, was born February 26, 1870 at Newton, Roane County, WV, the third of four children born to William M. and Mary E. (Boggs) Fugate. Ora Jane married first to William M. and Charlotte (Barnett) Boggs. Ora Jane's father, William Fugate is reported to have been a doctor in the Union Army during the Civil War, and had 'an arm shot off'.

A tale related by Ora Jane to her grandchildren, related that when she was about 15 years old, she was working as a hired girl for old Doc Noe at Newton, and that she was standing on the porch of Doc Noe's house when Jesse James and his gang rode past the house after robbing the Clay County Bank. She stated that they rode past single file, and all wore long white coats, and their horses were all prime mounds, shifty and well cared for. This story is probably authentic, as it is a matter of record that Jesse James and his gang did rob the Clay County Bank, and that the old Doc Noe house was a large brick store house still standing amongst the main thoroughfare of Newton in the late 1970's; and that this all happened within the time frame when Ora Jane would have been about fifteen years old.

Submitted by: Beatrice McClain (Drake and Norma McClain) Gray

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**McCLAIN - SNODGRASS**

Randolph Middleton McClain, son of John Riley McClain and Ora Jane Fugate was born January 1, 1868 in Clay County, West Virginia. He married first to Susan Mabel May, daughter of Wilbur and Edna (Miller) May and there were two children born of this marriage: Ora Agnes, and Ruby Jean. After the death of her first husband she married a second time to Lydia Kathryn Moss, daughter of Holly and Armindra (Coe) Moss, and there were four children born of this marriage: Catherine Jane, Bryan Dale, Glennis Lea and John Riley.

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**McCLAIN - TAWNEY**

The McClain family originated in Scotland. The Rebellion of 1715 caused them to lose their ancestral home on the Isle of Mull and flee to Ireland. William McClain (b-1708, on the Isle of Mull, s/o Alexander), his wife, Elizabeth (Rue) McClain, and the first four of their eight sons, William, Archibald, Moses, John, (all born in Ireland) arrived in America in 1740 from Donnegal, Ireland and settled near York, Fayette County, PA. Iere their last four sons, James, Samuel, Alexander, and Jo-
McCLUNG

Mortimer A. McClung — Born Greenwich Co., (then Virginia) 11-12-1831, one of several sons of Alexander and Jane Withrow McClung. Alexander was a grandson of William McClung, "the first Anglo-Saxon resident in Greenbrier", who entered the lands which now comprise all of Clay, Nicholas, half of Fayette and a large part of Greenbrier counties. William had twelve children, all educated to be teachers, mainly at Western University, and married and raised families. He gave each of his children from one to two thousand acres, and to his grandchildren and great grandchildren from five to six thousand acres each, and died possessed of $43,517 in 1941, born at Elana, WV, died in Ravenna, OH, at age three months, from injuries received in an automobile accident. (3)


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the Reedy Normal School. Judson served as Roane County Assessor and farmed a large acreage below Reedy. It is here that the McClung Cemetery is located and where Mortimer and Mary now rest and many of their children and grandchildren rest with them.

John Alexander, resided throughout lifetime in Reedy where he was one of organizers and president of Bank of Reedy. Also owned hundreds of acres in Roane and Wirt Counties.

Park, held Doctor of Medicine degree and resided in Elizabeth, where he practiced medicine in both Roane and Wirt Counties. Served in Medical Corps overseas in WW I.

Samuel T. Lifetime resident of Reedy and Spencer, served thriving livery barn and oil well supplies hauling service during oil boom in 1920's. Operated Arlington Hotel, and later served in various assignments of law enforcement.

Judson McClung, operated hundreds of acres as a cattle farm in Roane and Wirt counties and resided with his wife, Doris Huffman. He retired from Standard Furniture Co., Standard Furniture Co., Spencer Livestock Exchange and served eighteen years as Clerk of Circuit Court before retiring as Clerk of Circuit Court.

Judson McClung in sixteenth accident-free year as Roane County school bus driver.

Emerson. Dayton and Howard's mother, Evelisa McClung, is nearing 98th birthday and is much loved lifelong resident of Reedy.

Harry Bates, Career retiree from U.S. Navy, and Robert, deceased and Brooks are veterans of WWII. Harris lifelong resident of Roedy District, operating farm on Folly Run.

Samuel B. McClung, son of Brooks, though resident of Charleston where is an oil, gas and Coal consultant, keeps in close touch with Roane County.

Fifth Generation: Anna Bates Fint is Spencer High School teacher.

Ellen Bates Platt is Radiologic technologist and registered diagnostic medical sonographer, Roane General Hospital. They are the only fifth generation descendants of Mortimer and Mary still residing in Roane County. Submitted by: Mrs. Brooks McClung, Emerson McClung and Samuel B. McClung.

MCCORMICK - YOAK

Jimmie McCormick, born 1935 at Barnes Run, Roane County, Spencer, WV. A son of Elwood and Dollie (Ayers) McCormick. Tom Run, Spencer, WV.

Jimmie was one of seven children. He and Stephen McCormick of Grantsville, WV, Loretta Morrison, Delbarton, WV; Shirley Moore, Kermil, WV; Barbara Daugherty, Troutville, VA; Darlene Cisco, Hardy, KY; and Walter McCormick, Mentor, Ohio.

Jimmie attended Roane County School, Barnes Run. His teachers were, Nell Depue, Evelyn, Buss, and Noel Walker, and Wilbert Cregg.

When Jimmie was a young lad, he rode horseback everywhere. He went to Church by riding horseback, across the West Fork River, Barnes Run, to Cedar Grove Church, in Calhoun County. The Church had six beautiful oil lamps hanging from ceiling for light.

A man, Jimmie remembers was, Uncle Hy Luckens. He attended churches all over the country, and was always helping his neighbors. He also attended the Cedar Grove Church.

Jimmie's Sunday School teacher was, Gertrude Bell. While attending church one night, a man Jess Cain rode horseback to church. He rode upon a cement slab in front of church. The horse was backed up to the front door. The horse was trained, that if you put your hand on her hip, she would kick backward. The son of Scott Lowe, put his hand on the horses hip, and it kicked backward, and hit the church door, leaving an imprint of hoof in the door. The horse had a piece broken out of his hoof, as it didn't have shoes on. This scared Jess, and he rushed away quickly for home. He was afraid the church people would have him arrested.

The next day, Jess used a rasp to dress the horse's hoof, and put shoes on her. The following day, Hy Luckens, approached Jess, to see if his horse had shoes on. Jess said, "yes, my horse has shoes." Hy Luckens looked and saw the horse did have shoes. This satisfied Hy, that it wasn't Jess' horse that had kicked the church door, yet it was Jess' horse, with a new pair of shoes.

Jimmie McCormick married Evelyn Bell (Yoak) McCormick, July 10, 1955, at Normal Ridge, Big Bend, Calhoun County. They had two sons, Dwayne married Mary (Betsy) Rhinehart. Their children are, Jeremy, Julie, and Jody McCormick, Grantsville, WV. Douglas married Dalinda Drake. one child Crystal. Later married Cheryl Pavlik, and two children, Dustin and Kera McCormick, Camden, WV.

Jim and Evelyn (Yoak) McCormick

Jimmie and Evelyn now reside on Phillips Run, Grantsville, WV. We helped raise seventeen foster children. Three foster children, Jerry and Willie Jones lived in our home sixteen years. Foster daughter Terry (Jones) Clark, lived with us ten years. From the same family, we had David and Barbara (Jones) Gray for sometime. We have three foster grandchildren.

Evelyn Bell (Yoak) McCormick born 1935 at Norman Ridge, Big Bend, Calhoun County, WV. My parents are and Loyal and (Fortney) Yoak.

I attended Spruce Hollow School six years. My teachers were, Uncle John and Aunt Eva (Richards) Yoak, Yellow Creeks, Glendon Yoak, Pleasant Hill. I attended Upper Big Root School, two years. Teachers were Pearl Betts, and Haggan Francis. I graduated from Calhoun High, Class 1954.

I had eleven brothers and sisters. Bob, Dennis, and Denzil Yoak, deceased; Thomas and James Yoak, Grantsville, WV; Edith Burrows, and Neva Patterson, Parsons, WV; Pauline Ferrell, Kermersville, NC; Edna Schlumber, Akron, Ohio; Sharon Frame, Little Hocking, Ohio; and Eva Collins, Weston, WV.

I attended the Fairview United Brethren Church, Norman Ridge. We had a young peoples group, and our leaders were, Aunt Beatrice (Richards) Yoak, Big Root, India (Sims) Rollins, and Daisy (Holbert) Sims, Norman Ridge.

During revival meeting at Brooksville Church, the Leaders of the youth group would walk us, through the hills, from Norman Ridge, to United Brethren Church at Brooksville. This was approximately four miles. We sang special songs during the meetings. Submitted by: Evelyn (Yoak) McCormick

MCCOY - CASTO

The McCoy family came to this country from Scotland in the early 1700's. The head of family being Joseph McCoy who married Sarah Oliver. There were eleven children born of this marriage.

Joseph McCoy married Willa Harvey, Willa parents were Robert Harvey and Martha Borden of N. J. of this marriage there were
ten children. These families were mostly farmers at the time.

A son named John married in Lewis County to Nancy Crislip, there were ten children of this union, the majority of them born in Lewis County, before moving on to Roane County. The others were born in the vicinity of Reeds Valley, Va. Nancy's parents were Jacob Crislip and Elizabeth Regier. Since the family of John and Nancy lived, and raised their children in Roane County before moving to Jackson County where they are interred in Boyce Cemetery. This family of children married into farm families which included: Harpers, Williamson, Tate's, Kelly, Haynes, Hamilton, Burdette, Bates, Crawfords, Perkins and Sharps.

Lemuel McCoy married twice First to Elizabeth Kelly and Second Ruth E. Haynes. Elizabeth died in child birth with the third child. Lemuel was an expert shoemaker, farmer, and Civil War Veteran, he served with Co G 9th Va., Inf. Lemuel and Ruth had ten children who when they got older were farmers and housewives being to the families of Ingams, Davis, Shaffer Fields, Dearman, Reeter, Norman, Law and Castro.

Most of these are interred in the McCoy Cemetery on Stover Fork Road.

John married Icy A. Castro in Roane County two children were born Roy Darvin who died young, Doy Fores who married Ada Gertrude Silket of Liverpool, West Virginia.

John was a farmer and later he moved his family to Parkersburg, where they operated a restaurant and bar on the corner of 3rd and Market St. He was a member of the Jr. O quam and Moose Lodge. Upon John's death the restaurant was sold.

The family of Doy and Eva was large, ten children in all, Doy worked on the railroad and in the Oil Fields. The children were raised and attended schools in Wood County. They married throughout the world. Murphy's of Boston, Landis of Philadelphia, Williams of Springfield, Ohio. Mauz of Phila, Kim Dung of South Viet Nam, and W. Va. Haisleys, Castos, Smith Maunz of Phila, Kim Dung of South Viet Nam.

I cannot list every name and date of individuals, however anyone who has passed on before are quite established in Roane County. Jackson County and Wood County. Submitted by: Ray D. McCoy

GELIA D. MCCUTCHEON

Gelia D. McCutchion, daughter of the Rev. Jarrett N. and Mary (McKown) Fox, was born April 6, 1894, in the house now owned by Jarrett and Evelyn Newlon on Bear Run of the Grace community. She lived in this community more than 90 years.

Her father made a practice of giving each of his children a horse when they reached 18. She elected to receive a Cornish reed organ instead. She took lessons on this organ and was the organist at the Gilboa Baptist Church for many years until reed organs declined in popularity. She was a lifelong active member of this church.

She was married in December of 1916 to Everett T. Hybert, school teacher and farmer, also of the Grace community. They had one son, Kenneth W. Hybert, who is Professor Emeritus of the Pennsylvania State University, having served as Director, Rehabilitation Education Programs at that institution for 24 years. He is married to the former Doris Bryan of Elizabeth, Wirt County.

Everett T. Hybert died in October of 1925. Gelia later married Roy D. McCutcheon and together they operated a 250 acre farm in the Grace community for many years. She died at the home of her son in Elizabeth, Wirt County, July 31, 1987, at the age of 93. Submitted by: Kenneth W. Hybert

ANDERSON MCGLOTHLIN

During the 86 years of Chloe McGLothlin Helmc's life, the world has changed a great deal. This period of time covers two world wars, the 1930 and 1988 droughts, the Great Depression, the assassination of President Kennedy, the Watergate affair, the resignation of President Nixon, the birth of Social Security, men walking on the moon, the Atomic Bomb, the invention of the radio and television, the use of automobiles and airplanes for transportation rather than horses, and many more events.

The McGlothlin family is Scotch-Irish, immigrating from Ireland, Chloe's great-grandfather James Harvey McGlothlin, lived at Canoe, Roane County. He was a carpenter by trade and built many fine homes in this area. He married Princy Justice. Their children were: Charity (Looney 1862-1897), Sarah (1871-1877), Kellis (1874-1877), Kellis (1874-1877), and Anderson (1879-1920).

Anderson married Laura Tallman (1878-1962), their children that lived to be adults were: Harvey Clay (1878-1971), Olive (Starsher 1900-1973), Chloe (Helmc 1903-1983), Opal (Criner 1905-1979), James Claude (1906-1986), Antonio "Don" Cloyd (1913-1986) and Geneva (Parsons 1915-1986). The family lived on a farm located at Big Run in both Roane and Calhoun Counties.

Anderson was a school teacher and ran a saw mill. He started teaching after receiving a First Grade certificate to teach at the age of 15. First, second, and third grade certificates were issued to teachers on their ability to pass the State Teachers Examination, if they had not graduated from a High School or College. All of Anderson's children taught school at one period or another in their lives. Some taught longer than others. Opal taught her first term of school at the age of 17.

Don kept teaching all of his life except when it was interrupted by a Naval career as a Lieutenant Commander. Before WW II he was even the Principal of Claihoun High School, teaching in Roane County to many Roane County students during her 18 years as a teacher. Eventually the family members moved to Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, except for Chloe and her family.

Chloe married Ora Helmc (1902-1972) on 12-17-17. Ora was a farmer and retired with 25+ years from Hope Natural Gas Company. Besides teaching, Chloe retired from Spencer State Hospital after 18 1/2 years service. They had one daughter, Elah Rue (11-10-31). She graduated from S.H.S. in 1949. Chloe is still living on the Boggs Fork farm and owns a second farm at Speed.

Elah married Glenn Edwin Davis (4-27-27 to 3-27-77) on 7-2-53. She lives in Belmont, WV and has been a Magistrate for 17 years. Ora married at Union Fork before he died. Their daughters were: Stephanie Lynn (11-23-55), Angela Adorn (4-20-58), and Sharon Pannette (9-20-60).

In August, 1976, Stephanie came to Roane County to be the Spencer Junior High Band Director. After 10 years in that position, she is the Counselor/Music Teacher at Walton Elementary. On 7-27-80, Stephanie married Charles William Poole (6-4-45). Charles is the Director of Services for the schools after being Principal of Walton Elementary for nine years.

Their daughter JuliAnna Marie was born 8-19-83. Charles is the Organist/Music Director and Stephanie is the Choir Director for Spencer's St. John's United Methodist Church.

Angela married Steve Lafferre in 5-76, and lives in Grant County. They both work for Kessie Lumber Company.

Sharon married John Beck in 3-79. They live in Belmont, WV with their two daughters Renee Lynn (5-9-82) and Tracy LaDawn (1-23-85). Submitted by: Stephanie Poole

ANDERSON MONROE MCKOWN

Anderson Monroe McKown, oldest son of Ephraim and Mary Jane (Payne) McKown, was born 2-5-1868, died 5-9-1950. On 12-29-1899 he married Ida Florence Short (born 12-11-1870, died 2-3-1945), daughter of Hiram and Eliza (McCoy) Short. The following children were born: Lionel Albert, born 10-15-1890, died 7-19-1959, Iva Dulcie, born 12-17-1891, died 1-19-1979. Ursula, born 8-7-1894, died 6-16-1979. Harley Dillon, born 2-14-1897, died 3-4-1965, stillborn female, born 1-17-1901. Hazel, born 3-25-1904. Anderson McKown taught school a number of years. He also held many county offices, including Justice of the Peace, Deputy Sheriff and Deputy County Clerk.

Lionel Albert (Joe) McKown, oldest son of Anderson and Ida (Short) McKown was born 10-25-1890 and died 7-19-1959. He

After the death of Vera Douglas McKown, Lionel Albert (Joe) McKown married Gae (Jarvis) Belcher.

Iva Dulcie McKown, second child of Ander son and Ida (Short) McKown married Robert R. Pence (born 10-26-1883, died in 1975), son of F. and Mahala J. (Gandee) Pence. Their children are: Pauline, who married Paul Hartlow, and they had two sons, Gordon and Richard; Kathleen Pence married Henry Young; and Emerson (Joe) Pence married Madeline Stone for his first wife and after her death married Hazel Miller.

Ursula (Sulla) McKown, third child of Anderson and Ida (Short) McKown married Sherman Ira Knight. Their children are: Homer Beauford, who married Ruby Rowe; Sherman Ira, Jr., who married Martha Runnion; Willa June, who married Gene Kirkhart, Treva Jean, who married Robert G. Webb; and Robert Joe.

Harley Dillon McKown, fourth child of Anderson and Ida (Short) McKown was born 2-14-1897 and died 3-4-1965. He married Alpha Lowe (born 3-11-1898, died 3-9-1975), daughter of Henry and Ella (Gibson) Lowe. Their children are: Robert Lowe McKown (born 12-3-1924, died 11-30-1964) who married Emelee Frances Waldeck on 11-27-1946, daughter of Pete and Pearl Waldeck. Robert and Emelee (Waldeck) McKown had two children, a son, Todd Robert, and a daughter, Kimberly, whose married name is Straight. Frederick Lee McKown, second child of Harley Dillon and Alpha (Lowe) McKown was born 10-19-1929, and died Jan. or Feb. 1974. He married Patricia Ann King, now of Ashland, Ky., and had three daughters, Debra Ann, Terry, and Sherrie. Anna Lou McKown, third child of Harley Dillon and Alpha (Lowe) McKown was born 11-25-1928 and married Charles McDonald and has three sons: Charles P., Jr., Stephen Allen and Sean Robert and has three grandchildren.

Hazel McKown, youngest child of Anderson and Ida (Short) McKown still lives in Spencer on the same site where her parents lived most of their married life. Hazel taught school in Roane County for most of her adult life. Hazel McKown reared her nephew, William Neil McKown.

Reitha Jean McKown, the oldest child of Lionel Albert (sometimes called "One"
MCKOWN - ENDRIZZI

Grant and Rosa McKown lived on Tanner Run. He worked at Spencer Roane Grocery many years, moving to Ohio in 1956. He was a 50 year member of Mariah Lodge #38 in Spencer. Rosa (1885-1966), both buried in Everlidge Cemetery. She was a member of O.E.S., #27 and Rebekah Lodge in Spencer. They had three children: Frances, Grant and Charles.

Frances graduated from Spencer High School in 1941. Married Sam Endrizzi in 1943. Sam was manager of Spencer Golf Club, 1942-1953 and Campbells Inn for five years, son of Emma Thomasin of St. Clairsville, Ohio. Moved to Ohio in 1953 working for Worthington Ball Co. for 28 years retiring in 1981. Currently employed as part-time security guard at Inca Care Corp. He is a avid golfer, member of Sr. Fellowship. Brentwood Golf Club and active member of Lake Avenue United Church of Christ in Elyria where he is Trustee and Usher. Frances retired in 1986 from Elyria Memorial Hospital where she was Ward Secretary for 19 years. She is a member of O.E.S. #165 and active member of Lake Avenue United Church of Christ where she is Financial Secretary, Board of Deacons and various womens groups. They are parents of four children. Stephen born 1946 Spencer, West Virginia, married Nancy Brader of Elyria, children David, James, Andrew and Vincent of Amherst, Ohio. Twins: James Endrizzi married Mary Earle, daughters, Rachael and Amber, of Elyria and Jannette married James Hirth, daughter. Jennifer of Elyria, Ohio.


EPHRAIM MCKOWN
Ephraim McKown, the youngest son of Gilbert and Lydia (Flesher) McKown was born in Jackson County 9-20-1844 and died 10-29-1927. His parents moved to Roane County in 1853. His father, Gilbert, and his brother, Isaac, operated a grist and flour mill at the South border of what became the town of Spencer, in a hairpin curve of Spring Creek.

Ephraim, at the age of 16 enlisted in Company F, 11th Virginia Infantry and served through the Civil War, receiving an honorable discharge at Richmond, Virginia 6-17-1865. He took part in seven engagements, was once made prisoner and released, and was in service again in six days. Near Spencer, on 12-20-1866, he married Mary Jane Payne, daughter of Henry and Edatha (Vandale) Payne. To this union the following children were born:

Four generations: Anderson M., Lionel Albert (Joe) McKown, Jean (McKown) and Sandra Jo Shelton


William Neil McKown, youngest son of Lionel Albert and Vera (Douglas) McKown married Lois Arlene Findley while he was serving in the armed forces in Tokyo, Japan. They have four children: Rick Neal, Sherry Lynn, Ronald Lee, and Gary Alan. William Neil McKown retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years service, and currently lives in Florida.

Submitted by: Jean (McKown) Shelton Haynes, Sandra (Shelton) Medley, Rebekah (Shelton) Ellis

Grant McKown, World War I
youngest daughter of Hiram and Eliza. His living as a farmer. The family moved to Boggs Fork. Henry Dillon McKown made most of their married life on their farm on.

Henry Dillon McKown was born 3-20-1871 near Spencer and died 5-11-1950. His oldest son was Henry Dillon and Olive (Short) McKown. He married Imogene Glendine Trout (born 6-25-1912), daughter of French Thornton and Louvenia Catherine (King) Trout of Spencer on 12-24-1933. Carl Marvin and Imogene (Trout) McKown had one daughter, Shirley Jean, born 9-30-1936, who married Buddy Lee Carpenter (born 5-6-1939), son of Bertha Sarah Jane Carpenter, of Spencer, on 8-28-1965. Buddy and Shirley (McKown) Carpenter had one son, Marvin L. Carpenter, born 3-24-1967.

Carl McKown was in the trucking business most of his adult life. At different times and locations during World War II he owned and operated the local taxi service. He was a member of the Roane County Court for two terms and at the time of his death was manager of the local alcohol beverage store. Imogene McKown worked with her husband in the taxi business and also worked for the census bureau for 15 years.


After their marriage, Shelby Somerville became a minister and both Rev. Shelby and Eva (McKown) Somerville spent over 50 years in the ministry. For much of that 50 years Rev. Somerville was district superintendent for the Nazarene Church in the Eastern part of Kentucky. Submitted by Shirley Carpenter.
er (01/27/1802 - 07/08/1887) was born in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV. Gilbert and Lydia were married in 1817 and settled on Mill Creek near his brother Isaac.

In 1855, he and his five youngest children, Isaac, John, Norman, Ephriam, and Mollie came to Spencer, Roane Co. He purchased the water mill located just above town from James Hogg and at once improved the property by adding a saw mill and a carding machine which supplied the community until 1879. In 1861 the Civil War began and he being very old and feeble, together with his two sons Ephriam and Norman going into the Union Army, with his crippled son Isaac, the death of his son John, the terrible loss of life and property caused by war, he pined away. His wife lived with her children until her death. Gilbert and Lydia were buried in the Rose Cemetery near Spencer.

The children of Gilbert were: Hiram, b. 12/11/1819, Celia, b. 12/12/1821, Eliza, b. 02/23/1823, Mill Creek; Sarah, b. 12/20/1827; Phebe, b. 01/03/1829; Isaac, b. 04/06/1831; Mollie Mary, b. 03/04/1835, Knox Co., OH; John L., b. 07/13/1837; Norman Dude, b. 05/04/1840, Knox Co., OH; and Ephriam, b. 09/20/1844, Jackson Co., WV. Submitted by: Edward G. McKown

McKOWN

Gilbert McKown and his father, Andrew, immigrated from Ireland to York, PA. Gilbert then purchased land from Lord Fairfax and moved his family and his father to Gerardstown, Berkeley County, Virginia. The McKowns became a prominent family of Berkeley County. Gilbert with his first wife, Jane Crawford, had one child, James. Years later Gilbert remarried and had eight children. He and his father, Andrew (who lived to be 114 years old) are both buried in Berkeley County.

James McKown was born in 1752. He married Phoebe Casto in 1780 in Green-berg, PA. They and their five children bought a large farm on Mill Creek in Jackson County, WV and resettled there. Their son, Gilbert (named after his grandfather) went with Elijah Tanner and three other men to Roane County on a bear hunt. They camped at the mouth of a small creek where it emptied into the Pocatalico River. By the end of a week they had killed nine black bears - hence the name of McKown's Creek.

While land in Knox County, OH opened up for settlement all the McKown clan - including James' and his son Gilbert's families - loaded their wagons and headed off to resettle new land again. After living for several years in Knox County Gilbert's family of eight children moved back to Jackson County. His oldest son, Hiram, chose to stay in Ohio. After returning to Jackson County another son was born. So altogether Gilbert and Lydia had ten children.

In the mid 1850's Gilbert, Lydia and five children moved to Spencer. Gilbert and his brother, Isaac purchased the water mill, just above town, from James Hogg. They added a sawmill and a carding machine. Gilbert died in 1864 and Lydia in 1887, both in Roane County.

Gilbert's son, Norman, was born in 1840. Norman enlisted in the Union Army and was wounded in battle near Winchester, VA. He was honorably discharged and returned home. In time he married Rebecca A. Miller (Green), a widow, daughter of Joshua and Samantha Miller. Together Norman and Rebecca had 15 children. Norman was a stone mason and worked on many bridges in the county but is noted more for his bringing to the community its first threshing machine. After Rebecca's death at the age of 46, Norman married Matilda. Rebecca's sister, Norman lived to be 87 years.

Norman's seventh son, John, was born in 1882. John attended school three months of the year in the winter because he worked on his father's farm during the warmer months. Around 1908 he went to work for Gardway and Hopkins in Spencer. As the firm later became known as Hardman Produce, John became a partner in the firm and worked in the store as manager. His first marriage was to Leah Sinnett who died soon thereafter. His second marriage was to Madge Holmes, daughter of Thomas and Mary Holmes. Together John and Madge had three daughters, Virginia (Cottle), Mary (Bramon), and Grace (Hildreth). John retired from Hardmans in 1955. He gardened, bought wool, may-apple, and ginseng roots on his plot of land with barn at the end of Front Street in Alvord for years. He died in 1967. Madge was a 65 year member of the Methodist Memorial Church and a loving grandmother. She died in 1979.

Grace McKown married Bliss L. Hildreth and they have three children, Norman and James of Spencer, and Jane McKown Crutchfield of Massachusetts. Submitted by: Grace McKown Hildreth

McKOWN

Isaac Delmar McKown, better known as "Uncle Dell", was born in Spencer, Roane County, WV, July 1, 1876, and died March 18, 1962. He was the fifth son of Isaac and Margaret Slaughter McKown. He married Emily Starcher in 1900. Eight boys and one girl were born to this union: William B., born June 26, 1901; Everett Gailey, born April 29, 1903; Hollie Dane, born October 15, 1904; Clarence Glennie, born November 8, 1906; Isaac Delmar Jr. "Dave", born February 23, 1912; Edward Garrett, born May 31, 1915; and Goldie Margrete, born January 3, 1917.

"Dell" McKown was a farmer. He reared his family on a 68 acre hillside farm on Beech Fork in Calhoun County. He paid taxes by working on the public road. He taught us to work very young. We were poor but never went hungry. He was a fine fiddle player, encouraging us to learn music - we did and had our own family band. Goldie played the old pump organ. He was unsurpassed in honesty, reliability and generosity. He was buried on Beech Fork in the Wayne Cemetery.

Emily Starcher McKown was known as "Aunt Emma" to everyone. She kept busy caring for nine children, acting as a midwife, and helping care for the sick. She enjoyed cooking large meals on Sunday, and would invite people on their way to church to stop and have dinner at our house on their way back. Our house was home for the preachers. Emily helped care for patients in the flu outbreak of 1917-18. Her preventative medicine was asafetida bags
NORMAN DUDE McKOWN

Norman Dude McKown, more commonly known as "Dude", born 4 May 1840, in Cork, Knox County, OH, died 9 December, 1927, Roane County, WV, was the son of Gilbert and Lydia (Flesher) McKown. He first came to Roane County at age 15 with his parents when they moved from Mill Creek, Jackson County, to New California, now Spencer, in 1855. He was married on 4 March 1866 in Roane County, WV to Rebecca A. Miller Green, a widow whose first husband, George G. Green had been killed at Fisher's Hill in the Civil War. Rebecca was the daughter of Joshua and Samantha Miller, and she was born 5 January 1848 in Spencer, Roane County, WV, and died 5 August 1895, in Roane Co. Of this union fifteen children were born: (1) Eliza Luvenia - 12 Aug 1865; (2) Ephraim W. Sr. - 14 Feb 1867; (3) Ulysses S. - 8 Oct 1868; (4) Kenney F. - 20 Apr 1870; (5) Mary Emily - 19 Feb 1872; (6) Margaret Magnolia - 15 Aug 1873; (7) Isaac H. - 27 July 1875; (8) Esley S. "Jake" - 1 Oct 1876; (9) Sarah C. - 8 July 1878; (10) Norman Dude, Jr. - 9 July 1880; (11) John Madison - 30 Jan 1882; (12) Margery - 2 June 1884; (13) Dora V. - 29 May 1886; (14) Ruphus - 10 Mar 1889; and (15) Chester A. - 27 July 1891.

Norman Dude McKown worked in his father's mill, having charge of the sawmill department along with his brother Isaac. At age 21 he enlisted in the Union Army, Company F, Eleventh West Virginia Infantry and served from 1861 through the Civil War. He was wounded in battle near Winchester, VA, and after an honorable discharge returned home and married Rebecca A. (Miller) Greene. Rebecca's first husband had been killed in action on April 22, 1863, leaving her a widow with one young son. Charles W. "Bid" Greene. Norman Dude McKown also worked as a stone mason, building many of the bridges in Roane County. He is most noted for bringing to the community the first threshing machine. Before that time the wheat had been either threshed by hand or tramped out by horses. He bought a farm on Charles Fork, about three miles southeast of Spencer, and there he built a frame house with lumber saved at his father's sawmill in Spencer, the logs having been cut from his own farm. After the death of Rebecca, Norman Dude McKown took his second wife, Rebecca's sister, Matilda (Miller) Smith on January 27, 1894.

Both Norman Dude McKown and Rebecca (Miller) McKown are buried in the Vandale Cemetery. Submitted by: Charles I. McKown.

McKOWN - WAYNE

Isaac Delmar McKown, Jr., more commonly known as "Dave", was born February 25, 1912, on Beech Fork, Calhoun County, the son of Isaac Delmar McKown, Sr. and Emily (Starcher) McKown. He attended the one room school at Wayne, and was taught for three terms by his oldest brother, Willie McKown and others. He helped his father in working on the farm, and in 1928 went to work on public works. In 1933 he went to work in the coal mines for Anchor Coal Co. in Boone County. He met Icel V. Wayne at a Halloween party on October 31, 1935 at Kayford, Cabin Creek, in Kanawha County. They were married on August 7, 1937 at Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

I.D. "Dave" and Icel (Wayne) McKown, 50th Wedding, 1987

After their marriage, about the year 1938, the McKowns left the coal mines, and set up housekeeping on Hackers Creek, near Jane Lew in Lewis County. For two years they operated a 500 acre pure bred Hereford Farm for Ressie Bond and his nephew, Carroll Bond. They cooked with wood, used kerosene for lights, and water came from a spring and was piped to the house. Dave worked for one dollar a day, and they had a cow that furnished milk and butter for the table, chickens that furnished eggs, they raised a garden for vegetables. In 1940 they returned to the Cabin Creek area where Dave got a job at the coal mines where he worked for 31 years before retiring in 1971. After his retirement from the mines, he worked at building houses and roofing for about ten years. Icel (Wayne) McKown is the daughter of William and Sabina (Adkins) Wayne, and she was born in Clay County on December 3, 1911. She cooked and operated the Club House for 20 years, and also worked at the Spencer State Hospital for about six years. The McKowns owned and operated a 100 acre farm in Roane County from 1943 to 1950 on Vineyard Ridge near Walton. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 7, 1989, and since retirement have lived on Martha Avenue in Spencer. WV Submitted by: Dean Fields

McKOWN - SLAUGHTER

Isaac O. McKown, son of Gilbert and Lydia Flesher McKown, was born April 6, 1866. He married Margaret Slaughter, and to this union eight children were born, seven boys and one girl: Robert I. (6/07/1866 - 1883); John (7/13/ 1869 - 1952); Arthur (2/23/1870 - 1872); James Norman (3/08/1874) - 7/06/1921); Isaac Delmar "Dell" (7/01/1876 - 1/18/ 1962); Cecil Hay (4/12/1878 - 4/12/1956); Iris Maude (4/05/1880 - 6/02/1968); Kenneth (1/25/1884 - 3/04/1967).

Isaac's parents, Gilbert and Lydia McKown, lived on Mill Creek in Jackson County until about 1855 when they moved to New California (now Spencer), Roane County. Their children were Sarah, Isaac O., Mary, John, Norman Dude, and Ephraim. Isaac and Dude bought the Eliza Runion sawmill, and modernized it by replacing the water wheel with a steam engine and added a sash saw. They also had a carding machine, and farmers from Roane and Calhoun Counties brought their wool to have it cleaned and carded ready for spinning. The first courthouse in Roane County which was built in 1859 burned in 1887, and all the lumber in the new courthouse came from the McKown mill, and the cost of the new courthouse was $4,784.00.

Isaac and Margaret Slaughter McKown

Isaac O. McKown taught school for several terms in the first free school started in 1866 ... his pay for 42 days was $25.00, and for the full term was $128.00. He was also circuit Judge of Roane County, and president of the Roane County Court in the late 1870's and 80's. He was a Republican and was active in politics. Isaac owned all of the Spencer State Hos.
McMILLAN

This legacy has been correlated and transcribed from information given me by my great grandmother Barbara Westfall Stewart. She was a descendant of one of the two Voss brothers. These brothers were large landowners and strong practicing Advocates of the Protestant religion. Barbara’s parents emigrated to America about 1790 and settled in a area now known as Gallipolis, Ohio. Barbara was bom February 26, 1826. She married Andy Stewart in 1845. They had ten children — Reedy W. Va. as it is now known and built their home below where the Old Reedy Bank stands.

Andy had two sisters, Minerva and Susan. Minerva married Cottle; they had five children — Major, Harry, Fannie Alderman, Minnie Hart and Addie Craig. Susan married Colonel Roberts; they had eight children — Mary, Amanda, Blaine, Dempsey, Theodore, Scott, Pet Sayre, Bird and Sandy Cottle.

Andy and Barbara had seven children. Tommy and Rebecca both died in infancy. David was bom in 1851, became a doctor and practiced medicine in Creston, W. Va. David had eight children — Godfrey, Lurline, Grace, Clyde, Bessie, Dorr and two whose names I cannot remember. David died in 1964.

Martha Jane (Mat) was bom Sept. 24, 1855, married Sam Roberts in 1872. (Sam and Colonel Roberts were brothers). They had one daughter, Clara, born Nov. 7, 1873. She died Aug. 4, 1935. Mat died April 19, 1904. Mat married Fred Amos in 1913. Mat died Dec. 17, 1928. Fred Amos died Aug. 5, 1935.

Libby married Andy Ott. They had two children — Curley and Urley.

Kate married Sam Henry Malcomb. They had twelve children — Charlie, Frank, Dave, George, Lawrence, Bud, Nora, Gertrude, Margaret, Leanna and Bernece. Sam Henry moved his family to Washington State in 1906. Bernece is the only surviving child.

Emily married Will Armstrong. They had seven children — Ila, Clarence, Maude, Fumice, Mayme, Inez and Ilean.


Hazel Sprinkle

Barbara married Paul J. Stein, they have one son — Joshua born Dec. 17, 1981.

James Russell married Tana Medley July 18, 1981.


David married Marilyn Rowe, they had three daughters — Kelly, Linda and Sandy. Linda married Jim Wilson and Sandy married Derkef Keifer. David then married Becky Hale.

Olivia Mae married Virgil Lee Berry.1 They had two children — Virgil Lee II and Patricia. Olivia then married Fred Hughes, they have one son — Shawn. She then married Richard Duncan.

Walter married Judy Wright. They have one daughter Tracy. He then married Nito McMILLAN in 1978.

Otto McMILLAN’s great grandfather, Hugh McMILLAN was bom in Ireland in 1750. He emigrated to Baltimore, Maryland in 1771, and served in the Revolutionary Army from 1776 through 1781, he died in 1836. He had one son, Thomas, who married Priscilla Watson. They moved to Steubenville, Ohio from Virginia; they had one son, Jordan, born May 20, 1827. Jordan was educated by his father and grandfather with particular emphasis on surveying. Jordan moved to Roane County in 1867, settled on Henry’s Fork, near the mouth of Orchard Run. He was admitted to the bar in 1870, practiced law in Roane and surrounding counties. Jordan married Bethsheba Knox Nov. 7, 1864. They had ten children — Eliza, Alice, James, William, Orville, Walter, Charles, Otto, Ida and Ollie. Bethsheba died Nov. 14, 1871. Jordan then married Martha Blair in 1877. Jordan moved to Washington D.C. as his involvement in the Interior Department became more demanding, he died Aug. 25, 1891.

Eliza married Scott Reading. They had seven children — Myrtle, Harry, Earl, Carl, Ray, Ethel and Cecil.

Alice married Charles Van Devender, they had three children — Bertie, Burl and Frances.

James married Elizabeth Brannon, they had six children — Lou, Homer, Otha, Letha, Charles and Lettie.

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Walter married Alma Brannon, they had six children — Dean, Hall, Kate, Leon, Ruth and Frances.

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McMILLAN

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Guy worked some in the oil fields, until World War II came along, at which time he came home to farm and "saw-mill". In 1947 he bought what was known as the Carpenter Homestead, originally owned by James Carpenter, Guy's grandfather. We moved there in August, 1949 and lived there until December 4, 1973. The city of Spencer built a dam on Charles Fork to furnish water to Spencer. The dam (lake) covers 77 acres of land, therefore all of the people moved away in 1970. Guy and I stayed alone up there for three years.

We moved to 123 Hill Street, Hassing Addition; an old house. On Christmas Day the water dripped in the turkey on the dining room table. A four foot hail took up most of the space in the living room. Wanda said she could have cried when she saw where we lived. Guy and I took out the hall and put paneling on the walls, replaced the ceiling and the roof in 1974.

We attended church at Hundley Chapel on Charles Fork and helped support the church. There were not many people to go, but the services were good and we missed going there. When they built the dam they took a bulldozer and shoved the Church over. A man told me he struck the match to burn it down. There were thousands of dollars of good lumber in it. Guy spent 18 months in the Navy in World War I, 1918-1919. Twelve months of that time was spent in the war zone. Their ship, the U.S.S. "Kearsarge", got credit for sinking two submarines. They also picked up a crew of ship-wrecked Norwegians and transported them to Boston.

When we quit farming we had 550 acres of land. Guy retired in 1963 and has been in poor health since. We let Walter, our son, have 500 acres. Our children gave us a nice party on our 50th wedding anniversary in 1979 at the home place on Charles Fork. Approximately 150 guests came; friends, neighbors and family. Guy passed away in 1985 at the age of 87.

My sister, Katha Marie McMillan Weltner and I are the only ones left of our family.

She is 92 years old. The boys of our family are all gone. I was eleven years old when she got married and she had been married eleven years when I got married. She had been married 66 years May 30, 1984. We haven't been together much, but we do manage to see each other two or three times a year. She lived in Parkersburg, WV, with her husband, Corlis, until his death on December 25, 1984.

Father lived to be 92 years old, mother 76. I'll be 82 April 10, 1990, so you see I've had a very interesting life. I have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. What more can a person ask for?

Submitted by Frances McMillan Jordan, Wanda Jordan Blake, Kate McMillan Weltner

JORDAN MCMILLAN

Hugh McMillan, the grandfather of our subject, Jordan McMillan, was born about 1750 in Ireland. He had been set apart for a Catholic priest and received a fine classical education. He dissented from the church, denied the infallibility of the pope, took too conspicuous a part against the English government in favor of her American colonies and was forced to find a home across the Atlantic Ocean. He came to Baltimore, Maryland and began to defend the rights of the colonists. When war began, he enlisted in the Continental Army in 1776 as a commissioned Officer and served to the close of war in 1781. He died in 1830.

Jordan McMillan was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, May 20, 1827, a son of Thomas and Priscilla Watson McMillan. He resided upon the first farm that was put under cultivation in what is now Smithfield District, Roane County, West Virginia. He was also a surveyor of lands, and an attorney-at-law, admitted to the bar in 1870, prominent in practice in Roane County and adjoining counties. In 1851, Jordan married for his first wife, Bathsheba Knox. They lived in Marshall County for ten years. In 1867 they started their life in Roane County on Henry's Fork on one of the best farms in the county.
Jordan married a second wife, Martha Blair, in Moundsville in 1872. She was the daughter of Brice Blair. He served as postmaster in Marshall County four years and Roane County for six years.

In order to meet the growing practice of the Interior Department of Washington and be closer to his business, he divided his lands among his children and moved to Washington, D.C., purchased a small farm and engaged in dairy and truck farming along with his legal business until his death August 25, 1898. He was buried back to Otto, West Virginia and laid to rest in the Olle Cemetery. Submitted by Jordan McMullen's great granddaughter, Charles and Alice McMullen's granddaughter, Evelyn Russell Starcher, daughter of Ruby McMullen Russel and Otha Allen Russel

McMullen

Mathew McMullen was the first of his family to come to Roane County. He was born in Ireland in 1814. He joined the U.S. Navy and after he was honorably discharged the young Irishman came to Roane County. He settled on a runlater named for him as McMullen Run. He married Sarah Greathouse. He died in 1865 and Sarah died in 1905.

John McMullen, son of Mathew, was born on McMullen Run in 1845. He joined the Union Army and was killed in action by Rebel soldiers in an ambush in an area where the State Road Garage now stands on Spring Creek. He was killed in 1863 at the age of 18. He served with Company G. 9th WV Regiment.

Charles McMullen, a grandson of Mathew, was born on McMullen Run in 1890. He joined the U.S. Army and was killed in action in France with the A-E-F. He was a Corporal in Company L. 30 Infantry Division. He was buried in France for some time before being brought home for burial.

Andrew was also Mathew's son, he was born in 1858. He was Charlie's father. Andrew met and married Flora Miller in 1883. Their children were: Andrew - 1884; Fred - 1885; Roma - 1888; Charlie - 1890. Andrew died in 1900 and is buried at the Eventide Cemetery.

Andrew married Olive Belle (Alvis) for his 2nd wife in 1901. Andrew was an engineer on the Histroe Railroad Co. train that came to Spencer for years. Andrew died in 1918 of heart disease.

Andrw and Belle (Alvis) had 5 children. Delphia - 1909; Russell - 1910; and Velva - 1912.

Mary Delphia married Sam James and they had 2 children; Patsy - 1934 died at 1½ days old; Ruby - 1926. Ruby died at 21 years of age of T.B. Delphia worked at Gordon’s Hospital and Spencer State for years. Delphia died in 1989.

Russell was never married. He lived at home where he farmed for a time. He had a Canadian Government loan to live on. He had a 30 year old youth. The Harper kids nicknamed him “Pete”. Russell and Petey had their pictures in the Roane County Reporter in 1932. Russell got sick and unable to take care of his old man. He gave it to Denver. Gander “Petey” died sometime after that. Russell died in 1983.


Velva's father Andrew McMullen owned all of Green Acres at one time. Velva and Robert still live on the lower part of Green Acres. Their children built them a new home right above where the old one stood.

The old home place has been recently torn down where Andrew and Belle raised their children. Submitted by: Velva (McMullen) Harper

John Meadows

H. Harrison Meadows the father of our subject was born in Craig County, Virginia in the year of 1825. He was the son of Joshua Harrison and Anna (Barger) Meadows. He had two brothers. Andrew, born in 1830, and John, born in 1837, and three sisters. Kathryn, born in 1832, Mary A., born in 1834; and Louisa, born in 1841. Harrison Meadows served in the Civil War, as a Capt. in the Union Army. Company G, 9th. West Virginia Infantry. John, also, served in the Union Army. Company B, 9th. West Virginia Infantry and was killed at Cloyd's Mountain. Harrison is buried in the Meadows Cemetery on Rush Creek, Roane County. Andrew, the older brother, lived in Calhoun County and is buried in the Meadows Cemetery at the mouth of Isaac's Run. John, I., migrated to the south where the sisters married or where they lived.

Harrison Meadows married Martha Ann Cox, November 10, 1851 in Kanawha County. Their children are: Mary Ann, born 1852, married Wesley Row. (Eliza) Han. Mary Jane, born 1857, married Abel Britt; John S., born 1859, (my grandfather) all known information to follow: Dora, born 1862, married a Hickman; Melissa, born 1858, married Luke Peters; Charles, born 1865; Ollie, born 1865, (twin of Charles, died when a small child); Sheridan, born 1867, married Mary Waggoner; and Sally born in 1868, married Sherman Sparks.

Martha Cox Meadows (1836-1876) is buried in the Meadows Cemetery on Rush Creek. After Martha's death, Harrison married Lucinda Jane Serre (1851-1919). They raised four children: George, Jake, India, and Ola.


Kay Louise Pattison Meister

Kay Meister was born on May 4, 1946, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her father, John Porwood Pattison, was in Indiana completing his Ph.D. in chemistry at Purdue University. Kay's dad had his Bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, as did Kay's mother, Rose Mary Smith Pattison. Rose Mary is the daughter of William Hunter Smith of Wallack, Roane County, West Virginia.

Fred, brother, George, was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1944, and sister Carol was born in West Lafayette, Indiana, in 1947.

The family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where John worked at the Battelle Memorial Institute as a research chemist. All three children grew up in Columbus and attended The Ohio State University.

Kay was very active as a youngster. She studied the piano, took dancing lessons, and participated in vocal music groups in school. As a high school senior, Kay, an honor student, was one of the class valedictorians. In college, Kay participated in an honors program for education students.

During a summer program in Salzburg, Austria, in 1968, Kay met Frieder Meister, a musician graduate at Ohio State and a naturalized citizen whose birthplace was Karlruhe, West Germany. Kay and Fred returned from Austria with fond memories and hopes for a bright future together.

Kay and Fred were married on August 24, 1968. In 1969, Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMullen, who had been the beds of them had jobs in the Cincinnati area, moved to Roane County where he farmed a little. He had a large family. The family grew up in Columbus and attended The Ohio State University.

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wedding. Kay taught mathematics at North College Hill Junior/Senior High School and Fred taught instrumental music at Wyoming Junior/Senior High School.

In 1970 they moved to Columbus to teach and to work on Master's Degrees at Ohio State. Fred's degree, received in 1972, was in Guidance and Counseling and Kay's degree was completed in 1975 in Mathematics. They also worked for the Department of Education in Bexley, and Kay was named Teacher of the Year. Fred's major was Mathematics but he also demonstrated an interest in music, including singing in the top high school choir. He also shows an interest in music and is very active in musical activities, including participating in the local high school vocal group, of which she is president.

The Meister family presently lives in Bexley, Ohio, a small suburb of Columbus. Kay is employed by the Columbus Public Schools as the Mathematics Coordinator for Secondary Schools. She has responsibility for mathematics at 43 different schools. Fred, who returned to Ohio State and in 1980 received his law degree, practices law in Columbus. Fred also serves on the Bexley School Board.

Erica is a senior in high school and plans to continue her music education at college next year. Erica has followed her mother's example and is very active in musical activities, including singing in the top high school vocal group, of which she is president.

Dan is an 8th grader who enjoys sports, particularly soccer and cross country running. He also shows an interest in music and currently sings in the Glee Club and plays saxophone and tuba in the junior high band.

The entire Meister family is active in the Bexley United Methodist Church, where both children have performed in youth musicals, belonging to the Methodist Youth Fellowship, of which they are both officers, and participate in Sunday School activities.

Kay and Fred enjoy researching their family "roots" and traveling to West Virginia and Germany to connect with and to learn more about their ancestors' lives.

Submitted by: Frederick Meister

E.A. "TED" MILLER

Edward A. "Ted" Miller, the youngest son of Robert and Pearl (Durbin) Miller was born August 28, 1928 in Roane County, West Virginia. He was educated in Roane County schools and served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. While in the Army, he did a tour of duty in Italy. After his discharge from the Army he lived and worked in several areas of the state, mostly in Kanawha County, before returning to his hometown of Spencer in 1961. He married in Roane County on February 26, 1950. Eimogene (Knopp) Phillips, daughter of Andrew and Bonnie (Knopp) Phillips. Eimogene (Phillips) Miller died April 2, 1975, and is buried in the Everlaine Cemetery near Spencer; WV. Ted and Eimogene were the parents of three children:

1. Carmen Jean Miller, born February 27, 1951, married first to Bill Stagg; divorced; they were the parents of one daughter, Lisa Stagg, born July 7, 1970. Carmen married second, Don Edwards; divorced; they were the parents of one son, Craig Edwards, born December 9, 1973. Carmen married third, Phillip Reynolds, son of Vincent and Barbara (Bennett) Reynolds. Phil and Carmen Reynolds live in Spencer and Phil is a teacher at Spencer High School. Carmen works as office manager for her father's business, Ted Miller Tire & True Value Hardware.

2. Theresa June Miller, born May 20, 1953, married Jeff Orosco from Texas; divorced. They were parents of one daughter, Carmelita Orosco, born August 9, 1976. Theresa now lives in Parkersburg, WV, and works for the Department of Public Debt.

3. Allen Lane Miller, born March 10, 1959. Allen is not married. He currently lives in East Liverpool, Ohio.

E.A. "Ted" Miller, following in his father's footsteps, decided to become self-employed, and upon his return to Roane County in 1961 went into business for himself. From his beginning as a Texaco service station operator, he expanded his business until today he is the sole proprietor of Ted Miller's Tire and True Value Hardware Store. He is also owner and operator of Miller's Auto Sales, Inc., and has invested in rental property, forming and operating Miller's Trailer Court. All these businesses are located on Route 33 just west of the current city limits of Spencer.

Ted Miller married a second time on June 4, 1977, in Roane County to Carolyn Mae (Burlette) Jones, the widow of Richard Jones. Carolyn was born November 22, 1938 in Kanawha County, WV, the daughter of Ernest and Hazel (Thompson) Burlette. She first married in Kanawha County on January 14, 1961. Richard Jones, son of Charles and Mildred (Paxton) Jones, and to this union three children were born. After the death of Richard, and the subsequent remarriage of Carolyn and Ted Miller, these children were raised in the Miller household.


Carolyn (Burlette) Miller works as a part-time teachers aide in the Roane County school system, and also started and runs the Stay and Play Nursery School which is located in the Methodist Memorial Church on Market Street in Spencer.

Ted and Carolyn live on Route 33 near Stover Fork, in rural Roane County, on a tract of land that was part of the old Miller farm. The Miller farms had been sold about 1949, and Ted purchased part of the original 1160 acre tract in 1977. Submitted by: Carmen Miller Reynolds and Monica Jones Basescu

MILLA

First, a correction to Bishop's History, who said Emily Phillips was mother of John W. Miller of Stover Fork. His mother was Emma Wilson. His father was Thomas B. Miller, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Carpenter) Miller. I've heard mention of Uncle Dessie Kirby and know that Druzilla was buried on the old Crislip farm, other than that we know nothing of our grandmother.

I am of the fourth generation of Miller's who have lived on Stoverfork on a two hundred acre farm.

Thomas and Druzilla (Kirby) Miller had children, Anderson, George Warren Bell, Preston Grigsby, John Wesley and Mary, who married James O'Dell. Druzilla died in 1863 or 64 then Thomas married Emily Phillips and had Thomas Dee, James Franklin, Bithena, Rebecca Jane (Aunt Haney) Roberts, Maggie Bell Argabrite and Delia Vance. John Wesley married Leila Dove Davis and had Conda, Harry, Willard, Warren and Grace. Grace married Oral Hathaway and had ten children.

Dove died in 1904. On 1/7/1906 John W. Miller married Mida Chapman from Doddridge Co. In October 1903 they moved to the farm now owned by Charles Atkinson. She was the daughter of Maxfield and Ellen (Costilow) Chapman.

Mida L. and John W. Miller, Sr.

Of this union were born Edna and Lois who died at birth, Evelyn, who married Marshall Karichkolt and had children, Louise, Rufus, Jimmie, Arnold, Dale and David, Marshall, Evelyn, Rufus and Arnold are deceased.

John W. Jr., married Esther Wilson, daughter of Charles and Bertha (Hudkins) Wilson. Aubrey Bryan Miller married Myrtle Kelley, daughter of Harry and Mabel Kelley. They had one daughter Sue who married James Harper and had Robin, Bryan, Shannon and James Jr. They have two grandchildren.

Carrie Ellen married Frier Conley, son of John and Icy (Rader) Conley. She has two children deceased. One daughter Patsy married George Metz with children Ricky, Timothy, Gary and Diana. Jerry Conley married Carolyn Cotrell, one son Scott.

Mary Louise Miller married Isom Conley, son of Ferd and Demma (Hardman) Conley. We have five children Larry, Jean, Orma, Eileen, and Vonnel, eleven grandchildren, one deceased, seven great grandchildren and 2 step greats.

Sterling Miller married Kathleen Conley, sister to Frier. They had children Warren, Johnny, Freddie, Lena Lou and Beverly and several grandchildren. Sterling died 3/18/88.

Donzel Kirby Miller married Eloise Wilson. They have Ruth married to Carroll Harper, Barbara who married Gary Nichols. They have Kevin who married Beverly Harris and Anthony.

Sammie Miller married Susan Dodd and had Timothy and Lisa. He is now married to Jean Mitchell and has a grandson Wesley and step granddaughter.

John W. Miller, Sr. was a charter member of Cherry Valley Church and was a Methodist.
Robert "Bob" Miller, better known as "Bob," was born on Stover Fork near Spencer, Roane County, on September 3, 1889, the son of Preston Greg and Martha Ellen (Wade) Miller. Greg and Ellen were the parents of ten children: Tommy, Kenny, Donald, Robert, Roy, Welty, Miltie, Evie, Orva, and Dicey. Robert "Bob" Miller married in Ravenswood, Jackson County, on June 3, 1916. Pethina Pearl Durbin, daughter of Thomas Fredric and Sara Elizabeth (Sturm) Durbin. Pearl was born in Calhoun County on November 6, 1891. Her father, Fred Durbin, was a watchman for the B&O Railroad and one of his regular runs was from Ravenswood to Spencer.

Robert and Pearl Miller lived for a time after their marriage in Ravenswood, Jackson County, W.V. At this time, he and his family operated a grocery store and a livery stable. This was the last stable in operation in Jackson County. He also had the last horse drawn hearse service with Romie Edgell and started the M & E Cash Market in Spencer which was later the site of Dudley's Flower Shop, and is now occupied by Cooper's Flowers and Gifts.

Bobs shop was located on the comer of Market and Main streets - the Shoe Show store is currently located on this building. In 1928 he formed a partnership with Romie Edgell and started the M & E Cash Market, a butcher shop and grocery store which was located on the corner of Market and Beauty Streets in Spencer. The proprietors did all their own butchering in a shop near the Miller home place on Stover Fork. Meat sold in the store was not precut nor prepackaged. Orders were taken from customers and the meat was cut to order. The M & E Market also had home deliveries, and customers to this day, recall both the excellent quality of the meats and the superb service provided by the store owners. Bob's brother, Roy, joined in this partnership after the closing of the grocery store he operated where Monroe Rubber now stands. Mr. Edgell later sold his interest in this business to Willie West, who continued the partnership with Bob and Roy Miller until the business was sold in 1962. In early 1940, this partnership also opened an M & E Cash Market in Charleston, and this store was operated under the management of Bob's oldest son, Maurice, for about three years before it was closed. The building which housed the M & E Cash Market in Spencer was later the site of Dudley's Flower Shop, and is now occupied by Cooper's Flowers and Gifts.

Robert and Pearl (Durbin) Miller were the parents of the following children: 1. Myron Maurice Miller, born April 8, 1917. Myron married Naomi Conley and they were the parents of six children: Nancy, Steven, Sandra, David, Fred, and Kathy. Maurice and Naomi Miller currently live in Summersville, W.V. 2. Phyllis June Miller, born July 15, 1920. Phyllis married John M. Curry and they were the parents of one daughter, Anna Lou. After the death of John, Phyllis married a second time to Albert Brake. There are no children from this marriage. Phyllis and Albert Brake currently make their home in Summersville, W.V. 3. Jack D. Miller, born January 12, 1925. Jack married Alice Conley and they are the parents of two children: Michael and Jennifer. Jack and Alice lived on Vandale Fork near Spencer, W.V. 4. Edward A. "Ted" Miller, born August 28, 1928. Ted first married Elmoregene Yvonne Phillips and they were the parents of three children: Carmen, Teresa, and Allen. After the death of Elmoregene, Ted married a second time to Carolyn (Bundeltte) Jones, the widow of Richard Jones, and they raised the following children: Monica Jones, Rhena Jones, and Phillip Jones. Ted repurchased part of the old Miller farm in 1977 and he and his wife live on part of the original 1160 acre tract.


The Miller Family has lived in Roane County for about 150 years. First appearing in Reedy District, Samuel Miller was the first settler at the mouth of Lesters Run. Samuel, the son of Samuel Miller, was born in Greenbrier Co. Va. April 25, 1796, died Jan. 13, 1874. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. He married Rebecca Carpenter, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Mann) Carpenter. Rebecca was born April 1, 1793, died Oct. 31, 1875. Their children were:

Joshua b. 1818 m. Samantha Runyan b. 1825 daughter of Henry Runyan.
Basil b. 1821 m. Lizia Tanner. 
Pancy b. 1822 m. Richard Wine, son of John and Susan Wine.
Jeremiah b. April 26, 1823 m. Adaline Tolley.
Samuel b. 1824 m. Mary Ann Roby. Elizabeth (Betsy) m. Alexander (Sandy) Board.
Emsy m. Charles Wine.
Thomas b. 1829 m. Druzilla Kerby.
Anderson b. 1837 m. Mary McKown.
John m. Susanna Hedrick.
Amos b. May 1828 d. July 7, 1907 m. Oct. 31, 1846 Jackson Co. to Susan Brannon b. Jan. 24, 1907 daughter of William and Mary (Paine) Brannon. Amos lived at various places on Reedy and Spring Creeks, and near the Old Mill Race, where he died. Their children were:

Timothy b. April 27, 1926 m. Wanda Bise.
Sept. 1974 Martha Boggs.

David Paul Miller b. Aug. 8, 1939 m. Charlott Fitzgerald. David served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1959 as a jet mechanic. Moving to Michigan in 1966 he was hired at General Motors. He was also a Police Officer in Bancroft. He married Barbara McKown, they have three children: Michelle, Angie, and Mike. They live in Lelan, North Carolina.

GORDON MILLER

Gordon, better known as Gordie was born in Spencer W.VA March 31, 1920. One of seven children of Harvey Miller and Maud Scott Miller. The children Herman, Mae, Clayton, Clestic, Clavin, Gordon and Scott. His Grandparents were: Scott Miller and Virginia Frum Scott. The Scott Miller Hill west of Ripley on the Ripley Road was named in honor of Gordon's grandfather Scott Miller. The old Miller home place was at the foot of Scott Miller Hill. Virginia Paxton Miller was born at Walton, W.V. Jan 6, 1922. One of nine children of W.P. Paxton and Lessie Kessel Paxton. Virginia Retha, Nina, Alice, Brooks, Ermadice, Gladys, Kenneth and Robert. Her grandparents were William Paxton and Cora Auxier Paxton. Guy W. Kessel and Gloria Dodd Kessel.


Gordon has worked 52 years for old United Fuel Gas and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.


Gordon was awarded an honorable discharge from the Navy in World War II with the 7th Fleet aboard the U.S.S. Triangulum. He was in the 65 day attack from the Japanese in the Pacific. He was in the battle of Luzon-Leyte and Lengayen Gulf, Liberation of the Philippine Islands. He received the Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Gordon belongs to the Mason Lodge, Wirt Chapter #82 Elizabeth, W. Va. and the American Legion. Virginia is a homemaker. Her interests are her family and reading. She belongs to the Ripley Chapter #17 Order of the Eastern Star and The Ladies Society of Ripley Tabernacle. The Miller's make their home at 311 Second Ave. in Spencer, W.Va.

Gordon and Virginia were married 50 years Sept. 25, 1937. Submitted by: Virginia Miller

HARVEY MILLER

Harvey Miller and Maud Scott Miller of Windsville had seven children. Herman, Mae, Clayton, Clestic, Calvin, Gordon and Scott.

Harvey's parents were Scott Miller and Lugenia McCoy Miller. Maud's parents were Henry Scott and Virginia Frum Scott. Harvey worked for United Fuel Gas Co. until his death in 1941. Maud died in 1939. At one time all of the sons worked for the United Fuel Gas Co. Herman retired from Spencer Compressor Station with 47 years of service. Clayton retired from Spencer Compressor with 40 years of service. Gordon at this writing has 52 years of service at Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.

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Harvey had two sons to serve in World War II. Gordon in U.S. Navy in the Pacific with the United States Transport in the European Theater 276 Infantry as a sharp shooter and was killed July 1944 in the Normandy Invasion in France.

Harvey and Maud are buried on the old

ROY AND ADDIE BAILEY MILLER

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MILLER FAMILY

Our ancestors originated from Germany. My great grandparents were Anderson and Mary Miller, who lived in the little community of Wellington. Roane Co. Consisting of a school and a grocery store, surrounding homes later named Millerville. They had four children: Jeff, Dora (Miller) Reynolds, Mary (Miller) Parrill and my grandfather James Albert Miller. In 1891, Albert married Eva Bell Miller, daughter of Hendrick and Martha Miller - they had seven children: (1) Rosie, (2) Frudie who died at birth, (3) Ethel, married Orville Amott and worked at the Diamond Dept. store in Charleston, W.Va. She also ran a boarding house. Ethel and Orville had two children: Ruth and Graham. Ruth married Ralph Hogg, and they had four children, Joann, who married Phil Finsterwald, Robert, Billy, and Jimmy unknown. Graham Amott married Imogene Dobbs, had two children: Christie and Steve, marriages unknown. (4) Icie - married Herbert Lee Wiggins of Romania, (5) Howard Miller - was employed at Goodyear Rubber plant in Akron, Ohio and married Gertrude Bower, they had two children: Edna and Frances, marriages unknown. (6) Wilber Glen Miller - engineer on the R.S. & G train from Ravenswood to Spencer, married Leota Thompson, lived in Parkersburg, and had one son, Clifford. My father (7) Doyle R. Miller was a farmer and was employed at the Spencer Lumber Factory at Nancy's Run around the mid 1920's. He married Rayla M. King of Upshor Co., she was employed by the W.P.A. of Spencer, in 1930. They had four children: Mary, James, Doris and Herbert. Herbert Lee - was employed at Waldeck's Cleaners, married Pauline Cottrill, they have two sons, Larry, employed at Pool Oil Co. and Kenneth Rice, married Barbara McCown, they have three children: Michelle, Angie and Mike. They live in Lelan, North Carolina.

Doris Jean - employed at Cavin Veterinarian Clinic here in Spencer, married Mayford Kelly, son of Thelma (Kelly) Sarver, he's employed at Kellwood Co. They have two children: Luther Forest and Darline. Luther Forest, employed by Pool Oil Co. He married Mary Sue Whited, they have two sons: Michael and Scott. Michael Todd is married to Alisa Westfall. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Scott lives at home. Darline - married Wayne Hershberger, employed at Norris Industries, they have twin daughters Jeanette and Jennifer, at home. James Miller of Barberton, Ohio was a mechanic, he married Elsie Mace, (divorced) then married Dora Wyatt of Reedy, they have one son. James Edward who married Terri Baldwin of Wadsworth, Ohio. I, Mary Louise, was employed at Casto Rubber Co. now known as Monarch Rubber Co. In 1946, I married Olen Kelly, and we have two children: Collin and Idonna. Collin named after the first American killed in W.W. II. He's married to Pamela Greathouse. They have two children: Paula Jean and Katrina Ray. Idonna Dec. is employed at G.C. Murphy's, married Joseph Love who is employed at Norris Industries, they have two children: Jokima Lynn and Lanaya Louise. Submitted by: Mary L. Kelly

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family home place. Maud's father Henry Scott was a Civil War veteran. His Civil War honorable discharge medal lay buried in the State Capital for 121 years. Mrs. Miller's father and mother are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery on Ripley Road. Submitted by: Virginia Miller

**MILLER**

Samuel Miller (1796) born at Greenbrier County, Virginia, married Rebecca Carpenter (1795-1875), daughter of Jerimah and Elizabeth (Man) Carpenter.

Children: Bazzel, Silas, Joshua, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jerimiah, Thomas Dee, Emily, John W., Amos, Anderson and Polly.

Samuel Miller was a soldier in the War of 1812. After living a short time on Spring Creek, he moved upon a tract of one thousand acres of forest he purchased, lying about the mouth of Stover Fork about the year 1830. He soon made a large and valuable farm of some hundreds of acres on which he lived for many years.

Bazzel (Basil) Miller (1820-1869) married Eliza Louise Tanner, daughter of Samuel and Sudna (Carpenter) Tanner. One of Souths and first settlers of Spencer, and whose first home was the cave on the Spencer High School campus. Known as 'The Cliffs', Eliza when about 100 walked. from her home in Curtis District to visit relatives living near New Haven, on the Ohio River.

Children: William Scott (1854 or 1855), George W. (1855), Rosetta (1860), and James (1864). Bazzel died on Left Road.

William Scott Miller married Eugenia McCoy (1860) daughter of Lemuel and Flora McCoy.

Children: Henderson Harvy (1878-1941), Newton, Ottis, M.T. (Joe), Louise, Margaret and Ann.

Harvey Miller married Maude Scott, the daughter of Henry L. and Virginia (Frum) Scott.

Children: Mac, Clisie, Herman. Clayton, Calvin, Gordon, and Scott, who was one of the first American soldiers to die in World War II.

Clayton Miller (1905-1970) married Beulah Edna (Bailey) (1909), daughter of Lloyd C. Bailey (1873-1962) and Ina May (Roberts). Lloyd was the son of Benjamin and Harriet (Hinzman) Bailey.


Frances Miller married William (Bill) A. Ball (1904-1964), who lived on Left Road.

Children: Richard Allen (1950), and Joyce Ann (1951).

Richard Allen Ball married Gay Jordan, daughter of Clarence and Audrey (Gore) Jordan from Peytona in Boone County.

Children: David Timothy (1971), Steven Michael (1972), and Tony Douglas (1974).

David, Steven, and Tony were members of the first Cross Country Team at Spencer High School in 1980. David became West Virginia State Champion of the A, AA, AAA in the cross country. Also State Champion in long distance 3200, 1600, and 800 meter events in track for 1988 and 1989.

David, a student at Marshall University in Huntington, has set his goal to become a U.S. Olympic runner.

Steven, a senior at Spencer High School plays football and runs cross country. Coaches from other schools are amazed at his physical ability to be able to participate in these two sports back to back.

Steve was state runner up in the 3200, 1600 meter events in track in 1988.

Tony, a sophomore at Spencer High School is active in cross country and a long distance runner in track.

Joyce Ann Ball married and divorced Roger Hudson of Belpre, Ohio. She moved to Atlanta, Georgia and just recently purchased a home in Marietta, Georgia. Submitted by: Frances M. Ball

**MITCHELL**

John Mitchell

During the Revolutionary War John Mitchell served five enlistments. John enlisted at Amelia County, Virginia. After the war, John married Obedience Vaughn and they had the following children: John Jr., Fabius L., James Sr., (Douton), Nancy H. (Foster), Martha (Goodwin), Sarah (Deaton), Thomas. Obedience (Bennett), and Ellen (Robinson).

Thomas Mitchell

John and Obedience Mitchell's son Thomas was born 5 December 1791. He served during the War of 1812 in Captain Moses Overton's Company of Infantry in the 5th Virginia Militia and later L.C. Col. Edward Jones. He was a pensioner (Floyd County, Virginia).

After the war, at Salem in Botetourt County, Virginia, on 11 December 1817, Thomas Mitchell married Peggy Snider, daughter of Henry and Jerimah Snider, a Revolutionary War soldier. To this union were born: John A., William V., Granville P., Samuel S., Henry S., Thomas, Charles F., George W., James V., Mary N., Margaret E., and Susan.

It is recorded in John Mitchell's Bible that Peggy Snider was born 16 November 1800. Thomas and Peggy raised their children in Floyd County, Virginia. In 1845 they bought a 1,000 acre tract today located at Speed, Roanoke County, Virginia. The old Mitchell Cemetery is located at the town of Floyd in Floyd County, Virginia. An old Mitchell Cemetery is located on the old Thomas Mitchell farm at Speed. This land in part is now owned today by a descendent of Thomas Mitchell.

William Vaughn Mitchell

William Vaughn Mitchell was born 21 November 1824, and died 6 April, 1895. He married Ellen Underwood, born 10 December 1811 and died 21 October, 1915 at the age of 104. Their children were: Rufus M., George Washington, Lewis Madison, Charles Thomas, James H., Will Andrew Jackson, Mary Elizabeth, and two infant daughters.

Lewis Madison Mitchell was born 1850 and died in 1907. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

**CHRISTIAN MONROE**

Christian (Chris) Monroe was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia on 17 August, 1854. He was seven years old when he came to Roanoke County with his parents, Henry and Martha Echard Monroe. His father, Christian Echard, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

The Henry Monroe home was about two miles off Route 36 on land later owned by Fred Vineyard. Chris had four brothers: Alexander married Nora Starcher: James married Maggie Dye: Charlie married Agnes Stevens: William married Virginia Hickie, the grandparents of Vaughn Monroe, well known band leader and singer of the 40's and 50's. Sisters: Josephine married Joseph Hickie: Mary married Thomas Campbell. Henry and Martha are buried near where their home was located.

Chris married Minerva McClintock Jan. 2, 1876. Minerva was born May 15, 1856 in
Russell County, Virginia. Her parents were William and Nancy Boothe McGuethin. They were also born in Russell County and came to Roane County about the same time as the Monroe.

Chris and Minerva lived first in a log house above where the Simmons Station was located. They later moved to what is known as the "Monroe Hollow" just off Route 36, near the Epling Chapel Church.


Chris left Roane County about 1915 and lived on a farm at Ravenswood, WV. Minerva died May 28, 1923 and he later married Mary Nichols. He moved to Florida about 1924 and lived in Pennsylvania and is buried there.

Submitted by: Mildred Miller

STEPHEN MONROE

Stephen (Steve) Monroe was born Jan. 15, 1881 in Roane County, the son of Chris (Chris) and Minerva McGuethin Monroe. He married Melissa Nida, born Mar. 13, 1879, daughter of John and Ellen Criner Nida. John was born Nov. 16, 1845, died Oct. 2, 1916. Ellen was born Aug. 9, 1845, died Jan. 1, 1929. Melissa was one of twelve children.

Stephen and Melissa lived in the hollow just above the Epling Chapel Church off Route 36 as where his parents also lived. It is still referred to as "Monroe Hollow."

MOORE

MOORE, Alonzo (b. 6-4-1869).

Son of William S. and Agnes Combs Moore on Limestone Ridge. Wood County.

As a young man he traveled to Seattle, Washington and worked in the timber industry and told of fishing in Puget Sound.

He came back to WV by train and during the journey the train was stopped by a gang and robbed. They were after a payroll shipment and didn’t even search the passengers.

He married Carrie Brooks Mason, daughter of John N. and Mary Davis Mason of Reedy, on 12-30-1900. The Masons had moved to a farm on Seaman Fork about 1895 and the newlyweds lived in a second house near her parents.

He worked in the timber business in Braxton County, hired his horses to haul in the oil fields, worked as a laborer for 50¢ per day and farmed. They raised turkeys and in the early 1920’s had “Turkey Round-Up” when other farmers would drive their turkeys to the Moore/Mason farm. Slaughter, pluck, pack in barrels of ice and haul them by wagon to Reedy for shipment by train to markets in larger communities. They also sold cream, chickens and eggs in Reedy and took their corn and wheat to the Reedy Mill to be ground into flour. They split all the rails for the farm fences and cleared the land for farming.


The Moore family was well known in the community and surrounding counties for their musical ability and traveled to area churches and events to entertain. They sang and played accompaniment throughout their lives in family groups, church groups, quartets and as soloists. Eugene served the Reedy Methodist Church as choir director for many years. Submitted by: Eugene Moore

MOORE

My great grandfather, Henderson Moore, born 1850 in Kentucky, came to Roane county around 1872. His father John M. Moore born 1791 and Mother, Esther, born 1787 in Virginia. John was in the Civil War. His wife went through the woods and took food to them.

Henderson was an officer in the Civil War. He owned 400 acres on Sandy. His children George S. born 1870 in Kentucky, married Freda Moss, daughter of Thomas L. (Reverend) and Elizabeth Jane (Meadows) Moss. George was a farmer, surveyor, jailer and lawyer. He had just moved his office to Spencer when he died of Malaria and Typhoid. He was elected Senator for the State of West Virginia 1902. He died six weeks later. My mother, Rosa (Moore) Hess said because of hard campaigning. His picture shown was blown up from one of his campaign buttons.

George had twelve children: Orpha born 1893 married Gay Graham. They had ten children, Kittle died six months, Rosa born.
1896 had a twin Amuda, who died at birth; Rosa married Princeton Hess. They had fifteen children of whom I am the 11th: Mae born 1897 had a twin Jenny Mae who died at birth. Mae married Lundy Holcomb. They had eight children; Romeo born 1898 married Clara Walker 1919. She died 1922, they had one son. He then married Ruth Baker, they had two children; A Moore child Feb, 1899. Dec. 1899, Dec. 1900. Kenny 1900, Charles 1903 married Ida Adkins, they had three children. They separated and he married again.

Henderson had one daughter Maty born 1871 in Kentucky. She died between 1880 & 1900. Anderson born 1873 in Kentucky. He was a General in the Army. He went to Tenn. we don't know where and don't know if he ever returned. He married Ona. Tennessee is where rose brick was made at the Morford brickyard. It is said the brick ovens were built between 150 and 200 years.

John Amyot was the son of Isaac Newton Morford whose father was James (1766-1859). James father was Daniel (1740-1833), his father, John Morford (1713-1812), and his father was Thomas (1650-1750). It is presumed Thomas came to Maryland from the Isle of Jersey off the coast of England in 1653.

John Amyot had two families from his marriages to two sisters. His first wife was Elizabeth Taylor and they had five children: Elizabeth, Margaret, Isaac Newton, John Taylor and George. Following Elizabeth Taylor's death, John wed her sister Hannah. Their children were Priscilla, Mary, Patrick Hagan and Ona.

Shortly after the Civil War, John and Hannah and the children came to Spencer where he bought land on Egypt Ridge, built a home and farmed. The children then married into local families.

Of the first family, Elizabeth and Margaret married a Miller and an Evans. Isaac Newton (Newt) wed Sophia Springer and had six children: Ivan, Harold, Charles, Ocie, Lois, and Ruby. John Taylor Morford was a traveling dentist who made his home on Triplett, and he was called ‘Molly’. Dr. John Stoops of Pennsylvania, had Charles, John, Harry, Rita, and Ona. Patrick Hagan wed Mariah Elizabeth Newton, their children being Byron Leslie, Mary Elizabeth, John Jarrett, Alan Vincent, Estelle (infant death), and Ethel Clare. Ona and Homer Bennett had no children.

The second family included Priscilla, husband Whitman Stalnaker and children: Hagan Guy and Maude, Mary, and Nan (called ‘Molly’), and Dr. John Stoops of Pennsylvania, had Charles, John, Harry, Rita, and Ona. Patrick Hagan wed Mariah Elizabeth Newton, their children being Byron Leslie, Mary Elizabeth, John Jarrett, Alan Vincent, Estelle (infant death), and Ethel Clare. Ona and Homer Bennett had no children.

Of the second family’s second generation: Byron (1897-1956) wed Ardiz Heck (1899-1980) and had Joe Allen (1920-1988), and Carolyn Leah (Pacheco), both of Parkersburg, born in 1914 (1947) and Ralph Daniels’ daughter is Mrs. Mel Freeman of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. John (1906-1961) married Frances Miles and with daughters Patricia (Ortega) and Jan (Facheco), spent years and died in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Alan was in the Roane County educational system, moved to Florida in the 1950’s. He and wife Evelyn Herold were parents to Lois Jean. Alan was born in 1912, died in 1967. Ethel Clare (1915-1997) spent her life in Spencer and lived in the Morford home on Center St. She married Fred Smith and they had four children: Mrs. Peg Sinnett of California, Fred Jr. of Maryland, Mrs. Jane Secret of Nevada, and Mrs. Mary Holbert of Pittsburgh.

John Amyot Morford, his wife Hannah, and many of their family are buried in the Morford Cemetery on Egypt Ridge and the Little Creek Cemetery on Triplett. Submitted by: Patrick Hagan Snyder

MORRISON


Nathan Lee Morrison

My aunts are Linda Sue Morrison born Nov. 7, 1947 who was married to Freddie Carter and lives in Spencer. My mother’s sister, Pamela Lynn Harold born Sept. 6, 1951, lives in El Dorado, Arkansas and is married to Johnny Brasher. Every Summer, with my family, I go to visit my Aunt Pam, sometimes traveling to other states, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana. I always look forward to my visits.

Loyd and Leona (Fluhart) Parsons, Roma and Alice G. (Casto) Webb: Hoyt and Ethel (Starcher) Morrison and Kelly and Ethel (Keen) Harold were my great grandparents.

My Dad, David, owns his own equipment and likes to work outdoors. He served in the U.S. Army from May 27, 1959 to December 8, 1971 and is a Vietnam Combat Veteran, Honorably Discharged. His Medals include a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

My Mother has a Master Degree in Social Work from West Virginia University. For 16 years and until its closing in 1989, she worked at Spencer State Hospital. Now she works for Western District Guidance Center as a Case Manager providing service to the Developmentally Disabled Adults.

Currently I am in the 4th grade at Spencer Elementary School. I work hard to make good grades and last year was an Honor Student. I attend Spencer Baptist Temple Church. Submitted by: Nathan Lee Morrison

Moss

Robert J. Moss was the first of this name to become a resident of Reedy, Roane County. He was born in Louisa Co., Virginia in 1840. His parents came to Harrison Co., and lived on a farm. Robert grew up. He came to Burning Springs on the Little Kanawha River when a young child, and worked in timber and flat boat. He then moved to Reedy, June 10, 1868 and married Eliza V. Rhodes, also of Virginia. They made their home on Middle...
fork of Reedy. They had a farm of over 200 acres. Robert and Eliza had the following children: Richard H., Minnie, James, Holly, Fannie, Robert, William, Thomas and Lexie, all of whom are deceased.

After the death of Eliza, Robert, at the age of 56, married Elizabeth Rader, daughter of Harvey Rader, Aug. 6, 1899. Elizabeth was 29 years old and the widow of Louis Wyatt. The Wyatt’s had two children. Axel Wyatt married Hattie Rollins and resided in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio until his death. Axel and Hattie had 2 children, Robert and Beatrice. Hattie Wyatt married Elzie Wright and they resided in Ritchie Co., WV, until their death.

Robert and wife Elizabeth, better known as ‘Aunt Lizzie’ had the following children: John Harvey, ‘Doggie’; Glen W., ‘Cooper’; Davis, ‘Carter’; Benny Buel, ‘Primp’ and Maxine.

Robert died Sept. 1908 from injuries received when he was thrown to the ground by an unruly bull he was driving along the road. By a will of written and witnessed in 1895, he left a rather large estate bequeathed and devised for maintenance and education of his children.

J. Harvey married Hazel Matics, daughter of Dick and Ivy Matics of Reedy. They had one daughter, Eloise. He later remarried a lady by the name of Delphina and they resided in Parkersburg, WV, until their death.

Glen married Opal Fore, daughter of Bailey and Martha Fore of Reedy. They had the following seven children: Darlene, Mary, Willadean, June, Helen, Geneva and Glen. Opal died during the birth of Glen. He later remarried a lady by the name of Hazel and they resided in Pt. Pleasant, WV, until their death.


Buel married Geraldine Wetter, daughter of Edward and Sarah Wright Wetter of Reedy. They had the following children: Rex, Dean, Rettie Ellen, Gene, Anna Faye, Benny, June and Robert. They resided in Petroleum, Ritchie Co., WV, until the death of Buel.

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Myers Pickering and Ruby N. Myers Reed
lives in Dunedin, Florida and they have three children, Stephanie Lynn James David and Allie. Anna lives in College — Stephanie goes to Florida State University and Lisa and David go to Tallahassee Junior College. Nancy is also working on her Masters Degree in Psychology.

David Myres married Alexander Taylor from Morgantown on December 28, 1936. They have four children — Stacey Diane, Kelley Alexandra, Karen Marie, and Jason David.

These seven grandchildren of Joe and Weezie have always been active in sports. Stacey is a graduate of the University of Delaware, Newark, Del. While Stacey was in school, she belonged to the Diving Team. Once while competing with another college, the diving board came back up and Stacey, after in the air — losing only about twelve feet. After recovering from this accident, she went back to diving once more. Since graduation from the University of Delaware, she has followed in the footsteps of her Dad, by going through the same University of Delaware, in Pennsacola, and has earned her Wings and is an Ensign in the Navy. She is a Navigator on Navy P-3 Orion. The second daughter, Kelley Alexandra is a graduate of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, where she was recruited because of her basketball experience during her years at Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, Pa. Karen, the third daughter is a student at West Virginia University in Morgantown. Jason, the youngest of the children is a student at Central Bucks West in Doylestown, Pa.

When Nancy was a very small child, she was in Fallensbee, West Virginia visiting some friends. While there, the family took her swimming. The Pool was on top of a building. There was a railing around the swimming pool. Nancy toppled over and fell to the ground. She could have been injured badly or even fatally injured, except for her fall being broken by some trees. That is two times trees have had a part protecting one of our lives.

Joe and Weezie are always busy with Church work and also spend lots of time working with Antiques and going to Flea Markets. They have celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary April 8, 1989. Submitted by: Mrs. Joe Myres

NESTER

The beginning of the Roane County Nester family in this country began with Jacob b. 1761, who migrated from Germany at a young age and settled in what is now Harrison County and purchased a farm and home. In 1804, they moved to Walton, where we continue to live in the American Revolutionary War. His grandson, Samuel W. b. 1823, died in 7-20-1864 from wounds received in the Civil War. His widow, Elizabeth Smith and eleven children moved to Roane County shortly after Samuel's death. Their youngest child Samuel Dias b. 4-10-1864, d. 12-22-1927 married Francis Carpenter, their union produced twelve children. Their oldest, Ellet E. b. 2-4-1889, d. 2-25-1962, who retired from the Natural Gas Company, married Anna May Walters and they had one son, Ralph Jamison Nester b. 1-11-1917.

Ralph married Wanda "Beck" Board and they have two daughters, Beverly Kay, b. 6-10-1942 and Jerry. Beverly has three children, one daughter, Anna Nester Cox and two stepsons. Doug G. and Christopher L. Cox. Mary Ann has one daughter Laura Kay Orr.

Ralph J. Nester a lifelong Roane County native, has been a very involved citizen in Roane County business, politics, and Masons. Ralph is well known as a Roane County historian and has the largest collection of Roane County original photographs on record. This collection has been used in several publications. Submitted by: Beverly Nester Cox and Mary Ann Nester Ricketts

NEWLON

The Newlon family of Mountmellick, Queens County, Ireland arrived in America in 1833. Thomas Newlon (1773-1814) and wife, Sarah, were the first Newlons to settle in what is now Harrison County, West Virginia. They had six children, one of which was John Newlon born 1798.

In 1854, John married Mariah Allen born 1800. They had five children, one of which was Salathiel Johnson Newlon (1859-1908).

Salathiel J. Newlon was a carpenter and a Corporal in the Union Army (1861-1864). He fought at Bull Run, Gettysburg and other engagements. In 1865, he married Lydia Barlett (1846-1937).

In 1883, the Newlon family moved from Taylor County to a large farm near Triplet on Roane County. They eventually had, 14 children, the fifth of which was George Baxter "Bash" Newlon (1870-1957). April 1, 1900, "Bash" married Ethel A. Fox (1881-1955), daughter of Rev. Jarret Fox of Grace Community. They lived at Huntington, West Virginia for several years where he was employed as a carpenter for C & O Railroad.

In 1918, the Newlons returned to Roane County and purchased a farm and home that had been built in 1876 by Ethel's father, Rev. Jarret M. Fox. "Bash" and Ethel Newlon were the parents of William B. (1901-1983), Walter M. (1906-1907), Henry R. (1908-1972), Edna O. (1910-1913), Emmett O. (1913-1975), Juanita V. (Newlon) Jones (1916), Jarrett S. (1919), and David B. (1921).

Jarrett (Jerry) Salathial Newlon (April 6, 1919) and Sarah Evelyn Dotson (May 11, 1923) (daughter of Rev. W. D. Dotson), both of Grace Community, were married August 9, 1941, at New River, Virginia.

In 1941, they purchased the family farm on Bear Run, in Grace Community where they now live. Jerry was a non-commissioned officer of the U. S. Navy serving in the South Pacific during W W II. He was employed 52 years by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Research Service.

Evelyn was employed over 20 years as a bookkeeper.

The Newlons have been quite active in social and civic organizations since before their marriage. They have been involved with 4-H, American Legion, Masons, Women's Clubs, Church, etc.

Jerry, a Farm Bureau member of 56 years, is on the Board of Directors of West Virginia Farm Bureau and is President Emeritus of Roane County Farm Bureau.

Evelyn is a member of West Virginia Farm Bureau Women's Committee, where she has served for several years.

The Newlons have farmed together for 48 years. They have won the title of County Conservation Farmer three times and District Conservation Farmer twice in the Little Kanawha Soil Conservation Farmer Contest.

While having only one child of their own, Lawrence David, they have opened their home and helped raise other children.

Lawrence "Larry" David Newlon was born at Charleston, West Virginia September 10, 1942. A graduate of Spencer High School, West Virginia University (B.S. and M. A. in Education), and University of Pittsburgh (M.A. in Business Administration). On August 18, 1962, he married Mary K. Hathaway born July 25, 1943 at Akron, Ohio.

They have two children. Laura Diana born July 12, 1967 and Amy Ruth born January 31, 1971. Laura graduated as a Medical Technologist from Alderson-Broaddus College and Amy is a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Larry is a Load Forecasting Analyst with Allegheny Power Service Corporation of Greensburg, Pennsylvania with 25 years service. He is also a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves with 25 years service.

Mary K. graduated from West Virginia University and is employed in the Pennsylvania School System. Submitted by: Jarrett S. and Evelyn Newlon

NICHOLS

My name is Roy Ray Nichols. I am the son of the late Elijah and Rebecca Nichols. My grandfather and grandmother were Robert and Margaret Nichols. My great-grandfather was Zephaniah Nichols. I am a life long resident of Roane County. I was born June 23, 1916 at Davers Run, Clin. Roane County. My brothers and sister are; Otto and Roscoe, which are still living, Lula, Hollie, and Nellie are deceased.

I married Melba Vennice Ashworth. She is the daughter of Sarah Florence and the late Curt Ashworth. We resided on Davers Run until 1957 then we moved up on Johnson Creek near Walton. In 1962 we moved to Walton where we continue to live today. We reared and raised ten chil-
dren, which are all still living today. Following are our children's names, marriages, and their children.

Betty Jean is married to Lowell Thomas Nichols. They have three children, Dallas Eugene, Lowell Anthony, and Christy Lynn. Dallas is married to Ruth Ann Higginbothom. They have three children, which are Betty's grandchildren, Melony Ann, Kathy Jo, and Dallas Lee. Lowell Anthony is married to Teresa Jett.

Diana Faye is married to William Lawrence Walton. They have one child, Johnny.

Leon is married to Carol Sue Brewster. Leon has five children, Michael Leon, Gregory Allen, Leona Lynn, Roger Dale, and Keith Wayne. Carol has three children, Johnny Robert is deceased, Warren Lee, and Vonda Lynn.

Sandra Gay is married to Deimas Harry Walker. They have two children, Tammy Rena and Douglas Harry.

Teddy Ray is married to Connie Sue Reynolds. They have four children, Toby Todd, Tracy Ray, and twin girls, Carrie Sue and Sherrie Lou.

Tony Lee is married to Stella Marie Stowers. They have two children, Bryan Lee and Heather Marie.

Terry Wayne is married to Cheryl Janiee Price. They have three children, Chad Allan, Keith Delwayne, and Joseph Loren.

Sally Ann is married to David Hershal Anderson. They have two children, Wendy Sue and Seth Adam.

Timothy Roy is married to Martha Jane Frame. They have two children, Shannon LeJean and Shelly Dawn.

Shelia Kay is married to Robert Loring Voelker. They have one child, Samantha Erin.

As you have read Vernace and I have ten children, five boys and five girls. There is six years difference between our ages, and six years between each girls ages with all the boys scattered throughout. We have twenty-eight grandchildren ranging in ages thirty-three down to two months. We have three great grandchildren and we're still growing. Submitted by: Roy Ray Nichols.

CALEY NIDA (NIDY)

Caleb Nida was born in Roane County, Newton District in 1850, and died at Welch Creek, Kanawha County in 1956. Leaving 106 direct descendants at the time. His parents were Bartley Nida and Elizabeth (Damewood) Nida. The last record Bartley appears on that he found is the 1860 Roane census. What happened to him is unknown.

After 1860, Elizabeth and Caleb moved in with Peter and Susan Hammack of Roane and Elizabeth appears as housekeeper on the 1870 census. Caleb's two sisters, Sarah Margaret and Mary, were living with two separate families in Kanawha County. The Civil War years had torn the family apart, but when Sarah Margaret married George Beckett, of Kanawha County, Elizabeth, Caleb and Mary moved in with them, and the family was reunited for a while.

Caleb married Mercy Ann Coleman whose parents were James and Lucinda (Estep) Coleman of Roane County. Caleb's marriage certificate lists him as Caleb Nidy, and it appears he kept this spelling as did every descendant I have found. He was a farmer and carpenter. Caleb and Mercy had ten children.

Bartley Nida was one of six brothers who were born in Botetourt County, Virginia and all came to what is now West Virginia after 1850. The parents of these six brothers were John and Margaret (Huffman) Nida. Jr. Here again, I do not know what happened to John, but Margaret raised the children and came with them to Roane, living with her youngest son Henry.

Henry Nida (Niday) took the Niday spelling, which most of his descendants took, though some retained Nida. After his first wife Susanna, passed away, he married a widow Emily Booker, who had several children with Henry. He died in Roane.

Margaret's son, Caleb, came to Roane. His first wife was Anna Nida who he married in Giles County, Virginia. Anna's sister Sarah married Nicholas Carpenter who also came to Roane. Caleb's second wife was LeVista Abbott of Roanoke County, Virginia, formerly Botetourt County. Caleb had children with both wives. He died in Roane.

Peter Nida married Cassandra Abbott, whose parents Andrew and Mary Abbott were of Botetourt County. After Cassandra's death, Peter married Julia Ann White. He had children by both wives, and died in Roane.

Lewis Nida married a woman named Ema-line and came to Roane, but later moved on to Lincoln County.

James Nida came to Kanawha County, then moved on to Lincoln County.

Caleb and Mercy are buried in the Nidy Family Cemetery near Elkhov on his old farm. The property is now owned by Tom and Marie (Nidy) Sharp.

Some of the descendants of these Nidy's still live in Roane today. Some other cousins came to West Virginia settling in Lincoln and Mineral Counties, with mainly the Nidy and Niday spellings. Those related families that remained in Virginia mostly seemed to take the Niday spelling. Submitted by: Burke Nidy.


NIDY

I, Marie (Nidy) Sharp, would like for my family to be a part of the Roane County History Book. I feel a love and closeness to Roane County because it was in the town of Newton that my Great-Grandparents lived 131 years ago.

Their names were Bartley Nida and Elizabeth (Damewood) Nida. They had two sons, Sarah Margaret born in 1854, and Mary born in 1856. On March 20, 1858, a son was born. His name was Caleb, and he was my Grandfather.

I have found through much research, that sometime before 1870, something happened to my great-grandfather Caleb. The 1870 census of Roane County list my great-grandmother Elizabeth and my grandfather Caleb, living with the Peter Hammack family. Sarah Margaret was living with the Adam and Jane Fauley family. Mary was living with the John and Barbara Summers family. I also discovered that in 1868, Elizabeth joined the Flat Fork Baptist Church. She had previously attended the Johnson Creek Church.

On March 9, 1881 Caleb married Mercy Ann Coleman. She was the daughter of James and Lucinda (Estep) Coleman. They lived on Coleman's Run.
James Walden Noel b. 1845 in Paluska County, Va. and his wife, Margaret Virginia Ramsey b. 1850 in Monroe Co. Va. moved to Coontiine, Roane Co. from Monroe Co. in the early 1860’s. Their children were Matthew Alexander b. 1869; Ella May Williams b. 1872; Sarah “Fanny” Drophy b. 1873; Minnie V. Whited b. 1875; Mary Susan Burgess b. 1878; James Mandrell b. 1880; Daisy B. Westfall b. 1881. Henry Hamilton; Holly; Otis Camden b. 1888; and Eula Harper b. 1889. James’s mother, Sophia A. Noel b. 1865 lived with them until she died at age 93.

My grandfather, Otis Camden 1888-1961 married Lucy Lucinda Brown 1894-1975, daughter of James Alexander Brown b. 1856 and Maria Frances Turpin b. 1856 of Left Hand. He was a farmer as was his father and they lived most of their life in the Coontiine, Johnson Creek area. They had fifteen children: Loyd b. and d. 1915, Lawrence Everette 1914-1973, Harley Woodson 1916, Dannel Meads 1918; Jennings Lester; Roy Carlos; Icy May Mullins. Rosa Faye Kelly; Iva Myrtle Schoolcraft; Alsie Beaulah Fields b. 1930; Eugene Hamilton 1931-1968; Doyle Ray 1934-1968; Theolina Lucinda Delatore b. 1937; Elliott Camden b. 1939 and Herbert Lee b. 1941.

NOEL

James Walden “Noble” Noel (1847-1919) was born in Monroe County, Va. son of James Noel (d. 1860) and mother (). He served both in the Confederate and Union Armies. Three brothers, Nathaniel, Jacob, Lafayette and James deserted the Confederate Army. Escaping, James hid under a fallen log, covering himself with leaves, and hid from his pursuers. His brothers went ahead and cut off one soldier almost stepped on him as he stepped over the log. Understand that James’ heart almost stopped from fear. The three brothers were never heard from and it is possible, captured and executed as deserters. James joined the Union Army and served under a Captain Brown and took part in the battle of Cloyd’s Farm/Mountain in Virginia.

He moved to Roane County sometime in the early 1870’s, living at the mouth of Roundknob on Foca River. After the oil fields were being developed, he purchased a farm on Coontiine living there until his death. He worked both as a tenant and a farmer with his other occupation shoe cobbler, he was able to live moderate.

I remember my Grandmother Whited telling us that her Mother had to wash their clothes out each night, so that her sisters and brother would wash clothes to go to school. James was an accomplished musician, playing the fiddle for social events.

James married Margaret Ramsy (1849-1920) in 1869 in Monroe County, WVA. Twelve children were born to this union. One child was stillborn and eleven lived to maturity. 1. Mathew Alexander “Alex” (1870-1946); 2. Henry (1886-1954); 3. James ( ); 4. Oatis ( ); 5. Susan Burgess ( ); 6. Minnie Whited (1875-1953); 7. Daisy Westfall ( ); 8. Eula Harper ( ); 9. Holly (1884-1907); 10. Mae Williams; 11. Fanny Dody (1918).


6. Minnie and Isaac Whited were married 1894 and nine children were born to this union. 1. Wilford (1894-1956) married Oletha Paul (1921); two children, Darrel and Marlene (1933) and second marriage, married Docie Fisher ( ) in ( ); one stepdaughter, Lois Fisher. 2. Goldie (1938-1953) married Earl Addison Lynch (1985-1962) in 1922, two sons, Charles I. (1929) and Wilbur Earl (1926-60). 3. Iva (1901-03). 4. Ibis “Joe” (1908-61) married Orva Vineyard (1903- ).


WWI, Wilford Monroe Whitel, US Army Quarter Master Corp, Lumberjack, cutting timber in Oregon for aircrafts. Submitted by: Ruby Shaver

TRIBUTE TO GENEVA HUMPHREYS NOLAN

It was my privilege to work with Geneva Nolan during 25 years of her 25 years service as Meigs County Home Extension Agent. During her twenty-five years as Extension Agent she probably worked harder and contributed to more families than any other agent in the state. I felt that it would be only fitting to voice some appreciation on the tremendous impact she made in the county over that twenty-five year period.

Preceding my acquaintance with Mrs. Nolan, she had already been recognized for her work as local government officials requested her to stay in the county, and my predecessor had to leave.

One project that stands out in my mind was the cotton mattress project. Under this program, Mrs. Nolan had completed supervision of the twelve centers where the mattresses were constructed by hand. Over 1,000 Meigs County families benefitted from that project.

In home economics work, Mrs. Nolan had one of the best programs in the state. At its peak, thirteen local clubs were organized at one time. One is still in existence. Each local club held monthly meetings with assistance from Mrs. Nolan. The high-
The Nutter family is of English origin, and the records of America's development show Nutters among the early settlers. The Nutter line to which we belong can be traced back to Christopher Nutter (first generation) in America, who came to Virginia about 1662. His wife Mary was transported from England about 1665. They moved to Maryland about 1674. Their son, Matthew (second generation) born about 1685, married Ann Huet.

Matthew and Ann Huet Nutter were the parents of John Huett Nutter (third generation) who married Ann Nutter - any relationship of Ann to John is not established. John Huett and Ann Nutter Nutter were the parents of Matthew Nutter born 11-26-1737. This Matthew Nutter (fourth generation) married Elizabeth Goodwin and they were the parents of William Nutter, (fifth generation). The birth date of William is not established. William Nutter married Mary Starr on 11-4-1803 or 11-13-1803. They are the parents of Isaac W. born 1811/1812. Isaac Nutter (sixth generation) married Martha Ann Hoibert (her parents are not known) about 1834. Isaac W. and Martha Ann Hoibert Nutter are the parents of Joseph Nutter - the progenitor of the family line with this writer is concerned.


The farm on which Joseph and Manerva Starcher Nutter lived and reared their family is located in the headwaters of Big Run about two miles from the junction of Henry's Fork and the West Fork of the Little Kanawha River, near Rocksdale, WV. The farm is in the eastern part of Roane County. The house was built and was torn down in 1950, and material used to build another house. The land was owned by John Morton Nutter, after the death of Selina "Tine" and Nancy Ann Nutter. They had lived there all their life. After John Morton Nutter's death, the land was sold to Carl and Canton Nutter. His wife, illida, and their two children, Nancy Ann and James Carl sold the farm after Carl's death.

Joseph died 4-23-1907, and Manerva on 6-10-1914.

John Morton Nutter married Malinda "Linda" b-2-24-1873 daughter of Elisas and Matilda Greathouse Connally. Elisa's parents were George and Margaret Bookler Connolly and Matilda parents were John and Sarah Mcclade Greathouse. According to the Bible records, Marriage on Easter Sunday 4-7-1901 by Reverend Kendall, of Little Creek and his wife Millie as witness. John and Linda had 2 sons: William Jennings. b-5-30-1903 and Carl Joe b-1-6-1906.

Wm. Jennings became an accountant and owned several businesses during his life time. Jennings and Nina E. Carpenter had a daughter, June Eloise b-7-24-28. Nina later married Cecil Henthorne and June grew up with her step-fathers name. Wm. Jennings died in 1957, both buried in Cecil's Henthorne family line.

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The family was active in county service. Mrs. Nolan was an active supporter of the county Extension Agent, serving Meigs County 25 years. She was active in the Meigs County Junior Fair, and many individuals on special problems and interests.

During Mrs. Nolan's twenty-five years of service, it is estimated that nearly 10,000 different individuals participated under Mrs. Nolan's supervision. The county population of over 20,000 people, 10,000 club members over a twenty-five year period has a great influence. During the period of her service, Mrs. Nolan had many state winners. In addition, national winners such as Melva Fay Jordan, Betty King, Genelist, Dan, Mary Katherine Turtle Rose, Patricia Blakeslee Circle, and others were not uncommon.

In addition to her work with homemakers, Mrs. Nolan was an active supporter with the garden clubs of the county. Farmers and Community Institutes, the Meigs County Junior Fair, and many individuals on special problems and interests.

Mrs. Geneva Humphreys Nolan, b-12-13-1884, died early Sunday morning at Holzer Medical Center following an extended illness. Mrs. Nolan was the daughter of the late William Preston and Luvenia Dorcas Henderson Humphreys of Walton, Roane County, WV. She was born September 2, 1905. Attended the Mt. Lebanon Grade School and graduated from Walton High School in 1929. She was a member of the Adventist church since the age of seventeen where she also served as a Sabbath School Teacher. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by three brothers, Wm. Jennings died in October 1986 and the children went to school there and still have an attachment to Glenville. They later moved to Lakeland, Florida.

Joseph William married Joanna Grifenh 4-16-1955, and they had four children, Joseph William II, b-9-4-1956 and died 7-25-1977, married Barbara Herndon 4-25-1981, and they have one child, Melissa Ann b-10-26-85. Michael William b-9-6-1962, married Marie Anna Cessle 10-24-1980, and were divorced 2-7-88. Marianne b-6-12-1964, married Ronald Eugene Hunt and they have one daughter, Jessica Lynn b-9-7-86, and expecting another one in January 1990. Virginia Lynn, second child of Jennings and Belle married 12-17-54 Thomas E. Garner, Jr., they have no children and live in Keystone Heights, Fla. John Anthony as of this date is not married and lives in the house that belonged to his parents.

William Jennings died in October 1986 and Belle died in April 1987. They are both buried in Lakeland, Florida.

June married Warren P. Hudson 12-30-1945 while he was still in the Army Air Force after WWII. Their first child, Iris b-11-8-46 in the Panama Canal Zone. He was discharged from the service in 1947 and they moved to Columbus County, Ohio. There they had Sam b-4-7-49, and died 8-4-79. Mildred Kaye "Midge" b-9-3-54 and Warren P. Jr., (Pete) b-6-29-56. In 1959 they moved back to Wirt County WV and reared their children there. Iris L. is married to Larry D. Smith and they have two children, and live in Midge married to Richard Tom II and they have two sons: Evan Hudson Thom b-1-14-85 and Colin Richard Thom b-10-7-87. Pete lives in Morgantown and is not married as of this date. June's mother, Nina E. Carpenter Henthorne died 12-13-1985. Cecil having died in 1957, both buried in Hodam Cemetery, Spring Creek, Roane County.
HENRY O'BRIEN

O'Brien, Henry, one of eight children born in Roane County, 1891 to John M. O'Brien (1849) and Mary Jane (Fowler) O'Brien (1836-1919). My great, great grandfather, John M. O'Brien immigrated from Ireland in the mid 1790's and later crossed the mountains with the first settlers and settled in Suttonville, Braxton County, West Virginia. My great, great grandmother, Mary Jane O'Brien, was 18 months old. Lavina and Delia were born to the family. Lavina and Delia had moved from Pennsylvania around 1890.


Della was a good wife and mother. She died March 12, 1962. Both are buried in Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Submitted by: Elmer O'Brien

Ogdens

Osborne M. Ogden and his brother, Robert F. Ogden, came to Roane County in 1835. Both men acquired farms on the Middle Fork of Sandy between Peyton and Uler. Osborne (1815-1914) married Sarah L. Pettit (1857-1884). They were the parents of four daughters, Elizabeth (1858-1902) who married Harlcy Rogers, Alonzo (1861-1940) who married John P. Rogers, Mary L. (1871-1934) who married Oscar Sherman Taylor, and Sarah A. (1876-1909) who married Amos A. Laughlin.

Mr. Ogden was a farmer and during the War of the Confederacy served with the Army of the Confederacy. The family is buried in the Ogden Cemetery near Uler, West Virginia. Submitted by: Lester Taylor

OWENS


Don and Barbara Owens


The family moved to Seward, Kansas in 1947 where Carl worked on the Alaska Railroad.

Following his graduation from Seward High School in 1953, Don entered the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Fort Ord, Calif., South Korea, and Fort Riley, Kansas. After his discharge from service, he returned to Alaska. He worked for the Alaska Steamship Company as a longshoreman until the 1964 Earthquake destroyed the dock area. Then he worked for the Alaska Railroad.
PARRISH

Clerc Alexander Parrish (1884-1955) was loved by many for his kindness and generosity. He was born in Hereford, Jackson County, the son of Calder Hamond and Mary Frances (Parsons) Parrish. He married Virginia Louise Godfrey in 1916. Their children were Robert Alexander, Jackson Clerc, Virginia Louise (Daniell), and Bruce Oliver.

Clerc Parrish was active in business for many years. He was a partner in his brother Homer's grocery at Market/Beauty Streets. He owned numerous homes in Spencer and sections of his Grandfather's tract in Jackson County.

He went to work for his sister, Berta Huddleson, and the rest is history. He later went to the Church and Court Streets and later became sole owner.

With the assistance of W. A. Ball, a life-long employee, thousands of board feet of rough lumber were hauled into the company. Henry Wilson, Jr. of Clarksville and Wirt Counties where it was stacked, dried, planed and sized to be sold as framing and boards used inside and outside many of the homes in these same counties. The milling was powered by aBessemer gas engine driving a primary and secondary shaft to which were attached numerous wood pulleys which, in turn, powered individual machines such as planers, joiners, ripsaws, cut-off saws, and mortising and tenoning machines.

The company also served as chief distributor for building materials. The wood was shipped into Spencer via the B. & O. Railroad. Lumber, cement, roofing, wallboard, etc. were unloaded on rail cars onto elevated elevator tracks which would gravity feed them into the mill yard where they would be stored in covered sheds.

After World War II, under the direction of his son Jack, the system of central gas power was converted to electric with each machine operating off its own motor.

His wife, Louise Godfrey Parrish was a staunch, beautiful lady who reared her family in the highest custom of the day. During the depression she went into the business, managing the books and all that entailed. C.A. can be quoted as saying, "I made it and your mother took care of it."

C.A. was an active, able man throughout most of his life. His favorite hobby was cattle farming. He could ride a horse at full gallop, standing on his hands. He survived a severe tractor accident in later life and finally succumbed to Hodgkin's disease after a fourteen year struggle.

C.A. was a kind man. He knew the advantage of education. He acquired his teaching certificate in his late teens, worked in a pottery mill in Ohio, was a street car conductor in Pittsburgh, and came to Spencer to begin his business career. He traveled extensively, vacationing in Florida, Canada, the Midwest, California and Alaska. Submitted by: Bruce Parrish

PARRISH

Parrish family history tells us, Edward (1640-?) and Clara (or Mary) Parrish, came from Yorkshire, England. Settled near Baltimore, Maryland sometime before 1668. Very likely Edward was accompanied from England by several family members and their three daughters. A will dated 3-14-1722 of Edward grants rights of children: Edward, Mary, Anne, John and William. John Parrish (1672-1727) married Sarah Franklin Horne (?) on 11-23-1700 in Maryland. Names of their children, found are: William, John. Edward and Richard, there may have been others.

Richard Parrish (1717-1785) married Rachel Evans (b. 1733) and they had only one child, a son Edward, born in Baltimore, Maryland.

Edward Parrish (1748-1813) possibly was married three times. The third wife being Rachel Evans (?) mother of this line of descendants. Edward came to Monongalia Co., WV in 1784. In 1785, he bought land on Oraft's Run, 7-15-1785. In 1800 land became center of law suit between Edward Parrish and Jacob Scott. Court decided in Edward's favor in 1802. During American Revolution, Edward was a private. He died the spring of 1813, leaving a will listing 19 children and wife Rachel. Children were: William, Joshua, Richard, Susanna, Perin, Enoch, Rachel Cole, Nancy Hamilton, Edward, Cinthia Deiliah, Eleanor, Dorcas, Cassie, Jesse, Evans, Sarah, Isaac, Ruth and Ephraim. According to the settlement in 1828, Ephraim died before becoming of age.

Marriage of some children found: Casander to Joseph Willford; Jesse to Elizabeth Bright; Evans to Catherine Denny; Dorcas to Edward Scott. No records found of William, son of Edward and Rachel, except for a son, William R. Parrish.

William R. (1803-1885) married Elizabeth Hamilton (1813-1873) daughter of James and Clarissa (Fleming) Hamilton on 11-22-1827. Lived at Mannington, Marion Co., WV, till 1857. Then went to Elizabeth, Wirt Co., WV and lived on what is known as Parrish Fork. In 1860 after drilling a shallow well on the farm, and it produced well, he sold the farm to oil speculators. In 1867 the Parrish's sold the farm to speculators from New York and Philadelphia for $50,000.00. Receiving $35,000.00 cash, but never received the balance owed them. About 1868, family moved to Hereford, Jackson Co., WV. It was there William and Elizabeth farmed and lived out their lives. Both are buried in Parrish Cemetery near there. They had eleven children: Joshua married Minerva Keams; Allison died in youth; Maria married Ed; Charley married Louisa Goodrich; Charles married George Gray; Louisa married Alfred Fought; Richard married Sarah Wolf; William married LaVerna Humphrey; Charles married Mary Parsons; Zachariah married Mary Wilson; Henry married Margaret Cain; Mary married John; Charles married Valrie; Calmer Haymond (1848-1928) and Mary (Parsons) moved to Spencer, Roane Co., WV.

Henry Hamilton (1853-1939) married Margaret L. Cain (1857-1940) daughter of Alfred and Susie (Corbe) Cain of Roane Co., WV. 11-15-1873. They moved to Parrish Hill. Jackson Co., WV. They farmed and raised a large family. Both are buried in the Parrish Cemetery. They had eleven children: Emma married Charles Nuzum; Clarence married Stella Williams; Cadmus married Osa Landfried; Charles married Esther Pearl Hinesman; Camden married Winifred McPherson; Esther married Samuel Crawford; Clarissa married Holly Young; Flossie married Charles Shinn; Clinton married Flossie Rader; Gay married Elmer Bowen; Edward married Mildred Murrah; Charles O'Dell (1882-1910) married

Donald R. and Barbara L. Ward Owens

The Owens' have three daughters. Rebecca (b. Nov. 25, 1966) graduated from Spencer High School and was a Glenville State College graduate, married Phillip Ash of West Union, and is living in Spencer. She has been teaching for 25 years. Barbara volunteers with 4-H work, Church activities and Professional Educators. She is a W.Va. All-Star. Don and Barbara were married on January 9, 1965 in the Presbyterian Church in downtown Anchorage, Alaska and lived in Seward until June 1966.

After driving for four weeks from Seward to Spencer, stopping often to see many marvelous sights of Canada and the United States, they settled in Spencer.

Don became employed by Monongahela Power Co. and has worked there over 25 years.
John, Maria, Jessie, William, Delilah, Hannah, Charles, Malinda, Mahala and the Revolutionary War. Their children were born October 1768 and died October 19, 1846. He was the second child, born January 1, 1773, about William II in this book) Mary Polly, married in 1793 Thomas Carney, born October 7, 1793. Margaret Peggy. (See separate article believed the following named children were son finished it. Submitted by: Edith Pamsh and Arthur Parrish started this article but passed away 9-2-1989. His widow and son finished it. Submitted by: Edith Parrish and Howard Parrish.

CHARLES PARSONS, SR.

Charles Parsons was the eldest son of William Parsons I who came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1725-1725, and who died in 1778. Charles Parsons was born November 4, 1745 in Queen Anne’s County, Maryland. He is reported to have come to Virginia about 1765 with his father and younger brother Joseph, born in 1755. Charles Parsons died November 4, 1825 in Jackson County.

During the Revolutionary War Charles Parsons entered service as a private in the Virginia Militia in the Company of Captain John Harness’ Rangers. He also served as an Indian Scout from Harrison County, Virginia in 1792. From Augusta or Rockingham County he moved to the South Branch of the Potomac River, Randolph County, and Fort Buchanan. He later came to the Ohio Valley with his family and settled on the fifth bottom south of the Little Kanawha River, known as Warth’s Bottom. He married the granddaughter of Ripley with his son William Parsons II. Charles Parsons name appears on the Tax Lists of Kanawha County in 1802. He is buried in the Frozen Camp Cemetery of the Upper Mill Creek Baptist Church. The Rollowson Chap Book of the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution placed a marker at the gravesite in 1970. Charles Parsons, Sr. first married in 1764 in Maryland Elizabeth Chestnut who died before 1797 in Harrison County. It is believed the following named children were born of the marriage: William Parsons II, Mary, John, George, Hannah, and Margaret Peggy. (See separate article about William II in this book) Mary Polly, the second child, born January 1, 1773, married in 1793 Thomas Carney, born October 1768 and died October 19, 1846. He served as an Indian Scout and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Their children were John, Maria, Jessie, William, Delilah, Spencer, Dorcas, Mercy, Margaret, Ann, Hannah, Charles, Malinda, Mahala and Theb. John Parsons was born in 1778 in the Buchannon Settlement, Harrison County and died June 18, 1859. He married Octo-

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Johnston, and Marilla, born 1845, married September 15, 1861, Nathan M. Criles. Charles Parsons Jr., born June 5, 1805 and died December 8, 1875, married Rebecca Wolfe, born 1806. The children born of this marriage were: Captain Wilson W., born November 15, 1827 and died August 7, 1877, married Sarah Johnson; Eleanor Leah Graham, born November 30, 1830 and died November 19, 1911; Elias, born 1829, married November 29, 1849 Martha Latimer, born 1830; Frances first married James Lamphere November 29, 1837 and second married October 5, 1861, George Conley; Iram (High), born September 16, 1833 and died March 31, 1909, married March 15, 1855, Phoebe Dye, born 1837, Iram married second William Waybright; Hannah, born 1836, married March 12, 1859, Lewis (Lute), born 1838 married Malinda Depew; Sarah Jane, born 1845, married first John Wesley Cayn, and second April 3, 1853 William Davis; David B., born May 16, 1848, married November 1870 Rebecca Staats. They move in 1883 to Jackson Township, Missouri; Mary Catherine married Nathan Lee; Kathleen, and Anna who married Captain Gilpin.

Sarah (Sallie), born June 6, 1812, and died July 6, 1862, married James H. Cunningham, born 1825, died 1871. The children of this marriage were: Osacar Marshall who married June 6, 1850 Isabelle Skidmore. This family lived in Cincinnati. Benjamin Rath, born 1828, married Mary Jane Graham, born 1832, William P., born 1835, married Emily Cunningham, born 1837, and second November 30, 1860 Emily Jane Urue; Thaddeus L., born 1836, married first December 28, 1856 Margaret J. Power, and second married February 22, 1864, Lorena Jane Casto, and third July 25, 1871 Charity Boggs Wilson: Elias, born 1838, married Mary Roush; George B. was born 1840, never married and was killed during the Civil War while serving in the 20th Indiana Infantry; Letha, born 1842 married October 8, 1857 F. J. (Joe) Humphreys; Emily E. Cunningham, born 1844, married Calvin Huffman; Martha L., born 1846, married Elias Humman; Joel Webster, born 1849, married December 16, 1868 Virginia Jane Dixon; Phoebe married William Gobson (Gipson); and Matilda Ann married Samuel O. Young.

This concludes the family history of Charles Parsons, Sr., the son of William Parsons I, who came to the eastern shore of Maryland ca. 1725-1725. Submitted by: Linda Hughes, Jennifer D. Parsons, Ethlyn Parsons, Judith Miller

HENRY C. PARSONS

Henry C. Parsons (1834-1896) married Sarah Ann Bower (1839-1910) daughter of Adam Bowyer of Monroe County. The Henry C. Parsonses had five children: complete names follow: 1. Travis Ignatius Clarrance — Dr. T. I. C. Parsons (1863-1929) when but a young man went to Rock Castle. He opened the Parsons Jewelry store in Gransville. He opened another Parsons Jewelry store in Gransville and he closed this store when he bought the dry cleaning store in Gransville. This was sold and he owned the Gransville Mobile Home Sales. Lloyd Jd. died Nov. 30, 1985 in Parkersburg and is buried in Clover Cemetery at Clover, W. Va. He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

I worked at Kellywood Company until we moved to Mt. Zion in 1952. He worked at Rock Castle in 1963. He died at Grantsville and retired after 13 years from Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center. I am a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church. Submitted by: Mrs. Ester Parsons

PARSONS - EPLING

Lloyd Parsons, Jr. was born May 23, 1922 in Spencer, W. Va. and was the son of Loyd and Leora (Fluharty) Parsons. Maternal grandparents were Noah L. and Dora Jane (Haught) Fluharty. Paternal grandparents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann (Ke-Carpenter) Parsons. Lloyd Jr. was one of three children: Jack Harold and Patsy Ruth Parsons.

Lloyd Jr. and I (Ester Lee Epling) were married Dec. 29, 1942 in Maryland. I was born May 10, 1926 in Roane County to Albert James and Emma (Webb) Epling. Maternal grandparents were William "Will" and Mary Elizabeth (Greenhouse) Webb. Paternal grandparents were John W. and Nancy (McGlothlin) Epling. I was one of eleven children: Flay, Edith, Lorraine, Elizabeth, Jean, Murle, Frank, Hobert, Jack and Johnny.

Loyd and Ester Parsons

Lloyd Jr. and I had two children: Dianna Lea was born Feb. 4, 1947 in Spencer and Leslie Dawn was born Oct. 27, 1965 in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dianna Lea Parsons was married May 29, 1965 at Mt. Zion in Calhoun County to Joseph Glen Law who was born June 13, 1942 in Grantsville, W. Va. to Rymon and Elodean (Riggs) Law. Joe and Dianna have two children: John Gregory was born Dec. 31, 1968 and Susan Renee was born Sept. 19, 1970. Both born in Grantsville, W. Va. Leslie Dawn Parsons was married July 5, 1987 at Mt. Zion to Winfield Messer who was born Nov. 18, 1963 to Larry and Wanda Sue (Leisure) Messer. Jack and Dawn have one child, Ashton Nicole born Feb. 18, 1989 in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Lloyd Jr. was a Sergeant in the United States Army Air Force and served from 1945 to 1946. He served with the 506th Fighter Group, 457 Fighter Squadron. He worked for Hughes Jewelry store until he opened the Parsons Jewelry store in Grantsville. He opened another Parsons Jewelry store in Gransville and he closed this store when he bought the dry cleaning store in Gransville. This was sold and he owned the Grantsville Mobile Home Sales.

Lloyd Jr. died Nov. 30, 1985 in Parkersburg and is buried in Clover Cemetery at Clover, W. Va. He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church.
PARSONS

Loyd Parsons was born 1-1891 at Orma, West Virginia and died 11-26-1965 in Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, after being struck by a car in front of his home on the Amberlinton road. He retired from South Penn Oil Company in 1956 with 36 years service. He was a member and Trustee of the First Advent Christian Church of Spencer and the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann (Keek) Parsons. After the death of Nathaniel in 1916, Elizabeth Ann married John B. Golf on 11-3-1916 in Calhoun County and moved to Spencer. Elizabeth Ann died 3-4-1939 in Spencer.

Loyd was one of thirteen children: Frances married Thomas Newell; Edward married Myrtle Wilson; Ida (1878-1900); Joshua married Melissa James; Daisy married Russell King; Sarah (1884-1954); Minnie married Ferrell Allizer; Luvinnie married George Yenne, after his death she married Peter Criss; Nathan (1892-1911) and Lewis. Maternal grandmother was Nancy Miller and was one of six children; Prudy married Dorothy Palmer; and Wallace (1915-1927). Maternal grandparents were Eli and Prudence (Connolly) Parsons.

WILLIAM PARSONS I

William Parsons I, was the eldest son of Charles Parsons Sr., (1745-1823), who was the eldest son of William Parsons I, who it has been reported came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1723-1725. William Parsons II has by tradition been referred to as William Parsons Sr., and most of the family records and local historical society journals have used the name William Lowther Parsons. However, the use of the name has not been authoritatively established and he signed his name William Lowther Parsons.

William Parsons was born July 24, 1769 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland on the eastern shore, the first born of Charles Parsons Sr. and Elizabeth Chesnut. He moved with his father and grandfather to Augusta or Rockingham County, Virginia about 1763 and later to the South Branch of the Potomac River, and still later to Randolph County and Fort Buchanan.

It has been difficult to research this family since very early records were either destroyed or have been destroyed over the years. Dates of marriages and births and deaths are elusive or non-existent. Many records have been transferred by word of mouth and by traditional family lore.

William Parsons I married in 1786 Susan Fink, the daughter of Henry Fink, a noted Indian fighter. It has been reported that William Parsons II came to Worth's Bottom 1790-1793, with his family, and father Charles family. He is thought to have moved to Hampshire County, Virginia in 1801. It has been written that he moved to Sycamore Creek one mile east of the present site of Ripley about 1801, cleared some land, and built a cabin on the bank of Mill Creek. It has reported that he and his family lived in a hollow sycamore tree before a cabin was erected. His name first appeared on Hampshire County Tax lists in 1801. It has been written that he moved to Sycamore Creek one mile east of the present site of Ripley. On January 26, 1806 he was granted 92 acres of land bordering the John Swan grant on Sycamore Creek. On June 22, 1811 he was acerage on Sycamore Creek which shared a boundary with his father Charles Parsons. William Parsons II was granted other acreage on Parchment Creek and at Frozen Camp.

During his early years in the vicinity of Ripley, James Parsons II is reported that he may have not owned a horse but may have owned a cow. He raised corn, obtained salt from a site near Charleston and
William Parsons III

William Parsons III was the sixth child of William Parsons II (Captain Billy) and Susan Fink. He was born on August 20, 1806 in the vicinity of Ripley and died January 27, 1882. William Parsons III was one of the first white children born at the present site of Ripley. He married November 12, 1826 Susannah Bonnett, born 1807 and died February 7, 1863. They both are buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery off of Parchment Valley Road from Mt. Moriah Church.

William and Susannah were the parents of eleven known children as follows: Alexis Fink (See separate article in this book), Margaret, John Nelson, Hannah, Lydia, Nicholas H., Henry, Louisa Jane, Ruth, Barbara, and Mark. Alexis Fink was the eldest child.

Margaret Parsons, born May 29, 1829 and died 1892, married November 19, 1846 Nathan Casto, born January 24, 1822 and died October 16, 1885. John Nelson, born 1831 and died 1912, married first Emily Barnett, born 1836 and died August 25, 1892; second Lucy Stephens; Hannah, born 1833, married January 26, 1854 Stephen Skenen born 1830; Lydia born January 26, 1838, married November 23, 1856 John Hargis Hill, born May 1, 1838 and died April 25, 1897. He was a son of William and Olive Hill; Nicholas H. born 1841, married January 5, 1861 Magdalene Casto, born 1844; Henry, born June 20, 1842 and died January 51, 1924; married August 11, 1864 Martha Elizabeth Simmons born August 28, 1851 and died February 17, 1923; June 14, 1843 and died October 27, 1900; Barbara born February 13, 1849, and died February 17, 1942; married September 28, 1869 Lelridge Bowles, born June 2, 1849 and died February 1941; and Mark who lived in California.

William Parsons III married second December 6, 1860 Nancy A. Hogsett, daughter of John F. Hogsett. He was called "Little Grandpa" by many of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Submitted by Greg S. Parsons

WILLIAM PARSONS

William Marandy Parsons 1870-1959 moved to Newton in 1910. His parents were Peter M. F. Parsons born 1845 in Gilmer Co. and Sarah R. Nicholas, born 1845 in Lewis County. William was born in Calhoun Co. His brothers and sisters were: Henry E. B. 1873; Joseph B. 1875; Andrew B. 1877; Dempsey b. 1881; Mary Ellen Simmons b. 1887; and Mahalia b. 1879.

William married Arilla Scott in 1891. They had six children: James S.; Calvin; Mamie; Rhodes; twins; homine and Arabia; and Mabel. Arilla died and the children placed in an orphanage. He then married Oleda "Lidia" Ozella Smith 1880-1953, daughter of Spire Smith and Diane Hayes Smith of Kanawha County. The children came home from the orphanage except Mabel, who had been adopted. Lidia and Wm. had...
My Grandfather, Dempsey R. 1907-1978 was bom in Kanawha Co. where his father worked in the coal mines. He was three when they moved to Roane Co. He married Sadie Alma Myers b. 1907. daughter of James Gordon Myers 1872-1961 and Harriet Elizabeth Cummings 1872-1960 of Amma. Their children are Gilbert Russell; James Gordon Myers 1872-1961 and Sadie Alma Myers b. 1907, daughter of Lawrence E. 1914-1973 and Nora Margaret Amstead Noel 1911-1985, of Amma. He worked in Canton and they lived in Canton and Navarre, Ohio until moving to Walton in April 1981. Their sons are Michael Albert, Larry Richard, Stephen Ray and Daren Diane. My three older brothers graduated from Fairless High School in Navarre, Ohio and I graduated from Walton High School in 1986. Michael attended Ohio State University and Kent State University in Ohio, then entered the Air Force in 1976. He married Diane Cline of Fairborn, Ohio and adopted her son Jason and daughter April in 1981, they divorced in 1987. Larry b. 1960 attended Kent State University, then joined the Army in 1980. He married Nancy Ann Snow of Fitchburg, Massachusetts in April 1983 with a B.S. degree in home economics and farm management, either teaching in the classroom or in administration. She worked in the Columbus area public schools, Ohio State University, the Ohio and Indiana Depart-


GEORGE EDGAR PATTISON

George Edgar Pattison was born May 25, 1944, in Beaver Falls, Pa. He is the son of John Norwood and Rose Mary Smith Pattison. George has two sisters: Kay Louise Meister and Carol Anne Stegmiller both of Columbus, Ohio. He is the grandson of W. Hunter and Roxie G. Sibert Smith of Roane County. George has fond memories of days spent at his grandfather's 400 acre farm at Wallack, WV, one half of which has been purchased by the Department of Natural Resources for a Public Hunting and Fishing area.

George attended Millersburg Military Institute in Kentucky, Columbus North High School and graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Social Studies Education. He was active in Methodist youth activities, the Young Republican's Club and O.S.U. student government. He also earned a private pilot's license. George taught school in Cincinnati and graduated from the University of Cincinnati Law School.

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After George moved his family to Milford in Clermont County, Ohio, which is northeast and adjacent to Cincinnati, he served five years as an assistant prosecuting attorney. Then he was elected and served two busy four year terms as the prosecuting attorney for the county. Clermont was then one of the fastest growing counties in Ohio. George’s county and community efforts made significant, positive contributions to the county.

In 1955, she earned a M.A. degree from Ohio State University in Student Personnel and Administration. Rose Mary’s subsequent employment was in the field of education: either teaching in the classroom or in administration. She worked in the Columbus area public schools, Ohio State University, the Ohio and Indiana Depart-

ROSE MARY SMITH PATTISON

Rose Mary Smith Pattison, daughter of William Hunter Smith and Roxie Gay Sibert, was born on May 30, 1919 at Elana, WV; married August 30, 1940 to John Norwood Pattison (1919- ); had three children: George Edgar Pattison in 1944, Kay Louise Pattison Meister in 1946, and Carol Anne Pattison Stegmiller in 1947. All three currently reside in Ohio where George, a two term prosecuting attorney is in private practice in Clermont County. Kay is the mathematics coordinator for Columbus Public Schools, and Carol is a home economist and works in the family architectural business in Columbus. Rose Mary is the grandmother of eight.

Rose Mary and her brother Paul shared a close relationship upon being reunited after being separated 4 years due to the untimely death of their mother when they were very young. Their father remarried and later another brother, Calvin was bom. The nature of farm life plunged Rose Mary into adult-like responsibilities. As a young teenager, she cooked for the family and farm hands, sewed her own clothes, gardened, assisted in preserving food for the family, and performed household and farm chores. This work was transformed into fun by her father whose pride and support was strong. From the age of ten, Rose Mary’s 4-H Club worked provided useful information and methods for both duties at home and award-winning projects. By then an All-Star, she represented the state at national 4-H camp in Washington, D.C., in 1937. She worked at Jackson’s Mill and directed county camps during her teen-age years.

In 1941, Rose Mary graduated from WVU with a B.S. degree in home economics and was married at Jackson’s Mill to John Pattison, who was a research chemist. After three children and 15 years, they were divorced in 1956. Rose Mary and the children continued to live in the family home in Columbus, Ohio.
mments of Education: Black Hawk College of Moline, Illinois, and the Ohio Board of Regents. Her primary interest and satisfaction was in adult basic and continuing education for adults. In 1975-76, she was the first woman president of the National Association for Public and Continuing Adult Education. She had numerous publications and honors related to her work.

Rose Mary's family has enjoyed hearing stories from her on various visits. They have a keen interest in genealogy and professional and community service organizations. The three girls lived on Sillkett's Fork. They came to Western Virginia in the same group, most of whom were related to each other. The three children of John and Frances Paxton were: Van Buren; James S.; Andrew Clark; Vincent A.; John Wesley; Esta Short; Louise Gandee; Michael Hayes; Virginia Groves; and Warren Benady m. OcCletia Short.

John Hayes, a Union soldier during the civil war, was a Pvt. in Co. B 7th Cavalry. He moved to Roane Co., in a covered wagon about 1868. His mother-in-law, Elizabeth Green and her brother, Daniel, came with them. Grandma Green was b. 12-1833 in Ky. We were told of a bear chasing her up a tree and she chopped off it's paws. James's children were Belle Arden; Lizzie Queen McCroskey; Willie; Laura Jones; Julia Parker; George; Charlie; OcCletia Patton; Allie McCune Stanley; Nona Abbott; and Nellie Ashley Linger. James Short was son of Daniel and Diana Maria Justus Short. Diana was the daughter of Wickham of Roane Co., Ky. Daniel and Diana were married on Christmas 1835 in Louisa, Ky. OcCletia, Ben's wife, was born 10-15-1888 and died 1-14-1943. Ben lived with daughters Ruth Armstead and Claudia Wilson, and his wife were buried at Payne Cemetery. Submitted by: Great-granddaughter, Karen Maynard.

WARREN BENDY PATTON

Warren Benady Patton, son of John Hayes and Pelmeria Drake Patton was born 3-30-1881 in Roane Co. Pelmeria was the daughter of Elizabeth Drake. Ben married Mary OcCletia Short, daughter of James and Martha E. Jordan Short. Ben and Cicelia had thirteen children: Gladys m. Lundy Armstead; Hobart m. Ollie Ashley; Paul m. Violet Rucker; Ruth m. Ray Armstead; Irene m. Elbert Hensley; 2. Ernie Gilmore; 3. Chet Miller; Ralph; married; Claudia m. Collett Wilson; Mildred m. Edward Carpenter; Mildred is the only one living near their home place. Bernard m. Marge Howard; Phyllis m. Victor Elliot; Harry m. Lenore Smith; Harriet m. Ronald Fisher; Claris m. Carol Smith.

PAXTON

John Paxton, 1817-1879, came to Roane County with his parents as a small child from Rockbridge County, Virginia. His parents were Thomas, 1792-1872, and Dicena Cartwright Paxton, 1795-1873. Thomas was son of Samuel P., 1766, of Thomas Jr., c. 1720, born in Ireland. The Paxtons evidently came to Pennsylvania (c. 1737) and were mostly Presbyterians, according to Roscoe Keeney of Cedar Grove, West Virginia.

John married Mary Vineyard, 1820-1859, daughter of Presley Vineyard, 1790-1864, and Cynthia Hambuck V., 1794-1848. They had five children: Peter, Isabella, who married Pat Nece, Nancy, who married Peter Acree, Dicena, 1854-1933, my grandmother, who married Wiley Hamrock, 1854-1927, Christopher C., who married Phoebe Daugherty and lived on Johnson's Creek. The three girls lived on Silletts Fork.

John's wife died at age 39. He married Frances Acree Hammack, a widow with three children: Polk, Alice, and William. John, and Frances had three more children, increasing their family to 11. I remember being mystified as to why my grandmother's brothers were named Hamack. The eldest son of John and Frances were Henry, Thomas, and another whose name I don't recall.

John ran a grist mill during the Civil War, grinding for both North and South though his sympathies were with the Union. The Clay County and the Roane County Paxtons grew apart due to political differences. They came to Western Virginia in the same caravan, c. 1820. Mary Vineyard Paxton is buried in the Looney Cemetery on John son's Creek. John and Frances are buried in the Paxton cemetery on a hill overlooking the Silletts Fork Dam. The cemetery is restored by some of his descendents. His muzzle-loading rifle is in the custody of one of his fifth generation grandsons. The gun is in perfect condition along with the powder horn and bullet pouch with the original grease in the compartment in the stock.


The Paxtons were an Old Virginia family who came early to Roane County. The Paxtons originally came from Ireland, then they came into Pennsylvania, and on into Old Virginia. The first Paxton to come to the Roane County area was Thomas Paxton.

The known ancestors of Thomas Paxton are: his father, Samuel Paxton b. 5-1766 in Rockbridge Co., VA. married to Catherine Atkinson, his grandfather, Thomas Paxton, Jr. b. 1720 in Ireland; and his great grandfather, Thomas Paxton born in Ireland.

Thomas was born in Rockbridge Co., VA., 5-30-1792. d. 8-1787 was the son of Samuel and Catherine (Atkinson) Paxton. Thomas married Dicena "Dicy" Cartwright, b. 1-8-1755, d. 19-1875, daughter of John Cartwright of Botetourt Co., VA. Thomas and Dicena had six children, Dicky, Alexander, John, Lyle M., William Patterson, Virginia, and America Paxton.

Lyle M. Paxton b. 4-12-1822 in Kanawha Co., married Barbara Hammock (b. 1822, d. 12-5-1861) on 12-24-1843. He married a second time to Arientia Summers on 12-7-1862. Lyle settled in Roane Co., near Matlie, Walton District, in 1856. He was killed by a falling tree on 2-24-1879. His children were: Artenia, John, Margaret, Lela, General, Perry, Julia, and Minnie (1876 Census).

Lyle Paxton b. 1-8-1886, d. 6-14-1912, married Louvernia E. Haynes (b. 3-1888) on 5-12-1889 in Kanawha Co. Their children were: Amos, Mazie, Sadie, Perry, Delbert, Peter, and Ollie. Submitted by: Mane Paxton.

Lyle Paxton b. 5-18-1890 d. 1962, married Nettie Jane Dobbins b. 8-1896 d. 1959. Their children were: Kermit, Glen, Lyle, Otmer, Hazel, Lyle (killed in WWII), and Frances. Their children's children are: Charles, Kenneth, Elbert (d. 5-26-1947 in auto accident), and Delbert. Amos and Nettie were married on 2-29-1914.

Otmer Dennis Paxton b. 10-7-1918, married Elva Mae Harper b. 5-23-1918 (daughters of Okey and Mirtle Harper). They were divorced in 1954. Their children were Evelyn Faye (b. 4-8-1940; d. 4-29-1940 at Kettle), Carl Edwin (b. 12-26-1941 at Pilot, VA.), Carroll Deene (b. 7-4-1943 at Gandee-
village, WV), Reva Mae Paxton (b. 9-11-1944 at Rya n, WV), Betty Jane (b. 8-15-1947 at Giv en, WV), Otmer Leonard (b. 10-12-1952 at Pineville, WV). Carrol married Diane Shay on 9-64. They had one child Pamela Jane b. 1-28-1966 at Weston, WV. He married Mary Kathleen Franic (b. 4-16-1946) on 4-11-1978. His stepson by this marriage is Sal

Betty married Robert Lee Fox (son of Vir gie and John Fox). They have two children: Michelle Lee b. 10-20-1970 and Robert Lee Fox, II b. 8-17-1974. Both children were born at Parkersburg, WV.

Amanda Beth Paxton

Leonard married Debra Lynn Hilety (b. 10-5-1954). They have one child Amanda Beth b. December 15, 1983 at Charleston. Submitted by: Reva Paxton

PAXTON

Worthy Porter Paxton was born on September 15, 1893 at Walton, West Virginia. Roane County. The son of William Silas Paxton and Cora Lundy Auxier Paxton. He was the oldest of 14 children, Worthy Porter, Herbert, Okey, Mary, Martha, Albert, Herman, Orla, Cladis, Thurman, Thelma, Wanda, Hubert and Houston.

His father, William, was born at Craig County, Virginia July 24, 1872 and died February 24, 1948 at Clendenin. His mother, Cora, was born in Tennessee November 16, 1875 and died December 25, 1944 at Gabe. Both are buried in the Paxton Cemetery, Long Ridge. They were married November 1, 1892.

Porter's grandparents, Samuel Brown and Elizabeth Paxton were from Craig County, Virginia. Samuel was born April 1, 1839 at Potts Creek, Craig County, Virginia, and Elizabeth was born in Craig County, Virginia in 1841.

Samuel served in the Civil War. He was wounded at Bull Run, and recovered. He was also in the battle at Manassas, Virginia, and Mount Lookout, Tennessee.

His great-grandparents, Thomas and Mary Britts Paxton of Botetourt County, Virginia moved to West Virginia in 1866. He was a Sunday School superintendent, blacksmith, and farmer near the town of Walton, West Virginia.

Lessie Anne Kessel Paxton was born July 8, 1898 at Roane Springs in Jackson County. The daughter of Guy Winton Kessel and Clara Alice Dodd Kessel. Her grandparents were James Elmore Kessel and Harriett Parsons Kessel of Jackson County and Thomas Allen Dodd and Melissa Mahan Dodd of Roane County. They moved to Roane County in the early 1900's. Her father engaged in farming and the oil and gas business.

Porter and Lessie were married April 30, 1921. They lived at Walton. There were 9 children, in order of their births: Virginia, 1922; Reatha, 1923; Nina, 1925; Alice, 1927; Brooks, 1929. Died December 20, 1981. He was a veteran of the class of 1947 of Spencer High School. Erma (nee), 1931; Gladys, 1934; Kenneth, 1937; and Robert, 1941. Robert served in the Vietnam War.

All the children attended Laurel Hill School and Spencer High School. Lessie cooked at Laurel Hill when the hot lunch program first started.

Porter worked laying pipe line in the Roane County area to Spencer Compressor, Goad and Cobb Station in Kanawha County.

He began work as an oiler at Goad Station in 1929, transferred to Spencer in 1933, retired in 1958, and moved to a farm on Windyville Road.


Porter was an avid storyteller of war and ghost stories. He could recite lots of poetry and sing the old ballads. He liked guns and hunting, and was an expert rifleman. He was a charter member of the American Legion and V.F.W.

Porter died May 4, 1961, at Clarksburg Veterans Hospital, Clarksburg, West Virginia, and Lessie died January 22, 1964, at Charleston General Hospital, Charleston, West Virginia. Both are buried at Eventide Cemetery, Spencer, West Virginia.

There are 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

The name Paxton is of Saxon origin. They came from Ireland over the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia to West Virginia, Roane, Clay, and Kanawha Counties.

Thomas Paxton was a descendant of an Irish landholder, who migrated to Virginia in 1700, and later moved to western Virginia in 1820, and to Amherst and Paxton Ridge in 1860. The Hungry Beech Preserve, part of the Paxton's descendant landholding, is one of the few patches of virgin forest in West Virginia. Submitted by: Reva Paxton

THOMAS PAYNE

The Payne family that we know of begins with Jospeh and Sarah Franklin County, Virginia, who supplied beef to the Revolutionary Army. One of his children was Thomas who married Margaret. One of his children was George who married Mildred Young. One of his children was Thomas (1813-1883) who moved to Russell County, Virginia and married there Ettiene Lyons (1828-1892) who was the daughter of William and Lucinda Meadows Lyons. Lucinda Meadows was born in Franklin County, Virginia.


Thomas and Ettiene Payne are buried in Mt. Hermon Cemetery at the Mt. Hermon Methodist Church in Harper District of Roane County.

The children of Nancy Jane Payne and William Andrew Hite were: Dane Dallis (1885-1969) married Glenda Payne Jeffries (he was a pharmacist); William Bradford (1886-1936) he was a doctor; Una Calvina (1890-1983); Mamie (1901-1990) married Lawson Riddle; Robert Carley (1892- ); Dessie Lee (1894-1994) married Lloyd Thompson; Lilly Frances (1896-1979) married Holan Goldsberry; Florence Clementine (1898-1983) married Walter Harold Porter; Narcie Jeanette (1900- ); married George W. Wesley; Dolly May (1903-1907); Pearl Ethel (1905-1970).

Narcie Jeanette Hite and George W. Wesley were married in 1927 and to them was born one daughter, Nancy Jane (1930) who married Calvin Cook (1951).


PERKINS

In a house up the hollow about five miles out the upper Middle Fork of Reedy, now known as Peniel Road, Delfie Mae Parks was born on 06-01-1911. Oliver and Cornelia of Franklin County were the parents. The night Delfie was born, her mother was having a hard time and the county doctor caring for her sent for a young physician who had just settled in Gondeeville, Dr. Calvin Camp. Her family later spoke of how they wished they could have gone with the doctor. After his hasty ride over five miles of rough road to their home, Dr. Camp thought he would have to lose either Cornelia or Deffie in order to save one of them, but with his patience and skill he was able to save both.

When Delfie was growing up, there were a lot of houses around with large families in them all, but she remained an only child. She had a little pony named Bob that
Conley on 06-28-1955. Midge passed away.

Larry Elbert later married Mary Margaret "Peggy" Pre- 


Through the years Raymond has worked for Sibering Rubber Company in Ohio, the State Road and in the 1940’s, during hill. Raymond and Deffie had a little country store. It was located right across from the house where their garage now stands and was called "Perkins Store". They found it entertaining, they had a pretty good trade and folks would come to sit and talk for ever so long. Raymond also farmed raising cattle, sheep and pigs, in which the children grew up participating. Raymond and Deffie worked horses and riding horses. Back then there weren’t many tractors. He got his first in 1965.

Deffie Mae with pet lamb, Dobason

In 1924 at the age of 13, her family moved to Spencer and Deffie attended Spencer High School. The oil field was booming at that time and workers sometimes boarded at their house. One of these was Raymond Ray Perkins (B) 08-30-1901, who came from Braxton County, West Virginia. Raymond’s parents were Samuel and Eliza (Tanner) Perkins. It was there that Raymond and Deffie meet and fell in love. They were married on 07-21-1926 in Marietta, Ohio and then moved to Akron, Ohio where they lived for a while. But city life was more than enough for Deffie, so they moved back to Spencer and eventually to the home where Deffie was born. Raymond and Deffie had eight children, four sons and four daughters as follows: Alice Marie (B) 05-11-1927, married Simon Mac Nichols on 10-03-1945, Helen Genevieve (B) 08-30-1925, married Charles Foster Liten on 03-15-1945, Janice Lee (B) 04-14-1932, married Guy William "Buddy"atten on 01-13-1951, Ray Samuel (B) 01-22-1955, namesake of his father and grandfather, married Ella Madeline "Midge" Conley on 06-28-1955. Midge passed away on 07-21-1984, submitted by Vickie Lynn (Perkins) Holland and Ray Perkins.

The marriage of Ella Jane Phillips, daughter of Marian and Luvema (Carpenter) Phillips of Roedy, W.Va. to John Dee McCauley, son of Joseph and Sarah Bell (Boggs) McCauley of Roedy, took place 2-28-1904. They were married on horseback by Rev. N.F. Butler, after riding to the residence of W.F. Fore. Stella Phillips and Silas (Latch) Walters served as witnesses. Gyp Phillips, aunt of the bride, made the bride’s wedding dress. It was said to be nineteen inches around the waist. They lived with John’s father for a few years and then purchased their own farm on Buck Ridge Road, near Peniel. They were the parents of ten children: Rosie (1904-1969); Ruth (1907-1976); Bessie (1910-1989); Bertha (1912-1987); Hugh (1915); Sue (1915-1915); Coy (1920); Grace (1923); Willadean (1927); and Velma (1929). Ella Jane and John D. spent 53 happy years together. John was born 3-8-1882 and died 1-5-1957. Ella Jane was born 7-1-1885 and died 12-13-1969. John and Ella were highly revered by their children, and have taught their children and grandchildren to respect their memory.

Raymond Perkins

The hollow soon became known as "Perkins Hollow". It was a happy place in which to grow up. Everyone had chores to do, there was school, church, and on Saturday nights Raymond and Deffie would take a truck load of youngsters in to the movie at Spencer. When Spencer became too crowded and busy, they started going to Ripley to the movie. There was always plenty of fun for the kids. The oldest boy was always a great one to build log cabins, then the younger boys would help. They had a cabin on the hill where they had an old stove. About once a week they would make candy in a coffee pot, or fry a chicken donated by their parents cooked over an open fire, plus sometimes they went hunting. All the kids enjoyed playing ball; youngsters all the way up and down the hollow would make up teams. Also every week after church a lot of kids went home with the Perkins family to enjoy some of Deffie’s wonderful cooking. Besides her cooking, Deffie was known in the community for her clean house. Despite all the chores, she did not lack appreciably more than enough for Deffie, so they moved back to Spencer and eventually to the home where Deffie was born. Raymond and Deffie had eight children, four sons and four daughters as follows: Alice Marie (B) 05-11-1927, married Simon Mac Nichols on 10-03-1945, Helen Genevieve (B) 08-30-1925, married Charles Foster Liten on 03-15-1945, Janice Lee (B) 04-14-1932, married Guy William "Buddy"atten on 01-13-1951, Ray Samuel (B) 01-22-1955, namesake of his father and grandfather, married Ella Madeline "Midge" Conley on 06-28-1955. Midge passed away on 07-21-1984, submitted by Vickie Lynn (Perkins) Holland and Ray Perkins.

Luvema (Carpenter) Phillips

Marian M. Phillips was born 3-31-1847 in Barbour County shortly after it was formed from Randolph County. He was the son of J. Levi (1805-1882) and Mary (McKinney) Phillips. Marian came to Roane County with his parents between 1850 and 1860. Marian married Luvema Carpenter, daughter of John A. and Mary (Sharp) Carpenter, on 12-28-1871. Marian was a blacksmith and gunsmith. He was noted for his fine quality and good craftsmanship. Many other blacksmiths could recognize his work. On 10-8-1902, Marian died of tuberculosis. He was ill for many years. During this time his daughter Ella Jane was his nurse. She did not marry until after his death. Ella was left to care for her father, because her mother, Luwema, worked at any job she could get to support her family. She did laundry, cleaned houses, and worked as a field hand. Luwema was a large woman and is remembered as being able to work in the fields as hard as any man. Marian and Luwema were the parents of seven children: Everett (1872-1958); Revel (1876); Ira (1885-1955); Stella (1885-1969); John (1881-1965); and Artie (1889). In 1893, Luwema sold 100 acres of land, she had inherited from her father.
moved his store to the Petty Building, an "L" shaped building going around the old Trader's and Trust building with entrances on both Market and Main Streets.

In 1922 he sold his business and established a business whereby he manufactured his products (Malta Cod) and elixir and Phil's Pills for Liver Ills, which he had received U.S. Patents for. He used an old Model T Ford when he sold his products to country stores, and the family moved to Parkersburg for two years. His daughter, Mary Ann was born April 29, 1915, and his son, Phil D. Phillips, Jr., was born November 16, 1922. In 1924 he moved back to Spencer with his family and started another drug store in the building at the corner of Church and Main Streets (now part of G. C. Murphy Co.). In 1942 he moved into his own remodeled building at 223 Main Street, known as the store with the glass door.

His first venture into politics was being elected to the State Legislature in 1922. At a time when Democrats controlled Roane County, Phillips ran for Sheriff in 1936 and was elected in one of the greatest majorities ever recorded. He was elected again in 1944. He dropped out of politics until 1954 when he was elected County Commissioner. The results of the primary campaign probably was probably the highlight of his political history in that he polled more votes than did his three opponents. He retired from the County Court in 1962 at the age of 80. In stepping down as President of the County Court he completed 16 years as a public servant.

In 1956 he and Mrs. Phillips celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, hosted by their children. In April of 1956 he was presented his fifty-year membership pin by the Masonic Lodge.

In 1947 Phillips sold his store to his son, Phil D. Phillips, Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Ward, but he continued as the pharmacist and counselor to the new operators, his son and son-in-law.
The only other business in which he engaged was a dabble in oil and gas, where he drilled wells on two leases in Gilmer County. One being an unusually good well and is still producing.

Phillips was a member of the St. John’s United Methodist Church and served on the Board when the present church building was built in 1915. He died September 1, 1964. Mrs. Phillips died on April 5, 1966 and their son on November 15, 1968. There is only one surviving member of this family as of this date, Mrs. Mary Ann Ward.

Submitted by: Mary Ann Ward

PHILLIPS

Edman and Gypsy Miller came to Jackson County from Barbour County shortly after WV became a state. Edman was a farmer and oil field worker, Gypsy was a homemaker, seamstress and mother of nine children, who settled in Roane and Jackson Counties. Some were farmers, oil field workers, road builders, carpenters, railroad teachers, and homemakers.

Their children were: 1-Levi married Teena Harris; their children: Dorsey, Irene, Delphia (deceased), and Faye Guthrie, of Spencer. 2- James M. married Zura McClure in 1897, their children: Russell, Orta, Ophelia and Madge. 3-Jerry married Icie Boggs in 1904, their children: Delbert, Orla, Orlene, and Rexel. 4-Troy married Eva Larry; their family: Inis, Hubert Gene, Richard, Billy and Louella. 5-Dove married Bud Harris; their children: Hattie, Clifford, Ophus, Cecil, and Willie who is aged 99 and lives on Colt Ridge with his daughter Irma and son-in-law Denver Gandee. 6-Almeda married James O’Dell; children: Ray, Emery, Letha, and Hubert. 7-Jennie who married Othwell McCaulley; children: Arnold, Letcher and Herman who lives in Sandyville WV. 8- Bell married Wade Potts; children: Dewey, Clinton, Flodde, Dimie and Margrie of Parkersburg. 9- Carl married Bertha Balcwclw, both deceased.

POLING

Nicholson Poling was the first of the name to come to Calhoun County. One of his sons was Wesley who married Clarissa Stevens. These early Polings were the builders of a church on lower Sycamore Creek. Nicholson Poling had the first grist mill and the first saw mill in that section.

William R. William and Belle Poling were parents of seven children. The next to youngest was Beuna Vista Poling. born 1907, she lived with and took care of her parents until their death. She loved her farm life but left the farm in 1960 and has lived in Spencer since then. Submitted by: Beuna Poling

POOL

William Pool was born May 14, 1808 in Loudoun County, Virginia. At some time he moved to the Parkersburg area and on January 5, 1832, married Mary Ann Woodyard, born in 1810 at Elizabeth. She was the daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Wise­man) Woodyard. William Pool, with his family, moved to Spencer prior to 1856, when he is found to be a trustee of the newly formed county of Roane.

William and Mary (Woodyard) Pool had four children: Presley Lewis Woodyard, Mary, Martha and Peter (married Elizabeth Tanner and moved to Missouri, died December, 1904).

F.L.W. (known as Wood) Pool was born July 21, 1833 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Goff on September 20, 1857, she being the daughter of William and Sarah (Bush) Goff. F.L.W. and Mary (Goff) Pool were the parents of Charles Penton (born Roane County, August 20, 1858, died October 18, 1862); and William Peter (born Roane County, March 30, 1862) and Margaret Elizabeth (born Roane County, June 10, 1857, married November 12, 1883 to Edward Corder, born Roane County, November 16, 1859, son of John and Mary Roach Corder). F.L.W. Pool died March 11, 1912 at Spencer. His wife, Mary (Goff) Pool, passed away April 6, 1926.

William Peter Pool married in Roane County, West Virginia on September 24, 1883, Anna B. Rockhold of Elizabeth, West Virginia, who was born November 7, 1866. Children of this union were: Woodyard W. (born Roane County, November 7, 1886); Mary Gertrude (born Roane County, January 13, 1890, married March 30, 1910 to Walter Carpenter, son of James and Rachel (Raines) Carpenter), Onla Pauline (born Roane County, January 27, 1892), Edward Corder (born Roane County, January 15, 1895).

Submitted by: Beuna Poling

On Aug. 15, 1921, Russell Phillips, born May 10, 1899, son of James and Zura Phillips, raised on Middle Fork, Weedy, married Margrie Eulissizer, born Jan. 18, 1904, on Colt Ridge, Spencer. They spent the early years of their marriage on Tuckers Run, Colt Ridge, Reedville and Middle Fork of Weedy. In 1927, Russell purchased a small farm at Ryger/Billings, WV. RT. 14, north of Spencer.

Russell worked in the oil fields. State Road and farmed. In 1941 during World War II, he was employed by Carbide Carbon. South Charleston. Margrie remained on the farm and kept the children in school until the last one graduated from Spencer High School in 1960. She then moved to South Charleston.


Russell retired in 1964 from Carbide. He and Margrie continued living in South Charleston until his death in 1967. He had seven living children and 17 grandchildren at the time of his death.

Margrie, who is age 85, lives in Cross Lanes WV. and continues to keep her home, a great place for family, friends and neighbors to visit for friendly chats, fellowship and refreshments. Submitted by: Anna Mae Doolittle

Beuna Poling

Anna (Rockhold) Pool died December 15, 1934, Fairfield County, Ohio. William F. Pool passed away November 25, 1941, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Edward Corder Pool was married in Roane County on December 18, 1921, to Dola Pritchard (born Roane County on August 14, 1903, the daughter of Darrell...
and Mary (Rincaid Fritchard). Children to this union are: Darrell Edward (born Roane County, August 9, 1898); Roy G. Russell (born December 6, 1946 to Virginia Blum of Michigan, four children: Donald, Linda, Stephen and David), William Earl (born August 5, 1924, married Ruth Apple of Lancaster, Ohio, no children to this union), Walter Averill (born June 10, 1926, married Betsy E. Rank of Lancaster, Ohio, July 24, 1948), Edward C. Pool died January 16, 1960, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Walter A. and Evelyn Pool are the parents of three children: JoAnn, born June 21, 1953, Fairfield County, Ohio. Married June 28, 1980, to Jane Ann Beaver, daughter of Harold and Georgia (Smith) Mercer. Children to this union are: Mary Martha, born April 27, 1979; Laura Belle, born February 17, 1982; Amy Elizabeth, born April 3, 1984.

PRESLEY - NEELY

Part I

Joseph Presley and Rebecca Jane Neely were married in Russell Co., Va. 1837/1838 and were there in 1840. In 1850 they are in Jackson County. Joseph was born 8 Jan 1817 in Russell Co., Rebecca, Apr 1818, possibly in Russell Co. Virginia, October 7, 1836, and Margaret Jane,- Elihue Kiser (1849/1908) married 15 Mar 1871 Elizabeth Ferrell Jones (1852); Andrew (1951/1939) married 15 Feb 1875 Elizabeth Skeen (1851/1937); John (1854/-1900) married 27 Nov 1877 Martha J. Lowe (1854/1890); Joseph neely died age 9 in 1865; Rebecca (1858/1886) married 27 Dec 1876 Franklin Ferrell (1850); Joshua (1861) married (1) 7 Apr 1887 Adeline Lowe (1867/1907) and (2) 30 Jun 1910 Emma Fields (1878); and Mary Elizabeth (1864) married 15 Jan 1884 John Richmond (1859). The Presleys are in Roane Co. 1860. However, the above deaths are recorded in Jackson Co. Joseph Presley died 11 Jul 1881. He and Rebeka J. Neely are both buried in a private cemetery, Roane Co. (see Part II Price-Presley). Submitted by: Freda I. Harper Young

PRESLEY - NEELY

Part II

The Price family came to Roane County by way of two brothers, Joseph H. and John W. Price.

James H. Price - one of the farming residents of Harper district, Roane County, made his home here August 21, 1871. On that date, in Russell County, Virginia, he married Mary E. Burger, daughter of Francis and Frances (McVeay) Burger. Her father was born in Berlin, and is deceased, her mother was born in Washington County, Virginia, and is now living in Nebraska. Mr. Price was born in Russell County, Virginia, where he was born July 6, 1842, and she was born May 6, 1846. His mother's birth is given in his brother's sketch, following this. The children of James H. Price and wife were: Calvin; Laura M., Oct. 19, 1872; Levina A., twin of Calvin; Laura M., Oct. 19, 1872; Libbey H., May 8, 1876; Lily, twin of Libbey, lived five days. Charles R., Sept. 12, 1877; Samuel J. T., Aug. 22, 1879; Rebeca F., Apr. 15, 1882. James H. Price was a Confederate soldier, Company B, 16th Virginia Cavalry, enlisting in 1862, serving three years, and doing a soldier's duty on many hard-fought fields. He has been four years school trustee, two years surveyor.

John W. Price - born in Russell County, Virginia, October 7, 1836, and Margaret Presley, born in that State and County, October 25, 1845, were in Jackson County, West Virginia, united in marriage, January 5, 1867. Their home is in Harper district, where he is farming, and is brightened with the presence of seven children. Born to them: Joseph F., Nov. 7, 1867; Rebeca J., Apr. 4, 1869; Mary L., April 28, 1871; William E., Oct. 20, 1873; Celia S., Nov. 13, 1875; John W., Jan. 7, 1878; George H., Nov. 6, 1880. Levi Price, mother of John W., was born in Russell County, Virginia, and died August 11, 1865.

Joseph and Rebecca (Neely) Presley, born in Russell County, were the parents of Margaret, wife of Mr. Price, and they came to what is now Roane County about 1846. Her father died July 11, 1881. John W. Price enlisted in the Confederate service, in 1862. Company B, 16th Virginia Cavalry, and served till 1865. He was in six general engagements, and many skirmishes. His brother William was killed during the war, although not a soldier. He was carried to a spot one-half mile from his home and shot. The perpetrators of this dastardly deed wore the uniform of the United States. Mr. Price has made his home in what is now Roane County since 1855, and he is comfortably situated now on a farm of his own in Harper district. He has served the district ten years as member of the board of education. Submitted by: Roy O. Russell

PRICE

Sometime in 1850's Lovina Price moved nine children from Russell Co. Virginia. Lovina was born in 1804, the date of death is not known. She bought a farm near Cicrone. The farm was heavily wooded and the boys cleared the land and built their home.

To Lovina and John Wesley Price, who remained in Virginia, nine children were born. Richard, William, Samuel, John Wesley, Harvey, Rachel, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Jane.

John Wesley Jr. My great grandfather, was born Oct. 10, 1836, and he married Margaret Presley, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Neely Presley. John died on Oct. 9, 1900. Margaret was born Oct. 25, 1845 and died Feb. 20, 1896.

Margaret married Freeman Cox and had one daughter Elaine. She married Kenneth Parsons, they had two sons: Tony and Adarin. Neal married Lorraine Ferrell and they had two daughters: Joyce married Mike Looney. They have three children: Erin, Jennifer and Patrick. Jane married Larry McCoy and have a daughter: Kathleen Morgan. Submitted by: Jane Price McCoy

PRICE - PRESLEY

Part II

John Wesley Price, born in Russell Co., VA 10 Oct 1836 died in Roane Co., WV 9 Oct 1902. John, with his mother Lavina, brother James Harvey (1842/1928) and sisters Elizabeth (1839/1922) and Mary Jane (1846/ ) followed his brother, William Price (1830/1861) to the Kanawha Co. area about 1855. Brother Richard (1826/1914) had settled in Washington Co., VA, and Samuel Price (1834/ ) and sisters Rachel (1827/ ) and Rebecca (1824/ ) remained in Russell Co. for some time. Rebecca married John Chapman, they were in Roane Co. by 1880. Rebecca married Henry Dye. William was murdered in Oct 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War and his wife (married 15 Dec 1853. Russell Co.) Mary E. Hart Price (1835-1886) took their children and moved to Kentucky, later to return to Jackson Co. John and Harvey joined the Confederate Army and served in Co. B, 16th Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War. Mary Jane married Martin Gibson, John Harper, Rev. John Smith and a Mr. Bolden. Elizabeth had married Andrew Jackson Harper (1839/1864) 17 Nov 1857. Jackson was a younger brother to Thomas W. Harper, our paternal great grandfather. Jackson died in a hospital at Annapolis 21 Dec 1864. He was a Union infantryman, captured at Lynchburg and held prisoner of war. Elizabeth married 16 Jul 1868 Alexander Gibson.

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Lavina Price (born 1804 Russell Co.) died in 1865. James Harvey Price went back to Russell Co. for some time and then married (21 Aug 1871) Mary E. Berger. They returned to Roane Co. and raised a large family. John Wesley Price married Margaret J. Price 3 Jan 1867 in Jackson Co., WV. Margaret, the daughter of Joseph Price (1817/1881) and Rebecca New (1817/ ) born Apr 1845 Russell Co., VA and died 20 Feb 1898, Boyd, Roane Co., WV. It is said her funeral could not be held until spring when the preacher came.

Charlie and Viney had eleven children: Joseph Presley (1867/1960) married 1889 Katherine (1861/1940)


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PRICE - TUCKER

Part III


Charlie and Viney lived for some time in Jackson County. Three of their first four children being born there. Charlie farmed, timbered, and raised stock cattle in Roane, Jackson, Mason, Boone, and Kanawha Counties. He took his sawmill from place to place and would spend many months cutting and sawing timber. Some times the whole family would move, other times just Charlie and the mill hands with older children to "help out". The older girls would go to follow the cooking. In about 1902 after a particularly bad winter there was an explosion at the mill and one of the mill hands was severely burned. The mill was completely destroyed, and the family's finances along with it. Viney's father, John Price, helped all he could. They moved into an old house on his farm. fixed it up and lived there until Charlie was able to obtain more equipment and was back in business. The mill hand recovered, and Charlie enjoyed many successful years with his sawmill. Charlie and Viney raised two children: Virginia Gertrude (1891-1965) married 1 Jan 1910 William Bruce Young (1894/1983); Maude Margaret (1893/1980) married Joseph Frank Lyons (1892/1952); Icy Pearl (1895/29 Sept 1899) married 1 Jul 1916 Allia Joseph Jackson (1894/1919); George Wesley (1897/1983) married 1) Nora Lee Waybright (1899/1934) and 2) Golden Snodgrass; Celia Lee (1900/1940) married Howard Bird; Elva Mae; Charles Worth (1904/1964) married Davee Mollitt; Elseie Gay married in infancy (1906); Thelma (Feb 1907) married 4 Feb 1932 Grady Rehberg; Hazel Richmond (1910/1945) married 24 Dec 1931 Walter William Cassell (1911/1986); Robert Bruce (1912/1986) married Patricia ______


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ROSCOE PRICE

John Price Jr. (1836-1911), the son of John and Margaret Hickman Price, residents of Green township of Monroe County, Ohio, married Roseanna Waite (1846-1935), daughter of Andrew and Margaret Holland Waite of Wetzel County, Virginia. The John Price family moved back and forth across the Ohio River between Monroe County and Tyler County, Virginia before settling on Henry's Fork in the Spencer District of Roane County.

Their four oldest children were born in Tyler County: Margaret Elizabeth (married Worthington Ash), Mary Bell (married Irène Reil), Diannah (died at age 26), and Winton Thomas (married Ida May Mace). Other children included Archibald (first wife was Naoma Parsons, second Annie Bennett); John E. (married Flora Mace); Sarah (first husband was Andrew Mace); Herbert Abramham (first wife was Icy Mae Mace, second Lucy Fowler); Artie (married Virgil Mace); Howard (married Zella); and Ernest (died at age seven).

Winton Thomas Price (1870-1914) married Ida May Mace (1872-1939), daughter of Jacob (1827-1907) and Rebecca Hines Mace (1836-1912). Winton and his family lived and owned land on both sides of Henry's Fork. He owned and operated a store and post office at the mouth of Little Lea­nhark in Calhoun County. They also lived on the Roane County side at the mouth of Pup Run adjacent to the Pleasant Valley M.P. Church. Winton and family later
Rosco Price Family

moved to Spencer and lived on Front Street. Upon the death of Ida May, Winton married Ruby Smith of Charleston.

Winton and Ida May are buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. Their children included Roscoe (married Alta Clever- enge and lived in Spencer); Shirley (died at age four); Genie married Roscoe Coop and lives in Spencer); Clarence (married Gladys Smith and moved to South Charleston, Kanawha County); Oral (married Thelma Roberts and still lives in Spencer); Grace and Wilbur were stillborn.

Rosco Conkin (1862-1960) married Alta Lee Clever- enge (1895-1919), daughter of Arthur (1861-1905) and Joanna Ellen Bowen Clever- enge (1864-1944). Roscoe and Alta lived on Henry's Fork for a few years before moving to Spencer and settling at 354 Main Street. They lived there until the homestead gave way to the widened Main Street and U.S. 33. Roscoe and Alta are buried in the family plot in Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

Roscoe and Alta reared the following children in Roane County: Mabel (married Earl Cooper and lives in Spencer); Genevie (1915-1972; first husband was Dennis McGrew, second David Bostain, third Dennis Smith) lived and died in North Carolina; Robert "Pug" (married Evelyn Hess and lived in Spencer); Furn (first husband was Hobert "Bus"; married Thelma Roberts and still lives in Spencer); Grace and Wilbur were stillborn.

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Edward Bostain's parents were Robert and Aquilla Reese Lowther. They married in 1738, and settled in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1742. Col. William Lowther's parents were Robert and Aquilla Reese Lowther. They married in 1738, and settled in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1742. Col. William Lowther was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1742. When in his early twenties, he was married

PRITCHARD

Pritchard - from the Welsh ap Richard and Pritchett. The Pritchard family traces its origin to Wales. Thomas Pritchard and his Irish wife had a son. Thomas, born in Wales on January 9, 1769. It is known that Thomas and at least one brother, John, had immigrated to the colonies prior to the Revolution as John served three years with the Continental Army.

Thomas married Nancy Tichenal, January 2, 1796, in Allegany Co., Maryland. To this union the following children were born: Peter, Katharine, Anna, Sarah (second wife of Jacob Gandy). Elizabeth and twins, Mary and Peggy. Nancy died and is buried at the Glades, Monongalia County. Thomas lived to be 75 years old. His descendants are scattered throughout the United States.

CHARLEY & EDNA PRINE

Charley Fletcher Prine, son of Luther Jacob Prine and Ranie Schoolcraft Prine, born March 16, 1907, married March 25, 1939 to Edna Laur, son of Benjamin Franklin Murray and Ottilie Mae Greathouse, born March 16, 1918.

Charley was born in Euclid, Calhoun County. He attended Frozen Run and Bear Run schools in Calhoun County. He farmed most of his life. He spent several years working in the Parkersburg area for the Cut-Rate Lumber Company, Ames Shovel Plant, the Viscos, and retired from John-Manville after eighteen years service. He was a member of the Shilo Baptist Church in Wirt County and later joined Gilboa Baptist Church in the Grace Community.

Edna was born near Reedy. She spent her early school years at Wayside and Vi-
to Miss Suster Hughes, sister of Jesse and Elias. Sudder's father and mother were Thomas Hughes and Mary (Baker) Hughes. William and Sudder were married in what is now Hardy County, near the year 1763, moving to Harrison County in June, 1773. William died in October, 1814 at his old home near Milford. After his death, Sudder, came to Ritchie County and lived with their son Elias Lowther. She died about 1829.

Rebecca (Coburn) Lowther, wife of Elias, was born Dec. 11, 1779. She was the daughter of Captain Jonathan Coburn Jr. Jonathan was a soldier in the Revolution. He was the son of Jonathan Sr. and Catherine Coburn. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, Aug. 16, 1750. James Coburn was the father of Jonathan Sr. James Coburn was living near the present town of Petersburg when George Washington, at age 17 years, and his associates came to the South Branch Valley to do some surveying.

Christopher Pritchard's son Thomas, born 1785, married Rachel Pritchard. Thomas Sr. died 1811 in Allegany Co., Maryland. Submitted by: Dora Poole, Dor Grady, Doris Ward

PRITCHARD

The first Thomas Pritchard of record, arrived in James town. 1620 on ship "Abigail" from England. A member of the House of Burgesses, Gloucester County, Virginia. He was a descendant of Thomas Pritchard, who arrived in America, VA, in 1638. Christopher Pritchard, Westmoreland County; Thomas Pritchard, King George Co, VA.; Christopher Pritchard. (Pritchett, Pritchett), King George Co, VA.; Thomas Pritchard Sr., Prince William Co, VA. Thomas Pritchard, Jr. Born January 9, 1768, Leesburg, VA. (Loudoun County), married Mary Moody, his second wife, 24 October 1812, daughter of Robert Moody. Their children were Thomas D.; John Moody; William; Jane; Samuel; Emily; Rachael; and Amanda Moody. Thomas D., a blacksmith, born 25 Feb. 1818, Monogalia County and his wife Mary "Polly" Lownther, were the first Pritchard family to arrive in Roane Co. They moved to Frame, WV, 1865. Their children were Rebecca and Ira Lowther. Ira married Elias Lowther, born 30 December 1845, died 5 June 1909; Jemise born 1848; Thomas T. born 1849; Rebecca, Silas and Mary, all died in childhood.

Elias married, 29 March 1868, Sophia Amelia Watson, born 22 August 1844, Ritchie Co., VA., daughter of Otho G. Watson and Sophia Amelia Jett. Their children were Lewis M. born 14 March 1869; James Robert born 18 July 1871. Roane County, died 5 February 1945; Darrell D. born 20 February 1890

James R. married Roxie Wilson, born 2 April 1874, daughter of William Wilson and Polly Starcher. They were parents of Ira Grant, born 11 October 1895, died 12 January 1934; Arty Blake, born 13 May 1897, died 24 April 1976; Holie; Dean; Orpha and Effie. All born Roane County, WV.

Ira married, 2 April 1891, Sophia Amelia Watson, born 22 August 1844, Ritchie Co., VA., daughter of Otho G. Watson and Sophia Amelia Jett. Their children were Lewis M. born 14 March 1869; James Robert born 18 July 1871. Roane County, died 5 February 1945; Darrell D. born 20 February 1890.

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Mary Lowther Pritchard, wife of Thomas D., was the daughter of Elias Lowther and Rebecca Coburn. Elias Lowther, born 16 September 1776, died about 1845, 5th child of Col. William Beamer Lowther, born 22 December 1742, Albemarle County, VA., died 28 October 1814, West Milford, Harrison County, Virginia married August 1763, Sudder Hughes b. 1745 Augusta, Va., died 1829, Ritchie County, VA.

Col. Lowther served in the Revolutionary War and is well known in the history of Ritchie County, Virginia. His wife, was a sister of Jesse Hughes.

Ira and Jessie Pritchard were parents of Freda Ann (Holsinger) born 14 June 1921; Frances Jeroldine (Ruth) born 28 February 1923 and William Ray, born 15 February 1924.

William R. married 27 December 1946, Mildred Williams, daughter of Herbert and Ila Williams of Roane County, WV. They are parents of Jana Rae, born 21 March 1952, married Paul Kenneth Rham, Jody Kay, born 27 April 1954, married Richard James Stough; James Reid Pritchard born 20 May 1959. All born Kanawha County, WV. Children are Stephen Bradley, Brian David and Timothy Paul Rham and Carrie Jo Stough. All reside in St. Louis, MO.

William Pritchard, served in WWII, Army Air Force, is a graduate of West Virginia University, class of 1950, with a BS degree in Civil Engineering, and retired from Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Missouri after 57 years service. Submitted by: William R. Pritchard

PURSLEY

Hudson Pursley and Elizabeth Short were married April 12, 1841 in Botetourt County, Virginia. To this union were born thirteen children including two sets of twins.

Jesse Hudson Pursley and his twin sister E. Ann Pursley, seventh and eighth children of Hudson and Elizabeth, were born March 12, 1853 in Botetourt County, Virginia. In about 1866, Jesse, along with some of his brothers and sisters, moved with his parents to Spencer District, Roane County. West Virginia. Jesse married Louisa Snider of Doddridge County, West Virginia in 1877. Jesse was a farmer and they lived near Henry Fork in the eastern part of Roane County. They were the parents of ten children. Jesse died in 1914 and Louisa died in 1929. Both are buried in the Egypt Chapel Cemetery on Egypt Ridge Road.

Pursley

William Edward Pursley, "Uncle Billy", was born 1842 to the union of Hudson and Elizabeth (Short) Pursley in Botetourt County, Virginia. Living there until the outbreak of the Civil War, serving in the Confederate Army under the Command of General Robert E. Lee for about four years, six months as a prisoner of the Union...
Charles Ehood Rader

Charles Ehood Rader was born at Flat Fork, Harper District, Roane County 10-28-1875. He was the third of five sons born to Isaac Martin Rader and Nellie Wright Rader. Charles was very young and Len was designated as provider for the family. He went on to become a farmer and provided some horse teams and wagons hauling oil field equipment into the oil fields during the oil boom of Roane County. On January 7, 1868 married Nellie Wright of which nine children were born. Charles Reed "Reedy", b-1869-d-1935, Albert Lake, b-1871, James H., b-1874, Fannie, b-1881, A. N., b-1883 d-1888, Cora Ada, b-1884, male child, b-1885, Lafe Scott, b-1891. Death came to Nellie in April 1886. "Uncle Billy" married Nancy E. "Nannie" Icenhour, b-1860 d-1913, to this union was born ten children with nine surviving. Oather Otmer "Otto", b-1867 d-1973, Donzel Ray "Don", b-1869-d-1974, Laura Belle b-1891 d-1967, Grover Lee, b-1892 d-1975, Edna Lee, b-1894 d-1965, Marion "Dick" b-1896 d-1975 or 1976, Pearl Grace, b-1896 d-1977, Bertie "Bertie", b-1902, Worth "Boss", b-1904 d-1970, death came to "Nannie" in 1913. In 1914 on July 4, "Uncle Billy" married Luby Montgomery, there was no children born to this union, she died in 1915.

"Uncle Billy" spent the remainder of his life among his nine children, he died in November 1926 at the home of his daughter Edna Thomas of Jackson County.


In 1926 "Otto" married Ella Bella Norman, b-1899, d-1979, daughter of Salvanis Walker and Molly (Drake) Norman, they had one son, Oather Otmer, Jr. b-1932, married Mary Louise McEndree, b-1933, daughter of Sylvester (b. 1852) and Helena (b. 1857) Rhodes of Starts Mill in Jackson County. Helena's parents ran a grist mill in the Vicars area to raise their family which now included Len, Ella, Laura, Leah and Frank.

William returned to Minnesota when Lenox "Len" was very young and Len was designated as provider for the family. He was educated in one room schools in the area. About his sixth year in school he boarded at the home of Alfred "Bub" Kee while attending the Zona school taught by Josiah Hughes. Len worked very hard as a young man and throughout his life. In addition to farming, he worked in the stone timber business, in sawmills and in the oil fields of the surrounding area.
Westfall farm near Bellgrove, but most of their remaining years were spent on Vicars Ridge in Harper District. In 1932 Len built a new house and barn in the low-gap area of Vicars Ridge. He supported his growing family by farming and for several years (starting in 1919) served as mail carrier from Higby to Countsville and later from Fletcher to Harmony. As mail carrier, he rode horseback 313 days a year, 24 miles per day round trip for $1.29 a day; rain, sleet or high water. If he was ill, one of the sons would carry the mail. He was underbid in 1936 for $1.19 a day. Cora was a devoted wife and mother. She was active in the Fairview Methodist Church and was always willing to help neighbors at birth and death, to comfort them in times of sorrow. They were the parents of twelve children. Their first born, Herbert, died in infancy in 1900.

Howard L. (b1908 d1966) married Ada Peters (b1912 d1969) of Winifrede. They had three sons: Howard L. Jr., who died in infancy, Harold and David. Howard retired from Libby Owens Ford Glass Co. with 42 years service. He was active in church activities and enjoyed gardening and reciting poetry.

Evelyn M. (b1916) married Norman Shafer (b1918 d1984) of Vicars. They moved to Raleigh County where they reared their five children: Jack, Billy, Virginia, Doris and Rex. Earl retired from Libby Owens Ford with 43 years service. He was active in the church and enjoyed fox hunting.

Freda (b1915) married Estel Staats (b1908) of Ripley. They moved to Akron, Ohio shortly after WW II where they raised one son, Kenneth Wayne and where they still live. Freda worked at Owens Illinois Glass Co. plant in Charleston for 10 years.

Ruth (b1916) married Norman Shafer (b1918 d1984) of Vicars. They moved to Raleigh County where they reared their five children: Norma, Harry, Jeffrey, James and Rebecca. Ruth worked as a cook in the Flinttown School and Raleigh County schools for many years. Their family enjoys outdoor activities.

Raymond (b1919 d1985) married Anna Gail Presley (b1914 d1989) of Vicars. After serving with the Army Of Occupation in Germany, he returned to Vicars Ridge to establish a home and raise two sons, Dale and Darrell. After retiring from the Roane County Board of Education, Raymond and Gail spent their remaining years at their home on Jefferson Street in Spencer. Raymond was a Mason for many years and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Faye (b1921) married Alfred B. Smith (b1911) the son of Rev. Fred Smith of Roane County. They have one daughter, Cynthia, and have owned and operated the Dutch Road Grocery in Charleston for 36 years.

Romma Edgar (b1923 d1929) died of meningitis when he was 6 years old.

Mabel (b1925) married Clyde Thomas (b1922) the son of Arch Thomas of Red Knob. They established a home on Jones Ridge where they raised three children; Ester, Kathleen and Joseph. They relocated to Newcomerstown, Ohio in 1961. She is famous for her hand stitched quilts.

Orel "Pete" (b1927) married Joyce Hughes (b1938) of Zona. They are parents of seven children; Jeanette, Linda, Philip, Christopher, Sheila and the twins of the family, James and David. In addition to maintaining a large garden and doing all the evening chores, he walked much miles each day to harmony to the bus stop so as to attend Walton High School. Pete was the only child of Len and Cora to complete high school. He also graduated with a BS in Education from Morris Harvey College and taught school at Mount Union and Walton for 35 years. He and his nephew "Bill" were co-owners of the Walton Shopping Center from 1968 to 1981.

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But, all through my memories of family conversations, there ran a vein of inherent hatred for slavery. In colonial Virginia, a person who refused to own slaves was hard put, economically, so they probably migrated here to avoid competition with a slave economy.

Thomas Jefferson, who was raised by one branch of the Randolphs once said, "A man who works with his hands is the least respected, and the most abused." Perhaps this is the reason we find William Riley Randolph in what is now Roane County, in the early 1800's.

Riley Randolph fathered several sons, one of whom was Hiram Randolph, 1843-1926. He married Hanervia Westfall, 1847-1920. They were the parents of my grandfather, John W. Randolph, 1865-1938, who married Caroline Litton, 1861-1947. One of their sons, Jerry M. Randolph was my father. Jerry M. Randolph, 1893-1981, married Gatha White, 1866-1977. Hiram, John and their families were members of a small farming community, centered around Flinttown, Roane County. They were farmers, stone masons and small store keepers.

Jerry, Gatha, Erene and Ival Randolph about 1922

Jerry was trying to break out of this cycle, and his first effort was water well drilling, which was done by hand. In later years, when asked about his equipment, he stated that he and his partner had a horse, a wagon, a spring pole, and a spud-bit. It must be remembered that the water table was much higher then.

Sometime in the 1900's The Carter Oil Co. began drilling around Flinttown, and that was the end of the water well business. Jerry sought employment in the oil industry, and continued that work for the next 39 years.

One of my earliest memories is a shopping trip made from Flinttown to Reedys. Dan had the first automobile in Flinttown, it was a Dort (Dorrit?). The car had been stored all winter, due to the horrible condition of the dirt road.

Now, with spring, and the mud drying, Dad announced plans for a trip to Reedy, come Saturday. I remember we came chug-chugging down Whited Hill, around Devil's Elbow turn, and up to a huge mud hole which had an evil reputation.

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I married James F. Berkhouse, and we had four children. The two oldest, James Jr. and Diana Lee were killed in separate automobile accidents. The parents of Mrs. Amond Douglas, lives in Malden, W.Va. Neal Randolph Berkhouse lives in Alexandria, Va.


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The family of Byrd Sinclair Ray 1875-1929 and Lillie Jones Ray 1880-1941 lived on Laughlin Ridge in Roane County. Byrd was a member of the Odd Fellow at Spencer and Gandeeville. They were buried in Paxon Cemetery, Amberly Ridge.

The parents of Byrd Ray were William Amos Ray and Aminta Summers Ray. They are buried in the family cemetery on Amberly Ridge.

Lillie Jones Ray was the daughter of Lewis Jones and Julia Canterbury Jones. She was born at Romance, W.Va. The couple were married in Lafayette, Ind.

Byrd was the Roane County assessor for a period of time. His last eight years were spent as Superintendent of the Automobile Bureau. State of W. Va. Road Commission, the Capitol. He died in Roane County. Mr. and Mrs. Ray were the parents of nine children; four sons and five daughters.

Charles W. Ray 1902-1983 married Ella Campbell of Saint Marys, W.Va. They lived a large portion of their lives at Gandeeville and Spencer. They owned the former Sheppard farm for many years where the Roane County homecomings are held each year. They were parents of four children, one son and two daughters. Charles is buried in Eventide Cemetery, Spencer. His wife survives.

In 1949, with the rank of Captain, Charles retired from the W.Va. State Police with twenty-five years of service. Through his efforts, the State Police Academy was established in 1947, at Institute, W.Va. For many years after retirement, he conducted police training schools throughout the state, funded by Marshall University, and also served as instructor at the Academy until age seventy-nine.

Glen H. Ray 1903-1987 was born in Fresno, Calif. He was married to the former ha Fields of Amberly Ridge and Clandonia. They were parents of four sons. Glen and Iva Ray are enshrined at Chapel of Peace Mausoleum. Sunset Memory Gardens, in Parkersburg. Glen was a retired pipe line contractor and a former State Road Commission employee as Assistant Registrar.

Lakin Ray 1904-1911, the third son of Byrd and Lillie Ray, died of pneumonia at age six.

Leslie Paul (Happy) Ray 1908-1987 was
Joe was the son of Letha Sleeth Jones and were Joe Cox and Bessie Canterbury Cox. Among his children before he died in 1948. Edward Cox. Bessie Canterbury Cox was of the Jackson County area. Oke was a member of the Harmony Chapter of the Crimson Lane, Spencer and married the former Lucille Coon. Oke was a painter and a blacksmith keep- her herd of sheep. Ida was a homemaker, who enjoyed quilting and sewing. They lived most of their lives on two farms located at Harmony on Jones Ridge. After retirement they and their daughter, Betty moved to Crimson Lane, Spencer and built a new home next door to their daughter and son-in-law, Glada and David Kinison. They are currently residing there and enjoying their only grandchild, Jae Roy Howard Kinison. Submitted by: Glada Sue Ray Kinison.

Ray Farmhouse on Ambler Ridge

Ruth Ray Pierce 1919- was born at the home place on Ambler Ridge in the farmhouse her father built. She was married in 1945 in London, England to William E. Pierce of Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., whom she survives. She is the mother of two sons. Ruth is a retired State employee and veteran of WW II. Virginia Ray Barker 1922- was born in Charleston, W. Va. She is married to Bernie Eugene Barker of Boone County. They have six grandchildren. Virginia is employed by the State Health Department. Submitted by: Ruth Ray Pierce

RAY - COX

Roy Rex Ray was born February 12, 1912, in Roane County, WV. He was the son of O. J. (Oke) Ray and Mary Elizabeth Coon Perkins Ray (Bette). Oke was the son of Zet- tera Ira Ray and Clarify Ray. Oke was a member of the Harmony Lodge Chapter of the Masons and later transferred into the Mor- iah Lodge #38 at Spencer. Bette was the daughter of William Benny and Mary Coon of the Jackson County area. Oke was a farmer dividing his large amount of land among his children before he died in 1940. He and his wife Bette who died in 1950 are buried at the Ferrell Cemetery at Harmony. Roy was one of eight children — Addie Perkins Jones, Jennie Ray Skeens, Stella Ray Raines, Macie Ray Parsons, Mosie Ray, Avery Ray and Rosie Ray. Ida Ellen Cox Ray was born April 14, 1916 in Roane County, W.V. Her parents were Joe Cox and Bessie Canterbury Cox. Joe was the son of Letha Sleeth Jones and Edward Cox. Bessie Canterbury Cox was the daughter of Calvin and Minerva Canterbury of Clendenin. Ida was the fourth child of five. Oke's children were, Roy Rex, McGough, Floda Cox Hawkins, Freeman Cox and Glada Cox Uhlman.

Roy and Ida were married at the parsonage in Gandeaville on August 4, 1934. They were the parents of two daughters, Bessie Eloise Ray (Betty), who was crippled at birth and who has made her home with her parents since birth. Betty was born July 16, 1935 and Glada Sue Ray Kinison who was born March 10, 1951. Glada married David Alan Kinison, son of Howard and Virginia Nundy Kinison of Campbell's Creek, Kanawha County. David and Glada attended grade school together at Gan- deaville Grade School and later married after graduating from Walton High School in 1969. They attended West Virginia Institute of Technology at Montgomery. WV and graduated with Bachelors Degrees in Business Education in 1973. They later received their Masters Degrees from Marshall University. Both are employed in the educational field. After seventeen years of marriage they adopted their only child, a son, Jae Roy Howard Kinison from Seoul, South Korea, at the age of three months, two days. Jae was born on May 3, 1986. Roy was a farmer and a blacksmith keeping herds of Hereford cattle and a small herd of sheep. Ida was a homemaker, who enjoyed quilting and sewing. They lived most of their lives on two farms located at Harmony on Jones Ridge. After retirement they and their daughter, Betty moved to Crimson Lane, Spencer and built a new home next door to their daughter and son-in-law, Glada and David Kinison. They are currently residing there and enjoying their only grandchild, Jae Roy Howard Kinison. Submitted by: Glada Sue Ray Kinison

THOMAS R. RAY & LUCILLE SHAFER RAY

I am the eldest of three children born to Thomas R. Ray and Lucille Shafer Ray for- mery of Roane County. My mother now lives in St. Albans, W.V. My father died of cancer August 10, 1986. He and my mother celebrated fifty-two happy years together. The kind of people who are "the grass roots" of W.V., they were always ready to lend a helping hand to others. Although of modest means themselves, their door was always open and the table always filled with my mother's delicious cooking. I can remember at least eleven different people who lived with us at one time or another until they could get a job and a place to live. Thomas Rex Ray Ray and daughter

Samuel and Elizabeth Redic

Samuel Redic moved to Lincoln County in West Virginia in 1910 or 1911. He came to West Virginia with the Fisher Oil Compa- any, then they moved to Stringtown, Roane County. In June 1911, he and Grandfather worked in the Oil Field until it was sold and then he bought a farm near Speed and lived there until he died on September 15, 1952.
Jasper N. (1859-1932), Elmancy C. (1858-1945), Robert M., G. Glendine, and Betty Lee. Reed (1836-1907) along with their children. Nathan I., Rachael A., Thomas W., and James O. (b. 1889) There are no known descendants of this family. Nathan I. (1836-1907) and Anna Engle are unknown at this time.

Nathan I. (1836-1907) and Anna Engle arrived in Roane County in 1874 from Phillipi, Barbour County, settling in the Wolf Camp area of Harper District. Nathan, wife and two sons, L. B. Jackson and William J. later moved to Amma in Geary District. All are buried in the Amma Cemetery.

Isaac S. Reed married Lucetta Westfall. Their children were: Amanda E. (b. 1881), Ora G. (1901-1917), Lucebia Lewis Elis (b. 1882), George W. (b. 1887), and James O. (b. 1889). There are no known descendants of this family.”

“Jack” Reed married Frances I. Parker in 1894. Their children were: William N. (1895-1971), Thamar (1894-1968), T. Dowey (1894-?), Orra G. (1901-1917), Lucelia (1895-?), and twin daughters Gertrude and Delpha (1895). Their descendants are known.

Jasper, a farmer on Cox’s Fork in Harper District, married Cora Belle Bradley (1865-1945) of Gay, Jackson County, on October 28, 1885. They had three children: Louis Ellis (b. 1882), George W. (b. 1887), and James O. (b. 1889). There are no known descendants of this family.

Loral, who also farmed in the Cox’s Fork area, married Cora Deanman (1892-1967) in 1908. Their children were: Ross, Harry, Edith and Kathleen. Only Ross still resides in Roane County. Jasper, Cora Belle, Loral, and Cora are buried in the Mt. Herman Cemetery in Harper District.


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A TRIBUTE TO MY PARENTS

Ruby Myers Reed is the sixth child of John R. and Iva Westfall Myers. She is a native of Roane County, attended Jackson Union Grade School, and graduated from Wallon High School in May 1947. Ruby made her home with her parents and siblings on Johnson Creek the first six years, and then moved to Charleston. In January of 1948, she met Maurice Edward Reed, and they married the following November.

Ruby and Maurice are the unselfish and caring parents of three children and four grandchildren. The oldest is Edward Reed, Jr., who resides in Charleston and works as a chef. Cheryl Lynn is a nurse for the Veteran’s Administration and is married to Joseph A. Honce. They reside in Bridgeport, W.V., and have two sons, Joseph Albert and Thomas Edward. John Kenneth, named after his grandfather, is married to Sandra James and resides in Springfield, Va. They have two children, Byron Daniel and Miranda Kay. John works for Bell Atlantic.

After their children were in school, Ruby joined Maurice in the work force in order to provide their family with more opportunities. Despite their work, family always came first, and they found a way to be there no matter how small the milestone was. She and Maurice have been married 58 years of the 60 years of W.V. Ruby retired in Dec. 1987 and Maurice followed in Nov. 1988. They now spend their time in church and community activities and in traveling to see their siblings, children and grandchildren across the country.

Ruby and Maurice have dedicated their lives to God and family. They continue to be there for assistance and guidance to their children and always keep the family growing. Submitted by: Cheryl L. Honce.

REED

L. Jennie L. (Rexroad) Davis, was born 12-20-1895, at Freemansburg, Lewis County, W.V. The youngest daughter of John C. and Mary A. (White) Rexroad, I have five brothers and two sisters. They were: Charles, Alexander, Mary C. Wrightman (Whitney), Mary Clark, Don, Fannie L., and Arthur P.

In 1900, I traveled with my parents to Flat Fork in Roane County, where we lived on a farm. This was the second time my family came to Roane County. The first being in 1891, where they bought a farm on Lick Fork of Poca River. They sold this farm and returned to Lewis County in 1900.
In 1911, they sold out in Roane County and moved to Mason County, where they lived until about 1918, when my mother became ill and could not care for herself. It then became my responsibility to care for her. We moved to Charleston, where I worked in the A. W. Cox Dept. Store (A. W. Cox was a neighbor on Flat Fork). After about 5 months, it proved impossible for me to work and care for my mother too. We then came back to Roane County to the home of my sister and brother-in-law, Fannie and Clay Romine, who then lived just south of Spencer on the Charleston Road. While there, in addition to caring for my mother, I delivered mail from Spencer to Countsville. At the same time, my father carried mail from Cicerone to Countsville and we sometimes met and visited a while there.

Later we moved to Buck Ridge near Kyger and it was there that my mother died in 1920. Mary A. and John C. are buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Shortly after mother died, I met Roy C. Davis while attending Green Valley Church at the mouth of Staats Run on Middlefork of Reedy. On October 27, 1921, I married Roy and we raised 6 children. They were: Don, Wavie Miller, Gene, Glen, Charles, and Ina Kelley.

I am now (1989) 93 years old and living with my daughter, Wavie Miller. I have lived at the same place since 1921, and have many good friends and neighbors in this area. I am a member of the Peniel United Methodist Church and attend Sunday School every Sunday. Submitted by: Ina Kelley

REYNOLDS


Tommy Yvonne Counts Reynolds was born March 4, 1966 at Jackson General Hospital, she is the daughter of Oscar Hawkins Counts Jr. Born, July 15, 1943 and Linda Ann Burdette Counts, born March 20, 1947. She has one sister, Sheryl Lynn Counts, born November 20, 1970 who now attends WVU at Morgantown. Tommy has been a resident of Roane County all of her life. She graduated from Spencer High School in 1964 after graduating she worked one year at Tommy Jackson’s Nationwide Insurance Office, and is now a legal secretary for Mark G. Sergent.

Brian and Tammy were married on March 24, 1984 at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church. They now reside at Leroy, in Roane County.

REYNOLDS

Carl Lee Reynolds, son of Freda Stine Reynolds (deceased) and Gilbert Ray Reynolds of Reed, grandson of Artie Westfall Reynolds and Thomas V. Reynolds of Stover and William Stine, who was the last surviving veteran of the Civil War in Roane County. William Stine was born in Germany and immediately after landing in America was drafted to serve as a drummer boy in the Civil War.

Beulah Violena Pickens Reynolds married Carl in April 21, 1946, at Mt. Zion Church by the Rev. A.S. Dodrill.

Beulah was the daughter of Hettie Sarah Pickens of Looneyville and Reuben Pickens (deceased) of Charleston, W.Va. Beulah was an oil rig driller throughout West Virginia during the pioneer days of oil well drilling. Buck Pickens was a member of the Roane Co. Odd Fellows and the Masonic Lodge in Parkersburg, WVa. Beulah’s great-grandparents were Albert Pickens and Viola Wilbur Pickens and Damar Criner Sparr and Huston Sparr, who originally came from England.

Carl was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans. Beulah is a Life Member of the National Education Association. While they lived in Roane County they attended the Cherry Valley Methodist Church and the Spencer Temple and were active members of the Trailblazers 4-H Club.

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RHODES

Oliver D. Rhodes 1880-1951 and Naomi Radabaugh Rhodes 1885-1951 were married Thanksgiving Day, 1905. They had seven children. Margaret, who married Mayford Henderson, farmer and carpenter, lived in West Virginia, Ohio, and Florida. Ruth married Harry Pursley. They were owners/operators of an auto repair garage in Medina Ohio. Charles H. is a realtor and owner/manager of rental properties in

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Robert Rhodes married, Oct. 17, 1865, Mary Casto daughter of George Casto, Jr. and Nancy Raines. Robert was a farmer at Belgrave, Jackson County. Their children were Rector - Married - Alice Westfall; Dora Woodfield; Jenna Freeland; William - Alice Fields; Mattie - Oradell Parsons; Arizona Westfall; Oley - Anne Redman; Joseph - Ethel Greathouse and Benjamin. Robert born 1849 died 1929. Mary born 1845 died 1935. Both were buried in George Casto Cemetery, Stats Mills, WV.

William Clark Rhodes (Robert's son) married Alice Fields daughter of Reese Field and Sarah Rhodes. Her parents were Mathias and Martha Parsons Rhodes. Her parents James and Sarah Garrett Fields. William was born March 3, 1877 and Alice February 9, 1877. Married April 27, 1900 and lived until 1913 in Jackson County then moved to Watauga County where I was born.

Daughter married and run a "Stone Burr" grist mill. He died June 28, 1945. She was on December 20, 1957. Buried Looney Cemetery, Watauga, Roane County. Their children Lloyd; Amos - Married - Clara Grace Gallispie; Clayton; Nellie - Married - Roy D. Kelley, Jacksonville, Florida; Ray; Bessie - Married Isaac M. Whited, Seffner, Florida.

Amos' children: Donald - Married - Jo Ann Dean; James; Mary Ella Kramer; Wesley; Donna Ranson and Sharon DeBoit.

There are four grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Nellie's children: Roy D. Kelly, Jr. - Margaret Sigh and Richard - Arlene Henderson after Betty Omijenski died leaving two small daughters. Nellie has four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mary has two sons. Lloyd Douglas - Married - Judy McDonald and Isaac M. Whited. Jr. - Rebecca Miller. My only two grandsons are Kirk Andrew and Blaine Patrick their sons.

The Rhodes' family is of German descent. Submitted by Mary Rhodes Whitely

RICHARDS

Clarence F. Richards was born at Chestnut Lick, Gilmer County, WV June 6, 1903. His parents were Norman Eches, 1866-1947 and Amanda Jane Meadows Richards, 1871-1945. He was one of eight children; Jessie and Carl died in infancy; Oral J. 1897-1962, David M. 1900-1971, Ila Rousch 1913-1971, Illa Rousch 1913-1971, Graydon, 1907 are still living. His father was a farmer and blacksmith. N.E. and Amanda are buried in Meadows Cemetery, Normantown, Gilmer County.

Bermie Zerelda Williams Richards was born at Big Flint, Doddridge County, WV April 19, 1908. She was the daughter of Ada Williams Davison 1889-1968 and Earl Davison, and granddaughter of Daniel L. Williams 1860-1938 and May Ann Potts Williams 1862-1947 of Doddridge County.

Clarence and Berne were married at Deer Lick, Pennsylvania 6-28-1923. They lived at Chestnut Lick, Gilmer County for ten years. where four of their five children were born, before moving to Roane County in 1933, when Robert Clarence, their only son, was three months old. He was born 7-13-1933. The three daughters born in Gilmer County were Wanda Lee Bailey born 12-7-1924, Ermil Jane Cline born 3-1-1927 and Betty Jean Boggs born 8-28-1929. Zerelda Dianne Price born 3-7-1950 in Roane County.

They lived on Ripley Road four years and Route 36 Stale Road four years before moving to Reedy in 1940, where Clarence resided 45 years until his death 4-19-1985. Clarence managed a service station for several years and then was Reedy Policeman two years 1945-1947, served on City Council 1951-1953 and was Mayor 1953-1955. He worked for State Road Commission, Columbus Gas Company in Charleston and several years for Harry C. Boggs Natural Gas Company until his retirement because of failing health. Berne worked for O. J. Morrison Co. four years and Kelwood Company for 21 years.
Both sang in the choir. Also, they were members of the Roane County Singers for many years. They belonged to the Reedy IOOF and Rebekah Lodge and Senior Citizens.

Clarence’s favorite hobby was hunting, but because he loved people so much and had so much compassion for the sick, he would never hesitate to sit up all night with a sick friend. Clarence had many friends in this world. He is buried at Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

Riddle’s hobbies have been quilting, crocheting and gardening. She will soon be 82 years old and drives her own car everywhere. In August, 1989, she moved on Charleston Road to be near her children and grandchildren, but she still drives the 13 miles to Reedy on Sunday to go to Church.

Since moving to Spencer, she has joined the Roane General Hospital Auxiliary where she volunteers her time every Monday.

To conclude the members of this family are twelve grandchildren, (two deceased) twenty-three great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She has the honor of having three five generation groups living at this time. Submitted by: Betty J. Roggs and Xerelda Price.

**BENJAMIN & DELILA RIDDLE**

Benjamin Franklin Riddle was born in 1858, the son of Albert and Clarissa (Shepherd) Riddle. Evidently the Riddle family moved to Reedy in 1880 from the Curtis District as Benjamin is listed twice as a farmer living with his widowed mother, Clarissa, and sisters Leora B., age 19 years and Martha J. Riddle, age 17 years. Benjamin’s brother, Samuel S. Riddle had married Lilly Staley on May 6, 1875, in Roane County.

Benjamin F. Riddle, or “Uncle Frank” as he was known, was 33 years old when he married Delila E. Candler on Aug. 7, 1892, in Roane County. Delila was the daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Candler. Benjamin and Delila’s home was located atop a ridge on upper Middlefork overlooking the valley where Thrash’s farm now stands. Although they had no known children of their own, they raised a child, Clyde Bat ten, of the Middlefork area.

Deeply religious people, “Uncle Frank” and “Aunt Bet” often traveled from church to church to sing hymns. A favorite song of theirs was “I Will Meet You In The Morning Inside The Eastern Gates”. Their voices harmonizing together beautifully, they would stand facing each other, one inside the pulpit while the other stood at the altar.

Benjamin Franklin Riddle died in 1948 at Reedy, Roane County. He was buried in the Board/Seaman Cemetery alongside his wife, Delila, who had died on Jan. 6, 1928. Submitted by: Myrl Gibbs.

**RIDDLE**

James Edgar Riddle, born Randolph (now Tucker) County, January 5, 1870 died Roane County December 8, 1876, son of John and Tamar (Goff) Riddle, settled in what is now Curtis District in early 1840’s with his father. James Edgar Riddle was one of first eleven Justices of the Peace in Roane County when it was formed, all of whom had commissions from his excellency, the governor of the Commonwealth. He was prominent in the newly established County and was one of the surveyors who laid out the boundary lines. He married Effa Cunningham born Nov. 10, 1810 died Decem ber 24, 1864 buried Mt. Olive Cemetery Roane County. James and Effa’s children Hannah D. born 1831 died December 19, 1922; Margaret born 1832? married a Reed; Van Buren born 1849 Lewis County died Camp Platt July 9, 1864 Corporal Company G. 9th Regiment Infantry Union Army; Rachel born Lewis County December 14, 1836 died November 13, 1908 married James Samuel “Sant” Davis, Roane County February 12, 1858. He served as Private Company G. 9th Regiment Infantry Roane County January 19, 1858 died Roane County February 11, 1925, married Jonathan Simmons March 25, 1858, married 2nd Alfred M. Dearman October 4, 1866. Roane County he was born July 17, 1839; Harrison County died February 16, 1860 in Union Army Civil War Private Company F. 11th Regiment Infantry; Eliza M. born 1840 died June 7, 1918 was in State Senate from Roane County. In Company G. 9th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry transferred to Company I 1st West Virginia Vet Infantry because of consolidation of 5th and 9th West Virginia Regiments served until July 21, 1865 rank of Sergeant, married Mary Ann “Mollie” Smith, born Kan awaha County died Roane County Nov. 12, 1917. Lafayette born Ritchie County November 17, 1844 died Roane County October 28, 1922 married 1st in Roane County June 21, 1864 Elena Davis, born Harrison County October 16, 1843 died Roane County December 29, 1895. Lafayette married 2nd Mrs. Whiting and 3rd Mrs. Westfall; John W. born Roane County December 18, 1912 married Hannah Elizabeth Straley.

James Riddle married 2nd Rebecca (Wetzel) Curtis February 10, 1867 (widow of William Wake Curry Curtis for whom Curtis District was named) she was born June 4, 1850 died November 17, 1890 Roane County. Their children were: Philip Henry Sheridan born Roane County December 25, 1867 died Roane County April 10, 1951 married March 3, 1887 Louvina (Hoge) born Cumberland County, Illinois April 20, 1865 died Roane County September 19, 1937, Nora Olive born Roane County July 19, 1869 died Mason County February 25, 1899 married December 22, 1889 Henry Thomas Sleeth born 1867 died Mason County January 16, 1941; Sophronia Elizabeth born Roane County July 19, 1869 died April 17, 1943 Webster County, married Roane County February 4, 1893 George B. McClelland Willett born May 15, 1862 died May 7, 1946. Submitted by: Presente Gates.

Guy married December 30, 1914 in Pomeroy, Ohio, to Elsa Blanche (Casdorph) born December 22, 1894 in Kanawha County died June 16, 1982. Elsa was a daughter of Ira Grant and Emma Retta (Patton) Casdorph. Elsa was also a school teacher and taught 43 years in Kanawha and Roane County. When Elsa first started teaching she had to build the fire to warm the room, dust, scrub and sometimes make curtains when there were no window shades. She started her own version of the hot lunch program in the winter by heating something on the stove to give the children something warm in very cold weather. She had pie and ice cream socials and plays, one being Uncle Tom’s Cabin to entertain and get some money to purchase books for the school as they had no libraries in the one room schools then. Also she had Christmas programs and a Christmas tree. She wrote to her mother and asked her to see if the Wesley Chapel Church would loan her their Christmas tree trimmings so she could put up a tree for the Christmas program, they did and her father brought it to her all the way from Kanawha County. She brought it to Roane County and later at Coal Hollow.

In 1917 he began working for the Dunbar Flint Glass Company after working there a short time he became very ill. He returned to Roane County for something like a year for recuperation and during this time purchased a 106 acre farm from C. L. Monroe and in the following spring built a house with the help of his brother Edgar Riddle, E. E. Knopp and Orville Ball. Guy, Elsa and Helen lived on this farm until 1929, when he once again returned to the Dunbar Glass Plant. Of all the jobs he had throughout his life farming in Roane County was the one he cared most about, so he returned to Roane County in 1954 built a new house and started raising cattle again.

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In those days the trees had candles that were lit and the man playing Santa Claus got his beard on fire.

They had one child Helen born in Charleston, October 29, 1915 died December 30, 1971, she taught at Union District High School and also from Business College. Helen worked in the office for
the Gates Paint Manufacturing Company where she met Russell P. Gates, who she later married. While working there, they had two children: Prentice Gates II who married June 13, 1971 to Barbara (Whitman) and has one son, Eric Prentice Gates, born June 10, 1973; and a daughter Elaine Gates. Submitted by: Elaine Gates

RIFFE

The William David Riffe family came to Roane County from Monroe County around 1874. They settled near Walnut Grove, at the head of Laurel Creek.

William Riffe was born January 25, 1833, the son of John Riffe and Rebecca Clark Riffe. William Riffe and Harriet Clementine Boggess (born December 18, 1837) were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph R. Wheeler on October 25, 1855. They had nine children: William Lon (1856-1921), Minnie (who died as a child) John Lewis (1861-1916), Jennie Bell (1864-1923), Henry Kaiser (1867-1943), Joseph Hamilton (1870-?), Annie Laura (1873-1958), Andrew Clay (1878-1952), and Berman Carl (1884-1975). Harriet Clementine Riffe died September 3, 1901, and William David Riffe soon followed her in death on August 18, 1908. They are buried together in the cemetery beside the Methodist Church on Vandale Fork.

William Lon Riffe and John Lewis Riffe went west sometime before 1864, and very little is known about their families. Andrew Clay Riffe was a Methodist minister whose ministry took him to Idaho sometime after 1900. While he was there, he lost his wife and two sons in some type of epidemic. He returned to West Virginia and resumed his ministry in Parkersburg and other towns.

Henry Kaiser Riffe was a Methodist minister also, and preached in Ripley and later in Parkersburg.

Berman Carl Riffe lived at the old homeplace from his birth on March 31, 1864, until December 31, 1956. He married Ida Post on May 2, 1907. She was born on March 13, 1884, the daughter of Jesse Edwin Post and Margaret Jane Deverick Post. Carl, as he was known to his friends, worked on the farm and occasionally sold produce and livestock around Spencer. He was a faithful member of the Bays Chapel Church, and was the song leader and a Sunday School teacher there for many years.

Carl and Ida Riffe with daughter, Pauline. 1910

Carl and Ida Riffe had four children: Harriet Pauline, Calvin Lee, Eula Margaret, and William Earl.

Harriet Pauline Riffe was born January 3, 1910. She married Charles Cecil Holland on October 11, 1930. They had three children: Mary Irene, born July 8, 1931; Charles Edwin, born January 8, 1933; and Carl Gordon, born July 10, 1937.

Mary Irene Holland married Charles Thomas Scott on March 15, 1954. They had two children: Jeffrey Thomas, born November 7, 1957; and Patricia Lynn, born May 14, 1965.


After many years with his wife and family, Berman Carl Riffe died on December 18, 1975, at the age of 91. His wife Ida lived with their daughter Eula in Parkersburg, and died at the age of 102 on February 27, 1987. Submitted by: Jeffrey T. Scott

RILEY

My father I. L. Riley, generally known as Ike, or sometimes facetiously as two-eyed Riley, moved to Spencer, West Virginia about 1884, and rented a farm, a red barn, and a blacksmith shop. He served as Deputy Sheriff under Smith Vandale. Vandale ran for office with provision that Ike would be his assistant. After the election Ike sold his store in Walton and moved to Spencer. Ike was to be the jailer and provide his own apartment for the jailer’s family. It must have been generous quarters for it housed Ike, his wife Lulu (nee Mary Louise Goodwin) and their seven children, Oral, Orville, Charles, Eary, the genealogist dug it up. I had known he was crippled and limped badly, but - Macel. Ann was born very soon after we moved there and she has always claimed to being born "in jail". Mary Louise was born ten years later. Long after our "jail term" was over.

As deputy sheriff, Ike early earned some notoriety for making an arrest of a cowboy evading the law. He was holding a great tent revival in Spencer. Ike had recognized the man from posters sent out by a western evangelist who was holding a great tent revival down the path of people who had stopped to listen to the man on Ike’s head and they never forgave him.

When his term as deputy sheriff was up, Ike went into business in Spencer. He had a Dry Goods store on Main Street. Oma was the store clerk and had a flair for clothes brought some style into the store. Then Ike established a wholesale house at another location which Oral managed.

Later Ike became postmaster as a reward for his ardent support of the Republican party. Grace, my mother, was his receptionist in the postoffice.

Ike was a strong Methodist in his beliefs and was opposed to card playing and dancing. We children loved card games but we would manage to get away with them by the’ use of a special deck of cards tucked under the rug.

The big social event of the year in Spencer was the Christmas Ball given by Dr. and Mrs. Lyons at the Insane Asylum. Mother was the Christmas Ball given by Dr. and Mrs. Lyons at the Insane Asylum. Mother was sold by a local man from posters sent out by a western evangelist. The arrest brought down the wrath of the people who had stopped to listen to the man on Ike’s head and they never forgave him.

Stories passed down through the family were that brother Jesse settled on land William bought from George which was in Flat Fork. I remember hearing when I was a child that Jesse settled on Elk River in Kanawha County. The place was known as Rileys Landing but later became Clendenin.

George and William Riley remained in Roane County for the rest of their lives, they took opposite sides in the Civil War. Stories passed down through the family have it that the brothers never spoke to one another again. Ike allied himself with the South and William supported the North. However, if George ran into trouble with northerners, William intervened. If William ran into trouble with southerners, George intervened. Often through negotiations they managed to keep the peace.

William was a soldier in the Northern Army, a fact I had not known until Ann Eary, the genealogist dug it up. I had known he was a very close friend of Isaac Irwin (“Ike”) Arletta George Webster, Malinda and William. There was a very close relationship between the two sets of children. Most of them lived out their lives in the Flat Fork area.

Ike and Lulu Riley’s children scattered over the country. Oral married Pearl Gough and died at age 32 in Charleston. Oma married Reese Kent and lived most of her life in Greensboro, NC, and she died at age 78. Ike’s family died out. His second wife Mary Ann (Jones) had Isaac Irwin (“Ike”) Arletta George Webster, Malinda and William. There was a very close relationship between the two sets of children. Most of them lived out their lives in the Flat Fork area.

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Charles Riley married Edith Perkins of Princeton, W. Va. They had no children. Charles served in both World Wars, in the first as a captain and in the second as a Lieutenant Colonel. After the second World War he served on the War Crimes Commission in Germany.
A page of a document with text about historical and genealogical information. The text includes names, dates, places, and family relationships. The content is written in a formal style, typical of genealogical research or historical documents. The text refers to specific events, places, and individuals, providing a detailed account of their lives and contributions. 

The document contains references to a person named O. E. Barker, who was transferred to Spencer by Pennzoil and attended Spencer High School. There is also a mention of a young child named William Leon, born on September 9, 1967, and a student at WVU. The text includes a dedication to the memory of a loved one, with a hearty thank you to the reader for understanding.
1907, married Jan. 9, 1834 to John Bishop who was born at Little Clinch River, Ken tucky. Margaret "Peggy" Roach was born Feb. 1, 1833-36, died March 10, 1896 age 62 years, 6 months. 20 days was married January 22, 1853 to Silas Benjamin Leary. Malinda Roach born 1839, died Jan. 11, 1859 at the age of 19 years, 11 months, 1 day was married in May 1857 to Edward Knotts, the son of Edward and Sarah Knotts. Nancy "Anna" Roach born about 1842 was married on Oct. 6, 1866 to William E. Combs, the son of William and Sally Combs. Jesse Roach who was born about 1844, died 1921 in Roane County was married on Aug. 29, 1870 to Anne Watson, the daughter of William and Maria (Ingram) Watson. Charles Roach, a Civil War Veteran, was married on Aug. 27, 1842, in Jackson Co., Virginia to Ellen Skidmore, the daughter of Archibald Skidmore. The Roach family was from NC and had established for the neighborhood's needs. Submitted by: Michael S. Fore

ROBERTS

Daniel Roberts, an early pioneer of Roane County, was born in Barbour County, VA, a son of William John (1808-1876) and Elizabeth Engle Roberts (1810-1890). His known brothers were Emil, John, and James who were born in Oregon.

Daniel married Margaret Board Roberts of Reedy, Roane County. She was born in 1840 and died in 1916 of burns received when her clothing caught fire. Margaret was a descendent of Patrick (Sandy) Board who was an American Revolutionary War veteran in 1775-1783. She was the descendent of his first born son, Joseph, who married Margaret Homer.

Daniel & Margaret Board Roberts

Daniel and Margaret had eight children. They were Lloyd, Simon, Emil, Sarah Ann, Melissa, Rebecca, Mariette, and James Nevel Craig Roberts. Daniel was a farmer and he and Margaret raised their children on the family farm on Stover. This farm being a part of a track of a 20,000 acre grant, which was owned by More and Dillion, patented to B and A Terrass in 1877, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Daniel told about Confederate Soldiers marching down Stover Fork Road seeking men to fight for the Rebel Cause. He and the others hid their horses and hid out till it was safe for them to go enlist for the Union. Daniel enlisted in the Union Army at Ravenswood, VA February 10, 1863 during the Civil War. He first served in Co. F, 11th Reg. Infantry then transferred to Co. K, 10th West Virginia Vol. Infantry by the order of Major General Gibbon. He mustered out at Richmond, VA June 30, 1865 by order of the War Department May 29, 1865. He was at Richmond when General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House. Daniel told that at the place of the surrender there stood an apple tree and that within a few minutes the tree was gone. Everyone who was able had taken a piece of the tree as proof of being there.

Daniel gave the land for the Cherry Valley Church. His brother Emil gave the land for the Roberts Cemetery. His son James Nevel Craig Roberts, known as Nev, gave the land for the second Morning Star School. The first school was located at the upper end of Stover then moved to the lot where a new school house was built near the Cherry Valley Church in 1926. The school is now closed.

Daniel died at his home March 1, 1920 at age 85. The funeral was conducted at the Cherry Valley Church by Rev. D. H. Anderson and burial was made by the undertaker Henry Reger. The undertaker's business was located on Stover Fork Road in the house in which Paul Stowers at Appo­ sides. Daniel and Margaret, along with their sons Emil, Simon, Lloyd and James Nevel Craig Roberts and wives are buried in the Roberts Cemetery behind the Cherry Valley Church.


Nev was born January 20, 1877 on Stover Fork. He was married four times. First he married Goldie Wolfe who died shortly after his marriage. Nev then married Mae Dawson; they had one daughter Mille who married Charles G. Starcher in 1921. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Akron, Ohio; they had two daughters, Phyllis and Frances. After Mae's death, Nev married Lizzie Bailey; their four children were Vera and Thomas Frier, deceased. Vera married Lonzo Burdette. They also moved to Akron Ohio. Their children were Norma, Delores, James and Sandy.

After the death of Lizzie, Nev Roberts, in 1921 married his fourth wife, Icie Mae Blackwell (May 13, 1894 - May 13, 1977). They had four children: Naomi, Daniel, Leona, and Debert. Naomi married Paul Bailey and they had one son, Nelson. She later married Charles E. Robinson; they had one daughter Margaret and they reside at Charleston, WV. Daniel married Clara Belle West and they had two daughters, Alegra and Susie; they reside at Vienna, WV. Leona Roberts is deceased. Debert married Fay Emmadene Paxton. They had three children, Debra, Donna and James Porter, all deceased.

Growing up, Nevel's family farmed the oil and gas fields of Roane County. He was a farmer and owned and operated two general stores. One store was on Stover Fork and the other at Allentown. He was a member of the Mt. Union Church. He lived all his life on Stover Fork where he died at home March 24, 1955. At the time of his death he had twelve grandchildren. Submitted by: Delbert Roberts and Naomi Roberts

Icie and Nev Roberts 1950

ROBERTS

Deb1ett Olen Roberts was born January 10, 1929 at the home of his parents James Nevel Craig (January 10, 1877 - March 24, 1955) and Icie Mae Blackwell Roberts (May 13, 1894 - May 13, 1977) on Stover Fork, Roane County. Deb1ett was the second of four children: Naomi, Daniel, and Leona Martha who was born and died in 1927.

Deb1ett's paternal grandparents were Daniel and Margaret Board Roberts and his maternal grandparents were Jacob Hatch and Susan Smith Blackwell all of Stover Fork. All of his grandparents are buried at the Roberts Cemetery behind the Cherry Valley Church along with his father, mother, and sister.

Deb1ett attended the Cherry Valley School. He went to the Morning Star School on Stover Fork and was graduated from the American School of Chicago, Illinois and the Welding Technical School.

Deb1ett was married to Fay Emmadene Paxton June 29, 1950 by Rev. Ezra Bennett.

Faye was the daughter of Worthy Porter (September 15, 1895 - May 4, 1961) and Lessie Ann Kessel Paxton (July 8, 1898 - January 22, 1964). Her parents lived near Spencer and they are buried at Everf1eader Cemetery near Cem­ petech. Emmadene's grandparents were Guy Winton and Clara Dodd Kessel and William and Cora Auxier Paxton of Walton, Roane County. She attended Laurel Hill School along with eight brothers and sisters: Virginia, Reita, Nina, Alice, Broke, (de­ ceased), Gladys, Kenneth, and Robert.

Faye Emmadene was graduated from Spencer High School in 1949.

During the early years of their marriage, Deb1ett and Emmadene owned and farmed several farms on Stover and Windsor­ ville Roads. Deb1ett helped build some of the first rural electric lines in Roane and Jackson Counties. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He has worked as a mechanic at the International Garages and at "Happy" Boards. For years he has been employed in Spencer at Cribfields Inc. where he first served as Mechan­ ic and now as Parts Manager. Emmadene worked for several years as a floral designer at Spencer Floral and at Dudley's Spen­ cer Floral. She is currently employed at a furniture store where she enjoys many hobbies including cooking, quilting, decorating and collect­ ing plates. Deb1ett likes to hunt and col­
Roberts — Delbert, Ermadene, Donna and J. F.

JAMES SAMUEL ROBERTS

James Samuel Roberts was the fifth child of Simon and Elizabeth Hickel Roberts and a grandson of William and Elizabeth Engle Roberts (refer to William Roberts history) who were born in northwest Virginia early in the 1800's. Simon was born in Barbour County, Virginia ca. 1842 and Elizabeth was born on Left Reedy, Curtis District.

James and his brothers and sisters lived with their parents at Stover, Curtis District. They were William Sanford b. 1:9-1867 d. 2-1-1951 m. 8-11-1889 Nora Board b. 4-20-1872 Armes "Medie" belle b. 9-24-1869 d. 1958 m. Clay Hoff; Lillie May b. 3-15-1871 d. 6-6-1897 m. Alvin Davis and Archiebald Vance; and Arthur married Cordelia "Dove" Casto.

James Samuel b. 11-4-1878 d. 12-11-1968 m. 1-15-1899 Martha Ellen Bailey b. 5-5-1878 d. 8-6-1957. Sam as everyone called him, always said he would live to be ninety years old. And he did, living only 37 days after his ninetieth birthday. James and Martha were married at Colt Ridge Road, Spencer District until about 1919 when they moved to Colt Ridge Road, Spencer District. He worked in the oil fields on his and surrounding farms for many years. Their farm was noted for its large orchards of apples, peaches, cherries and berries. Martha's home churned butter was sold throughout Spencer along with the produce from the farm. They had nine children: One son died in infancy: Elva b. 7-29-1899 d. 7-15-1965 m. 6-22-1919 Columbus Russell Rader (refer to Charles Ehood Rader history) b. 6-11-1896 d. 21-17-1963. One daughter: Martha Lee b. 7-3-1924 m. 11-12-1943 Orda Q. Atkinson b. 4-10-1923. Two children: Orda Quenton, Jr. b. 12-19-1944 m. 12-30-1969 Mary Anita Long b. 6-24-1947. Two children: Orda Quenton III b. 7-9-1972 Tampa, Florida; Margaret Martha b. 10-5-1978 Tampa, Florida. Martha Jane b. 4-18-1951 m. 10-19-1968 James Arthur Freeman, Jr. b. 9-20-1946. One daughter: Ami Renee b. 4-12-1970 m. 11-23-1987 Phillip N. Guy. One daughter, Victoria Lee b. 12-14-1987. Martha m. 7-19-86 Charles Bell. One son, Jared b. 11-15-1988. Guy b. 3-20-1905 d. 12-6-1969 m. 4-21-1929 William Samuel Roberts.

The Roberts Family

James and his brothers and sisters lived with their parents at Stover, Curtis District. Debra, Donna, and James Porter Roberts. They were all born at Gordon Memorial Hospital in Spencer.

Debra Lynn was born April 25, 1951 and died May 27, 1951.

Donna Marie was born September 29, 1952. She was a member of the Spencer Nazarene Church and was employed by Murphy's in Spencer at the time of her death, August 28, 1974 at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley. Donna attended Laurel Hill School, Spencer Grade School, and graduated from Spencer High School in 1970. She enjoyed life in general, especially music, singing, poetry, collecting. She sang in the Youth Choir.

James Porter (J. P.) was born November 28, 1960. He attended Spencer Grade School and graduated from Spencer High School in 1979. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spencer. He was a member of the Junior National Honor Society and the National Honor Society. He was an artist, cartoonist, cachet maker, stamp collector. He made hand painted quilts and collected books and many other things. J. P. donated most of his work and collections (totaling over 2,500 pieces) to the American First Day Cover Society to be sold for their use. He died at Roane General Hospital September 16, 1986 after a long illness and was buried at Everliew Cemetery at Spencer.

Donna and Debra were first buried at the Roberts Cemetery and were later moved beside their brother J. P. at Everliew. All three children died of a genetic disease called Cystic Fibrosis.

Delbert and Ermadene bought their home in 1972 at 111 Water Street in Spencer where they currently reside. Submitted by: James K. Paxton.

LLOYD WORTHINGTON ROBERTS

Lloyd Worthington Roberts b. 10-14-1858 d. 5-7-1935 was born in Roane County, the son of Daniel b. 1834 d. 1920 and Margaret J. Board Roberts b. 1840 d. 1916. He was a blacksmith and, according to his family "story", a very strong man who, in his youth, was able to straighten a new horseshoe with his bare hands. He lived his adult life in Jackson and Roane Counties. His sons were all oil field workers in Roane and surrounding counties. Clyde and Harper served in World War I.

His daughter Leatha spent most of her adult life in Kanawha County. Hazel was a homemaker actively participating in community affairs.

Lloyd lived in the Roberts Cemetery located near Cherry Valley Church on Stover Fork. Both the church and cemetery property were donated by the original Roberts family.

Lloyd's first wife m. 5-10-1882 Clara A. Parsons d. 1911 age 29 years. Their children: (1) James Award b. 4-15-1883 d. 11-12-1913 m. Eula Cain. (2) Leatha b. 6-15-1885 d. 3-5-1974 m. Otis Albert Bick. Three children: Pearl b. 1911 d. 1950; Chester Albert b. 9-26-1917; Virginia b. 8-3-1920. (3) Coral b. 11-5-1918 d. 9-9-1940. (4) Ellyn; Fredrick Jarrett b. 4-23-1960.


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      1908 (refer to Benjamin F. Bailey history)

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Alvin Benton Robertson, the fourth son of George and Delliah Robertson, married Mattie Lee Light, b 6-7-1876 - d 10-61 and made their first home in Kittie, Roane County, before moving to Cledenin, West Virginia. There they raised eight children, Que Albert Robertson, who married Lucy Washington, Frank to whom they made a home in Robertson, a minister who married Nina Reed; Earlie A. Robertson a Cledenin Banker, who married Mabel Geary; Lucille Robertson Kelly, Phyllis Robertson Young a Kanawha County Teacher; Lucy Mae Broderson and Sidney Alvin Robertson, a Cledenin Merchant, who married Mary Jane Snyder.

Sidney A. Robertson, the son of Alvin Benton Robertson and Mattie Lee Roberson was a merchant for many years at Robertson & Parris Co in Cledenin. He and his wife, Mary Jane Snyder and two children Philip Benton Robertson (Ben) and Betty Jane Robertson Holland.

Philip (Ben) Robertson married Nancy Lee Clay, and had two children Philip Benton Robertson II and Stephanie Lee Robertson. Jane and Addie were reared in Walton High School Teacher and an Officer of Director of the Poca Valley Bank of Walton, West Virginia.

JAMES THEODORE (JIM) ROMINE

James Theodore Romine (1868-1954) married Mary Eldora (Dora) Jeffries (1861-1972) from Jackson County, West Virginia, and they spent their lives on a farm on Coxes Fork, Harper District, Roane County. First the post office there was called Jingo, later Zona, and now Harmony. They reared nine children, four boys and five girls on this small farm.

All of the children were born at home. The doctor's fee for the oldest was $2.50 and all the others $5.00 each.

All the children attended the Lebanon one-room school. This was before the County Unit System. Each school was governed by three trustees selected from among the patrons. These trustees were certified by a first, second, or third grade certificate obtained by taking a state teachers' examination. Rarely did a teacher have any high school or college training. Sometimes teachers would attend a summer institute to prepare them to pass the state examination. The one-room schools had classes up through the eighth grade. To be eligible to enter high school, a student must make a passing grade on a diploma test. Rarely did a student attend high school because school buses did not run out that way. A few from affluent families lived in town and paid board. Even in this unlikely situation, many students received a good basic education.

All the parents and children of this family attended church at the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal one-room church near the school. Revival meetings at the church would usually last two weeks with sessions in the daytime and at night. The school always dismissed to take the students to the daytime session.

THE JOHN N. ROBEY FAMILY


J. M. Robey Family 1920-21: John M., Francis M., Ora Harris, Vernon and Hamond Robey

These marriages produced no children, but Hamond, the fourth of the five children, married Ora Harris, the eldest daughter of the Rev. E. J. Harris (see HARRIS family biography and a special tribute to H. H. ROBEY) on October 6, 1905 and they raised two children. Vernon, born 30 July 1906, and Frances Marian, 11 August 1915. Vernon married Corba Romine; they had no children and both are deceased. Frances married George L. Sutton, a merchant and one of the founders of Sutton county seat of Braxton county, and they had two sons, Howard Robey, born 18 April 1919, and John Michael Sutton, born 13 July 1940, Howard, now living in Fredericksburg, Virginia, married Louanna Low of Forest Hills, Kentucky and they had four children; Tammy, Sherri, Julie and Mark. Sherri married Danny Pike and they have two children, Danielle and David, and live in Huntington, Maryland. Julie married Edward Lewis; they have one daughter, Britney, and live in Orlando, Florida. Mark, a high school senior, is also in Orlando. Tammy, the oldest, is working in Woodstock, Illinois. John M. Sutton married Linda Lamb. As with Howard, that marriage ended in divorce. John lives in Falls Church, Virginia and has a daughter, Valerie, a junior in George Mason University.

So two families - the Robeys and the Harrises, both large - which had almost died out, have put forth branches and should have many generations in the future.

John Nelson Robey died in 1925, age 86, having made his home in Spencer with Hamond and Ora and their children. As he aged he often sat, dozing in the sun, on the long flight of steps leading up to the entrance to the old Traders' Bank when it was on the second floor on the corner beside Hughes Drug. Passersby would call the Robey house to report he was in danger of falling down those long steps but he never did. In 1922 he suffered a stroke and was bedfast until his death.

Hamond and Ora made their home in Spencer at 331 Church Street. As a young man Hamond was an undertaker, but he said that business to Fred Vandale and went into the theater business which was the great love of his life, although he continued his work with the undertakers' community (see the special tribute to H. H. ROBEY). The Robey Theatre is still a center of downtown Spencer although no longer owned by the Robey heirs. Frances still owns and occupies the home on Church Street, and with her sons Howard and John, still holds the major part of the farm on Route 33 and the "Howell Place" in Curtis District. Submitted by: Frances Robey Sutton

James Theodore and Mary Eldora (Jeffries) Romine

According to the best information I can find, the Romine Family started in England, migrating to Holland, then to Manhattan, N.Y., then to Tidewater, Virginia, then to Harrison County, Virginia, and later to Roane County, West Virginia. Joel and Sarah Romine were John Middleton, Chris, George, Polk, and Benjamin, all of whom lived in Roane County. James Theodore was the son of John Middleton Romine (1840-1920) and Sarah E. (Riley) Romine (1849-1911). John was a veteran of the Civil War. After the war he returned to Coxes Fork where he spent the rest of his life on a farm.

The children of John and Sarah were James Theodore, Betty (Mount), Minnie (Harrises), Mary (Down) (Ward), Lillie (Archer), Webb and George (twins). John and Robert.

Following are the names and addresses...
of the children of James and Dora Romine and their spouses: Gomer (1902), Beatrice Board, Akron, Ohio; Iva (1904) Ernest Hershberger (deceased), Akron, Ohio; Elva (1906) George Hood, Akron, Ohio; Charles Everett (1908-1988) Shirley Reed, Huntington, W.V. Opa! (1911) Clair Weaver, Uinton, Ohio. William Theodore (Ted) (1914) Mozella Matics, Parkersburg, W.V. Roy Forrest (1916) Geraldine Weaver, Uinton, Ohio; Olive (1918) Adam Summefield, Akron, Ohio. Goldie (1920) Carl Starcher (deceased) Uinton, Ohio. All have moved from the old farm on Coxes Fork. However, the house, now owned by Iva Hershberger, still stands, furnished, and still receiving relatives who come back to visit from time to time. Unfortunately, the church and the school have been torn down. Submitted by: Roy F. Romine

WILLIAM T. (TED) ROMINE
William Theodore (Ted) Romine and Mozella Romine moved from Spencer, W.V. to Vienna during the summer of 1960. Ted continued career in education. They lived in Vienna for five years before moving to Parkersburg. Since then they have lived at 2409 Belmont Road, South Side. Both Ted and Mozella retired from teaching in 1960. They and their sons Jeff attend Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ted was born at Zona, Harper District, Roane County, October 4, 1914, son of James Theodore and Dora (Jeffries) Romine. He graduated from Spencer High School, earned an A.B. Degree from Glenville State College, and an M.A. Degree from West Virginia University. Romine was teacher and principal in Roane County for thirty years, first as teacher in various one and two room schools and as principal of Spencer Elementary and Junior High School, and as assistant principal and teacher at Spencer High School.

Mozella was born at Reedy, W.V., daughter of Schofield and Anna (Cheuvront) McFet. She attended Lost Creek High School and was graduated from Roosevelt-Wilson High School in Harrison County. She attended Glenville State College and received a B.S. Degree from Morris Harvey College. She was a teacher in Roane County for seven years.

The Romines lived and taught in the South Charleston area for five years. Ted was a teaching-principal at Hudson School and taught at the Spring Hill Junior High School. Mozella taught at Hudson and at Edison Elementary Schools.

After the Romines moved to Wood County, Ted served for two years as principal of Luebeck School, nine years as principal of Nash School, and nine years as a teacher in the Marietta City Schools. Mozella taught in the Parkersburg Elementary School, Luebeck, Neale, and Ghion Schools.

The Romines' children are as follows:

- Rebecca Carol, born December 9, 1940, in Roane County, married to Albert Scott, and living in Vienna, W.V.
- Janis Elizabeth, married to Ted Romine, born July 13, 1942, in Roane County, married to Glenn Miller, living at Washington, W.V.
- Sara Frances Campbell, born July 16, 1944, in Roane County, now living in San Jose, CA.

Romine is a certified Lay Speaker in the Church of the Brethren and a Methodist Protestant Minister.

Note: For more detailed information on the Ted Romine Family see The History of Wood County, West Virginia, 1980.

RUNNION
The earliest known Runnion was Elijah. He was born July 11, 1757 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He resided there until 1781 or 1782 when he came to Ohio County, then to Harrison County in 1815, later he was listed in Mason and Jackson County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army on May 17, 1778.

His wife's name was Katherine. Her maiden name was unknown. Their children were Samuel, Henry, Elijah, Jr. and John. Their grandchildren were Anna, they had three children. John married Deborah Carpenter and they had seven children. Elijah, Jr.'s wife name was Phoebe. They had ten children. He owned 225 acres on Spring Creek in Jackson County. He and his family came to Spencer, then in Mason County about 1813. In 1818 they built a grist mill and powered it with a new type of water wheel, a water pump. Elijah, Jr. must have left the area after 1840. The title to the mill was passed to Henry Henry married Sarah (Staats) King, a widow. Their children were Miles, Isaac, Henry, Jr., and Mary. Henry married a second time on January 1, 1859 to Lucinda Reynolds, a widow. Then in 1868 he married again to a S. Mahel Reynolds. Isaac, his oldest boy, married Elizabeth West August 19, 1849. Their children were Mary, Alexander, Susan, Jessie, and Sylvester. Henry, Jr. married Cynthia Gandel February 2, 1939. They had Elijah, Melinda, William, Lennox, James F. and Emily. Miles married another woman, then on November 13, 1840. They had Alfred, Andrew A., Julia A., Wilson, and Lydia Jane. Miles died between 1860 - 1870.

Allison was born March 7, 1842. He married Elizabeth Haise, daughter of Samuel Haise, in Fairfield County, Ohio. September 14, 1862. He served in the Union Army September 26, 1862 to April 24, 1863. Their children were William A.

The oldest child, William A., was killed by a train at Cabin Creek Bridge on September 14, 1863. Sopharine Ann (1865), E. Everett (1869), Delia R. (1872), James Mathews (1874), Jesse Jake (1877), Ida (1880), and Albert (1882).

The Runnions are descendants of the Cherokee Indian Tribe and, sadly, most of the family history has been lost.

BASIL RUNNION
Basil Runnion, born June 9, 1927, is a life long resident of Roane County. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1945-1946. He is the son of Sylvester Herbert Runnion and the late Margaret Shiffron. Submitted by: Vera Runnion.
daughter of Elijah and Sarah Jane Grady Carpenter. Elijah was seven years old when his Uncle, Jesse Tanner, brought him to the wilderness now called Roane County. They were among the first settlers of this area and first lived near where the Alvord Bridge in Spencer now stands.

Emma G. Schreckengost Runnion was born April 18, 1924. Her father, Aud Henry Schreckengost, 1890-1973, owned and operated a sawmill in the Roane County area for many years. In later years he worked for the Roane County Board of Education, and was custodian at the Roane County Court House in the late 1960's. He was one of the founders of the Gandee Chapel Church and was a trustee until his death in 1973. He was the son of John Albert Schreckengost, 1863-1907. Emma's great-grandfather was John T. Schreckengost, who came from Germany.

John A. married Mary E. Henry, daughter of Martin Henry. They had seven children: George, Aud, Ethel, Harry, Dewy, Toni, and Thurt. Henry, and a sister Bridget. The brothers served in the militia during the Revolutionary War and Elijah served as an Indian scout and spy. They received large land grants in the Ohio Valley and the Spencer area. Henry and Elijah built a grist mill at Spring Creek. This was later known as "McKown's Big Grist and Carding Mill.

Henry married Sarah Staats, daughter of Abraham. They were the parents of Henry, Jr. born in 1823. Miles, born in 1818, Samantha, Sarah, Sam, and Isaac, born in 1816.

Miles, son of Henry, married Delila Fleshcer on Oct. 10, 1840. Miles worked in the family mill and later became a farmer. Their children were Alfred, born in 1842. Andrew, born in 1847. Julian, born in 1849. Wilson, born in 1852, and Lydia, born in 1858.


Aud and Louise Argabrite Schreckengast
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The American colonial family of this name was established by the Huguenot pioneer Vincent Rignon (later Runyon). The different spellings of the family name (Runyon, Runyan, Runion, Runnion) are due to the English pronunciation. Vincent Runyon was born at or near Pontiers, Vienne, France about 1644-47. He arrived in New Jersey around 1665 and married Ann Boucher in 1668. Ann was born in 1650 in Hartford, England. They were probably of French Huguenot descent. They first settled in Elizabeth Town where Vincent worked as a carpenter. He later purchased a farm of 134½ acres in Piscataway, Middlesex County which became the family home¬site and was sold in 1713.

Vincent's descendants migrated to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, N. Carolina, and Kentucky. The first Runnions to arrive in the Roane County area between 1813-1818 were the brothers Elijah, John, and
Ryan Sisters 1989: Alice, Phoebe, May, Charlotte, Martha


Phoebe Cary, WVU Librarian, husband Dr. Oscar E. Schubert, WW II Veteran USAF, University teacher and researcher in horticulture and weed control, retired Professor Emeritus, WVU, Mont Chauncey, WV. Their children: Gary E., Director Computing and Ass., Professor of Computer Science at Alderson-Broaddus College, married Alice Rosanski. Executive Sec'y, children Rachel and Ryan. Home: Philipp, WV. Dr. Darel Ralph Schuberti, Assistant Director for the Center for Plant Science and Biotechnology, Washington University, St. Louis, married Karen Shelton, Family Counselor, son Bryan, Home: Chesterfield, MO; Major Robert Scott Sands, Director USAF, Andrews AFB Washington, D.C. married Kathleen Kirby, CPA., children Kristine and Paul. Home: Waldorf, MD; and Dr. Lelo Gilbert Schubert, Asst. Professor, Staff Psychologist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, not married. Home: Blacksburg, VA.

Helen May, Medical Technologist, served in U.S. Navy as an Aircraft Instrument Technician WW II, Home: Tampa, FL, her first husband Rutledge Lindsay (deceased). Daughters Helen Elizabeth (Lindsey) and maize Oliver. Project Mgr. for the Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court, married Paul Oliver, Customer Engineer IBM, Tampa, FL, daughter Terri Hague, student at New College, Sarasota, FL, daughter Alice Ryan, CPA, son Paul, CPA, Ashtabula, OH, married William Henie, no children. May's second husband Carl E. Cook (deceased). WW II Veteran USAF, retired USAF. Their children: Carolyn (Cook) Walsh, Classification Assessment Specialist Hillsborough County Court Sheriff's Office, Tampa, FL married Vincent Walsh, CPA, children Bryan and Kathleen; David Cook, Computer Programmer, Tampa, FL, not married and Ronald Cook. Chemist at Buscho Gardens, Tampa, FL, not married.


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Slack Young and of St. Clair Summers and Susan Hamrack. Her father was a noted school teacher and was Superintendent of Roane County Schools from 1885 to 1887. Her mother was postmaster of Mattie Post Office, having brought it with her when the family moved their log cabin home in the hollow to the new house at the top of the hill in 1886. Her father died April 13, 1917. Mabel then became postmaster and remained so until December 13, 1922 when Robert F. Hunt became postmaster and the post office was moved to Mattie Gap. Mabel's brothers and sisters were: Alfonso, married Anta, Roseli; Blanca; and Alice. All are now (1989) retired. Dr. Mary Alice Ryan (b. 1825), had whose parents, William W. and Sarah (Hundley) Ryan (b. 1825), had
moved to Fayette County from Nelson and Albemarle Counties, Virginia.

In 1857 their son Thomas married Almira, daughter of John and Rachel (Taylor) Harper, who were among the earliest settlers of Harper District, Roane County. They moved to the Harper District from Ohio a few years. Thomas and Adaline moved to a farm on Trace Fork in Harper District, where they reared a family of nine children.

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Stover. George was the son of Bishop William Stover, a German Baptist. Hannah's father was John Price, son of Johannes Price who was born in Jacob Fries. Hannah's grandmother was a beautiful Susquehanna Indian maiden. Robert and Catherine were the parents of Peter Lookey whose wife, Charity Vineyard, was the daughter of Fresley and Cynthia Hammack Vineyard. Cynthia was the daughter of William and Sarah Ashley Hammack. Sarah's parents were John Wiley Ashley and Mary Allford.

The children of William Edward and Martha Hannah Lamp Ryan and their twin sisters were Mary Alice, Nancy and Ada Emeline. Mary Alice married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Nancy married James Thompson 1-1-1888 and had 5 children. Ada Emeline married Jacob Goff 8-25-1889 and had 1 child.

The Lamp family settled in Augusta Co., VA. John and Mary's eldest son, Paul, was born in 1817. He enlisted into the Civil War 11-25-1861 and served for a period of time in both the U.S. Army and the Navy. From 1940 to 1945 he was Postmaster at Ryan. Following the death of his father in 1943 he sold the farm and moved to Gordanville and then to a home on the Countiesville-Harmony road. He died in 1950 at the age of 91. Wendell was murdered at his home in 1973. Of the daughters of William E. and Martha Ryan, Mabel attended Trace Fork School along with her three older brothers but died at about age 13, while Helen died about age 9. Ralph Waldo Ryan (b. July 16, 1111) is a Morgantown Ophthalmologist. He is a graduate of Walton High School and received a Thomas A. Edison scholarship award in 1935. In 1934 he received his M.D. from Virginia University and taught chemistry one term at Spencer High School. He received his M.D. from the University of Michigan in 1948 followed by M.S. in Ophthalmology in 1953. He was Clinical Instructor in Ophthalmology at University of Michigan Medical School for two years, followed by being Chief of the Ophthalmology Branch of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, Bethesda, Maryland 1953-1955. He has been active in and honored by numerous medical and educational organizations including presidency of the W.Va. Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Association of Ophthalmology. He has worked to promote good eye health, particularly for the legal guardians of 7 grandchildren following the death of the parents. The children are as follows: Mary Catherine b. 10-15-1866 d. 7-5-1901 married Henry Franklin Shafer (son of Jacob and Jane Harper Shafer). Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Adeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children. Ada Emeline b. 11-7-1867 d. 7-28-1944 married Jacob Nidy 12-30-1880 and had 8 children.

Our great-great-grandfather, Jacob Ryan, was a soldier in the American Revolution. He was drafted to go on a tour of 3 months to Illinois Co. Then in 1779, he volunteered again in the spring and this time returned with a bad wound in his leg, which he received at Andrews Mill. It was an open wound in 1832. He was active in the name of "old man" at age 22 years old.

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SCHAFFER/SHAFER/SHAFER

John Shafer (Shaver), son of Paul and Mary Runyon Shaver, lived at the mouth of Straight Creek, at Cicerone, on Poca River in Roane Co. John was the eldest son of Paul, and was born on 7-4-1847, in Kanawha Co., Va.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schoolcraft


Schoolcraft family

James's father was Anstead Schoolcraft of Tucker County, in the 1790s. He was a noted hunter. John and Sarah "Hall" Schoolcraft were the parents of Paul Schoolcraft.

SCHOOLCRAFT

The record showed we came from Kent, England in 1685. Anstead Schoolcraft lived in New York. Son named John b. 1754. John's wife and ten children, the last two were sons. Jacob and John. The family came from central New York, and settled on Fink's Run, near Fort Buckhannon in 1774. In the autumn of 1779 the Indians attacked and killed John's wife and eight of their children. The Indians carried away Jacob and John.

Jacob b. around 1775, now Harrison Co. Around 1878 after returning from eight years of Indian captivity. Jacob met and married Miss Parson from Tucker Co. six children Aaron, James, John, Mary, and Pemelia. Jacob settled in Freemanburg Lewis Co. in 1790.

James, son of Jacob b. 1804, in Lewis Co. James was a farmer and carried mail in the Gilmer Co. area. They had eight children Peter b. 1827, Samuel b. 1834, Heagie b. 1835, Edward b. 1838, James b. 1840, George b. 1844, Jacob b. 1845, and Sarah b. 1847.


Robert Jefferson (Jeff) b. 2-8-1862. d. 6-13-1948 his wife Martha (Harper) b. 1864 d. 6-30-1911. Jeff was a farmer and oil field teamster near Walton. They lived on Dry Fork near Johnson Creek. Five children Madison (Matt), Robert Patterson (Fat), Bessie Mace, Ethel Hunt, and Glen Sennett.

Matt was b. 9-26-1868, d. 11-10-1943. Harper 8-7-1942 she was b. 11-1-1921. six children Sherry, Wanda, Karen, Twins Terry, Jerry, and Russell Jr. (Bubbie). Russell and Freda carries the U.S. Mail. Ira b. 11-2-1917 d. 6-24-1935 married Violet (Jones) 9-11-1943. Two daughters Marie, and Gay. Ira was a retired Roane Co. School Bus Driver.

Edna b. 9-19-1919 never married. She worked as a housekeeper for Shaifer in Charleston.

Ruby b. 6-28-1921 married Hankford (Hank) Slack b. 3-18-1914. No children. She was a cook in Humphrey's Dairy Bar.

Raymond b. 9-14-1925 married Lillian (Parker) 12-21-1959. Lillian b. 3-27-1925. Three children Judy, James, and Randy. Raymond worked for the State and then in the oil field.
IRA SCHOOLCRAFT

Ira Madison Schoolcraft, born 11-2-1917, died 6-21-1983, was well known in the Walton area as a custom tractor operator and school bus driver. He drove a school bus for 22 years and retired in 12-21-1979. During this time he drove students to many extracurricular events with his wife serving as a volunteer chaperone. Ira received a Certificate of Service and a 10 years pin from serving as a member of the ASCS Committee for ten years.

His parents were Madison (Mat) Schoolcraft born 9-26-1886 died 11-10-1943 and Elma (Rellie) Gorst Schoolcraft born 5-20-1895 died 10-9-1986.

Ira married Violet Ruth Jones born 9-2-1912 on 9-11-1935. Ira was a daughter of George Jones b. 9-16-1885 died 8-26-1948 and Bertha Gandee Jones born 4-29-1893 died 7-16-1954. Paternal grandparents of Violet were Green and Luman Harper Jones and Maternal grandparents were John and Mary Dobbins Gandee.


JAMES E. SCHOOLCRAFT

Going back about seven generations to James Potts, who was born in Walton, New York in 1729, the family moved to Allegany County in 1732, where my two children graduated from Tiger Gap School. They purchased the Pat Farm in 1739 and the farm over looking the Rocky Branch Church on Johnson Creek near Walton on 11-11-1955 and Violet lives there at this time. Ira was known as an expert tractor operator and performed custom mowing and hay baling for most of the farmers on Johnson Creek. He was killed while operating his tractor in June 21, 1983 and is buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery. Submitted by: Violet Jones Schoolcraft

JAMES E. SCHOOLCRAFT

James Elliott Schoolcraft, being one of the older ones. My father married Letha Ann Elmore and settled near Widen in Clay County where he worked in the lumber business. After I was two years old we moved to a portion of my grandfather's farm in Walton District, Roane County where he worked in the gas field for United Fuel Gas Co. until death. There were nine children in our family, three girls and six boys. Glada and Vada the two oldest girls graduated in the first graduating class of Walton High School. We were well represented in the Second World War. Glenn, the oldest boy was in the Infantry and was killed in Burma. Arnold served in the Air Force - Ronald in the Navy - Kenneth in the Coast Guard. Donald was employed by Carbide and yours truly was employed at DuPont where we were exempted from service. Mildred was a nurse at Carbine. I spent some forty years in Roane County where my two children graduated from Walton High School. At the time of this writing I am seventy-eight years old, active as a minister in the A.C. Advent Christian Conference, a member of the Sandy Knob Church in Roane County, a retired Millright from DuPont with twenty-nine years service, live with my wife the former Icie E. Reynolds at Pinch, W.Va. Submitted by: Rev. Dennie R. Schoolcraft

SCHOOLCRAFT

Jefferson Schoolcraft b. 2-8-1862 d. 2-13-1948 of Johnson Creek, Roane County, married Martha Harper b. 1864 d. 6-30-1911. They had five children, Madison (Mat) b. 1886 d. 1943, Robert Patrick (Pat) b. 1889 d. 1943, Olen Sennell, Bessie (Mace) b. 1891 and Ethel (Hunt) b. 1894 d. 1966.

Robert Patrick b. 12-31-1887 d. 7-20-1953 was a merchant and dairy farmer, married Margaret Ethelka Lee b. 1894 d. 1921. She was the daughter of Jemima (Gandee) and Samuel Lee. Her father came to Roane County in 1857, accompanying his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Jane (Potts) Lee. This Samuel Lee was the son of Samuel Lee who was born in Ireland, came to America married Elizabeth McCabe in Wilmington, Delaware and removed to Harrison County.

Elizabeth Jane Potts was the daughter of Nathaniel Potts, who was born in Walton Parish, Cumberland England, and came to America with his parents, William Gandee and Mary (Nixon) Potts, settling at Petersburgh, Virginia in 1791. Nathaniel Potts married Mary Hampton, of Maryland, whose father came from Ireland.

Jemima Gandee b. 3-9-1849 d. 8-9-1906 was the daughter of Uriah and Margaret (Casto) Gandee. William Gandee was born in 1813, in Ohio, and married (February 18, 1836) Margaret, daughter of William Casto of Jackson County, West Virginia. He was a widely known and respected citizen, and played a great part in the formation of Roane County.

William Gandee was the son of Uriah Gandee, founder of Gandeeville, and Massie (Hughes) Gandee. He was born in Hampshire County 9-2-1782 and was son of the older Uriah, who was third Sheriff of Randolph County in 1792.

Massie (Hughes) Gandee was the daughter of Jesse and Grace (Tanner) Hughes. Her father was the greatest of the Indian Scouts of the Virginia Frontier, and her mother was the sister of Samuel Tanner, first settler of Spencer District.

Jesse Hughes was the son of Thomas and Suzannah (Baker) Hughes, who came to Hacker's Cross, near Clarksburg in 1768. Both were killed by Indians; Thomas in 1778 and his wife in 1771.

Robert (Pat) and Ethelka raised four sons and two daughters, Leo Smith, 0tho F., Opie Gaye and Ray Wilson, Trudice (Carper) b. 1909 d. 1987 and Reva A. (Nicholls). Robert remarried to Leora Blosser, raised two sons, 8tho and Clyde, one daughter Wilma (Kelley).

Ray Wilson served in World War II 1941-1945 in the South Pacific wounded twice in action, received the Purple heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. After returning, he married Iva M. Noel b. 8-28-1925 d. 7-17-1989. Her parents were Otis C. Noel b. 4-29-1888 d. 10-24-1961 and Lucinda (Brown) Noel. Ray and Iva married 10-7-1945 by Rev. William Daugherty of Fair WV. Ray was employed by Libby Owens Ford Glass Company of Charleston for 31 years. Ray and Iva raised four children, Rita Joyce, Donna Elaine, Timothy Ray and Gary Wilson.

Rita Joyce b. 9-17-1946 a graduate of Walton High School is employed by United National Bank of Charleston, married Brice D. Taylor, son of Bruce b. 12-24-1911 d. 7-11-1987 and Anna Taylor of Spencer. Brice is employed by Dupont Corporation of Belle. They have one daughter, Mechelle Lee b. 6-17-1972.

Donna Elaine b. 8-7-1963 a graduate of Walton High School, married Curtis Moore of Winfield, son of Virgil and Betty Moore now living in Florida. Elaine is employed by
Putnam General Hospital. Curtis is a teacher for Putnam County Board of Education. They have two sons, Patrick b. 2-15-1975 and Andy b. 1-20-1978.

Timothy Ray b. 8-14-1954 a graduate of Walton High School now employed by Roane County Board of Education.

Gary Wilson b. 6-8-1960 is a graduate of Walton High School now lives in Dallas, Texas and is an employee of Texas Instruments. Submitted by: Ray W. Schooelcraft

ROGER L. & JUDITH A. (WILLIAMS) SCOTT

Roger, born December 24, 1941, to Dorothy (Johnson) Scott and the late Ernest R. Scott of Charleston, WV. Judith A. (Williams) Scott, born May 3, 1942, to Helen (Guthrie) Williams and the late Walter C. (George) Williams also of Peniel.

Judith's paternal grandparents are the late Samuel and Cora (Cline) Williams of Jackson County. Maternal grandparents are the late Earl E. and Amy (Phillips) Guthrie of Peniel.


They are at this time in the 12th, 10th and 7th grades in Spencer Schools. Judith attended Peniel (one room) school and graduated from Spencer High School with the class of 1960. Roger graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, WV.

Judith has three brothers Larry Dwaine born April 16, 1940, Harry Wayne (Toby) born May 31, 1941, and Terry Allen born March 31, 1952. She also has two sisters Janet Lee Matheny born March 17, 1944 and Joyce Marie Morgan born April 5, 1955. She has one sister Carolyn Sue deceased.

Roger and Judith are the owners and operators of Scott's Meat Processing Plant of Peniel for the past 12 years where they now reside. Submitted by: Judith (Williams) Scott

SCOTT

Walter Tilton Scott, 7-2-1896 - 5-7-1970, was born in Grantsville, WV, the only child of Charles Tilton, (11-28-1874 - 4-29-1908) and Anna Belle Sutton Scott (12-1-1875 - 8-22-1906). His parents owned and operated The Central Hotel in Grantsville, WV.

He married Williia Leota Sturm (2-26-1901 - 6-17-78) of Hur, WV on June 29, 1922. From this marriage were eight children and in this order: Millard (11-23-1923) of Johnstown, Ohio; married to Shirley White, Mildred (4-10-1926) of Spencer, married to Robert; Nellie, Wonda Green (3-1-1928 - 4-6-1988) was married to Paul Green and is buried in Eventide Cemetery of Spencer, Robert (9-19-29) of Spencer, WV, married to Lorraine Woelking, Betty, (7-6-31), of Sistersville, WV, married to Denver Surface, Kathryn (12-28-36) of Spencer, divorced, and Kenneth (12-28-36) also of Spencer, married to Freda West, Donna (7-4-43) of Bridgeport, WV, married to Dorsey Mace.

Walter and Williia Scott

Living on an 87 acre farm at Mt. Zion, WV. Willia was kept busy as a mother and homemaker. Walter taught school in Calhoun County and held a life time teaching certificate from Mountain State Business College of Parkersburg, WV. Talking with some of his students, they said that when you worked, you worked, and when you played, you played.

Due to the relocation of the Farm Loan Association office, the Scott family moved to Spencer, WV, in 1945. It was quite an experience moving from a fourteen room house into a five room apartment directly over what was known as the Wett's Ice Cream Parlor. In 1946, property was purchased one mile west of Spencer on the Parkersburg Road, then known as the "Red" Roy Hildreth property. After retiring from the Farm Loan Association, because of ill health, Walter purchased property beside their home where he and Willia owned and operated the Scott Grocery Store and Service Station. Their son Bob, being a good mechanic, ran the station for them when he returned from the Navy. The store is now known as The Town and Country Automotive Parts Store.

The story has often been told to the children, how their dad was on his way to World War I by train so far and was walking into Parkersburg, when he received word the war had ended.

Walter and Willia are survived by 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. Submitted by: Mildred Kelley

SEABOLT

Lonnice was born January 9, 1890. Married Sarah Zetta Criner December 1909; they were married 62 years. She died October 1971. They had thirteen children: James Ora, February 1911; Carl E., January 1914, died May 1988; Elva M., June 1916, died at age nine months. Thelma L., June 1918, died age one year; Ira Ray, Oc-

tober 1920; Ronnie Gay, September 1922; Charles Richard, June 1924; Goldie B., July 1926, died at birth; Lonnie Darrel, September 1927; Elma Fay, January 1930; Edna M., October 1932, died March 1973; Raymond G. (Tipt), March 1934; Shirley May, May 1936; has 30 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren forming 13 sets of 5 generations. He is living with a granddaughter, Betty Holbert, at 101 Hurricane Creek Road. A long-time member and charter member of Hurricane Baptist Church at Clio. Also active in all elections until last two years. On his birthdays, greetings from former Governors of West Virginia Jay Rockefeller, Arch Moore, Jr., and Senator Robert Byrd. Gifts from the President of Pinkerton Tobacco Company for many years. In May 1989 he received from A. James Machin Certificates, Seal of the State Treasurer, The Great Honor of being inducted into the Order of the 35th Star of the State Flag of West Virginia, a medallion, and for being a pioneer. Lonnie is the only remaining family of William, born 1864, and Louisa, born 1865. They married in 1883, had 8 children. His grandfather, William G., born 1830. His grandmother, Luana, born 1831, had 10 children. They came from England. Their names were Bolt when they came to this country; they added Sea. Also my father has American Indian Heritage. When he married they lived in a log cabin on Day's Run. They later built the old homeplace, had a large farm and a small grocery store. He worked for Kanawha County Pipeline Construction gang, he has a picture of him taken August 1920. He worked for United Fuel Gas Compressor Station at Clio. He farmed 76 years, loved the outdoors and wanted to live off the land. He trapped furs, dug ginseng roots and raised lots of farm animals. He loves to talk about his life. We, as children, went to a one room school and walked three miles to Sunday School and Church. My father never owned a car, but depended on his horses. He was always a gentle and kind man. My mother worked hard to help raise a large family also helped with the farmwork. I remember my grandfather, Bertie Criner, my father's uncle, he was a midwife. She traveled on horseback over Roane County birthing babies and helping the county doctors administer to families after she raised her family of 6 children. She helped birth all the children in our family and some grandchildren. She died around 1939. We have a family gathering each year on Father's Day at a daughter's Shirley Davis, on Long Ridge. We plan a celebration on his 100th birthday. Submitted by: Elma Seabolt Baldwin

SEAMAN

The Seaman family was originally Dan
ish (Men of the Sea) or (Sea-men). On one of their excursions they landed on the coast of England, whipped the natives and held the land. Three forks of Reedy, (later just called Reedy) was in Harrison County.

Marriage came one son, Rodney (single) and five girls live at Atwater, Ohio.

Aluminum in 1983 and presently is a sub­

said that they might not have the money

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dad told him to give the Seaman boys any

Three girls, Ottie, Grace and Esther. All were born in the Fro­

My parents were members of the Church of Christ. Father furnished the lumber and with the help of the Johnson and Chandler families built the Church of Christ on 

John Seaman married Hazel Miller Lowther (a widow who had five children).

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A son Chase and a daughter Chelsie came

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The known ancestors of David Sergent are: his father, Ephraim Sergent b. 1763 d. 1815 married Margaret Gold lived in Russell County, Virginia. His grandfather, Stephen Sergent b. 1740 d. 1815 married Margaret Gold lived in Russell County, Virginia. His great-father, William Sergent b. 1700-1710 d. 1768 in Orange County, North Carolina where he was a plantation owner and grist miller. He was married to Sarah Lee 1715. David b. 10-9-1798, d. 8-5-1868 married Rebecca Lockhart 1820 and raised three sons Henderson. James Madison, Henry David. three daughters Leah Simms; Sally Zahrndt; and Dick and

David was a stockman, farmer, miller and engaged in the store business from about 1868 through the Walton oil field boom and into the 1920s. He was Deputy Sheriff under Charles Starcher in the 1930's.

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was an early member of the 4-H Club movement, attended a prize winner course at Morgantown and attended the first Roane County 4-H Camp held near Walton in 1916.

Robert Lawrence Sergent b. 10-30-30 married Georgia Pauline Reed of Glenville in 1953 and raised one son, Mark Gerald. As a youth Robert was a 4-H Club member and became a 4-H All Star. He graduated from WVU in 1953 with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture. He was employed as a 4-H Club Agent and with the Farmers Home Administration for 25 years and retired in 1978. Robert served one term in the WV House of Delegates in 1983-84 and was instrumental in obtaining funds for the Walton Public Library and improvements to the Roane County 4-H Camp.

With his son, Robert renewed the family tradition of operating grist mills.

Baby Mark, W. M., (Bub), Carl and Robert


MARK & SHERYL SERGENT

The Sergent family appeared in Roane County prior to its formation with the arrival of David Sergent. David's descendant Mark and his wife Sheryl have continued the Sergent-Roane County tradition since their 1985 arrival.

Mark Gerard Sergent was born December 9, 1959 at Morgantown, West Virginia. His parents, Robert and Georgia Sergent lived at Kingwood. Preston County then. During childhood, Mark lived in several West Virginia cities but resided the longest at Winfield. Putnam County where he started kindergarten and finished Winfield High School, graduating in 1978.

Sheryl Lynn Hyden, daughter of Russell and Christine Hyden, was born at Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Virginia on May 22, 1961. Her parents then lived at Charleston and were from Oak Hill. Sheryl is a descendant of Jesse Toney, the first white settler on Mossy Creek, near Oak Hill. Sheryl spent her childhood in the Charleston area where she started school at Spring Hill Elementary. Sheryl's mother remarried in December 1969 to John Toney and the family moved to Eleanor. Putnam County. There, Sheryl attended George Washington Elementary, George Washington Junior High and Buffalo High School, graduating in 1979. Her mother and stepfather were blessed in 1977 by the arrival of Sheryl's brother, John Anthony.

Mark and Sheryl were both active in the Putnam County 4-H Program. They first met at a dance during County 4-H Camp. They served as tribal chiefs at camp, received their 4-H pins, served as County Jr. Leader Presidents, and received their All-Star pins. Mark attended National 4-H Congress at Chicago, Illinois in 1977 representing West Virginia 4-H in the petroleum power competition. He finished as second runner up in the national petroleum power competition. Sheryl went to Club Congress in 1979 in achievement. She received a national achievement scholarship and was named one of the nations six best 4-Hers with the Presidential Silver Tray Award. The Sergent's attended West Virginia University. Mark received a B.S. degree in Agriculture in 1982 and a doctor of jurisprudence degree in 1985. Sheryl received a B.S. degree in nursing in 1984. Mark was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Gamma Sigma Delta. Phi Rho Pi and Alpha Zeta honoraries. Sheryl was a member of Chimes Junior and Sphinx Senior honoraries and was Miss Mountaineer 1983.

Mark and Sheryl were married on July 28, 1984 at Red House Putnam County, West Virginia. They lived at Morgantown for 10 months where they were houseparents at the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. They had 28 children after one month of marriage.

After law school, Mark and Sheryl moved to Walton. Mark established a private law practice in Spencer. Sheryl began working at Roane General Hospital. Mark and Sheryl's parents purchased the historic Bank of Spencer building at 314 Market Street. Spencer in February, 1988. It was formerly Robert Depue's Law Office and is now the location of Mark's law office.

Mark and Sheryl attend the Walton Union Church where Mark is Sunday School Superintendent. Youth Sunday School Teacher and Methodist Lay Leader. Sheryl's hobbies are cooking, needlework and reading. Mark's hobbies are collecting old gas engines, antique farm equipment, gristmilling and farming. They both assist the Roane County 4-H program. Submitted by: Mark and Sheryl Sergent

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After law school, Mark and Sheryl moved to Walton. Mark established a private law practice in Spencer. Sheryl began working at Roane General Hospital. Mark and Sheryl's parents purchased the historic Bank of Spencer building at 314 Market Street. Spencer in February, 1988. It was formerly Robert Depue's Law Office and is now the location of Mark's law office.

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SHAFER

Jacob and Jane "Jinsey" Harper Shafer were the first Shafers to settle in Roane County around 1849. They cleared a farm on Rock Creek and lived there until their deaths.

Jacob was the son of John "Red Mouth" and Mary Cox Shafer, who moved from Fairfax County, Virginia to Kanawha County. In addition to Jacob, they had eight other children: John, Andrew Jackson, Perry, Anna, Hesekiah Carr, Sarah, James and David. Andrew Jackson was a Sergeant in the Civil War at age 20, and David served in Company B, 9th WV (Federal) volunteer Infantry 1863-1864.

David b. 1830 married Naomi Jarvis. They had seven children: Lucinda, O.W., Jacob, Madison Dee, Sarah, Christopher, Columbus "Lum" and Sheldon Peter.

Madison Dee b. 1850 d. 1933 married Sarah Hively. They had nine children: Meade Corbitt, Catherine "Kate" Smith, Thomas Corwin, Isabel "Belle" Humphreys Liston, Mark Flinn, Phillip Pushney, Von Bee (has a son Emmet "Lefty" who is a champion fiddle player), Emllie "Hatlie" Canterbury and Ord Otis.


Samuel Madison b. 4/22/41 married Juanita Sharon Breedlove 9/3/85. They live at Walton. He is co-owner of S & T Pipeline Fabricating Company. Previously, he was a building contractor. During that time, he built the Farmers & Citizens State Bank branch at Elkhville. He had two children from previous marriage to Norma Moore - Richard Allen b. 2/28/60 and Lisa Ellen, who was born in 1964 and lived only three days.

Samuel M. Shafer

Richard Allen married Anna Lane in 1978. They have three children: Christopher David b. 5/12/80, Beth Ann b. 11/22/83 and Samuel Scott b. 3/20/86. They live at Clendenin. Richard works as an operator on pipeline and Anna teaches at Walton Elementary. Submitted by: Samuel M. Shafer
ROMEO FREER SHAFER

Romeo Freer Shafer was the youngest living son of John and Mahala Harper Shafer. His paternal grandparents were Paul and Mary Runyon Shafer. His maternal grandparents were Alexander and Mary Ann Rhodes Harper. His great-great paternal grandparents, Paul and Catherine Shaver settled in Roane Co., VA in 1814. His great maternal grandparents, Armstead and Rachel Bishop Harper settled in Harper District about 1835.

Rome was born on 2-2-1890 on the family farm on Straight Creek, at Cicerone. He was one of 15 children. Attended Straight Creek School through the 8th grade. He married Cora Lee Coleman, daughter of William Henry and Lula Mae Hunt Coleman 9-20-1911 at the home of her maternal grandparents, Richard A. and Loretta Parsons Hunt, located on Hunt Hill near Kettle.

Rome and Cora made their home on Coleman Fork of Green Creek, in the house that was built by Cora's paternal grandparents, Christian Columbus and Harriett Ellen Akers Coleman. The house is still being used today. The Romeo Shafer heirs have their annual reunion in May on the property. Cora and Rome were members of the Green Creek Baptist Church, where Cora was the Secretary and Treasurer. She also kept records for the Advent Church.

Rome worked in sawmill business, farmed, worked on the county road and was a Deputy Sheriff for a short period. He served as Justice of the Peace in Roane Co. He was the last mail carrier that rode horseback through Green Creek. He finished raising the children alone after the death of Cora 5-6-1929.

In Rome and Cora's 17% years of marriage they had 8 children. John William b. 9-10-1912, married Naomi Fields 8-3-1930, had 3 children. She died 9-29-1940, his 2nd marriage is to Elsie Davis b. 5-16-1912 on 4-2-1942. Beatrice Marie b. 4-14-1914, married Wilbur Fields 7-20-1930 had 3 children, she died 11-8-1940. Rome Edison b. 1921-1915 d. 12-24-1955, married Orpha Marie Ray 5-18-1934, had 7 children. Keith F. b. 7-27-1918 d. 4-26-1957 married Ruth Fields, had 6 children. Lucille D. b. 7-9-1920 married Thomas Ryan Ray 5-18-1934, have 3 children. Coleman b. 5-28-1922 d. 6-4-1922. Elvin Maywood b. 12-9-1923 married Frances Holland 9-11-1948, have 4 children. Glade Mae b. 12-5-1925 married Leon Swiger 1-12-1946 and have 3 children.
SHAVER

My grandfather, William Henry Shaver, was an only son of John D. Shaver, Sr. and Rachel Holder. His paternal grandparents were John D. Shaver, Sr. and Mary Parsons who settled in Walton about 1820. His mother was a great granddaughter of Jesse Hughes, and a daughter of William Horner and Lydia Cottrell.

Grandfather’s sisters were: Mary B. 1856 and never married. Susannah b. 1856 married to a Jackson. Catherine was married to a Cavender. Nancy J. b. 1-12-1860 d. 3-12-1860. Lydia Margaret b. 1-16-1862 married Daniel Froody. Sarah b. 1866 married to a Jackson.

Grandfather was born February 26, 1854, and was only 14 years old when his father died and left him with the responsibility of caring for his mother and 5 sisters. He worked on the farm and increased his land to over 300 acres. He also worked on the Gauley River Tunnel and would work in cold weather until his clothes would freeze on him.

William Henry married Ann Jane Turpin b. 1-22-1857, on 2-21-1878, a daughter of William M. Turpin and Lembie Lucinda Peebles. They started housekeeping on the farm in a log cabin, with only one chest and a salt and pepper shaker. For their beds they put boards in between logs on the wall and supported the other end with a log. They would lace cord back and forth and use sheets filled with straw to make a mattress for comfort. The first thing he did to improve the farm was to build a huge barn so the cattle would be warm and cared for. Grandfather was well educated in the Bible and people would come to him for knowledge and study with him. He also made caskets and grandmother would line them. All of their children were born in this log cabin.


Hardey, in his History of Roane County, states that Paul Shaver built a cabin along the banks of the Gauley River in 1814 and thus became the first white settler in what is now Walton. Hardey said nothing about Paul's ancestry or origin. He names ten other settlers who joined Paul by the late 1820's. Among them was John Shaver, my great grandfather, believed to be Paul's son.

John gave Bourbon County, Kentucky as his birthplace. Ages given by him on different occasions suggest a birth date about 1797. He listed Paul and Catherine as his parents. He married Mary Parsons in Harrison County about 1818.

They moved to what is now Roane County about 1820 and settled near the point where the Gauley River flows into the New River. However, he did not receive the land grant for 263 acres until 1834. Although it is difficult to relate the boundaries given in the grant to today’s landmarks, it is clear that it includes mouth of Hickow Creek and also from the hill above the “U” turn in Poca for a considerable distance.

Mary died in 1835 and was buried on the farm in what is now known as the Henry Summers Cemetery. submitted by walter p. cory shaffer

ISAIAH AND EVA SHAVER FAMILY

Harvey Shaffer was born in 1921 at Pad and finished public schools at Walton. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1943 and the same year he married Jane Bucklew from Preston County. After serving three years in the U.S. Infantry, including 14 months of combat in Italy, he joined the faculty of Penn State University. He completed an M.S. Degree and worked as Dairy Extension Specialist until his retirement in 1979. He and Jean have three daughters: Wilma, Yannarella, and Carol. Submitted by Harvey Shaffer.
Cecil & Ruth Sheppard

My paternal great, great, great Grand Parents Johnathon Sheppard and wife Martha Wilson came to the Reedy area from North Carolina in 1806 with their eleven children, 8 boys and 3 girls. A Revolutionary War Veteran, he died in 1825.

One of his sons Rev. Sameul Sheppard, my great, great Grandfather (1803-1872) married Amelia Full (1803-1876) in 1823. Samuel was a Methodist minister, teacher, Justice of the Peace and was elected to the Virginia Legislature in 1870. Amelia, daughter of Lewis and Jane Collins Full also came from the Potomac Valley to settle in the Forks' fork. They had 7 children 5 boys and 2 girls. One of the boys Addison Hyatt Sheppard was my great Grandfather. He was born in 1845 and died in 1928. He married Margaret Walker (1840-1934) in November 1860. To them was born 6 children. Addison Jr. Turner, Sammy, Robert Lee, Laura and Rebecca (who lived to be 102).

Robert Lee, my grandfather (1861-1934) married Ruth Elaine Rhodes (1866-1967) and they had 5 children: Everett (Pat), Early, Jennings (Jay), Okey and Greta.

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The next two, Alonzo and Charles, lived at Cabin Creek, in Kanawha County, WV. George Newman, born September 25, 1891, lived in Spencer all his life.

Ruth Ann, born 1894, married Everett Ellis, and they lived in Roane and Calhoun Counties.


Walter Dewey was born December 3, 1898, and has lived in Akron, Ohio, his adult life. He will be 91 years old this December.

Delta Sue married Cari Looney, lived on Canoe Road, Roane County, most of her life.

Ruby Pearl married Howard Boggs, lived in Roane County most of her life, is now 86 years old, and lives on West Main Street, Spencer, WV.

Jennings Boyd, the youngest, was born May 29, 1905, and married Dola Vae Young in 1927. In 1935, he purchased part of his father's property, and eventually owned and farmed the "Home Place." He died November 13, 1957, at age 52.

Mary Agnes died December 18, 1934, and Austin died in August, 1946, and both are buried in the Titary Cemetery.

Of the ten children of Austin and Mary Agnes Sheppard, the only two still living are Dewey Sheppard and Ruby Boggs. Submitted by: Carol Sheppard Bond

REVEREND HIRAM LEE & LUCY WYOMA SHORT

Hiram was the son of William Whetzel and Elizabeth Ann (Buchanan) Short, married Lucy Wyoma Boggs daughter of James K. and Margaret L. (Conley) Boggs of Beaver Dam, Roane County, WV. They had three children: William Dorsey (1920), Audra Marie (1922) and Margarette Susan (1924).

Hiram and Lucy purchased and lived in the old Short home place on upper Boggs Fork in the Laurel area of Spencer District of Roane County. Early years of the marriage were spent by Hiram in farming and oil field work. He was a tool dresser and driller. Hiram entered the ministry in 1925. He was ordained a Baptist Minister at Beaver Dam Baptist Church August 29, 1928. He pastored rural churches in Wirt and Roane Counties along with the farm and oil field work until 1935.

Wood counties until 1946 when he resigned work at American Viscoe and accepted full time pastorate of a circuit of Baptist churches in Marion County. About 1948 Reverend Short resigned from the American Viscoe and returned to Wirt and the old Short home place on upper Boggs Fork, to pastor the Bassettville charge of the WV Methodist Conference. He retired from the Conference in 1966.

Hiram and Lucy moved back to Wood County to a home purchased at Bonnieville, on State Route 13a, and girls. They were active members of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church and he pastored Ellenboro and the Petroleum charge, after retirement.

Hiram died at his home in Bonnieville, January 25, 1978 and Lucy died at the St. Josephs Hospital, September 16, 1987. They are buried in the Evergreen South Cemetery in Parkersburg.


ANCESTRORS: It is believed that the Short/Buchanan and the Boggs/Conley families immigrated from England/Ireland to Virginia then migrated to West Virginia. Parents of James K. Boggs were Marshall, and Elizabeth Ann (Buchanan) Short. There were four children in their family: Tracy J., Hiram, Gertrude Allen, and Campsie Dell Pursley.

Whetzel's family was comprised of father James, and mother Elizabeth Ann's family was comprised of father Joshua and mother Elvilda (Buchanan) Short. There were eight children: William, Urie, Elias, John, and Alexander Buchanan and girls were Elizabeth Ann Short, Ola Reynolds and Amanda Buchanan.

Parents of Lucy Wyoma Boggs were James K. and Margaret L. (Conley) Boggs. There were twelve children in their family.

Rufus Harold, Ruth, Warren and Sue-Ann are buried in the Gandee Cemetery on the farm, where they worked. Submitted by: William Short

SHOULDIS

The spelling of the name Shouldis has several variations and in one family Bible there appeared. Shoulders, Shouldies and Shouldis is perhaps the Irish version of the name and is also found in the census records in the early 1800's. It is believed that the Shouldis settled at the forks of the river in 1821. The Bennetts came over the old Seneca trail from the upper Potomac Valley. William Bennett located on Colonel Jackson's land just below the tract selected by Shoulders. This was in reference to the Collins settlement in the upper valley of the West Fork River, between the town of Jacksonville and Arnold. (Edward Conrad Smith, A History of Lewis County, West Virginia, c1920 p139).

The Shouldis family was living on Stone Couls Creek, Lewis County in 1836 and was operating the Shoulders Mill!

Joseph Shouldis (1810-1899) married Susannah Allman (1814-1895), daughter of Peter and Catherine Sims Allman, April 8, 1836. Peter (1793-1827) was the son of William and Elizabeth Martin Allman. Some time before 1853, the family moved to what is now Roane County and are buried in the Gangdee Cemetery on the Keef farm.

Joseph and Susannah had at least 6 children, Laban (1837), Edward J. (1841), David (1847-1919), and Joseph Straley (1849-1921).

Joseph Straley "Dick" Shouldis married Malinda Harper (1855-1937), daughter of Henderson and Deborah Westfall Harper, April 9, 1871 in Roane County, WV. Both are buried in the Gangdee Cemetery on the Keef farm.


William and Celia were the parents of 12 children: Dennis, Virgie C., Gladie E., Nettie, Floyd, Margie, Joseph Carl, Worth, Robert, Harold, Ruth, Warren and Susanne.

Dennis (1894-1963) married Iva Wolfe (1897-1981) and their children were
HERMAN & ORVA SHOWEN

Herman B. Showen was born July 27, 1894 in Spencer, WV. His parents were John Roland and Maggie Ann (Burgett) Showen. He had a brother, Rufus Showen. Herman's grandparents were William Preston and Nancy (Parsons) Showen and John P. and Mary E. (Hoff) Burgett.

Herman went to school at Reedyville School. He was in World War I. He joined the Army on July 22, 1918 and was discharged March 22, 1919. He was in Co. F 46 Infantry Co. 1st 158th Depot Brigade attached to the 4th.

Herman worked for United Fuel Gas Co. He read meters and answered complaints. He made several friends while doing his job. Herman also worked for R. I. Miller on his farm, butchering cattle to be sold at M & E Cash Market. He was born and lived all of his life on a 159 acre farm on Ripley Road.

Herman was saved when he was 15 years old at the Mt. Olive Church. He was also a member of Spencer Odd Fellows.

Orva Viola Miller was born July 15, 1904 in Spencer and was the daughter of Preston Grisby and Martha Ellen (Wade) Miller. Orva's grandparents were Thomas and Drusilla (Kirby) Miller and Otha and Sarah (Wright) Wade. Her brothers and sisters were: Thomas, Kenna, Robert, Roy, Donald, Sella, Nettie, Eva and Dycie. Orva and Eva were twins.

Orva went to school at Curtis School. Her hobbies were crocheting and quilting. Orva was saved when she was 15 years old.

On October 27, 1923, Herman and Orva were married by the Rev. M.P. Lowe in Spencer.

SILKET

Eliza Ayward Silket was one of six children born to Samuel and Emerett Heely Silket. Others were Ola White, Pearl Godbey, Lula Board, and Virgie Harris and Virgil Silket (twins).

Eliza Ayward was born in Jackson County and at an early age moved to Roane County. She married Lottie Olive Brabham who was the daughter of John and Gay Reed Brabham.

Eliza and Lottie Silket had three children: Charles Ray, Eliza Carol, and Francis Evelyn.

Charles (10-15-32) married Daisy Burton in 1934. They have no children.

Eliza Carol (10-01-33) married Bonnie Beitel and they had three children who were Roy Ayward, Charles Gordon, and Carol Jean. He then married Margaret Murphy.

Carrol, Ayward, Charles and Olive Silket

Francis Evelyn (1937-1943) is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Eliza Ayward worked a short while in Barbington, Ohio in 1941. Upon his return to Roane County he became a farmer and stockman and was retired from the WV Highway Department. He was a member of Mt. Zion Church and attended Cherry Valley Church. Ayward passed away Feb. 9, 1989 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Lottie Olive, a member of Mt. Zion Church, cooked at Laurel Hill School, was a homemaker and was the happiest when working in her garden. She is presently living on Stover Fork Road.

Charles, Daisy, and Eliza Carol retired from Babcock & Wilson Co., Barbington, OH and now reside on Stover Fork Road near Spencer. Submitted by: Daisy Silket

DELMER SIMMONS

Rev. Delmer Simmons was born March 3, 1911. His parents were Peter Mason and Phoebe Hisson Edgell Simmons, daughter of Henry and Cena Hisson of Charleston. Delmer was one of five children, Hazel, Opal, Hurst, Ernest, and Delmer. He also had two half-brothers, Romie and Clyde Edgell.

Peter Mason married the widow of Dr. Elliott Edgell. He owned a farm near Wolf
run, which part of it is now owned by Delmer. He was a farmer and served as a member of the school board from his district. Peter Mason loved to dance (like his father) and called square dances. His second wife, Fannie and he spent his declining years in Spencer on West Main St. He is buried with first wife in the Clover Cemetery.

The other known ancestors of Delmer are Leonard and Mary Vandale Boggs. James Monroe and Elizabeth Ann Boggs, Winfield Scott and Catherine Looney Simmons.

Both his father, Peter Mason and his mother, Mary Boggs, were large land owners. Elizabeth Boggs died in 1815 and was buried in the Clover Cemetery, Roane Co.

In early days, there was a post office near Spencer called Millard. For many years, Frank had a general store at the mouth of Toms Run. The tobacco cutter from that store is cherished by a granddaughter, Maxine B. Kee. Frank was the son of James Monroe and Elizabeth Ann Boggs Simmons and the grandson of Leonard and Mary Elizabeth Vandale Simmons. Bishop states they were large land owners.

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My father, Grover Cleveland Simmons, Son of Millard Fillmore Simmons and Eula (Eleanor) Daniel Simmons, was born on May 9, 1888 in a commodious house, with wide verandas and hand-carved doorways, standing in a meadow in Roane County, near Spencer. Grover grew up in another large house on Tom's Run with his two brothers, Holly and Jim, and his sister Daisy. After his mother died, his father remarried a wonderful woman named Dora Bartlett Rogers. A half-brother Ira Ross, and two half sisters Hope and Helen plus several stepbrothers and -sisters brought up the number of children. Grover went to school in the County, but as a young man he heeded Horace Greeley, whose advice was: "Go West, young man."

Grover did go West, to Oregon. His ambition was to become a forest ranger. He attended the University of Washington, graduating in forestry in 1914, married my mother, Mildred Lydia Faubion, and together they produced four children: Virginia Anna, James Millard, Robert Daniel, and Naomi Helen (Becky), all of whom received their basic education in Oregon.

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Two children and two grandchildren. Robert (Bob) joined the Marines, became a Captain, and after the war was appointed research analyst for the Bureau of the Budget in Washington, D.C. His wife Sonny is a nurse, now retired. They live in Virginia, where they brought up two children. Becky, trained as a nurse, completed her education in the field of social service, is now an adviser to the Governor of Oregon geriatrics. Her husband, Charles O. Mansfield, is a retired medical doctor. They, too, travel extensively and are active in their community of Tigard, Oregon. They have five children and seven grandchildren. Submitted by Virginia Simmons Wolf.

**SIMMONS**

Leonard Simmons, b 1-11-1806 in Pendleton County VA (WV) d 4-22-1881, married Mary Elizabeth Vandale, b 4-3-1809 d 11-27-1882, and came to Roane County then Wood County in 1832. Leonard bought 1,400 acres of land for 14 cents an acre and built a log cabin 3 miles down Spring Creek from Spencer. His family was from Germany and he spoke German and English. Leonard and Mary had 6 sons and 3 daughters.

His son David, b 9-3-1835 d 9-5-1924, married Luvisa Ferrell, b 1-24-1836 d 11-21-1921, and settled on about nine hundred acres in the Boggs Fork and Clover area. David was for several years prominent in the affairs of the county and served as delegate for Roane County in the State Legislature’s 9th session in 1871. It is said he lived well, set a good table and kept many servants. His home was like a Wayside Inn, travelers were often fed and given lodging for the night. He made money raising sheep and from oil well interests. David was for several years president of Roane County Singers for travelers who were often fed and given lodging for the night. He made money raising sheep and from oil well interests. David was a graduate of W. Va. University, married Cora Simmons Wine and children

One son Frank Hereford Simmons, b 6-1-1872 d 8-12-1959, married Mary Jane McCullay, b 12-6-1868 d 4-18-1949, on 2-15-1895. They lived on Boggs Fork. Frank was a farmer and singing teacher and was president of Roane County Singers for many years. Frank and Mary had 3 sons and 2 daughters who lived to maturity.

Frank’s daughter Cora Atlas (Addie) b 12-22-1894 d 3-3-1971, married Clarence Herbert Wine, b 6-6-1896 still living. on 9-13-1913 and they had 5 sons - Arthur B., Kenneth R., Clifford H., Wilbur Jackson (Jack) and Franklin E. 5 daughters - Freda, Mabel, Wilma, Mildred and Mildred Alean Simmons.

One son of Cora Atlas (Simmons) Wine and great great grandson of Leonard Simmons is Wilbur Jackson Wine, b 8-27-1931. Wilbur Jackson (Jack) born, raised and still living in Roane County was a graduate of Spencer High School, married June Miller of Roane County in 1950. They have one daughter, Diana Lynn West, and one son, Michael Alan, two grandsons, Michael Zachary Wine and Richard Lee West; one granddaughter, Kirby Kathleen West.

During High School Jack belonged to the Spencer-Roane Volunteer Fire Department consisting of teenagers. He was Fire Chief 1972-1973 and from 1987 to date. Jack was active in the Boy Scouts, umpired Little League ball games, Jaycees and was voted Young Man of the Year Award in 1966.

Jack has always been very civic minded and willing to help anyone in need. He is currently manager of Consumers Gas Utility Co., where he has been employed for 22 years. Submitted by Iris Wine.

**SIMMONS**

Leonard Simmons was born in Pendleton County, Virginia on January 11, 1806 and in 1829 he traveled south to Greenbrier County, Virginia where he met and married Mary Elizabeth Vandale, daughter of James and Sara (Boggs) Vandale. In 1832, Leonard, his wife and sons, his brother-in-law, Andrew L. Vandale, traveled northwest to Roane County where they settled on a farm on Spring Creek from Spencer. This part of Virginia later became West Virginia, it was made a new state in 1863.

The children of Leonard and Mary Elizabeth were: James Monroe, Jonathan, David, Sara Elizabeth, Jeffrey C., Leonard Dillon, Edward, Charles Jackson, and Mildred Alean Simmons.

A more complete history exists in a book compiled by Ruth Haverty of Smithfield, Virginia, it was made a new state in 1863.
Roane County, W. Va., area and have migrated to different spots in the United States.

As the widow of William Leonard Simmons, I am happy to be near two of my children, William Jarvis and Susan Simmons Allen, and my dear nieces. I am living in Bethesda, Maryland and am now retired. I have only written the history of our immediate branch of the Simmons family.

Submitted by: Donna Jarvis Simmons

SIMMONS

Around 1832 Leonard Simmons, his wife Mary Elizabeth Vandale Simmons, and two children accompanied Mary's brother, Andrew L. Vandall, to what is now Roane County. It was then part of Wood County, the Simmonses were of German descent. Harvey Jefferson Simmons, grandson of Leonard and Mary, stated that his grandfather spoke German and that his English had a decided accent. When Leonard died on April 23, 1881, his death was reported by his youngest son, Nicholas, who failed to give the names of the parents of Leonard; an omission which has wrought a hardship on Simmons genealogists. Leonard and Mary married in Ward Cemetery, at Gandee Chapel near their home. A tombstone marking their graves was removed years ago to Nicholas Simmons' home. Leonard's log home, built in a grove of locust trees on Spring Creek about three miles below Spencer was sold out of the family and has now fallen into ruin.

The children of Leonard and Mary were: James Monroe (1829 - 1899) who had 8 children by his first wife Elizabeth Ann Boggs and 4 children by his second wife Minnie Bell Thomasson; Jonathan (1832 - 1861) who married Rebecca Riddle and had 2 children; David (1835 - 1924) who had 13 children by his first wife Luvisa Ferrell and later married Carrie McStephen; Sara Elizabeth (1839 - 1879) who married G. W. Givens and had 2 children: Jeffery (1841 - 1913) who married Sallie Burdette; Leonard Dillon (1843 - 1909) who had 6 children by his wife Sara Arminta Goll; Mary Jane (1846 - ?) who had 4 children by her first husband George R. Cain and 1 child by her second husband Frank Marion; America Ann (1849 - 1913) who married John Chambers Campbell and had 10 children; and Nicholas (1854 - 1950) who married Tabitha Ann Cleaver and had 7 children.

Leonard and Mary Simmons had a total of 57 grandchildren. James Monroe Simmons had 61 grandchildren; David had 58 grandchildren; Sarah Elizabeth went west and little is known about her; Leonard had 58 grandchildren; Mary Jane and her first husband had nine grandchildren; America Ann had 10 grandchildren; Nicholas, who lived in the Leonard Simmons house, had seven grandchildren. With this incomplete count of grandchildren, it is obvious that there were many Simmonses in Roane County by 1900.

A list of the early families with whom the Simmonses intermarried includes: Boggs, Cain, Campbell, Cleaver, Ferrell, Goll, Riddle, DePue and Vandal for the first and second generations of citizens of Roane County. The list of families for the third and fourth generations becomes voluminous: Bartlett, Daniels, Edgell, Looney, Greathouse, McCothlin, VanDevender, and Wimsley.

Wine. Of the latter day Simmonses, all bear the semblance of good citizens; a few have made a lot of money, several have accumulated large land holdings. Bishop noted in his History of Roane County when writing about the Simmonses: "All have shown the ancestral trait of getting on".

Submitted by: Helen Haverty King

VIOLET BENNETT SIMMONS

Henson Bennett 1865 - 1911 and Sarah Malinda Keplinger Bennett 1865 - 1950 lived about four miles from Spencer on a farm of 136 acres. Theirs was a large house with five bedrooms, not far from the house where Marvin Quick lives today, on what is known as Scott Miller Hill.

In the winter of 1910-11, Mr. Bennett became ill. Dr. McQuain, a Spencer Dr. of that time, brought nurses and turned the farm home dining room into an operating room. The walls were hung with clean sheets and all other surfaces were covered with sheets. Daughter Violet remembers being scared and curious; she remembers peeping in while her father was undergoing surgery. Dr. Staats of Charleston was assisted by Dr. McQuain but the operation was not successful; they did not have the proper surgical equipment and Mrs. Bennett died three days later.

After his death, the family moved to Chapman Avenue in Spencer. The oldest daughter, Ethel 1889 - 1984, married Carl Heath and lived at Wellsburg, W.V. Romie, 1898 - 1940, married Imogene Franklin and lived in Dayton, KY. Harry Bennett, 1905 - 1967, married Faye Morris, lived in Weston WV, and moved to Florida upon his return from World War II.

Five generations of the Violet Bennett Simmons family

Violet Bennett, born Sept. 1, 1901, married John Dewey Simmons, 1898 - 1972, the son of Frank Maxwell and Satellite Simmons. Their three sons have worked in oil fields all over the United States including Alaska, and in Iran. And also have worked in offshore drilling operations. One son, John D. Simmons Jr. died in 1984. He was married to Rose Fouty; they had two girls and one son. John D. Simmons III, Christina and Janet. Harry Lee Simmons and Marle live in Bakersfield, CA. He has two daughters, Vanessa and Harriet and a son, Harry Jr. Frank Simmons is married to Joanne Nichols of this county, they live in Roane County. Their children are Frank Maxwell "Max", and Angie. Mrs. Gene Webb, Max has a daughter, Amanda, and Angie has two sons Mike and Mathew. The daughter of Violet and John is Ethel May. Mrs. J. W. Kelly, and John is married to Virginia Vandale. Their children are Shirley May, Weekley, Rose Marie and David Hall.

There are five generations in this family: Ethel May has great grandchildren. Violet has good health and remains active. She lives in Spencer, WV.

Violet Bennett Simmons

Submitted by: Violet Mae Simmons

SIMMONS

Charles Ofa Simons was born in Calhoun Co on Feb. 13, 1910. His father was Thomas Simons b. 12-6-1885 d. 5-28-1934, his mother was Virginia Bell (Griffin) b. 5-1-1886 d. 3-3-1948, a daughter of G. W. Griffin 1849-1931 and Millie (Varney) Griffin 1855-1930. Virginia's grandparents were George C. and Margaret Griffin and Asa H. and Bertha Varney. Thomas and Virginia were married 5-23-1905. George and Millie were married 1-12-1874.

Ofa had five brothers: Willard, Russell, Bruce, Cecil and Everett. He had four sisters: Laura, Anna, Allie and Evelyn. Evelyn died in childbirth.

Ofa married first to Lula Ann Polly McCothlin b. 1-12-1914. Together they had five sons: Marshall, Carlos 'Tony', David, Everett and Gordon. Polly was killed in a farming accident 8-21-1951. She is buried in the Keen Cem. on Hollywood, Newton.

Ofa married second on 2-2-1952 to Doris Ella Dye b. 8-23-1928. She is a daughter of Yole Dye b. 5-25-1906 d. 1988, and Elizabeth (Smith) Dye b. 5-23-1904. Yole and Elizabeth were married 5-31-1924. Yole's parents were Albert Lee Dye b. 1879 d. (?) and Elizabeth (Harris) Dye b. 1880 d. (?). Elizabeth (Smith) Dye's parents were William Smith and Elizabeth Montanna. Albert and Elizabeth were married 7-7-1901.

Dorma's brothers are: William Howard, born 3-27-1925. Died in infancy; Arnold Robey; Bettas: James: Coy: Doy; born 1953, died in a hunting accident in 1955; and Lowell. She has one sister Catherine.

Ofa and Dorma had two sons: Roger Lee, b. 5-16-1953 and Larry Allen, b. 1-14-1956. Roger was first married to Jeanne Garrett. They had a daughter Vicky Jean, b. 12-20-1973. They divorced. He married second, 2-21-1975, to Earlene Kay West, b. 10-4-1951, a daughter of Jack and Doris (Rhodes) West. They have one son, Eric Lee, b. 4-28-1981. Larry married Gail Faulks; they are the parents of two children; Adam Ray, b. 12-28-1984 and Samatha Jo, b. 11-6-1986. Roger's address is Spencer. Larry lives in Clay Co.

Ofa and Dorma have lived at Newton for a number of years, owning property on both the Right and Left Forks of Hollywood. They attended the Newton Baptist Church. Ofa retired from Alloy. He died 8-20-1983 of cancer and is buried in the Keen Cem. at Newton. Dorma still lives on the farm on Hollywood.

Submitted by: Roger L. Simon

SINNETT

Madison H. "Matt" Sinnett was born March 17, 1871 in Ritchie County and came to Roane County at 2 years of age with his father, Joseph Sinnett b. 7-15
The first Sinnett to come to Roane County as a settler was Matthew whose homestead was on McKowns Creek in Middle District. The relationship of Matthew to Samuel Sinnett is not clear; we think he was the brother of Samuel's father, John. There was an Abel Sinnett, a surveyor who surveyed the southern boundary when Roane County was cut from Kanawha. All of these Sinnett's were descendants of the pioneer, Patrick, who came from County Wexford, Ireland, settled in Highland County, Virginia, later Pendleton County, West Virginia. They came to Roane County by way of Ritchie County.

Samuel Sinnett claimed about 2,000 acres of land from Rush Creek across Round Knob and to the divide between Big Creek and Round Knob. It was referred to as the Sinnett Plantation. The homestead and cemetery are on Round Knob. The only living descendant on this original land is Mildred Sinnett Cox Humbleby who lives below Gandeeville in the old home of her father, Henry Sinnett, brother of Samuel C. There were several houses on this land and many Sinnett descendants were born and lived in them.

The Sinnetts have been merchants, teachers and have been known through the years as good citizens of Roane County. Both the Round Knob Union Church and the Rush Creek Baptist Church are on land of the original Sinnett Plantation. Sinnett descendants live from Michigan to Florida. Those who still live in Roane County are Michael Farmer, Andrew Jackson Farmer, Guy Jefferson Farmer, Justin Chancellor Farmer, Jennifer McCullow, Matthew Edwin McCullow, Evan James McCullow, Shirley Mullins, Steve Mullins, Danita Mullins, Beulah L. Taylor, Jane T. George, David H. Cox, Rean Buri Taylor, George M. Scott, Clyde Sinnett, Jerome Sinnett, Sharon Stewart, Tracy Weaver, Gerald Snyder, Sherry Snyder and Mildred Sinnett Humbleby.

**SAMUEL CHRISTIAN SINNETT**

Patrick Sinnett, the original immigrant from Ireland, was Samuel Sinnett's great grandfather. Patrick fought in the Revolutionary War three and a half years. John Sinnett, Patricks' son, married Elizabeth Probst and they had four sons, Samuel, Joseph (twins), Harmon and Abel. Samuel C.'s father came to Roane County in 1837. He obtained a large tract of land on Round Knob Creek and built his home there. He first married Leah Sargent and had five children: Eliza J., Sarah C., Thomas F., Festus T. and Abel,; one died in infancy. Leah died in 1864. The Civil War being in progress, Samuel had to leave his farm and four small children in the care of Christian S. Peters (1812 - 1897) and go to Clendenin with his brother, Abel, a surveyor. After the war, he came back and married Sarah Burke Peters. Their children were: Albert B., Henry N., Abie P., Lewis E., Mary A., Laura M., Emma S. and Samuel C., who is the principal subject of this writing.

Samuel C. Sinnett (1881 - 1969), the eighth child of Sarah Burke Peters (1842 - 1882) and Samuel Sinnett, was born at Round Knob Creek, Spencer, West Virginia. He married Norma Taylor (1885 - 1968), the daughter of John Emory Taylor and Malinda Jane Hunt.


**SLEETH - BOARD**

Adam Clark Sleeth and John Marion Sleeth both sons of Henry Waldeck Sleeth came to Roane Co. from Lewis Co. after the Civil War. Henry Sleeth was the son of David Waldeck Sleeth and the grandson of John Sleeth, Scotsman, who settled on Hacker's Creek about 1770.

John Marion Sleeth (b. 7/17/1840; d. 4/23/1918) married Frances Louisa Murphy (b. 12/22/1843; d. 9/19/1918). She was the daughter of William and Mary Ann Shonanon Murphy. John Marion was the first person to be buried in the Sleeth graveyard of the Clarence Church on Middle Fork of Reedy Creek about 3 miles from Peniel, on the lands of his brother, Adam Clark Sleeth. Frances was buried there at her death in 1918 under the name of Casto.
Children of John and Frances: Mary Elta (1862) married Geary Davis; Clara Jane (1864) married P. S. Harless; Thomas Henry (1867) married Nora Olive Riddle; Margaret Evaline (1869); Susan Araminta (1872); Walter Clay (1876); James Lewis (1878); Ida Lenora (1880); Edward Isom (1883); John Clinton (1886). All the children were born in Lewis Co. but most moved to Roane Co. and spent most of their lives there.

Adam Clark Sleeth married Mary Romine about 1856, she was the daughter of Jonathan and Emily Nicholas Romine of Romine's Mills. Adam was born 1837 and died 9 Sept. 1897. Mary was born 1841. Adam Clark served as a Union soldier in Co. B 15th W. Va. Infantry. After the war he taught 3 terms of school on Leading Creek. Lewis Co. served as a member of the Board of Education and served as Justice of the Peace until he moved to Roane Co. Adam and Mary were the parents of 10 children: Leona Alice (1857) married Alfred Craig Beckley. Mary E. (1860) married John Young. Emma Florilla (1863) married Thomas Jefferson Board. Thomas Sheridan (1864) died in infancy. Henry Newton (1866) married Rhoda Jane Hoge. Waitman T. Willey (1869) married (1) Rosa Jane Jeffrey. (2) Pleasant Randall; Ida Almeda (1872) died at the age of 14; Gilbert Claudius (1874) married (1) Zoe S. Danieli (2) Alma Rebecca Worchester; Robert Hughes (1875) married Love Hardman; Nelson Leonidas (1883) married Flera Beaner.

Emma Florilla Sleeth fourth member of the Adam Clark Sleeth family married Thomas Jefferson Board. May 21, 1882. Thomas was the son of William Board born in 1830 and Susan Waybright Board born 1834. William settled on upper Middle Ford in 1830. Lewis Co., served as a member of the 360th Inf. 90th Division, Company K 1st Platoon. When he returned home he married Mary Ut. They raised 3 children: Lewis, Charles Curtis, and Velma. 6. Pearl (1898) married Earl Guthrie they moved to Michigan and raised 6 children: Harold, La- veme, Hatty Neil, Earl Jr., Thomas and Walter. 9. Virginia Zoe (1903) married Robert Romine. They lived in Akron most of their lives, raising 6 boys: Robert Clark, Edger Donald, James, Ethel, Freda and John. Her grandparents were Isaac and Lucetta Westfall. Her great-grandparents were Squire John Greenleaf and John and Minerva Westfall. The Westfalls were pioneers of the Monongahela Valley who were distinguished for their large size, blonde complexion and long beards.

Thomas Jefferson and Emma Sleeth Board family

When Emma and Thomas married they purchased 40 acres from Clark Sleeth and built their home, where they lived and raised their family. Thomas was known throughout the community as "Uncle Tom". He was known for helping his neighbors in time of trouble. He had a large knowledge of all herbs. He made tonics and medicines from them for use by his family and neighbors. Emma was a kind and very religious person. Teaching Sunday School classes and supporting the Clarence Church throughout her life.

Thomas and Emma raised the following children: 1. Delia (1885) married Thomas Carpen, the parents of 9 children: Carma, Chester, Blondena, Vora, Claude, Florilla, Charles, Lucille and Calvin. 2. Nellie (1884) married Faude Knopp. They had one daughter, Helen. 3. Ada (1886) was never married. The Board home was partly destroyed by fire in 1933. Ada died from burns received in that fire. 4. William Clark (1888) named from his two grandfathers. Clark Sleeth and William Board, married Ottie Seaman. They had one daughter, Vera. Clark spent his early years in Richwood working in the lumber mills. After his marriage he was a rig builder. They also lived in Akron, Ohio during the Depression. Clark returned to farming in Roane Co. and for about 7 years he managed the Roane County Farm on Middle Fork of Reedy. Goff (1890) died at the age of 2 years. He was killed by a horse and died from the injuries. 6. Grace (1894) married Clyde Knopp. They raised 9 children: Durward, Gilbert, Geraldine, Otho, Richard, Corinne, Emma Lou, Mabel Sue, and Emma. (1898) married Edward Reed in World War I. Fighting in France with the 360th Inf. 90th Division, Company K 1st Platoon. When he returned home he married Mary Ut. They raised 3 children: Lewis, Charles Curtis, and Velma. 6. Pearl (1898) married Earl Guthrie they moved to Michigan and raised 6 children: Harold, Laveme, Hatty Neil, Earl Jr., Thomas and Walter. 9. Virginia Zoe (1903) married Robert Romine. They lived in Akron most of their lives, raising 6 boys: Robert Clark, Edward Donald, James -1882 -1936; Harvey 1884 - 1887; John 1886 - 1953; Weldon 1887 - 1953; Kells 1889 - 1891; Myra 1991 - 1961 and Dee 1894 - 1974. Eliza then married a Bodkins and had Vesta, Cullie and Virginia. Eliza's son Dee Vickers Adkins married Goldie Reed 1887 - 1972. She was the daughter of Clark and Birdie Greenleaf Reed. Goldie's siblings included; Gertie, Oscar, Ethel. Freda and John. Her grandparents were Isaac and Lucetta Westfall. Her great-grandparents were Squire John Greenleaf and John and Minerva Westfall. The Westfalls were pioneers of the Monongahela Valley who were distinguished for their large size, blonde complexion and long beards.

American Land Company. John worked over five years at fifty cents a day in order to purchase 320 acres of land from Matthew Geary in the Little Blue Creek area. He then purchased land from Samuel Young making a total of 360 acres. The land formed a triangle containing parts of both Kanawha and Roane Counties.

John and Ellen's children were: Orpha May b. 1857 married Lewis Naylor; Eliza b. 1859 married Davidson Adkins b. 1855. America Virginia b. 1861 married William Sears; Richard died in infancy.

In 1891 John prepared a will giving his daughters the lands on which they resided.

Adam and William Sears lived on the original homestead where a blacksmith and a grist mill were at one time in operation. They sold the Smarrs until the time of their deaths. In 1894 John was buried in his chosen gravesite. He lies under a tree found in a field of the land he worked so hard to own. In 1906 Ellen was buried in a nearby field now known as the Sears Cemetery.

Eliza and Davidson Adkins were farming their allotted land. Their children included;

Lee 1879 - 1881; George 1880 - 1893; James 1882 - 1895; Harvey 1884 - 1887; John 1886 - 1953; Weldon 1887 - 1953; Kells 1889 - 1891; Myra 1991 - 1961 and Dee 1894 - 1974. Eliza then married a Bodkins and had Vesta, Cullie and Virginia. Eliza's son Dee Vickers Adkins married Goldie Reed 1887 - 1972. She was the daughter of Clark and Birdie Greenleaf Reed. Goldie's siblings included; Gertie, Oscar, Ethel. Freda and John. Her grandparents were Isaac and Lucetta Westfall. Her great-grandparents were Squire John Greenleaf and John and Minerva Westfall. The Westfalls were pioneers of the Monongahela Valley who were distinguished for their large size, blonde complexion and long beards.
President of the General Association in 1893. His home was situated on what is now known as the "Lamb Place" where he and his wife Lydia Stump Smith lived for many years. To them were born six children, one being Florinda Farnsworth, born October 11, 1866. During the Civil War the "Lamb Place" was quite active. Many times, horses as well as men were captured by the mountain men and were forced to leave. Jonathan would hide his horde to enable him to continue to reach the people to spread the word of God; however, he could not hide his stove and would lose meat and other victuals to the looters. You can be sure that he probably had a "special" prayer for them. In addition to being a preacher, he was also a surveyor, school teacher and a farmer. He was well educated and for that era he was thought to be wealthy. His last home before his death in 1912, was in Clendenin, West Virginia. His wife, Lydia Stump Smith resided there until 1922. They are buried in Clendenin.

Florinda Farnsworth married John Morgan Boyer. They farmed in Roane County where they became successful in the rapid growing oil and gas industry. To them were born nine children, the youngest son Romeo Napoleon, born November 4, 1900. I will always remember my grandmother as being a very loving protective person for her children and grandchildren. She died February 11, 1940, and is buried in the Summerfield Cemetery at Stringtown.

Romeo Napoleon married Olive Elliott and they resided on the same "Lamb Place" until his untimely death on July 31, 1929. To them were born three children, Ross, who now resides in Anaheim, California; Romeo, who sacrificed his life in World War II, and William of Charleston, West Virginia. Submitted by William H. Dye.

ELKANA SMITH

Elkana was the son of John and Elizabeth Phillips Smith of Barbour County. He was born April 16, 1842. He came to Roane County when he was about sixteen years of age. He married Mary Magdalene Stump Nov. 1, 1860. She was the daughter of George and Nancy Bennett Stump, born in Gilmer County, January 17, 1837. Elkana and Mary's children were Theodora 1861 - 1912, a child died at birth 1863, Jonathan 1864 - 1936, Mary Elizabeth 1866 - 1907, Lydian and George (twins) Sept. 27, 1868, Matilda (Kate) 1871 - 1940, and Sarah Jane 1873 - 1940. Of these children, George owned a large farm, the old home place, or near it in the Smithfield District, near Looneyville, Levi and Isreal Smith, brothers of Elkana served through the Civil War in the Southern Army. Elkana served two terms of four years as assessor of Roane County 1877 - 1885.

Rev. Jonathan Smith, brother of Elkana, married Lydia Stump, also a daughter of George and Nancy Bennett Stump. The calling taken up by Rev. Smith has been carried on by members of the fourth generation, with a son, two grandchildren, and four great-grandsons becoming ministers. His son was Rev. James Smith, the grandchildren were Rev. J. Herbert Smith and Jonathan Smith Dye, and great-grandchildren are Rev. George Smoot Smith, Delmar Cottrell, Otie Smith, and J. Herbert Smith Jr.

Jonathan was born in 1829 and became one in the distinguished line of Baptist ministers in the family. He preached in several churches across the state and in particular, Spencer, West Virginia. He also served as the Baptist Superintendent of State Missions from 1872 - 1874 and was
children, 108 great grandchildren, 35 great great grandchildren, a total of 199 descendants.

Joseph Herbert Sr. was ordained in the ministry in 1910. Four of their sons are ministers of the Gospel: Otie Gay, Dennis Presion, Herbert, Jr., and Gene Dewain. He pastored the following churches: Newton Baptist, Henry's Fork, Epling Chapel, Mt. Moriah, Buys Chapel, Johnson Creek Baptist, Bethel Baptist, Poca Fork Baptist and he was one of very few Circuit Riders. A Circuit Rider would travel by horse-back throughout the area in Revival meetings. These meetings would sometimes last for weeks. This made the life of Grandmother very difficult during his absence with the responsibilities of the farm and caring for the twelve children.

J. Herbert Sr., also was President of the Board of Education of Roane County for eight years, Supervisor of the State Road Commission for a number of years. His main source of income was made on the farm and trading horses.

He successfully fulfilled the legacy handed down to him by his grandfather. Rev. Jonathan Smith. Submitted by: Judy L. Myers

**SMITH - VINEYARD**

Pocahontas Mataoal Smith b. April 17, 1864 d. June 22, 1936, went to teach school at Flat Fork, Roane Co., and during the school term she met and married Samuel Wallace Vineyard, b. April 23, 1856 d. November 14, 1958. They were united in marriage January 1, 1881. Sam and Kate purchased the farm of Samuel Ellison and lived in Newton the remainder of their lives.


Samuel was the son of William b. May 4, 1813 d. Nov. 24, 1891 Vineyard and Sarah Looney b. Oct. 5, 1818 d. 1911. They lived on Flat Fork.

William was the first child of Presley and Cynthia Hamack Vineyard, and they were the first Vineyards in Roane Co., and lived at the mouth of Johnson Creek. Sarah Looney was the daughter of Robert and Catherine Stover Looney. The Vineyards are descendants of Germany and the Looneys are the descendants of Man.

Kate Vineyard was the daughter of Dr. Isaiah Dorsey Smith and Elizabeth Ann Lockhart from Gore, Va. Dr. Smith is a descendant of Capt. George Smith and Ann Ellis. George Smith is descended from Capt. Jeremiah Smith and Elizabeth McKracken. Capt. Jeremiah Smith fought in the French and Indian War.

Elizabeth Lockhart is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Tripplet all from the Winchester, Va. area.

Samuel and Kate Vineyard were farmers and both active members of the Newton Baptist Church. Submitted by: Kathy Taylor

**SMITH & HIVELY**


John Randolph Smith married Margaret Rachel Wood (born 10 August 1856, Fayette County, (WV) Virginia on 17 March 1881. Her parents, Alexander Allen Wood (born 26 October, 1825) and Margaret Caldwell Daugherty. Paul and Virginia had five children. Virginia Gay (1944 - 1978) was married to Edward Hamric of Spencer on July 7, 1967. They had one child. Brian, who attends West Virginia University, Jane (1945) lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia and works for the Atlantic Bell Telephone Company.

Hunter Paul Smith, son of William Hunter (1882 - 1951) and Roxie Gay Sibert Smith (1897 - 1920) were born at Eliana, Roane County, West Virginia August 14, 1920. He married Virginia Daughtery of Valley Fork, Clay County, January 1, 1942. She was born at Bombot, Clay County May 19, 1923. Her parents were Rome and Pearl Caldwell Daugherty. Paul and Virginia had five children. Virginia Gay (1944 - 1978) was married to Edward Hamric of Spencer on July 7, 1967. They had one child. Brian, who attends West Virginia University, Jane (1945) lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia and works for the Atlantic Bell Telephone Company.

Hunter Paul (1952) married Jo Kemmer of Spencer on May 19, 1973. They have two children; Grant and Emily. He is an Assistant U.S. Attorney for Southern District of West Virginia and lives in Charleston, West Virginia.

Scott Andrew (1957) is married to Teresa Leatherwood of Dallas, Texas. They have one child: Ellen (1967) and Lauren (1969). He has two step-daughters; Jennifer Leatherwood (1975) and Christine Leatherwood (1977). He is a Computer Systems Integrator for IBM Corporation in Grapevine, Texas where he lives with his family.

Eric Charles (1959) is a Forest Technician with the U.S. Forest Service and lives in Staunton, Virginia.

Paul lived with his aunt and uncle, Charlie and Ida Smith, after his mother's death until his father married Mattie Hall (1924) when he went to live at Wallback on the family farm. He attended Spencer High School for one year, then transferred to Clay County High School where he was graduated in 1938. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1939 and retired from it in 1968 as a warrant officer. He participated in the Marine landing at Guadalcanal in 1942. He later served at the Recruiting and Induction Sta-

Muses Bottom, Jackson County, West Virginia to Alfred A. Lawrence (born 9 June 1843, Meigs County, Ohio to Dorman B. Lawrence and Sarah Anderson) and Rebecca J. Payne (born February 1846, Virginia).

Distant Hively and Smith cousins may yet be living in Roane County. If any of you are out there, please contact me at Rt. 2 Box 77, Minnora, WV 25268 or phone 655-7470. Submitted by: Ina C. Marks

**PAUL SMITH**

They were two children; Grant (1967) and Emily (1968). He is an Assistant U.S. Attorney for Southern District of West Virginia and lives in Charleston, West Virginia.

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Paul lived with his aunt and uncle, Charlie and Ida Smith, after his mother's death until his father married Mattie Hall (1924) when he went to live at Wallback on the family farm. He attended Spencer High School for one year, then transferred to Clay County High School where he was graduated in 1938. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1939 and retired from it in 1968 as a warrant officer. He participated in the Marine landing at Guadalcanal in 1942. He later served at the Recruiting and Induction Sta-

Rolandus Rex Rohr Smith
James John (Jim) Smith was born October 25, 1884 in Pocahontas County, VA. He was the son of John Smith, Jr. and Frances Cochran Smith. His father, John, Jr., was a Corporal in Company B, 9th Regiment, North (West) Virginia Volunteers Infantry 1861. The family lived in the first settlement, Pocahontas County in 1843 and settled on Blown Timber Run east of Newton. John Smith, Sr., came to what is now Roane County in 1843 and settled along Clays County High School. He received a degree in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia University. He earned an MBA from West Virginia University.
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JOSEPH NELSON SMITH

Joseph Nelson Smith is a descendant of John and Frances Cochran Smith and a brother of James and William Y. Smith.

Frances Cochran (b. 7/15/1812) was a registered nurse of London, England and worked her way to America by caring for those sick on the ship. She married Rev. James Smith, two grandsons, J. Herbert Smith and J. Smith Dye, and his great-grandsons Gene, Otis Dennis and J. Herbert Smith Jr.

Great great grandfather Jonathan Smith died in 1913 leaving a legacy that has inspired past and present generations.

Submitted by: Thelma G. Smith Jett

JOSEPH NELSON SMITH

Joseph Nelson Smith was born July 1, 1854, in Newton, WV and married Anna Liza (Lyde) Cruikshanks (1863 - 1952) in

1st Lt. Lionel L. Smith, 1944

Lionel Leon Smith married Jane Aldin Goodwin of Bridgeport on June 26, 1945. Jane was born 3/30/1919. Two children were born of this union,- Marlyn Sue, born 9/03/1912; and Lionel Leon, born 1/25/1902; Beatrice, born 7/16/1904; Christopher; Kelly Noelle; and Lindsay Michelle. Both William Cary, II, and his sister, Laura Elizabeth; and Benjamin Harrison. Their children are Bryan Scyphers of Athens, WV, and they live in Morgantown, WV. Their children are Bryan Christopher, Kelly Poelle, and Lindsay Michelle. Both William Cary, II, and his sister, Laura Elizabeth; and Benjamin Harrison. Their children are Bryan Scyphers of Athens, WV, and they live in Morgantown, WV. Their children are Bryan Christopher, Kelly Poelle, and Lindsay Michelle.

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1879. To this unit ten children were born.

Everett (1861) never married and deceased at age 21 of typhoid fever.

French Wellington (1883-1975) married Martha Justice of Roane County. They were the parents of seven daughters: Ella, Winnie, Opal, Beulah, Hazel and two who are still living, Mrs. Hester Lahn of Tucson, Arizona and Mrs. Virginia Savage of Akron, Ohio.

Orelia (Lena) Francis (1885) married Edgar Dials and lived in Charleston. There were no children.

Vesper (1887) died in infancy.

William Carson (Todd), (7/31/1889 - 6/3/1970) married Jessie Hathaway. They were the parents of four children. Two are living, James Nelson who married Maxine Riddle of Glenville and resides in Melbourne, Florida, and Icie Nell, also of Melbourne. Joseph Carns and Lyda Vacel are deceased.

Emma Jane (1891) married Charles Fitzsimmons and lived in New Jersey. There were no children.

Vesta Gale (1894) married Harry Moul, and lived in Michigan. After Harry's death Vesta married Lazar (Dick) Serbanuta, and they live in West Palm Beach. She is the only surviving child of Joseph Nelson Smith.

Roy Crockett (1896) married Winnie Davis. Their two children are Joseph of Cleveland, Ohio and Bernese of Ivydale.

Dennis Bruce (1899) married Rebecca Rogers and lived in Detroit, Michigan. JoAnn is their only child.

L. Guy (1902) married Doris Leau of Detroit, Michigan, and they had one daughter, Shirley of Detroit.

Joseph Nelson Smith was a farmer, respected community leader and lay-leader of the Methodist Church. Submitted by: "J.K." and Addie (Lowe) Snyder who had raised five children: Mimmel (Reynolds), Homer, C, John L., Albert M., and J.K.

**WILLIAM HUNTER SMITH**

William Hunter Smith, son of James John Smith and Emma Rogers, born in Uler, WV, July 14, 1882, died on April 1, 1951, married first to Roxie Gay Sibert, 1897-1920, daughter of John Sibert and Susan Jane Eakle. Their two children were Rose Mary Smith Pottison and Hunter Paul Smith. Hunter later married Mattie Jane Hall, 1889 - 1985, daughter of Calvin Strange Hall and Matilda McCoy on May 14, 1924. Their child was John Calvin Smith. Information on Rose Mary, H. Paul and J. Calvin is entered separately.

Hunter was one of 15 children: George Brooks, Newton Jasper, Hannah Virginia, Frederick, Julia, Anna Susan, James Cary, Charles L., Flora Gale, Ida, James Clay, William Hunter, Jacob Blaine, Ira D. and Emma Smith. His parents were Jacob and Julia Curtis Snodgrass who were married on February 5, 1859 in Kanawha County, Virginia. Virginia and James were childless. He was one of five children - Icie Ann, Joseph C., John L., Albert M., and J.K.

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SNYDER

Mildred (Kotora) and Gerald Eugene Snyder moved to Spencer, West Virginia after having lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for 24 years. Mildred's parents, Anna and James Kotora, had immigrated to the Cleveland, Ohio area from Czechoslovakia, Europe in 1907 and raised five children of whom Mildred was the youngest. Of the three children still living, Anna Kotora has lived in Spencer since 1982 and James lived here from 1985-1987 and now lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gerald's parents, Homer Holt and Myrtle (Cox) Snyder, were born in the Rush Creek area in 1900 and 1901 respectively and were married and moved to Akron, Ohio in 1922. Homer was the son of Ira Melvin and Addie (Low) Snyder who had raised five children: Mimmel (Reynolds), Homer, Ann (Reynolds), Mary (Peck), and Paige Snyder whose wife was Virginia (Ingram) of Spencer (now Virginia Ingram Snyder Hamric).

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Since 1981, Gerald has been teaching the piano majors at Glenville State College. Their daughter, Sherry, a Computer Operator and Court Reporter travels the state of West Virginia. Jeffrey married Angelia Carol (Moore) daughter of Carl and Ruby Moore of Walton, West Virginia and they have a daughter, Dana Marie, and a son, Kyle Jeff. Presently they reside in Kentucky where Jeffrey is the Manager of Roses Department Store. Submitted by: Gerald E. Snyder.

SOMERVILLE

Somerville is an ancient surname whose roots go across the channel into Normandy, France. A family holding residence in Somerville, a small township in Normandy, later appeared in England and Ireland.

Somerville (Coat of Arms)

Robertus de Somerville, whose name appears on an ancient charter dated 1290, is one of the earlier bearers of the name. In 1153 the records of Knights of Templars appear. Somerville seems the one most of Oxford list Adam de Somerville. The Armorial bearing the family name shows a blue shield with three stars between seven gold crosses. This coat of arms was confirmed by the family arms of the leopards face.

The first Somerville we have any record of is Solomon Somerville born in 1700s. He lived in Donegal, France. The name of his wife is not known. His children were James I (born 1752 - married to Elizabeth Lynch); Elizabeth (married John Bums; Samuel (married Susan Sheppard); Robert Andrew (married Rebecca Sheppard); and a son John.

James I's family (2 month old James II, Nancy 7, Andrew 10) Elizabeth (his wife) and John Bums; and his parents, Samuel Somerville and Andrew Somerville set sail for America on the "Doleos". In April 1795 they probably landed in Virginia. In July 1795 Andrew Somerville (son of James I - born 1786 - died 1855), and his wife Rebecca Sheppard Somerville of Harrison County, Virginia (now West Virginia) settled in Reddy district, Wirt County on Somerville Fork. Their children were Elizabeth (married Rueben Full), Letitia (married George Winkler), David B. (married Martha Enoch), Nancy (married James Thom), and Alfred B. (born in 1832 in Wood County, became Jackson County - died 1904).

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In Florida, Mildred and Gerald taught piano and were instrumental in founding the Ft. Lauderdale Symphony Orchestra and the Music Department of Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic University. They made their debut as a two piano team in 1958 playing the Mozart and Poulenc Two Piano concerti with the Ft. Lauderdale Symphony conducted by Vascillo Piazols. They performed with many orchestras under conductors: Fabien Sevitzky, Emerson Buckley, John Bitter, James Pfohl, John Boda, Barnett Breeskin, James Snyder and Elizabeth was the great granddaughter of a Patrick Sinnett of Galway, Ireland.

Addie (Lowe) Snyder was the daughter of Morris J. Lowe and Mary L. (Camp) Lowe and Morris Lowe was the grandson of Levi Lowe, who came from Ireland. Gerald's mother, Floy (Cox) Snyder, was the daughter of Jacob and Maggie (Conley) Cox who came to Flat Fork in 1844. Maggie (Conley) Cox was a descendant of Jeremiah Conley from Galway, Ireland. Jacob and Maggie (Conley) Cox had seven children: Odie (Meadows), Maude (Hersman), Ada (Dalton), Floye (Snyder), and sons Orville, Roy and French.

Gerald Eugene Snyder was born and raised in Akron, Ohio and served in World War II as an Infantryman and later in Special Services from 1944 - 1946. He then attended the Cleveland Institute of Music where he met Mildred and they both earned their Bachelor's and Masters' Degrees with Honors. They both taught piano at the Cleveland Institute from 1950 - 1955, married in 1954 and moved to Florida in 1955 when their daughter, Sherry, was six weeks old. Gerald had also taught at the University School for Boys in Shaker Heights while still a graduate student at the Institute.
SPENCER - DUANE

C. Duane Spencer, the eldest of three children of Lois (Keen) and Ezra Spencer, born 1-16-1934 at Clover, Roane County. On Dec. 24, 1955 he married Adith (name), daughter of Marjorie (Hickman) and the late Charles W. Copen of Wirt County. The Spencers treasure memories of rural one-room schools - his public education beginning at Vandall School in Roane County with Buelah Goodwin the teacher; hers at Owl Hill in Wirt County with the teacher being her aunt (Maxine Eagle). Duane continued his schooling in Akron, Ohio where his family located for a brief period during W.W.II. In 1946 the move was made to Wirt County so he completed his formal elementary education at Dulin. Both Adith and Duane are Wirt County High School alumni as are their three children.

ELBERT L. SPENCER

Elbert L. Spencer was born January 10, 1934 at Frame, Wirt County, son of Roy Spencer, born in Kanawha County, February 22, 1905 and died at Spencer on August 1, 1973 and Icie M. Spencer, born in Roane County, September 24, 1907. Their two children: Elbert and Peggy have one daughter, Linda Beth, born at St. Joseph Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia on January 21, 1976. She is a member of 4-H, takes piano lessons and dance lessons and is in the eighth grade at Spencer Jr. High School.

Duane of Elizabeth, West Virginia is employed by G.E. Plastics, Washington, West Virginia. He is married to the former Adith Aileen Copen and they have three children, Christi, Steven and Scott.

Loise still resides in Elizabeth and enjoys hobbies of sewing, quilting and gardening. She is active in several civic organizations and is a past representative of Wirt County as a Belle in the State Folk Festival held at Glenville, West Virginia. Submitted by: Steven Spencer.

Duane and Adith Spencer

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Scott Warren 9-21-71 is the youngest child and resides with his parents on Deer-er's Fork. Christi Darlene 3-1958 lives in Columbus, Ohio and Steven has an Elizabeth address. He and Jennifer Quick, daughter of Rex and Patty (Burns) Quick, were united in marriage in 1980 on the fifteenth of June. They have two children, Jessica 2-17-82 and Amber 5-12-85.

Duane, an instrument mechanic, is presently employed by G.E. Plastics of Washington, West Virginia and is a retired educator. She is currently employed by the Wirt County Board of Education as a substitute teacher.

Duane Spencer and family

Ezra Spencer, 10-10-1896, 10-23-1953, born in Calhoun County, West Virginia, the first of twelve children of Reverend Herbert Spencer, 8-11-1875, 3-3-1964, and Roxie Lena (Haverty) Spencer, 11-3-1878, 4-8-1959.

July 25, 1917 he married Lena Morgan, 6-17-1900, 4-4-1926, daughter of James W. Morgan, 8-24-1867, 2-2-1958 and Rosalie (Booher) Morgan 4-29-1875, 5-20-1961. They had two sons, Elden Edwin, born 12-27-1918 four days after Ezra had returned from army duty in W.W.I and James Herbert 9-17-1921.

Ezra then married Julia Lois Keen, 12-9-1907 daughter of Wesley F. Keen, 1-23-1881, 7-16-1957 and Lillian (Ellis) Keen 7-14-1880, 2-9-1968 of Newton, Roane County, on 11-23-1927. Born to them were three children, Clifford Duane 1-16-1934, Larry Roland, 3-22-1935 and Carolee Jane 8-22-1939.

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Loise, a skilled homemaker and mother left the farm after Ezra's death, moving to Elizabeth. She worked for a time at Elks Brothers and Company, then for more than fifteen years for J.P. Thorn, now Dick's Market.

Elden and James graduated from Spencer and Charlotte both married before the move to Wirt County.

Duane, Larry, and Carolene attended the one room Enterprise School near Dulin and graduated from Wirt County High School.

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The family loves outdoor life, so their leisure time is spent camping, hiking, searching for fossils and enjoying the "flora and fauna" of our beautiful state. Other hobbies include numismatics and paleontology. Submitted by Christi Spencer.

HERBERT SPENCER

Reverend Herbert Spencer, 8-11-1875, 3-3-1964, the second son of Dr. Selden Spencer, 1833-1911, and Mary Jane (Young) Spencer. 6-13-1855, 12-18-1940, Grandson of Dr. John White Spencer, 3-11-1817, 7-16-1894, John was Captain Co. B 9th W.Va. (Federal) Volunteer Infantry. and Parmilia [Andrews], 12-16-1827, 8-14-1900.

Herbert was born in a log house on Flat Run in Roane County, West Virginia. At the age of nineteen he married Roxie Lena (Haverty) Spencer, 11-3-1878, 4-8-1959. They established their home on Mill Run (Haverty) Spencer, 11-3-1878, 4-8-1959. At the move to Wirt County.

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JOHN WHITE SPENCER

The first Spencer we have record of is Robert De Le' Spencer, Steward to William the Conquerer 1066 - from his descended the Spencer's of Savannah Myls, England. Five brothers: Jared; John; Michael; Thomas and William immigrated from England in 1634 to Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Jared Spencer, was born in Stafford, England 1614. He came to America 1634 with his father, also named Jared. He settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, then removed to Hartford, Connecticut. He died in 1685.


John White Spencer was born in Mass. and moved to what was then Gilmer Co., Va., now Roane Co., WV. around the year 1850. He bought one thousand acres, more or less, on Brush Run of Upper Henry's Fork, giving 25¢ per acre. Before leaving Mass., John was married to Parmilia Andrews. She was born December 16, 1827 and died August 14, 1898. She was a daughter of Aza Andrews, born ca 1800 and Olive Ingraham.

John Spencer was a physician, farmer, Sheriff of Roane County in 1870, and founder of Linden Masonic Lodge #83 AF&AM. As a physician, John delivered many babies in the Linden, Tariff and New ton areas. John was a captain of Company B, 9th Virginia Infantry, Union Army. He was trying to get home to see his family during the Civil War when his hat was shot from his head.

Both John White Spencer and Parmelia (Andrews) Spencer are buried in the Young Cemetery, Linden, West Virginia. Submitted by Edie Bailey, David Bailey and John Hedrick.

Doctor John W. Spencer took his premed at William and Mary University, and received his degree in medicine at Harvard University.

At Spencer, Virginia on September 16, 1861, Doctor John was mustered into the Federal Army with a commission as Captain. At the age of 44 years, Captain Spencer commanded Company B of the 9th Regiment West Virginia Infantry, and was wounded in the battle of Cloyd Mountain. On October 5, 1864, at Harper's Ferry, he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of term of service.

John W. Spencer was a charter member of the Mohra Lodge No. 83, A.F. & A.M. of Linden. On February 14, 1888 he was appointed to serve as Worshipful Master.

He had two sons who were also members of the Linden Lodge: Selden, a farmer and Wilbur, a minister who served in minor offices of the Lodge and was elected to the House of Delegates representing Roane County, (1899).

John White Spencer was elected and served one term as "High Sheriff" of Roane County.

A third son George Spencer was a farmer, a furniture maker, and a coffin maker. In those days many people could not afford caskets, so George made beautiful coffins out of yellow poplar, walnut and chestnut. They were lined with quilt batting, over lined with white bleached material and trimmed with lace. He did his work at his home at Linden, Roane County.

George Spencer and J.P. (Peter) Hersberger, together, built the Duck Run Church, September 19, 1888. On August 4, 1975, this church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. It was then rebuilt and renamed the Hayes Fork Church.

George Spencer was born May 18, 1852 in Gilmer Co., Virginia. He married 1st to Nancy Webb, and 2nd to Laura Lipscomb, born September 7, 1882. George and Laura had 2 children: (1) Edie, born April 23, 1921, married Samuel R. Bailey, born May 22, 1917. They have two children: (a) JoAnn, born November 23, 1941, married Roy Hedrick from Virginia. Their children are: Rebecca Ann and Roy T. Hedrick III. (b) David Franklin, born October 24, 1945 married to Virginia Relifer, and has one son, Joseph David Bailey. They live in Spencer.

(2) Milo George Spencer, born October 2, 1924, has 1 son and 2 grandsons from a previous marriage. He married last to Viria Stone. There was no children of this marriage.

Dr. John W. Spencer practiced medicine until his death on July 16, 1894. He is buried beside his wife Permelia, in the Young Cemetery, Linden, West Virginia. Submitted by Edie Bailey, David Bailey and John Hedrick.

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Parmelia Spencer, 1864 - 1923, married Newton Jasper Smith, 1863 - 1927, on 12 April 1885 in Roane County. They had eleven children: Myrtle, George, James, Dora, Willie, Eliza, Fannie, John, Rosa, Carl and Laura.

Myrtle Virginia Smith, 1886 - 1959, married James Emery Hill, 1874 - 1940, on 18 May 1912 in Roane County. Myrtle and Emery had one child: Orva. Myrtle was a skilled homemaker and mother. Submitted by Christi Spencer.
Newton and a general store and post office at Tariff. 

Rosa Smith Sheppard, 1899 - 1973, taught at least two years at Big Wolf Run one room school.

Orva Hill, 1913 - Present, married Woodrow Booth, 1913 - Present, on 20 October 1943 in Summit County, Ohio. She is a housewife. Orva and Woodrow have two children: Sandra and Ronal.

Sandra Louise Boothe, 1945 - Present, is a school librarian at Racine, Ohio.

Ronal Brooks Boothe, 1947 - Present, married Kathleen Louise Ginger, 1951 - Present, on 13 April 1974, Ronal is a government employee in Washington, D.C. Submitted by: Sandra L. Boothe

SPENCER

The first Spencer to settle in Roane County was Captain John White Spencer, (3/11/1817 - 7/16/1894), when this area was still the state of Virginia. He was first mustered into the Federal Army at the age of 44 on September 16, 1861 as Captain, and re-mustered September 30, 1861, after the first muster was declared illegal by the paymaster. He served for a period of three years, leading Co. B, 9th Infantry Regiment, and was wounded in the battle of Cloyd Mountain, Virginia.

He arrived in Roane County from Massachusetts and settled near the mouth of Canoe above Linden, marrying Permelia Andrews (3/16/1827 - 8/14/1909). His genealogy can be traced to 1632 when the Good Ship Lion landed on the coast of Massachusetts.

Captain John became a doctor, studying at Willam and Mary and Harvard Universities, before coming to Roane County. Three of his sons were George, Seldon, and Rev. Wilbur Spencer.

George and Nancy Webb Spencer were parents of five sons and three daughters: Charles, Emory, Homer, John, Nelson, Laura, Clara and Frona. George later married Laura Lipscomb and became the father of three children; Barber, Lucien, and Larry. They also had four grandchildren.

He was active in church work and held membership in the Hays Fork Advent Christian Church which his great uncle, Rev. Wilbur Spencer, helped to establish. On Sunday night, October 5, 1866, after the close of services, Myles fell down a flight of stairs in the church he loved so much and died October 14, of severe head injuries incurred in the fall. He was 82 and is buried in Clover Cemetery.

Myles's wife, Gladys Still resides at the family home near Linden, raises a garden, emboiders, and attends Hays Fork Church. Submitted by: Barbara Spencer Truman

REV. FRANK L. SPINKER, SR.

My father Rev. Frank L. Spinker Sr. was born in Cairo, West Virginia in 1903 and died in Charleston, West Virginia in 1980. He was the son of Edward K. and Bertha Hammack Spinker. Frank married Edna Marie Cantwell in 1923.

Spinker family, 50th wedding anniversary (Missing Lima)

He was converted in January 1931 and began preaching. He worked and went to school in Buchanan, W.Va. He was a member of the Methodist Conference and pastored in Waverly, W.Va., in Wood Co., Petroleum, W.Va in Ritchie Co., and seven churches in Roane County. They were: Mt. Zion, Noble, Mt. Union, Peniel, Clarence, Cherry Valley and Triumph. While on this circuit, he built the new Triumph Church which was later converted to a home. He preached for 12 years. He later joined the Church Of The Nazarene in 1942 and was ordained in that denomination in 1943. He pastored in Wheeling, W.Va; Wellsburg, W.Va; Bluefield, W.Va; Charleston W.Va; and later came to Charleston to make his permanent home.


STAATS

William Early Staats was born in Roane County 10/1/1873 died 5/17/1947. His parents were William Tilghman and Cinderella Straley Staats. One of seven children Thomas and Cinderella died as infants the others were Everett, Martha McCrady, Rosa Chancy and Ann Bonnett.

His grandparents were George Washington and Ruth Chapman Straley, John Tilghman and Margaret Carney Staats. John was born in Jackson County in 1819 and moved to Roane County in 1836 after his marriage in 1836. He was known for his hunting ability.

Great-grandparents were Abraham and Sarah Tilmahn Staats. Thomas and Mary "Polly" Parsons Carney, George and Elizabeth Bonnett: Straley and Valentine and Ruth Stevens Chapman.

The Staats Family came from Bound Brook, New Jersey. The house is standing and honored as a historical site. It was headquarters for Baron Von Steuben during the Revolutionary War.

Lucy Belle Myer Staats was born in Brown County, Ohio 4/14/1873 died 7/25/1949. Her parents were Arjalon Phillip and Sarah Allen Myer. One of seven children they were James, Osa Petty, Lilly Powell, Ivy Wells Elizabeth, Lochair and Guila Summerville.

Her grandparents were Peter and Nancy Price Myer, John and Betsy Spencer Allen. Early and Lucy were married in Roane County 9/20/1896 and lived most of their life on Semin Fork in a house built by his father William T. They were pillars in the community and had the respect of all who knew them. They were active in the Nobl Church where Early was known for his singing. The children attended the Stainaker School near their home.

Their large two story house with its large porches and glistering white paint became a gathering place for all in the community. Its large yard provided ample room for the many croquet and tennis games. The spacious inside was large enough to accommodate the taffy pulls and other activities during the winter months.

Staats Reunion. 1957

Jacob Springston migrated to the Tygart Valley from Virginia in 1770. Other than having two brothers, Peter and Abraham, nothing is known of his ancestry. Jacob married Elizabeth Lambert and they had four children, one of whom was Jacob Jr. Jacob Jr. (1772 - 1841) married Luda Goff (1784 - 1853) in 1807. They moved from the Tygart Valley in Randolph County to a place now Gilmer County in 1825. They had nine children, four of whom moved to Roane County.

Abraham (1810 - 1893) and his wife Effie (Goff) Springston (1811 - 1852), along with his brother James C. (1816 - 1887) established an early homestead in Roane County in 1843. Their log home was located on Little Creek. In 1847, his brothers William (1822-1889) and George G., along with William’s wife, Susan (Bush) (1827 - 1917), also migrated from Gilmer to Roane County, and erected log homes in Little Creek area, near that of their brothers. Since there was no road West of Amoldsburg area to their homestead, William cut out five miles of road for his wagon.

Paul Starr, a locally prominent accountant, is the great grandson of Joseph Starr and Elizabeth, both of whom settled in Roane County in 1820. He married Effie Bush Springston. C. C. and Richard Riddel were stepsons of James C. Springer-ton. He had married Mary Jane (Hanger) Riddel, a Civil War widow, and reared the two boys as his own. C. C. was the father of Virginia Riddel who retired from the Roane County School system. Richard was the father of Mrs. T. V. Foster and the grandfather of Eleanor Foster Grudier, who is also retired from the Roane County School system.

George G. (1825 - 1888) married Mary Elizabeth Daniels (1836 - 1894) in 1855. From this union, nine children were born. Most of their descendants left Roane County, but some are still living there or are remembered by older residents. Their children include: Sophia Springston (1856 - 1931) married L. Newton Morford (1861 - 1920, oil producer and farmer. Some of their locally well-known descendants include Evelyn Cristil Simon, Jack Simon, Eugene Epling, Jeanette Epling, Tyson, William Epling, Lois Morford, Kenneth, and the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Epling. Bill Morford, Belle Springston (1857 - 1953) married R. W. Hammick (1889 - 1900), maker of saddles and harnesses. She was a school teacher and business woman. Their son, Graham, settled in Akron. Clara Springston (1865 - ?) married F. H. Bennett (1863 - ?) and settled in Huntington. She, too, was a school teacher. Ed Springston (1870 - ?) married Lillie Belle Hanger in 1898. He was a prosecuting attorney in Clay County and afterward practiced law in Charleston. They had three children, Lee, Charles and Frank. Charles D. (1867 - 1946) married Massalona Clewworth (1874 - 1960). He had a jewelry business on Main Street in partnership with his sister, Belle. They employed Olen DeGryuter as an artisan to repair jewelry, watches and clocks. After Belle’s son, Graham, moved to Akron, they sold their business to Mr. De Guryter. Charles then became a sales representative, first for a wholesale hardware company and next for a wholesale grocery company. In later years, he managed Economy Cash and Carry Wholesalers on Court Street. He served several years on the Board of Education, and was a member when the first Spencer High School was authorized and built. Charles and Margaret raised five children, but only four survived past early adulthood. Their children were as follows: George Gray (1894 - 1972) married Ruth Frank (1899 - 1973) in 1917. He served as Commanding Officer of the local National Guard unit from 1925 to 1938. He was a member of the Spencer Police Chief in the middle 1920’s and served one term as Mayor in the early ’30’s. His primary occupation was elementary school teacher. He taught several different one-room schools, usually his were located in one in which incorrigible older boys. He was a large man, and seldom, if ever found it necessary to use corporal punishment. His wife, Ruth, taught in the Spencer Elementary School for two years. During the Depression, only one spouse was permitted to teach, so Ruth searched elsewhere for work. She was employed to set up and operate the first hot lunch programs for the rural schools of Roane, Jackson and Wirt Counties. This entailed hiring farm wives to can food in the summer and cook it in the fall, winter and spring for their local one room or two-room school. During WW II, they moved to Washington, D.C. area, where he became a security guard at the Post Office, and she became a secretary in the State Department. They retired in Rison, Md., where they lived until their deaths. Their four children, George, Carolyn, Jack and Dan all served in the Armed forces during WW II, and did not return to Roane County at the war’s end. Mabel Springston (1896 - ?) married Charles Riddel in 1916. He was an automobile dealer and a salesman.

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SPRINGSTON


Raymond, the eldest of ten children (seven boys, three girls) was the son of Emmett Alva Springfield (12-18-1920) and Mary Evelyn Casto (8-1-1930). He was born in Wirt County, attended Daniels School in Lucille, Spencer Elementary & Jr. High, graduated Spencer High School 1960. Drafted into the U.S. Army stationed in Ft. Knox, KY & Seoul, Korea — discharged November, 1971. Went to work for Roane County Board of Education, presently employed.

Kathryn, the youngest of eight children (four boys and four girls) was the daughter of Oral Basil Harper (9-25-1908 — 1-15-1980) and Oretha Violet Hunt (5-5-1910). Kathy was born in Kanawha County but lived most her life on Ambler Ridge in Roane County. She attended Mt. Hope and Walton Elementary School, graduated from Glenville State Teachers College, taught in Roane area schools of Roane, Jackson and Wirt Counties. This entails hiring farm wives to can food in the summer and cook it in the fall, winter and spring for their local one room or two-room school. During WW II, they moved to Washington, D.C. area, where he became a security guard at the Post Office, and she became a secretary in the State Department. They retired in Rison, Md., where they lived until their deaths. Their four children, George, Carolyn, Jack and Dan all served in the Armed forces during WW II, and did not return to Roane County at the war’s end. Mabel Springston (1896 - ?) married Charles Riddel in 1916. He was an automobile dealer and a salesman.

The Rev. Bill Casey Ray Springston • 6

She taught in the Spencer Elementary School for over three decades until her retirement in the ’60’s. She is well-remembered for her work in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through her church work and Bible studies. They have four children, Dorothy Diane, Helen, Kathryn and Martha. None of their daughters reside in Roane County after their marriages. Mabel now lives in Florida. J. Edgar Springfield (1906 - 1984) never married. He graduated from Glenville State Teachers College and received his MA in Education from WVU. He taught English in Spencer High School and later taught in rural elementary schools in Roane County. He left the Roane County School system, searching for one that would accept his non-conformity. After a few years, he settled in Florida, where he taught until his retirement. He returned to live in Charleston until his death. Mary Elizabeth Springfield (1912 — ) married Levi Thomas Bakoss. He was a designer and architectural draftsman. She was a teacher of piano at Mason School of Music in Charleston and has played the organ in Charleston churches for many years. They are both now retired, living in South Charleston. They have two children, John and Elizabeth, neither of whom live in W.Va. Submitted by: Jackson A. Springfield
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at the Camden Clark Hospital at Parkers­
died in 1944.

A veteran of the Spanish American War,
black cat.

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**JOHNSON STARCHER FAMILY**

Josiah Starcher, our great-grandfather, was born August 6, 1830 and died May 21, 1915. Josiah was born near Amoldburg in Calhoun County the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Starcher who were among the earliest settlers in this part of the county in 1866. With his parents he moved to Henry’s Fork just after the close of the Civil War and resided there until his death.

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Hannah Starcher - Hannah was born in 1821. She married Daniel Cogar on August 15, 1841.

Elizabeth Starcher - Elizabeth was born in 1823. She married Reese Ross Sr.

Josiah P. Starcher - Josiah was born on August 6, 1830 in Kanawha County. He married Nancy Jane Nichols. She was born in 1823. Josiah and Nancy Jane Starcher had the following children: Amanda 1855, Columbus, 1856-1857, Laverna 1858, John 1860-1932, George 1862-1863, Lucy 1864-1933.

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**William Brannon Starcher - William**

- Birth: August 6, 1830
- Death: May 21, 1915
- Place of Birth: near Amoldburg, Calhoun County, West Virginia
- Spouse: Nancy Jane Nichols

**Hannah Starcher - Hannah**

- Birth: 1821
- Spouse: Daniel Cogar

**Josiah P. Starcher - Josiah**

- Birth: August 6, 1830
- Death: May 21, 1915
- Father: David Brannon

**Children of Josiah and Nancy Jane Starcher**

- Amanda Starcher, Born February 9, 1855
- William Starcher, Born September 23, 1856
- John Starcher, Born November 19, 1857
- Lucy Starcher, Born February 15, 1861
- Nancy Starcher, Born October 10, 1863
- William Starcher, Born December 20, 1866

**Josiah Starcher**

He was united in marriage to Nancy Jane Nichols on December 10, 1853. Nancy Jane was born June 27, 1831 & died September 24, 1918. They shared a long and happy life together. I, Pearl, was named after my grandmother.

**Nancy Jane Nichols Starcher**

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STARCHER

Our ancestors originated from Ireland. My great grandparents were David and Mary Elizabeth Starcher. They had seven children: Gay, Lovie, Fred, Melvin, Kiel, Kirt, and my grandfather Plez Starcher, who married Gertrude Carpenter. They were farmers. They had five children: Delbert, Oral, Walter, Elbert Holly Greathouse, St Alberta Evelyn Dudschus Cross.

Samuel and Catherine Belle Starcher

lived his life in Roane County and died on February 14, 1951. He was 88 years old. The children of Samuel and Catherine Belle were Mabel, William, Gladie, Daniel, Golda, Beatrice and Pauline. Mabel 1935 married Rex Butcher and they had the following children: John, Mabel Hope, and Charles. William 1904-1974 married Alta Bissell. Their children were Willa Belle, June, Melvin, and Leslie. Gladia 1906-1973 was never married. She managed a country store on Canoe. Daniel born 1908 married Lola Bissell, a sister of Alta. Dan and Lola had two children. Donfred and Dorothy. Golda 1910-1986 married John Roe. Their children were Ondrel. Annabelle, and John William. Beatrice 1911, married Daris A. Hensley. Their children are Arleta, Nancy, Mike, Tammy, and Dean. Pauline born December 12, 1913 married Delmer Simmons April 4, 1931. They had the following children: Delcen, Phyllis, Mason, Glada Jane (died at birth), Neil and Jim.

Daniel Starcher was the son of William B. and Nancy (Tanner) Starcher. He married Emily Jane Moore on January 27, 1880. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Barnhouse) Moore. They lived in Calhoun County for about three years before moving to the Smithfield District. Daniel made his living by farming and working in timber.

Nancy Tanner was the daughter of Jesse and Mary (Carpenter) Tanner, and the granddaughter of Samuel Tanner, the first settler of Spencer. Submitted by: Mason Simmons.

STAFFORD ANDREW STARCHER

Steven Starcher b. May 1813 d. Aug. 12, 1890 m. Charity Hinzman, daughter of Henry Hinzman m. Charity Coon buried Pleasant Valley near Flat Fork.

CAROL ANNE PATTISON STEGMILLER

Carol Anne Pattison Stegmiller was the granddaughter of Smith and Roxie Gay Sibert. She was the daughter of John Norwood and Rose Mary Pattison.

Carol was born August 9, 1947, in Lafayette, Indiana, while her father, John, was completing his Ph.D. in chemistry at Purdue University. She has a brother, George, and sister, Kay Meister.

The family moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1948. Carol has fond memories of visiting her grandparents, W. Hunter Smith and Lucille Sibert. She loved visiting their farm, both in Roane County. Later, Carol took her family to visit Harley and Lucille at Uler. There Carol’s family enjoyed stories about their extended family, learned about country and farm life, and attended the Methodist Church, which Carol’s Grandpa Smith helped to provide.

Carol graduated from Whetstone High School and then from Ohio State University in 1969 with a B.S. in Home Economics Education. Carol married John Richard Stegmiller on January 26, 1966. John, born May 16, 1943, was the son of George John Stegmiller and Pauline Milligan Stegmiller. John attended Miami University and graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Architecture in Engineering in 1968. In 1965, John joined the Naval Reserves and was commissioned upon graduation, then went on active duty with Construction Battalion 133 (Seabees), in Gulfport, Mississippi. He deployed to Phu Bai, Vietnam in 1969. Later, he married Carol. In 1972, he served in the US, Europe, and Puerto Rico. He is a Captain in the Naval Reserve Civil Engineer Corps.

Beginning in 1972, John worked with his father as an architect, and in 1987, became owner of Stegmiller Architects. John coached baseball and other sports for 20 years. He is Director of Post 443 American Legion Baseball team, an active member of American Legion, and many community organizations. He encouraged his family to accept responsibility and participate in their community.

Carol and John have four children: David John, born October 6, 1971; Nancy Anne, born August 28, 1973; George John II, born October 24, 1979; and Anne Katherine, born August 4, 1982. David lettered in baseball and football at high school, while Nancy lettered in tennis. George and Anne participate in many activities and sports.

During these child-rearing years, Carol has been involved with fund-raising for Columbus Junior Theater, Boy Scouts, school and sports teams; volunteering in schools, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader; Focus on the Family; Home Economics Alumni Advisory Council (OSU), First Community Church Women’s Board, Action for Children, cooking, gardening, sewing, tennis, golf, and travel. She has been the neighborhood-at-home-parent to many children. Focus on the Family is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

Presently, Carol is an architectural administrator for Stegmiller Architects. The business specializes in residential architecture and construction management. Carol, John, and children currently live in Upper Arlington, Ohio, which is a suburb of Columbus. Submitted by: David J. Stegmiller.

STEWART - BOARD - LEE

A Stuart, born 1760 in Ireland, had three sons — William, Charles, and Robert. William, 1727-1822, had eight children and is buried near Stewartstown, Monongalia County, Pennsylvania. Charles, 1719-1794, had seven children, of whom Jane Stuart married her cousin Charles, son of William. Robert, 1724-1806, married Catherine. William Stuart/Stewart, 1790-1877, son of Charles and Jane, married Mary Polly Board, daughter of Patrick Board. They are buried at Roane County. Their oldest son, John Washington Stewart, 1817-1895, married Anna Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee. They are buried in Kansas. Thomas Tommy Lee, 1796-1864, married Catherine Betsy Baker and is buried on a farm near Lucille on Conrad Run. I do not know the names of his father or grandfather. His children were: Thomas Jr., married Mary Elizabeth Cain; Anna, married John Washington Stewart, buried Kansas; James Madison: Capt. John Baker, married Rebecca Knoots; he's buried in Missouri; William W., married Margaret A. Board; Lucinda; and Mary Elizabeth, married Ezra C. Connor. Submitted by: Robert Koetting

BRAD & FREDA STONE

Olen Bradford Stone, son of Phillip and Gae Courtney Stone, married Freda Virginia Smith, daughter of Early Franklin and Sarah Criner Smith June 24, 1937. Brad and Freda have two children: Virginia Ruth and Ronnie Bradford.


STRAIGHT

JASON JR. and Opal were blessed with two sons, Roger K. Straight (born, Oct. 28, 1945) and Rodney C. Straight (born, Nov. 18, 1946), after which the family moved to Tucson, Arizona to a warm climate due to the illness of their son. Rodney. Jason was employed shortly after arriving there, with the Arizona Portland Co., until he was forced to retire due to ill health in 1970. They returned to Ohio to his hometown of Waterloo.


Jason Jr. served in the U.S. Army 3 yrs. 5 days as a gunner on B-24 bomber in the European and Asiatic Theater. He was honorably discharged Jan. 1946. He is a charter member of the American Legion Post 68 in Tucson, Arizona, a member of the Masonic Lodge # 532, the Easter Star, the Scottish Rite Club of Lawrence Co., Ohio, the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Cincinnati, and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Opal B. was educated throughout grade and high school in Carter Co., Kentucky. She graduated from Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio with an Associate’s Degree in Social Work and a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She is now teaching in the Roane Co. School System in Spencer. She serves as a minister, Choir Director, president of the Women’s Ministry, and substitutes as a Sunday School teacher in the Assembly of God Church in Spencer.

He married Virginia (Tiny) Ashley September 5, 1985 a daughter of John and Myrtle Paxton Ashley. She was from a family of nine children which included five brothers: James W. Jr., John L., Jack, and Tommy and three sisters, Indiana, Sarah and Lakie. They lived on Bear Run for several years where all of their children were born and then moved to Beaver Dam in Wirt County and years later moved back to Roane County and purchased a farm at Grace. They were the parents of nine children: Robert (married Bessie Boggs and after her death married Mildred Jones) Harvey (died in infancy) Arie (married Holly Fox) Raymond (married Mable Stark) Beri (married Goldie Raines) Oachel (married Richard Horton) Opal (married Bennih DePue) Jane (married Jarrett Nichols and after her death married Chalmer Davis) Hazel (married John Mross). He was a farmer and worked in the community helping thresh, weed and mow, and also played the fiddle at square dances in his younger years. They attended Gilboa Baptist Church at Grace. He died February 25, 1958 at age 83 and Virginia died July 2, 1970 at age 95. They are buried at Fairview Cemetery a very near Grace. His parents and sister Rosena and three daughters, Oachel, Jane and Opal are buried there. They worked hard to raise a large family and were good citizens of their community. At the time of their death they were survived by 45 grandchildren, 86 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. At this time only two of their children are living, Raymond Straight and Hazel Moss. Submitted by: Ramona Weinhold

STRALEY

Jacob and Susan (Barber) Straley, and brother John and wife and several children came to the New World in the ship Speedwell in 1758 docking in New York, then proceeding to the James River. Christian Straley, one of the children of John Straley, was born in Stuttgart, Germany Sept. 21, 1742. Christian married Christina Lance (Lantz) who was born in New Jersey in 1745. Christian enlisted in the American Revolution 1777-1779 as a private 7th Class, in Isaac Cooper’s 8th Co., 5th Bn.
Philadelphia City Militia.

The original home of the Lewis Co. W.Va. Straley's was at Jane Lew, where a seven-year-old boy was born about 1770 and his wife Elizabeth Bennett born about 1774. This George was the son of the Christian born in Germany.

George Presley Straley married Lucy Milledge Grimist April 24, 1862. He owned a farm on Freeman's Creek and also taught school. He was the first certified teacher in Lewis Co. He enlisted in the Northern Army Sept. 15, 1862 and was under Capt. C.T. Swisher, Harrison County Company C.

In 1902 George Presley came to Roane County with five of his ten children. His wife having died in 1892. Also five of his children had died. George Presley bought a farm from Fillmore Simmons. George's son, Edward M., married Lillie Walker, daughter of James W. and Sarah Columbia (Barlett) Walker (Sarah was named from King Solomon's daughter, Lillie, a school teacher, Oct. 20, 1907. They had two children: J. Bryan b. 1908 and Pauline b. 1911. Edward died in June 1913. George Presley died July 1919. Edward's widow, Lillie, lived at the Straley farm on Little Creek of Spring Creek. She went back to teaching school to support her family. She died in 1949.

Bryan held a job as president of Reeves Instrument Company of New York City, a subsidiary of D.C.A. of which he was vice president. He married Hazel Clark. Their two children are Stacia Ann Costello and Margaret Ann Kirsch.

Pauline married Argle Henthorne of Spencer. Argle's parents were James and Debbie (Baton) Henthorne. James' parents were John and Margaret (Conley) Henthorne. Debbie was the daughter of Will and Rachel (Harper) Batton who owned a home in Spencer. Argle and Pauline have two children: Arnold Lee and Frieda Fay (Henthorne) Wood.

Caleb Divine, James Michael, Brian Andrew and Kelsy Marie Wood; and Thomas Andrew Wood. Submitted by: Pauline (Straley) Henthorne

STUMP

The Stump family came from Germany to England. Shortly after their marriage, Michael Stump I and his wife, Catherine, came. The family settled from Lord Fairfax; namely lots two, three, and thirteen on the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac. George Washington, who was then a young surveyor, surveyed this land for them. At one time George Washington and Lord Fairfax were tenant farmers in the Stump home for several days. Michael Stump I and Catherine were parents of Michael II. Margaret, Leon and George. Most of the children of Michael Stump I are recorded in the Census of Virginia in 1790 as heads of households in Hampshire County, and Michael STUMP II took the 1790 census in Hampshire County.

Michael Stump II was born in 1744 in the Virginia home of his parents. He and his brother, Michael II, were officers in Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. At one time Michael II commanded the Hardy County Militia. Michael Stump II married Sarah Hughes, daughter of Thomas Hughes. Michael II attained his majority in 1765, and married the wife he brought by conveyance by deed to Lot 2 containing 40 acres. Michael II died in 1799. Sarah Hughes was born in 1743 and died in 1812. Born to Michael and Sarah were: Michael III, Leonard, Jesse, Catherine and Sarah. Michael Stump III was born on February 27, 1766 in what was Hampshire County, Virginia. He purchased a tract of land on Harkers Creek in Hampshire County, Virginia where he built a cabin and took his bride, Magdeline Richards. They were married February 1, 1786 by Preacher J.W. Love, Sheriff. Magdeline was the daughter of John Richards and Sarah Ellsworth. Soon after their marriage, Michael III decided to take his bride back to his old home on the South Branch of the Potomac because of the renewal of Indian hostilities in Harrison County. Michael II's family came to the South Branch of the Potomac in 1790. He and Michael III began to farm for the wilderness, because an influx of settlers made him feel crowded on the South Branch. He moved his family to Steer Creek in Harrison County in 1804. To Michael Stump and Magdeline were born: Michael IV, Sarah, Jacob, Magdeline, Absalom, John, George, Elizabeth, Jennia, Temperance and Jesse. Michael III died March 27, 1834. His wife, Magdeline was born December 9, 1764 and died June 11, 1832. They were buried near the old cabin where Michael II's family had lived. They were owned by looking the Steer Creek valley near Stumptown, West Virginia. His descendants placed at his grave a monument made in the shape of a stump with the design of a gun and an ax to represent the pioneer and hunter.

At the time Michael Stump III moved to Steer Creek on May 6, 1804 the county was thinly settled, and Clarksburg was the county seat of Harrison County, which at that time included the Steer Creek area. This location is now known as Stumptown and was named for Michael Stump who owned the land. Harrison County was later divided, and what is now known as Stumptown is in Gilmer County, Gitler County was formed in 1845, and among the first justices holding commissions from the Governor of Virginia was Michael Stump IV.

George Stump, son of Michael Stump III and Magdeline Richards was born in Hampshire County Virginia in 1797. He was seven years of age when the family moved to what is now Stumptown. He married Nancy Bennett, and made his home in Stumptown until his death a few years later. Both George and Nancy died, leaving Lydia, their daughter, an orphan.

Lydia Stump Smith

Lydia Stump was born at Stumptown July 8, 1834. She married Jonathan Smith and lived at Stringtown. To Jonathan and Lydia were born: Napoleon, Lemuel, Lot chrop, Henry, Florida and May. Submitted by: Ruby Dye Strogen.

STUTLER

Stutler's Run and Stutler's Run Road near Reedy were named for John Stutler III and his descendants.

John III's father was John II a Revolutionary War veteran who served in the ranks of the Virginians. John II was born about 1757 in Virginia and died about 1827 in Frederick County, Virginia. His wife was Sarah Hughes born 1760 at Winchester, Virginia. They married in 1784 and this marriage produced at least nine children: Elias, John III, Martha, Simon, Robert, William, Samuel, Peter and Mary.

The first Stutler of this family to come to America was Johan Adam Stradtler (John Adam Stutler) who landed at Philadelphia from Bavaria, Germany in 1730. He was born in Germany about 1712, his wife was Mary Newberger from Germany. They had seven known children four daughters: Hanna unknown, and John II, Josiah and William.

John III was the first Stutler to reside in Roane County previously he had been a resident of Kincherick, Harrison County, Virginia. He was born in 1765 in Harrison County and married Mary Carter in Lewis County. Their children were: Hannah born 1817, Rebecca born 1822, John IV Federal soldier in the Civil War, died January 1907, Josiah born 1824 died 1907. Christopher born 1826, died 1907, and Mary, sixth child enlisted in the Confederate Army and was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg. John III was a stone mason.

Christopher Stutler a farmer and founding Trustee of the Fairview Church and cemetery near Reedy, married Mary Goff.
was a member of the Roane County Fire Department and the 1st Rescue Squad. Formerly active in Youth League Baseball, Babe Ruth, Sr., Babe Ruth, WV Principals and Coaches Associations. He was a member of the Roane County Fire Department and the 1st Rescue Squad. Past President Spencer Bowling Association, Allan has also been active in democratic politics, serving as precinct captain for many years. Former Associate Chairman of the Roane County Democratic Executive Committee. Managed several local candidates campaigns, served as local coordinator for various state wide candidates and as chairman of Democrats of Progressive Government.

Evelyn has also been very active in various charitable and civic organizations. Past Worthy Matron Eastern Star. Past President American Legion Auxiliary, serving again as President 1989. Democrat Women Club, secretary and treasurer for Bethel United Methodist Church for over 20 years. Evelynn attended Parkersburg Community College.

Benjamin A. Stutler is employed by the United States Army as a Military Analyst of Armor Division. He currently serves in the Kansas Army National Guard holding the rank of Captain. He served in the United States Army obtaining the rank of Captain. A graduate of West Virginia State College he lettered in football and baseball.

He resides at Leavenworth, Kansas with his wife and two daughters. In 1971 he married Judy Kay Rogers daughter of Delvin and Janice Rogers. She is a graduate of West Virginia State College who has been employed as a teacher and office manager for a medical group. They have two daughters Janet (1973) and Sarah Beth (1975).

Timothy J. a graduate of West Virginia University and a Certified Public Accountant is employed by the State Auditors Office as the Director of the Auditing Division. In 1976 he married Melanie G. Metz, daughter of Marjorie Walker and Donald Metz, a graduate of West Virginia State College who's employed as an Economic Service Worker by the Department of Human Services. This union has produced two children, Amanda Gall (1979) and Amber Leigh (1986). They reside in the house where Tim was reared. Active in Bethel United Methodist Church where Tim attended as a child and teaches the Adult Sunday School class. Melanie is presently Trustee of the Church. Continuing a family tradition Tim has remained active in democratic politics. Tim has served as President of the Roane County Young Democrats, Treasurer of the West Virginia Young Democrats and was a member of the Congressional Democratic Executive Committee. He was selected to attend American Legion Boys State in 1971. Melanie has served as Secretary of the Roane County Young Democrats, College Coordinator of the West Virginia Young Democrats and was Secretary of the Roane County Democratic Women's Club.

Ken (named Kimual V.) at birth holds an Associate Degree from West Virginia University - Parkersburg. Married in 1978 to Cynthia Jean Brown, daughter of Walter and Clara Brown, of Ripley. She is a Medical Laboratory Technician graduated from Alderson Broaddus College, degree in chemistry. This union produced three children, Jerry Brown (1981) Casey Allan (1983) and Randi Jean (1984). Ken has one daughter April Dawn (1975) by his first union with bette. Ken is employed by Ravenswood Aluminum. Ken and his family reside in Ripley. Cynthia is manager of Met Path Inc. in South Charleston. Submitted by Timothy J. Stutler and Evelyn Stutler.

SUMMERFIELD - HARPER

Olen Femburn Summerfield, born 7 June 1910, near Aplin Ridge, (post office was known as Laurel Run), Jackson Co., WV. was born 21 October 1917 at Jarrett's Ford, near Elkhorn, Kanawha Co. WV are both descendants of Roane County pioneer families. They were married in Cattlettsburg, Boyd Co. Kentucky on 6 May 1938.

Olen was the son of Jacob Ward Summerfield and Clara Ann (Harpol) Summerfield. His paternal grandparents were earlier inhabitants of Roane Co., and Jacob Summerfield and great grandparents were Absalom and Catherine (Smith) Summerfield. His maternal grandparents were Jacob Hyre Harpol and Malissa (Tolley) Harpol of Jackson Co. WV. Maternal great grandparents were George and Deltha Smith.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Marcellus Campbell Harper and Hattie Ann (Sargent) Harper. The granddaughter of George Summers Harper and Catherine Elizabeth (Droddy) Harper and the great granddaughter of Asa Harper and Mary Jane (Lowe) Harper. Her maternal grandparents were David Sargent and Elizabeth Irene (McGlotton) Sargent and Maternal great grandparents was William Henderson "Henry" Sargent and Cynthia (Vineyard) Sargent.


William "Bill" Arnold, B. 30 October 1934 in Charleston, Kanawha Co. WV and died in an auto accident on 11 August 1987 near Big Chimney, Kanawha Co., WV. He is buried in Elk Hills Memorial Cemetery at Big Chimney, WV.

His first marriage was to May Frances Hastings of Salisbury, MD. She was the daughter of Firman Potter and Zeta Anna (Kohlhoff) Hastings. Together they adopted a son, Victor Lee, born 7 January 1955. Other children of this union are: Twins, William "Billy" Anthony and Firman "Buddy" Edward Arnold, born 7 November 1957, Russell "Dusty" Olin, born 2 October 1958 and Iva Mae "Sissy" Arnold, born 16 October 1960. All the children born in Salisbury, Wicomico Co. MD. Firman "Buddy" Arnold drowned in a boating accident on 28 May 1962 and is buried in Salisbury, MD.

William "Bill" Edward Arnold married for the second time, Carol Rosetta (Dorsey) Huffman. Together they had one child, Misty Dawn Arnold, born 16 December 1978 in Charleston, WV.

Carol Ann Arnold was born 30 April 1937 in Charleston, WV. She married John Franklin Fouty, Sr., son of Homer Dick and Minnie Augusta (Harper) Fouty, on 28 December 1955 in Charleston. They had two


They moved from Doddridge to Roane Co. about 1882, a two day trip with horse drawn wagon. Three children, household belongings and livestock, buying land on Slab Fork. They had one child, a daughter, Mary Catherine "Cathy" Summerfield, born 29 December 1967 in Laurel, Maryland.

Janice Marie Summerfield, born 21 September 1941 in Charleston, WV and died as a result of accidental drowning near her home on 27 June 1943 in Charleston, WV. She was buried in the Reamer Cemetery at Clendenin, Kanawha Co. WV. A granite stone marks her burial plot.

Cari David Summerfield was born 1 December, 1947 in Charleston, WV and married Noretta Joyce Wheeler, daughter of Helen (Schoolcraft) Wheeler. One child was produced of this union, Valerie Lynn Summerfield, born 10 April 1969 in Charleston, WV.

Her second marriage was to Iva Lou (Langham) Brown, daughter of Dallas and Viola Langham of Charleston, WV. They had one child, a daughter, Gerria Viola Summerfield, born 29 December 1967 in Laurel, Maryland.


Margaret Jane and Francis Marion Summers, 1925


SUMMERS

Alexander Summers was my great-grandfather born in Maryland 1778-1847, married 1796 to Mary Ann Vivur, 1776-1832. They moved to Monongalia Co. WV. about 1820. Court records indicate he was a Methodist Protestant Minister and in 1836 was issued a license to perform marriages.

They had thirteen children, and their sixth child Elijah Summers, 1804 married Susan Barnett, in 1828. She was born in 1810. They moved to Doddridge Co. VA. in 1833 and settled near Oxford. He was a farmer and a blacksmith and he was elected school commissioner when the first Doddridge County Court was held in 1845. They had six children. (1) Louisa (Summers) Adams, 1831. (2) Joseph A. Summers, 1833. (3) Nancy (Summers) Baricham, 1836. (4) Elijah W. Summers, 1839. (5) Sarah (Summers) McClain, 1841. (6) Francis Marion Summers, 1850-1929. He died at Gandeeville, WV. Married Marget Jane Watson of Auburn, WV. in 1873. She was born in 1852 and died in 1938 at Walton, WV. They are buried in Summers Cemetery on Slab Fork.

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Theodosia Bell Fields Summers were born 5 children, Nelson Ivan, Charles Dewey, Colessa Myrtle, Bessie Francis, and Mary Lee. James and Elizabeth were married Jan 11, 1839 and was buried at Jarrett Cem. Elkview, WV. Theodosia Belle Summers died Feb. 2, 1935 and was buried at Jarrett Cem. Elkview, WV.


SUMMERS - HAMMACK

The founder of the Summers family who later resided in Roane County was Johan Georg Sommer (1713-1787) who came to America, reputedly from Flanders, in 1738. He settled first in New Hanover Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. In 1766 George received a grant of 442 acres on Tomis Brook, Fairfax Co., Va., from Lord Fairfax and the family removed to that area. The last name of George's wife, Maria Margretha, is unknown. George's will lists seven children.

Their third son, Paul, moved to southern Pendleton County by 1779, when he was listed on the muster roll of Capt. Peter Hull's Militia Co. which participated in the Battle of Yorktown. Paul (1747-1831?) and his wife Elizabeth had four known sons - James, John, William, and George.

James (1780-1816) married Nancy 1/1/1786 in Pendleton County. They lived on Black Thorn Creek, a tributary of the South Branch of the Potomac. After James' death, Nancy married, as his third wife, Henry Judy. Her will, probated 1848, lists six children. At least three, St. Clair, James and Elizabeth, together with Nathan Judy, son of Henry Judy, moved to Kanawha County by 1820. St. Clair (1799-1861) married Susan Hammack. Elizabeth married Martin Hammack, Jr. and Nathan Judy married Rachel Hammack, all children of Martin and Susan (Ellison) Hammack.

Martin Hammack (1760-1838) was born in Albemarle County, Va. and served on the Virginia line during the Revolutionary War. At the close of the war he moved to Kanawha County where he and Susan were wed 3/21/1793 in one of the earliest marriages on record. They lived on the Elk River at the mouth of Little Sandy Creek. Martin's estate settlement lists eleven children: John m. Jane Cleck; William m. Sarah Ann; Dality m. Mary Hanna; Elijah m. Elizabeth Gatewood; James m. Nancy Green; Susan m. St. Clair Summers; Mary m. Jacob Jarrett; Rachel m. Nathan Judy; Cynthia m. Presley Vineyard; Martin, Jr. m. Elizabeth Summers; and Andrew m. Mary Green.

St. Clair and Susan and Delaney and Barbara moved to Roane County long before its formation. Delaney (1802-1870?) received a grant of 123 acres on the north bank of the Potomac in 1838. He was a member of Roane County's first grand jury. Delaney and Barbara had nine known children, one of whom, Jane V., married Henry Summers, son of St. Clair and Susan Summers, in Kanawha County on 11/15/1850. They had three children.

Henry (1829-1916) and Jane (1831-1899) lived first near Elkview. They moved to Roane County soon after 1870, settling just south of Walton on Rt. 119. They had nine children, eight boys and one girl. Only three survived past early adulthood - Delanay, who never married. John Peter who married Nancy Cromwell, and Dinca Ann (Dicy), who married William Harmon. See HARMON for descendants of this marriage. Submitted by: Betty Cunningham Newman.

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Silas Dation Summers (B. March 6, 1900 to John Henry and Josephine Canterbury Summers) married Germinie Taylor (B. Feb. 8, 1897) on April 24, 1921. Germinie Taylor also had many roots in Roane Co. Some of them are as follows: Eligh Taylor and America Faxton were married by John Hively on March 15, 1865.

According to Roane Co. Court House records, Eligh was 21 years old and his parents were John and Amy P. Taylor. America was 20 years old and her parents were Lyle and Barbara Faxton. Eligh and America's son John Clinton Taylor (B. Oct. 8, 1867) married Arrie Ann Walls (B. March 16, 1877). Arrie's parents were William Harrison and Harriet Walls. John and Arrie Taylor settled between the mouth of Rock Creek and Pocatallico River. To them were born 11 children, names not in order of birth are Gerumie, Vubie, Una, Tressie, Tudence, Sue, Jack Russell, Emmett, Lincoln, Hettie, and Levie, and John.

John Clinton Taylor died April 29, 1944. Arrie Ann Wells Taylor lived 23 years after him and died on Jan. 6, 1967 both are buried in Roane Co. at a cemetery in Walton.

After Silas Dation Summers and Germinie Taylor were married they settled in Rock Creek. Roane Co. To them were born 5 children. Names in order of birth are: Herbert Clinton (B. June 15, 1922) married Thelma Hively and had two children Robert Larry (B. Dec. 19, 1948) and Robert Chad (B. Dec. 5, 1956), both of whom had 2 children, Belinda and Belinda Debbie. Herbert Clinton Summers and wife as of 1989 are still living in Roane Co. 2nd born Bemadine (B. Nov. 29, 1925) married Linard Scriggs and had 2 children. Frederick, who had 2 children Johnathan Todd and Micah Nicole Slack and Sheila (who had 2 children Gwenna and Rickie Schoonover). 3rd Ernie Wandel (B. Aug. 4, 1929) married Charles Holland and has 1 child Kelly Elizabeth, who married one child Jason Daniel Ice. Arnie Wandel called 'Toots and her family as of 1989 still live in Roane Co. 4th Josephine (B. May 4, 1940) married Merlin Worley and has 6 children. Darris, Denise, Judy, Mark, William, and Matthew Taylor were married they settled in Rock Creek, Roane Co. To them were born 5 children, Gery James, Druce Allen, and Matthew Taylor were married they settled in Rock Creek, Roane Co. They had two children, James Madison, George Martin, John Henry.


The Summers of Roane County are descendants of a pioneer family of that name among the first settlers of Kanawha County.

St. Clair Summers born May 9, 1799 to James Summers (born 1780 died 1850) and Nancy St. Clair (Robinson) Summers (born 1780 died 1866) was a United States pensioner on account of services rendered as a soldier in the War of 1812. To St. Clair and Susan was born ten children. John, Martin, James, Henry, Eliajah, Andrew Jackson, Cynthia, Armenta, and Susan Elizabeth. St. Clair died Oct. 5, 1861 and was buried at Green Creek in Roane County. Susan was a well known midwife died 1860 and was buried at Green Creek, Roane County.

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John Henry, Giles Lewis, Elliot, Virginia, 335
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Bernadine Summers (born Nov. 29, 1925 to Silas Dation and Gemmey Taylor Summers) married Linard Scugyes in 1940 and moved to Dunbar, Kanawha where they had a child Pamela Jean born July 1, 1951. It was not possible to discover at that time who their parents were. In April 1953 they moved to Elkins in an area once occupied by Jarrett's Ford. There they had another daughter Sheila Joyce born Sept. 6, 1953. Bernadine died in 1978 and was buried at Big Chimney. Linard Scugyes still resides in their home at Elkins.

Pamela Jean Scugyes married Jack Slack and had two children, Jonathan Todd and Pheca Nicole.

Sheila Joyce Scugyes married Rick Schoonover, and they had two children Gwen­nie and Nickie.


CHARLES OTIS & MARY JANE TROUT SURFACE

I am Wanda (Surface) Holland married Roland Allen Holland 2-26-1955, son of Holly Welch and Anna (Webb) Holland. I am the sixth (6) child of Fred and Freda (Bums) Surface. My father was born December 12, 1897, d. 3-25-1968, son of Walter J. and Minnie (Cox) Surface. My mother was born June 29, 1902, d. 10-22-1983, daughter of Rev. Calvin and Rachel (Gerke) Bums. Both families made their homes in the Roane County area.

My sisters, brothers and spouses are: Cleo Frances (Oral Ball), Rachel Armalene (deceased), Harold Kenneth (Mary Wells), Denver Eugene (Betty Scott), Earl Wayland (Carolyn Ashley). My sister Armalene died April 30, 1982. Parents and sister are buried at the Morford Cemetery near Spencer.

We have one son David Allen Holland, born 2-17-1955. David married Vickie Lynn Perkins on 2-7-1976. Vickie is the daughter of Ray and Midge (Conley) Perkins. David and Vickie live in Spencer. Their special interests are attending car races, remodeling their home and restoring and showing Chevrolet cars.

Fred and Freda Surface lived for a short time in Davy, WV. After moving to Tariff, WV and living there until 1945 then made their final home in Spencer. Both were members of the First Baptist Church of Spencer. Being devout Christians they reared their family in this manner. They devoted much of their time to caring for Armalene who was handicapped since birth, thus inspir­ing upon all the family a great love and under­standing of patience and caring.

My grandfather Charles O. was born in Ro­ane Co. on Nov. 23, 1887, deceased March 21, 1959. He was buried in the Meadows Cemetery on 2-7-1976. Vickie is the daughter of Jonathan Todd and Pheca Nicole.


The children of Charles Otis and Mary Jane were: William R., John, Charles O., Minnie, Edna and Blanche. Wanda (Surface) Holland.

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Fred & Freda Surface had six children, twelve grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. Submitted by: Wanda (Surface) Holland.

They had two sons, Fred, my father, and Harry born 1-13-1901 died 12-5-1976 at Spencer. Walter J. Minnie and son Harry are buried at the Meadows Cemetery at Speed, WV.

Walter J. was the son of Charles Otis & Mary Jane (Trott) Surface. I was always told that Mary Jane Trout was Cherokee Indian. Mary Jane was born 6-17-1844 in Rockbridge, VA. She died 11-20-1919 buried at Tar­iff, WV. Daughter of Mary & John Trout. Charles Otis was born 5-1838 in Montgomery County. She died 7-12-1924 at Tariff, WV. Son of Catherine (Humphrey) Trout born near 1814 in PA and Peter Trout Surface born near 1814 in PA.

Charles Otis and Mary Jane Trout Surface

Charles Otis worked on the Ohio River cutting ice for a short time after the Civil War. During that time Mary Jane walked from Salem, VA. leading a small child and carrying an infant and met him at Tariff, VA where they made their home. The family returned to their native Salem, VA for a short time then returned to Tariff and reared their family on Brush Run the same place that Blanche Hall owned and reared her family, known as the Log Cabin home. Blanche was a sister of Walter J. The children of Charles Otis and Mary Jane were: William R., Dahl, Walter J., John, Charles O., Minnie, Edna and Blanche.

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Brothers William R. Sweeney (b. 1841) and Robert W. (b. 1846), sons of Edward Sweeney (b. 1815 in North Carolina), were living in Smythe County, Virginia in 1850. William married Martha Ann Taylor (b. 1848), daughter of Robert's first wife, Martha. They had four children: Amanda, William, Emma, and Ardella. Martha died in 1874 and is buried in the Board Cemetery near Wellford in Kanawha County. Robert married Sarah Ryan in April 1875, and they had eleven children: James Robert, Henry Edward, Lucy Ethel, Florence, Jenny, John Herbert, Rebecca Ann, Wilford Darius, Samuel Morgan, Amos Woodson, and George. Robert Sweeney died on May 8, 1925 and is buried near Walton.

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TANNER

Jesse Tanner 1790-1885 was born in Virginia, the son of Samuel and Sudner Carpenter Tanner. Samuel was the first settler in what now is Roane County, having settled here May 14, 1812 under the cliff where the Spencer High School now stands. Their daughter Elizabeth was born in the cave, she was believed to be the first white child born in what now is Roane County. This cave had been used by the Indians as a camping spot.

Logs were split into punchoons and stood up along the edge of the over-hang­ing rock, for an outside wall. Inside the cave, they built a huge fireplace and the smoke was allowed to go through a crevice of the rocks. A punchoon table and a few stools were added, and this was their home.

They lived in the cave for over a year, when spring arrived the next year, more
fields were cleared and corn was planted. Most of their food was supplied from the surrounding forest.

Their first home was a cabin Samuel built himself on higher ground across Tanner's Run from the cave, about where the McIntosh house stood. Samuel owned several hundred acres of land, including the land where the Spencer Court House now stands.

Jesse Tanner had three brothers: Elijah, William, James and one sister, Elizabeth.

As time went by the family grew and prospered. More land was cleared and cabins were built, as new settlers arrived in the County. There was a trail up Spring Creek which led to the Kanawha salt works in Charleston. There was another trail from Weston which passed through Glimer County to the Ohio River settlement and then crossed the Kanawha River trail at what was long known as Bowman's Corner, now occupied by the Traders Bank in Spencer. This point was not far from the Tanner cabin, and from this fact the place was long known as Tanner's Cross Roads. Jesse was married three times. His first marriage was to John Carpenter's widow (first name unknown). His second marriage was to Judy Carpenter and his third wife was Lucinda Raines.

Jesse and Lucinda lived in a log cabin built by Jesse, on the large farm they owned. This land is now known as the Avoid section of Spencer. The cabin was located on a knoll across from where the Raymond Caper house now stands.

The Tattersons of West Virginia are descendants of James T. Tatterson, an Englishman, and Margaret Gallihue, who was married in Monongalia County, Virginia, in 1812. Her father was Jeremiah Gallihue, a farmer and business man who served in the Second Battalion of Virginia Troops during the Revolutionary War. Their son Clement (1826-1900), married Mary Jane Crammer. Roscoe served in the U.S. Army as a private, during the Civil War.

My grandmother Mary Charlotte Tatter son, matratch of the Tattersons in Roane County, was born in Marion County, Virginia, in 1859, to Hezekiah and Nancy Henderson Moran. Her grandfather, Hezekiah Moran, was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, in 1787. She was married to Aaron Tatterson in 1875, and in 1883 they bought a farm in Roane County and established their home. In 1888 Aaron Tatterson died, leaving his widow. Lottie with five small children.

Their names were: Richard DeWitt - 1914-1929; Mildred (1912), Benjamin (1913-1920), Dale (1923) and Marie (1924). The Tattersons farmed and raised cattle, bought more land. They were good citizens and were members of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where Vell was clerk and Ode was ordained a deacon.


In 1911 Ode Tatterson married Mattie Riddle, a teacher and daughter of Samuel and Lillie Straley Riddle. Their children were Mildred (1912), Benjamin (1913-1984), Willis (1916), Elsie (1918), Leona (1920), Otis West (1921), Sylvia Mae (1926). They moved to Leoma, Tennessee.

Benjamin Tatterson, after graduation from Glenville State College, taught chemistry and mathematics at Spencer High School and one year at Glenville State College. He earned a M.S. degree from West Virginia University, married Clarissa Thalaway, and worked for a number of years at the Standard Oil Company in Pittsburgh until he retired.

Willis Tatterson, after graduation from Glenville State College, taught chemistry and mathematics at Walton and Spencer High Schools. He fell in love with Marie McDonald, the business manager of the school, and daughter of John and Erle Neal. They were married in 1940. He was a research chemist at Union Carbide Research Center and later at the Department of Water Resources for the State of West Virginia.

On October 22, 1951, Dr. John M. Tatterson, a dentist who lives in Annapolis, Maryland, was born in Roane County. After graduating from West Virginia University School of Dentistry and marrying Doris Cuttam, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Another son, James, after graduating from West Virginia University, was a Lieutenant J.G. in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He and his family live in Roane County.

Elizabeth Tatterson graduated from Glenville State College and taught in the Elementary Schools of Roane County. After earning a M.S. degree at West Virginia University, she married Emerson Golf and taught in the elementary schools of Dunbar, Maryland, until her retirement.

Leona Tatterson married Charles Anderson and their children are Sandra, Nancy Jane, Richard and Debra. They and their families live in Newark, Ohio.

Dale Tatterson served in the U.S. Navy, in the South Pacific during World War II. He married Mary Schoolcraft, daughter of Olen Sinnett and Mary Lila Wright Schoolcraft of Walton, West Virginia. They live at Ashland, Kentucky, where he retired from Services and Maintenance for Honeywell, Inc.

Marie Tatterson married Howard Hartzel, a machinist for the Department of Printing and Engraving at Washington, D.C. In 1911 Claude Tatterson married Ethel Grady, a daughter of Judge and Catherine Freneau Grady. Their children were: Richard Dean; Betty (1913-1978), Willis (1916-1978), Russell (1919-1983). Carl denim and Russell served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Carl married Margaret Kempson, is retired and lives at Leoma, Tennessee. Denis married Virginia Riddle, daughter of Bert and Anna Deane Garrett. Their children are Douglas and Marian. They moved to Illinois.

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Today, 1969, Lottie Tatterson, her sons and their wives and grandson Russell, are buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery and the land they farmed with pride is grown up in woods. The Tattersons born in Roane County and live there are the sons and daughters and their families of Samuel Tatterson and Susie Polin Cottle, who were divorced and married again. Betty married Ray Hartley; after she died, she married Arnie Riddle. Mark married police Web. Charles Dean married Betty Harris. Jane Ellen married Harold Whynstills. Maysee married David Bowe. There are ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Samuel married Garnet E. Crawford and Florence L. West.
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The young couple eventually migrated to Virginia where George Tawney served in the Augusta County Militia. 1781-1783, during the Revolutionary War. He died at his home on the south fork of Reed Creek in Wythe County July 4, 1817. He and Elizabeth had seven children, one of whom was John Daniel Tawney, born May 6, 1770 in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Daniel served in Capt. John Morris' company of Rangers in Kanawha County, West Virginia. 1792-1793. Against the Indians. Later he was Lieutenant of Wythe County. In 1796 he married Elizabeth Price, daughter of David and Katherine Price, early New River settlers. Daniel acquired a good deal of land, mostly between Sinking Creek, Giles County, and became a prosperous farmer.

He died in 1834, leaving his wife Elizabeth and three known children: Sally Hedrick, Mary Elizabeth Hutchison and Daniel Tawney, Jr.

Daniel, Jr. (1804-1863) was the first of our line to live in what is now Roane County. He came from Russell County, Virginia where he and his family had lived for about six years, and in 1853 bought 254 acres on the waters of Pocatalico River, then in Kanawha County. He sold the land in 1856 to William Price, with whom, it is said, he returned to Virginia.

His oldest son, George W. Tawney (1827-1894) promptly bought 605 acres of land on Big Sandy Creek, branch of Elk River. He assumed family responsibility of his mother, Lovisa, daughter of Michael and Irene (Adkins) Harless; his brothers Christopher P., William H. and John H.; his sisters Sarah Jane, Elizabeth and Amanda. Another brother David J. Tawney died in infancy. He established his own household nearby.

During the Civil War, the five brothers and an Alexander Tawney, relationship unknown, served in the 126th Regiment Militia, Clay County Scouts, enlisting from Roane County. In 1865, John H. Tawney, less than sixteen years old, was killed in a sharp encounter with the Union Army for the remainder of the war.

George W. Tawney had married Mary Roe on Valentine's Day 1857. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (King) Roe who had come from Pike County, Kentucky before 1840 to settle on Dog Creek branch of Big Sandy Creek. After some years, George sold part of his land to his brothers Christopher and William, bought a tobacco plantation west of the Creek and moved his family to the Dog Creek Creek location. He and Mary were parents of eleven children.

Their ninth child Aaron (1876-1966) was a farmer, Methodist and school trustee like his father. He and his wife Flora Almon Graham, daughter of William I. and Mary E. (Sargent) Graham, also had eleven children, including a son George Garrison, born Nov. 11, 1913 at their home near Newton. The others are Mabel Rogers, Mami Haines, Clement, Florence Dalton, Clark, Jarrett, Ann Desposito and Daniel. Two sons, Harry and Ernest, are deceased.

In his childhood Garrison attended the one-room Dog Creek school, then Spencer High School and Marshall College, graduating in 1940. He became a teacher and a livestock farmer. He retired from teaching after 36 years service but continues to operate a 500 acre cattle farm at Loonevye. Once a fox chasing enthusiast, his hobby now is deer and turkey hunting.

In 1939 he married Frieda E. Vineyard, daughter of Frederick K. and Nancy Augus-ta (Boggs) Vineyard, and they reared two daughters: Lea Anne, born 1943, married Vernon E. Goff of Putnam County; Janice E., born 1945, married Clifford P. Cooper of Wimico County, Maryland.

Grandchildren are Matthew G. Goff, Nathan L. Goff, Adam C. Goff and Aaron R. Cooper. Submitted by: Garrison and Frieda Tawney and Anne Goll

TAWNEY - KEEN

John Hamilton Tawney, youngest son of Daniel and Lovisa (Harless) Tawney, was born March 22, 1846 in Giles Co. VA, and he died September 1, 1910 in Roane County, WV. He married first on April 20, 1866 in Roane County, WV to Elizabeth Jane Keen, youngest daughter of James and Nancy (King) Keen. She was born February 22, 1851 in Kanawha Co. VA, and died June 1, 1875 in Kanawha County. WV. Children born of this marriage were:

01. Dora Ellen Tawney, born June 19, 1866, died June 6, 1928; married to Robert Filmore Wilson, s/o Walter F. and Julia (Cox) Wilson. Children: (1) John W. Wilson, died young; (2) Ida Emma Wilson, married to Sam White; (3) Clark Wilson, married to Dora P. King; (4) Everett Wilson, married Mahala Engle; (5) Julia Wilson, married Charles Nester; (6) Hunter Wilson, married Fannie E. Smith; (7) Clara N. Wilson, married Stanley Ross; (8) Buena Wilson, married to Robert Kellis Ogden; (9) Robert Wilson, married Maysel Parsons; (10) Fannie Wilson, married Oren B. Morris; (11) Harry Wilson, married Ella Smith; (12) Golf Wilson, married Nancy Audrey Tawney; (13) Cora Wilson, married Porter R. Siens and Patrick Henry Fox; (14) Thelma Wilson, died young.


03. Nancy Emma Tawney, born May 2, 1871, died May 26, 1896; married to Ulysses S. Ross, s/o Davidson W. and Nancy (Drake) Ross. Children: (1) Dixie Artie Ross, married Charles Harold; (2) Rex Phillip Ross, married Winnie Stevens; (3) Max Hamilton Ross, married Mary Ann; (4) Carl Hamilton Tawney, married Virginia L. Rose; (5) Clara Fay Tawney, married Raymond Smith; (6) Donald Clyde Tawney, married Zelda Davison and Virginia McGann; (7) Unnamed female born and died in infancy.

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07. Minnie Tawney, married Draper, born October 19, 1877, died October 25, 1926. Married to Okey E. White, born February 7, 1878, son of James D. and Lucinda (Gillen-water) White. Children: (1) Dixie A. White, married Charles Kanske, and Carl W. Simmons, Sr.; (2) Bruce H. White, married Shirley Engle and Fanny Browning; (3) Olive C. White, married John Sperling and Henry Engle; (4) John W. White, married Ruby Erickson, and ??.


10. Clara Esther Tawney, born September 4, 1885, died January 23, 1972; married to William Homer Engle, s/o Joseph F. and


12. Roxie Fay Tawney, born May 2, 1888, died ??? in Texas. married first to Russell Farrer- one son who died at birth; second to Peter T. Sulphin - one daughter, Hazel M. Sulphin, married Jake T. King; third to John W. Milster; and fourth to John F. Goebel.

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John H. and Elizabeth Jane Keen Tawney

John H. Tawney and Elizabeth Jane (Keen) Tawney purchased land from James and Nancy Keen which was located near Elana, WV, Roane County, and there made their home and raised their family. The log house in which they lived was still standing in 1955, and a photo of this home in the area about mid-1830's. The Tawney family are descended of early pioneers in Roane County. John’s grandparents were Daniel "Buck" and Louisa (Harless) Tawney, who came to the area about 1834. Leona’s grandparents were David W. and Nancy (Drake) Ross. David W. Ross came to the area to work in the coal mines, on oil and gas wells, doing carpentry and tanning work. Leona was born January 15, 1879 and died April 16, 1956. Both John and “Ona” are buried in the Zion Hill Baptist Cemetery near Elana, WV. Both lived in this area of Roane County all their lives, having been born, raised, married, rearing their family, and dying all within the same area of Geary District, Roane County, near the now defunct community of Elana. The following children were born to this couple: (1) Omar Willard Tawney, 1902-1979, married to Roxie Sylvia Falls, d/o Alvin and Nancy (Starcher) Falls. (2) Betty Gladys Tawney, 1903-1982, never married. (3) Nancy Audra Tawney, 1905-1958, married to Goff Wilson, s/o Robert and Dora (Tawney) Wilson. (4) Leona Helen Tawney, 1923-Present, married to John Henry McClain, s/o Randolph M. and Stella (Snodgrass) McClain.

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TAYLOR

John Spencer Tawney, ninth child of John Hamilton and Elizabeth Jane (Keen) Tawney was born May 4, 1882, and died June 2, 1958. He married on January 16, 1902 to Leona Jane Ross, daughter of George Washington and Nancy Jane (Belcher) Ross, by the Rev. David Hix in the Ross home. Although this couple was married in Clay County, they were actually next door neighbors, the fence line of the Ross family yard being the demarcation line between Roane and Clay County. Leona was born January 15, 1879 and died April 16, 1956. Both John and "Ona" are buried in the Zion Hill Baptist Cemetery near Elana. WV. Both lived in this area of Roane County all their lives, having been born, raised, married, rearing their family, and dying all within the same area of Geary District, Roane County, near the now defunct community of Elana. The following children were born to this couple: (1) Omar Willard Tawney, 1902-1979, married to Roxie Sylvia Falls, d/o Alvin and Nancy (Starcher) Falls. (2) Betty Gladys Tawney, 1903-1982, never married. (3) Nancy Audra Tawney, 1905-1958, married to Goff Wilson, s/o Robert and Dora (Tawney) Wilson. (4) Leona Helen Tawney, 1923-Present, married to John Henry McClain, s/o Randolph M. and Stella (Snodgrass) McClain.

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Franklin Kenneth Taylor married Irene Virginia Wilson on December 18, 1937. He was the son of Oscar S. and Mary Ogden Taylor. She is the daughter of Hunter and Fannie Smith Wilson.

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Irene is a mother and homemaker and a member of the Newton Baptist Church where she has taught different Sunday School classes.

They are the parents of four children, Marilee (09-30-38), Robert Kenneth (02-25-45), John Howard (02-22-55), and Jane (02-10-59).

Marilee married Wilbur Lewis of Huntington, WV. She is a graduate of Marshall University and is employed by the Veterans Administration. They are the parents of three children: Sandra L. (04-15-61), Robert F. (12-04-62), and Daniel R. (12-16-64). Robert married Judith Pelfrey of Man, WV. He attended Marshall University and is employed by the Protection Corporation in South Charleston, WV. They are the parents of three children, Sheri L. (07-16-68), Robert B. (08-05-75), and Amy D. (10-14-76). They are currently living in Hurricane, WV.

John married Connie Minor of Tunnelton, WV. They own and operate the Simmons-Taylor Funeral Home in Spencer, WV. He received his diploma in mortuary science from Beckley College. They are the parents of Matthew Kenneth (12-13-80) and Jason Carl (01-31-83). They are members of the First Baptist Church of Spencer. John is the third generation of his family to belong to and participate in the Linden Masonic Lodge.

Janet, a graduate of Marshall University, married Jeff Anderson of Nitro, WV. They are living in Winchester, IN, where Janet teaches music in the public school system. Submitted by: Robert K. Taylor
TAYLOR

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN EMMORY TAYLOR

I am Reae B. Taylor, Grandson of John Emory Taylor, who disappeared during the first part of May, 1898, after serving on jury in Federal Court at Charleston. I would like to tell his story. He wrote a letter to his wife, Malinda Jane, during jury duty, telling her that he had left home, abandoning his family. He was an intelligent, well-educated man. He attended Normal School for teachers in Lebanon, Ohio where he obtained a degree. He was very literate; in fact, he was a poet and some of his poems remain. In 1964 I was working for Columbia Gas Company and was transferred to Blue Creek, taking care of gas wells. I talked to a man named Kennedy who gave me much information. Several other of the older people told me the same story. They described the skull as having two upper front gold teeth. I talked to my Aunt Jettie Hylman, daughter of J.E. Taylor. She said yes, her father had two upper front teeth that were gold. A man by the name of Hald told me of the deceased confession made by B.B. that he killed J.E. Taylor and hid his body in an upright position between two large boulders. I listened to and checked with other people up and down Blue Creek. All stories were not quite alike but they all checked back to B.B. There is a mystery here.

Why did John Emory Taylor go to Kanawha Falls? It is my opinion that the man he roomed with on jury duty who told him about walnut timber may have had some connection with B.B. Most certainly the route home from Kanawha Falls would have taken him through Blue Creek. My dad checked out the timber story at Kanawha Falls but no one knew anything about it. The other noticeable thing about this mystery was that people who lived in the area appeared to be afraid to give information about the murder. In recent years, W.V. children; Danita and Steve.

John Barickman, Jr. married Sandra Jarrett daughter of June Jarrett of Big Chimney, W.V. children; Todd and Andrea. Clair Jarrett of Charleston, W.V., married Chester Young of Pinch, W.V.


Dorothy Burke Taylor born July 25, 1921 married Harless Mahaney, son of Perry and Jennie Mahaney of Clendenin, W.V., children; Larry married to Winifred Hathaway daughter of Ferrell and Beulah Hathaway of Clendenin, children; Andy, Allison and Barney.


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J.E. didn't come so Austin returned home. My grandfather wrote in his letter to Grandmother about someone he roomed with while on jury duty who told him of a track of walnut timber at Kanawha Falls. He was going to look at the timber before coming home. Dad told me it was not unusual for him to carry large sums of money to pay cash for any timber he bought. He bought for a company in Kentucky. There were no good roads at that time, so people traveled the trails and wagon roads. Such a road connected the Falls of the Kanawha through Blue Creek to Elkhorn and through the country to the mouth of Gabe.

As a boy, growing up, I listened to many stories about J.E. Taylor. Dad checked out every story he heard but never knew what happened to his father. The one that stuck with me happened when I was about 17 years old. Dad wanted me to go to Dutch Ridge to hike with his son in 1927 Chevrolet. Dad and I were walking on a road when he asked me where we were going. I told him that we were going to a place where one can still find a little pioneer spirit and West Virginia wilderness.

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My father (Jason) died when he was 77 years old and I am 77 years old today so time is running out. My work is a follow-up to that which he began in 1928. It is of great concern to me that he never knew the story of what happened to his father. Submitted by: Keen B. Taylor and Jane F. George

TAYLOR

Oscar Sherman Taylor (1856-1945) married Mary L. Ogden (1871-1934). They lived on the farm they inherited from her parents, Osborne and Sarah Pettit Ogden. They were the parents of eight children: Gypsie (1889-1976) who married Russell Wheeler Davis and resided in St. Cloud, FL; Hershel O. (1891-1981) who married Olga Spencer and worked for Goodyear Rubber Company in Akron, OH; Virginia (1894-1916) who married Raymond Sapp and lives in Holly Hills, FL; Mabel (1900-1986) who was never married but was charged with the responsibility of raising her younger brothers and sister during the illness and after the death of their mother; Howard Lester (1903-) who lived and worked in Florida for several years with his sister and brother-in-law (Gypsie and Russell), worked as a pipe-fitter during the construction of several industrial and power plants along the Ohio River, while maintaining the farm where he currently resides (the homeplace). Lester has been a member of the Newton Baptist Church for many years while serving the church as an ordained deacon. In 1950 he married Lydia Alice Houston from FL who died in 1952. Maggie (1906-1979) was never married and lived with her parents in Akron and Zanesville, OH, before returning home to the farm to assist her sister and brother in farming work: Franklin Kenneth (1909-1975) who married Irene Virginia Wilson.

Oscar was a carpenter and farmer. He built some of the early one room schools in Geyer District. He was a Baptist and a charter member of the Newton Baptist Church when it was organized. He was a member of the Linden Masonic Lodge No. 83 A.F. & A.M. Submitted by: John H. Taylor

SIGEL TAYLOR

Elijah and Lydia Bishop Taylor came from Russell County, Virginia, to Harper District in 1845 with their son John and his young family. John was married to Anna, the only daughter of William and Martha Jacobson. In 1860, they also came to Roane County. John and Anna were the parents of twelve children. One of the sons, Elijah (1843-1928) who along with his father and two brothers had served as Union soldiers during the Civil War, married America Paxton (1844-1905) daughter of Lyric and Barbara Hammack Paxton. Their children were: William Lewis, Silas, Lyle, John, Artenia (Hively), Anna (McYoung), Oley (died at birth), and Okey (1879-1944).

While on a trip across the country, Okey stopped and worked in Indiana. While there he married Lucy Holsapple (1888-1967), daughter of John and Susanna Utley Holsapple. Although the Holsapples could read, write and speak English, they always lapsed into German when they were together.

Okey brought Lucy to Roane County after their marriage and they established a home in Harper District near the other Taylors. Known for his left-handed fiddle playing, Okey worked in the oil fields until he was killed in an accident while on the job. Children born to this couple were: Sigel (1909-1974), Orville (1912-1972), Gladys (1914-1985), Freeman "Bo" (1916-1957), and Emory, (died at birth).

When Sigel became old enough to attend high school the family moved to Walton. There he graduated with the class of 1929. He earned his A.B. degree from Glenville State College and his M.A. degree from West Virginia University.

During the first of his 40 years of teaching in this county, he married Margaret Will, daughter of Camden and Sylvia Steemple Will of Aurora, Preston County. Margaret was also a graduate of WVU and had come to Walton High School to teach. To this union were born: Wanda Carol (1933) wife of Steven Cooper, son of Carl and Mabel Price Cooper; Kermit (1936) married to Barbara Royce, daughter of Avery and Zelma Waltz Royce; Richard (1939) married to Carolyn Vandale, daughter of George and Wilma Pratt Vandale.

The Taylors moved to Spencer in 1936 when Sigel was transferred to Spencer High. For the next 35 years he served as teacher, assistant principal, and principal of this school. He retired from the school system in 1972. In addition to his duties at SHS, he also spent 35 years as the adult class Sunday School teacher at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Grandchildren of Sigel and Margaret are: James Richard Cooper (Sandra Chambers), Anita Cooper Harden (J. Franklin Harden), Karen Taylor Long (Daniel Long), Leigh, John, Mark, (Kim Lucas), Craig and Lisa Taylor. Submitted by: James Richard Cooper

TAYLOR

The Taylors came to this country from Ireland and England and settled in Virginia. Thornton Tut Taylor (7/29/1831-6/27/1913) was a son of Lafayette and (unknown) McTurr Taylor. He married Harriet Eliza Vanhorn (10/17/1834-6/17/1876). Their children were: William Parcell (dates unknown); John J. Thomas (1857-1938); Susan Francis (1862-1933); Martin Autaway (12/8/1864-5/22/1956); Charles Albert (1867-1948); Elsie Jane (10/25/1869-7/28/1898).

Second wife was Lucretia Minter. Their children were: Simian Thornton (1877-1934); Ova Betsy (2/6/1882-7/15/1953).

From this family, Martin Autaway, better known as "Wise", spent his childhood on Finch Creek and Freemans Creek near Weston, Lewis Co, helping on the farm. By the time he was fifteen years old he was working in the mill, as did his father. He married Julia Rebecca Hess (10/22/1866-11/7/1941) daughter of John Morgan and Keziah Hess on (12/25/1889). Julia was an excellent seamstress, making most of the family’s clothes. "Wise" owned his own farm and worked in the coal mines for fifty cents a day. A Baptist by faith, he belonged to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lewis Co. Their children were:

Eliza Lucretia (1/5/1891-7/7/1976) married John Willey Haney, a photographer and factory worker. Eliza worked as a saleslady in several Dept. Stores in Wood Co. They had two children, Opal B. (1913-1914); Emma Bell (1915-1996) married Ralph F. Weiden and their children are Patricia, Ralph F., "Bud", and Diane.


Bessie Gay (8/25/1894-10/29/1919) married Jesse Warren. Bessie loved to work on the farm with her father and ride her favorite horse, "Daisy". Jesse worked for the B&O Railroad, owned The Eveready Garage in Reedy, later becoming shop foreman for the Wheeling-Subebenville Trucking Co. at Wheeling, WV. They had two children, Gamette Marie and Martin Olen. Gamette, who lived with her grandmother, father, mother, and Oris Ray Camp. Their children are Jane Ellen and John Lee Gamette and her family live in Roane Co. at the present. Olen, a miner, married Chloe Fox and their children are Ellen Marie, Jesse William, Rebecca Sue, Trans, Timothy, one deceased.

Emma Julia (2/12/1900-6/8/1989) married John Utley Atkinson, a factory worker. Emma worked as a cook at St. Joseph Hospital, Parkersburg, Wood Co. Their children are Theodore Martin, killed in
I graduated from West Virginia University in January 1943 with a major in agricultural education and started teaching Vocational Agriculture at Aurora High School in Preston County. I later worked for the State Board of Education and taught Vocational Agriculture briefly at Riverside High School in Martinsburg County before entering the United States Marine Corp in August 1943.

After my discharge from the Marine Corps in 1946, we moved to Roane County where I was employed to teach Vocational Agriculture at Spencer High School. I taught Vo-Ag there until June 1962 at which time I took a one-year leave of absence to work for the state as Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. At the end of the year I returned to Spencer High School until January 1964 when I again accepted a position with the state — first at Cedar Lakes and later in Charleston. In 1968 I became State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and State Advisor of the FFA, a position I held until 1973 when I moved to postsecondary and adult education. I remained in this position until I retired in 1987.

On April 3, 1943, I was married to Pansy Howard. While living in Spencer we had two children: Carol Elaine Thomas, born July 13, 1949, and David S. Thomas, born November 3, 1951. Both Carol and David graduated from Spencer High School. We moved to Charleston in August 1969.

Carol Elaine Thomas

My wife Pansy died on April 26, 1976, and my daughter Carol, on December 17, 1985. On October 5, 1985, I married Anita L. Kuhn II.

After the death of Pansy, I greatly enjoyed the twenty-three years that we lived in Roane County. My entire family made many lasting friendships which we continue to enjoy. During the years I taught at Spencer High School I had many excellent students, a fact evidenced by the movement of a high school. Anita and I live at 518 Maxwell St., Charleston, W. Va. 25311. Submitted by: Carl S. Thomas

CARL S. THOMAS

My wife and I moved to Roane County in August 1964. We both were born in Monongalia County. My wife was born March 30, 1920, and I was born on November 1, 1921.

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Timmel

Ferdinand Gottfried Timmel came to Roane County around 1851. He was born in Merseberg, Germany and attended the Royal Academy of Coelletta. He graduated top of his class and was appointed tutor to the Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst royal family.

The royal family was of mixed religions, the Prince Hohenlohe being Unitarian and his wife, Catholic. Thus the young princes were schooled by a person of Unitarian faith, and the young ladies required a Catholic governess. Herr Timmel taught all subjects and served as Art, Music, and Dance instructor. He wrote and spoke seven languages and was an accomplished artist. He invented a pig bristle brush which is still in use today.

Miss Anne Marie Rinehart of Quebec, Canada was travelling Europe with her guardian and eventually arrived at the Hohenlohe Prussian Castle. Being well schooled in deportment and needlework, she accepted the position of governess.

In 1832, due to political pressures, F.G. Timmel emigrated to America, arriving at the Prussian Embassy in Baltimore with a letter of recommendation from the Prince. Within several months he married Marie Rinehart and the couple went to Zanesville, Ohio where they spent nineteen years teaching at Miss Putnam's Seminary for Young Ladies. During those years they had four sons and one daughter. Ever inventive, Herr Timmel cast pipes and built a large pipe organ in the church which was still being played in 1924.

The Timmel daughter, Marie Christina, was betrothed to Jacob Asbury Crislip of Harrison County, Virginia and following her marriage came to a large farm on Ripley Road. Eventually her family joined her, and Herr Timmel taught violin and piano in Spencer and surrounding area. At the start of the Civil War he organized the Virginia Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Asbury Crislists' had five daughters and one son who benefitted greatly from their grandparents and mothers education and talents. Savena Crislip married William Cleavenger, had one son Ernest, and divorced. She then wed David Brown and had Neil and James. Alonzo wed Katherine Bond and fathered three children, Chester, Frankie and Mary Kay. Adele and William Huddleston had Ophelia and Pauline. Estelle and Albert Heck parented Ardiz, Estelle, Henry, Edward and Carol. Alice and Okey Chambers had Wendell and Mervelle, and Maude and George Steinbeck had Christine and Kemp. There were two infant deaths, Grace and Paul.

Following the Civil War, F.G. Timmel and his sons went west hunting gold. He spent time in Fairbury, Nebraska where he formed a town band. . . . he returned to live out his years at the Crislip farm. He and his wife lie in a small family cemetery on Ripley.
Road, along side daughter Adele and the infants.

Two of his granddaughters, Mrs. Frankie Conley and Mrs. Mary Kay Pursley are life long residents of Spencer. Submitted by: Frankie Cristo Conley

TITUS


The family first resided on Simmons Street for a short period, thereafter moving to High Street for a short time, before moving to the Green Acres Subdivision in 1964, to a home they built, where Gerald, Sr., and Jeanne Rae still reside. The Titus' have been members of the St. Johns United Methodist Church since moving to Spencer with Jeanne Rae having taught Sunday School for many years and otherwise devoting much time to Church activities. All four children attended kindergarten at St. Johns, being taught by Mrs. Nellie Mitchell, and graduated from Spencer High School.

Gerald, Sr., has been affiliated with Burke-Parsons-Bowly Corp., a timber business, since 1959, and is on the Board of Directors and is Vice-President in charge of sales of the business. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, tennis, gardening, and his grandchildren. He is a five and half year veteran of the U.S. Air Force attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He was a navigator and flew low-level night missions in Korea.

Gerald, Jr., graduated in 1977 from West Virginia University with degrees in Political Science and Sociology and in 1980 from West Virginia University Law School. He has practiced in Spencer since 1980 with Brambaugh & Titus. He is married to Patricia Ann Snyder Titus, who graduated from West Virginia University in 1976 with a degree in psychology and who is employed by Western District Guidance Center. They have two sons, Gerald M., III, born January 8, 1983; and Benjamin Albert, born July 14, 1963.

TITUS

Gerald M. Titus, Jr, is Prosecuting Attorney of Roane County; a member of the Board of Directors of Roane County Hospital; the Black Walnut Festival and the Roane County Economic Development Authority; a Little League Coach; and 1988 President of the Black Walnut Festival, and is otherwise heavily involved in volunteer work in Roane County.

Michael is an honors student at Marshall University and is married to the former Odetta Owen and enjoys reading and writing, and has had some of his work published.

Tim is currently residing in Seattle, Washington, employed by Ford Motor Company, after graduating from West Virginia University and obtaining his MBA from Ohio University. Tim was an all-conference football player at Spencer High School. Tim enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

Tom obtained his undergraduate and masters degree from West Virginia University and resides in Seattle, Washington. Tom was employed by Ford Motor Company. He was a starting basketball player at Spencer High School. Submitted by: Gerald M. Titus, Jr.

BYRON J. & ELIZABETH TURNER

Byron J. Tumer was born 8 July 1912, the son of Ray P. and Alice (Jarvis) Tumer, of Morgantown, West Virginia. He graduated from GSC in 1934 and taught school in Lewis County (Jane Lew, Alum Bridge and Walkersville) from 1934 to 1939. Byron spent the summer of 1939 in Europe with the Third Army, 80th Infantry, remaining with the Allied forces until 1944. He received his MA degree in Secondary Science and Public Education at WVU and in 1946 accepted a position as professor of chemistry at GSC.

Elizabeth de Gruyter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. de Gruyter of Spencer, was born 7 July 1914. She graduated from GSC in 1937, a social studies and English major. She taught at Walton and Spencer High Schools from 1937 to 1947. With an MA degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, she joined the faculty of GSC as Assistant Librarian and teacher of Library Science in 1947.

Byron and Elizabeth met at GSC on 13 June 1947, and were married on 07 Sept. 1949 at the First Baptist Church of Spencer by the local minister, Gordon L. Withers. Their 'honeymoon year' was spent in New York City where Byron was completing course work for his Doctorate in Education. He received his Doctorate from Columbia University in 1952. Throughout their married life, the Tumers were active participants in the civic affairs of Glenville. Besides his duties as professor at GSC and his many associations with extra curricular campus activities, Byron served on the West Virginia Folk Festival Committee, on the Board of Directors of the Gilmer County Medical Center, and was a member of the Gilmer Rotary Club, served on the county Board of Education, the Executive Committee of the Gilmer County Association of Retired School Employees, and was active in the Parent-Teachers Association of Gilmer High School. He was a member of the Zeta Sorority House Corp. She is a charter member of the American Association of University Women, has served in various capacities in the Woman's Club of Glenville and the Garden Club of Glenville, and is a life-time member of the Friends of the Library.

Perhaps her finest contribution to Glenville and Gilmer County has been her efforts in the interest of public libraries. In May 1960, she attended a workshop for librarians and public library trustees at Charleston. This began a long and tedious effort to bring library services to Gilmer County. Largely because of Elizabeth's efforts, bookmobile service began in Gilmer County in 1964 and in 1966 and again in 1969. Elizabeth received WV Library Commission awards for volunteer services. Her efforts in behalf of libraries culminated with the erection and chartering of a public library which opened its doors to the public in 1979. She served as President of the public library's Board of Trustees from 1977 until she relinquished her position on 14 July 1986.


Elizabeth currently resides in her home on High Street, Glenville. Submitted by: Elizabeth Turner and Mark Turner

VALENTINE

Buell Cloval Valentine was born June 7, 1911 in Spencer, Roane County, WV. His parents were William Franklin and Phoebe Ann Epling Valentine. He was one of twelve children born to this couple. The seven sisters were Dulcie, Pearl, Renzie, Leota, Cleo, Susie, and Jean. The four brothers were Byron, Virgil and Kenn. They lived on a farm in Rush Creek, near Spencer, for several years. His grandparents were James and Melinda Epling.

Sybil Coral Lee Bonnett was born September 5, 1911 in Walton, Roane County, WV. She attended a one room schoolhouse near the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bonnett. She was the daughter of the late Holly Hughes and Sybil Coralee Bonnett. She was one of four children born to this couple. Other family members were Sylvia, Nathan, and
Faye. They lived in the Walton area for several years. Her grandparents were Nathan Smith Bonett and Minerva Smith Hopkins.

Buell and Sybil were married June 17, 1931 at Spencer, WV. They have resided in the Spencer area all of their lives and are the parents of two sons — Richard Allen, Huntington, WV and Jerry Lewis, Milford, OH. Both sons are graduates of Spencer High School.

**VANCE**

Robert 'Bob' Vance was born in Spencer, WV, May 5, 1920. His father, Blaine Vance was born Feb. 8, 1884, originally from Wood Co., WV. Blaine died in Oct. 1958, and is buried in the Tygart Cemetery on Rt. 21, Wood County. His mother, Pauline (Casto) Vance was born May 4, 1887 in Roane County. She died April 19, 1962, and is buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery.

Buell worked for forty years as an oil field worker with South Penn Natural Gas Company (now known as Pennzoll Company). He retired in 1975 to his farm home in Speed, WV. He is well known in the Spencer area where he has enjoyed meeting and talking to people, being active in Speed United Methodist Church for more than thirty-five years, raising cattle, hunting, hiking and gardening.

Sybil, a homemaker, has been very devoted to her husband and family and enjoys keeping photograph albums and memories of her two sons, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Buell and Sybil currently reside at their home in Speed, WV. Submitted by: Richard A. Valentine

**VANDAL/VANDALE**

In 1832 James Abraham Vandal and his brother, John Dillon Vandal moved from their farms in Greenbrier County, VA, to the area which is now Roane County, WV. James was the oldest child of Abraham Vandal and Charity, Harriett, Sarah, Editha, William, James, Andrew, and Ruth.

James was a Revolutionary soldier. Among the descendents of his generation in Roane County and elsewhere have followed suit. The prolific families of James and John Vandal have intermarried over a period of six or seven generations with hundreds of members of other family lines, far too many to enumerate in a brief article such as this. However, among the descendents of the two pioneer brothers, James and John Vandal, are many outstanding citizens. The government itself and the society of Roane County have in many ways benefited from the participation and the contribution of the Vandas and Vandales. Submitted by: Wayne Vandal Masterson

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His body was brought back to Roane County and is buried in the Clover Cemetery; Velma Stotts Buchanan; Leo; James; Eula, died at the age of 2 and 1/2 years, she is buried in the Clover Cemetery; Lewis E.; Dulce Stotts Dekert, Hope Stotts Morris; and Kenna Stotts.

Bob had worked as a salesperson for Denver Garrett Ford in Spencer for the past thirty years.

He's a member of the Masonic Lodge Moriah No. 38, with the American Legion Post No. 21. A past member of the Spencer Jaycees, being a member there for 6 years. He was in the Reserve Corp for 2 years. In 1947, he helped form the National Guards in Spencer, and served with them for a period of one year.

He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 5 years, beginning in 1965.

Was past President of the Black Walnut Festival, 1974; and Honorary Parade Marshall, 1989.

He was a member of the Spencer City Council from April 1, 1969 to June 30, 1989. This past summer (1989) he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award, from Mayor Terry Williams. He served on the council for 20 years without missing a week.

Chick worked for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, better known as the A & P, in Spencer for 30 years until it closed in 1975.

Bob and Chick reside at 104 Spring Street, Spencer, and are members of the United Methodist Memorial Church.

They enjoy traveling and fishing. In the summer months they travel to various parts of West Virginia, to camp out and fish. They also spend a lot of time working within the community. Submitted by: Kenna Stotts

In 1809, but after a few years, Nancy ran off with a cousin, George Boggs, to Kentucky, where the couple had two children, Mariah Boggs, born in 1817, and M.W.D. Boggs, born in 1818.

Although John and Nancy had no children, each of them did have children by their other partners. According to family legend, John, in his later years, claimed he had never loved anyone but Nancy.

After the death of Rachel, John remarried for a period of one year.

John then married Rachel W. Wiseman, daughter of William Wiseman and his wife, Phoebe Honaker. John and Rachel had four children, Napoleon Bonaparte, Edward John, William Floyd and Amanda. Rachel died in 1934 while giving birth to Amanda.

After the death of Rachel, John remarried his first wife, Nancy, and the couple lived together on Spring Creek until John's death. After which time they became demented, and committed suicide by drowning herself in Spring Creek.

Now, did it happen that some of the descendents of James Abraham Vandal changed the spelling of their surname to Vandal? The best evidence that this was generally accepted by the family, is that Calvin Smith Vandal made the change because of embarrassment. He was born in 1861 to Andrew L. Vandal and his wife Rachel. Receiving an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point (where he was a roommate of John J. "Blackjack" Pershing), he was made the butt of many jokes by his classmates, who referred to him as "The Vandal." In his later years, he changed the spelling of his name to add the "E," and many descendents of his generation in Roane County and elsewhere have followed suit.

James was the second son and third child of Abraham and Mary.

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mote and friend of General Pershing. He was a farmer and also was sheriff of the county. Calvin Smith Vandali married Leota Hardman and born to them was a son Frederick Earl and daughter Gypsic. June 28, 1911 Frederick Earl married Lelia E. Hardman daughter of Allie & Harrius Barr Hardman of Calhoun county and Gypsic married William Williamson of the Jackson County Williamson's.

Fred was born on the Vandali Fork of Spring Creek August 27, 1888. He attended West Virginia University and was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa national fraternity, also captain of the university baseball team in 1910. Fred owned and operated a furniture store and undertaking establishment on Main Street, later selling the furniture store to J.C. Looney and purchased and moved the undertaking establishment to the former Lowe Hotel on Beauty Street as Vandali Funeral Home. Fred farmed and raised purebred cattle on the family farm. He was affiliated with the Roane County Bank and past president of the First National Bank. He was a prominent and active member of the Democratic party. His death was Dec. 20, 1945 and his wife Lelia died June 1, 1976.

Children of Fred & Lelia Vandali were: George Andrew b. 11-24-1913 d. 7-28- 1980; Virginia b. 10-11-1915; Charles Owen b. 11-18-1918 d. 5-22- 1951; Lucille June b. 6-24-1923.

Children of Gypsic & William Williamson were: Earl Smith b. 3-20-1917 d. 2-14- 1980; Margaret Louise b. 8-15-1918; Virginia ley b. 7-25-1923 d. 10-1957; Charles Owen died 1 month after birth in 1920; George Andrew Vandali married Wilma E. Frair 12-30-36. Their two daughters are Carolyn Jeanne b. 12-13-38 and Barbara Elaine b. 9-21-44; Charles Beverly Vandali married Helen G. Goed 12-20-39. Their two daughters are Beverly b. 3-27-42 and Anita b. 8-17-47.


William Gay Vandali married Helen Starcher and their children: Smith, James, and Janet.


VANNEST

William Gay Vannest, born February 16, 1900, Ripley, Jackson County, W.Va. His parents P.M. and Hattie (Garver) Vannest. Gay enlisted in the Army World War I, June 30, 1917. Ohio, and gave his age 18 when he was only 17. He served in Europe with 135th Machine Gun Battalion, and was honorably discharged in April 1919.

He enlisted in Company M, 150th Infantry. W.Va. National Guard at Spencer, Roane County, on February 5, 1924. He served all ranks from private to 1st Lieutenant till December 3, 1941. then was on reserve.

He was called for active duty World War II, Aug. 1942. He spent the war as the aviation officer in the transportation corps., aboard ships carrying supplies to warfronts everywhere - England, Australia, Europe, and India. He returned to Spencer, Christmas Day, 1946.

Gay, a member of Spencer City Police Department with twenty-four years service. He served as Chief of Police about eight years, also member of City Fire Department for ten years. He was a dedicated policeman and first one to check business places for unlocked doors and call the owners.


Gay, was a fifty year member of Campbell Odd Fell Order and Moriah Lodge #38 A.F. and A.M. both of Spencer. A member Royal Arch Masons Jackson County #4 RAM Ravenswood, W.Va., member "treads" Veterans of World War I and II Parkeburg, W.Va., charter member American Legion Roane County Post #21, and member Faith Chapel Church in Spencer. Gay, passed away September 20, 1984, and buried Queen's Point Cemetery, Keyser, W.Va.

Alice, attended Keyser Public School, then worked two years in a printing office at Fairmont, W.Va. Then learned telegraphy and was sent to Spencer, by Western Union, January 1926, as telegraph operator and manager of the office here. Later went to work in the office of Kincaid Wholesale Company in Spencer, and worked twenty-three years before retiring. I was a member of Wetzel Chapter #27 OES, Spencer Rebekah Lodge #125, and American Legion Auxiliary Roane County Unit #21. I returned to Keyser, to live August 1987. Submitted by: Alice Vannest

VINEYARD - NOE


Stott and Lucy were lifetime residents of Newton and members of Newton Baptist Church. Stott was a farmer, a teamster in the oil fields and was employed by Cabot Gas Co. Submitted by: Kimberly Blankenship

BRAD VINEYARD

John Brad Vineyard, b. 3-30-1854 and d. 5-6-1949. John married Rebecca Angelene Keen, b. 2-15-1860 d. 9-15-1916. She was the daughter of James Keen b. 1828 d. 1901 and Nancy (King) Keen b. 1834 d. 1919.


Brad married his second wife 4-18-1906, she was Flora Greathouse b. 3-19-1882 d. 11-21-1932. This was a daughter of Jesse and Susan (Hambric) Greathouse. Brad and Flora had six children: (1) Sam Brad, b. 10-23-1909, married to Ruth Hersherberger. (2) Franklin Pierce, b. 10-11-1911, married to Gladys Carper. He died 1975. (3) Dorothy, b. 8-3-1913, married George Law. (4) Ralph Smith, b. 5-21-1915, married Ruth Gribble died 1969. (5) Clay Wilson, b. 10-3-1919, married to Helen Kennedy. (6) Madaline, b. 1-14-1917, married Eugene Knoopp. She died 1982.

Brad, Flora, and Pierce are buried in the Brad Vineyard Cemetery on Vineyard Ridge, Looneville, W.Va. Rebecca is buried in the
headwaters. (See photo) By winter they had bought and moved into a small house on the wooded hilltop above the Looneyville store on Flat Fork. Their only child, a daughter Frieda, was born there December 7, 1916.

About 1919, Fred had a health breakdown, awed by his doctor’s advice, they spent the next few years in the Southwest and in Florida. They returned in the early nineteen twenties to live in Hunting­ton, going to the farm during the summer and on school holidays. A longing decided to stay in Roane County permanently. Fred had a house built in 1929 on land he owned bordering Rt. 36, near his father and other Vineyard relatives. Gusta’s brothers Clarence, Martin, Milton and Cleve Boggs in attendance and in the other direction, as did her son Ralph Clay Boggs and his family.

They managed to weather the depression and drought of the nineteen thirties when Poca’s water was reduced to a few stagnant pools and cattle prices fell as low as three cents per pound.

In 1939 after Frieda married Garrison Tawney, they took over the farm and household. Fred helped his son-in-law as much as he was able. Garrison appreciated having his advice, especially in regard to the cattle business.

My sister Janice and I are glad we lived with our grandparents and got to know them better than we might have otherwise. Grandmother Gusta died January 8, 1948. Grandmother Gusta died September 29, 1959. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Looneyville. Submitted by Anne Tawney Golf

VINEYARD

Paul Vineyard, born May 7, 1926 to Aristotle Vineyard, born June 8, 1888, died January 27, 1948 and Lucy Hoe born July 6, 1890 died July 7, 1965. They were married June 9, 1909 and were lifetime residents of Newton. They were the parents of 7 children.

Paul graduated from Spencer High School in 1944. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Naval V12 engineering school at the University of Wisconsin. He served on the U.S.S. Prairie. The U.S.S. Prairie was the second ship to enter Tokyo Bay August 15, 1945 for the signing of the surrender of Japan. Paul was a radioman and went ashore in the Japanese merchant ships that guided the ship through the mined harbor. He was discharged July 5, 1946.


Paul Vineyard entered the Methodist Ministry in 1955, and has served churches in Winona, Clarksburg, Morgantown, William­son. Spencer and presently serves the Green Bank Charge, where they live. Submitted by: Martha Vineyard

PRESLEY VINEYARD

Presley Vineyard came to this area in 1820. He settled in Walton District. He built the first grist mill about 1824 at the mouth of Johnson’s Creek. In 1833 the first reli­gious society was organized at the house of Presley Vineyard. It was a Baptist church. Matthew Maddock, organist and St. Clair Hammack, Sarah Hammack, George Martin and wife, and Nancy Love were the first members.

Presley was born between the years 1785 and 1790, and died in 1864. His first wife was Cynthia Hammack, a daughter of Martin and Susan (Ellison) Hammack. Cynthia died in 1848. Presley and Cynthia had ten children: (1) William, b. 1813 married to Sarah Looney on the 28th of July 1840. He died in 1891. (2) Nancy, married John T. Reynolds in the year 1852. (3) Mar­garet, married John Paxton, she died be­fore 1860. (4) Delana, b. 5-22-1825, married to Sarah Summerfield 9-14-1848. (5) Charity, b. 1825, married Peter Looney 2-22-1844. (6) John, b. 1830, married Sarah Jane Shaver 4-12-1851. His second wife was Malvina Seabolt, they were married 9-21-1870. He died in 1880. (7) Cynthia, married in 1849 to William H. Sergent. (8) Rachel, born 1835, married Henderson White. (9) Presley, Jr., born 10-6-1832. (10) Susanna, married Alexander West, Jr. 7-28-1840. Submitted by: John M. Vineyard

WILLIAM VINEYARD

William Vineyard was one of the first set-
Donzel Lee Walbrown was born Septem-
ber 17, 1923, at Canton, Ohio. He is the
oldest child of Kenna and Icy (Hall) Wal-
brown. His paternal grandparents were
Frank and Elizabeth (Starcher) Walbrown.
The Walbrowns' are of German descent.
Donzel's great-grandparents both came
from Germany in the late nineteenth
century. His maternal grandparents were
John C. and Diana (Lynch) Hall. In 1932,
Donzel moved from Canton to Orchard
Run, Roane County, West Virginia with his
parents. He spent his early childhood on
his father's farm. He attended school, first
at Canton, Ohio, and later the Bissell
School at Otto.

Velma (McCauley) Walbrown

Velma was born October 20, 1929, at
Reedyville, Roane County. She is the tenth
and youngest child of John Dee and Ella
Jane (Phillips) McCauley. Her paternal
grandparents were Joseph William and
Sarah Belinda (Boggs) McCauley. The
McCauleys were known for their honesty
and intellect. Her maternal grandparents
were Marian and Luvena (Carpenter) Phil-
lops. Marian Phillips was a noted black-
smith and gunsmith. Velma's early years
were spent on her father's farm on Buck
Ridge near Peniel, with her three oldest
nieces, Ann Burroughs, Ella Mae Roberts,
and Rose Marie Burr often as her play-
mates. She attended both the Peniel and
Laural Hill Schools. Velma worked at a
nursery at Winfield before she was mar-
rried. After her marriage, she was kept busy
raising her large family and working on the
family farm. She is a active member ofthe
Baptist Church. She was a member of Local
1200 of Steelworkers Union and the Masonic
Lodge of Canton. He loved to fish and to
play domino.

Osa Parsons Wallbrown was the daugh-
ter of Joseph F. and Elizabeth Jane Cooper
Parsons.

George and Opal Young were married
April 22, 1935, at Spencer, WV, by the
Rev. Harrison Marks. George worked for
Republic Rubber Company, after working for
them for 33 years. Upon his retirement, they moved to Spen-
cer, where they attended the Baptist
Church. He was a member of Local 1200
of Steelworkers Union and the Masonic
Lodge of Canton. He loved to fish and to
play domino.

HENRY SCOTT WAlBROWN

Henry Scott Walbrown was born in
Beech, Calhoun County, West Virginia 3-
17-1900, the son of Frank Walbrown
(1870-1936) and Elizabeth (Starcher)
Wallbrown (1876-1954). His growing up
years were spent in both Roane and Cal-
houn Counties. He had an older sister
and brother, Grace and Kenna, and a younger
brother, Amos. In his twenties he left West
Virginia and went to Washington County,
Pennsylvania, to help build the roads be-
ing constructed in that area. There he met and married Lena Bell Smith (1905-1988),
daughter of George Samuel Porter Smith
(1883-1952) and Margaret Ellen (Richey)
Smith (1882-1948).

Scott, as he was called by family and
friends in Roane and Calhoun Counties,
met a tragic and untimely death in Septem-
ber 1928, at the hand of professional gun-
men near Zanesville, Ohio, where he is
buried.

Scott and Lena were the parents of three
children: George Franklin - born 2-18-25 in
Washington County, Pennsylvania, mar-
rried Lillian Irene Jones 1-20-46. They are
the parents of six daughters and one son.
Sallies birth was 10-5-1826. She died 5-6-1943. (9) Emily G., b. 4-20-1858, mar-
died 11-4-1858. She died 6-22-
1856. (9) Emily G., b. 4-20-1858, un-
marrird, died 11-7-1856. (10) Roxie, b.
1-31-1861, married in 1896 to George W.
Groves. Submitted by: Ruth Vineyard

WALLBROWN

George Edward Wallbrown was born Jan.
26, 1910, and died Feb. 15, 1988. Born in
Calhoun County, his parents were John,
1874-1950, and Osa Parsons Walbrown,
1853-1923. They attended the Moslem
Church. George was one of 10 children:
Joseph Clay, Mary Elizabeth, Viola, Elza,
George, Virgil, Myrtle and Ethel. 2 died in
infancy.

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play domino. Submitted by: Opal Wallbrown

George Walbrown and 6 #23' fish - 1984
Lena as midwife when Laura was born. Laura married Howard Ferrel 7-4-46. They are the parents of three daughters and one son. Grace Marie, born 12-30-27 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, married Andrew Sheeklc 10-1-60. They have one daughter, Gertrude now resides in Steubenville, Ohio. Laura lives at Eighty Four, Pennsylvania, and Grace lives at Wellsburg, West Virginia.

At the time of Scott's death, George was 3 years, 7 months old. Laura was 2 years, 2 months old, and Grace was only 9 months old. These three children, losing their father at such early ages and their mother being widowed at the young age of 23, and at the time of the great Depression, were never able to get to know their father and circumstances prevented them from getting to know their father's side of the family.

However, in 1960 Donna Walbrown, granddaughter of Scott's brother, Kenna, and daughter of Donzel and Velma Wallbrown of Otta, began working on the Walbrown family tree. She had no information on Scott's family. Her efforts to get information were rewarded when she succeeded in getting in touch with Scott's daughter, Grace. Thanks to Donna's efforts, Scott's children began to get acquainted with their relatives in the Spencer area. Among those they soon met were Icy Wallbrown, widow of Scott's brother, Kenna, and their children, Donzel Walbrown, his wife, Velma (McCauley), and their children, Donna, Gary, Debbie, Mike, Pam, and Joyce. Also, Denver Wallbrown, his wife Edith (Bissell), and their children, Rodney and Rita; Eleanor Walbrown Miller and her husband Jack, and Eugenie Walbrown.

When Grace first met Edith Walbrown, in 1982, Edith gave Grace a New Testament that had been Grace's father's. It had been given to Scott by his school teacher, Gienna Bissell, (who was a cousin of Edith's) when he was a student at the Row Run School. Grace was grateful to Edith for giving her something that was her father's.

Since 1987, the children (and some of the grandchildren) of Henry Scott Walbrown have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many other relatives on their father's side of the family at the annual Walbrown reunion held in Roane County.

Scott's father, Frank Wallbrown, was the fifth child (of 12) born to Henry Wallbrown and Elizabeth (Mitendorf) Wallbrown. Frank was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, 3-27-1870. He married Elizabeth Starcher, 4-21-1895, in Calhoun County. Frank and Elizabeth spent the early years of their marriage on a farm in Calhoun County and in later years moved to a farm on Orchard Run. Frank was a farmer, but also did veterinary work in Roane and Calhoun Counties. Frank died 7-2-36 in Roane County. Elizabeth died 9-21-34, in Otta, West Virginia. They are both buried at the Road Run Cemetery, Beech. They had four children: Grace (1896-1973) who married Dean McMillian; 8-7-18; Kenna (1898-1961) who married Henry Scott (1900-1928), of whom this article is about; and Amos (1902-1966), who married Ruth McMillan 12-24-33.

Scott's mother, Elizabeth, was born 2-6-1876, the daughter of Winfield Scott Starcher (1833-1922) and Nancy Reed Starcher (1831-1918). Elizabeth was the great granddaughter of Daniel Starcher (1788-1859) and Nancy (Brannon) Starcher (1799-1860). Nancy (Brannon) Starchers' parents were William Brannon and Mary (Paine) Brannon, their eldest child was Jacob Starcher. The first Starchers to live in Calhoun County were their great grandparents, Daniel and Nancy Starcher. It is believed they settled there sometime after 1820.

Both of Scott's maternal great-grandfathers served in the "Civil War" but on opposite sides. Winfield Scott Starcher's father, Joseph Starcher, served on the Confederate side and his wife, Nancy Reed's father, William Reed served on the Union side.

Scott's grandparents on his father's side, Henry (1836-1923) and Elizabeth (Mitendorf) Wallbrown (1838-1906), were both born in Germany. Henry's family lived near the Austrian border. He immigrated to the United States around 1860. It is said that he, at the age of 16, stowed away on a ship and came to the United States. His port of entry was Baltimore. Elizabeth Mitendorff immigrated to the United States in 1861. They were married in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 1863, having married July 22, 1863, in Adams Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. The first seven of their twelve children were born in Pennsylvania, the last five were born in Calhoun County. In 1877, Henry purchased 300 acres of land on Beech Run, work was begun on the house in 1880. Henry and his eldest son traveled to Calhoun County from Pennsylvania and built a small house, then went back to Pennsylvania and moved the family to the Beech Run farm. The third in the last house, built on his farm still stands and belongs to his grandson Bernard Wallbrown. Henry and Elizabeth's twelve children and their spouses were: Michael (1863-1936) married Mary Matilda Sampson 9-15-1887; Lena (1864-1895) married William R. Smith 8-28-1893; Bertha (1866-1948) married Godfrey Fritz 9-1-1895; Henry, Jr. (1866-?) married Bertha Brooks 10-30-1892; Frank (1870-1936) married Elizabeth Starcher 4-21-1893; Clara (1872-1927) married John Wilsin A-18-1891; John (1870-1950) married Osa Parsons 11-11-1900; Joseph (1876-?) married Artie Gay Arthur; Elizabeth (1878-?) married Martin E. Rines E 12-17-1896; Anna (1881-?) married Aud Boyles; Amos (1882-1927) married Rebecca Magdeline "Maggie" Sturms; and William "Will" (1885-1965) married Grace Mcadie Price 4-8-1906. Submitted by Grace Walbrown Sheeklc and George Franklin Walbrown

WALBROWN

R. Kenna (R.K.) Walbrown was born at Beech, Calhoun County, West Virginia, 1/22/1898, the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Starcher) Walbrown. Kenna's early years were spent on his father's farm at Beech.

As a boy he sometimes helped his father carry the mail from Beech to Linden. In his early years, he owned and operated a country store at the mouth of Cabin Run on Beech. He, also, helped build the road between Spencer and Armondburg. He was a foreman, working for J.P. Tolley. On 2/13/1921, the Rev. W.G. Schoolcraft officiated at the marriage of Kenna Walbrown and Icy Hall, the daughter of John C. Hall (1875-1956) and Diana (Lynch) Hall (1879-1962). Icy was born at Beech, Calhoun County on 1/9/1902. After their marriage, Kenna and Icy moved to Canton, Ohio. While living at Canton, Kenna worked as a shipping clerk for Republic Steel. Three of their five children were born at Canton. In 1932, Kenna and Icy returned to West Virginia. They moved to a 100 acre farm on Orchard Run. Roane County, given to them by Kenna's father. As well as farming his land, Kenna owned and operated a sawmill, with his brother, Amos, for several years. He, also, taught one term of school at the Orchard Run School. In later years, Kenna, worked on pipe line construction before retiring to his Orchard Run farm. After retiring he pursued his favorite pastimes, hunting, fishing, and reading. Kenna and Icy were the parents of five children: Donzel, born 9/17/1925 at Canton, Ohio; Denver, married Velma McCauley, 4/3/1948; Denver, born 7/15/1925 at Beech, West Virginia. Donzel married Edith Bissell, 12/26/1946; Eugene, born 8/16/1928 at Canton, Ohio. Eugene married Etta Jane Rhodes, 4/22/1949; Eleanor, born 5/11/1932 at Canton, Ohio. Eleanor married Jack Miller, 6/4/1955; Richard, born 11/20/1934 at Orchard Run, West Virginia. Richard married Hazel Rhodes, 11/26/1954.

Two of Kenna and Icy's sons served overseas during World War II: Denver entering

Kenna and Icy (Hall) Walbrown
Burdette and Joyce Miller

They are both buried at the Road Run Cemetery at Beech. Icy (affectionately known as Gi-Gi by her great-grandchildren) now resides in Spencer with her daughter.

Frank Wallbrown, the fifth child of Henry Wallbrown (1836-1923) and Elizabeth (Mittendorf) Wallbrown (1838-1906), was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, 5/27/1870. He married Elizabeth Starcher, 4/23/1876. Henry and Elizabeth lived on a farm in Calhoun County, Virginia. Elizabeth was born 2/6/1876, the daughter of W.S. Starcher (1853-1922) and Nancy (Reed) Starcher (1853-1939). Frank and Elizabeth spent the early years of their marriage on a farm in Calhoun County and in 1895, they moved to Roane County. Frank was a farmer, but also did veterinary work in Roane and Calhoun Counties. He was a member of the Masons, and he rode on horseback from Orchard Run to Linden to attend the Madison church. Frank died 7/18/1936 in Roane County. Elizabeth died 9/21/1954, at Otto, West Virginia. They both are buried at the Road Run Cemetery, Beech, Calhoun County.

The following children were born to Frank and Elizabeth: Michael (1863-1936); Lena (1864-1895); Bertha (1866-1948); Mary (1868); Frank (1870-1936); Clara (1872-1950); John (1874-1960); Joseph (1876); Frank (1877); John (1878); Anna (1881); Amos (1900-1928); and Mary L. Donohue, born July 1827, exact place of birth is not known but a small cemetery lies on top of the hill, east of the house owned by Danial Monroe Walker, his eleventh child was born there.

Henry Wallbrown, was born in Germany, January 15, 1836. Henry immigrated to the United States from Germany in the year 1854. It is said that Henry at age sixteen, stowed away on a ship to come to America. His port of entry was Baltimore, Maryland. He later lived in Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Mittendorf. They were married either, in 1861 or 1862, during the early part of the Civil War. Elizabeth, also, was born in Germany, April 13, 1838. She immigrated to the United States in 1861. In the 1870 Census, Henry and Elizabeth lived in Butler County, Pennsylvania, Adams Township. Seven of their twelve children were born there, the last five were born in Roane County, West Virginia. In 1877, Henry purchased 300 acres of land on Beech Fork in Calhoun County, with the deed being signed in 1880. Henry and his oldest sons traveled to Calhoun from Pennsylvania and built a small house, then were assigned the five acres that in 1840, assigns Danial the five acres that in 1845 and he sold Knob Tract in 1848. In 1854 they moved to Roane County, West Virginia, in the Walton area. Their land was on Rock Creek, a branch of the lower Pocatalico River and here they lived until Danial died in March of 1880. The 1880 Census shows Catherine is living in the household of her son, Danial Monroe Walker, where she lived until she died in December of 1885. The exact place of their burial is not known but a small cemetery lies on top of the hill, east of the house owned by Danial Monroe Walker.

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there. The old home place still stands, but has been moved back of the new Moffatt home. George was a farmer, belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Walton and was a member of the Roane County Court for several years in the 1930's. They later bought the Perry Greathouse property in Walton which was located across from the present Poca Valley Bank. This two-story house also served as a hotel in the 1900's. Six children were born to this family.

Lucy Mae Walker (1898-1980) married William (Reg) Lowe, two children, Eugene L. and Sherry. Lives at Tanner, WV. He taught at Glenville State College. Maxine Lowe, born 12-18-26, died 5-26-72 in Wheeling, WV. She was a school teacher.

Roma Freer Walker, (1899-1983) married Ora Harper (1897-1974) on December 21, 1919. Three daughters were born to this family; Pauline Faye, Annilee Sue and Lucille Evelyn.

Roma F. and Ora (Harper) Walker, 50th Anniversary


Harry Miller Walker, born 6-21-1918, married Delores Barney of Spencer, now living in Arizona. Two children, married to Kathy L. Lusk in 1969. They have one daughter and live in Akron, Ohio.

Roma Freer Walker, second child of George Miller and Cora B. Walker, was born November 4, 1899 on Poca, near Walton. He attended school in Alrock. At age seventeen, Roma traveled alone by train to Colorado to visit his Uncle Henry Walker who had moved his family there because of his son's respiratory problems. He spent several weeks there with his relatives and never forgot the excitement of that trip. On December 21, 1919 he married Ora Harper, daughter of Thomas F. and Ethila (West) Harper. Ora was born at Flat Fork, August 5, 1897. They lived for a short time at Cabin Creek, then bought the George Marks home in Walton, adjacent to George Moffatt's store. living there until their deaths. Ora on January 27, 1974 and Roma on July 28, 1983. At a young age, Roma began working for an oil company in the Walton area and made that his career, retiring at age 60. He was also proficient at carpentry and other trades and spent his retirement years doing these things. Ora attended school at Ryan. She was a homemaker and excellent seamstress for their 3 daughters. They were very active members of the Walton Church of the Nazarene. On a Sunday afternoon in 1963, they celebrated with friends at an open house their 50th wedding anniversary. They were buried in Eventide Cemetery at Spencer.

Daughters of Roma and Ora Harper Walker were; Pauline Faye Walker, born at Walton, and attended Walton Schools, graduating in 1938. She completed business courses at Charleston School of Commerce and worked several years as a secretary. On April 10, 1941, she married Arthur H. Larch, son of Lewis and Effie Coon Larch (Walton), in Charleston. They lived in St. Albans and raised 3 daughters who attended St. Albans schools. She later returned to work as a secretary in state government and is now retired. Her husband is retired from Union Carbide Corp. of South Charleston. In 1998, they moved to Newark, Ohio. Daughters of Pauline Walker and Arthur H. Larch are; Christina Anne, married to Ronald Walsh, now living in Heath, Ohio, with four children; Ronald II, Andrew, Rachel and Rebekah. She has worked as a nurse and he is a school administrator; Cheryl Lynn, married to Major Steven Lilly, U.S. Army, from South Charleston, living at various military locations in U.S.A. and abroad. He is a military career officer and she is a school teacher and counselor. Cara Lou, married Raymond Foss and had one son, Brian, who is attending Ohio State University, married second to Rick Barry. Lives in Newark, Ohio and works at Licking Memorial Hospital in the Insurance Division. Annilee Sue Walker, born 7-06-1927, at Walton, graduated from Walton High School in 1945. Worked at United Fuel Gas in Charleston. Married Blake W. Conley, born 4-17-1924, at Zona, on August 30, 1945; moved to Spencer. Annilee has worked at Kellogg Company for 26 years. Blake, son of John I. and Icie Radar Conley, has worked for Elk Refining Co., Home Outfitting Company, and now works for WV Dept. of Highways.

They have been active members of the Spencer Baptist Temple Church for many years. They have two children, Ashley and Blake. Blake L. Conley, born 12-23-1949, at Charleston, graduated from Spencer High School, 1967, and from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. in 1971. Married to Gary Joy Riser, of Hopkins, Michigan on June 12, 1971. He graduated from Bob Jones University, and is now Assistant Pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. Karen is a teacher at the Church School. They have six children; Gavin Sherrill, Tiffany Elizabeth, Averi Brehonda, Neville Gilchrist, Blakeley Balawn, and Destry Sharefe. David Wayne Conley, born 1-21-1955, Charleston, WV. Graduated from Spencer High School in 1973, and Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., in 1976. He is a CPA with Williams & Conley, P.C. in Fayetteville, Georgia. Married to Gayla Jean Dunn, of E. Point, Georgia on May 5, 1979, now living in Peachtree City, Georgia. Gayla has her degree in Accounting. Two children. Jeremy Brandon and Annalee, also a CPA. Married second to Nora Ellis, of Louisiana in 1974. They have two children, Lauren Elizabeth and Matthew Walker. Married Hallie Marie Ledsome, now living in North Carolina, a RN. Married again in 1984 and is now living in North Carolina. A third daughter, attended Walton schools, and in the fifth and sixth grades was Champion Speller for Walton Elementary School in the Charleston Daily Mail Spelling Bee. In 1994, she began working in Charleston in state government, working in various departments and the Governor's Office, and currently for the State Senate during regular sessions. In 1995, she received recognition at Charleston School of Commerce for attaining the fastest speed nationally in triple speedwriting. In 1954, she married Arthur C. Bachman, son of O.R. and Elsie Bachman (Pickens, WV) who was Chief Conservation Officer for WV and later a securities salesman. They had no children. Married second time to Rick Barry. Lives in Newark, S.C. Karen is a teacher at the Church School of Commerce and attended Hilltop High School in Charleston. In 1987 married Clifford Miller, son of Douglas and Lucy Miller (Sissonville, WV), and he is now retired from Union Carbide Corporation, Institute, and they live in Charleston. She has three step sons, Michael and Jeffrey, working with American Water Works and WV Water Company, and Steven, at Union Carbide Corp. All live in the Sissonville area.

Walker

For many years a familiar site in Walton was the big white house just past the bridge. Originally built as a hotel, from 1920 to 1973 it was the home of Charlie and Olie Walker.

The Walker Family are descendants of George Walker who came from Germany in 1735 and eventually settled with his wife Hanne in Botetourt County, Virginia. One of their sons, Daniel and his wife Catherine Myers moved to what is now Monroe County, West Virginia, before finally arriving in Roane County, West Virginia, in 1854. Daniel and Catherine's oldest son, George Joseph, married Catherine Connor and had seven children; George, Mary, Thomas (Tommy), William (Will), Catherine (Kate), Harvey b. 1866, and Isaac (Ike).

Once grown, the sixth child Harvey and his wife Laura Bell Jones b. 1868 moved to Hamlin where they first set up house in a log cabin and had their only child Charles William (Charlie) in 1890. He was a handsome young man and in 1911 he married Olie Elia Lee, daughter of Samuel Lee and Jermina Gandee of Johnsons Creek.
On that day in March 1911. Olie and Charlie rode a horse to the church up on Johnsville Creek and met the preacher on the other way. So, as the story goes, they were married right there, with the preacher and bride and groom on horseback and a mud puddle in between.

Charlie and Olie spent the first nine years together in a house on his father’s farm. He had long consisted of the log cabin but rather the two houses. barn, cellar, chicken coop, log storage shed and apple, pear and one paw paw tree which produced some really good West Virginia bananas. Those were very enjoyable years.

Olie and Charlie have three children. Erby b. 1912, Freda “Pete” b. 1917 and Charles Franklin “Frank” or “Jiggs” b. 1920. The kids, Uncle Jim Daughtery and Aunt Kate lived in a house at the front of the house to house to Charlie and Olie. Uncle Jim called the place “Tiger Gap” and would joke with the kids, telling them that from his front porch he could see tigers coming through the gap in the trees. The oil boom of 1911-1915 kept the Wavey men busy. Charlie could work in the oil fields as would his Dad. Harvey who as a teamster, would haul pipe and equipment with his huge work horse. Logan, and team of dapple greys, Dan and Fred, as well as Molly.

Laura and Harvey opened up their home to numerous oil field workers from as far away as Pennsylvania and converted the upstairs to a barracks for round the clock shifts. Although they could have stayed elsewhere, the young men loved the cooking of Laura and Olie who would bake a half dozen pies for their lunch pails.

In 1920 after the birth of Jiggs, Charlie and Olie moved to the big white house in Walton. Charlie used the wood from their old house in Hamiltonia farm to build a school and a homestead. He also used the other half of the building to run Walker’s Confectionary and Lunch room. After selling the garage Charlie became known as one of the best carpenters around. According to many accounts, he could do it all: plumbing, plastering, mechanical, masonry as well as carpentry. For years, if anyone needed something fixed, they could go to Charlie Walker. There is more than one home in Roane County that he fixed up.

In 1932, with the birth of their first child, Erby married a fine man, Lloyd Ellis who managed Cox’s Department Store in Clendenin. He passed away in 1988. They had two sons, Fred b. 1942 who with his wife, Clara, still live in Clendenin and own the Confectionary Gas. Thomas Nixon b. 1945 is an elementary school principal and lives with his wife, Tina, in Baltimore.


Virginia Lee Walker b. 1949 (twin) is married to Geoff Harlow, CPA in Chicago. Ginni is a graduate of Ball State and Purdue. They have three children, Jessica Kristin b. 1977, Ronald Christopher “Ron” b. 1987 and Catherine Ruth “Kay” b. 1989.

Gregory William “Greg” b. 1951 works for Combustion Engineering in Columbus, Ohio where he lives with his wife, the former Diane Stouard of Hilliard, Ohio. They have two daughters, Nicole and Ashley “Nikki” b. 1981 and Karen Jean “Katy” b. 1986. Greg is a died-in-the-wool Ohio State Buckeye and Cleveland Browns fan.

Rebecca Ruth Walker b. 1955 is single and has followed her adventurous spirit around the world sailing the seven seas. Submitted by: Charles D. Walker and Mrs. Erby Ellis

WALKER

Newton K. Walker (1831-1909) was born in Craig, Co. VA, one of 11 children, son of Andrew J. Walker and Elizabeth Handley Walker, of Craig County, VA.

Newton served in the Confederate Army from Virginia, as a teamster, helped move artillery pieces into position for battle. He married Julia Rapp, Lewisburg, VA, March 22, 1866 at the brother-in-law, Samuel Clarks home by the Rev. Samuel Musson of Monroe County, W.Va. Four children were born of this union. Effie Hamilton (1867-1951), born Gruncl County, MO, Morris, Bernard “Bert”; and Samuel “Uncle Sam”

Newton settled sometime after the Civil War in Craig, Mo later moving to Gilmer County, VA and to McKown Creek around 1875 and purchased a 192 acre farm which is still in the family.


Morris Walker lived in Huntington, VA, died in 1930’s. Bernard Walker lived in Akron, Ohio, died in the 1960’s.

Samuel Walker lived in Follanbee, VA, died in 1960’s. He married Jessie Oakland and had four children. Chester Walker was born 1920-66, married Mrs. Pete married Elmo Adkins of Charleston. Known as ‘Skinny’ because of his large size, he worked for Thomas Thornburg 10 missions, 8th AAF, B-17, US Army.


WWIII: Wilbur E. Lynch, S/Sgt, Aerial Gunner, 10 missions. 8th AAF, B-17, US Army.


ARThUR & DorOTHY WARD


Arthur was born on his father’s farm on Craig, County, VA. As a long resident of Colt Ridge. He was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church on Tuckers Run and was an active member of 4-H and a 4-H All-Star with life membership. He attended Hoffsdown School, which was a one-room schoolhouse, near Spencer. Among his teachers were Mrs. Ruby Bradley, Pete Tyson, Dick Miller, “Chal” McKown, Sally Snodgrass and Alma Ward. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1933 where he played saxophone and French horn in the band under the direction of “St” Eldon and “Doc” Brown.

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C. S. JUNE WARD

C. S. "June" Ward was born in Circleville, Ohio, August 1, 1912, to C. S. and Lilian Rader Ward. His young years were spent in Caperton, W. Va., a mining community, where his father was auditor for a coal company. Moving to Charleston with his parents at the age of 7, he attended local schools and was graduated from Charleston High School in 1931. He worked a few years at the Elk River Substation and Zimmerman's Restaurant.

In 1937 he joined the Equitable Life Insurance Company and on November 5, 1938, married Mary Ann Phillips and moved to Spencer where he remained the rest of his life. Two of his children, Cynthia Ann born July 22, 1941 and Philip Scott born March 13, 1945. June worked at the munition plant at Point Pleasant during the early years of World War II, but when the Casso Rubber Plant opened (now Metcalf Rubber) he was employed as a supervisor for the day time shift. In late 1945 he joined his father-in-law and his brother-in-law in Phillips Drug Store where he remained until 1969 when the family business was discontinued.

He became interested in politics and worked as an election official for several years. In March, 1965, he was elected to City Council where he served two terms. He ran again in March 1967 and was reelected. Again in March of 1971 he ran for council and was elected, also during this term he was elected recorder. During his council years, Urban Renewal was brought into being and both senior and low income housing units were built. The upper parking lot was also built and the new water company came into being at that time, which was quite a change for Spencer.

After the closing of the Phillips Drug Store, he was employed as a Bookmobile Driver for the Alpha Regional Library, which covered five counties, Roane, Jackson, Calhoun, Ritchie and Doddridge. He especially enjoyed his contact with all the school children and made many friends among them. In later years, when they were grown, many would see him on the streets and tell him how they were and where they went to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward celebrated their 25th Anniversary on November 5, 1963 (see picture) hosted by their children Cynthia and Scott, and their two grandchildren, Scott Westfall, age 16 months, and Sarah Westfall, age 6 months. Scott Westfall was born on April 29, his grandmother Ward's birthday. "June" was a Mason belonging to the Charleston Masonic Lodge and a member of the lodge order of the Sons of American Legion.

Ernest & Dora Ward

Ernest Ward b. 1910 and Dora (Pritchard) b. 1911 were married Dec. 31, 1931. They lived a few years on Colt Ridge before moving below Spencer about three miles on Spring Creek Road. They have two children, James and Barbara listed elsewhere in book.

Ernest and Dora started a dairy, milking by hand. Milk bottles were washed, filled, capped and crated by hand. Dora separated the milk not sold for cream, made butter, buttermilk and cottage cheese. Some to be sold and the rest to be used by the family. Ernest delivered milk morning and evening to many families in Spencer.

Ernest kept all records of sales in his head, knew to the penny what he owed and who owed him. A quart of milk cost fourteen cents. The children helped a lot with this family venture.

Years later, milk was sold by the bulk in five and ten gallon cans. These were picked up daily by truck and delivered to the

Mary Ann and "June" Ward, 25th Anniversary Board. After his retirement from the Library, he served many hours of volunteer work for the Library and also ran the Republican Headquarters at the time Reagan was elected for his first term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward did a lot of traveling, seeing their children several times a year, plus two trips abroad, a Caribbean Cruise and a train trip across Canada, down to Los Angeles and back home by way of Chicago. Dad always said it was the best trip he had ever made, but then he said that after each trip. They spent seven winters in Florida.

Dad died January 22, 1988 and is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, daughter Mrs. Tom Nelson of Three Rivers, Michigan, son Scott Ward of Lanesdale, Pennsylvania, four grandchildren, Scott: Westfall of Three Rivers, Michigan, Sarah Westfall of Northfield, Minnesota, Laura Ward, a Junior at the University of Delaware, and Bryan Dorr, a Senior in High School, Lanesdale, Pennsylvania, and one great grandchild, Andrew Scott Westfall. Submitted by: Scott Ward

J. Arthur and Helen Dorothy Ward
Blossom Dairy in Charleston.

In 1955 the cattle and dairy equipment were sold and farming began. Ernest worked also for about two years at Monarch Rubber before driving school bus for the Roane County Board of Education. He truly enjoyed this work, meeting the children on his regular route and driving many events to take students to band and sports events in neighboring counties.

In 1970, Ernest began working for the W.Va Dept. of Highways, being foreman of a crew, primarily responsible for replacing and repairing bridges and drains. He retired in 1975, but continues farming.

Ernest has been active in Odd Fellows, Woodman of the World, Republican Party, Charter member of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce in Spencer, Lion’s Club, Farm Bureau, served on the Board of Southern States Cooperative, named farmer of the year in the Little Kanawha Region, 4-H activities, a member of the first club in Roane Co., a long time W. Va. All Star.

Music has occupied much of Ernest’s time. He played French horn in the Spencer High School band and played banjo and uke with the “Harmony Boys”, enjoys singing with gospel groups and is active in square dancing around the state.

About 1945, Dora began attending Glenville and Morris Harvey College to become a teacher. She played banjo and uke and belongs to the following Roane County schools: Bissel, Millerville, Willow Bend, Boggs Fork, Little Pigeon, Gandeeville Grade, Spencer Elementary and Tammany. She taught during the winter and took college classes during the summer. Always raising a garden, canning hundreds of quarts of vegetables and fruits and keeping the family and house shipshape. She loved sewing and made numerous articles of clothing for her family, also dresses and uphosterizing furniture. Her needlework in hand sewing, quilting, crochet and knitting are done to perfection.

Dora also joined community groups such as: Eastern Star, Rebecca Lodge and the D.A.R. She led a 4-H Club, taught Sunday school for many years and helps in the church mission.

Ernest and Dora donated land, time, materials, and money to the building of the Gandee Chapel Church where they remain active as of this writing. Submitted by: Barbara L. Owens

WARD

Six Ward brothers came across the ocean from England. Three brothers settled in eastern states, while the other three went farther west, into Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana.

One of these brothers was Seth Ward. His son Issac married Charlotte McCarty and their children were: David, John, Mat, Mack, Serena, Carrie, and twins. Ocie and Viola.

David, of Jackson County, married Lucinda Parks of Wood County on March 24, 1867 at the home of the bride’s parents. Their children were: Thomas Edward, Mary Charlotte, Louie Ann, Alvin, Oscar Clifton, Sylvia, Ethel, and Otie.

David and his family moved to Roane County in 1881 to a 96 acre farm on what is now known as Colt Ridge.

Thomas Edward (Tommy) Ward married Florence Hoff, July 28, 1888. Their children were Elin David, Mary Mae (Brandon) and Freddie. Mrs. Ward died and Tommy later married Addie Hoff. May 1, 1916.

1898. Children were Alma Jane, Trix (Goff), Johnnie Beulah, Kathleen (Bailey), Thelma Pearl (Snodgrass), Thomas (died), Ernest, Arthur, Margaret Elizabeth, and Addie (died).

Tommy specialized in small truck farming raising various vegetables and fruits. For several years, 22 acres of tomatoes were grown, canned, and shipped by railroad from Barr Cut to Parkersburg, contracted to various commission merchants for sale on the open market. This operation employed many men and women in the Colt Run area. For years Tommy also grew tame raspberries, blackberries, and strawberries and developed quite a market for his produce in the Spencer area. He was experimental in the grafting of fruit trees and harvested various apples, peaches, pears, cherries, plums and grapes.

Tommy was active in farm organizations and farming operation. He took part in the formative stages of Farm Bureau in West Virginia. He helped organize a Farmers’ Club in Curtis District in 1917. Later, he assumed the leadership in organizing a club closer to his home, then known as the Barr’s Farmers Community Club. Minutes of this group reveal that this particular club began on June 24, 1918 with Reverend J.D. Day as President, Mr. Ward as secretary and C.L. Smith as treasurer. Benjamin F. Creach, who became animal husbandry specialist of the West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service, was then county agent in Roane County and served as temporary chairman of the organization until it was perfected.

Tommy was especially instrumen
tal, along with other county leaders, in securing the first county agricultural agent for Roane County. Helping to establish the Extension Service in the county, Tommy made sure that the county agents position was continued from year to year. During those pioneer days when such services were uncertain, due to the fact that county courts often failed to provide sufficient funds to make them possible.

Farm Bureau in Roane County is greatly indebted to the early and active leadership of T.E. Ward. He kept a record of a trip to Morgantown during “Farmers Week” in January of 1938. A delegation made the journey from Roane County, including a group of the first farmers to join the new farm organization. Mr. Ward noted that the temperature in Morgantown at the time of his visit was twenty-two degrees below zero.

Making the trip from Roane County were: B.F. Creach - Roane’s first county agent, now Extension husbandman; J.B. “Tubby” Boggess, then Roane superintendent of schools, and later State 4-H Boys Club agent; W.B. Rhodes, local poultryman who was county Boys and Girls Club agent at that time; P.C. Cleavenger; J.A. Boyer; Alex Heresman; and John M. Looney, also Mr. Ward.

From the start, Tommy was deeply interested in Boys and Girls Clubs (4-H Clubs today). Besides taking an active part in the organization of the first clubs in the county, his entire family have become a part of the tradition of involvement in Roane County. All of the Ward children have been 4-H Club members, and all have continued as ardent supporters of the program, with six of them sometimes associated with the program as local volunteer club leaders in various communities.

Two members of the Boys and Girls Club accompanying the Roane County farm members to Morgantown in 1918 were Trix Ward (Goff) and Joe Hoff.

The Ward home was a busy community center for meetings of 4-H Clubs, farmers’ clubs, and farm women’s clubs in addition to serving as a demonstration farm for a great many improved methods of farm production. Submitted by: Margaret Ward and Arthur Ward

Robert J. Weaver

Bob Weaver is founder and Program Director of Touchstones Treatment Center for alcoholism and chemical dependency at East Ohio Regional Hospital in Martins Ferry, Ohio and is currently President of the WV Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. He was formerly associated with Preston Addition Treatment Center at Kingwood, WV (1979-1985), where he helped co-found the first private sector treatment program for addiction. Bob has also conducted weekend conferences and retreats for alcoholics and drug addicts since 1982, in addition to being a consultant and educator in the chemical dependency field.

Weaver was born at Mt. Zion, Calhoun County. On December 11, 1939, son of the late Myrtle McCoy, daughter of John A. and Virginia Riggs McCoy, and Gifford W. Weaver, son of Frank and Emma Burns Weaver. Attending public school in Grantsville, he came to Spencer to assist in placing Spencer’s radio station WSPZ (1961-62) on the air. A licensed preacher, he was associated with the Sinnett Funeral Home (1962-73) and later operated the Weaver Funeral Home in Weston, WV (1975-79). In 1966 he was married to the former Sharon Sinnett, daughter of Clyde and Eloise Edgell Sinnett of Spencer. They have two children, Eric (1967) and Tracey (1970). In 1974 he married Ellen Dianne Starcher, daughter of Gene and Annabelle Hall Starcher of Spencer. They have one son, Jon Ira, born in 1980. Submitted by: Bob Weaver

Weber

My first record of the Webb family find them living in Russell County, Virginia. They were Eliah Webb 12/15/1771-6/10/1827 and Elizabeth Francisco 11/29/1816.

On December 30, 1841 his son John W. Webb 5/19/1816 - (my great great grandfather) married Margaret Ferguson born in 1820, the daughter of David Ferguson and Nancy Peheat. They were married in Russell County and the parents of six
children all were born in Russell County.

In January of 1870 they came with their six children and settled in the Smithfield District of Roane County, West Virginia.

Elijah F. Webb 2/1/1834 - 1893 (my great grandfather) was the second son of John W. and Margaret Ferguson Webb. He married Marion Margaret (Maggie) Spencer 1855 - 1930. She was the youngest of nine children born to William Hamilton Spencer and Minerva Caldwell of Nicholas County, West Virginia.

Elijah and Maggie Webb settled in the Linden/Tariff area of Roane County. They were farmers for a number of years. There were the parents of seven children, all born in the area.

After Elijah's death in 1893 Maggie continued to live in the home. Her oldest daughter Flora Bell and her husband Benjamin Franklin Butler and their two daughters lived with her and her younger children.

Of the seven children of Elijah and Maggie Webb, I have record of five. They are as follows: Flora Bell Webb who married Benjamin Franklin Butler; Lorenzo Dow Webb who married Louise Sargent; Leonarders (Lee) Webb, the youngest, married Nancy Wayne for his first wife and Charity Hamrick for his second. A sister, Myrtle died while still a teenager. My grandfather, Ira Webb married Ethel Lynch 10/27/1866 - 7/30/1933 and married Martha Viiranna Conley 4/28/1890 - 10/27/1935. She was the daughter of Edward Conley and Minnora Butler.

Lynch and Martha Webb married and lived at Minnora, Calhoun County, West Virginia. This was the home of Martha's parents. Here they settled, farmed and had a family of eight children. Their two oldest sons, Edward Calvin Webb and Ronzel Clyde Webb both died in infancy. Dixie Roll Webb (my mother) married Raymond Kenneth Webb. They were the parents of one child. Arlo Othel Webb 4/4/1920 died at the age of nineteen years. Virginia Dare Webb married Donald Lesher of Roane County. They were the parents of twelve children. Hartzel Spencer (Jack) Webb married Hattie Mann of Arnoldsburg, Calhoun County. They were the parents of five children. Hazel Jean Webb 6/17/1927 - 2/7/1955 married Otis Mace of Spencer. Roane County for her first husband. They had no children. He was accidentally killed in a construction accident in 1946. In 1949 she married Franklin David Simmons of Spencer, Roane County. They were the parents of eight children. Floyd Max Webb was married and the father of two children. Submitted by Nora Wilson Minick

WEBB


Milton’s father Elijah Webb 1771-1827 Russell Co. was s-o William “Will” Webb who m. Mary Onley at Augusta Co., Va. Will was educated at Oxford, England and graduated from the University of London and had served as constable of Russell Co., Va.

Milton’s ch: Charles, Nancy Drake, Jane Moore, Nichols, Margaret Nichols, John Wesley, Emily Drake, George W., and “Will” William Milton Webb 1857-1940 who m. Mary Elizabeth Greathouse 1858-1946. She was d-o Samuel and Sudna Tanner Greathouse of Harrison/Roane Co., g-d-o John and Sarah Greathouse and Samuel and Sudna Carpenter, Tanner all of Harrison/Roane Co. This Samuel Tanner was the original settler of “Tanners Crossroads” - Spencer, Roane Co.


Jim’s wife Bettie d-o Jeff and Fannie Childers Ferrell and lived at Chambers Fork. Jim worked for the Dept. of Highways.

James and Betty Doris Ferrell Webb and grand-daughter, Aretta F.

Their three ch: James Brooks Webb who m. Fayte Hught of Wetzol W.Va. and they reside at Otto and have three ch: Aretta Mills of Florida with husband Perry and ch: Aterra and Alyssa; Terry Brooks Webb of Otto; Ria Junkovitch of Charleston with husband Daniel and son Craig.


Maurice Basil Webb who m. 1st Vauda Sams of Wood Co. and has one dau. Rebecca Sturr who resides at Spencer with husband and dau and dau. Carrie Sturr.

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Nicholas Drew Webb

My paternal great-grandparents are: Lawrence and Tessie Theima (Sterchker) Webb and Elith and Arinda Rosa (Moore) Hess of Roane Co.

My maternal great-grandparents are: Hubert Howard and Mae (Coen) Thorne and James Ernest and Dora B. (Smith) Floyer of Clay County. Submitted by Nicholas Drew Webb

ELIJAH WEES

Elijah and Leah (Chenoweth) Wees came to Reedy Creek Valley about 1840, when her brother and sister Susan, with husband, John Stainaker, established farms on its sources. Their marriage in 1855 joined two pioneer families of Randolph County, to contribute experience to development of the new frontiers. Elijah was 'Justice of the Peace' at Three Forks of Reedy, Jackson County, in 1856 when the Governor of Virginia ordered justices within the boundary of the new county of Roane to form its first court and initiate its government.

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Parents of Elijah were John and Mary (Phillips) Wees, and his grandfather was Jacob Wees 1733-1826, a veteran of the French & Indian war (1758), who settled in Randolph County during the time of Indian raids. when they took refuge at Wilson’s Fort. 1777-1791, according to Maxwell’s History of Randolph County. His ancestors were citizens of Germany. Although some descendants have added an extra e to the family name the pronunciation has always been Wees.

Leah’s parents were Robert and Edith (Skidmore) Chenoweth. Both grandparents were Revolutionary soldiers: John Chenoweth, who married Mary Pugh, and Captain John Skidmore 1735-1809, wounded in the Battle of Point Pleasant.

The hospital had a room where the workers gathered for recreation with an upstairs overhead. One night, a young man and a young girl were courting in the recreation room; a girl upstairs was spying on the couple. The girl spying lost her balance and fell down the stairs into the room where the couple were courting. Uncle Mac would tell many of his pranks and laugh until tears would appear in his eyes.

Roanna West Welch, Uncle Mac’s wife from Troy. Lewis County, was a petite woman all her life and when young had hair the color of gold. She was a wonderful cook, coffee and fresh eggs - yes, and the ginger cookies made with sorghum molasses.

Roanna Welch had two brothers who fought in the civil war. One was Granville West, a private, Civil War. Entered at age 21 at Wheeling, WV; and James West, 6th Regiment of W.Va. Infantry at age 19 in Clarksburg. Her mother went west with four small children to the State of Missouri and remained there the rest of her life.

Uncle Mac loved his pipe. He raised and cured his own tobacco. He’d go to bed early at night, sleep well for a while, then get up and sit and smoke his pipe for two and three hours. His favorite pipe was the clay pipe.

Favorite times at grandma and grandpa’s was breakfast, was watching grandma’s long dress hit the back of her shoe heels when she walked; gathering blue grapes off the vines on top of house top, picking up a maiden blush apple off the ground on the way home from school, or just sitting in the front room watching the fire send off its warmth and glow.

Papaw Welch, as we grandchildren called him, used paper lamp lighters for his pipe. These were made by Mammy Welch from the leaves of the Sears Roebuck catalogue by cutting the leaves in narrow strips and rolling them into curly-cue paper lighters. By this method papaw saved the matches.

Uncle Mac’s favorite pastime was playing checkers. He was an excellent checker player and was seldom beaten by another player. Faud Bradley, his grandson, went often to play with Uncle Mac.

But one time Uncle Mac was beaten in playing checkers by a brother-in-law, this stirring up his Irish blood, he broke the checker board on his brother-in-law’s head. He later apologized for this Irish act.

James McDonald Welch was a real God loving Irishman with an Irish smile and a loving Irish heart. Submitted by: Brooks Bradley, Von Bradley and Michael Jones.

WELCH

Welch of Upper Poca.

The first of these was James Welch. One member of the Family spells it Walsh. James Welch and his wife Sally (Cox) Welch from Harrison County settled here in the year 1842. A very young man and wife to whom were born eight sons and five daughters as follows: Sons: John, James, Mac, Washington, William, Franklin, Jefferson, and Patrick. Daughters: Mary Jane who married Thomas Welsh who married Monroe Shamblin, Sally who married John Keiffer, son of Henry Keiffer, no data of the other two daughters.

James McDonald Welch was born May 1, 1853, on Laurel near Looneyville, Roane County. He was the son of James and Sally Cox Welch. His father came from Ireland, crossing the ocean at the early age of fourteen and walked from New York, then called the Netherlands, to Laurel, Roane County.

Uncle Mac as he was commonly called spent most of his life among the hills of Roane County although several years were spent in Lewis County where he was employed at the state hospital in Weston.

He was united in marriage to Miss Roanna West of Troy, Gilmer County, who was also an employee of the hospital.

The Welchs’ had four daughters, three of whom married the three Bradley brothers: Doris Welch, Mrs. B. E. Bradley; Bertha Welch, F. O. Bradley; Katie Welch. Kenna Bradley and Malissa Welch, R. L. Ferrel.

Uncle Mac and wife were members of the Epling Chapel Baptist Church.

James Welch related the following: “I was a youngster about ten years old at the time of the Battle of Spencer and surrender of General Jenkins. In the night of the second day, after the surrender, about thirty paroled Unionists came to our house hungry? Yes! Mother and the girls were preparing supper for all of them. They each wore on their shoulders a piece of black cloth or black calico, wide as my hand, the parole token. Father remarked to them with his broad smile, he was Irish you know. Boys, I expected you to return under the crepe, but it never occurred to me you might be carrying it each for himself and need feeding.

“Uncle Mac”, a young boy of ten years of age, was sent by his father late one evening on horseback, without a saddle, with supplies for soldiers near Laurel, Roane County, on the way a snowstorm appeared and the young boy spent the night on the
J. A. West twins "Berry" and "Buck"
A memorial Service is held each year three miles east of Spencer at the State Church in memory of my father's half-brother, George.

My grandfather helped to build a building in 1871 that is still intact. He also helped to build the first courthouse, which cost $800.00. It burned in 1869. He helped build the one which was taken away to give room for the present building.

My father had a fearful and lonely life and did not get to go to school until he was thirteen years old. He went to terms of three months each and when he was 15 years old he made a second grade certificate. He taught one term at $30.00 per month. Then he made a first grade certificate and taught 55 terms. He died in 1930.

At one time there were four of my brothers and sisters and also my father teaching in the public schools. They taught more than 165 terms. My oldest sister lived to be ninety-two or three years old.

As for myself, I began building houses for residences when I was 16 years old. As of now I have built over three hundred houses and have worked on over two hundred roofing jobs. At one time I had 35 people working for me.

I graduated from Spencer High School in 1925. I was married on January 2, 1927 to Iva Jones, and to us were born two girls, Mary Umstead and Helen Young. They are the finest people I know and they have the finest mother anyone ever had.

Back in 1910, I saw Haley's Comet here in Spencer. Also I remember when the streets were not paved around the courthouse and there was a board sidewalk in front of Mcintosh Hardware and the Family Dollar Store.

My father had the best memory of anyone I ever knew. I may have inherited this trait from him. I can recite over sixty-five poems. Submitted by W. S. west

WESTFALL

Donzel Ray Westfall married Golda Mae Ferrell 05-26-1934, in Roane County. Donzel Westfall was born 12-17-1914, to Walkerr A. Westfall and Roxie Mary Tanner Post. Donzel is one of the many grandparents of Noah Westfall and great-grandson to Andrew Westfall and Mary Hyre. Donzel's other grandparents were George Tanner and Hannah McDonald. Donzel was an auto mechanic in Spencer.

Golda Mae Ferrell was born 07-28-1914, in Roane County to Ronnie Freer Ferrell, Sr. and Hattie Cordelia Harris. Golda was the granddaughter of Lewis J. Ferrell and Mary Ann Holland and Markus Delafayette Harris and Lilly Dove Phillips.

Donzel and Golda had nine children. They are in order of birth: Arden Ray, born 02-27-1935, married Shirley Jackson, they live in Mingo Junction, Ohio. They have seven children: Debbie married Rodney Rusnak, they have one daughter. Arden married Rick Strong they have two sons. Rita married Lonnie Wolfe they have two daughters. Arden married Margie Flesher they have three children. Ivan married Glad Gidget Workman they have one daughter. Peggy married James Henry they have three sons and Donna. Norma, born 10-08-1936, married Robert (Sonny) Harper, they live in Spencer. They have one son, Ronald married Terrie Stahman and have two sons. Robert married Mary Williams Dotson and have married Margaret Saxson they have one son. Chris married Tammy Fairweather, they have two children. Robert is divorced and now remarried and lives in Edgewater, Florida.

Shirley, born 09-10-1939, married Ger- ard Scavone and they live in Spencer. They have three children: Tambra married Mark Booker; Scott; and Lisa married Dale Harris.

Ivan (Bud), born 12-10-1941, married Carol Jean Harold, they live in Mineral Wells and have two daughters: Gina and Carla.

Donna, born 03-02-1943, married Albert Keeton they live in Florida and have two children: Dariene divorced and has two children; and Stephanie

Rita, born 12-08-1946, married 10-07-1961, Sherman Winter, son of Warren Winter and Ilene Rhodes of Ripley (Jackson County), and lives in Crown Point, Indiana. They have two daughters: Angelia, born 03-02-1963, married, 07-19-1984, Eldon Flesher, they live in Mineral Wells. They have three children: Tambra married Mark Booker; Scott; and Lisa married Dale Harris. Donzel passed away 06-27-1948, leaving Golda to raise the children. Golda had strength and courage to raise nine children alone. Golda had to work at the Spencer Manufacturing Company to support her children, and with the help of her family Golda was able to raise nine good decent hard working people. Golda retired from the Spencer Manufacturing Company in 1956. By the time Donzel took over her 04-12-1980, she visited with her children and grandchildren.

In memory and in honor of their parents, the children of Donzel and Golda Westfall every year try to hold a family reunion. Submitted by: Angelia S. Hayes

WESTFALL

The son of a Civil War veteran, Edward Cunningham Westfall transported his family to the bounds of Roane County to meet the demands of a budding career with the Monongahela Power Company (West Penn).

Originally from Gilmer County, Edward Cunningham Westfall, born in May 1917 to Adam Simpson and May Fitzpatrick Westfall, was the older half-brother when his own father succumbed to heart disease and his mother died four months later in childbirth. Upon Ed's eighteenth year, he married Wilma Dotson, born in April 1918, the daughter of Mary Williams Dotson and James E. Dotson of Shirley, Tyler County. The May 9, 1935 wedding ceremony was held in Oak- land, Maryland.

The newly wedded couple lived for a short time in Normantown, where Ed worked as a day worker for Hope Gas, Inc. However, when the opportunity for full-time work was presented, Ed was employed for five years by Pennzoil in Grantsville. During a lay-off of workers, Ed was forced to seek work elsewhere and moved to Parkersburg to permanently work for Monongahela Power.

Parkersburg was not to be the location of the Westfall residence for long; the new employee was transferred to Grantsville and then finally settled in Roane County in November of 1949.

By the time Ed and Wilma had settled a farm on Triplet Road in Spencer, several family members were added. Edward Cunningham Westfall, Jr. was born on October 30, 1937 in Normantown, Gilmer County. The family's only girl, Sandra was born May 4, 1939 in West Union, Doddridge County. Bernard Graves was born in Normantown on July 12, 1941 and the last of four children, James Howard was born in Grantsville, Calhoun County on November 1, 1943.

The Westfall children attended Spencer Grade School, and Spencer High School while Ed continued work with Monongaha- lla Power. For a short time, Wilma worked as a factory worker at Kellwood Co.

On an 88 acre farm, the Westfalls raised cattle. In 1962, the oldest son, Edward brought home the family's first Polled Hereford, and the Westfall sons were so enthralled with the breed of cattle that the Westfalls began selling and managing their farm and cattle under the logo of E. C. Westfall and Son.

Ed and Wilma Westfall brought their family to Roane County in 1949 and have since branched out into their children's family trees. Edward, Jr. married Roane County native, Janet Tyson. They had two children; Jon, Jay Edward was born May 5, 1960 in Parkersburg, Wood County, and Jayne Ann was born three years later, July 12, 1963 in Parkersburg. Edward, Jr. moved back to Roane County after completing studies at West Virginia University and currently holds the position of Prin- cipal at Spencer High School. Ed married second to Doris Moore Miller.

Sandra Sue married Charles E. Tuples of Morgantown and they have one daughter, Karen, who was born April 25, 1970, in Martinsville, Virginia. Sandra lives with her family in Martinsville, Virginia and serves as an operating room supervisor.

Bernard (nicknamed Bunny) married Cynthia Ward of Spencer and they had two children, Bernard Scott, born in Morgan- town, Monongalia County on April 29, 1962; and Sarah Beth: born May 7, 1963.
also in Monongalia County. Bernard's second marriage to Monongalia County native Candace Johnson and produced three off-spring, Lisa Anne, born February 17, 1969; Lora Lynn, born February 17, 1966; and Amanda Marie, born April 4, 1969. All three were born in Parkersburg, Wood County. James lives on his 500-acre farm on Tripplet Road and works for the Department of Human Services as a social worker.

Our first recorded ancestor in America left "The Den Houttuyn," and arrived August 4, 1642, in the part of New Amsterdam, New York, and it is not known whether his parents died in Holland or enroute, or whether he came with relatives. He was only 13 and he was placed in the home of Michael Jansz or Jansen, who had come to America in 1638 and had settled in Rensselaerswick. aboard the "Houttuyn" were Klaas Jensen and Paulus Jensen, who had possibly been related to Michael. In Dutch records "Jurian Van Westvael or Westvael" was later spelled a George Westfall by the English.

John — born 1629 in Prussia, died 1667 N.Y. He was married to Marrejte (Ma­ria) Janse, and they had six children. Junan and Maria who were among the earliest of the settlers of that part of Ulster Co. N.Y. known as Esopus. He was a kingstonian, a member of the Congregational Church in the early settler­

Juni­an married Margaret Eakin, 1852-1932 the daughter of Thomas Miller of New York City. When Win­er) Eakin, they lived most of their lives in Aplin Ridge, Jackson County, where he oc­cupied farming and carpentry work including furniture. He was also a mason. They are buried in the Aplin Church Cemetery, their family consisted of six boys and two girls: Viola 1871, Bally 1872, John 1875, William 1878, Kenna 1879, Lewis 1883, Mina 1885, Amos Brady 1889.

Brady our father was born March 26, 1889 died October 9, 1966, married March 13, 1921 to Edith Ann Stilake: born June 14, 1901. He received his education in the Pleasant Ridge School Jackson County, taught school in Jackson. Roane and Kan­
in the Roane County Courthouse. Dulcie was a homemaker and a school teacher. They are buried at the Mt. Hermon Cemetery at Clintwood.

Emett Dale Westfall, married Josephine (Fields) on 12/27/1938. To them were born five children, Bobby Dale 7/21/1939, Kathryn Ann 7/28/1941, Garnet Louise 1/18/1943, Doris Jean 8/20/1945, Richard Eugene 7/22/1950. Dallas was a farmer and served 20 years as Roane County Assessor. Josephine was a homemaker and worked 14 years at Spencer State Hospital.


Mr. and Mrs. Dale Westfall


WHALEY - PARSONS

Giles Elmer Whaley was born Nov. 8, 1913 in Lawrenceville, Illinois to Charles Franklin and Susan Frances (Bumgardner) Whaley. Maternal grandparents were John W. and Harriet Jane (Martin) Bumgardner. Paternal grandparents were George and Ann (McFadden) Whaley. Giles had a sister, Murie L. born July 20, 1909, who was a teacher at Spencer High School and also in Wood County.

Giles and I, Frances Marion Parsons, were married in Spencer, Va. We have been married April 16, 1913 in Roane County to Loyd and Icie (Coe) Parsons. My maternal grandparents were Henry C. and Flora M. (Skeen) Coe. My paternal grandparents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann (Kee-Carpenter) Parsons.

Giles and I had five children: Icie and Francis, twins, born premature Nov. 7, 1930 and died the same day; Barbara Jean born March 10, 1932 in Roane County and died Sept. 5, 1941 in Wheeling, W.Va.; Carroll Louise was born July 26, 1934 in Roane County and Charles Lloyd was born July 5, 1937 in Clendenin, W.Va.

Carroll Louise Whaley was married June 24, 1956 in Wetzel County to George Robert McManus, who was born Nov. 8, 1928 in Belpre, Ohio to James C. and Ann Berding (Mulligan) McManus. Bob and Carroll have two children: Lisa Susan born April 7, 1958 and James Robert born Oct. 20, 1962, both born in Hamilton County. James Robert was married first to Brenda Lee Johnson and they had a son. James Robert McManus II, who was born July 3, 1980 in Harrison County. James Robert married second to Tammy Jo Bailey.

Charles Lloyd Whaley married Barbara Ann Henhorne, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Smith) Henhorne, and they have three children: Michael Edward was born July 13, 1957 and he was married Feb. 21, 1987 in Beckley, W.Va. to Elaine Mickel; Michelle Ann was born April 15, 1961 in Wetzel County and was married Jan. 17, 1981 to Joseph Rosenbol and Gregory Alan was born July 8, 1963 in Wetzel County, W.Va.

Giles worked for the Hope Natural Gas Company for 38 years. We moved to Wetzel County in 1935. Giles died June 6, 1978 in Glen Haven Memory Gardens in Paden City, W.Va. Submitted by: Mrs. Frances Whaley

Whited

Isaac Anderson (Ike) Whited, son of Ryburn Moses and Rebecca Booth Whited, was born in Athens County, OH 6-26-1865, died 8-25-1955. His parents moved back to Walton area in 1872. In 1894 he married Minnie Viola Joel b. 2-10-1875 d. 4-5-1953, daughter of James and Margaret Ramsey Noel. Both are buried in Whited Cemetery. Walton, Children:

Wilfred Monroe (Frosty) b. 1894 married (1) Oleta Jones b. 1900 d. 1943, daughter of Theodore and Emily Anderson of Waitman and Dora Harmon Jones of Walton. Children: Frosty served in World War I, has 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.


Dale (1924). Etta (1916), Ruth Gail (1920) and Phyllis

The children of Moses Whited were: Mary Jane who married Miles Lowe; Robert N. m. (1) Anna Meadows (2) Rosamund Wright; William Henderson Whited m. Nancy Patrick; James (Matl) married Elizabeth; Francis Clinton married Sarah Jane Lyons; Rhoda m. a Daughter: John T. married Susan Lyons; Isaac P. married Minerva Williams; William F. m. (1) Anna Meadows (2) Rosamund Smyth Co. Va. d. 1859 m. Martha Buchanan; Rhoda Whited m. William Nipper; Nancy Whited m. Henry Surber.

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Nester and Lela sold the Two Runs farm in 1958 and retired in Elizabeth.

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Terry Allen Williams was born on March 31, 1952 in Spencer at DePue Hospital on Market Street. He is the son of Walter "George" Clinton Williams and Helen Guthrie Williams of Peniel. George's parents were Sam Williams of Jackson County and Cora Cline Williams, whose family was from Roane and Jackson Counties. Helen was one of two children of Earl Guthrie and Roane and Jackson Counties and Amy Phillips Guthrie of Roane County. Terry was the sixth born of seven children. The names of the children in the family are: Larry (b. 1940), Harry "Tiny" (b. 1941), Judy (b. 1942), Janet (b. 1944), Carolyn (b. 1948), Terry (b. 1952), and Joyce (b. 1955).

Terry attended schools in Roane County. He began at a one-room school at Peniel in Curtis District. Then he went to Spencer Elementary and Jr. High and Spencer High School, where he graduated in 1969. Then he attended Glenville State College, earning degrees in history and special education. After completing college, he returned to Spencer, where he was employed by the Roane County Board of Education. He taught Special Education at Spencer Elementary - Jr. High School for three years.

In December, 1976, Terry was appointed Mayor of the City of Spencer by the City Council after the preceding Mayor had retired. He has served 13 years at the time this was written. He was re-elected to a four year term in May 1989.

Terry A. and Carol Williams

When Terry was appointed Mayor in 1976, he was the youngest Mayor in the state. He became active in the West Virginia Municipal League and in 1984 was President of the Organization. He has also served 2 years as Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, is now President of the Roane County Economic Development Authority, and sits on many other boards and committees related to the city, county, and state government. He's been active in the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council. He was President of the WV Black Walnut Festival in 1985 and will serve in that capacity again in 1990.

Terry married Carol Ann Kunz of Pitts­burgh, PA on August 7, 1982 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Spencer. Carol teaches the third grade at Spencer Elementary School. She moved here to teach after graduating from Indiana University of PA. She is active in Delta Kappa Gamma Society for women educators serving as its treasurer. She also is involved in church activities and is a Sunday School teacher at St. John's United Methodist Church. Terry and Carol have one daughter.
Jackson, and Calhoun Counties and be­
fore retirement worked for several years in
Elizabeth, bom on February 8, 1985 in
County.

WILLIAMS

Walter Clinton Williams, known by most as “George” was bom March 26, 1907 in
Marshall (Buffalo) Jackson County, WV. His parents were Samuel W. and Cora Cline
Williams. He was one of six children - Okla, Una, George, Ralph (Ted), Betty, and Ruth.
His grandparents were Henderson and Dorcas Rhodes Williams and William O
(Will) and Martha Merritt Cline of Roane and Jackson Counties. Henderson Will­
iams was a Confederate soldier with the Virginia Cavalry. He is buried at the Frozen
Camp Cemetery in Jackson County, WV.

Helen N. Guthrie Williams was born in
Reedy, Roane County, WV October 27, 1920 and was the daughter of Ezra Earl and Amy Phillips Guthrie. Helen’s grand­
parents were Everett Carpenter and Ma­
linda Litton Phillips who lived on the left
fork of Reedy Creek, known as Peniel Road.
Her father’s parents were Henry and Susie
Wade Guthrie who lived near Mt. Zion
Church in Roane County.

George and Helen were married Febru­
ary 20, 1940. They lived at Peniel and had
seven children. In order of their birth were
Larry D. bom 1940, Harry W. “Tiny” bom
1941, Judy A. bom 1942, Janet L. bom
1944, Carolyn S. bom 1948 and died 1949, Terry A. bom 1952, and Joyce M. bom
1955.

WILSON

Grover Cleveland Wilson — bom 20
June 1884. Frame, West Virginia in Ran­
awha County, died 20 July 1955 at his farm
at Welford, in Roane County. He was a
farmer and a licensed Advent Christian
minister. He was a member of the Emlor
Advent Christian Church, Charleston, West Virginia. His parents were William R.
“Billy” Wilson and Frances A. Truman, they were married 8 April 1864. William
“Billy” was the son of Jacob and Rachel
Wilson, he lived near Spencer just before
the Civil War began. “Billy” was a veteran
of the Civil War in the Union Army. Frances
A. was the daughter of John and Sarah A.
Truman. Sarah was the daughter of Samuel Lewis born in the state of Ohio.

George Cleveland married Martha Susan
Jones, 25 December, 1908. at Frame, WV.

They had two children Okey Stanford bom 30
September 1909 d. 24 July 1975, he mar­
rred Lucy U. Carte, daughter of George W.
“Bub” Carte and Sophia Russell Taylor of
Wills Creek, Kanawha County. George
“Bub” was the son of D.D. Cart and
Cynthia Canterbury, grandson of Richard
D. Cart and Mahala Osborne (daughter of
George Osborne and Susannah Fles­
man), Cynthia was the daughter of Thomp­
son Canterbury and Elizabeth Pauley. Sophia R. Taylor was the daughter of
James O. Taylor and Mary Ann Sampson,

WILSON

The first of this family line in what is now
Roane County, were descendants of Walter
Wilson. Walter served in the Union Army
during the Civil War and was taken a pris­
oner of war. He died while a POW in Geor­
gia on June 4, 1865, and his widow “Bessie”
(Cox) Wilson, bom 1879, and two young sons, settled in Roane County near the village of Uler in
Geary District. On September 1, 1870 Julia
Julia (Cox) Wilson married as her husband, Wil­
liam Young Smith, son of John and Fran­
ces Cochran Smith, and she and William made their home on Simmons Run - they
were the parents of six children: John, bom 1871; Melissa, bom 1873; Mary F.,
bom 1875; William C., bom 1877; Floyd, bom 1879, and Thomas F., bom 1881. Jul­
ia was bom March 16, 1859 in then Gilmer,
County, VA (now Ritchie County, WV), the
dughter of Isaac P. and Mary Knicy Cox.

Descendants of the Walter Wilson and Julia
Cox Wilson line:

William. Jack Wilson, son, bom, was bom De­
cember 15, 1860, and was more commonly
known as “Frank”. He married on April 13, 1881 in Roane County to America V.
Dake, daughter of Charles and Sarah
Bishop Drake.

Robert Fimlmore Wilson, son, was bom
April 10, 1863, and he died in 1943 in Roane County. He married in Roane Coun­
ty on December 18, 1883 to Dora Ellen
Tawney, daughter of John Hamilton and
Elizabeth Jane Keen Tawney. Dora was bom
June 19, 1866, and died June 6, 1928. They
made their home at Uler, Geary Dis­
trict, Roane County, and to this union four­
teen children were born: Clida; Clark; Ever­
et; Julia; Hunter; Clara; Buena; Rob­
et; Fannie; Harry; Goff; Cora; and two who
died in infancy.

Descendants of the Robert F. and Dora E.
Tawney Wilson line:

Clida Wilson, daughter (1885-1961),
moved Samuel Witte, (1884-1958), and
they were the parents of six children: Genea­
va, Rose, Emma, John, Robert, and Dar­
rell. Both Clida and Samuel are buried in
the Clark Jarvis Cemetery near Oka in
Calhoun County.

Clark Wilson, son, married first to Dora
King and their children were: Basil, Dennis,
Lowell, Winston, Olive, and Ruth. He mar­
rred second to Lynne Engle, daughter of
Commodore and Sarah Wilcox Engle.
There were no children from the second marriage.

Everett Wilson, son (5/6/1889-6/5/1952), married Mahalia Engle (11/10/1891-11/2/1982) daughter of Commodo and Sara Wilcox Engle. Everett and Mahalia had one daughter, Pauline, who married Dennis Jarvis, son of Arthur and Rebecca Cottrell Jarvis. Pauline and Dennis are the parents of one son, Glen D. Jarvis, who married Rita Gregg and they are the parents of two children, Greg and Glenn.

Julia Wilson, daughter (7/2/1891), married Charles Nester, and they were the parents of seven children: Maysel, Chloe, Roy, Ronald, Charles, Kathleen and Lucille.


Buena Wilson, daughter (2/5/1898), married Robert Kellis Ogden, son of William Wesley and Maggie Cheving Ogden, and their children are: Ruth, Virginia and Olive Opa.

Robert Wilson, son (8/23/1901), married Mayzel Parsons, and had two children, Eugene and Nola.

Fanny Wilson, daughter (11/9/1903), married Timothy Morrison, and they were the parents of one daughter, Sally Ann.

Harry Wilson, son (1/15/1906), married Elia Smith, daughter of French and Virginia Smith, and they had two daughters, Wanda and Pamela.

Goff and Audra Tawney Wilson

Goff Wilson, son (4/17/1907-4/9/1971), on September 12, 1931 at Elana, Roane County, married Nancy Audra Tawney (9/28/1905-5/12/1988), daughter of John Spencer and Leona Jane Ross Tawney. Goff and Audra made their home near the Elana, Uler, and Newton areas of Roane County, and Goff worked in the furnace section of Union Carbide at Alcoy, WV, as well as maintaining a farm. Both Goff and Audra are buried in the Zion Hill Church Cemetery at Elana, WV. Goff and Audra were the parents of the following children: (1) Elwanda Muriel Harold, step-daughter, (b. 3/5/1927) who married Brooks Roy Conley, son of Edward R. and Bessie Hunt Conley. Elwanda and Brooks live at Roane County. They are the parents of five children, Margaret Ann, who married Kim Longellow; Barbara Kay who married Roger McClain; Robert Allen who married Jeannie Woods; Gary Brooks who was killed in a car accident shortly before his 18th birthday; and (2) Robert Robert, Jr. who married Dwight Baxter. (2) Ross Spencer Wilson, son (10/28/1932-1/2/1984), who on June 11, 1956 married Maxine Nicholas, daughter of Simon and Emma Contrill Nicholas. Ross entered the U.S. Army in 1953 and was discharged in 1955. He served as SP 4 in an engineering battalion. Ross and Maxine made their home in Martinsburg, Ohio. Ross enjoyed carpenter work as a hobby and worked for Republic Steel until his death from a heart attack in 1984. Their children were Michael Ross (1/02/1955-5/06/1983) who was killed in a motorcycle accident; Betty Louise (b. 1/22/1961) who married Phillip Spehar; and Janet Lea (b. 8/07/1964). Ross was born at Elana, WV, and died at Canton, OH. He is buried in the Zion Hill Church Cemetery at Elana. (3) Richard Bruce Wilson, son (10/08/1935), married in Roane County on June 11, 1961. Clara Marie Boggs, daughter of Nathan and Mattie West Boggs. Richard and Marie live in Canton, Ohio, have one adopted son, Timothy Wayne (b. 5/13/1966). Richard served as SP 4 in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army from December 4, 1957 to December 3, 1959. He worked as a steel worker and was also self employed making and delivering pallets for use in other steel mills until the plant where he worked closed. He is currently he works as an armored car driver. (4) Betty Lou Wilson, daughter (b. 8/16/1947), on December 22, 1966, married Richard Greathouse (b. 2/11/1947), son of Raymond and Elsie Jett Greathouse. Richard Greathouse was in the U.S. Army for four years from April, 1964 until April, 1966, and did a tour of duty in Germany. Upon his honorable discharge, Betty Lou and Richard returned to the Uler, WV area, and Richard worked at Monarch Rubber, Spencer, WV for about eight years; then for Norris Industries when they opened the new plant in Spencer, working there for about fourteen years before the plant closed down. He is now employed at Columbia Gas in St. Albans, WV. Betty Lou and Richard continue to live near Uler, and are the parents of two sons, Gregory Lee (b. 12/27/1967), who married Sandra Beasley, and Eric Todd (b. 12/16/1976).

Cora Wilson, daughter (b. 11/4/1908), first married Porter Siers and they were the parents of Margaret, Ren, Clyde and Dennis. Clyde Siers never married and makes his home with his mother and step-father. Dennis Siers was killed in a car wreck when he was 21 years old, and is buried at Walkersville. After the death of Porter, Cora married Patrick Henry Fox, son of French and Virginia Smith, and they were the parents of four children: James W. Jr., Jeffery Scott, and one daughter, Jamie, and (3) Lee Glen Fox who died when he was two years old. He is also buried at Walkersville. Cora and Patrick currently make their home in Jane Lew., WV. Submitted by: Betty Lou (Wilson) Greathouse, Richard Bruce Wilsom, and Cora (Wilson) Fox.

WILSON

William R. Wilson, born 1810, in Monongalia County, and died (3-1863) in Roane County, was married, 12-21-1851 in Lewis County, to Elizabeth Wolfe. Born 1815, daughter of James Robert and Frances (Fannie) (Beath) Wolfe. William and Elizabeth came to upper Spring Creek in 1854, William served thirty seven months in the Civil War. He was in Company G, 9th W Va. Volunteer Infantry and was wounded in hand. He married Sarah Jane Beasley and Richard Bruce Wilson, son (b. 10/27/1893), married second, 4-4-1879, Sarah Jane Beasley. Rachel Virginia married, 2-24-1859, Washington Cox.

Ellen J. born 1847, no record after three years old.

Albinus (Bine) (b. 8-17-1871), marriage first, 8-17-1871, Charles Chidester, he was a widower and married second, 4-4-1879, Sarah Carpenter.

Sylvester (9-15-1851 - 9-4-1911), married 11-8-1872, Sarah Ellen Conley (2-14-1855 - 10-26-1936), daughter of Jeremia and Deliah (Davis) Conley.

Sylvester and Sarah Ellen (Conley) Wilson and family

Sylvester and Sarah were the parents of the following ten children, with their spouses and seven grandchildren.


Lora Minnie (6-14-1876 - 8-13-1901) married, 12-25-1895, Edward Wright. Parents of one daughter, Ethen Wright Pikens.

Martha Craig (10-4-1877 - 11-24-1955) married, 6-16-1901, Lissie Leon Wolfle (7-17-1883 - 9-8-1950), to them were born two daughters and four sons: Opal Della (Wilson) Tomlinson (2-7-1902 - 7-5-1955), Donald Oral Wilson (12-8-1903 - 11-30-1929), Homer Glen Wilson (5-22-1906), Army veteran World War II, Virgil Ben Wilson (10-25-1908); and Vernon Carl Wilson...
Philadelphia, PA. They had 10 children: John, Mary, Rachel, Sarah, Emma, and others. John was born in Prussia, Germany December 1806. He died February 8, 1889 at the age of 83. He was a very important figure in the history of the area.

Many of their children were involved in the Civil War. For example, Edward Witte was a private in Clarks Battalion Sharpshooters. He served in the war and was described in 1862 as being tall and having a light complexion with gray hair. He was absent many times during the war.

The Witte family were the Givins, Smiths, Board, Carpenter, and Miller. They settled on the original John Flesher farm and made improvements. Sally was daughter of Charles and Virginia (Jane) Stewart - her cousin. Charles had a mill near the mouth of Reedy Creek and he died in 1838.

Richard and Nancy were parents of seven children: Charles, Susannah, Maria (Mariah), Mary Ann, Dorothea, William, and James. Richard was born in 1827 and married Nancy Miller 24 November 1848 in Jackson County. She was daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Carpenter) Miller and born in 1825. Nancy and Richard were my great great grandparents.


of his Senior Class, a member of the National Honor Society, and played football and basketball. He served in World War II and then worked as an automobile mechanic in Spencer for 40 years. He married Virginia Ruth Starcher, daughter of Guy and Anna Starcher, and they had three children: Beverly, Linda, and James Conrad. Submitted by Linda Bannor and Beverly Bates.

WOLFE

John Hugh Wolfe (10-22-1889 - 4-14-1963) son of Jonathan Toby and Indiana (Cutright) Wolfe and grandson of Jacob M. and Melissa Jane (Tanner) Wolfe. John married 11-11-1911, Dora Mae Wilson (10-24-1891 - 9-12-1982) daughter of Sylvester (lil-ves) Wilson and family went to Akron, Ohio. Sylvester went to work at "Home Plate" Restaurant, on Main Street. John, Dora, three daughters and two sons moved to Akron, 1929 - 1930. Only to have depression hit and everyone moved home to Roane County, W.Va. In 1933, Sylvester got John and Dora's two sons, Gordon and Milton, jobs peeling potatoes at restaurant. The two boys then became waiters. The boys were so good at their job the manager said they could remember more orders and wait on more people than he could forget. The two boys got their first apartment above Stone's Bar and Grille for $10.00 a month, including utilities, and sent for their parents.

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than H. killed the last elk in Roane County,
and was a farmer. He was the son of Jacob
and Anna (Straley) Wolfe. Jonathan H. and
Bridget's son, Jacob M. Wolfe, (b. 6-1832),
married 1-10-1853, Melissa Jane Tanner,
(8-1833 - 4-22-1913). Melissa is the daughter of William Tanner and granddaughter
of Samuel Tanner, and she was known as
Granny Jane. She died with old age and
buried in Wilson Cemetery, Lick Fork,
Roane County. Jacob M. and Melissa had
one son, Jonathan Tobie Wolfe (10-211853 - 5-13-1910), death was accidental
gunshot wound and he is buried in Wilson
Cemetery, Roane County. Jonathan Tobie
married 6-3-1878, Indiana Cutright (1863
- 8-30-1915), and her death was due to
complications after gall stone surgery, and
she is buried in Carpenter Cemetery,
Roane County. Indiana is the daughter of
Elmore and Nancy (Wolfe) Cutright, and
they came to Roane County from Upshur
County.

J a c o b M. a n d Mellisa J a n e ( T a n n e r ) Wolfe

Tobie and Indiana were the parents of
the following six Children, with their
spouses: Goldie G. Wolfe (1879-1898)
married 4-22-1898, James Neville Roberts
(1877-1955), son of Daniel and Margaret
(Board) Roberts. A horse threw Goldie and
her foot caught in the stirrup and the horse
dragged her. She died a few weeks later
and is buried in Roberts Cemetery, Stover
Fork, Roane County.
Clen C. Wolfe (1-14-1881 - 10-7-1957)
married 2-24-1901, Letha Harriett (Sallie)
Jones, (9-24-1882 - 8-5-1970) daughter of
Granville and Sarah Jane (Settle) Jones.
Clen died with cancer and buried in Eventide Cemetery, Roane County.
Lissie Leona Wolfe, (7-17-1883 - 9-81950) married 6-16-1901, Neville Craig
Wilson, (10-4-1877 - 11-24-1953) son of
Sylvester and Sarah Ellen (Conley) Wilson.
Lissie died with cancer and buried in Wilson Cemetery, Roane County.
J.T. (Ale) Wolfe, (1885 - 1904), died
with tuberculosis and buried in Wilson
Cemetery.
J. Everett Wolfe, (1887 - 1909), died
with tuberculosis and buried in Wilson
Cemetery.
John Hugh Wolfe, (10-22-1889 - 4-141968) married 11-11-1911, Dora Mae Wilson (10-14-1891 - 9-12-1982) daughter of
Sylvester (lil-ves) and Margaret Ann
(Marks) Wilson. John died with heart attack and buried in Grandview Memorial
Park Cemetery, Kent, Ohio.
Clen's four children, spouses, and seven
grandchildren; (1) Doris Ona Wolfe, (925-1901 - 7-14-1973) married, Leonard
(Speck) Snyder, (1-25-1903 - 3-27-1972).
To them were bom two daughters and one
son; Maggie, Lee, and Ed Snyder,- (2) Mable
Wolfe, (9-13-1903 - 7-7-1976) married first
1924, Gilas (Bud) Tomlinson, (10-12-1905

Wolfe f a m i l y

- 6-17-1960). To them was born one son;
James Tomlinson (6-25-1925 - 7-31-1959).
Mable married second, Charles Robinson;
(3) Harlen F. Wolfe, (12-16-1906 - 8-171925); (4) Beulah Mae Wolfe, (11-8-1908 8-20-1982) married first 9-1-1928, Hicel
Conley, (5-7-1906 - 3-7-1983), to them
were bom one daughter and two sons,- Ella
Madelyn (Midge) (Conley) Perkins (8-171929 - 6-20-1983), Richard C. Conley (9-41933), Robert Bruce Conley (10-21-1936);
Beulah married second, Addy Jones.
Lissie's five children, spouses, five
grandchildren, spouses, and twelve great
grandchildren: (1) Opal Delia Wilson (2-71902-7-3-1955), married John Tomlinson,
Sr. (10-26-1907 - 6-8-1968), to them were
bom one son and one daughter,- John
Tomlinson, Jr. (3-28-1932) veteran Korean
War, married first 1954, Jean Hoicomb, to
them were born two sons; Michael Tomlinson (6-25-1955), Denver Tomlinson (3-191957), John Jr. married second 1973,
Juanita Banks, to them were born one son
and one daughter; James Tomlinson (119-1974), Sara Tomlinson (7-8-1978); Marie Tomlinson (8-6-1940) married 1960,
Maynard Suttle (10-14-1941), to them were
born one daughter and one son,- Lenore
(Suttle) Baum (1-6-1961), Tom Suttle (5-51962); (2) Donald Oral Wilson (12-24-1903
D. (Larry) Hinkle (4-21-1942), to them were
born two sons, Laurance D. Hinkle II (7-211965), Lendon A. Hinkle (7-1-1968); (4) Virgil Ben Wilson (10-25-1908) married 1930,
Minnie P. Smith (3-3-1910), to them were
bom one daughter and one son, Madge
Marie Wilson (9-22-1930) married 7-111947, James Ralph Miller (12-7-1928), to
them were born two sons and one daughter, Maurice Micheal Miller (9-7-1950) retired from Navy, twenty year career, David
Patrick Miller (7-2-1954), Julia Ann (Miller)
Parsons (9-1-1964); Maurice Lee Wilson
(10-5-1933), married 8-27-1955, Barbara
Sarrett (8-10-1934), to them was bom one
son, Scott Wilson (10-5-1958); (5) Vemon
Carl Wilson (9-25-1917 - 6-3-1976) Army
veteran, World War II.
John's five children, spouses, and nineteen grandchildren: (1) William Gordon
Wolfe, (7-17-1912 - 7-25-1972), married 21935, Jewel Lollar (10-22-1908 - 5-4-1966),
to them were bom two daughters; Dora
Sue (Susan) (Wolfe) Sharpless (6-6-1936)
and Patricia Diana (Wolfe) Catanich (8-141944); (2) Milton Albinus Wolfe married
1937, Pauline Emerick (2-25-1913 - 2-121983), to them were born six sons, Russell
Hugh (5-5-1938), Milton Mitchel (6-101940), Richard Earl (7-24-1942), Thomas

Eugene (5-27-1947), John Paul (7-6-1948),
Phillip Lee (6-27-1950); (3) Margaret Wolfe
(10-21-1915), married 3-9-1934, Hiram Jeffery (7-18-1908 - 4-2-1987), to them were
born three daughters and one son, Dora
Rose (Jeffery) pittman (2-17-1935), Linda
Carol (Jeffery) Thomas (5-10-1939), Diana
(Dee-Dee) (Jeffery) Redfem (9-17-1952),
and Randy Jeffery (10-31-1953); (4) Naomi
Wolfe (2-21-1919), married 2-15-1938,
Lonnie Duff (1-8-1907), to them were born
two daughters and three sons, Dennis
Keith Duff (7-11-1940), Phyllis Ann (Duff)
Witner (10-4-1941), Judith Lee Duff (8-41943 - 7-17-1967), Gary Earl Duff (12-81945), Lonnie Darrell Duff (11-14-1947);
(5) lva Lee Wolfe (8-9-1928) married 1-311946, Winfred Wallbrown (9-30-1900 - 421-1973), to them were born one daughter
and one son, Janice Lee (Wallbrown) Crow
(9-26-1946), and Dale Wallbrown (5-101 9 5 4 ) . Submitted by: Virgil B. Wilson, Homer C.
Wilson, and Loretta Ann Hinkle

WOLFE
In recorded history, in early 1812, Jonathan Wolfe (Wolf), born circa 1789, son of
Jacob and Anna Straley Wolf, with his wife
Bridget Runnion (Runyan), and Samuel
Tanner, his wife and child, left Randolph
County, Va., to take up residence in Pt.
Pleasant on the Ohio, the two families,
however, remained in the area of Spencer
and lived in a rock shelter on the present
High School grounds. Jonathan and Bridget, married 13 October 1812, Harrison
County, were parents of Mary King Wolfe,
bom about 1813.
Mary Wolfe married William Reynolds
(Runnels) 7 Feb 1832, Jackson County,
Virginia. Their children were Reuben; Bridget; Jonathan; Jane; Elizabeth; Jacob; William and Randolph. Jane Reynolds, born
4 July 1839, died 4 May 1905, married Basil B. Wright, born 28 November 1833,
Jackson Co. VA. died 6 December 1922.
Basil (Bazzel) was the son of James Wright,
bom 1808, Monroe County, VA. and Jemima Mace, born about 1809 in Virginia.
Basil and Jane were parents of Jonathan
Wesley; General Lafayette married Molly E.
Duskey; Amanda Annabelle married Millard F. Sutphin; Rosetta married Thomas
Hugh Williams; Delmire Preston (twin)
married Cornelia Watson,- Jacob Harrison
(twin) married Emma Tanner; James Madison Basil, said to have been murdered in
Texas; Ada Ludzilia,- Eva Etta married Willis Walker.
My grandparents, Rosetta, born 9 Sept
1871, died 22 March 1965, age 94, married
26 March 1892, and Thomas Hugh Williams bom 29 June 1869, Braxton County,
died 23 August 1952, age 83, are buried in
Wright Cemetery, Calhoun County. Thomas was son of James J. Williams and Sarah Bragg, who moved their family to Calhoun County about 1869, where James
Williams built and operated a tannery.
Thomas and Rosetta's children were
Margie Jane, bom 11 Feb 1893 married
Ray Blosser; James Marion Basil born 11
Feb 1895, never married; Herbert Doil born
10 October 1902 married lla Langford;
Pansy Willobe born 19 July 1907 married
Lawrence Brown; Genevieve married
Etter; Myrtle Madeline born 12 Oct 1910,
married Monroe Martyn; Naoma born
1897, died 1913.
Herbert and lla, born October 1907,
daughter of Marcus Seymore and Lucy
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Dawson Langford, have lived in Roane County most of their lives, except for three years in California 1927-30. Their three children were all born in Roane County. Margie Isabell born 3 June 1924; Mildred Doyle born 9 December 1925; Thomas Dale born 12-18-1927.

Margie married Paul Smith Evans, lives in Arnoldsville, Calhoun County. Their children are Sherry Dale (Fowler); Sharman Glee (Matthew); Timothy Paul. They have eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mildred married William Ray Pritchard, son of Ira and Jessie Bradley Pritchard, lives in St. Louis, MO. Their children are, Jana Rae, married Paul Kenneth Rham; Jody Kay married Richard J. Stough; and James Reid. Grandchildren are Stephen Bradley, Brian David and Timothy Paul Rham and Carrie Jo Stough.

Thomas Dale married Luana Ellison, they live in Spencer, and have one daughter Shannon Dale. Tom has a daughter Stacey Lea from a prior marriage. Submitted by: Mildred Williams Pritchard.

WOLFE

My great grandfather, Nicholas Alkire bought 1000 acres of land in Jackson Co. now Roane Co. about 1840 for $1.00 per acre, four miles south of Spencer, on Lick Fork. He gave 500 acres to his grandfather Joseph Beath Wolfe, and Elizabeth Alkire Wolfe. The other 500 acres, he gave to Christian F. Holswade and Martha Alkire Holswade.

My Grandfather and Mother settled on this land in 1842, erected a cabin, cleaned the land and started to farm. At one time he had 1000 choice trees for $1.00 each. One was a poplar with six twelve foot logs that cut 10,000 feet of lumber. As a small boy I remember the stump of this tree. They had only a fire place to cook on, a dutch oven to bake in, it was made in Wheeling, Va. Here they raised a family of three boys and six girls. Joseph Beath was b. 1-20-1819 d. 11-9-1896 son of James Robert Wolfe and Frances Beath Wolfe on 3-13-1842 married Elizabeth Alkire b. 9-30-1821 d. 1910. She was a great granddaughter of Jesse Hughes, a great frontier scout and Indian fighter, and what I have read about him, he could hold his own with the Indians.


My father spent his entire life on this farm now containing 385 acres. Three pieces of land were sold, raising his family as following:


Marie and I were married at Lone Willow, WV by Rev. B. H. Hughes. 4-10-1925. His wife Flora Daniels being my oldest first cousin. We farmed the first year. Dad knew we were leaving and got mad and told me that I would never amount to a damn. All I would ever do was punch a time clock and bring the check home and give it to my wife. I could not see any future in farming, and I believe I was right.

I was employed at Spencer for six years at Guyan Creamery, four years as Constable, four years at Magistrate of Spencer District and a short time as City Police. Early in 1941 moved to Moundsville and was employed at W. Penitentiary for seven years. Two years of which I was in charge of an armed road camp at Gipsy, building roads in Harrison Co. Near the end of 1947 moved to St. Marys, WV and was employed at American Cyanamid Co. with plant protection, over 21 years, retiring in 1969.

Here was where I would punch a time card. After retiring was elected magistrate of Pleasants Co. under the new system in 1976 serving four years.

Have been a member of Moriah Lodge No. 38 A.F. and A.M. 59 years. Jackson Chapter No. 48 R.A.M. at Ravenswood. Life member American Rifleman. My hobbies are hunting, fishing, and wood working.

Marie Rider Wolfe was b. in Calhoun Co. Feb. 22, 1906, the daughter of George W. and Mahala Ellison Rider; grew up on a farm that her mother inherited from her father Lewis W. Ellison, who was a Union soldier, who died while in service. Marie is a member St. Marys United Methodist Church. Women's Society Faith Circle. Pemberton Garden Club. Eastern Star and life member West Virginia Garden Club. Submitted by: Dennie and Marie Wolfe.

URIAH EDGAR WOODDELL

Uriah Edgar Wooddell born April 3, 1923 was one of twelve children born to Edgardo Bond and Geneva Sharp Wooddell. Two sisters died at a young and tender age, five of the original twelve are still living. The family lived on Jerico Road, Marlinton, WV. Uriah enlisted in the US Navy in World War II and served in the North African Campaign, Italy, France and D Day operation. When he was discharged he had received five battle stars. he was not wounded. After the peace treaty was signed, he served his remaining time in the South Pacific.

On August 25, 1946 he married Melda Ruth Carper of Amma. To this union were born three children, Daniel Lee. Septem-

Daniel enlisted in the US Navy after two years school at Glensville, married Mary Fallon of Holyoke, Mass. They have three children: Daniel Patrick Oct 9, 1971. Kara Ann July 30, 1975 and John Michael April 26, 1978. Dan is employed by Gilbert Associates of Reading, Pa. At the present time he is working on the Savannah River Project and resides in Augusta, Georgia. He was working for Metropolitan Edison Electric Company when Three Mile Island had the explosion. He worked day and night on clean-up.

Thomas Edgar married Carolyn Short after completing his schooling at Nashville Auto Diesel School, Nashville, Tenn. They have one daughter Melissa June Wooddell born November 20, 1973. He is currently employed by M & H Concrete Structures in the building of bridges.

Melissa married William Chester Skinner in July of 1989. Lois Jean married Howard Camile Marnak December 18, 1982 and has one daughter Tracy Shannon born May 8, 1984. Lois completed her studies and has a degree from WVU in Forestry.
and is currently employed by the Federal Government in the Forestry Service in Marlinton, WV.

The five Wooddell siblings still living are Arch Wooddell and Marjorie Dumire of Marlinton, Betty Matheny and Oleta Banks of Green-bank, Porter Wooddell of Frost. Alice and Ada were responsible for keeping the family together.

The family was so large and they had so many over-night guests that I have seen Alice make pumpkin pies in a dish-pan. I will always remember the biscuits and plum preserves and cured ham that was served at breakfast, all cooked over a wood stove. We never ate until Uncle John or Daddy Wooddell offered thanks. There were so many that we were always in a "par-

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Clark married Effie Lee Moore April 2, 1903. She was the daughter of Peter B. and Susan Tennant Moore. Susan was the daughter of Solomon and Cassandra Ingraham Tennant and Peter was the son of Friscilla (Tennant) and Daniel Moore whose lines go back to Richard Tennant, Sr. who came to the Colonies in 1774 to escape army service which would probably have sent him to the Colonies to fight in the Revolutionary War on the side of the British. His many descendants make up another story.

In 1890 John joined the Union Army and was stationed in Missouri. After leaving the service he returned to Roane County and settled on a farm. He married the former Susan Tennant Moore and they had three children: Ellis, David and Martha. Ellis went to Ripley High School, and later served in the army. David worked on farms and is currently employed by the Federal Government in the Forestry Service in Marlinton, WV.

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While on the farm Clark and Effie became parents of Clyde, Bessie, and Eula. They moved to Reedy in 1909 to become part of the Reddy Mills with a Mr. Rush and others. Eventually Clark became sole owner of the Mills and remained so until his death in 1938. Born to them in Reedy were Carl, Lelia, and Lee. The Mills were a source of animal feed, flour, and stone ground meal which was known beyond Roane County. Clark also dealt in coal and fertilizer. For years he was the local agent for P. S. Rosyster Fertilizer of Baltimore. Outside his business he was an ardent Republican and member of the Reedy Baptist Church where he had numerous responsibilities.

Their children moved from the county in time. Clyde, married to Nellie Sheppard, went to Ripley where he served in important capacities with the First National Bank until his death in 1980. Bessie for forty years was secretary for Ohio River Salt and Zuphan Lumber in Mason, West Virginia. She now lives in Ravenswood with Lela. Eula married J. Woodrow Grogg of Gilmer County. She lives near Atlanta. Carl, married to Wilma Richards, worked for American Viscose and Metromet until his retirement. He died in 1981. Lela taught in high school in Monongalia County.

The three Wright Sisters married and remodeled in the Reedy area and until their deaths. Martha married Bailey Fore who worked for the B & O R.R. They were the parents of six children. Mary married Holly Moss who farmed; they had five children. Sarah married Ed Wetten; they had two children. Later she married Thomas Wright who was a school teacher. Elzie married Nettie Wyatt and Louie married Alvin Wetten and farmed in the Stony Point area. Neither of them had children. Submitted by: Susan Gregg Cone and Lela Susan Wright

WRIGHT

In the late 1800's, lured by the promise of cheap farming land, Richard Wright, his third wife, Susanna Ammons, and three of his sons, moved from the Blackburn, WV and Mount Morris, PA area to Reedy, Roane County.

Richard's father, Jerry Wright (1788), was the son of Nathan and Eleanor Little Wright, married August 13, 1797. Theirs is the first marriage of record in the Monongalia Co. Courthouse in Morgantown, WV. Other known children were Henry, Nathan, and David (1809).

Jerry and Peggy Wright were parents of Abe, Richard, Sarah and Minerva.

David married Susan Statler, whose grandfather, Jacob Statler, a pioneer settler, was killed by Indians near Statler's Fort, July, 1778. Two of David's sons served in the Civil War: George, in the WV Infantry and John, in WV Cavalry.

Richard and Olive, had two children, a boy that died at birth and William Henry (1858-1922), who married Mary Delphia Tennant. Richard's second wife was Minerva Wright, a cousin. Their five children were: Washington irwin (1862-1920), wife Sarah Louisa Phillips (1868-1944); Mary Elizabeth Wright (1865-1899), husband Joseph Stull; John Calvin 1867-1947, first wife, Sarah Olive Conner, second wife, Nancy Jane Gump. Jeremiah Ellsworth (Will) (1870-1919), wife, Vernilla Irene Rush. Lewis Leasure (1872-1955), first wife, Armada Belle Phillips, second wife, Emma Caroline Houchin. The third wife of Richard had one son, Francis Marion (1874-1905), who married Luella Wyatt.

Irvin. Witt and Marion moved to Roane County with their father with Lewis following later.

Lewis Leasure Wright and his first wife, Almeda Phillips, who was a sister of his brother John's wife. Sarah, were parents of three children: Ira Lloyd Wright (1885-1979), wife, Effie Glen Howard, a son, Howard Lloyd Wright; Nancy Hazel Wright (1900-1976), husband, Charles Rosco Smith, a daughter, Edna Violet Smith, husband, Thomas D. Wheelock, Richard Clovis Wright (1901-1958) married Bernice Headley and had seven children.

Lewis and Irvin and their families lived on adjoining farms in Roane County and were very close. The children being double first cousins and matched as to ages and sex.

Hazel and Charles Smith lived in Roane County, in Spencer, for several years. Ira was in the Diplomatic Service and retired in Arlington, VA. Clovis and family moved to Waynesburg, PA, where his widow still resides.

Washington Irvin and Sarah Louise (Lydia) Phillips Wright and family

Washington Irvin and Sarah Louise Phillips Wright were parents of three children: Jesse Clarence Wright (1889-1961), married Etta Ora Morehead of Palestine, WV, resided in Falmont and Charleston, WV; their children: Mildred Estella Wright (1915), husband Ross R. Talbott (d.1989), residence was Long Beach Mississippi; Audra Pearl Wright (1919-1998), husband William J. Duffe (d.), Resided Arizona; Wanda Lee Wright (1926), husband, Joseph C. Corley, residence, Long Beach, Mississippi. Lewis Rosco Wright (1893-1958) mar-

Tom and Lois Wooddell
The Wrights had 4 children.

**Rector Camdon and Rosa E. Wright Hively, 1970 — 50th Anniversary**

In 1945 the Hively's moved back to Ohio until their retirement in 1958, when they returned to Roane County and lived on Triplett Road until Camdon's death in 1974. Rosa still maintains her home there.

Of Rosa's four children, only the eldest, Moselle O'Brien lives in Roane County.

Robert Lee Hively (Jan. 9, 1926) married Norma Jean Bagwell, daughter of Clarence and Margaret Bruce Riffle, Feb. 18, 1949; and Beatrice Marie, November 1, 1956. Their two daughters are: Patricia Rose (1949) graduated from WV State College, married Wendell W. Drake and they have two sons, Bruce of Raleigh, NC and Jeffrey of St. Albans, WV. Wilma Jean (1946) graduated from Morehead State University in Kentucky, is married to Daniel R. Jones and they live in Celina, Ohio. They also have one son, Daniel S. (Beau) Jones (Feb. 1965).


**WRIGHT**

William Clark Wright, son of Lonnie & Virginia Lowe Wright, was born at Rush Creek, Roane County on January 10, 1926. He attended school at Stringtown, Walton High and WV Institute of Technology at Montgomery, W. Va. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during WWII. After his discharge from the Navy, he worked at B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio before returning to Spencer to become an auto mechanic. For the next 30 years he worked at various garages in Spencer and received many service awards from Chrysler Corporation.

September 26, 1946, William (Bill) married Dollie M. Boggs, daughter of Clarence & Elsie Boggs of Loonevley. The Wrights were active in Church, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

In 1979 Bill left garage work to become an instructor of Auto-Diesel Mechanics at the Arch A. Moore Adult and Technical Center in Jackson County. During his years of service there he has received Certificates of Award from Chrysler Corporation, MAPA Echlin, Ohio Diesel Technical Institute of Cleveland, Ohio and Northwestern Business College Technical Center of Lima, Ohio.

Samuel Wright, son of Robert and Mary Wright (1921), married Lucille Jones (Feb. 1985). The Wrights had 4 children.

Larry Brooks, September 29, 1947, attended Spencer Elementary & High School, WV Institute of Technology of Montgomery, W. Va. Before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1966. In the past 23 years Major Wright has served overseas in Pakistan, Germany, and Japan. He received his engineering degree from Oklahoma State University and a degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin. He is now serving at the Baltimore International Airport in Baltimore, Maryland and lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

September 30, 1966 Larry married Sheila Lynn Greathouse. June 6, 1944, the daughter of Herman & Wilda Parsons Greathouse. They have one daughter, Tonya Lynn, May 2, 1970. Tonya is a student at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia where she will major in Veterinary Science.

For several years Lynn & Tonya have volunteered for the National Audubon Society and National Zoo in Washington, D.C. In 1986 Lynn received a certificate of achievement from the Audubon Society. They have their State and National Wildlife Rehabilitators Permits to care for small wild life.


Robert Wayne, January 30, 1950, attended Spencer Elementary and High School, Louisville Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky. For several years “Bud” has been associated with State Electric & Supply Parkersburg, W. Va. in charge of shipping & receiving.

On November 15, 1969, Robert married Sandra Kay Snodgrass, September 3, 1948, daughter of Bill & Clarice Ashley Snodgrass. They have one son, Jason Matthew, who attends Parkersburg High School.

“Bud”, Sandie & Jason are active in church and community activities.


My parents, Axel Lewis Wyatt (1895-1974) and Harrie Belle (Rollins) Wyatt (1896-1981) were born in the Reedy area of Roane County, but moved to Akron, Summit County, Ohio soon after they married September 18, 1917.


Azel Lewis Wyatt was the son of Lewis Howard Wyatt (1868-1896) and Mary Eliza-
beth (Rader) Wyatt (1870-1952), married at Reddy June 28, 1892; the grandson of William Warren Wyatt (1845-1917) and Elizabeth Emma (Farmer) Wyatt (1846-1913), married Roane County August 6, 1867; the great grandson of Samuel Wyatt (1815-1866) and Louisa (Butcher) Wyatt (1820-1853), well-known Reedy residents, married at Greenbrier County March 9, 1862. The Rader family moved to Braxton County in an early day and are listed in the 1830 Census. Nicholas County, with ten children: some of their children went to Illinois. The 1790 Tax List, Greenbrier County, covered all the present counties of West Virginia south of the Little Kanawha River, including Kanawha County which had only recently been formed. In Kanawha County, the name of Wyatt was represented as having lived in Greenbrier County in 1790.

JOHN TOUCHER WYATT

John Wyatt ('Major') came to Braxton County Virginia from Greenbrier County. Around the year 1790. Land grants issued in 1820 showed 912 acres belonging to 'Major' Wyatt in Greenbrier County.

Samuel Wyatt, (1815-1866) son of John Wyatt married Louise Butcher (1820-1893) in Braxton County June 22, 1857. They settled on land on the mouth of Hays Fork. They built a water grist mill, a saw mill with steam power and a hand bolt. After the war of sessions, they made the little town complete. The surrounding area began to prosper and a new schoolhouse, church, store, blacksmith shop and post office named "Linden" made the little town complete.

There was a one armed school teacher in Roane Co. around this time named Brodus Linden. Perhaps this is how the town got its name.

Johnathan Young came to Roane Co. from Pa. and settled at Hays Fork. He was born in 1802 and came here with his brother Uriah. Strader Young and his brother Uriah. He was the father of the first community center there and a large land holder near the mouth of Hays Fork. He built a water grist mill, with a turbine wheel, French burrs and a hand bolt. After the War of Sessions, he added a saw mill with steam power and a circular saw.

The war veteran of this history, Elizabeth Frances ('Poucher') Natzke, served in the WAAC/AAF, served in the WAAC/WAC in World War II. She was the first woman in the Wyatt Family to serve her country in wartime, one of the most decorated women in the Southwest Pacific area. She was a member of the Women's Army Corps, served in Bataan, Luzon, Philippines Islands, medals and awards include Good Conduct Medal; Service Ribbon; Overseas striped; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star; Good Conduct Medal; Presidential Unit Citation with three Oak Leaf Clusters; National Defense Medal; American Defense Service Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Submitted by: Elizabeth Frances Natzke.
Okey Mack Young was born at Linden, Roane County, West Virginia, on April 9, 1884, the son of Lewis Robert Young and Ella Mae Sharp Young. His grandparents on his father's side were Jonathan Young and Katie Huffman Young.

In 1905, at age 21, he married Mary Louisa Moore, who had been born April 25, 1884, at Ernest, Roane County, West Virginia. They were married at the residence of Thomas L. Moss in Roane County. Her parents were James M. Moore and Luwema Jane Greathouse Moore, and her paternal grandparents were L.D. Moore and Jane Webb Moore.

They lived most of their married life on Sand Run, near Linden, Roane County, WV, and during the period from 1912 to 1920, Okey purchased several small tracts of land, and they lived in a house on said property. Later, that house was shidded off of its location, and timber was cut from the farm and a new house was built on the property. Okey and Louisa lived 84 years and are buried in the Young Cemetery at Linden, WV. Submitted by: Tressie Simmons

EVELYN LAW ZINN

Born in Cairo, WV, Ritchie County, and graduated from Grant District High School in 1931. She ran the family farm during WW II and worked as a bookkeeper for Alberts Lumber Company in Chelyan before moving to Roane County in 1948 with her sister's family, Arthur and Ida Mae Alberts. She was active in many community and civic events. She was a charter member of the WV Black Walnut Festival, serving as its president in 1966 and as Executive Secretary for 20 years. She was secretary of Wetzel Chapter OES for many years and served as Mother Advisor for Rainbow for 10 years. Well-known for her gardening talents and beautiful flowers. Served as deputy for Circuit Clerk Thomas Harden from 1950 to 1959 when she went to work for Spencer Sanitary Board as secretary, a post she held until her retirement in 1979. Resided on Center St. until moving to home on Rt. 35 that she renovated in 1974. It had served as the Triumph Methodist Church for many years before being sold. She never married. Submitted by: Evelyn Zinn
The History of Newspapers in Roane Co., W.Va.

Due to the mountainous character of the western part of West Virginia, early settlers in Roane County did not enjoy the advantages that the more densely populated eastern counties possessed, including newspapers. It was more than 20 years after the county's formation before a newspaper was published within the boundaries of Roane County.

The settlers were eager for communications with others and Mark M. Rockhold, an early printer, decided to come to Spencer and establish the first newspaper in the county. When the first newspaper appeared the population was about 250 people. This compares to the population of over 15,000 people today.

The first newspaper in Roane County appeared in 1877 and was called the Roane County Appeal. The paper consisted of national, state and county news, and advertising from local merchants. In 1879 publisher Rockhold moved the paper to Elizabeth and renamed it the Wirt County Appeal. That same year, 1879, the county's second paper was started and it was called The Index. Thomas Chapman was the owner and publisher. The Index lasted only a short period.

In the spring of 1880 the county's third paper, called The Interior, was started. The publishers were Richard P. Barnes and Watson Warren. In 1882 the name was changed to the Weekly Bulletin. The name was changed again in 1915 to the Roane County Reporter, which is still being published today.

The Roane County Record started in 1888. It was the fourth venture in the newspaper business in Spencer, and the first Republican organ. In 1912 a man named Samuel A. Simmons published a paper called The Spencer Times. In 1913 he combined the Roane County Record and The Spencer Times and called the paper The Times Record which it is still called today.

In 1903 in Reedy, Fred Craig started a paper called The Pointer. In 1909 he changed the name of the paper to The Reedy News. In 1949 the paper ceased publication.

In 1963 Spencer Newspapers Inc. was formed by G. F. Hedges Jr., owner of the Roane Co. Reporter, and Times Record owners Henry C. Woodyard and J. Stewart Stephens. This brought the Times Record and Roane County Reporter under one company. Hedges bought out the other two men in 1977. The firm is now owned by his son, David Hedges.

In spite of early hardships, and the introduction of new technology that has included radio and television, Roane County has been served by its own newspapers for over a hundred years.

Newspapers were, and still are, an important part of the county. They help keep citizens informed about local activities and assist businesses in selling their wares.

Newspapers record the history of a region and its people. In Roane County, West Virginia there have been many newspapers over the years and each one has tried to fill the communication needs of the county's citizens.

History compiled by Chad Board
The Poca Valley Bank was originally chartered September 23, 1908 with 5 stockholders, 2 employees, and total assets of $25,000. 1989 sees 120 stockholders, 34 employees, a growth rate of 23% for the year, and assets of $49,300,000. PVB maintained steady growth up to the depression era, and managed to keep the doors open for business during these economic nightmare times. Steady growth and good service became the trademarks for PVB earning the bank a loyal customer base. On October 15, 1987, The Poca Valley Bank became the first Roane County bank to branch when they opened a branch bank in Clendenin, WV. Plans are in the making for further branch openings during 1989.

PVB is one of the major community and civic supporters in the Walton area. They are Partners in Education with Walton High School and make every effort to participate in and support local school, church, and civic activities. The Poca Valley Bank makes a difference to Roane County and is looking forward to serving this area for the next 80+ years.

The present directors of The Poca Valley Bank are: John Kemmner, President; Adelee Conley, Vice-President & Secretary; H. D. Jones; Wayne Lawson; Larry Maynor; Philip B. Robertson; Mitchell Smith; and Hazel Whited. Plans have been finalized for a new branch in Elkview, with construction to begin early in 1990.
On December 1, 1984 Coopers Flower and Gift Shop opened their doors on the Ripley Road, Spencer, West Virginia.
They offered a complete line of gifts along with fresh and silk flowers for all occasions.
On November 1, 1988 they bought the Lenard Starcher Building on the corner of Market and Beauty Streets. This enabled them to enlarge both their lines of gifts and flowers.

They recently purchased Staats Pharmacy’s complete line of gift ware including Fenton Glass and will have Russell Stover Candy in 1990.
The Store is owned by David and Martha Cooper and serves most of Roane County.
The Coopers have lived in Roane County all their lives and work hard to provide the best service for all their customers. The FTD wire service enables them to wire flowers anywhere.

BÜRKE-PARSONS-BOWLBY CORPORATION

The Burke-Parsons-Bowlby Corporation is a pressure treating wood product company with corporate offices located in Ripley, WV, moving to this location in 1974 from the former corporate office in Nitro, WV. Currently there are plants located in 4 different states, one of which is located in Spencer (Billings), WV.

The company had its beginnings in 1953 known then as Timber Products, Inc. With offices located in Cairo, WV. In 1954 Harold G. Burke and Fletcher R. Parsons joined together in business and the name of the company was changed to Burke & Parsons, Inc. The company was incorporated in the state of West Virginia on November 18, 1955. Shortly thereafter inadequate capital from the Ritchie County area created a handicap and the Burke & Parsons franchise merged with the Mountain State Lumber Company franchise. Subsequently, capital from Roane County was made available through the First National Bank of Spencer and in 1956 the company built a plant on eight (8) acres of land at Billings located seven (7) miles north of Spencer. Mountain State Lumber Company sold its operation to Burke & Parsons in 1956.

Richard E. Bowlby joined the firm in 1956 and in 1959 the company name was changed to the Burke-Parsons-Bowlby Corporation. Mr. Bowlby was elected President and chairman of the Board in 1970.

Q. M. (Mort) Titus joined the company in 1960 as a sales representative and was eventually elected corporate secretary.

As the company continued to grow, more facilities were purchased to expand production and sales. Such as: in 1965 purchased a plant in Goshen, Virginia; in 1970 purchased a plant in Stanton, Kentucky; and in 1971 built a plant in Dubois, Pennsylvania. During 1974 through 1976 all plants were upgraded with new equipment and buildings.

In June 1966 a subsidiary was formed called the Timber Trucking Company which transports the company products to our customers. The products today include: log homes, railroad ties, bridge timbers, fencing, poles, posts, mulch, etc.

In 1978 the company manufactured its first log home which led to the creation of another subsidiary, Appalachian Log Structures, Inc., officially incorporated in April 1985. A national sales office and model home was built in Jackson County south of Ripley, West Virginia.

Wooden bridges, which were popular in years gone by, are once again being used to replace old, worn out bridges. The revival of wooden bridges has really been good for Burke-Parsons-Bowlby. The plants can assemble the bridges at the plant site. Bolting together creosote treated oak timbers, and transport them to the location via Timber Trucking Company trucks and assemble on site in a very short length of time.
January 1, 1989, would have marked 20 years of service to the people of West Virginia and Roane County for David Heeter Dozer Co. Effective July 1, 1988, David Heeter Dozer Co. changed from an individual proprietorship to a Corporation, HEETER CONSTRUCTION, INC. The people were the same only the name changed. David Heeter Dozer Co. began work January 1, 1969, primarily building roads and locations for oil and gas wells in Roane County, West Virginia. After the Oil and Gas work dwindled, we began looking for other areas of earth moving to work. During this time from 1974 through 1979, several different areas were tried, from stripping coal in Kentucky and Gilmer County, West Virginia, to house site locations. In 1974, we bid and were awarded a job for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service to construct a large drainage ditch in the Industrial Park in Franklin, West Virginia. This began a relationship of bidding with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service that has continued through the years.

The first major job performed for the SCS was a Flood Control and Water Supply Dam. Pocatalico, Site 14, between Walton and Gandeeville, Roane County, West Virginia. This job was awarded to Host and Miller, Inc. of Wardensville, WV, in 1978, but the majority of the work was performed by David Heeter Dozer Co. and David Heeter was the Job Superintendent. Other major earth moving construction projects performed by David Heeter Dozer Co. in Roane County was a Sewer and Water Project for Spring Heights Education Center during 1983. Another Sewer and Water project for the City of Spencer in the early 1980's. Also during this time the County School System had a major construction project under way, David Heeter Dozer Co. built the site locations for the new buildings at Reedy, Walton, Gears and Spencer High School. In the Summer of 1987 David Heeter Dozer Co. was the low bidder for the renovations for the Miletree Dam modifications, a small water supply dam for the City of Spencer. This work was completed in the fall of 1988.

In the future, Heeter Construction, Inc., in association with the Kanawha Stone Co., Inc. of Nitro, WV, and has been awarded another Flood Control Dam in Jackson County for the 1990 - 1991 work season. So we are looking forward to a future of providing employment for 10 - 15 Roane Countians including the management of David P. Heeter, President and Peggy S. (Jordan) Heeter, Treasurer, both lifelong residents of the county.
E. A. "Ted" Miller, a native Roane Countian, has been a member of the business community of Roane County for more than twenty-five years. Ted, early in his adult life made the decision to work for himself rather than for someone else, and shortly after his return to Roane County in 1961 went into business.

His first venture, started in 1961, was as a service station owner, when he operated the business known as the Main Street Texaco. This business was located where the present Looney's Main Street Exxon station is today. He ran this business until 1967 when it was sold to Bobby Barker.

After obtaining a franchise for B.F. Goodrich products in 1967, Ted purchased land, built a new building and moved his new enterprise to his present location on Route 33, just west of the Spencer city limits, operating under the name, Ted Miller Tire Service. In 1971, he became a dealer for the True Value hardware line, expanded his line to include hardware as well as B.F. Goodrich tires and products, and changed the name of the business to Ted Miller Tire and True Value Hardware. A fire in 1973 destroyed part of the business, and he rebuilt, adding an additional 8500 square feet to the original building.

Ted Miller entered into a partnership with Jack Cooper in 1971, and formed Roane Roofing Company, Inc., which was located beside the tire shop and hardware store on Route 33. He continued in the roofing business until 1982 when the partnership was dissolved, and the roofing business was dropped from his list of enterprises.

In 1974 he formed a partnership with Leonard Miller, and started another service station located on the opposite side of town, operating as Miller's Pennzoil Station on Capital Street, until 1976 when the partnership was dissolved and the business sold to Harold Hoskins.

Miller's Auto Sales, Inc., another business venture still in operation today, saw its start in 1975 at the location of the Miller's Pennzoil station on Capital Street, when Ted Miller and Leonard Miller became involved in the sale of used cars. The used car business also started out as a partnership between Ted and Leonard, was incorporated on March 1, 1976, remaining a joint investment until Leonard sold his share of the business to Ted Miller, making Ted sole owner of the venture. Miller's Auto Sales, Inc. is also located alongside Ted's other business endeavors on Route 33 just west of Spencer.

Ted became involved in rental property in 1967 when he included six office spaces, which were to be rented to professional people, on the second floor of the first building constructed for Ted Miller Tire Service on Route 33. In 1972, Ted also purchased the house and land next to Miller's Auto Sales as a rental investment, and, with the addition of six trailers to the property, created Miller's Trailer Court.

A personal message from Ted Miller to all Roane County Citizens: "THANK YOU for all the support you have shown both myself and other local businessmen over the past years. Your patronage and support has made this business history possible."
Harry Clay Boggs is a native Roane Countian born at Looneyville, May 17, 1928. only son of Ralph and Rebecca Boggs. Graduated from Spencer High School 1946. Married Betty Jean Richards of Reedy, March 16, 1946. They have three sons; Richard, Jeffery and Gregory, and two daughters, Theresa Boggs Parker and Nancy Boggs Hapney. He served in U.S. Air Force six months then returned to help his father who was a cattleman and a farmer. Harry bought a 112 acre farm, but when the cattle market fell, he went to Lincoln Welding School in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated in pipe welding. He did pipeline welding for several pipeline construction companies. In 1955 he and C.E. Wyatt formed their own company known as Wyatt and Boggs Pipeline Company. Their first job was for C & A Gas Company, a division of Columbia Gas System. Then for several years, he did pipeline work for Hope Natural Gas and United Fuel Gas company. Purchased his first drilling rig in 1957. The partnership was divided in 1960 and Harry C. Boggs Contractor was formed. He drilled wells and laid pipelines on contract basis until 1971. He bought the assets of the Commonwealth Gas Company in 1964, operated the company as Harry C. Boggs Natural Gas Company. In 1970 he went into the coal business under a separate company called Orlando Coals, Inc. which he operated until 1982 when he concentrated all his efforts toward the gas business. His daughter, Nancy Hapney, who graduated from Glenville College in 1977 with a BA degree in accounting was his secretary, and her husband, Lonnie Hapney, was manager and operator of the coal cleaning plant at Glenville, WV.

Thanksgiving day, 1982. L to R; Richard, Jeff, Greg, Betty, Harry.

The gas operation includes Roane, Calhoun and Braxton counties. There are over 150 miles of pipelines and over 100 gas wells. He has three drilling rigs and averages drilling nine wells a year in depth excessive of 5,000 feet. One rig will drill 15,000 feet. He has 30 employees in his firm, with David Reed, working the longest for him with 28 years, and his secretary, Zerelda Richards Price, working 21 years. Harry has been a hard worker all his life and is on the job every day working along with his men. He doesn't have a piece of equipment he can't run himself. He never asks his men to do something he wouldn't do himself.

Harry's hobby is flying. He learned to fly at age 16. He has single-engine, multi-engine, commercial, instrument and helicopter ratings. He has a twin-engine Piper Aztec and an Enstrum Helicopter which he uses in his business, and two antique planes: a 1941 Gullwing Stinson and a 1940 Bi-Wing Fleet 16B made in Canada. Only seven are still flying in the world. In July, 1987, he wrecked his fleet, was in the hospital 10 days with a broken back, ankle, nose and concussion, but in November, he sent the engine to California to be overhauled, he tore the Fleet down to little pieces, reconstructed and recovered it, and in 1989, had it back flying again. He has won trophies at shows with his antique planes. He keeps his planes at Slate Run Airport, which he built in 1973 for the Flying Club, of which he has been president for 16 years.

His oldest son, Richard, graduated from Concord College in 1971 with a BA degree in Business Administration and Accounting. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years as a Jet Fighter Pilot and Instructor. He returned with his wife Debra, from Clute, Texas, and they joined his father's firm; Richard as accountant, and Debra as secretary. Richard has all the ratings his father has plus instructor. He flies co-pilot or pilot with Harry on their business trips. He also flies the helicopter. Richard owns a Cessna 172 which he gives instructions in at the Slate Run Airport, where he has several students. He also owns a charter company. Last year he formed a Civil Air Patrol at the Slate Run Airport and is Commander of 40 members and a Junior Cadet Squadron of 20 members. He also flies part-time for Executive Air Service at Charleston. He is on the Roane County Airport Authority Commission Board and designated FAA Inspector for Civil Air Patrol. He also taught his two brothers, Jeff and Greg to fly.

Jeff graduated from West Virginia University in 1983 with a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering. He helps oversee the drilling operations. He has a private pilot license and is working on his commercial and instrument rating. He owns a Piper Cherokee plane.

Harry and Betty's youngest son Greg, is a senior majoring in Aeronautical Engineering at West Virginia University. He was an Honor Student and leader at Spencer High School, where as quarterback of the undefeated football team, he led them to State Finals. He was president of his senior class, president of National Honor Society, Who's Who in American High School and Governor's Honor Academy, among many other honors.

Their oldest daughter, Theresa Parker, graduated from Glenville College in 1969 with a BA degree in Music and AA degree in Secretarial Studies. She is head teacher at Clover Elementary School and is going to school at night working towards her Master's degree. She is pianist and Sunday School teacher at the First Advent Christian Church, very active in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, where she is on the Board of Directors of the Regional Boy Scout, Board of Directors of Building Blocks Head Start Program and was organizer of the newly formed Safetytown/Roane County Program.

Harry has worked so hard all his life and put his five children thru college so they could have a better life. He and his wife Betty, have never taken a vacation in their forty-four years of marriage, but are planning their first vacation next year.
In November 1911, a group of citizens met to organize The First National Bank of Spencer. A committee was appointed to secure an option for 60 days on the property in Spencer known as the Adams and Johnson Livery Barn.

Appointed to the first Board of Directors in December 1911 were G.W. Holswade, H.L. Casto, T.R. Simmons, C.D. Springston, John W. Looney, Elias J. Harris and John M. Baker. John W. Looney was elected as the first president but resigned two months later to be replaced by G.W. Holswade who served until 1914. John M. Baker was elected as the bank's vice-president. T.A. Hartley was elected cashier and J.W. Looney assistant cashier.

The capital stock of the bank was $50,000 divided into 500 shares of $100 each. The maximum rate of interest charged by the bank was six per cent. A 3 per cent interest rate was paid on time deposits for six months or more. E.H. West was appointed the first notary for the bank.

The bank’s United States Certificate of Authority was dated January 13, 1912. The bank officially opened for business on February 8, 1912 and the first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 14, 1912.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on April 12, 1912 a contract was entered into with M.S. Boggs, C.J. Glover, C.S. Meredith and C.H. Rhodes to build a three story building for The First National Bank. This building was completed and the banking facilities moved to the new quarters before the end of the year.

As the bank prospered, a committee was named in November 1944, composed of Bank President T.V. Foster, C.W. Rowe and Grover F. Hedges to negotiate a merger with the First National Bank of Reedy. A month later the sale was finalized for the purchase of the assets of the bank but not the structure.

Acquiring the assets of this bank enhanced the financial stature of the Spencer facility providing an even greater margin in total resources over other county banks. Officers at the time were President T.V. Foster, Vice-Presidents F.F. McIntosh Jr. and J.W. D. Depue and Cashier John W. Looney.

Several years later another merger occurred. In June 1949 a deal was consummated whereby The First National Bank purchased the assets of the Roane County Bank including the bank building. Serving on the negotiation committee for The First National Bank were E.L. Fleming, F.F. McIntosh Jr. and C.W. Rowe.

On July 13, 1949 The First National Bank transferred its place of business to the Roane County Bank building until extensive remodeling of their existing building on Market Street could be completed. In August, the Board sold the old Roane County Bank building to C.A. Parrish and George Vandale with the understanding The First National Bank would occupy the same at a rental of $125 per month until the remodeling project was completed.

Because of the remodeling, the 39th annual shareholders meeting was held in the offices of Hedges and Hedges on January 12, 1950. The remodeling was completed and the bank re-opened in its own quarters on July 17, 1950.

This merger brought about many changes. The capital stock was increased from the initial $50,000 to $150,000, the Board of Directors was expanded and the number of employees increased, including former employees of the Roane County Bank.

By 1969, the banking business had expanded to the point that The First National Bank purchased the adjoining building, occupied by Sinnett Furniture. The existing bank building and the adjacent building were torn down and a new structure was erected. The new, more modern banking facility opened for business on October 9, 1971.

On April 7, 1983, The First National Bank formed a holding company, the West-Central Bancorp, Inc. First National Bank then became a wholly owned subsidiary of West-Central Bancorp, Inc.

Since opening its doors in 1912, The First National Bank has operated under the direction of a number of Presidents. These include: G.W. Holswade, 1912-1914; Andrew Parks, 1914-1917; W.M. Looney, 1918-1927; F.E. Vandale, 1927-1929; T.V. Foster, 1929-1968; G.P. Hedges, Jr., 1968-1984 and Dennis B. Matics, 1985-.
T. R. Simmons was elected President of The First National Bank in January 1918 but never assumed office and resigned from the Board of Directors the same day.

Present Board members include: Dennis B. Matics, Chairman of the Board; James F. McCulty, Secretary of the Board; Benjamin Hickel; Faustine Huffman Bauman; Wallace J. Board; Richard E. Bowlby; Lee Ellis; T.C. Evans, Jr.; Thomas C. Evans, III; David A. Freshwater; John M. Lester; Garlan E. Miller; Hershel L. Miller; Charles L. Staats; Joe A. Starcher; and John A. Varda.

The Present Officers are: Dennis B. Matics, President and CEO; James F. McCulty, Executive Vice President, Director of Operations, Marketing and Personnel Officer; Benjamin Hickel, Senior Vice President and Director of Lending; Sidney P. Mace, Vice President and Cashier; and Barbara McClain, Assistant Cashier. David Combs, Senior Loan and Compliance Officer; Dan W. DeMarino, Senior Loan and Security Officer; Jeanette Atkinson, Loan Administration Services Officer; and Daria Hylbert, Manager, Loan Secretarial Services. Assistant Operations Officers: Mary O'Dell, Diana Walton; Dotty Banks; Reta Varda; and Denver Wallbrown.

The Auditor is John C. Looney.

Prepared to meet customers in the remodeled banking facility on Market Street on July 17, 1950 are The First National Bank of Spencer employees E.E. Lester, W.T. Romine, Dennis Matics, Everett Sinnett, A.L. Thrash and Blanche Runnion.

This is how the lobby of The First National Bank of Spencer looked on July 17, 1950 as customers transacted their business in the remodeled facility on Market Street.

Left to Right, Seated: T.C. Evans, Jr.; James F. McCulty; Dennis B. Matics; Faustine Huffman Bauman; John M. Lester. Standing: Hershel L. Miller; John A. Varda; Tom Evans, III; Garlan E. Miller; Charles L. Staats; Wallace J. Board; Richard E. Bowlby; Lee Ellis; Benjamin Hickel; Joe A. Starcher. Not pictured: David A. Freshwater.
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Taylor's Floral was opened March 16, 1989 and is owned by Bernard Taylor, who is assisted by his mother, Violet Taylor, in which at one time was the old Roane County Bank Building, located at 148 Main Street.

He began as delivery helper for Spencer Floral Co., owned by Leonard and Effie Starcher, formerly owned by Ruth Golf Duke, about the year 1968. Spencer Floral was sold to J. W. Dudley and sons July 1, 1974.

Mr. Taylor started full time work in 1978 as delivery person and floral designer and continued working for them until they sold November 1, 1988.

Mrs. Taylor began work for Spencer Floral Co., March 26, 1966, and continued working until it was sold to Dudley's where she was promoted to Manager as well as floral designer, having approximately 22 1/2 years experience when they sold November 1, 1988.

Bernard now has a complete line of floral arrangements for anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, and for all occasions, as well as, Redbook and FTD wire service that can wire flowers nationwide.

Mr. Taylor is married to the former Margie Truman, employed with the Traders Bank.

Violet, the former Violet Good, is the daughter of the late Flava and Gearldie (Moore) Good and wife of Woodrow Taylor, employed with Denbigh-Garrett Ford of Spencer, WV.

SINNETT-TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, INC.

On July 4, 1952, the Sinnett Funeral Home began providing both funeral and ambulance service to the residents of Roane and Calhoun Counties.

The funeral home was located in the vacated V.F.W. building (formerly the Phillip Adams residence) at 406 Market Street, Spencer, WV.

Sinnett Funeral Home was the first funeral home in the area to own a four-wheel drive ambulance and was also the first to provide an "oxygen-equipped" ambulance in Roane County.

Over the years, the funeral home also provided home health care products, including hospital beds, wheelchairs, etc., to Roane and Calhoun County families.

In October 1967, the McMillan house, which was located at 404 Market Street, was purchased by the funeral home from M. R. Carper to make room for the addition of a 250-seat chapel and garage to the existing building at 406 Market Street.

The year 1985 brought the purchase of the Hays Amott residence at 409 Market Street to create off-street parking for those families visiting the funeral home.

In 1987 a lighted ramp was added to the front of the building to make it easier for the public to enter and exit the facility.

After 37 years of providing funeral services, Clyde Sinnett retired, selling his business to John H. and Connie J. Taylor on October 2, 1989.

Sinnett-Taylor Funeral Home, Inc., will continue to provide professional and thoughtful services, as well as pre-need funeral planning.
Located at the corner of Spencer's Main and Market Streets, Traders Trust and Banking Company opened for business on March 27, 1903. The initial stockholders subscribed to 400 shares of stock at $100 per share, the bank's subscribed capital amounting to $40,000.

Theodore Roosevelt Simmons was elected as the first President of Traders Trust and Banking Company, and served from 1903-1905. Other Presidents: Ira Stump Bartlett (1905-1908); Albert Jenkins Knotts (1908-1923); Owen Ruby Hardman (1923-1928) and Ralph Waltz Casto (1928-1929); Owen Ruby Hardman (1929-1963); William Brady Reed (1963-1970); Chester Curtail Dodd (1971-1972); Ross Wilmer Conley (1972-1975); Charles O. Hardman (1976-1979); Corlis W. Harris (1980-1982); W.B. Reed, Jr. (1982-1984); and Gary Martin (1984-present). Chester C. Dodd, Jr. is Chairman of the Board, serving in this role since 1985.

In 1961, Traders Trust and Banking Company was changed to "The Traders Bank". On February 6, 1967, The Traders Bank opened its doors to the public in a newly constructed building. The McKown building (Spencer Roane Hotel and Grille) was purchased, razed, and a new edifice was built at a total expenditure of $600,000.00 for building, land, and new equipment. This new facility offered a new banking service to the community — two drive-in windows, which allowed for after-hour banking convenience.

In 1974, a new modern four lane drive-in with a spacious lobby was opened at the corner of Routes 33 & 14. This facility now serves as a branch office.

In 1989, Traders Bank achieved several milestones. Total assets exceeded $75,000,000 with capital in excess of $6,500,000. Electronic banking in the form of the "OWL" network was introduced to Roane County. A highly successful Branch of Traders Bank was opened in Ripley, W. Va. on March 6, 1989 (with deposits in excess of $4,250,000 by the end of 1989). continuing Traders Bank's role as the banking leader in the Roane County area.
Prior to the opening of Roane General Hospital, many residents of this county and the surrounding counties went to Charleston, Parkersburg, and even Clarksburg for treatment. This was often a very frightening experience in emergency situations. Visiting sick relatives and friends was difficult and time-consuming. The economy and population of the county needed stimulation.

When funding for the Hospital began in 1965, there was one doctor for every 750 persons in the United States; one doctor for every 1,030 persons in West Virginia; and in Roane County, one doctor for every 3,550 persons.

The dedication and determination of a group of Roane County citizens, led by G. Foster Hedges, Jr., spear-headed the drive for the hospital in the community. The support was tremendous. In just a short period of time over $500,000 was raised - mostly from this county. This money was matched with other grants, loans and allocations to build Roane General Hospital, a not-for-profit institution.

The official dedication of the hospital was held on Saturday, November 22, 1969, which climaxed three years and six months of hard work on the part of many people. At this time, however, the hospital was not quite ready for patients. Final touch-up jobs were to be finished and inspections by a number of organizations were yet to be made.

When Roane General Hospital opened on January 27, 1970, there were three physicians, 32 employees and 80 beds, 40 of which were for long term care. The $2 million-plus hospital served the needs of the community for some services, but many persons still had to be transported elsewhere for more specialized services.

Roane General Hospital has grown in leaps and bounds over the years. The hospital now offers many of the most modern services normally found only in large medical centers. RGH features a progressive Medical Staff and Nursing Department. Services the hospital provides includes, in addition to our Medical/Surgical Units: Cardiopulmonary, a complete Laboratory, a computerized Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Unit, Radiology including Ultrasound and CT Scanning, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics/Nursery, and a 24-hour Emergency Department where a physician is always on duty. Our Surgery Department offers Short Stay procedures, in which a patient's length of stay in the hospital is reduced. Other departments which keep the hospital running includes: Administration, Business Office, Nutrition Services, Education Department, Environmental Services, Maintenance, Medical Records and Purchasing. Our volunteers, including the Auxiliary and Candy Strippers, donate many hours of time in serving the hospital.

Roane General Hospital now employs over 200 individuals, on a full and part-time basis, making RGH one of the major employers of the county. The hospital also participates in, or sponsors various educational programs to assist in the training of personnel who will be present and future health care providers for Roane County residents.

Over the years, the hospital has served the community by creating new jobs, which has helped the local economy. It has also brought well-trained individuals into the community, who serve with their leadership abilities and technical skills.

Those of us who work at this hospital are proud of our efforts to bring quality care to our public. We feel that Roane General Hospital is not only a happy place to work, but also an asset to the community as well. We are very well aware of our community support and our responsibility to the community we serve.

At Roane General Hospital, our health care professionals will strive to provide you with the best possible care with the comfortable feeling of home. We want you to think of us as "your friend, your neighbor, your health care provider."
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Serving Spencer and Roane County Since 1914
Hughes Drug Store, Inc., located at 304 Main Street, is owned by Charles B. Lewis and John C. Buck as principal stock holders. In the late 1940s Thompson Drug Company was in the process of dissolving their business by selling seven drug stores in West Virginia and one in Gallopolis, Ohio. Howard K. Hughes, who had been pharmacist and manager at the Spencer store, and later field manager for the eight stores, saw an opportunity to acquire a going business. He purchased the Spencer business and operated it under the name of Hughes Rexall Drug. With the help of his wife Electa and a staff of experienced employees he was successful until his untimely death in 1957. For a time after his death his widow, Electa, continued the business with John C. Buck as pharmacist. The business was later sold and incorporated as Hughes Drug Store with John C. Buck as pharmacist and manager. It has continued under his management to the present date.
Monongahela Power Company serves an area of about 11,900 square miles in northern and central West Virginia and an adjacent portion of Ohio, providing electricity to over 300,000 customers. The Company, voted the top ranking electric utility in 1985, provides rates among the lowest in the nation.

Roane County is served by Monongahela Power Company through its Spencer District office located on East Main Street. The office is currently manned by the fifteen employees pictured above. Monongahela Power Company moved into the building in 1971.

The office serves approximately 10,000 customers, mostly in Roane and Calhoun counties. It operates and maintains about 1,000 miles of line. Besides being committed to providing the most reliable service at the least possible cost, the employees at the Spencer District office are extremely proud of their safety record. As of December 1, 1989, this group of employees had worked 8 years and 260 days without a lost time injury.
Sears, Roebuck and Company selected Spencer, West Virginia as a plant site to manufacture sweaters in 1948. This location was approved because it had an ample labor supply, it was well located for availability of raw materials, and the community was willing to construct a building for lease.

Spencer Manufacturing Company began production with a few basic sweater styles. The beginning of this plant coincided with the beginning of a new style era in which sweaters were an everyday costume garment. No longer would the sweater be considered merely a garment for warmth. The increase in popularity of the sweater was paralleled by the growth of this plant.

In the beginning, financing of the building was made possible by the two local banks. They agreed to furnish 60% of the money needed if the community raised the remainder. A development company was formed which sold $600,000 of second mortgage bonds in two days. This assured the necessary capital for the building.

From its 40,000 square foot plant, beginning in 1948 the Spencer plant has grown through a series of seven additions. Today it covers 209,000 square feet on a 47 acre site.

In three short years the company outgrew its initial building. Production dictated more space. Community efforts raised $100,000 to finance a 16,000 square foot air-conditioned expansion. This portion was completed early in 1953.

As production increased it was calculated that a dyehouse would lower costs and add flexibility to the plant operation. Consequently in 1955 the company erected a 10,000 square foot dyehouse.

In 1956 the company had again outgrown its physical facilities as the demand for sportswear increased. To meet the need, the community financed 25,000 square foot of additional floor space.

On December 11, 1961, Spencer Manufacturing Company joined with 14 other manufacturers to form Kellwood Company, an independent producer and a major supplier to Sears, Roebuck & Company.

In 1968, a giant $550,000 expansion occurred. Production potential was increased to more than 6,000 dozen units a week. The two story addition nearly doubled the floor space and was one of the most modern of its kind. It provided temperature and humidity control and excellent lighting. The first floor housed an expanded knitting department which is equipped with approximately 130 knitting machines. This equipment has the versatility to do a variety of knitted styles and designs. The second story is currently being used for raw material and equipment storage. Also, it houses a women's doubleknit pant operation which has the capacity to manufacture more than 6500 pair of pants per day.

Growth has also been dramatic in production changes. Production was originally set up to produce mens wool rib sweaters in four sizes and four colors. Presently, there are approximately 150 styles being processed with more than 500,000 stock keeping units. This includes the range of styles available in their various size and color combinations.

Significant growth has been realized in the area of patterned jacquard designs, stripes, and half cardigan stitch construction on sweaters and dresses.

To meet the demands of these new styles specialized equipment has been purchased. The most recent purchases consist of seventeen computerized electronic flat machines.

The versatility of this equipment will enable Spencer to have additional spring production resulting in a better level of production throughout the year.

The Spencer Plant presently employs 350 people.

Continued progress and growth can only be possible by production and management employees working together with a true spirit of cooperation, and willingness to complete the task of producing a quality product at a competitive price and delivering it on schedule.
IN MEMORIAM OF
WILLIAM AND CELIA SHOULDIS FAMILY

Back row, l to r: Dennis, Virgie, Glada, Nettie, Margie and Carl. Front row, l to r: Warren, Suewanee, William, Celia, Rufus and Ruth. (see also Shouldis family history) Submitted by Charles K. Maloney.

IN MEMORY OF
ICY MAY (STOTTS) KINCAID

IN MEMORIAM
OF
PAUL BROOKS PAXTON

Brooks was born March 8, 1929 at Walton, WV, the first son of Worthy Porter Paxton and Lessie Kessel Paxton.

Brooks died December 20, 1981 of a heart attack at his home on Windyville Road, Spencer and is buried at Eventide Cemetery. He was a member of Mt. Union Methodist Church.

Brooks attended Laurel Hill School and Spencer High School being the Salutatorian of the Class of 1947.

Brooks liked Photography, Art, Poetry, and was a CB'er going by the handle of Windmill. At the time of his death he was Department Head of the Warehouse at Heck's.

He wrote this poem shortly before his death.

A Guide for the New Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year.
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.
And he replied, go out into the darkness
And put thine hand into the hand of God.

Thou shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.

Submitted by: his sisters and brothers Virginia Miller, Reatha Paxton, Nina Bartlett, Alice Ferrell, Faye E. Roberts, Gladys Tanner, James R. Paxton and Robert A. Paxton
A MEMORIAL TO:
JOHN EDWARD GANDEE

BORN: September 20, 1938
DIED: December 10, 1988

John Edward Gandee was the youngest son of Gilbert N. Gandee and Anna Lena Marple Gandee. He graduated from Walton High School, served in the Air Force and later went to school studying in the field of computers.

While living in Columbus, Ohio he married Peggy Sue Stahlman. In April of 1978 John, his wife and three sons, Ronald Lee, John Gilbert and Jeffrey Alan moved to Crystal Lake, Illinois. At the time of his death he was employed with the Chicago District of Unisys Corporation as a Marketing Support Consultant. John had been working on the Gandee Family history for several months before his death and although he did not get it finished, he had spent a lot of time and gathered a lot of information. For this we are very thankful and will continue to add as much to it as possible.

John was truly loved and is missed very much. By his sister Anna Gandee Herbertson and "sister" Judith Brettner Hudreth.
A MEMORIAL TO:
ROMEO FREER SHAFER
BORN: February 2, 1890
DIED: January 28, 1960

Since our dear mother has passed
Six long months has it been.
Away, beyond the great beyond
To dwell with Jesus there.
She has often told the story
Of the wondrous Saviour's love.
Now she's going to join her loved ones,
In that happy home above.
No matter where I ramble,
No matter where I roam.
Of my mother dear, I am thinking:
For she was so kind in every way.
Oh, mother dear you have left us,
In grief and sorrow.
In this old world,
To wander to and fro.

But we know you are sleeping.
Safe in the arms of Jesus
Where no pains or sorrow,
Can reach you mother dear.
There is a little mound,
Just upon the hill here.
Beneath the old simmin tree.
Where we children once loved to roam.
But now to visit there.
The tears rolled down our cheeks.
For mother is sleeping there,
And little darling brother also.
Just a word to cheer my father,
Brothers and sisters dear.
But we know mother is safe with Jesus.
And we need not have a fear.

Romeo Freer Shafer was my paternal grandfather. As a young boy growing up "Grandpa" was always a friend to me. His attitude and outlook on life was always cheerful. He played around with his grandchildren a lot always playing jokes on them and trying to outdo each one and make it a better one the next time.

He lost his wife Cora Lee Coleman, after 17 1/2 years of marriage, and finished caring for the children alone. Four of his children died before him, and I am sure this was quite a burden, although he was always pleasant.

He was well liked by all who knew him, and had made many friends from being a mail carrier through Green Creek and later on through Elkview.

The following is a poem written by his oldest daughter, Beatrice Marie Shafer Fields in memory of her mother - Cora Lee Coleman Shafer.

I have tried to carry on Grandpa's attitude about life and family for I feel it was the best because he was my favorite person, and hope my children will benefit from this. Respectfully submitted by: Grandson, James Paul Shafer.
Our Mother was a determined woman. She always put God and Religion first. Truth, honesty and hard work were her Goals throughout her entire life of one hundred and one years and eight months. She had a long rich full life. She was a daughter of John Perry and Rebecca Catherine Hunt Jones.

Mom always fed us children first before she would eat. She can and did teach us all she knew, from horse and buggy days to cutting small trees on her father's farm clearing the land, hoeing corn, gardening and canning food for winter. She took us children to the woods, taught us what trees to cut for fire wood. She was a very good singer, soprano, being taught by her Grandfather Jacob Jones, A.W. Cox, Marcie Payne and Mom walked to Sunday School, Bible School for 6 weeks and Singing School for 6 weeks barefoot in the summer.

She taught us to always love God, live a Christian life and treat everyone well. She never put up with any foolishness, she was a strong woman and a strict disciplinarian, she gave us children so much love.

We miss our Mother still and our love for her will be as long as we live.

A MEMORIAL TO
CARL W. MILLER

By his wife
Anna Faith Miller
Sons
Rolland and Richard
Grandsons
Ryan, Blu, Matthew
and
Woody

Carl W. Miller, PFC, born 9/24/17 in Roane County, West Virginia. Entered the US Army on 12/9/41 two days after the raid on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He served in 3d Bn, 66th Armored Regt. He served in North Africa. He was severely wounded in the Breakthrough at St. Lo, France in 1944. He was evacuated to England for treatment, then sent to Staten Island, NY and finally treated in Oliver General Hospital in August, GA and was discharged from the US Army on 11/20/45. He suffered ill health from the wounds suffered in France the rest of his life and was awarded 100% Service-Connected Disability retirement. Married to Anna Faith Epling on 6/16/46. Carl and Anna have two sons, Richard and Roland, and four grandchildren. Carl passed away Tuesday, 5/23/89 in Spencer, West Virginia, and was buried with full military honors in Eventide Cemetery in Spencer on 5/26/89.
A MEMORIAL TO:
ORLA HARRIS EVERLY
TEACHER
WWI VETERAN

Born: June 28, 1896
Died: Sept 5, 1982

Orla Virginia Harris Everly ("Peg") was born in Jackson County, the baby of the E. J. and Nettie Harris family. E. J. was so proud of this new addition to his family that he walked five miles into Ripley to have the birth recorded. She inherited her father's gregariousness and her mother's loving heart. She was a vivacious girl, in love with life, with people, and with learning. She left college during World War I to join the Navy, much to the distress of E. J. who thought this unbecoming of a young lady. As Yeomanette No. 1747714 she served at U.S.S. Headquarters, 5th Naval District, Norfolk, VA. Following her discharge on May 15, 1919, she went back to school and graduated from West Virginia University. She taught at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, in Kanawha County, did counseling at Hiram House in Cleveland, Ohio, returning to Spencer in the late 1920s to spend the remainder of her professional years on the faculty of Spencer High School where she shepherded many frightened and unsure young people across the threshold of education and adulthood and guided them through the mysteries of English grammar and literature. She was an excellent teacher (I know, because I was in her sophomore English class). She married Harold Everly, a writer for the Times Record and former SHS football player. She was a loyal citizen, a good neighbor, a devoted member of Memorial United Methodist Church and a wonderful person to know. When I was a lonely little girl with no sisters, no cousins, and only a brother nine years older than I, she played with me. I'll never forget her. Submitted by Frances Robey Sutton
A MEMORIAL TO
HAMOND H. ROBHEY
BUSINESSMAN

Born: February 28th, 1881
Died: November 28th, 1967

Hamond H. Robey, my father, was born on the Robey Farm in Curtis District, Roane County, the fourth of five children born to John Nelson Robey and America Howell Robey. After finishing school he taught in a one-room country school until he saved enough money to go to embalming school in Cincinnati. After graduation he opened a funeral parlor in Spencer and with his father-in-law, Rev. E. J. Harris (Hamond married E. J.'s oldest daughter, Ora, in October 1905) also operated a furniture business in connection with the funeral parlor. It was in a two-story building on Church Street between the Gainer property (now the Ford used-car lot) and the Fred Vandale property. Upstairs was a large hall where the Spencer band practiced. Hamond sold the funeral business to Fred Vandale, probably around 1910 but remained a licensed embalmer all his life.

He went into the theatre business, running a "picture show" in a small area on Main Street just above Morrison's in what later became the Coney Island Restaurant. Later he bought the two lower floors of the building still occupied by the Robey Theatre (a lodge owned the upper story and many a night the quiet of the silent picture was broken by the sound of marching feet upstairs). To provide electricity to operate the projection equipment he purchased a Delco system and installed it in a large storage shed at the foot of the alley about where the Foodland Store now is. He ran a wire from the plant to the Robey house on Church Street, making it probably the first electrified house in town. In 1927-28 he remodeled the old theatre and in 1929 he had to purchase new equipment when "talking pictures" came in. He was interested in and helpful to young people and the boys who worked for him taking tickets grew into responsible citizens (Bob Depue, Olson Warren and Don Crislip, for example). Hamond was a Mason, a charter member of the Rotary Club, a loyal Democrat and a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant Church (now Memorial United Methodist). Through the years he continued to run the farm, raising cattle, sheep and hogs and, for a time, chickens. The house on Church Street was rebuilt in 1915 and here he and Ora lived and raised their children, Vernon and Frances. Ora died in 1954 but Hamond, with his son, Vernon, continued to operate the theatre. He died at 86, leaving the theatre to his children, Vernon and Frances. It is now owned by Mike Burch and has been designated an historic monument. Frances Sutton owns and occupies the home on Church Street and with her sons, Howard Robey Sutton and John Michael Sutton, still own the major part of the farm and the Howell Place in Curtis District.

I have always been thankful that Hamond and Ora Robey were my parents — two finer people I cannot imagine for they were loving, honest, hard-working, frugal and Christian, and had a great appreciation and zest for life. Submitted by Frances Robey Sutton.
IN LOVING MEMORY

The Family of Benjamin Early, B.E. and
Dora Welch Bradley

L to R; Benjamin Early, Dora Welch Bradley, Neil, Pauline, Maud, Gypsie, Brooks, Taud (in chair), James, Mac "Don". Two Bradley children missing in photo: Roy and Von.
In Memory of

Ethel (Clark) DePue

Born April 16, 1885
Died June 13, 1978

My Mother, Ethel (Clark) DePue, was a quiet lady. She was not too talkative. She seldom passed an opinion about others for fear she may harm someone. Yet, she did teach us right from wrong.

Mother had little time to socialize away from home, she was too busy cooking, canning, sewing and the million other things she did I called 'keeping the home fires burning' from dawn until midnight, most days.

It is hard to find words to express thoughts and feelings about Mother! In my poem, 'A Childhood Thought' may impart a few.

This quote holds true: Who run to help me when I fell and would some pretty story tell and kiss the place to make it well----My Mother!

By her daughter, Mardell DePue Cottle, RN
A Memorial To:

Attorney Robert DePue

WWII Veteran

Born: May 12, 1912
Died: February 16, 1986

Attorney Robert DePue was not surpassed in honesty, reliability, generosity nor kindness. His family's need was taken care of before his own. The people called him 'Bob'. He was a very sensitive man; a sad song could bring a tear to his eye.

Bob left his Office Door unlocked during the noon hour, while they all went to lunch, so older people could come in to get warm in the winter and cool off in the summer. The elderly people were always welcome to sit in his office and rest. Bob had much pity in his heart for the elderly folks after he had taken care of their business, knowing they had little, he'd say: "no charge".

Lawyer DePue took his work serious, life serious - yet, he was jolly and could laugh as loud as anyone.

Attorney Robert DePue was a good man. He will be missed by many, many people. Fondly, I remember Bob when he was a serious-minded tot.

By his sister Mardell DePue Cottle
Tribute to

COL. RUBY G. BRADLEY, RET.

Col. Ruby G. Bradley is a National celebrity! Her courage, her determinate spirit led her through WWII and the Korean War.

Quotes from the Colonel: After the surprise attack by the Japanese Dec. 7, 1941. The war in the Philippines was on. I felt that I was living a "charmed" life. Dec. 8 the summer Capital was the first place to be attacked by Japanese planes. Bombs fell all around the hospital but no direct hits on the building. Thirty seven soldiers were killed, many injured.

Then the roads leading to the hospital (Complex John Hay) were bombed minutes after. Lucky was the pass-word. For the next two weeks it was a constant run to air raid shelters, near hits by 50 lb. bombs, many were duds. Had all the bombs been active the camp would have been lost. There were many instances of danger but one becomes accustomed to the danger. In 1944, the Americans bombed Manila almost constantly and the Japanese used artillery, shells fell every place. I was very tired, resting on my bed when the room next to me was hit by shells. I heard a noise louder than that of constant firing. I went back to sleep when an Army nurse ran into the room, dragged me by one leg into the hall which was covered with fallen plaster. Narrow escape, only the counting of soldiers alerted the group of missing members. I moved a young girl who was badly wounded to a side room and as I bent over to help revive her a piece of shell, size of my fist, came through the window. It singed my hair, scorched my skirt and left a black and blue area on my right thigh. If in a different position I would have been hit in the head. In 1950-53 I traveled by Jeep, airplanes and helicopter. I went by helicopter to check the hospitals. Two trips to Japan. On return from Japan to Korea one engine went out. I did not realize the danger until a pilot next to me turned ghastly white and gave a big sigh. We landed on a sandy beach. On another trip loaded with 140 medical personnel two engines caught fire. Before take off on another trip the pilot gave the usual instructions. He turned to me and said, "Madam, you will be the first to jump in case of emergency." I thought "that is what you think." While traveling on the night train picking up patients, at one stop there were three men with hand guns. One man was shot through the hand. Later, the train was again hit. All of the passengers hit the floor, no injuries but several holes in the wall of the train.

"Yes," the Colonel said, "It was a Charmed Life."

By Mardell DePue Cottle, R.N.
A Tribute

Aaron DePue Cottle, M.D.
Major, Vietnam War
Born 1938

He is a leader in volunteer work for the community. Dr. Cottle gives much to the young and old when he finds one in need.

By Citizens of Spencer

AFTERWORD

Question: what is the opposite of foreword? Answer: not sure, probably afterword. Often, a book will mistakenly title the foreword a forward, in which case this dissertation would become a backward. Oh well.

This space is normally reserved for an advertisement from Don Mills, Inc. concerning our West Virginia Histories. On two other occasions during the past twelve years, I have devoted this page to comments about the book project. Here goes number three!

Roane County visits for this writer began in early 1983. I quickly learned that a history book was already in the making! Numerous attempts to reach the author proved futile, hence there was no opportunity of bidding on the printing of this "history".

Subsequent visits to Roane County indicated not everyone was entirely thrilled with the 1984 history! (Alas, not all will be entirely enthralled with this effort)

There is an extreme danger in singling out persons, but then everything in life is somewhat fraught with risk, so here goes! I would like to pay a special tribute to Bob and Georgia Sergent for the outstanding job they have done. During the late summer of 1988, during a phone conversation with my friend Mike Sergent, I learned that his Uncle Bob "might be interested in joining our committee". The rest is, shall we say, history. A special tribute to Bob appears on page v of this book. Another hearty thank-you goes to Aaron and Mardell Cottle. After our first meeting on October 27, 1988, they invited me to "coffee" at one of the local restaurants. Their enthusiasm was keen, their support evident. Much appreciated during the next several months.

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Orton Jones called this venture a "gimmick". Well shucks. We'll let the reader decide. I do take comfort in the fact that the life expectancy of this book is considerably longer than the journal he writes for. But then, there is the miracle of microfilm. Dates for these interesting exchanges are May 10 and 17, 1989.

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