INTRODUCTION

The History Book Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed such a wealth of material to our book. Each household was invited to submit a 500 word family story and one picture. Those wishing to write a longer story or add other pictures paid extra for the privilege. This also applied to the topics. Extra words cost more money.

Over 1100 family histories are contained in this book. The committee made no effort to check or correct information in the stories, so we cannot vouch for their accuracy. Sometimes a slight change in wording was made for clarification.

We are sorry if there are some errors. We did the best we could in the time we had, and the deadline we had to meet.

We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did in putting it together. It was a labor of love on our part. Please enjoy it!

The History Book Committee

ABOUT THE ARTWORK

The artwork for the front and back endsheets was drawn by Jan Haddox. He also made the logo on the front of the book. It represents Mason County from the time of the Indians, through our colonial period to the present, and looking to the future.

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Roots of this history book go back to the July 26, 1984 meeting of the Mason County Commission. The idea of a new HISTORY OF MASON COUNTY was presented to the commissioners. Their enthusiasm for the project was immediate and contagious! A subsequent meeting on August 16th, resulted in the endorsement of the project and issuance of a proclamation (appears on this page).

The commissioners assisted with formation of a "steering committee". After an initial meeting with 3 in attendance, several months elapsed until the next meeting. Attendance and enthusiasm were much higher, and we were on our way!

It would be impossible to thank everyone who played a part in the book project, but special thanks should be given to Mildred Gibbs, Mary Ellen Shuler, Jack Burdette, Sharon Stone, Anna Profit, Anna Lee Collins, Alice Sauer, Calvin Smith, Violet Machir, Jean Dewees, Hazel Roush, Kathryn Fruth and Christine Fruth. There were many others who provided needed assistance, but these were the ones whose early attendance and encouragement assured the success of this book.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Mason County does not have an up to date history.

WHEREAS: Other West Virginia Counties have successfully published history books.

WHEREAS: Walsworth Publishing Company will invite all current and former residents of Mason County to participate in the writing and production of a new history WITHOUT FINANCIAL RISK.

WE THEREFORE PROCLAIM THAT:

Walsworth shall be the official publisher of the HISTORY OF MASON COUNTY, WV. for delivery in 1986-87.

Date August 16, 1984

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ATTESTED:

JOSEPHINE T. HANES

(We understand the Mason County Commission is under no obligation, financially or otherwise. This is simply and formally an endorsement.)
FRANCIS RICHARD ABSTEN

Francis (Frank) Absten was a resident of Mason Co. of whom we can all be proud. He was born April 10, 1852 to Thomas Farmer and Nancy Peck Absten. Thomas died while Frank was still very small and his mother married Ira Hill. His brother John Perry Absten was born Dec 10, 1853, married Melissa Knapp, and died May 6, 1900. His sister Susan Thomas Absten was born Jan 1, 1856, married Lambert Myers Carder Apr 29, 1880, and died Mar 26, 1925. Frank had a step-brother by his mother's second husband. When Frank was a little more than a boy, he went west to Kansas for about one and a half years then returned home because he was homesick. But having once seen and tasted the western way of life, he departed after only a year. This time he went to the Kansas Pacific Road where he was a buffalo hunter. That is until Kit Carson hired him as a mule Skinner for a freight train bound for Santa Fe, NM. One of the horses he owned he had gotten from some Indians he had fought with. Yes, he participated in a number of Indian fights in his younger days, primarily with the Apaches. After reaching Santa Fe he started for the Silver City mines in southwestern NM but got lost and wound up in Mesilla on the Rio Grande in Southern NM. He had to travel as far as El Paso, AZ, TX, Mexico, and what is now OK. During this time he was a cowboy, buffalo hunter and overland freighter. He eventually owned his own freight business in CO. which consisted of four mules, four horses, and two wagons. In 1880 he decided to pay another visit to his home in Mason Co. While there he married Samantha Margaret (Maggie) Knapp, a girl he had known there previously. They were married Mar 8, 1881. Early in 1881 they went to CO. and he continued in his freight business. After about a year they decided to sell the freight outfit and travel to the Northwest to - Washington Territory (where his descendants still reside). They worried about the Navajo attacking so they each carried a pistol, and Frank also had a 44 caliber army needle gun, a double barrel shotgun and a muzzle loader. They were also carrying about $1,000.00 with them. On Mar 11, 1882, they left Cranes Station just west of the Continental divide in NM and started across northern AZ to Winslow, then north on the Salt Lake Trail to Lee's Ferry in northern UT. They finally reached Hood River, OR in June - more than three months after starting their journey. They bought a squatter's claim on Mitchell's Point near the Columbia River. Samatha's health broke down and she eventually passed away June 8, 1907. Frank continued to live there until his death July 14, 1930. They had raised seven children: three girls - Lulu, Helen, Alma, and four boys - Virgil, Homer, Francis, and Sylvan. Francis had lived a hard but very fulfilling life. He is a perfect example of the true pioneering spirit. Submitted by - Cindy Carder McKinn

BERTHA ANN ZUSPAN ADAMS


RAYMOND OWRESTIC ADAMS AND THOMAS RAY ADAMS

My father, Raymond Adams, was born on May 10, 1905, in Mason County on Redmond Ridge near Henderson, WV. His parents were Benjamin Adams and Mary Ellen Sheppard. Raymond was a barber in Pt. Pleasant for all his adult life. I believe he began barbering at age 14 on a riverboat tied up at the local dock. At age 28, Raymond was still single but had noticed a certain young (age 18) lady named Avis Plants. A friend of Raymond's needed a car for a date with Avis, so he asked Raymond to bring his car and they'd find him a date. His reply was, "We'll use my car, but I'll have Avis for my date." So, Raymond and Avis, my parents, met and the four attended the "belling" of Avis' brother, Russell Plants and his wife Grace. Raymond and Avis Carol Plants were married on November 15, 1933 in the home of his mother Mary Ellen White. This house was located behind the Lowe Hotel in Pt. Pleasant, WV. Their children were Jimmie H. (1935-1981), Tharon Elaine (1938-1945), Thomas (1943) and Barbara Ann (1945). Raymond died of a heart attack on February 21, 1939. He had worked in a number of barber shops in Pt. Pleasant including the Lowe Hotel, Spence Hotel and for many years, before his first heart attack in October 1956, in the Greyhound Bus Station. In early 1959 after recovering from his first heart attack, Raymond put together a one-chair shop in his home at 1413 Ohio Street. His perfect haircuts would take well over thirty minutes. Such perfection caused many of his customers to follow him to his home and to a very plain barbershop. During his many years of barbering he shared shops with many other barbers. Among them were Earl Gibbs, Lewis Ball and Buck Fruth to name a few. While at the Greyhound Station Dad built a shoe shine stand for me to use. So, as a lad of six and seven I shined shoes in my father's barber shop. Raymond and Avis lived in several rented houses in Pt. Pleasant before moving to what was then Kaylong, now called West Columbia. It was in Pt. Pleasant that Jimmie and Tharon Elaine were born. Barbara and Tommy were born in the recently purchased (in 1941) home called "Adams Acre" in West Columbia. The house, a seven-room farm house and one acre of land cost $500.00. They purchased it from Samuel Eads. It was while my family lived there that my sister, Tharon Elaine, age 7 years, was struck and killed by a truck driver who admitted to drinking some beers that day. Mother was in the front yard and heard it happen. The joy and love that Tharon was to our family was gone, but God gave Mother a new gift of life when 78 days later Barbara Ann was born. While Raymond and Avis tried to recover from their loss, their pain was somewhat eased by shedding love and nurture on their new "gil." As only 23 months old she called her. So, while trying to recover from their loss of Tharon and looking forward, they decided to move away from sad memories.

The new home was in an area known as Lock 11 on the Kanawha River just above Henderson, WV. The house doubled as a small food store for this little community as well as our home. We were now living in the area of my father's birth. The years at Lock 11 were some of my earliest memories. While living there, at age three, I fell from a dog house and broke my arm. My brother Jimmie was the "unlucky" one to be the right size and age to be lowered into the cistern to clean it out periodically. The cistern was a common type water supply in 1946, but for a young lad it probably was scary to be down in that deep, dark hole. We had a few chickens that would from time to time find their way to the dinner table. Dinner was cooked on a wood burning stove. In killing the chickens, Mama would chop off the head and hang the chicken upside down on the clothesline so that they could "bleed" properly.

Mama was very active in church at Vaught Memorial Methodist at Lock 11. She always took the wee ones. Dad would sometimes attend though not as regularly as Mama and the children. When I was in the first grade at Henderson Grade School, I got into my first and last fight. My teacher, Genevieve Butler, spanked me in front of the class. It was my last spanking - in school, at least. I had learned my lesson well.

Because the store was not a great financial success, the occasional flood waters that would isolate us and the drive that Dad made to the Greyhound Barber Shop each day, my parents decided to move back to Pt. Pleasant. I went to Central School in 1950. In early 1951 we made the move to Pt. Pleasant to 1413 Ohio Street. We purchased the house from Bessie and Jerry Atkinson. It was a good move. Dad was close to his work, Mama had more time to care for her family, and Jimmie was closer to his job at the Pt. Pleasant Register office. While living at
Lock 11 during floodwater time, he walked the mountains to get to his work. Now that we lived in Pt. Pleasant, I could, by age eight, have a newspaper route and so became a Register carrier.

After Dad's first heart attack in October 1956, Mama went back to school to the Portsmouth Business College and this enabled her to secure a job at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant near Ravenswood. After commuting for a year, my family began planning for another move. This time to Jackson County to be close to Mama's work. It was at this time that my father suffered the second heart attack and was in Holzer Hospital for kidney stones where he passed away on February 21, 1959. As a result, I had to become the man of the house. Jimmie was a student at West Virginia University in Morgantown and I was but 15 and a sophomore at Ravenswood High School. Yet, my youth had long before prepared me for the responsibility of work and meeting one's obligations. As previously noted, I was shining shoes at age six, at age seven, I walked the streets of Pt. Pleasant and the corridors of the Mason County Jail selling the Pt. Pleasant Register. By age eight, I was allowed by the newspaper to have my own route. I had a permanent route of the Register and other papers until I was a freshman at Pt. Pleasant High School. I purchased, from my own earnings, a new trombone and played in school bands until I graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1961.

Mama, Barbara Ann and I settled into our new home in December 1959. I spent the summer of 1959 working for the contractor who built the house at Millwood, WV. The home is now called "Handley's Chateau" and the home of my mother and stepfather Raymond L. Handley. Mama worked hard at the Kaiser Plant to keep us well fed and clothed. Seeing the need to have help, I took a part-time job at Cope's Super Market in Ravenswood. My grades were not great, but I was able to give my paychecks to my mother to help pay family expenses. We managed and Mother made sure there was always lots of love in our home.

A dental assistant and later an oral hygienist, November 1966 found me bound for Vietnam. I was assigned to an evacuation hospital and therefore, quite fortunately, as I didn't want to have to make a decision to kill. While in Nam, I was able to travel twice to Japan. My military travels helped me greatly to love and appreciate my country. In 1970, I left the military. I wanted more freedom of choice, even the freedom to fail.

On May 15, 1975, I finished a four-year apprenticeship and became a journeyman electrician. I belong to IBEW Local #640 in Phoenix, Arizona.


I have a great interest in family history and, five years ago, began to do video recordings. With Mother's help, we now have many, many hours of family history, both action and pictorial on videotapes. The work involved in being able to share with the family and our descendants and friends is indeed a labor of love. The great and good heritage left to us by the Plants', McKinneys, and Adams' makes us want to leave footprints for others to follow. Our video tapes will serve that useful purpose. Submitted by

THOMAS R. ADAMS, JOSEPH M. ADAMS, MRS. JEFFREY WARD

GEORGE TAYLOR & IVA GENORA FRY ADKINS

George Taylor Adkins born May 12, 1870 died June 24, 1956. His parents were Alexander and Emily Frances Smith Adkins. He married Iva Genora Fry, born July 28, 1871 died March 14, 1968, the daughter of Marion and Eliza Fisher Fry. All are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Letart, W. Va. where they lived their entire lives.

They were the parents of three sons and two daughters.

1. Stanley Ray Adkins, born October 13, 1894 died May 7, 1984, was married to Esta Wyona Rickard, daughter of Samuel and Laura Fry Rickard. No children. Buried in Kirkland Memorial Cemetery.


3. Ethel May Adkins, born July 10, 1902 died August 30, 1930, married Asa Pickens. They had one son, Ralph Layne Pickens. Ethel is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Letart, W. Va. on which "I now live" and to care for his mother.


5. Lester Arnold Adkins, born August 5, 1908, married Nellie Mable Sayre, daughter of Ezekiel and Susan Barr Sayre, no children, live at Letart, W. Va., on their farm, are active members of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, and very active in all community affairs. Submitted by — Lester Adkins

JOHN THOMAS ADKINS FAMILY

John T. Adkins, at age 26, married January 27, 1907, at Union Church by H. D. Barhouse to Ina Mae Fry (1880-1961), the daughter of Eliza Fisher and Marion Fry, Eliza (1846-1910) and Marion (1841-1901) Co. D. 13 WVA INF., are buried at Oak Grove Church Cemetery. Ina and John are both buried at Suncrest Cemetery. They are the parents of 6 boys and 1 girl.

Clarence (1905-1979) was a County Commissioner for 12 years, and is buried at Suncrest Cemetery. He was married in November, 1927, to Ercel Greer, daughter of John and Carrie Greer. Clarence, a farmer, and Ercel, lived for a number of years with his Uncle Emery Fry in Letart. They had no children. Ercel now lives in Point Pleasant, WV.

Virginia, also born April 29, 1912, a twin, married Tennant Holland in 1932. They are the parents of four children: Ruth Sallaz married to Clarence Ray. Phyllis Victurine married Cecil Sargent and live at Route 2, Leon, WV; Robert married Carolyn Mulford of Cheshire, OH; and William married Nancy Rollows and live at Route 2, Leon, WV. and one daughter.

George "Gravy" Adkins, born October 20, 1914, served in the U.S. Army, and married Macie Akers. They have no children.

Robert, born February 7, 1917, graduated from Marshall College, served in the Army Medical Corps, and played professional football with the Green Bay Packers in Wisconsin. Bob married Mary VanSickle December 1946, and they had two children: Barbara, who married Bill Wallis; and Brenda, who married Keith West, are both married of Mary Adkins. Van Beauty Shop for several years, and had two children: Janet, born in 1933, who married Rex Garrison (now divorced), had three children: Deborah, Gregory, and Cathy; and Juanita, who married Leonard "Buster" Riffle. They have three sons: Curtis, Brian and Kelly.

Carl T. "Babe", born November 3, 1920, served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from Purdue University, and September 26, 1949, was married Polly Allen, daughter of Ross D. and Clara W. Filson. They are the parents of three children: Gregory Scott, currently serving in the U.S. Army; Bruce Wayne, a Physician's Assistant - Certified, living in Cross Lanes, WV, and Linda Lee, who married Runyman Randolph (deceased) and lives in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Carl "Babe" Adkins

BENEDICT ALESHIRE

Benedict Aleshire married Elizabeth Williams Nov. 13, 1776 Rockingham County and they moved to Mason County where they lived in Robinson District. His will was made Dec. 4, 1819 and proved March 2, 1820. He left one daughter of real and personal property to his wife, Elizabeth and to his son, Jacob, the plantation on which "I now live" and to care for his children.

Equal shares were given to Betsy Miller, Susan Greenlee, Peggy Greenlee, and one share was divided between William Stuart and Betsy Acrid (Eckard) Jacob on Jan. 19, 1821 stated he was the sole devisee and released his right, title and claim in 60% acres to Elizabeth Kyle.

Benedict and wife were parents of Catherine Aleshire, January 16, 1798 married Robert Stuart; Elizabeth, April 19, 1808 married Cornelius Miller, Susanna Aleshire, February 19, 1809 married John Greenlee, Margaret Aleshire married April 19, 1814 Robert Greenlee, and Jacob Aleshire married January 1825 Sarah VanSickle. Deeds show sales of land to John and Robert Greenlee. And Jacob and wife sold 48
aces on Old Town Creek "land willed to me by my father Benedict" in 1840 to Adam Bogess. In 1850 Mason Co. census he is 62 and wife Sarah 54.

"The Greenlee Family history" shows the children of John and Robert Greenlee, and cemetery records state that the Greenlee children buried Eckard-Jones cemetery Flat Rock, and Greenlee cemetery on 13 Mile Creek.

Sarah and Lucretia Aleshire were two of Jacob Aleshire's children but they never married. In 1895 they sold 11/2 of an acre on Turkey Run to William R. Greene Jr. and land bounded by Conrad Riffle farm and where a cemetery is located. Here Lucretia and Sarah may be buried but no record of their death was found. Sarah and Lucretia were deeded the property in December 1873 by Jonathan and Nancy Riffle.

There is a law suit for partition of this property, and shows John Worley, Sophia Greenlee, Sarah A. Riffle, Ellen Riffle, Francis Riffle, Ira and Lew Riffle, last six being heirs of Sarah and Lucretia Aleshire. Ira Riffle is in Franklin Co. Ohio, and Lewis G. Riffle in Huron Co. Jacob Aleshire and others left no will.

Benedict Aleshire purchased his 407 acres of land June 1813 from James and Emma Hogg of Augusta Co. The Revolutionary War, and was co-administrator on estate of John Conrad Aleshire who also was in the Revolutionary War and received his pension in Mason Co. Submitted by — Hazel Riffle Roush.

**ALFORD**


**ALFORD FAMILY**

William Alford was born in India in 1821. In Sept. 1853 he was married to Nancy Vaugh in Mason Co. West Virginia. To that union 5 children were born, Mary C., James C., Ester E., John A. and Richard Mecula. William and Nancy left the area by river boat and settled in Arkansas. Richard was born July 7, 1853 remained in West Virginia married Mary Hill from Chester, Ohio and settled on Big 16 Mile Creek Pliny, West Virginia.

Kathleen Virginia Couch was born November 19, 1895 in Couch, Mason County, West Virginia. She was the seventh of eight children born to Susan Katherine (Kaye) Day and John Richard Couch.

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When Kathleen enrolled in Academy High School in Gallipolis, Ohio, across the river, the family rented a house there to live in during the school year, so that she would not have to cross the river every day. She graduated in June, 1914 and was described in the *The Gallian* as follows: “To see this sweet charming girl one would guess that she was a special pal of the boys and even the teachers delight in her sunny disposition and comradeship. To know her is to love her, and love her but forever.” Kathleen was always fun-loving and a devoted friend.

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**FAMILY OF RAYMOND WALDO ALLEN**


Born of this marriage:


(1) Married to Marjorie Ann Kenney, September 6, 1917—February 7, 1951.

(3) Married to Jean H. Caldwell, January
16, 1920, Columbus, Ohio

No children of any marriage.
Esther Jane Hanson, May 4, 1918
Married to Charles Burt Hanson, October 16,
1915. Of Gallipolis, Oh.
(1) Son: Allen Frederick Hanson, August 9,
1942. (U S Navy, retired) Married to Rita
Kay Quillen, Jan 13, 1945. No children.
(2) Son: Charles Joseph Hanson, October
21, 1944, Butcher.
(1) Married to: Donna Baker Ham­
mond. (divorced)
Children: Mark Joseph Hanson, May
13, 1964.

(2) Married to: Lana Sheets, (divorced)
Children: Kevin Duane Hanson, Sep­
tember 26, 1968.
(3) Married to Brenda Wise Monty, (di­
vorced, no children)
Robert Lowell Allen, December 3, 1933, Elec­
trician now living in Gallipolis, Ohio.
(1) Married to: Marylyn Easley, (divorced)
Children: Michael Lee (Allen) Daily,
March 22, 1953.
(2)Married to: Joan Winters, February 12,
1939. (divorced) Children: Robert Eugene,
Agplril19,
1968; Pamala Jane, February 22,
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No Children. Submitted by — Harry E. Allen

RICHARD ALLEN
During the month of April 1856 the sailing
vessel CONSTELLATION brought Richard
Allen (1830-1914) his wife Emma Biggs Allen
(1831-1901) and their baby Alfred from Kid­
derminster, England to America. They came di­
rectly to West Columbia where Emma’s brother
Edward William Biggs had a store. Richard and
Emma had seven children.
Alfred Edward Allen (1856-1920) born in En­
gland m Laura Eliza Larimer (1860-1937) in
1882. They had six children. Maud Emma Allen
(1883-1976) m Harris Hayman Crow parents
of Julia Crow Baker and Alfred Crow. Julia
Blanche Allen (1883-1931) m Frank Brunner
Thornburg parents of Frank Jr. and Virginia
Thornburg. Alfred Earl Allen (1885-1905). Vir­
ginia Allen (1890-1915) m Osmar Thompson
parents of Vivian Thompson McClure. Ruby
Vivian Allen (1895- ) m Rev. Robert Long Of­
field, Edythe Grace Allen (1900-1984) m Park
Allen (no relation) parents of George and Cler­
mont Park Allen.
Emma Allen (1858-1945) born at West Co­
lumbia m Tom Allen (no relation) in 1881. They
had two children. Howard T. Allen (1882- )
m Pearl Kerwood Murphy. Beatrice Emma A1­
len (1884-1974) m George Earnest McGlasson
parents of Beatrice, Howard and Mary McGlas­
son.
Richard Joseph Allen (1861-1942) born at
West Columbia in Lena Lederer in 1888. They
had two children. Katherine (Kitty) Allen
(1889-1984) m Charles Henry Skeels. Richard
Ray Allen (1890-1978) m Virginia Sayre par­
ents of Virginia Allen Norris and Marilyn Allen
Deiss.
Anne Allen (1863-1938) born at West Co­
lumbia m Joseph McKee in 1887. They had two
children. William McKee m Viola Eisensmith
parents of Ruth McKee Talbot. Joseph McKee
Jr. m Martha Lee parents of JoAnn, Billie, and
William McKee. Joseph Jr. married 2nd Maria
Balengee, their son is Richard Allen McKee
(1939- ).
Sarah Lynn Allen (1865-1934) born at Hart­
ford, Mason County. Never married.
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Harriet Lamsdale Allen (1866-1963) born at
Hartford
m
William
Andrew
Rose­
berry in 1889. They had six children. Emma Al­
len Roseberry (1892-19787) m Thomas Ryan
parents of Thomas, Emma, and Edward Ryan.
Gladys Lucille Roseberry (1894-1942) m Em­
met Lee Rutherford parents of Jack, June, Joy
Belle and Jim Rutherford. Huxley Allen Roseb­
ery (l896- ) m Ethel Fadely parents of Wil­
liam, Robert and Kathleen Roseberry. Richard
Dana
Roseberry (1897- ) m Peggy Goode. Anne
McKinley Roseberry (1900- ) m James O.
Avis parents of Floyd, Richard and Anna Lou
Avis. Therma Bernice Roseberry (1902- ) m
Kenneth Sheldon Love parents of James Love
and Leah Love Henry.
William Lamsdale Allen (1868-1905) born at
Hartford m Nannie Taylor in 1896. There were
two children. Emma Lorna Allen (l897- ) m
John Hamilton Linn in 1920 and Harvey Draper
in 1929. Emma had a son by each husband, Rob­
ert George Linn and William Linn Draper.
Erma Mildred Allen (l902- ) m Oscar Kellen­
berger in 1924. They had two children, Emma
and George Allen Kellenberger. Submittedby M
Robert O. Roseberry

and opened a grocery and confectionary store,
and in a few years bought general store of Harp­
er & McCoy and the adjacent house. He became
a prominent businessman in Hartford. Hejoined
the Odd Fellows in 1869. Was Hartford Post­
master for 12 years when boats and later the
B&O railroad carried the mail. He served sever­
al terms on the town council. He never owed a
debt. He would always have a book open in the
store to read when he wasn’t busy. He read biog­
raphies and devoted much time in his quest for
knowledge about the origin of man. He quoted
authors Ingersoll and Tennyson.
He was an enthuastic collector of relics, arti­
facts, and ancient coins, some were purchased
from the British Museum of London. After visit­
ing the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.
C., he said their collection was no better than
his own.

Emma and Richard were childhood sweet­
hearts that attended school together. He wrote
in the “Freethinker Magazine” at the time ofher
death (Dec. 4, 1901) that she was the only wom­
an he ever loved, and she was the greatest bless­
ing of his existence. They raised seven children,
and their descendants now number at least 58.
Children Alfred, Emma, Richard, Ann, Sarah,
17, 1914; buried with Emma in Letart Falls,
OH. Submitted by — James M. Love

RICHARD & EMMA ALLEN
Richard Allen was born Paradise Row, Kid­
Father Richard Allen; mother Elizabeth Wood.
Grandparents John and Hannah Allen of Kid­
derminster. His father was born in an army
barracks, the son of a British army soldier; his
first clothes was a so1dier’s old coat that he was
wrapped in when born.
Richard was born in a house with three large
gilt balls above the door. All his family were
weavers that came from Scotland. His grand­
father wore Scotch plaid and kilt and was a bom­
bazine weaver. He wrote of Allens that owned
snuff mills in Edinburgh, Scotland and others
kept tavern named Robin Hood in Nottingham.
He had an uncle Jack from Land’s End, Corn­
wall, and uncle Bill in Battle of Waterloo, and
uncle Tom in the Queen’s Guard.
In England, Richard was a Brussels carpet
weaver for William & James Morton carpet
manufacturers of Kidderminster. Married
Emma Biggs April 21, 1855 in the Kidderminst­
er Baptist Chapel by Rev. John Mills. Emma,
of Lion Fields, Kidderminster, father Edward
Biggs and mother Ann Taylor. Richard’s ad­
dress at marriage was Hoo Lane, Kiddermin­
ster.
They decided to leave England because the
discipline in the established Church of England
did not permit freedom of thought which they
loved. Additionally, they were disturbed by the
working conditions in England; the census shows
Richard’s sister, Ann, at age 12 was working as
an apprentice dressmaker.
With two month old son, Alfred, they sailed
for 30 days from Liverpool, England, to New
York on sailing vessel “Constellation” on April
9, 1856. Ship rations included water, flour, oat­
meal, rice, peas, beef, pork, salt, vinegar, pota­
toes, coffee or tea. Passengers provided their
bedding and utensils. They landed in America
with $1.25 total cash possession.
Upon landing, went directly to West Colum­
bia, Mason Co., WV, where Emma’s brother,
Edward, had moved and established a general
store. After a few months working in coal yard,
he worked as a gardener hoeing peas. Worked
on Jacob Fisher farm then for five years on John
S. Lewis farm near Point Pleasant.
Moved to Hartford, Mason C0,, in 1867/8

THE ALLIS FAMILY
(Condensed account by W. W. Allis)
Added to by W. A. R. Forrest.
LL20 A man named ALLIS (1st generation
in this new world) came from England with a
company of men. He obtained from King of En­
gland a patent for the Township of Montaque,
Franklin County, Mass. Once when all the men
were away from the colony, his wife killed three
Indians and had their bodies to show for it when
the men returned. This man had three sons - one
returned to England, another settled on the Su­
squehanna River, taking the name of Ellis, as his
neighbors always pronounced it. The other was

ZEBALLIS(2nd gen.) and he fought at Bunker
Hill. Zeb had three sons - Randle and Winthrop
were full brothers and Oreb was a half brother
who went to Alleghany Co., NY. Randle went
to Pensacola, FL, engaged in the lumber busi­
ness, owning city property and vessels sailing on

the Gulf of Mexico. WINTHROPALLIS(3rd.
gen) engaged in lumber and potash business in
Canada until he had to take the oath of Alle­
giance to England or leave Canada. He went to
Ft. Edward and worked as a carpenter, taking
as payment for his year’s work, a horse, saddle
and bridle. He married 1st Rhoda Smith, an
Irish girl, living at Smith’s Settlement, NY. His
2nd wife was Fluria Gates. Children by 1st wife
were: Amanda married John Fowler. WALTER
WILCOX ALLIS (4th gen.) born 3-30-1811 ­
Milton, Chittenden Co., Vermont. - married
Anne Haddock of Columbus, OH, (dau. of:
Samuel & Abiah (Schammehorn) Haddock of
Herkimer, NY. Flora Amelia married Henry
Wood. Aurelai married Minors Lucky & Mr.
Tracy. Whiting Allis married Miss Dunnavan.
Children by Winthrop’s 2nd wife were: Nelson,
Martha, Fluria, Harriet and Edwin.
Walter Wilcox and Anne Allis’ children were:
Ray married S. J. McLane. Marceline Loretta

married Felix Mace. HERNANDO ALLIS
(5th gen.) married Elizabeth Jones of NC in
1863. Maria married Frank Wilson. Matilda
died age five. Abiah married Fred Neregold.
Hernando and Elizabeth Allis’ children were:
(lived on ridge above Lock II Church) Stacy ­
buried Pisgah Cemetery - Mason C0. Allisa
married a Harrison - sons Russell & William.



Wm. W. & Nancy Alice Allis had 2 children: (7th gen.) STACY WHITING ALLIS married Catherine Henry & had: Valora, Dorothy, Virginia, Katherine, William & Nancy. (also 7th gen.) NORMA LORRAINE ALLIS married Fred Ritter & had two children: WINIFRED ALLIS RITTER (8th gen.) former teacher in Mason Co., married Kenneth Thorn Forrest (son of: Leland Sanford & Magnolia (Walker) Forrest and great-grandson of Judge Joshua Thorn) at his retirement in 1974 was with the postal service in Cincinnati, OH. KENNITT WILLIAM RITTER (also 8th gen.) married Mary Skinner. They had one son: DON WILLIAM RITTER (9th gen.) & he has 5 children: Murray, Randi, Sheryl, Jody & Ryan Ritter. These children are 10th generation down from the man named ALLIS who came to this country from England in the early 1700's. Submitted by — Mrs. Kenneth T. Forrest see Winifred Allis Ritter

THE PRESTON R. ANDERSON FAMILY
Preston R. Anderson was born January 24, 1910 at McAlpin, West Virginia, the oldest son of R. R. Anderson, a native of Greenbrier County, West Virginia and Bertha Pearl Anderson of Collierstown, Virginia. R. R. Anderson was a carpenter and farmer and moved to Beech Hill, Mason County when Preston was ten years of age. There, on Upper Nine Mile Creek, in what later became the Cornstalk Hunting Area, Preston, along with his brothers Clovis, Merrill, and R. R. Jr., and sisters Erma, Alma, Noma, Christine, and Faye, grew to manhood.

Preston worked with his uncle Ed Anderson in the restaurant business in Bristol, Tennessee from 1929 to 1932, but due to the great depression he returned to Mason County to help his father on the farm.

It was at this time he became interested in a young lady whom he had known since first coming to Mason County, and on May 18, 1934 he married Ethel Bernice Lewis, youngest daughter of Miles Clement Lewis, a Mason County school teacher and graduate of what was then Marshall College, and Naomi Catherine Brannan Lewis, a housewife. Bernice was born April 26, 1910, and was at the time of their marriage a one room school teacher. She also taught in the Henderson

Grade School. She gave up teaching to give her time to the two sons which were born of this marriage. James Lawrence Anderson was born June 17, 1938, and David Lewis Anderson was born September 27, 1947.

James Lawrence Anderson (Larry) is a 1956 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and served three years in the United States Navy where he became a personnel clerk on the USS Shadwell. In Charleston, South Carolina he met and married Mary Lou Lawrence on June 29, 1957. They had two sons, James Lawrence, Jr., born April 18, 1958 and Kenneth Miles born December 12, 1961. Larry and Mary Lou were divorced in 1983. He is a highly respected home builder in Charleston, South Carolina and is president of AML Corporation, as well as being a member of several partnerships engaged in building homes in the Charleston area. He is also active in local, state, and national Home Builders Associations, having served in several official capacities such as president of both local and state organizations and as a member of the board of National Home Builders Association.


Kenneth Miles Anderson is a graduate of Stall High School and is employed with his father as Superintendent of construction and Vice-President of AML Corporation. On March 4, 1984 he married Delores Leon of Charleston, South Carolina. They have no children.

David Lewis Anderson is a 1965 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and a third generation graduate of Marshall University, following in the footsteps of his mother and his Grandfather Lewis. On June 7, 1969, following his graduation from Marshall University with a Bachelor's degree in Language Arts and Physical Education, he married Katherine Ann Hall, daughter of Darrell and Zepplie Hall of Charleston, West Virginia. She also received her Bachelor's degree in Library Science and Spanish from Marshall University in 1969. They moved to Fort Worth, Texas where David enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Kathi taught Spanish and English. Three years and two children (Chad Richard, born August 24, 1971, and Stacye Lee, born December 23, 1972) later, David received his Master of Divinity degree and they moved to Fairmont, West Virginia where David was ordained in the First Southern Baptist Church. After fourteen months at Fairmont, he moved to the First Baptist Church of Racine, West Virginia where he served for more than two years before following a call to Scott Depot Christ Fellowship, Scott Depot, West Virginia where he is assistant pastor, Director of the Day Care Center, Bible teacher, and Director of Athletics in the Christian School. Their third child, Nathan Aaron, was born in Charleston, West Virginia January 8, 1976.

Preston R. Anderson graduated from National Radio Institute, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia University Trade School in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed as an electrician at Marietta Manufacturing Company, Point Pleasant, West Virginia building seagoing vessels during World War II and was a member of International Brotherhood of Electricians #317, Huntington, West Virginia. Soon after the war ended, he established his own restaurant called "Andy's" on Route 17, now U. S. Route 35, at Beech Hill. There he served the public featuring his own home-cured ham until 1960 when he returned to electrical work, working on electrical construction at Goodyear Plant Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia, and helping to build power plant at John Amos at Winfield, West Virginia, and the John Gavin Plant at Kanauga, Ohio. He retired in December 1974 due to ill health.

Bernice returned to the classroom in 1957 and also returned to Marshall University, receiving her B. A. degree in Education in 1960. She taught at Beech Hill School and at Central Grade School and then served as both Lead Teacher and Principal of Beech Hill School in an experimental program with Marshall University and the Ford Foundation. She received her Master of Arts degree from Marshall University in 1964 with a major in Education and minors in English, Science, and Art Education. In 1966 she transferred to Point Pleasant Junior High School where she taught ninth grade English until her retirement in 1973.

Rev. David L. Anderson

PRESTON R. ANDERSON

Preston and Bernice are lifelong Methodists being presently members of the Beech Hill United Methodist Church and faithfully attending Heighs United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant, West Virginia where they have lived since 1971. They spend the winter months in Fort Pierce, Florida where they live in a mobile home park enjoying the many activities and the mild weather. Submitted by — Bernice L. Anderson, James L. Anderson, David L. Anderson

HENRY ALLEN ANTHONY

ONA BELLE NEAL

Henry L. Anthony, son of Thomas E. and Estella Anthony of Jackson County, first came to Point Pleasant soon after the 1913 flood. One thing he remembers about that visit is that the road, along what is now Jackson Avenue, was sand about four inches deep. There were not...
many automobiles here at that time. He saw his first automobile when he was 10 yrs. old. He walked eight miles to see it. It was a Franklin - with an air cooled engine, a glass carburetor and solid tires with wooden spokes.

He left Point Pleasant, returning in 1918 to work at the Marietta Mfg. Co. During this period he met Ona Belle Neal, daughter of H.G. and Mary Jane Morrow Neal. Mr. Neal was a local merchant. Henry and Ona were married August 5, 1921. After WWI, he worked at various jobs until he was employed by the Pure Oil Co., as a truck driver. He was employed there until he returned to the Marietta Mfg. Co. during WWII. During this period he also, pastored the Church of God in Jesus' Name, on Lincoln Avenue. He and his wife were parents of seven children. Lewis Allen and wife Gladys live in Greenbrier, Arkansas. Charles Henry with infant son, Samuel.

Henry A. and Ona B. Anthony

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Arnold Arthur’s mother, Mary L. Bates, was the daughter of Lemuel Bates, and Martha Arnold. Lemuel Bates was born 24 November 1843, in Bedford County Virginia, near the village of Huddleston. He was the son of Lemuel Bates and Mary Newman, both of Bedford County, Va. He was the grandson of William Bates and Elizabeth Gibbs, also of Bedford County, Virginia. He served as a private in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. On 16 November 1865, in Gallia County, Ohio, he married Martha Arnold. Her parentage and death date are unknown at this time. Lemuel Bates was a farmer and a stone mason. The three children by his marriage to Mary were: Lemuel Washington Bates, Edward Moses Bates, and Mary Lee Bates. On 4 December 1883 Lemuel Bates married Emily Morrow in Mason County, W. Va. He left his three children by his first marriage with his mother and sister, and “went west”. A daughter by his second marriage tells that they traveled by horse and wagon often “living like gypsies” on the road. He followed the building trade, and in 1915, he died in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ellen Bates, the aunt of Mary L. Bates, and Mary Newman Bates, Mary Lee’s grandmother, were both light keepers. On the tenth of March, 1889, at the death of her mother, Ellen became a keeper of government light on the Ohio River, across from her home. She continued to service the light until 31 March, 1929, at which time she was 89 years old. She walked to the light in the evening, climbed the ladder and lighted the lamp. In the morning she walked back to the light, cleaned the globe, and filled it with oil, in preparation for the evening lighting. About once a month the oil boat, Goldenrod, brought oil to her for the light. She guarded her light carefully, because to run out would mean to lose her government income for this service. In a letter to a family member a few years before her death, she stated that the “river was frozen over, and she did not need to light the light.” For this she was glad, because of the cold.

Submitted by — Mary Florence Arthur Word

DOCTOR WILLIAM J. ARTRIP

Dr. William J. Artrip and his family have lived on the James Couch farm in Southside since 1960. The house was built in 1834 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Homes.

Dr. Artrip was born July 16, 1924 in Clintwood, Virginia, son of the late William J. Artrip, Sr. and Lydia Rebecca Childers Artrip. He was married in Hamlin, WV. July 3, 1949 to the former Phyllis Jean Hoff, daughter of Anthony Webster Hoff and Myrtle Vicker Hoff.

Dr. Artrip is a graduate of Dickerson Memorial High School, Virginia Tech, and Medical College of Virginia-School of Dentistry-class of 1951. Physically disabled and Professional Institute a Division of the College of William and Mary. They have a son, Dr. William J. III, who is married to the former Carol V. Buffington of Charleston and a daughter Kimberly J. Artrip now a student at Fairmont State College.

Dr. Artrip was one of ten children raised on a farm during the great depression. His father was a believer in education and all ten children finished high school. All attended college but only seven of his seven brothers and sisters were teachers. His father taught school for a short period. He gave it up to become a farmer, merchant, Post Master and politician.

Mrs. Artrip’s father - Mr. Hoff, was a newspaper publisher all his life. He owned and published the Lincoln Republican, now the Lincoln Journal, of Hamlin. Mrs. Artrip has one living sister, Mrs. Iva Mae Vandevander of Hamlin.

Dr. Artrip belongs to the American Dental Association, West Virginia State Dental Association and Kanawha Valley Dental Society. Past president of Mason County Historical Society, past president of Madison Rotary Club, District Commissioner Boy Scouts of America, past commander and life member of Chief Cornstalk V.F.W. Post 3531, member American Legion Post 23, member Mason County Farm Bureau, charter member of Mason Farm Museum (now WV State Farm Museum) member Bi-Centennial Commission, and past vice-president of West Virginia Historical Society.

Dr. Artrip and his son are both overseas veterans of the Air Force, some 30 years apart. Dr. Bill Artrip III served in Southeast Asia during Vietnam War and Dr. Artrip, Sr., served with United States Army Air Corps in North Africa and Europe during WWII.

Dr. Artrip feels the future of Mason County is indeed bright. We have the most Historical County in West Virginia, rich in land, water and good people. Our family is very fortunate in that we have so many friends throughout Mason County. Submitted by — Dr. William J. Artrip

W. J. Artrip Home

ATEN FAMILY

William McCune Artrip was born September 6, 1824 at Clinton, Allegheny County Pennsylvania to Henry and Jane (Gibb) Aten, he died June 28, 1902 buried in Ward-Aten cemetery Gill Road, Cologne district.

Hannah Elizabeth Reed, his wife, was born November 3, 1845 Morrisstown, Carrol Co., Ohio a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Edwards) Reed and died Feb. 6, 1913 at Letart, W. Va. Hannah Elizabeth was a granddaughter of John and Hannah (Whitacre) Edwards.

William and Hannah E. Aten were the parents of John Gibb Aten Sr. born 1872 died 1958. He married Nellie May Fry, born 1874 and became parents of eleven children, William McCune Aten was born September 6, 1824 at Clinton, Allegheny County Pennsylvania to Henry and Jane (Gibb) Aten, he died June 28, 1902 buried in Ward-Aten cemetery Gill Road, Cologne district.

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Other children of William McCune and Hannah E. Aten were Mary Ida, Frances Matilda, Zelie Elizabeth, Jane Atkinson, and Almon R.: Elizabeth Jane Aten married Lloyd Hamilton Ward son of George H. and Sarah F. (Mitcheltree) Ward. Raleigh P. Ward their son born 1890 died 1963 was Professor of Chemistry, Fairmont, W. Va., and buried Ward-Aten cemetery, with other children of William and Hannah Artrip. (Information given to me by late John G. Aten-) Nellie (Whaley) Adkins, Bucyrus, Ohio 1986

REV. WILLIAM A. ATKINSON

William Albert Atkinson (Billy) (1841-1928) was born March 6, 1841 in Jefferson Col, Ill. At age 14 he went to live with sister Sara in Weston, Va. now West Virginia. There he and brother Pleasant enlisted in the Union Army Aug. 15, 1862, Co. D, Rug. 15 W. Va. Vol. Billy was in an army hospital in Cumberland, Maryland recovering from war wounds when the Civil War closed and did not know where Pleasant was. He had mustered out and returned to Missouri to rejoin relatives. Sister Sara had also returned to Missouri who had lost all trace of his family for 40 years. About 1903 he applied for a disability pension and his name (which had been changed on army records to Atkinson) appeared in the soldier’s newspaper of that day and was seen by Pleasant who contacted Billy by long distance telephone, quite a feat in that day. Billy, Lucy, and Ruth visited Pleasant and sister Mary Ellen in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. Billy kept the Atkinson spelling of his name because of the difficulty in having it changed.

In the late 1700’s a Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson and small sons, Benjamin and James, joined a wagon train from Tennessee and headed for the Middle West. Travel in those days was slow and dangerous. Disease plagued the travelers, to say nothing of the Indians who very much disliked the newcomers. Cholera broke out among the people of the wagon train. Two of the victims were the parents of Benjamin and James. Another couple in the wagon train took charge of the lads. They grew up in southern Iowa. James became a Baptist preacher. He married Elizabeth Mendenhall and became parents of eleven children, William Albert being the ninth.

Billy married (1859) Eleanor Elizabeth Rausbottom (1844-1883). To this union were born Martha Jane Atkinson Boswell (1860-1936); Prince Albert (1862); Laura Ellen Atkinson Staat’s (1866); Elizabeth Catherine Atkinson Burdette (1868); Genevra Atkinson Jones (1870); Olive Ella Atkinson Shaver (1874).

After the death of his first wife, Billy married (1895) Lucy May Custor (1860-1849). Their children were Otis Howard (1896) lived two weeks and Ruth Rebecca (1898) married Hoaday Rowe, later after his death in 1944 married Freeland B. Shannon who died in 1956.
When very young Billy taught school. He also owned and operated a sawmill and acquired land.

In his early forties he entered the ministry. At this time he lived at the top of Shiloh Hill near Leon. He organized several Advent Christian churches in Mason County and was their pastor: Harvey Chapel on Ten Mile Creek, Mt. Moriah near Letart, and Guiding Light about two miles from Letart in a different direction, as well as one in Ohio about ten miles down river from Galipolis.

In 1911 he became pastor of First Advent Christian Church in Charleston and after two years retired but still did quite a bit of preaching.

Submitted by—Ruth Atkinson Rowe Shannon

AUMILLER FAMILY HISTORY

Noah and Sarah Edna Aumiller were native Mason County residents. They were the parents of:

1. Anna married Albert Theiss
2. Betty married Michael Theiss
3. Ella married John Bush
4. Muriel married Virgil Manley
5. Edna married Ray Ewing
   1. Frances born April 20, 1915 and was married to Wilbur Stewart, who died November 13, 1974.
   3. Timothy Jack
   4. Floyd Leroy
   5. Elizabeth Faye who married Paul Crump
   6. Leslie Renee
   7. James Stewar

Later Wilbur Jack Stewart married Opal Jett
   1. Jacqueline Renee Stewart
   2. (Stepson) Bruce Jett

Mary Margaret Stewart Fowler married Jack L. Fowler
   1. Tamara Lynn who married Daniel Hovis
   2. Ryan Jay
   3. Anthony Stewart Fowler (Tamara and Anthony are graduates of Marshall University)

Gerald Leroy Stewart married Barbara Stewart. They are graduates of Marshall University, and teach in Mason County.
   1. Melissa Carole
   2. Tiffany Renee
   3. Crystal Carhart (stepdaughter)

Anna Maxine Aumiller married Gerald Keith Arnold who died July 13, 1944.
   2. Jason Paul
   3. Kate Susanna

In 1981 Maxine Arnold married George Wagner.
   1. Kimberly Sue who married Michael Redick
   2. Beth Ann (both girls stepdaughters)

John Samuel Aumiller was inducted into the armed forces at Camp Perry, Ohio. S/Sgt. Aumiller served in the Quarter Master Corp in England, Germany, Austria and Japan. After returning to the United States he attended school in Texas, where he studied to become an electronic engineer in Guided Missiles. At the time of his death he was stationed at Felicity, Ohio, where he was helping to operate a Guided Missile Base. One of the streets at the base has been named in his honor. S/Sgt. Aumiller served his country well from October 1942 to Jan. 7, 1960. He married Marian Robertson.

1. John Darrell and Shirley Aumiller
   1. Jeff
   2. Jack
   3. John
   4. Jerry

Later he married Betty McDonald
   1. John Stanley (accidently killed July, 1977)

AUSTIN

Horton Rolando Austin, son of Alfred Andrew and Ann (McGee) Austin, was born October 4, 1844, at Pomery, Ohio. The Austin family moved to Meigs County from New York when Alfred was twelve years old. Horton's grandparents, Caleb and Lydia Austin, were born in Canada. Caleb Austin was first enumerated in the 1820 Meigs County census in Salisbury Township. Apparently, Caleb's other children were Elijah R., buried in Miles Cemetery at Rutland; John P., Sheriff of Meigs County, 1845, later moving to Athens County, then to Minnesota; and Abel J. Austin.

Alfred Austin married first Sally Grant and had sons, Lafayette Marcus and Alonzo D., who married to Wilbur Stewart, who died Vereon, Missouri, and moved to Meigs County from New York around 1817. Caleb Austin was first enumerated in the county's citizens, and was a man held in the highest estimation of all who knew him.” Submitted by — Immogene Vaughan Moore

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The present Mason County Austins were originally Scotch-Irish. The Caleb Austin family was the earliest known ancestor who migrated to Nova Scotia, Canada in the late 1700s because of religious and economic persecution by the ruling Irish, Catholic government. He moved to New York State in the early 1800s and next to Meigs County, Ohio around 1817.

Caleb and his wife Lydia, had a son, Alfred Andrew, who after living in Meigs County, Ohio for 45 years, bought a farm back of West Columbia, West Virginia. He died in the early 1840s. Mr. Horton Austin, who is well known by a legion of the county's citizens, answered his Maker's call, after suffering for sometime from a complication of diseases. The deceased was 59 years and four days at the time of his death and his remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Redmond. Mr. Austin was one of Mason County's best citizens, and was a man held in the highest estimation of all who knew him.” Submitted by — Immogene Vaughan Moore

Horton Austin lived of his original farm.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Atkinson

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The Austin Family

John married Ann Brown from Leon. John was the only successful politician in the family having served in the House of Delegates and as Sheriff of Mason County. He was credited with getting the name Redmond Ridge Road changed from Red Mud Ridge while he was in the House. He was also sheriff when the Trumbull-Wie Monument was erected and dedicated in 1909. Eva married Lemuel Shiflet and Jane married George Werner. Hobo Roe, a gifted musician who played clubs in New York City, changed his name to Merle Haggard.

While the three boys had several children, Horton had the most boys. In fact, at the Austin homestead, there were more boys than girls. The two girls were Olivia and Francis. Of the present Austins residing in Mason County all are descendants of the Horton Austin family except Richard and Alfred. Homer and Oden saw the most action as anti-aircraft gunners in the Navy during World War II.

ALFRED BAILEY


Charlotte died 1897 2nd m. Melissa Flemings 1895 3rd Addie Cunningham Rounds, issue Children Weltha Ethel 4-29-1902, Clara Mae b 3-23-1904. Thomas d 7-11-1921 bur Warner Cemetery Tribble, Mason Co.


James A. and Martha Bailey

In 1904, Alford and Martha Bailey had a daughter, Beatrice 


13. Charles Frederick, b 1950, m. Becky Jordan d Gene and Beverly Staton.

Paul Spurlock Bailey, b July 27, 1907 m. Gladys Jividen da Alba and Emma Bane Jividen, da Charlotte Marie, b 1944 after Gladys killed in car accident 1962 2nd Elizabeth Buchanan she d 1975, resides, Columbus, OH 5. James Thurman b 1908 m. Norine Jividen da Alba and Emma Bane Jividen resides Columbus, OH.


3. Pamela Sue, b 1943 m. Gary Dean
The Constitutional Convention which had met at Wheeling on February 19, 1863 set an election date which was the 28th of May, and was to be the first election in the newly formed state.

David Bailey was in Leon on that day. After voting he went to the store hoping to hear some news.

Unknown to David Bailey, the storekeeper had vowed to kill the next Union soldier that he saw. With no thought of violence in this once friendly little town, David Bailey approached the store where some soldiers congregated. As he entered he was struck down with a single weight. Death followed shortly.

The scene of this crime was the store later known as the Burdette Hardware.

David Bailey’s place of burial is unknown but descendants in the area believe it to be the Arbuckle - Craig Cemetery. Submitted by — Janice C. Veasy

ELEANOR “EMOGENE” BAILEY FAMILY

The daughter of Revna Curtis King and Vada F. King, Emogene was born August 17, 1924 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. She married Paul Clifford Bailey March 21, 1943. Paul was born November 26, 1924 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Emogene enjoys oil painting as a hobby.

They are the parents of two daughters, Sheila Paulette, born July 23, 1947 at Akron, Ohio, and Sharon Lynn, born November 15, 1948 at Stu­benville, Ohio.

Sheila married Ernest Allen Ross September 3, 1977. Ernest was born at East Orange, New Jersey March 9, 1944.


David Bailey, born July 9, 1948 at Providence, Rhode Island.


Megan Elizabeth was born June 16, 1983 at Mountain State Lakes, New Jersey. Submitted by — Emogene King Bailey

REV. C. JASPER BAKER FAMILY

Charles Baker came to Union District while his father was of forty years old, and moved to the Baker Cemetery on Poplar Creek. Sarah died 1894 at the age of 80 years. She was buried in Stewart Cemetery near Foster Chapel.

Rev. C. Jasper Baker, the son of Charles and Sarah, was born October 18, 1856 in Union District. As a very small boy he decided to be a minister. At the age of 16 years he fell while mounting a horse, injuring his arm to the degree he was not able to do work as a laborer. He then decided to become a teacher and went to Point Pleasant to study under Attorney Charles E. Hogg. After receiving a certificate for teaching he taught seven years at the Spruce School, Yeager and Grant Schools.

It was not until 1886 that he was called to the ministry, his first sermon preached July 4, 1886 at Smith Church. The second sermon at Eddy Chapel.

Rev. Baker was widely known in this county. A Methodist, Rev. Baker was called to fill many pulpits throughout the region, often traveling a great distance. As an elderly man he once said "I have seen over 500 conversions, preached that many funerals and married about that many people."

Rev. Baker married Maggie Beattie, the daughter of Moses and Margaret Wilson Beattie who were natives of Ireland. They were married March 8, 1881. The ceremony was performed by Neely Greenlee. Mrs. Baker was a hard working industrious lady who much of the time had charge of the farm, took care of the store and post office from 1898 to 1912 at Gunville and looked after the children and the household chores. Maggie Beattie Baker died January 3, 1918 at the age of 58 years.

Rev. Baker, having spent his last years in Dunbar, came back to Poplar Creek to visit his son Thomas where his death occurred on August 27, 1933. This couple lies in the family cemetery overlooking the old homestead and Poplar Creek.


THOMAS N. BAKER FAMILY

Thomas N. Baker born June 14, 1894 in Union District of Mason County was the son of Charles Jasper and Margaret Beattie Baker. He grew up at Gunville where he attended the Grant School.

Over in Jackson County there was a couple who had raised their eleven children and decided they would go to Iowa to live. Before they left West Virginia, Charles and Eliza Miller had a daughter Tera Dawn Hunt. The family attended the Zion Church where they lived. They raised the eleven children and decided to move to Iowa. Before they left, they planned to visit Des Moines. The family church was in Creston where Liza was a member of the Ladies' Aid. She was also a member of Point Pleasant Daughters of America.

The children were: (1) Delbert, born March 10, 1902, served in the U. S. Army World War II, died March 9, 1951; (2) Vesta born April 19, 1903, married J. C. "Porter" Nichols, the son of Andrew and Susan Smith Nichols, on July 11, 1933, marriage performed by Rev. E. O. Bucklew, J. C. Nichols was an engineer for the New York Central Railroad. After retiring in Charleston, he married a woman named "Vesta." (3) Berneta born September 19, 1906, married Abe Kapp, married second Ted Slay; (4) Marie born February 19, 1908, married Art Fink; (5) Bonnie born September 6, 1910, married Morgan Greenlee, married second Wood McDade, was a teacher in Mason County and Pineville. He served for two years in the U. S. Army World War II, died March 5, 1982; (7) Samuel Walter born November 27, 1912, married Avis Baker, was killed September 16, 1944 while serving in the U. S. Army in Germany, had received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal. Buried in Creston Cemetery with full military honors.

(8) Warren born August 20, 1920, married Grace Greenlee. After graduation from Point Pleasant High School attended a trade school in Columbus, Ohio where he received training as a machinist. He was followed the trade having worked for the Inco Huntington and Marietta Manufacturing Company, Point Pleasant. While serving four years in the U. S. Army in the Philippines he was a machinist, now owns and operates the B & Q Machine Shop on Route 62 at Ambosia. Warren and Grace are the parents of two sons Dr. Joe Balch, California and Michael Balch, Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Vesta Nichols

Delbert O. Balch Family

Delbert O. Balch born January 7, 1874 in Jackson County was the son of Samuel and Martha Vining Balch.

Samuel Balch, of English descent, came from Massachusetts to Ohio and later moved to the Foster Chapel area of Jackson County. Delbert married Eliza C. Stoutone, the daughter of Fred and Mary Sayre Stone on January 19, 1901 in Jackson County. The marriage was performed by Rev. Robinson. Coming to Mason County the couple purchased the William See farm and the Winabrener farm making a total of 211 acres, which with hard work and good management, the couple was able to provide a good living for their family on Poplar Creek.

Delbert served for a number of years on the school board. Liza, at one time represented Cologne District on the Mason County Republican Executive Committee. She enjoyed and looked forward to cooking for dinner. Delbert was a farmer and raised hogs. The family church was Creston where Liza was a member of the Ladies' Aid. She was also a member of Point Pleasant Daughters of America. The children were: (1) Berneta born January 26, 1918, married Samuel O. Miller. They are residents of Leon where their children were reared. They raised the children Dorothy (Dottie) married Thomas Oren Miller. Dottie married Michael Hunt. They have one daughter Tera Dawn Hunt. Thomas Oren married Kathy Thaxton and has one son Thomas O. Miller, Jr. (2) Donna Louise born January 20, 1926 is married to Edward Bush. They have one daughter Lisa Bush. (3) Charles Delano born February 7, 1932, married Ernestine Blankenship. They had two daughters: Loretta and Audrey. (4) Thomas and Dessie Baker, both members of the Smith United Methodist Church, led full and useful lives in their community.

Dessie was born February 17, 1898, died August 24, 1973. Thomas Baker died on October 13, 1959 at the age of 87 years. Both are buried in the Creston Cemetery. Submitted by — Berneta Baker Miller

CASBY AND MATILDA BALL

Casby was born February 12, 1882, the son of Harrison Edgar and Abigail Meadows Ball. Casby was reared in the southern part of Hannan District where he attended school. He attended Mason Valley Elementary School.

As a young man Casby moved to Illinois to work. He met Matilda Mary Garrish, born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. They were married May 27, 1912, married Avis Baker, was killed September 16, 1944 while serving in the U. S. Army in Germany, had received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal. Buried in Creston Cemetery with full military honors.

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ROY AND OPALE BALL

Roy Edgar Ball was born April 1, 1919 in Ohio. When he was a year old his family traveled by train and moved to Mercer's Bottom, WV. He is the fifth child of Casby and Matilda Garrish Ball. Roy has four brothers and one sister.

Roy attended Sunnyside Elementary School until the building burned. School was then held in several different locations, the Cole house at Mercer's Bottom; a store building with a lodge hall on the second floor at Apple Grove, school was held on the second floor. Roy went to school at Glenwood, WV where the Church of Christ meets now. He attended Burns Elementary School in Ashland, WV. Roy went to Palestine Elementary on Palestine Ridge. Roy would have to get up at three to milk cows and then walk to school.

Roy attended Hannan High School located on Palestine Ridge, Glenwood, WV. The school building burned. He attended high school in a two story lodge hall building at Upland, WV.

Casby belonged to a lodge that met in the community and Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin. Matilda belonged to the Farm Women's Club. The family farmed and lived in a log cabin.
Charlesiana taught school in the Columbus Public Schools for twenty-seven years. Ed worked for the Celanese Corporation, in Hilliard, Ohio for thirty years. Ed also served Forty-Six Months in the U.S. Army, stationed in Camp Crowder, Mo. Charles Workman is Principal of Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio. His wife, Bronwyn is a Math Teacher at the Delaware Hayes High School, Delaware, Ohio. They reside in Delaware at 656 Congress Ct., Delaware, Ohio 43015. Sharon taught school in the Columbus Public Schools for seven years, and is now a homemaker. Chris Cooley is a Computer Programmer for Gardner and Company in Columbus, Ohio. Sharon and Chris live at 3314 Marla Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43220.

Prominent Couple Married — August 18th, 1918

C. D. BALL

One of Point Pleasant's most prominent couples were united in the Holy Bond of Matrimony Sunday, August 18th by Rev. F.H. Capehart, at the First U.B. Church parsonage in Parkersburg, W. Va. The contracting parties were Sheriff C. D. Ball and Miss Jennie Rayburn.

The bride was becomingly attired in a gray traveling gown, and the groom wore the conventional black.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rayburn, an excellent young lady being possessed of a sweet disposition and a charming manner. The groom was County Supt. of Schools, of Mason County for several years, and is now Sheriff and is well known throughout this and adjoining counties where he has many friends who will congratulate him on his choice of a wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball are now enjoying their wedding tour and will visit several places before returning which included, Cleveland, Ohio, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, and Ontario, Canada.

The happy couple will return here in the near future where they will go housekeeping. They have the best wishes of their host of friends for a happy and prosperous wedded life. Submitted — Charlesiana Ball Workman

CAPT. JAMES BALL FAMILY

C. D. Ball was a teacher, principal and Superintendent of Schools in Mason County for several years. He was Sheriff of Mason County and worked at the local Post Office for twenty-five years. After retirement, he worked at the City Hall, until his death May 15th, 1945. C. D. Ball and Jennie Ball were members of Heights United Brethren Church (now United Methodist). Charley Ball was a Sunday School Teacher, Prayer Meeting Leader, and choir member. Jennie Ball was the Sunday School and choir member. Jennie Ball passed away August 1959.
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2) Irma Aileen. These children married into families with surnames Marr, Roush, and Ball. Several children were born to this union, including:

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6) John William died 19, January 1925, Mason County, and is buried Oak Grove Cemetery. For grandparents, see Section 1.

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Thomas Ball, has always been a resident of Mason County, born 1, September 1823, son of William Ball and Catherine Fisher, and grandson of Thomas and Libby Luckcoggle. Thomas’s father was born in Amherst County, and grandfather was born in Albemarle County. His parents and grandparents came to live in Mason County, and are buried in Ball, Robert Cemetery, Robinson District.

Thomas was a farmer in Mason County, like his ancestors who farmed in Amherst and Albemarle Counties. He married 4, April 1850, in Mason County, by Robert Osborne, to Mary Ann Elizabeth Blessing, born 3, January 1851, daughter of John Hoffman and Mary Rickard. Three children were born William Michael, born 1, April 1873, Susan died 21, March 1875, and a third, Jonathan, was born 19, January 1872.

Susie Ann married James Kelly Ballard, became my father.

JK met Roma Workman, parents, Martha and George Workman, who played the organ and sang to him at home, and rode miles on his wagon, knowing she’d have to walk back. When they married (1907) Roma’s “honeymoon” was cooking for JK’s men on Big Fork or Mud Fork “timber jobs.” He built her a nice home — turning fenceposts on his lathe — and furnished it with Boone’s at the Trading Post Inn on Spruce Fork, near the Ballard place; then a downtown brick commercial in Madison; then a home on “society hill” where Roma was discontent. JK walked the frozen Kanawha to inspect 264 acres, that stretched from hilltop to river and bought the Putnam farm where I was born, two days after brother, Pyllam, was eleven. JK was happy and promptly called me Ruby Jewell.

JK installed electric (gasoline generator), running water — with well to water tank, fishpond, icehouse, and mill (with Boone County millstones). Crates of eggs were put on the NYC train at Red House, for the Charleston Holly Hotel. Childhood farm memories are black walnut fudge; pawpaws; child-chasing geese; collie heret; finding mom’s cow on the Indian-mound-with-arrows-hilltop (later this cow—“gone mad” — had chased mom onto a pile of lumber, then was let chase dad into a barn to be secured); seven melon dollars “lost” by Winfield bank; crawling
Physically, he almost recovered (though never the Daniel Boone Hotel.)

To make money, he put wages into Warner Long Beach to paint wartime ships in the Kaiser shipyard. And, with a truck driving supply sergeant - ending with Adolph Hitler! I wanted to fight, they said “no.” I became a truck driver.

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New first name “Ruth.” Mom had outwitted the Women’s Auxiliary Army Corp to defeat Germany's new autobahn. And, with a truck driving supply sergeant, I ended with Adolph Hitler! I wanted to fight, they said “no.” I became a truck driver.

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Photography studio we lived after our house burned. JK bought the Red House hotel, general store and restaurant by the NYC depot, where the then Route 35 dirt road followed the river bank. Leach's ferry, held by cable, was secured to “redrock” - our topnotch climbing spot to view the Kanawa. Roma's Workman family followed to Putnam - her parents, and four brothers. Two married Red House girls, Coda to Nannie Thomas, and Noble to Elizabeth McGill. Coda remained, eventually owning the hotel that JK covered with chicken wire to hold green stucco in 1929. The house was remodeled in 1936 and built cement porches on two sides. The building stands today, sound, though the Kanawa River filled the basement and lapped the top steps in 1937.

Before the farm's swimming pool was finished, 1929, JK sold out to A. J. Wilkinson, Huntington. Then their family, JK, Roma, Plymal, 21, Jewell, 10, and Jacquelyn, 2, saw the USA from New York City, rode back from New York City on my shoulders, acreage, but Roma said, “No, it's too far from Point Pleasant.” New pet, monkey Jimmy, rode back from New York City on my shoulders, but the hair he inspected covered thoughts of finishing eighth grade and then playing Poca High school basketball.

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worked with his father in the timber business in Boone County. About 1910 he moved to Putman County where he met Cora Alice Cook. They were married in Gallipolis, Ohio, June 1, 1912. Cora was born at Egeria, WV, May 19, 1889 the daughter of William Riley and Matilda Mitchel Cook. (See their record elsewhere in this book.)

3. Peggy Casey married Lawrence Tackett.

CHILDREN OF OREN M. BARKER AND FLOSSIE BARRETT

3. Maggie (Rinda) Barker married Basil Casey.
4. Elwanda Barker married Ray Oldaker.
5. Ernest Barker married Nancy Lutton.
7. Ray Bowser married Susan Dickens, Patty Engel.
12. Ralph Bowser married Luiza Sourder Wick.
14. Charles Dewey Barnett was born near Leon, West Virginia on June 4, 1898 to William Thomas and Susan Arnold Barnett. On November 19, 1927 in the Grace Methodist parsonage at Gallipolis, Ohio, he was married to Flossie G. Hart who was born to Rev. J. M. and Sarah Catherine Roseberry Hart in 1907 near Leon. They lived most of their married life at Route 2, Leon, (Ripley Road), where they reared their three children—Lindy Livell born May 15, 1929, Jessie Gay born June 19, 1935 and Cindy Lou born October 1, 1948.

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Dewey, Flossie and their children are charter members of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at Flatrock, West Virginia. Dewey served on the Plan and Basis of Union Committee in the establishment of the Good Shepherd Church. The family was former members of the Mount Olive E. U. B. Church until its merger with three other churches forming the Good Shepherd Church in 1962.

Dewey and Flossie were an industrious couple. During the depression years they traveled to LeTart at corn picking time to shuck corn, side by side for $50 a day in order to help raise their young family. Later, Dewey, having the only large truck in the community, hauled cattle to market and coal from local mines for people throughout the area. He was a mechanic for the Point Pleasant Transportation Company for many years. He retired, as a millright, from the Marietta Plant, a boat building firm in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

After dying in November 1976, Dewey was buried at Forest Hills Cemetery at Flatrock. Flossie still lives in the family home on Ripley Road.

IRA AND SADIE BARNETT

Ira Barnett was born February 28, 1886 at Pliny, WV. He is the son of Robert and Kathy Byus Barnett. Ira has seven brothers and sisters. Ira attended grade school at Pliny, WV. He was ready to leave the following day for the Army when word came the war was over.

Ira Barnett and Sadie Waugh were married in 1908. Sadie is the daughter of Monroe and Annar Waugh Waugh. Ira was born September 14, 1885 at Ashton, WV. Sadie has four brothers and sisters. Sadie attended Keister Elementary School at Ashton, WV. Ira leased a coal mine from Charlie Hayman at Mears Bottom, WV. Ira worked the coal mine about all his life. He worked at Gwines Mill in Huntington, WV. Ira and his family moved back to the Billy Mars place and farmed one year. He again leased the coal mine. Sadie...
taught school at Keister Elementary School. She had a one room grocery store in one end of their home at Mercers Bottom. They built their home at Ash ton, WV around 1941.

Ira’s mother said all of her children were members of Barton Chapel Church. Sadie was a member of the Church of Christ at Glenwood, WV.


The Barnett family moved to Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Wallie was appointed first rural mailcarrier to travel the Old Clarksburg Pike. He held positions as Sunday School Superintendent and Elder at Hickory Chapel Church for many years. James and Arabell were members of Barton Chapel Church. Sadie was a member of the Church of Christ at Glenwood, WV.

THE JOHN T. BARNETT FAMILY

John T. Barnett and wife Sadie Jones Barnett were life-time residents of Mason County. Their first home was in Cogswell District. In 1916 they moved to a farm near Point Pleasant. Erma P. Barnett was the only member of the family still in West Virginia, lives in and celebrates the family homestead.

John was born December 19, 1873, the son of James, a veteran of the Union Army, and Eliza Lewis, a gentle lady with British ancestry. Four days before his 27th birthday John married Sadie, (b. Oct 26, 1879) the handsome spirited Lewis, agent of British ancestry. Four sons were born to them: Ira, Robert, John, and William.

Sadie was the daughter of Thomas Andrew Leonard, a junior officer in the Civil War and a farmer. She was the daughter of Thomas Andrew Leonard, a junior officer in the Civil War and a farmer.

Theo and Faith both married high school teachers and both inherited their mother’s aptitude for sewing. Theo’s husband, Reed Rowan, taught in Wyandotte, Michigan. Their two children are Carol and Philip. Theo died in 1963 after a long illness. Faith’s activity in 4-H clubs led to friendship and subsequent marriage to Paul Gorrell, the “vo-ag” teacher. Shortly after their marriage in 1942 Paul was called to active duty as a lieutenant in World War II. He was leading troops northward through Italy when their son Howard was born with irrevocable nerve deafness. Paul taught in Dayton, Ohio until his retirement. Faith was a soft water consultant and agent for World Book Corporation.

W. B. Barnett Family

W. B. Barnett was born May 7, 1845, in Mason County, at Baden Ridge. He died June 1, 1919, at Huntington, West Virginia. He was the son of the late James Barnett, a Civil War veteran of the Union Army, and Eliza Lewis Barnett.

W. B. Barnett married Margaret Sayre of Jackson County, West Virginia. To this union were born four daughters: Eliza Marie who married Edgar Ebersbach of Pomeroy, Ohio; Edith Leona who married Lawrence Horden of Middleport, Ohio; Eunice Enolia who married Ernest Hesson of Glenwood, West Virginia (all of whom are now deceased) and Dessie B. who married R. F. Musgrave of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

W. B. Barnett, who was known to most all of his friends as “Wallie”, and family lived on a small farm near Leon, West Virginia, where he served as Deputy Assessor for Colombia District.

In 1906 the Barnett family moved to Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Wallie was appointed Deputy Sheriff and jailer during the terms of Sheriff P. E. Bletner and Sheriff W. W. Rowsen. He served in this position during the great floods of 1913 and 1937 respectively. When the flood waters forced the removal of prisoners to the uppermost floor facility of the jail structure in 1913, Barnett made a mark of its highest stage. In 1937 the highest flood waters reached that same “13” mark.

Barnett was elected Mason County Clerk in 1914 and served until 1920. In his later years he was employed by the West Virginia State Tax Department.

THE BARNETT FAMILY

William Barnett was born about 1775, probably in the Botetourt-Montgomery County area of Virginia. He married Mary McGuire, daughter of John McGuire and Elizabeth Cottle. William and Mary had nine children: Elizabeth, Robert, Mary, John, William, Rebecca, Nancy, James, and Ann. Children by his second marriage were Hannah and Eleanor. In 1806 William and Mary bought land on Three Mile in Mason County where he lived until his death in 1861.

James inherited his father's land and lived there with his wife Rebecca Oldaker, daughter of Peyton Oldaker and Susannah Johnston, until his death in 1835. James and Rebecca had ten children: Columbus, William Peyton, Benjamin Benson, Isaac, Charles, George, Mary, Sarah, Rebecca, and James Lincoln. Rebecca and James were twins.

James Lincoln married Arabell Lestame. She was the daughter of Thomas Andrew Lestame and Virginia Elizabeth Love. James and Arabell bought land adjacent to Arabell's family and resided there for many years. James was a farmer, as were his predecessors. He also served as a census taker in 1890 and 1900 and was the first rural mail carrier to travel the Old Clarksburg Pike. He held positions as Sunday School Superintendent and Elder of Hickory Chapel Church for many years. James and Arabell were the parents of six children: Leon, Elvis, Donald,iflower, John, and Robert.
Zertha married Alexander Johnson. They are long-time residents of Long Island where they raised their son Rodger. Zertha served in the WAVES during WWII.

Donald Barnett taught in Mason County and served in the Army during WWII. Donald C., his son by his first wife, Ethel Barnett, served in the Army during WWII. Donald Barnett taught in Mason County and attended Ripley Normal School, West Virginia University and Marshall College. She taught school in Point Pleasant for many years. Later she began researching the history of Mason County and her ancestors. Elsie and Jerry had two children: Jerry Albert and Zertha Virginia.

Jerry and his wife Martha Noble have lived in South Charleston, West Virginia for many years and they raised their children, Marilyn and Douglas, there. Jerry served in the Army during WWII and the Korean conflict.

Elsie married Jerry Rodgers and they were lifelong residents of the county. Elsie graduated from Point Pleasant High School and attended Ripley Normal School, West Virginia University and Marshall College. She taught school in Point Pleasant for many years. Later she began researching the history of Mason County and of her ancestors. Elsie and Jerry had two children: Jerry Albert and Zertha Virginia.

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His son by his first wife, Ethel Barnett, served in the Army during WWII. Donald C., and Douglas, there. Jerry served in the Army in South Charleston, West Virginia for many years. He rode horseback carrying the mail in route mail carrier on Leon Route 2 for many years. He fought in the following battles of the Civil War: Lynchburg, Kernstown, Second Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war in 1865, at Wheeling, West Virginia. After the war, he farmed on his six hundred farm until his death in 1904.

McKinley Barnett was born July 15, 1897. He married Lottie Sayre on December 21, 1925. They lived in Mason County, near Rock Castle. They had twelve children, William Henry, Rosanna M., Elyina J., Nancy A., Elizabeth S., Permelia F., Evalina A., Francis Lincoln, Beverly Sheridan, Addie O., John E. and Emma S. After Miss Harrison's death, he and Emily Worrell. They had two sons, McKinley and Henry. At the age of thirty-three, William enlisted in the Thirteenth West Virginia Infantry on October 8, 1862. He had seven children when he enlisted in the infantry and seven children after the war.


Triby M. married Alva L. Barnett who was born November 28, 1931 and died September 18, 1984, the marriage ended in divorce May 5, 1955. Triby remarried on December 9, 1955 to Ella F. Clutter who was born February 12, 1931. The children of this couple are: Lonnie R. born July 8, 1956; Dencil K. born December 18, 1959; Lonnie R. married Cynthia L. Morrison born July 8, 1953. The marriage date was February 13, 1981, one child Erika L. born July 10, 1982, Ervin L. married Gertrude R. Milan on July 3,
FRED BATEY FAMILY

Frederick Armstrong Batey was born July 29, 1885, the son of James and Rosalie Roush Batey. His mother died when he was seven years old. His father remarried February 15, 1897, to Margaret Anne Saunders. He had one sister, Viva Batey, two brothers, Herman and Benjamin Batey, one half-sister, Jennie Batey (Stone), and two half-brothers, Harold and David Batey. He attended graded school in New Haven, West Virginia, and Syracuse, Ohio, and Mountain State Business College of Parkersburg, West Virginia. For a time he was connected with his father in the tinning business. At the age of twenty-one he became bookkeeper for the Finley Brothers Company, Chester Ohio. Later he became bookkeeper for W. J. Alexander, Steubenville, Ohio, in the rubber business. He severed his connection with W. J. Alexander because of poor health. He returned to New Haven around 1913. Later he took charge of his father's hardware store, which he continued to operate until his death.

On November 5, 1920, he married Ruth C. Buffington, daughter of Joseph Wells and Carrie Roush Buffington. He was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church, Clifton Lodge No. 23 AF and AM at Mason, Point Pleasant Lodge No. 23 AF and AM at Mason, Franklin Commandery No. 17 Knights Templar, and Beni Kedem Temple of Charleston. His favorite pastime was reading. Ruth was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church, Point Pleasant Lodge No. 23 AF and AM at Mason, White Brothers Company, later the West Virginia State Business College of Parkersburg, and active in garden club work. Fred died September 27, 1961, and Ruth died January 27, 1982.

Their children were:

(1) Fred Pullin Batey, b. October 25, 1921. Died April 6, 1974. Served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Was promoted to the rank of Captain. Following the service he returned to New Haven and joined his father in the hardware store, which he continued to operate until his death.

(2) Marian Johnanna Switters September 15, 1923. Married Marian Johnanna Switters September 15, 1923. They had three children: (a) Phyllis Joan Batey, m. Clifford Yost — (1) Mark Randall Yost, (2) Lynn Maria Yost; (b) Gary Fred Batey, m. Roberta Ruth Jones — (1) Alisa Renee Batey, (2) Philip Fred Batey; (c) Ralph Randall Batey, m. Mary Catherine Haggerty — (1) Tyler Randall Batey, (2) Garrett Casey Batey, (3) Kevin Andrew Batey.

(3) Marvin Batey, m. Virginia Alice Moore. They had one child, (a) John Marvin Batey.

(4) Mark Ran­
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(3) Marvin Batey, m. Virginia Alice Moore. They had one child, (a) John Marvin Batey.

Our immigrant Ancestor was Michael Bauer who was born in Germany January 12, 1823 and died Mason County Sept. 20, 1878. His wife Anna was born in Essigugen, Bavaria 1816 died Jan. 22, 1888 their marriage was at Bethel Cemetery Mason County. They came to America in 1853 with daughter Christina 6 months old. They lived at Pomeroy, Ohio before moving to Mason County, Baden Ridge, Farm bought from Jeremiah Yauger. Deed book 31 page 448. Christina married 1868 Christopher Lute.

John George Bauer born Sept. 18, 1856 in Ohio killed in Logansport, Ind. by Vandalia Train, Dec. 4, 1905. He was there for business and Funeral of Father-in-law Adam Kiesling. George married in Mason County June 16, 1878 Minnie Kiesling, dau. of Adam and Margaret Sidel Kiesling, also immigrants from Germany. Marriage arranged by parents. They were charter members of Baden Presbyterian Church.

Children: (1) John E. 1879-1967 married Bes­ sie Bosworth, Anna 1881-1900, Harvey 1882-1979 married Marie —, Vallie 1884-1975 married Elizabeth Durst, Christie 1886-1977 married Louise — George 1884-1914, Earl 1894-1977 married 1st Anna Pullo, 2nd Gladys Sines Hubert 1900-1941 Vallie Bauer son of John George and Minnie Bauer was born Feb. 26, 1884 died July 4, 1975, married in Mason County Dec. 14, 1912 Elizabeth Durst, Daughter of Thomas and Mary Shirley Durst. They lived in Baden Community (St. route 87) Buried in Baden Presbyterian Cemetery. Vallie was a farmer also worked as Janitor of Point Pleasant High School. They bought his parents farm which was part of his grandfather farm also other adjoining land.


Bought his father's farm also added rest of Michael Bauer farm.


Mary Ann married Darrell Herdman, children; Lucinda, Darrell Jr. and Mary Lynette. Carol Jane married Bus Daniels, Ch, Adam, Daniel, and Andrea married 2nd. Thomas Magill dau. Janet. Submitted by — Roberta McDade

EDGAR BAXTER FAMILY

George Edgar Baxter was born March 9, 1887 at Aaron's Fork, Kanawha County, the eldest son of George Sidney and Sarah Angelina Bur­dett Baxter. Edgar married Altha Mae Moore, daughter of Rev. George and Matilda Jane Underwood Moore, Charleston, WV. They moved to Mason County in 1914 with two young children. Prior to moving to Mason County, Edgar taught school in rural Kanawha County.

They first settled in this county on a farm near the Greer community, then moving near Ambro­sia in the fall of 1922 where he farmed for a few years before going to work for the State Road as a Grader Operator. He was also a toll collec­tor on the old original Silver Bridge.

As was the custom in those days, his wife stayed at home rearing the children, putting in a large garden, canning and preserving all sum­mer, raising chickens, milking cows from which she sold eggs, butter and cream to supplement the family income. The eggs were traded at the small C. E. Pullin Grocery for other needed sup­plies. The cream and butter was hauled to the Brosia Depot to go out on the train. She sewed making most of the clothes for the family. Four children were born after they came to Mason County.

Ambrosia was a thriving little community at that period in time, sporting a grocery store, mentioned before, that was combined with the post office, a school and the Brosia Depot.

Edison, Hilda and Ruth remember vividly about a storm that nearly destroyed the school house. The storm hit during the lunch period with tornado like winds which shook and twisted the building breaking out windows. One pupil was so terrified that he ran outside. The teacher, Hazel Pullin, ran after him and was blown over a steep embankment. The pupil was found unharmed, clinging to a fence. Miraculously nothing else was hurt during the incident. The school house had to be propped up for the rest of the term. Later the one room school was replaced by a modern two room brick building.

The depot was the neighborhood gathering place while waiting for the mail train and catching up on the latest news or gossip. Someone would jokingly ask, "What is the latest from the Brosia Herald?" The railroad furnished most of the jobs for the area. It furnished fuel for the homes too. More than once boys were seen rol­
ling coal off a train that had stopped for water or was moving slowly picking up steam after taking on water.

Life in those days was not always easy, often fluctuating between good times and hard times, especially during the depression years. Edgar and Altha lived out their lives at this homestead. He died October 1, 1947 and Altha (b. Oct. 6, 1892) died May 2, 1954. Both are buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant. Both were members of the Advent Christian Church.


Edson married Garnet Taylor, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Burgess Taylor, Nov. 1941. Their children:


Edson’s first marriage ended in divorce and he married Edith Hodges Queen of Gallipolis, Ohio, May 1953. They reside near Columbus.

Hilda married Nye Escue, son of Claude and Callie Burgess Escue, June 1936. They have seven children: Barbara, Charlotte, Stephen, David, Roger, Sonja and Tommy. Three of their children were born in Mason County before they moved near Athens, Ohio where Nye died Nov. 7, 1985.

Wilma married Philip J. Soin of Sistersville, September 2, 1942 in Charleston where they still reside.

Ruth married Mason Countain Delbert Pullin, son of Orin and Caroline Cottrill Pullin, Sept. 25, 1941. Their children:


The Pullin family reside in the Flatrock area of Mason County, where Delbert died April 10, 1984. He is buried in the Pullin Family Cemetery there.

Lillian married Hubert L. Newman, Ashland, KY, November 10, 1950. Their children:

1. Robert Lee (b. Aug. 5, 1951)

2. Debra Ann (b. July 9, 1953)


Lillian and Hubert have five children. The Newman family are all residents of Florida.

Helen married Kentucky native Walter H. Harmon, May 1949 and spent more than thirty years on her homestead near Ambrosia. They presently reside on Sand Hill Road. Their children:


WILBUR BAXTER FAMILY

As a young man of seventeen, I came from Cooper’s Creek, Kanawha County, to Mason County when my parents bought a farm near Ambrosia. I was born 19 Feb. 1898, the youngest child of George Sidney (B. 29 Apr. 1866 - D. 31 Jan. 1955) and Sarah Angeline Burdett Baxter (B. 29 Apr. 1866 - D. 2 Jul 1958).

I trace my ancestry to Allen Baxter, an early settler of Elk District, Kanawha Co., coming from Rockbridge Co., Va. around 1783 according to Hardesty’s History. He later moved west to Illinois where he died in 1868 at age 104; but a son, John (1793-1869) remained in Kanawha Co. He had wed Susan Newhouse (1800-1853) and one of their children was Sylvester (1829-1899) who married Mary Jane Hanna (1842-1916). My father, George, was the second of their twelve children.

I had one brother and four sisters, all now deceased. George Edgar, Stella (Selby)(McDermitt) and Ida (Cummings) came to Mason County with our parents. For many years, both Edgar and I did road work throughout Mason Co. under the County Commission and later the State Road Commission.

On Sunday, 18 August 1920, I was united in marriage with Garnett Marie Plants by Rev. Harry Miller. She was born in Mason Co. 11 Nov. 1900, a dau. of Isaac G. (1863-1940) and Mary Whittington Plants (1877-1945).

We were converted and baptized in 1932 and a year later, I became an ordained minister in the Advent Christian Conference. I pastored local churches until I entered full-time ministry in 1945 and moved to Tazewell Co., Va. I held other pastorates in W. Va., Virginia and Oklahoma during my fifty years in the ministry. We returned to Mason County in 1963, settling at Letart where I again pastored Guiding Star A. C. Church - the same church where I first began my ministry. My wife died 10 April 1976.

Our four children were Lucille (15 Sept. 1922), Isaac Stanford (16 Nov. 1923), Ralph Clay (9 March 1928) and Geraldine (22 July 1936), all born in Mason County.

On 23 March 1945, Lucille married a Mason Co. native, Aaron Fowler, son of Don and Ora Fowler. Their son, Gregory Don (B. 8 Nov. 1944), married Sandra Foley McKinney in Princeton, W. Va., 8 June 1985 and has a daughter. They all reside in Princeton.

Geraldine married LaRoy Shull, Cushing, Okla. 22 July 1955. They live in Okla. and have three children - Jimmy Stanford, Ralph Craig and Phillip Thompson.

I am presently retired and live among my children. Submitted by — Wilbur Stanford Baxter

JAMES MADISON HITE BEALE FAMILY

Juliet Lewis Smith, 1856, the only living child of Homer Smith 1868-1930, and Mary Vause Beale Smith, 1871-1911, daughter of James Madison Hite Beale and Julia Danrew Lewis.

Mary Vause had three other children, John Griffith, 1902-1935, Josephine Bennett, 1909-1981, and Homer Spencer, 1911-1982. Mary Vause died in 1911 when Homer Spencer was six weeks old. Their father, Homer Smith, owner of the Spencer Hotel where they were born and lived, moved his family to the home of his father Col. J.P.R.B. Smith at 807 Main Street, Point Pleasant where Juliet still lives.

Mary Vause’s mother, Julia Danrew Lewis, born January 10, 1838, was a great granddaughter of Colonel Charles Lewis who died in the first battle of the American Revolution at Point Pleasant. Colonel Charles Lewis’s parents were John Lewis, 1678-1762, who was born in Northern Ireland and Margaret Lynn of Loch Lynn, Scotland. John Lewis died in Staunton, Virginia.

Mary Vause’s father, James Madison Hite Beale was born May 24, 1824 at Verona, Mason County. He was a son of Colonel Charles Tavener Beale, 1808-1895, a native of Clifton Forge, Virginia, who immigrated to Verona in 1818, with his father Col. J. H. H. Beale. James Madison Hite Beale is the great grandson of Col. Tavener Beale of Revolutionary fame. Taverner Beale’s father was Thomas Beale, who was a son of Thomas Beale whose father was Lt. Col. Thomas Beale who came to this country from England. The emigrant Thomas Beale owned land in York County, Virginia prior to March 25th, 1649 and was recommended by Charles II in a letter to Governor of the Colony as commandant of the fort at Point Comfort. He held the rank of Lt. Col. and in 1666 was a member of the Colonial Council. He was a vestryman of Burton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1684. There is a Beale pew in this church.

J. M. H. Beale

Mary Vause’s son, John Griffith married Veta Lee Williams and had a daughter Vause Poage, who married Paul J. Carlzen, Jr. Vause and Paul had three children, Elizabeth, Paul and John, and three grandchildren, Emily, Anna and Phillip Thompson.

Homer Spencer married Virginia Knight and had two daughters, Virginia Lynn, who married Jackie Durst. They had two children, Kevin

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Andrew and Osa were married thirty nine years when she died suddenly of a heart attack in 1940, at the age of 64. She was greatly mourned by her family, passing at the prime of her life. She had been a devout Christian, member of Smith Church, and a founding member of the Creston Ladies Aid. Being a teacher stirred within her the love of reading especially poetry. Andrew was a successful farmer, and a trustee of Grant School. After Osa’s death he spent the winters with his son, Walton and the summers returning to his farm home to be with his daughters who had married and migrated to Ohio. Andrew and his son, Walton shared a love for farming and spent many hours together in this endeavor. Andrew enjoyed reading the Bible with his favorite verse being: Job 14:1, which was used as the text for his funeral when he died at the age of 79 in 1948. His farm was then passed on to his son Walton.

Andrew and Osa provided their large family with a loving home where a vast number of relatives were constant visitors. There was no boredom in their household with younger children to care for and farm work to be done without the aid of modern day equipment. Andrew and Osa are survived today by one daughter, Margaret Cherryhoyles, and the following grandchildren: Joan Sayer Sommer, Helen Jean Sayer Brouilette, Eloise Sayer Johnston, Karen Beattie Marr, Rev. Edward Cherryhoyles, Walton Wolfe, Harold Wolfe, Andrew Beattie, Oliver Beattie, Henry Beattie, and Grace Beattie Mobley, also a number of great grandchildren.

Submitted by — Karen Marr, Eloise Johnston
MOSES BEATTIE

Moses Beattie son of John and Mary Beattie came to America from County Downs, Ireland, arriving at Pittsburgh, Pa. where he was employed in a glass factory for a few years before migrating to Hartford City, in Mason County. Later he and his wife Margaret, moved to the eighteen mile region of the county. Moses and Margaret were the parents of four children: Andrew, John, Maggie and Mary. Andrew, later married Rebecca Smith to whom was born Thomas, Laura, John, and Rebecca. Andrew's wife Rebecca died and he married Osa Ola Ray and they had the following children: Grace, Robert, Mary, Marie, Margaret, Walton, and Ruth. John married Minnie Stutler and his children were: Roy, Mary, Maggie and Ivy. Maggie married Rev. Jasper Baker and their children were: Orval, Mamie, Clara, Minnie, Lona, Thomas and Moses. Mary married George See and their children were: Lizzie, Tom, Mag, Ivy, and Icl.

Moses died at the age of 40 of a lung ailment as a result of his job years before in the glass factory. After Moses' death Margaret married a widower, Adam McClure who had several children of his own. Margaret and Adam had the following children: Alex, James, Lizzie, and Adam (Ed). All of these children, the ones from the former marriages, and the ones born after Margaret and Adam were married all lived together in Adam's home at Gunville. Margaret Beattie McClure died in 1899. Submitted by — Joan Sommer

WALTON BEATTIE FAMILY

Joseph Walton Beattie, son of Andrew and Osa Ray Beattie was born May 19, 1910, at Gunville. He attended Grant School, and as a young adult he lived with his sisters in Ohio working in industry there. He then returned to farming with his father, later marrying Goldie Marie Clink, daughter of Orville and Rosa Sommers Clink of Baden. Goldie was born July 26, 1910, lived her entire childhood at Baden, attending Red Mud School, graduated in 1928 from Point Pleasant High School, and attended Marshall College, Morris Harvey College and South College.

For a short time after their marriage they lived with Walton's parents, then moved to Baden and built a home on a portion of land given to Goldie by her father. On February 20, 1943, their only child, Karen Rose was born.

Walton was one of the first school bus drivers in Mason County, driving the Route 87, Route 35 area. These were the days when drivers dressed in very fashionable uniforms complete with kneehigh leather boots. Calamity days were unheard of with drivers such as Walton shoveling snow from underneath their buses, putting on chains, and driving over mainly unpaved roads to Point Pleasant before the snow plows had touched the roads. He later worked for the Hartley Lime and Trucking Company, followed by eight years as Maintenance Supervisor of the Board of Education. He was then employed with Kaiser Aluminum followed by several years as a salesman for the M. T. Epling Company of Gallipolis.

Walton, an avid Republican had a great interest in politics. Election Day was always a special and exciting day in his household. He served twice as Mason County Road superintendent, later becoming a supervisor of the Department of Highways, District I, Mason and Putnam Counties. Building and repairing roads were very exciting to him and even after he became afflicted with a lung ailment, spent many hours on country roads supervising his crews. For thirty years he farmed a 119 acre farm at Gunville. He died in 1979 at the age of 88.

Goldie taught twenty six years in Mason County Schools. These included the following schools: Spruce, Red Mud, Grant, Mt. Flower, Leon, Yeager, Yauger, and Roosevelt. She loved especially the thrill of teaching students to read and enjoyed totally all facets of teaching.

Both Walton and Goldie were members of Creston U. M. Church, Walton was a trustee. Goldie has been very active in the Creston Ladies Aid giving endless hours of her sewing abilities to this organization even today at the age 76.

Their daughter, Karen Rose graduated from Point Pleasant High School, and Marshall University. She taught Home Economics for twelve years in Gallia County. She is married to a Gallia County native, Larry Marr who is a vocational supervisor. They live in Gallipolis with their two daughters, Sarah Beth, age 9 and Suzanne Leigh, age 6.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BEAVER

George Washington Beaver was the grandson of a Vandal who came to America and changed his name to Beaver. The Beaver family at one time lived at Grandview, Ohio.

George W. Beaver served in the Union Army, Company C 77th Ohio Infantry. He entered the service at age 33 years on October 16, 1862 and was mustered out on October 15, 1865 at Brownsville, Texas.

He was married to Margarette Kathryn Beagle, a Cherokee Indian, in 1847. In 1877 the family left their home near Washington Court House, Ohio and came to Leon. Here they spent the remainder of their lives and were buried in the Leon Cemetery.

They were the parents of the following children: John and James (twins) born about 1849; Alice born 1851, died 1869; Magrilla born November 11, 1853, died May 21, 1937, married Irvin Long. Their children were Galen, Elias, George, Thomas, Angie, Magrilla. (4) Sylvester Reuben born 1855, married Horace Myres, one daughter Florence, Married second Maggie Clemens. (5) Minerva born September 26, 1859, married M. S. (Duck) Holder (6) Nathan born 1860, died 1937, married Dora Smith. Their children were Ervin, Rubin, Sherman, Minerva. (7) Maria born October 29, 1861, died December 15, 1931, married James Dowell. They had the following children: Sarah born March 18, 1883; James Robert born July 27, 1884; Susan born March 10, 1886, died June 16, 1948; Leva born December 24, 1887; George born September 27, 1889; Sherman (Steve) born November 28, 1892; Grant; Bertha born July 7, 1896; Wilbert born April 21, 1899; Hattie born August 30, 1902. (8) Grant born August 24, 1866, died March 16, 1942, married Mariah Lanier. Their children were Herman born 1901, died 1912, Carrie born 1911, Kathryn born 1915. Grant and Mariah have one grandson Douglas. (9) William Sherman born March 21, 1868, died 1959, married Almena McCoy. Submitted — Sherman Mace Beaver

GRANT BEAVER FAMILY

Ulysses Grant Beaver born August 24, 1866, at Grandview, Ohio was the son of George Washington and Margaret Beagle Beaver. The family came to Leon when Grant was a young man. A carpenter by trade but he was involved in many kinds of work. He served as a justice of the peace, served on the town council as well as in other town related jobs. For many years served as the sexton of the Leon Cemetery. At one time he had a butchering business. From 1891 to 1893 he carried the mail from Leon to Willow Tree in Jackson County. Before the days of the modern Coast Guard beacons along the Kanawha River, Grant was employed by the United States Government as a lamplighter. Every evening he would fill the lamp with oil, adding enough to burn through the night. He served as a lamplighter from 1901 to 1942. An account of all the supplies that he received was carefully recorded and is in possession of the family today.

On October 4, 1907, Grant was married to Mariah Z. Lanier, the daughter of James W. and Martha Higginbotham Lanier. Mariah was a shoe cobbler as was her husband. Known in the community as an excellent cook, her daughters have earned the same reputation.

Grant Beaver was a Methodist and a member of the K of P Lodge.

The Beavers were the parents of three children: (1) Herman Thomas born June 10, 1909 and died at age 2 years; (2) Carrie born October 25, 1911 at Leon, has been employed by the Gerlach Manufacturing Co. and the Gerlach family for many years, during the W.P.A. days she was employed as Recreational Director of Leon, a member of the Pythian Sister Lodge, Leon Baptist Church, Leon Farm Women's Club. (3) Sceva Kathryn born June 20, 1915, at Leon, re-
James E. Beaver Family

James Early Beaver (Mike), born April 19, 1905 at Arbuckle, West Virginia, the son of Sherman and Almena McCoy Beaver. He was married to Ernie Tucker at Grims Land in 1926. The family lived in Arbuckle until 1919, when they moved to Grims Land in Mason County. Early in 1938 they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, returning to Grims Land in the later part of 1939. In 1940 the family moved to Ashland, Kentucky, returning to Mason County in 1943 where they made Leon their permanent home.


Except for seven years spent working in the railroad and construction industry, Beaver was employed in the river transportation industry for most of his working years. Most of his river career was spent working as a Licensed First Mate on steam towing vessels operating on the Kanawha River. He served as central supply clerk, member of the division of U.S. Steel, in 1967 after thirty nine years in the industry. Beaver served on the Water Commission, the town council, and the volunteer fire department. He was a long time member of the Oma Chapel Church.

WILLIAM SHERMAN BEAVER

William Sherman Beaver born March 21, 1868 was the son of George Washington and Margaret Beagle Beaver. He married Almena McCoy Feb. 16, 1895.

Sherman and Almena lived all their married lives in Arbuckle and Leon. At the age of twelve, Sherman went to work on the railroad as a water boy. When old enough he became a section hand, later becoming a foreman, a job he held until he retired. After retirement he was active in the community. He served on the town council and served as mayor of Leon from 1941 to 1945. In his early retirement years he worked at King's Garage.

Sherman was always interested in the history of Leon as well as the current happenings of the community.

Sherman and Almena were well known and respected citizens of Leon for many years.

Their children were: (1) William Edison born May 23, 1895, married Kathryn Sayre; (2) Lena Doris born December 26, 1897, married Ray Crookham; (3) George Dewey born January 12, 1899, married Minnie Whittington; (4) Margaret Ellen born February 19, 1901, married Gilbert Hayes, 2nd Bob Rossa; (5) Charles Somer born June 20, 1903, married Besie Craig; (6) James Early born April 19, 1905, married Erna Tucker; 7) Anna Gladys born February 26, 1907; married Harry Childs, 2nd Richard Dow; (8) Sherman Mace born February 28, 1909, married Oma Hayes, 2nd Mary Colston; (9) Guy Marvin born June 20, 1911 died as an infant; (10) Mary Louise born March 27, 1913, married William Longstaff, 2nd Doyle Burton; (11) Georgia Woodrow born January 11, 1916, married Billie Craig.

MISS VIRGINIA BEHAN

Miss Virginia “Jenny” Behan died at Gallipolis, Ohio January 17, 1947 age 90. She was born January 17, 1857 at West Columbia the daughter of Isaac and Fanny Saul Behan, natives of County Cronroe, South Ireland who immigrated to the U.S. in the early nineteenth century and first settled at Pomeroy, Ohio.

Her father, Isaac, graduated from Dublin College, was a contractor and builder and was one of those who constructed Grace Episcopal Church at Pomeroy, of stone shipped from England. He fell into the river and was drowned March 10, 1865 while building a barge for the Capt. Timothy Russell saw and planking mill which built salt and coal barges at West Columbia. Isaac was born 1815 and his wife was born 1816.

Miss Jenny was the last of eight children. John (1842-1928) and wife Ann who died Aug. 6, 1921 were buried at Lone Oak addition as is Virginia; Jane born 1844; Mary 1846; Frances 1848; Ann born 1854. Thomas was born 1851 and was drowned on August 12, 1859. Grace Behan, a sister (1860-1939) who was married to John Edward Beller (1857-1929) buried at Lone Oak and known issue son Donald Beller. Frances Egan (1867-1922) of John is buried at Adamsville yet at the St. Joseph Catholic cemetery there is a monument for Frances “Fannie” (1867-1922) and probably the mother Margaret 1825-1900, whose dates may be copied in error.

William Sherman Bell was a member of the Mason County Historical Society. He died May 1936 after 63 years, 62 being in Mason County school, of which 32 years were spent teaching at Central School on 6th and Viand. He was a member of the Episcopal church for 75 years. Services held from Christ Church Episcopal by Rev. Robert Findley Thomas. Niece Nora Withers, of Martin Ferry, nephews, Lon Withers of Martin Ferry, John Withers of Columbus, William Walsh of Ohio, and Donald Beller of Point Pleasant were her only survivors.

HOLLIE PAIGE BELL

My name is Eugene Gibbs Bell and I am the son of Lorena Gibbs Bell Sprenger and Hollie Paige Bell. I have one sister, Betty Lou Roberts of Huntington and one brother, Hollie Paige...
Bell, Jr., deceased.

I first came to Point Pleasant about the time of the "Crash of 1929" when I was approximately eight years of age. At that time there were two banks, The Citizens National Bank and The First National Bank. There were two newspapers, The Point Pleasant Register and The Citizen, which was edited by my Great Uncle Bob Bell. I was born to my grandfather, Franklin D. Roosevelt, West Virginia's administration democrat and Uncle Bob shut down The Citizen and went to Princeton University as Superintendent of the State's Boys Reformatory.

My Grandfather, Benjamin F. Gibbs, humorously remarked that he was born in Virginia and lived in Mason County all of his life. He, with his wife, Margaret Schutz Gibbs, ran The Gibbs House for many years, accommodating boarders who were working in the coal mines. However, the food at The Gibbs House was so good (including home-made bread) that many local residents took their noon meal there.

My father, my brother, my sister and myself were all instructed in the second grade by Miss Jinny Behan who became a legend at Central Elementary School. Of course there would be no school at all without Peter H. Steenbergen and Bertha Filson.

I went through school at Point Pleasant, graduating High School in the class of 1939. I played football and basketball on the "Big Blacks" when Jack Rogers was assistant coach. During this time the only theater in town was on Main Street between Third and Fourth Streets next to Joe Candas' Restaurant where you could get the best coney in the world for $.50.

After Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, many of the young men of Mason County went to war. I served in the southwest Pacific theater as a B-24 Pilot earning a Distinguished Flying Cross. My second cousin, Bernard Bell, who lived in the Heights, was awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in the infantry in Europe.

Upon cessation of hostilities I returned to WVU with my wife Janie, and daughter Patti, to start school. We visited The Gibbs House on holidays but Point Pleasant grew up during the war with new industry and I no longer knew everybody in town. Submitted by — Eugene G. Bell

P. P. BELL FAMILY

Perry Pius Bell born in Calhoun County, West Virginia, July 29, 1875, died March 29, 1937 and is buried in Suncrest, Point Pleasant. His parents, George Pius Bell (1847-1932) and Rachael R. Bell (1842-1918) are buried in Lone Oak.

Pius married December 25, 1900, Lora Blanche Roberts (October 25, 1882-March 7, 1936) Suncrest. She too, came from Calhoun County, outside Grantsville. Her parents were George Howard Roberts (1859-1900) and Vassha Catherine Wilt (1861-1914). They are buried in Calhoun County.

Four children were born to Pius and Lora before moving their family to Point Pleasant by boat in 1913, traveling down the "little" Kanawha and Ohio rivers. They settled in a home just off 22nd street near the Heights depot. In 1914 Pius built a home and store at 2125 Lincoln Avenue where the fifth child was born. Pius and Lora ran a general merchandise store across from the Heights elementary school until their deaths in the 1930's. The store was then run by the eldest son Blaine, until the early 40's when Blaine went to work at the Marietta Manufacturing Company.

Blaine Prince (February 11, 1902-May 31, 1972 DeLand, Florida) married Talitha Evans of Latonia, Kentucky, 1924. They resided in Point Pleasant until 1946 when the family moved to DeLand, Florida. Talitha now resides in Rockledge, Florida with Ruth Bell Smith (Jack W.) born May 3, 1925 in Point Pleasant. Ruth and Jack have three children, all of Florida, Susan, Stephen and Milton. A son, John Blaine was born in Point Pleasant to Blaine and Talitha August 26, 1926. He expired in DeLand November 10, 1977. Four children were born to John and Martha Lynn Rothgeb; Michael, Douglas, Patty Godwin and Dennis. Another son, Samuel Phillip was born during John's marriage to Frances Jackson. All reside in Florida except Dennis.

Other children born to Pius and Lora are: Ethel Ruth (December 16, 1903-October 12, 1975 Point Pleasant) educated at Ohio State University sailed many years during the 30's for various shipping companies until World War II when she married Ralph Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama. She returned to sea after the war until retirement to Florida in 1961. She died in Buffalo, New York.

Erma Mae (April 2, 1908) also educated at Ohio State University moved to Niagara Falls, New York upon graduation in 1930 where she managed The Courtyard. She married Arthur S. McDonald in 1938. They ran a landmark restaurant-tavern until 1965 when it was destroyed by fire. They reside in DeLand, Florida.

Bernard Pius (December 29, 1911-January 8, 1971) served with the 36th Infantry Division (Texas) in WWII. He was awarded every army medal with the exception of the Purple Heart. One of the few West Virginians to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, he was awarded the medal for valor at Mittelwihr, France in 1945 by President Harry S. Truman. The French Government also awarded him the French Croix de Guerre. These medals donated by the Bell family, are on display at the Mason County Library. After choking on food in the DeLand restaurant, Bernard was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Edith Lorena (Cricket) the only child of Pius and Lora born in Point Pleasant, was born February 2, 1916. She was educated at Marshall University graduating from West Virginia University in 1937. She married John R. Hare of Morgantown in 1938. One daughter Cherie Bell Hare was born May 27, 1940. She resides in DeLand, Florida. Submitted by — Lorena B. Hare

THE BERKLEY'S OF MASON COUNTY, W. VA.

William Newman Berkley born Fairfax County, Virginia, April 1, 1799 died Summers County, West Virginia March 27, 1847, met at Asbury University in West Virginia Margaret Zichafoue whom he married. They had issue of eight children; four boys, four girls. One of the boys; Simeon Robert born December 1, 1826 died November 1897 married Elizabeth Dunbar; issue six children. At her death he married Elizabeth Ennas, issue two children. At her death he married Elizabeth Foster born April 25, 1848. Simeon Robert had bought from his brothers and sisters the home place at Green Sulphur Springs and lived there until 1869 when he migrated to Mason County and bought land from E. M. Roseberry. He and his third wife had one daughter born in Summers County when the family moved by wagon train to Mason County, also his other children moved with them. The rest of their family were born and raised in Mason County, they consisted of:

1. Lelia Benson Berkley born August 6, 1866 died April 27, 1960
2. Evalina Florence Berkley born August 24, 1870 died October 29, 1963
3. Thomas J. Berkley born November 23, 1872 died July 23, 1947
4. Pearl O. Berkley born October 1, 1875 died December 21, 1965
5. Alfred W. Berkley born October 4, 1877 died 1962

Lelia Berkley married Thomas Hogg; issue four girls, one boy. Evalina Berkley married Enos Thomas, issue three boys, one girl. Thomas Berkley married Rosa Lusher, issue six boys, four girls. Pearl Berkley married Lilly Ballengee, issue three boys, three girls. Alfred Berkley married Christina Dodson, issue two girls, two boys. Harvey Berkley married Elizabeth Fowler, issue six boys, four girls. Frederick Berkley married Susan Bland, issue three boys, five girls.

After the death of Simeon Berkley in 1897 the children tried to visit their mother at least once a year, preferably in August and a big family dinner was held. Before her death in 1931 Elizabeth Berkley asked her children to continue having a family get together in August on the Sunday nearest to the 20th of the month. Many years later when the children and Grand children had their own children going to various schools the date was changed to the first week end in August in order to avoid school activities. The family has continued to grow and still have their family reunion. The Berkley Reunion is...
After the war he brought his family to Kanawha Co. to join his wife's uncle Thomas Madison Shelton. Later he acquired the T. M. Shelton (Uncle Matt) farm and there his eight younger children were born.

William R. Blackwood was a Southern Methodist and a Mason. He died 1897, his wife Henrietta in 1917, and both buried at Lock Seven, now Nitro, WV, in the family burying ground at top of the hill behind the Nitro water tank. After Henrietta's death, the farm was sold to the U.S. Government for the town of Nitro; the farmhouse on the banks of the KANAWHA River at old Lock Seven, was used as the office for building of Nitro.

Children of W. R. Blackwood were: Robert E. Lee b. 1866; Anna Mary b. 1868; Charles Kenton b. 1870; Lena (Mehler) b. 1873; John Calvin b. 1876; Kenna Carpenter b. 1878; Beulah b. 1884

Margaret Lewis BLACKWOOD

Margaret Lewis (Neale) Blackwood, wife of Charles K. Blackwood, born at Ben Lomond, Appomattox County, Va., July 18, 1872, married there June 27, 1900, died Athens, Pa., May 16, 1949. Daughter of Edwin Lewis Neale and Attarah (Beall) Waggener. Edwin Lewis Neale b. Feb. 24, 1846, m. 1870, d. 1913, Son of William Presley Lewis Neale and Catherine Beale (Steenberg) Neale, born on Neale farm, Ben Lomond, in original log house, later replaced by brick house, into which he later moved, from which he supervised stock raising and shipping.

Children of W.P.L. and Catherine (Steenberg) Neale who survived were: Virginia Caroline Neale who married Otto Stribling of Mers homers Bottom, Ellen; Charles Albert who died in Confederate service in action near Pt. Pleasant; E. L. Neale (see above); W.P.L. Neale, M. D. of Pt. Pleasant who married Hele Virginia Waggener; and Robert James Neale who married Wilhelmina Leeper. C. Albert Neale and three who died in infancy are buried with parents at Bruce Chapel.

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JAMES BLACKBURN

James Blackburn was born June 9, 1810, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth Ainsley Blackburn. His grandfather was Joseph Blackburn who came to America from Ireland in 1736 with his parents, John Sr. and Rachel Morton Blackburn. The early Blackburns were Quakers and are named in the Monthly Meetings held in places where they lived. Zachariah Blackburn's marriage to Mary Bracken was contrary to Quaker principles and he was disinherited December 26, 1794. After the death of Mary Bracken Blackburn he married Elizabeth Ainsley.

James Blackburn married Nancy Bronn on June 30, 1831, in Morgan County, Ohio. They and their children came to Mason County in the 1850's from Muskingum County, Ohio. He was a laborer and farmer. James and Nancy Blackburn are buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery.

Children of James and Nancy Bronn Blackburn:

Thomas Jefferson Blackburn, born 1832, died 1890, married Nancy —; Elizabeth Celesta Blackburn, born January 26, 1833, died April 19, 1880, in Mason County, West Virginia, married David Durst on December 13, 1855, Mason County. Had children: Alta Jane Durst, Thomas Dillmon Durst, James A. Durst, Samuel Sheridan Durst, John Welby Durst and Clyde Durst.

Eliza Blackburn, married Henry Thornton and left a daughter Rose Thornton, who was raised by her grandparents.

James Ainsley Blackburn, married Susan Durr (sister of David).

Mary Melissa Blackburn, died at age 21.
THE BLAGG FAMILY

The Blaggs of Mason County trace their origin to Wales from whence two Blagg brothers, John and William, immigrated to Albemarle County, Virginia. John, who never married, was a lieutenant in the Colonial Army and a captain in the Revolutionary Army. William (1740-1802) married Elizabeth Wilson (1752-1808). They settled in Highland County, Virginia and had eight children, one of whom was Abraham.

Abraham (1784-1827) married Jane Carlyle Jones who died in 1862. They had five children which included Benjamin Harrison Blagg, born 1812 in Pendleton County Virginia, died 1883 in Upshur County, West Virginia.

Benjamin Harrison (1812-1883) married Sarah Spicer in 1838. He was a farmer all his life but also engaged in other pursuits. His Walkersville, West Virginia hatter shop was destroyed which assumed the name of Thevenin in 1906. In 1908 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Mason County. He practiced law until his death in 1914.

brother, Abraham Smith Blagg, was a United Brethren minister and probably served one or more churches in Mason County. His name was Charles Albert Blain but few people ever bothered to call him that. He was "Ab" to just about everybody. Ab was born on his father's farm on Crab Creek on May 25, 1867. Ab was a skilled livestock broker. He and his brother, John, bought and sold cattle. Ab, who was a fair and honest man, rode horseback over the countryside during the week and bargained with farmers to buy their cattle. One story tells that he bought the cattle to the stockyards at the B&Q railroad station at Gallipolis Ferry. Saturday morning the cattle were loaded into boxcars and shipped by train to the stock market at Pittsburgh. Ab and John would take turns riding on the train to Pittsburgh to sell their cattle.

The Blagg Family

Charles Albert "AB" Blain

ment in selecting leaf qualities to sell to the different companies for their individual needs. Though Ab bought and sold tobacco, he maintained high standards for himself. He never smoked cigarettes, chewed tobacco, drank alcohol or used profanity. He and his family would walk over the hill and attend services at Zion Baptist Church on Sunday mornings.

He owned a winter home in Gallipolis where the family lived and his children went to school. They always returned to their farm at Blaintown for the summer.

Ab was a pleasant man, who worked hard and supported his family well. He never had any serious illnesses during his lifetime. He even retained his own teeth. At age 85, when he was unable to do the things he had once done, he just gave up. He died on February 19, 1949. Submitted by — Martin W. Blain, Virginia Blain Hendey

JAMES ELDREDGE BLAIN FAMILY

I have for the past several years been President of the Blain Family Reunion and have tried to keep the family history up to date. This portion consists of my immediate family. My Great Grand Parents on my father's side were: Wm. Henry Blain b. 12-16-1802 d. 12-20-1867 and Sylvia (Chandler) Blain b. 7-23-1807 d. 2-28-1867. They were married 1826. The 4th child of 9 children was my Grand-father Eldridge Blain b. 12-3-1836 d. 8-7-1880 and my Grand-mother Martha Denny b. 5-7-1842 d. 5-14-1924 were married 2-2-1865.

My father Calvin Russell Blain b. 3-6-1878 d. 7-11-1941 was the 6th of 7 children and my mother was Effie Pearson b. 6-24-1886 d. 4-19-1912, dau. of James and Catherine Pearson. My parents were married 2-25-1903. I am James Eldridge "Jimmy" Blain, the only son and 3rd child of the 5 following children: 1. Mary Catherine Blain b. 12-27-1903 d. 12-29-1985 m. 7-17-1926 Charles Edward Thevenin b. 1-10-1898 d. 7-15-1982 and they had 3 children: Dorothy, Charles and Clifford. 2. Maybel Blain born and died 1905 and buried in Ohio.

John W. Blackburn, born about 1849, died October 20, 1878, at age 29, buried at Jackson Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by — Jimmy Joe Wedge

Benjamin and Luemma had eight children: Alva Harrison 1885-1886 Died in infancy.

Donald Orr 1886-1894 Attorney (Charleston, WV) Married Annie Knopp.

Susie Fay 1888-1928 Teacher, housewife (Albuquerque, NM) Married Fred Yeager.

Benjamin Vance 1891-1965 Physician (South Charleston, WV) Married Desta Sommer. 3 children.

Benjamin's wife Luemma lived in Point Pleasant until her death at age 100 in 1966. The only descendent of this Blagg family living in Mason County at this time (1986) are Elisine Smith Harper, daughter of Belva L. Blagg Smith, and Elva Knopp's granddaughter Kay Rutherford and her children Lori and Scott. Submitted by — William R. Smith, Jr.

CHARLES ALBERT (AB) BLAIN

His name was Charles Albert Blain but few people ever bothered to call him that. He was "Ab" to just about everybody. Ab was born on his father's farm on Crab Creek on May 25, 1867.

The first of the Blain family to settle on Crab Creek was William Henry Blain in 1841. He staked off hundreds of acres of land and built a large log house on a bluff overlooking 5 Mile Road. Here he lived and raised his family. His son, Zerah Tinker Judd Blain, Ab's father, inherited the property and raised his family here. There were five boys - William, Ab, Hugh, John and Price, and five girls - Louella, Mary, Cynthia, Alice and Norah.

When Zerah's five sons married, he gave them each 100 acres of the land on which to build their homes and raise their families. His daughters were given $100.00 each when they married. Price, the youngest son, inherited the ancestral home which he restored and enlarged into a charming country home. Ab's land bordered the homestead on the south. After the sons began to build homes and raise families, a community developed which assumed the name of "Blaintown."

On March 9, 1885, Ab married Effie Reed, daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia Reed. The couple had two sons and a daughter - Fonnie, born 1885, Clarence (Bud), born 1887, and Edith, born 1892. Effie died in 1892 at the age of 23 and is buried in Bruce Chapel Cemetery.

Ab met and married his second wife, Minnie Shank in 1896, and they had six children: Audrey, Frances, Beulah, Charlotte, Dwight and Walter.

Ab was a skilled livestock broker. He and his brother, John, bought and sold cattle. Ab, who was a fair and honest man, rode horseback over the countryside during the week and bargained with farmers to buy their cattle. One story tells that he bought the cattle to the stockyards at the B&Q railroad station at Gallipolis Ferry. Saturday morning the cattle were loaded into boxcars and shipped by train to the stock market at Pittsburgh. Ab and John would take turns riding on the train to Pittsburgh to sell their cattle.

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Ab was very successful as a livestock broker and from this venture he made a good living for his family.

He also became an expert in buying and selling tobacco. He attended tobacco auctions and bought wagon and truck loads of tobacco from farmers who brought their tobacco to the market. They were glad to unload it and he was glad to buy it. He would sort and grade the tobacco and he used great skill and judg-
JOHN ALLEN BLAIN FAMILY

John A. Blain was among Ohio Valley's most prominent and successful farmers, livestock dealers, and financiers. Mr. Blain became a director of the Ohio Valley Bank of Gallipolis, Ohio in 1917 and retained the position until his death in 1950. He was one of the original stockholders of the Gallipolis Livestock Sales Company, organized in 1930, and also a director of the Gallia (Ohio) Produce Company.

Born in 1869 to Z.T.J. and Amanda Daigh Blain, he lived all his life in the Gallipolis Ferry community. His sphere of business activity was

Mason County and the surrounding area of Gallipolis, Ohio and Pt. Pleasant. He married Millie

WILLIAM HARVEY BLAIN FAMILY

William Harvey "Will" Blain was born October 18, 1858, the son of Zarah Tinker Judd Blain and Amanda Daigh Blain. Will married Margaret Ellen Swisher, daughter of John and Nora Swisher, on January 21, 1882. They had two sons: Byrd Otho, born September 16, 1884, and Ira Utley, born January 6, 1887. They worked at farming and timber. Byrd graduated from Cincinnati Embalming School, but did not practice this profession long.

Byrd married Mary Ann Donnally Austin, daughter of Byrd and Lida Ellen Gilliss Austin. They had three children: Harvey Otho, Marjorie Madeline, and Birdie Austin.

Harvey married Ruth Melton, daughter of Bob and Lilly Morriston Melton. They had five children: Ruth Ellen, Harvey David, Nancy Ann, Charles Richard, and Robert Reed. Ruth Ellen married Arville Edward Sommer, Jr., son of Arville Edward and Edith Melton Sommer. They have two sons, Arville Edward III "Chip" and Alex Brooks Sommer. Chip married Stephanie Given, daughter of Rondell and Cecil Ann Farley Given, and have one son, Joshua Edward. Harvey David married Elizabeth Lynn Wedge, daughter of Paul and Lillian Herrig Wedge, who died in the collapse of the Silver Bridge. They have three children, Melissa Lynn, Richard Otho, and Jeremy Wedge Blain. Nancy married James Virgil Blevins, son of Virgil and Ida Gabriella Blevins. They have three children, Virgil, Scott Otho, and Elizabeth Ann Blevins. Richard was married to Sharon Ebene Bowles, daughter of Hansford Eugene and Katherine Herdman Bowles. Their first child, Charles Richard, Jr. died shortly after birth. They have one son, Wesley Scott Blain. Reed was married to Lee Ann Baker, daughter of Carl and Janet Meadows Baker.


Birdie Austin married Margaret Louise Rodgers, daughter of Curtis and Elsie Rodgers, and had three sons, Rodger Austin, Steven Lewis, and Randall Allen, and one daughter, Louella Gail. Rodger married Patricia Ann Jarrell, and had four sons, Dean Austin, Kevin Alain, Jonathon Andrew, and Matthew Adam Blain. Steve married Anita Jean Burman, and two daughters, Amy Marie and Kimberly Denise. He later married Laura Louise Hoffman Wright, and has one son, Adam Taylor Wright. Randall married Carol Ann Ebert, and had Bradley Alan, Nathan Ashley and Kelly LeeAnn Blain.

Ira Utley Blain married Rebecca VanMatre, daughter of Carl and Janet Meadows Baker. Their first child, Charles Richard, Jr. died shortly after birth. They have one son, Adam Taylor Wright. Randall married Carol Ann Ebert, and had Bradley Alan, Nathan Ashley and Kelly LeeAnn Blain.


Betsy Ann Blain married Frank E. Yester, and had a daughter, Mickey Ann, who married David Richardson, and have three daughters, Rebecca Carol, Kelly LeeAnn, and Stacey Lynn Richardson. Submitted by — Marjorie M. White

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM HENRY BLAIN

Little is known of the Blain's before 1802, when Wm. Henry Blain was born 16 Dec. 1802, in Wheeling, WV, to Hetty Blain, his father having drowned before his birth. His mother was from Pennsylvania. He lived with his mother until bound out to work when but a boy. Later on he lived with Alexander at Letart Falls, Ohio. He followed boatiing for some time, met and married Sylvia Chandler, in 1826, (dau. of Charles and Rebecca Chandler of Mass.) in Marietta, Ohio. In 1841, they settled in Cridenberg-
Charles Albert and Effie Reed Blaine. His mother died when he was six years of age and for the next few years, he lived with his maternal grandparents, Benjamin and Lucretia Reed. He learned carpentry from his grandfather and spent most of his life in that trade.

His formal education ended at grade 6. He grew up largely self-educated, but he quickly learned the fundamentals of arithmetic and could cipher with anyone. In addition, he developed a keen knowledge of finance and economics. He was a pleasant, enjoyed jokes, pranks or funny predicaments and liked to dance a jig. He and our mother hosted square dances in our home and he did the calling. Those were happy occasions which their friends looked forward to attending.

As a teenager, Bud cooked for loggers in a logging and sawmill camp and when he became old enough he took horse teams to the woods and brought out the timber.

As a young man, he groomed horses, trained them for the track and drove sulky in harness races throughout Ohio. He married Kate Christine Lockhart in 1913 and they lived most of their lives at Apple Grove. They had five children: Helen who married Jack Porter Schrader; one daughter who died in infancy; Virginia who married Dorse Lee Henley; Marlin who married Lucille Edwards; and Glenna Jean who married David Ray Allison.

Our father was a proud, independent man who made his own decisions. He was a very gentle man too. Although he worked at various jobs, the one he enjoyed most and in which he took great pride was constructing homes. His homes were well built and will stand many years from now. He was a master carpenter and other carpenters came to him for advice on complicated construction projects.

He was a very frugal man and invested his money to the best advantage. He never owned an automobile. Furthermore, when the horse and buggy became obsolete, the automobile couldn’t arouse his interest. In his later years he rode a bicycle to and from work.

Our father took a great interest in political issues. Earlier in life, he supported the Democratic Party but later changed to Republican. He was strongly opposed to the existing welfare programs that he called “hand-outs”. He was completely honest and he had no favor for those he found dishonest. Another of his beliefs, by which he strictly lived, was “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

For several years he was assistant to the Mason County Assessor. He would travel from house to house listing personal property for taxation purposes. This gave him great pleasure. It was an occasion for him to see his friends and visit in their homes. He liked people and his neighbors were more than just people next door. Another of his pleasures was going to Point Pleasant and sitting in the park, talking to his mother-hosted square dances in their home and he did the calling. Those were happy occasions which their friends looked forward to attending.

As a teenager, Bud cooked for loggers in a logging and sawmill camp and when he became old enough he took horse teams to the woods and brought out the timber.

As a young man, he groomed horses, trained them for the track and drove sulky in harness races throughout Ohio. He married Kate Christine Lockhart in 1913 and they lived most of their lives at Apple Grove. They had five children: Helen who married Jack Porter Schrader; one daughter who died in infancy; Virginia who married Dorse Lee Henley; Marlin who married Lucille Edwards; and Glenna Jean who married David Ray Allison.

Our father was a proud, independent man who made his own decisions. He was a very gentle man too. Although he worked at various jobs, the one he enjoyed most and in which he took great pride was constructing homes. His homes were well built and will stand many years from now. He was a master carpenter and other carpenters came to him for advice on complicated construction projects.

He was a very frugal man and invested his money to the best advantage. He never owned an automobile. Furthermore, when the horse and buggy became obsolete, the automobile couldn’t arouse his interest. In his later years he rode a bicycle to and from work.

Our father took a great interest in political issues. Earlier in life, he supported the Democratic Party but later changed to Republican. He was strongly opposed to the existing welfare programs that he called “hand-outs”. He was completely honest and he had no favor for those he found dishonest. Another of his beliefs, by which he strictly lived, was “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

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THE WILLIAM RICHARD BLAZER FAMILY

William Richard Blazer, son of Richard and Judy Mitchell Blazer (married Laura Dobson of Mason County, WV) and Great grandson of the William Blazer family, was born February 22, 1866 in a log cabin on Dry Ridge, Mason County, WV. He sought to instill the finer qualities in his children. He was a family man. The most important people in his life were his wife and children. And above all he had a deep religious faith.

We believe he was a great man; certainly a good man. He died April 29, 1965, at age 77.

Submitted by — Helen Blaine Schrader, Virginia Blaine Hendley, Martha Woodrow Blaine, Glennie Jean Blaine Allison

MAXINE BLAKE

I was born on a Wednesday in September 1902 in a log cabin on Dry Ridge, Mason County, WV. The Mason-Cabell line ran across the back porch of our house. On November 9, 1902 the family moved in two wagons to Glenwood, WV. To be further moved by boat, the T. B. Ennis, to Guyandotte, WV. I still live in Guyandotte W. Va.

My father was Lemuel Sherman Blake born February 22, 1866, my mother was Viola Lizzie Fetty Blake born July 31, 1871.

My sisters and brothers are Ina Gladys, Okey Harold, Othal Azel, Leon; infant sister died age 2 years 8 mos., Oris Kendreh, myself Anna Laura Maxine Blake.

I married Robert E. L. Miller August 17, 1920 and have three children, Elizabeth Anne Miller Cromwell, Maxine Nevada Miller Alison, Ruth Eleanor Miller Keefer.

Contributed by Maxine Blake, 518 Buntington St., Guyandotte, W. Va. Submitted by — Maxine Blake

The greatest changes in American society occurred during her lifetime. Progress was made in transportation, communication, industry and political expression and she proudly moved forward with it. She liked progress, was very patriotic and had strong convictions. She assisted the Red Cross in World War II by making supplies and surgical dressings for the sick and wounded and when the boys came home and marched in Washington had she her way, she would have been there marching with them.

During the great depression, she functioned as a barber, attended the sick, laid out corpses, was local midwife and constantly did helpful things for people in all walks of life, with the uplifting hope of making the world a better place in which to live.

Throughout her life she was a devout Christian. She taught Sunday School and Bible Study at Beale Chapel for several decades and had a record of 11 years perfect attendance. She started a fund to buy chimes for the church but didn't live to see it through. At her death on June 29, 1973, enough money was given in her memory to complete the fund and install the chimes. They ring out as a testimony to her life; a life which contributed to human dignity. Submitted by — Helen Blaine Schrader, Virginia Blaine Hendley, Martha Woodrow Blaine, Glennie Jean Blaine Allison

United States Navy Air. He grew up as his parents moved with his Dad's service, but settled in Lexington Park, MD, where he graduated from Lexington Park High School in 1976. He then attended Point Pleasant Junior High School.

In January 1980 he married Laura Dobson of Michigan while both were working in Largo, Florida. Laura attended St. Petersburg Junior College.


He has his own business B & B Building and Maintenance out of his home. Submitted by — Dorothy Mitchell

CHARLES F. BLESSING FAMILY

Direct descendent of another Charles Blessing, German immigrant to Virginia 1761, Charles Edgar was one of five children.

Records show first Charles' son, Michael, born Maryland, later moving Mason County. Married Christy M. Long, five children resulting this union. Among them, George Lazarus married Suzanna Rickard 1820 with 13 children born to this couple.


Charles secured Normal Certificate from school held in building now housing County Board Education and taught school nine years. Accepted job Pennsylvania Railroad as traveling storekeeper. Promoted to that office Cleveland shops where family moved. Hale born Letart, others in Cleveland.

He left railroad in 1922, family moving to Point Pleasant. Here he operated Blessings Meat Market for many years, business terminating during depression in 1930's.

Active in Heights United Brethren church, he served as church clerk and financial secretary many years. May was active all phases activity in Ladies Aid Society, Woman's Bible Class.
May also is credited organizing first Parent Teacher Association in county in Heights elementary. Charles died January 3, 1939, May April 2, 1947.

Histories of the sons are found elsewhere in the History Book. Rose, (born April 1, 1912,) married Raleigh R. Gaskins, (born March 3, 1904) on April 5, 1942. No children were born to this union. Raleigh employee Appalachian Power Company, service man; worked as clerk Lowe Hotel prior to retirement. Served three years U. S. Army, Mississippi and Florida. Rose died Sept. 9, 1956. Raleigh married Eloise Rhodes in 1960 and was deceased Sept. 6, 1977.

Rose served as organist and pianist Heights Church for many years, teaching two nieces, Janet and Delores, who served that capacity. Gave piano lessons many local residents. Member choir and also directed youth choirs and provided music for several vacation Bible schools. Submitted by — Delores McCallister, Grand-daughter.

THE HALE B. BLESSING FAMILY


His parents, Charles E. and May F. Poley Blessing, both deceased. Her parents, Leonard O. and Anna Zuskan Gaskins, both deceased. Hale, High school graduate 1925, won contest to name school annual. The Oh Kan. Between junior, senior years, helped build Cottage Annex, High School. After graduation, helped William H. Chase build Louis Mueller residence. Then worked in Mold Loft, Marietta Ship Yards. Took first place U. S. Postal exam to start first city mail delivery in Point Pleasant. After 22 years, transferred to Rural Route 1 for 16 more years, retiring 1966. While on Route 1, helped Virgil Love building Court­ house, hanging interior doors and partitions. Continued to help build few houses, did interior paneling on others. Continued woodwork projects in home workshop.

Served Heights church as Financial secretary (current office) and as teacher. Now assistant Christian Builders Class.

Virginia graduated 1932, worked as clerk Heights Post Office; Mason County Health Department; Medical Records, Pleasant Valley Hospital. Church activity through years; teacher, Primary department superintendent; president United Methodist Women, now Mission chairperson.


Submitted by — Janet Newell, Daughter.

CHARLES GORDON

BLESSING FAMILY


His parents, Charles E. and May F. Poley Blessing, both deceased, her parents, John and Nellie Pullins Thomas, both deceased.

Blessing Family

Gordon, graduate Point Pleasant High 1926, first worked Ben Franklin store as clerk, employment as Time Clerk for Machine Shop followed, then worked as clerk Point Pleasant Transportation Company. This followed by ten years O. J. Morrison Store, as clerk. Gordon next secured employment Marietta Mfg. Co., material checker two years; next spent 11 years general supply clerk Navy yard. He assumed office of Manager General Services Administration depot here, continuing that position 19 years, retired June 1975.

Clara worked short period Sterling Manufacturing Company but then spent remainder of married years as homemaker. Clara died August 12, 1977.


Nellie married Cecil Edward Owline (born November 23, 1937 Dayton, Ohio) in Chapel, Ohio University, also his alma mater, shortly before graduation. The couple moved to Colorado where he has been employed as underwriter for the Prudential Insurance Co. for several years. Nellie worked as his assistant for a number of years but has mainly followed role of homemaker.

Two sons born to this union, both in Grand Junction, where family resides. James Edward born May 1, 1963, is graduate of University New Mexico, Albuquerque. David, born February 5, 1965, is sophomore Colorado State, Fort Collins.

Charles Robert married Rose Mary Tizzano, Cleveland, Ohio, August 27, 1974. They now reside in Mentor, Ohio. He is employed as Execu­tive with Dunn Appraisal Company. Rose Mary is similarly employed in that capacity with Soci­ ety National Bank.

Gordon continues to pursue his interest in golfing. Another hobby was a rose garden in which Gordon and Clara devoted much time and interest. Submitted by — Nellie Jean Owline, daughter.

THE ROY BLESSING FAMILY


His parents were Mason county natives, father born at Board and mother at Letart. When the family moved to Point Pleasant in 1922, Roy completed education through High School, 1932. He worked as reporter for Point Pleasant Register. Also was underwriter for Peoples Life Insurance Co. for 33½ years; and two years in wire room at Marietta Mfg. Co. shipyard. Since retirement in 1976, he has worked part-time as income tax practitioner.

Church work has occupied much of the lives of both Roy and Annis. At Heights U. M. Church, he has served in most of the offices in the church, superintendent to librarian. Annis also has been active in the church, holding various offices in the United Methodist Women’s group. Her work included four years as state treasurer. She has shared with Roy in denomination-wide experiences, attending all but one of nine General Conferences when he was delegate from W. Va.; all but one of five Northeastern Jurisdictional Conferences; and numerous ses­sions Annual Conference at Buckhannon. Roy also was delegate to 1976 World Methodist Confer­ence in Dublin, Ireland.

Both have been active in local Camp, The Gideon’s, International, for 35 years. Roy also has served for more than 33 years as Secretary, Point Pleasant Odd Fellows Lodge. Recognition was accorded as Layman of the Year; Huntington District 1969 and Conference 1977; and Life Membership United Methodist Men 1985.


McCallisters had five children. Carole and Susan both born in Point Pleasant; Laura and Jeffrey, both in Parkersburg; and David in Huntington. The Blessings had two children. Anne born Huntington and Nancy born in Alexandria, Va.


Grandchildren: Carole, Marshall U; Susan W. Va, Wesleyan College; Anne, William and Mary College, Laura, 4th year W. Va. University.
THE BLESSING FAMILY

Michael Blessing, son of George Blessing and Juliana Easterday, grandson of Jacob Blessing and Anna Magdalena Traut, and the founder of the Blessing family in America. Jacob came from Germany, landed in Pennsylvania, and subsequently settled in Frederick County, Maryland around 1770, where his nine children were born.

Michael born 22, March 1796, Frederick County, MD., son of George and Juliana. He married Ann Elizabeth, born 10, October 1829, Letart, married 13, February 1849, Mason County, VA, by Robert Osborne, Minister. To Robert Osborne, Minister, and to Mason Jones. Nothing more is known of this family.

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THE HERMAN BLETNER FAMILY

The Bletner to come to this county was Edward Bletner aged eight in 1856. He married Elizabeth Wolf from Germany, too. They had nine children. Edward made barrels by hand for the salt plants around Mason.

Herbert, an Ohio State graduate was a dental surgeon and married Nancy Wake. They had three children-Sarah, Susanne and John. Shirley married Robert Klein in Ohio, too. Clare, 1989-1987, was a barrel maker also until he married Nellie Armstrong. Then he worked for Du Pont of Belle. He had one son, Clarence II. Clarence II married Ann Pritt and there are two sons. Clarence III and William. Clarence III enlisted in the navy in 1986. They live in Ohio.

Fanning, 1901-1967 helped his father too, but later became a millwright. He was in the Army during World War II after working in many places he came home to retire. William, 1905, was the first Bletner to attend High School. Fanning followed and became a farmer. By 1909 he married Marshall, she taught school for 47 years. She spent 46 years in Mason County Schools, 45 of them in Mason.

Herman F., 1918, was the first boy of the family to attend High School. He is serving in the Navy (World War II) and married Blanche Wedge. They had three girls. Herman became a millwright also. Brenda Sue, a Marshall graduate, married John Mash and they had two daughters, Melanie and Christine. Sue lives in Buffalo but she teaches in Leon. Rebecca married Bruce Yerian and they have two sons. They live in a log house near London, Ohio. Caroly married Bob Higginbotham and they had a son, Alan. She divorced Bob and later she married Tichner. He adopted Alan and they had two children, Rachel and Johnny. They live on a farm on Ten Mile with many animals and John teaches in Elizabeth.

Helen, Ruth and Mae live in Mason in the family home. Submitted by — Helen Bletner

NIMROD BOGGESS FAMILY

Nimrod Boggess moved his family to the Mason County area between 1800 and 1810. In 1800 Nimrod is in the Bath County, Virginia Census. In February, 1801, he married Amelia Porter (daughter of Adam Porter) in Bath County, VA, in March, 1805, Nimrod served on a jury in Mason County. Nimrod was born in 1782 and still lived in Mason County at the 1850 Census.

Nimrod was the son of Thomas and Mary Boggess. Thomas was born between 1740 and 1750. Thomas died in 1832 in Monroe County, Virginia. Thomas appears to be the son of Thomas (died 1772) and Hannah Boggess. The senior Thomas appears to be the son of John (died 1753) and Elizabeth (nee Samford) Boggess.

Nimrod had at least one son, Adam. Adam was born February 4, 1800. On March 7, 1833, Adam married Jane K. Hall, daughter of John and Olevia Hall, born June 4, 1807, Ireland, died January 5, 1869, Mason County. Adam died January 16, 1863, in Mason County.

The Census records, Adam had four children. Amelia (1824-), Olive (1830-1893), Jane Catherine (1841-1915), John A. (1845-), and James (1847-).

Robert Osborne Boggess was born December 31, 1842, Mason County, and died August 4, 1913, in the Civil War as an officer in Co. B, 13th West Virginia Infantry Volunteers.

On December 24, 1868, R. O. married Rebecca Somerville (September 12, 1837-November
Rebecca Jane Bogess, of Benjamin, born 1847, married Robert Okey (1889-1955) Josephine (1890-1970) family historian, married Lona Naomi Burdette (b. 5/26/1880, married September 15, 1916, married Sam Rayburn; (8) Robert born November 6, 1889; (9) Nellie born March 31, 1891, died 1975, married Lawrence Stever; (10) Olive born November 11, 1895, died 1944, married Everett Sayre; (11) Alta born April 23, 1897, died 1983. Robert Boggess married Lona Naomi Burdette on the 28th day of December, 1911. The marriage was performed by Andrew Riffle. He was 26 years old and she was 22 years. They lived in the home that was once owned by her family, the James Burdettes. Alfred was remembered as a man who loved hunting and always followed the sport. Lona Bogle was a faithful member of the Leon Methodist Church. This couple is the parents of seven children: (1) James born April 8, 1916, married Gevetta Smith. Their children: Johnnie, Herman, Mary, and Randall who died 1967; (2) Marie L. Bole born April 7, 1918, married Charles McClure. Their children: Billy, Mike and David; (3) Goldie E. born March 10, 1920, married Gerald Graham. Their children: Wanda and Jimmie; (4) Osie B. born March 10, 1922, married Sidney Smith. They had two children Donna and Gary; (5) Beulah M. born May 26, 1929, married Kermit Little. The were the parents of three children: Harold, Nancy and Dennis; (6) Betty J. born February 22, 1928, married Angus Robbins. Their children: Becky died at age nine months, Greg and Rosie; (7) Ruth D. born January 19, 1934, married Earl Kidd. Their children Cindy, Tim and Chris. Lona Bole was married on March 14, 1978. Submitted by Beulah Little

BOOTH FAMILY

Ancestors of the Booth family emigrated to America in the early 1800's, or before, settling in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. It is said they were of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. Others of this name in our area claim to be of English descent, and indeed it is certain a number of those of that name did come to our country from England and are known to all as “Englishmen,” such as William or William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and Edwin Booth, the great actor. But of the Booths in our area, several of the older members of the family described in this history were told by their parents of their Scottish and Welsh lineage. Therefore, we include here a few names, or, in our story:

Andrew Franklin Booth, patriarch of the family in this history, was born to parents who lived in Virginia, in a place now known as West Virginia. He was born June 4, 1831 and lived to the age of 82 years, 7 months, 2 days. Date of death was January 6, 1914. Andrew married Betsy Elizabeth Garrett (b. 5/6/1836 - d. 11/26/1903). In Virginia, of English ancestry, she was the daughter of a mother born in North Carolina, father born in Virginia, and was a sister of that namedid come to our country.

Andrew and Betsy settled in West Columbia, in Mason County, and raised their large family of eleven children there on a country homestead. In those days West Columbia was a thriving community. Laid out about 1847, it is the oldest town in Waggener District, and was mentioned in Washington's journal of 1772. Industries there in the 1800's included the first salt furnace on the Ohio River. Howard Johnson (b. 11/25/1898 - d. 1959, married lst husb. William Shell (b. 3/31/1855 - d. 4/8/1978) m. Mina Shuler; their children: a. (1) Sally in their home. Sally Mayme Bootl (2) Howard Johnson (b. 7/25/1853 - d. 1934; (3) Mary (Mollie) born 1878 married a (4) Andrew. In Virginia, of English ancestry, she was the daughter of a mother born in North Carolina, father born in Virginia, and was a sister of that namedid come to our country.

Clarence was a telegrapher in Huntington, W. Va. Their children: (1) Edith (m. Dan Nichols), (2) Ralph (m. Anna Maria Young), (3) Margaret, (4) Grace, (5) Charlotte (m. Crawford), (6) Alf (m. Crawford), (7) Joseph, (8) Olevia (m. Knapp). Grace and Harry had one child, Margie (Nesbitt), now deceased and survived by his children in Texas. Grace and Harry lived in Ohio, but after Harry's death Grace moved back to West Virginia, and lived in Mason City until her death.

Clara.

8. Olevia (b. 11/17/1870 - d. 9/17/1892), age 22, single.

9. Everett Every (b. 12/28/1872 - d. 3/24/1953), married Anna Maria Young, (b. 4/ 1879 - d. 2/9/1958), daughter of Fletcher and Rilla Young. Every and Ann Maria raised their family in West Columbia and continued living there until their deaths. They are buried at West Columbia Hill Cemetery. Of their 10 children, 2 died in infancy, Margaret and Richard. The remaining children:


b. Ellen (m. Joseph Wilson): Their children:


b. Grace (m. Harry Hoffman, son of James C. and Cicero Hoffman, and brother of Walter, Nate, Will, Olevia (Young), Etta (Young), and Daisy (Knapp). Grace and Harry had one child, Margie (Nesbitt), now deceased and survived by his children in Texas. Grace and Harry lived in Ohio, but after Harry's death Grace moved back to West Virginia, and lived in Mason City until her death.

11. Andrew Franklin (b. 10/18/1877 - d. 7/3/1963), youngest and last survivor of the Booth children, married Carrie Estella Davis on May 14, 1898, speaking their vows before Rev. Arthur Merrells of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Carrie Estella, (b. 9/30/1851 - d. 12/27/1953), was a daughter of William and Betty Johnson Davis, and was raised in West Columbia. (See William Davis Family) Andrew "Frank" and Carrie made their home in West Columbia and raised their family. They spent the early years of their married life Frank worked in the mines there, then was later employed by the New York Central Railroad, and for many years worked out of the Hobson shops in Middleport, Ohio, across the river from West Columbia. He and Carrie moved to Middleport where they lived for many years, but for a number of years lived in Bucyrus, Ohio, before moving back to Middleport, where they remained until his retirement from New York Central. After Carrie's death in 1953, he continued to live there for a time, but later made his home with his son James in Dickinson, W. Va. Frank and Carrie are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Cheshire, Ohio. They had three children: a. Maud Mae (b. 5/30/1899 - d. 10/9/1965), son of David Lewis "Lew" and Nancy Sprouse Johnson. (See Sprouse History). Hazel and Howard raised their family in West Columbia, and lived there many years. They are buried at Lone Oak Cemetery, Pt. Pleasant. Their children were: a. Mildred (Grimes) b. Edward c. William d. Marvin.

Samuel Peter (b. 9/22/1857 - d. 6/16/1895), son of Henry and Mary Dodd Russell, and brother of Clayton, Lawrence, Lester (Pete), Etta (Stewart), and Naomi (Edwards). Mabel and John's children were: a. Mardell (m. William), b. Ellen (m. Joseph Wilson). Their children: (1) John W. (1897-1967) married Alpha Hoschar, who now lives in Chiclitoce, Oh. Their children: (1) Edna (Forrest Drake, son of Roy and Ethel Sprouse Drake). Edna and Forrest had a son, Michael. (See Sprouse History). (2) Opal (m. John Andrew) (3) Beryl (m. Rose Ann).

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Frank Booth with grandson James Booth
Maud and James is included in the Sprouse Cemetery, Point Pleasant. (A brief history of Sprouse are buried at Suncrest Memorial.

Maud and James lived and raised their family in Hallwood, W. Va. Their children:


12. James (b. 7/25/1878 - d. 8/28/1959). A grandchild of Andrew and Betsy Booth, he was reared in their home. Never married, he was an engineer for the B & O Railroad for many years, and is buried at Suncrest Memorial Cemetery, Point Pleasant.

The Booth history is carried forward today by the many descendants of this large family who still live in Mason County and surrounding areas. Many have located throughout the United States, and of course all carry the Booth name, but the blood line links them to those who came and settled here well over a century ago. Of the twelve Booth children listed and written about in this history, most have direct descendants today in County. Selected by — Pearlene M. VanOoteghem, Joanna M. Reed, Lera Maud Price, Lois Ann Young, John R. VanOoteghem. Helen Stewart.

**John VanOoteghem is the son of Pearlene and lives in Huntington; He assisted in the research and preparation of this story and his help was invaluable. All the others mentioned and signing contributed greatly and assisted actively in compiling this information.)

**BOSWELL (BOZWELL) OF MASON COUNTY**

Thomas L. Bozwell and Catherine Riffe were married in Mason Co. Oct. 7, 1849 where she was born Nov. 10, 1829 to Samuel and Catherine Riffe. They arrived in VanBuren Co. Iowa 1850 and 1851. Amos November 5, 1804. The family cemetery is located there.

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Peachy Gilmer (b. 1807) married Caroline McDaniel 1832 (7 children); Susan (b. 1805) married Fendolph Marshall; Wm. M. (b. 1811) married Eliza Jane; Creed (b. 1816) remained a bachelor; Thomas L. (b. 1816) died March 23, 1881 Iowa husband of Catherine Riffe; Mary (b. 1820) married Archibald Brown; John born 1823; Elizabeth (b. 1825) married Dr. William Calbreath (13 children).

Thomas L. was the son of William M. and Mary J. Mason Bozwell. Her parents were Gilbert and Elizabeth Mason who married Jan. 2, 1873 in Virginia.

Seven children born to William and Mary are known. Gilbert (1789-1854) married June 5, 1809 Elizabeth Mason (9 children); Creed H. ferryboat operator; William J. married Cathie Davis July 4, 1807; Jane born 1796 married December 7, 1812 Andrew Lewis Jr. (6 children); Sally married December 27, 1810 John Patterson; Henry or Henrietta married William Amos November 5, 1804.

Jane Bozwell daughter of Thomas B. married Feb. 28, 1826 John W. Carter. Their issue Pow-
Their children were Judy and Warren D. Trenlenberg Moeller.

William Gilbert Boswell and Rosa E. Carney served as young people's teacher for many years, a charter member of Ladies Aid, Home-makers Club and Leon Temple Pythian Sisters.

The family visited the grandparents in Jackson County, traveling about 18 miles in the horse-drawn hack about once a year. It was a thrill for the children when Willie made them hickory whistles to blow along the way. A picnic lunch was carried along, also feed for the horses. It was an all day trip.

The children's friends were always welcome. Molasses making in the fall was a popular time - eating skimmings on a piece of canestock dipped in the evaporator. Wheat threshing was a big event when the farmers would help each other.

Ethel married Don M. Harvey. Their children were Rosemary, Frank and Donna. Willie was a lifelong farmer, doing some carpenter work and mail carrying. He was a member of Leon Odd Fellows and K of P Lodges.

Duard was born in 1918 during the flu epidemic. He was delivered by Sarah Dunham, midwife, because Dr. B. F. Sommer was taking care of the children when Willie made them hickory whistles to blow along the way. A picnic lunch was carried along, also feed for the horses. It was an all day trip.

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Duard married Orpha Goode; later Esther Theiss was a well-known butcher in Ohio, August 26, 1915, the daughter of Albert Theiss and Anna Ann Smith Varian. Daniel Varian was born in Clifton, WV, October 11, 1891, the son of Charles Varian and Cora Ann Smith Varian. Daniel died on April 2, 1972.

Varian is a licensed professional cosmetologist and has also been employed at the Mason City Public Library since their opening in 1973. Joan is also the Fuller Brush and Rawleigh distributor for the Bend Area.

Submitted by — Joan L. Varian

WILLIAM HOWARD BOSWELL

William Howard Boswell, born August 10, 1910, at Biven, Jackson County, WV, son of William Gilbert Boswell and Rosa E. Carney Boswell. He came to Leon, Mason County with his parents in the fall of 1915. August 1940 he married Emma Louise Robinson, born July 23, 1923, daughter of Harrison Harold Robinson and Clara Wamsley Robinson. He served in the U.S. Navy 1944-45 and worked at the former American Viscose Plant at Nitro, WV until he moved to Rt. #1 West Columbia approximately 1947. He was a farmer and substitute mail carrier, member of Leon Baptist Church and American Legion Post #23. He died August 3, 1983 at Camptown, and buried at Kirtland Memorial Gardens, Pt. Pleasant, WV. Emma lives at Pt. Pleasant, WV.

Children are:
1. Ruth Marie, born March 26, 1941 at Leon, WV, October 27, 1961 married Carl Edward Dunham, born August 13, 1941, son of Insull Carl Dunham and Gladys Estella Nichols Dunham. They live at Leon, WV and have one child:

2. William Harold, Jr., born December 21, 1943 at Leon, WV, March 8, 1965 married Bernadette Rollins, born July 4, 1946 daughter of Jesse Melvin Rollins and Laurel Arbydine Riffle Rollins. They live at Rt. #1, West Columbia and have one child:

3. Norma Jean, born March 17, 1946 at Leon, WV, March 20, 1963 married Dennis Ray Howell, born November 8, 1946, son of Billy Bowman and Virginia Dare Curnutt. They live at Pomeroy, OH and have two children:
   1. Duanie Ray, born July 25, 1967 at Gallipolis, Ohio, married to Jennifer Sue Varian, born August 4, 1959, daughter of Charles Varian and Carol Louise See. They have one child:


5. James Lee, born April 17, 1952, married October 3, 1970 to Rhonda Jane Varian. They have one child:

Duard married Esther Butcher and Eli Butcher. Clara died in infancy:

1. Sarah Beth, born February 6, 1981; single

Daniel Varian was born in Clifton, WV, October 11, 1891, the son of Charles Varian and Cora Ann Smith Varian. Daniel died on April 2, 1972.

Varian is a licensed professional cosmetologist and has also been employed at the Mason City Public Library since their opening in 1973. Joan is also the Fuller Brush and Rawleigh distributor for the Bend Area.

Submitted by — Joan L. Varian

THE GENEALOGY OF THE HENRY BOWSER FAMILY

Henry Bowser married Mary Hooks April 22, 1896 in Adrian, Pa. Both born in Pa. Then moved to Wallace, West Virginia where they lived until April 1909 they moved to the Henderson Hill in Henderson, WV where they spent the rest of their life.

They had one daughter, Margaret Eaton born Jan. 1, 1913, died May 8, 1981. Married Daisy Barker daughter of Oren and Cora Barker Jan. 17, 1931.

They had seven children, five boys and two girls:

Oren Eugene; July 14, 1932
Ralph Edmond; Aug. 27, 1935
Ernest Elmer; Sept. 15, 1937
Margaret Jane; Mar. 15, 1940
Ray Albert; May 1, 1944
David Marshall; May 4, 1949
Debra Sue; Jan. 20, 1955


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James, Sept. 24, 1964, single
THE C. C. BOWYER FAMILY

Charles Clendenin Miller Bowyer was born at Winfield, Putnam County, W. Va. April 6, 1856 the son of General George C. Bowyer and Sophia Bowyer and was reared on a family farm, coming to Point Pleasant at the age of 17 and making his home with his grandfather, C. C. Miller who was then president of the Merchants National Bank, so he put the ambitious young man to work as an errand boy. The lad was determined for more important positions and he was soon promoted. He kept rising until C. C. Bowyer was made president of the Merchants National Bank, a position he held until 1928.

He was united in marriage with Kittie B. Parson and they had three children: Warren, Margaret and Samuel. C. C. Bowyer's parents were Captain William and Elizaboth (Tot) Parson and they had a son Samuel.

Kittie B. Bowyer's parents were William Henry and Elsie M. Watkins Parsons. They were married 50 years before their passing and are both buried in Lone Oak Cemetery.

Mr. C. C. Bowyer took an active interest in the affairs of the Masonic Order and the development of Point Pleasant. He was a member of the Masonic Order Ben Kedem Lodge, member of I.O.O.F Rebekah and Eastern Star. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church and an officer of the two Building and Loan Associations. He was treasurer of the Greater Kanawha Valley Improvement Assoc. and treasurer of the Master Pilots Association, treasurer of Minturn Lodge #19 and treasurer of Franklin Commandery #17 and on the committee to erect the monument at Tu-Endie-Wei Park.

Captain Bowyer was long interested in the two rivers that meet here. Steamboats were his hobby and he earned a pilots license. Captain Bowyer had the world's largest collection of steamboat relics of the river at the time of his passing in 1932 at the age of 76.

Miss Irene Bowyer, his daughter, never married and was a long time employee of the Point Pleasant Building and Loan Association.

Irene Bowyer, the last member of her family passed away in 1974 thus ending the careers and lives of the C. C. Bowyer family, a family of culture who were devoted to, and respected by, their community. Submitted by — Leila E. Thomas, Dottie T. Campbell

PARKER HANLIN BRADSHAW

Park Bradshaw was born Sept. 24, 1873 in Meigs County Ohio to Elisha and Mary Jane Hanlin Bradshaw. He married Louise Marcella Korn in 1892. Lucy was born Jan. 6, 1876 to Charles and Gertrude Greaser Korn.

In 1905 the family of five moved by flat boat to Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. Park worked at the Malleable Iron Works as a molder. He was Justice of the Peace in Mason County for several years. He was a member and officer of the Modern Woodmen of America. Park died Aug. 3, 1935 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. Louise died June 2, 1939 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery.

The following children were born to Park and Lucy:

1. Clara Louise was born Aug. 30, 1908 in Meigs County, Ohio. She married in Point Pleasant in 1905 at the age of nine. She married Junia Hojite, daughter of Grover and Josephine Holloway. She was a member and officer of the Modern Woodmen of America. She was also principal of North Pt. Pleasant High School in 1939. He and Margaret Durbin were married in Gallipolis, Ohio, on April 16, 1939. To this union the following four boys were born: James Morris Bragg, Jr., born in Washington D.C., April 16, 1940; Michael David, born in Gallipolis, Ohio, May 17, 1943; Thomas Stephen, born February 7, 1945 in Gallipolis, Ohio; and Larry Richard, born September 8, 1947, also in Gallipolis, Ohio. All four sons are graduates of Point Pleasant High School, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

James Morris Bragg followed construction and was employed at the Kyger Creek Power Plant in Cheshire, Ohio, prior to his appointment as the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Mason County, West Virginia. He was elected to that position from Point Pleasant High School in 1939. He and Margaret Durbin were married in Gallipolis, Ohio, at that time. Elected in 1964 as Assessor of Mason County on the Democratic ticket, he served four years in that office. In May of 1968, he was appointed the Circuit Court Judge of the Third Judicial District, a position he still holds as of 1986. Both Morris and Margaret Bragg are members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. They reside at 2214 Washington Lane, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

James Morris Bragg, Jr., married to the former Jean Hall, have two children: Martha Elizabeth, born February 20, 1964 and James Morris, III, born May 6, 1966. Both are married and reside in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Michael David married to Nancy L. Van-In-Wagen, are the parents of two children: Brandi Michelle and David Edgar. They reside in Point Pleasant and Michael is employed at the Stauffer Chemical Plant at Gallipolis Ferry, W. Va.

Thomas Stephen, also a graduate of Point Pleasant High School, is employed at the Tennessee Valley Authority in the former Glenna Logan and they are the parents of three sons: Jeffrey Stephen, Michael Brenton and Christopher Alan. They are now living in Pella, Iowa where Stephen is employed.

Larry Richard resides in Point Pleasant and self-employed. Submitted by — Larry Bragg
THE ROBERT E. BRANNAN FAMILY

Robert E. Brannan was born on May 30, 1911, in Mason County. He is married to Teresa Cochran Brannan, who was born on April 25, 1956, in Mingo County. They have one son, Jeremy Christopher Brannan who was born in Mason County on August 12, 1976.

Robert is the son of Houston Brannan born February 17, 1909, and Helen Lucille Cox Brannan. Houston and Helen Brannan had five children: John Houston Brannan, born November 19, 1941, died November 28, 1941; Cora Catharine Brannan Duncan, born April 7, 1944; married Charles L. Duncan; Infant born dead on November 20, 1947; Samuel Edward Brannan, born March 5, 1949; and Robert.

Houston Brannan was the son of John Samuel Brannan who was born on December 1, 1881, and died on December 8, 1918. John Samuel Brannan married Sallie C. Edwards in 1904. John served in the United States Army, Volunteer Infantry, Co. K, 27th Regiment from July 25, 1899 to April 1, 1901. During his life, he was a fireman, farmer, and carpenter. John and Sallie had seven children: Elmer Brannan, born December 31, 1902; John Samuel, born June 29, 1907; Houston; Rachael Brannan Montgomery, born August 24, 1914; Mary Aletha Brannan, born November 18, 1915; Freda Catherine Brannan, born March 9, 1918; died August 6, 1918; and Charlotte Brannan, born May 27, 1911. After the death of his parents, Robert E. Brannan, was raised by Charlotte Brannan Rice. Charlotte married to Robert H. Rice. They when met Robert (Rice) moved to Charlotte's community and started school. The school that they attended had two entrances - one for girls and one for boys. The entrances were a cross each other. Robert said, “When I looked across the room at the girls entering the school, Charlotte was the prettiest thing I'd ever seen.”

So he married her. They had one child, Robert H. Rice, Jr.

John Samuel Brannan was the son of Adam Justus Brannan born December 12, 1846 in Jackson Co., VA. Adam married Mary Jane Plants who was born in Washington Co., Pa. on May 22, 1848.

When Adam and Mary were married, they had to elope because the bride’s mother did not want the marriage to take place.

With the help of a relative, Alex Plants, the bride escaped through a Beech Hill window and met her future husband at the Kanawha River, where they took a “John Boat” into Point Pleasant and were married. Sometime during the day, the groom sat on a pine board, smoking his wedding trousers with pine pitch. “True love never runs smooth.”

Adam served as a private in Co. G, 13th Virginia Volunteers. He later was a rolling mill worker, a railroad track man and from 1891 until his death on March 30, 1917, was a farmer and merchant. Adam and Mary had six children: Sarah Elwina Brannan King, born May 15, 1871, died March 8, 1901, married B. E. King; Naomi Catherine Brannan Lewis, born May 14, 1876, married Miles Clement Lewis; Orpha Caroline Brannan, born October 14, 1878, died July 11, 1895; Maud Brannan, born August 18, 1888, died October 2, 1917; Christian Brannan, born June 16, 1891, married Cissie Culver; and Edward Brannan, born December 1, 1881, died December 8, 1918, married Sallie C. Edwards. Submitted - Teresa Brannan. Charlotte Brannan Rice.

BREEDEN, INA LYNN ZUSPAN

I am the eight child born to Ira K. Zuspan and Eunice M. Selby Zuspan.

I am called Cotton Top.

I arrived in Mason County, W. Va., to a log home on Sassafras Road on October 24, 1947. I really seem to flourish on the fresh air and sunshine. The life we enjoyed was that of a family who could see no hill to hard to climb. We were taught to love all things by a mother who could always find a positive in ever thing she was confronted with. I left W. Va. in June 1951, with several members of my family to move to Virginia. I was educated in several schools and graduated in June 1959 with a Business Degree. I enrolled in I.B.M. School and have a degree in the field of Computers. I was married 7-19-1963 to Donald Preston Breeden our marriage ended in 1964. I have always worked since the age of sixteen. I have worked in several states and always in the field of Data Processing. I now work for Data Management, Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia, as a sales person in Data Processing. The State of W. Va. is far more then a memory to me. It was the foundation of my way of life. I often think of the many ways as a family we enjoyed each other. We could always find some kind of tricks to pull, but I must say we all know the price we had to pay if we got caught. When you are eight years old, it was a short walk to the peach tree for a switch, and yes they had to pass a certain size too. I will agree with the song written that West Virginia is “Almost Heaven”.

Submitted by - Ina Lynn Zuspan Breeden.

THE A.C. BROWN FAMILY

Longsdale Community


Member of Athenian Literary Society. Prominent in debating. Member of Glee Club, sang a selection from Carmen’s opera for the annual spring concert. In 1930 he was Vice President of Senior Class. The faculty honored him in his Senior year as the commencement speaker to give the Salutatory address of his graduating class.

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DR. CHARLES LEONARD BROWN M.D.

Son of Charles Wesley and Mary Virginia (Love) Brown. Born 1913 in North Point Pleasant and received his elementary education in Heights Grade School. Attended Point Pleasant High School where he was an outstanding student.

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Full of 1931 entered West Virginia University where he received his pre-medical training. Here he also was prominent in his scholastic work. After completing his pre-medical training he entered West Virginia School of Medicine. He was honored while in the school of Medicine by being made a member of the honorary Medical Fraternity Phi Beta Pi. He graduated with honor here.
Charles Wesley Brown Family
Charles Wesley Brown was born in Mason County at Ambosia, W. Va. He lived there until adulthood, when he studied Medicine at West Virginia University from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Medicine in 1903. He then attended the University of Louisville School of Medicine from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Medicine in 1904. He went on to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree in Kentucky in 1906. He then entered the United States Army as Chief of Surgical Services in West Virginia. He married Irene Postlewaite, who was a registered nurse in 1941, following which he planned to practice Medicine in Mason County. He spent two years in Logan and one year in Brown County. His Medical practice in 1944, and he is still practicing Medicine at the present time.

Major Brown's eldest son was Charles Leonard Brown, who married Melba Postlewaite, and they had five children: Mary Emma, Charles A. III, Virginia Grace, Wanda Elizabeth, and Dorothy Marjorie. They spent two years in Mason County and then moved to Point Pleasant, where they lived for forty years. They had nine children. The eldest child, Thomas, was born in 1928 and died in 1969, Virginia Elizabeth in 1898, and Ruth in 1968. The Brown family was highly respected citizens and they were remembered by their many friends for their GREAT HONESTY. They spent their 74 to 82 year lives here. They had eight children:

1. Viva Lillian married Circuit Judge John W. Hereford. They had one child, Virginia Grace.
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MILES OSCAR BROWN FAMILY

Miles Oscar Brown was the son of Mathew D. Brown and Miriam (Mile) ALEXANDER of Hartford. He was the grandson of Captain Miles H. Brown of Gallipolis, and for his first-cousin, Miles Oscar, of Miles H., who had died in 1879 when he was 8 years old of typhoid fever. In his youth Miles and his twin Marlin were telegraph operators in Hartford.

One of my daily chores was milking the cow in the morning and night. We had several barnyard animals that had to be fed and cared for. Everyone had many chores to do. As Fall approached, the harvesting of the crops and the cutting of the wood for the winter were major projects. Then came the job of stripping tobacco and hiring someone to take it to market. It provided a little extra money at Christmas time. Christmas was a special time, even though we never had a tree or a turkey dinner. Our toys and clothing were usually handmade. We received one or two pair shoes a year.

Since we had no refrigerator, Mother would put our milk in a bucket and put it down into the well to cool on those hot summer days. Many times we would have milk and cornbread for our supper and were thankful for it. We drew water from the well for drinking, cooking, and washing clothes. When the water supply in the well grew low in the summertime, we would draw water from the Guyan Creek, and our clothes would be washed on a washtub using lye soap which Mom had made. We were poor but content with the little we had.

I started to school at age 7. The Guyan School, Mason County, Glenwood, WV, was the only school I attended. It was a one room school with a pot belly stove and the old water jug. The grades ranged from the first through the eighth. High school was five to six miles away, making it impossible to attend because of no transportation.

Mom and Dad always attended Fairfield Methodist Church. They were devoted Christians and faithful to the church. My parents would take the children and walk approximately three miles every Saturday night and Sunday morning to church and back.

Our lives were not without challenges. Our house had no utilities, rugs on the floor, or any modern conveniences. The main source of heat was from burning wood. Cooking was done on a wood-burning kitchen stove with a water tank attached to the side. A fireplace heated the house, and at night there usually was a large backlog placed in it, smothered with ashes to hold fire until morning. The upstairs where we slept had no heat at all, and when morning would come in the winter, we would have frost on the quilts.

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BUCKALEW (BUCKLEW) FAMILY

Edgar Oliver Buckalew was born to John I. Buckalew and Sarah Jane Knotts in Preston County, West Virginia on Oct. 22, 1868. He came to Mason County, as an employee of the New York Central Railroad as an Engineer in 1890. At this particular time, the spelling of his name was erroneously changed from Bucklew to Buckalew. This has since carried through each generation. He later was roundhouse foreman at the Hobson Shops in Meigs County, Ohio. In 1921 he became associated with the United Brethren Ministerial Association (E.U.B.) where he was pastor of several charges throughout Mason County. He was fondly known as Reverend E. O. Buckalew.

He was married to Emma See in 1891. Emma was a descendant of Michael See, William Morris and David Sayre, (Revolutionary War Soldiers). To his union were born eight children.


Roy married Bertha Cossin and had three children; Bacey Buckalew and Emma See. She was married May 8, 1892 and on April 6, 1911 married Bertha Cossin who was born March 26, 1893 the daughter of Cornel­lius Rider and Elisha Cossin. Elisha is the great grandson of the Revolutionary War Soldier, Cornelius King.

When Roy was a teenager his family lived for a short time in Creston, Iowa. Later he worked with the railroad in Middleport, Ohio, and then settled in Gunville, West Virginia. He was a hard working man and a successful farmer of 117 acres. Roy died May 29, 1956 and Bertha died March 12, 1956. Their children were: Bacey William, Gladys (died young), Gene­vieve Eileen, and Bertha Louise.

Bacey William, the only son of Roy and Ber­tha Buckalew, was born Feb. 18, 1912 and on Nov. 3, 1934 married Lore Louise Workman who was born April 1, 1910, the daughter of Elie Nancy Hill and Thomas Randolph Workman. More is written on the Workman Family in the “History of Wetzel County, West Virginia” Bacey taught school for 39 years in Mason County. He and his wife attend the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. They had five children, four to reach maturity: Ervin, Roy, Margaret, and Gerald.

I. Robert Eugene (died young)

II. Ervin Bacey born July 4, 1938 married Margaret Virginia Hardy, he is a millwright at American Cyanamid (a fiber plant) and they live in Milton, Florida. They have three children and one grand­child: (1) Brian Craig born Nov. 7, 1962 married Carrie Jo denDulk - they have a son, Brandon Lee Buckalew born Feb. 7, 1986, (2) Tonya Lynn born July 14, 1964, and (3) Lora Irene born Feb. 3, 1967.

III. Roy Randolph born July 4, 1941 married Linda Jeanette Baker, he is a supervisor with KRAFT, and they live in Winfield, West Va. They had two children: (1) Larry
Sayre family; Donna born February 13, 1956 in Gallia County and Shirley born August 21, 1957 in Gallia County.

Mrs. Kapp, Mr. Sayre and Mrs. Sayre operated the grocery store until October 1970 at which time Mrs. Sayre became ill and they could no longer keep the grocery store open. Mrs. Sayre died on February 21, 1972 at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio and Mrs. Kapp died on June 2, 1979 at Pleasant Valley Hospital in Point Pleasant.

Mr. Sayre is a retired iron worker residing in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia. His two daughters reside in Mason County, West Virginia. He was the oldest of three children: sister Norma (married Brooklyn Sturgeon) brother Bill (married Sara Covert).

Everett and Florence were married 1913 and she was the daughter of Rudy and Adda Rollins Roush. Everett (July 28, 1890-July 24, 1967) and Florence (Feb. 1, 1894-April 14, 1983) are buried at Kirkland.

When a child, Joe had many years of perfect attendance at the Methodist Sunday School, was a Boy Scout and carried the Point Pleasant Register, beginning his paper route when he was five years old.

He attended Central Grade School and Point Pleasant High School, graduating in 1932. He also completed a correspondence course from La Salle University in Accounting.

Joe was employed as a meat cutter for Evans Grocery Co. at their store on Main Street in Point Pleasant, where he had worked part time while in high school.


In 1939 Joe purchased Evans Grocery Store located at the corner of Jackson and 22nd Streets in Point Pleasant, naming it "Buffington's Self Serve Market". He started a delivery service and continued in the grocery business until 1954 when he suffered a severe heart attack. He then sold the store and became a Public Accountant.

Joe served as Deacon and Elder of the Presbyterian Church, was a Mason and Shriner, Treasurer of the Silver Bridge Disaster Fund, President of Rotary 1940-1941, Secretary and Treasurer of Rotary 1954-1963 and named Rotarian of the year 1959-60.

Joe died November 10, 1968 and is buried in Upper Lone Oak cemetery, Point Pleasant. The greatest tribute he ever received was the love in the hearts of the people he knew.

His descendants are daughter Patricia Jo Jackson, graduate of PPHS, grandchildren Frank Joseph Bennett, Rhonda Rae McLarty and great granddaughter Sharon Elizabeth McLarty. All are now residing around Phoenix, Arizona.

The emigrant of the Buffington family was Richard Buffington, born 1654 - died 1747.

Joe's father, Everett Earl, had one sister Ruth, who married Fred Batey, and a brother Harry.

Everett's occupation was that of a machinist. He worked at the Marietta Mfg. Company, Hesper Machine Shop and the TNT Plant.

Everett built and owned the first greenhouse in Point Pleasant and raised his own plants. Buffington Greenhouses is still in business and is owned and managed by his son William Buffington.

PART ONE

Harry Timothy & Lucy Jane Bulmer

[See David Marion & Lucinda Farley Smith]

WALTER & MARIAM SMITH

Walter "Judge" Bulmer I from Kanawha County and Maram "Marie" Smith II of Mason County met, married and lived at Hartford, Mason County, West Virginia, both deceased at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio and both are buried in Graham Baptist Cemetery, a town north of New Haven, Mason County, West Virginia. Walter and Mariam Bulmer: five:


Harry and Mariam Smith Bulmer, fifth of five:
For more about BULMERS see DAVID MARION AND LUCINDA FARLEY SMITH
Part Two . . . .
Harry Timothy & Lucy Jane Hall Bulmer, 2nd. of 4 children:
(B). Harry Hallwood Bulmer (b. 1-03-1887, d. 11-29-1976) married 7-19-1920 [daughter of Felix G. and Mary Susan Stevens Stanley], Hiland Sonia Stanley (b. 11-22-1897, d. 3-11-1970). Their eight:
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, first of eight:
B1. Doris Mae Bulmer (b. 2-08-1922, d. 2-09-1922).
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, second of eight:
B2. Harry Timothy Bulmer b. 11-19-1923 first married [daughter of George Everett and Marvel Camille Robbins Lee], Doris Elaine Lee b. 9-17-1926 and second married [daughter of William Edie and Hilda Martha Ferguson], Harry and Hiland Bulmer, third of eight:
B3. Phyllis June Bulmer b. 6-13-1925 married Miriam and Walter Bulmer, Betty and Beverly Bulmer.
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, fourth of eight:
B4. Imogene Ileen Bulmer b. 4-05-1923 first married [daughter of George Everett and Marvel Camille Robbins Lee], Doris Elaine Lee b. 9-17-1926 and second married [daughter of William Edie and Hilda Martha Ferguson], Harry and Hiland Bulmer, fifth of eight:
B5. Gwendolyn Lee Bulmer b. 8-28-1930 married [son of Charles Arnold and Hester Anne Duffield Ebert], Charles Arthur Ebert b. 4-25-1922. Residents of Crab Creek Road. Charles (Baptist) is a building contractor and "Gwen" (Baptist) a grocery store owner there many years. Their five:
Charles and Gwendolyn Ebert, first of five:
a. David Charles Ebert b. 4-25-1952 first married Patricia Ann Derig b. 11-22-1948, and second married Erika Marie Thomas and third married [daughter of Kenneth Alton and Emma Ann Henry Spurlock], Judith Evelyn Spurlock b. 9-12-1950. His four:
Charles and Gwendolyn Ebert, second of five:
B6. Ashley Herman "Pete" Bulmer b. 7-19-1951 married [daughter of Joseph and Ruth Esther Churchwell Muser], Judith Jean Muser b. 12-20-1941. Their two:
Miriam and Walter Bulmer, Betty and Beverly Bulmer
Grace Bridegum Bisel, Vivian Rae Bisel b. 4-05-1923. Vivian's one:
a. Ellen Dianne Bulmer b. 9-24-1955 married and divorced Thomas Walter McErlean b. 10-23-1957. Their two:
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, third of eight:
B3. Phyllis Jane Bulmer b. 6-13-1925 married [son of Clem and Ethel Knight Haddox], Ray Donald Haddox b. 12-03-1919. Their three:
a. Alan Roger Haddox (b. 1-28-1944, d. 2-04-1944),
b. Barry Dennis Haddox b. 12-03-1946 first married Linda Fay Lovejoy b. 6-13-1952 and second married Joann Burnett. Barry's three:
Elizabeth Sawyer, step-daughter, Elizabeth Jane Haddox, by first wife, Scott Russell Haddox, by second wife.
c. Allen Kent Haddox b. 6-08-1951 married and divorced Cynthia Elizabeth Fox b. 11-05-1949. Their one:
Cullen Andrew Haddox.
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, fourth of eight:
B4. Imogene Jeileen Bulmer b. 12-28-1927 first married Raymond Foster Rienhold I and second married [son of Charles and Sadie Barrack], Allen Marvin Barrack b. 10-29-1926. Her seven:
a. Patricia Jane Rienhold b. 8-30-1946 married Roy Eugene Edelman. Their three:
Jeffrey Scott Edelman b. 3-01-1965,
b. Darlene Kay Bulmer b. 8-31-1960 married William Allen Rush. Their two:
c. Kelly Lee Bulmer b. 9-20-1962 married Randy Lee Taylor. Their one:
Matthew Bryan Taylor.
d. John Frederick Bulmer "Twin" b. 5-21-1966.
e. James Franklin Bulmer "Twin" b. 5-21-1966.
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, seventh of eight:
B7. Nola Rae Bulmer b. 8-04-1938 first married [son of Dallas and Lenore Cook], Gordon Dallas Cook b. 9-25-1931 and second married Henry Joseph Murtaugh (b. 4-14-1917, d. 9-23-1973) and third married Walter Levi Beadall (b. 3-22-1922, d. 1-06-1983). Nola's two:
Harry and Hiland Bulmer, eighth of eight:
B8. Ashley Herman "Pete" Bulmer b. 7-19-1951 married [daughter of Joseph and Ruth Esther Churchwell Muser], Judith Jean Muser b. 12-20-1941. Their two:
Part Three . . . .
Harry Timothy & Lucy Jane Hall Bulmer, 3rd. of 4 children:
(C). Nettie Melinda Bulmer (b. 4-15-1887, d. 4-10-1932) married 12-23-1906 [son of John and Mary A. Pitts Burgraf], George Washington Burgraf (b. 11-15-1877, d. 1-07-1937). Their three:
George and Nettie Burgraf, first of three:
C1. Walter Burgraf Burgraf b. 3-26-1909 married 10-18-1932 [daughter of Stephen Oliver and Emma Saulton Vandall], Myrte Maureen Vandall (b. 3-29-1911, d. 8-08-1976). No children.
George and Nettie Burgraf, second of three:
C2. George Judson Burgraf (b. 9-25-1910, d. 6-09-1976) married [daughter of George L. and Louise Butler O'Dell], Lucille O'Dell (d. 11-13-1956). Their three:
a. Carroll Burgraf died an infant,
b. Nettie Lou Burgraf b. 7-27-1935 married 12-31-1953 the son of Clarence Earl and Larah Anna Kirk Cundiff, Harold Jean Cundiff b. 1-20-1933. Their six:
Sharon Lynn Cundiff b. 6-18-1949 married Ronald Kohute.
Wallace Earl Cundiff b. 4-09-1962, George Wayne Cundiff b. 11-09-1964 and Debra Lucille Cundiff b. 10-30-1965.
George and Nettie Burgraf, third of three:

Malcolm and Louise Kirk, first of six:

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C3. Louise Lillian Burgraf (b. 11-27-1912)
a. Mary Jane Kirk b. 7-27-1932 married
b. 10-19-1943 married Anna Vaughan.

*Also see David Marion & Lucinda Farley Smith

WALTER & MARIAM SMITH BULMER
[See David Marion & Lucinda Farley Smith]

Harry Timothy Bulmer of England (b. 2-26-1857, d. 6-1-1890) married Lucy Jane Hall (b. 10-17-1858, d. 3-24-1928) in Kanawha County. The name “Bulmer” (of Norman ancestry) is common in England. There one could drink Bulmer Beer or Cider; board the Bulmer Battleship; vote in a Bulmer district; or live in a Bulmer Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bulmer and Helen

Harry Timothy Bulmer had a sister Sophia (single) who lived in Charleston. Sophia being an heir, turned down the Bulmer Castle.

After Harry Timothy’s death Lucy Jane Bulmer married James F. Swope. From this marriage came her fourth child: Jesse Malcolm Swope (b. 1-01-1894, d. 3-31-1969) married Anna Vaughan.

Walter BULMER

Smith, George Bryan Kirk Jr. (b. 1-25-1957 married

Malcolm and Louise Kirk, second of six:


Malcolm and Louise Kirk, third of six:


Malcolm and Louise Kirk, fourth of six:


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miners he worked in water and many hours loading slate and dirt to clear out the mine room, for such work there was no pay. Coal mine operators at Hartford schemed to rid themselves of the union and Walter Bulmer.

They loaded and displayed on a special platform two cars of slate, trying to show that Walter Bulmer did not know slate from coal. They attached Walter Bulmer’s ID “tags for coal” on the cars of slate and fired him. Therefore, showing others interested in a union could be fired. Later men did unionize and many miners and their wives got the black lung pensions except Walter Bulmer. However, Walter Bulmer found his wife, Mariam Smith, at Hartford.

Walter “Judge” Bulmer I & Mariam “Marie” Smith II Married Halloween 10-31-1916 Hartford, Mason County, W. Va. Having 5 children:

1. Mariam Alice Bulmer (b. 9-13-1917) married Arthur Gray Smith (b. 3-12-1908)
2. Walter Hallwood “Hollywood” Bulmer II (b. 11-05-1920) [State Theater Employee] married Daughter of Roy & Irene Shifflet Russell Betty Jo Russell (b. 3-07-1928)
3. Donald Smith Bulmer I (b. 1-10-1923, d. 8-21-1986) three marriages: Virginia Mae Sayre (b. 12-29-1926) & Gloria Mae Prescott (b. 5-14-1927) & Mari Anne Korosky (b. 11-20-1918)
4. Louis Milburn Bulmer (b. 7-09-1925) twice married: Rosalie Tavan (b. 1-17-1927) & Ruth Marlene Elliott (b. 2-19-1931)
5. Lucy Jane Bulmer Teaches piano lessons at Hartford.

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2. Kella Jo Berry
3. Steven Dean Berry
Smith, Arthur Gray & Mariam Alice Bulmer second child:

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C. Robert Lewis Smith twice married: Shirley Burton & Kandi Sue Hart (children by first marriage):
1. Cynthia Lynn
2. Robert William

Smith, Arthur Gray & Mariam Alice Bulmer fourth child:

D. Philip Eugene Smith married Carol Thorn (children by first marriage):
1. Sherry Rane
2. Jacqueline Rane
Smith, Arthur Gray & Mariam Alice Bulmer fifth child:

2. Jacqueline Rane

Bulmer, Walter “Holly” Hallwood II & Betty Jo Russell children:

A. Walter Wesley Bulmer III [Electronics and vocalist]
B. Kimbrel Wayne Bulmer [Research Assistant] married Darla Jean Rutledge
C. Kella Alethea Bulmer [Nurse, pianist & vocalist] married Dale Edward Stump, one child:
1. Alethea Dalindea Stump
D. Derrik Trevor Bulmer [Research Assistant]

Bulmer, Donald Smith I & Virginia Mae Sayre first child:


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Bulmer, Donald Smith I & Virginia Mae Sayre second child:
  1. Beverly Ann Bulmer twice married: James Keith Watson & William Annibale Morelli I [Beverly is step-mother to first three]
  1. Paula Anne Morelli
  2. Cathi Susan Morelli
  3. Melissa Anne Morelli
  4. Stacy Dawn Watson
  5. James Keith Watson II
  6. William Annibale Morelli II
Bulmer, Donald Smith I & Virginia Mae Sayre third child:
C. Michael Lynn Bulmer I [Adopted by H. J. Roadcup] married Andree Olivia Portner with 2 children:
  1. Michael Lynn Roadcup Jr
  2. Elizabeth Ann Roadcup
Bulmer, Donald Smith I & Gloria Mae Prescott child:
  1. David Allan Bulmer I married Sarah Ann Mortensen with 3 children:
    1. David Allan Bulmer II
    2. Jennifer May Bulmer
    3. Jeffrey Christian Bulmer
Bulmer, Louis Milburn & Rosalie Tavan child:
  2. Letha Mae McMillin married a Kelly. No children.
Bulmer, Louis Milburn & Ruth Marlene Elliott child:
  1. Deborah Darlene Submitted by — Walter H. Bulmer
  2. Alberta Alemang
  3. Margie Parson
  4. Donna
  5. Bonnie

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JOHN HAROLD BUMGARNER
1890 - 1968 of the Taylor, Lewis, Samuel, David, John, John (Hans) Baumgartner line, was born November 4th 1890 to Taylor Z. and Sarah Catherine Hoffman Bumgarner, in Graham District, Mason County, West Virginia. He received his education at Union and New Haven Schools. Most of his life was filled with good health and hard work, usually six days each week. He traveled to Hartford and Mason where he was engaged in the skill of building and repair. John married Oma Lucretia Roush, December 12, 1917. She was the daughter of Lewis M. and Arietta Pounds Roush and was born October 27, 1898. For a period of seven years John operated a farm at Richwood, Ohio. While there all of their children were born, Robert Taylor, December 6, 1918 married Ruth Lathey. Harold Lewis, December 7, 1920 married Naomi Lewis. Dallas Clyde, September 11, 1922 died December 14, 1939. Leland Clyde, September 8, 1924 married Florence Wolfe. Dallas drowned in a farm pond accident.

Oma Lucretia Roush Bumgarner and John Harold Bumgarner

John was taught the carpenter's trade by his uncle Charlie Hoffman and worked at Steubenville, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana with his boyfriend kind, Lawrence Nease. In 1924 John and Oma returned from Ohio to a farm that joined his parents in the Union Community. Here they lived until 1950 when they moved to New Haven and sold the farm to their son Harold.

John participated in church and civic duties. He was Sunday School Superintendent at Union United Brethren Church for many years and a trustee for the Union Campground several years. He was a member of the Graham District Board of Education. Oma was active in the Union United Brethren Church, the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, and was at one time, President of the Cherokee Home-Maker's Club. She wrote the Lewis Miller Roush Family History, it's included in the Roush Families of America. She was well known through the area, by weaving beautiful rugs on a loom built by her mother-in-law owned one share and his brother David owned one share. David married Mary Ann Oliver. Later Thomas and David sold their shares to Lewis and left Mason County taking their families by flat boat from Mason down the Ohio River to Wells County, Illinois.

When the War Between the States began, the western part of Virginia seceded from the mother state. Lewis was elected as delegate to represent Mason County at Wheeling. John M. Phelps of Point Pleasant was elected Senator to serve the West Virginia legislature from this county at the same time, 1863 - 1864. Various church records show that Lewis Bumgarner was interested in assisting construction of churches. We have an old Quarterly Conference Secretaries' Record Book that shows Lewis being a Trustee at Union, New Haven, and Hartford all at the same time. He sold lumber to salt and manufacturers at Hartford and Clifton, WV. He owned over 600 acres of land that he bought from Henry Nease, Sam. Aumiller, N. Pumpheary, Thomas Oliver, Sam Fry, and the 312 acres from the heirs of Samuel Bumgarner, his deceased father. Lewis and Mary Bumgarner gave birth to 13 children. Some died in infancy, some in their early twenties. (From their family bible)

LEWIS BUMGARNER

Lewis Bumgarner was born December 18, 1816, at the foot of Eight Mile Island, Robinson District, Mason County, Virginia (Now West Virginia). Died July 26, 1911, at his home in the Union community of Graham District. His parents were Samuel and Rebecca (Oliver) Bumgarner. Married Mary Zirkle August 15, 1840. She was born May 20, 1818 and died August 9, 1896 at her home. With her husband are reposing in the Bumgarner Family Cemetery on the Old Samuel Bumgarner farm located on the West Columbia - Union Road. Farm now owned by Otmer Lee Roush.

At four years of age his family moved to Mason in Waggoner District. His early school days were spent in a rude cabin located on the high hill near Hanging Rock, above Mason City, under the tutelage of William A. Brent. Here one of his school mates was the venerable Col. C. B. Waggner of Point Pleasant. "At the age of 34 he became a Justice of the Peace and served as such for 25 years." (Quote V. A. Lewis) In his early twenties he bought three shares in a sawmill from Thomas Oliver. Henry Zirkle, his father-in-law owned one share and his brother David owned one share. David married Mary Ann Oliver. Later Thomas and David sold their shares to Lewis and left Mason County taking their families by flat boat from Mason down the Ohio River to Wells County, Illinois.

SAMUEL BUMGARNER
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In 1816, Samuel was married to Rebecca Oliver, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Edwards Oliver, on Ten Mile Creek, by Frances Walker, Justice of the Peace. Samuel resided at the Eight Mile Island and fortunately their house burn to the ground, loosing everything including his Army Discharge. Four of their children were born at that location, but he moved his family to a farm just above Wahama High School and remained there for a few years when he again moved up the Ohio River to the Sehon farm just below Hartford.

In March of 1836 Samuel purchased a 320 acre farm in Graham District on the West Columbia - Union Road, from Thomas G. Hogg. Rebecca Oliver Bumgarner was b. April 10, 1796, in Greenbrier County, VA. She gave birth to Lewis, Dec. 1816; Nancy, Aug. 22, 1818; Rezin, Oct. 27, 1820; John, Jan. 18, 1823; Charles, Mar. 20, 1825; Sarah, Sep. 11, 1827; David; Mar. 5, 1830; Seth, Oct. 11, 1833; Margaret, Dec. 1, 1834; William, July 12, 1837; Calvin to Mary Fields.

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Jennie Bumgarner born September 15, 1860 died December 28, 1863. The father was at Wheeling June 20 through December 11, 1863.

Infant son born December 17, 1863 died September 7, 1863. Bayard Bumgarner played the violin as a young child, but was blind. His granddaughters read the news and Church publications to him. Harold L. Bumgarner is his great grandson. Submitted by — Oris Bumgarner and Edna Roush.


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TAYLOR Z. BUMGARNER

1857-1924, born in Union community of Graham District Mason County, West Virginia.

Married Sarah Hoffman, daughter of Calvin Hoffman and Emily Cunningham Hoffman, all of Union Community, Graham District. Sarah was born in the Vernon Community, August 31, 1863, died June 1, 1940. Taylor was a leader in Church and Community affairs, he was an elected member of the Graham District school system, church trustee and other offices, according to church records. Taylor remained in the house on Sliding Hill Creek all of their married lives, and Sarah became hostess in that home to many Preachers, travelers and numerous relatives that returned from Ohio, Oklahoma and the state of Washington. Sarah attended public school and Carleton College at Syracuse, Ohio. Taylor died well at farming and supported his children through school, and had rather good farm equipment and animals.

Their children were as follows: Mable Garnet, born Sept. 29, 1887, died 1956. John Harold, born Nov. 4, 1890, m. Oma L. Roush; Tullie Lorena, born May 29, 1892 m. T. Bert Roush; Otte Taylor, born Nov. 23, 1896 m. Anna Mae Roush; Edna Fern, born June 14, 1899 m. Ottie C. Roush; Millie Bliss, born Oct. 29, 1901; Oris Brown, born Dec. 24, 1901; Janie Lucille Reynolds, born June 15, 1905, m. Nellie Virginia Dudding born Dec. 22, 1911.


J. F. BURDETT FAMILY

Joseph Floyd Burdett, his wife Vatura, son and daughter Gertrude come from Fayette County to Mason County, in 1901. Here Mr. Burdett operated a grocery store, boat building and repair docks, tree nursery, orchard, and his farm. Portions of the last are now occupied by Bellmeade, Burdette Addition and the Junior High and Vo-Tech schools.

Burlie, or "Captain P.T." became a steamboat master and pilot. He married Caroline Vernon Conner, a local schoolteacher. They had three children as follows:

Jack Conner Burdett spent most of his career as an attorney for the Department of Defense in Washington and Baltimore. He married Margaret Christine Hill, from Summers County, West Virginia, whom he met at then Marshall College. Upon Jack's retirement in 1972 they returned to Mason County, where Jack became active in civic affairs.

Joseph Floyd Burdett, II married Virginia Shonk, whom he met at West Virginia University. They lived in Charleston, where Joe worked for the State. He ended his career as West Virginia Secretary of State, dying in 1965 during his third term.

Alice Reynolds Burdett married Harry D. Orr, Jr., whom she met at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. They spent their lives in Evanston, Illinois, and in Chicago, where Harry practiced law.

Gertrude, daughter of J. F., married Louis F. Bateson. They had one son, Harry L. Bateson, who married Patricia Inghram of Point Pleasant. Harry served for many years in the United States Air Force, eventually retiring to live in Columbus, Ohio.

J. WALLACE BURDETT FAMILY

Joseph Burdett lived practically all his life in Point Pleasant. His parents were John Milton and Sarah Sullivan Burdett, of Leon.

From about 1915 until 1940 he and two brothers Okey and Stuart operated a billiard parlor and bowling alley as a partnership called Burdett Brothers. This business was located in the 400 block of Main Street in what was formerly the Phoenix Hotel.

One of the chief disadvantages of operating a business in downtown Point Pleasant was that the damage inflicted by the frequent floods. Before the present system of dams was operating on the Ohio and Kanawha tributaries, downtown Point Pleasant was usually flooded each year with an average water level in the stores of about 3 feet. In the 1937 flood heavy losses were suffered by all downtown merchants. The flood waters had begun to recede when a second rise occurred, bringing the water to an even higher level. The business section was not in operation for approximately one month. In addition to losing business for that period of time, heavy expenses were incurred in the cleanup and repairs.

Burdett Brothers operated the first bowling alley in Point Pleasant. Because of the flooding probabilities, the bowling alley in the rear area of the building was elevated approximately five feet above the floor level of the pool room. The bowling alley hardwood floor was ruined in the 1937 flood and had to be completely replaced. When the Burdett's operated the bowling alley, they hired "pin boys" to reset the pins after each hit.

The Wallace Burdette Family

The Burdett's believed firmly in education; and while high school boys playing hooky appeared in their establishment, Mr. Burdett called their principal, who came downtown and took the boys back to school. He was a supporter of the athletic programs of the high school and was one of the local residents who donated money to build the former gymnasium that adjoined the present Central School, formerly the high school.

J. Wallace Burdett was interested in politics and served many years as Mason County Democratic chairman and many more years as Lewis
District committeeman. In the late 1930's and early 1940's he was manager of the Point Pleasant alcoholic beverage store. He died in 1978 at the age of 90. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Kiwanis Club, and the Masonic and Shrine lodges. His wife Edna Johnson Burdett died in 1978. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Presbyterian Church.

The Burdett's were the parents of Elaine Rouse, Julia Kapp, and Barbara Kehm. They had five grandchildren: Mrs. Julie Domer, Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Due Donnelly, Gallipolis, Ohio; Mrs. Barbara Gilliam, Atlanta, Georgia; Carl Kehm, Princeton, New Jersey; and Miss Lorri Kehm, Paterson, New Jersey; and three great grandchildren: Lisa Bollotte, Jennifer Donnally, and Michael Donnally. Submitted by — Elaine Burdett Rouse

ARTHUR BURDETTE FAMILY
Arthur Bradbury Burdette born December 14, 1892 was the son of Ezekiel and Mary Buxton Burdette. On December 21, 1921 he was married to Florence Schul the daughter of Godfrey and Annie Wolfe Schul. He was a member of the Leon Baptist Church, the Buffalo Lodge No. 36, A.F. & A.M, and at one time prior to the depression was member of the Franklin Commandery at Point Pleasant, and Bend Kedium Shrine in Charleston. He was a 57 year member of the Odd Fellow Lodge at Leon and Point Pleasant. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I.

In the early twenties he was a traveling salesman for Thompson Shoe Company using enclosed horse drawn wagon to carry stock and deliver shoes to the numerous small country stores in Mason, Putnam and Roane Counties.

In mid twenties to early thirties he was a salesman for Kanawha Valley Drug Company traveling in the same areas, in winter months on horse back with saddle bags to carry catalogs, samples and order book. He was usually gone from three to five days before returning home. In summer months the trips were made by Model T Ford and in 1929 a new Model A Ford Coupe was purchased for approximately $300 dollars.

For many years he assisted with work at the E. H. Burdette Hardware, Furniture and Undertaking Businesses. He set up farm machinery, delivered machinery, and equipment, and conducted funerals.

For several years he drove a school bus and later was a foreman with the W. Va. Dept. of Highways. He continued to be associated with farming until his death which occurred May 20, 1971.

Florence Schul Burdette was a member of the Shiloh Church, Order of Eastern Star, Pythian Sisters, Leon Farm Women's Club and active in all community activities. She was born October 17, 1901 and was one of the first babies delivered by the young Dr. B. F. Sommer. Her death came on Mother's Day May 9, 1981.

Their children are as follows: Charles Arthur Burdette born November 15, 1924, married Juanita King, died August 28, 1986; (2) Stanton Ezekiel born October 11, 1928, married Jean Harris Thomas; (3) Stanley Wayne born June 10, 1930, married Patricia Jones; (4) Ronald Norris born May 9, 1933, married Jessie Barnette; (5) Curtis Godfrey born January 10, 1938; (6) John William William born January 3, 1941, married Wanda Livingston. Submitted by — Charles A. Burdett

They are the parents of eight children. (1) Ethel born 1888, died 1979, married V. S. Morrison, one son Charles C. 1907-1911, married second Carl Robertson 1892-1932; (2) Arthur born Dec. 14, 1892, married Florence Schul; (3) Guy born September 25, 1895, married Erma Knapp, (4) Herbert born 1898, and died 1973, married Murl Amos born July 27, 1897 and died October 8, 1923; married second Bernice Pierce 1899-1930. Herbert Burdette served as Mason County sheriff from 1929 to 1932, a veteran of World War II. (5) Disa born 1900, married Carl Hayman, employed by the Peoples Store and later Stone and Thomas of Chillicothe, member of Calvary Baptist Church, Order of Eastern Star and Daughters of American Revolution, married Carl Hayman born 1898 and died 1935, two daughters, June who married Jack Jackson and Carolyn who married Charles Chambers. Disa Hayman died July 11, 1973. (6) Edna Mae born 1904 married Alexander Stewart, graduate of Point Pleasant High School, a masters degree from W. VA. University, retired as assistant principal of Point Pleasant Jr. High School, for more than 40 years was pianist at the Leon Baptist Church of which she was a member, served as recorder for the town for 20 years, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Order of Eastern Star. Her death occurred 3rd of September in 1973; (7) Milton born April 12, 1908, married Clara Oma Cottrill. Submitted by — Milton Burdette

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when there was a good season, the orchard provided employment for 25 or more men. At the "packing house" two men worked at making the wood barrels in which to sell the apples to local markets.

Kurg married Lenna Edith Rayburn on June 18, 1916, the youngest daughter of Alonzo Hart Rayburn and Sarah Frances Fogleong. They had six children: Virginia Lee, born March 18, 1917; George William, born May 11, 1919; James Woodell "Woodie", born January 30, 1921; Edith Mae, born April 30, 1923; Kathryn Elizabeth, born March 26, 1927; and Robert Eugene, born July 18, 1930.

Virginia married Marcus Weaver. She died on August 4, 1945. George William married Freda Fauer. They have three daughters, Patricia Ann, Judith Marlene, and Karen Sue, and one son, James William. James Woodell "Woodie" married Virginia "Jean" Rice, from Williamson, W. Va. They have one son, Greg. Edith Mae died, when only six years old, on December 17, 1929. Kathryn married Hillis Faudree. They have one son, George Oakley, and a daughter, Peggy Lou. Robert married Reba Litchfield. They have one son, Keith Robert, and a daughter, Lisa Kay.

Both Kurg and Lenna loved music. Kurg could play the violin, the piano, the banjo, and, in his later years, taught himself to play the accordion. He loved playing music for relatives and visitors.

They lived on the farm until Kurg's death on May 27, 1984. Lenna then went to live with her daughter, Kathryn, until her death on April 22, 1986. Submitted by — Kathryn B. Faudree

GUY BURDLETTE FAMILY

Guy Burdette was born September 25, 1895 at the family home in Leon, West Virginia, the fourth of eight children of Ezekiel Hiram and Mary Agnes Buxton Burdette. On December 24, 1914, he married Erma Audella Knapp, daughter of John R. and Mary Emily Dowell Knapp, also of Leon. He attended school at Leon and completed his formal education with business courses at Marshall College. During his youth he worked in his father's hardware store. When his father retired, Guy acquired the hardware business for his own. They enjoyed an eventful life, traveled very little and were always content with their work and community. Much of their leisure time was spent walking the fields and enjoying the cattle on their farm at Ten-Mile.

On April 25, 1978, Erma died, ending sixty-four happy years of marriage. He remained active and continued his store business until his death on May 7, 1981.

The couple had two daughters. Mary Jean was born April 23, 1925, Charleston, West Virginia and Edna Marian born November 11, 1927, Leon, West Virginia.

Mary Jean married Willard Eliott White son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White of Nicholas County. They had two daughters: Pamela Sue and Emily Beth.

Edna Marian married Dorsel M. Greenlee son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Greenlee of Mason County. They had two daughters: Audella Jean and Linda Jane. Submitted by — Mary Jean White

JAMES P. BURDLETTE FAMILY

James P. Burdette was born August 1844 on Spruce Run was the second son of John Milton and Matilda Sayre Burdette. He served in the Union Army Co K 11th W. Va. Infantry. On January 31, 1869 he married Charlotte King in Jackson County. They were the parents of Emily, Blanche, Clarkson and Theodore.

Clarkson Burdette married Nellie Henson who was born July 4, 1880 and died October 1916, is buried in the Riffle Chapel Cemetery. Their children were Pearl, Norman, Cora, Sarah Mae and Tony.

James P. Burdette married a second time to Nancy Ellen Flowers. Nancy had been previously married to Bulger Hyatt, married second a McCoy and they were the parents of Alma Henson. Nancy Flowers married again to James Burdette. Their children were (1) Lona born 1889, married Alfred Boles; (2) Charles 1884-1959, lived in Middleport, children Charles and Beulah who married Emerson Jones; a reporter for the Athens Messenger; (3) Leva died May 5, 1946; (4) William Earl served in World War I, Sgt. 340 BN Tank Corp, died February 3, 1952.

James P. Burdette was employed by the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad. He was partially blind in his last years due to an accident with that company. Nancy Ellen Burdette is remembered for her love of reading, having read a great number of books.

James P. Burdette died April 19, 1913 at the age of 65 years and is buried in the Leon Cemetery with his wife Nancy and their four children. Submitted by — Marie B. McClure

JOHN MILTON BURDLETTE, SR.

John Milton Burdette, Sr. a farmer of Spruce Run was born in 1818 the son of John and Eleanor Swope Burdette. Matilda Sayre became his wife on April 27, 1841 in Meigs County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ezekiel and Hannah Gilman Sayre. John M. died December 20, 1910 at the age of 92 years. His wife died Sept. 16, 1902. They were buried on Spruce but after a few years their bodies were moved to the Cre斯顿 Cemetery. Their children were as follows: (1) Dianna born 1851 married R. W. Calver; (2) William died May 31, 1863 at Memphis Tennessee from wounds received at the Battle of Vicksburg. Co. 4th Regiment Infantry, entered the service at age 19, September 21, 1861; (3) James born 1847, Co. K 11th W. Va. Infantry, married first Charlotte King, married second Nancy Ellen Flowers; (4) Emily 1847-1937, married Charles Children; (5) John M. Jr. 1850 married Sarah E. Sullivan, married a second time, (6) Dallas 1852-1817 married Orilla See (7)

Sarah A. 1855-1919 married George Henry Barr; (8) Monroe died January 3, 1932 in Charleston, married Annie Cleek; (9) Mark G. 1860-1935 married Effie G. Jaques; (10) Ezekiel 1864-1948, married Mary Agnes Buxton. John Milton Burdette, Sr. was the son of John Burdette. He was the grandson of William Burdette who died in 1836 and was the son of James of Culpepper County, Virginia. James settled on Flat Top Mountain about 1800. His grandson, John and wife Eleanor Swope Burdette came to Roane and Jackson Counties. Eleanor Swope was the daughter of Joseph Swope, Sr. and Catherine Sullivan Swope an Irish lady. The Swoopes were the first settlers in Monroe County, Virginia. Submitted by — Charles A. Burdette, Jr.

MILTON B. BURDLETTE FAMILY

Milton Poe Burdette born April 12, 1908, at Leon the son of Ezekiel and Mary Buxton Burdette is well known in educational circles in Mason County. A graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Morris Harvey College, he holds a Masters Degree in Education from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

During World War II he served two and one half years in the U. S. Army. For forty-four years, Milton was employed by the Mason County School System, of which thirty four years were spent as principal of Central Elementary School and four years as Mason County Superintendent of Schools.

Milton was a member of the Leon K of P Band where he played a drum and saxophone.

From 1937 to 1941, Milton served as treasurer for the Town of Leon. For ten years, from 1951 to 1961 he served as Mayor of the town. He served as deputy sheriff of Mason County for two years under his brother, Sheriff Herbert Burdette.

On June 24, 1938 he was married to Claire Oat Cottrill who was born December 4, 1916, the daughter of Caleb and Maude Pickens Cottrill. A graduate of Morris Harvey College, she is now retired from teaching at Point Pleasant High School, after having taught 27 years in Mason County.

Milton and Claire Oat Burdette are faithful members of the Leon Baptist Church where Milton has attended all the 78 years of his life. Both are choir members and both have been Sunday School teachers for many years. Milton has for years served as deacon and church treasurer.

Children of this couple are Milton Poe born May 30, 1948. He is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School, attended West Virginia University, and is a graduate of West Virginia State College. He served three years in the U. S. Army, two of which were in Vietnam in Satellite Communications. He is now employed as an accountant with the W. Va. State Department of Natural Resources.

Robin born April 26, 1955 a graduate of Point Pleasant High School attended Bryan College at Dayton, Tennessee. Robin became a member of 49
RONALD NORRIS BURDETT FAMILY

Ronald Norris was the fourth of six sons of Arthur B. Burdette and Florence Schul Burdette. He was born May 9, 1933 at Leon, West Virginia and attended school there, later graduating from Point Pleasant High School in 1951. Soon after graduation he went to work as a telegrapher on the New York Central Railroad. In 1953 he was inducted into the United States Army and spent the most of two years in Korea. This was shortly after the Korean Conflict. He was a machinist in the Commanding General's Mess Hall. When he married 1886 to Minnie Belle Morris, he was employed as a clerk and purser and finally at age 23 received his Masters papers. When he married 1886 to Minnie Belle Morris of Henderson, he was employed with the Sts. Thomas W. Means (Hudson line) but shortly thereafter transferred with the Campbell Creek Coal Company and remained with the company until his death. In 1900 he was assistant superintendent of the Kanawha and Ohio Company but when it reorganized as Campbells Creek, he was made Manager of Transportation and attendance to operation of the transportation facilities of the company on the Kanawha and Kanawha Rivers; covering steamers, tugs, barges, freight boats as well as designing and constructing of new equipment.

His duties included attendance before Congress committees pertaining to locks and dams, location of bridges, ice piers and dredging. He was made "Commodore" of a fleet of boats and celebration at the opening of Dam #6 on the Ohio River in 1913. He organized the West Virginia Rubber Goods Agency, owned property in Long Island, Florida and Cuba. He organized one of the first electric Light Companies west of the Allegheny Mountains, being the Point Pleasant Electric Light and Power Company. His associates were C. T. Loring, John W. Heslop and David Price. He is credited with installing electric lights and power on steamboats and the first ship-to-shore phone.

Cpt. Burnside was appointed Lieutenant in the American Protective League organized by the U.S. Department of Justice to combat espionage during World War I. His sons, Morris was a Captain in the Air Corps: Don was a Lt. Brigade Radio and Telephone Officer, 126th F. A. Brigade and Max was doing essential war work and was not released for active duty. Cpt. Burnside held membership among various societies dealing with engineering and historical organizations as well as Oriental Lodge No. 49, Knights of Pythias Masonic Lodge #19, A.F. and A.M. He was also a member and elder in the Presbyterian Church of Point Pleasant. He authored many writings on history of the river and their operations, prior to the locks and dams constructions.

MINNIE BELLE (MORRIS) BURNSIDE

Minnie Belle Morris (March 4, 1867 - March 23, 1938) daughter of Elizabeth Ann Humphrey (1838 - 1916) and Robert Fulton Morris (1840 - 1922) was born Jackson County, W. Va., and lived Huntington, W. Va., and buried Lone Oak, Point Pleasant.
She was named for Belle, sister of her great-grandmother Mary Fulton (Mrs. David Morris) of Washington, D.C., and was a sister to Robert Fulton of Steamboat fame. Her father was named after him. He was his great uncle.

Robert Morris was in the sawmill and lumber business in 1878 at Coolville, Ohio, as partner of Burnsville Milling Co. and also engaged in the flour mill industry. In Coolville Minnie Belle attended the Coolville Academy and studied organ, but by 1883 she and her parents moved to Henderson, and she then completed her education at Point Pleasant Academy.

Mr. Morris after coming to Henderson became Superintendent of the Point Pleasant Furniture Co., having purchased it 1901 from Edmund Sehon who moved to Huntington where he served as Mayor 1915-1918. Morris and his son-in-law, Ed Kerker, owned the Morris and Burnside lumber mill. Their son-in-law, E. A. Burnside, owned the Morris Claibourne born 1887 died 1963 August 51.

Minnie Belle Morris Burnside was active in land transactions with her husband and served as his secretary and treasurer. They owned land jointly with their parents in Port Jefferson, Long Island, as well as locally.

Capt. and Mrs. Burris were parents of Col. Don Gillham Burnside, born 1891 died Clearwater, Florida 1958, married 1921 Margaret E. Anthony of Detroit, Michigan. After her death he married 1956 Frances (Bradford) Mosher, Indian Lake, N.Y.

They had two daughters: Virginia and Pauline. Their daughter Virginia married Mr. Morris after coming to Henderson being a coal miner. Their son Robert Kay is a barber, barber in Mason, West Virginia, they had one daughter: Anna Florence 1898 - 1978, married Fred Kay, he was a barber in Mason, West Virginia, they had one son Leonard Pirl Jr. 1920. He married Velma Gerlach in 1943. Their children are: Larry David 1948 married Patricia Anderson, one son David Pirl 1979.

When the time came, he was miles away on another call. After driving to Leon in a horse and buggy and finding Dr. Sommer gone, Harley and Jim Morgan (a neighbor) went to the home of the only other doctor in town who would not agree to come unless they had $25.00. Jim Morgan paid the $25.00 and Harley paid him back in installments.

In September, 1936, Harley found work at Metro-Metallurgical. They moved to Boones­borough, W. Va. and a short time later to Bourn­er which was closer to the plant. Their second child, James Franklin, was born in Boomer on October 5, 1937.

After a few years, it became apparent that continued exposure to chemicals would ruin his health. They moved to the state of Texas and bought a farm which they had often walked past and wished they could somehow afford. It was purchased from Charlie Musgrave for $1,000.00 and they added a second story to accommodate four growing children and his parents, Pete and Armita Burns. Their third child, Harley Arthur, Jr., was born there August 17, 1941. In 1945 they moved to Dunbar, W. Va. where both had obtained jobs at Dunbar Glass. While living in Dunbar, they rented their farm to George and Dorothy (Parsons) McLeod. After a few years in Dunbar, they decided to move back to Leon and stay there permanently. Their fourth child, John Shirley, was born on November 23, 1945. Harley and Cora were both members of the Leon Baptist Church which was a central part of their lives. They took an active part in the church and the community. He was a deacon for many years and served on the town council while his wife served on the city council. They worked hard, were thankful for what they had, and found ways to share with others. They taught their children to be proud and self-sufficient and to respect all living things as God’s creations.

After the death of his parents in the mid-50’s, Harley and Cora sold their farm to Charles Arthur and Juanita (King) Burdette and moved to Pt. Pleasant, where they remained until retirement.

After retirement, Harley became well-known throughout W. Va. for his woodcarvings. His art was also widely displayed in other states. He was never too busy to answer the questions of children and spent much time teaching and encouraging those who were interested in wood carving. Pieces of his work are on permanent exhibit at the W. Va. Technical Institute Vining Library and The Mason County Public Library. He was a long-time participant in the W. Va. Arts and Crafts Fair and in 1969 he was given the Community Leaders of America Award for exceptional service to his community.

In the mid-1970’s they moved to Davie, Flori­da, where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1984. Harley was born 2-28-1905 to Peter Franklin and Arminta (Casto) Burns. He died 2-6-85. Cora was born 11-4-1915 to William Clarkson


Ricky Lee 1954 married Dianna Anderson, Larry, Ricky and Pirl are owner and operators of Burnsville Milling Co., and also engaged in the flour mill industry. In Coolville Minnie Belle attended the Coolville Academy and studied organ, but by 1883 she and her parents moved to Henderson, and she then completed her education at Point Pleasant Academy.

Ora Lawrence married Virginia Matross, he was a coal miner, their children: John Natrix 1925 - 1938. Lawrence Arnold 1927 married Jean Saunders. He lives in Texas and works for Texaco Co. Their children: Charlotte and Charlene (twins) Larry, Patricia, David and Marjorie.


Charles Wesley Burris 1939 - 1975, Single he worked in Texas and Columbus, Ohio.


Paul David Burnside married Toshi they have one son Mark Alan. Paul works at Keger Creek Power Plant, Cheshire, Ohio.

Harriett C. Burris married Clara Elias in 1925. He has been a barber for 63 years. His son Howard Joe 1929 married Betty Roush in 1949, she is a nurse and John works for the Atlantic Telephone and Telegraph Co. In Virginia. Their children: Megan 1981, Jason 1986.

Estelle Burris 1968 is attending Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.

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HARLEY ARTHUR BURNS CORA LEE BURDETTE

Harley and Cora met at the Leon Baptist Church in July, 1933. Ed Kirker, who was dating Cora’s sister, Sallie, introduced them. He walked her home; she was living with the John Morrison family at the time. On the way home she laid out her requirements for friendship: no drinking or swearing and a Christian person. He assured her that he was that person.

One walk home led to others, and, after keeping company for about a year, they were married on July 14, 1934. It was at the nearby home of Rev. Clarence Billips in Pt. Pleasant. The witnesses were Charles (Bear) King and Mrs. Billips. She was wearing white shoes, a blue hat with a white band, and a blue plaid dress which she had ordered and paid for $18.00. He was wearing a black pinstriped suit. At the time he was working at the Marietta Plant in Pt. Pleasant at a salary of $10.00 per week. This was the period of the great depression and in September he laid off.

They moved to the Bennett farm back of Arbuckle, W. Va. Arthur Buxton loaned them a cow and Dale Jividen gave them a pig. Their first child, Sarah Anne, was born there on March 30, 1936.

Dr. F. S. Sommer, who had known them for a long time, had agreed to deliver the baby.

CORALEE BURDETTE

Note; Shirley Burnside Nisbet died age 68, Oct 10, 1986 Augusta Ga.

JAMES WILLIAM BURRIS 1870 - 1957

James William Burris was the son of Luthur Burris and Mary Cunningham Burris. He was born in Mason County and lived most of his life in New Haven, West Virginia. He was a coal miner. His brothers and sisters were: George, Theodore, Heenan Eli, Martha, Aurilla, Angeline, Frances and half brother Luthur.


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Leonard Pirl married Edna Roush, he was a barber in Mason, West Virginia, they had one son Leonard Pirl Jr. 1920. He married Velma Gerlach in 1943. Their children are: Larry David 1948 married Patricia Anderson, one son David Pirl 1979.
and Nellie (Hanson) Burdette. Their grandchildren are as follows:
- Aaron Scott Atkins, age 30 (son of Sarah Anne and Asa Carl Atkins, Jr. from Buffalo, W. Va.) He is married to Jeanne Louise Brinkman of Columbus, Ohio. They currently live in Atlanta, Ga.
- Christopher Michael Burns, age 14 (son of Harley Arthur, Jr. and Nancy Legg Burns from Robertsburg, W. Va.) lives with his parents in Columbus, Ohio.
- Lori Leann, age 14 and Jeffrey Alan, age 3, the children of John Shirley and Barbara Smith Burns from Pomory, Ohio, live with their parents in Logan, Ohio. Submitted by — Sarah Anne Atkins

**JACOB BURNS**

Jacob Burns and Esteline Rice were married in 1870. She was seventeen years old and he was twenty. He was a mason and farmer. His parents were Thomas Burns, who was Scottish, and Elizabeth Grass who was born in "old" Virginia. Her parents were James Harvey Rice and Elizabeth (Betty) Greenlee. She had 13 brothers and sisters.

Over the years, Jake and Esteline had a large family of two girls and nine boys. As the children matured, Jake and his boys did a great deal of work on the country roads in Mason County and they built the first concrete sidewalks in Leon.

Their daughter, Eunice, died of diptheria at the age of 20. Two of their sons were killed by unusual train accidents within a three-year period: Walter was killed near Buffalo when his foot became wedged in the track and the passenger train he was to flag ran over him. Fred was killed at Lewis, W. Va., three years later. While making a coupling in the trainyard, his foot was caught between the rails and he was run over by his own train. He was one of the youngest brakemen employed by the C & O Railroad at the time. The rest of their children lived long lives.

_Willard; b. 02-03-1888; m. Bessie Hill
Julius Hood; b. 01-25-1890; m. Awilda House
Orlin; b. 08-18-1895; m. Gladys Snyder (1); Margaret (2)

**PETER FRANKLIN BURNS ARMINTA MAY CASTO**

Peter Franklin Burns was born December 8, 1869, at the family home in Leon, West Virginia. He was the son of Jacob Burns and Esteline Rice. On July 26, 1897, he married Arminta May Casto who was also from Leon. She was the daughter of Jacob A. Casto and Harriet Bailey Casto, having been born August 7, 1879.

They had six children: Johnnie born February 13, 1898; Garnet Elizabeth born July 7, 1899; Estella Arminta born December 21, 1902; Harley Arthur born February 28, 1905; Mildred E. born May 30, 1907; and Anna Lorena born August 25, 1909. Their son, Johnnie, died at the age of 16 months just after their second child was born. Their children are pictured above.

Pete worked on the railroad for a number of years, ran the ferry boat at Leon for a number of years and operated a dray wagon on which transported goods from the river to the stores at Leon. He also trapped muskrats, fox, mink and beaver. In later years, they lived with their son, Harley, who was a mason and farmer. His parents were James Harvey Rice and Elizabeth Grass who was born in "old" Virginia. Her parents were James Harvey Rice and Elizabeth (Betty) Greenlee. She had 13 brothers and sisters.

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_Eunice, Jacob and Oscar Burns

One of the stories passed down in the family goes like this: One day Jake and Columbus Greenlee were sitting on Jake's porch when they saw a cat sneaking along the creek bank catching chickens. Columbus grabbed Jake's muzzle loader and blasted away at the cat... kicked up a lot of dust. Jake peered down the creek bank and said, "And did ya git 'im, C'lumbus?" to a lot of dust. Jake peered down the creek bank and said, "And did ya git 'im, C'lumbus?" to a lot of dust.

Walter; b. 01-03-1880; m. Effie Knapp
died July 8, 1887; —
Howard; b. 03-30-1885; m. Mary Sines

-Pete and Mintie were complete opposites. He was fiery and quick to anger while she was placid and never raised her voice. He was slim and dark while she was plump and fair with thick auburn hair and hazel eyes.

Things were never dull around Pete. He was full of old songs and was a great one for fishing; he'd pack everyone into the johnboat and row up to the beaver dam at the drop of a hat. From him, his children and grandchildren learned how to spot "mussrat" holes, what mussels were, and how to tell a bluegill from a crappie. He could identify any animal track and kept things exciting with stories about narrow escapes from panthers and mountain lions and mysterious blue flickering lights around midnight when he was out hunting. He knew all of the wild herbs and went on digging expeditions to get such things as ginseng, yellowroot and mayapple.

Mintie, on the other hand, was the steady influence in the family. She was an expert seamstress and made some of the finest clothing, tailored such things as some of the first majorette uniforms for the Point Pleasant High School Band and a Japanese silk kimono sent home to a wife during World War II. Mintie had a deep religious faith and belonged to the Leon Baptist Church for many years. She was patient and humble and could be counted on to accept whatever came along and make the best of it. She was a shining example to her children, their husbands and wives, and her grandchildren.

They lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a host of friends and family. Pete died November 3, 1955, and Mintie died July 3, 1957. Submitted by — John S. Burns

**DR. FRANK V. BUTCHER**

Dr. Frank V. Butcher was born Roane Co. 1875 and died 1958 in a hospital at Huntington, W. Va. He was the son of James A. (1838-1898) and Mary B. (1838-1908) Butcher. All buried in Old Lone Oak. He was a dentist by profession during 1920 and through late 1940, and his office was on the 2nd floor over present H. & R. Block office, 400 block of Main Street. He lived in the 1900 block of Jefferson Blvd. and left his home to Sacred Heart Catholic Church of which he was a member. He never married.

**BUTLER FAMILY**

Theobold Walters came to Ireland from Normandy with Henry II in 1172, and was made chief butler to the king. From the office of chief butler the family name became Butler, being one of the leading Anglo-Irish families.

Nicholas Butler, born in England about 1590, came to America and lived Dorchester, Mass., later Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. His son John born 1624 died in Edgartown 1658; his son John was born 1651 in Dorchester, Mass.; his son Simon was born 1685 Rasbury, Mass.; his son Eliah was born 1713; his son Henry born 1746, Martha's Vineyard; his son Joseph born 1778.

John Oliver Butler, son of Joseph (of 1778) was born April 19, 1800 Edgartown, Mass., moved to Ohio, with his family 1812, married Catheryn M. Pease at Milton, Ohio (now Amelia) Clermont County in 1822. They had six children, Joanna P., Dec. 2, 1822 - June 29, 1894; Caroline L. April 9, 1825, Joseph Martin Sept. 3, 1827, Timothy Sprague, April 4, 1830, George February 22, 1832, Austin Feb. 12, 1836.

John Oliver's wife Cathern died in 1850. He married Mary Coffin in 1851. He was major of a military company in Ohio, came to Mason County in 1856, died Feb. 19, 1886 near Glennwood. He wanted to be buried in Pease burial ground in Ohio but because of cold weather the river was frozen over and boats could not travel. When the ice melted he was taken up and sent to Ohio.

Timothy S. Butler married Julia Ann Blake in 1862. He farmed, had a saw mill, was Captain in the Civil War 1862. Julia took care of the post office that was built onto the house, and five children. George W. born 1863; Charles E. born 1864; Flora Belle (Starkey) 1869; Oliver born 1873; William F. born 1880.

HORACE ARTHUR BUXTON FAMILY

Hорас Бuxton, сын Дарийса Бuxton и Саманты Бradbury Buxton, родился 6 сентября 1875 года в Watertown. Он занимался на Унион школе в Дании, где был назначен директором для школьного отделения по вопросам здравоохранения. Он пользовался комфортом и спокойствием в своем жилище. В то же время, он был очень честным и всегда готов помочь."

A daughter, Helen Wanetta, married Howard Rust, Jr., of Letart, West Virginia. They had three (3) children, Gary Ray born April 6, 1965, Michael Todd born September 8, 1969, and Angel Diane, born September 30, 1970. Wanetta and Howard (Skip was his nickname) divorced at a later date and Wanetta remarried William "Bill" Beck. They reside in Annapolis, Maryland.

Another son, Allen Franklin, married Jeanette Dowling of Annapolis, Maryland. They had one (1) daughter, Michelle Ann, born September 12, 1972. Allen passed away in June 1984. Jeanette and Shelley reside in Waycross, Georgia.


A daughter, Donna Lee, twin sister of Don, married Robert Earl Kay of New Haven, West Virginia. They had one (1) son, Daniel Earl, born February 7, 1979. They reside in Millwood, Virginia. They had one (1) son, Daniel Earl, born February 7, 1979. They reside in Millwood, Virginia.

The last but not least, is Patricia Ann. She married Ricky Eugene Thomas, son of John and Virginia Rollins Thomas. Rick has one (1) brother John P. "Sonny" Thomas of Leon, and a sister, Verna, married to Gene Thomas of Leon, born 1924.

CLEON CADLE FAMILY

Cleon, the eldest son of John and Mary Adams Cadle was for 34 years a rural mail carrier on Leon Route 1. During his years on the mail route he not only served as a letter carrier, but as a confidant, news bearer and good Samaritan, especially during the years of the great depression.

Cleon was born on February 18, 1895, at Long hollow, in Jackson County, WV. Much of his childhood was spent at Riverside, which is now Red House, WV. His father owned a flour mill at Red House. In 1917, he felt it was his patriotic duty to enlist in the U.S. Army where he served until 1919.

On June 2, 1924, Cleon married Bessie C. Hodges, a Mason County school teacher. They established a home in Leon and lived there for 28 years. In 1931 they purchased his home place on Leon-Baden Road where they still reside. At present Cleon is 91 years old but has never really retired. He keeps busy on the farm as well as doing various kinds of woodwork. Although each day has a full schedule, his work is never so important that he cannot stop to help a neighbor or chat with one passing by.


JOHN ZEARYLE CADLE

John Zeary Cadle was born on Long Spruce Road, just off Thirteen Mile Creek near the former Andrew Stephens farm. (Mr. Stephens was his great uncle through his marriage to Minerva Minor, a sister to Caroline Minor Zearyle, John's grandmother). He was the son of William A. and Eizenza Zearyle. A sister, Vera, married Caroline John and were born in Mason County but the family moved to Long Hollow, Jackson County when the children were young. Five more children were born in the years that followed. John attended rural schools. His father, the Rev. Cadle was a schoolteacher as well as a preacher so John benefitted greatly and was as well educated as his peers in the neighborhood if not better.

He was married to Mary Adams of Kenna, Jackson County 2 May, 1894. She was the daughter of William Meade Adams, an native of Fauquier County, Virginia and Martha Winter, from a prominent Jackson County family. Mary's maternal great uncle, Joseph Johnson, was a member of the State Legislature, a member of Congress and the only Governor of Virginia that hailed from the trans-Allegheny section of the State. (He was a native of Harrison County).

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John brought his bride to Long Hollow and established a home near to that of his parents. He became a farmer and some times worked on a sawmill owned and operated by his uncle, A. Judson Zearyle. Three of John and Mary's children were born in the Long Hollow Community; three others in Ravenswood, Jackson County and their youngest in Riverside, Putnam County. Their children are:

John Z. Cade

William Anderson Cade was born July 31, 1850 near the mouth of Bluestone River in Mercer County, Virginia, now Summers County West Virginia; died January 16, 1929. He was the son of John and Julia Agee Cade and a great grandson of Thomas Cade who migrated to the Virginia area from Surry County, North Carolina. John Cade moved his family to Jackson County in 1862 to establish a home in that area. Young William became convinced of his duty to preach at the age of 15 and soon thereafter took up the active ministry of the Gospel, serving in the Baptist Denomination, and remained in that work until failing health forced him to retire in the 20's. He preached in neighborhood churches and schoolhouses, and because of his extensive work and age he was familiarily known as the "Boy Preacher". He was 22 years of age he was ordained as a minister and accepted calls to the pastorates of churches.

For the early years of the Reverend Cade's ministerial career, he taught several terms of school. In the meantime his reputation as a successful revivalist was growing and demand for his services reached a point where he decided to give up school teaching so that he could devote more time to the ministry. Thus, the pattern fo...
and continued his education with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1900. Later he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Union College.

His ministry began in New York City as a priest on the Bowery. In 1901 he was called to be rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, Pennsylvania from 1901 - 1906 where he married in 1903 Catharine Wells Bishop, daughter of Joseph and Mary W. Bishop.

The Reverend and Mrs. Cady served the following churches:

St. John’s Church, Port Allegheny, and Coreopolis, Pennsylvania 1907 to 1911
All Saints Church, Oakley, Maryland 1911 to 1916
St. Matthew’s Church, Kulpmont, Pennsylvania 1916 to 1918
Trinity Church, Tyrone, Pennsylvania 1918 to 1928
Christ Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia 1928 to 1946

Four children made up the Cady family:
Mary; born 1904 married Thomas Pringle 1928; Joseph, born 1907 married Attarah Blackwood 1939; Frances (Peggy), born 1909 married Harold (“Bro”) Somervile 1934; and Catharine, born 1913 married Roger Cleveland 1936.

During his eighteen year ministry in Point Pleasant, Mr. Cady’s charge included Christ Church, Main Street and Bruce Chapel, Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia. He was active in community affairs and during the years of World War II contributed his interest in the growth and activities at the Marietta Manufacturing Plant and T. N. T. area. Many new families were drawn into the church.

The Reverend Cady was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, served as Master of Minturn Lodge No. 19 (Masons), Chaplain at Lake State Hospital, Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts, and a Red Cross member.

Rev. Cadle was married to Elzena Ann Zearley, the daughter of Jacob A. Zearley and Caro­line Minor, February 28, 1869. Their children were:

(1) Emma Caroline, b. 1869, d. 1948; m. Emory Duffield
(2) John Zearley, b. 1871, d. 1951; m. Mary Adams
(3) Otho Minor, b. 1875, d. 1949; m. Dora King
(4) Minerva LeGrand, b. 1877, d. 1958; m. Parke Billups
(5) Lawrence Travis, b. 1886 d. 1965; m. Willie Johnston
(6) Nora Alice, b. 1888, d. 1977
(7) William Albert, b. 1892 d. 1957; m. Alberta Kyle

In addition to their own seven children, they made a home for Rose Alice Russell, b. 1906, d. 1977; m. Harry Lipscomb who died in 1986. Mr. Lipscomb was the daughter of Frederick Albert Russell and Melissa Alice Zearley. Melissa Alice died when Rose Alice was three days old.

The Reverend Cadle, his wife Elzena, daughter Nora Alice and Mrs. Cadle’s niece, Rose Alice, choose the beautiful Leon Cemetery overlooking the serene Kanawha River as their final resting places. Submitted by — Ray K. Cady, Bonnie Cadle Hatley

CADDY FAMILY
Frank Thurber Cady, rector of Christ Church; bishop, Point Pleasant, West Virginia from April 28, 1872 until August 1946, was born in Oneonta, New York, April 2, 1872. He was the son of Harvey Jerome and Minnie Smith Cady.

The Reverend Mr. Cady graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York in 1897 and continued his education with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1900. Later he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Union College.

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The Reverend and Mrs. Cady moved to Sayre, Pennsylvania in 1946 after his retirement from Christ Church. Mrs. Cady died there in 1950. Mr. Cady returned many times to West Virginia to visit his daughters. Peggy Somervile and Catharine Cleveland, then living in Charleston, West Virginia. He died in 1953 at the home of his son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Attarah Cady in Sayre, Pennsylvania. Submitted by — Catharine Cady Cleveland

CADDYW FAMILY
Lewis Washington Caldwell, son of Joseph and Eliza Jones Caldwell, was born August 25, 1847 near New Castle, Craig County, Virginia. As a very young child he left Craig County by wagon with his parents and sisters to make a new home in the western part of the state. The death of Nell, one of the horses, made it necessary for the family to live for a time near Lewisburg, now Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Later the family moved on to near Union, Monroe County.

Here Wash helped his father in the blacksmith shop until he became a soldier in the Confederate Army. When the war ended Wash returned home to work with his father.

In 1866 Wash with his parents and sisters, Sarah, Susan, Elizabeth, Clementine, and Jane traveled on westward to live on a farm near Win­field, Putnam County. Here in 1878 Lewis Washington Caldwell married Malinda Adaline Baldwin, daughter of John A. and Mary Lewis Baldwin.

February 1889 Wash and Lynn with their children, Ernest Benton, Lewis Ledrew, John William, Eulis Kemper, Anora May, Charles Franklin and Anna Elizabeth, left their farm home near Winfield to live on a farm near Point Pleasant, Mason County. The trip, down the Kanawha River by steam boat, the Handy No. 2, was an exciting one for the children.

The youngest child, Virginia Margaret, was born in Mason County.

George Washington Cartmill, son of James Henry (1813 - 1882) and Lucinda Stephens Cartmill (1821 - 1895), was born October 7, 1856 in Putnam County, Virginia. On February 7, 1879 George married Mary Susan Cheesebrew, the daughter of Hiram and Alecy Gaskins Cheesebrew.

In 1889 George and Mary with their children, Anna Laura, Blancie Alice, Lena Lenore, John Samuel David and Maggie Edith, left their farm home near Winfield to live on a farm near Point Pleasant.

The younger children, Cora Maud and George Clarence, were born in Mason County. After settling into their new homes, the Cartmills and Caldwell welcomed together in the Big Elm Baptist Church near Point Pleasant. In October 1906 Lewis W. Caldwell and Malinda A. Caldwell were two of the thirteen charter members of the Main Street Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

On November 26, 1903 Lewis Ledrew Cald­well, born October 25, 1880 near Winfield and Anna Laura Cartmill, born July 26, 1880 near Winfield were united in marriage. The wedding took place in the front yard at the bride’s home which stood in the vicinity of what is now 26th Street and Jackson Avenue. Lewis was a teacher at Heights School when he and Anna were married.

Lewis taught several terms of school in Mason County and owned and operated a grocery store in Heights. He was the teacher of the last one room school in Heights (1901 - 1902), the principal of the first two room school (1902 - 1903), and continued as principal of the first three room school there (1903 - 1904). Many years later Lewis served several terms of the Mason County Board of Education including a term as president of the board.

L. L. Caldwell was a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 45 years. Upon retirement he and his son, Lewis I., were associated in the Caldwell Insurance Agency.

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Visitors to the Caldwell home were often treated to a look at many items relevant to Mason County and West Virginia history in which the Caldwells took a great interest. L. L. Caldwell served as the first president of the Mason County Historical Society.

He was a 50-year member of Point Pleasant Masonic Turnout Lodge No. 19 AF & AM. Lewis and Anna Caldwell were active members of the Main Street Baptist Church where he served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He also gave many years in faithful service with both the Mason County and the Lewis District Sunday School Associations. Lewis and Anna enjoyed 64 years of happy companionship.

They had ten children:
- Winnie Marie; July 5, 1905 - Dec. 29, 1910
- Mabel C. Slater; July 27, 1908
- Gladys; Mar. 2, 1910 - Sept. 24, 1910
- Clarence Ledrew (Jack); July 22, 1910; m. Reba Powers
- Lewis Immel (Bill); July 17, 1915 - April 11, 1983
- Mabel Blanch; Oct. 18, 1918 - ; m. Charles J. Baby Boy; Feb. 12, 1917 - Feb. 17, 1917
- Lewis Ledrew Caldwell is buried in Kirkland Cemetery.
- Cecil Irene; July 8, 1913; m. William Harley Turner
- Malinda Adaline Baldwin Caldwell (1857-1983) is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Ernest Benton Caldwell is buried in Hardin Memorial Park in Elizabeth, Kentucky. Lewis Ledrew Caldwell is buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens among his beautiful West Virginia hills.

In Lone Oak, near their Caldwell and Cartmell grandchildren, are the graves of Winnie Marie, Gladys and Baby Boy, infant children of Lewis and Anna Caldwell. Submitted by — Laura L. Cartmell

JOHN MONROE CALLOWAY

John Monroe Calloway was born on December 6, 1861 in Wise County, Virginia. His parents were Catherine Cox Calloway and Joseph Calloway. Catherine was the daughter of Terrill Cox. Joseph's maternal relatives were the Northons of Wise County.

John came to Mason County with Cynthia Kirk Calloway around 1882. It was told to Mr. Calloway's children that he and Cynthia had arrived at the Henderson Depot with two suitcases, one filled with clothing and the other filled with money. The money was used to purchase land on the Kanawha River from one mile east of Henderson to Arbuckle Hollow to the Redmond Ridge road to the Henderson Cemetery.

The house in which John and Cynthia Kirk lived is still standing in Henderson. Cynthia died in 1907. In 1908, John married Belva Lockwood Fowler. To this union were born: Leona Marcella Calloway Crump (deceased), John Monroe Calloway (deceased) and Harry Norton Calloway, Gallipolis Ferry.

John Monroe Calloway died in February 20, 1918. He had walked across the ice on the Kanawha River to Point Pleasant to secure medicine for his youngest son, Harry. As a result of the exposure, he contracted pneumonia, which was the cause of his death.

John had easily passed his tests to become a licensed steamboat engineer even though his occupation in Wise County was as a school teacher. His sons followed in their father's footsteps by becoming river pilots. The financial condition of the family as a result of John's death necessitated the immediate employment of the oldest son John. He went to work on the James Rumsey, a steamer which was the first propeller driven steamboat on the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers. John's (son) life on the river was to continue for over forty years.

Harry worked nine years on paddle wheel steamboats. At that time old packet freight boats were still in use on the river. He became a deckhand when his size enabled him to do the work. Deckhands had to carry chains weighing approximately 160 pounds on the barge gunwales. The chains were looped over one shoulder and then over the other for easy dumping in an emergency situation. The gunwales then were six inches wide. The barges held 500 tons. Now barges have a two foot walkway, now standard barges hold 1000 tons and jumbo barges hold 1600 tons. Then three or more firemen were needed to feed coal into the two furnace holes to keep up steam. One hundred bushels of coal per hour were wheel-barrowed from the fuel barge to the firemen. At night lanes of white wheat flour were used so that wheelbarrows could be pulled more easily. Boilers could easily blow up. Dangerous working conditions were an accepted way of life.

Harry worked on the Robert P. Gilliam when two big companies, the Campbell Creek Coal Company and the Lewis Immel Company merged in 1928. They formed a river full of boats and barges that day so that it was possible to walk across the river on them. They were lined up just below Lock Eleven as follows: the Julius Fleischman, the J. T. Hatfield and the Robert T. Gilliam, who were returning from Cincinnati with the barges, docked on the right side of the bank of the river and the D. T. Lane, the W. C. Mitchell and the Eugene Dana Smith, who were coming from the mines with loaded coal barges landed on the left bank. This positioning blocked the river so that one could walk from the left bank to the right bank by swimming the river.

Harry began working as a pilot in 1936. His original pilot's license allowed him to work from Harewood, WV on the Kanawha to Point Pleasant and on the Ohio from Point Pleasant to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He added an extension to his license later from Pittsburgh, PA to Point Pleasant. Before retirement his license covered all western rivers and the coastal waters of the United States. He worked for forty-nine years on the river. At one time he was the captain of the towboat James K. Ellis, a single-propeller boat which towed the largest tow on the Kanawha and on the Ohio. The record stood for some years and may still be intact.

John Monroe's daughter, Leona Calloway Raike Crump had one daughter, Tella Wandi Raike Webster of Texas. His son, John married Bernice Crump Calloway of Henderson. They have one son, Chester Eugene Calloway of New Orleans, LA. Harry Norton married Elizabeth Jane Rogers. They have three daughters: Marlene Ann Calloway Hope of Wilmington, NC; Myra Kaye Calloway Legg of Point Pleasant; and Shelia Jane Calloway Miller, Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Myra Legg

GEORGE WILLARD CAMP FAMILY


George Willard the son of James Ezra and Eliza Jane Camp was born in Meigs County, Ohio and later moved to Mason County, West Virginia with his parents.

Samantha the daughter of Reverend Marti R. (1841-1929) and Martha Musxia (1846-1919) was buried in Pete Meadow Cemetery, was born in Mason County and lives near the Pete Meadows Cemetery, the poorest farm on the lands she now the Tommy Walden farm, with her parents.

Willard and Samantha made their home on 23 1/2 acres of land, given to him by his parents.
George Willard was a farmer, especially interested in horticulture. He also carried mail a short time to the post office located on Palestine Ridge. It was said that he rode a big white mule while carrying the mail.

Their children are as follows:
1. James Martin Camp married to Augusta Meadows.
2. Worley William Camp married to Ellen Parker.
3. Charlie Worthy Camp d. 1923, WWI veteran, married to Anna —.
4. Bertha Camp married to Edmond Moore.
7. Stella Marie Camp married to Ray Holley.
8. Iva Agnes Camp d. 1920.

Refer to the James Ezra Camp Family history. Submitted by — Willard L. Camp

THE STARTING OF THE CAMPS IN MASON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

James Ezra Camp and his wife Eliza Jane, married and lived in Meigs County, Ohio. They became the proud parents of three children, a daughter Esteline and two sons, William and Willard.

A disagreement erupted in the family which caused Ezra to move his family from Meigs County, Ohio to Mason County, West Virginia, in 1875. There they purchased 153½ acres of land on the waters of the Ohio Eighteen Mile Creek, Right Fork. At that time the area was known as Deer Creek, but is now known as Palestine Creek Road.

Their first home was a temporary log cabin built near a spring. There they lived until land was cleared and 70 acres were sold for a house and store. The house consisted of a living room with a large open fireplace and a bedroom on the first floor, and one large room upstairs. Later a shed kitchen was added to the structure. The house still stands where it was built on the same site of the present day Palestine Baptist Church.

After coming home from serving in the Army, Word married Garnet Marie Hawthorne, daughter of James and Retha Hawthorne. They were married at Glenwood, West Virginia.

Word and Garnett lived in and around Hannan District most of their lives. They lived on a part of the original Camp Farm for a number of years. Word was a farmer and State Road employee, while Garnett was a housewife and mother. They were the parents of four daughters, Leoma, Agnes, Beulah, and Augusta, and six sons, Ward, Jr., Lester, Douglas, Willard, Richard, and William.

All six sons served in the armed forces for their country. Two of their sons, Ward, Jr., and Douglas carry mail today as did their grandfather Willard in the early 1900’s.

Both Word, Garnett and one daughter are buried in the Pete Meadows Cemetery.

We are the great grandchildren and great great grandchildren of Ezra and Eliza Camp. Submitted by — D. Michael Wolfe; Sensie Wallace Braunfield; Augusta Camp Chapman

JAMES CAPEHART FAMILY

James Capehart I born 1797 died 1869 in Point Pleasant and is buried in Pioneer cemetery. He married Margaret McCulloch between 1825 - 1827. A daughter Olivia J. Capehart died in 1848 while on her honeymoon on a boat on the Ohio River at Maysville, Kentucky, from Cholera or yellow fever. The 1850 census shows James age 53, farmer by occupation wife Margaret 58, daughter Margaret 5, son James 3 and son John 1.

James L. Capehart born Henrico Co. son of Philip and Mary Jane Windon Capehart by Margaret (daughter of John and Olevia Morgan McCulloch) had Olevia. His second wife Margaret Adeline Couch whom he married March 1850, was born at the time of his grandfather's death. James Capehart II (1847) died in 1921 in Cocoa, Florida. He met Ella Catherine McCulloch of Ironton, Ohio while she was visiting cousins in Point Pleasant. Ella was born 1847 and died 1907. They had two children Mary McVe Capehart and Alice Capehart. Mary married Mr. Simpson of Washington, D.C. and they had one child Mary Simpson who married Bishop Lane Barton, D.D. a bishop in the Episcopal Church. Alice married Dr. Walter Rodman Lincoln of Philadelphia and they had a son James C. Lincoln who lived in Florida with his parents at the time of his grandfather’s death. James Lincoln married and lived in Baltimore, Maryland.

James Capehart II entered politics and was a two term U.S. Congressman. His first wife died 1907 and Ennalla Van Deman in 1909. She was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. John Van Deman of Delaware, Ohio. She died in Delaware, Ohio April 16, 1960, and is buried in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery.

In November 1986, Bishop Lane Barton of Vancouver, Washington (by phone) stated that his wife Mary Simpson Barton was still living but was unable to communicate due to paralysis. Lane Barton, the son of Bishop Lane Barton, stated that James C. Lincoln was now deceased.

In 1923 following James II’s death in 1921 a suit was brought to court to sell the home “Ingleside”. After a decree of sale Dr. H. A. Barbee, purchaser for fifty-two thousand dol-
lars, had the fifty some acres surveyed and laid off into town lots and designated "Capehart Place" These were made an addition to the City of Point Pleasant. Anne Park Windsor purchased the "Home Place" in 1924. Walter M. and Caroline VanZandt Windsor obtained the property in 1964. Dr. and Mrs. Ismael Jamora and three children purchased the home in 1977. The above picture shown "Ingliside" as it is today. (See McCulloch Family History) Submitted by — Mrs. Charles Powell

JAMES EZRA CAMP FAMILY

James Ezra Camp (1836-1909) married Eliza Jane — 1839-1914). Both are buried in the Camp or Lafe Meadows Cemetery.

James Ezra and Eliza Jane came to West Virginia from Meigs County, Ohio in 1875. They purchased 153.5 acres of land on the waters of the Ohio Eighteen Mile Creek, Right Fork, now known as Palestine or Camp Creek. Their first home was a temporary log cabin built near a spring. Later, they cleared the land and built a story and a half log house, 200 yards from the other cabin. The house still stands where it was built on what is now the Ashworth farm, also descendants. The land was eventually divided equally among all of their children.

James Ezra and Eliza Jane came to West Virginia with three children, adding three more to the family after arriving in Mason County. Their children are as follows:

1. Martha Estline Camp (1860 - 1929) married to John B. Holley (1860-1929). Both are buried in the Camp or Lafe Meadows Cemetery.
2. William Hurshel (Bill) Camp (1862 - 1932) married to Semantha Semora Edwards. Their children are as follows:
   1. James Ezra and Eliza Jane Camp
   2. Iva Agnes Camp, b. 1922, of Columbiana, Ohio. Their children:
      1. James Berzillia Camp, b. 1876 - 1973
      2. George Willard Camp, b. 1864 - 1932
5. Lelia Camp (1881 - 1953) married to Samehna Semora Edmonds (1868 - 1923). Both are buried in the Pete Meadows Cemetery.
6. Attie Camp, birth and death dates unknown. She was married to — Nicely and — Perkins. Submitted by — Ward J. Carder

WORD CAMP FAMILY

2. Iva Agnes Camp, b. 1922, of Columbus, Ohio.

Word and Garnett had six sons who each served in the armed services. They saw duty in Europe, the Pacific, the Korean, and Vietnam Wars. Two served in Europe and one in the Pacific. Word of the family genealogist and Mason County schoolteacher for 44 years; Ruby born 14 January 1883 and died 1 December 1968. The children of Robert and Blanche were Della, whom married Charles Rayburn; Roy, whom married Jessie McCoy (which ended in divorce); and then Clara Krebs; and Blanche born 9 May 1887 and died 15 August 1966. Blanche married Robert H. McCulloch (the son of John and Elizabeth Noble McCulloch) born 14 January 1883 and died 1 December 1968. The children of Robert and Blanche McCulloch were: Eugene born 22 August 1910; Francis born 3 May 1912 and died 23 January 1983. He was the family genealogist and Mason County school teacher for 44 years; Ruby born 18 November 1918, and James Ivan born 9 May 1921.

Ruby married Clifford D. Garder, born 4 April 1916. She was a Mason County School teacher. Clifford was a farmer and worked at Foote Steel. He was a World War II veteran. He enlisted 24 December 1941 and was discharged February 24 October 1945. He spent 27 months in the Pacific theater and 9 months in the European theater. The children of Ruby and John Garder were Dwight D. Garder, born 8 December 1950 and
THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN CARDER IN MASON COUNTY

John Carder, our ancestor, was born 5-3-1825 in Tyler County. He lived in the northern part of Mason County and served as a minister of the United Brethren Church. John married Sarah Ann Lambert in 1848 and they had five children: Sarah Ann, Lambert, Laura, Laura, and John.

Sarah Ann Lambert was born 3-8-1826 and died 5-5-1903. She was a farmer and dedicated her life to raising her family.

Lambert Carder was born 2-15-1885 and married Cora May Rice in 1906. Cora was born 7-11-1890 and died 11-15-1976. They had two children: Lillie Eunice and Herman.

Lillie Eunice was born 1-4-1898 and married Lester Fogelson in 1915. They had two children: Ferne and Mae.

Herman was born 11-30-1892 and married Cecil Baker in 1915. They had two children: Senna and George.

THE CARDER FAMILY

Orton Harris Carder was born at Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia, June 13, 1897, son of Burten Carder and Matilda Payne. December 28, 1917 he married Cholie Wilson, daughter of Henry Wilson and Iona Biffing Collins.

In September 1929 the Carders moved to Point Pleasant to serve as pastor of Heights United Brethren Church. Four children made up the Carder family; Alice born December 28, 1917; George born October 16, 1924; and Alice born December 18, 1926 in Ritchie County. Axtel was born in Point Pleasant May 23, 1923 the last of the family.

In 1929 the Point Pleasant charge included, the United Brethren Church, Bethel and Eckard Churches. Bethel was later disbanded when TNT Plant was located in that area. Eckard was merged with three other small churches to form the present Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.
General Reverend Carder, as he was widely known in Mason County, served here until 1841 then moved to Fourth Avenue Church in Huntington and then to the Mason County Church where he died in 1863. The Carders moved to Point Pleasant, Route 2 where he died November 25, 1974. Mrs. Carder lived there until her death June 9, 1980.

Alice married Eldridge (Dutch) Sauer son of Albert, Sr. and Maude Cheesebrew. They had three sons: Richard, John and Thomas.

Anna married Charles D. Proffitt son of Emory and Cora Vansickle, they had one daughter Cora Ann.

Avel married Mary Ellen Gerlach daughter of Lawrence and Katherine Bogess, they had a son Lawrence Michael and a daughter Kathy.

Aris married James Langdon, son of Charles and Dora Grose, they had one son James Orton.

Avel married Polly Hinson of Virginia.

The three daughters live in Mason County, Avel in Missouri, and Avel in New Jersey. Submitted by — Anna Proffitt

ALONZO CARPENTER FAMILY

Alonzo Carpenter came from Ireland in the early 1800's and married Frances Elizabeth Windon. They were parents of Francis A. (Frank) born 1877, Don 1879, Harry 1884, Elizabeth 1887 according to clerks records, and perhaps Ora. An obituary states that Elizabeth died Springfield, Ohio age 77 and was married to a Mr. Elder. Frank died in 1954 age 77 and was married to Virginia (Virgie) Riffe who died in 1970 age 84. They are buried in Lone Oak with Alonzo (August 15, 1853 - December 25, 1943). Alonzo and Frank were both farmers. All of Franks family were born and raised in the vicinity of Camp Conley.

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ERNEST CASEY

Ernest Willard Casey was born at Apple Grove, W. Va., in Mason County, in 1923. He has been off of Mason County.

He is the son of Sophia (Long) Casey and Thomas William Casey. They had 13 children. E.W. married Lemoa Ellen (Sue) Cook on October 14, 1942. They are the parents of two children, Willard Eugene (Tucker) Casey and Margaret Ann Morgan. Tucker was killed in an automobile accident in 1964. Ann is currently employed as a teacher here in Mason County.

Margaret Ann married William Lloyd Morgan in December, 1970. They are the parents of

REBECCA SMITH CARSON

Rebecca Smith Carson (b. Aug. 9, 1873 - May 10, 1944) married Benjamin Rush Carson (b. Oct. 11, 1846 - May 14, 1905). Rebecca is buried in Suncrest Cemetery and Benjamin is buried in Smith Cemetery of Thomas B. All eleven children were born to their marriage:

Mollie, Sarah Pamela (Millie), Ethel, Wilbur, Ada Effie, Earl, Carol Mae, Estha, Mina, Carl Eber and Clarence.

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tract of land containing 3.815 acres situated on Eighteen Mile Creek of the Ohio River in Mason Co., Va. This land was owned by the Great Northern Land Co., and was broken up in lots to be sold at public auction. As the years went by, as evidenced by court house records, he deeded and sold his land to his children.

The rest of the lineage is unrecorded and undocumented by any official records, but from old family stories and past acquaintances back in time, it goes like this: Sinclair came to the shores of Virginia as a small boy with his brothers and sisters, and his father, who was either widowed at the time, or his wife died on the passage over. I have heard both ways. However, they were from County Cork, Ireland, a family of cheese makers.

It was told, they crossed the mountains and settled in western Virginia, and sometime during this period, Sinclair’s father, the old Irishman, married a Shawnee Indian. And with that, the family has evolved as it is today. Submitted by — Roger A. Casey, Clyde C. Casey

DENVER L. CASTO FAMILY

Denver Lloyd Casto was born on the family farm on Gunville Ridge in Union District December 3, 1927. He was the third child of Lloyd and Minnie Baker Casto. He attended Grant Business Administration. In 1952 he was employed by Charleston School of Commerce where he received his degree in Higher Accounting and Business Administration. In 1952 he was employed at the Marietta Manufacturing Co. at Pt. Pleasant. Remained there until April 1953 when he went to work for Headquarters Detachment West Virginia National Guards. He joined the National Guards and was a member for eleven years. In August 1957 he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a Rural Letter Carrier in Rural Rte. 1, Leon W. Va. He carried this route for 22 years. In July 1980 he was appointed Post Master at Leon Post Office where he is currently employed.

In August 1947 Denver rode “Old Bob” his horse to a revival meeting at Smith Church where he met his future wife, taking her home horseback. Lura Belle Withrow, July 4, 1931

in the L601 Cemetery. Submitted by — granddaughter, Lovell Smith Thomas

GEORGE CASTO FAMILY

My great-great-grandfather, George Casto, Sr., a son of David & Margaret (Province) Casto, of then Harrison (now Upshur) County, (West) Virginia, came to the then Mason (present Jackson) County in 1816, with his second wife, Sarah, a daughter of John Godfrey & Anna Maria (Wetherelt) Ours, whom he had married in 1813. He had married first, Elizabeth, a daughter of John & Margaret (Wolf) Westfall, September 29, 1807, by whom they had two children — Margaret, who married Joel Cunningham, and Abram G., who married (1) Zilpha Carpenter and (2) Roseanna Slaughter. Children by his second wife were — John G., married Catherine Westfall; Mary Margaret, married Joel Cunningham; Phoebe, married John Greathouse; George Jr., (1822-1898), married Mary Jane Shemwell; Robert R. & Elizabeth (Hinzman) Raines, December 26, 1844, Nicholas, married Belthia Casto; David G., married Sarah Raines; James C., married Sarah Bradley; Joel, married Mary M. Rigdon; Sarah H., married James C., married Belthia Casto; Elizabeth, married Elias Casto; Louisa, married David L. Casto; and Matilda, married Joseph Smeer.

George Casto Sr’s uncles, William & John Casto, had settled in Mason County by 1813, and their good reports on the country had probably been the reason George and his younger brother, John D., came to this section. Most of the Casto’s in this area are descendants of these four ancestors. George settled first on the Mill creek bottoms above Ripley, Ohio, then to the lower Tug Fork section, and then to a large tract of land above the present Statts Mills postoffice, where he died in 1845.

George was one of the first members of the County Court of the new county of Jackson in 1847. He was a member until his death. He was the second Sheriff of Jackson County and later, served a term as assessor. He was a minister of the Methodist, later Methodist Protestant, church.

Sarah Ruhama, a daughter of George Casto Jr., married William Henry Fisher, a son of Leonard S. & Elizabeth (Harrison) Fisher, January 9, 1877. Their daughter, Louisa Jane (1879-1959) married William Stevens (1872-1957), a son of Richard Lewis & Jemima (Westfall) Hite, October 21, 1897. They were the parents of 10 children: Lona Alice (1899-1982), married Okey J. Rhodes; Ali Lloyd (1901-1910); Harold Ray (1905-1905); Lula Ada (1904-1906); Della Mae (1907- ), married Daniel W. Rhodes; Luella Gay (1907- ), married Luther N. Harris; Alva Lee (1912-1912); Albert Arnold (1915- ), married (1) Vivian O’Dell Staub; (2) Beatrice (Bennett) Fisher; Vada Marie, married Joseph L. Harris; Delmer Roy (1920- ), single. Submitted by — Delmer R. Hite

JACOB A. CASTO

Jacob Asbury Casto, known as Jake, was born in Jackson County, Virginia in 1847, the son of William and Anne Dewese Casto. He served in the Union Army Company B 13th West Virginia Infantry.

He was married to Harriet Bailey in Mason County. She was the daughter of David and Christena Inhleff Bailey who had come to this county from Pennsylvania. This couple lived in Leon where Jacob took an active part in all affairs of the town. Over a period of years he held the following offices: overseer of the poor, sexton of the cemetery, mayor for a number of years, and great-grandson of the town council. He was also a Justice of the Peace and held court in his own home. At one time he was a candidate for the State Legislature.

Harriet and Jacob Casto

Jacob Casto was a stone mason and a brick layer. His granddaughter in Leon has a well curb cut from a solid stone and also three flue stones cut by him.

He and his wife Harriet were the parents of six children. They were as follows: (1) Sylvia 1847-1931, married William Smith; (2) Charles 1876-1955, married Effie Parsons; (3) Minta 1879-1957, married Perry Burns; (4) Lyda, lived in Washington, Pennsylvania, married Emmie McGrew; (5) Annie 1890-1944, married William Goodnow; (6) Robert, lived in Michigan, married Goldie Henry.

Harriet Casto died in Michigan in 1936. Jacob Casto died in Leon in 1912. They are buried in the Leon Cemetery. Submitted by — granddaughter, Lovell Smith Thomas

THE JAMES DAVID CASTO FAMILY


2 children: 1 Awen Casto b. 4/11/1905 Henderson, WV, d. 8/8/1985, survived by one daughter, one son, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild. Married (1) Florence Mays; (2) Sarah Smith.

2 Garret Louise Casto b. 9/22/1907 Henderson, WV.
J. M. CASTO FAMILY

J. M. (Doc) Casto was born on a log house near Rockcastle, Jackson County, W. Va., October 28, 1865, to Joseph and Mariah Morrison Casto. There has been much discussion as to what the initials J. M. stood for. Some said it was James Madison others said it was John Madison. We could find no record of a birth certificate. His death certificate only listed J. M. Casto, as do all other written material that we could find about him except a marriage certificate on file in the Jackson County Court House which listed his name as John Madison.


In April 1911, Uncle Doc as he was commonly called, moved from Rockcastle area to the old Byrd Stone farm, formerly Sullivan farm on the old woodstove and used outdoor facilities. Alsoneed oil lamps and open fire. Also cooked on the old wood stove and used outdoor facilities. Beekeeping was one of the early industries of the area. Uncle Doc purchased 4 acres adjacent to his farm. Here he raised corn, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, etc.

Uncle Doc purchased a horse, a 1913 Model T Ford. He later purchased a 1921 Overland. Charlie (Bear) King said his first ride in an automobile was in Uncle Doc’s Model T.

On August 16, 1936 his wife Rebecca departed this life and was laid to rest beside his first wife in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Submitted by — Karla Cast Whitney

LLOYD AND MINNIE CASTO

Lloyd Preston Casto “Crickett” was born November 25, 1889 near Rockcastle, Jackson County, W. Va. son of J. M. (Doc) Casto and Rebecca Barnett Casto. In April 1911, he moved with his family to farm at Rocky Fork near Waterloo, Mason County. He was united in marriage December 11, 1912 to Minnie Ethel Baker, daughter of Re­ Charles Jasper and Maggie Beattie Baker, b. Rev. A. S. Riffle at the home of her parents on Gunville Ridge. Th­ they started housekeeping in “the little yellow house” located on his father’s farm at Rocky Fork. They lived there about two years, then moved to Gunville Ridge to the Adam McClure place where they spent most of their married life except for short periods when Lloyd worked at public works in Dunbar, W. Va. at the Fletcher Enamel Plant and in Columbus, Ohio where he worked on the street car track and railroad. He also worked on construction State Rt. 87. During World War II helped so­ grass on the Iggot at the TNT Plant.

To this union were born three children. Bas­ Leonard, Sept. 24, 1913, departed this life 1940. Hazel Irene, Sept. 15, 1916 an Denver Lloyd, Dec. 3, 1927.

Minnie was converted at Salem Church on Gunville Ridge, March 10th, 1910 under the ministry of Rev. Wesley Garrison who was conducting a revival meeting that lasted three weeks. She joined the Salem Church April 21st 1910 and remained a member as long as her church stood. She was baptized by sprinkling the same night but as years came and went, she was not satisfied with her baptism so on March 29th, 1921 was immersed by Rev. Bennet in the creek by the bridge on Poplar. Her folks all being Methodists, it was by her daddy’s consent that she joined the Creston U. B. Church on October 26th 1910, Rev. Earl Roush being the pastor. She was a Charter member of the Creston Ladi
JOHN HENRY CAUDILL

FAMILY

John Henry Caudill (10/5/1872-2/27/1978) son of Benjamin Caudill and Sarah Day was born on February 27, 1878 in Mason County, son of Joseph Marion and Lydia Jenkins Cremeans Chapman. On February 23, 1960 he married Louisa Rucker, daughter of Asbury Bishop and Elizabeth Rose Rucker of Gallipolis, Ohio. To this union came five children, Elmer Marion (b) June 20, 1902; Ella (b) October 9, 1903; Elsie (b) July 30, 1906; Elta (b) November 26, 1908, all of Mason County.

On November 15, 1918 Louisa gave birth to a baby boy. They both died that same day. The baby was buried in his Mother's arms.

Charles Marion was a farmer and blacksmith from 1890 till 1927 in Glenwood, W.Va. Blacksmith being his first love, he would always stop whatever he was doing to shoe a horse or mend a plow, or maybe fix a broken wagon wheel. In 1927 he went to work at the International Nickel Company (Huntington Alloys), working until his health forced early retirement in the early 40's. He died February 17, 1948.

Elmer Marion moved to Huntington and went to work at age sixteen. He married Zelma Holley Chapman in 1922. She was the daughter of Elza and Almeda Connard Holley of Mason County. They had three children: Elmer Marion, Jr. (b) 1923; Charles Elza (b) 1926; and Elma Loumenda (b) 1929. Elmer Sr. worked for INCO from 1929 until he retired in 1965. He assisted his sons in establishing the Chapman's Mortuary in 1951 at Huntington, W.Va. Elmer Sr. died on December 26, 1975, Zelma died February 11, 1986.

Elmer Jr. married Mildred Martin, daughter of Alva Lloyd and Donna Massie Martin. They had five daughters: Mrs. William (Connie Mae) Chapman, Mrs. David (Brenda Kay) Hanson, Mrs. Rick (Anita Gay) Estep, Mrs. Ed (Marion Fay) Jacobson, and Mrs. Michael (Dora Lou) Wright. Dora Lou and Mike have become Mordicians and are carrying on in her Father's footsteps. Elmer Jr. died on May 3, 1976.

Charles Elza married Gladys Baur, daughter of Vallie and Elizabeth Durst Bauer of Pt. Pleasant. They had two children; Charles Wayne (also a mortician) and Mrs. Brach (Dolores) Leaberry.

Loudesia married George Wesley Holley, son of George Edward and Thelma Hinchman Holley, George Edward was born in Mason County. They had three children: Mrs. Robert (Dreama) Flinchum; Glenn Edward (married to Mrs. Edith Johnson), and Mrs. John (Jeannie Diane) Gornet. Glenn and Jeannie graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School.

Elma married Porter Wallace, son of Willie and Lou Morrison Wallace of Mason County in 1921 at Point Pleasant. They had four children; Joseph David and Louise, born in Mason County, Ruth Ann and Porter Wallace.

Elise married Hardy Wallace, son of Alonzo Robert (Lon) and Harriet Ellen (Hattie) Crum Wallace in 1923. They had two daughters; Kathleen Marilyn (b) 1925 (in Mason County) and Betty Lee (b) 1927. Kathleen married Ralph H. Hall, son of George Dewey and Lib E. Whiteley Hall. Betty Lee married Conry Lett, son of Rev. and Mrs. Conrey Lett. They had one daughter; Mrs. Robert J. Jennifer

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Lynn) May, Jr. Hardy died October 27, 1954. Elta married Golden Gillispie. They had two daughters; Genevieve and Marianne. Virginia Chapman Templeton

**ERASMUS CHAPMAN FAMILY**

Erasmus Chapman (1806-1900) was born in the Teays Valley in what is now Cabell County. He was the son of Joseph and Lucy Morris Chapman. His paternal grandparents were John and Jane Donoho Chapman of Culpeper County, Va. On his mother’s side he went back to William Morris, first permanent white settler in the Kanawha Valley, and his wife, Elizabeth Stepp. Lucy Morris Chapman’s parents were Joshua and Frances Sims Morris.

About 1810 his parents moved to Kanawha County in what is now Putnam County, so he grew to manhood in the Kanawha Valley. He had a very limited education due to the lack of educational facilities at this time, but all of his life he continued to educate himself through reading a variety of materials.

He lived near Winfield, W. Va. until about 1851, when his first wife died. He then came to the Bend Area of Mason County, where the salt industry was being developed. He moved first to West Columbia, then in 1857 to Hartford to work for the Mason County Mining and Manufacturing Co. He was foreman of the salt packing plant.

Erasmus was a strong Baptist, and soon after moving to Hartford, he began organizing a church of that denomination. This was accomplished in 1861 with 12 members, 7 of them from his own family. In writing about him in her newspaper, Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger said, “He was first of all a strong family man; in religion a Baptist, and in politics, a Democrat.”

He was married twice, and in his late eighties, was desirous of marrying again, to have someone keep his feet warm, but this was vigorously opposed by his family.

He was married first to Charlotte Bennett Dudding, daughter of William and Nancy Blake Dudding. They were married in 1835. Children: 1. Margaret LeFevre Chapman (1836-1895); married L. E. Peters, a minister. He was at one time Executive Secretary of the State Baptist Convention.

2. John Felix Chapman (1837-1886) born in Putnam County; married 1st. Nancy Jane Shank, daughter of Jacob and Mary Roland Shank. They had 2nd. Mary McClure in 1867. 3 children.

3. Joseph Chapman (1838-1839)


8. Ursula Chapman, born 1845; married John Sattes. 5 children.


12. Lycurgus Chapman, born 1861, married Betsie Jones. 2 sons.


15. Talbot A. Chapman, born 1867; married Eva L. Gilpin.


17. Joel Chapman, born 1873; married Eva Wade Submitted by — Ruth Chapman Rhoade

**GLADYS CHAPMAN**

Gladys Oma Chapman was born at Fudge Creek (Cabell County) on August 7, 1907. She moved to Glenwood, with her parents (Albert and Virginia Chapman) when she was a little girl. She was one of thirteen children.

1. Donald married Dorothy Huffman — They had four daughters, Charlotte, Freda, Arlene and Connie.

2. Richard married Renee Wroten — They had two children, Richard and Brenda. (Richard Sr. was killed in an accident in 1955)

3. Mary married Harvey Langdon — They had three children, Junior Lee, Katherine, Gladys May, Bonnie, Debra, Charles, Teresa, Tammy and Roseina.

4. Norma Jean married Rev. Lucile Wroten — They had five children, Donna, Sharon, Rodger, Kenny and Joyce. They also have one deceased.

5. Joe married Annie Wroten — They had five children, Teddy, Tom, Joe and Jerry.

6. Jarvis married Raymond E. Staats — They had three children, Chloe, Mark and Molly.

7. Allie married Dorothy Smith — They had five children Toneu, Tammy and Henry. She died December 20, 1950, when she was eleven years old. I was placed in the home of Arie and James Langdon in Point Pleasant where I graduated from Point Pleasant High School. I was the only one of my brothers or sisters to have graduated; I was raised in a Christian home for which I’m thankful. May God bless you. Submitted by — Jarvis Staats

**JAMES CHAPMAN**

James Chapman, born in 1838, was one of eight sons of James Chapman who settled at Upland, Hannan District, Mason County in 1842. The elder James died in 1850 when James was only 12 years old. On November 23, 1858 James married Mary Carpenter, the daughter of John Carpenter who was a stonemason in Mason County. James and Mary lived on Bear Hollow near Daisy School where James farmed. They had six children: Elizabeth born in 1859 who married Mountville Jenkins, Julie Ann born March 1866 who married James K. Chapman, Virginia Susan born May 26, 1868 who married Charles Templeton, J. Addison born 1870 who married Emily Conrad, Victoria born 1872 who married George A. Holley, and J. William born in 1878 who married Annie Meadows.

In 1878 Mary Carpenter Chapman died leaving James with several small children. His oldest daughter Elizabeth married about this time so Julie and Virginia Susan had to do the household chores including washing and cooking. When she was only fifteen years old, Virginia went to live with the Harvey Templeton family to work for them.

James married a second time to America. They had one child Minnie who was born in the early 1880’s. She married twice. First, she married Jim Holley and then she married an Arnold. America did not live long dying around the age of thirty.

James married a third time to Mary Katherine Keaton who was born in 1852. They had seven children: Cora born April 15, 1883 who married John R. Holley; Lula Maude born 1884 who married Loomis Holley; Sarah born January 21, 1888 who married Emil Meadows; Charlie H. Chapman born 1889 who married Mattie Jane Chapman, his brother H. E. Chapman’s wife after H. E. died at the age of 20; Eli born in 1892 who did not marry; H. E. born 1896 who married Mattie Jane; and Ollie born 1896 who married Charlie H. Chapman also had some step children: Martha, Stella, and Angelina Meadows.

James died in 1896 leaving many descendants in the area. His third wife Mary died January 11, 1933. James and his three wives are buried in Staten Cemetery, Hannan District, Mason County. Submitted by — Mary Virginia Smith

**JAMES & SAMPSON CHAPMAN**

James and Mourning Chapman of Cabell County purchased 546 acres of land on Little Guyan in Hannan District September 1841 paying 3¢ per acre, being portion laid out in Montgomery County in 1875, but by 1841 in Mason County. By February 1870 his wife, said part Cherokee, owned 696 acres which were divided among eight children, he having died February 1850 age 48 according to mortality schedule 38th district Mason County, she at age 69 in 1870.

Wesley (1825-1900) married Margaret Forth (died 1919 in Putnam County); Sampson (1832) married Melinda sister of Margaret; Eliphalet (1828) received ¾ interest lived Putnam County with wife Armilda Conner.

Emberson (1830) married Eliza Reynolds 1851 in Cabell County, issue five children born Mason County between 1853 and 1875, on re-
THE CHAPMANS OF ROCKY FORK

The Chapman family moved to what is now West Virginia in the 1830's from Culpeper County, Virginia.

John Mallory Chapman settled his family on the Mud River near the present site of the town of Milton.

One of John Mallory's sons, John Wesley, purchased land on Rocky Fork, Mason County and built a log cabin. In 1862, Family legend has it that John Wesley went AWOL from the Union Army in the Spring of 1862, built his home and returned to the Army in December of that year. John Wesley's first wife, who is unknown to the author, bore him two children, Wil¬

After returning home he had four more children: 1. Joseph G. Born May 4, 1867 and died June 25, 1935. He married Adaline Walker in Dec. of 1887. 2. Sarah S. Chapman was born November 20, 1870 and died April 8, 1891. She married Moses J. Viers November 15, 1889.


4. Virginia S. was born November 20, 1870 and died April, 1891. She married Moses J. Viers November 15, 1889.


6. Retha Mae born (on tombstone) April 3, 1880 and died March 27, 1966. She married Samuel Tilden McKeny February 17, 1898. John married 2nd, Sarah Elizabeth Waugh July 12, 1870, they moved to Southside, W. Va. They had one child; 1. Lilly Ann born May 9, 1886 and died June 8, 1974. She married George S. Dudding July 1, 1911. They moved to Leon, W. Va and had four children; Axtell, Byron, John and Maxine.

John adopted one daughter; Nancy Kate Coo¬

JOSEPH MAZARINE CHAPMAN FAMILY

Joseph Mazarine (Maz) Chapman was the son of Henry Chapman and Mary (Nancy) Smith, Henry's first wife. Maz was married to Virginia Catherine Chapman, daughter of Eras¬

us and Charlotte Bennett Dudding Chapman. She was born January 15, 1862, in Greenbrier County, W. Va. Both Jenny and Maz were faithful members of the Hartford Baptist Church. After the 1913 flood, Jenny, crippled with arthritis, sat on her front porch and solicited funds to help restore the church. Maz was often on the finance com¬

mittee, collecting the money to keep the church going. Jenny died April 14, 1915, less than a year after celebrating her golden wedding anniversary. Maz died April 12, 1925, from burns caused by an oil can explosion.

Charles Oscar Chapman was one of the chil¬
The J. Morris Chapman Family

Joshua Morris Chapman was born Dec. 24, 1841, at the family home near Winfield W. Va. He was the son of Erasmus and Charlotte Duding Chapman. He was the only member of his family to have a formal education. When he completed all schooling available locally, he went to Racine, Ohio, to attend the academy there. This was where he met his future wife. After he finished Racine Academy, he went to Dennison College, a Baptist school in Granville, Ohio. While he completed his work there, he was asked to remain as a member of the faculty. While a teaching position had a certain amount of honor to it, he wanted to get married and he couldn't support a wife on his salary. So after a few years of teaching Latin and Greek, he returned home to Hartford to work in the salt industry.

Jan. 28, 1868, was an important day in the life of Morris Chapman, for that was the day he married into Ella Pauline Campbell, the daughter of Robert and Catherine Kennedy Campbell of Racine, Ohio. As a young girl, Ella taught subscription school in Racine. Her father was the owner of the gristmill and sawmill in Racine, and she enjoyed playing on the logs with her brothers.

When Morris came home from Granville, he united with the Hartford Baptist Church, and Ella was baptized in 1869. Morris was superintendent of the Sunday School for 52 years, missing very few Sundays. He was a member of the IOOF, and reached the high office of Grand Master of the state. Ella was active in the Rebecca’s, and was once State President.

He worked for the Hartford Salt and Coal Company for most of his life, and when his father retired, became foreman of the packing plant. He was post-master at one time, and Ella worked in the office. He also bought his father's house, and took care of him until he died. Morris died in 1929, and Ella died in 1935. Their children were:

1. Harry Levefe Chapman, b. 1869; m. Mary Elmore Woodring. Two sons,
   a. Morris Chapman m. Katherine Miller
   b. Morris Chapman

2. Thomas Chapman

3. Bertha Pauline Chapman, b. 1873; m. Morgan Jenkins
   a. Donald Jenkins (1898-1961)
   b. Mark Jenkins

4. Delta Chapman, died infancy.

5. Elva Mabel Chapman, b. 1876; m. George Miller
   a. Morris K. Miller m. Hazel Mann
   b. Mary Morris Miller
   c. Marcus Roesoe Chapman (Dick), b. 1879; m. Clara Strobel
   d. Carroll Dans Chapman, b. 1880; m. Mary Elizabeth Maloney
   e. Louis Edgar Chapman, b. 1882; m. Helen Leona Byerle, b. 1892, daughter of Michael and Alice Southerland Byerle.


Mervin Chapman


Two sons were born to Mervin and Marie in Gallia County, Ohio; Mervin Eugene on January 13, 1926 and Bobby Joe on November 19, 1929. Both graduated from Point Pleasant High School.

The family moved to Henderson, W. Va. in 1931 where Mervin established an undertaking business. He retired in 1952, moved to 129 English Ct., Pleasants and worked as a car salesman for Two River Motors. He came out of retirement in 1962 and resumed his undertaking business in the Chittin property at Twelfth and Viand St. His business partner was Loraine Wilcoxen and the business name was Chapman-Wilcoxen Mortuary. Mervin and Marie had living quarters in the upstairs of the dwelling using the first floor facilities for the business.

Mr. Wilcoxen withdrew from the partnership in 1972 to establish his own business - Wilcoxen Funeral Home on Jackson Ave. Mervin continued in business until 1978. At that time he relocated to Lancaster, Ohio to be near his sons where he died October 30, 1982.

Marie died April 13, 1974. She was active in the Farm Womans Club, Rebekah Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star holding various offices in these organizations. She was also active in Trinity Methodist Church and enjoyed being a member of the choir. She played a key role in the running of the funeral business and was also known for her artistic abilities. For many years she did alterations for Carter Franklins Mens Store.

JOSEPH ROW CHAPMAN
Joseph Row Chapman born 1856 in Putnam County to Sampson Chapman, was living in Hannan District when he married Nora Duriss Lilly in Mason County August 20, 1880. She was born in Gallia County, Addison township, Ohio October 15, 1862 to Norvel N. and Elizabeth Jolly (Wilson) Jolly, a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman lived in Hannan District until 1919 when they sold their farm and moved to Perry township, Gallia County, where they lived until 1919 when they sold their farm and moved to Letart, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman lived in Hannan District when they married Nora Durliss Lilly in Mason County August 20, 1880. She was born in Gallia County, Addison township, where they started their life together in Hartford, but moved to Letart after second child was born. William died in 1949. Garnett still lives on Sand Hill Road, Letart and was 85 years old September 14, 1986.

Their children are Lester Albert, Mary Frances, Garnett Pearl, Archie Alonzo, William Joseph, Myrtle Ella, Ida Maude, Inez Irene and Beatrice Lucille.


Mary Frances, 1925, married Melvin Boncutter. 1 child, Connie. Connie married twice, Ronald Carr. 3 children, Veronica Paige who married Brian Harden, Valerie Paris who died in infancy and Ronald Parrish, a student at Marshall University. She then married William Cumnutt, 2 children, Jill, a sophomore at Point Pleasant High and Ali, a student at Ordnance School. Mary is employed in Radiology at Pleasant Valley Hospital. All reside in Mason Co.

Garnett Pearl, 1926, married Daniel Weigand. 1 Daughter Brenda who married Michael Smith, Mike and Brenda have 1 son, Jordan Mikkel. They reside in Proctorville, Ohio.


Archie Alonzo, 1933, married Leonard Roush. 2 children, Sandra, a registered nurse at Pleasant Valley Hospital and Milton who married Deborah Love, 1 son, Hunter Zane. Milton is employed at Philip Sporn Plant. Leonard died in 1977. Myrtle still resides in Letart, Mason County and is a nurse at Pleasant Valley Hospital.

THE SEVEN GENERATIONS OF 
THE CHEESEBREWs

In the early 1800's living in Point Pleasant was James Hiram Cheesebrew, Blacksmith and farmer. Born 1828, in Rensselaer, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., near Albany. We have no way of knowing how old he was when he came to Point Pleasant. He was the son of Elijah Cheesebrew. He met and married Ailcey Clarinda Whittymore, 1 son, Gary, a student in Junior High School. They reside in Elgin, Illinois.

Don and Eva Cheesebrew

Don Cheesebrew Family

Edward Franklin Cheesebrew was born December 3, 1911. He was in the U.S. Navy for two years from 1943-1945. During World War II. He had six children at home. Mabel worked while he was gone because one time in particular, we hadn't received a letter for several weeks. One day someone was knocking on the door, it was a neighbor wanting us to turn on the radio. Ed was being talked about on the national radio stations. Ed was a Coxswain and a newsman. He was a national hero. He was in Point Pleasant. He had three children: Jimmy and Karen.


Ed and Mable Sayre Cheesebrew

Opal Jacqueline Cheesebrew - (Gibbs) - were the founders of the Gospel Mission of Point Pleasant opened 1919. Loretta died 1949.


Viola E. Mackley - (Eva) - born 1887, died 1973. Married December 24, 1903. They had ten children.

Katie Mae Cheesebrew (Mays) - born August 22, 1904. Died July 24, 1984. Katie married Lloyd Mayes. Lloyd was killed on the river boat J.C. Raun as a young man. They had three children: Wanda, married Loman Paul Jones, Jr. They had two daughters: Brenda and Paul Jr. Clarence Edward Mayes was five years old when he died of diphtheria. Lloyd Mayes Jr. married Betty Jones. They had three daughters, Gail, Tammy, and Darla.

Anna Mabel Cheesebrew (Mays) - born January 1, 1906. Married Walter Mayes and lived in Ironton for years. They had three daughters: Mary, Joanne, and Pat. Walter is now deceased and Anna resides in Point Pleasant.


Bessie Marie Cheesebrew - born December 11, 1909. Married Austin Morrison, who is now deceased. They had three daughters and one son. June the oldest is deceased. Betty, is married to Charley Krebs now living in Point Pleasant. Sue, married Robert Matthews is making her home with her mother here in Point Pleasant. Paul, is married to the former Dollie Fielder, he works for the city of Point Pleasant. Bessie and Austin have eight grandchildren.

Viola E. Cheesebrew


Buddy Donald Cheesebrew - born September 19, 1928. Married Emma Lou Neal. They had three children: Mike, David, and Charlene. He is employed by The Mason County Board of Education. He has been a self employed carpenter for many years.

John S. Cheesebrew was known as Don, by his family and friends. In the early years he had his own slaughter house here in Point Pleasant. Making their own bologna and sausages. The older son Clarence, Ed, and Howard worked in the meat shop. They sold meats from a wagon on the streets.

They had a small farm at Lock 11 and trucked their goods to markets. Don also worked for Burdette & Smith on a loading dock. He also was at the Marietta Manufacturing Company for a short time.

Viola Evaline known a Eva to everyone was a pillar in the church. Everyone who knew her loved her. She was a very religious person. Everyone that knew her in her later years called her (Grandma Cheesebrew). She was a very beautiful sweet and gentle lady.

They had thirty-six grandchildren.
Larry is self-employed photographer with Newbrough's Photography Shops. They reside in St. Albans, W.V., in the river bend area.

**Beverly June Cheesebrew (Boyce)** - born March 14, 1943. She married Donald W. Boyce and have one daughter:

Brooke Lynn Boyce who will be in Junior

High School.

**Donald** is a Sgt. Major in the U.S. Army after twenty-six years of duty. They are presently stationed in Germany and have been the past three years. They are coming back to the United States October of 1986 and will be stationed in Rhode Island.

**Connie Jo Cheesebrew (Graham)** - born August 20, 1945. She married David Graham a river boat man. They have two children:

David Jonathan Graham who is presently working at Johnson’s Point Pleasant.

Jennifer Leanna Graham who attends Ordinance Elementary.

They reside in Point Pleasant.

**Sharon Ruth Cheesebrew (Bryant)** born August 13, 1947. She married Dale Bryant and have two sons:

Christopher Scott Bryant lives at home and attends High School.

Bradley Kyle Bryant also lives at home and attends High School.

Dale and Sharon have a farm of 170 acres where they raise tobacco and veal calves. They reside in Rio Grande, Ohio. Submitted by — Opal J. Boyce, Richard A. Gibbs, Velcy D. Neal, Beth Gibbs

**CHILDREN — SAYRE**

**George E. Childs** (1864-1951) son of James Harvey and Margaret Lutetia Stephenson Childs, was born in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana. He was a Civil Engineer in Mason County.

His first marriage was to Mary E. Roseberry (1872-1906) daughter of Mary Ellen Musgrave and Edmund F. Roseberry (1832-1909) son of Lucinda Knopp and Michael Roseberry. Issue by this marriage Mary Hazel, born about 1900. His second marriage was to Lelia Nye Smith (1877-1940) widow of Mark Gilman Sayre with whom he had one daughter Nancy.

**Edward F. Cheesebrew** - II — born May 6, 1937. Married Carolyn Payne. They have three children:

Tammy J. Cheesebrew (Price) who resides in Pinellas Park, Florida. She married Anthony Price and have five children: Brandi, Crystal, Jessica, and Sarah Beth.

Donald E. Cheesebrew is in the U.S. Army married Jeanette and have one daughter Ashley. They are stationed in Germany.

Robin Cheesebrew is single and lives in Pinellas Park, Fla., where Sonny works for Southern California Edison Co., a yard foreman.

**Rose Mary Cheesebrew (Cook)** born June 5, 1939. She married Jonas Eugene (Bill) Cook. They have two children:

Tommy John Cheesebrew who works for Imperial Electric in Middleport, Ohio.

Vic Eugene Cheesebrew who works at Hartley Marine and married Annette Gillispie. They live in Point Pleasant.

**Chad Allen Cook** is attending High School.

Bill has worked at AEP Appalachian Power for thirty years. They live in Pomeroy, Ohio.

**Larry Walter Cheesebrew** was born September 7, 1941. He married Sharon Boggs. They had two sons and two daughters:

Larry Walter Cheesebrew, II. was killed in an automobile accident August 10, 1984, in Chicago.

Brent Allen Cheesebrew is in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Anita Marie is going to be a Junior at St. Alans High School.

Amanda Gayle is going to start Junior High school.

**Barbara Annegraduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Medical Technology in 1978. She married Dr. Charles H. Davis, April 10, 1982. A son, Jarrett Edgar was born June 15, 1984. Chuck will continue his residency in Ophthalmology at Doctor’s North Hospital in Columbus, June, 1987. Earl (Mel) is presently in the insurance business with interests in farming and fox-chasing. Sally was a substitute teacher in Mason County schools for 8 years and has been employed by the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA State office in Pt. Pleasant for 11 years.** Submitted by — Sally Lou Clark

**CLENDEMIN FAMILY**

Brothers Charles and Archibald Cledenin came to America from Westerker, Scotland, the exact date not known, but were living in Augusta County, Va. in 1753. Archibald and his children were massacred by Indians in Greenbrier Co., (W) Va.

Charles and his children William, George, Robert, Alexander and Mary Ellen came to Greenbrier Co. in 1761. It was at Camp Union (Lewiscville) that all four brothers enlisted in the army of Gen. Andrew Lewis to take part in the Battle of Point Pleasant. After the battle they all returned to the Greenbrier Valley.

Col. George Cledenin rose to prominence in Greenbrier Co. He was a Virginia legislator and
large landowner. In 1787 while in Richmond to attend the convention to ratify our Federal Constitution, George met Cuthbert Bullett and purchased from him 1,030 acres of land in what is now Kanawha County. George, his brothers William and Alexander and a company of Rangers began an historic journey from Greenbrier Co. to Kanawha Co. and built Ft. Lee, often referred to as Ft. Clendenin, a block house surrounded by log walls. Here George built his home. It was the first structure ever built within the city of Charleston. Another block house was built for Col. William in an area near the present Governor's mansion. This was 75 years before West Virginia became a state and one year before George Washington took office as President. George Clendenin was referred to as the father of the city. It was he who named the city of Charleston after his father, Charles Clendenin.

Following the formation of Kanawha Co. in 1788 Robert and William Clendenin were sworn in as Gentlemen Justices. William served as a trustee; for seven years he was a representative to the Virginia Assembly; a collector of levies; and sheriff.

In 1797 William, who had married Margaret Handley of Greenbrier Co., moved his family to Mason Co. near Eight Mile Island, then to a few miles above the mouth of the Kanawha River. Soon he became active in public affairs. In 1803 it was William who carried the petition of the people to the Virginia Assembly in Richmond asking for the formation of Mason Co., Va. The petition was granted, and was signed by the first Court convened on July 1, 1804 he was appointed one of the Justices. The same year he was elected the first Representative from Mason Co. to the General Assembly at Richmond. In 1809 William was appointed chairman of a committee whose duty it was to locate the court house of Cabell Co. During the War of 1812 he held the commission of Major.

William died Sept. 15, 1826 and is buried in Westminster Cemetery near Gallipolis Ferry, WV with his wife and nine members of his immediate family.

Members of the Filson family who are direct descendants of Charles and William Clendenin still reside in Mason County. Submitted by — Maxine Filson Walters

CLENDETEN'S IN MASON COUNTY (previously spelled Clendenin)

James A. Clendenin married Rebecca Lewis June 21, 1840 in Mason County. James and Rebecca relocated to Poca District, Jackson County, around 1860, where he farmed and raised nine children, namely: Joseph B., W. L., Benjamin Franklin born November 11, 1845, Thomas, James, Louisa, Christina, Charles and Benton.

Benjamin Franklin farmed in Jackson County and married Martha M. Fisher February 12, 1865. They were the parents of George, Virgil, Oscar, Edward and Sommers. Several of the children relocated in Indiana and some in the Charleston area. Martha died February 4, 1884, at the age of thirty-five. Frank died in Indiana, November 20, 1916. He was returned to Jackson County and buried at the Fisher Chapel Cemetery near Ripley, on land Greenberry Fisher gave to be built.

L. D. Clendenen and Family

Daisy. Anna died May 8, 1913.

Dow operated a confectionery on North Main Street and also worked on the river for Poff and Smith. He died December 31, 1932, at his home, 2101 Mount Vernon Avenue, Point Pleasant.

Ida, born November 22, 1890, the oldest of the children, cared for the family after her mother's death. She married John Varian, who operated a store on North Main Street and was also associated with Dow in the confectionery, in the same location. They had no children. Ida died September 27, 1978.

Ora born in 1892, died September 27, 1907, at the age of fifteen.

John Franklin (Rags) was born October 2, 1894. He worked for many years at the West Virginia Malleable Iron Company and promoted boxing and baseball. In 1926 his ball team played the Cincinnati Reds here at Harmon Park. He later left the Malleable Iron to open a restaurant on North Main, known as "Rag's Place" and later built "Rag's Drive In" on Twenty-Second Street. He married Maxine Elizabeth Dudding November 15, 1921 at Leon, West Virginia, the daughter of George Summers and Lillye Chaplin Dudding, July 31, 1942. Maxine worked for several years at the G.C. Murphy Company and was circulation director for the Athens Messenger. She was later employed as secretary to the Transportation Director, Mason County Schools, which position she now holds.

Four sons were born to this union. Namely: John Franklin II, born October 14, 1945, an employee of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; George Timothy, born October 8, 1951, also an employee of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; Kendall Edward, born November 22, 1955, an air conditioning and Heating specialist; and Jeffrey Lee, born July 3, 1960, an employee of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and also owns and manages "Little Rag's" a popular restaurant in Point Pleasant and named for his father.


John II, has two children, John III and Christina; George Timothy has one son by the same name; Kendall has one son, Kendall Edward II and two daughters, Misty and Brandie, all living in this area.

Daisy, the youngest child of Dow and Anna Clendenen, was born August 15, 1899. She worked for many years at the Bon Ton Department Store and for the Ben Franklin Company, a clothing store. She was married to John R. Douglass, a captain on the river for many years, now deceased. Daisy resides at 2107 Mount Vernon Avenue, Point Pleasant.

Submitted by — Maxine Clendenen — son of "Rags" Clendenen, Maxine Clendenen Nibert

JAMES EDWARD CLENDENEN FAMILY

James Edward Clendenen (1845-1898) born in Pleasant Flats to Andrew Clendenen (1807-1880) and wife Rebecca Edwards (1807-1899) are buried in the Clendenen cemetery on their home farm. James Edward was a schoolteacher, farmer and implement dealer.

He married 1875 Ellen Fowler (1851-1892) daughter of Polly Mulford and Thomas Fowler being their eleventh child. Ellen and James were parents of Blanche (1876-1892) buried on home farm; Ella (1878-1972) married James Finger and they had both buried Lone Oak; Jessie (1880-1881) buried on home farm; Jennie (1880-1962) twin died Barberton, Ohio buried I.O.O.F. cemetery. Married 1908 Arthur Wolfe (died 1940) buried I.O.O.F. at Mason, issue five children, Arthur Edward, Mary Ellen, Leola, Wilma, Thomas Andrew (1882-1895) buried with parents, George Edward (born 1883); Nora O'Neal (1885 died 1962 Grove City, Calif.) married William H. Roney (buried Wheeling) had issue Virginia, Pearl, James, Peggy, and Betty Katherine.

Iris Faye (1888) married Alexander M. Kelso (1883-1954, buried Portsmouth, Ohio) issue Kathryn, Louise, Alexander; Norman Clair (1890 deceased at Parkersburg, issue two sons Kenneth and Steve) and Grace Ethel (1891 buried Portsmouth, Ohio).


Edith Margaret Eads married Charles Samuel Beller March 1942 (he died April 1980 buried Rutland, Ohio). By this marriage he was born Beverly Ann Beller March 1943. She married Harold Edward Ridenour at Jefferson, Ashe County, North Carolina April 1962, who was born November 1942. They live at the home farm of her mother, grandfather, and great grandfather, being 4th generation to live on the homestead on Sand Hill road. The Ridenours are parents of Alicia Dawn born 1963 and Angella Dane born 1968.


Edith Eads died November 1983 and buried in family lot at Lone Oak. Submitted by — Beverly Rideour

CHRISTIAN CLICK

AND

BARBARA RABALD

Christian Click was born Nov. 15, 1811, in Unterbachsdorf, Elsass (Alsace-Lorraine), Germany, according to the emigration papers signed in Pittsburgh, Pa. His name was listed as Klick. Some records indicate that in German it could be 'Klak'.
have been Gluck. He died March 5, 1868, and is buried at Jackson Chapel (Mt. Hebron) Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia.

His wife, Barbara Rabald, was born April 20, 1815, in Batchdorf, Canton Sulz, Alsace. She died Oct. 9, 1897 and is buried also in the Jackson County cemetery. It has been said that 75 percent of the people buried in this cemetery were either relatives of the Click or Gerlach family of which I am a descendant of both families.

Christian Click and Barbara Rabald were married May 15, 1835, in Batchdorf by Rev. Kaiser Graterly.

Children:


Orville, a prominent livestock farmer raised not only thoroughbred Hereford cattle but registered sheep and OIC hogs. For many years he was a leading shipper of cattle from the county.

The Clicks' were devoted Christians and members of Baden Baptist Church of which Orville was a deacon for many years. Rosa, an avid Bible reader had committed much of it to memory. A vast number of pastors were entertained in their home. Their family and friends have many fond memories of their deep spiritual commitment.

Phillip was born Dec. 30, 1837 in Pennsylvania and died May 18, 1917. Married Sarah Rebecca and had 6 children and then to Louise and had 8 children. Henry was born Jan. 12, 1843 in Pennsylvania. He married Jemina Carney. Andrew was born in 1845 in Pennsylvania. He married Melissa Gray. George who was the direct ancestor of Homer Gerlach and the source of our information was born Dec. 10, 1847 in Beaver Co. Pa. and died Sept. 27, 1919 married Christina Durst. They had 6 children.

Sarah was born Sept. 4, 1850 in Pennsylvania and died Feb. 25, 1911. She married Peter Durst and had 5 children.

Jacob Click the father of Edward Click, grandfather of Harry Click, and great-grandfather of Karl Click and great-great-grandfather of Karla and Jason Click was born April 24, 1854 and died Oct. 23, 1930 was first married to Amanda Canter and then to Lillie Miller. The five children of Amanda Canter and Jacob Click are the ancestors of Karla and Jason Click. Heinrich Gluck was the father of Christian Click. He was born in Unterbatchdorf, Alsace. His wife's name was unknown in the family records. Lorenz Rabald and Barbara Mutz were born in Batchdorf, Alsace. They were the parents of Barbara Rabald who married to Christian Click. Submitted by — Karl B. Click, H. W. Click

ORVILLE JOHNSON CLICK FAMILY

Orville Johnson Click, son of Jacob and Amanda Click was born October 26, 1882. Most of his childhood was spent in Jackson County except for a short time he was employed as an adult in Pittsburgh. On May 4, 1904, he married Rosa Ellen Sommer, daughter of William Henry and Jane Thornton Sommer. They were married at the home of her parents at Baden in Mason County by Rev. A. Fisher. Rosa was born January 2, 1880, spent her childhood at Beech Hill and was employed in Pittsburgh. After they were married they moved to a farm across the road from the Sommers' that Orville and his brother Ed had purchased together. Ed remained with them until he married Mamie Baker.

Orville and Rosa Click

Rosa was a very creative cook and her delicious food not requiring a recipe book. She was ill a lot in her life having had serious surgery early in her marriage.

Their grandchildren were a joy to them especially since all three lived nearby. Holidays and birthdays with their grandchildren were indeed special occasions. Their grandchildren always looked forward with anticipation to their grandfather firing up the stove in the back parlor on Christmas Eve, with the grandchildren singing Christmas Carols and reciting their favorite poems much to the delight of their grandparents and parents.

Orville died in 1955, of a heart ailment that he had had for many years. His handicap though, never kept him from his tractor and tilling the land that he loved till near the end of his life. Rosa died in 1967.

They are survived today by the above mentioned daughters, and grandchildren in addition to six great grandchildren, Mitzi and Kimberly Weigand, daughters of Victor L., Stephanie and Charity Weigand, daughters of Carl, and Sarah and Suzanne Marr, daughters of Karen Rose. Submitted by — Ora Sayre

Ora Sayre

Sharon Cayton Cole was born at Sutton General Hospital, Sutton, WV, on January 3, 1945, the second of three daughters of Benjamin Issac and Grace Marple Cayton of Weston, WV. She graduated from Walkersville High School, 1962, (since consolidated into Lewis County High School), Glenville State College, 1966, and Marshall University, 1975.

Orville and Rosa Click

HARRY HAROLD COLEMAN

Harry Harold Coleman was born in Mason County, Letart, West Virginia, June 16, 1893, son of Albert Coleman and Mollie Harpold Greer. While Harry was a small boy, he and his family moved to Illinois. He had two brothers, Charles and Roy, and two sisters, Stella and Besie.

In Sycamore, Illinois, November 28, 1914, Harry married Hilda Jane Hart who also was born at Letart, West Virginia, October 1, 1896, to James Hart and Nellie E. Entwhistle, and their family also moved to Illinois while she was a
small girl. While Harry and Hilda lived in Illinois, there was a baby boy born who died in 1915. They moved back to Letart the following year, living with Harry’s uncle Tom and aunt Laura Coleman, in a two-story house that later burned down. Situated about 300 feet below Rollins Store and Garage is as of this date on route 2. Another boy was born and dies in 1916. They moved to Long Hollow Road at Letart, West Virginia. Harry worked on a farm and was a farmer, and also worked on the State Road. They attended and belonged to the Davies Grove Baptist Church.

There were 11 more children born to this couple; Eula Mae, November 17, 1917, married Herman Burgess, 1939, Charleston, West Virginia. They had one son Richard Wayne, living at Lavalette, West Virginia. This marriage ended in divorce. Eula married John Hartley, Cottageville, West Virginia, 1960; John died in 1982. Eula now lives Huntington, West Virginia; Ruby Udell born January 8, 1920, married Irvin Raum, Caledonia, Illinois. Three children, Kenneth, Charles, Jo Ellen (Smith). Irvin died 1983. Ruby remarried, Bob Minshall, Marion, Ohio; Ronald Roy born August 26, 1922, married Helen Burgess, 1945. Two sons were born to them, Donald Ray and Michael Roy, both of Ohio; Raymond Leo, August 11, 1924, married Betty King in 1946, Columbus, Ohio. Four children, Roger, Bruce, Joyce, and Gary; Harry Jr., August 5, 1926, married Phyllis Bailey Charleston, West Virginia, 1946.

COLEMAN, WILLIAM ISAIAH

William Isaiah Coleman, was born May 5, 1900 in Hartford (Valley City), Mason County, West Virginia. He was a son of Arch Jesse and Ethel May (Gibbs) Coleman. His siblings were: Archie R. Coleman, Ivy Mayme Coleman, Martha N. Coleman (Blessing), Iva W. Coleman, Ethel M. Coleman, and Chellie H. Coleman. His paternal grandparents were: William L. and Martha (Ryan) Coleman, while his maternal grandparents were: Isaiah W. and Mary E. (Baker) Gibbs.

“Willie”, as he was called, spent his boyhood years in Mason County, West Virginia. He often told of spending his summers swimming in the Ohio River and how, at times, the boys from Ohio and their counterparts from West Virginia would meet in the middle of the river in their “john boats” to have “rock fights.” On other occasions, he, as would others, walk along the railroad tracks with a small wagon picking up bits of coal that had fallen from passing trains to store at home for winter fuel. His first job was working for a near-by farmer and consisted, among other chores, of bringing in the cows every morning before going off to school, many times at the risk of frost-bite because of having to go barefoot to save his shoes for “dress-up” occasions. He was paid 50 cents a week, which was considered “good pay” at that time.

“Willie” loved to hunt on “Brown’s Hill” with his dog, Carlo, and his brother, Archie. On one occasion, he and Archie planned to go hunting with a friend who was shut up in the house. However, when “Willie” and Archie reached Brown’s Hill they were wildly greeted by Carlo, who apparently didn’t like the idea of missing the fun and crashed through the grass front door to prove his point! Years later, “Willie” was associated with another dog, belonged to his children, who was also to be named Carlo.

William I. Coleman was educated in the local schools and attended the Brethren Church. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1919, where he was stationed on “Majorca, Spain. He was considered “good pay” at that time. He was an active supporter of all civic projects, but his six beloved grandchildren were his greatest joy. Submitted by — Elizabeth C. LaMotte

HENRY CLAY COMBS

William Combs, a printer came to America about 1731. His son William Henry Harrison Combs, also a printer was once the employee of Benjamin Franklin, married Mary Helen Murphy, whose ancestors came from Belfast, Ireland, the County of Down. The name Murphy means “Sons of Sea Warrior.” Their son William Henry Combs was born April 27, 1811 in Loudoun County, Virginia, (died Dec. 6, 1896) married about

JOHN HARDING COLLINS

John Harding Collins, born in Chestertown, Maryland, was the son of Richard H. Collins and Elizabeth Roberts Collins. He attended Washington College, and then went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he received his B. S. degree in engineering in 1920. He served in the United States Navy during World War I, 1918-1920. He taught for three years at Cornell University while working on his Masters degree there. He was an engineer for American Gas and Electric for twenty nine years, retiring in 1952. At that time he joined the Gibbs and Hill Consulting and Design Firm in New York City. He served as principal representative for Gibbs and Hill on the Savannah River Project (hydrogen bomb property of the Atomic Energy Commission) at Aiken, South Carolina. From 1955 to 1958 he was on assignment from Gibbs and Hill in Madrid, Spain, and the Island of Majorca, Spain.

Mr. Collins retired to Point Pleasant (former home of Mrs. Collins) where he and Mrs. Collins made their home until his death in January, 1985. He was a member of the Episcopcal Church, serving in several church offices and as a member of the Vestry. Other organizations were The American Legion, Society of Retired Licensed Engineers, honorary scholastic fraternity Phi Kappa Phi, and a Kentucky Colonel.

After retiring to Point Pleasant he wanted to farm in a very small way. His special interests were reclaiming land by tile drainage and planting trees. Several thousand trees were planted through his efforts. He was also interested in assisting others who shared his interests, thoroughly enjoying life with his friends.

Sarah Morris was his first wife, who died while they lived in Beckley, West Virginia. She was from Wytheville, Virginia. Seven years later he married Anna Lee Musgrave Tallman (widow). There are two children from his first marriage, Elizabeth Collins LaMotte, of Chester­ town, Maryland, and a son John M. Collins of Florida, who is associated with Florida Power and Light Nuclear Division.

He was an active supporter of all civic projects, but his six beloved grandchildren were his greatest joy. Submitted by — Elizabeth C. LaMotte

HARRY CLAY COMBS

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Glenville State Teachers College. He taught in Calhoun High School and graduated from Bennington and Emory Otis Conley. Gary finished Calhoun High School and graduated from Glenville State Teachers College. He taught school in Calhoun County for ten years.

In 1942, he joined the Marine Corp serving as a weather forecaster. He was honorably discharged at Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas.

There Gary met his wife. On June 6, 1946, Gary and Anne Eloyse Cook were married in First Methodist Church, Decatur, Texas. Their early married life was on a farm, Orma, West Virginia.

Later they moved to Gauley Bridge accepting teaching positions: he as principal at Jodie and she in Gauley Bridge High School.

After purchasing their first home in Charleston Heights, they became charter members of Charleston Heights Methodist Church. On March 29, 1951, a son, Ellis Evans was born and christened by Reverend B. W. John.

In 1951 Gary was employed by American Electric Power Construction Company, Glass Division, Emory University. He completed, he was transferred to Kyger Crk, Ohio.

In 1954 the family moved to Point Pleasant and became active members in Trinity Methodist Church. Gary joins Gideon International. Ellis Evans had joined the church at age nine and was active in Sunday school, junior church and later in local, subdistrict and state youth activities. Being a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 279, he received honor awards including "Eagle" and "God and Country".

In 1958 Gary transferred to "Stauffer" today - to work in storeroom. After three years, Gary resigned and returned to teaching profession. He was first principal at Beech Hill. Three years later, he was transferred to "Old" Central Elementary, where Mason County Library stands.

That summer he and Anna Eloyse entered Marshall University to complete work towards Master Degrees.

In 1960 Anna Eloyse substituted for Mrs. Ellis Rardin for two weeks. When school year closed, Mrs. Rardin transferred to Point Pleasant High School Library. Anna Eloyse was employed to fill the vacancy as teacher of eighth grade English and social studies. This position she held for ten years.

In 1967, Gary was appointed assistant superintendent of Mason County schools. He resigned in 1970 to become principal at East Rainelle Elementary, Greenbrier County. Anna Eloyse resided in the Town of Leon. She worked on the river for years as a mate and a pilot. He was a clerk on the "Neva" that ran from Gallipolis to Buffalo daily.

Charles and Rosa Jane Connolly had the following children: (1) Merle Rose born 1890, married Carl Griver who died in 1976. They had no children. She died December 25, 1985. (2) Georgia born 1892, married Alva Freeland who died about 1946. They were the parents of two children, Jane and Edward. (3) Summer born December 15, 1898, died December 1900; (4) John Alfred born January 13, 1905 was the only son of Charles and Rosa Connolly.

A former Mason County teacher, John lives in Charleston where he retired from Carbide. After retirement he served in the Municipal Court in the City of Charleston, W. Va. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge. For several years has served on the Kanawha County Board of Health and the Charleston Health Department.

On August 28, 1926 he was married to Nettie B Cochran the daughter of W. J. and Nettie Cochran. Nettie B. a former school teacher is retired the Charleston General Hospital Director of Volunteer Services. She is a skilled weaver having taught the craft. She is a member of the Eastern Star.
Both John and Nettie B are members of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church. They are the parents of two sons. (1) Charles William Conrad Jr. was born on June 22, 1925 at New Castle, Ohio graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, and Marshall University, served in the U.S. Navy. He is married to Thelma Krebs. They are residents of Alpena, Michigan.

(2) Frank born 1931 at Dunbar, W. Va. graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and Marshall University. He was married to Helen Moyer who was also a graduate of Marshall University and taught school for over 30 years. Her death occurred in 1982.

Frank and Helen Connolly had one son John O. Connolly who was born October 1960 at Parkersburg, West Virginia. After finishing High School at Medina, Ohio he went to Ohio State where he graduated in physical therapy and trainer. He then studied at W. Va. University where he earned a Masters Degree. He worked one year at Northwestern as an assistant trainer and one year at Perdue as an assistant trainer. He is now head trainer at Northwestern University. On June 22, 1985 he was married to Shelia Busboom.

(5) Kathryn Connolly born 1908 the daughter of Charles and Rosa was married to Carl Marshall of Grantsville, West Virginia. They had one son Robert Carl Marshall. Kathryn died in 1956 and her husband died ten years later.

(6) Charlotte died December 10, 1912 at the age of 2 years. Submitted by — John A. Connolly, Frank Connolly

CONRAD

John Conrad, son of Harmon and Almeda Creameans Conrad, was born August 20, 1857 in Mason County. His ancestors had been in the western area of Virginia for several years. His paternal grandfather David Conrad had come to the Cabell County area by 1830 following the death of John’s great-grandfather Harmon Conrad in Pocahontas County, Virginia, and David’s children were mainly in Mason, Cabell, or Putnam Counties. John was the youngest of five children having three brothers and one sister: Isaac b. 1848, Bailey b. 1851, Lewis b. 1852 and Elizabeth b. 1855.

About 1876 John married Mary Smith, the daughter of Jesse and Amy Smith. During their early marriage, they lived in the Guyan Creek area for a few years near what is now known as Water Valley. They were blessed with ten children, eight of whom survived to adulthood: Luelza born October 7, 1877, died young; Emily born January 31, 1879, married Addison Chapman; Smally born July 6, 1881, married Mabel Holley; Almeda born December 12, 1882, married Luelza Holley; Ona born June 22, 1885, married Elta Templeton; Donna born January 17, 1888, died young; Charles born June 19, 1889, married Utisie Conkle; Ona born October 22, 1890, married twice second marriage to Charles Peyton; Vena born January 22, 1894, married Jackie Jenkins; and Oga born February 17, 1898, married 1st Jack Robinson, 2nd Manford Reynolds and 3rd Edward Denning.

While the family was young, John bought a farm on Bear Hollow Creek with assistance from his mother-in-law who received a small pension because her husband Jesse had fought in the War of 1812. Amy made her home with them, and so helped purchase the farm. John had a house built. For only fifty dollars the carpenter and two helpers dressed the lumber and built a sturdy house of six large rooms with tongue and groove flooring upstairs and downstairs. Front porches trimmed with gingerbread and two gable roofs, a dormered front porch - stairs and downstairs — and an L shaped back porch.

In this house the family lived a busy happy life. To provide for the family they farmed, sold eggs, operated a cider press, etc. They had an orchard and with the cider press made apple cider which they put into barrels to drink fresh. When the cider turned to vinegar, it was used to make delicious sweet pickles. Also, John had a store and for a time ran a post office for the area called Clede. Mary, an avid gardener, loved flowers and always had lovely flowers growing around her home making it an inviting place. They were a hospitable family inviting those passing their home to join them for a meal to share the bounty the Lord had provided. They had a strong faith in God and were members of the Church of the Brethren and later the Church of the Brethren.

They were the parents of two sons. (1) Charles was born on June 22, 1885 the fifth child of John and Mary Smith Conrad. When he was young, they moved to Bear Hollow. There he and his seven brothers and sisters attended Daisy School and helped their parents farm.

On June 27, 1917 he married Elta Templeton, only child of Charles and Virginia Susan Chapman Templeton. Elta was born November 12, 1887 in Cabell County. Her father died when she was three. She and her mother lived in northern Cabell County sometimes living with her grandparents Harvey and Mary Ann Whitten Templeton. She attended Bryan School and Morris Harvey College at Barboursville, W. Va. obtaining a teaching certificate and teaching before and some years after marriage at Daisy, Champion Rose, White Oak, etc.

They began married life on a farm along Dry Ridge above Bear Hollow. There they farmed and worked every day for two years and never missed a day when she was riding the school bus.

Ona Elta Conrad

Around 1937 the family moved to Left Fork Barker Ridge. Cabin County where Charles and Virginia Templeton had lived. Virginia had retained this land. Ona farmed and worked various jobs such as on the state road, in the county jail, etc. She was interested in politics and worked various jobs such as on the state road, in the county jail, etc. She was interested in politics and worked for a short while. In March 1939 she moved to Milton High School where they lived on the thirteenth grade when they transferred to Milton High where they graduated in 1935. After graduating, Mary Virginia went into nursing training at Holzer Hospital at Gallipolis, Ohio.
John William Cook Family

John William Cook was born at True, West Virginia, in Summers County, June 5, 1900. He is the youngest and only survivor of eleven children born to William Riley Cook, Marinda Mitchell Cook.

May 4, 1920, he married Mamie Ellen Walker, daughter of Charley and Iva Belle Henry. To this union were born four children:

2. Infant son, b. 1922; died infancy.
5. Cecil, b. March 19, 1928; married Bonnie Harris, 1 child. divorced. m. Vivian Wallace, 1 child.

John and Mamie presently have 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren living. Five live in Mason County, six live in Ohio, and 1 lives in Kentucky.

When John was two years old his family went to Oregon by wagon train. When within a hundred miles of the ocean, illness caused them to return.

John raised his family during the Depression without public assistance at Gallipolis Ferry, later moving to Southside on the Kanawha River. John and Mamie later moved to Point Pleasant.

John's occupations included: dairy and general farming, river work, and carpentry/real estate.

He drove a horse and wagon until 1921 when he got his first automobile.

During the 1937 flood, rain loosened rock above the house and the Ohio River flooded the yard. After moving the family by boat to safety, he dynamited the rock and removed it.

Approximately 65 to 85 attend the annual family gatherings. On May 4, 1986, John and Mamie celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Submitted by — Donna Sheline

Riley and Miranda Cook Family

Children of William Riley and Marinda Cook.

Name; Date of Birth; Married; Date
1. Emma Cook; Jan. 15, 1878; Jiles Martin; 1895
2. Allen Cook; Nov. 21, 1882; Katie Walker; 1910
3. James M. Cook; June 12, 1885; Janie Walker; 1911
4. George W. Cook; Dec. 23, 1886; Myrtle French; 1911
5. Cora A. Cook; May 19, 1889; Oren Barker; 1912
6. Martha F. Cook; June 1, 1891; Joseph Dean; 1911
7. Nancy M. Cook; June 23, 1893; Herbert Roberts
8. Joseph J. Cook; Sept. 11, 1895; Mary Mayes; 1922
9. Richard A. Cook; June 23, 1898; Goldie Barker; 1917
10. John W. Cook; June 5, 1900; Mamie Walker; 1920 Submitted by — W. A. Barker

JOHN COOPER

John Cooper was born September 29, 1920 in Auburn, W. Va. His father was George W. Cooper, who farmed. His mother was Ruth (Dean) Cooper. He is the oldest of five children: Jo Ann, Robert, and Pauline.

John Cooper attended the local schools and then went to West Virginia University to study civil engineering. He later worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and continued his education at the University of Tennessee.

John Cooper married Mary Farley on April 15, 1952 and they have three children: Robert, Michael, and Jennifer. They currently reside in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.
THE JOHN D. COOPER FAMILY


In 1874 Andrew Cooper and Mathew Jacques helped build the Pine Grove Church located back of Leon. The church was built of hand hewn logs. John D. Cooper and Robert Keefer split some shingles for the roof. John D. Cooper died 3 Feb. 1890 and Susan Cooper died Feb 28, 1905.

Nancy "Sis" Cooper and Henry Sines had four children: John D. b. 22 Mar. 1883 married Alice M. Garnes b. 26 Nov. 1886 died in infancy, Nora Belle born August 21, 1901 married George H. Corfee, died August 21, 1907 to the late Wellington Warner Cornwell and Emma Florence Hannan born August 31, 1925. Both Irene and Frank attended Point Pleasant High School. Frank graduated in the class of 1924. In the year book was written "His chief ambition is to own Apple Grove." Frank was first known for his athletic ability, both in football and basketball.

Frances Lea was born while they lived in Williamsburg. Mary Florence was born after they moved back to Glenwood. They moved to Huntington in 1929.

Frances Lea married Robert H. Vennell July 1, 1944. Two sons were born to them: Robert H. Jr., and Frank Lyndon. Robert Jr. graduated from Marshall University and was married to Debbie Berry. One child was born, Robyn Elaine, who only lived five weeks. This marriage ended in divorce. Robert Jr. is married to Kathi Menzel and they have a daughter, Lisa Menzel and now live in Seattle.

Frank Lyndon graduated from the University of Florida and is residing in Huntington. Frances Lea and Robert's marriage ended in divorce.
Mary Florence was married to James Fenton Tabor on March 13th, 1951. To this union three children were born. Their daughter, Jayme Marlyn was born while he was on tour with the U.S. Army in Germany. After his return home, he graduated from Marshall University.

Two sons were born: Andrew Wellington, now deceased, and Samuel Fenton, who now resides in Atlanta.

Jayme Marlyn married Ray Marsh and they have two daughters, Jesslyn and Rayna.

They all now reside in Louisiana.

In 1941 Frank Marlin opened his own garage. He later served on the Cabell County Board of Education and he also served six years as a County Commissioner. He was active in the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church until he became ill. He died June 1, 1981.

Irene still lives in their home that they bought in 1942, 1425 Grove Street, Huntington. At 79 Irene still occasionally goes to the Glenwood Methodist Church where all the family belonged through many years, in Glenwood.


Wellington (Bun) and Blanche live in a cottage facing the river in the small town of Athalia, Ohio not far from where he was born and raised.

Harry Josiah Cornwell, born August 26, 1916. His boyhood days were spent in Glenwood. Family moved to Huntington in early 1930's. He attended schools in Huntington. After this was employed by Frank Black (brother-in-law) and in later years was self-employed. He is married to the former Violet Faye Lilly of Athens, Ohio of Yellow Fever. He came to Cottagesville, W. Va. where he worked for room and board. He worked in the Western Virginia Hills and bought land in Mason County near where Creston Church now stands. Married in Jackson County, Mariah King daughter of William and Nancy Hall King June 5th. 1835. bought land of David Sayre 440 acres.

Children;

COSSIN

Our ancestor Allen Cossin was born in Pennsylvania, reared in a Moravian Mission, near New Philadelphia, Ohio. Left at age 14, with Brother Lewis who died one year later at Chillicothe, Ohio of Yellow Fever. Alone He came to Cottagesville, W. Va. where he worked for room and board. He worked in the Western Virginia Hills and bought land in Mason County near where Creston Church is located. Married in Jackson County, Mariah King daughter of William and Nancy Hall King June 5th. 1835. bought land of David Sayre 440 acres.

Children;

1. Elmira 1837-1900 married Charles Pullins
2. Jacob 1842-1922 married Mary Pullins
3. George 1844-1923 married Margaret Smith
4. William 1848-1919 married Eliza Stone
5. Julius 1851-1908 married Mary Flowers
6. Elisha 1852-1922 married Cornelia Rieder
7. Mary Isabel born June 4, 1855 died July 16, 1856

As the children married he gave each 731/3 acres land and built house and barn on it as wedding gift. The last to marry was Julius, so he got the home place.

Elisha Cossin married April 16, 1873 Cornelia Agnes Rider, daughter of Hezekiah and Martha Margaret Coulier who had moved to Mason County in 1866 from Pocahontas County, Hezekiah had fought in Civil war with South and his Father was officer in Union Army.

Elisha had following brothers and Sisters; Emily married Anthony Wilcoxen, George married Anna Kerwood, Mary Idella married Thomas Stone Julius married Cora Alice Jarvis, Eliza and Cornelia Cossin lived on farms given by his parents, and after the death of his brother Julius, bought the part that had been his home place. Children; George Walter 1875-1916 married Minnie Baker Levi 1878-1913, Bertie 1881-1941 married Sayre Harry 1893-1956 Married Roy Buckalew, Lettie 1897 – living married Fronus Thornton, Hobert 1900-1928 married Dessie Sayre. At Elisha's death the farm was deeded to Hobert, now owned by others.

Bertha Cossin born March 26, 1893 died March 23, 1956 married at Gallipolis, Ohio Roy Russell Buckalew son of E. O. & Emma See Buckalew. He was a farmer most of his life, worked for a time on Railroad. Lived near Glenwood Stores.


THE C. L. & RUTH COSTEN FAMILY

The Costen name came to Mason County June 12, 1912, when Clarence L. Costen, son of Edward Henry and Ellonce Victoria Mizell Costen, Norfolk County, Virginia, on his third visit to Mason County, married Mabel Ruth Eads. Eads, daughter of Fred and Cordelia Mourning Eads. Clarence was born December 28, 1890. Ruth was born in Mason County on December 15, 1893.

They lived in Portsmouth, Virginia, for a year where their first son, Clarence Sherwood, was born on April 29, 1913. Their second son, Hobert Eads Costen, was born November 25, 1915, in Point Pleasant followed by a daughter, Lois Lee, March 1, 1926. All three of the children are graduates of Point Pleasant High School.

The Costens were active in the Heights E. U. B. Church and in later life transferred to the Belmeade Church. Clarence worked at the W. Va. Malleable Iron for a short time but soon became known for his grocery store business. He was operating a grocery on 22nd Street when he became manager of the local A & P Store for 15 years. He then owned a grocery on Main Street and later in Belmeade until his final years.

Their son, Sherwood, a draftsman at the Marietta Manufacturing Company and later administrator of the local Federal Housing Authority, married Martha Sommers of Leon. Mabel taught in Mason County Schools until her recent retirement. They have one daughter, Carolyn Sommer Costen, who married Rip Hess Hartenen, both graduates of Marshall University and teachers in Mason County. They have one daughter, Jamie Kaye, presently a junior high student.

Hobert Eads Costen, also a draftsman at the Marietta Manufacturing Company and retired from the company in 1941, married Minnie Wipple of Pomeroy, Ohio. They had one daughter, Hoberta Ann, who married Gerald E. Roach of Gallia County, Ohio. Both are employees of Gallia County and have two sons, Gerald Eugene, a graduate of Ohio State University and married to Annie Wiseman, a teacher, and Jeffrey Alan Roach, former student at Rio Grande College. Hobert's first wife died in 1964, and he later married June Curry who died in 1986. The Hoberto
COTTRILL - COGAR FAMILY

James Cogar first came to Mason County around the early 1940's. Until that time he had spent his life in the Creston and Braxton County area of West Virginia. Born April 25, 1894, to James and Eliza Starcher Cogar, he had
four brothers and three sisters: Thomas born October 16, 1877, William M. born May 6, 1884, Lafayette (Lafe) born in 1871, Martha Ann (Annie) born May 7, 1886, Pette, Deb, and Violet.


Icy Gay Cottrill was born August 18, 1900, to Senttent (Sennett) Cottrill born June 14, 1872, and Egenlitne Butler Cottrill born January 1882. Gay had three brothers and five sisters: Russell, Rex, James Worthy, Florence, Marty, Madge, Bertha, and Pearl. Sennett and Egenlitne were married April 23, 1898 by Sylvester Proudfoot. Egenlitne's nickname was Tiny, because she was so small. Sennett died February 20, 1920, and Egenlitne died February 24, 1920, of a flu epidemic. Sennett was the son of Solomon, 1835, and Sarah Cottrill, 1844. It is believed that Solomon was the son of Thomas Cottrill, Jr., 1794, and Mary Parsons Cottrill and the grandson of Thomas and Mary O'Brien Cottrill. Mary (Polly) O'Brien, the daughter of James Perry Pickens and Mary Caroline Rickard. Immediately after their marriage they went to New Brighton, Pennsylvania to work in the Virginia Line Continental Army. Mary (Polly) O'Brien, the daughter of Adam O'Brien was born in 1770, in Harrison County, Virginia, West Augusta District.

While he lived in Calhoun County, James worked on farms and for the State Road Department. When he came to Mason County, he had lost his wife and two of his children. Gay died March 12, 1938, of tuberculosis, Velvet died October 26, 1926, and Berlin died February 28, 1920. James already had relatives living here and he came to Point Pleasant looking for work. He had been promised a job on the Roy Kincaid farm where he worked for several years. Before his retirement he worked on various farms and for the Malleable Iron Co. He died December 2, 1966.

Of his children: Vernon married Pearl Pullin on April 17, 1943, and they had three sons, William Vernon born March 4, 1944, James Curtis born January 4, 1946, and David Lee born July 26, 1924. William married Sherry Hayman and they have two sons, William Michael and Terry Steven. James C. married Karen Sue Jordan on September 13, 1952. They have two children: Vala Mae was born on September 20, 1955, and Chuck born December 13, 1961. Calvin also has a daughter from a previous marriage, Valerie, born May 14, 1955. Valerie is married to Jay Belf.
James Belt Couch, b. 2-15-1893, Mason Co., W. Va., d. 11-5-1965, LaGrange, Ill. was one of eight children born to John Richardson Couch, II, b. 10-1-1819, d. 8-2-1912, and Katherine Susan Day Couch, b. 7-9-1856, d. 4-28-1926. The Couch family owned a farm five miles south of Point Pleasant. James, "Jim", completed his education at Gallia Academy, Gallipolis, Ohio and, after all the other members of the family left home, he remained at home to operate the farm and take care of his mother until her death. m. Katherine Ann Reynold on 10-6-1917, b. 2-6-1900, d. 3-19-1979, owned and operated the Point Pleasant Candy Co., and was mayor of Point Pleasant during the period of the great flood of 1937. The Charleston Gazette read, "Mayor of Point Pleasant steps out of bed into the first floor but, before it quit rising, it was six inches in the upstairs of our house and the rows going down Main Street were level with electric lines. He made several attempts while mayor and in the following years to get approval and funds for a flood wall but it was years later that it was finally built. He did succeed in getting the first city swimming pool built. He was in the insurance business until he retired and he and Mrs. Couch moved to LaGrange, Ill. in 1962.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Couch were active in church work. Mr. Couch was Sunday School Superintendent ofVaught Memorial Church, Lock 11, Mason Co. serving local farmers, locks residents, and steamboats using the locks. In 1928 the family moved to Point Pleasant where Mr. Couch was a car salesman, wholesale candy salesman, operated the Point Pleasant Candy Co., and was mayor of Point Pleasant during the period of the great flood of 1937. The Charleston Gazette read, "Mayor of Point Pleasant steps out of bed into water on bedroom floor". We had gone to bed the night before sure that the water wouldn't get to the first floor but, before it quit rising, it was six inches in the upstair of our house and the rows going down Main Street were level with electric lines. He made several attempts while mayor and in the following years to get approval and funds for a flood wall but it was years later that it was finally built. He did succeed in getting the first city swimming pool built. He was in the insurance business until he retired and he and Mrs. Couch moved to LaGrange, Ill. in 1962.

James Belt Couch


- 11- Frederick Albert Couch b. 9-6-1872; d. 2-

THE JOHN RICHARDSON COUCH FAMILY

- 1- John Mc Culloch Couch b. 7-4-1881; d. 4-18-1957 Santa Barbara, CA. m. 5-17-1905 Santa Barbara, CA. Lillian Myrtle Eaton b. 5-15-1885 Grand Junction, Iowa; d. 5-28-1973 Santa Barb., CA. (dau. of: John Osborne & Jennie (Ogram) Eaton).

- 2- Howard Benjamin Couch b. 3-24- 1883; d. 5-18-1939 Maxwell, Iowa. m. 5-26-1909 Mason Co. Merlie Eppa Pearson b. 9-18-1889 Maxwell, Iowa; d. 4-3-1970 Des Moines, Iowa (dau. of: Addison & Freda (Case) Pearson).

- 3- Pauline b. 10-16-1924 Henderson. 7- Charles Edward III b. 8-9-1926 Henderson.

- 4- Trix Couch b. 4-30-1888; d. 5-9-1949 Des Moines, Iowa. m. 5-26-1916 Ne- vada, Iowa. Ava Brown b. 6-8-1894 Maxwell, Iowa; d. 10-22-1977 Carl- lisle, Iowa. (dau. of: Adelbert & Cynthia (John) Brown).


- 6- James Bell Couch b. 2-15-1893; d. 11- 5-1965 La Grange, IL. m. 6-10-1917 Pt. Pleasant. Katherine Ann Reyn-olds b. 2-6-1900 Kanawha Co.; d. 3- 19-1979 La Grange, IL. (dau. of: Charles Wm. & Stepto (Keeney) Reynolds).

- 7- Kathleen Virginia Couch b. 11-12-1917 Charleston.

- 8- Eleanor Virginia b. 4-27-1922 Pt. Pleasant.


- 10- Pauline b. 10-16-1924 Henderson. 8- Charles Edward III b. 8-9-1926 Henderson.

- 11- Robert Brown b. 6-25-1920 Max- well, Iowa; d. 6-29-1975 Des Moines, Iowa.


COUCH FAMILY
Samuel Couch II was born in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia, Pa. on November 12, 1751, the son of Daniel Couch and Phoe- be Pollard. He married Ann Quigg who was born in Mont Holly, N.J. on Oct. 3, 1756, the daughter of Henry Quigg & Prudence Quigg. Samuel and Ann Quigg were married in the Old Swedes Church (Gloria Del) on January 8, 1765 in Phil- adelphia, Pa. It is interesting to note that most of the churches were closed during this period because they did not want to take sides for either the Royal Crown or the American Colonist. Samuel Couch owned and lived on a farm in what today would be the western part of the city of Philadelphia. In today's classification of work he would most likely be said to be a contractor since he owned a number of houses and lots in the city which he rented out and sold some as a means of making a living. He also owned a number of slaves but upon marrying Ann Quigg who was a member of the Quaker Faith, he did not sell his slaves but rather gave each their papers to make them free men. Samuel and Ann Quigg moved from Philadelphia to an area outside of Williamsburg, Virginia called, "Collidge Landing" where he was known as a tolebarago merchant. He purchased a company in the city of Richmond, Va. known as the Rich- mond Tobacco Co. and also purchased a farm in Goochland County, Va. known as "Little Creek". The children of this family were: (1)


- 2- Mary Elizabeth b. 6-7-1912 Max- well, Iowa; d. 10-13-1962 Des Moines, Iowa.

- 3- Harry Edwin Couch b. 4-28-1885; d. 9-22-1886 Mason Co.

- 4- Fred Couch b. 11-19-932 Hen- derson.

Deborah Couch was in the company of her future brother-in-law Anthony Robinson, Jr. who is reported to have jumped from one of the side windows of the theater and saved the life of Deborah Couch when she jumped into his arms. The corner stone of the present Monumental Church was laid on August 1, 1812 built by the citizens of Richmond as a memorial to the 72 lives lost of the 600 who were in attendance on the night of December 26, 1811.

“French Hay” Hanover Co., Va., Farm of Daniel and Sarah Richardson Couch

In 1819 Daniel Couch made his first trip to Mason County, Va. (now W. Va.) to inspect some land which had been granted to the family of his wife, Sarah Richardson Couch for services during the American Revolution. Sarah Richardson Couch was the daughter of John and Martha DePriest Richardson of Hanover Co., Virginia. In 1820 Daniel and Sarah Richardson Couch traded 16 slaves to the Richmond Tobacco Company for approximately 1720 acres of land in Mason County. To the writer of the Couch genealogy (Bertram Couch Payne), it is a mystery as to why Daniel & Sarah, ages both 38 with six living children at this time in their lives and living what must have been a fairly comfortable life in Virginia with two farms, “Little Creek” which Daniel had purchased from his father’s estate in Goochland County and “French Hay” a farm in Hanover County which had at one time been owned by General Sumter’s family and had been given it’s name by the Sumter family as a result of General LaFayette’s efforts in the Virginia campaign of 1781. John LaFayette was a major in the Revolutionary War and the other room was used as a school room until the children could reach the age to attend the Buffa Academy in Buffalo, W. Va. The present day owner of the Couch farm, “Long Meadow” at Southside, W. Va. is owned by Dr. & Mrs. William J. Arrigo who have taken great pride in their ownership. They have added two first floor wings to the house and brought it up to present day standards.

James Henry Couch, Sr. and his wife Helen Jane Waggener had eleven children: (1) Daniel Couch, born March 24, 1845, died July 16, 1847; (2) James Henry Couch, Jr. born April 28, 1847, married Mary C. Wilson on October 11, 1871 and died at Micco, Florida on April 11, 1905; (3) John Richardson Couch born October 1, 1849, married Kate Susan on June 28, 1870 and died August 30, 1912; (4) James Alexander Couch, born on January 1, 1852 married Laura Shaw whom he met while attending Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio and died in Charleston, W. Va. in 1876; (5) Sarah Richardson Couch born March 4, 1854, married Dr. Timothy L. Barber on November 30, 1882 and died February 2, 1910; (6) Mary Beall Couch born December 14, 1856 and died October 10, 1864; (7) Martha Ann Couch born May 2, 1859 married Edward M. Craig, Sr. on October 17, 1879 and died January 6, 1934 in Charleston; (8) Samuel Couch born October 25, 1861 married Sarah Vaugh Miller on May 2, 1894 and died May 26, 1939 in Raleigh, N.C. (9) Charles Beall Couch born May 20, 1864 married Rachael Tompkins Brown on October 23, 1899 and died October 10, 1934 in Charleston; (10) Lewis Waggener Couch born October 29, 1866 married Virginia Patrick Puffer died May 9, 1912 in Charleston; (11) Dr. Frederick Albert Couch born September 6, 1872 married Winifred Edith Akins on October 14, 1904 in Redlanda, Calif., died February 26, 1937 in Raleigh County, W. Va.

“Long Meadow” Couch Farm at Southside, W. Va.

George Stirling Couch with wife, Laura Shaw McMaster

George Stirling Couch, Sr. and Laura Shaw McMaster married on September 10, 1874 had four children: (1) Bertram Laurie Couch born November 13, 1875 and died as a young boy on March 23, 1883; (2) George Stirling Couch, Jr. born July 31, 1880 married to Keith Fontaine on December 15, 1909 and died on February 13, 1936; (3) Mazy McMaster Couch born November 23, 1882 married Dr. Harry Hopple Young on November 9, 1904 and died June 6, 1937 in Robertsburg, W. Va. (4) Lucy Richardson Couch born December 1, 1886, married Henry Edmondson Payne, Sr. on November 9, 1909 and died in Charleston on November 16, 1939. Lucy Richardson Couch Payne, daughter of George Stirling Couch, Sr. was born in Charleston, W. Va. on Dec. 1, 1886 and married Henry Edmondson Payne, Sr. on Nov. 9, 1909 (the son of Sarah Kinzer Payne and Emma Gibson Edmondson). They had four children:

(1) Henry Edmondson Payne, Jr. born Feb. 7, 1911 married Priscilla Carver on April 21, 1934 and died April 25, 1973
(2) Charles Kinzer Payne, II born Nov. 30, 1912 married Frances C. Olivier on March 17, 1934 and currently living in Pompano Beach, Fla.

(3) John Bergoust Payne born April 1, 1942 has never married

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George Stribling Couch Payne, born Nov. 18, 1914 (son of Lucy Richardson Couch Payne & Henry Edmondson Payne. Sr.) married Virginia Dure Mealey on Oct. 3, 1941, died Jan. 28, 1975 in Greenville, S.C. There were three children:
(2) Jack Carlton Payne born July 31, 1945 married Genevieve Ross O'Connell of Greenville, S.C. on Aug. 28, 1943. and they had two children:
(2) Rodney Downing Payne, born Nov. 6, 1948 married Fred Thomas Tattersall of Charleston, W. Va. on July 26, 1969

Lucy Richardson Couch Payne

Trix was born 30 APR 1888 at Couch, WV, was a native of Mason Co. Had graduated from Gallia Academy at Gallipolis, O. He was a conductor on the street cars there. After going to Des Moines, Iowa he was appointed postmaster. At one time connected with his father-in-law in Brown and Couch Gas Company. At the time of his death, he was in the automobile business, His death occurred suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday 9 May 1949 at Des Moines, Iowa and he was buried at Maxwell, Iowa. He was married 26 May 1916 at Nevada, Iowa to Ava Brown b. 8 June 1894 Maxwell, Iowa and d. 22 OCT 1977 at Carlisle, Iowa. She was the daughter of Adelbert J. & Cynthia John Brown. They were the parents of a son and a daughter: Carol Lynn Couch b. 19 Oct 1918 at Colfax, Iowa, m. 15 JUN 1940 Charles Vincent Brothers b. 1 MAR 1918 d. 10 FEB 1970. had three children: Charles Vincent III b. 23 APR 1941; Cynthia Sue b. 18 APR 1946 d. Spring of ’63 or ’64; and Chad Vincent Brothers b. 30 JUN 1960. All 3 children born Des Moines, Iowa. After C. V. Brothers death, Carol Lynn married C. V.'s brother Philip but this marriage ended in divorce. Robert Brown Couch b. 25 JUN 1920 at Maxwell, Iowa m. 17 AUG 1945 in Philippines to Eva Ardean Cook b. 10 JUL 1920 at Mitchell, S. D., daughter of Fredrick H. & Dora Alice MacDonald Cook. They had a son and daughter: Robert Walter Couch b. 25 SEP 1946 at Aberdeen, S. D.; and Coleen Couch b. 8 FEB 1950 in Des Moines, Iowa. Bob and Ardean's marriage ended in divorce. Bob died of a heart attack 29 JUN 1975 on a golf course in Des Moines, Iowa.

Trix was the 4th of 8 children born to John Richardson Couch and Katherine Susan Day Couch of Mason County, WV. His brothers and sisters were: John “Mac”, Howard Benj., Harry Edwin (Trix C.), Margaret “Jim”, Kathleen, and Lida. Submitted by J. M. Norman

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Henry Edmondson Payne, III, grandson of Lucy Richardson Couch Payne and Henry Edmondson Payne, Sr. married to Marrion Constance Wright had two children:
(1) Henry Edmondson Payne, IV, born May 13, 1962 and married Talbot Peters McCarthy of St. Louis, Mo. on Nov. 9, 1985
(2) Priscilla Carver Payne born May 13, 1965

Robert Carver Payne, Sr., grandson of Lucy Richardson Couch Payne and Henry Edmondson Payne, Sr. married to Ellen Wall had three children:

Stephen Couch Payne, grandson of Lucy Richardson Couch Payne and Henry Edmondson Payne, Sr. married to Betty Lee Miller had three children:
(2) Anne Carver Payne born Aug. 15, 1974
(3) Benjamin Couch Payne born Jan. 10, 1978

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HENDERSON CREMEANS

Henderson Cremeans was born 1797 or 1798 in Mason County to Reuben and Betty Tackett Cremeans and died at the home of a grandson Clark Cremeans at Glenwood, January 21, 1909 age 112. Services were held Jan. 23, 1909 under the direction of L. A. Harper undertaker of Pt. Pleasant, with burial at Fairfield church cemetery. He has no monument.

His mother Betty with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Tackett and four brothers of Rappanock Co. Va. first arrived at St. Albans, and by 1774 were in Pt. Pleasant where father served in Battle of Pt. Pleasant (not proven) They saw George Washington in Mason County and witnessed the killing of Cornstalk. The Tackett family later settled at Guyandotte. Betty Tackett Cremeans and Rupp Cremeans were married 1797 at Pt. Pleasant by an army chaplain after which they settled at Milton but by 1830 had returned to Mason County and settled on Knife Branch of Guyan Creek. Betty Tackett Cremeans was born in 1797 in Mason County age 118. Mrs. Elizabeth Angel Cremeans wife of Henderson born 1815 died at the age of 100. Reuben Cremeans died August 2, 1853.

Henderson and Elizabeth Cremeans were parents of Henry (1836); Peter (1838); Hamilton (1845); Ballard (1853) died Nov. 29, 1898 his wife Elizabeth Rebecca Holly, 1863-1930, both buried Glenwood; Mary (born 1839 died at age 92 married Granville Holley June 4, 1862 who was born 1817 Gallatin Co. Ohio to Julius and Rebecca); Eliza born 1846 married a Holly; Sarah or Narcissa born 1839 married July 1863 Levi Fettu, a widower, born 1830 Monongalia Co. Virginia to Vincent and Rachel; Nancy or Elizabeth born Sept. 12, 1847 died December 30, 1939 wife of William W. Starkey. Cummie \(?\) married first Warden had two girls (married Wallace; Clague) and a son. Cummie (nickname) married 2ndly Sampson.

Much of the above has been taken from various publications and are from stories handed down from generation to generation. Very few records found; dates for births and names vary. When Henderson son he still owned property on Knife Branch.

Henderson Cremeans had a brother Ballard born 1815 with a wife Rebecca J. Hawthorne, whose first child William was born 1849 in Mason Co. 3rd in Mason Co., 4th in Cabell and 5th in 1856 Gallatin Co., Shawneetown, Ill., where Ballard died August 19, 1900. Also a brother William Hamilton.


SELBA CREMEANS

I, Selba Cremeans, was born February 19, 1913 at Glenwood WV in Mason County, Hannan District. I am the son of Clarence and Daisy “Holley” Cremeans, grandson of Peter Cremeans, and a great-grandson of Henderson Cremeans who was said to have lived to be 115 years old.

I went to Starkey and Town Hall Grade School and graduated from Hannan High School in 1933 when it was located on Palestine Ridge. Some of the early teachers were Charles Petty, — Musgrave, Vesti Meadows, Delbert Staitis, — Cline, Ralph Hedrick, Vida Perry, Nettie Jane West, C. E. Bumscombe, and Alexander Hunter.

I was married in 1935 to Rebecca Huffman and had 2 girls and 2 boys from this marriage.

When we went to school, there wasn't much to buy but matches, oil, soap, tobacco, flour, baking powder, soda, salt, etc. We always took eggs in a wooden box. We always liked to go to Earl Doss Grocery. He would always give us a stick of candy. It meant more to us then than a pound of best chocolate today. There were days when the peddling wagon would come through, run by Elza Wray, and our father would get us a candy bar. Back then, you got a candy bar that lasted all day.

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May, she married Tommie Woyan, two children, Jerry and Charles (Mike) Woyan; John, he married Betty Devore, four children, Shirley, Virginia, Connie and Frank Crist; Earl, he married Ruth Ann Gibson, two children, Johnny and James Earl Crist; Garnet, she married Max Galloway three children, Julie, Mark and Gay Sharron Galloway: Goldie, she married Lawrence Edward Powell, two children, Darlena Ann and Roger Lee Powell; Ruby, she married Gene Dudding, two children, Rosemarie and Lonnie Dudding; Mary; she married Floyd Ekers, three children, Rosemary, Kathy, and Joyce Ekers. Ernie and Alma died at a young age.

Oga Crist, our mother, died leaving seven small children. The oldest was Rena whom was twelve years old and the youngest was six months. Andy Crist, our father, never remarried. Our oldest sister, Rena, and our father raised the family until we were older and went our separate ways. The first one to leave home was, John. He went into the Navy. Times weren't too bad as our sister took our mother's place. Meals were always ready and the house was warm. The winters were long and cold. We always butchered two large hogs for winter meat and the weather was cold enough that the meat was cured out in a building and left all winter long. We would go to the meat house the night before and cut a big piece of cured ham for breakfast along with biscuits and brown gravy. After you get to thinking about it, times were really not bad back then. There was always something to eat.

We always prepared for winter. My father always taught us about plants and things in the woods that nature provided for man. We would gather herbs. Colts Foot and Dollar Leaf were gathered and dried for winter tea. Always there was pickled corn, pickled beans, and side meat pickled in a large stone jar. We would dry apples on a sheet spread out on the roof. When dry, they were stored in paper bags. Also, there were large mounds of dirt piled high. in these, were apples, potatoes, turnips and cabbage. We could hardly wait for someone to dig in the old apple hole so we could have some apples and raw turnips.

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had some of these goodies while we walked. We didn't mind going after the cows. Our father always said, "You can't get lost if you stay in a cow path. It will always bring you home."

One thing we hated, Saturday was always the day for gathering wood. My mom, Nellie, and dad, Old Kate and Jack, Earl would ride one mule and Goldie would ride one. My father would cut the wood down and hook a log chain around it and we would haul it in and then return for another load. If the old mule named Jack would get the load of wood piled against a stump, he would kick straight up. Gosh, could that mule kick! The girls were usually up early on Saturday morning and would go to the barn and get old Kate, the good mule, and hold her so she would be Goldenes while to go. Sometimes Earl was there first and that old Jack for Goldie and it was a bad day for all unless she promised Earl she would carry in firewood, feed the hogs, and do all of his chores for him in exchange for his mule.

It was exciting times when our mother and grandmother would pick the geese for new feathers. Some times, we would hold the feet for her, but not the head! We didn't know how he would do with that long neck and bill. Only soft feathers were taken and it did no harm to the goose.

About once a month, we would get corn ready to take to the mill to ground for cornmeal. The ears of corn were selected from a large crib of corn and shelled with no bad kernels. It was ground very fine and put in white sacks. We stored milk in large brown stone crocks then the cream was skimmed off for butter. We would get a bowl and crumble some of that good cornbread in the bowl and skim of cream over it and eat it hot. Now, that was eating!

Also, there was sorghum molasses. The cane was stripped the day before the molasses were made. It always seemed like the horse had the hardest job. Round and round he would go all day long. There were times when the thrashing machine would come to thrash the wheat. You had to prepare a big dinner.

Everyone had a large family and they would eat about any food that was put on the table. The old rooster had a hard time surviving the days because chicken and dumplings or pork was the main meat dish.

Oh yes, we used to go opposum hunting. We always took our cousin's dog, Old Brownie. Boy, if there was an opposum up in that tree, he was just the same as dead. Trees didn't grow too tall for us to climb and opposums never grew to big for Old Brownie to kill. We couldn't wait for the man to come and buy our furs. That was money in our pockets. Walter Meadous was the fur buyer and we were always glad to see him.

When neighbors thought that our father could no longer care for us, we went to live with other families. Renia lived with John and Martha Stur- geon, an earlier, Earl, Ruby, and Mary lived with Calvin and Ruth Griffith. Gar- net went to live with a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Al- fred Wallace. We lived with these families until the girls married and Earl went to live with his brother Andy and his wife, Betty.

Andy Jackson Crist was born in Mason County on 8-11-1907 and died October 28, 1951. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Putnam County. Oga Crist was born in Putnam County on 12-7-1906 and died 6-6-1938. She is also bur- ied at Evergreen Cemetery in Putnam County. Submitted by -- Goldie Crist Powell, Renia Crist Woyan, and Earl Crist, Darlena Lang

EDWARD AUGUSTUS CROMLEY, SR.

Edward Augustus Cromley, Sr. born November 30, 1865 in Gallia Co., Ohio, son of William Augustus Cromley and Mary Gern Cromley, married Annetta Louise Kapp, daughter of George and Elizabeth Landfried Kapp, on October 28, 1891 in Ripley, W.V. They had a family of four children, Alfred born May 14, 1893 in Ripley, W.V., Edward Augustus, Jr., born June 7, 1897 in Ripley, W.V. They moved to Phillipsburg, Kansas, where Mary Emma was born October 15, 1899 and George William was born August 2, 1905 also in Kansas.

They moved back to Mason County in Spring of 1918. Edward Augustus Cromley, Sr. died October 20, 1918 and Nettie Cromley died October 12, 1939 and both are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Mason County, W.V.

Edward Augustus Cromley, married Macy Vivian Cooper, daughter of Henry Clay and Blanche Pierce Cooper on October 17, 1931 in Mason County. They had a family of four children all born in Mason County, Edward Augustus III born on December 25, 1932, Robert Ernest born on August 1, 1934, Betty Louise born September 14, 1937 and Bonnie Lucille born September 7, 1939. Edward died October 28, 1961 and Macy died August 7, 1973 and both are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Mason County, W.V.

Edward Augustus Cromley III married Doris Ella Thompson, daughter of Eleanor Edith Frazier and Wilson Scott Thompson on October 23, 1955 in Ocean City, New Jersey. They are the parents of two sons, Edward Augustus IV born on July 18, 1956 in Charleston, South Carolina and Charles William born July 4, 1961 in Mason County, W.V.

Robert Ernest Cromley married Roberta Jane Shaffer, daughter of Ruth La Garlette and Walter Elias Shaffer on February 27, 1955 in Mason County, W.V. They are the parents of two daughters, Dawn Ellen born May 26, 1965 in Columbus, Ohio and Ginger born May 10, 1971 in Gallia County, Ohio. They were divorced June 1973.

Edward Augustus Cromley Family

Annetta Jane Crist married Charles William Durst, son of Charles Henry and Effie Marie Flow Darst, on April 19, 1964 in Mason County, W.V. They had a family of two children, Kathy Velvadena born November 29, 1955, Rebecca Lynn born February 6, 1958, Linda Sue born September 25, 1959, and Marie Ellen born February 23, 1963. All four were born in Huntington, Cabell County, W.V.

Donna Lu DeWes married Gerald Eugene Haffelt, son of Henry Clay and Louise Violet Coder Haffelt on May 8, 1960 in Mason County, W.V. They had a family of two daughters, Dawn Ellen born May 26, 1965 in Columbus, Ohio and Gwen Annette born May 10, 1971 in Gallia County, Ohio. They were divorced June 1973.

EUCLID CROOKHAM FAMILY

Euclid Crookham lived his entire life on the farm that James and Sarah Crookham, his parents, settled on in 1843. The Euclid Crookham home built years ago has been a land mark in the area. Overlooking the river, it must have presented a lovely picture in that day. Later the K and M Railroad ran between the home and the river.

Evelyn married Laurence Kirk who was a son of Joseph C. and Felicia Rand Kirker who were residents of Leon. Laura Mac was fond of fishing and often supplied fish to the hotels in Leon.
Their children were: (1) Lucie Gertrude born 1887, married Charles Wolf (1878-1906), married second Den Wolfe. Den and Lucie were the parents of Charles and Anna Pauline. (2) Anna Blanch born August 7, 1889, died March 12, 1972, a member of the Methodist Church at Leon. Miss Crookham was a skilled embroider- er. (3) James E. born February 6, 1891, died March 16, 1940; (4) Ray born July 28, 1893, married Lena Beaver; (5) Thomas Hobart born March 16, 1896, served in World War I, died March 3, one daughter Virginia Lee; 1969; (6) Millard C. September 7, 1901, married Esther Russell. Blanch, James, and Hobart lived on the Crookham farm until their deaths.

Ray Crookham married Lena Beaver who was born December 26, 1897, the daughter of William Sherman and Almena McCoy Beaver. This couple lived in Leon where he was employed by the New York Central Railroad. They were the parents of eight children: (1) Harold (Polk) born 1914, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, married Julia Latrolia. Their children are William of Riverdale, Georgia; Lena Jean Wallace, Amelia, Ohio; Phillip H. of Bolingbrook, Illinois; Betty Ann Korna, Dayton, Ohio. (2) Otis born 1917, married Oretha Jeffers, lives in Point Pleasant. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force having served in World War II. (3) Phil born 1920, married Bernice Shinn the daughter of Henry and Lona Shinn. Their children are Virginia and Michael H. of North Canton, Catholic Wenger of Columbus, Ohio; Barbara Brown of Medina, Ohio and James L. Crookham of Ashville, Ohio. (4) Anna Mae born 1922, married Robert Hill the son of Ward and Mary Odessa McCollum, are resi- dents of Glen Ferris, W. Va. They are the par- ents of six children: Louise Rodriguez, Beesville, Texas; Carolina Guevara, Bryans Road, Mary- land; Patricia Elswick, Dixie, West Virginia; Linda Rexrode, Glen Ferris, W. Va.; Robert, Glenn Ferris, W. Va.; and Joseph B. San Fran- cisco, California. (5) William C. (Duck) born 1924, died in Korea on March 26, 1951, married Mary Zupsan. They were the parents of one daughter Carla Dawn Wallace of Manassas, Virginia. (6) Betty Jo died in infancy in 1927.

Keith Thomas of Hurricane and Kris Anne Thomas who died in an automobile accident on Oc- tober 8, 1982. Submitted by — June Thomas, Otis Crook- ham

JAMES CROOKHAM FAMILY

James E. Crookham, the son of George L. and Sarah Smith Crookham born near Jackson, Ohio on January 3, 1914, was united in marriage to Sally Smith on May 23, 1839 in Kanawha County. Sally Smith was born in Kanawha County on January 23, 1821 the daughter of David and Lucinda Speaks of Ohio. This couple came to Mason County in 1843. They bought land on the Kanawha River about one half mile below the Mouth of Three where they farmed. James Crookham had previously been employed at the salt industry at Malden. Their children were: (1) Lucinda born June 3, 1840, died July 3, 1908, lived in Leon; (2) Verni- tia born December 5, 1841, married William Ri- ley Hill who died in 1873 at the age of 29 years as the result of exposure to cold while serving in Company B 13th W. Va. Infantry. Vernitia mar- ried second Franklin Barrows and lived in Gallipolis. Captain Barrows was in the steamboat business and served as captain of the “Clarabelle” that ran between Gallipolis and Buffalo. (3) Eva born October 8, 1843, died May 21, 1921. (4) Mary J. born August 20, 1845, lived in Ohio. (5) Laura A. born May 20, 1847 lived in Colorado. (6) Alton David born April 21, 1849 and died July 26, 1876. (7) Charles L. born February 13, 1855 lived in Ohio. (8) Sarah J. born January 26, 1857, died August 19, 1876. (9) Emanuel and (10) Smith, twins born April 24, 1860. Smith is buried in the family cemetery. Emanuel married Harriet E. Edwards who was born in Washington County, Ohio on October 17, 1861 the daughter of Charles M. and Sarah Hooper Edwards. Their home was located on the now Leon-Baden Road. This farm was later owned by Wallie Jones. The Emanuel Crookham home, the Euclid Crook- ham home and the Buxton home at Waterloo were built basically of the same design and in the same decade.

Sarah, Lucinda, and Verinitia Crookham were all members of the Leon Methodist Church at the time of its organization in July 1866. David and Sarah Jane died of typhoid fever just a little more that a month apart. David at age 27 and “Jennie” at age 19 years. Typhoid was a common and dreaded disease in the valley at that time. Submitted by — Crystal Cash

MILLARD CLINE CROOKHAM FAMILY

Millard Cline Crookham born September 7, 1901 the son of Euclid and Laura May Crook- ham and a grandson of James and Sarah Smith Crookham who farmed in the area in 1843. Mil- lard spent his entire life either near or in Leon. From a young man to middle age he always played on the Leon Baseball teams, about 50 years, a game he loved. After retiring from 27 years with the New York Central Railroad, he never missed listening to or watching on television the Major League games. Reading was a favorite pastime and he is remembered as an ex- cellent gardener and butcher.

Millard was the son of Virginia Russell born May 30, 1908 a daughter of William Marlow and Edna P. Lawson Russell also of Leon. In the forties he was employed as a cook at the Leon School. She died September 27, 1962, and was buried in Leon Cemetery. Millard served on the Leon Board for years his death occurring on March 25, 1982 and was the last of the Euclid Crook- ham Family.

Children of Millard and Esther Crookham were:

(1) Hobart E. born December 26, 1927 gradu- ate of Point Pleasant High School, retired from the U. S. Army after 22 years service, serving in W ‘W’I, Korean and Vietnam, was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge with Star, Sil- ver Star, Bronze Star with V Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Med- al and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star. He is employed at present with U. S. Postal Service.

He married Nona Koon August 8, 1964 of Phenix City, Alabama where they now reside with an adopted son Leonard E. (Lenny) born February 3, 1967. They also maintain a resi- dence in Leon.


(3) A daughter Hilda Ruth born February 8, 1944 graduate of Point Pleasant High School, now employed with Citizens National Bank. She married Carl William (Bill) Hayman on Febru- ary 8, 1962 also of Leon. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany, was a Coal Miner in West Virginia and Ohio, worked with the Corp of Engi- neer.

CROOKS


Walter Crooks (b. Oct. 9, 1884 – March 28, 1951) married Ada Carson (b. April 2, 1881 – Sept. 11, 1958) on October 31, 1906. Walter worked for many years as a bridge foreman for the New York Central Railroad. He started working for the railroad in 1905. For years the Crooks lived on a farm near the Eddy Chapel Methodist church. In 1928 they moved to Mount Vernon in a house that was sold to C & P Telephone Company and torn down. Wal- ter died of a heart attack while at work on a bridge in Summerville, W. Va. Both Walter and Ada are buried in Suncrest Cemetery in Point Pleasant.

Three children were born:

1. Roma Irene Crooks (b. Sept. 27, 1907 - died October 18, 1985) married Dee Witt Rogheb (b June 5, 1899 - Dec. 7, 1971) No- vember 27, 1927. They were both employed in Suncrest Cemetery. They had two children, Suzanne Marie (b. July 22, 1938) who now resides in Orlando, FL with her husband James Pierce from Quinwood, WV and son James Christopher (b. April 5, 1965). Suz-
Gene E. Crow was born March 17, 1914 at Hundred, W. Va. to the late Margaret Anna Duncan and Gordon E. Crow and died March 28, 1970 at Gallipolis, Ohio. Burial was in Kirkwood Cemetery, Kirkwood, W. Va. to the late Margaret Anna Duncan.

Gene attended West Virginia University, graduated from Carson-Long Military Academy, New Bloomfield, Penn, and was a graduate of the Cleveland Embalming College, class of 1938.

Gene was a member of the Trinity M. E. Church, member and finance officer of the American Legion Post 23, Masonic Lodge, Minburn Lodge #19, A.M. & F.M., Franklin Commandery, Badi-Kedem Shrine Temple in Charleston, Pat Wilson Shrine Club, and Kiwanis Club.

He also was a past president of the South Western District of Funeral Directors, and a member of the Board of Directors of the W. Va. Funeral Directors Association. He was a WWII Veteran.

He and his wife, the former Louise Workman, came to Pt. Pleasant in 1946, and in 1947 she and her husband started into the funeral home business. In 1963 Mr. Louis A. Haskell and his wife, Hazel E. became partners with Mr. Crow and established a new and modern funeral home on Jefferson Avenue. Mrs. Crow was the bookkeeper and organist for the business and just recently retired. She has been an active member in the Trinity Methodist Church and sang in the choir for thirty-eight years.

Mr. Haskell then was joined in business by his son Louis A. “Andy” Haskell Jr. and daughter Lu Ann Haskell, both of whom are Point Pleasant graduates. Submitted by — Louise Crow

THE CRUICKSHANKS FAMILY

Alexander Cruickshanks, Jr. was born on November 15, 1890 in Richmond, Virginia. His parents were Alexander and Agnes Thompson Cruickshanks. The elder Cruickshanks was from Govan, Scotland, while his wife was from New York, New York.

He was married to Ruth Amanda Money on December 29, 1917 by the Rev. Mr. Wade in the parsonage of the St. Marks Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C. Her parents were William Presley and Sarah Mattilda Hoskins Money of Vienna, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The Cruickshanks had two children, Alexander, III and William Money. Alexander married Robbie Adair King, Clinton, South Carolina. They have a son, Alexander, IV. Alex, III has been Associate Professor of Economics at Central Florida Community College. William (Bud) is married to Harriet Lewis, Point Pleasant, and they have two children, Lynn and William, Jr. Bud was a production supervisor at Foote Mineral’s Mason County Plant prior to his retirement.

The Cruickshanks moved to Point Pleasant in 1919 where he accepted a job with the Marietta Manufacturing Company. He began work on May 1. Mrs. Cruickshanks and infant son joined him in July. He retired as General Superintendent at Marietta in 1955 and later returned as Chief Engineer.

Mr. Cruickshanks graduated from McKinley Tech in Washington, D.C. and began work as a bookkeeper for the F. P. May Hardware Company. Later, he was Chief Engineer and Master Mechanic with the Leonard Engineering Company of Chicago, which sent him to Nitro, West Virginia. At this time he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Signal Corps. In 1919 he was discharged from the service and became an inspector for the U.S. Housing Corporation in Washington, D.C. It was from this situation that he moved to Point Pleasant.

Mr. Cruickshanks is also a musician and has taught piano and organ in Point Pleasant since 1923. He studied piano with Phillips and Crosby in Richmond, Virginia, piano, organ, and commercials position under Cosby in Washington, D.C. At the All Saints Church in Richmond and Christ Church in Newburg, New York, he was a boy choralist. While in Washington he was Organist and Choir Director at the Church of our Saviour (Episcopal) and at St. Marks Lutheran Church. Similar positions were held by him at Christ Episcopal and the Presbyterian Churches in Point Pleasant. He was an organist and choir director for 55 years.

He was one of the originators of the local Businessmen’s Club (now Kiwanis) and the Big Black Backers.

Other service and social organizations to which he belonged include the Kiwanis Club, Knights of Pythias, Moose, the Propeller Club, and American Legion Post #23. At one time he was a Mason. Also, he served as Captain in the National Guard.

The Cruickshanks were born April 23, 1892 in Washington, D.C. She was a vocalist, music teacher, and participant in local musicals and pageants. She sang solos and was a member of the choirs of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches in Point Pleasant. Her death occurred on October 7, 1971 in Point Pleasant. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

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CRUMP FAMILY
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The Crump Family can be traced to the early 1830's in Mason County. Among the earliest marriages recorded in Mason County were those between Samuel Crump and Mary Callahan and between Samuel's brother, James, and Mary's sister, Sarah. Samuel and Mary were married in 1834, James and Sarah in 1834.

James died of cholera which he contracted while working on a river boat taking salt from Mason County to New Orleans. His wife Sarah died of cholera which she contracted while working on a river boat taking salt from Mason County to New Orleans. Their children (John, Andrew, Charles, James, George, Rebecca Jane and Mary Ann) after his death. It was there she established what was termed the Crump homestead.

The family has been active in 4-H club work. Bill carried dairy projects and was on the 1947 state dairy judging team. Lucy received the 4-H Pin, All-Star Pin and 25 years leader pin. John and Joanne have received the All-Star Pin and All-Star Pin. All boys carried many projects and their favorite was baby beef. Terry had the privilege of winning grand champion in 1978. He also won the 1979 Mason County Fair Scholarship. Johnny Bill graduated from PPHS in 1972 and WVU 1976 with BS in agriculture and 1977 with MS in agriculture education. He married Sherry Diane Cartier, October 19, 1985. He is a teacher of Vocational Agriculture and FFA Adviser at Roosevelt High School in Statesville, North Carolina. Sherry graduated from the University of North Carolina with a BS in Accounting. She is a CPA with Witherington, Wells and Goble, C.P.A.'s in Statesville. They are active in the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church where they live in Harmony, North Carolina.

Tom graduated from PPHS in 1974 and WVU in 1978 with a BS in Physical Education. He teaches Physical Education at Mason and Hartford elementary schools. He coaches football, basketball and baseball at Wahama Jr. and Sr. High Schools. He married Laura Lane Armstrong, July 10, 1982 and they are the parents of one daughter. "Chari" Charissa Yvonne born August 15, 1982. They live at Route 2, Letart, WV on Longhollow Road.

Jack graduated from PPHS in 1976 and WVU in 1980 with a BS in Secondary Education and MA in 1983. Jack married Joanne Elaine Lipscomb August 15, 1980. While Joanne was in school at Morgantown, Jack taught chemistry at Central Preston High School and was wrestling coach, one year and Morgantown High School two years where he also coached football and wrestling. Jack teaches science at PPHS and coaches wrestling (his father). He is a wrestling coach for PPHS and PPJHS. Joanne teaches kindergarten at Leon elementary. They live on the Plain Valley Road at Rt. 2, Letart.

Terry graduated from PPHS in 1979 where he was active in Yo-Ag. He served as chapter treasurer and president of the Mason County FFA Chapter. He attended Potomac State at Keyser, WV and graduated in a two-year program in Agriculture Mechanics. He married Barbara Jeanette Lanier, August 7, 1972. They have James born February 7, 1986. They live on the home farm and he works at Lakin State Hospital Farm. Submitted by — Jack A. Cullen, Terry L. Cullen

ALFRED AND FAYE DALTON

Alfred Freemont Dalton was born December 27, 1935. He is the son of John and Nessel Curry Dalton. Alfred attended elementary school in VA and WV. He graduated from Hannan High School, Upland, WV in 1955. Alfred has seven brothers and sisters.

After graduation from high school Alfred served a tour of duty in the Navy. He was in the Sixth Fleet while in the Mediterranean for 18 months. Alfred works out of Local 667 Boiler Makers, Charleston, WV.

Alfred Dalton and Glenna Faye Ball were married in June 1959. Faye was born July 27, 1954 and is the daughter of Roy and Opal Barnett. Faye has three children. They attended Sunnyside Elementary which was near her home at Apple Grove, WV. Faye attended Hannan High School. During their early years of marriage Faye and Alfred traveled a lot because of Alfred's construction jobs.

Alfred and Faye Dalton have six children:


(6) Roy Freemont born August 22, 1971. Roy attended Hannan Elementary. He is presently a sophomore at Hannan High School. He plays football and basketball and is in the FFA.

Alfred lives at Ashton, WV. Faye is living and working in Florida. Submitted by — Deanna Dalton

VERNON AND JEAN DALTON

Katherine Jean Sturgeon on December 9, 1953. She was the daughter of Russell Carl Sturgeon and Elizabeth Opal Finley Sturgeon born March 7, 1934.

This family consists of three children Dale Leo Dalton born March 26, 1956, Patty Ann Dalton December 1, 1958, and Michael Steven Dalton born February 14, 1960.

Their home was made at Ashton. They later divorced in December 1971.

Vernon was a 1953 graduate of Hannan High School. He worked for International Brotherhood of Boilermaker Local 667 of Charleston, WV.

Jean was a 1953 graduate of Hannan High School. She has remained unmarried. The three children lived at the Ashton home with their mother upon completing graduation each child married and-lived at Christian at Palestine Baptist Church of Ashton.

Born to this family are three grandchildren Elizabeth Nichole (Niki) Dalton August 28, 1982, Christopher Wayne Edmonds March 27, 1984, and Derrick Russell Dalton born February 3, 1985. Submitted by — Patty Edmonds

THE DALTON FAMILY

ALBERT DALTON (1849-1940) was born near Hillisville, Carroll County, Virginia. In 1872 he walked across the mountains to Charleston, moving later to Lawrence and Gallia Counties, Ohio, before coming to Mason County in 1874. He married Arie Anne Morrison (1851-
DALE AND DIANE DALTON FAMILY

Dale Leo Dalton and Sherry Diane McCoy were married on Oct. 28, 1984 at Moore’s Chapel Church, Ashton, WV. They were the first couple ever married by the Rev. Gilbert Smith, Jr. Dale and Diane have one son, Derric Russell. The Dalton’s live with Diane’s mother, Ruth McCoy, at Ashton.

Dale Leo Dalton was born in Point Pleasant on March 26, 1956. He was delivered by Dr. Ralph and Belle Darst Raike.

Sherry Diane was born April 6, 1956 at Dr. Roy Eshenaur’s Clinic on Main Street in Point Pleasant. Diane was the youngest child of Rus-

sell Harold and Ruth Marie (Robson) McCoy. Having had 3 sisters and 1 brother ranging in age from 22 to 13 years old when Diane was born, she played more with 3 nieces and a nephew than with her sisters and brother. Diane was raised on a farm and has always loved animals. She has always kept many pets.

Diane attended Sunnyside Elementary and Point Pleasant Jr. and Senior High Schools, graduating in 1974. She received her BA degree in Early Childhood Education from Marshall University in December 1978, graduating cum laude. Diane is presently employed by the Mason County Board of Education as a first grade teacher at Sunnyside Elementary.

Along with her sister, Janice Blake, Diane is a member of the Midway Cloggers under the direction of Fran Lewis. They have danced at many events and activities in the Tri-State area, including the Mason Co. Fair and Bob Evan’s Farm Festival. Diane is a member of Moore’s Chapel Church.

Derric Russell was born Sunday morning, Feb. 3, 1985, in Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, WV. He was delivered by Dr. Ed- win Humphrey. Derric was 19 1/2 inches long and weighed 6 lbs. and 1 oz. Derric Russell was named after his maternal grandfather, Russell H. McCoy, and his paternal great grandfather, Russell Sturgeon. Derric was born during a winter storm. The high temperature for the day was 26°F and there were 11 inches of snow on the ground. The roads were still icy when Derric went home on Feb. 7.

Derric is always happy and laughing. However, if you ask him what he is afraid of he always says, “Clowns” and “Kermit” the frog. Derric never stops talking - a trait some say he got from his mother. During the day, while Mommy and Daddy are at work, Derric stays with “Mom” (grandmother Ruth McCoy).

Like his Mommy, Derric is a clogger. He likes all music, but he seems to prefer Bluegrass. Derric knows how to bounce, kick his feet, and swish his slip. Derric’s favorite playthings are his Mommy’s clogging shoes and her crinoline slips. Derric also likes to play band.

Derric likes to go to Sunday School at Moore’s Chapel. His teacher is Becky Hatfield. Derric enjoys playing with his first cousins, Jessica “Boy” McCoy, Christopher Edmonds, and Nikki Dalton, and his second cousins, Whitney and Megan Blake, and Brendan and Bryan Smith. Submitted by — Dale L. Dalton

FRANK “SHAG” DARST FAMILY

My father Frank “Shag” Darst was born in Point Pleasant, West Virginia on January 31, 1914. He was the son of William Darst and Lena Oliver Darst, he was raised in Point Pleasant and as a young man took up a hobby of “Fox” hunting, which he loved to do. He also liked hunting and fishing, he attended Point Pleasant High School, and was an out standing athlete in football. He married Oma Snodgrass who was the daughter of Blair and Virgie Snodgrass. From this marriage he was born three (3) Children, David Lee Darst born 1935, he married Judy Wedge. They had two (2) children Lori and David. Ruth Shirley born 1939 married Roy Leonard Shobe, they had three (3) children, Kim, Randy and Dale. Mary Ann born in 1941 married Alva Sullivan, they had two (2) children, Karla and Gregory. This marriage ended in divorce, she married George Plants, they had one child Kathy Ann Plants. Shag served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, he also worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company for several years. Shag was a carpenter by trade following the tradition of the Darst family and for several years was self employed as a home building contractor and many homes in and around Point Pleasant were built by him. He later worked for the Mason County Board of Education in the Maintenance Department from which he retired in 1983. He now resides with his wife in their home on RT#2 where he continues to enjoy his retirement by camping, fishing and hunting. Submitted by — Mary Ann Plants (Daughter)

The only son to have issue was Henry James Darst (1844-1915), owner of a boat landing in Henderson, W. Va. He married Barbara Jane Perry (no dates) and had six children. (Both buried Henderson Cemetery).


GEORGE AND MARY ANN DAUGHTERY

George was born to Hugh and Mary Daughtery on September 30th, 1836 in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Mary Ann Morgan was born on November 13, 1838 in adjoining Armstrong County, to Samuel and Susanna Morgan. They were married at the West Lebanon Presbyterian parsonage on August 23, 1859. He was 22 and Mary Ann was 20 years of age.

In the 1860 U.S. census rolls he was listed as a laborer. A son, Hugh was born June 3, 1860 and a second son, Samuel was born January 6, 1862. George enlisted in the 177th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Drafted Militia for a 9-month term on October 25, 1862. His civilian occupation was listed as carpenter.

By December of that year, his regiment was engaging Confederate patrols in the swampy areas near Suffolk, Virginia. After one cold, wet night battle, he was left with a bad cold and an earache. Partial loss of hearing in his left ear later became total. He was discharged per agreement on August 5, 1863. Their third son James was born August 3, 1864.

Mary and Samuel moved from Armstrong County in 1859. It is believed they settled about 3 miles east of Flat Rock on what is now W.V. route 2 and remained there until they died in 1899. Hugh also remained on the farm and entire life. He was the oldest of their eight children.

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REVEREND WILLIAM K. & ELAINE B. DAWSON

Reverend William K. Dawson was born September 7, 1949 in Weston, West Virginia. He was the son of William D. and Mildred L. Dawson of Jane Lew, West Virginia.

William graduated from Lewis County High School and West Virginia University. Following graduation from WVU with a B.S. in Agricultural Education he was employed by WVU Cooperative Extension Service, W.Va. Department of Agriculture and Curtiss Division of G.D. Searle.

William's religious roots were always in Methodist. However, he became involved in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and affiliated with the West Genesee Hills Baptist Church in Camillus, New York while working with Curtiss. Desiring to more fully serve Jesus Christ he felt called to pursue the ordained ministry.

After much thought and prayer, William
transferred to Harrisonburg, Virginia as a Field Representative with Holstein Friesian Association — all the while doing Lay Speaking in the United Methodist Church.

Now feeling more strongly compelled to preach the Gospel he entered seminary (The Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio) in January of 1979. William began his candidacy process for ministry in the United Methodist Church while in seminary and accepted his first appointment from Bishop Frederick Wertz in June of 1979. This appointment was the Hartford Circuit in Ohio. William began his candidacy process for ministry in the United Methodist Church while in seminary and accepted his first appointment from Bishop Frederick Wertz in June of 1979. This appointment was the Hartford Circuit in Ohio.

Elizabeth Ellen “Betty” Johnson (b. 1856 - d. 1934), daughter of David B. and Jane Mulford Johnson. David was a son of John and Elizabeth Johnson, and brother of Eli (who married Catherine Yeager), and Mary Johnson. Jane was a daughter of Ezekiel and Sara Cook Mulford, and sister of Polly Mulford (who married Thomas Fowler, of Staffordshire, England), and Lydia Mulford, (who married Sharon Dickens). Betty Davis’ father, David B. Johnson, (b. 3/3/1821 - d. 7/10/1893), served in the Civil War, from October 9, 1862 to June 22, 1865. Wounded at Fisher's Hill on September 22, 1864, he was promoted from Corp. to Sgt. on March 1, 1865. He is buried at the Thomas Fowler Cemetery, and it is presumed Jane Johnson is also buried there. David and Jane raised their family in West Columbia, and their children, in addition to Betty, were Sarah (born 1846), Margaret

Mason County West Virginia. This circuit included Hartford, Graham Station and Letart United Methodist Churches.

William lived in the Methodist Parsonage on Front Street in Hartford. He enjoyed gardening, (both vegetable and flower) and took great pride in keeping the church grounds and lawn in good repair.

On June 28, 1980, William married Elaine Bolyard of Charleston and formerly of Terra Alta in Preston County, West Virginia. Elaine was a registered nurse and was employed by the Charleston Area Medical Center.

Their lives were quite hectic with Elaine working in Charleston, William in seminary on week days, and life together at the Front Street Parsonage on weekends.

There were many special moments and pleasant memories in their ministry in Mason County. Some of which are: a Bridal Shower and special treasured wedding gifts, a “belling” after their wedding, raking leaves along the Ohio on Front Street, walks in the Hartford Community, Sunrise Services at Hartford UMC, John and Nellie Smith’s Store, Lee and Mildred Gibbs’ cooking, Lois Ann Gibbs’ Peanut Butter Pie, Sybil Knight’s strong Christian witness and faith, Graham Stations evening sings, Letart's Nellie Hanlon and her golden voice and sharing Christmas goodies at their annual Open House with Church Members and friends.

But — all ministers in the connection must move on! So, in June of 1981 William and Elaine packed-up and moved to their next appointment in Morgantown, West Virginia to be the Associate Minister of Wesley United Methodist Church.

While serving at Wesley, William was ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church in June, 1983 at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Following ordination they were appointed in ministry at the Barrackville United Methodist Church in Barrackville, West Virginia where they continue in “His” service. Submitted by — Rev. William K. Dawson.

WILLIAM DAVIS FAMILY

The Davis family of West Columbia, W. Va., is said to be of Welsh ancestry. William H. Davis (b. 1854 - d. 1929) was a brother of Andrew, Addie, and Mattie Davis. It is possible they were raised in Ohio, in Meigs County, before locating in the town of West Columbia. William married

William and Betty Davis, Charles and Orna Davis Circle. Children: Autis Davis, Maud, Lera and James Booth.

William and Betty Davis lived for a time in Ohio, but moved to West Columbia, W. Va. and raised their family there, continuing to live there for many years, where everyone knew Bill and “Bet” Davis. Both William and Betty were small people, short in stature physically, and all their children and many grandchildren inherited this characteristic. They were sturdy, energetic people, meticulous of habit, and Betty taught her children to be the same. “Granny”, as her grandchildren knew her, was a tiny, immaculate woman with rosy cheeks and a merry smile, and a cheery greeting for all who passed her house. Even in older years she kept a spotless home, and lived in her little West Columbia dwelling place until her illness and death in 1934. William and Betty are buried at Clifton Hill Cemetery, Clifton, W. Va.

The children and descendants of William and Betty Davis are as follows:

1. Edward (b. 3/7/1873 - d. 4/12/1964), married Lillie Hysell (b. 1871 - d. 1936); they raised their family in the vicinity of West Columbia, living for a time in Hallwood. The children of Edward and Lillie were: (a) William, married Helen Shifflett (b) Frank, married Elva Roush (c) Carmen, married Harry Durs (d) Harry, married 1st. Edith Duncan, 2nd Lillian Higgins. Except for Carmen, who lived in Middleport, Ohio, the other children settled in Mason County, around Mason City. Edward and Lillie are buried at Clifton Hill Cemetery, Clifton, W. Va.

2. Harry (b. 5/18/1875, d. 1953), married Florence Garrett Booth. Florence was a sister of Elizabeth Garrett Booth.

3. Or (married Charles Circle, son of Wes and Eunice Garrett Circle). Or and Charles had no children, and lived in Middleport, Ohio, until their deaths. Charles’ mother, Eunice was a sister of Elizabeth Garrett Booth.

4. Carrie Estella (b. 9/30/1881 - d. 12/27/1953), married Andrew F. “Frank” Booth (b. 10/18/1877 - d. 7/3/1963), son of Andrew F. and Elizabeth Garrett Booth. Carrie and Frank lived in West Columbia, W. Va. They raised their family there, where Frank worked in the mines. Later moving to Middleport, Ohio, Frank worked for the New York Central Railroad for many years, and after retirement and Carrie’s death, made their home with their daughter in Dickinson, W. Va. Carrie and Frank are buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Chesire, Ohio. Their children were: (a) Maud M. (b. 5/30/1899 - d. 1/1/1981), married James M. Sprouse (b. 1895), (b) Lora M. (1902-1984), married Lester Roush, 1st., Horton Brown 2nd. (c) James A. (1904-1967), married Leona Hysell. (See Booth Family History for more information).

5. Rose (married Howard Brumley). Rose and Howard raised their family in West Columbia, where Howard operated a tavern/restaurant for many years, and also sold home appliances. Rose was a meticulous housekeeper, and wonderful homemaker, devoted to family. Their children were: (a) Maxine (b) Lucille (John Glass) (c) Donald (Mary Hyl). Alf married 2nd. wife Florence. His family was raised in Middleport, Ohio, where for many years he had a barber shop and also did tailoring. He is buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Chesire, Ohio.

6. Ralph A. “All” (b. 6/10/1888 – d. 7/8/1971), married 1st. Anna Duffy. Their children: (a) Maxine (O. E. Parsons) (b) Lucille (John Glass) (c) Donald (Mary Hyl). Alf married 2nd. wife Florence. His family was raised in Middleport, Ohio, where for many years he had a barber shop and also did tailoring. He is buried at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Chesire, Ohio.

7. Autis A. “Shorty” (b. 6/10/1897 - d. 6/18/1985), married Elsie McGraw. Their children were: (a) Eugene (b) Rita (Thorton). Autis and Elsie made their home for many years in Ripley, W. Va., where they raised their children, and where Autis worked as a barber. Autis is buried at Fairplain Cemetery, Ripley.

Many descendants of William and Betty Davis remain in Mason County and areas surrounding it, in West Virginia, Ohio, and other states. New information was obtained through word of mouth, court and library records, cemetery records, and from personal knowledge. Submitted by — Pearlene VanOoteghem and Ann Reiss.

THE BENJAMIN DAY FAMILY

Benjamin Day b. 6-9-1817 Fauquier Co., Va.; d. 1-27-1879 Five Mile - Mason Co. m. 3-28-1838 Mason Co.

Mary Anne Maize b. 1818 Va.; d. 7-30-1849 Mason Co. Issue: 2 children.

Moses Fultz Fadeley b. 12-16-1836 Cabell Co.; d. 11-1-1882 Galena, OH. Issue: 10 children.

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HOBART DEWEES FAMILY

HOBART DEWEES, born August 15, 1896, Mason County, died May 20, 1978, eldest child of Joshua Andrew and Mary Jane Smith Dewees, married April 24, 1921 Mary Emma Cresley, born October 15, 1899, Phillips County, Kansas, died April 29, 1974, daughter of Edward Augustus and Nettie Louise Kapp Cromley. Both buried Kirkland Memorial Gardens, Mason County. They lived 42 of their 53 married years on their farm on Owl Hollow Road in the house Hobart built in 1920/1921. Due to illness their remaining years were spent in town on Pleasant Street. They traveled by horse and buggy.

Hobart, educated to eighth grade in Mason County schools, had to quit due to his mother’s illness to help with the family. He was a farmer, worked for the State Road Department, was an employee of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, a World War I Veteran, a baptized Methodist, one of the original founders of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and was a 60 year member of Point Pleasant Post 23 American Legion.

Emma graduated Phillipsburg High School, Class of 1917, was a school teacher both in Phillipsburg and Mason County, was the first female to graduate from PPHS, a homemaker, member of Eckard Chapel Church having united with Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, loved to play the piano and always had an original, unrehearsed skit in the Church Christmas program about true-life happenings and gift-giving.

Parents of five children, all born at home; Marjorie Emma, born December 19, 1922, graduated PPHS, attended Marshall College, married June 5, 1941, Mary Jane had seven children all born in Mason County, W. V., Hobart, Ola Ocie, Golda May, Samuel, James and Mary Jane, parents on Pleasant Street. Parents of Dawn (Raymond) Gandee and Gwen Annette, a handicapped child.

Annejeta, born February 17, 1941, graduated PPHS, married Charles William Durst April 19, 1964, former employee of Quality Manufacturing Company, Bill a dairy farmer, residence in the house in the OB Department at Holzer Hospital. The family always celebrate Thanksgiving each year at our home. Submitted by — Vickie Lyna Dewees

HOBART DEWEES, JR.

My Dad, Hobart Dewees, Jr., son of Hobart Dewees, Sr. and Mary Emma Cromley Dewees, was born November 2, 1932 at his home in Mason County. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School and graduated from PPHS.

My Mother, Janette (Jean) Louise Smith, daughter of William Lewis Smith and Sylvia Viola Gleason Smith, was born December 12, 1937 at his home in Mason County. She attended Roosevelt Elementary School and graduated from PPHS.

My Dad told me their first date was a Sunday School Class Party. They were married on July 14, 1956 at the Eckard U. B. Church, one of the four churches united to be the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, in Mason County on Route 2.

My Dad was employed at the Quality Manufacturing Company, owned by the L. R. Gerlack family, for more than 25 years until he retired. He went to construction work. My Mother was employed at Citizen’s National Bank in the Bookkeeping Department until my brother was married. My Dad’s brother and sisters and their families always celebrate Thanksgiving each year at our home. Submitted by — Vickie Lyna Dewees

JOSHUA ANDREW DEWEES

The first DEWEES descendant we have recorded in our Family Tree is of the Twelfth Century in Holland being Hendricks Adrian Dewees followed by Gerrard Garrett Dewees in the Thirteenth Century in England. Calculated about 1625 Gerrard Hendricks Dewees was born in the Netherlands and his death is calculated about 1735 in Pennsylvania and from his family of four children, Lewis Dewees was born in the Netherlands in 1690 and died 1743 in Kent County, Delaware.

Lewis Dewees had four children, one of whom was Samuel Dewees calculated being born 1713 and died 1753 in Kent County, Delaware. Samuel had a family of five children, one of whom was John Dewees being born 1749 in Kent County, Delaware and died 1814 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

John Dewees had a family of eight children, the eldest being Joshua William, born August 23, 1775 in Kent County, Delaware. Joshua died December 10, 1860 and is buried in Wolfe Valley Cemetery in Mason County, W. V. Joshua had a family of twelve children, with the youngest child being William Thomas Dewees born November 3, 1837 in Jackson County, W. V.

William Thomas had a family of ten children, one of whom was Joshua Andrew Dewees born July 29, 1868. Joshua Andrew Dewees married Mary Jane Smith on July 4, 1895, died October 13, 1939 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Mason County, W. V. Joshua Andrew and Mary Jane had seven children all born in Mason County, W. V., Hobart, Ola Ocice, Golda May, Lola Alice, Nona Agnes, Gilbert and Wilbur Vernon.

Hobart Dewees was born August 15, 1896 and died May 20, 1978 and is buried in Kirkland Cemetery, Mason Co. W. V. He married Mary Emma Cromley on April 24, 1921 and had a family of five children, Marjorie Emma, Hobart Jr., Billy Vernon, Donna Lue and Annette Jane. Ola Ocice Dewees born March 4, 1898 and died on March 28, 1922 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Mason Co. W. V. She married
William Marcus Noble on March 24, 1917 and had a family of three children, William Andrew, Josephine Mae and Howard Olin.

Golda May Dewees was born December 10, 1899 and died October 31, 1983 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Mason Co. W. V. She married Harvey Dale Mourning on January 15, 1919 and had a family of six children, Andrew Carl, Golda Elinor, Earl Harvey, Mary Frances, Nona Edith and James Gilbert.

During the years, Cecil continued his education with courses from Northwestern Institute, Ames, Iowa; Southern Michigan University; University of North Carolina, and Glennie College.

In 1966 he was employed by The Austin Co., Engineers & Builders of Cleveland, Ohio, where his work was at New Haven, West Virginia. In 1968 he was transferred to Dayton Ohio, as Field Accountant. The company transferred him eight more times to various locations in the United States, and two years in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Cecil took early retirement in 1977 and he and Ruby moved back to Mason County and lived in Mason City for seven years. He served as Mayor of the town for three years before moving back to Point Pleasant in 1984. Cecil and Ruby both were active members of Main Street Baptist Church during both times they resided in Point Pleasant.

Kodina received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in elementary education and has been employed by the Mason County Board of Education as teacher and/or Principal since 1966.

Ronald graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is married to Caroline June Bumgarner, daughter of Harold L. and Naomi Lewis Bumgarner of New Haven. They have two children, Jill Ann, and Patrick Aaron Devrick. Ronald is employed by the Goodyear Chemical Company at Apple Grove, West Virginia. His wife June is employed by the Mason County Board of Education. Submitted by — Ruby Ruth Devrick.

ALONZO N. DICKENS

Alonzo Noah Dickens was born Sept. 23, 1897 at Maggie W. W. Later it was named Lakin. He was the son of David Manuel and Alice Swisher Dickens. He was a direct descendant of the writer Charles Dickens. He was a World War I veteran, and served with the 146 Infantry, was wounded in the battle of the Arragone Forest in France. 1916 he married Virginia Susan Fry daughter of James Riley and Margaret Ann Edwards Fry. After his discharge in 1918 he worked in the coal mines. 1923 he went to work for the New York Central Railroad at Hobson, Ohio, as Storekeeper. 1959 he retired after 36 years of service. Virginia better known as Jennie was active in the Salem United Brethren church. She was a charter member of the Homemakers Club. When her grandchildren graduated from high school she made each of them a hand made quilt, and as each of them married she made them a wedding ring quilt.

Mom-Maw and Dad Dickens as they were affectionately called by their children and grandchildren lived on Living Road back of West Columbia. Holidays and especially Christmas was always special at their house. There was always a delicious dinner of chicken and dumplings and all the trimmings. On Christmas Mom-Maw always baked a 5 gal cream can full of sugar cookies, with powdered sugar icing. When everyone left the cream can was empty but the grandchildren were full of sugar cookies. No occasion was ever complete with the presence of Ermina and Clarence Allbright. They were better known as Minnie Moe and Clarence Bob. Ermina was the former Ermina Fry youngest sister of Virginia.


Alonzo Joseph Dickens married Betty Jane Hardman. Children Susan Gertrude, Penny Lou. Penny Lou married Terry Shirley two daughters and Rebecca. Joseph Lee married Janet Campbell. One daughter Jessica, and one step-son Jason Campbell. Alonzo Joseph Dickens worked for the Harpers Furniture Store for 9 years. Then he was employed at the Point Pleasant Post Office, and retired in 1985 with 23 years of service. Since his retirement he has been active with the A.A.R.P. and in church work. He lives at 3223 Howard Avenue. The family attends the Bellemeade United Methodist Church. Betty Jane Dickens was junior at the church for 8 years. She died May 22, 1985. Buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens. Submitted by — Alonzo Joseph Dickens

AMONZ N. DICKENS

Alonzo Joseph Dickens was born Feb. 1, 1920 son of Alonzo Noah and Virginia Susan Fry Dickens. He went to school at Locust Grove and graduated from Wahama High School 1940. Oct. 1941 during World War II he served in the army. Four years was spent in southwest Pacific in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was wounded on July, 1943. He holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He was discharged in 1945. A Philippine Liberation medal with 2 battles stars was awarded to him in 1983. 40 years after the war.
Aluminum in 1978 as a Process Control Engineer. County Schools before going to work for Kaiser Aluminum in 1976 as a Process Control Engineer. David enjoys working with the Point Pleasant Emergency Medical Service as a paramedic and working in his woodshop. Suzanne is pursuing an advanced degree in education through West Virginia University. Jennifer is a senior at Marshall University majoring in zoology. Kimberly is a freshman at West Virginia University majoring in engineering. Alexander is a fourth grader at North Point. He is interested in sports and computers. Submitted by — David and Suzanne Dickens.

**THE ABRAHAM DIEHL - ELIZABETH MEES FAMILY**

Abraham Diehl was born October 7, 1857 in Pomeroy, Ohio. He was the third child of Franz (Frank) Diehl and Christina Elisabeth Fruth, both of whom came to this country with their parents in the 1840's from Heuchelheim/Frankenthal, Rhineland-Pfalz, Bavaria. Abraham had two brothers: Henry (1850-1925), who married Elizabeth Mees; Frank (1855-1934), who married Charline Osterman; and a sister, Anna Elizabeth (1860-1929), who married William Heintz.

**THE ABRAHAM DIEHL FAMILY**

Front, left to right: Abraham, Ruth, Elizabeth Back: William, Herman.

Abraham's family moved to the Waggoner District of Mason City in 1875. His father was an employee and shareholder of the German Salt Company, and Abraham was a carpenter. The family attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, where Abraham married Elizabeth Mees June 8, 1884. (The two Elizabeth Mees's were first cousins.)

Abraham's wife, Elizabeth, was the first of fourteen children born to Henry Mees and Elisabeth Oehler, both of whom were born in Edginheim, near Frankenthal, Rhineland-Pfalz. Elizabeth was a Sunday School teacher for many years, was president of the Ladies' Aid, an organist for their church, and was in charge of all the special programs given by the young people of the church. The Mees family had its own orchestra and was well-known for the fine programs they presented.

Abraham and Elizabeth had the following children, all born in Mason:


Abraham and Elizabeth fostered in their children a love for music, an appreciation for education, and the desire to excel in their chosen fields. Ruth, who now lives in Salisbury, North Carolina, became a dedicated teacher and, in recent years, has won prizes as an artist. Eleanor became an auditor and worked many years for the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Virginia. William, who was an outstanding violinist, chose architecture as his profession. He designed St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Huntington, West Va. Herman, my grandfather, combined hard work and an unusual talent for mechanical invention to become the general superintendent, then vice-president, of West Virginia Steel and Manufacturing Company in Huntington.

In June 1902, Abraham and Elizabeth moved with their family to Cumberland, Maryland, where Abraham and Herman founded employ-ment at a rail company. Here Herman met and married my grandmother, Anna Margaret Zimmerla. They were married October 16, 1907 in Trinity Lutheran Church. A few years later, the rail company failed, and Herman, after a brief period of employment in Buffalo, New York, moved with his wife and family to Huntington. Here he helped found the West Virginia Rail Company, later known as West Virginia Steel & Manufacturing Company, to which he gave his full energy until his retirement.

Herman and Margaret had three children: Margaret Clara (1908-1911); my father, Herman William, a retired mechanical engineer now living in Alta Loma, California; and Ruth Elizabeth (Owen) of Walnut Creek, California. Abraham and family also moved to Hunting-ton. He was a warehouse foreman at West Virginia Rail Company until his death August 27, 1932. Elizabeth Mees Diehl died May 7, 1930; Herman Henry Diehl, June 12, 1954; and Anna Margaret Zimmerla Diehl, November 18, 1962. All four are buried in Woodmere Cemetery in Huntington.

Records are available on these Diehl and Mees families from the early 1700's. For those desiring to exchange data, please contact me at 972 West 200 North, Provo, Utah 84601. Submitted by — Nancy A. Diehl.

**DOSS FAMILY**

Alfred Landon Doss was born 1808 in Buckingham County, Virginia. He died 1889 in Mason County, W. VA. He married Jane Wilson 1833 in Mason County, Virginia. She was born 1809 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She died 1888 in Mason County, West Virginia. They lived on Kanawha Eighteen Creek when the Civil War began. Alfred enlisted in Capt. J. M. Ruckers Co. D. of the 8th. VA. Reg't of the U.S. Volunteers on the 14th. of October 1861. He was fifty four years old at the time. He was given a honorable discharge the 6th. day of November 1862 from injuries received while on scout patrol in February 1862.

Alfred moved his family to the Upland community sometime after the war, and purchased land where he was a farmer and shoemaker until his death. Alfred and Jane are buried in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.
John Douglass was born in 1818. He married Ann Smith on 3/14/1867. She was born in 1841; died 4/6/1927 in Mason County. She was the daughter of William and Jane (Dunn) Ray. James was a farmer and shoemaker in the Upland community where he owned a farm, and lived until his death. James and Jane are buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were: 1) John, b. 1867; 2) Lucy Jane, b. 1870; 3) Alfred Owen, b. 1872; 4) William Thomas, b. 1875; 5) Benjamin Lowell, b. 1877; 6) Vina Louella, b. 1878; 7) Laura C., b. 1880; 8) James Monroe, b. 1882; 9) Mary E. b. 1884; 10) Letha M., b. 1886; 11) Julia, b. 1888; 12) Robert Harrison, b. 1889; 13) Everett Edward, b. 1892.

Benjamin Doss, b. 7/29/1877; died 4/18/1940; was a farmer and lived in the Upland community where he lived until his death. He married Anna Forth on 6/8/1802 in Mason County. She was born on 9/1875; died 5/4/1948; daughter of William and Lucretia Gertrude (Deal) Forth. They were both buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were: 1) William Earl, b. 1903; 2) Alva, b. 1904; 3) Joe, b. 1906; 4) Eva Lena, b. 1908; 5) Ona Mae, b. 1910.

William Doss, b. 1/30/1903; died 1/7/1983; was a farmer and merchant. He married Elva Gladys Barnett on 3/22/1926, she was born 5/22/1907, daughter of Richard and Laura Zenia (Wallace) Barnett. Their children are: Donald Dennis, b. 1929; Flleta Ola, b. 1930. Submitted by — Fleta (Doss) Lewis

THE DOSS FAMILY

John Douglass, the ancestor of the Family in this County, Came over the mountains from his home in Harrison County, Virginia, in the early 1800’s. His father was Levi Douglass, a Revolutionary War soldier. John Douglass was a land agent for the heirs of George Washington and received land in payment for his services as well as purchasing a portion of the Washington tract from George C. and Anna L. Washington who had inherited it. This land was located along the Ohio River near the Mouth of Mill Creek in Jackson County. He married Elizabeth Richards around 1814 and they had 10 children, some of whom were: Alfred, Miranda, Reuben, Calvin, John, Nancy, Elizabeth, Levi, and Hiram. John Douglass died June 26, 1847 and Elizabeth died June 24, 1847.

Rueben Douglass was born in 1818. He married Sarah Stone, daughter of George and Lu­cinda Miller Stone in 1849. Their children were, George Taylor, Ellen, Eliza, O ­scar, Lucinda, Sarah (Sally), Hiram, Elizab­eth, R.S. (Bud), and Minerva. Rueben Douglass and his sons were farmers and stock raisers and lived in and around Ripley Landine and Ravenswood.

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The Eastern Star Home at Millwood was a part of Mason County’s history. Douglas’ fifth great grandfather of Douglas was also in this encounter. Kathy’s fifth great grandfather, Joseph Day was in Capt. Robert McClenachan’s Company of Volunteers for Botetourt, Va. These men traveled 250 miles to protect the frontier. After the battle they had to trek back those same weary miles to their homes and families. We should never forget the men who fought, were wounded or died so all of us can enjoy the freedom we have today.

Since arriving in Mason County, Douglas has earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Charleston. In order to do this, he had to drive to Charleston, WV as often as three for several years where he operated the Buffalo Milling Company. They had four sons, an infant and Marvin died at an early age, John Rueben and Gus Rodney. Oscar Douglass died in 1922 and Georgiana Douglass died in 1960 at the age of 97.

John Rueben Douglass was born March 3, 1883. He married Daisy Clendenen on March 15, 1955. He was a Captain of riverboats for many years. He was Captain of the Homer S. Smith, the Greene Lines and many others and well known everywhere along the Kanouha, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He died in 1961. Submitted by — Anna Lee Douglass

DRAPER FAMILY

Douglas Lynn Draper was born September 5, 1950, in Roanoke, Va. He is the son of Elga and Nora Ruth Draper. On September 27, 1968, Douglas married Kathy Martin, daughter of Ralph and June Day Martin.


In 1969, Douglas was employed by Appalachian Power Co. in Roanoke, Va., and in 1977 chose to transfer to the Philip Sporn Plant in
nights a week, while working full time at Sporn. He completed his graduate work in Management at West Va. College of Graduate Studies in July of 1986.

Kathy trained at Community Hospital in Roanoke, Va. and became an LPN in 1968. She worked at the hospital and Liberty Nursing Home in Roanoke, Va. Kathy has devoted many hours of her time to volunteer work in their church and community. She enjoys playing the piano, guitar, and singing in the church choir. Genealogy Research has become one of Kathy’s most enjoyed hobbies to establish their family roots.

Their daughter, Dana, is in the Wahama High School Band and Chorus. She was selected as a member of the West Va. All State Choir in 1986.

David, their fifteen year old son, is a member of the New Haven Jr. Volunteer Fire Dept. He plays basketball for Wahama High School.

Steven, who was born in Mason County at Pleasant Valley Hospital, is a student at the New Haven Elementary School. Submitted by — Kathy Martin Draper

GUS RODNEY DOUGLAS FAMILY

Gus Rodney Douglass was born June 29, 1889. He married Fannie Elizabeth Grimm, daughter of George and Sarah Hannah Sayre Grimm April 16, 1919. They had two sons, Donald Marvin and Gus Rueben.

Gus was a farmer and was also Sheriff of Mason County from 1932-36. He grew up on the family farm at Grimm’s Landing with his son, Gus at the present time. Submitted by — Anna Lee Douglass

GUS RUEBEN DOUGLASS FAMILY

Gus Rueben Douglass was born at Pt. Pleasant on February 22, 1927, the son of Gus Rodney Douglass and Fannie Elizabeth Grimm Douglass. His father was sheriff of Mason County, 1932-36. He grew up on the family farm at Grimm’s Landing and credits this early training as the source of his lifelong love of agriculture and rural life. He attended local schools and graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School and West Virginia University. While in high school, he was active in the Future Farmers of America Organization and in 1946 was elected State President and in 1947 was elected National President of the Future Farmers of America. He was also Star Farmer of West Virginia in 1946. On October 23, 1947 in Kansas City, Mo. he married Anna Lee Roush, daughter of Alonzo and Minnie Frances Plunkett Dudding.

Gus Roush attended the University of Texas and has been a member for over 30 years. He has remained a champion to the F.F.A. and other youth groups and in 1971, he helped organize the National F.F.A. Alumni Association. He was elected first president of this group for a two-year term.

Over the years, he has worked hard to help agriculture at every level. He served as director and secretary of the Mason County Farm Bureau and has been a member for over 30 years. He served as Soil Conservation Supervisor of the Western District for 10 years; a director of the Mason County A.S.C.S.; held membership in F.H.A.; and was a director and president of the Board of Pt. Pleasant Southern States Coop.

In 1966, he was awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta Special Certificate for Distinguished Service to Agriculture and also chosen “Man of the Year” in W. Va. Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine. In 1978, he received the National F.F.A. Honorary American Farmer Degree. In 1979, he received the National F.F.A. Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award. In 1983, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Vo-Ag Teachers Association.

Gus and Anna Lee Douglass are both 4-H All-Stars and belong to the Leon Baptist Church. He is a Mason, Shriner and Jester. They are parents of four children and have five grandchildren, as follows:

1. Mary Lee, June 30, 1949, married John H. Meeks, May 1, 1971
2. Julie Ann Meeks, July 16, 1974
4. Stephen Rueben Douglass, March 5, 1957, married Kathy Martin Draper, January 19, 1984

At the present time, Thomas Oscar Douglass is the fourth generation Douglass to operate the family farm. Mary Lee lives at Nitro, W. Va.; Cynthia lives at Franklin, Ohio. Submitted by — Anna Lee Douglass

DENNIS DUDDING

Dennis Leander Dudding (b. 1/24/01 - d. 5/11/62) was born at Lock 7 (Nitro, WV) to Robert Leander Dudding and Minnie Frances Plunkett Dudding.

The Dudding family moved by packet boat to Mason, WV, then by horse and wagon to their farm prior to 1917. The farm was located at Adammville which is part of the Riverside Golf Club.

Dennis finished his schooling in Mason County and then went to Logan County to work as a mechanic in a garage. During a visit back to Kanawha County he met Nellie Marie Lukart from Putnam County, and they were married on July 29, 1923.

They had six children, they were:

1. Gail Arthur who married Ruth Pickel of Germany, they have four children: Dennis Edward who married Libby Brown of New Haven, WV, they have three children, Jennifer, Teresa and David; David Arthur who married Melanie Simmons of Rutland, Ohio; Patricia Rue Dudding Couch Romero who is married to Arthur Romero of Chicago, she has two children, Christopher and Allison by a former marriage, and he has two sons by a former marriage; Andrea Marie born in 1959 and died 1978.
2. Carl Woodrow born 1925 died 1931
3. Willis Lyle who is married to Betty Schwab of Pomory, Ohio, they have two children: Randall Lee who married Dana Hoover and they have one son Geoffrey Lee, and Lisa Dudding Bartram Bosley has two children Jeremy Norman and Ame Danielle by a former marriage.
4. Juanita Faye Dudding Ward has one son Dale Arthur who is married to Linda Miller Scheneberg of South Point, Ohio, who has two sons Jimmy and Marty by a former marriage.
5. Carol Marie Dudding Severson has four children: Cynthia who is married to Mitchell Tichner, Edward Charles; Thomas Anthony who is married to Amanda Williams and they have one son Christopher; and Marie Kathleen.
6. James Kay has one son Troy Lee by a former marriage.

Dennis and his family moved back to Mason County to take over the farm when his father died in 1944. While keeping up the farm he taught a welding class under a Government Job Training Program for two years, worked as a foreman at the T.N.T. plant, and worked as a welder at the Marietta Plant working on L.S.T. boats. He sold the farm, joined the Local Carpenters Union #1159 and helped in the building of Stauffer Chemical, (Gallipolis Ferry), Kaiser Aluminum (Ravenswood) Vanadium Plant (Foot Mineral of New Haven) and for the State Road Commission (Dept. of Highways) until his death. Submitted by — Juanita F. Ward

DUDDINGS IN MASON COUNTY

George Summers Dudding, born April 12, 1861 at Winfield, Putnam County, the son of James Benton and Victoria Bowyer Dudding, was a clerk on packet boats owned by the Kanawha Valley Packet Company, comprised of his
George was born April 12, 1861 to James Benton denin, Kendall Edward Clendenin and Jeffrey Lee Clendenin. There are also six grandchildren by the Mason County Board of Education. They are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant.

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3rd - John Goethal "Coke" (born March 27, 1917 in Pt. Pleasant, WV) and died December 13, 1931 in Pt. Pleasant. Married Marceline Bumgardner. He followed the trade of printer, paper hanger and carpenter. At the time of his death, July 22, 1980, he resided at Letart. They had two children.

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Lee, Dora, Albert, Jr. and Edgar Milford (Mell) who was born at Brighton, W. Va. 28 September 1878. He was a carpenter and painter. His first marriage was to Stella Board daughter of William and Kate Wilson Board. They lived at Ash, W. Va. here three children were born: Gladys, Aleana, and Roscoe. Gladys Hazel b August 21, 1902 d. 1984 m Charles Young of Texas one child: Nancy. Aleana Virginia b August 6, 1904 d. 1957 m Marion Sayre had two sons: Clyde and Ross. Roscoe b December 28, 1907 d 1908.

After Stella’s death Mell married Clara Louise Kolbe, April 3, 1911. She was born October 18, 1885 in Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of Joseph Kolbe (born Vienna, Austria) and Bertha McCord of Agra, Kansas. He was a banker and Veteran W.W. I. He died in 1973. They had four children: Carolyn, Charlotte, Kent and Claudene.

Joseph Franklin b February 15, 1914 d 1975 m Alma Shields she died in the 1967 Silver Bridge Disaster. Joseph was a painter, they had six children: Joseph Jr., Pauline, Mildred, Roslyn, Bonnie, and William. Florence Wanda b November 1, 1920 m Everett Stephens an electrical groundsw. They had three children: Betty, Larry and Connie. Irene Elizabeth b September 19, 1924 m Dennis Roush Jr. He was an electrician and veteran W.W. II. They have three children Jimmy, Roger and Kay. Submitted by Irene D. Roush

WILLIAM DUNN FAMILY

William Dunn, the son of Robert and Ann (Ferguson) Dunn, was born August 4, 1817 in County Derby, Ireland. In 1831 he immigrated to the United States. On April 9, 1840 he married Martha Adams in Wheeling, Virginia and was naturalized a U.S. citizen on November 13, 1940 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pa.

About 1847, he arrived in Leon Mason County with his brothers John (1808-1893) and Thomas (1811-1866) and his sister Jane (Dunn) McComb (1810-1860), the wife of Thomas McComb, Sr. In 1850, together with his brother John, William purchased Lot 1 in Leon. It was there at the mouth of 13 Mile Creek that he erected a “steam saw mill.”

For the next several years Leon prospered. The railroad had been completed in 1840 providing good transportation up and down the Kanawha. And timbering of the 13 Mile Creek watershed bolstered Leon’s economy. In the late 1850’s the William Dunn family moved to Dunlavy Ridge, on the South Side of the Kanawha.


“Frank” Dunn was born at Leon, June 4, 1851, and on January 8, 1887 married Ida Louisa Lanier, a daughter of Louis F. and Nancy (Kimberly) Lanier of Beech Hill. Frank and Ida were the parents of 7 children; Charles Marvin, October 19, 1887, Edith Lyle, April 21, 1891, William Edward “Bill”, August 13, 1893, John Henderson, April 20, 1896, Ruth Elizabeth, September 5, 1898, Robert Maxwell “Max” January 1, 1901 and James Ray, September 21, 1903.

Raymond the youngest son of Frank and Ida Dunn left Mason County briefly in the early 1930’s and worked at Thomas Field and Co. in Charleston. The untimely death of his brothers Henderson and Max in November 1931 and January 1932 motivated him that he return to the South Side farm to care for his aging parents and tend to the farm.

Shortly after that, he became a deputy sheriff in Mason County and on December 26, 1934 married Muriel Pickens, the eldest daughter of Jo...
ALEXANDER LECKY CROW DUNHAM

Alexander Lecky Crow Dunham, better known as “Lacky”, was born April 24, 1874 on Cane Ridge, Mason County, WV son of Jessie Bailey Dunham, born April 27, 1834 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania son of Alexander and Catherine Crow Dunham. Sarah Frances Barr Dunham, born May 4, 1851 daughter of John and Miriam Rayburn Barr. The 1870 Census lists Sarah as being born between 1872 and 1893. On January 28, 1878 daughter of John F. and Alzina J. Bailey Dunham, born April 27, 1834 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania son of Alexander and Catherine Crow Dunham. Sarah Frances Barr Dunham, born May 4, 1851 daughter of John and Miriam Rayburn Barr. The 1870 Jackson County Census lists Jessie as a manufacturer, she was a carpenter and made coffins. He was one of the founders and first trustees of the Rockcastle United Methodist Church. The church was dedicated in 1879. Jessie and Sarah Dunham came to Mason County in 1874 when they purchased property on 13 Mile Creek. Both are buried at Spruce Cemetery.

“Lacky” had four brothers and four sisters born between 1872 and 1893. On January 28, 1900 he married Alda B. Morrison, born April 23, 1878 daughter of John F. and Alzina J. Morrison. They had three children:

1. Jesse John Dunham, December 13, 1900 in Union District, Mason County, WV son of Frederick A. Schulze April 18, 1920. She died June 15, 1973 and is buried at Suncrest Cemetery. They had four children, three of whom are buried at Suncrest Cemetery.
2. Roy F. born February 7, 1903, died January 20, 1919, is buried at Spruce Cemetery.
3. Lola, born August 9, 1909, married Mark Gear. Both are buried at Toledo, Ohio.

This marriage ended in divorce in 1915.

1908, April 16, 1916 “Lacky” married Lucy Mae Kessell Williams Dunham, born May 12, 1893 daughter of John Kessell and Louisa Cain Kessell. This was a second marriage for both, Lucy having married L. Odus Williams February 7, 1910. Lucy and Odus had two children:
1. Edith, born May 18, 1911 in Athens County, Ohio, on October 29, 1929 married Everett Whittington, born March 12, 1910 in Putnam County, son of Henry Clay Whittington and Mary Virginia Tucker Whittington. They had two children:
   1. Edith May, born February 24, 1930 in Mason County, WV
   2. Everett Robert born October 15, 1931 in Mason County, WV, died October 25, 1977.

Edith died April 20, 1982, is buried at Pickerington, Ohio.
2. Lawrence born April 25, 1913 and died November 25, 1913 just five days after his father’s death. Their cause of death was pneumonia, both are buried at Kimberling Cemetery off Tribble Road, Leon, WV.

“Lacky” and Lucy had five children:
1. Carl Edward Dunham, born October 23, 1920 at Leon, WV son of Alexander Lecky Crow Dunham and Lucy Mae Kessell Williams Dunham, was married January 4, 1941 at Leon, WV to Gladys Estella Nichols, born April 2, 1920 at Elkhurst, WV daughter of Edward Preston Nichols and Route Isabella Hall Nichols. Insull was in the U.S. Army from April 7, 1945 to July 6, 1946 serving in Germany and France. Before entering the military he was employed at the Marietta Manufacturing Co., after his discharge he worked for the State Road Commission. At the time of his death he was employed in the community. He was a farmer, having inherited his fathers farm. He died May 26, 1969 and is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery back of Leon, WV.

They had four children:
1. David Eugene, born October 30, 1971 at Beckley, WV, is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Youth, attends Oak Hill High School, is a member of the Oak Hill High School Band, treasurer of the Oak Hill High School Art Club, participated in the Math Field Day and is a Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop
2. Gregory Scott, born October 30, 1962. He graduated from WV Pleas
DAVID DURST

On April 16th, 1798, ABRAHAM DURST JR. (c1745 - c1820) sold off the last of his land in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Already a resident of Washington County, Northwest Territory by the 1st of May, 1799, he purchased 100 acres of the Ohio Company Purchase - today belonging in Cheshire Township, Gallia County, Ohio. Known then as Roush Landings, he had married Christina Roush, daughter of Henry and Dorthea (Nease) Roush.

David Durst (c1775 - 1814) and wife Christina (Roush) (1780 - 1853), daughter of Henry and Dorothea (Nease) Roush, were members of the First Independent Company of Dunmore (Shenandoah) Militia; uncle Samuel (1756 - 1791) a member of John Camp's Company of the First Virginia State Regiment; uncle Benjamin (1760 - 1835) a member of the Dunmore County Militia assigned to guard duty; and uncle Daniel (-1789) a member of Daniel Morgan's Company of sharpshooters who served in an expedition against Quebec in Col. Benedict Arnold's detachment in September, 1775. Daniel was captured during this battle but managed to escape and later served under George Rogers Clark (with brother David) in the Illinois campaign.

David's son Joseph's War of 1812 enlistment that led to his own enlistment on September 1, 1813.

A member of the First Regiment, Ohio Militia under the command of Capt'n Joseph W. Ross, David participated in engagements against the British along Lake Erie and was a member of an invading U.S. force which regained control of Detroit.

Upon completion of his tour of duty, which lasted until the 1st of March, 1814, David set out to reunite himself with his family. But while traveling through "Black Swamp" (which once lay southeast of present day Toledo) David became ill and with the help of fellow militiaman was taken as far as Worthington, Ohio - where on March 19, 1814, David died from his contracted illness.

David's widow Christina remarried on May 1, 1815 to one Reuben Smith (1777 - 1854). From 1826 to 1836 David's widow and children sold off their lands in Letart Township (all to Edward McCadde) and moved across the Ohio River to Mason County, Virginia. Christina and Reuben's purchase of 280 acres from David C. Sayre on November 15, 1834 today straddles the Mason (Cologne District) and Jackson (Union District) County line.

Descendants of David's children are quite numerous in both Mason and Jackson Counties. David's son Daniel was my great-great grandfather. Daniel's son Henry Harrison Durst (1855 - 1936) was my great grandfather; Henry's son Jasper McClennan Durst (1884 - 1970) my grandfather; and Jasper's son Dale Denver Durst (1911 - 1977) my father. Submitted by — Robert Vincent Durst

DURST

According to family members, our ancestor was David Durst who married Christina Roush, daughter of Henry and Dorthea (Nease) Roush. Christina was born September 16, 1780 and died February 8, 1852. She is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Jackson County, West Virginia. David served in the War of 1812. He died on his return home on March 19, 1814. According to an account in the "Worthington Intelligencer" dated March 26, 1814, he left a wife and seven small children. Children of David and Christina were Michael, Henry, Mary, Samuel, Susan, Daniel and Elizabeth.

After David's death, Christina married Reuben Smith. Their children were Jackson, Thomas, and David.

David and Christina's son Samuel married Mary Taylor. Their children were David, Daniel, George, Reuben, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, Susan, Christina and Hannah. Their son David married Elizabeth Blackburn and their children were Alta, Thomas, James, Samuel, John and Clyde.

Thomas Dillman Durst, son of David and Elizabeth Blackburn Durst was born October 9, 1859. He married Mary Shirley, daughter of Joseph and Orilla Sayre Shirley who was born May 16, 1864. She was a school teacher. They were the parents of twelve children: Ora May, James, Elizabeth, Archie, Stanley, Joseph, William, Sidney, Jessie, Luella and Alta.

Sidney Durst married Iva See, daughter of George and Mary Beattie See. The See family history dates to George Ludwig See who married Margaret Tachaudi and came to America from Silesia, Germany. Mary's parents were Moses and Margaret Wilson Beattie who came from Ireland about 1858. Refer to See history elsewhere in book.

Sidney (1900 - 1968) and Iva Durst (1898 - 1979) were the parents of two children. Paul Curtis Durst was born February 13, 1931. He married Diana Vittone from Maysontown, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Paula Lynn, born February 24, 1966 and reside in Charleston, West Virginia. Ralph Clinton Durst was born October 2, 1929 in Leon, West Virginia. He attended Yeager and Grant elementary school and graduated from Point Pleasant High School. He served in the Korean War in an observation battalion. Upon his return from Korea, he entered a pharmacy training course at Holzer Hospital and became a pharmacy technician. He has remained in this position at Holzer Medical Center for thirty-two years. He married Naomi Jean Overturf who was born September 24, 1932 in Middleport, Ohio. She is the daughter of Virginia Vittone Overturf and the late Francis Paul Dunham Cline, Janie K. Dunham Thomas, Janet M. Dunham Williams
OVERTURF. She is a graduate of Middleport High School and Holzer School of Nursing. She was employed at Holzer until 1965 when she became Director of Nursing at the Gallipolis Clinic and Medical Center Hospital. At the present time she is a night nurse at Gallipolis Developmental Center. They are the parents of three daughters. Mary Ann was born May 16, 1965 and twins, Judy Ann and Julie Ann who were born July 6, 1968. They attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Gallia Academy High School. They have been involved in various genealogy projects and attempt to preserve as much family history as possible. Submitted by — Ralph Durst

DAVID DURST AND CHRISTENA ROUSH DURST

The earliest record found for the DERST, DURST, DARST family is September 30, 1743. Abraham Durst sailed on the ship “Robert and Alice” from Rotterdam, Holland and landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Derst family came from Canton-of-Grarus, Switzerland. He first settled in Pennsylvania where some of his nine children were born, and then moved to McJackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia where he owned 100 acres of land. This land went to Abraham II when his father died in 1772.

In 1799, the son Abraham II moved to Cheshire, Ohio in Gallia County, and then to Meigs County, Ohio. He bought 100 acres of land at Cheshire, Ohio which was given to his son David Durst in 1804 for $1.00. The Kyger Creek Power Plant now stands on this 100 acres at Cheshire. This son, David Durst, married Christena Roush, born 1780, the daughter of Henry and Dorothy Nehs Roush. David and Christena bought Lot 243 just north of Letart Falls, Ohio. They had seven children.

In 1813 David went to the War of 1812, and served under Captain Joseph W. Ross as a private in the Infantry of the Ohio Militia. His pay was $8.00 a month. He was at Fort Shelby near Detroit, Michigan when he was discharged March 21, 1814. He was 318 miles from home. However, David never made it home, and died near Worthington, Ohio. The cause of his death is not known, and it has been sickness or injuries. His obituary was published in the Western Intelligencer newspaper of Worthington, Ohio. It stated, “David Durst, a drafted militia man from Gallipolis, Ohio died on his return home leaving a wife and seven children. March 26, 1814.” It is believed that David is buried at Maplewood Cemetery near New Albany in Franklin County, Ohio. The children of Christena and David Durst are:

Michael (1790 - 1856) married Susan Roller in 1820. Henry (1800 - 1859) married Hannah Alkire in 1824. Samuel (1805 - 1881) married Mary Taylor in 1827. Susan (1807 - 1875) married John Thornton in 1826. Mary (1809 - 1858) married John Blackburn, Dec. 13, 1855. She was born Jan. 28, 1834 and died April 1880 of measles. He died of Pneumonia. They are buried at Jackson Chapel Cemetery, Mt. Aio, W.Va. This Cemetery was on land given by David’s aunt and Uncle, John & Susan Thornton. Their farm was bought from W.L.W. Wheeler May 16, 1857 for $192.50.

2. Thomas Dilmion 1859 - 1925 married Mary Shirley
3. James 1862 - 1914 married Emma Kiesling
4. Samuel Sheridan 1864 married Lena Woosley
5. John Welby 1867 married Sadie Dalton
6. Clyde

After Elizabeth’s death David married 2nd. Sarah Catherine Pruden Hyatt dau. of Kinsey and Mary Prudens who had married 1st. Jessie Hyatt had daughter Alice who married Dudley Rollins.

Children: 1. Floyd 1888 - 1966 married For­est Shirley
2. Willa 1889 - 1922 married Charles Stephens

Thomas Durst son of David married Mary Elizabeth Shirley dau. of Joseph Lockwood and Orilla Sayre Shirley, they lived on Baden Ridge Mason County, (route 87) on farm was a farmer and a good one. They are buried at Baden Bapt­ist Cemetery, which their farm surrounds.

Children: 1. Ira May born Dec. 20, 1884 died 1948 married Wilson Slaughter
2. James Wilbur 1886 - 1960 married Edna Bloom
3. Elizabeth Rebecca b. 1890 - 1959 married Vaille Bauer
4. Archie 1891 - 1963 married Goldie Kenzel
5. Stanley David 1894 - 1963 married Lorena Whipple
7. William Henry 1898 - 1955 married Dollie Bosworth

William Garfield Durst

William Garfield Durst, the oldest child of Henry & Hannah Elizabeth (Stone) Durst, was born Sept. 26, 1880 at Leon, W.V. His brothers and sisters were: Tony, Jap, Harry, Wallie, Densil, Dana, Charlie, Barto, Cora, Lula, Bertha and Zill. This family moved to a farm house on Sand Hill Road and lived there until Elizabeth’s death many years later. Henry lived with his daughter Bertha Swartz until his death. Henry and Elizabeth Durst both buried Lone Oak.
Lady Dyer was born 1887 in a community known as nett from a prominent family in the same area. She was a charter member of the newly organized Mason County Bank until his retirement in 1948.

Harry and Lena Oliver. William Durst was interested in community affairs, served as Fire Chief, Street Commissioner and as a councilman from first ward.

Mr. Durst was a kind man and was called "Pop" by young and old. He boasted of 17 grandchildren and 71 great grandchildren. He retained his good humor until the very end. He spent his last days with his daughter Edith and her husband Ray Fox. He died July 6, 1967 at Holzer Hospital and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery beside his wife Lena who died in 1958.

William Durst met and married Lena Oliver, daughter of Lum and Barbara Oliver. William was a clerk, also. He was a charter member of the Eckard Chapel Church now a part of the Heights United Methodist Church.

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HARRY L. DYER FAMILY

Harry L. Dyer was born 1882 in Roane County, W. Va., near Spencer. He married Ona Sinnett from a prominent family in the same area.

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Charles was working as a blacksmith for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad when he met Hester, his future wife. Young Hester was cooking for the railroaders in a boarding house on Elk River at the time of their first meeting.

Charles Ebert and Hester Duffield were married on August 24, 1904. Their marriage was blessed with thirteen children being born over a twenty year span.

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Mable Eads Dyer married Dorsol Plants and they have 3 children, Marketta Crum, Dorsol Jr. and Coraleta. They have 3 grandchildren and expecting another grandchild soon. Walter worked for Otis Burris for several years at the old Tino's Grocery. Walter was well remembered for delivering not only grocery but medicine and helping out his customers in many ways. Cora retired after 19 years cooking for the Mason Co. School System as Head Cook. Both were members of the Eckard Chapel Church now a part of the Heights United Methodist Church.

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Arnold, Bessie, Lena, Irene, Clara, Mattie, Ella, Della and Rosa were born after the family moved to what is known as the "green house," located between the school and the storehouse at Ira, West Virginia. Charles later bought the store and the Burlington Duffield place at Groves where Charles, Clarence and Nora were born. The next move took the family, which had expanded rapidly, to a huge clubhouse containing approximately thirteen rooms.

Charles and Hester "set up housekeeping" at the Uncle Polk Duffield place at Groves Creek, West Virginia. Their first child, Helen was born there.
was not entirely uneventful. Charles chartered a train car for the move. Somehow the furniture was sent to Braxton County. The family arrived with no furniture to fill even the small three room house. When the furniture did arrive, it was in poor condition with many pieces broken. The family belongings were transported across the Elk River by ferry then by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to Charleston. From Charleston, the furniture was transported by the New York Central down the other side of the river. Charles brought the furniture from the station in Point Pleasant by wagon.

After living in the huge clubhouse, the small, three-room shack, must have been a real disappointment. How eleven or twelve people managed to live in the shack is quite a mystery. But, as usual, they proceeded to “make a house a home” until such a time as they could move to the larger, two-story “Glover House” on Nine Mile Road. Their next move, of course, took them to the place at Arlee which the children and grandchildren refer to as the homeplace. Daughter Nora and her husband, Max Hanning, now live on the homeplace.

Times were hard when Charles and Hester married and as they were raising their family. People had trouble just making a living, but they somehow always managed to have food on the table for their large family. Charles was a blacksmith, a storekeeper, a postmaster and a farmer. Hester cared for the children, raised gardens, and the children refer to as the homeplace.

The children of Charles A. Ebert and Hester Ebert were: Helen Anna Ebert (b. age of 87, Hester died on November 15, 1969).

Clarence Ray Ebert (b. 12/06/1923 - d. 7/11/2000) m. Carol J. Dabney (12/16/1955)

Nora Marie Ebert (b. 9/29/1925) m. Max T. Hanning (8/14/1952) Submitted by — Delta V. Searls, Keith Searls

HARRY JOSHUA (BUD) EDDY’S FAMILY

My husband Bud, as everyone knew him was born at Joe’s Creek, W. Va. Now called Com­fort, on March 21, 1924 and given the name of Harry Joshua. The son of Joshua Francis, and Mary Delphia, (Sesso) Eddy. Bud, being the last of the four children, his two sisters and brother are Mrs. Roy (Ivy) Holston of Comfort, W. Va., Mrs. Henson (Mary) Estep (now divorced) of Miami, W. Va. Brother James (Jim) of Evans, W. Va.

Bud grew up and attended schools in Boone County in his early years. He often talked of his early years which were his fondest memories as a boy in Dawes Mountain and of having to walk two miles off the hill to school and back. The big snows would stay on the ground for weeks. No one then thought of dismissing school. The children all walked it. They were eight other families also that lived on the mountain. He had a happy childhood but had to work early in his life.

Bud's father was an oil field worker checking rigs and keeping watch on the pumping of them. His parents were hard working people. J. F. died in 1937. Delphia, at this date is still living at the age of 99. She was born February 26, 1887 in Tyler County. The last of her family.

Bud and I met and started life together at Mi­ami. He lived with his mother. I lived at Eskdale, with my parents. By that time it was the late forties and early fifties and Bud had served in the Army and had come back to W. Va. a disabled veteran. He had a loss of both arms above the elbows. One of his World War II injuries.

At Arlee, they sold milk to the J. H. Caudill creamery to supplement their earnings.

Both Charles and Hester lived on the “homeplace” at Arlee until their deaths. Charles died on October 7, 1936 at the age of 81. At the age of 87, Hester died on November 15, 1969. The children of Charles A. Ebert and Hester A. Duffield Ebert were: Helen Anna Ebert (b. 6/18/1905 - d. 6/24/1984) m. Modern M. Thompson (5/06/1930 - d. 7/27/1957), and James L. Thompson (m. Tommy Lee Thompson), who lives in Point Pleasant, West Virginia; and Erma Frances Ebert (b. 6/18/1905 - d. 6/24/1984) m. Mod­ern M. Thompson (5/06/1930 - d. 7/27/1957), and Bud and I met and started life together at Miami. He lived with his mother. I lived at Eskdale, with my parents. By that time it was the late forties and early fifties and Bud had served in the Army and had come back to W. Va. a disabled veteran. He had a loss of both arms above the elbows. One of his World War II injuries.

Carol later married Jim Whittington, son of Billy and Elsie Whittington. Elsie is deceased. Della Virginia Ebert (b. 6/28/1918) m. Arnold Nathan Ebert (b. 2/13/1907 - d. 7/20/1907) m. Margaret (“Peggy”) (b. 4/29/1972; d. 11/21/1884); and John (b. 1793; m. Elizabeth (Betsy) Stuart; d. 1877).

Andrew and Ann’s son, John, and his wife, Elizabeth, had five children which included Andrew (b. 3/18/1920; d. 11/21/1820), William (b. 12/18/1828; d. 5/6/1855), Mary Margaret (b. 1830 or 1832; m. John Fogelson; d. 8/15/1888), Susan J. (b. 2/1/1839; d. 12/15/1862) and Junius Newton Eckard (b. 9/23/1844; m. Mary M. Emanuel 2/19/1874, Henrietta — d. 1/13/1892), who donated the land for the Eckard Chapel.

The other known son of Andrew and Ann, George W. Eckard, and his wife, Hannah Edwards, (b. 1790 or 1793; d. 12/28/1860) lived in Mason County. Her parents were Arthur (Arthur) Edwards, (b. 8/16/1744; m. 1/15/1775; d. 1820), and Jane Withrow, (b. 1751; d. about 1820 or 1830). George W. and Hannah had sev­en children which included Mary Ann (b. 3/14/ 1815; m. Andrew Kincaide, 12/15/1836; d. 7/4/ 1836; d. ); and John Milton.

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During a difficult period after the Civil War, John Milton Eckard represented Mason County in the West Virginia legislature.

The daughters of John Milton Eckard and Margarette married Morgan Love. Lillian was the first bride and they had a son, Kenneth Love. Ora E. Eckard died, Ora E. Eckard (b. 10/19/ 1876; d. 7/25/1958) married Morgan Love. They reared her sister’s son, Kenneth Love, and had twins, Pauline (Polly) Opal (b. 8/21/1904) and Paul O. (b. 8/21/1904; d. 1960).

Ora E. and Morgan Love’s daughter, Polly, who now lives in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, married Joseph Forbes, Sr. (b. 9/22/1939; d. 4/ 4/1982) and they have four children. They are Isaac, Elise (m. Drew Leach), who lives in Cross Lane, West Virginia; William Patricia; Betty Rose), who lives in Gallatin, Tennessee; Joseph Harold (m. Beverly Newberry), who lives in Point Pleasant, West Virginia; and Erma Lavon (m. Tommy Lee Thompson), who lives...
in Columbus, Ohio.

Of the four children of Polly and Joe Forbes, Phyllis Jean and Duane have a daughter, Barbara Jean, who married Nathan A. Haddad, Jr., and their children are Griffin and Erin. William Patrick and Betty have three children, William Todd, Shelia and Tina. Joseph Harold and Beverly have three children, Joseph (m. Carla Richards), Dreana, and Gregory (m. Kim). Erma Lavon and Tommy have four children, Cathy (m. Terry Walls), Lynn (m. Bookman), Matthew and Mark.

James Taylor Eckard, a son of John Milton Eckard and Margarette, married Florence Harris, who died about 1967. They had a son, Daniel Eckard (b. 2/17/1918; m. Helen Kowal 4/8/1942; d. 4/18/1984). Helen was born 5/15/1921 and lives in Whiting, Indiana. Daniel and Helen have a son, Cary Lee Eckard, who married Pamela Fogarty. They live in Highland, Indiana, and have three children, Andrea Helen, Cary, Jr., and Randall Lee.

Edwin Morton (“Jeff”) Eckard (b. 10/22/1863; d. 3/22/1944), John Milton and Margarette’s son, married Jennie Belle Bogess, (b. 10/21/1888; m. 4/23/1927). Her parents were John A. Bogess, (b. 1845; m. 1867; d. 4/17/1908), and Mary Isabella Love, (b. 1850; d. 1930).

Together Edwin and Jennie had a total of at least six direct ancestors who served for the colonies in the American Revolution. Several, possibly all of them, took part in the Battle of Point Pleasant. They were Alexander Clendenen, (b. 1753 or 1754; m. Catherine Spencer, 2/18/1790; d. 8/4/1830; m. 12/18/1839; John (Anna) Simmerman (Zimmerman); d. 1841 or 1844; Arthur (Arthur) Edwards (b. 8/16/1744; m. Jane Withrow 1/15/1775; d. 1820); John Greer, (b. 7; m. Jane Calvin; d. 1838), Grandfather of Mary Isabella Love, Thomas Lemaster, (b. 1749 or 1752; m. Catherine Thornton; d. between 1836 and 1843); and Robert Love, (b. 12/17/1762; m. Nancy Rayburn, 1876; d. August 1853).

Two of the children of Edwin Morton Eckard and Jennie, Alvia and Horton, are still living. Alvia recently moved to Tifton, Georgia after living many years in Washington, D.C., where she taught school and worked for the Federal Government.

Horton lived in Clifton, West Virginia. He had been active in education and civic projects in Mason County for many years and had received several awards and titles as a result of his service. He died 1987.

Edwin Morton and Jennie’s son, Garry, married Olive Estelle Gerrick, (b. 2/9/1896), of Newton County, Indiana on June 11, 1923; Bes­ sie, their daughter, married Godfrey Schul, (b. 5/30/1894; d. August, 1960), of Mason County; another daughter, Ruth, married Oran Schools, (b. ; d. 1970), of Mason County; and their son, Edwin Woodrow, married Mary Catherine Bailey, (b. 3/10/1920), of Scranton, Pennsylvania on May 2, 1942.

Both Garry Eckard and his wife, Olive, taught in Mason County schools. He was the first person to receive a Bachelor’s degree from Marshall (College) University. They moved to Huntington, West Virginia, in 1930, where Olive still resides. Their son, Garry Maurice Eckard, F.S.A., married Winifred Jean Lee of Meigs County, Ohio. They live in Carmel, Indiana, and have four sons: Gary Guy, J. D.; David Carl; John Lee; and Garry Maurice, Jr.

Bessie Eckard and her husband, Godfrey Norman Schul, lived most of their lives in Mason County. Their son, Godfrey Edwin Schul, married Sally Joan Koehl of Long Island, New York. They live in Radnor, Pennsylvania; and have two children, Valerie Anne and Godfrey Richard, C.P.A. Valerie is married to John R. Hoch, M.D., and they have a daughter, Rachel Ann.

While attending a one room school in Mason County, Edwin Woodrow Eckard, Ph.D., completed the first eight grades in four years. He went on to become the youngest person to receive a Bachelor’s degree from Marshall (College) University. His wife, Mary, married Matthew Lynch after Woodrow’s death and now lives in Tifton, Georgia. Their children are Edwin Woodrow Eckard, Jr., Ph.D. of Westminster, Colorado; Mary Jane Eckard Sheridan of Tifton, Georgia; and George Bailey Eckard of Arizona, Georgia. Edwin Woodrow Eckard, Jr., married Jacquelyn Mary Maguire of Los Angeles, California; and they have two children, Kathryn Rose and Gregory Walter. Mary Jane Eckard married Joseph M. Sheridan of Austell, Georgia, and they have three sons; Michel Oren, Bradley Ryan, and Christopher Fred.

Today the descendants of Andrew Eckard are scattered throughout the United States, but through the history of Mason County many of them have played an important role. Submitted by ——— Horton Eckard, Garry Maurice Eckard and David Carl Eckard

Horton Eckard was born in Mason County, W.V., on October 12, 1902, to Edwin M. Eckard, born October 22, 1863, and Jennie B. Eckard, born October 2, 1867. Furthermore, Horton’s paternal grandparents were Margarette (Lemasters) and John Milton Eckard. Also, the maternal grandparents were Mary I. (Love) and John A. Bogess. Horton died 1987.

Edwin Eckard died March 22, 1944. Likewise, Jennie Eckard died April 23, 1927. Both are buried at Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, W.V.

It was on Sand Hill Road near the Krebs Chapel Church, Robinson District, Mason County, W.V., that Horton and his brothers and sisters, a highly respected family were reared. The family being: Daisy Mae, Oma Ona, Garry, Carl, Alvie, Bessee, John, Horton, Ruth, and Edwin Woodrow Eckard. Furthermore, Horton is a direct descendant of three Revolutionary Soldiers, Andrew Eckard, John Greer, and Robert Love.

Horton Eckard, who never married achieved distinction as a long-time educator in West Virginia. Horton’s teaching career began for the school term 1924-1925, teaching grades one through eight at the Clay Hick School. This was a rural one-room school in Robinson District, Mason County, W.V.

The method of transportation to and from school was by horseback riding or by walking. This was difficult as the distance to school was about six miles over bad, muddy roads. Thus, this teaching experience required great effort, knowledge, and skill for the teacher to be successful.

After teaching one year Horton continued teaching for approximately forty years. Equally important, during the 1928-1929 school term he taught at the one-room Mission Ridge School. This school house which once stood in Robinson District, now stands as a memorial at the W. V. State Farm Museum in Mason County, Point Pleasant, W. V. Also, in April, 1984, in the Mission Ridge School, Horton Eckard being over the age of eighty and who had given fifty years of service to the state, received the Order of the 35th Star Medalion, on behalf of Secretary of State A. James Manchin. Likewise, he was named a Kentuck Colonel by Governor Martha Layne Collins.

And then, in the 1950’s Horton began teaching at the old West Columbia School, Mason County, W. V. In 1956 he was principal at the West Columbia School, and he had begun work on his doctor’s degree in elementary education.

After teaching at West Columbia School, he taught at the old Beale School, Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, W. V. Finally, he retired in 1965, at the Beech Hill Grade School, Beech Hill, W. V. Submitted by Horton Eckard

DALLAS EDMONDS FAMILY

Dallas A. Edmonds, son of Jeremiah Edmonds and Mattie Jane Holley Edmonds, born September 1, 1929 married Edna B. Wray on October 9, 1951. She was the daughter of Lewis Wray and Edna Irene Long Wray, born September 7, 1935.

DALLAS EDMONDS FAMILY

Patsy, Jerry and Christopher Edmonds

Born to this family were three sons Dallas Ray Edmonds born November 4, 1952, Michael Eugene Edmonds April 15, 1954, and Jerry Wayne Edmonds born January 7, 1958.

The family home was at Glenwood. It was the home of Dallas’ father Joseph Edmonds who lived at this home for 70 years. Jeremiah inherited this land from his father Religh Edmonds. It is not known how long Religh lived on this land.

Dallas attended school at Beach Grove of Glenwood where he completed 8 years of school.
He worked at A.C.F. where he retired in August 13, 1891. Dallas also did carpentry work. He now keeps busy farming.

Edna attended school at Mt. Olive of Ashton where she completed 8 years of school. She worked as a full time mother. Edna enjoyed working outside and doing the family canning.


JERRY EDMONDS FAMILY


Conflict-Arthur Edwards Jr. in one article has a daughter Margaret born June 14, 1788 married George Clendenin but (1886 writeup) states Jane Edwards born June 4, 1785 married George Clendenin. Also that Margaret born June 4, 1788 was unmarried, another shows she not mentioned as a child of Arthur Edwards Sr., another shows that Margaret and Isaac never married. According to the Newberry index the Bible shows she 65 in 1850 with children Griffin and William and four daughters unnamed but wife of George Clendenin. Yet Andwen Clendenin son of Alexander seems to have married Rebecca Edwards (daughter of Smith and Margaret Pullins Edwards). Mary Clendenin daughter of Leander Clendenin married an Edwards. Submitted by — Francois Machir Duding, Leon, and Faye Machir

THE EDWARDS FAMILY


2. Arthur, son of Arthur and Jane was born August 1783. Married Mary Lewis, born 1785.

3. Lewis, son of Lewis and Martha married Lucinda Lewis. They had three children. Lucinda died in the early 1800’s. Later Arthur married and Mollie Board. They also had three children.

4. Charles S., son of Arthur and Lucinda, was born Dec. 1, 1806 at Letart, then in Va. After completing the education available locally, he went to New York and entered the East...
man Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After graduating, he returned to Ma-
son County. He married Jennet Arletta Roush on Oct. 10, 1915. Levi was the grand-
son of Jonas Roush, Rev. soldier who wit-
nessed the surrender of Cornwallis to General Washington on Oct. 19, 1781. Alice Randall, 
born 1839 in England, came to America at the age of 14 with her parents, John and Sar-
ah Randall, and two brothers, Thomas and John. They finally settled in Mason Co. Both 
Thomas and John died in the Civil War. Alice 
died in 1879. Charles S. was a commerce 
teacher at Union College, a small college in 
Mason WV., and at Carleton College at Syr-
acuse, Ohio. Was a member of WV. House 
of Delegates, Postmaster at Mason for eight 
years, 1913 to 1921. Member of I.O.O.F., a 
Masonic, and K.O.P. Died 1926.

Jennet Roush Edwards was a member of 
the United Brethern Church, Rebekahs, and 
Order of Eastern Star. She died May 28, 
1949. They had nine children.

1. Levi Arthur, born July 16, 1884, married 
Carrie C. White. (See WV. Legislative 
Handbook.) They had two sons.

A. Lewis Arthur, born Oct. 19, 1914, en-
listed in U.S. Air Force in 1940. He was a 
Second Lieutenant and Navigator; he is in 
the book, "I Saw The Fall of the 
Philippines" as Lt. Edwards of the flam.
hair. Also, "in Bataan, The Judgement Seat". He was held prison-
er in the Philippine Military 
Prison Camp for two years. He was 
being sent to Japan when the ship was 
torpedoed, and he and most of the oth-
er prisoners lost their lives.

B. Charles E. Edwards, born May 19, 
1919, died in a car accident on Febru-
ary 19, 1942.

2. Anna L., born 1888, graduate of Marshall 
College, taught school in Mason, Kanawah 
and Clay counties. Married Henry D. Rist in 
1916. They had four children, She died in 
November 1952.

3. William A. died in infancy.

4. Amy died in infancy.

5. Charles Southard, born Oct. 1890, married 
Hester Adams. Two children. He died in 
1944.

A. Janice Marguerite, m. Archibald 
Leach.

B. Charline Adams, m. W. B. Gibbs.

He died in 1962; she died in 1971.

A. Charles S. Cooper, born 1920, m. 
Kathleen Peters. Served in U.S. Army 
in S. Pacific Jan. 1943-1946. Two 
children. The marriage ended in div-
orce. He later married Patricia 
Dancy.

a. Charles S. Jr., m. Carolyn And-
erson. He served in U.S. Army 1966 
separated 1968 - discharged in 

b. Stephen E. Cooper m. Mary J. 
Copstick.

1. Brian Edward born 1980

2. Blake Andrew born 1984

B. Beatrice V. Cooper m. Robert C. Mar-
tin.

a. Kathleen D. born 1950

b. Robert C. born 1955

7. Virgil C. Clapp, born 1898, injured in a 
train accident, and died in February 
1923.

8. Lawrence Dale born 1900, m. Edna Smith in 

A. Anna M. Edwards m. Iwan W. MacAl-
esther

a. Barbara Lee, born 1948

b. Ian W. Jr., born 1950

C. Anna Jane married Charles Lance; 
three children.

D. Frances Jean married Dominic Mus-
cari; three children.

9. Jennet Elizabeth, born July 2, 1903 in Ma-
son, married John T. Roberts on Aug. 
2, 1922. He was a Son of Will and Cora Han-
num Roberts, Pomeroy, Ohio. At the time of 
their marriage she was attending Capital 
City Commercial College at Charleston, 
WV. He was employed as a Fireman on the 
Union Railroad and was living in Turtle 
Creek, Penn. After their marriage they 
moved to North Braddock, Penn. where their 
four children were born. He was Made an En-
engineer on the Railroad, then enrolled at 
Westinghouse Tech. graduating with a 
degree in Electrical Engineering. He was also 
a Certified Chemist. They came to Point 
Pleasant in 1931. He was employed by Mar-
ietta Mfg. Co. as Electrical Supervisor, and 
later as Hull Superintendent. He died on Oct. 
6, 1970 and is buried in White Chapel Memori-
al Gardens, WV. The children all graduated from Point Pleasant High 
School.

A. Faith Edwards Roberts, born Aug. 16, 
1923, graduated from Marshall College 
and married Ray K. Gensler in 1945. He is a graduate of 
Penn. State in Chemical Engineer-
ing and worked at the Inco Alloys Int., 
Inc. for 42 years until retirement in 
1978. They have resided in Huntington 
since their marriage. Their chil-
dren all live in the Huntington area.

a. Joyce married Earl Fortner, Jr., son 
of Earl Fortner and Bessie Mertt 
Fortner.

b. Kristin Elizabeth Fortner, born 
Sept. 22, 1969. She died on 

2. Matthew Ray, born Oct. 1, 
1975.

B. Jennett Ray married James Maurice 
Clark, son of James and Edna Capehart Clark.

a. Jennett Elizabeth, born Sept. 16, 
1971

b. Lara Ellen, born Mar. 26, 1974

c. Justin, born May 7, 1984

d. Rachel Abigail, born Dec. 26, 
1982

Married Barbara J. Smith, daughter of 
D. Morgan and Ada King Smith. 
Enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy 
1942-1946. Graduated from West 
Virginia Univ. at Morgantown, WV. 
with a degree in Electrical Engineer-
ing. Presently employed as Sr. Engi-
neer and Manager of Corporate Power for IBM, 
Kingston, N.Y. Their six children graduated from Red Hook, 
N. Y. High School.


b. John Jr., married Dorothy 
Brown; one child.

c. Jennifer Sue graduated from Bar-
boursville High School; attended 
Marshall Univ. at Huntington, 
WV. She married to Larry P. 
Frey.

1. Stephanie, born Sept. 27, 1979


3. Justin, born May 7, 1984

b. Melissa, graduated from Barbour-
sville High School and attended 
Marshall Univ. in Huntington, 
WV. She is married to Jeffrey Con-
ner. They are living in Kailua, 
Hawaii, where Jeffrey is a Captain in 
the U.S. Air Force.

1. Samantha Dawn, born April 8, 1980

2. Erin Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 
1982

3. Virgil Bruce, Jr., graduated from Barbour-
sville High School and attended 
Marshall Univ. Married and 
divorced.

1. Randall Adar, born Nov. 26, 
1979

2. Valerie Jean graduated from Bar-
boursville High School, and from 
WV. Univ. in Morgantown, WV. 
with a Degree in Mining Engineer-
ing. She is married to Steve Harry, 
of Fairmont, WV. They are living in 
Terre Haute, Ind.
Carol "Turk" Edwards, the fourth of seven children, was born May 4, 1878, back of Hartford, then known as Ten Mile, to Philetus Edwards, born April 18, 1844, and Clara Dodson Edwards, born May 2, 1850.

When my grandfather was 14, almost the entire city of Clifton was destroyed by fire, including his parents' home. He remembered climbing the bell tower of the old Clifton school building with a friend and ringing the bell. He recalled sitting on the roof on one side of their home with a gallon pail of water in each hand. The other side was in flames. Fortunately no lives were lost but he lost two pet white mice in the fire.

His family had a small building that had escaped the fire and converted it into a home, my grandfather's three children were born in this old home which was also destroyed by fire in 1932.

His school years ended at the time of the fire. He went to work in a brick yard to help support the family but most of his working years were in various coal mines in the Mason County area.

He was among the first miners to help organize the United Mine Workers of America under John L. Lewis. He worked as a cement finisher for approximately 15 years. He helped with the concrete pavement on the Pomory-Mason Bridge. He used to say, "I crossed the Pomory-Mason Bridge on my knees." For odd jobs, the Marietta Boatyard was east of town, which was near the old Henry Fisher farm. They named this place the old Henry Fisher farm. They had settled.

Some of the teachers that have taught at Mission Ridge School were Adelie Zusch, Tom Hogg, Neal Barkly, Laura Roush, Frank Gibbs. He had a boy, Perry and five girls. My maternal grandfather was Zebulin Riley Edwards and Riley Edwards decided to finance the building of a church. "Except for odd jobs, the Marietta Boatyard was east of town, which was near the old Henry Fisher farm. They named this place the old Henry Fisher farm. They had settled."

In those days there were very few churches, and in the Mission Ridge Community there was none. George Rickard, Lewis Edwards, Vinson Edwards and Riley Edwards decided to finance the building of a church.

"The four men who financed the church cut the poplar logs, then hauled them to the nearest sawmill, which was in Sugar Camp Hollow. They cleared the land on Mission Ridge where they had settled."

"In those days there were many small businesses. My father, Riley Edwards, and his brother, James, cleared the land on Mission Ridge where they had settled."
Arthur E. born June 2, 1890 and died 1968, married Elizabeth Spicer. Their children were Bruce, James and Christine. (7) Elizabeth born July 26, 1894, married Murry Rollins. They had one child Opal. She married second Dale R. Gill. They had the following children: Clair Mae, Kathleen, Dorothy, Mazota, Frank and Oneta.

After the death of Jennie Edwards, Woodberry moved to Beech Hill and went into the store business. He was a kind hearted man and just could not say no to his customers. They finally put him out of business.

During the time he was keeping store he married Elsie R. Rine. They had one son James born May 13, 1911 who lives in Nelsonville, Ohio. He is married to Hattie Devault. They are the parents of one son Eugene (Joe) who is the builder and owner of the T.V. Cable system in Nelsonville and surrounding area.

Woodberry G. Edwards left the store and moved back to the farm on Ten Mile Creek. He remained here until his death. He and Jennie are buried in the Jackson Yaeger Cemetery that is near the Edwards home. Submitted by — J. B. Edwards

WILLIAM AND FRANCES ELMORE FAMILY

William Elmore was born in 1788 in Hanover Co. Virginia. Frances Jones was born in 1788 in Caroline Co., Va. They were married in 1808 in Henrico Co., Virginia. Both died in Mason County, William in 1867 and his wife in 1874. Both are buried in the George Cemetery, Ashton- Upland Road, in Hannan District.

As far as older members of our family can recall William and Frances Elmore had only four daughters. No one seems to recall any sons for this family but I found in the Mason Co. records a John Elmore who married Catherine Greenlee (Cremans?) in 1844. He would be about the right age to be a brother to these other children named here.

I. Another source has found another daughter, Nancy, born in Hanover Co., Va. and married Thomas Griffitts (or Griffin) in Cabell Co. in 1832. She married second, Peter Anthony, Nancy Elmore died in 1896 and is buried in Edmond, Oklahoma.

II. Rhoda Frances Elmore - married Augusta Cobb in 1845 in Mason Co., Virginia. She died after 1913 and is buried in the Augusta Cobb Cemetery, Ashton, West Virginia. Children: 1. Lavenia - married William Keister in 1864 and had children: Jay, Stephen, Worthy, Lillie (McNeil), Oretta (O'Brien), Elizabeth (Martindale), Rose Eagle (Mills), Leona (Beck), Byrdie Frances (Rockwell), Pearl Scott (Mead).

2. Nancy Cobb
3. Ellen Cobb
4. Louis Cobb
5. Emerlius Cobb, 1854-1895, married Tom Finly and had daughter, Lavenia Finly.
6. John Wesley Cobb 1868-1948
7. Richard Cobb
8. Mary Cobb
9. William Cobb
10. George - born 1870

There may also be one named Fanny.

III. Martha Elmore - married George Young and their children were: John W., Andrew Napoleon, Alice (Comstock), Maggie (Johnson), Augustus. The 1850 Mason County census gives also a James E. and a Rhoda in Martha's family. I have no further information on these.

IV. Mary Elmore - The Mason Co. records show Mary Elmore married to Francis R. Linkfield in 1846. (Book 1, p. 47). I also find in the same records Mary Linkfield married to Richard A. Richardson, September 1859. My grandmother, Nancy Susan Young McCoy, remembered her great aunt Mary (Elmore) Richardson and that the Linkfields were closely connected to her family. I believe these Marys to be one and the same. I am not certain of the names of the Linkfield children, but Aunt Mary Richardson had at least one son, James, who married Arabella Waller (?) . Their children were Worthy; Hershel; Bertha Elizabeth (Haden); Weltha (Harbour); Vernon; James; and Lilly (Wray).

V. Elizabeth Elmore - married William Smith in 1831. They had at least one child, Permelia F., who married Jesse Waugh in 1854. They had eleven children. Submitted by — Jane Templeton Legg, Jay Woodrow McCoy Jr.

THE R. T. EMBLETON FAMILY

Robert Tobias Embleton was born in Hartford, W. Va. in 1867. His parents were Peter Embleton, born in England ca. 1836, and Barbara Holt, born ca. 1840 in England. They came to this country in the 1840’s.

Robert T. Embleton was married to Hattie Stone Oct. 25, 1892. She was the daughter of Samuel and Magdalene Bearshaker Stone. Robert (Bob) was always interested in politics and represented Mason County in the State Legislature three times. He was also at various times mayor, recorder and councilman for the town. He worked as a miner for most of his life. He was for many years superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. The children of Robert T. and Hattie Embleton were:

I. Beulah Barbara Embleton (1893-1963) was born in Hartford. Married Harry W. Gibbs (1885-1972) their children:
   C. Harry William Gibbs, Jr. Died young.

II. Lena Leota Embleton (1896-1982) Unmarried

   A. Janice Rearden


IV. Robert Tennyson Embleton, born 1902. Married 1st. Katherine Klaas
   A. Roberta Embleton married James Adkins

1. Suzanna Higgins 2. Nan Brodigan

3. Michael Brodigan

C. Margaret Embleton married William Fields. Children:


2. David Fields, deceased


a. David Scott Owen b. Amber Marie Owen

D. Kevin Fields Julie Ann Jadwin
   a. Nathan Fields b. Ashley Fields

Bob Embleton m. 2nd: Juanita Eary


VI. Paul Clifford Embleton, born 1909. Married Zana Roush. Son, Joseph Embleton, married Betty

VII. Harold Alfred Embleton (1911-1981)

Married Catherine Bumgarner (1914-1981)

VIII. Donald W. Embleton married Patricia Stobart
   1. Eric Embleton (adopted) 2. Erin Embleton

3. Heather Embleton

VIII. Harriette Embleton, twin, born 1911. Married Courtland Rockwell.

A. Pamela Rockwell married Jack Capillary; divorced.

1. Jennifer Capillary (adopted) 2. Katy Capillary (adopted)

2. Stephen Lee Rockwell, deceased

IX. Charles Embleton, born 1913. Died young.

Submitted by — Harriett Rockwell

HARRY E. ERLEWINE

Harry Barnhart Erlewine born 1882, was the son of Francis Erlewine who died 1915 in Marshall County, and wife Lucinda A. Knapp born April 13, 1875, Calhoun County and died 1943. Harry Erlewine an employee of Marietta Manufacturing Company died 1943.

By his marriage to Ada Catherine Roberts (1885-1921) on September 1, 1907, he had Hazel Bond, August 18, 1908; Hayward Burl, June 15, 1912; Harry Fadley, September 26, 1914; Harvey Leland, October 12, 1916 and Hollice Virginia, August 1, 1920.

Hazel Erlewine, a retired schoolteacher of Mason County schools, married Howard Carder, born February 22, 1909, son of George and Ella Carder, on April 29, 1933. Their child Pauline Carder, born May 15, 1944, licensed beautician, married Charles William Eshenaur, son of the late Dr. Roy Eshenaur, on December 22, 1963. Mr Eshenaur is employed with the C. & P. Telephone Co., and they reside at Winfield with their issue, Matthew Erlewine born November 6, 1964 now in the Army; Annette Michelle born March 17, 1967, attending college in New York; Steven Carder born July 19, 1969, and Philip Winslow born October 14, 1976, at home.

Howard and Hazel Carder
Harry Fabley Erlewine married Verna Dalton and they are parents of Harry Jr., Howard Miles, Harvey Wallace and Hazel Blanche.


Hollie Virginia Erlewine married Albert Daniel Thompkins, a dairy farmer, on December 24, 1942. Their children are Martha Sue (Friend) Alberta Jo (Turley) and Virginia Lou (Hayman)

Harry Barnhart Erlewine married 2ndly Elizabeth Ann Parsons (1885-1957) on May 14, 1921. By this marriage he had Icle Mae, Elsie Marie and Harold Francis. Icle Mae married 1941 Paul H. Bennett and had Paulettia J. (James Goodwin), Howard Lee and Roger Dwane Bennett.

Elsie Marie married Paul Obenchain and had Jackie (David), Susan and Lois Obenchain.

Harold Francis married Charlotte Mae Miller and their issue are Harold Francis Jr., Gary Allen and Dinah Marie (Stewart). Submitted by—Hazel E. Carder

**DR. AND MRS. ROY W. ESHENEAUR**

Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Eshenaur arrived in Point Pleasant, June 12, 1929, after his graduation from Kirksville Osteopathic College in Kirksville, Missouri

"Dr. Roy" was born to Harvey and Ellen (Smeltzer) Eshenaur in Oberlin, Pennsylvania, on October 1, 1907. He was the fourth child in a line of six, their economic support came chiefly from his father who worked as a streetcar motorman.

As a teenager, Dr. Eshenaur considered becoming an electrical engineer, but an Osteopath, who treated his mother while she was ill, convinced him to become a doctor. While a student at Kirksville, he met and married Marian Edith Gast, of Philadelphia, Missouri, who was at that time, a student at Kirksville State Teacher College. Out of their marriage, came seven children: Dr. James I. Eshenaur, M.D., Dr. Oliver Eshenaur, D. O., Robert Eshenaur, Dr. Ruth Eshenaur, Lawrence Eshenaur, Charles Eshenaur, and Janet Eshenaur Carr.

For twenty years, Dr. Eshenaur operated a nine bed hospital at 512 1/2 Main Street in downtown Point Pleasant. While this early "Point Clinic" was still in operation, Dr. Eshenaur helped with movement to organize and produce a forty-two bed hospital. This care center was the original Pleasant Valley Hospital. Where, after a period of time, he practiced until the time of his death.

Socia lly, he was active in Point Pleasant, by being a member of the following organizations - Point Pleasant Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce (served as president for six years), City Planning Commission, and he served thirty-five years on the West Virginia Board of Health, and was the Mason County Coroner for several years. Other associations he served in the area were the Courtesy Staff of the Southern Hills Osteopathic Hospital, South Charleston, West Virginia, and the Associate Staff of the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Pomeroy, Ohio.

When Dr. Eshenaur arrived in Mason County in 1929, most of his house calls had to be made by horseback, mules, ox carts, wagons, sleighs, and various other means of rugged transportation. Because of this fact it is not hard to believe that of the 5,313 babies he delivered in his career, the first 1,000 were all home deliveries.

While Dr. Eshenaur was busy with his practice, his wife, Marian, was busy raising their seven children. At home, she also raised prosperous vegetable and flower gardens. These were not only for her own family, but also for many friends and neighbors. Marian was an active member of Main Street Baptist Church. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, was a member of the Board of Deaconesses, and was an active Mission Society Worker (two of their children, James and Ruth, later became missionaries). In her community, Mrs. Eshenaur was a standing member of the Women's Club, D.A.R., Republican Women, and the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association.

On May 25, 1979, Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Eshenaur were killed at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in an American Airline plane crash. Mrs. Eshenaur is buried at the Kirkland Memorial Park in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Because he was among the thirty unidentified victims of the air disaster, Dr. Eshenaur is buried at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro, California. Submitted by — Joyce Eshenaur

**FABER HISTORY IN MASON COUNTY**

Clayton Alan and Agnes Ann (Songer) Faber moved to Mason County from Kanawha County after their marriage on July 15, 1967. Their move to Mason County was due to Clayton’s employment in the county. They lived in Point Pleasant until April 1969, at which time they moved to Gallipolis Ferry. On December 17, 1969 their first child, a son David Clayton Faber, was born. On September 9, 1972 a second child, another son, Bryan Ray Faber was born. The Fabers are still residing at Gallipolis Ferry. Submitted by — Agnes Faber

**FADLEY, FADELEY, FADLEY**

This family originated in Pennsylvania, immigrated to Shenandoah County.

John Fadley was born February 23, 1803, died July 30, 1883. He married Rebecca Frances Foltz (Fultz) the daughter of Joseph and Susanah Overholtzer Foltz. Rebecca was born 1809.

John son of Michael II. Michael born April 1794.

They lived near New Market Va. and immigrated to Mason County, W. Va. in 1845. They were married on May 4, 1826 and had George born 1829; Isaac born 1831; Joshua born 1832; Mary born 1834; Moses born 1837; John born 1838 died November 25, 1864, of Co. L 13 Regt. W. Va. Inf. Civil War; Lydia born 1840; Jacob born 1842; and Elijah born 1844.

George Fadeley, sawmill owner, married Elizabeth (Betie) Robinson (born 1830) on July 7, 1861. His second wife whom he married November 12, 1891 was Rosetta B. Tucker. His children were Lydia married Tom Morton issue, Harry, Kent, William; and Isaac B. (Ikie) born 1863 who remained a bachelor.


Sidney Hamilton Fadeley by Ona Pullins had children Allegra married Robert Shank, Marjorie married Wayne Evans, Virginia married Thomas Helm.

Arlie Fadeley and Samuel Embleton had Vincent Embleton married Genevbo Boyer; Kathlene married Pat Reardon, and Robert married Pri­ cilla Wilson.

Robert and Priscilla Wilson Embleton had issue: Caroline married Joel Witkowski, issue Carly and Aaron; Gaye married Richard Blanken­ ship issue Natalie; and Jeffrey Embleton married Sally Duncan.

Vincent and Geneva Boyer Embleton were parents of Rebecca married Greg Elkins issue Jamin; Valerie Embleton married Donald Arm­ sley had Jeremy; Rick Embleton married Tam­ my Tod had Shawn; Kevin, Craig, and Larry Embleton.

Virginia Fadeley daughter of Sidney and Ona Pullins Fadley, by Thomas Helms had three children Sally, Lisa, Thomas.

Allegra Fadeley daughter of Sidney Hamilton by marriage to Robert Shank had six children.

Allega Shank married Ernest Garcia and had Daniel, Larry and Taylor. Rick Embleton married Ruth Ann Moyer; Tom Shank married Valerie Jo Price by whom Tianna and Sarah Lee; Jan Shank married Kristen Dolg aid; Robert
Shank Jr., married Sheyledy Morris; Lowell Shank unmarried.

Mary Fadely was born 1834 to John and Rebecca Fadely married John B. Stevens. Issue 5 children, Ben Stevens born 1874 married Mary F. Jackson. Their issue Ted R. Stevens married Rosemary Landry (Ted now deceased, funeral home director at Pt. Pleasant). Campbell married Bertha Means, Forman married Mae Moore, and W. Frank married Anna Love. John married Delores Windsor. John W. Stevens born 1868 married Nancy Meade and had John, Carrie, Helen, Sterline, Mary, Eva; Atlanta Stevens born 1869 remained unmarried; Ham Stevens, born 1867 married Myrtle Clark and had Alberta, Clark, and John; Maggie born 1872 remained unmarried.

Moses Fadely was born 1837 married December 22, 1859 Emily (Sis) Day born 1841. Their children appear to be George E. born 1861 married Rose Tucker had Raymond, Fred, Lucilla (Lura); Eliza Jane (Lida) born 1863 seamstress and spinster; Jessie Anna born 1865 married John King Sept. 13, 1885 issue 6 children, live Vernon, Texas; Missouri Catherine (Dude) born 1867 married James King August 11, 1887 had 13 children lives Oklahoma; Franklin Warren born 1869 married Delia McNealey had John, Newton, Opal, Goldie, Jessie, Henry. Lenance Francis (Van) born 1873 married Ann Cori­nus; John in Civil War; Mary m. Boggess; Lydia m. Lange; Isaac m. Bertha Means, Forman married Mae Embleton; Ethel Fadely b. May 17, 1897 - d. April 18, 1981 Paul Daines, daughter Monica died at age 84, in a nursing home in rural Ohio.

Moses Fadely married second Mary Riffle and third Mrs. Tirpak was also in service in the W. Forshey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forshey of Steubenville. Katherine Jean (1948) married 1970 David Junker have Erika, and Timothy. Michael Forrest (1950) unmarried; Margaret Elaine (1954) unmarried; John Samuel (1960) unmarried; Stephanie Anne (1962) married 1981 Paul Daines, daughter Monica died at age 84, in a nursing home in rural Ohio.


FADELY FAMILY

It is commonly believed that the Fadely family came to America prior to 1730 as they owned land in Montgomery Co., PA at that time. Later they moved into the Shenandoah Valley of Vir­ginia. John and Rebecca Fultz Fadely moved from New Market, VA to Mason County in 1845.

Monroe Hamilton Fadely was a farmer, sales­man and taught school at Mission Ridge School in the building which is now a part of the Mason County High School. Mrs. Fadely is fondly remembered for his “fiddle” playing.


Sidney Hamilton Fadely served in W W I and received a medical discharge from the Army. He graduated from Clemson and became a teacher and administrator in numerous schools. Upon his retirement he earned his license to become a Methodist Minister and was active in several churches.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gar­dening and wood-working at which he special­ized in the making of violins and muzzle-loading rifles. He was active in community affairs and had a radio show in WV and OH. He enjoyed writing and teaching some courses at Rio Grande College. He is remembered for being of the times in his teaching of agriculture in rural Ohio.

The first Fadely came to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania from Germany. Lutheran Church Records show that Michael, wife Elizabeth, and six children were living in New Hanover Township in 1740. The church records also show that Michael (#1) was a "Dunkard", the first Dunkards came from Westphalia to Philadelphia in the year 1719.

One of the six children was Michael (#2), Michael (#3) married Catharina Wartman. They had a family of nine children living in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania at the time of The American Revolution.

As the number of families increased the need for land also increased. The Appalachian Mountains and Indians stopped any westward migration. The move was southwest to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Michael (#3) married Elizabeth Lindemude on 19 April 1794 at Stoney Creek, Shenandoah County, Virginia. They had eight or more children.

John (born 1803) married Rebecca Fultz. In 1845 John and Rebecca moved their family of nine children to Mason County, West Virginia. They had four sons.

Monroe Hamilton Fadely was born to John and Minerva on the 19th October 1871. Monroe Hamilton was better known as "Robert". Robert Fadely was a farmer, teacher, and a pretty good fiddle player. He married Mary Lucinda Hogg on 2 November 1892. They had three children, Sidney, Ethel and Arlee.

Sidney Fadely married Olla Pullins and they had three daughters, Sidney and his three daughters were teachers.

Ethel Fadely married Huxley Allen Roseberry. They also had three children. Their son William is teaching in Phoenix, Arizona.

Arlee Fadely married Samuel "Lee" Embleton. They had a daughter and two sons. Submitted by — Alice McNell

GAIL FAIRES

Gail Faires was born February 18, 1900 in Glouster, Ohio to Charles and Ann Gatchel Faires. He was educated in the Glouster schools and started working for the railroad in June 1918. It was then known as the Kanawha and Michigan (K & M), later as the Toledo and Ohio Central (T. & O.C.), then New York Central, now Penn Central. Gail saw all of these changes occur.

He was married to Dorothy Carr in 1925. She was also of Glouster, Ohio. They had no issue.

His job being abolished in 1933 he moved to Point Pleasant in March of that year where he remained. When his job was cancelled in Point Pleasant he was transferred to Hobson, Ohio, driving daily, until his retirement February 18, 1965 on his 65th birthday having worked for the railroad 47½ years. He died December 3, 1984.

Gail was active in community affairs, was a vestryman and senior warden in the Christ Episcopal Church, member of Minturn Lodge A.F. & A.M.; charter member of Loyal Order of Moose, member and President of the Isaac Walton League, member of the council, and a high average bowler in Athletic circles for many years. He was elected Justice of the Peace for Mason County for 3 terms but because of failing health was forced to resign after two years of his third term.

He was chief clerk to the agent and worked with many people over the years. Among them were Frank Brown agent, Kent Keiskell, a Mr. Gibbs who died while at work from a heart attack. Also a number of clerks and telegraph operators among whom were Lem Shiflet, Stanley Johnson, Paul Clifford, C. W. Quillen, Dick Wiley, Floyd Kaylor, Bill Brown, and Raymond Anderson. Campbell Stevens and John Craig were janitors. These are just a few that I remember.

His widow, Dorothy, still lives at their home at 911 Viand Street but when they first moved here they made their home on 7th and Main in the old Lusher property, and lived there for 22 years.

Dorothy is an active member in the community. She is member of Christ Episcopal Church where she was one of the first women elected to the Vestry, a member of the Altar Guild for 30 years, a 50 year member of the Woman's Club, and member of the Tu-Endie-Wei Garden Club.

Dorothy attended Ohio University, taught one year in Ohio, and was a substitute teacher in Pt. Pleasant Schools for several years. Her hobbies are playing bridge. She does general painting in oil, water colors and acrylic. Submitted by — Dorothy

THE JAMES FREDERICK "FRED" FAUVER FAMILY

The father of James Frederick "Fred" Fauver, James Monroe Fauver, came to Mason County from Kanawha County in 1854 when he was ten years old. James Monroe's parents, Thomas J. and Martha (Guthery) Fauver, had traded a farm wagon for approximately 123 acres of land on Little Mill Creek, located near Mt. Alto, W. Va. The post office for Little Mill Creek was Willow Tree.

James Monroe brought with him two small pecan trees to plant on each side of the lawn near his large, two-story frame house. One of the trees died, but the other one grew to be a giant tree. One of a very few pecan trees in Mason County, the tree grew to more than four feet in diameter before it was cut in the late 1950's. Most of the Fauver descendants fondly remember the huge tree because of the Sunday afternoon picnics which sometimes took place beneath its branches.

When James Monroe Fauver died in 1905, his son, James Frederick, known to everyone as "Fred", and his wife, Hettie, bought a small house in Mt. Alto (commonly called "Mudsock" then) and took over the family farm.

A few years later, Fred decided to buy 25 acres of timberland. He promised his family that he would buy a Victoria if they helped him cut the timber from the additional acres. The industrious family did their part—and always true to his word, Fred purchased the Victoria. His family spent many enjoyable evenings listening to music, because Fred, a self-taught musician who played the fiddle and the organ, would usually buy a new recording when he went to Mt. Alto for supplies.

All of Hettie's grandchildren looked forward to spending part of their summer vacations at their grandparents' home. Hettie was over 80 years old when she died. Fred lived for seven more years and died at the age of 91. They left the following descendants (ten daughters and two sons):

Iva, (deceased), married James Yauger and lived near Parkersburg, W. Va. They had one daughter, Mary Ann, who now lives in California. A niece of Iva's, Patsy (Burdette) Thomp-
The Ferguson family has a long history in Putnam County, Ohio, with several generations having lived in the same area. The family tree includes members who served in the Union Army during the Civil War, as postmasters, and as farmers. The family's legacy is marked by their contributions to the local community, including the operation of a post office and a beauty shop. Members of the family also served in various capacities, such as the Union Army, as postmasters, and as farmers. The family's history is rich with stories of hard work, dedication, and community service.
THE EARL FIELDS FAMILY

Earl Fields was born May 26, 1926, in Hartford, Mason County. His great-grandparents came to this area right after the Civil War. David B. Fields, born 1846, son of Calvin and Lucinda Fields, and his wife, Margaret Duncan Fields, left Russell County, Virginia, to come to the Ohio Valley where Margaret’s brother, Jim Duncan, had already settled. Margaret and David and their mule started over the mountains; they took turns riding the mule. They settled first in Lawrence County, Ohio, but in 1870 moved to Mason County. In 1880 they moved to Hartford, where they made their permanent home.

Their son, William, Earl’s grandfather, was born in 1867 in Lawrence County, Ohio. In 1889 he married Martha Gibbs, granddaughter of Jacob and Catherine Rickard Gibbs, great-granddaughter of Luman Gibbs, pioneer Indian Scout. William and Martha’s son William, born 1903, married Maggie Cunningham, daughter of Oris and Rhoda Roush Cunningham.

Earl served in World War II and was in the Philippine Liberation, 41st Inf. Division and in Japan in the Army of Occupation. He has been a coal miner and holds a foreman’s certificate. He is now a carpenter and belongs to the local Carpenter’s Union. Earl is very civic minded and has served several terms on the Hartford Town Council. He also played baseball some years ago with the Ohio Valley League. He is married to Maxine Juhling, daughter of Charles and Beatrice Crippen Juhling. Their Children are:

- Dorothy and Clyde Fields


In October, 1980 he retired from the coal mines, where he worked for 37 years.

Linda married Ray Curtis (Curtie) Clarke son of Ray L. and Winifred (Goodnite) Clarke. They have two daughters: Stephanie Ann and Stacy Lee.

Jimmy married Connie Mae Zuspan daughter of Charles Zuspun and Erma (Goodnite) Zuspan. They have two sons: James Brent and Douglas Hytton (Dougie).

Nancy married Huling Lesley Greene son of Ralph and Rose (Bragg) Greene. They have two sons: Robert Wayne (Robbie) and Steven Lee. Larry married Linda Louise Roush daughter of Walter and Anna (Stobart) Roush. They have two sons: Andrew Wayney (Andy) and Kevin Curtis.

Karen married Floyd Michael (Mike) Finicum son of Frank and the late Florene (Gibbs) Finicum. They have two children: Joseph Michael and Jennifer Ann.

Danny married Lisa Lee McCauley daughter of Dixie and Lorraine (Gill) McCauley. They have two daughters: Amber Lee and Dannie Marie. Submitted by — Nancy Greene

FIELD FAMILY

James Clyde Fields was born at Hartford, Mason County, West Virginia, December 27, 1923 son of William Fields, Jr. and the late


In 1928 Mrs. Filson was elected president of the West Virginia Education Association and also served as the first president of the Mason County Teachers Association. In 1965 the WVEA honored her for her years of service to education. She was also a Life Member of the National Education Association.

At the age of 90 Mrs. Filson served two terms as the first president of the Mason-Gallia chapter of the Marshall University Alumni Association and was the 1975 recipient of the Marshall University Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. Filson was active in other areas. She was elected the first woman Elder in the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Women of the Church, as a Bible teacher, Sunday School teacher and choir member. She was honored by the church women with a Life Membership in the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church, U.S. She was president of the Point Pleasant Womans Club, Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, an active member of the Mason County Association for Raltered Children, and an honorary member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Teacher’s sorority.

Her hobbies were traveling, reading and collecting West Virginia made glass.

Mrs. Filson was married December 31, 1916 to William Cable Filson and had one daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth who married James Edward McComb, one granddaughter, Julia Lee who married John Alan Myers, and two great grandchildren, Kristopher Alan and Jodi Lee Myers.

Mrs. Filson died February 8, 1976 and is buried in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Eleanor F. McComb

FILSON FAMILY

John Filson came from the north of Ireland to Chester County, Pa. prior to 1740 and settled in East Fallowfield Township, Chester County. He and his wife Jane had four children, Davison, John, William and Margaret. The Filson family were of Scotch-Irish origin.

As far as can be determined, only one of the descendents of John Filson, Josiah Ross Filson, settled in Mason County. Most settled in Kentucky and Ohio. Josiah’s ancestors back to John Filson were Josiah, Robert, Robert and Davison.

He was born April 27, 1831 in Franklin Co., Pa. He married Elizabeth Clemenin Cob, born in 1838, and lived in Meigs Co., Ohio, Proctorville, Ohio and then in Mason County. Josiah and Elizabeth had five children: Charles F. who married Ella E. Amieiller and had two children, Edward and Clinton; Frank S. who married Delilah Amieiller and had three children, Ross, Marie and Verne; Martha E. (Mattie) who married M. Vaughan Hay and had one child, Vera; Myrtle who married George Mumm and had a daughter, Elizabeth; William Cable who married Bertha J. Steinbach and had one child, Eleanor Elizabeth.
ROSS FILSON FAMILY

Ross Neale Filson was born March 3, 1888 in Racine, Ohio the son of Frank Leslie and Delilah Amelia Filson.

He moved to Point Pleasant when a young lad and attended Point Pleasant schools. His hobbies were fishing and hunting.

Ross was a veteran of World War I serving in the United States Army Air Corp. He was a director of the Point Pleasant Federal Savings and Loan Association from 1940 until his death in August, 1974 and served as President for eight years during that time. He was owner-manager of the State Amusement Company which operated the two Point Pleasant theaters and the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post No. 23, Mason County.

In 1926 he married Clara Wartenberg, daughter of Daniel T. and Eva Sines Wartenberg. They had one daughter, Polly Ann. Polly married Carl Thomas (Babe) Adkins, son of John T. and Ina May Fry Adkins. Polly and Carl had three children: Gregory Scott, U. S. Army; Bruce Wayne; Cross, Lanes, WV; and Linda Lee Oates, Point Pleasant, W. V. Submitted by — Polly A. Adkins

VERN CLENNEDIN FILSON

Vern Cledenlin Filson (1884-1962) son of Frank Leslie Filson and Delilah Amiumier Filson, pioneer business family of Mason County.

Vern, born in Racine, Ohio, came to Point Pleasant in 1884 where he grew up attending local schools and as a young man was engaged in operating Filson Brothers Hardware and Tin Shop. He later was foreman of the sheet metal shop at the Marietta Manufacturing Company, Point Pleasant, until his retirement.

He married Lola Edelen of Wood County and when they out their lives in Point Pleasant, along with their three children, Lola Gertrude, a legal secretary who was secretary to Congressman Robert L. Hogg, Mason County, during his tenure in Washington, D.C. Gertrude married Eliza Martin, construction piper, son of Emmett L. Martin and Helen Hicks, native Mason Countians. Frank Leslie Filson, owner and operator of Filson's Sheet Metal Shop, Point Pleasant, married to Freda Riffle Vickers, who operated Vicker's Restaurant in Point Pleasant.

The third child of Vern and Lola was Maxine Marie Filson, a newspaper reporter for several area newspapers. Maxine married Tom Walters, problem engineer for the Union Carbide Corporation, son of Ralph Archibald Walters, a civil engineer, and Mary Elizabeth Dashner, daughter of one of Point Pleasant's pioneer families. Tom and Maxine had two children, David Van Walters and Jeannine, a registered nurse.

Myers and Frank Leslie Filson. Submitted by — Eleanor Filson McComb

ROBERT AND SHIRLEY FINLEY

Robert Gordon Finley was born January 9, 1935, at Pinny, WV. He is the son of James Samuel and Myrtle Fields Finley. Robert's father died in 1970. Robert attended Shady Hill Elementary, Dunlania Elementary, and Mt. Union Elementary at Pliny, WV. Robert has eight brothers and sisters.

Robert served in the Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, KY. He served a tour of duty in Germany. While in the Army Robert received his high school diploma.

Robert was working for MG Transport Service Inc. in Ohio until his death in 1973.

Robert Gordon Finley and Shirley Gwodalin Ball were married on October 18, 1958. Shirley was born November 25, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio. She is the daughter of Roy and Opal Barnett Ball. Shirley has two sisters, Jean Templeton of Apple Grove, WV and Faye Dalton of Florida.

Shirley attended Sunnyside Elementary and at 16 she moved into her home at Apple Grove, WV. Shirley went to Point Pleasant High School then transferred to Hannan High School, Upland, WV where she graduated in 1956. Shirley has been a Girl Scout leader and is a 4-H volunteer.

Robert and Shirley Finley have three children:

(1) Robert Lee, born May 27, 1959. Robert attended Sunnyside Elementary School at Apple Grove, WV. Robert graduated from Hannan High School, Upland, WV in 1978. Robert was in the band and later played on the football team. He was an officer in FFA. Robert works at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant at Apple Grove, WV. He lives in Leasage, WV.

(2) Gordon Brent, born September 26, 1961. Brent attended Sunnyside Elementary School and graduated from Hannan High School in 1979. Brent was in the band and later played on the football team. He was an officer in FFA. Brent married Kim Price and they have one son James Coty. Brent presently is working a construction job on the Hoover Locks and Dam in Nevada. Brent and his family live at Apple Grove, WV.

(3) Melody Gwen, born April 17, 1968. Melody attended Sunnyside Elementary School. She attended Point Pleasant High School and Mason County Vocational School in 1986. Melody was active in several clubs and organizations and was on the track team in high school.

Melody is now a freshman at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Her major is counseling and rehabilitation. She is in Campbell Entertainments Union. She is a member of the Church of Christ Student Group. She attends the Church of Christ at Glenwood, WV and Norway Avenue, Huntington. Her future plans are to be involved in 4-H and to work with substance abusers and/or abused children.

Shirley attends the Church of Christ at Glenwood, WV. She baby sits in her home at Apple Grove, WV. Submitted by — Shirley Finley

FISHER - ROUSH

In 1904, my grandmother, Mary Katherine Fisher of Leon, W. Va. was married to Luther S. Roush of Letart, W. Va. They had two sons, Dale and Smith. My father, Smith, was married to Mildred Smith in 1906. When my father, Smith, was three months old, there was a falling out between my grandmother and her husband's family. They took the two boys and went home to her family, the Tom Fishers of Leon.

My grandfather's brother, P. L. Roush, went to the Courthouse in Point Pleasant and had the court award custody of the boys to himself.

A friend of my grandmother's family was in the Courthouse at the time and hurried out and rode his horse at full speed to Leon to tell them the Sheriff was on his way to get the little boys. My great-grandmother, Susannah Rebecca Thomas Fisher, a true angel on earth, (I was fourteen when she died) met the sheriff at the door and when he told her he had come to get the little boys, she said, "They are out in the back in the smokehouse." He went around and into the smokehouse and she slammed the door and locked him in, giving my grandfather more time to get away.

She went to Pomeroy, Ohio and hid in relatives attic for several days in unbearable heat. However, she told me the babies seemed to know something was wrong and were quiet. The law was checking everywhere and when they got near, she took the babies and hid in a cornfield for two days with very little food and water. Still, the babies were very quiet even in the intense heat.

Meanwhile, her family made arrangements to get the babies back. Her brother, Austin Fisher, sixteen years old at that time, got a skiff and picked her up one night. They rowed down the Ohio River only at night and as close to the willows as possible. My great uncle Pete Roush had guards posted on the Railroad bridge at Pt. Pleasant watching for them. They managed to slip by and went all the way to Ashland, KY and then to Kansas where they had relatives. Eventually, her family moved out there and on into the new state of Oklahoma. My uncle Dale and my father, Smith, grew up there and both became All-State football players. In the four years they played football, they never lost a game. Uncle Dale Roush went on to college in Illinois and was nominated for All-American. Once, he did get into touch with the Roushes, but they had moved Ohio State and asked him to attend the game. He didn't come.

My father came through here in 1939 on his way to Norfolk to work and visited his father who persuaded him to stay and to go to work at the Roushes. My father worked for the Roushes. He nursed his father and some of his uncles and aunts through their last illnesses.

Yes, my grandfather and grandmother did meet again when they were in their seventies. Basically, in the back yard of Mr. John Smoville who had been the lawyer for the Roushes. Submitted by — Gloria Roush McDaniel

THE FISHER FAMILY

Ludwig Fisher, born and reared to young manhood in Germany migrated to America in the mid 1700's. He settled in Culpepper County, Va. and reared a family of 3 sons.

Tom Fisher, the oldest of these sons crossed over the mountains into Rockingham County to engage in farming. He met and married Catherine Snider, and they reared a family of 7 sons and 3 daughters. William, Joseph, David, Harvey, Jacob, Washington, and Henry. The daughters...
were Molly, Susan and Katie.

This family, sometime later, migrated by wagons to the western part of Virginia later called West Virginia and settled in what was described as the "Upper Flats" of Mason County. A 200 acre farm was purchased for the sum of $400. Later an additional 80 acres was purchased for $1 per acre. The new acreage joined the original and was farmed by Claude O., Merrill, Edna and Rolland (Babe).

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Hannah (Kate), Joseph, Robert, Mary, John (who resided on Jackson Ave., Point Pleasant), Emma, and Clarissa (Venie).

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Henry and Mary Jane were the parents of George M. who had the following brothers and sisters. Henry (Us), Charles, Virginia, Jacob (Jake), Andrew (Bob), James (Tom), David, Hannah (Kate), Joseph, Robert, Mary, John (who resided on Jackson Ave., Point Pleasant), Emma, and Clarissa (Venie).

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In 1984, George and Betty Yeager, served 3 years with the infantry in the ETO in WW II and spent 30 years with the West Virginia National Guard in Point Pleasant. George and Betty have 2 sons, Walton L. and Dr. Alan V. Watt married Marianne Schroder of San Juan. They have a daughter, Jessica. Alan married Anne Winne of Pittsburgh. They have two sons, Warren and Brandon. Watt and Alan both moved to the California Bay Area in the late 1970's. In 1985, George and Betty followed them to California to be near their grandchildren. Had old Ludwig only known!! Submitted by — G. Fisher

S. G. FISHER FAMILY

Simon Grant Fisher born October 24, 1882 in Putman County, West Virginia, married Corda Ethel Tincher in 1903. She was born to Carroll M. and Doris Wymer Adams at Staats Mills, Jackson County, West Virginia on September 2, 1884. Parents of four daughters.

Mr. Fisher and his family moved to Mason, Mason County, WV in 1920 and he served as principal of the Union High School and served in this capacity until it was dissolved, and Wahama High School was built.

He then moved to Charleston, WV as a science teacher at Woodrow Wilson Junior High. He was a self-educated man and received his AB teaching degree from Morris Harvey College by studying long hours. He also was a scholar of the Bible and received his law degree and passed the West Virginia Bar examination. He was a member of The Charleston Baptist Temple and was teacher of The Men's Bible Class of about 50 members. At the time of his death, June 15, 1946 he was an Attorney at Law for the Veterans Administration, Huntington, WV. He is buried with his wife at Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant, WV.

S. G. and Corda E. Fisher

Corda Fisher after her husband's death moved to New Haven, WV. She married Thomas Benton Adams of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. They were married six years before her death, July 18, 1953. He lived two more years. At his death he was buried in Scottsbluff beside his former wife, Fay Adamson Adams formerly of Marietta, Ohio.


1. Kenneth Joseph Bebeau unmarried
2. Vivian Elizabeth (Bunny) Bebeau married Leo Miller. They live in Phoenix, Arizona, parents of two children, Ryan and Dana.

2. Osa Norene Fisher born December 1, 1907 at Staats Mills, WV at the home of her grandparents. She married Herman Layne (1901-1973) of New Haven on September 8, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Marshall University and taught at the Mason Elementary School. She has been a resident of New Haven and is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a member of The New Haven Garden Club, New Haven Women's Club, Mason Historical Society, Retired Teachers of Mason County and The Monday Night Bridge Club. Herman was a professional major and minor league baseball player and a New Haven Businessman and served as President of The Mason County Bank. Parents of one daughter.

2. Enid LaVerene Layne married Oct. 25, 1923 at Clarksburg, WV. He is a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio with an accounting degree. He was also employed at the Construction of the Philip Sporn Power Plant. He is a retired from Holzer Medical Center, parents of one son.


4. Lewis Philip Cephart

5. Rose Marie Fisher Smith married 2nd time to Arthur Goodwin of Point Pleasant, WV. They were living in Carmel, California at the time of their marriage. Marie was employed by the Board of Education there. Arthur and his mother, Mrs. Clara Goodwin of Point Pleasant were visiting her other son there. Arthur had served in the U.S. Navy and had received his discharge because of being wounded in battle. They were the parents of three children. Marie was a graduate of Charleston Business College. She was employed by the State of WV serving at the Capitol and at the State Road Commission as a secretary. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant, and died at her home at Twin Towers, Point Pleasant on September 4, 1984.

1. Rebecca Lynn Goodwin married Reginald Legg and live in Reno, Nevada.

2. Stephen Arthur Goodwin lives at Letart, WV. He is a graduate of Hocking Valley Tech. and is employed at Kaiser Aluminum, Ravenswood, WV.


4. Madalyn Elizabeth Fisher born October 6, 1917 at Red House, WV and died at her home on January 17, 1979 in Poplar Branch, NC, and is buried at the Okato Memorial Gardens, Point Pleasant. She was a member of the Poplar Branch Baptist Church and sang in the choir there, was Sect. Treas. of R.E.A.C.T in Currituck County, NC. She was married to Reuben Raymore Vige and Leota Young. She was born December 17, 1916, attended New River State College on a Football Scholarship. He is retired from the Philip Sporn Power Plant in New Haven as Shift Supervisor. Parents of two children.
Madelyn was one of the first cheerleaders of Wahama High School and was in the first Free Will Church of Wahama. She attended Morris Harvey College, Marshall University, and was a first grade teacher at New Haven Elementary School. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven and served on the council and was a lay reader in the Church, until they moved to North Carolina.

1. Thomas Raymond Vance born September 24, 1938 at Charleston, WV. Married Janice John of Gallipolis Ferry, WV. He received his AB, Masters and PHD Degrees from West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, and is employed by IBM at Poughkeepsie, NY. Parents of three children.

2. Barbara Ann Vance born December 29, 1959, married Jeffrey Brown of NY. She received her AB and Masters Degrees from Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio. Parents of one daughter, Renee.


John and Margaret’s children were Newton married to Anna Finney, William married to Emma Riffle, and George married to Ida Riffle.

George Washington and Catherine’s children were: Francis (Fanny) married to Eli VanSickle, Mary married to (1) Joseph C. Riffle, (2) Robert Fadeley, Martha Estella married to George T. Rice, and William Early married to Sarah Greenlee.

Samuel and Martha’s children were: William married to Katie Ruttenconner, Lonnie, and MaBel married to Cameron Castro.

George Thomas Foglesong was born November 21, 1856 Mason Co. died December 28, 1941 Hooker, Texas, Oklahoma, married April 27, 1884 Emma Belle Yeager born August 22, 1862 died Hooker, Texas, Okla. June 13, 1936. She was the daughter of Ambrose and Sarah Ann Roseberry Yeager.

Family bible owned by Mrs. Edith M. Foglesong Holt, Guymon, Okla. shows Emma and John were parents of: John Elwin (mechanic) born March 30, 1885, Conway Springs (Summer) Kansas, married May 24, 1919; Laura Elizabeth, June 10, 1889, married December 29, 1912 John Cleveland Burks, 3 ch.

The family went by covered wagon with several other families from W. Va. and Ohio to Kansas. John Foglesong’s “bush” in Mason County, attended Eckard Chapel Church, was U.B. faith, and was a school teacher. His wife’s people, the Yeagers, were Presbyterians.

John and Emma stopped at Conway Springs and began raising chickens. A John was born. They then went to Englewood in Clark County where three children were born. He established residence in November 30, 1893. His first claim was jumped so he took a second claim near the town of Cline in Woodward Co. September 1895. The wilder进一步发展 ranch (1897-1906) drove the cattle when he moved from Kansas to Oklahoma, here he built a small sod house, and five more children were born. The Salt grass was poor range for his cattle so he sold his 160 acres June 1901 and moved back to Kansas.

In 1905 or 1906 William Everett at age 12 began work for the Optima newspaper.

Emma inherited from her father Ambrose Yeager (who died Mason Co. February 2, 1909) so she purchased a city block at Hooker, Okla. and built a two story home. Here her husband built a reservoir near the windmill and stored the water for irrigation. His farm had an orchard, berry patch, all kinds of vegetables and melons. Surplus foods were sold. A cow and chickens were on the farm.

He invented an airplane model and applied for a patent at the U.S. patent office but never received a reply, but a few years later the Wright brothers invented one similar to his plans.

He was the first person to treat cancer with radium at Halstead, Texas. It killed the cancer but not before he lost his lower lip and chin, but he lived another 20 years. Submitted by — Mrs. Opal Willis.

Thomas Foglesong was born near Clarksburg, WV and died in a fire in 1947. Submitted by — Norene F. Layne, Carroll M. Adams, Jr., Bruce L. Adams.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON FOGLESONG**

Between 1750 and 1770 several Foglesongs emigrated from Germany through Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and settled in Augusta Co. Va. Their Bible and George Foglesong took the Oath of Allegiance at Frederick County, Maryland. George Foglesong Sr. and George Foglesong Jr. appear in the 1800 census of Frederick County, Maryland. In a Foglesong Family Bible it is recorded that George married his wife, July 4, 1793. Their children were: John, b. December 20, 1793, Cathrine b. Sept. 22, 1796, George b. November 7, 1798, Elizabeth b. April 16, 1800, Sally b. Feb. 1803, and an illegible name b. 1805. This Bible has been handed down through the descendants of George Washington Foglesong. A George Foglesong Sr. and George Foglesong Jr. appear in the Mason County, WV. Va. 1830 census.

George W. Foglesong was a farmer and the son of George and Mary Foglesong. He was married to Jane Waddell (Waddle) the daughter of Thomas Waddell, Jr. and Margaret Erwin, formerly of Augusta, Co. Va. They lived in the Old Town area. Their children were:

- James Waddell b.; (1829-1918); Married Elizabeth Eckard John; (1831-1894); Married Margaret Eckard Thomas; (1833-1881); Married Narcissus Cenido William; (1835-1876); Married Mary Ann Kincade

George W.; (1838-1908); Married Sarah Catherine VanSickle Samuel; (1840-1909); Married Martha Stewart Mary Susan; (1843-1854) Elizabeth (Betty); (1846-1923); Married Jonas Rickard James and Elizabeth’s children were: Sarah married to Alono Rayburn, Alice married to Harvey Rayburn, Margaret married to Jacob Riffle, John married to Emma Yeager, William married to Lucinda McDermitt, Betty married to Alex Riffle, Marion married to Minnie Kincade, Junius, unmarried, and Edward married to Mollie Musgrave.

**JOHN THOMAS FOGLESONG**

John Thomas Foglesong was born May 21, 1880 and his wife Jane died August 4, 1880. Submitted by — Earl Kay Foglesong

**WILLIAM EARLY FOGLESONG**

William E. Foglesong (October 24, 1878-1957) of Sarah Catherine VanSickle and
George W. Foglesong, married Sarah Keziah (1837-1956) daughter of George and Jane; Sarah Catherine (1844-1909) of Polly Riffle and Abraham Van Sickel. 

He became nightshift superintendent and personnel manager. He retired in 1981.

In the meantime, he served his country during World War II, entering the Army 16 May 1942. He went overseas in August of the same year and was stationed in England with the U.S. Engineers Battalion and in 1944 participated in the D-Day invasion. He was a heavy equipment operator and constructed landing strips for the 9th Air Force. He attained the rank of Sgt., was wounded in Belgium Oct., 1944; spent six months hospitalized and received a disability discharge 30 April 1945.

He married Lucille Baxter 23 March 1945 in Gallipolis, Ohio. Her parents were Rev. Wilbur and Garnett Plants Baxter. A 1941 graduate of the Masonic Lodge.

To this union were born two sons, Charles E. Jr., February 7, 1930, and Jack Lynn on December 12, 1934. Both are graduates of Point Pleasant High School where they participated in athletics. They also attended Marshall University. Charles Jr. married Mary Tribble, daughter of Bertha J. Hill and Charles S. Tribble of Eleonora, a crack pitcher of fast pitch softball. He married with D&W Homes and sells real estate with Homestead Realty. Jack married Aluminium in Ravenswood for 22 years where he is a Marketing Product Manager. He served four terms (12 years) on the Point Pleasant City Council.

He worked at the U.S. Navy Shipyard in Pt. Pleasant and the Naval Air Facility, Columbus, Ohio. After Father’s discharge, Mother became a full-time homemaker. She is presently an active Extension Homemaker member having served as their county council president. Although of Advent Christian faith, they attend the Church of Nazarene where she is substitute teacher of adult Sunday School class.

An only child, I was born at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio, 8 Nov. 1946. Graduating from PPHS in 1964, I attended Glenville College before entering the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. Following basic training, I married Joyce Diane ledge (B. 8 Feb. 1946) dau. of William and Marie Russell ledge on 5 March 1968. Together we spent 2½ years in Baumholder, German, where I was company clerk.

While there our first child, Wendy marie, was born 23 July 1969. I was discharged as a Sgt. in Dec. 1970 and returned to Pt. Pleasant where we have since made our home. Our second daughter, Amy Dawn, was born at Holzer Hospital, 10 Dec. 1972.

I have been employed at the Apple Grove Guard Marine Inspection office. She had also worked at the Mason County Tax Office, part-time homemaker. She is presently an active Extension Homemaker member having served as their county council president. Although of Advent Christian faith, they attend the Church of Nazarene where she is substitute teacher of adult Sunday School class.

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married 1871 Dr. Charles Wesley Jamison in Mason County where he practiced medicine. He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Va., 1845 and died in 1908 in Alabama, son of Moses and Isabella Jamison.

Issue: Charles Jamison lived Huntington; Ammie (1875-1954) East Liverpool, Ohio; Henry Frank born 1877 last of family living 1968 in Alabama, Virginia (1880-1880); Don (1881-1933) died Huntington; Albert C. (1884-1934) Ronceverte, W. Va.; Kate born 1886 died infancy.

Kate Jamison was raised by and was heir of Harriett Fowler Bennett Machir. Submitted by — Kathern Tillis Meadows and Beth E. Meadows Buncounter.

CLAUDIA S. FOWLER


THE DONEY FOWLER FAMILY

Both Don and Ora Fowler were born and raised in Robinson District, Mason County. Both were born in 1884 - Ora on March 13th and Don on April 5th. Both died in 1976 at the age of 92 - she on June 25th and he on Nov. 9th. Both were the youngest of their family. Don and a twin sister, Daisy, were the youngest of fifteen children of Bennett and Cynthia Fowler. Ora was the last of eight children of Harrison and Mary Jane Rice.

Don made his livelihood as a farmer and fur buyer. His father, Bennett (B. 12 Nov. 1839 - D. 7 Sept. 1905), was a son of Thomas and Mary “Polly” Mulford Fowler. Thos., born 15 Aug. 1810 in Staffordshire, England, came to America with his parents Thomas Richard and Nancy
18 Oct. 1866, he married Mary Jane Hardwick, dau. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Byba Hardwick. She was born 18 Mar. 1843 and died 19 Sept. 1893. The children of Don and Ora were Garrett Hobert (20 March 1906), Roma Opal (24 Sept. 1908), Okey Donley (25 Jan. 1911), Robert Leslie (28 Aug. 1913), Hazel Esther (15 Dec. 1915), Aaron Elyer (21 July 1919), Raymond Marion (6 Mar. 1922) and Erma Marie (7 April 1925). Two daughters, Roma and Hazel, died in childhood, ages 8 and 1 ½ respectively. They are buried in Kincaid Cemetery on the Chas. Lewis Farm. Hobert died 11 March 1984 and Raymond 1 June 1978. Both are buried alongside their parents in Suncrest Cemetery. Marion (6 March 1923) and Erma Marie (7 April 1925) later married. No children.

Okey married Jean Rouch, dau. of Henry Thomas and Flossie Edwards Rouch, 6 July 1935. They had five children - Sandra, Janice, Kathy, Stephen and Jeffrey. They live at West Columbia.


FOWLER - FISHER

Grover Cleveland Fowler (Apr. 10, 1885 - Nov. 25, 1973) son of John (1842-1917) and Deliah Sayre Fowler (1845-1928) married Evalena Fisher April 14, 1909, Lived at West Columbia, WV. Evalena Fisher (Feb. 4, 1888 - Dec. 10, 1967) daughter of John Fisher (1838-1909) and Lydia E. Fry (1846-1923), Grover C. and Evalena Fowler are buried in Suncrest Cemetery. "Cleve" was a farmer, blacksmith, carpenter. Had eight children:


Ralph Rudolph Fowler (Feb. 16, 1927-April 16, 1927) Buried in Fowler cemetery.


MARY RUTH FOWLER

Mary Ruth Fowler born April 5, 1930, at Ameagle, W. Va. (Raleigh County) to Orville Sayre Fowler (1896-1950) and Marbra Reado Lafferty (1901-1967) attended Clear Fork High School (Raleigh County) through 1946, graduating valedictorian at Shaphire High School (Logan County) after family relocated there in 1946.

Upon father's death in 1950, family moved to Baltimore, Maryland where Mary Ruth met and married Martin Joseph List on April 7, 1956. Mr. List, a native Baltimorean, was born on July 15, 1930, attended Baltimore City High School and John Hopkins University.

MARY RUTH FOWLER

Mary Ruth Fowler List works at the Northwood Medical Center, Houston, Texas, as an office service specialist. The family resides at 6202 Knollview Drive, Spring, Texas. Submitted by — Mary Ruth List.

THOMAS RICHARD FOWLER

Thomas Richard Fowler one of the early residents of Mason County was born in Raleigh Parish, Straffordshire, England March 17, 1775, and was one of the sons of Richard and Hannah Moore Fowler. Records show the family to have lived there since 1679.

He and wife Ann Johnson (she was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Johnson) were married Sept. 22, 1800. They became the parents of eleven children, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Nancy, Harriet, Thomas, William Richard, and Charles who were all born in England. They sailed from Liverpool on the ship "Kensington" and arrived in Philadelphia May 29, 1818. Two more George E. W. b. Aug. 26, 1820 and John Johnson b. Aug. 25, 1825 in Washington City (Washington, D.C.).

While living in Washington Thomas Richard Fowler worked on the Capitol building which had been damaged by the British in the War of 1812. He was a plasterer, stone mason, and bricklayer.

In the spring of 1828 the family moved to a house owned by John G. Lewis and at this time the last child was born, Maria V. Oct. 16, 1828. On April 5, 1833 he moved to a farm of his own located in Ayrbecke District where they lived for 40 years. Their life and were buried in a very small cemetery on their farm which has become a part of the wooded section. He died May 29, 1855. His wife born April 5, 1780 died August 1850.

It is interesting to note that they were pottery workers in England, Staffordshire being well known even today as then for pottery, which is marketed under the name of Staffordshire. When the Fowlers left England they brought with them a supply which they were to use in establishing a store in Philadelphia, but severe storms caused this to be thrown overboard, thus causing them to change their plans of support.

George E. W. Fowler born May 3, 1855, son of Thomas and Polly (Mullford) Fowler lived in Robinson District, Mason Co. He spent his entire life on the farm where his father Thomas Fowler had lived since 1830.

George received his education in a log cabin school house built by his father. Nearby neighbors, the Knights, and Somervilles shared in the cost of hiring a teacher at a cost of $2 per month. The teacher then boarded among them.

While general farming was done at this time, that locality was known for the growing of water melons and cantaloupes.

MARTIN LIST FAMILY

In 1960, they moved to Lithicum Heights, Maryland, where their three sons were born; the family then moved to Spring, Texas (a northern suburb of Houston, Texas) in June 1977, when Mr. List, a 30-year plus employee of Chevron, USA, was relocated by his company. Their sons are: Martin Joseph List, Jr., born January 16, 1959, graduated Andover High School, Lithicum, Maryland in 1977. Martin married Jill Pepper of Houston, Tx. They now live in Shreveport, Louisiana, in August, 1985.

Paul Howard List, born February 6, 1961, graduated Klein High School, Spring, Texas in 1979. He then attended Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, graduating in 1984 with a BBA degree in finance, and is currently working toward his MAI designation in property appraisal.

Philip Jerome List, born June 28, 1962, graduated from Klein High School, Spring, Texas, in 1980. He is currently attending Sam Houston State University in order to obtain his BBA degree in finance by 1987.

Mary Ruth Fowler List works at the Northwest Medical Center, Houston, Texas, as an office service specialist. The family resides at 6202 Knollview Drive, Spring, Texas. Submitted by — Mary Ruth List.
On Nov. 7, 1883 he was married to Ella Radford of Pomeroy, O. Three children were born, Gertrude Nye, Emmett G. and Hortense Howell. He died Feb. 7, 1927. Submitted by — Hortense Fowler Howell

THOMAS R. FOWLER

Thomas R. Fowler (1844-1912) was 8th child of 11 children born to Polly Mulford (1810-1892) and Thomas Fowler (1810-1884) born Staffordshire, England. Polly was the daughter of Sallie Cook and Ezekiel Mulford, and Thomas was the son of Ann and Thomas Fowler. Thomas married Matilda Frances Hooton, born March 11, 1847, Greenbrier Co. to Jane Wilson Jeffries and John Smith Hoover. She is buried at Leon.

They had issue John Daniel Fowler (1868-1922) married Clarissa Lovena Fisher June 1892, buried Cheshire, Ohio, parents of 4 children; William B. (1874-1944) carpenter by trade builder of many of the homes in Point Pleasant who married Sallie Lutton daughter of Matthew, no issue, both buried Lone Oak, James Robert born 1870 went to Raymond City, W. Va. was married to Anna Belle Hutton; Verna married Allen Thomas, has issue, lives Leon, W. Va. Allen wrote two family histories. Charles Fowler (1879-1909) a carpenter by trade, married; Dora married Charles Hurlow. Submitted by Orval Fowler

THOMAS FOWLER

Thomas Fowler was born in Staffordshire, England, on August 15, 1810, the fifth child of Thomas Richard and Ann (Johnson) Fowler. The family came to America when Thomas was eight years old, settling first in Washington, coming to Mason County in January 1826. Thomas Fowler was granted licenses north of Point Pleasant. Mason County court records show that Thomas was granted licenses to conduct an "ordinary" or stage stop. There was a race track in the meadow in front of the house. William was the third child of the twelve children born of this marriage. William b. October 11, 1835 d. December 1, 1905, married Emmeline Clarkston Gardner. The fifth of William and Emmeline Fowler's nine children, Samuel Cornel, born February 17, 1866, November 28, 1900 married Mary Alfred Sinclair b April 15, 1863 d. August 30, 1936, daughter of Alfred and Suzanne Bibe Sinclair. Of this May 17, 1885 marriage, four children: Orie Samuel, Roy Cornell, Maybell (m. Toller Taylor), and Girard. Girard Fowler b. July 10, 1899, d. October 27, 1975, married Elizabeth Gerlach b. October 23, 1903, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Ridenhour) Gerlach on September 14, 1921. Their children:
1. Mary Elizabeth b. August 4, 1923, m. John Robert Brooks, Jr. Their children:


Mr. and Mrs. Girard Fowler

George Cornell b April 28, 1926 d March 22, 1984. m. Elizabeth McCoy b August 18, 1927, daughter of Earl and Marie McCoy. Their children: (1) Marie Elizabeth b May 26, 1951 (m. McCoo) (2) Georgia Irene b March 23, 1963 (m. G. Schinke); (David) David Cornell b September 14, 1954 (m. Jacque Gribich) (4) Patricia Suzanne b May 31, 1956 (m. Wm Wasmum)


BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IV

Benjamin Franklin IV was born in Pt. Pleasant on December 27, 1913, the second and last child of Benjamin Franklin, Jr., and Frances Elizabeth Long Franklin. He died in Gallipolis, Ohio, on January 21, 1986. For his ancestry, see the entry in this volume for his brother Carter.

Scene in Point Pleasant

Long Franklin. Ben had two great passions: literature and magic. The former was fostered by his mother, who, when he was young, read to him from the classics and the Bible. As time passed, he turned his love of reading into a profession. After att-

tending Hampden-Sydney College, he transferred to Ohio University, where he took both the B. A. and M. A. degrees in English. For the graduate program he chose the eighteenth-century Benjamin Franklin—specifically, on Franklin’s bagatelles. He then attended Ohio State University, where he completed his course work for the Ph.D. in English. After teaching English at West Virginia and Wittenberg College, he began an association with Pt. Pleasant High School. There, after serving as English teacher, he became principal of the school in 1954. He served in that capacity until 1965. (Following his tenure with Pt. Pleasant High School, he became owner of the Ben Franklin Co., Inc., a shoe store that his father had established in 1903. He continued operating the store until his death.) Throughout his varied and distinguished academic career, he continued reading voluminously and collecting books. Ultimately, his library reached approximately 5,000 volumes, most of which he bought on his travels. Among his favorite authors were Shakespeare, Dickens, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Sax Rohmer, the last being a taste acquired from his good friend Jack Rogers.

As a youth Ben sold the Saturday Evening Post, much as youngsters today sell newspapers. When the magazine had a contest for its sales staff, Ben worked hard and won the right to choose from among numerous prizes. He chose a magic kit, a decision which proved to have lifelong consequences. From that moment he dedicated himself to a career in magic. His first hero in theprofession was John Sherman, granted a young Ben permission to use the professional name of Howahu, which he did during his teenage years. He gave magic performances in Pt. Pleasant and its environs, and he entertained regularly during his collegiate career. Ultimately, he would dedicate himself to the study of magic, becoming a master magician who specialized in tricks demanding great skill. He excelled in conjuring and misdirection.

Benjamin Franklin IV

CARTER LONG FRANKLIN

Carter Long Franklin, son of Benjamin Franklin, Jr. (1870-1963) and Frances Elizabeth Long, was a fourth generation merchant in Point Pleasant. He was born March 7, 1909 in living quarters above the Ben Franklin Company, which his father had started in 1903. His grandfather, another Benjamin Franklin (1837-1920), a jeweler and bookseller in Point Pleasant, was the son of John Jefferson (1813-1885) and Rebecca Van Lear Franklin (1815-1869). John Jefferson was born in Point Pleasant to Mary (Roswell) Franklin and Edmund Franklin (1790-1842). Edmund was a Pennsylvanian of English descent who came to Mason County in 1810, later moved to Parkersburg where he died. His son John Jefferson, a millwright, returned to Point Pleasant and became a merchant here in 1847.
Henry Hannan (1796-1852) and Rhoda Henderson Hannan. Henry Hannan, born in the Fort at Point Pleasant, was wise in frontier ways and grew to manhood on the rich Ohio River bottom land at Green Bottom (then) Virginia. His father, Thomas Hannan (1757-1835) was a Revolutionary War hero, Indian scout and trail blazer. He built a cabin at Green Bottom shortly after the Battle of Point Pleasant, and in 1802 started a ferry service across the Ohio River between Green Bottom and Swan Creek, Ohio. In 1800 Thomas Hannan blazed a trail from the mouth of the Coal River in present St. Albans, WV to his holdings on the Ohio and across into what is now central Ohio. Henry Hannan settled on the Ohio side of the river, and operated the ferry started by his father from 1832 until his death.

Benjamin Franklin 1837-1920

Philip Long (1687-1753) and three brothers came to Lancaster County, PA from Lorrain, Germany in 1715. He moved with his son Paul (1711-1759) and his family to the Luray, Virginia area and built a house and fort in the Massanutten section of the Shenandoah Valley. Traces of the fort, storage cellar with walls and arched roof of hewn stone and secret drawers for valuables and the old well with its underground passages may still be seen and are in a fair state of preservation. This was the most elaborate fort in the Massanutten section, called Fort Long (Lung).

Their homewas open to townsfolk, especially at mealtime for those who had traveled a distance to town. He instituted the local chapter of Knights Templar which was named for him - Franklin Commandery.

The four children grew up in the atmosphere of the store and community. Blanche, John, Benjamin and Ernest each became storekeepers in Point Pleasant. Blanche and her husband Michael Tracy continued her father's business after his death. John, and later his wife Renna Maddox Franklin, operated a dry goods business in Point Pleasant. Earnest owned a furniture store and mortuary, and Benjamin established the Ben Franklin Co. Shoe Store which is only one of the four still operating, now under the estate of Benjamin Franklin IV. The three other family businesses thrived for over thirty years, closing after World War II.

Henry's son, James Washington Long built the first brick home, was an able businessman and farmer. He developed land, drained swamps, cleared fields, and passed farms on to his children. Through the generations crops were maintained according to the specifications noted in the original deed. Potatoes were grown for 136 consecutive years until the sale of Elm Grove in 1947.

Carter enjoyed all river sports from sailing and camping on the riverbank to moonlight excursions on the Homer Smith. As he grew up, he was active in tennis, track, golf, swimming, but also had responsibilities at the store.

Carter was in charge of flood operations at the store. Moving was necessary nine times between the start of Carter's store career and the completion of the city flood wall. Main Street merchants usually loaded stock on trucks and moved to higher ground.

At the Ben Franklin Company metal shelves were used, permitting loading and unloading with stock still in place. Display cases had to be taken apart, racks moved. Show windows had to be boarded up. Utilities ceased operating, hip boots and "john boats" were a necessity of life. As waters receded, the storekeeper had to be on hand with hoses, disinfectants, brooms and scrub equipment. Mud had to be washed away as the water level dropped, or the resulting muck would stay forever. Floors were warped. The pot-bellied stove had to be set up and kept fed, regardless of time or temperature. Flood waters usually receded to the point where clean-up was necessary at the time of night when human energy was at its lowest ebb. Merchants in Ohio River towns had to move fast and be alert to river conditions.

Carter's interest in serving townfolk as storekeeper led him to open the store after hours on many occasions. He gave each customer personal attention and made that same service a priority during his time in the store, oftentimes providing home delivery of shoes to the sick and shut-ins as a courtesy to those who were unable to visit the store.

Carter was active in Minturn Lodge #19 A F & A M, Chapter 7 of the Royal Arch Masons,
and the Franklin Commandery of the Knights Templar. He was Worshipful master of Minturn Lodge in 1937 and secretary from 1946 to 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy as aeronautics mate, with duty at Lakehurst, NJ, Charleston, SC, and Jacksonville, FL.

Carter Franklin was a member of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir throughout most of his life, and was an influential church leader for over 35 years. He was a voracious reader, had a keen ear for music, and an artistic nature. He loved nature, explored the woods, enjoyed wildlife, and took every opportunity to be outdoors. His favorite break from work was to don old clothes and wield a mowing scythe in the fields beside his home.

On January 16, 1938, Carter married to Ruth Evelyn Scholz, daughter of Frank C. and Ethel E. Scholz, who had come to Point Pleasant from the Chicago area where Mr. Scholz became manager of the Point Pleasant factory of the Relayance Manufacturing Co. Their three children are Carter Long II (born 1939), John Scholz (born 1940) and Sarah Margaret (born 1942).

Carter Long II earned an M.S. (1962) and Ph.D. degree (1968) in Industrial Administration from Purdue University. He spent eight years on the faculty of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. In January 1968 he married Eleanor Toler Carter. Carter Long III (born 1967) and Elaine Ruth (born 1970) were born in Philadelphia. Carter Long II is presently Professor of Management and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs in Business at Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX.

John Scholz Franklin earned a B.D. degree (1966) from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, and D.Min. (1975) from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. He married Barb Harrill in 1962. Catherine Dawn was born in 1963 and John Mark in 1965. John Scholz, ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1966, is presently pastor of Mill Creek and Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Churches, Mill Creek and Huttonsville, WV. In the Presbytery of Greenbrier, Presbyterian Church (USA), he is Special Presbyter for the Pastorless Church Process. A second marriage in 1983 was to Claudette W. Thompson.

Sarah Margaret earned B.M. and M.S. degrees in voice from the Juilliard School of Music in New York in 1967 and 1970 respectively. She toured as soprano soloist with the Waverly Consort, a group presenting fifteenth and sixteenth century music, for five years. She has appeared with numerous symphony orchestras and choral music groups throughout the United States. She resides in the San Francisco Bay area where she performs and operates a private voice studio in her home. Submitted by — Carter Long Franklin II, John Scholz Franklin, Sarah Margaret Franklin, Ruth Scholz Franklin, Catherine Franklin

ROBERT FRENCH

Robert French was born February 15, 1820 in England to William and Jane French, died December 13, 1891, and is buried in the Adamsville Cemetery near New Haven. His wife, Harriett, born April 24, 1822 was still living 1894, and possibly buried Adamsville without monument. Robert and Harriett French were parents of seven sons and one daughter. George Martin (1843), Robert (1848), John W. (1850) and Benjamin (1852), were all born England, Thomas (1853), James R. (1858) born Virginia, William H. (1863) Mason County, Virginia, and Harriett (1866) in Mason County, W.Va. Robert, a miner by occupation, and Harriett owned and sold land on Adams and 2nd Streets in Mason, December 1872 to Joseph Ryan; in 1873 sold 125 acres on Kanawha 10 Mile in ex-

change for lot No. 41 in Clifton which Harriett later conveyed (1894) to daughter Harriett, and husband W. R. (Owen) Russell for taking care of her for 10 years.

James French was married to Millie Pock, and second to Mary C. Hull August 31, 1899 at Pt. Pleasant. He is a widower by 1922, and sold his one-sixth undivided interest in half-acre tract of the Clifton property. Apparently all heirs sold in 1925.

Benjamin French, son of Robert, married Lola Snyder, June 11, 1878 at home of Robert French, and her guardian was Thomas Turner. Lola was born in Kanawha County, and she and Benjamin made their home in Putnam County where her father, John H. (1811); Thomas H. (1883); Harriett (Hattie) 1887; Mary Jane (1889); Margaret (Maggie) 1891; Martha (Matti) Elnora 1892, Franklin (Frankie) 1898 were born. Deeds show that Benjamin lived at Bancroft, but he died February 22, 1898 at Poca, there buried. Lola died November 17, 1902 at Poca.

Thomas French married Adaline Rollins, December 1882 at Leon; Martin married Rosanna; Robert married Florence; John W. married Margaret Cullen. (a Margaret French died July 20, 1924 buried Pine Grove Cemetery, Leon Baden, may be the wife, other French also there.)

Martha (Matti) Elnora French married Robert in 1910, to Jefferson Co. Ohio, but died 1937 without children. William, son of William (1921-1975); Emmett Albert (1915); Hilda Elizabeth (1919); Betty Irene (1923); Vera Jane (1933-1933). The usual residence was Martins Ferry, however the first two children were born Yorkville, Ohio.

Robert and Harriett French were my great-grandparents, and Benjamin and Lola were my great-grandparents. One entry was found in Mason County records where Robert paid $20.00 to sell beer and ale at his home in Mason City April 1862 for a year. Their daughter, Harriett Russell (1866-1922) is buried Clifton Hill Cemetery with other Russell family members.

No relationship between Robert French family and that of Carrie French (Taylor) Born Wheeling and Dr. William French (died 1876) born England and buried Pioneer cemetery Pt. Pleasant has been found. His parents were S. & W. French. Submitted by — Harriett Frye Muscari

DR. WILLIAM FRENCH

William French was born in Northumberland, England, January 16, 1819. He received his medical degree from the University of Edinburg. In 1854 he came to Point Pleasant (then Virginia) and established a medical practice.

At the beginning of the Civil War, he offered his medical services and was stationed at the hospital in Grafton with Dr. S. N. Sherman. After the close of the war, he returned to his medical practice in Point Pleasant.

On December 28, 1865, he married (a widow) Mrs. Caroline Taylor Hoy of Wheeling, West Virginia. Dr. French was a member of the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, the Masonic Order, served as Postmaster, and was an outstanding community leader. He is survived by his widow, daughter Kate French (Putry), son Joseph French and two stepsons Dr. William Hoy and Frank Hoy.

Dr. French was buried with Masonic rites in Point Pleasant August 24, 1876. Mrs. Caroline Taylor Hoy French was buried in Point Pleasant December 1881.

Their home was a large brick structure which stood on the point near where the Silver Bridge now stands. Their daughter Kate French married Alexander Purdy of Moundsville, West Virginia, July 25, 1892. In Point Pleasant. Submitted by — his grand daughter Sally Purdy Park

(Oldtimer)

TAYLOR NIMROD FRIDLEY


Were married at the age of 16 and 17 on the 8 of October 1902. Born, reared and lived their entire life in Flat Rock, a Mason County community, on their own 75-acre farm.

To this union were born nine (9) children.

At this writing, January 1986, all children are living in Mason County except one in Ohio and one in Ripley, West Virginia. They all own homes and are living in them.

These nine children attended Flat Rock School and the Evangelical United Brethren Church on Thomas Ridge.

Flat Rock was a thriving little town with Hugh Daughtery's Store (who was also county commissioner) and our cousin Dr. Preston Love for a pill or a tooth pull. Also a Post Office.

CHILDREN OF TAYLOR AND SUSIE FRIDLEY

1. Lorna Louise. Born 13 August 1903. Author and retired school teacher.

Mr. Fridley was considered a versatile individual who worked in the sun, rain and snow with God's given treasures. He was marked as a man of all trades by doing such things as making brooms, blacksmithing, shoeing horses and making farming tools. A shoe cobbler, sewing and selling shoes for family and friends; he also mined coal on his own farm; and was one of the first in the community to work with the Agriculture Department to improve his farm with fertilizer and lime.
Andrew Fruth at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. They moved to Minersville, Ohio where she died on Wednesday, March 10, 1856. Andrew was married previously to Magdalena’s sister, Christina Wolf, 27 January 1859 in Pomeroy, Ohio. At that time, his surname was spelled Freusch. Many times his name was spelled Frausch. Christina Wolf Frasch died in 1874, leaving two young children, six having died previously. Andrew died on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1900. Burial in St. Johns Cemetery, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Henry Fruth, son of George III, born July 3, 1858, married Emma COOK on the 12th of September, 1880 in Mason City, West Virginia, (Febr. 13, 1859) at Pomeroy, Ohio, September 26, 1878. To this union were born eleven children, where they resided at Mason City, W. Va, Anna Maria (1878-1952), George (1880-1892), Henry Edward (1883-1919), Virginia Christine (1885-1954), Christopher (1887-1962), Barbara (1889-1950), Nora May (1893-1978), Kathryn Viola (1896-1964), Carl Wm. (1898-1971) Helen Joy (1902-1978). Helen resides in Point Pleasant, W. Va. Henry was a broom maker and died of Typhoid Fever October 16, 1905.

Burial Adamsville Cemetery, Adamsville, W. Va. Katherine, known as Kate, died Thursday, September 17, 1923. Burial in Adamsville along side her husband and son. Henry Edward Fruth was born February 5, 1891 and was 68 years of age, 5 ft. 8 inches, fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair and enrolled as a Blacksmith.

Eugene, his father, died on Wednesday, April 10, 1901 in Mason, Ohio. His remains were sent to Point Pleasant for burial.

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The family worked long hours clearing the hill sides and later planting trees, mainly apple and peach. Several years later a cherry orchard was started. All types of fruit and berries were grown. As the trees started to bear more heavily a picnic was developed during the summer, packing, storage and equipment. This business continued for 38 years, during good and bad times. Dad raised beef cattle, a few head, as a side line and ran a beer place in Point Pleasant while waiting for the hard times to come. He discontinued this as the orchard became time consuming but during World War II he started a place in Mason City, which he continued running mostly in the evenings. Dad’s health was declining but he worked up to the end. Herman Zirkie and Orville Redman worked in the orchard and on the farm for numerous years. They were one of the family.

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Henry Edward Fruth was born February 5, 1891 in Mason, West Virginia. He was the son of Henry Fruth and Katherine Krautter Fruth.

In 1915 he married Marjorie May Rothgeb. They made their home in Point Pleasant until around 1925 when they moved to Mason, West Virginia. Their four children made up the Henry Fruth family. Kathryn Fruth and Emogene Fruth Crooks both born in Point Pleasant; Henrietta Fruth Rossi and Jack Edward Fruth both born in Mason.

Henry Fruth was a barber in the earlier part of his life, and spent most of his life in Mason County. In the early 1920’s Henry and his family moved to Mason, where he opened a drug store and became a merchant and business man. In 1940, the family moved to Buffalo, West Virginia. In the early 1950’s Henry Fruth became known for his real estate investments and further business ventures.


Kathryn is unmarried and lives in Point Pleasant.

Emogene married Walter Crooks. They had twin brothers, Walter Eugene and Jeanette and a son Edward.

Henrietta married Louis Rossi. They had two sons Henry and Jack.

James married Frances Rhoades. They had three daughters, Joan, Carol and Lynn; and two sons, Michael and John.

Submitted by— Henrietta Rossi

GABBERT-McKINSTREY

Perry M. Gabbett born 1841 Greenbrier County died 1910 married Mary Eliza Somerville 1809 died 1881, the daughter of John Somerville. Both are buried in the Somerville cemetery at 62 North with a son John S. (1886-1891)

Their daughter Nancy (Nannie) born November 11, 1882 died September 9, 1955 in Pt. Pleasant and is buried at Sunset. She had made her home for several years with Mrs. Carrie Somerville and daughter Mrs. Eulah (N. A. Park). Samuel Somerville, father of Mrs. Park, was brother to Mary Eliza Gabbett.

Nannie married Kossuth T. McKinstrey June 20, 1906, who was born July 1878 Albany, Ohio to D. A. McKinstrey, K. T. served in Co. B & OVI. Spanish American War, and died July 15, 1946 at Atlanta, Georgia. He was first married 1901 to Eunice English (May 4, 1881-October 2, 1904) youngest daughter of Judge John W. and Fanny Lewis English, who is buried with parents and son John Richard McKinstrey (April 3, 1904-August 22, 1940) in Lone Oak. Nannie and Kossuth moved to a new location with the old Bon-Ton Department Store in Pt. Pleasant for several years. He and Nannie had Richard G. born Apr. 2, 1908, married, issue and last in Lancaster, Ohio; Kossuth T. (November 15, 1912-February 17, 1937) who spent several summers with Mrs. Kossuth. He died in a car wreck, and buried at Lancaster; and William born Oct. 5, 1916 last known to be in Florida.

Submitted by— Chet Somerville
GARLAND FAMILY

Captain Howard Earl Garland was born in McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1906. He came to Mason County, West Virginia in the late twenties. Capt. Garland was the son of George and Ella Jane Garland. Both of his parents were born and raised in Mason County and moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania in 1900.

On July 13, 1936, Howard Garland married Lida Wilson, daughter of Charles Joseph and Mary Varian Wilson in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Capt. Howard Garland, a steamboat captain, was licensed from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to New Orleans, Louisiana on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. During World War II, while serving for the U.S. Coast Guard, he delivered Navy vessels, which were built in Pittsburgh, to New Orleans. Lida Garland was involved in W. Va. Extension Service including 4-H and homemakers Club. Lida has been a 4-H leader and club member for 39 years and is still active.


THE LEONARD O. GASKINS FAMILY

Leonard O. Gaskins was born February 12, 1894 at Point Pleasant, died March 17, 1952. On November 30, 1913 he married Anna Elizabeth Zuspan, born in Mason County June 28, 1893. She died February 13, 1974. They were lifetime residents of Point Pleasant.

Leonard was the son of James R. and Carrie Alice Kirker. When he was 14, he began working at West Virginia Malleable Iron Company. Through hard work and dedication, he eventually became General Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, positions he held until his death. Leonard was a devoted member of Heights United Brethren church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent as well as teacher for many years. He also served one term as County Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

During World War II, when defense workers were required to work Sundays, he initiated a Sunday breakfast and Sunday School lesson for all who cared to attend - doing the cooking himself, enlisting aid of family members and other volunteers.

Anna was daughter of George W. and Margaret Harris Zuspan, both deceased. From an early age, she was reared by maiden aunts, Lizzie and Bertha Zuspan, postmistresses Heights Post Office. They also operated Zuspan and Company, a five and dime store where she worked until her marriage. She was a faithful church member, loving wife and mother.


The Gaskins grandchildren are:

Janet Lee Newell and Ruth Ann VanSickle (daughters, Virginia); James Leonard and Larry Franklin (sons of Helen); Kenneth Lee Morrison and Barbara Ann Morrison Montgomery (children, Carolyn); Michael Herbert and David Lee Sullivan, (sons of Nadia).

In addition, there are nineteen great grandchildren and nine great, great grandchildren, Submitted by Helen Morrison, Daughter.

SAMUEL AND GEORGIA FOWLER GASKINS


THE GEHO FAMILY

George Michael and Sarah Martha (King) Geho joined members of the King family in Mason County prior to 1870 from Marshall County, WV. In 1878 and again in 1881 George purchased farm land on Thirteen Mile Creek in Union District near Deerlick. George was the son of John Geho, who lived in Washington County, PA, but in 1850. Living with John and his second wife, Ellen (Gregg), at that time were Ellen's stepbrothers and Adam Geho, father of John. George was born in 1822 in Fayette County, PA. His early years were spent near Williamsport, PA. In 1847 George married Sarah Martha, daughter of George and Christena King. The Kings and some of their married children moved to Mason County prior to 1850. Sarah was born in PA in 1828. The children of George and Sarah, all of whom were born in Marshall County, (W)VA, were Phebe Clark (1848-1881); Mary Martha (1851-1862); William Alexander (1853-1943); Lucinda Bell (1855-1994); Thankful Adeline (1857-1923); Joseph Wiley (1859-1924); Amy Christine (1862-1937); Alleo Frances (1865-7); Sarah Martha (1865-1954); Samuel Wesley (1870-1949); and Ida Irene (1872-1949). George died in 1882 and Sarah died in 1904. Both are buried in the old section of the Smith Church Cemetery. For forty-two years George was a Methodist and filled the place of class leader for many years. After Phebe Clark divorced her first husband, Max Founds, in Marshall County, she married James H. Hurley and they lived in Mason County. William Augustus and his wife Martha (Bennet) celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1932 at Kinns, OH. Lucinda Bell lived for many years in Mason County, but in 1927 she moved to Jamesport, MO, where she is buried. Thankful Adeline married William Worment (or Workman). Joseph Wiley married May —. Amy Christine, blind from childhood, married Mr. Slaughter and lived in OH. After living a few years in AR, Sarah Martha and her husband, W. H. Pierce, moved to Altonia, Daviess County, MO. Samuel Wesley married Annie Hennis of Indiana. The school teacher also stayed with them when school was in session, and the mail carrier stayed overnight when making his trip from Clarksburg to Pt. Pleasant and back.

JOHN AND DOROTHEA GERLACH

John Gerlach was born July 23, 1826, the date of his birth was found in the Lutheran Church books in Elm, Germany. He was the son of Caspar Gerlach and Elizabeth Kraz Gerlach. He came to the states in 1838 with his parents and sisters Anna Margaret, Catherine and Eva Margaret. They landed in the Pacific Por­toria, and lived in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, until 1850 when the family moved to Morgan Township, Meigs County, Ohio. In 1852 John went back to Pennsylvania and married Dorothea Shrumm, daughter of the late bolt Shrumm and Anna Catherine Shrumm. John and Dorothea bought forty acres of land in Meigs County, Ohio, and started their family of eleven children. Four of the children were born in Ohio and the other seven were born in Mason County, West Virginia. In 1858 John and Dorothea sold their farm in Ohio and bought the Willow Tree Farm in Mason County, West Virginia. In 1862 John joined the Union Army and took part in at least eight major battles in Virginia before his discharge in July, 1865. He was in Company K, 9th Regiment of West Virginia. After his return John and Dorothea bought a new farm at Willow Tree and farmed their 250 acres of land which was located on the road that was known as the Clarksburg Road. The Willow Tree Post Office and telephone exchange was operated from the living room of the new house. John and Dorothea were the postal clerks. The school teacher also stayed with them when school was in session, and the mail carrier stayed overnight when making his trip from Clarksburg to Pt. Pleasant and back.

The children of John and Dorothea Gerlach were:

- Eva Margaret 1853-1933 married Alexander Ridering
- Elizabeth 1854-1882 married Henry Landfried
- John 1856-1857 died young
- William 1857-1933 married Alice Jane Lloyd
- Edward 1860-1931 married Lottie Frieeze
- John K. 1866-1928 single
- George 1868-1936 married Elizabeth Ri-
On July 7, 1934, he married Grace McKee also of Indiana. They lived in Logan until L. W. was transferred to manage the Point Pleasant G. C. Murphy Store, six months later.

After about four years, the Gettys were again transferred to Brookville, Pa., and then to Elizabeth, Pa.

Returning to Point Pleasant on vacation in 1941, the Gettys purchased a stationary store at 416 Main Street from Mrs. Blanche Tracy which later became Getty Office Equipment. L. W. returned to Pennsylvania to complete his contract obligations to the Murphy Company while Grace remained in Point Pleasant to manage the new store.

The following January, he left the Murphy Company and returned to Point Pleasant to become his own 'boss'. During World War II, the store served the community by offering a Western Union telegraph service. The store carried school books, office supplies, magazines and greeting cards. Some printing was done by L. W. on a small hand press.

In the early '50s the store was expanded to include additional printing equipment as well as office furniture, machines and repair. During this time of expansion, the store was relocated to the Masonic Building at Sixth and Viand Streets.

The store was again moved in 1966 to the corner of Fourth and Viand Streets when the Gettys purchased the Ben Woodard property. Getty Office Equipment went out of business in 1976 following a fire at the Two River Motor Company which also damaged the business beyond repair.

In 1969, on his birthday, L. W. was sworn in as Mason County Clerk to fill an unexpired term. L. W. held this position for the next 20 years, until 1980.

While in that office he was elected President of the West Virginia Association of County Officials and served in various offices of that association on the state and national level.

He also was very instrumental in developing grants and plans to provide funding for the construction of the Mason County Public Library in Point Pleasant. He later became the first President of the Library Board. Other board members were Nancy Nott, William Rardin, II and Jack Burdette.

He was active in the Presbyterian Church, often serving as Deacon, Elder and trustee.

Having always been active in community affairs, L. W. was a member of several local organizations. He was a charter member of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, a 32nd Degree Mason, Pat Wilson Shrine Club, the infamous "13 Club", the Kiwanis Club and the Loyal Order of Moose.

The Gettys have one daughter, Mary Jane who lives in Point Pleasant. L. W. died November 18, 1983. Submitted by Mary Jane Getty

ARTHUR E. GIBBS FAMILY

Arthur Elijah Gibbs was born in Mason County, W. V., on April 23, 1891, to Samuel Elijah and Sarah (Bass) Gibbs. Samuel being a direct descendant of the legendary Indian Scout, Luman Gibbs I. Also, Arthur had one brother, Archie J. Gibbs (deceased). Furthermore, Arthur's paternal grandparents were Luman and Eleanor Jane (Stephenson) Gibbs. Likewise, the maternal grandparents were Alfred and Susan Emeline (Johnson) Bass.

Arthur was the sole family member to acquire formal schooling. After he completed all available local education, he attended Normal School. Then he obtained a teaching position from 1911-1913 in Mason County But, after teaching a few years and marriage, Arthur returned to the coal mines until his retirement.

Equally important, on January 1, 1916, Arthur Gibbs married Hazel Lewis. She was born in Mason County, W. V., on July 3, 1892, to George Edward and Mary Catherine (Gibbs) Lewis. Furthermore, Hazel's paternal grandparents were Abram and Mary A. (Kearns) Gibbs. Hazel's education was equivalent to her husband's, as she had taught seven years in Mason County Schools from 1909-1916, teaching at Mission Ridge (1909), and Valley City School (1914).

Arthur died October 25, 1972, at Gallipolis, Ohio, and Hazel died September 14, 1971, at Pomeroy, Ohio. Both are buried at Graham Station, New Haven, W. V.

Arthur and Hazel had issue: (1) Rena Maxine, born April 13, 1917; married Richard James Turnbull (deceased); they had two children, (a) John married Helen Phillips, two children, (1) John James and (2) Greta Turnbull. (b) Dixie Turnbull married Buddy Flowers, three children, (1) Tracy, (2) Jody, and (3) Michael Flowers.

(2) Ethel Louise, born January 1, 1919; married Richard Justice, they had one child, (a) Peggy Justice married Buddy Flowers, one child, (1) Cheryl Ann married Johnnie Oldaker Jr. Later Ethel Louise divorced and remarried Herbert Gibbs (deceased). Also, Peggy Flowers divorced and remarried James Reitmire, one child, (1) Baby Girl Reitmire, died at birth.

(3) Arthur Clifford, a World War II, U. S. Navy Veteran, born March 4, 1921; married Myrl Frances Leary, they had two children, (a) Janet Lynn married Charles Reed, two sons, (1) Charles and (2) Stephen Reed. (b) Becky Jane Gibbs, Janet Gibbs Reed is a graduate of Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg, W. V. (4) Carl Junior, a World War II, U. S. Marine Veteran, born July 14, 1925; married Geraldine Hesson, they had three daughters, (a) Carol married Larry Lathey, two children, (1) Jeffrey married Sheena Harrison, (2) Melissa, daughter, (a) Brittany Lathe, (b) Sharon married Billy Lloyd, three children, (1) Jeremy, (2) Jennifer, and (3) Joel Lloyd, (c) Carletta married Kenneth Martin Holbrook. Carletta lives in Orlando, Florida, and is a junior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Elementary Education.

(5) Leo Friend, a World War II, U. S. Army Veteran, born April 16, 1927; married Ilia Layne, they have four children, (a) Debra married Ernest Micky Menchini, two children, (1) Amy and (2) Christopher Menchini. (b) Sandra married Archie Morris, (c) Thomas Wayne and (d) Larry Allen Gibbs.

As has been noted, education was dominant in this family. To sum up, Debra Gibbs Menchini is a graduate of Gallipolis, Ohio Business College. Furthermore, Sandra Gibbs Morris, Thomas Wayne Gibbs, and Larry Allen Gibbs are graduates of Marshall University. Sandra and Larry are trained professional teachers, and Thomas is an accountant. Also, Ethel Louise Gibbs, a graduate of Marshall University, taught school in Mason County for twenty-five years. Submitted by Ethel Louise Gibbs and Janet Gibbs Reed.

CLAUDIA BOGGS LEARY GIBBS

Claudia Belle Boggs was born April 16, 1893, at Clay County, W. V. She was the daughter of James Edward and Lucinda (Jarvis) Boggs. They were from logging families and moved to various settlements until Lucinda died in 1898. It was in Calhoun County, W. V., that Claudia met John B. Leary, born May 23, 1886, the son of William and Susan (Candler) Leary, of Roane County, W. V. John and Claudia were married on December 8, 1910, in Calhoun County. It was then that John decided that they must return to Roane County and begin their trip by train which oddly enough took them through Mason County. Thus, this was the first glimpse of the place where Claudia would eventually spend most of her adult life.

Claudia and John began their married life on Middlefork Road, at Reedy, W. V., where John worked on the B & O Railroad and also farmed his old home place to supplement their needs. To this union was born nine children:

(1) Howard Clarence, born May 6, 1912, died January 19, 1985 at Tom's River, New Jersey; he married Hannah Tutbhill, now deceased, they had no children.

(2) Audrey Lee, born January 16, 1914; she married Foster Carl Fore, now deceased, they had eight children.

(3) John Leary, born January 9, 1916; she married Arthur Clifford Gibbs, they had two daughters.
The family are members of the Union United Methodist Church where Denver has served as superintendent, lay leader, and trustee. Sharon is pianist, Church Treasurer, Youth Leader and a Sunday School Teacher.

Denver enjoys deer hunting and has three mounted and hanging on his walls. His favorite activity is working on Windy Ridge Farm on his John Deer tractors.

Sharon serves as assistant leader of the Hill Bille 4-H Club and was a member of the Cherokee Homemakers until her employment with the county Extension Office. She enjoyed sewing and various other crafts.

Stephanie held various offices in her 4-H Club. She was an active Junior Leader and received her Charter pin. She also received several 4-H Awards including This Is 4-H, Photography, WV Trees, and Hobbies. She was an officer in the VICA Club her Junior Year as she took the Nursing Program at the Vocational School. She hopes to become a Registered Nurse upon graduation.

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THE ISAIAH GIBBS FAMILY

Isaiah Gibbs, (1854-1947) was a descendant of Luman Gibbs, Pioneer, through his son Jacob who married Catherine Rickard. He was married to May (Mayne) Baker (1858-1928). She was the daughter of Phillip Baker and Lydia Jones of Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia. They were the parents of eight children.

1. Ethel Gibbs married Arch Coleman, parents of six children; William who married Ruth Klaas; Archie; Martha who married Faye Blessing; Ivy who married Bill Napier; James; Charles who married Margaret Ferguson.

2. Lewis Gibbs who married Arch Coleman, parents of six children; William who married Ruth Klaas; Archie; Martha who married Faye Blessing; Ivy who married Bill Napier; James; Charles who married Margaret Ferguson.

3. Isaac Gibbs married Sadie Cundiff. Children: Kenneth married Sue Vervin; Hazel married Al Bab; Hoy married Kathleen Vervin; Pearl married Dorothy Allison; Raymond married Marie Brown.


V. Catherine Gibbs (1886-1966) married 1st Curtis Lee in 1905.


ISAIAH WILLIAM GIBBS

Isaiah William Gibbs was born in Hartford, W. Va., on February 8, 1900 to Isaiah Sr. and Mayne Baker. He was the youngest of nine children and the last survivor of that family. At the young age of 16, he started working in the mines for the Hartford Salt and Coal Company.

Helen Virginia Allemang was born at Sands Run, Ohio, on October 10, 1901 to Harry and Hannah Young Allemang. She was the first born of four children, and the last survivor of that family. Her father, Harry, was a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds in the early 1900's. Helen graduated from Point Pleasant High School while living with her aunt and uncle, Anna and Charles Allemang. After high school, she started working as a secretary for the Hartford Salt and Coal Company where she met and later married Isaiah on January 6, 1921. The Gibbs had four children: Clyde Wayne, 12/09/21; Harry William (Bill), 01/01/24; Nondis Katherine, 06/27/26; and Lois Ann, 02/25/32.

R. V. GIBBS FAMILY

Ralph Vernon Gibbs was born in Mason County in 1895 and died in 1985. He was the son of Charles and Effie Rogers Gibbs. He is descended from Luman Gibbs and his wife Margaret Lemasters. His immigrant ancestor Giles Gibbs, settled in the Puritan settlement of Dorchester, Mass. in 1630. Ralph operated a grocery store for many years in New Haven. He was a very civic-minded man and took part in many of the activities for the betterment of the town. He served as councilman; he supported the library and loved reading. He was secretary for the Wagner District Schools before the county unit plan went into effect. His records make interesting reading.

Ralph was married to Zella Gower (1897-1962). Their children:

1. Imogene Gibbs married Richard Lewis Walker (1914-1974)
   a. Phyllis Gibbs married James Edwin (Sonny) Haggerty.
      1. Mary Catherine Haggerty married Ralph Batey
         a. Tyler Randall Batey
         b. Garrett Casey Batey.
      2. Susan Marie Haggerty
         a. Ralph Batey
      3. Cynthia Kay (Cindy) Haggerty married Edwin Ray
         a. Jodie Michelle Ray

During World War II, Isaiah (Idy) was employed by the Marietta Manufacturing Company, a Point Pleasant ship building facility. After the war, he returned to work in Hartford as foreman for the Liverpool Salt Company until the company closed in the mid-60's. He enjoyed a variety of sports including baseball, golf and tennis. Idy was particularly fond of music and was an original member of the Hartford band.

Helen was a kind, hard-working person who put family and church first in her life. She was an active member of her Sunday School class, eagerly taking on projects like helping to cook and serve for the New Haven Rotary. Both she and Idy were members of the Hartford United Methodist Church.

Idy and Helen spent 62 years together before he passed away on June 12, 1983. She followed in death January 24, 1986.

Clyde Wayne married Geneva Roush; Harry William (Bill) married Mary Johnson, they have one son, William Eugene, who married Cynthia Campbell; Nondis Katherine and Andrew Fields married and have three children: their first born, Michael, first married Sandra Carter and had one son, Michael Anthony, he later married Peggy Owens, Nondis and Andrew have one daughter, Carol. She and Robert Gardner married and have two children, Kelly Ann and Christopher Andrew; the Fields’ third child, Timothy, married Nora Zirkle Weaver. She had two children from a previous marriage, Craig and Nikki Weaver. Lois Ann continues to live in the Gibbs Hartford home. Submitted by — Lois Ann Gibbs.
Ledman
a. Eric Ledman
b. Tracy Ledman
5. James Curry Haggerty

2. Mildred Gibbs married Emmet Elias
A. Peggy Elias married Frank Buckel: Frank and Vickie Buckel
B. William Elias married Jo Ann: Billy, Carla and Troy Elias
C. John Elias married Paula, has 3 children
D. Nancy Elias Farnham, deceased. 3 children
E. Beverly Elias. Married. 3 children
F. Susan Elias. Married. 2 children
G. Joe Elias

3. Ernestine Gibbs married Charles Werry, son of Herman and Helen Davidson Werry
A. Michael Werry married Carla Will; Children, Brandon and Ryan
B. Richard (Dick) Werry married Debbie Miller
C. Janie Werry married Karen Holter. Children, James Matthew Werry, Randy Thomas Werry, Richard Charles Werry

4. Martha Jane Gibbs married James Staats
A. Janie Staats married Lloyd Moore. Children, Scott and Stephen Moore
B. James Staats married Sandra; Children, Jaime and Jennifer
C. Tom Staats married Cathy Hartley. Children, Tommy and Kristin Staats

5. Ralph Vernon Gibbs, Jr. married Dorothy Childs
6. Mabel Frances Gibbs married 1st. Lawrence Gerlach, Jr., born 1927, died 1974
A. Carol Gerlach married Eugene Goff. Son, Jeff Goff
B. Linda Gerlach married Doug Goff. Children, Eric and Erin Goff
C. John Gerlach married Carolyn Fitzwater. Children, Jay, Katie and Jarett Gerlach
D. Mary Gerlach married Larry Spencer
Mabel married 2nd. Clem (Buck) Jamison
A. Susan Waid married Derek Badgely. Daughter Lauren Adele Badgely

2. Mark Waid
8. Jacob Gibbs married Edith
Richard Gibbs and Donald Gibbs were brothers by a former marriage, all adopted by Jake. David Gibbs and Lorna Beth Gibbs are children of Jake and Edith.

SIMEON GIBBS
Simeon Gibbs was the youngest son of Luman Gibbs, the original Gibbs of Mason County. Simeon was born September 15, 1811, was married to Harriet Steele Creel on February 9, 1832, and died before 1864. Harriet was born about 1812, and died April 14, 1884. Her father was Hamilton Steele. Simeon was a brickmaker and a farmer. Simeon and Harriet had children: — Isaiah - 1833; Thomas Jacob - 1835; Mary C. - 1838; Luman L. - 1839; Aurela - 1842; John - 1844; Joseph - 1846; and Benjamin - 1852.

Thomas Jacob Gibbs, second son of Simeon, was born February 9, 1835, and died June 27, 1926. He married Lucy Catherine Ball, date unknown. Her father was William Ball (son of James Ball and Lucy Harden), and her mother was Catherine Fisher (daughter of Adam Fisher and Catherine Snider). Lucy was born October 28, 1840, and died April 23, 1878. Thomas was a school teacher. Thomas and Lucy had children: — Edgar C. - 1862; Genorah - 1863; Viella - 1865; Williamson - 1869; Robert S. - 1871; and Thomas E. - 1874.

After the death of Lucy, Thomas remarried to Susan Elizabeth Gray. Susan was born about 1853, in Belfast, Ireland, to William C. Gray and Anne Thompson, both of Belfast. To Thomas and Susan were born children Anna, Taylor, Milford, and Alva.

Robert Safford Gibbs was born November 1, 1871, and died May 26, 1956. He married Minnie Beatrice Boggess on August 27, 1891. Minnie was born March 14, 1873 to Robert O. Boggess and Rebecca Somerville, and she died August 28, 1945. The children of Robert and Minnie were Zelma, Osie, Harry, Robert, and John.

Zelma Lee was born August 15, 1892, and died July 24, 1979. She married Curtis Rayburn on October 6, 1912. Zelma and Curtis had twin daughters, Marjorie and Mildred, both of whom became nurses.

Osie Lavina was born October 29, 1894, and died in 1985. She married first, Lynford Young, and second, Talmadge Lee.

Harry Thomas was born December 11, 1897, and died October 14, 1965, in South Carolina. He married first, Mabel Wiley, on July 2, 1916, and second, to Norma Wenden Withers.

Robert Earl Gibbs was born October 16, 1909, and died November 5, 1977, in Libertyville, Illinois. He married Mary Belle Ball on December 24, 1921. Robert was a barber, and was a city councilman in Charleston, West Virginia, for twenty years. Robert and Mary had a son Thomas Edward, born December 28, 1913.

Thomas Edwin married, first, Elizabeth Ruth Boon, of Neenah, Wisconsin, on January 15, 1945. Thomas was a career United States Navy pilot, and Elizabeth was a teacher. To Thomas and Elizabeth were born children Thomas, Kathryn, and Margaret.

Thomas, Jr. was born December 22, 1945, married Betty Lou Smith of Idaho, and they have children Robert Safford, Marilyn Ruth, and Thomas Edwin, III. Kathryn Anne was born November 4, 1947, and married John McCaw, a United States Naval officer, on July 4, 1984. Margaret Mary was born June 22, 1952.

Thomas Edwin married, second, Al dine Cosco, on December 8, 1971.


THE CHARLES FRANCIS GIBSON FAMILY
Charles Francis Gibson b. 12/29/1870 Vinton Co. O.; d. 3/19/1939 Henderson, WV. (son of Norman & Sophia (McKeever) Gibson) m. 1/27/1894 Gallipolis, O.
Sally V. Casey b. 10/15/1874 Henderson, WV. d. 10/9/1926 Henderson, WV. (dau. of: James Madison & Clarice Ashland (Frost) Casey) Four children: born Henderson & Lock II.

2. Charles Monroe Young b. 8/24/1890 Buffalo WV; d. 12/19/1978 Gallipolis, O. (son of: John Riley & Mattie Parsons) Young Three children:

1 Helen Mae Young b. 4/2/1915 Lock
m. Charles Boone Eakle Three children:

3. Dana Augustus Young b. 7/1922 Lock 11 m. Mary Lou Waugh 2 sons:

1. Dana Webster Young m. Carla & had dau. Kelly Renee. m. 2nd Tammy & had son Ryan.
2. Charles Augustus Young m. Betty Jo Harold & had dau. Heather.

4. Charles Francis Gibsonb. 12/29/1870 Vinton Co. O.; d. 3/19/1939 Henderson, WV. (son of Norman & Sophia (McKeever) Gibson) m. 1/27/1894 Gallipolis, O.

1. Ronald Lewis Ferguson - single.
2. Charles Lane Young m. Betty Lou Smith of Idaho, and they had son Ryan.
3. Dana Augustus Young m. Betty Jo Harold & had dau. Heather.

5. Ada Augustus Young b. 7/1922 Lock 11 m. Mary Lou Waugh 2 sons:
1. Dana Webster Young m. Carla & had dau. Kelly Renee. m. 2nd Tammy & had son Ryan.
2. Charles Augustus Young m. Betty Jo Harold & had dau. Heather.

6. Ada Augustus Young b. 7/1922 Lock 11 m. Mary Lou Waugh 2 sons:
1. Dana Webster Young m. Carla & had dau. Kelly Renee. m. 2nd Tammy & had son Ryan.

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1. Dana Webster Young m. Carla & had dau. Kelly Renee. m. 2nd Tammy & had son Ryan.
2. Charles Augustus Young m. Betty Jo Harold & had dau. Heather.

12. Ada Augustus Young b. 7/1922 Lock 11 m. Mary Lou Waugh 2 sons:
1. Dana Webster Young m. Carla & had dau. Kelly Renee. m. 2nd Tammy & had son Ryan.
2. Charles Augustus Young m. Betty Jo Harold & had dau. Heather.
three youngest boys were in WWI. Two served in France and one was the first casualty from Mason Co. Had 6 children:

THE JAMES GIBSON FAMILY


Kate Laurene Middlecoff b. 5/25/1864 Pt. Pl.; d. 5/12/1931 Pt. Pl., WV (dau. of: James Lawrence & Jane Catherine (McMasters) Middlecoff)? They had three children:
- 1. Norman Lawrence Gibson b. 3/7/1887 Pt. Pl., WV; d. ? Cincinnati, O. 1st Annie Fee b. 1886 d. 1923 Cincinnati, O. - buried Gallipolis, O. (dau. of: Lewis & Hannah Fee) She was a barber in her father’s shop. m. a 2nd from Cincinnati, O. Had one son.
- 3. Kate May Gibson b. 12/22/1891 Pt. Pl., WV. ? Rising Sun, Indiana m. Harold Thomas Patterson who also died at Rising Sun, Indiana. They had one son: Harold Thomas Patterson, Jr. (lived at Florence, Ind.). (Information taken from Courthouse records and Gibson family records. Submitted by — Kathrynn S. Wilso — Great niece of Harvey Gibson.)

THE JOHN WILLIAM GIBSON FAMILY

John Wm. Gibson b. 8-28-1857 Yellowtown, OH; d. 3-29-1936 Henderson, WV. (son of: Norman & Sophia (McKeever) Gibson) was a blacksmith by trade and always had a good fast horse in his stable. m. 8-3-1882 Mason Co.

Cynthia Alifair Blaine b. 3-2-1861 Mason Co.; d. 6-2-1938 Henderson. (dau. of: T.J. & Amanda (Daigh) Blaine) Had 6 children:
- 1. Sally Lou Gibson b. 9/6/1930 Reed, WV. m. Jack Hartford Adams
- 2. sons: Cary Wayne & Gregory Scott
- 4. Two sons: Mark & Michael. Michael m. & has dau. Kyla Lee
- 5. Peggy Lynn Gibson b. 11/16/1935 Reed; WV m. William Seacrest
- 7. Harry Francis Gibson b. 5/18/1941 Reed; d. 2/20/1974 Charleston, WV.
- 8. Brenda Lane Gibson b. 7/2/1943 Reed, WV m. Conrad Kiser

Two daughters: Jenny Lynn & Michelle Jo. Submitted by — Charles Lane Young — Grandson & Dana Augustus Young — Grandson

THE NORMAN GIBSON FAMILY

Norman Gibson b. 5-23/1836 Yellowtown, OH; d. 8-27/1920 Henderson, WV. (son of: Samuel & Agnes (Singleton) Gibson) m. 10-20/1855 Lawrence Co., OH.

Sopha Belle McKeever b. 2-25/1838 Akron, OH; d. 1-21/1926 Henderson, WV. (dau. of: James & Betsy (Keener) McKeever). Nine children:

children: Sylvia, Agnes, Glenna & Robert.
- Lillian Leota Gibson b. 3-26-1873 Henderson; d. 2-29-1952 Henderson. m. 1892 Henderson. John Monroe Smith m. 11-8-1886; 7-17-1951 Cincinnati, OH. (son of ? & Sally (Angel) Smith McCune). 3 children: Marie, Leslie & Sophalene.

THE GILL FAMILY OF FLAT ROCK

According to family tradition passed to me by my late aunt, Miss Stacey Gill (1901-1967), the Gill family of Mason County was part of the Gill clan of five brothers who came up the Ohio River from Kentucky in the mid-1800's. One brother settled near Gallipolis, Ohio, and another found his fortune on August 8, 1864. His first wife was Eliza Donohoe and his second was identified as Elizabeth. William, John, George W., Christopher, Lovina, and her mother, Susannah Morgan, was born in Wales. She moved to Kentucky and was named for the Revolutionary War General Francis Marion, "the Swamp Fox", of South Carolina.

Francis M. Gill married Mary Wilson early in March, 1860. He was the son of George Washington Wilson who was born May 24, 1818, in Lewis County, VA., and Elizabeth Macken Monroewho was born June 3, 1823. Mr. Wilson's parents were Jacob Wilson and Mary Donohoe.

To the union of Francis and Mary Gill were born five sons and two daughters: George (never married); Frank married Clara Carson and had three children; Betty Jill Gill Adkins, Clara Louise Gill Hager, and Peggy Lee Gill Thomas; Ronald Earl m. 1st Wethers Jane Streett of Middle town, Ohio; whose family owned paper mill there, and had eight children: Ronald Earl (Sonny), Jr., Jane Scalan, Nancy Gill, Charlotte Click, Anna Marie Maxwell, John David Gill, Jim Bill, and Donald Ray Gill. Ronald's second wife was Lavassa Kimball Patterson "Pat"; Stanley Olive Gill (never married) who at the time of her passing in 1967 was secretary-treasurer of the Huntington Herald Co., publishers of The Herald Dispatch newspaper in Huntington, W.Va.; Ella (Mrs. Samuel Victor) Metzger who had one daughter, Teddie Louise Gill; Lina Gill (died at age 10), and Florence Mae (Mrs. Kenneth Lee Reffeitt) who had one son, Kenneth Ray Reffeitt.

Children of Francis and Mary Gill continued: William (married Martha (Minnie) Johnson and had two daughters, one named after her, Morgan (never married); Elornora married Hugh Daugherty; and Cora Gill (never married).

Children of Francis Marion Gill and Mary Wilson Gill: L - R: seated; Lon, Morgan (Martha) Gill, Frank, George, William Standing, Uless Gill Daugherty.

Elonna Gill and Hugh Daugherty were parents of 14 children: Homer; Oren; Iva (married William Wirt Greer and had a son Hylton and a daughter Freda (Mrs. Richard) Morgan; Roy married Oma Greer (dau. of John Thomas Greer) and had several children; Oma married Harvey Haymond; Blanche married Dr. Preston Love; George worked in John Brown's Grocery in Pt. Pleasant; Frank married Goldie Greer and lived in Akron, Ohio; Zelda married Harry Stern and lived in Beckley; Charlie lived in Charleston; Ruby Grow (Mrs. John) Ake still lives in the home place at Flat Rock; Clarence; Gay; and Fay (Mrs. Frank) Gardner.

Hugh Daugherty was born June 3, 1860, in Pennsylvania and died Feb. 17, 1940, at his home in Flat Rock. He had been a merchant and was postmaster of Flat Rock for 25 years, County Commissioner from Jan. 1, 1913 until Dec. 31, 1918. He had also been a member of the Cooper District Board of Education, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Baptist Church.

Hugh Daugherty's father, George, was born in 1836 in Indiana County, Penna., and died in Flat Rock in 1889. His mother, Mary Ann, was born in Armstrong County, Penna., and died in Hastings, Nebraska, in March, 1917. Her father, Samuel Neal Morgan, was born in Wales and her mother, Susannah Morgan, was born in Belfast, County Down, Ireland.

The Gill farm was near Long Hollow Road on a ridge overlooking Flat Rock. My grandfather, Lon Gill, lived in Huntington later in his life. Early in life he taught school in Mason County and later worked at the Jewell Tea Company in Huntington. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Mammoth in Kanawha County (where he and Emma Gill lived for a time in the 1890's) and he was also a Past Sashem of Mohawk Tribe No. 11. Improved Order of Red Men of Huntington. His daughter, Mae Gill Reffeitt of Huntington served from 1968 to 1970 as the National Pocahontas (national president) of the National Degree of Pocahontas. She was also chairman of the National Pocahontas Memorial Committee (1980-1984) which raised funds for the erection of new memorial gates and gateway at the burial site of Princess Pocahontas (St. George's Anglican Church, Gravesend, Kent, England).

Her son, Kenneth R. Reffeitt, gifts librarian at Marshall University, served as co-coordinator of the Gravesend Project and is currently Great Keeper of Wampum (national treasurer) of the Red Men. Submitted by — Mae Gill Reffeitt, Kenneth R. Reffeitt

DR. DAN GLASSMAN, M.D.

Dr. Dan Glassman came to practice medicine in Point Pleasant as a G.P. in 1947. He had been practicing in Charleston before coming to Mason County. He was a native of Morgantown and lived in Point Pleasant for two years.

He was one of two doctors in Point Pleasant for a while. He was plant physician for Marietta Manufacturing Company, Malleable, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and Malleable. He was the Selective Service and the Health Department. Later he received $50 a month from the Health Dept. for which he was grateful.

He was also physician for the Big Blacks football team for many years. He administered the first GG shot that was given in Mason County, to Judy Greenlee in 1955. He was a member of the A.M.A., S.M.A., and M.C.M.A.

He had several office assistants, Mary Van Horn began working in 1952 and worked for 16 years and Bernadine Kayser until the time of his death in 1976.

He married Jean Bailey, a registered nurse and they lived at 806 26th Street, Point Pleasant. Later in life he adopted a day old daughter, Anna Jeanne who now resides in Gallipolis, OH.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and President of the Pat Wilson Shrine Club. He was attending the Relatives United Methodist Church when he became ill. Submitted by — Patti Towner Ross, Mary V. Van Horn

LEWIS GLEASON

Lewis Gleason married Sarah Katherine Mattos, daughter of Isaiah and Emily Mattos. They had a family of nine children, Victoria, Ri-
ley, Mary, John Lewis, Barbara Elizabeth, Samuel Jacob, Izetta, Carrie Evelyn, Sylvia Violet. They were all born in Mason County. Lewis died in 1908 and Sarah died in 1927 and were buried in Eddy Chapel Cemetery, Victoria, Riley and Izetta were never married and were buried in Eddy Chapel Cemetery. Mary married Charles Cochran and she was buried in Plymouth, W.V.

John Lewis Gleason was born April 9, 1889. He married Alice Jones, daughter of Tom and Genevieve Harrietta Gardner Jones. They had a family of nine children, Charles Jacob b. 12/11/13; d. 9/21/55, Freda Virginia b. 8/24/15 d. 2/22/30, Clarence Leo b. 12/30/16, Gar­neth Elisee b. 4/24/20, Pearl Raymond b. 5/12/ 22 d. 1923, Franklin Edward b. 12/4/23, Gladys Christina b. 5/19/25, Paul Richard b. 3/19/27 and Mildred Leonia b. 11/27/29. John Lewis died 4/13/57 and Laura Alice died 4/11/55 and were buried in Lone Oak Cemetery.

Barbara Elizabeth Gleason was born 3/28/ 1893. She married Albert Noble son of Anson and Matilda Dickens Nobel. They had one daughter, Zelda Mae b. 1/21/11 d. 11/2/72. They were divorced. Barbara Elizabeth (Lizzie) died 1/2/71 was buried in Suncrest Cemetery.

Samuel Jacob Gleason was born April 2, 1898. He married Inez Marie Camden, daughter of Robert and Clara Brown Camden on April 17, 1925. They had two daughters, Sylvia Elizabeth b. 3/22/26 and Clara Evelyn b. 7/23/28. Samuel Jacob (Jake) died 9/15/69 and was buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Carrie Evelyn Gleason was born 2/26/04. She married Oris Jackson Adkins, son of Ellic ery, Mary, Lewis, Sarah, Lizzie, John, Jake and Riley. Sylvia and Carrie.

Sarah Chapman, Alice Glenn died young, Martha died April 1851. They were buried at Newton, Kansas.

Following Clarinda’s death in 1843 Isaac married Elizabeth Roush (Granddaughter of George Roush of Mason County, Revolutionary Soldier). Isaac and Elizabeth had twelve children: Caroline Glenn married William H. McCracken and lived in Charleston, W.V., Alvina Glenn married Evaline Rollins and lived in Mason County, George Glenn married Mary Jane Chapman and lived on Ohio Eighteen Mile Creek, Calvin Glenn married Eliza Carpenter and lived at Cabin Creek, Mariah Glenn died in childhood, Ann Glenn married Zachariah W. Rollins and moved to Missouri, Jane Glenn died young, Abraham Glenn married twice, lived in Kentucky, Robert Valentine Glenn married Sarah Chapman, Alice Glenn died young, Martin Luther Glenn married Minnie Benner, and Sarah Elizabeth Glenn married Edwin M. Cox.

Isaac and Elizabeth’s descendants in West Virginia are Paul and Carrel Cox, Robert Valentine Glenn married Minnie Benner, and Sarah Elizabeth Glenn married Edwin M. Cox.

Isaac and Elizabeth were buried at Mt. Zion Church near Hannah High School.

This history was researched by Clay H. Glenn, son of Walter William Glenn. I visit Mason County frequently for Hussell reunions. I went there together with my wife Hattiene Glenn and Imogene and Lercy Bunner. Imogene Bunner is a granddaughter of Della May Glenn. Submitted by — Clay H. Glenn.

THE GODFREY FAMILY

William Godfrey came from England, with a party of “Friends”, around 1740 to Burlington, New Jersey. He married a Mary Rockhill about 1745. They had: Ann, Rebecca, Edward, Achsah, Mary, William Jr., and Joseph.


We find the Mulford Census, Pt. Pleasant, Virginia. He has a wife Nancy and two children under 10. Both Mahlon and his brother Martin are in the 1830 Census. Martin has married Eliza Jane Roseberry (daughter of John and Flora Roseberry) in October 1822. Issue three children, John, April, 1823, Mary Jane, August, 1829 and William, Feb. 1826. One more child was born Ann Eliza-April, 1832. In 1835 the three youngest children died from black measles.

Mahlon is listed with 8 children and Martin 1 child in the 1840 Census. Mahlon had disappeared from the census by 1850. Martin died June 1852 and Eliza Jane, his wife died April 1869. They were buried in Pioneer Cemetery.

John Edward was born March 4, 1861, in Eliza Jane, his wife died April 1869. They were buried in Pioneer Cemetery.

For his second wife John choose Eleanor. She married first Samuel Webster, a farmer, and second Helen Mary Henry, Clara Evaline and Margaret Dickens Nobel. They had one daughter, Laura Lavinia Aug. 1848 and John William March 1851. Mary M. died April 1851. John William died June 1852.

JASPER GRAY FAMILY

Jasper Gray was born March 3, 1890 near Leon, Mason County, West Virginia on Cain Ridge. The family was of English descent of George L. and Christina Cane Gray, who were married December 30, 1784. And the grandson of Paris and Hannah Brown Gray who were married March 3, 1839 in Wilmington, Delaware. He had nine brothers and sisters.

Paris: b. November 17, 1876
William: b. October 8, 1877
Richard: b. November 17, 1880
Flora: b. October 28, 1883
Jane: b. November 28, 1885

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In those days it was hard for a young couple to get started. So, Jasper and Esther took their two small children (Tena & Lloyd) and headed west. They settled on a farm near Stanwood, Iowa. After farming there for ten years and five more children came back to Mason County. Looking forward to being near family and old friends. Jasper did a lot of farming in and around Kearns town. Later he moved his family to Bellemeade and worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company (boat yard) for fifteen years.

In 1945 he and a son George decided to try farming again. So, they rented a farm in Ray­mond, Ohio (near Marysville). And later Jasper moved to the Art Schlichter farm near Washing­ton Court House, Ohio. Where Esther died on December 11, 1967. Jasper remained near Washington Court House making his home with their youngest daughter Sarah. Until his death April 11, 1977. Jasper and Esther are buried in Highlawn Memory Gardens, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.

Twelve children make up the family of Jasper and Esther Gray

Christena (Tena); b. 1912; m. John Michael Rodgers
Children: Leota, John Jr., Olen, Den­nis, Marilyn

Lloyd Andrew; b. 1914; m. Verla Mae Hogg
Children: James, Brenda, Christena, Barbara, Donald, Lloyd, Connie, Shirley, George, Thomas

Lucy Erma; b. 1915; m. Harold Leonard Rainey
Children: Ernest Lee, Raymond, Har­old Douglass, Etta Sue

Flora Beulah; b. 1917; m. Carlos William Huffman
Children: Leitia, Clara, Sharon, Joan

George Albert; b. 1918; m. Mary Etta Longberry
Children: Gloria, Carolyn, George Mi­chael, Janet, Rosemary

Denver Donald; b. 1919; m. Kathleen Lewis
Children: Denver Jr., Betty, Hilda, Al­len, John, Pamela, Patsy, Jeffrey

Emil Gray; b. 1922; m. Dortha Elizabeth Leving
Children: Lawrence Emil, Terry, Jud­ith

Ezra William; b. 1923; m. Amelia Mae Brodt
Children: Sandra, Step­son Milton

Gurger

Hilda Jane; b. 1925; m. Herbert Odel King
Children: Charles Herbert, Beverly, Robert, Janet, Linda, Audria

Twin Sons b. 1927 Deceased

Sarah Lucinda b. 1935

Four of their children Erma, Beulah, Emil and George still reside here in Mason County. Submitted by — Kathleen Lewis Gray

The PARRIS GRAY FAMILY

Parris Gray was born in the State of Delaware around 1819, and later married Hannah E. Brown from Pennsylvania. Parris and Hannah appeared on the 1840 Delaware Census in the City of Wilmington. The census shows the couple

with no children.

Shortly after 1840 Parris and Hannah moved his family to Chester Co. Pa. It was here that their 5 children were born. 1.) Sarah, b. 1843, (2) William H., b. 1845, (3) John M. b. 1847, (4) RUTH, b. 1850, (5) George L. b. 1853

Sometime between 1853 and 1860 Parris brought his wife and five children to Mason Co. Virginia, and settled in the Union District along the waters of 13 Mile Creek. It was in this area that Parris and Hannah raised their children and lived out their days. However; Parris did leave the area at least one time and that was to serve in the Civil War.

Parris enlisted in the Union Army at Barboursville, W.V. on the 5th of December, 1863 at the age of 44. He served in Co. K of the 13th reg. W.V. Infantry. It isn’t clear if Parris was injured in the war or not. However, he was discharged through the U. S. General Hospital at Cumberland Md. on June 11, 1865 about 2 months after the war had officially ended.

George Denver and Alvina Gray

Recently an honorable discharge medal that had been awarded to Parris, but he had never received, was claimed by a member of the Gray family through the W.V. Dept. of Culture and History.

John M. Gray 3rd child of Parris and Hannah also served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He enlisted on January 7, 1865 at Pt. Pleasant, W.V. at the age of 18. John was a privi­ete in Co. C. of the 7th W.V. Calvary. John only served 7 months in the army. He was mustered out on the 1st of August 1865 shortly after the end of the Civil War. John married Margaret Lacy and spent his entire life in Mason Co. and is buried in the Smith­Gray Cemetery along Tribble Rd.

George L. Gray the youngest child of Parris and Hannah seems to have left more descend­ants in the area than any of his brothers and sisters. George married Christena Cain, the daughter of William and Catherine Cain, originally from Marshall Co., W.V. They had ten children: (1) William, b. 1877 d. 1966, (2) Richard, b. 1880, d. 1882 (3) Flora, b. 1883 d. 1930, (4) Parris, b. 1884 d. ? (5) Jane E., b. 1885 d. 1970, (6) Rutha, b. 1886, d. 1901 (7) Jasper Newton, b. 1890, d. Living (8) Elizabeth (Lizzie), b. 1892 d. 1900 (9) Andrew, b. 1894 d. 1972 (10) Fannie, b. 1896 d. ?

With this Generation of Gray family began to rapidly spread out, with some moving across the country and yet others traveling to other counties and states. However, some stayed in Mason Co. with many descendants still living in Mason Co. today.


While many of the Gray family have left Ma­son Co. over the years, the fond memories and close ties remain, and are renewed every year through the Gray and Lanier family reunions both held annually in Mason Co. Submitted by — Benjamin J. Torman, Natalie R. Torman, Barbara A. Mosier, Avalena Gray

WILLIAM GRAY

William Gray and wife Jane Thompson Gray were born in Belfast, Ireland. The Catholics would not let them worship as they wished to do so in 1849 they decided to come to the United States where they could worship as they wished. This ship was 42 days and nights coming across the ocean. They had a little child who died on ship and was buried at sea.

They settled on a farm near Plain Valley schoolhouse on the head waters of Old Town Creek. They had seven children, 3 boys and 4 girls who died when they were young. William and Mary left them to manhood and womanhood and lived to see them all married. They are buried in the Rayburn cemetery near their old home. He lived to be 93 years old. They were Presbyterian.

The Union soldiers came through and took all the boys and horses they could get. Mr. Gray had two horses taken, he followed them for several miles but was not able to get them back. Spencer Rose and Ambrose W. took two of their horses over the hill and tied them up in the woods, and stayed with them day and night.

William had a brother James. He and his wife settled on a farm in the Gibbstown area. They are buried on the farm, with a nice preserved memorial on their grave. Mr. Gray March 6, 1892, age 87 yrs. 7 month 13 days. Esther, his wife died Jan. 1, 1890 age 80 yrs. 11 months, 5 days. The inscription reads “On that
THE ARNOLD GREGORY FAMILY

The Gregory family was of Scotch-Irish descent. The original family name was McGregor but ancestors changed the name after coming to America.

Calvin Gregory, born in 1827, came to Mason County from Ohio. His son Arnold (born 1868) married Blanche Shirley (born 1873) who was the daughter of Joseph L. and Arilla Sayre Shirley. Originally, Blanche had prepared to teach school in the fall of 1893 but those plans changed when she and Arnold decided to marry.

Arnold served for many years as a deacon in the Wolfe Valley Baptist Church. On Sunday, he and his entire family were always in attendance. One of his duties as a deacon was to make sure the (traveling) preacher made it there for Sunday services. Therefore, on Saturday Arnold went by horse and buggy to Arbuckle to meet the "preacher's train". The preacher would stay two nights and leave on Monday morning. For this special guest, the Gregory children were taught to be on their best behavior.

Arnold also served as a trustee for the Cloverdale Cemetery. When someone died, he was one of two people to contact to be assigned a plot for burial in the cemetery.

With eleven children, Arnold worked hard to provide for them. Besides farming, he carried the mail from Elmwood to Arbuckle making the trip on horseback in all kinds of weather.

Although they lived a simple life as farmers in Union District, the Gregory family was regarded as good citizens and was highly respected in their community.

Children born to Arnold and Blanche Gregory were as follows: (1) Willard, 1894-1965, married Emma West and had four children, (2) Myrtle, 1896-1915, married Luvera 1899-1905, and (3) Virginia, 1901-1925, married Joseph Dunn, lived in Ohio; (5) Wilbur, 1903-1977, married Lucy Medors, lived in Ohio; (6) Alpha, born in 1905, married Birdie Herdman, lived in Leon; (7) Paul, born in 1907, married Catherine Smith, lived in Ohio; (8) Anna, 1909-1929; (9) Verlin, 1911-1986, married Alberta Schwartz, lived in Ohio; (10) Sarah, born in 1914, married Donald Hudnall, lived in Texas; (11) Velma, born in 1916, married Robert Zuppuck, lived in Missouri.

Arnold Gregory died in 1953 and Blanche died in 1959. They lived in Ohio during the last years and were buried there. Submitted by — Alpha Hardman

GEORGE L. GREENE FAMILY

George Leslie Greene was born January 11, 1906 at Rock Castle on the border of Mason and Jackson counties. His parents were Leonard and Stella King Greene. His mother's parents were Nicholas and Jane King. He and his brother and sister, Sam and Ruth spent their childhood on Cane Ridge. In 1917 they moved to 18-mile creek, behind Buffalo Knob. Their parents were later divorced and his mother married Will Coen and bore two daughters Josephine and Beatrice and a son Jasper.

On October 27, 1927 George married Sibyl Edna Hardman, the daughter of Forrest and Ella Hardman. They were blessed with seven children, Ralph Basil, Donald Edwin, Ernest Leon, Roy Eugene, James Robert, Kenneth Thurman, and George Melvin. In addition to these they also had one daughter, Deloris Ellen. They grew up living mostly in Mason county and eventually settled in Harford, and still live in the surrounding area.

Ralph married Rosa Mae Bragg and had two sons, Robert Lee and Huling Leslie (Billie). On May 1, 1976 he married a second time to Donna McClure. Donald married Carrie A. Riffe and had two sons Donald Jr. and Basil Lee. He married a second time to Reba Della Justice and had two daughters Edna Gay, Ruth Ellen and Dawn Roberta and two sons Robert Eugene and Ernest Allen. Ernest married Colleen Lemley on April 10, 1952 and had four daughters Carol Sue, Tammye Kay, Lisa Joette, and Alice Lynette. They also had three sons Leslie Ray, Kevin Dean and Samuel L. Roy (Gene) married Evelyn May Smith and had two daughters Karen Theresa and Mary DiAnn. On November 2, 1959 he married Ruth Elizabeth Rathburn and had two daughters Christine Eugenia and Kimberly Mae and one son Ralph Wayne. On October 11, 1960 James married Ruby Oldaker and had three sons James Robert and Ralph Leslie. On May 13, 1961 Kenneth married Norma Ann Fields and had two daughters Jacqueline Lynn and Andrea Renee. On September 30, 1963 George (Midge) married Cheryll Sue Bolin and had two sons George Timothy, Scott Anthony and Matthew Charles. On September 21, 1963 Ellen married Charles Edward Rife and had two children Jandrea Dee and Charles Stanley Eugene (Sam). Submitted by — Deloris Ellen Rife

THE FAMILY OF KELLY DAWN AND KEEGAN VON GROENE

Kely was born 12-30-72, Cody Von was born 2-26-75 and died 10-18-78 from injuries in an automobile accident, Keegan was born 11-22-79. All three were born at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Their parents are Donald E. Greene Jr. born 2-25-51 at Holzer Hospital, and Wewdwooy Sue Jesse Greene, born 6-29-52 at Charleston General Hospital, WVa.. Submitted by — Alpha Hardman

THE FAMILY OF ADAM ANDREW AND ETHAN ERIC GREENE

Adam was born 5-18-77 and Ethan was born 8-14-79. Both were born at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Their parents are Basil Lee Greene born 2-12-54 at Holzer Hospital and Debra Annette Walker Greene born 6-14-58 at Point Clinic in Point
George Lewis Greenlee was born at Arbuckle, Mason County, West Virginia, October 31, 1880, son of Thomas Edward Greenlee and Anna Catherine Riffle Pickens born 9-13-82. Their great-great-great-great-grandparents are Leonard and Anna Catherine Riffle Pickens born 9-13-82. Their great-great-great-grandparents is Henry Clay Riffle born 6-24-73 died 8-19-76, George T. Riffle born 6-24-73 died 8-19-76, and Minnie Mildred King, born June 7, 1912, married Leo Stewart, deceased. Their sons are Donald, Dwight and Wayne.


Their great-great-great-grandfather is Edward Greenlee of Ireland. Submitted by — Basil Greene

Woodhouse (divorced). She later married Claude Crandall (deceased).

Hazel Alice Greenlee married Donald Mixon and Willie Leonard King born May 15, 1903, at Gunville Ridge, Mason County, West Virginia, son of Jep and Clara Margaret Baker King. Jep was born in 1877, his parents died when he was very young. Jep was raised by Rowanna Keefar a half sister. Jep died in March 1943.

Clara Margaret Baker King died April 27, 1884, died November 21, 1968. Both are buried at the Smith Church Cemetery, back of Leon, on Broadway Road, Mason County. Clara was the daughter of Charles Jasper Baker born October 19, 1856, died August 27, 1933, and Maggie Beattie Baker born May 4, 1860, died January 3, 1918. Both buried in the Baker Cemetery on Broadway Road near Popular Creek, Mason County.

Jep and Clara King had three children: Willie Leonard King, born May 15, 1903; Charles Jasper, born August 20, 1904, married Mary Miller, one son, Billy Franklin (deceased); Minnie Mildred King, born June 7, 1912, married Leo Stewart, deceased. Their sons are Donald, Dwight and Wayne.


Their great-great-great-grandfather is Edward Greenlee of Ireland. Submitted by — Basil Greene

Our paternal great, great, great grandfather was John Greer I who was born in Bath County, Virginia in 1753 and died in what is now Mason County on October 3, 1846. He came to Mason County in the spring of
1807 fifty six years before West Virginia became a state. This great pioneer had married a Miss Jane Callihan who had seen him go into battle against the Shawnee Indians in the Battle of Point Pleasant and continued in the frontier service until the close of Indian hostilities. When arriving in Mason County he settled on land that is now railroad property and at one time part of the Tract of Point Pleasant and continued in the frontier service until the close of Indian hostilities. When of his death, which occurred August 22, 1900.

The children of John "Major Jack" Greer II and his wife Miriam Flowers Greer were: John Thomas born 1840, Oscar Newton born 1842, Adelia born 1844, Jasper H. born 1846, Margaret born 1848, William born 1850 and died in childhood and James T. born 1852.

When the Civil War broke out John "Major Jack" Greer II was too old to enlist as a soldier but he gave to his country his full measure of service and following orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from the Governor of the Commonwealth, or the General or any other superior officer set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War, prescribed by the laws. In testimony thereof, these Letters are sealed with the lesser seal of the Commonwealth and made patent:

Witness Littleton W. Tazewell, Our Governor. At Richmond this third day of May, 1834.

Littleton W. Tazewell.

Registered.

W. B. Richardson.

John (Major Jack) Greer II was married in Jackson County, now West Virginia, in 1839 to Miriam Flowers, daughter of Thomas and Mary Flowers. John and Miriam settled on his lands in Cooper District, where they reared their family of seven children and resided until the time of his death, which occurred August 22, 1900.

Oscar Newton Greer, 1842-1928.

Our great grandfather, Oscar Newton Greer, born February 25, 1842, came to Mason County with his parents in 1849 from Jackson County. He was a Union soldier enlisting February 25, 1864 in Company G., 13th West Virginia Volunteers, serving until the closing of the Civil War.

On September 17, 1863 Oscar Newton Greer married Malinda McDermitt daughter of Calvin and Mahala Peck McDermitt. Malinda was born February 11, 1843 and died January 11, 1918. Oscar Newton died June 11, 1928.

Eight children were born to Oscar and Malinda; Margaret Isabella born May 25, 1864, Ida Jane, Samuel Newton born May 25, 1872, Barbra Ellen born July 18, 1875 (died in infancy), Flora Blanch born January 3, 1880, John Oscar, Charles Frederick born January 23, 1882, unmarried, died May 14, 1931 and our grandfather George William Greer, who was born October 17, 1886 and died October 20, 1955.


Our father, Carl W. Greer, married our mother Minta Yona Carr in 1916. She was the daughter of Robert Carr and Martha Board Carr. Minta was born July 20, 1900 and died April 13, 1983.

Carl and Minta's children were: Erma Lucille born August 30, 1917-died December 26, 1985. Lucille married J. C. Res of Akron, Ohio and one daughter, Donna Lee Res, was born to this marriage. Carl Witt Greer Jr. was born June 15, 1922-Single. Helen Leon born March 8, 1926. She was married to M. R. Anderson of Akron, Ohio and three children were born of this union: Patricia Lynn, Melvin Raymond and Donald Lee Anderson.

Robert W. Greer born November 17, 1918 was married to Mildred Isabelle Powell, who was born July 23, 1924. They were married on December 25, 1941. Isabelle was the daughter of Harley E. Powell and Dorothy Chapman Powell. The seven children of Robert and Isabelle Greer are: Robert W. Greer II born January 8, 1943 is married to Donna Dowell Greer daughter of Ernest and Arretta Lyons Dowell. The children are: Mark Shannon, Blythe Reneau and Ryan Paige. Shelia Ann born November 6, 1945. She married Stanley Elkins. Carla Jane born March 3, 1947 is married to James O. Miller son of Virgil and Mary Roush Miller. The three children of Carla and James are: Todd, Don, and Trena Jean. Miller. Toby P. Greer born November 26, 1948. His two children are: Toby Matthew and Summer Rose Greer. Twin sons were: Paul Dwight and David Dwaine Greer born May 1, 1952. Paul D. Greer had two children Crystal Dawn and Eric. The last born to this family was Miriam Isabelle Greer born August 17, 1958. Submitted by — Robert W. Greer, Carl H. Greer, Helen Greer Anderson.
er, Emma Adelia Greer Gill (1876-1961). Luckily I wrote down many of the stories as she related them to me while I was yet a teen-ager.

No side of my varied family tree is more proud, and justly so, of their name and heritage than the Greers. Being of Scotch-Irish ancestry the family tradition is that the first Greer to come to America came for religious freedom from County Down, Ireland. A young lady I met in Arlington National Cemetery three years ago stated that there were still Greers apently around the town of Kilkeny, County Down, now Northern Ireland. Research into the Scottish name of MacGregor shows that this clan was very important in the Scottish battles against the English Crown. At one point the English Parliament banned the use of the name MacGregor due to this fierce opposition to English rule. Some took the name Gregory, some Grier, and others Greer.

Parenthetically I might add here that about twenty years ago I corresponded with Miss Greer Garson, noted English and American actress and film star. I had noted in a reference book that her mother's maiden name was Greer and that she too was born in County Down, Ireland. She replied that she didn't know much of her family history but that if our ancestors were Greers from County Down that she was sure we were inter-related.

Also, the English reference book WHO'S WHO listed a William Derrick Lindsay Greer, born in County Down as the Anglican Bishop of Manchester, England. Correspondence with the Rt. Hon. Bishop Greer obtained the information that he had had many enquiries from American Greers. He had placed the material he had with the Ulster Record Society in Belfast, Northern Ireland. This will provide a field for further investigation at a future date.

An anecdote related to me by grandmother Gill was that her father, the Hon. Hugh Jasper Greer, became ill with dysentery during the Civil War. He treated himself with Indian herbal medicine found naturally along the trails and was about to be left behind his comrades when an officer named See from Mason County lent him his horse. Otherwise he would have certainly been captured by the Confederates and sent to prison.

Grandmother Gill was born in the same grove of trees now on the Charles Stephenson farm on Greer Road where the Greer Reunion has been held annually now for about 30 years. It was on this site during her childhood that an accidental scalding of her legs with boiling coffee caused her to be invalided for an extended period of time. It was during this time that she was entertained by Hugh Jasper's enthralling stories of the Civil War. I am proud to have in my possession the commemorative bronze medal struck by the State of West Virginia for each of the Union veterans of War. Also extant is a speech which Hugh Jasper made at a Mason County cemetery in commemoration of the war. Same was later recorded by his son, Charles Wellington Greer of Middletown, Ohio.

Hugh Jasper died at a fairly early age and it was always speculated by his friends and family alike that had he lived longer he would have gone much higher in the political circles of West Virginia. Both he and his father had served as Justices of the Peace in West Virginia from the early days of our state. Indeed they must have been among the original Republicans of the state as the U. S. Census of 1870 lists John "(Major Jack)") Greer (1803-1900) as a magistrate.

One of the traditional family stories related to Hugh Jasper's "squiring duties" was upon the occasion of a fight one Saturday night at the Flat Rock Schoolhouse dance. This incident is always related by the family concluding with the phrase "this is the same Paw who perpetrated to Paw in the middle of the night and Paw he tried him." So much for swift justice.

Another "squiring" tale related to me by a co-worker in the James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University (Helen Schweikert Jenkins, native of Buckhannon, W.Va.) states an acquaintance of her family had a child to ask regarding his father that "if Father is a 'Squire' are we all 'Squires'"? To which the mother replied indignantly, "Heavens no child, just me and your Pa." My own sister, Mrs. Hugh Greer Gill from Huntington, has a very similar story about an incident of Huntington from 1917 to 1961, was a long-time Gideon District Chairman for the Huntington-Cabell Republican Women's Club, thus following her father's footsteps in politics. My mother, Mae Gill Robb, was co-chairman of the Cabell County Republican Executive Committee during the Eisenhower years in the early 50's and later served eight years as committee-woman from the second magistrate district. She is a native of Pt. Pleasant (b. Dec. 31, 1908).

I, Kenneth R. Gill, a direct descendant of Huntington Republican, was appointed as committee-man for the same district for eight years by election as well as two years later by appointment. During the first eight years I also served as committee treasurer and parliamentarian (being a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and having studied with Mrs. T. Smith Brewer of Huntington, licensed instructor.)

This we have, uninterruptedly, since John Greer the Virginia Patriot of the American Revolution served our state and local government for six generations.

In addition to his services in the Battle of Point Pleasant in Oct., 1774, John Greer later went on to fight in the Battle of King's Mountain, S. C. All of these above facts and knowing about them from generation to generation gives one a secure sense of identity and purpose in life. Mine is a heritage which is very rich and about which I am very proud. Submitted by — Allison Hager Monroe, Kenneth R. Reiffen.

HISTORY OF THE GREER FAMILY

JOHN & CARRIE

My paternal great great grandfather was John Greer I who was born in Bath County, Virginia, in 1753 and died in Mason County on Oct. 3, 1846. He came to Mason County in the spring of 1807, fifty-six years before West Virginia became a state. He served as a small-arms manufacturer and as a member of the militia and was a justice of the peace.

This great pioneer had married a Miss Jane Callihan who had seen him go into battle against the Indians at the Battle of Point Pleasant and continued in the frontier service until the close of the war. John Greer I settled on land that is now railroad property and at one time part of J. Daniel McCulloch's tract. Owing to the fevers then prevalent he moved to higher ground on land at Three Mile Creek, where he and Jane reared their family.

John Greer I and his wife are interred at the Greer Cemetery on the old home farm. Jane Callihan Greer's parents were William and Mary Usher Stuart of Bath County, Va., coming from a settlement known as the "Valley of the Cow Pasture."

John and Jane's children were: William, born 1793, Margaret born 1794, Jane 1800, John "Major Jack" 1803, James 1806, Samuel 1813, and Isabel 1818. Of the seven children four were born in Bath County, Va., but three were born in what is now West Virginia.

Beginning here I will be covering genealogies of both my paternal and maternal grandparents and will need to clarify one fact that might confuse the reader. You will find some of the same people under both sides of the house as my parents, John Greer IV and Carrie Mae Greer were third cousins.

John's great grandfather and Carrie's great great great grandfather was John Greer I. Of his seven children we will only mention the names of five of them as previously given, but will dwell on the two of whom I am a direct descendant, i.e., Samuel Greer, my great grandfather on father's side and John Greer II ("Major Jack" as his friends called him), my great, great, grandfather on mother's side.

My paternal great grandfather, Samuel Greer (b. 1813, d. 1879) was married to Nancy Jones Greer. Children of Samuel and Nancy Jones Greer were: Lydia Jane Greer, born Oct. 22, 1849, married William Glover Oct. 14, 1879 and son John William Greer III born Mar. 16, 1851, died 1884, married Rebecca Lutton, daughter of Robert Lutton and Sarah Jane Jackson Lutton. A third child was Samuel Greer born Nov. 23, 1853. Other children were Sarah Margaret Greer, born Mar. 16, 1851. In 1860, died 1860. John Greer were: Lydia Jane Greer, born Oct. 22, 1849, married William Glover Oct. 14, 1879 and son John William Greer III born Mar. 16, 1851, died 1884, married Rebecca Lutton, daughter of Robert Lutton and Sarah Jane Jackson Lutton. A third child was Samuel Greer born Nov. 23, 1853. Other children were Sarah Margaret Greer, born Mar. 16, 1851.

Children of John and Rebecca Greer were: Herbert Greer, born 1872, died 1872; Lena Leota Greer, born 1873, married John Michael Thomas and their children were Hoy Thomas, Clyde Thomas and Violet Thomas Gerlach (a school teacher in Mason County for many years); and Julia E. Greer, born 1875, married John Henry Taylor. Twins, Samuel and Robert were born in 1878. Samuel died at birth and Robert died in 1884. John William Greer III married Rebecca Lutton Greer on Jan. 12, 1871 and one of their sons was John William Greer IV (b. Sept. 18, 1882) who was my father. He died Sept. 28, 1968.

My maternal great, great grandfather was John Greer II familiarly known to all as "Major Jack" Greer. He was born Dec. 4, 1803 and died Aug. 22, 1900. In 1839 he married Miriam Flowers, daughter of Thomas and Mary Flowers. This wedding took place in Jackson County, now West Virginia.

"Major Jack" and Miriam settled on lands in Cooper District where they raised their family. He is buried on the old Greer family burying ground beside his parents. The wife, Miriam, is buried in the Stephenson graveyard near the mouth of Eight Mile Creek on the Kanawha River. "Major Jack" was a man honored and respected by all who knew him both near and far and esteemed as one of "the best tenants of the Government. Quoting William T. Barry, Postmaster General of the United States of America, "Know ye, that confiding in the integrity, ability and punctuality of John Greer, Esq., I do appoint him, in the room and stead of above-named person, the duties of that office at Wrights Mills in the County of Mason and State of Virginia." This is signed and sealed by W. T. Barry on the 14th day of October, 1833.
We are proud, and rightfully so, of such eloquent words spoken by a man in the Federal Government who was a great great-grandfather.

Of his children, John T., Oscar N., Adelia, Jasper, Margaret, William W., and James F., we only have family history on one son, Hugh Jasper Greer, my great grandfather. He, like his father “Mon”, was a man of great character and one adopted.

Mr. Harpold trained horses. John Bozaworth's Co. of Infantry, 5th Regiment, Virginia Militia, commanded by Lt. Col. Waddie Street and later by Col. Isaac Booth, August 30, 1814 to March 19, 1815. He was discharged on June 22, 1865 at Wheeling.

Mr. Greer held numerous jobs during the depression years. In 1948. They moved back to the farm, but due to the ill health of Mr. Greer, they moved back to Point Pleasant where they spent the rest of their lives. Carrie died Sept. 26, 1968 and Carrie died Nov. 13, 1974. Both are buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant.

This warm and loving couple were known in their early life as “John and Carrie” but as the years went on, those grandchildren “came along” they were affectionately called “Poppie” and “Granny.” Their home was referred to by all as “The house by the side of the road.” Anyone who ever needed a good night’s sleep or a warm meal was welcomed.

The great heritage of kindness and caring handed down to them by earlier generations was exemplified in their every day living. Just as they have walked in the footsteps of those gone on before them we must vow to likewise. We must be a people with honor, honesty, integrity, and all that it takes to make a good life.

The full family of John and Carrie Greer were: Randolph Rivers Greer born 1905; died at birth; Lionel D. “Jake” Greer, born Feb. 5, 1908, died Apr. 15, 1986. Jake married Geraldine Stewart, daughter of John Andrew Stewart and Rose Bland Stewart. Jake was a self-employed electrician. He was very active in the Republican Party, serving on the Mason County Republican Executive Committee for many years. Jake and Geraldine had one daughter, Sandra Greer Harris. Sandra has two daughters, Carrie Ann Harris and Resa Rea Harris. Sandra and James Shell have one son, Matthew James Shell.

Ercell Arminta Greer, born Feb. 28, 1910 married Clarence Adkins, son of John and Mae Fry Adkins. Clarence was a member of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee. He was influential in the building of the Mason County Library and securing land for the Mason County Airport and Mason County Fair Ground.

Robert Everett Greer, born June 8, 1912 married Bernice Adkins Greer, my great-grandmother, born Jan. 12, 1912, daughter of Thomas and Laura Stevens Coleman. Robert and Bernice had one son, William Everett “Pookie” Greer, and one daughter, Beverly Sue Greer. Bernice died Nov. 2, 1979. Robert retired from the State Road Commission. He was a member of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee for many years. He, like his father Robert Everett Greer, trains and shows Quarter Horses. Both his Grandfather Coleman and Great Great Grandfather Greer trained horses. John William Greer loved horses. His grandfather Robert enjoys entering the shows with his Hackney Pony.

Beverly Sue Greer lives in Columbus with her husband, Jerry Crawford. Sue has one son, Ronald Ray Smith, and two daughters, Carol Smith Miller and Julia Smith Taylor. She is a former marriage counselor. Sue also showed horses before moving to Columbus, and on occasion has shown her father's Hackney Pony.

Lucy Lou, daughter of John and Carrie Greer married Dr. Ferris E. Smith, son of Ewry A. Smith and Elizabeth Smith Smith of Hartford, W. Va. They were married in 1943, while Ferris was serving with the Army in the Dental Corps. Dr. Smith died Nov. 19, 1952.

Edward L. 1914 married Lula in their last years. Submitted by—Lula Greer Reid, Emma Adelia Greer Adkins, Robert E. Greer, Sandra L. Greer Shell, Beverly Sue Greer Crawford, William "Pookie" Greer
ANTHONY GRIMM

Anthony Grimm was born 27 December 1829 in the town of Oppau, in what is today known as the Rhineland-Pfalz area of West Germany. As the youngest of the seven children of Andrew and Anna Mary Laubner Grimm, he was the brother of Anna Mary (Conde) 1816-1911; Margaretha (Will) b. 1819; Joseph, who died as a baby; Catharina (Rappold) b. 1822-1849; Elisabetha (Rappold) b. 1824; and Michael Grimm 1827-1881. He was a boy not yet 14 years old when his ship, the ARGO, dropped anchor in New York Harbor on a summer day in 1843. Within a few weeks the Grimms had arrived in Meigs Co., Ohio where Anthony’s father operated a farm. But unlike his father, Anthony did not select farming as his life’s work. Instead, he became a merchant, businessman, equally at home along both the Ohio and W. VA. shores of the busy Ohio River.

In August 1854 he married in Pomeroy Susanna Seiler and became the father of Peter b. 11 May 1855; Susanna (Beitelchies) b. 14 Feb. 1857; and Anthony b. 27 Nov. 1858. Son Peter married Martha Ripley and their children, Ethel (Cannon), Fred, and Elizabeth were all born in Buffalo, W. VA. The younger Anthony was for many years a farmer in York Twp., Athens Co., Ohio where he died in 1921. He was the father of William and Clara Grimm (Glover).

During the Civil War the senior Anthony and his brother-in-law Anthony Rappold were partners in the mining business. After the death of his wife Susanna, he remarried on 7 August 1864, his second wife being Sophia Wink, who, like her husband, was an Oppau native. He and Sophia were the parents of George, b. 18 June 1865 and Adam, b. 14 Jan. 1869. By this time Anthony had become active as a Pomeroy merchant; the name of his firm was Thress, Grimm & Rappold. In December 1869 his second wife died and in 1888 he again married. His third wife was a widow, Thresa Kaufley, who survived Anthony by many years.

At the time of his death on 12 July 1906 in Grimms Landing, Anthony Grimm was operating a small store in connection with the post office in this Kanawha River town. And it was there that his sons George and Adam Grimm married and reared their own children. The family of George and Sara Sayre Grimm include: Florence (Buck); Fannie (Douglas); Isabella (Wright); Anthony Cecil; Sara; Jane (Roberts); Gilman George; Robert Mason; and Lorena McCausland (McCausland).

Adam married Lena Sayre, and they were the parents of Grace; Virgie; Wallace; Clara; and Joanna Grimm. Submitted by — James R. Wirth

GEORGE GRIMM FAMILY

The family of George Grimm originally came to this country from Germany and settled at Pomroy, Ohio. Sometime in the early 1800’s, his father, Anthony Grimm, traveled up the Kanawha River and settled on a farm near Stock Creek and started a store at this location. Farmers from the surrounding countryside would bring their produce and livestock to this point along the River where it would be loaded on riverboats and taken to Charleston, St. Louis and other cities downstream. Business of Mr. Grimm’s Store this soon became known as Grimm’s Landing. Anthony Grimm’s wife came direct from Germany and her maiden name was Wink. She spoke German and very little of the English language.

George Grimm was a son of Anthony Grimm. He was born June 24, 1865. In 1881, he was married to Sarah Hannah Sayre at Mason City by Rev. Berks. She was the daughter of Hiram Sayre and Frances Hayes Sayre. George Grimm and his family operated the country store and post office at Grimm’s Landing for many years. George and Sarah Grimm had eleven children. They were:

Florence, April 24, 1882 married W. M. Buck
Sylva, February 7, 1894
Fannie Elizabeth, February 14, 1895, Married Gus Rodolph Douglass
Isabella, September 4 married Loyle Wright
Anthony, April 21, 1899 married Madge Jividen
Lorena, March 8, 1901 married Alex McCausland
Trecea, April 7, 1903 married Charles A. Roberts
Gillum, December 2, 1905 married Maude Higginothall
Baby Girl, March 24, 1908
Mason, September 13, 1909 married Opal Ophra
Edward, June 11, 1911

George and Sarah Grimm

Several of the sons, son-in-laws and grandchildren of the Grimm Family have been and still are riverside Captains and well known along the Kanawha, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

George Grimm died in 1938 and Sarah Grimm died in 1940. Two daughters survive and live in Mason County at the present time. Fannie Douglas lives at Grimm’s Landing on the Douglas Farm and Lorena McCausland lives at Pliny on the McCausland Farm. Submitted by — Anna Lee Douglass

JOHN GRINSTEAD FAMILY

Richard A. (Dick) Grinstead was born 1865 to John J. Grinstead and Francis Curry. The children of John Grinstead (who was the 11th Post Master of New Haven) were: James W. born Aug. 25, 1855-Julia A (Mace) born Jan. 1858 Sarah M. (Ord) born 1860-Mary (Morison) born 1862-Richard A. Born 1865 Samuel P. born March 7, 1867-Nancy J. born Sept. 3, 1869-William of Belpre, Oh. who died in Sept., 1877 and Jules lived in Nelsonville, Oh. and the other children lived in and around New Haven, WV.

Dick Grinstead married Hettie Ellen Graham in 1883. Two children were born to them. Iva in 1885 and Harry in 1886. Hettie died of Consumption (TB) in 1892 and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in New Haven. Dick married Alger Nun Fry and later moved to Monroeville, Oh. Born to them Dallas, Darrell, Doris, Dorothea and Dolores. Harry married Carrie Gibbs and lived in Hirtford, WV. Born to them: Vernon, Burley, Foster, Leah, Wilma, Thelma, Eileen, Ernestine and Eula. Dick later married Susan Elizabeth Roush daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Roush and Grand Daughter of George and Susanna Roush. They had 11 children. Mary was born in 1885 and died in 1976. She married Sam Amuiler and had 3 children. Francis, Maxine and John. They lived in Hirtford, WV. Clay was born 1896 and died in 1967. He married Eva Ohlinger and had 3 children. Raymond, Doris and Willie Joe. He lived in Letart, WV. Helen was born in 1900 and died in 1985. She married Melvin Knapp and had 11 children; Douglas, Donald, Darrell, Sylva, Marjorie, Brady (Deceased) Joanna, Mary, Harry, Herman, Patty, Peggy, Sharon and Douglass.

Thomas was born in 1903 and died in 1984. He married Ada Fay Miller and had 6 children; Anna, Betty, William, Paul, Shelby, and Robert and lived in Canton, Oh. and New Haven, WV. Richard was born in 1905 and married Catharine Jarrett then had 4 children; Francis, David, Darrell and Dale. He lived in Canton, Oh. Walter was born 1907 and married Mary Roush and they lived in Hamilton, Ohio and then Stewart and lives in New Haven, WV. Ella was born in 1909 and married Fred Roush and had 5 children; Kathleen Jean, Richard (Deceased) Danny and Ralph. They lived in New Haven and Broad Run.

Robert was born in 1915 and died in 1980. He married Genevieve Grimm and had 3 boys, Mike, Robert and Richard. They lived in Albany, OH. Alice was born in 1917 and married Floyd (RED) Miller and lived in Brooks, Oh. Brian was born in 1987 and died in 1998. Sarah was born in 1912 and died in 1913.

Grandpa and Grandma Grinstead lived a long happy life together for over 50 years. Grandpa was a miner and farmer most of his life. He also did a lot of fox hunting, raced horses, and played in the band. They lived most of their life on Broad Run. Grandpa died in 1948 and Grandma died in 1957. They are buried at Graham Cemetery in New Haven, WV. Submitted by — Anna McFarland

THOMAS GRINSTEAD FAMILY

Thomas Oscar Grinstead was born June 13, 1903 to Richard (Dick) and Elizabeth (Bet) Grinstead in the Broad Run Community. In his early life he worked in the coal mines and later was a welder in Canton, OH. He worked for many years as a pumper at the old TNT Plant in Point Pleasant. He worked at the New Haven Mill in New Haven and later became a custodian at the Ship Store. He then worked for the Mason County Bank. In July 1923 he married Alice Miller daughter of Wilson and Linnie Miller of New Haven. They both belonged to the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and served as teacher and council member. He also belonged to the Jr. OUAM Lodge, Volunteers Fire Dept. active in Boy Scouts, served 2 terms as Mayor of New Haven and was a life member of the Wahama High School Band Boosters. He always loved dogs and horses and did a lot of hunting and fishing.

Ada was a housewife and seamstress. She sewed for several people throughout the area. She worked with the Cub Scouts, Wahama Band Boosters and belongs to the Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Today she still attends Church regularly and keeps house. She had 4 brothers and 1 twin sister, Anna Mae Roush from New Haven, Charles who died in 1943, William of Belpre, Oh. who died in Sept., 19, 1986, Homer of Middleport, Oh., and James
of Detroit, Mich. Thomas had 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Richard, Walter, Clay, Robert, Harry, Ella, Iva, Helen and Alice and Mary.


Betty Lou born Jan. 6, 1929 in Canton, Oh.


William Thomas born Sept. 18, 1963 married Jean Warth and had one daughter Anna Louise born June 29, 1964.


Robert Nathan born June 18, 1946 and lives in Marietta, Oh.

Thomas died Sunday Jan. 29, 1984 and is bur­ied at Graham Cemetery. Submitted by — Anna McFarland, Shelby Duncan.

JOHN McCLURE GRUBB M. D.

John McClure Grubb, M.D. was born April 6, 1921 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Due to his father’s employment with Guthrie Morris Campbell, the family moved to Charleston, WV in 1927.

Dr. Grubb married Shirley Simpson, July 3, 1942. They had Roberta, a registered nurse at Charleston Memorial Hospital, Charleston, WV. She and husband, John, have two children, Randall and Kristin Corrie. Johnnie Mac, second born, is a Custom Service Manager with America West Airlines, Phoenix, Arizona. Mary Esther, third born, a registered nurse, lives in PIttsburg, New Jersey with husband, Christopher, and two daughters Christie and Courtney Hudson. Mike, fourth born, wife, Penni, and two sons, Sean and Ryan, live in St. Albans, WV. He is Personnel Manager Central Rebuild Shop, South Charleston, WV.

Dr. Grubb graduated from Charleston High School in 1939 with a Football Scholarship to Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended three years of Pre-Law but turned down an application to the University of Indiana Law School and enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in June 1942, during World War II, as an Aireal Engineer and Physical Training Instructor. After Honorable Discharge in December, 1945, he entered Pre-Med at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV. In September 1948, he entered Medical College of Virginia and graduated Doctor of Medicine, 1951. Dr. Grubb served his internship at Charleston General Hospital, Charleston, WV and did General Practice in Charleston for ten years. He completed a three year residency at Charleston Memorial Hospital in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He moved his family to Point Pleasant, WV in 1963 where he entered private practice in this field. He was Chief of Pediatrics, Chief of OB/Gyn and headed Pediatrics and Family Planning Clinics.

In 1964, Dr. Grubb assisted in organizing the Mason County Cancer Detection Clinic and later joined the West Virginia Division, American Cancer Society. He served as President of the Mason County Chapter. He has served on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, WV Division, also President of the WV Division 1984. In 1985, he was awarded Medical Volunteer of the Year in West Virginia. In 1986, he was awarded Medical Volunteer of the National Cancer Society in San Francisco, CA. In 1967 after the Silver Bridge Collapse, he was appointed Mason County Medical Examiner (Coroner) and still maintains this position. He has been the Team Doctor for Point Pleasant High School for twenty three years.

Dr. Grubb is nationally recognized for his research and papers he has written proving Dr. Jessie Bennett did the first successful Cesarean Section and Oophorectomy in the world on his wife and baby girl. He is in the process of having the Medical History books changed. The story of Dr. Bennett is in the Archives of the State of West Virginia Capitol along with microfilm of two of Dr. Bennett’s Log Books listing patients he treated in the year 1800. His story is also in the Mason County Library, Point Pleasant, WV and West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

MARY I. BUTZ GUNN

Born December 26, 1859 in Brazil, Indiana. She married Captain William Gunn in 1884 and he brought her to Point Pleasant to live. He had recently purchased a two story brick house on the banks of the Ohio River. She remained there until the house was demolished to make way for the flood wall. She finished out her life living with her son Neale and daughter-in-law Marie at their home 1910 Jefferson Blvd. She died the summer of 1962 and is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery.

During the last years of her life she received many letters and cards from state and national officials congratulating her on her longevity. Most notable, a card from President Kennedy.

Submitted by — Ben Isaac

NEALE RICHMOND GUNN

Born February 6, 1889 to Mary I. and Captain William R. Gunn in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He attended school in Point Pleasant followed by undergraduate studies at Morris Harvey College at Barboursville. He graduated with a degree in dentistry from Indiana Dental College in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1917. Shortly after graduation he married Marie Neumest of Indianapolis. He and his bride came to Point Pleasant.

Prior to establishing his dental practice in Point Pleasant he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. He served in France during World War I and received a citation for bravery for manning a first aid station at the front lines.

Following his discharge in May, 1919, he opened his office for the practice of dentistry in Main Street in Point Pleasant, later moving to the Masonic Building at 6th and Viand Streets where he remained until retirement.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Point Pleasant and served in many positions including Master. At one time he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District.

During W.W. II he served as a member of the Medical Advisory Board in the Selective Service System of the United States Army from Oct. 1940 to March 1947. For this service he was awarded a certificate of appreciation, Nov. 16, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. and Mrs. Gunn had one child, Virginia Marie, born Nov. 8, 1920. Dr. and Mrs. Gunn and daughter lived in the family home with his mother until the house was built at 1910 Jefferson Blvd. and took his mother to live with them. He died in Nov. 1971. Marie died Feb. 2, 1979, while living with her daughter Virginia and son-in-law Ben Isaac in McLean, Va. She and her husband are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Mrs. Ben Isaac.

WILLIE MARY (BILLIE) GUNN

Born September 19, 1886 to Mary I. and Captain William R. Gunn in Point Pleasant. She lived most of her life in Point Pleasant during the years she lived and worked in Pittsburgh, PA and Cincinnati, Ohio. She taught dancing and conducted a dancing school in Point Pleasant. During the 1920’s she taught social dancing in the ballroom that now is the Lone Oak Hotel. Many times after the lesson she would open the ballroom for a dance with recorded music or sometimes an orchestra composed of local musicians. She also wrote and directed plays in which local talent acted. These were staged at Hull’s Opera House on Main Street.

Billie studied dance in both Chicago and New York under well known teachers, two of whom were Mme. Sonya Serova and Gladys Hight. In later years she was joined in teaching by her niece, Virginia Bennett.

She died in Point Pleasant on January 8, 1986 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery. Submitted by — Virginia Isaac.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. GUNN

Born in Ohio County, Virginia near Wheeling on the Ohio River. When a small boy, he and his family moved to a farm near Mercers Bottom, Mason County, that his father had just purchased.

He studied law in Point Pleasant under the tutelage of local lawyer, the Honorable Henry F. Fisher. He graduated from the University of Virginia, received his diploma and was admitted to the bar in 1859. He started his law practice in Ripley.

Soon after the Civil War broke out Virginia joined the other confederate states. Even though William Gunn opposed war he went with his
state of Virginia, along with other close friends such as Jenkins and McCausland. In 1862 he served under General Jenkins with the 8th Virginia Cavalry. He organized the Border Greys on September 16, 1862 at Barboursville, Cabell County. During the war he was taken prisoner in Indiana but escaped a few weeks later while being transported to Johnston's Island Prison on Lake Erie. He remained with his troops until the surrender at Appomattox.

He resumed his law practice in 1873. In 1884 he married Mary in Belle, Indiana. He brought her to Point Pleasant where they lived in a two-story brick house on the Ohio River. They had two children, Willie Mary (Billie) born Sept. 19, 1886 and Neale Richmond born Feb. 6, 1889.

Captain Gunn died unexpectedly at his home in May, 1908. He is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery.

To honor Captain Gunn's many services to the community, a plot of ground to be known as Gunn Park, was dedicated in his memory on Oct. 10, 1908 on what was once known as Market Street in the central downtown area of Point Pleasant. Captain Gunn had often admired the site and expressed a desire to see a flower garden there.

A Civil War Cannon, placed at the entrance of the Park, was later donated by the Gunn family to the U.S. Government to be remelted for metal to be used in the war effort during W.W. I.

Captain Gunn was further honored on Sept. 18, 1965 by an historical marker erected on the site of Gunn Park by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the West Virginia Historical Society in a ceremony attended by Captain Gunn's two children, in addition to his granddaughter, four great grandchildren and other descendants and relatives.

Gygax-Stone

John Gotleib Gygax, a laborer, born Seeburg, Switzerland, July 20, 1840 died 1914, after eight years of illness, due to service in the Civil War. Rev. L. G. Weber, of Pomeroy, conducted services and burial was in Adamsville cemetery. His will made 1905 probated October 29, 1914 left his property to his wife Pauline Weinman, having purchased it in 1890 from a Lehue family of Allegheny, Penn. Witnesses were Freda, Anna, and Hans Gygax. The girls later sold three lots to Hans.

The mother, Pauline Caroline Weinman, was born in Germany, and married John G. April 20, 1871. Three of nine children died infants and five Gygax are buried at Adamsville, names unknown, in unmarked graves. Paul and Freda have never remarried. The Gygax Bible was last known to be in Belle, Va.

Living at the time of the father's death were Hans, born Pomeroy, later lived at Belle, married to Elsie Meeks and had a known son Harve; and many boats, two being "Joe Cook" and the "Homer Smith." He was a Mason and devoted to the Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Order. He was active in many civic organizations and public affairs. He was married to Ida born 1888 in New York and died at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, daughter of Ida Marie Bogt and Andrew H."}

Submitted by—William Gygax, Pauline Dye.

GENE HAER FAMILY

Gene Oliver Haer was born at Charleston, West Virginia, April 28, 1937 son of Oliver Henry Haer and Beulah Belle Parsons. July 26, 1959 at the Bellemede United Brethren Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia he married Darlene Agnes Schwarz, daughter of Boyd John Schwarz and Garnet Agnes Bauer.

They lived in Buffalo, West Virginia for 19 years. Their children are Rebecca Jean born December 17, 1960 and John Oliver born June 15, 1966. The family moved to Point Pleasant in 1978.

In September, 1978, Gene and Darlene organized the Haer Bears 4-H Club. The club has won many state awards in the West Virginia 4-H Contest Program because of their beautification and conservation work at the West Virginia State Farm Museum, Krodel Park and Fort Randolph.


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Susan Emily Duncan married Charles Elias Halblieb, an immigrant from Germany. The following are the children and grandchildren of Emmie and Charlie Halblieb also known as Hoplight or Hoplite.


John married Mary Newell. Children were Myrtle who married Jim Hayes; Eulah who married George Spencer and then later Ash Glover; Ralph married Martha Hall; Avery never married; Marcus married —; Adra married —; Crosse no records other than he had two daughters.

Frank married Byrd Simpkins and then later Rosa Pearson. Children — and Frances. Children with Rosa Pearson were Joy KI who married...
rried Thurman Smith and Vona Lou married Everett Nibert.


Three children died in their young years. Granville was 12 and Mahala and Arthur were even younger. Submitted by — Sylvia E. Williamson, Inez Oliver

JAMES J. HALL

James J. Hall was born in Kinde, Mich. on September 11, 1910, to the late Ernest G. and Emma Kinde Hall. Jim was a registered pharmacist and owned and operated Hall's Drug Store in Point Pleasant for 27 years.

Jim came to Mason County from Buchanan, W. Va. where he was working for $100.00 a month. In Point Pleasant Jim found his first job offer at Thompson Drug Store in Point Pleasant making $125.00 a month. Thompson's Drug store later went into the wholesale drug business offering their managers first chance to buy the store. Jim bought the store renaming the store Hall's Drug Store. The drug store had a soda fountain complete with booths that had individual music boxes. It was the "in" place to go after attending a movie at the State Theater. Jim sold the drug store in 1947 and went to work for Fruth's Pharmacy for 7 years before his death December 16, 1982.

Anna Francis was born on September 9, 1933, in Point Pleasant, the daughter of Richard Glyndwr Thomas, Sr. (b. 2-20-1883, d. 1-23-1962) and Josephine Zelma Cheap Thomas (b. 2-28-1904, d. 5-3-1971). 

Ernest, who was born in Culloden, Cabell County, on October 4, 1930, is the son of Raymond Lee Handley (b. 5-15-1909) of Millwood, Jackson County, West Virginia, and Grace Meddings Handley Chirgwin (b. 12-20-1909) of Twin Rivers Tower in Point Pleasant.

Ernest is a pipefitter, a trade he learned from his father. Raymond and his family traveled throughout the United States working on different construction projects. Ernest graduated from Lutcher Stark High School in Orange, Texas, in 1948.

Raymond and Grace had four children: Ruth Handley Peveto Wolfe (b. 1929), of Millwood; Ernest Lee (b. 1930), of Point Pleasant, Paul Clifton (b. 1933, d. 1934), and Roger Lee (b. 1936) of Point Pleasant. They moved to Point Pleasant in August 1949 when Raymond went to work at the Philip Sporn Plant in New Haven. They lived at 2213 Jefferson Avenue at the time.

Anna Francis graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1951, and was the fourth of five children of Richard and Josephine Thomas. Those children were: Josephine Zelma "Tommy" Thomas Hanes (b. 1928), who is currently the Mason County Clerk, Jane Ann (b. 1930, d. 1939), Richard Glyndwr "Dick" Thomas (b. 1932), Anna Francis Thomas Handley (b. 1933), and Era Mae Thomas Rollins (b. 1934).

Ernest and Anna Francis bought a house at 2225 Jefferson Avenue when they married, but in 1951, they moved to Willowton, South Carolina, where he worked as a pipefitter at the Savannah River Atomic Plant.

Their first son, Richard Lee, was born April 29, 1952, in nearby Aiken, South Carolina.

They moved back to Point Pleasant in 1953 where Ernest worked at various construction jobs in the area, before being hired at Kaiser to learn the trade of carpentry at the local Carpenters Local in Point Pleasant.

They lived at 2213 Jefferson Avenue when they married, but moved back to Point Pleasant in 1953. Their second child, Todd Daniel, was born on May 15, 1959, but lived and worked for some time in Mason County. I’m a former member and trustee of the Main Street Baptist Church in Point Pleasant.

Todd married Chris Liberatore Wilson on February 18, 1984, and have six children: Stephanie Dawn Wilson (b. 8-3-1973), Kellie Ann Wilson (b. 10-6-1975), Mary Beth Wilson (b. 8-3-1978), Bethany Lynn Handley (b. 3-15-1977), Dylan Thomas Handley (b. 5-10-1979), and Todd Derrick Handley (b. 4-24-1985). They reside at 1004 Kinney Court in Point Pleasant.

Todd has worked as a carpenter on construction in Augusta, Georgia, and also in the Point Pleasant area. Chris is currently a housewife.

The Handleys’ longtime members of the Main Street Baptist Church in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Ernest Lee Handley and Richard Lee Handley

RAYMOND HANDLEY AND PEGGY

I was born in Cabell County on May 15, 1909, but lived and worked for some time in Mason County. I’m a former member and trustee of the Main Street Baptist Church in Point Pleasant.

My wife, Peggy, and I now attend Millwood Methodist Church in Millwood, Jackson County, West Virginia since 1967.

My children are a part of the County and play an important role in the life and times of Point Pleasant. Their contributions for the good of the town are noteworthy. My family in Mason County consists of my sons, Ernest and Roger, four grandsons, Rick, Todd, Roger, Jr., and Mark, and nine great grandchildren, Stephanie, Carrie, Kelli, Bethany, Dylan, Kimberly, Mary Beth, Stephen and Derrick, all of whom live in Point Pleasant. My daughter Ruth lives in Jackson County.

When the Kaiser Aluminum Plant was built at Ravenswood in Jackson County, I went there to work. I am a steamfitter and a member for forty-four years in the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local # 565 of Parkersburg. In 1942, I worked during World War II at the TNT Plant in Point Pleasant.

On September 29, 1962, I made a telephone call that was to change my life then and until now, nearly twenty-four years later. On that date, I called Avis "Peggy" Adams, who is now a widow and asked if they could share our wedding. Thus, Chris and his fiancee Sharon Knox, came to us before the wedding, Peggy’s son, Thomas Adams, and his fiancee Sharon Knox, came to us and asked if they could share our wedding. Thus, one of the "us"s of the United Bridegroom and, after securing a replacement usher, the wedding took place on that lovely Sunday afternoon.

Peggy and I share many of the same interests. We enjoy trout fishing along a clear stream in the mountains of West Virginia. We have been together and our "cellar" shelves attest to the fact that we do a good job and we see rows of shiny jars of fruits and vegetables, all garnered from the land that surrounds our home in Jackson County. Our home, "Handley’s Chateau", is a two-story country house on a hill overlooking the Ohio River, where we grew up and have lived, as we have traveled these United States. In 1966, we attended a national square dance convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, where there were 25,000 dancers in attendance. Our square dance club, the
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adams and
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Handley

As evidenced in the foregoing, our twenty-three years of married life have been very active and fulfilling. We're older now and well into the time alloted to us in the Bible, but our days are good and very pleasant as we sit and remember.

Our travels are not so far a distance now though we do go to the south or southeast each fall as we look for warm sunny days, but always, when spring comes and with it the promise of lush green forests on wooded mountainsides, we find ourselves looking homeward and returning to West Virginia, the land where we have our roots deeply entrenched in the ways of a free mountain people and we always remember the heritage left to us by those who've gone ahead and left "their footprints in time."

SUBMITTED BY — Lawrence Plants, R. L. Handley, Dylan T. Handley

HANNA FAMILY

James W. Hanna, emigrant from Ireland left his native country and settled and married in Pennsylvania. He was the father of several children, among whom were William, Robert, John and Matthew. Their mother was a Miss Hillard of German descent. Mr. Hanna was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a farmer living and dying in Butler Co., Pa. About 1828 William and Matthew came from Pennsylvania and settled in Kanawha Co. Later William and his family moved to Polk Co. Missouri where thereafter he lived and died. Matthew was a mechanical engineer and held that position at the John Bream Salt Works. Here he married Miss Fannie Z. Thayer a native of Mass. The children of Matthew and Fanny Hanna were:

Nathaniel E. Hanna, born May 3, and died May 6, 1834
Martha M. Hanna, born July 29, 1835, James W. Hanna, born Sept. 1837.
Robert C. Hanna, born May 10, 1840.
Jobe T. Hanna, born April 22, 1842.
Samuel D. Hanna, born March 18, 1844.
John M. Hanna, born April 25, 1846.
Fannie T. Hanna, born March 12, 1850.


Benjamin R. Jewell left upstate New York sometime before the Civil War and came to the little river town of GUYANDOtte around 1850. He got a tract of land on the hard waters of Cabell Creek in Cabell County and built a log house and planted fruit trees. One of his two daughters, Helen, taught a subscription school in Guyandotte, and while there she met Jobe T. Hanna a federal soldier back from the war. They married and moved to a booming little river town Hartford City in Mason County where Jobe worked as a cooper making barrels for the salt works.

On September 12, 1869 John Ong Hanna was born, the first child. Other children were Nellie who died as a child, Benjamin, Annette, and Kate.

About 1878 Jobe and Helen loaded their belongings on a steamboat and came to Cox’s Landing and got a wagon to take them to a hollow which was on Helen’s share of land from her father. At that place Jobe started a sawmill. Jobe had asthma and perhaps a heart condition and died at the age of 47 in 1888. His widow and children spent most of the rest of their lives near this same place in Cabell County. Helen J ewell Hanna died at the age of 82 in 1926. Her eldest son John O., and his wife Virginia Frances Templeton Hanna who were married in August 1889, looked after his mother until her death. They lived on the ridge above her place. John and “Fanny” had eight children. John died in 1940 and Fanny in 1951.

James L. Hanna and his wife Sue Grose Hanna live on that place at the present time. James is a Cabell County school principal as was his father Matt L. Hanna who is yet living.

There is a cemetery at Hartford on a hill near some of the relatives of John O. Hanna are buried. Submitted by — Annie Hanna Colegrove

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On October 10, 1957, Paul Harbrecht, formerly of Pomeroy, Ohio, and his wife, Peggy Lieving Harbrecht, formerly of the Salem Community, moved to 3003 Jackson Avenue, Point Pleasant with two children Jeffrey Paul and Jillian Maria. Joseph Edward was born and still later Janice.

Paul, born in Athens, Ohio was the only son of Joseph E. and Beulah Templton Harbrecht. He has two sisters, Cecilia Harbrecht Mitchell of Pomeroy, Ohio, and Joan Harbrecht Meascher of West Virginia.

Peggy, whose parents are Hervin Lieving and Hazel Heaton Lieving was born at Maggie, West Virginia, (later changed to Kaylown, WV and is now West Columbia). She has two sisters, Loretta Lieving Roush and Patricia Ann Lieving (deceased) and one brother, Raymond C. Lieving.

The children of Paul and Peggy attended twelve years of school in Point Pleasant and all are married to Mason Countians.

Jeff married the former Kimberly Fields of New Haven, and they reside at West Columbia. Jill married Paul Maynard of New Haven. They are the parents of two daughters Jessica Dawn and Courtney Lyn. They live in Point Pleasant.

Joe married Robin Gray of the Flatrock area and they are the parents of Joseph Anthony and Lawrence Edward. The family lives on Greer Road.

Jan lives in Point Pleasant and is married to Greg Byer of Point Pleasant.

All working members of the family are employed in Mason County, Paul is Senior Vice President of Citizens National Bank and Jan is employed at Citizens National North Branch. Jan’s husband, Greg, works for G & C Towing. Jeff is employed by Indiana Michigan, A Division of American Electric Power. His wife, Kim, is a payroll clerk at Lakin State Hospital. Jill’s employer is Homestead Realty and her husband, Paul, is a teacher in Mason County schools. Joe is employed by Wamsley and Gray Building Company. His wife is a trained Licensed Practical Nurse. Submitted by — Jill Harbrecht Maynard, Janice Harbrecht Byer.

MILDRED SPER SPEARGRAVES

In 1979, I decided to write a family history that I could pass on to my Granddaughter. I have researched old records at Lewisburg, West Virginia; Summers County, West Virginia; Mason County, West Virginia and Blount County, Tennessee. I have filed with the Maryland Archives, Washington, D.C.; Charleston, West Virginia; Nashville, Tennessee, also family Bible and family members.

In my research I discovered I had a Great Great Grandfather on my mother’s side of the family who fought in the Confederate army and a Step Great Great Grandfather who served in the Union Army; a Great Great Grandfather on my father’s side who also was in the Confederate army during the Civil War. Both Confederate soldiers were held as prisoners of war, one in Virginia the other in North Carolina. One was issued a Parole when he was discharged from captivity, the other had listed on his record that he and his horse had been absent without leave three times. He had four brothers that fought in the Revolutionary War, Cousins that saw duty in World War II and Korean War. A nephew who is a Vietnam Veteran.

My mother migrated from Point Pleasant, West Virginia in 1912, my father migrated from Maryville, Tennessee to Ohio where they met and were married in 1915. In 1925 we moved to West Virginia as my father had purchased from my uncle the old home place of my mother consisting of 74 1/4 acres of land in Robinson District and being the same real estate purchased by my Grandfather, Thomas E. Hogg.

James T. Hogg born 1841; died December 10, 1873 married Flora M. Roseberry born August 7, 1846; died February 20, 1868. Had issue; Thomas E., Mary Lucinda and Olevia.


I currently reside at 3323 Jackson Avenue; graduated with the class of 1935 Point Pleasant High School; am a member of the Bellemont United Methodist Church, Pleasant Valley Hospital Auxiliary, local Chapter A.A.R.P. and the West Virginia Slate Farm Museum.

My father was a farm worker and worked for the Department of Natural Resources at McClintock Hunting and Fishing Area 14 years. My father was a retired Carpenter, Cabinet maker, farmer; my mother was a retired domestic worker. I was a homemaker and a retired domestic worker.

My ancestors came from Ireland, Scotland, England and Holland. Some of them inherited land through land grants so they helped clear and settle this area after the Revolutionary period.

Submitted by — Mildred S. Hargraves

HARRISON

Isaiah Harrison arrived in Oyster Bay, NY from England 1687 m. Elizabeth Wright da of Gideon and Elizabeth Townsend Wright 1698 moved to Virginia 1737. One of his children, John, b 1691 NY d 1771 m. Pheobe, b 1886 d 1793. A son of John and Pheobe, Reuben, b 1731 near Lewes, Del. m. 1st Lydia Harrison da Jere­miah Harrison 2nd Mary McDonald. Reuben was Captain of Revolutionary forces in Augusta Co. VA d 1807. Reuben's son, Joseph, b 1774, Rockingham Co. VA m. Isabelle Jeffers. They settled on Mud Lick Fork, 13 Mile Creek, Mason Co.

Mud Lick Mills, only village on Mud Lick Creek made 1803. First settler - Joseph Harri­son. The P.O., Deer Lick, one sawmill, one blacksmith shop, 12 houses. The store owned by the company across the street in a building on the other side of Main Street. A fire destroyed this business in the early 1890's causing them to move the company across the street in a building which many old-timers will recall housed the Hooff Drug Store and the old Opera House.

O. B. Harper also operated a furniture factory in the second block of Main Street which specialized in the construction of fine dining room furniture, occasional tables and cabinet mantels, the fashion of the day. This business was closed after a fire in 1899.

O. B. Harper was married to Trudie Aum­iller from Racine, Ohio, and their children were Pearl and Ralph. Pearl died at the age of six in 1898, and Ralph was born in 1891, and died in 1897.

O. B. Harper's second wife was Lula G. Com­stock and they had two children. Their daughter, Gertrude, was born May 29, 1904, and died in 1997. Their son, Charles, was born February 26, 1909, and is still living.

Gertrude was married to Donald A. Smith of Harvard, West Virginia, and they had two children, Patricia Lou and Donald E.

George O. Harper lived the former Elaine Smith, Roseberry, West Virginia, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Jerry J. (Susan) Adams, of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

George O. Harper, son of O. B. Harper, began his duties at the Harper Furniture Store as a mere boy dusting furniture. He graduated from Point Pleasant High School. He attended Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., and the School of Fine and Applied Arts in New York where he studied interior decorating. He also attended the Cleveland Art School, Cleveland, Ohio. After his father's death in 1931 he became the sole owner and manager of the Harper Furniture Co. which had the largest business concern in the city, being 86 years old when Mr. Harper retired and sold the business June 30, 1973, to J. Melvin Bormann. Submitted by — G. O. Harper

ROBERT A. AND MARY (JOHNSON) HARPER

Robert A. Harper and his wife Mary (John­son), who were both born in PA, began purchasing farm land in Mason County in 1868. Their children were T. L., who lived in Pittsburgh, PA; William James "Jim" (born about 1853), who lived on Thirty Mile Creek; Nannie, wife of H. Baker; Fannie, who married James Johnson; Elizabeth Marietta (1855-1883); Susannah (1863-1884); and perhaps Martha J. or Virginia.

The parents of Mary were William and Marg­aret Johnson, who were living near Arbuckle in 1870.

William was born in Ireland and died about 1874. His will named his wife, Margaret; daugh­ters, Martha Johnson, Mary Harper, Susan Harper, and Jane Quinn; grandsons, William Johnson and James Johnson; granddaughter, El­len Harris; and Lida Greenlee. No relationship was specified for Lida Greenlee, but one Lydia Greenlee was living in their home in 1870.

The Harper household was large in 1880, for it was composed of Robert A.; Mary; Martha J.; James; Marietta; Susanna; and Virginia. In ad­dition, there were the Johnson relatives, consist­ing of Margaret, mother of Mary; James, uncle of Mary; James, widower of Fannie (Harper); plus William J. and Mary A., children of James and Fannie, deceased.

Robert and his wife were living in Washington County, PA in 1853 when their son, Jim, was born.

Jim's children were Willie Blanche, Martha Virginia, Rebecca Pearl, and Sarah Delilah, daughters of Lucinda Bell Geho; George Dell; son of Rachel E. Smith; and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Gertrude and Leroie, children of Jessie King Jim died about 1907.

Fannie's children were W. J. Johnson and Anetta "Nette" (Johnson) Knapp, wife of Peter Knapp. Submitted by — Marilyn Kimberling

J. M. HART FAMILY

Jesse Malvern Hart 1866-1946 was a son of Joseph and Permelia Edwards Van Meter Hart. The Joseph Hart ancestors traveled down the Ohio River on flatboat from Pennsylvania and settled around the Hartford, West Virginia area.

The Hart family was a resourceful one, making a living from cutting and selling barrel staves.

Jesse Malvern, or J. M. as he was called, mar­ried Sarah Catherine Roseberry 1869-1944. She was a daughter of John and Dianah Flowers Roseberry who were married February 21, 1860. John's parents, James and Frances Peck Rose­berry, came from Ohio and settled around Hartford.

His wife Dianah's parents, Benjamin and Cath­erine Flowers, came here from Virginia and set­tled on Cow Run in Jackson County. John Roseberry was a teacher when at the age of 42 he married Dianah Flowers. His brother Mi­chael was also a teacher and served for the Union Army in the Civil War. Michael attained the rank of captain. There were two other brothers, Peter and Elijah and a sister Jane.

After their marriage, J. M. and Catherine Hart set up a general store on the Old Route 2, on Main Road, where they farmed and ran a general store. Later in life J. M. went into the ministry, becoming a circuit riding preacher. "Kate" wasn't too happy about her husband's decision on the ministry as this meant she and her chil­
Harley Harding Hartley was born at Cottageville, WV, April 11, 1921, son of Vitus Bering Hartley, Sr. and Minnie May Newberry. December 14, 1947 he married Ethel Geraldine Durst daughter of James Wilbur Durst and Edna Mae Blume. They were joined by their brother Vitus, Jr. after his discharge from the US Navy in 1946.

In September 1946, the Hartleys moved to Point Pleasant to begin a new business, The Point Pleasant Transportation Company. That same year a new company was formed, City Ice & Fuel Company, which became a distributor of Texaco products. The company purchased the distributorship from Emory Hawks in 1952. Harley's younger brother Art joined the company in 1953.

In 1956 Harley began Hartley Midstream Fueling, the only midstream fueling company between Louisville, Kentucky and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, later becoming Hartley Marine Corporation.


Long active in civic affairs of Point Pleasant and Mason County, Harley is a former member 1946-1983 and a past president 1953-54 of the Point Pleasant Rotary Club, a member and director of the Point Pleasant - Mason County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the City Council 1950-51, served on the Flood Wall Commission 1976-1983 and the Propeller Club of Huntington and various banking organizations.

Harley and his wife Fern, have lived at 914 Moosman Circle since 1950. Harley is the father of two children, Sonja and Don. Sonja was born January 27, 1939, graduated PPHS 1957, attended WVU, career in floral arranging receiving her state floral license in Baton Rouge, LA in 1984, married to William R. Capehart, son of Frank Capehart, Jr. and Janet E. Slater. Sonja's children are Blake Hartley Fiery born 1/16/62, married Steve Hulse 12/24/85, Staci Nicole Capehart, born 9/3/65, Cathy Jo Capehart, born 7/7/70. Grandchildren are Nadia Fern born 10/11/85 and Dillon Harley born 11/11/86, born on his Great-Great Grandmother Minnie May Hartley's birthday. Both named for their Great Grand Parents.

Catherine May was born January 26, 1951, graduated from PPHS in 1969, and graduated with her degree from Marshall University in 1982 with a degree in Elementary Education, married Thomas Howard Staats, son of James H. Staats and Martha Jane Gibbs. Children are Thomas Christopher Staats born 12/8/69 and Kristen Ashley Staats, born 5/21/83.

Harley was a wonderful father, a good businessman, an active member of the community and his daughters are very proud of him. Submitted by — Sonja H. Capehart & Cathy H. Staats

VITUS HARTLEY, JR. FAMILY

Vitus Hartley, Jr. born at Cottageville, WV June 14, 1923 son of Vitus Bering Hartley, Sr. and Minnie May Newberry. December 14, 1947 married Ethel Geraldine Durst daughter of James Wilbur Durst and Edna Mae Blume. Graduated Point Pleasant High School and Charleston School of Commerce, Executive Accounting. Served United States Navy Asiatic-Pacific Area, World War II, 1942-1946; served United States Army, instructor, 1950-1951. Returned to Point Pleasant and was self-employed, holding several offices in Companies started by his father and brother, Harley H. Hartley and later joined by his brother, Art E. Hartley, Sr. City Ice & Fuel Company, Hartley, Hartley & Hartley, Inc., Point Distributing Company, Hartley Sales Company and in 1967 became President of Peoples Bank of Point Pleasant which started in business in 1965 after serving less than two years on board of directors. To date is still President and C E O of successful, fast growing institution, 1986. Career related activities were important, Civic and Community affairs were equally important to Vitus. Recognized as 25 Year Trustee, Pleasants Valley Hospital on May 17, 1985; Recipient 1982 Community Service Award from Point Pleasant - Mason County Chamber of Commerce. Vitus served as Chamber President 1961 and 1969; Active in Kiwanis work, as LT-Governor of the 6th Kiwanis Division and Governor of the WV Kiwanis International; Member and three time President of WV Oil Jobbers-Distributors Assn.; Leader of Fundraising Campaigns for the Tristate Council, Boys Scouts of America; Pres. WV Community Bankers; Member Point Pleasant Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals; Chairman and Director, Mason County Public Service District since 1974; Member 1974-1980, American Legion, PP Chap; President Greater Mason Development Corp; Director, Mason County Development Authority; and member of American Legion, Moose and I.O.O.F Lodge. Vitus, along with his wife and children, has been loyal active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving on Boards and Committees whenever asked.

Vitus and Ethel have lived at 2101 Mason Blvd Point Pleasant since 1960. Vitus is father of two children, Martha Lynn and Leigh-Ann.


Vitus Hartley, Jr.

Martha Lynn, nusing career, attended Marshall University, received her degree from Capital University, graduate work at Ohio State, resides in Columbus, Ohio. Leigh-Ann, career in social work, attended WV University, received her degree from Capital University, did her graduate work at University of Kentucky, resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

Vitus, a kind and proud father, has always been, is currently foremost a source of help and encouragement for his daughters and their families. Submitted by — E. Hartley

COL. FRANK W. HAUGHT FAMILY

Frank W. Haught was born 26 October 1915 in Boothsville, WV. He was one of six sons born to James A. and Osha Nuzum Haught. He enlisted in the West Virginia National Guard on 15 November 1932.

On 27 December 1939 he was united in marriage to Martha Lee Watkins, the daughter of Loyd and Nellie Jarvis Watkins of Boothsville, West Virginia.

Frank was called to active duty in the Army with Service Company 201st Infantry Regiment on 6 January 1941 in Fairmont, West Virginia as a Master Sergeant. He served in the American Theater, Pacific Theater, and European Theater of Operations. On 13 August 1943 he attended Officers Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

Frank was released from active duty after World War II on 13 December 1945. He re-enlisted in the West Virginia National Guard on 19 August 1947 with the rank of Captain. On 16 February 1948 he was employed as a National Guard Technician in Point Pleasant as Shop Superintendent at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop. Frank was then promoted to State Maintenance Officer on 21 December 1954 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

On 15 October 1965 Frank was honored "for his long faithful, and devoted service to the West Virginia National Guard" when the new Combined Support Maintenance Shop Point Pleasant was dedicated to him.

Frank was again called to active duty in the Army on 22 November 1965 with the rank of Colonel as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for West Virginia in Buckhannon, He served in this position for nine years. He resigned as United States Property and Fiscal Officer on 31 October 1974 and was re-employed as a National Guard Technician on 1 November 1974 until his retirement on 30 November 1975.

During his 43 years of military service he received the following decorations:
It was on the land of Charles Clendenin that the city of Charleston, now the capital of West Virginia, was laid out. And it was from his name that the capital city was called "Charlestown".

William Robert Hawkins

To William and Letitia Hawkins were born the following 10 children:

1. Margaretta Trimble, born 25 October 1858; died 7 October 1934; married James B. Love, of Mason County.
2. Julia Eliza, born 28 November 1860; died 2 July 1904; married Dr. William P. Love, of Flatrock.
3. Lillie Jane, born 20 March 1863; died 1922; married Robert Rayburn.
5. Permelia, born 3 January 1868; died 14 July 1929; married John F. Fadely.
7. Sliman, born 25 June 1850; died 7 February 1916; married John Rayburn.
8. Lou Dicia, born 25 May 1876; died 28 August 1935; married Clifford Rayburn.

Letitia Hawkins died in 1919. She and William Robert Hawkins are buried in Strong Cemetery, Albany, Delaware County, Indiana.

Submitted by — Patricia Haught Huffman

THE HAWTHORNE FAMILY

The name Hawthorne is gone from Mason County now, but for nearly 140 years the Hawthornes lived near Ashton.

My great-great-grandfather, Bolden Hawthorne, was born October 14, 1877 in Virginia, two years before George Washington became president. Three of his sons, William, George and Poscow Bolden Hawthorne, my great-grandfather, came to this area sometime before 1850. Pascol married Elizabeth Susan Waugh in 1851.

Pascol and George Hawthorne each secured 1,000 acre homesteads side by side near Eighteen Mile Creek. In April 1855, Pascol bought 618 acres in partnership with William E. Wetzel.

The Civil War, especially the division of Virginia into two states; one slave and one free, tore the family apart. With family on the east coast, the brothers had no wish to join either side, but they were forced to join the Union Army. Both had measles at the time, and Pascol only made it as far as Columbus, Ohio. From there he could go no farther and the company left him. George served until the end of the war.

Pascol’s wife Elizabeth, walked from Ashton, West Virginia to Columbus, Ohio and nursed him until she could bring him home. He never regained his health and died in 1870 at the age of 39. She was left with six children to raise. Not an easy task in those days.

Much of the property had been traded or sold during his illness, but he had managed to leave a parcel of land to each child.

My grandfather, Madison (Uncle Joe) Hawthorne was born in 1866, d 1897 four years before his father’s death. He married 1891 Mary M. Crist (1874-1956) in 1891 and they had two sons, Emory and Lum, and three daughters, Elizabeth, LeVena and Elsie. Elizabeth married Grover McClaskey, LeVena married William D. Saunders, Elsie married Joseph A. Wright. Lum married late in life and had no children. Emory never married and when he passed away at 88 years of age in 1980, the name Hawthorne ended with him.

One daughter, Elsie Hawthorne Wright, survives. She and Joseph Wright were married 66 years Christmas day, 1985. They and two of their own properties were once part of the land grant.

Submitted by — Lendora Greathouse

BOILING HAWTHORNE FAMILY

Boling Hawthorne was born in 1788, in Virginia. He was believed to have come to what is now W. Va from the Shenandoah Valley of Va. Boling bought 142 acres of land in Mason Co. Va. in 1833, on Ohio Eighteen Mile Crk. He was a farmer. There is nothing known of a wife but Boling is thought to have had thirteen children, ten of which were mentioned in his will, and three recorded in Census Records which are believed to have preceded him in death. All his children were born in Va., many of which made their homes in Mason C. S.

Their children are as follows:

1. Fredrick Hawthorne.
3. Susan Hawthorne, married Andrew Wallis, Jr.
4. Rebecca Hawthorne, married Ballard Cremeans.
5. Paskel B. Hawthorne b. 1831 d. 1870, buried, Holley Farm, married Elizabeth S. Waugh b. 1835 d. 1917, buried Criss Cemetery, daughter of Solomon and Nancy Waugh. Paskel served in the Civil War. He was a farmer and a surveyor. He had six
belonged to Boling Hawthorne, his father.

on Ohio Eighteen Mile Crk. The farm originally owned and farmed by William and Nancy J. Waugh, both are buried in the Waugh Cemetery. Nancy Jane Hawthorne.

William L. Hawthorne (1837-1908) married James G. Hawthorne, the son of William L. and Nancy Waugh. Alford H. Holley b. 1834 d. 1910, married Maggie Birch. Hayman came to Leon about 1900. Mr. Hayman was a rafter of ties. At that time railroad ties were in great demand due to the building of the railroads. Mr. Hayman made rafts of the ties and floated them to Cincinnati where they were sold.

The Haymans were friendly, amiable people who are kindly remembered by the older generation. Also living at the Hayman home were Mrs. Hayman's widowed sisters, commonly called Aunt Liz and Aunt Mag.

The Haymans purchased the hotel that was owned by William Dividen. It was located across the railroad tracks between the Thomas Store and the mill. They carried on this business until October 22, 1922 when the hotel, the mill and the Thomas home burned.

John Hayman, Sr. died in Leon March 17, 1937. Mr. Hayman died March 20, 1910. They were parents of three children Gertrude, John and Carl. (1) Gertrude born May 12, 1885 married Blackburn Greenlee (1881-1909). She was a second time to Edgar Scines (1893-1944). Gertrude was a member of the Guiding Star Advent Church, the Pythian Sister Lodge, and a Sunday School teacher for many years. She died January 7, 1983. (2) John R. Hayman was born August 25, 1895. He served in World War I. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. John was employed by the West Virginia State Road Commission. He married Ella Scines the daughter of Emory and Rozella Sayre Scines. His death occurred in December 1945. John and Ella Hayman were the parents of eight children: (1) Wanda born April 27, 1922, married Millard Greenlee. Their children are Sharon, Karen, Millard Luther. (2) John Emory born August 20, 1924 married Ruth Lyons. Their children are Connie, Peggy, Mickey, and Carla. John Emory served in World War II. He was wounded on the island of Saipan when his Marine Corp landed in that Japanese strong hold. Now is retired and living in Ohio. For many years John E. has been a minister serving many churches in the area. (3) Mary born March 13, 1927, married James Thomas. They are the parents of a daughter, Sandra. Mary Hayman Thomas served as Post Master at Leon from 1963 to 1965. (4) Gertrude Rosalie born February 3, 1927, married James E. "Jack" Beaver who was born October 28, 1926 and died April 8, 1974. Their children are John Michael and Jamesetta. (5) Illa Jean born June 17, 1933, married Donnie Hill the son of Ray and Belle Stewart Hill who was born August 24, 1932. Their son Donnie Hill, II died December 9, 1972 at the age of 19 years. (6) Rowenna born July 1935, married Joseph Jefferies. Their children are Sandra and Allan. (7) Melony born October 23, 1938 married Roland Moore. They are the parents of one daughter, Debbie. (8) Carl William born June 26, 1945, married Hilda Crookham. He served in the United States Army in Germany where his son was born on November 8, 1962. Carl William was employed in the Ohio mines and later with the Corp of Engineers. He was a minister. His death occurred on June 23, 1984 as the result of an automobile accident. Carl Hayman born 1898, died 1935, was the son of John Hayman, Sr. and Amanda S. Hayman. He was married to Disa Burdette. They were the parents of Eleanor June and Carolyn Elaine Hayman. Submitted by — Mary J. Thomas, Ella Hayman

JOHN HAYMAN FAMILY

John Hayman, Sr. came to Leon from Cooper District. His wife Amanda Sturgeon Hayman born February 4, 1861 was the daughter of William Sturgeon born 1797 in Monroe County, Ohio. William Sturgeon and his wife Nancy Landers Sturgeon who was born in 1806, and died in 1876, are buried in the Sturgeon Cemetery. The family farmed the farm owned by William Jividen. It was located across the railroad tracks between the Thomas Store and the mill. They carried on this business until October 22, 1922 when the hotel, the mill and the Thomas home burned.

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C. L. “BUD” HEAD

C. L. "Bud" Head and Doris G. Lambing were married in Johnstown, Pa., on September 20, 1941. In August 1942, they moved to Point Pleasant where they worked in the purchasing department of the Marietta Manufacturing Company. He worked there for 12 years, and in 1954 started teaching school in the Mason County System. He also opened an insurance company.
agency which he operated until he retired in 1978.

On January 25, 1945, Bud and Doris had their first child, Donald. Donald went through the Point Pleasant School system and graduated in 1962. He then went to Denison University and after graduation began a banking career with the National City Bank in Cleveland. He is now senior vice-president of the Casco Northern Bank in Portland, Maine. Donald and his wife, Diane are the parents of two children; Amy, age 20, and Alex, age 15. They live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Doris and Bud Head

Marjorie was born May 16, 1948. She too graduated from Point Pleasant High School and went to Marshall University where she graduated in 1970. After getting her Masters Degree from West Virginia University, she moved to New York State and has worked for various agencys doing rehabilitation work. She now lives in Syracuse.

Joseph was born June 10, 1951. After graduation from Marshall University, he worked for the Controller of Currency as a bank examiner. Ten years ago he began working for the D.C. National Bank in Washington. He is now senior vice-president. He and his wife Donna have two sons, Brian, age 5, and Christopher, age 1. They live in Fairfax, Virginia.

Bud has been choir director at the Trinity United Methodist Church for the past 43 years. Doris has been organist for 23 years.

Doris' parents, Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Lambing moved to Point Pleasant from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1948. Mr. Lambing died in 1959 and Mrs. Lambing died in 1968.

Submitted by = C. L. "Bud" Head

HISTORY OF CAPTAIN JACOB HEIB

Captain Jacob Heib was born in Buena Vista, Ohio, October 12, 1862. On December 26, 1886, Jacob and Elizabeth Lucetta Hoobing, with two other couples, went from Buena Vista to Portsmouth, Ohio, in a sleigh and were married. Elizabeth was born in Harmony, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1867, the daughter of Jacob and Lucetta Ziegler Hoobing.

Jacob and Elizabeth had five children: Jacob Leonard, born April 18, 1889, in Point Pleasant; Clara Annabelle married Saunders Bethorn Woodyard. He was born August 5, 1879, in New Jersey and died August 5, 1884 in Mason County, (W) VA now Roane County where he ran a mill. They had two girls, Hannah Elizabeth, who married David White, but she died at the age of 17 and Cassie Mill who married James Vineyard. After Jacob's first wife, Nancy, passed away he married Mary Emmack and raised a son, Henry, and a girl, Sallie.

Rachel Helper married David Fisher, a widower, and son to Henry Fisher, who married her sister, Mary Jane Helper. Mary Jane and Henry had ten boys and four girls. They lived and died in Mason County. Rachel and David had three sons and two daughters and later moved to Clements Township, Richland County, Illinois.

Clarissa first married to William Robinson had a family of three daughters and one son, Franklin Price. William was killed on a sash sawmill and is also buried in Upper Flats White Church Cemetery. Later, Clarissa married John McDermott, a widower. They moved to Illinois where they also had a son and a daughter. They later moved to Mason County and Hannah Helper living in Mason County today are those descended through the line of Mary Jane Helper and Henry Fisher.

Submitted by = Great-granddaughter of Jacob: Vivian L. Heikken

HENDERSON'S (SAMUEL)

Samuel and John Henderson, sons of L. John Henderson of Greenbrier County, settled on the Henderson Grange, in 1797. This grant was at the point of Kanawha and Ohio rivers, lying between the grant of George Washington and General Hugh Mercer. This grant was made by Governor Randolph in 1786. Samuel built his log home on the bank of the Kanawha where the river flows into the Ohio, and in 1810 he replaced it with burning coal were placed on the barges for the light needed to negotiate a landing. Water used on the boats for cooking and drinking was taken from the river.

Jacob saw the end of the flat boats used by the settlers. After landing, these boats could be taken apart and the wood used for cabins.

Jacob's work took him from the Monongahela River to New Orleans, and to the Kanawha Falls on the Kanawha River. He was the first Captain on the Florence Marmet, most beloved of all towboats by river men of this section. Some of the other boats he captained were the Val P. Collins, Mark Winet, George Matheson, Mont Clare and Catherine Davis. He was also on the H. F. Frisbie, Tom Reese and Harry Anderson.

In 1892, he had a narrow escape on the Steamer George Matheson when it sank.

In 1902, on the Florence Marmet, Jacob and his family moved from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Point Pleasant, where he and Elizabeth spent the remainder of their lives. In December, 1917, he became Manager of a landing for steamboats, Ohio and Kanawha Harbor Company, located at the mouth of Crooked Creek on the Kanawha River, a landing owned by the Hartweg Brothers of Cincinnati. When it was discontinued in 1941, Jacob retired.

Jacob Leonard, Jr., married Jessie Bell Frost, born May 14, 1895, daughter of John and Annie Casto Frost of Henderson, West Virginia, on December 16, 1913. There is one son, Curney Heib.

Katherine Elizabeth married Harley McCollister at Gallipolis, Ohio, August 7, 1907. Harley was born October 22, 1880, at Marion, Indiana, son of Joseph and Emily Davis McCollister. They had six children: Jean Arville, 1908, in Point Pleasant; Mildred Eunice, 1910, in Point Pleasant; Joseph Randall, 1923, in Zanesville, Ohio; Donald Lee, 1926, in Zanesville; and Gerald and Geraldine, 1930, in Ironon, Ohio.

On July 4, 1912, in Huntington, Virginia, Clara Annabelle married Saunders Bethorn Woodyard. He was born July 9, 1883, in Five Mile, West Virginia, son of William Cornell and Fanny Felthia Athers Woods. Four children were born: Margaret Elinor, 1914, in Point Pleasant; Dorothy Elaine, 1919, in Point Pleasant; Saunders Cornell, 1923, in Point Pleasant, (died 1925); and Richard, 1928, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Marquartie married Justin Francis Johnson, October 14, 1916, in Point Pleasant. Justin was born in Harpers Ferry, 1883, in Point Pleasant, son of William Edgar and Julia Ann Gard Johnson. Marquartie and Justin had four children: Lois Thelma, 1917; Elizabeth Julia, 1918, (died 1923); Joan Jean, 1925, (died 1926); and Justin Alan, 1930. All children were born in Point Pleasant. Submitted by = Thelma Johnson Mosman

HELPERS ALSO KNOWN AS HELFFER, HELPER

Andrew Helper, son of Christopher Helper and Elizabeth Ross, was born August 5, 1779 in New Jersey and died August 5, 1854 in Mason County, (W) VA now Roane County where he ran a mill. They had two girls, Hannah Elizabeth, who married David White, but she died at the age of 17 and Cassie Mill who married James Vineyard. After Jacob's first wife, Nancy, passed away he married Mary Emmack and raised a son, Henry, and a girl, Sallie.

Rachel Helper married David Fisher, a widower, and son to Henry Fisher, who married her sister, Mary Jane Helper. Mary Jane and Henry had ten boys and four girls. They lived and died in Mason County. Rachel and David had three sons and two daughters and later moved to Clements Township, Richland County, Illinois.

Clarissa first married to William Robinson had a family of three daughters and one son, Franklin Price. William was killed on a sash sawmill and is also buried in Upper Flats White Church Cemetery. Later, Clarissa married John McDermott, a widower. They moved to Illinois where they also had a son and a daughter. They later moved to Mason County and Hannah Helper living in Mason County today are those descended through the line of Mary Jane Helper and Henry Fisher.

Submitted by = Great-granddaughter of Jacob: Vivian L. Heikken
Samuel Henderson was born 7 September 1766 and died 24 December 1836, married Sally Donnally on 17 May 1793. She was the daughter of Colonel Andrew Donnally of Donnally's Fort in Greenbrier County. She was born 25 January 1775 and died on 3 June 1821. John Henderson was born 30 August 1768 and died 19 August 1824. In 1792 he married Elizabeth Stodghill, daughter of John and Elizabeth Stodghill. They were married in Greenbrier County.

Samuel and John's father, Lt. John Henderson, was born 7 September 1766 in Augusta County, Virginia circa 1740 and died 24 March 1787. In 1765 he married Anne Givens who was born circa 1740 and died 28 May 1819, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Givens. Anne was the younger sister of Elizabeth Givens, wife of General Andrew Lewis. Lt. John Henderson fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant. He was the second son of James Henderson and Martha Hamilton of Augusta County, Virginia, who were married on 23 June 1738. James was active in the French and Indian War. James was the son of William Henderson and Margaret Bruce of Fyeshire, Scotland. John, James and Samuel came to America in the late 1730's.

Samuel and Sally Henderson were the parents of John G., Andrew and Charles Henderson. The two younger sons never married. John Givens Henderson, the elder brother who was born on 5 February 1795 and died 23 March 1886, married Anna E. Stephens on 1 February 1826. She was the daughter of Captain John B. Stephens and Sallie Ogden, his wife. He was the son of Andrew Stephens, one of the original patentees of lands in Mason County. Anne was born 5 June 1806 and died 17 August 1839. They had three children; Samuel Bruce who was born 15 November 1826 and died 21 October 1900, was married to Lydia George on 16 January 1853; Sallie A. married Joseph George; and Mary Ella married John L. Hutchinson. Samuel Bruce Henderson and Lydia George had five children; Charles, John William, Anna Eliza, Nannie Lee, and James S. Anna Eliza, born 11 July 1858 and died 10 February 1944, married Joseph Andrew Wilson on 27 October 1880. James S. married Hattie Poffenbarger on 24 October 1884. They had two children; Herbert Rose Dickerson and they had three children, Anita (deceased), Phyllis Henderson (Morgan), and Donald Henderson. Frances married Ernest Shank and they had two sons James and John Shank.

The Samuel Henderson home, located at the forks of the Kanawha and Ohio rivers, was occupied by John Givens Henderson and family during the Civil War. At sometime during the Civil War the home was occupied by the Union Forces as it had a good view of the rivers and the boats going up and down the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. It was used as the Union Forces Headquarters.

Samuel's son, Samuel Bruce and his family lived with him. After the war in 1870, they moved to the George property which was Lydia's family home about five miles up the Kanawha River. At this time, Maria Henderson Hutchinson moved back to the home place to be with her father. The Hutchinson's lived there with their six children, three of whom survived. They were Charles Andrew, Robert Bruce, and John Henderson. John L. Henderson, her husband, died on 26 December 1895. She died in her Henderson home on 27 October 1916.

Samuel Henderson died at the George home on 21 October 1900. His son James Henderson and his wife, Hattie Poffenbarger, lived out their lives in the family home. He was the first toll of the Shadle Bridge and also the last toll when the bridge was freed. His son Herbert took over the duties of the farm and diary, and after his death, his son Donald followed in his footsteps and continues to present day to run the farm. The old home is still occupied and is well preserved. Submitted by — Teresa Atkinson, William L. Wilson, Jr.

The Harley Hendricks Family

Harley Edward Hendricks was born Oct. 24, 1947, in Mason, WV. His father, Carl Fredrick Hendricks, was born Aug. 27, 1921, in Middlesport, OH. He was educated at Pomeroy High School in 1939, and served in the Army during World War II. He worked for the A & P for 42 years, retiring in 1982. Harley's mother, Dorothy Virginia Durst, was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Pomeroy, OH. She also attended Pomeroy High School. Carl and Dorothy were married Nov. 8, 1943, in Pomeroy, OH, and lived there when Harley was born.

Mary Vernon Foster was born May 14, 1947, in Charleston, WV. Vernon Roy Foster was born Sept. 5, 1908, in Kimberly, WV. He played football for Montgomery High School in 1929, and served in the Army for over 50 years. The family moved to Pt. Pleasant, WV, in 1969. Harley worked for Hecks, Inc. while attending Gallipolis Business College and then worked for City Ice and Fuel.

The family moved to Pt. Pleasant, WV, in 1971. Ann Virginia was born March 4, 1972. Vernon Roy Foster was born March 18, 1976. Both were born in Gallipolis, OH. Eve Elizabeth was born Oct. 20, 1980, in Pt. Pleasant, WV.

Harley is presently employed at Philip Sporn power plant in New Haven, WV. He started there Dec., 1983.

At this time, Chipper is a freshman at Marshall University, having been graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1986. Ann is in ninth grade at Pt. Pleasant Junior High School. Vernon is in first grade at North Pt. Pleasant Elementary and Eve is starting kindergarten at North Point. Submitted by — Harley Hendricks

Alpha (Gregory) Herdman

Don’t ask Leon’s Mrs. Herdman about a 40-hour work week. She has never had one. She has owned and operated a grocery/gasoline business for over 50 years. The last 40 have been in Leon.

Born in 1905, Alpha married Birdie Herdman (son of Peter and Nancy) in 1922. She taught school (Lone Cedar and Hope Dale) for three years while Birdie worked on the railroad. He was a mechanic and wanted to be in business for himself. So, they sold their joint venture, the two opened and operated a service station in Buffalo (1928-1932). While Birdie worked on the cars, Alpha pumped the gasoline, sold refreshments inside, and did the bookkeeping. From 1935-1942, they operated a station in Mason. Here, Alpha added a new dimension to their business. She made and served sandwiches to Wahama students during their lunch periods since there was no school cafeteria. Sometimes “credit” was extended to those without cash in their pockets. They would always “settle up” at the end of the week.

During World War II, the Herdman’s moved to Columbus, Ohio. Alpha found employment with the Curtiss Wright Corporation (1942-1946). After a training period, she was assigned to the Blueprint Department and worked on Navy contracts.

Following the war, the Herdman’s returned to Mason County after purchasing a garage in Leon from Charles “Bear” King. Always one to accommodate the public, Alpha contacted a dairy company to begin selling “pasteurized” milk when the mother of a small child in Leon told her the child could not drink “raw” milk. Soon other foods were added to the store’s line of products.

Twice, Alpha had to relocate the business in Leon - once when a new bridge was built and again when the road was changed to by-pass the main street of town. This last move proved to be
a real blessing since spring floods would no longer pose a threat.

Mrs. Herdman's store was the favorite meeting place for Leon teenagers from about 1954-1964. It was the "in" place to go and listen to records on the jukebox and play games (Rook and Checkers) for hours. Sometimes, Mrs. Herdman would extend her very long workday (14 hours) so a game could be completed.

The Greyhound Bus Company contracted with Mrs. Herdman in 1961 to serve as an agent (selling tickets and handling packages). She served in this position until bus service through Leon was terminated in 1984.

While continuing to "run the business", she also is involved in community affairs. Mrs. Herdman is an active member of the Leon Baptist Church, the Leon Homemakers Club, and the Pythian Sisters Temple #54. For 30 years, she served as the treasurer of the lodge. Since 1965, she has managed to find time to enjoy extensive travel experiences including a tour of the Holy Land in 1971.

Mrs. Herdman is the mother of five children: Herbert (born 1924) of Lakeview, Ohio, married Ruth Whaley; Herman (born 1928) of Laurelville, Ohio; Wanda Lee (born 1931) of Hillsboro, Ohio, married Lawrence S. Davy; Virginia Grace Beach, Wanda Francis<br>George Washington Hesson was born in Mason County, W. V., on January 27, 1888, to James and Annie (Roush) Hesson. Also, George had three sisters, Clara, Bertha, and Eva. They are all deceased. His occupation was a coal miner and a farmer. Also, his hobby was fox hunting. Equally important, on June 8, 1910, George Hesson married Garnett L. McMillin. She was<br>George W. HESSON FAMILY

PETER HERDMAN FAMILY

Peter Herdman born August 19, 1876 was the son of Henry Harrison and Frances Baker Herdman who lived in the Gunville area. He was married to Nancy Sayre on December 5, 1896 at the home of her parents, the ceremony being performed by L. M. Carder. Nancy Sayre was born August 12, 1877, the daughter of Laban (1852-1856) and Mary Catherine Barr Sayre (1855-1856). The Sayre family lived on Spruce Run. The Sayre family lived on Spruce Run.

Peter and Nancy Herdman began housekeeping at Gunville. In March of 1902 Peter purchased a 51 acre farm that was owned by John W. Smith and moved his family here. On this farm, located on a very high point which gives a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside, they reared their children and spent the remainder of their lives.

In his early years, Peter worked at a sawmill but later he became a track foreman for the New York Central Railroad. While employed on the railroad he at one time received a serious injury.

During the 20's and 30's when debating was so popular, Peter would go for miles to debate an issue. Although never running for or holding public office, he took a great interest in politics, and often served on the election boards.

Peter and Nancy worked hard but provided well for their family. They were good citizens and often served on the election boards.

Peter lived to be almost 88 years, his death occurring on June 8, 1964. Nancy died January 15, 1956 at the age of 78 years. They were laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The children of Peter and Nancy Herdman were:

1) Birdie born February 7, 1898. She worked as a painter for the New York Central Railroad and in later years was an automobile mechanic.
2) Eliza born February 14, 1906. (3) Mary Frances, known as Dollie born May 30, 1902, married Ernest F. Thornton who was born June 22, 1900 and died 1962. Before her marriage Dollie was employed by Fletcher Enamel Factory at Dunbar, W. Va. Frank and Dollie were the parents of one son Ray who was born November 7, 1924 and died November 23, 1981. (4) Virgil born November 20, 1904, married Norma Bailes. They were the parents of one daughter Phyllis Jean. Virgil was a street car conductor. He also worked for a national detective bureau. He retired as a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad. His death was September 11, 1971.
3) Peter and Nancy had two children to die in infancy and were buried in the Spruce Cemetery.

Peter Herdman was the grandson of Peter T. and Nancy Flowers Herdman. Born in Pennsylvania, Peter T. came to Jackson County where he married Nancy Flowers on May 14, 1844. Children of this couple were Mary M. born 1847; James M. born 1845; Wesley T. born 1848; Hester E. born 1850; Michael P. born 1856; Henry Harrison born 1852; Ephriam born 1856; Abijah; Rowena; and possibly others. Submitted by — M. F. Thornton, James A. Thornton

JUDGE JOHN W. HEREFORD

Judge John W. Hereford was admitted to the Cabell County Bar Association October 1925, and a resident of Huntington, West Virginia ever since that date.

Born 1897 on a farm in Mason County and reared there to young manhood.

Educated in the public schools of his native county, attended Kentucky Normal College at Louisa, Kentucky, and graduated at West Virginia University, 1923 and 1925, with A.B. and Law degrees.

Taught in public schools of Mason County for five terms.


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Cabell County, January, 1933 to September, 1937.

Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, in charge of all criminal prosecution from September, 1937 to March, 1941.

Appointed by the Governor of West Virginia as Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in March, 1941. Elected unopposed in 1942 for the unexpired term. Was re-elected without primary opposition in 1944 for an eight year term.

Married Vivian Lillian Brown, the daughter of Charles Wesley Brown and Mary Virginia Love both residents of Mason County. Mrs. Hereford also taught in the Mason County School system for several years prior to her marriage. They were the parents of six children.

Virginia Grace Beach, Wanda Francis Greene, Vivian Johnee Nordeen, Gloria Jean Friday, John Withers Hereford, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Reid.

Judge John W. Hereford served Twenty Eight years as Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, most of them unopposed.

Founder of the "John W. Hereford" Boy's Club of Huntington, Inc. consisting of two locations, one in the East end of Huntington and one in the West.

Active in Mental Health and in his later years became a Real Estate Broker.

Member of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and teacher of the Men's Good Fellowship Class until his death in 1977.

Member Kiwanis Club, West Virginia State Bar, Cabell County Bar Association and the American Legion.

JUDGE HEREFORD SAYS...

"During the years I have served as judge I have never knowingly or intentionally abused the vast powers the voters reposed in me. My duty has been to discover the truth in all matters before me and to render justice accordingly. I have tried to be considerate of lawyers, litigants, witnesses and jurors appearing before me. I have kept the Circuit Court always wide open to those seeking justice, without regard for race, creed, previous condition of servitude, station in life, political faith, religious belief or financial standing. I have worked diligently to make justice speedy, commensurate with true justice. Where justice, sometimes cold and exacting, has needed to be tempered with mercy, I have diligently tried to do so. I have labored to be a good, honest, merciful and just judge. I have done my utmost to make justice equal, to rich and poor, black and white, big and little, important or obscure. It has been a great privilege to have had a part in the administration of justice for a few passing years in the greatest country in all the world. I am humbly and eternally grateful to the people who so graciously gave me this opportunity. It has been a distinct pleasure to have served them. I feel that the fine experience in this important office will enable me to be a better servant of the people in the days ahead if they fail to continue me as their steward of justice. I pledge myself to be worthy of that continuing trust if the people again repose it in me." Submitted by — Gloria Herford Hereford and John W. Hereford, Jr.

GEORGE W. HESSON FAMILY

George Washington Hesson was born in Mason County, W. V., on January 27, 1888, to James and Annie (Roush) Hesson. Also, George had three sisters, Clara, Bertha, and Eva. They are all deceased. His occupation was a coal miner and a farmer. Also, his hobby was fox hunting.

Equally important, on June 8, 1910, George Hesson married Garnett L. McMillin. She was

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born in Mason County, W. Va., on September 19, 1894, to Elmer and Vesta (Hart) McMillin. Garnett was noted for her needle work, sewing, quilt blocks, and home quilting, using the old fashion quilting frames. Furthermore, she was a Christian homemaker, as she was always busy gardening, canning, and cooking. Garnett was highly respected in the community, her many friends called her “Mom” Hesson. 


George and Garnett had five children: (1) Orland Arthur, born March 7, 1911, died June 17, 1963, at his Broad Run, W. Va., home; he married Alma G. Roush, they had three children, (a) Shirley Eugene married Shirley Danbury, two children, (1) Regina married James Artis, two children, (a) Aaron and (b) Leah Artis. (2) Ricky married Cindy Workman, two children, (a) Tyler and (b) Rikki Hesson. (b) Jackie Orland married Kathleen Roush, two children, (1) Shane married Julia Reid, one child, (a) Ashley. (2) Troy, one son, (a) Joshua. (c) George Harry married Phyllis Miller, two children, (1) Craig married Angela White, (2) Melissa. (2) Michael, (3) James Kraft. Married Brian Horton, two children, (a) Kayla and (b) Tracy, and (3) Burke Hesson. (3) Paul David and (2) Heath. (c) James Orban married Linda Hard, three children, (1) Tara, (2) Tracy, and (3) Burke Hesson.

Orban Austin, a Church of Christ minister, born January 30, 1913; married Alta Allinder, they had three children, (a) Doris Jean married Arthur Kraft, three children, (1) LuAnn married Brian Horton, two children, (a) Kayla and (b) Melissa. (2) Michael, (3) James Kraft. (b) Ruth Ann married Paul Estep, four children, (1) Kathy married Mark Mullins. (2) Robert (Rob) married Sandy Lewis. (3) Diana married Adam Moore, two children, (a) Andrea and (b) Kristi Moore. (4) Brian Estep. (c) James Orban married Mogene Hard, three children, (1) Tyler and (b) Rikki Hesson. (b) Artis, two children, (a) Aaron and (b) Leah Hesson.

Robert G. Heslop (born in Sheffield, England, 1823) and Susanna Dixon (born also in England 1821) came to the United States on their honey-moon and liked it here so much that they never returned to England. There were already some of the family who had migrated to Bridgeport, Ohio and to Martin’s Ferry, W. Va. and we presume it was with their help that the young couple settled in this country before 1850. They had five children: Lizzie (later married to Peter Lehew), Thayer, Robert Kenneth, John Henry, William Crofts; and Charles who later lived in Columbus, Ohio. It was John William Crofts Heslop who was to become one of Point Pleasant’s most prominent citizens. He was born in 1853 in Bridgeport, Ohio, but when he was two the family moved to Pomeroy. In 1868 he moved to Mason City, W. Va. where he remained until he established his residence in Pt. Pleasant in 1886. In the 1872 supplement of the Point Pleasant Register it is stated “There is possibly no enterprise in Pt. Pleasant that has been a greater factor in giving the city its deserved prestige as a commercial, industrial, and manufacturing center, than the Pt. Pleasant Machine Works of which Mr. J.W.C. Heslop is owner.” His career was launched on the very small capital of $500.00 but the machine shop (no longer here) — specialized in steamboat repair and manufacturing all kinds of castings, as well as catering to the requirements of the salt plants in the area. It came to be housed in a three story brick building, affording 36,000 square feet of working space and included lathes, planners, drill presses, radial drills, steam hammers, pipe machines, one of the latest and best bolt threading machines, overhead cranes, and a cupola for melting iron and brass whereby castings to the weight of five tons could be produced.

On February 28, 1879, J.W.C. Heslop married Miss Aurilla Jarrott of Mason City, W. Va. Since she did not want to leave her home, Mr. Heslop promised her that if she would move to Pt. Pleasant for one year and did not like it, he would move his business to Mason. At the end of the year, she had made so many friends in Pt. Pleasant that she would not have considered another move. Besides becoming very active in her husband’s church, Christ Episcopal, she also became very busy with her family. There were eight children.

While never seeking political office, Mr. Heslop was repeatedly elected to the City Council and to the School Board. He served as vestryman at Christ Episcopal Church, was a Mason, Knights Templar, and K. of P. He was a member of the Beni-Kedem Shrine of Charleston and the Kiwanis Club. From Pittsburgh to New Orleans the name Heslop was familiar to all river craft operators and the firm’s reputation for honest work, prompt service, and efficiency made it reputation unsurpassed for many years. Mr. Heslop became ill with pernicious anemia (not too many years before a cure was known) and the entire responsibility for management fell upon the shoulders of his oldest son, Robert J. Heslop. He became known from Cairo to Pittsburgh as Colonel Heslop and he was known for his courtesy and congeniality at home, and for his selfless efforts at treating anyone in need of his help during the terrible influenza epidemic and during the frequent floods.

The children born to J.W.C. and Aurilla Jarrott Heslop between 1878 and 1896 were Martha Jane (married Hugo Ernest Juhling, a successful merchant of Hartford and had one child, Florence); Susanna Dixon (married John C. Waters and Seth Chandler Wilhem and had two daughters Neda Eleanor and Roberta Aurilla); Robert Jarrott (married Helen Steinbach Zehrer and had no children); John William and Moses Morgan twins, born on the Fourth of July. Moses died in infancy, and Bill grew to manhood and married Mildred Callister, no children; Nancy Elizabeth (married Alphonso...
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John and Melissa are buried beside Ira and Nancy Hill on Ira's farm near Leon, West Virginia.

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- Mary, b. ca. 1876.
- Frank, b. ca. 1878.
- Orpha, b. 1880; d. 1960.
- Cora, b. 1882; d. 1967.
- Margaret, b. 1884; d. 1966.
- Wilbert (Bill), b. ca. 1870.
- Nancy (Nannie), b. 1889; d. 1939.
- Lawrence (Pete), b. 1891.
- Samuel, b. 1896.

III. Susan ABSTEN, b. 1856; d. 1946 (90y); m. Rev. L. M. CARDER (Bert), b. 1854; d. 1927 (71y).

Bert Carder was a minister of the United Brethren Church. Susan and Bert are buried at Lone Oak Cemetery Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Issue:
- Lillie, b. 1881; d. 1903.
- George, b. ca. 1883.
- Laura, b. 1885; d. 1972.
- J. Holly, b. 1890.
- Landis, b. 1892; d. 1905.
- Icey, b. 1896. Submitted by — Dottie J. (Robb) Richard Bower

JACK — KATHLEEN HILL FAMILY

Jack and Kathleen King Hill were life long residents of Mason County until 1984 when they moved to Point Pleasant, WV where he is employed with the Smith Trucking Company.

Kathleen King born February 21, 1930 at Leon is the daughter of Charles and Rebecca Stone King. She is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Charleston School of Commerce. She was first married to Marvin Moore which ended in divorce. She married second, September 3, 1966 to Jack Hill. At the time of her marriage she was employed at Gene Ball’s Restaurant.

Jack Hill, the son of Flora Hill grew up near Leon in the Shiloh area. He is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School. He served 4 years in the United States Navy in Vietnam.

Jack and Kathleen are members of the Leon Methodist Church and Kathleen is a member of an Air Force Band. The greater part of her service was spent in the Philippines.

Children of Kathleen and Marvin Moore are as follows: Melony Rebecca born August 11, 1966 married Donald Bixler 1986. They have one daughter Raquel born June 25, 1984. Brenda married Murl Bartlett. They have a daughter Heather Davis born June 25, 1984. Ron married Tobi Cutlip from Rainelle. They have two daughters, Charlotte and Sherry.

Issue:
- Donald married Margaret Schultz from Akron, Ohio. They have two daughters, Pamela born December 6, 1963, Todd Jan 15, 1967 and son Patrick born January 21, 1959 married Donald Bixler — no children.

HILL FAMILY

Jonathan Hill born in Connecticut in 1775, Married Roxana Warner. Roxana died in 1853 or 1854 - buried Martin Cemetery, Putman County, Jonathan and Roxana had ten or twelve children. Laban Hill, fourth son of Jonathan born May 4, 1809 attempted to cut himself a castle in rock cliff that juts out over the waters of Thirteen mile creek in Mason county. The project became impractical and was abandoned. Mark’s pick and chisel yet remain in face of the cliff. When the Post Office was established under leadership of son-in-law Hugh Donnelly he suggested the office be named Rock Castle as memorial to the castle his father-in-law undertook to construct in the sandstone cliff. Laban died June 21, 1886.


Ward third son of Nathan and Mary Elizabeth married Emily Martha Wolf who was born 1875 and died Jan. 27, 1908. Six children were born, Mont Nov. 8, 1898, Infant deceased. Delph born June 21, 1903, died March 22, 1979. Delph served in the Korean War. Ruffus born April 10, 1905. Brady born Nov. 7, 1907. He served in the Navy. Brady was murdered in 1943. George born March 1, 1913, Martha born December 27, 1918, Mary born February 6, 1920, Dennis Hill February 13, 1922, Laura, b. 1885; d. 1972.

Issue:
- Mont, oldest son of Ward married Bessie Howell, May 7, 1923. Struggling years remained ahead because of the great depression of the 1930’s. Mont farmed and worked through the county dehorning and butchering cattle. He retired from the New York-Corning Dairy. Mont married Bessie Howell 1923. They had four sons and one daughter. Laban Hill, fourth son of Jonathan born May 4, 1809 attempted to cut himself a castle in rock cliff that juts out over the waters of Thirteen mile creek in Mason county. The project became impractical and was abandoned. Mark’s pick and chisel yet remain in face of the cliff. When the Post Office was established under leadership of son-in-law Hugh Donnelly he suggested the office be named Rock Castle as memorial to the castle his father-in-law undertook to construct in the sandstone cliff. Laban died June 21, 1886.


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Larrey served in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on March 6, 1968. Larrey married Barbara Neville from Point Pleasant. They have two children, Tara born July 25, 1976, Troy July 20, 1979.

RAY HILL FAMILY

Ray Hill was born January 4, 1902 at the family home in Leon, W. V. He was the son of David Ellis and Elizabeth (Newell) Hill. He had five brothers, Virgil (Iva) Hill, Oama (Bertha Barnett) Hill, Kelly (Denee Stover) Hill, Dale, Oakey and Four sisters, Mrs. Howard (Bertha) Stewart, Iva (Dewey Stewart and ? Davis) Hill, Mrs. W. W. Brewer (Ora), Mrs. Holbart (Mary) Spencer.
He married Belle Stewart who was the daughter of Mason and Ollie (Barnett) Stewart, De­cember 20, 1924 at the First Church of Christ in Akron, Ohio. He was working at that time in the Mohawk and Firestone Rubber Companies in Akron. They moved back to Leon in 1929 and spent most of the rest of their lives on the family farm. Other than farming he worked at Point Express Trucking in Charleston, W. V. and worked the summer school boys for the Department of Highways.

He was a member of Smith Methodist Church in Leon and was the Sunday School Teacher there for a number of years. The ground on which the new church is built was donated by David Ellis, his Dad. He attended and supported all the community churches and was known by everyone to be a great believer in God.
He died March 17, 1982. He and Belle had five children, eleven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. They are:


(1) Sharon Ann (Jividen) Hayes, born October 17, 1946 married Walter Hayes: (a) Tammy Rae Hayes, (b) Scott Allen Hayes, (c) Angie Hayes.
(2) Arnold Lee Jividen, born February 19, 1948, married Elaine 7: (a) Sonya Jividen, (b) Joshua Jividen
(3) Allen Dean Jividen, born October 29, 1956, married Joyce Casto: (a) Beau Dean Jividen

(B) Murlin Elizabeth (Hill) Hartley, born September 8, 1929 married Art Ellis Hartley Sr. They have four children:

(1) Art Ellis Hartley Jr, born June 4, 1949 married Janet Stalnaker: (a) Art Ellis Hartley III (Trace), (b) Brannie Elizabeth Hartley.
(2) Brenda Kay (Hartley) Eisel, born August 7, 1951, married David Eisel: (a) Marcia Eisel.
(3) Vitis Ray Hartley, born August 1, 1955, married Mona Forshier: (a) Heather Lynn Hartley.

(C) Donnie Arthur Hartley I, born August 24, 1923, married Ila Dean Hayman: They were the parents of one child:

(1) Jason Clifford Riffle, born September 18, 1970.

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(E) Dorothy Jean (Hill) Riffle, born June 7, 1921, married Forrest Riffle: (a) Jason Clifford Riffle, born September 18, 1970.

The Ward Milo Hill Family

Ward Milo Hill, born June 17, 1878 near Kenna, Jackson County was the son of Nathan Hill and Mary Elizabeth Parsons Warner. Nathan, born March 6, 1841 in Jackson County, son of Allen and Ann Elizabeth Hill. Nathan served in the Union Army during the Civil War.
On January 15, 1910 Ward married Mary Odesta McCollum, born July 30, 1884 in Jackson County. They had eight children. Guy Hill, born May 24, 1911, married Anna May Crookham, born February 13, 1923 in Mason County. They reside at Glen Ferris, Fayette County. Flora Marie, born March 1, 1919 near Leon. She died October 31, 1948, buried at Leon Cemetery.
On June 9, 1937 married Anna May Crookham, born February 13, 1923 in Mason County. They reside at Glen Ferris, Fayette County. Flora Marie, born March 1, 1919 near Leon. She died October 31, 1948, buried at Leon Cemetery. Edna Thomas, born May 24, 1911 near Leon. On May 22, 1933 married Aubrey Riffe, born June 19, 1919. They reside at Plain City, Ohio. Dennis, born February 13, 1922 near Leon. On November 2, 1946 married Betty Mae Pridy, born August 24, 1930 at Buffalo, Putnam County. They reside at Parkersburg, near Arbovale. David Milo, born November 6, 1924 near Leon. Denver served in the Army during World War II. He died of wounds during a Naval en­gagement in the South Pacific. Denver was bur­ied at sea during the fall of 1944.

Ward resided on a farm near Baden Road, Leon. He worked on the railroad for a short peri­od of time and farmed 80 acres the remainder of his lifetime. They attended Shilo Church on Baden Road.

GROVER CLEVELAND 
AND 
MARY JOSEPHINE HOLLOWAY HITE

Grover C. Hite born November 6, 1884 died July 10th, 1955. He was born in Wayne Co. to J. E. and Nancy I. Hite. His mother died in her 50th year at Cottage Grove, W. Va. (lived on 2nd Street) and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery. He was one of 14 children and his mother also raised 4 other related members of the family.
Mr. Hite, a long time resident of Point Pleasant, served during his life of 70 years in numerous government and civic organizations of Point Pleasant. He and his family of six children lived on Viand Street at the present location of the Kinfolk and Pt. Pleasant Building and Loan As­sociation.
He was a former chief and deputy sheriff; state deputy fire marshall serving from 1921 un­til 1933, former city chairman of the Republican Party and prior to his retirement was captain of the guard force at the Marietta Manufacturing Company during WWII. In World War I he served in the Army Intelligence Agency service.

Grover was a charter member of the Point Pleasant Moose Lodge, chief of the Redmen Lodge, member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Prior to his death on July 10, 1955, he directed yearly the Point Pleasant fireworks display which drew large crowds from communi­ties along the river.
Grover married Mary Josephine Holloway (died October 22, 1958 age 72) whose ancestors have been traced to the colonial period of Mason County and the Battle of Point Pleasant. Mrs. Hite was the daughter of Joseph Holloway who served as Mason County Clerk during the early formative years of Point Pleasant. She was an active community leader serving in numerous positions of the Daughters of the American Rev­olution. Grover and Josephine raised a family of five daughters and one son, many of whom be­came active citizens in the community of Point Pleasant prior to moving to other neighboring states. Junia Jo (Mrs. Dana Bradshaw) became well-known for her expertise as a court reporter, and is buried at Kirkland with her husband Dana (1896-1975) a well known Mason Co. teacher, Hildreth (Mrs. Wm. Curry Nebb­gall) was at one time associated with the Holzer Hospital School of Nursing. She and husband are buried Millersport, Ohio. Anita (Mrs. W. C. Bowies) became society editor of the Point Pleas­
Josephine is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Marshall University with a Masters Degree. She is now retired after 44 years as a teacher and principal in the Mason County School System. Bernice born 1910, married Eugene Russell. Their children are Eva, Alvin and Robert; Irene Hodges born 1912 married Theodore Thomas. Their children are Lavada, Clarence and David. Submitted by — Besie C. Cadle

EARL HOFFMAN FAMILY

Earl Henry Hoffman was born at Letart, W. Va., Mason County, March 19, 1897, the son of James Milford Hoffman and Zora Jane Roush. On Feb. 24, 1918, he married Permelia Roush, daughter of Lewis Wesley Roush and Lydia Weaver. She was born April 20, 1897. The Hoffman family consists of four daughters, six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great, great-grandchild.

Earl Hoffman was employed by the Gold Orchard of Clifton, W. Va., in the early years of his marriage. In 1922 he moved to New Haven, W. Va. and worked in the Superior Porcelain Plant.

In the spring of 1927 the Hoffman family moved to Hartford where they resided for the next 45 years. He was employed by the Liverpool Salt and Coal Company there. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were faithful members of the Hartford Baptist Church. Earl Hoffman passed away Sept. 13, 1972. His wife passed away Sept. 13, 1979. Edna, the oldest daughter is deceased. Her passing was on Feb. 5, 1983.

Ethel married Isaac E. Hall and resides in Nitro, W. Va. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

Ernestine married George Adam MacKnight and resides in Huntington, W. Va. They have one son and two grandsons.

Elizabeth married Willis J. Grinstead. She resides in New Haven, W. Va. Their son Jeffery Joe is deceased. Their marriage ended in divorce. Submitted by — Ethel M. Hall

JOHN D. HOFFMAN FAMILY

John Dave Hoffman was born December 15, 1853 in Mason County son of John Hoffman and Mary (Polly) Rickard Hoffman. He married Catherine Virginia Finnicum July 26, 1874. She was born September 14, 1852. They had five children, Lance (died at age 3), Virginia, Beatrice (died in Infancy), Dorothy and John. Lacie married Arch Roush. They had no children.

Ma and Pa Hoffman as most everyone called them lived at the forks in Old Town Creek below Oak Grove Church and across the road from the Oak Grove School where all their children attended. Pa logged timber and drove oxen from his home at Oak Grove to way up Coal River, Charleston being about half the way there. Ma and Lacie pieced and quilted many quilts for children and grandchildren. They had an ice house and in winter when the creek was frozen Pa cut squares of ice and stored it in the ice house in sawdust for ice cream in the summer time. The grandchildren all loved to go and help turn the crank on the freezer and get the good ice cream Ma made. Pa died December 2, 1924. Ma and Lacie lived alone until Ma died November 4, 1939. After that Lacie married and lived in the home place until her death September 21, 1966. Submitted by — Dorothy Atkinson

HOFFMAN - EDWARDS - GIBBS

William Hoffman (1878-1960) born Mason County married Inez E. Edwards (1880-1963) both buried Lone Oak cemetery. She was the 7th child of Nancy Virginia Gibbs (1846-1926) and John Riley Edwards (1842-1916) who are buried in the Edwards cemetery on Mission Ridge toward Stoney Grove. Inez Edwards Hoffman died in Columbus, Ohio.

John Riley Edwards served in the Civil War in Battery B. 1st W. Va. Regt. Light Inf. between October 1861- July 1865 having seen service in encounters at Winchester, Rocky Gap, Droop Mountain, Lynchburg, Charleston, W. Va. and several in Maryland, one being Shepherdstown.

Nancy Gibbs, daughter of Maria VanMeter and Zebulon, had a brother Perry married Lydia E. Bass; sisters Maria married John Blessing; Christena married Lewis Edwards; and his brother Vincent Edwards married Margaret Jane Edwards. Several Gibbs children died young.

John Riley Edwards was also from a large family and had brothers James, Arthur and Stroud.

William Hoffman (died 1960) had brothers Newt, Sont, Okey, Nate, Harry, Walter and sisters Lavia (Young), Edda (Young) Daisy (Knapp).

John Forrest Hoffman, son of William and Inez, married Luella Wooten December 5, 1931. His brothers and sisters are Howard, Hebert, Harper, Faye, Marielle, Leona, Iola. John Forrest was born Spillman, W. Va. was employed with Bartlett Tree Co. 14 years; M. G. Towing Co., and retired while employed with B. & E. Towing Co. (Pate-Hartley - Marine, now Ohio River Towing Co.) Luella was born Bladen, Ohio, daughter of Lucinda Bell and Aaron Wooten, who are buried Providence, Ohio on Rt. 218. She had brothers Dewey, Joe, Berne, How-


CHARLES EDGAR HOGG
(1852-1935)

Born in West Columbia, West Virginia to James A. and Susan Knight Hogg. Mr. Hogg taught school at the age of fifteen for three years. He attended Carleton College in Ohio for one year, studying Latin, Greek, and German. He then studied law under Judge Henry J. Fisher, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He became county superintendent of schools for two terms. June 2, 1881, married Nancy Borden Hawkins, born February 24, 1854 to Charles M. Harmon Jr. and Mary Magalene and Samuel C. Logue, he a Union soldier and was of Cadiz Post GAR Gallia Co. She was a grand niece of Judge Alex Logue. Her paternal grandparents were Capt. Joseph Haynes and Mary Logue of Harrison Co. They were the parents of one son Victor. Victor married Pearl Haywood for his first wife and they had one child. Submitted by Sept. 29, 1986.

Olive a former Mason County school teacher was born 4/23/1907. She married Harold Carl and they are the parents of one daughter Patricia Ann. Patricia married Charles Carney and they were the parents of two sons William and Robert. Patricia and Charles later divorced. Submitted by — Olive (Hogg) Carter

NETTIE LOOTH HOLLOWAY

Nettie Loth Holloway was born 1883 the daughter of Joseph Haynes and Mary Logue Holloway, and died January 5, 1949. Burial in Lone Oak addition. She worked at the County Clerks office where her father Joseph Holloway, and late Col. J.P.R. B. Smith held office 36 years. She was Clerk at the railroad freight office when L. P. Kahn was agent. Nettie was a proofreader with the Point Pleasant Register Company and a member of the Colonel Charles Lewis DAR Chapter, and a Presbyterian. Nettie has a brother Charles born on the lot at Lone Oak, and a brother Samuel Spencer, birth and death dates unknown is buried in Huntington.

Her paternal grandparents were Capt. Joseph Haynes of Virginia and John Holloway of Revolutionary fame. Maternal grandparents were Mary Magalene and Samuel C. Logue. She was a Union soldier and was of Cadiz Post GAR Gallia Co. She was a grand niece of Judge Alex Logue. Her grandfather, James Hinton Holloway, was first recorder of Mason Co.

James Hinton Holloway (1819-1902), merchant is buried at Lone Oak. He was the son of Mary Hinton and Joseph H. Holloway of Allegheny Co.

Capt. Henry Holloway was pilot on the Homer Smith Excursion boat. Capt. Peter Holloway was also pilot on the river. Kirby Holloway
HOSCHARS

The Hoschars originally came from Germany in about 1800 and settled in Pennsylvania, later migrating to Mason County.

Andrew K. Hoschar was wounded in the Civil War. He and his pal Marion Plants also wounded, walked to Pennsylvania, a several weeks walk. There he met Rhoda Plants, Marias’ sister and married her, being 16 years old at the time, and they settled in Mason County soon after.

Their issue:

- Athena D. born 1870 married Clemens Gibbs, 6 children.
- Elizabeth, born 1872, married Charles Willm, 5 children.
- John Wesley, born 1874 died 1959 married Ella Bixler first, 2nd wife Emma Flowers (1877-1968) 7 children.
- Jacob B. (1876-1920) married Jennie Upton, 4 children.
- Lucreta (1879-1905) married Edward Greenlee, 6 children.
- William M. (1883-1902) and Florence (1886-1886) no issue.

After the parents died, their son Andrew George Hoschar bought the old homestead from the heirs and an additional farm from McColloughs, and ran a dairy for several years. He married Abigail Janie McCoy 1903. She died 1987. Johnny Barnett son of Hiram died 1913, Rhoda (1846-1932) along with several children are buried on Sand Hill cemetery on Sand Hill road. Rhoda was born in about 1800 and settled in Pennsylvania, later migrating to Mason County.

Several Hospchars fought for their country.

Andrew K., Civil War.; Jacob, Col. 42 Regt. Inf. wounded at Rocky Face Ridge, Georgia and was discharged after three years service.

Hiram R. was born February 17, 1843, Urbana, Champaign Co. Ohio. His mother died when he was eight. He lived at Dayton and Cincinnati. Learned the printers trade at La Porte, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky and owned his own printing office in Mound City, Illinois and Cold Water, Michigan. He came to Mason County 1865 and edited the Mason County Journal until 1872. He was admitted to the bar in 1872 and was a member of the Law Firm of George Perry Simpson. He was in the House of Delegates 1870; Mayor of Point Pleasant three terms (1872 to 1893); seven years trustee for Hospital of Insane at Spencer; eight years on Penitentiary Board; Judge of Supreme Court of Appeals.

He joined the Masonic Lodge at Mound City, Illinois in 1865 and the Minturn Lodge No. 19 April 1867, of which he was at one time grand master. He belonged to Knights Templar and Beni Kedem, and was a member of the Episcopal Church.


Nannie at the age of 20 married January 16, 1866 to Mr. Howard, printer, son of Renna and Joseph S. Howard. Hiram and Nannie were parents of 8 children. Those known were Mary R. (1867), Kate (1869), Augustus (1872) who married Nourse; C. Josephine (1874), Hiram R. (1876) Annie M. (1879) and Gertrude (1884). Hiram had a sister Helen Williams who had a son W. Howard; and two nieces Josephine Smith and Helen Hart who survived Josephine (died November 1956) and Gertrude (died 1952). Josephine and Gertrude never married and were employees of the old telephone company as operators, and members of the Episcopal Church.

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Andrew K. Hoschar died 1913, Rhoda (1846-1932) along with several children are buried on the old Hoschar (also known as R. P. Bell farm) cemetery on Sand Hill road. Rhoda was born Washington Co. daughter of Nancy Cooper and Jacob Plants. Submitted by — James Herman Hoschar

HIRAM HOWARD

Hiram Reece Howard, Private Co. H, 11th Ohio Infantry was awarded the medal of Honor for action at Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, November 1863. He enlisted April 18, 1861, wounded at Rocky Faced Ridge, Georgia and

was discharged after three years service.

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W. W. HUDSON FAMILY

William (Will) Weekly Hudson son of Preston Allen Hudson (Circuit Rider Preacher) and


HULBERT STORE AND TRIBBLE POST OFFICE

The Hulbert Store on Mud Lick had it's beginning in 1898 when Truman Guthrie Hulbert purchased the property from Joe Jividen. Truman Hulbert's parents, Alonzo and Lydia Hulbert (1832-1929 and Lucy Patterson Watts Hulbert (1836-1916) moved with their family of ten children to the Beech Fork area of Mason County in 1881 from Gallia County, Ohio. Beech Fork is a tributary of Mud Lick Creek. The children of Alonzo and Lydia Hulbert: Charles Justice Hulbert 1858-1937 Harriet Jane Hulbert 1860-1882 Mary Esther Hulbert 1861-1911 Truman Guthrie Hulbert 1863-1947

Rebecca Jane Roush Hudson was born May 25, 1878 in Mason County. Her father was one of five brothers that was in Civil War. He was the only one that survived. To this union was born six children, Sam, Liz, Jack, Jim, Will and Arch. Preston, his wife and two of their children are buried in the White Church Cemetery.

Will Hudson married Dora Beatrice Hoffman, daughter of John Dave and Catherine Virginia Finicum Hoffman was born at Oak Grove, Mason County, December 6, 1880. They lived most of their lives in Mason County. They had five children. Lane who died when he was 3. Gladys Virginia was born May 25, 1904 in Martins Ferry, Ohio where Will worked in the Steel Mill. Beatrice only lived 2 months. Dorothy Merl and John Allen were born in Letart, Mason County.

Virginia married Ernest Sayre, son of Charles and Louise Sayre. They had two sons, Kenneth Raymond Sayre who died in 1892 and Clare James Sayre, Telegraph Operator for the Railroad.

Dorothy born August 14, 1911 in Letart, Mason County married William Robert Atkinson, son of the late Robert Lake and Mary Elizabeth Carroll Atkinson. They live in Huntington and have three children, William Robert Atkinson, Jr., Huntington, a Contact Representative for the Railroad Retirement Board. Dora Jane Atkinson, Leon, Math Coordinator for Mason County Schools. Nancy Carroll Atkinson at home.

John Allen Hudson born December 29, 1914 in Letart, Mason County. He served 3 years in the U. S. Army in World War II. He married Rebecca DeKalb Bannister daughter of the late Albert Bannister, and Tera Hardin Bannister of Hamilton, Alabama.

Will and Dora both belonged to Mt. Olive United Brethren Church. He belonged to Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Dora belonged to Rebekah Lodge at Letart. They moved to Leon Route 2, Morgan Ridge in 1922 where Will died March 16, 1935 and Dora died June 12, 1974 and are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Letart, Mason County. Submitted by — John Hudson

THE HUGHES FAMILY


DEKALB HUGHES FAMILY

DeKalb Hughes, 1/8/1845 - 5/12/1915, b. Gallipolis Ferry (Crab Creek area); son of Hughes; grandson of Elizabeth Ott Hughes, step-grandson of John McMullen who is buried on the hilltop on north edge of his farm (Mac-Place); brother of Ashbel Hughes, 1850-1930 circa; and half brother Jerome Christy, 1854-1935 of Clover (Greenbottom), Cabell County. At age 12 (1857) DeKalb "earned ten cents per day carrying bricks in construction of the Moore mansion near Pt. Pleasant, 1866 he enlisted at Clover in the Confederate Army, Eighth Virginia Calvary Regiment, under Gen. Albert Jenkins and Capt. William Gunn. He was in campaigns in Shenandoah Valley and Lookout Mountain. Gen. Jenkins was killed in the war. Afterwards, DeKalb operated the farm at Clover for Gen. Jenkins' widow. In 1866, m. Jane Ann Bowen, 3/2/1845 - 3/16/1928, dau. of William and Adelaide Templeton Bowen who had emigrated from Harrisonburg, Va. to Ona, Cabell County. Her family goes back to families of Rucker, Reed, and Col. Edward Bills and wife Sarah Case of the American Rev. DeKalb and Jane had eleven children, all born in Cabell County.

They moved about 1892 to Ben Lomond, Mason County where he operated the McCulloch/Lewis plantation until his demise. Jane Ann then bought the farm at Gallipolis Ferry adjacent to the Mac-Place, where a Hughes family resided for the next fifty years. DeKalb and Jane have the Hughes Burial Plot of eight grave sites in the Beale Chapel Cemetery at Apple Grove, where

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Helen Lord Hulbert 1904
Lee Hulbert 1908-1971
Norma Mae Hulbert 1912-1980
Truman and Clara Hulbert lived on Beech Fork until 1898 when they bought the store on Mud Lick and moved into the residence adjoining the store. Clara Hulbert was Post Master of the Tribune Post Office from 1898 until 1941 when the Post Office at Tribune was discontinued.

Truman C. Hulbert, Sr.

to bring winter supplies of food and clothing to supply all the customers.

The store was a social center as well as a trading center. Some came to visit and loaf, and in the evenings the favorite past-time was a game of checkers or dominoes. The store, the Warner Church and Warner school made for a close-knit community, and when the Hulbert store closed in 1941 it was a sad occasion. Times had changed, roads improved, and with better means of transportation people in that area were able to find other markets. But the store building still stands there on Mud Lick as a landmark, and as a reminder of a different way of life. Submitted by — Clara Ann Hulbert Douglass and Mary Jean (Billie) Hulbert Howard

ALFRED E. HUSSELL

Alfred E. Hulbert was born on December 26, 1880 to Jacob C. and Mary Euler Hussell at Mt. Alto, W. Va., and was one of nine children.

He was married to Virginia M. Boone in 1904 and they had seven children five of whom are still living. They are Mrs. Louis (Anna) Castner of Steubenville, Ohio, Mrs. Charles (Edna) Taylor of Baltimore, Maryland, Andrew J. Hussell, Mrs. C. Russell (Velma) Oshel, and Mrs. Katherine Terry of Point Pleasant.

"Alf and Jenny" moved to Mason County in 1911 and settled on Sandhill Road, and later moved to a larger farm also on Sandhill Road where they lived until their deaths. Jenny died in 1966, Alf died in 1971 and are buried in Lone Oak as is a son Alfred (1921-1953) WVA CPL 381 Base Unit AAF WWll.

Mrs. Hussell was the daughter of Isabelle Fergus and Andrew Hamilton Boone and was born in Jackson Co., 1881.

Alf was an active farmer until a year before he died. He operated a blacksmith shop in addition to his farm duties. He was well known for his matoxes and wagons, was an honest man and a hard worker. Although only 5'2" and 130 pounds his stature did not prevent him from shoeing horses and doing other heavy duties in line with his trade which had been handed down through several generations. He was a 65 member of the Odd Fellow Lodge.

Alf had a two story block home built in 1931 on his farm. The blocks were made by two of his daughters Velma and Edna, and the sand for the blocks was obtained from a bank on the back of the farm. Here Velma Oshel and one of her daughters reside. Submitted by — Carolyn Glover

THE HUSSELL FAMILY

Jacob Conrad Hussell was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 14 Sept. 1853. His parents were: John Jacob & Mary Eva (Hartman) Hussell.

They were born in Rottenberg, Germany. Jacob Conrad Hussell came to Mount Alto, Jackson Co., (West) Virginia with his parents in 1858. Jacob Conrad Hussell married Anna Marie Euler 23 July 1876 at Ripley, West Virginia. Anna Marie Euler was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 8 APRIL 1854. Her parents were John & Catherine (Goodermood) Euler. They came to Mount Alto, Jackson Co., (West) Virginia in 1861. Jacob Conrad and Anna Marie Hussell had nine children between 1878 and 1899: Lydia Catherine, Harmon, Alfred Emil, John Ralph, Harry, William, Jacob, Otto, and Anna Marie.

Jacob Conrad Hussell was a blacksmith and wagon manufacturer and ran a general store. He was an expert in making edge tools and the best mattack maker in West Virginia. His son, Alfred, worked with him in the shop and learned to be a blacksmith.

About 1898, Jacob Conrad went into the saw mill business and with the help of his son John operated the saw mill for several years in Jackson, Mason and Kanawha Counties.

In 1905 Jacob Conrad bought a farm and moved his family to Point Pleasant, Route 1, Mason County. Jacob Conrad's wife and daughter, Anna Marie ran a small store in one room of the family home, but he and son, John, continued to run the saw mill.

In 1911 some businessmen encouraged Jacob Conrad to go to Tampa, Florida to saw timber. He shipped his equipment, including a yoke of oxen, by train to Tampa. Jacob Conrad and his son John & family spent two years operating the saw mill but John's wife didn't like Florida, so they came back to Pt. Pleasant.

Jacob Conrad's wife and daughter remained on the farm in Mason County and did the farming with some help of a married son but Jacob remained in Florida for 7 years.

In 1918 after an unsuccessful sawmill adventure, Jacob Conrad returned to Mason County and he and his wife separated.

In 1919, Jacob Conrad's wife, Anna, and daughter, Anna Marie went to Turin, Iowa to live with a son, William Hussell who had lost his wife and needed help caring for two little girls.

At the beginning of World War I, some of Jacob's concerned neighbors paid him a visit to question his loyalty because of his ancestry and language. He assured them he did not support the Kaiser. The family was very careful not to speak German in public any more.

Jacob Conrad Hussell died 6 OCT 1927 and was buried in Lone Oak Addition Post Pleasant, WV. His wife, Anna Marie (Euler) Hussell died 2 APRIL 1934 and was buried in Little Sioux Cemetery in Harrison County, Iowa. Jacob Conrad's children are all dead except Anna Marie Jacoba and she lives in Sioux City, Iowa.

Submitted by — Iva (Hussell) Slayton - Granddaughter

John Jacob Hussell

John Jacob Hussell was born 29 Oct. 1813 in Burg, Bavaria, Germany. His family worked with metals for five generations and John Jacob helped build the first steam cars in Karlsruhe, Germany for six years prior to coming here. He married Mary Eva Hartman, she was born in Rottenberg, Germany 27 December 1813. Due to complications in the immigration laws, they

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John Hussell and Anna Marie (Euler) Hussell, June 9, 1882 died June 8, 1972. On March 20, 1907 he was married to Mary Nancy Morris whom he met while helping his father in the saw mill business. Mary Nancy was born July 18, 1886 and died March 20, 1975. Her parents were John Ralph Hussell and Anna Marie (Euler) Hussell, June 9, 1908 died 1910 at Emmons, W. Va. 2.

December 18, 1960 Violet was married to Russell Emmons Thomas born April 9, 1939 to Emmons Herbert and Clara (Fawver) Thomas. He spent four years in the U.S. Airforce, two of which were spent in Japan. He has been employed with Goodyears for 20 years, and is currently remodeling their home on Rayburn Road.

Their four children are Lydia Catherine Thomas born April 20, 1964 Goldsboro, N. Carolina who is a graduate of St. Marys Nursing School and works at Pleasant Valley Hospital. She is taking two classes at Marshall toward earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She was a 4-H member 12 years, is a 4-H leader and life member of W. Va. All Stars and was the recipient of a $300 scholarship at the Mason County fair which she applied to her college education. She is a youth leader and a member of

John Ralph Hussell born March 8, 1910, is single and lives on the farm. He attends Krebs Chapel Church.

CLARA GLADYS born July 8, 1912 married William Otis Schultz Aug. 1940 and lived in Chesapeake, W. Va. His parents were Charles Willian and Alza (McDermitt) Schultz of Point Pleasant. Clara returned to Point Pleasant in 1944. Her husband entered the Navy WWII on September 12, 1942 and his ship the U. S. Rowan was sunk September 13, 1943 after hitting a mine in the Mediterranean Sea. His body was never recovered.

Volunteer Maxine Schultze, on June 7, 1941. Violet is a graduate of Maritz Beauty School and works at Lakin State Hospital in the beauty shop. She is a 4-H leader and life member of the W. Va. 4-H. All Stars since 1960, a member of the Heights U.B. Methodist Church and teacher in the children’s primary department.

Robert Rudd Bunner

Submitted by - Imogene Torode Bunner

JOHN RALPH HUSSELL

John Ralph Hussell born to Jacob Conrad Hussell and Anna Marie (Euler) Hussell, June 9, 1882 died June 8, 1972. On March 20, 1907 he was married to Mary Nancy Morris whom he met while helping his father in the saw mill business. John Ralph and family spent two years near Tampa, Florida helping his father, but Mary Nancy did not like living in a lumber camp because of so many snakes and lizards, and not making enough money either.

By 1914 John Ralph and family returned to their farm in Mason County and began raising cattle, hogs, and poultry and grew many vegetables which they sold to house in Point Pleasant for many years. Mary Nancy made 50 pounds of butter, also buttermilk, cottage cheese and cream which was delivered weekly to customers. She also made 50 gallon barrel of sour kraut, 20 gallon jar of pickled greenbeans and a 50 gallon barrel of brine pickles which were sold in winter to customers. She also picked the small feathers and down from the breasts of geese and ducks and made bed feather pillows to sell.

Mary Nancy was a charter member of Krebs Chapel Church and she helped to raise money to build the church.

John Ralph received a 55 year pin as a member of the IOOF Lodge. In 1970 John Ralph age 88 and his brother Alfred Amil, age 90 were honored by the Western Soil Conservation District as Octogenarian farmers who were still active in farming. John Ralph was still managing his farm, cutting and baling his hay. He made sorghum molasses and had some as far away as California. He said “activity has kept me going”. He owned a steam engine pile driving machine and was employed to drive piles for the Shadle Bridge.

They were parents of eight children. 1. Nancy born 1908 died 1910 at Emmons, W. Va. 2.

Alexander was born 16 Sept. 1849, Pittsburg and died 8 June 1850 in Pittsburg. He has a marker beside his parents.

Mary Catherine born 8 Jan. 1851, Pittsburg, married Timothy Stanley Cross in Racine, Ohio. They had ten children. They lived and are buried in Racine. Amelia Catherine born 19 July 1852, Pittsburg, married Samuel Kiesling in Mason County, bought a timber farm near Leon, West Virginia and built a cabin. In 1892 moved by train to a farm near Creston, Iowa. They had ten children. They’re buried in Creston.

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Joseph Vincent born 24 Dec. 1855, Mount Alto, West Virginia, married Margaret Rollins. They had four children and lived in Antiquity, Ohio. Joseph died 30 June 1910 in Antiquity, buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery, Mount Alto. Margaret died 10 Dec. 1910, Antiquity, buried in Plants Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio. Margaret was to be buried beside Joseph but when she died the Ohio River couldn’t be crossed. She was never moved.

Albert Fredrick born 15 Feb. 1864 Mount Alto, West Virginia married first, Alice Malissa Zearely 17 Jan. 1889, married second, Jane (Zearely) Smith, a sister to Alice. Albert and Alice had nine children, none by Jane. Albert died 17 April 1941 Mason City, West Virginia. The three are buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery, Mount Alto.

Many descendants of John Jacob and Mary Hussell live in and near Point Pleasant, Mason County and other adjoining counties. They organize the annual Russell Reunion.

This history was compiled by Imogene Bunner, granddaughter of Della May (Glenn) Butler, fifth child of Catherine. Credit goes to Carolyn (Oshel) Glover, granddaughter and Warren K. Hussell, grandson of Jacob Conrad; Le-thal G. (Kiesling) Sternuik, granddaughter of Amelia Catherine; Clay H. Glenn, grandson of Catherine; Mary Eva (Hussell) Bond, granddaughter of Albert Fredrick; Anna Marie (Hussell) Jacobs, daughter of Jacob Conrad and many, many more. Submitted by - Imogene Torode Bunner

ANNIE MARIE born 16 Dec. 1836, Germany. She married Sigismund Low who was born in Baden, Germany and was a Civil Engineer. They lived in Pittsburg and had seven children. Catherine born 3 Sept. 1848 Pittsburgh. She married William Glenn near Cottagerville, West Virginia in her parent’s home. After the birth of their second child in 1870 Letart, Mason County, they moved to Strang, Nebraska where seven more children were born. They had eleven children to reach adulthood. They eventually settled in Newton, Kansas where they are buried.

Annie Marie was born 16 Dec. 1836, Germany. She married Sigismund Low who was born in Baden, Germany and was a Civil Engineer. They lived in Pittsburg and had seven children. Catherine born 3 Sept. 1848 Pittsburgh. She married William Glenn near Cottagerville, West Virginia in her parents home. After the birth of their second child in 1870 Letart, Mason County, they moved to Strang, Nebraska where seven more children were born. They had eleven children to reach adulthood. They eventually settled in Newton, Kansas where they are buried.

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Mary Catherine born 8 Jan. 1851, Pittsburg, married Timothy Stanley Cross in Racine, Ohio. They had ten children. They lived and are buried in Racine. Amelia Catherine born 19 July 1852, Pittsburg, married Samuel Kiesling in Mason County, bought a timber farm near Leon, West Virginia and built a cabin. In 1892 moved by train to a farm near Creston, Iowa. They had ten children. They’re buried in Creston.

Jacob Conrad born 14 Sept. 1853, Pittsburg, married Annie Mary Euler, Ripley, West Virginia 23 July 1876. They had nine children. He’s buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant. She’s buried in Little Sioux Cemetery, Harrison County, Iowa.

Joseph Vincent born 24 Dec. 1855, Mount Alto, West Virginia, married Margaret Rollins. They had four children and lived in Antiquity, Ohio. Joseph died 30 June 1882 died June 8, 1972. On March 20, 1907 he was married to Mary Nancy Morris whom he met while helping his father in the saw mill business. Mary Nancy was born July 18, 1886 and died March 20, 1975. Her parents were Hamilton and Nancy (Epling) Morris of Emmons, W. Va.

By 1914 John Ralph and family returned to their farm in Mason County and began raising cattle, hogs, and poultry and grew many vegetables which they sold from house to house in Point Pleasant for many years. Mary Nancy made 50 pounds of butter, also buttermilk, cottage cheese and cream which was delivered weekly to customers. She also made 50 gallon barrel of sour kraut, 20 gallon jar of pickled greenbeans and a 50 gallon barrel of brine pickles which were sold in winter to customers. She also picked the small feathers and down from the breasts of geese and ducks and made bed feather pillows to sell.

Mary Nancy was a charter member of Krebs Chapel Church and she helped to raise money to build the church.

John Ralph received a 55 year pin as a member of the IOOF Lodge. In 1970 John Ralph age 88 and his brother Alfred Amil, age 90 were honored by the Western Soil Conservation District as Octogenarian farmers who were still active in farming. John Ralph was still managing his farm, cutting and baling his hay. He made sorghum molasses and had some as far away as California. He said “activity has kept me going”. He owned a steam engine pile driving machine and was employed to drive piles for the Shadle Bridge.

They were parents of eight children. 1. Nancy born 1908 died 1910 at Emmons, W. Va. 2.

Their four children are Lydia Catherine Thomas born April 20, 1964 Goldsboro, N. Carolina who is a graduate of St. Marys Nursing School and works at Pleasant Valley Hospital. She is taking two classes at Marshall toward earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She was a 4-H member 12 years, is a 4-H leader and life member of W. Va. All Stars and was the recipient of a $300 scholarship at the Mason County fair which she applied to her college education. She is a youth leader and a member of

December 18, 1960 Violet was married to Russell Emmons Thomas born April 9, 1939 to Emmons Herbert and Clara (Fawver) Thomas. He spent four years in the U.S. Airforce, two of which were spent in Japan. He has been employed with Goodyears for 20 years, and is currently remodeling their home on Rayburn Road.

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Misty M. Moss is a farmer and is retired from the former Marietta to Dallas and Ellen (Spencer) Moss. Richard is at Gallipolis, Ohio. She was born May 31, 1927 on wife Gloria Horton on August 31, 1978. He had spent 6 months in the U.S. Marines. He grew and sold pumpkins and the profits are used for upkeep on his car and motorcycle.

Daniel William Thomas, born July 10, 1970, has been a 4-H club member for five years, grows vegetables, attends Heights Methodist Church and is a member of the youth fellowship. He grows and sells pumpkins and the profits are used for upkeep on his car and motorcycle.

Larry Allen, born August 15, 1944, married Connie Sue Yoak on February 29, 1944. Sallie was born April 22, 1923 to Louis and Eliza (Schultze) Boles of Leon. John is a farmer and operates a large farm for several years. He attends Berean Baptist Church on Sand Hill road. Sallie for several years was employed as cook at Ordnance School and later at Lakin State Hospital. They have two sons.

Hutchinson and Henderson

The first Hutchinson of record was John (the Scotsman) Hutchinson, of Scotch-Irish descent, b. 1637 d. 1775. He immigrated from Ulster to the United States and settled on the Henderson lands in 1795. They were the parents of at least 12 children. Their oldest son John Lewis Henderson married Mary Ellen Hutchinson b. May 24, 1796, d. 1871 in Mason County, d. 1895 in Mason County.

John Lewis Henderson married Mary Ellen Henderson of Point Pleasant. Records also list her name as Mary Ella, the writers have in their possession books and papers with her signature as Mary Ellen. She was known for her graciousness and hospitality. She was a charter member of Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution. The Virginia Henderson ancestors can be traced to James Henderson b. 1708 in Scotland, d. 1784. He came to Augusta County Virginia about 1740. John, his second son was b. 1740 d. 1787. In 1765, he married Anne Givins, the youngest sister of Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the wife of General Andrew Lewis. John Henderson served through out the Revolutionary War in the Colonial Army, was a lieutenant, and took part in the Battle of Point Pleasant. He later served at the Battle of Valley Forge with General George Washington. Following the Revolution he patented 1400 acres at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers.

Samuel Henderson b. 1766 d. 1836 was the oldest son of John and Anne. He married Sallie Donnally of Greenbrier County 1794, and they settled on the Henderson lands in 1795. They were the parents of three sons. John and John and Sallie, married Anna E. Givins on February 5, 1795 d. March 22, 1888. Andrew and Charles died unmarried. John Givins Henderson served in the War of 1812, settled with his parents John and Sallie, married Anna E. Stephens, February 1, 1826. They had two sons. Samuel Bruce b. November 15, 1826 d. October 21, 1900. Sally a. b. November 7, 1828 and Mary Ellen Henderson b. May 12, 1832 d. 1916.

The children of John Lewis and Mary Ellen Henderson were first born Charles Andrew b. March 26, 1856 d. 1943 married Eva Charles (record not available). They moved to Pullman, Michigan; where he operated a General Store. He is buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant. He had two sons. Robert L. b. 1858 d. 1936, unmarried. He remained on the ancestral homestead which was built in 1810 his entire life, where as a young man was a fruit and produce grower. In 1888 Robert L. and James Tippett formed a Real Estate and Insurance company which remained in the family until 1955. Their third son Isaac Sterling b. 1868 d. 1888. Two daughters Margaret and Mary died in childhood. The youngest son John Henderson b. 1871 d. 1943, married Frances b. November 11, 1911. She was b. 1887 d. 1967. She was the daughter of Henry Clay and Lillian Brammer Hite. John became associated with his brother Robert L. which by then was known as The Hutchinson Insurance Agency. Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchinson were
very active in civic organizations and dedicated workers in the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. She was lighted with a hobby for flower growing and her art of decorating beautiful wedding cakes.

John H. and Fannie Lee Hutchinson had one son, John Clay Hutchinson b. September 1, 1915 d. January 31, 1970 in Kingville, Texas, buried in Point Pleasant Cemetery. He was reared in Point Pleasant, graduated from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C. John Clay married Georgia Windsor, daughter of Joseph Samuel and Lorena Shirley Windsor November 19, 1938. He became associated with his father in the insurance business, was active in church, social and fraternal organizations. He was Past Master Minturn Lodge #19, member of Royal Arch Masons #7, Franklin Commandery #17 and Ben Hur #38. He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1950-51, he was appointed Mayor of Point Pleasant for one term. They had three sons: Joseph Clay b. February 19, 1943, married (1) Evelyn Kelley, Kingville, Texas, parents of one son; Glen Robert b. February 10, 1977. Divorced. (2) Married Beata Maria Kugler b. October 31, 1949, daughter of Wolfgang and Charlotte Kugler of Hanover, Germany, May 31, 1980; one daughter Tiffany Nicole b. May 20, 1980. They reside in McAllen, Texas where her husband is employed by Peoples Security Life Insurance Co. She married John C. Dienerg of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has one son Matthew Clark Dienerg born June 27, 1980.

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DAVID HUTCHINSON

David Hutchinson (1890-1976) born Mason County was son of Miriam Lyskyns (1872-1922) born in County and William Benjamin Hyatt (1868-1938) born Marion, Ohio buried Wyant Cemetery, whose parents were Laura Boggs and William Hutchinson of Marion.

Mr. Hutchinson married September 16th in Mason County Mamie Jolley (1894 - Nov. 1974) daughter of Dora and Thomas E. Jolley (1871-1937) buried Upland Mrs. Hutchinson owned the Jolley family Bible which showed Dora Hanley Jolley (1868-1945) daughter of Julia Hanley Jolley (1839-1880) and Patrick Henry Hanley (1840-1917) both buried Mt. Zion church cemetery. Thomas son of Norval and Elizabeth Jolley had children, Mamie, Frank, Elizabeth, Max, Margery, and Gussie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson had three children.

James Thomas born Oct. 31, 1918 married first Julia Curtis by whom a daughter Brenda, married second Mary Nee, of Allen Creek, Mingo County, issue three children Linda Sue born 1950, James David and Scott Douglas.

Doris Lee Hayter, b. Point Pleasant, married March 26, 1921, graduated from Marshall in 1945 taught school in Mason County, Logan County and Cabell County for 35 years. She married Orval Clark of Lincoln County in 1947. He owned his business for years and retired from Peoples Life Insurance Company. He and Edrie had three children, Hanley Clifton Clark, born July 1950, graduated from Marshall and has been employed as a Civil Engineer and Surveyor with W. Va. He married Dr. Holly Hoback. They have three children, Clifton E., Bradford, and Caroline. Leah Carol Clark born 1953 graduated from Marshall with a Masters Degree. She’s an accountant and now employed by Peoples Security Life Insurance Co. She married John C. Dienerg of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has one son Matthew Clark Dienerg born June 27, 1980.

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Emma Catherine died Mason County May 3, 1882 age 23 and Angeline B. Jolly (1861-1883) married August 1882 James Franklin Mitchell of Cabell Co. Both buried Mt. Olive. His daughter Nellie b. 1862 married Joseph Colby, of Kanawha County, W.Va.; George (1866-1944) married Elizabeth Watsoner; and Thomas (1870-1937)

HYATT HISTORY

Emanual Hyatt 1819-1897 Married Sophia E. Sines, 1848 in Morgan Co. Ohio. They had 10 children. He was in company B, 13th. W. Va. infantry during the Civil war.

Albert Hyatt, the son of Emanuel, and Sophia Hyatt 1847-1928, Married Eveline Gibeaut 1849-1926 They had 10 children. Albert also enlisted in 13th. infantry in Civil war.

Albert and Eveline’s Children

1. Maud M. Married W. S. Knappenger. They had 3 children.

Myrtle, Mora, and Albert.


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HEZEKIAH HYATT

Hezekiah Hyatt born Brooke Co., Va. — ca. 1810 - son of — Ezekiel & Rebecca Hyatt. Married Dec. 30, 1830 in Muskingum Co., Ohio to Margaret Sutton - dau. of: Jesse & Elizabeth Sutton. Hezekiah & Margaret were the parents of:

7 Thomas B. 1885-1886.

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Emmanuel Hyatt born Nov. 18, 1819 Washington Co., Ohio. Married Sophia Sines dau. of: Jacob & Polly Sines on April 27, 1848 in Morgan Co., Ohio. They were the parents of 11 children:

Albert (Evalina), Margaret, Mary (Edward Knapp), Elizabeth (Bazeelel Gibbaut), Abigail (Wm. Miller), George (Mary Horton), Rebecca (Andrew Rif- tle), Sarah (John Blackburn), Sophia (Perry Coe), William (Alice Mulliner), Jacob.

Emmanuel Hyatt served in the Civil War. He died Feb. 3, 1897, buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Jackson Co., W.V. Submitted by — Virginia Border

JOSHUA HYATT FAMILY

Joshua Hyatt, a man with a kind nature and a hearty laugh, always extending a vigorous handshake was a friend to all who knew him. "Josh" as he was commonly called in Leon attended Professor W. J. Kenny's School in Point Pleasant. He served as a councilman in Leon and as street commissioner as well as other offices. As a recorder for the town, he kept excellent records which were done in beautiful script. At one time Joshua Hyatt owned most of the hill land where Leon is now located. Born in Ohio in 1846, Joshua married Sara E. who was born 1855 in W. Va. They were the parents of two daughters, Lyda and Anna B.

Lyda, born 1880, was a teacher and for many years pianist at the Leon Baptist Church.

Anna B. born 1875, married James O. Smith 1875-1908, the son of Henry and Lucy Smith. The marriage was performed on July 10, 1899 by Dell Upton at his residence.

James O. Smith, an employee of the New York Central Railroad, was fatally injured at his work. His death occurred in a Charleston Hospital.

James Smith was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge.


Charles practiced law in Point Pleasant for 40 years until his death in May, 1986. Submitted by — Lillian Hyer

INGRAM FAMILY

Forrest Ward Ingram came to Point Pleasant, W. Va. in 1919 to accept a position in the engineering department of the Marietta Manufacturing Company. Later he became Manager of Sales and member of the Board of Directors of the MMC.

Born in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York, in 1894, the son of Mertie Crofoot and Charles Ingram, Forrest graduated from Penn Yan High School, attended University of Rochester, and was graduated from Ohio State University in 1917 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Served in Europe as a pilot with the 24th. Aero Squadron during World War I, and was honorably discharged as 2nd. Lieutenant on Sept. 5, 1919. Studied at the University of Nancy in France before returning to United States.

August 23, 1921, married Marie Anora Kenney, daughter of Mary Singleton and William Joseph Kenny of Point Pleasant. They were the parents of 2 daughters, Phyllis Marie born May 14, 1924, and Patricia born Feb. 1, 1927.

Wayne attended nursery school in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Ingram in Point Pleasant.;line break Affectionately known to friends and associates as "Ing," his hobbies were bowling and golf. He was President of Point Pleasant Kiwanis Club, member of Floodwall Commission, vestryman and treasurer of Christ Church Episcopal, Mason and Shriner, board member of Red Cross, member of American Legion, Moose Club, Mason County Civil Defense director during World War II, director of Ohio Valley Improvement Association, Vice-President of Ohio Valley Flood Control and Conservation Congress, and member of Pilot Club. After retiring from the MMC he served for a brief time as the Managing Director of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. Died in 1953.

Anora Kenny Ingram graduated from PPHS in 1916, worked on newspaper and played piano for silent movies. She was president of PP Women's Club, advisor of Junior Women's Club, Secretary of Episcopal Church Women, and is still an active member of Women's Service Guild and Altar Guild of the Christ Church Episcopal.


Patricia Ingram graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1945, and from Ste-
large bow in the back. Everyone looked at her, especially as she rode the carousel.

The mother, in spite of being persistently ill, was the hub of the family. Income from a small gristmill, run by the father, was almost nonexistent. The pay was usually in trade; grain, sorghum, etc. When clothing, shoes, and such were needed, the mother would sell a portion of her inherited Colwell property for these necessities.

The father was known more for his gambling trait and fiddle playing rather than being a good provider. Nora recalled after one such land sale, that her father, dressed in his newly purchased blue serge suit, stetson hat, and leather boots rode off on his fine white horse. He returned the next day wearing patched overhauls, very worn shoes, leading a blind mule and carrying an old rooster under his arm.

As a young girl, Nora came to Fitzsimmons Boarding House in Putnam County to work. There she met and married Homer H. McGraw. Their children were:

1. Henry, born 1910, m. Violet Martin
2. Clayton, born 1912, m. Virgie Persinger
3. Garnet, born 1914, m. Joseph Bailey
4. Luster, born 1918, m. Marcella Goodwin
5. Harold, born 1921, m. Elsie Cartwright
7. Frederick, born 1927, m. Betty Meeks
8. Gloria, born 1929, m. Joseph Thomas

Homer died in 1932, leaving Nora a young widow with eight children at home. She met and married James Hedrick in 1935. She raised her family on his Poca farm. He died in 1957. Nora lived to be 85 years old. She died Nov. 18, 1978 at the home of her daughter Gloria Thomas, Nitro, Putnam County. Submitted by – Gloria Thomas

**JACOBS FAMILY**


John F. Jacobs married Edna Ester Gillispie March 10, 1910. They had 13 children:

1. Alma May born Jan. 8, 1912. Alma married Rufus Turner Barnett. They had 1 daughter, Marlene Yvone. Rufus Turner died when Marlene was 18 months old.
2. Elma later married Charlie Burns and they had 2 children. A boy, Everett William and a girl, Genevah Sharlene.
4. Mary was born October 29, 1914. She married Earl F. Watterson, born April 6, 1909. He was born and raised at Mercer's Bottom, WV. They had 4 children: Elzie J., born November 8, 1932 and died November 28, 1932, Bernice M., Floyd F., and John D.
5. Ruby Amil born March 20, 1916. She married James Edmonds. They had 4 children: James, Woodral, Carl, and Amil. Her husband died. She married Carmon Persimello. They had 1 boy, Joe. She later married Lenard Roberts. Elzie F. born July 20, 1917.
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Daniel Walt Javins Family

Daniel Walt Javins (1858-1915) was born at Peytona, West Virginia June 11, 1858, married Mary Catherine Clendenin (1862-1939) born at Mason City, West Virginia August 21, 1862. She was a daughter of Griffin and Priscilla Caroline Clendenin. 

Daniel and Mary Catherine had eight children, five of which reached majority. The names of their children were:

- Priscilla (Callie) Caroline (1880-1881)
- Dora Everette (1882-1963) and husband Theodore Elsworth Turley (1877-1962)
- Hannah W. and husband Kenneth
- Daniel Griffin (1884-1957) and wife Nora Hensley had no children.

Sara Wilmina (1887-1913) and husband Earl Kirkwood had one child, daughter Merrill

Clara Amy (1889-1975) and husband Oat Hicks (1882-1973) had three children, Sybil, Elfreda and James Oakley.

Homer Walt (1892-1893)

Jesse Spangler (1894-1910) and husband


Evelyn Frances Profitt

Submitted by — Albert Giles

Morgan Jenkins (1870-1950). Served several terms as town Recorder. He was also a railway postal clerk. He was married to Bertha Chapman, daughter of Morris and Ella Chapman. They had one son:

- A. Donald Morgan Jenkins (1898-1961)

Unmarried. He served in World Wars I and II, and was a captain in the army reserves. He worked for years for the Huntington Herald-Dispatch, and then he ran his own weekly paper in Huntington. He became interested in working with crippled children and the last part of his life worked for the National Foundation for Polio.

III. Mary Jenkins, born 1872. Was a school teacher.

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VII. Frank Jenkins, youngest in the family. Was an excellent telegraph operator, worked for Associated Press for some time. He was known as a gilt-edged telegrapher, which meant he was capable of manning the most difficult position in the business, such as brokerage houses, race tracks, A.P. wires, etc. Submitted by — Helen Jenkins

CHARLOTTE JENKS

Charlotte Maye (Lottie) Yonker Roush Jenks, born at Keyser, WV on July 6, 1914, second child of a family of nine children, to Levi L. and Mary Estella Robinson Yonker. She was educated in Preston County schools.

She was married to Frank Radiball Roush, son of Abraham and Pernissa Jane Roush of Mason, who died in 1955. She later married Darrell D. Jenks of Ravenswood, WV, who died in 1979. Frank and Lottie had three children, they were:

(1) Mary L. married to Howard D. Huck of New Haven, WV, they have five children: Linda, Ann married to Kenny Eber, they have two daughters, Becky and Missy Richmond by a former marriage; Laura Huck; Teresa married to Danny Chandler, they have two children, Jeff and Teesy; Mike and Chris Huck.

(2) Frank Levi Roush married to Claranna Williams of Severn, Md. They have a daughter Ami Leigh Roush.

(3) Chester Melvin Roush married to Patricia Lucas of Gallipolis, Ohio. They have three children: Stephen; Christy married to Kenneth Priesty, they have two children, Amanda and Eric; and Susan married to Kenny Coughenour.

ALONZO WADE JIVIDEN

Alonzo Wade, the only son of William and Lucy Jividen, was born March 16, 1878, in Union District. He married Idia Luh, the daughter of Balser and Louisa Hill Luh, who was born in Union District in 1875. At the time of his marriage she was a Mason County teacher. Her death occurred in 1933 and she was buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant.

W. B. Jividen was a member of the King's Chapel Church and an Odd Fellow. In 1910 he was the enumerator of the census.

Charlotte Jenks is the first elected female mayor of Mason, WV, first female councilmember and first female municipal judge. She served as town recorder-clerk and town recorder-clerk and treasurer several times, was secretary of Mason Municipal Water and Sewer Department, secretary of Mason sanitation board, was a member of the town planning council and a trustee of the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliaries of Mason.

She helped to organize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Mason Volunteer Fire Department, held the first Easter egg hunt in the tri-state area and received a plaque from the Town of Mason for 20 years of Easter Egg Hunts, she was honored as "Woman of the Year for 1985" by the Ladies Auxiliary of Smith-CAPECHAD American Legion Post 140. She is a charter member of Mason Youth Center directors and a charter member of the Mason Historic Society, activated the community Christmas tree and had Santa treat the area children.

She was a member of the Mason County Development Authority and a member of the Ohio Valley Mayor's Association. She furnished materials to make and help put street markers in Mason, had the city park built and helped to get the recreation area built by the Army Corp, helped to have the Mason County Power and took Mason out of the quagmire of mud.

Charlotte Jenks is a member of the AARP, Stewart Johnson Post 9926 Auxiliary, Mason County Nutrition Program, President of the Mason County Community Action Board, President of the Southern West Virginia Community Action Advisory Board of Huntington, a volunteer for the Mason target area seniors to MCAG, member of Mason County Democratic Organization, representative of the Mason County democrat party for the 4th Senate District, Congressman Bob Wise sponsored her for a week in Washington D.C. as a senior intern to the National Senior Conference and paid all expenses.

She is a member of the Christian Brethren Church and has spent 35 years as Sunday School teacher, youth director and program coordinator.

She was a member of the first session of the Silver Haired Legislative, serving four years as chairman of the services and general legislation committees. These committees helped to pass the Homestead Exemption Act, Probate reform, utility rates regulation, drug abuse legislation, 21 years of age drinking bill, drunk driving bill and other reforms to benefit the citizens of West Virginia. Submitted by — Charlotte (Lottie) Jenks

WILLIAM JIVIDEN FAMILY

William Jividen was born February 21, 1851 in Jackson County, the son of Joel and Catherine Weatherholt Jividen who were married on May 14, 1845. The marriage was performed by Elijah J. Rollins in Jackson County, Virginia. They had the following children: Elias, Charles H., Wil-
William Jividen was a prominent citizen of Union and Cologne Districts. He lived for a number of years in Leon, moving to Point Pleasant in 1917 after he retired from farming. For sixteen years he served as a justice of the peace. He was elected to the Mason County Court in 1912, a position he held for 12 years. On January 9, 1872, he was married to Lucy Watson. Their children were: Lavernia, who married Alexander Boles; Alonzo Wade, Cora 1876-1897, married Charles Schultz, one son Howard; Ethel married Charles M. Wolfe, died at age 24 years leaving three small children, Russell, Ethel and Lucy. The children grew up in the IOOF Home for Children at Elkins, West Virginia. Russell became a doctor and lived in Texas where he died; Lucy and Ethel were nurses. Lucy Watson Jividen died April 9, 1902 at the age of 49 years and is buried in the Leon Cemetery.

William Jividen married a second time to Hettie Hill a daughter of George and Martha Buckalew Hill. This couple lived in Point Pleasant, W. Va. He also worked at Miller’s Station, W. Va. for 22 years.

I attended Mason Elementary School through the third grade, and completed my schooling in Virginia and Florida.

I married Victor Lee Johnson on November 30, 1959.

We have a daughter Vicky Louise Johnson born September 16, 1960 in Arlington, Va. Vicky Louise Johnson married Jeffrey David Regel on March 19, 1979. Divorced on 7-19-1979 Vicky goes by maiden name Johnson. Vicky is employed by C&P Telephone Co. in Arlington, Virginia. I now live in California, Maryland with my husband Victor. Victor has retired from the U.S. Post Office. He is a Real Estate Broker working out of our home. I am employed with C&P Telephone Co. of Maryland as a Service Representative. I have two children and service with C&P. I plan to work for another ten years before I retire. I left West Virginia as a child, however my mother taught me to be proud of being called a Hillbilly. She always said it was the best compliment you can get. Today I am still proud to announce I am from West Virginia!!!!

JOHNSON FAMILY

The father of Henry Johnson (great-grandfather of Survilia Johnson Gilland) was born in Germany. His name being Frederick Cowgal, he was a sailor, and came to this country when eighteen years of age. The people here gave him the name of Johnson and by the name of John the family are known. He settled here in 1810, married Lydia Zerkel, their children were: George, Lewis, Michael, Catherine, Henry, Rebecca, Emeline, Phillip, Luman, and Noah. Luman, Noah and Phillip were soldiers in the Federal army of the United States of America.

His son Henry, born in Meigs County, Ohio, February 28, 1828 (died Aug. 15 1918) came to Mason County W. Va. in 1842. In Graham district he became a farmer and sawyer. His first marriage was with Caroline Fry, born Nov. 2, 1837, to Gideon and Elizabeth Fry. Married Dec. 7, 1871, their children: Taylor born Aug. 31, 1874, Wilson, July 29, 1875, Charles June 20, 1877, Orea, July 4, 1879.

Henry’s son Charles, born in Union Community, Letart, W. Va. June 20, 1877 (died Feb. 13, 1967). Worked at Pottery in East Liverpool, Ohio, also as a farmer and at the Porcelain Plant in New Haven, W. Va. for a number of years.

Charles and Ora Johnson


Larry also graduated from Wahama High School in 1961. Served one year active duty while in the 3664th National Guard, Point Pleasant, W. Va. He also worked at Miller’s Market and at Foote Mineral Plant at Graham Station, W. Va. for 22 years.

He married Brenda Kirby, they have one daughter, Bethany Jo, born March 14, 1971. They reside in New Haven, W. Va. Submitted by — Survilla Gilland.

JOHN JOHNSON ANCESTORS

GERMANY — LATE 1700 - EARLY 1800

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His son Henry, born in Meigs County, Ohio, February 28, 1828, he became a resident in Mason County W. Va. in 1842. In Graham district he became engaged in business as a farmer and sawyer. His first marriage was with Hannah Zerkel. Their children were eight. Frances E. born August 25, 1852, Jacob W. born Dec. 3, 1853, William G. — Sept. 18, 1855, James P. — Jan. 20, 1857, Samuel — Nov. 4, 1859, Gazella — Jan. 31, 1861, Archibald — Dec. 21, 1862, Andrew B. — April 24, 1865. Second Wife, Caroline, daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth Fry was born in Mason County, Nov. 2, 1837. In this county she became the wife of Henry Johnson, Dec. 7, 1871. The children of this marriage are Taylor born Aug. 31, 1874, Wilson — July 29, 1875, Charles — June 20, 1877, Orea — July 4, 1879. Jacob W. Johnson was born in Mason County W. Va., Dec. 3, 1853. He was the son of Henry and Hannah Johnson. He married Mary R. Chapman, born March 20, 1856, in the village of New Haven, W. Va., on Jan. 30, 1879. The Rev. T. L. Hensley of the United Brethren Church pronounced the words which made them husband and wife. Their children were eleven. Oscar born June 21, 1879, Cora E. — May 18, 1880, Jesse W. — May 26, 1881, Morris — June 12, 1883, Esta — Mar. 12, 1885, Caroline — June 23, 1888, Samuel — Oct. 9, 1890, Harry — September 28, 1895, George P. — December 8, 1893, Homer — Nov. 21, 1897.

George Johnson Family


FREDERICK L. JOHNSON

Frederick Lee Johnson’s occupation was that of county surveyor and also a farmer. He was born January 24, 1876 and died January 27, 1960, and his wife Margaret Maxwell was born April 10, 1876 and died December 26, 1948. They are buried Lone Oak.

His parents were Jeremiah Hamilton Johnson (February 25, 1836 — September 8, 1917) born in Frederick Co. to Elizabeth Dalby and John McGinnis Johnson, and Sarah Virginia Clandenin (May 7, 1847 - October 7, 1930). She was the daughter of Sarah Edwards and John Clandenin. He and Sarah were married February 1870, and she was his second wife. Besides Fre­derick they were parents of William W. (1871-1928) and Martin Edward born 1872. Jeremiah was Sgt. Co. F. 13th WVA Vol. Civil War, Union Army.

Their children were born to Frederick and Margaret, Christine Lalance and Virginia (wife of Dale Casto) of Charleston.

Christine married at Lewisburg, W. Va. August 25, 1961 to Robert Curtis Guthrie. She
holds many degrees in Music, from Ohio University and Conservatory of Music at Chicago. She played the violin, organ, and piano. She taught music at Meigs Co. High School in Pomeroy, Ohio for ten years before retiring. She won a Foul Foundation scholarship, one of the first established for music instructors, which enabled her to travel extensively in Europe, visiting Austria and other musical points of interest. She was instrumental in helping form the Charleston Symphony Orchestra by supplying pupils, mostly violin, from her school orchestra in Charleston High School, Charleston, W. Va. She was a director of music in Point Pleasant High School for many years.

Mr. Guthrie is son of the late Howard Harvey Guthrie (June 30, 1879 - April 2, 1961) and Julia Hawkins Guthrie (February 27, 1879 - March 11, 1952) both of whom are buried Cheshire, Ohio. Howard and Julia lived in Mason County where he was a prominent farmer. They were among those whose farm was taken by the TNT in the 40's so they moved to Kanauga, Ohio. Their farm here is now in the vicinity of the present Mason Co. airport.

Howard graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School where he was a trombonist in the band and orchestra. He attended West Virginia University, received a B.L. degree in agriculture, was associated with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Division of Crop and Livestock at Charleston, Huntington Division of U.S. Corp. of Engineers, was with the R.O.T.C. and also was engaged in real estate and machinery sales at Gallipolis. The Guthries live Pt. Pleasant. Submitted by — Christine Johnson Guthrie

GEORGE SUMMERS JOHNSON FAMILY

George Summers Johnson (1857-1938) began his life January 19, 1857 at Scary, Putnam County West Virginia. He was the son of Robert (b. state of Virginia) and Lucy Chackler (b. Putnam County). At supposedly the age of thirteen, he ran away from home to seek his fortune. George married Victoria Ellen Turley (1862-1928) she was born at Gallipolis, Ohio June 1st. Victoria was the daughter of Preston (b. Putnam County) and Eunice Turley (b. Putnam County). They had six sons and one daughter to reach maturity. (daughter Macl died in infancy).

Boating down the Kanawha River from Raymond City by boat with son Austin Summers — George found work on the docks of Point Pleasant. He worked on the rest of the year followed and settled in Point Pleasant. George, three of his sons and son-in-law Columbus Blount, worked on and near the docks most of their lives. Many of the early Point Pleasant boat and dock pictures have the Johnson clan in them.

George and Victoria Ellen Johnson children ... Myrtle May (1883-1955) married Columbus Blount (1878-1959), they had one daughter Helen. Columbus worked on the docks of Point Pleasant. He was employed from Hamilton Furniture Co. Grover Cleveland (1885-1970) married Liza Norvell (deceased 1934) sons Orville Franklin and Earnest were born. Grover worked on the rivers as a mate and also on the docks. Grover, his sons and brother Harry retired from Pff and Smith Co. Charleston, West Virginia. Harry Clifton (1900-1978) married Gertrude Violet (1897-1978) May 1913. She was the daughter of Daniel Walt (b. 1858 Peyton Wv) and Mary Catherine Clendenin Javins (b. 1862 Mason City Wv). Harry worked on the docks as a caulker and boat carpenter. It is said, when all the caulkers were striking blows at the same time ... you could hear them over a mile away, and it sounded like fireworks chirping. He retired from Pff and Smith Co. Charleston, WV. Harry and Gertrude had one daughter E'Dana K. (1914-1981). E'Dana married Joseph Cenetha Gunnoe (1913-1978) son of Thomas and Mollie Dangerfield Gunnoe.

Ham Johnson

They had one daughter Suellen D’Ette (b. 1939). Austin Summers (1892-1970) married Iva L. Truett (1896-1982) their children were Pauline, Russell and Doris. Austin was a caulker and boat carpenter. From Martin Jarrettta Manufacturing as a shipbuilder. Leslie Burton (deceased 1943) married Nellie Mills (deceased 1963) their children were Paul Edward, Harry Clifton, and Harold Leslie. Leslie worked for the C & O Railroad, Hopson Yards Middleport, Ohio. George Edward (1906-1963) married Pearl Wells (1909—), they had no children. George was a dairyman in Charleston, West Virginia and was a World War II veteran. Submitted by — Suellen D. Gunnoe

HAMILTON AMBROSE JOHNSON
1906-1981

Born 6 OCT 1906 in the Pleasant Flats Community near Point Pleasant, WV, Hamilton was the son of George M. F. and Maggie Lee (Yeager) Johnson. His paternal grandparents were: Jeremiah Hamilton and Caroline (Long) Johnson. His maternal grandparents were: Ambrose and Sarah Ann (Roseberry) Yeager. He was a brother of Joseph Ceneath Gunnoe (1913-1978) son of Thomas and Mollie Dangerfield Gunnoe.

George Johnson Family

In 1937 he was an avid fisherman, fishing on farm ponds in Mason County, where he had a host of friends, and on rivers in the mountains of West Virginia. He spent nearly thirty years of vacations fishing on Lake Manitou, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. His love for Canada grew with these years, and he was tempted to move there. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, the former Jean Steenberg to whom he was married 26 NOV 1941, enjoyed several years of travel, in most of the states and in Canada from coast to coast, before his health failed in an illness that lasted ten years. The date of his death being 14 FEB 1981 in Pleasant Valley Hospital, Point Pleasant, WV. Submitted by — Mrs. Hamilton A. Johnson - wife

HISTORY OF WILLIAM EDGAR JOHNSON

William Edgar Johnson (1855-1936) was born in Scary, West Virginia of Welsh parents, Mary A. Lannan and James Arthur Johnson. In 1874 he married his first wife, Ada Oinkley, but the marriage ended with her early death. In 1883 he married Julia Ann Gard (a.k.a. Guard) (1860-1942). Her parents were Mary Jane (Barcus) and John Gard (a.k.a. Guard).

The Ohio, Kanawha, and Mississippi rivers were an important part in the life of Ed Johnson. During the late 1800’s and early 1900’s he “ran” on the river as a First Mate. The duties of the First Mate and Second Mate were similar. The First Mate had to be licensed by the U. S. Government. Responsibilities included wiring barges to make the tow, locking at the locks, lines and lashings, checking equipment, coal supply, running lights and amount of water in barges and boat. This was accomplished with the help of four or five deck hands.

Point Pleasant was an important stop for steamboats. After landing along the shores, the boats could have repairs made or necessary provisions could be purchased. An important store for supplies was Nease’s, a store on the corner of First and Main Streets. The boats carried passengers as well as commercial products. The river traffic was important to the economy of Point Pleasant.

Ed Johnson loved his life on the river even though his health was marred by a fever he contracted drinking water from a bayou in Louisiana. In those days the channel changed and sandbars would appear where there had been none. It was necessary for boats to tie up at night in order to avoid accidents.
Ed and Julia were the parents of Justin Francis (1883-1939); Edith Clara (1886-1974); Edna Ada (1891-1977). Edna married John Wallace Burdett (1888-1978).

As a young man Justin worked on the river but after his marriage he began working for Hesslop Machine Shop. This company, founded in the 1890's by the J. W. C. Hesslop family, repaired steamboats.

Justin married Marquerite Heib (1894-1967), the daughter of Elizabeth Hoobing and Jacob Heib, a steamboat captain. Justin and Marquerite were the parents of four children: Lois Thelma (1917); Elizabeth Julia (1918-1923); Joan Jean (1925-1926); Justin Alan (1930).

Thelma married Elmore Somervelle Mossman (1916-1968), the son of Jessie Clyde Somerville and Dr. Elmore James Mossman. Dr. Mossman founded the Mercy Hospital on Sixth Street during the early 1900's. Thelma and Elmore have two children, Jessica Marquerite (1945) and Thelma Jane (1946). Jessica married Aabas Khajeh-Noori of Tehran, Iran, and has one daughter, Sharareh (1967). Jessica is now married to Alan Thomas Craig. Thelma Jane married Roger Dublon Donald LeBrecht. Thelma Mossman lives in Largo, Florida.

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Mr. Jones was born at Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia, June 9th, 1862, and was named for General Edward Bartow, a gallant Confederate General of the Civil War. He was the son of Edward T. and Eliza Miller Jones and was educated in his native state of Virginia. In later years, he showed an interest in agricultural affairs. He came to Mason County and was married to Miss Alice Eastham, November 25, 1891. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Eastham, pioneer residents of Mason County.

Mr. Jones was a native of Virginia, Tullos Jones, of Markham, Virginia and Edward Bartow Jones, a sister, Mrs. W. G. Wood of Rappahannock County, Virginia and three brothers, Frank Jones of Washington, Virginia, Tullus Jones, of Markham, Virginia and J. B. Jones, of Huntington, Texas.

Mr. Jones was of the type of business man and farmer that is rapidly passing. While not educated in agriculture in the modern technical sense, he was practical in every detail and his labors were rewarded with success. He was an excellent judge of cattle and at one time owned some of the finest herds in the county. Mason County, being essentially an agricultural county, will feel very keenly the loss of men like Mr. Jones, who for many years has been an outstanding figure in his community.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Baxter at the home, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the interment being at Lone Oak Cemetery.

MRS. E. H. JONES DIED SATURDAY IN OHIO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Elizabeth Harnsberger Jones, widow of the late E. B. Jones, prominent Mason county stockman and farmer, and the mother of Bartow Jones, also well known throughout the county as one of its most successful dairy farmers, died Saturday afternoon October 17, 1931, at 3 o'clock at Holzer hospital after an illness of four months.

Though she had been seriously ill throughout the summer, it was not thought until the last week that she would not recover. Her condition, however, became gradually worse during that time, and for the last two days of her illness her death was expected hourly.

The passing of Mrs. Jones comes as a distinct loss to her community. She was active in civic and social affairs and was connected with the business life of the county, having assumed the management of the estate at the death of her husband which occurred six years ago.

This responsibility involved a knowledge and business ability which was evidenced to a marked degree, bringing to the task the mental energy and enthusiasm which are so necessary to success.

Born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Mrs. Jones spent her girlhood surrounded with the rich traditions of that historic section, which were reflected throughout her life in the gracious charm of her personality. She was the daughter of J. S. Harnsberger, a distinguished lawyer of Harrisonburg. Her mother, Mrs. J. S. Harnsberger, was Miss Caroline Harnsberger, of Shenandoah, Virginia. References to the Harnsberger family are found frequently in the early annals of the Shenandoah Valley, the founder of the family being the Rev. Henry Harnsberger, who came early to this country from Switzerland and who fought with the Colonial troops in the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Mrs. Jones was educated at Stuart Hall in Staunton, Va., at Madame Le Feubre's School, in Baltimore, and at Mrs. Cabell's Finishing School in Washington, D. C. She was married in May, 1908 to Edward Bartow Jones.

She was a native of Rappahannock County, Virginia, but had resided for a number of years at "The Maples", near Point Pleasant. During the years which have intervened since that time, Mrs. Jones had done much to increase the beauty of this attractive old home and maintained the spirit of hospitality which had graced it for so many years.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Presbyterian Church and has always taken an active interest in its work, both in its early home in Virginia and in Point Pleasant. She was also a member of the Col. Chas. Lewis Chapter D. A. R., and gave to it, as to her church, her enthusiastic support. Last night the local chapter held a short memorial service for the immediate family.

The funeral service was conducted at the home at 2 o'clock today, The Rev. J. F. Baxter, her former pastor and the Rev. J. K. Roberts, her present pastor, officiated. She was buried at Lone Oak Cemetery beside her husband.

Mr. Jones is survived by her son, Edward Bartow Jones, of this city; her mother, Mrs. J. S. Harnsberger, and two brothers; Gilbert M. Harnsberger and George S. Harnsberger, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Active pallbearers were: John Blair, George W. Long, T. Stribbling, B. Franklin, Okey Boggs and J. H. Hutchinson.


Edward Bartow Jones married Nedra Eleanor Wilhelm (born August 14, 1909), September 30, 1933 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where they still reside.

Six children were born to this union:

Sandra Sue, April 15, 1935
Edward Bartow III, December 5, 1936 - June 22, 1939
Bretton Chandler, June 27, 1939
Bartow Ned, November 14, 1944
Nedra Katherine (Kakki), April 13, 1950
Karin Elizabeth, January 15, 1953
Sandra Sue Jones married Samuel Lucas Nichols of Morgantown, West Virginia, December 30, 1958. The following children were born to this union:

Kimberly Ann Nichols, July 26, 1960
Edward Bartow Nichols, July 26, 1960
Elizabeth McKinsey Morrison, December 14, 1963
Blake Chandler Morrison, October 30, 1980.
Barry Joseph Morrison, October 30, 1980.

Kakki is a homemaker and mother inaltimore, Maryland.

Karin Elizabeth Jones married to Timothy D. A. Chrisiss of Baltimore, Maryland, February 25, 1978.

Karin is chief interior designer for This End Up Company of Richmond, Virginia, designing and decorating ski lodges in New England. She resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

Bartow Jones lost his father when he was 16 years old, and his mother six years later so he was on his own. He began a small dairy operation at age 21. Nineteen years later he sold his dairy cattle for the highest price per head to sell at public auction in West Virginia - a record that was not broken for almost two decades.

He has been Chairman of Citizens National Bank Board for eighteen years, and also serves as a member of Key Centurian Bank Board, largest bank holding company in West Virginia.

Mr. Jones is a member of Christ Episcopal Church and served for many years as a member of its vestry and as warden.

To our knowledge, Mr. Jones has never been in any business venture that was not successful. He, in part, attributes this to his firm belief that the same basic principles for success apply to any business.
50 years than any other individual. He has brought the following companies to Point Pleasant: Shoney's, Hecks, G. C. Murphy's, Appalachian Tire Store, Foodland, Rite Aid Drug, Hardman Home Center, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Western Auto, Dairy Queen, New York - New York, Shop Quick, Broughton's Dairy, etc. The jobs and tax were remitted, and the stores have benefited the entire community.

In the 1930's Mr. Jones took over the falltering stockyard market area at Point Pleasant and was able to build it into one of the best in the state; doing business of over $200 million dollars per year when he sold it in 1961. He had the same success with stockyards in Spencer and Charleston, West Virginia and Chillicothe and Hillsboro, Ohio.

For over 30 years, he owned the Two River Motor Company which enjoyed more success than any other automobile agency in the immediate area.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1948 from the 4th District (Putnam, Jackson, Roane and Mason Counties). He was re-elected in 1952 without opposition from either party.

Listed below are some of his accomplishments while Senator:
1. Mr. Jones organized the effort that removed the bridge from Shadale Bridge eighty feet ahead of schedule.
2. He co-sponsored the bill to construct a bridge across the Kanawha River connecting Putnam County at Winfield. The bed of this bridge paved in Mason County making it easier to travel in that part of the county, which aided industrial development.
3. He was responsible for locating Cedar Lakes in Jackson County, after the State Board of Education had already voted to locate it at Parsons, in Tucker County. Serving on the Finance Committee, Mr. Jones was able to lead the fight for and obtain ample funding for this project. As a result, West Virginia has a quality recreational facility that brings thousands of visitors each year to Ripley for the annual Arts & Craft Fair.
4. Mason County's courthouse in 1952 was not only antiquated but also unsafe. Consequently, Mr. Jones sponsored a bill in the legislature which became law. The courthouse, which had been a piece of good legislation ever passed. The outcome was an $875,000 courthouse completed in 1956 from surplus tax funds. The construction cost Mason County taxpayers nothing because this money was from a bond issued in Mason County, which would have reverted to the state's general fund. There is a plaque to this effect in the courthouse.
5. In the early 1950's, Mr. Jones along with other state leaders attempted to convince Kaiser Aluminum Corporation to build a plant in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Kaiser stated they would not locate there unless Route 2 was upgraded. The state, however, did not have the funds for this work. Senator Jones came forth with the solution: a plan for road construction sponsored by the state. As a result, West Virginia has a quality road system.
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5. In the early 1950's, Mr. Jones along with other state leaders attempted to convince Kaiser Aluminum Corporation to build a plant in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Kaiser stated they would not locate there unless Route 2 was upgraded. The state, however, did not have the funds for this work. Senator Jones came forth with the solution: a plan for road construction sponsored by the state. As a result, West Virginia has a quality road system.
6. He co-sponsored the bill to construct a bridge across the Kanawha River connecting Putnam County at Winfield. The bed of this bridge paved in Mason County making it easier to travel in that part of the county, which aided industrial development.
THE JORDANS

The descendants of Joseph Charles Buckley (1837 - 1884) are inextricably entwined with the Jordans. The 1st and 2nd wives of John William Buckley (1823 - 1920) were Jordan sisters. They were, Harriett Emeline Jordan (1862 - 1918) and Mary Jane "Mollie" Jordan (1866 - 1959) who married a son of Charles Jordan supra by his 1st wife.

None of the descendants contacted have any information on the three sisters nor their relationship to Charles Jordan and his son.

The 1870 census of Mason Co. shows the following household all born in Mason Co. Samuel Jordan, 32, Jane A. 32, Medon? 12, Charles 11, Eliza J. 10, Elizabeth 9, Harriett 8, Laura A. 6, Mary J. 4, Ida A. 1.

It seems highly probable that Harriett 8, Laura A. 6, and Mary J. 4 are our three sisters and that their parents are Samuel and Jane. We have no maiden name of Jane nor the parents ancestry of Samuel and Jane. There were many other Jordans in the 1870 Mason Co. census, with no clues as to their inter-relationship.

The bible of Charles W. Jordan (born Oct. 31, 1858) has children by his first wife Ada (born November 7, 1861). The Gallia Co. marriage records show her name as Ada Jordan but the family record suggests she was Mrs. Ada E. McCallister of Nitro, W. Va.


We believe that Charles Rell is the Rel Jordan who married in 1912 Evelyn Alma McCombs (1896 - 1973) Submitted by — Donald J. Sublette

ALVA HENRY & NORA JORDAN FAMILY


1. Kenneth Ivan, b. 10/28/1903 m. Lillian Byus
   a) Nita
   b) Patty
2. Sarah Linus, b. 8/3/1905 m. Harold Erwin
   a) Carol Ann
   b) Alton Eli, b. 1/13/1907 m. Alma Freda Meadows
3. Jeanine
4. Charles Weldon, 3/1/1910 m. Mary Elizabeth Sturgeon
   a) Janet Lee, b. 5/15/1947

Charles is the son of Henry and Nora Jordan. He is a long time resident of Mason County. He attends Palestine Baptist Church at Ashton, WV. Submitted by — Connie Jordan

THE CALVIN WORTHINGTON JORDAN FAMILY

Calvin Worthington Jordan b. 1/15/1877
Ashland, Ky.; d. 4/3/1947 Gallipolis Ferry, WV. (son of: James Isaac & Margaret (Morrow) Jordan) m. 10/13/1897 Henderson, WV. (Both Wort & Jo buried Gibson Cemetery.) Joanna Kathryn Gibson b. 12/3/1875 Henderson, WV; d. 12/1/1950 Gallipolis Ferry, WV. (dau. of: Norman & Sophia B. (McKeever) Gibson) Three daughters all born in Henderson, WV.

1 = Hallah Irene Jordan b. 4/20/1901; d. 7/20/1962 Huntington, WV. m. 11/22/1919 Henderson, WV, Howard Daugherty b. 1/8/1898 Ravenswood, WV; d. 11/29/1988 (son of: James Andrew & EmmiETta (PICKENS) Daugherty) Both buried at Sunset Cemetery. One daughter:


Two children:
2. Margaret Louise Faudree b. 9/4/1951

One son:

Paul Edward Faudree b. 1/20/1980 Huntington, WV.


Carol Ann Morse b. 6/25/1949 Charleston, WV. (dau. of: Ralph & Mable (Smith) Morse) One son:


THE JAMES ISAAC JORDAN FAMILY

James Isaac Jordan, eldest son of Joseph and Rebecca Mayse Jordan, was born December 20, 1830, near Mercer's Bottom in the Clendenin District of southern Mason County. Much of his early life was devoted to the pursuit of farming, as was the custom of that day. When he was about 16 years of age, he moved with his family to a large farm that his father had purchased on Ohio Sixteen Mile Creek. There, along with his two younger brothers, he worked the 45 acres, timbering and raising crops to feed the rest of the family. In July, 1850, James Isaac, or "J. I." as he was commonly known, was married to Margaret Morrow at Gallipolis, Ohio, and the young couple built a cabin near his parents' home. J. I. was quite active in local church services, and later became an ordained Baptist deacon. Years passed, and the family, which grew to include eight children, eventually settled on Crab Creek, near Gallipolis Ferry. The eldest of the children was a daughter, Frances, born in 1836, Marthia in 1838, and Hugh in 1841. The next was Joseph "Joe," in 1853, followed by William Henry in 1832, Nancy L. in 1834, and John W. in 1837. The last was Joseph "Joe," in 1853, followed by John William in 1855, and who died in infancy that same year. George R. in 1856, Olive Jane in 1858, Mary in 1861, and John Lewis in 1865. The unpleasantries of the War Between the States was fortunately never very close to the Jordan home. J. I., although a staunch supporter of the Union, was not called upon to render military service, and spent the duration on the farm. Tragedy of a different nature, however, visited the home in May of 1881 with the sudden death of Charles Henry. The lad was buried in the church-yard of Bruce Chapel. Then, almost a year later, Margaret, grief-stricken over the loss of her young son, died unexpectedly at the age of 50. She was laid to rest next to Charles, and an iron marker was erected to mark the graves. James Isaac remarried shortly thereafter, and watched his surviving children grow to adulthood and marry. He continued his work on the farm and in local affairs until his death in January, 1896. Both the Gallipolis Tribune and the Point Pleasant Register carried his obituary and openly mourned the loss of "a man who commanded respect of all by his integrity of character. The funeral service was conducted at Bruce Chapel and Deacon Isaac Jordan was buried in the church cemetery between his beloved mother and faithful wife of 32 years. Submitted by — Debra E. Jordan Webb

THE JOSEPH JOURDAN FAMILY

One of Mason County's early pioneers was Joseph Jourdan, born in Ohio around 1804. Although little is known of his childhood, records indicate that his father was of Irish extraction, and that his mother was born and reared in Virginia. Joseph came to the county as a young man, no doubt drawn by the vast expanses of rich farmland along the rolling Ohio River. In the winter of 1823, he met Rebecca Mayze, daughter of Isaac and Ruth Mayze, and on March 21, 1824, the couple was married at Point Pleasant. Soon afterward, Joseph began searching for farmland onto which he and Rebecca could settle. During this time, the family increased with the births of several children. James Isaac, the eldest of the children, was born in 1830, followed by William Henry in 1832, Nancy L. in 1834, and Hugh in 1837. In April, 1846, Joseph purchased 45 acres of land from George W. Stirling. The entire tract was situated on Ohio 16 Mile Creek, just north of Mercer's Bottom in Clendenin District. In July, 1850, Joseph and Rebecca's son, James Isaac, was married to Margaret Morrow at Gallipolis, and the young couple built a home nearby. It was also around this time that the spelling of the family name was changed to its present form "Jordon." The summer of 1855 brought a tragic outbreak of cholera to the Clendenin District. Rebecca contracted the disease and died, leaving her husband a widowed grandchild, and both succumbed in early August. Rebecca was laid to rest in Bruce Chapel Cemetery near Gallipolis Ferry, and a stone was placed to mark her grave. Joseph remarried some months later, in January of 1856. His second wife was Mary Polly Slying, and the couple lived quietly until Joseph's death in March, 1891, at the age of 87. The Point Pleasant Register heralded his passing in a touching tribute to 'one of Clendenin's most honorable citizens.' Submitted by — Carolyn A. Jordan Meadows

CHARLES JUHLING FAMILY

Charles Christian Juhling (1821 - 1908) was the son of Carl and Augusta Juhling of Mittasida, Saxony, Germany. He came to the United States in 1830, locating first in St. Louis, Mo. After staying there for some months, he moved to Defiance, Ohio, and then to Niles, Ohio. When New Haven was laid out about 1860, he became one of the first settlers of that town. Sometime during the mid 1860's he moved to Hartford where he built and operated a general mercantile store. In 1875 he purchased coal lands and opened the California Coal mine. The entrance to this mine was back of the present grade school. Later the mine was called the Juhling Brothers Mine. In 1852 he married Mahala Hoffman (1831 - 1897), a descendant of the Roush Family through the John Roush line. They were the parents of 4 children, two of whom, Alice and Albert, died when very young. His remaining two sons inherited his business.

I. William Juhling was born Oct. 4, 1855. In 1877, he graduated from Duft's Mercantile College of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was captain and part owner of the tow boat, the George W. Juhling. He was married, Feb. 2, 1882, to Anna Schafer, born 1866. They lived in the house he built in Hartford, later known as the Pettie House. In 1898 the family moved to Middletown, Ohio, to have his family home more convenient to him as a river man.

II. Charles Christian Juhling, born 1882, married Beatrice Crigger.
C. Minnie Mae Juhling, born 1885, married James A. Beverage, railroad engineer
1. Jeanette Beverage, born 1908, married a Waddell
   a. Coleen Waddell married Carl Jones
   b. Charlotte Beverage, born 1911, married Tommy Perrin
   c. Beverly Perrin married William Dixon (no relation)
D. William Hugo Juhling, born 1890, married Edna Gardner
1. Kathryn Elizabeth Juhling
   a. Emma Louise Juhling, born 1890, unmarried
   b. Pearl Martha Juhling, born 1892, married Lou Emerson Saunders
   c. George Newton Juhling, born 1893, unmarried
   d. Helen Marie Juhling, born 1902. Married a Nelson. One daughter
II. Lewis Juhling, the other son of Charles C. and Mahale Hoffman Juhling. For many years he lived on the second floor of the Juhling Store in Hartford (later the J. H. Smith Store). He was also the owner for many years of the Hartford Theatre. Submitted by — Anthony Lee Fields

JOHN GEORGE KAPP AND MARY ELLEN BAKER KAPP FAMILY

John George Kapp and twin sister Charlotte Kapp were born February 10, 1845, in Strasbourg, Alsace, France, to John George and Christina Kapp, who were members of the Lutheran Church in Strasbourg. They came to America when they were about 18 months old; their parents located in Pennsylvania, then came to Mill Creek and bought a farm. J. G. Kapp had another sister Louise Kapp Click and a brother Charley Kapp. He was a good gardener, nurseryman, farmer, cabinet maker and coffin maker.

He married Elizabeth Landfried, daughter of George and Barbara Moore Landfried, shoemaker and owner of shoe store. They had 6 children:
1. Nettie Louise Cromley
2. Emma Gertrude Bennett
3. Fred Kapp
4. William Kapp
5. Oscar Kapp
6. Infant, died (cause Elizabeth’s death in August 1877 buried in Ripley, W. Va.)

John George married his second wife in 2 years. Mary Ellen Baker b. 1849 d. 1931, daughter of Abraham Baker b. 1828 d. Nov. 2, 1915 (90 yrs. old). Her mother Anna McGuire was born in Ireland Dec. 29, 1829 d. Oct. 11, 1910 (81 yrs.). Their first 3 children, twins, died. The others were:
- Abraham Kapp
- Annie Liza Kapp Riffes
- Charley Kapp, Infant died, Julius Von Kapp, John A. Kapp, Isaac Kapp, and Lottie Kapp Foster. All children are deceased.

Mr. Kapp was a very religious man, joined Presbyterian Church Ravenswood, W. Va. He spoke French and German; had Bibles written in both languages. The family originally lived in a log cabin on a big farm on Kapp Ridge.

His twin sister Charlotte married Frank Friese b. March 1, 1836 d. July 6, 1927 (91 yrs. old) and lived nearby. She died April 22, 1931. The Friese had two sons - George F. Friese US Marine Corps b. Oct. 6, 1869 d. Feb. 22, 1940; John Friese b. 1893 d. 1977 (92 yrs.). Submitted by — Nellie Kapp Quillin

JULIUS VON KAPP FAMILY

J. V. was born February 27, 1886, at the family farm on Kapp Ridge, in Union District. He married Dora Ellen Stone, born September 20, 1889, Ripley (see F. M. Stone History) at Mt. Moriah Church, Evans, May 11, 1910, attended by her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stone, by the Rev. T. E. Rymer.

J. V. was a farmer and carpenter in Mason County until World War I. They moved to Akron, Ohio, where he was a foreman at Miller Rubber Company. At the end of the war they moved to Point Pleasant where his a carpenter at Marietta Manufacturing Company. In 1920 they built the Kapp’s Grocery and General Merchandise Store. This was the largest store in what was once the Heights. They had the Post Office in Heights until the corporation with Point Pleasant; and twice a day Mail Delivery went in effect with two postmen, Clair Cottrill and Hale Blessing.

RUPERT LAWRENCE KAYSER FAMILY

Rupert Lawrence Juhlking born June 1988; died Sept. 1947; buried Suncrest Cemetery. He was a Real Estate Agent with office on Fifth Street for many years. He was the son of George and Rose Ann (Adkins) Kaysor. His mother had a millinery shop corner 5th and Main Street in Point Pleasant, Ohio; Rose was born 1861 and died 1940. Rose and George also had a daughter, Carrie born 1883 and died 1967. Carrie married Joseph Batterson (1892-1941) son of James & Amelia (Long) Batterson. Carrie and Joe had no children.

Rupert married Sarah "Sally" Smith (1878 - 1907) and by this marriage there was one child: Madoline born 1901 and died 1957. She was a real estate agent. She first married Howard A. Durfee (1900 - 1932) son of Cliffon O. Durfee (1878 - 1952) and Sarah B. (Irish) Durfee (1880 - 1965). Madoline and Howard had two children: Betty Jane and Charles. Betty married Walter Hyatt and had Susan: Charles married Anna Louise Harden and had Michael and Patricia: Madoline married 2nd Mr. Wirtz.

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JOHN MICHAEL KAUFF FAMILY

John Michael Kauff (1843 - 1919), Meigs County, Ohio, married Elizabeth Roush, Mason County, West Virginia August 6, 1865. John was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Kauff. Sarah Elizabeth was the daughter of Benjamin Roush and Sophia Altman Roush.

John and Sarah were the parents of John M. Kauff (1870 - 1897) who married Lilly Bolin in December 1892. Their heirs were: John Preston, Cecil, Harry, Thomas, Fred, Clifford and Vale Bell.

The Kauff Family was not included in many local histories due incorrect spelling of the Kauff name. Submitted by — Joanna Kauff Alvrez (Mrs. Randall)

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J. V. and Dora Kapp

In 1939-40 the Kapps with their son-in-law F. W. Quillin built the 22nd Street Bowling Center. This was the popular gathering place during World War II.

Mr. Kapp was a member of the E.U.B. Church, Modern Woodmen Lodge and Knights of Pythias Lodge.

MRS. KAPP was active in E.U.B. Church as a Sunday School Teacher, the Women of the Moose, and Daughters of America, and in Democratic politics.

They were the parents of three children: Nellie Kapp Quillin, Dorothy Kapp Mitchell and Woodrow Wilson Kapp, 1915 - 1983, volunteer becoming Sergeant in World War II, serving in both the African Campaign and crossing over to finish in Europe.

They have 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great, grandchildren.


Picture - 1920 Akron, Ohio J. V. and Dora Ellen Kapp
Jennifer Lee and Emily Beth, David Michael b. 1956 m. Martha Louise Gifford.


BUDDY KEARNS FAMILY

Buddy Kearns was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Hartford, W. Va. His father was John Kearns, Sr., and his mother was Nora Johnson Kearns.

Buddy served in the C.C.C. in Redmond, Ore.

He served in the Army Air Force from April, 1943 to April, 1946. He spent 10 months in England.

He married Kathleen Grimm Jan. 20, 1951. They live in the Letart area on Broad Run. Buddy worked for almost 30 years at Vandadium Corp. of America, later called Foute Mineral. Buddy and Kathleen have one son, Mark Andrew Kearns. Mark married Venida Grinstead. One son was born to them, Mark Andrew Kearns II, nicknamed "Andy".

Buddy and Kathleen have made many mistakes in life, but are happy to say all the family have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and are going to heaven when they die. You can, too.

Here is the way, Romans 6:33: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Buddy had open heart surgery with five bypasses and got along fine. Submitted by — Kathleen & Buddy Kearns.

JOHN KEARNS FAMILY

John Kearns was a life-long resident of Hartford. He was the son of William Kearns, born 1853, and Margaret Spanu, born 1855. John was born Oct. 4, 1879. He married Nora Johnson, born 1884, the daughter of Isaac Elmore and Mary Caroline Burke Johnson. Their children:


VI. Maxine Kearns (1918 - 1982) Unmarried. She worked for the Superior Porcelain Company in New Haven for many years. Then she worked for the Mason County Board of Education as cook in the Hartford School until her death. She attended the Hartford Baptist Church. Submitted by — Alpha Keefer Wedge

VII. John Kearns, Jr. married Frances Roush, parents of 6 children.

a. Paulette married Charles Cundiff: children, April, Jeff, Angie and Joy Renee.


f. Timothy Kearns

VIII. Buddy Kearns married Kathleen Grimm.


KEEFER

Charles Clyde Keefer was born August 20, 1905, in Mason County, West Virginia. The son of Benjamin Franklin and Zelphia (Buck) Keefer. On October 27, 1928 Clyde married Sylvia Thornton, born October 13, 1910. The daughter of S. G. and Bertha (Pearson) Thornton. Clyde was a dozer operator, and for many years he built farm ponds in Mason County. Clyde and Sylvia are the parents of five children. Four who remain in Mason County.


HENRY KEEFER SR. FAMILY

Henry's great grandfather and great grandmother were Daniel and Elizabeth Keefer. It is believed that Daniel was born in Pennsylvania on April 17, 1804. Elizabeth was born on July 18, 1814. It is thought that they came down the Ohio River by flatboat to Millwood, WV. They settled on the "Old King Place" below Gunville back of Leon. Daniel was overcome by a gas called damps while digging a well on his farm and died on September 18, 1868. Elizabeth died on May 8, 1888. Both are buried at Smith Church Cemetery.

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popping corn and singing.

The Keefers. Many winter evenings were spent in the new house, built on the same spot. It was built by Oren, and the house was torn down so a new house could be built near Rocky. There Edna cooked over an open fireplace. She would hang an iron pot on the coals on the hearth. There was a carpenter, railroader and farmer. They were married on May 10, 1938, and on June 13, 1933. Both are members of Bethel Cemetery.

Henry was born June 12, 1882 in a small log house about one-half mile below the Gunville Store back of Leon, WV. As a small lad, he helped his father clear the land for the crop they could raise for one summer. While very young, he walked several miles to the Kanawha River to catch a boat and helped his uncle cut timber back of Winfield, WV. He became a plasterer by trade. Once while working in Charleston, he received word that one of his children was sick. The water was very high and no trains were running, so he walked from Charleston to his farm back of Leon. He couldn’t get his shoes back on for two days. Henry was also a farmer and lived his entire life in Mason County.


Martha died on November 20, 1972. Henry died less than five months later on April 12, 1973. Both are buried at Bethel Cemetery near Leon, WV. Submitted by — James P. Keefer

OREN KEEFER FAMILY

Oren Homer Keefer (1893 - 1972) was born near Riffle Church to Benjamin Franklin, Jr. (1862 - 1911) and Zelpia Buck Keefer (1869 - 1945); grandson of Benjamin Franklin and Delilah Jane Jeffers Keefer; Violetta Stewart Buck; great-grandson of Daniel (1808 - 1872) and Elizabeth Keefer (1888). William (1862 - 1889) and Mary Stewart (1860 - 1880).

Oren married Edna Mae Shinn (1894 - 1971). She was born at Mud Sock near Evans to George Matthew (1862 - 1946) and Molly Virginia Steed Shinn; granddaughter of Henry and Rachel Shinn.

They went to housekeeping in Leon where Vena (1917), Muriel (1919), and Rita (1921) were born. The family moved into a log house on a farm near Rocky. There Edna cooked over an open fireplace. She would hang an iron pot on a hook then swing it over the fire. She baked cornbread in a flat iron skillet on coals on the hearth. There Warren (1924) and Kathryn Maciel (1926) were born. The family cooked in the smokehouse and slept in the garage when the log house was torn down so a new house could be built on the same spot. It was built by Oren, brother Clyde Keefer, and neighbor Press Williams. Bonnie (1929), Angeliee (1932), and Ralph Cohn (1934) were born in the new house.

Teachers of Rocky School often boarded with the Keefer. Many winter evenings were spent popcorn corn and singing.

Oren helped build Visco plant, Nitro, during World War I; riding the work train daily. Later he farmed and did substitute mail carrying on Leon Route 2, mostly on horseback. He later worked for New York Central Railroad on the bridge gang as carpenter and Maintenance-of-Way as cook. Because of an injury received in a train wreck he took early retirement (1946).

While working for the railroad, the camp cars were lying at Carpenter, Ohio when Oren saw the Canode farm which he liked well enough to buy and move the family in 1949.

Vena married Russell Absten, later Robert Dawson. Her sons are Larry and Danny Absten. Muriel married Everett Knapp. Their son is Robert.

Rita married Raymond Wolfe. Their daughters are Beverly Lewis and Karen Wolfe Nuce.

Warren married Luella Boswell. Their children are Judy Keefer Matheny and Warren Dale, II.

Kathryn Macel married Ernest Nelson, later Cliff Larabee. Her sons are Gary, John, and Randy Nelson.

Abbie married Ray Thornton. Their children are James and Sharon Thornton.

Annabelle married Lauren Canode. Their children are Theresa Canode Koob and Tony Canode.

Ralph Cohn married Kitty Cooper. Their children are Kirk and Kelly Keefer. Submitted by — Warren Keefer

WARREN KEEFER FAMILY

Warren Dale Keefer was born 1924 at the family home near Leon. He was the son of Oren and Edna Shinn Keefer. He served in the 69th Division, Cannon Company during World War II as mortar sergeant in the European Theater of War. During this time he received the Bronze Star for outstanding service. At the close of the war in Europe he stood guard when Gen. Eisenhower met the Russians at Torgau.

Warren married (1943) Luella Boswell who was born 1922 at the family home to William G. and Rosa Carney Boswell. She graduated from Fairmont State College (1942) having worked in the college library to pay for tuition and books at 30¢ per hour.

Judith Elaine (Judy) was born in 1944 and Warren Dale II in 1950. Judy worked at Western Electric, Columbus, Ohio following graduation from Charleston School of Commerce. She later was secretary for Fellowship Baptist Church, then office manager for Baptist Evangelical Missionary Association of Columbus. She married (1964) Perry Matheny (1942), son of Atmer and Edna Rolls Matheny. They made their home in Reynoldsburg, Oh. To this union were born two daughters. Vena married Russell Absten, later Robert Dawson. Their sons are Larry and Danny Absten. Muriel married Everett Knapp. Their son is Robert.

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Both Warren and Luella were active members of Leon Baptist Church. He was ordained as deacon in 1955. Both have served in many other offices, among which are Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School, Christian Chronicle, church choir, trustee.

The Keefer’s lived 33 years in the house purchased from John Connally in Leon before building on the Boswell farm on Leon Baden Road. Submitted by — Luella Boswell Keefer

KENNY FAMILY

Professor William Joseph Kenny (7/4/1830 — 8/25/1917), born in Cappoquin, Waterford Co., Ireland, son of Robert Kenny and Mary Harrnett. Graduated from All Hallows College in Dublin, ordained a Catholic priest, and sailed for the United States in Oct. 1853. Ministered to the English speaking Catholics at Columbia, Sonora, Jamestown, in Cal.; was Asst. Priest at Sacramento; and in 1855 first residenti pastor of Placerville. In 1856 left for Richmond, Va. Married Honoirah Mulcahy of Cork County Ireland (5/1834 - 12/28/1902) in Weston, Va. on May 30, 1858. Professor Kenny taught at Weston Academy, chartered in 1858. Also taught school at Winfield, Buffalo, Mason City, and was Principal of Marshall College 1884-86. Principal of the Mason County Public Schools for a total of 15 years between 1870-95, and was awarded a blue ribbon at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893 for his exhibit of school work from the Pt. Pleasant schools. Prof. Kenny was Supt. of Christ Church Episcopal Sunday School and was a Grand Master of the Minturn Lodge #19 of A.F. and A.M. He and Honorah lived with their son William.
Joseph Kenny and his family at the time of their deaths are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery. They were the parents of 5 sons and 1 daughter. 4 sons died at an early age: Patrick James (birth unknown - d. 4/21/1874), Robert Leonidas (5/31/1862 - 8/29/1868), Charles Michael (5/26/1865 - 9/12/1887), George Thomas Melville (3/10/1868 - 9/8/1868). William and Honorah came to the United States sometime before Charles Michael's death, and it is believed that he, Robert and Patrick are buried in Pioneer Cemetery in unmarked graves.

Mary Lou Kenny, daughter, (6/4/1874 - 3/4/1912) married Elmer Withoe and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Parkersburg along with an infant daughter, Kathleen. Other children were Anita, Maurice, and William.


Catherine Neal Kenny (1/10/1907 - 4/7/1971) graduated PPBS 1925, attended Marshall College. Taught school at Hickory Chapel, Central School, and Belfry School. In 1936 mar­ried Richard Pleasants Newell (5/31/1902 - 10/31/1985) and attended Mason County Schools, Marshall University and worked for US Engineers at the West Va. Ordnance works during WW II. She was married to William "Bill" Williamson May 6, 1942, they lived in Huntington W. Va., St. Louis Mo., and were finally transferred to Columbus Ohio where Mr. Williamson retired from Swift & Co., he passed away Jan. 18, 1972. Rosalie retired from Suburban Motor Freight, as head of the Accounts Pay­able Dept. after 25 years service. At present is living at 50 acre farm in Pickaway County. She is a member of the Commercial Point United Methodist Church and active on many committees in the Church. She is a member of the Col Chas. Lewis Chapter of the D A R at Pt Pleasant and a member and officer of the Wesley Glen Retirement Home Auxiliary in Columbus. Submitted by — Rosalie Keister Williamson

WILLIAM JOSEPH KENNY 1830 - 1917

William Joseph Kenny, son of Robert Kenny and Mary Hartnett, was born in Capponqui, Watered Doors, Ireland on July 4, 1830. En­tered All Hallows College in Dublin in Sept. 1848, and was ordained Oct. 1853. Sailed for the United States in Oct, 1853. It was first sent to minister to the English speaking Catholics at So­nora, Tuolome Co., Cal., and then became Asst. Pastor at Sarensen, On Aug 13, 1856, he was made the first resident Pastor of Placerville. In 1856 he left for Richmond, Va. He married Honora Mulcahy of Cork County, Ireland, in West­on Co., West Va. on May 30, 1858. Founded Weston Academy. Taught in St. Al­bans, Winfield, Buffalo, Welsh, Moundville in West Virginia, and in Ashland and Greenup, Ky. Principal of Marshall College 1884-1886. Father of 5 sons and one daughter. Later moved to Mason County, W. Va., and was Supt. of Mason County schools for 16 years. Was Supt. of the Sunday School of Christ Episco­pal Church in Point Pleasant for many years, was Grand Master of the Minturn Lodge of the Masons in Point Pleasant. He died in Point Pleasant in 1917 and is interred there.

This compilation prepared by his great-grand daughter, Phyllis Ingraham Stout, in December, 1985.

WILLIAM JAY KEISTER

William Jay Keister was born at Ashton W. Va. Mason County, Hannover Township, on January 9, 1896 the son of the late William J. Keister and Lavena Cobb Keister. He was married June 3, 1917 to Nora Dean Harrison of Gallipolis, Ohio. They had one daughter, Georgia Rosalie, who was married to the late William Henry William­son.

"Jay" as he was called operated a coal mine during WW I and furnished coal to the government, coal was hauled by wagons from the mine, on the Keister farm, to the railroad at Ashton and shipped by rail to the defense plants. He was a Justice of the Peace for 15 years in Mason County and had been a rural mail carrier for more than 25 years. He died June 3, 1917 to his death. He lived his entire life at Ashton on the same farm where he was born. He was a member of the Beale Chapel United Methodist Church and the Rural Carriers Association. Jay had two brothers and 10 sisters: Stephen and Worthy, he had seven sisters, Lillie McNeal, Oretha O'Brien, Elizabeth Martindale, Rose Eagle Mills, Leona Beck, Byrde Frances Rock­well, and Pearl Scott Mead. Nora Keister was a charter member of the Woheho Farm Women's Club organized Nov. 12, 1929, and was a mem­ber for over 50 years. She was a member of the Beale Chapel United Methodist Church, and was very active in community and civic activities in the Community. She lived there from the time of her marriage in 1917, and died there, when because of poor health she moved to Orient, Ohio to live with her daughter, she passed away Nov. 13, 1982.

Rosalie the daughter of this marriage was born April 18, 1911, and attended Mason County Schools, Marshall University and worked for US Engineers at the West Va. Ordnance works during WW II. She was married to William "Bill" Williamson May 6, 1942, they lived in Huntington W. Va., St. Louis Mo., and were finally transferred to Columbus Ohio where Mr. Williamson retired from Swift & Co., he passed away Jan. 18, 1972. Rosalie retired from Suburban Motor Freight, as head of the Accounts Payable Dept. after 25 years service. At present is living at 50 acre farm in Pickaway County. She is a member of the Commercial Point United Methodist Church and active on many committees in the Church. She is a member of the Col Chas. Lewis Chapter of the D A R at Pt Pleasant and a member and officer of the Wesley Glen Retirement Home Auxiliary in Columbus. Submitted by — Rosalie Keister Williamson

ALONZO CURTIS KELLY FAMILY

Alonzo Curtis Kelly was a Mason County teacher for 42 years. For 4 years of the 42 he was County Superintendent of Mason County Schools. He was a past member of the State legis­lature. He was married to Cora Catherine Lay­well. She was a school teacher for 7 years, and postmistress for 22 years at Henderson, W. Va. Many children and grandchildren followed in the profession of teaching.

The children who were teachers:
1. Maggie Kelly McHaffie - 7 years
2. Lowell G. Kelly - 2 years
3. Evelyn Kelly Spence - 37 years
4. Vivian Kelly Barker - 10 years

Grandchildren who are teachers:
1. William A. Barker, Jr., teacher, prin­cipal, and Superintendent of Mason County Schools.
2. Sally L. Darst, Director of Special Ed­ucation, Mason County Schools.
3. Comolette Barker Houch, teacher
4. Thomas L. Kelly, teacher
5. Susan Darst Murphy, teacher
6. Robert D. Darst, teacher

Others in the family are:
1. Marvin L. Kelly who has worked for the Prudential Insurance Co. for 37 years.
2. Ann Kelly Bailey, worked for Gas Co. for 30 years.
3. Curtis Kelly, chemist
4. Jack Kelly, Postal clerk, Columbus,

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William J. Kenny, Sr.

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wasrebuilt. The logcabin, where Ted grewup, his grandparents were Adam and Rachel Margaret near Leon in Mason County, West Virginia. His cabin on a farm close by his grandparents' farm.

4. Lowell C. Kelly, Post Office, Columbus, Ohio (grade 1 to 8). His grandparents came to America from Bavaria in 1825. His sister, Mary, learned to speak German at home. When he started to school he was expected to learn to read, write, and Ted's knowledge of weather learned from his father.

Ted learned to predict the weather and wherever he farmed, his neighbors depended on him to tell them when it was time to plant and to plow. In Mason County, Ted and his father used oxen to cultivate the crops and for transportation. 1892, Ted and his eight younger brothers and sisters, Mary, Bert, Sim, Ern, Della, Ad, Lora, and Harry, moved by train with their parents, Amelia and Sam Kiesling, to Iowa, where they located on a farm northwest of Creston. There the youngest son, Roy, was born. At the age of seventeen, Ted left Mason County, West Virginia, with fond memories of rail fences, beautiful dogwood trees, and apple dumplings boiled in water.

Ted farmed with his father in Iowa until he married Martha Wilson, 12/8/1874 - 8/30/1964, whom he met when she taught the rural school where his younger brothers and sisters attended. One younger brother, Martha taught, went on to Medical School at the University of Iowa and became a doctor. Ted was an avid reader of the newspapers and felt comfortable conversing with people from all walks of life.

The parentage of Adam Kimberling and his wife, Nancy (Davis) Kimberling, the wife of Jacob Kimberling, who was killed by Indians in 1763 on Kimberling Creek of present-day Bland County, VA. In 1782 Adam established preemption to 600 acres settled by Jacob in 1762. Records in Bute County, VA show that Adam and the widow of Jacob, Mary Magdalene (Rinehart),
were living on the North Fork of Roan Oak (Crawford) Creek from 1770 - 1775.

From 1782 - 1804 Adam and Nancy and their family lived on Cedar Creek and Callison's Mountain in Bath County, VA. In 1804 they moved with their married and unmarried children to Mason County. The Kimberlings probably traveled in ox carts via Covington, VA to Charleston, (W) VA. Loading themselves and their meager possessions onto oxen, cattle, and horses on flatboats, they floated down the Kanawha River from the falls near Charleston to Greens Landing, where they constructed sleds from the flatboats, loaded on their possessions, hitched up the oxen, and traveled over two hills to settle on Thirteen Mile Creek.

Among the entries in Mason County Deed Book “A” is the appraisement of the estate of Adam Kimberland, dec’d. Included in the appraisement made by Leonard Cooper, William Ar buckle, and Samil. Henderson are eight head of cattle; six horses; two cows and one “shote”; three axes and one “matuk”; “sundrey” farming utensils; “for” cooper’s utensils; “chains and collars”; one “mams” saddle, two hides; two beds and furniture; pots, kettles, etc.; “puter” plates; and “one laddler, simmker and flesh fork.”

The known children of this couple are James, Mary, Jacob, Adam, Nathaniel, and Nancy. James was living in South Missouri. Mary and Edward died in Mason County. On the Marriage Bond of Jacob, son of John Mackley, and Mary Kimberland dated 31 AUG 1793 in Bath County, Adam, father of Mary, made his mark with a manuscript “A”. The Kimberlands settled in Jackson County, OH.

Jacob married Nancy, daughter of Butler and Eliza Stonestreet, in 1801 in Bath County. In 1805 he married Margaret, widow of Mathias Warnell in Mason County. Descendants of Jacob remained in Mason County for generations.

Adam married Mary, daughter of Wm. and Ruth Reed of Botetourt County, VA in 1804. Later in Mason County he married Polly Hilliard. He was on the Federal Census of Sangamon County, IL in 1830.

Nathaniel, who played beautifully on the violin, lived with Allen D. and Caroline (Kimberling) Garton in Putnam County. The Garton and Nathaniel moved to Wayne County, IA.

Nancy married Morris Greenlee, son of John and Nancy J. (Reynolds), in 1809 in Gallia Co., OH. About 1853 this couple moved to Wayne County, IA. Greenlee descendants remain in both Mason and Wayne Counties.

Other Kimberlings who were on Thirteen Mile Creek in the early 1800’s were Joseph, Elizabeth “Beky”, and Ann.

Joseph lived on Thirteen Mile Creek. Elizabeth “Beky” married Samuel Greenlee. Ann’s daughter, Rebecca “Beky”, married Wilson Pruitt. The Pruitts were in IL for a while. Later Rebecca and married children moved to Schuyler County, MO. Submitted by — Norma Kimberling

JOSEPH AND FRANCES “FANNY” (JOHNSON) KIMBERLING

Joseph Kimberling may have been the son, or related in some other way, to Adam and Nancy (Davis) Kimberling, for he was a native of Bath County, VA; born about 1790. His wife, Frances “Fanny,” was the daughter of Benjamin Johnson, a native of eastern VA. One Benjamin Johnson lived in Kanawha County in 1790.

Joseph Nathaniel “Nat”, first child of Joseph and Fanny, was born in Mason County in 1811/12. In 1836, he married Miriam (pronounced MY-rum), daughter of Rachel Harrison and Jacob Craig.

Joseph and Fanny had one other son, William Richard, who was born about 1813. In 1836, he married Rhoda Hart in Mason County. Their daughter, Sarah F., was in Council Bluffs, IA in 1858. William and one son died with cholera in 1849. William’s other two children were Frances Jane, who married Samuel Sheline in 1859 in Mason County, and Joseph, who married, also in Mason County, Elizabeth Jordon. Their mother was Lucretia Childers, daughter of John, who married Ruben Hart in 1850 in Mason County. About 1870, the families of Ruben Hart, Samuel Sheline, and Joseph Kimberling (son of William) moved near Garden Grove, Deaver, IA.

Joseph and Fanny had only one daughter, Malinda, who was sometimes referred to as Baldinda. Malinda, born about 1817, married John Childers in Mason County in 1844. Their known children were Nancy, Mary, and Maud. During the 1850s the family moved to OH.

Joseph was in the Militia during the War of 1812, but was not called for active service.

On the Federal Census Records of 1820 and 1830, Joseph was listed among the other Kimberlings on Thirteen Mile Creek in Union District. Joseph purchased six hundred acres on Thirteen Mile Creek in 1834. Soon thereafter, he built the first “house” in that part of the county. As there was no sawmill in the area, the boards were sawed by hand. Originally each room of the two-room house had an open fireplace constructed of flat rock and the rafters of the loft were poles.

A plot of the original farm was deeded to be rebuilt as a family cemetery and became the burial grounds for Joseph and Fanny and many of their descendants.

Joseph’s death was in 1849. His will stated that Fanny was to receive the house and kitchen accessories and one-third of the land for her lifetime. The Kimberling counties of the land which included the house. William’s half included the orchard. Belleinda was to receive cattle and/or stock with a value of $20.

Fanny was living in the household of her son, Nathaniel, in 1850. There is no record of the time of her death. Submitted by — Mrs. Othicl Lee

JOSEPH NATHANIEL "NAT" AND MIRIAM (CRAIG) KIMBERLING

Joseph Nathaniel “Nat” Kimberling and his wife, Miriam (Craig), were both born in Mason County and lived their entire lives in Union District near Thirteen Mile Creek. Nat, the son of Joseph and Fanny (Johnson), were born 1811/12. Miriam, born 1819, was the daughter of Rachel Harrison; the granddaughter of Joseph and Fanny (Johnson) Harrison; and the great-granddaughter of the Revolutionary War veterans, Ruben Harrison of Rockingham County, VA.

Miriam’s father was John Craig, son of George and Catherine Craig. John Craig served in the War of 1812 with Morris Greenlee, Nathaniel Kimberling, John Reynolds and other Mason County soldiers.

Nat and Miriam (pronounced MY-rum), who were married in Mason County in 1836, were the parents of twelve children:

Malinda (1838 - 1898), married Dr. John Charles Eddington in 1859. Their children were John Franklin, Eva, Emma, James, Walter, and Peter. Walter lived for a few years in IA; then moved to Kansas City, MO where he died.

Hannah (1838 - 1898), married and had one daughter. John and Malinda are buried in the Kimberling Cemetery on Tribble Road.

William Harrison (1840 - 1920) was in the War Between the States. In 1867 he married Catherine, daughter of John and Prudence (Richardson) Williams of Union County.

Sarah F. (1842 - 1864) married in 1863 Jefferson Williams, a brother of Catherine.

Eliza (1844 - 1916) married a Mr. Hart. She, too, is buried in the family cemetery.

Sarah A. (1846 - 1898) never married.

Rachel J. “Hatch” (1848 - ?) married Arthur Enoch Hill. They moved to KS.
8. Nancy "Nance" (1812 - 7) married in 1879 General Williams, who had no relation to Pearson or Catherine Williams.

9. Lewis "Nat" (1855 - 1926) married in Grundy County, MO Mary, the daughter of Amos and Agnes (Craig) Gamble. They settled near Arnold, NE.

10. John (1858 - 1915) married first Crayton Bennett, who died in 1904. Their issue were:
   - Roy, Ada, and Lewis Edgar. The second marriage of John was to Pearl Brannon, whose sister Maggie Love, was the mother of Charles and Clara Bell (Stephens). They lived in the house on Thirteen Mile Creek that was built by their paternal great-grandfather. After living a few years in IA, they purchased a farm south of Jamesport, MO where they raised their two sons.

11. Joseph Nathaniel "Nathe" (1863 - 1944) married Rachel Miller in 1885. Issue of this couple were:
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The family lived near William's blacksmith shop. He was not only a successful businessman but also served as a community leader. He was known for his generosity and for his passion for education.

For many years, Charles was a member of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee. His dedication to his community was matched only by his love for his family.

In 1981, Charles King passed away. He was survived by his wife, Nannie, and their two daughters, Mary and Odel. The family mourned their loss, but they knew that Charles would always be with them in spirit.
Billy Joe Barton is employed at the Gavin Plant in Ohio, and Karen is the assistant post master at Leon. They live in Boswell Estates at Leon. Billy F. King is employed by Conrail. Charles J. and Mary began housekeeping in Union District but moved to Dunbar in 1943 where they lived until 1946 when they came to Leon and opened a restaurant. They continued in this business until 1949 when they went back to Union District, where they had a grocery store at Broadway. They continued here until 1958 when they opened a drive in restaurant south of Leon. After being in this business for six years, during which they were robbed ten times, they gave it up. They are now retired and living near Leon. Submitted by — Charles J. King

CHARLES ROSS KING FAMILY

Charles was born August 1, 1932 at Point Pleasant W. Va. the son of Revna Curtis King and Vada Florence Lewis King. Charles graduated from Wahama High School in Mason W. Va., in May of 1951. He married Beverly Ann Davis, the daughter of Clarence Whilhelm Davis and Pauline Stiles Davis, on April 18, 1954 in Garland Nebraska. She was born in Seward, Nebraska January 28, 1934. She graduated from Garland High School in May of 1952.

Charles was inducted in the United States Air Force in January 1953. He retired with the rank of Master Sargent in January of 1973.

On retirement from the Air Force, Charles was employed by Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He is the Supervisor Housing Maintenance Services. His hobbies are woodworking, cabinet making, fishing, and camping. Beverly enjoys sewing, needlework, Tole painting, and fishing and camping. They are members of Christ Lutheran Church in Lubbock, Texas and active participants in church programs. They are the parents of four children; Joyce Lynn King, born June 2, 1955, in Lincoln Nebraska; Cynthia Sue King, born August 24, 1956 in Lincoln Nebraska; Jeffrey Bruce King, born December 4, 1959 in Huntsville, Alabama; and Kirby Keith King, born February 20, 1964 at Reese AFB Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

Joyce married Thomas Roy Clevenger June 23, 1973 in Lubbock. He is a farmer and Joyce is a housewife. They are the parents of three children; Brandie Lynne, born December 17, 1976; Brian Thomas, born June 2, 1979; and Brandie Leigh, born September 27, 1985. They are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Littlefield, Texas. Cynthia married Darrell Bruce Lippe February 14, 1975. They were divorced October 9, 1979. No Children. She married Gerald Paul Bowman March 11, 1983. He has a son Merrill. They are members of Christ Lutheran Church. Cynthia works as a bookkeeper for the hospital in Plainview, Texas. Gerald is the Manager of C R Anthony's Department Store in Plainview. They have no children.

Jeffery married Delonnia Charisse Hopper October 5, 1979. They are members of Christ Lutheran Church and are active with various programs also. Jeff is a graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in Finance and is employed by the Comptroller of the Currency as a Federal Bank Examiner. Delonnia is an Education Major at Texas Tech and will graduate in December of 1986. They have no children. Kirby is not married and is currently employed by Geo-Search which is a Seismic group studying the earth for oil. He is also a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

Joyce enjoys sewing, needlework, and painting; Beverly enjoys fishing and hunting. Cynthia does crochet and painting. She and Gerald also enjoy fishing and camping. Jeff does some woodworking, and helps Delonnia with her school projects. She does many kinds of crafts. They both enjoy their children. (1) Jessica enjoys fishing and camping. Kirby enjoys designing and making different items when he has the time, and also fishes. He also enjoys travelling. Submitted by — Charles R. King

FRANCIS M. KING FAMILY

Francis M. King born March 8, 1838 and died February 3, 1927, married Catherine Clemings born April 26, 1859 and died January 20, 1916. Francis was commonly called Frank, and Catherine first lived on Cain Ridge. In a few years they purchased a farm on Cow Run near the Lone Cedar School. It was here they reared their 12 children. (1) Joseph Wylie born May 12, 1881, died June 11, 1928; (2) George W. born March 13, 1883 died May 12, 1886; (3) Minerva born January 3, 1885, died March 3, 1971; (4) Alzina J. born September 11, 1886, died July 4, 1949; (5) Virginia L. born July 27, 1889, died September 20, 1914; (6) Daniel E. born March 19, 1891, died 1918; (7) Philmore E. born July 19, 1892, died December 31, 1943; (8) Benjamin F. born April 23, 1894, died April 21, 1944; (9) Clara A. born April 1, 1896, died February 14, 1975; (10) Samuel A. born April 2, 1899, died December 11, 1976; (11) Mary M. born September 3, 1901, died March 25, 1985; (12) Sarah M. born May 6, 1904, called Maggie in Dayton, Ohio, the only living child of this family of 12. Of this family, Minerva, Daniel, Philmore, Clara and Mary were deaf and could not speak.

Catherine, the mother of these children was an industrious, hard working woman. It is remembered how she would work in her garden until 12 o'clock midnight on moonlight nights. During the summers she would sew, making clothes for the children to have them ready for school in the fall when the deaf children would go away to the school for the deaf.

After Catherine's death, Frank sold the farm and bought a farm on Gunville Ridge. Here he operated a grist mill. People would bring their corn here to be ground into meal. He also had a broom mill. He raised broom corn from which he made brooms. And for those who could not read, came, Frank would make sorgum molasses in his cane mill. After the girls had gone from the home, Frank married a second time to Cornelia Cossin, a widow.

Later he had a store on Gunville Ridge, and still later he operated a store on Chestnut Ridge. He continued this business until he became unable to work and returned to the farm, living there until his death on February 3, 1927. He was laid to rest by his wife Catherine in the Cresent Cemetery.

During the time that Frank kept store, his son Benjamin married Mary Davis and raised one of his grandsons who stayed with Benjamin and Mary until he married. Benjamin and Mary had one son named Ray, who stayed on the farm until his father's death when he sold the farm and moved to Ohio. Submitted by — America Miller

HARRY ROSS KING FAMILY

Harry was born in the King family home overlooking the Great Kanawha River at Point Pleasant, West Virginia on March 11, 1917. The son of James L. King (1876 - 1958) and Catherine Vansickle King (1878 - 1949) who came from pioneer families of Mason County. He being the son of David S. King and Sarah Woods King, and she the daughter of Samuel Vansickle and Rebecca Birchfield Vansickle, both families of Arbuckle District. The youngest of six children, Harry is the brother of Ivis (1897 - 1979), Revna (1899 - 1957), Delphia (1900 - 1973), Evelyn (1903), and Wilma (1910 - 1985).

Harry graduated from PPHS in 1936. And on April 15, 1938 he married Catherine Reynolds at the Presbyterian Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. The daughter of Captain Thomas Jefferson Reynolds (1888 - 1959) and his first wife Margaret McClune (1891 - 1925). Catherine was born in 1917 on their Showboat America at Point Pleasant December 19, 1918. Making her acting and music debut at an early age, she grew up aboard the Showboat America and played the piano and calliope for the shows.

Majestic Show Boat

At the Foot of Broadway Street in Cincinnati, the Majestic is still in operation under the ownership of the city and direction of the University of Cincinnati. Being last of the authentic showboats left on the river, the Majestic has both Ohio and National Historic Registry.

Catherine, the granddaughter of Francis Marion Reynolds (1856 - 1930) and Catherine Harriman (1868 - 1896), is a descendant of Christopher Reynolds and his wife Elizabeth who emigrated from England to America aboard the ship Francis and John and settled in Worwich County, Virginia in 1622. She is a sister to Marion (1911), Hazel (1914), Tom, Jr. (1917 - 1984), Margaret (1923 - 1974), and a half sister to Ruth (1928), Jack (1930), John (1933), and Roy Reynolds (1935).

A guitarist and banjo player, Harry toured with Catherine aboard the Majestic several years after their marriage. He co-starred leading roles with her in such plays as "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Trail Of The Lonesome Pine." "Honest Sinners and Saintly Hypocrites." He performed instrumental solos, comedy doubles, was a member of the band and posted bills. He also worked as clerk and meat cutter in local stores, ships carpenter at the Marietta Plant, and at the National Ordnance Plant. Catherine worked as designer/seamstress, pianist for Adult and Youth Choirs, Sunday School Teacher and Primary Superintendent at Bellemead EUB Church. In 1961 they moved to Marion, Ohio, where Harry worked on the River at various meat cutter, Union Steward, and Meat Manager at the IGA Foodliner until his retirement in 1981.

They are the parents of one daughter, Margaret Catherine, born aboard the Majestic Showboat December 24, 1938. Margaret graduated...
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Sarah E. King died January 2, 1955 and is buried with Wylie in the Smith Church Cemetery. They were my grandparents. Submitted by — Goldie Robinson

NICHOLAS V. KING FAMILY

Nicholas V. King, son of Revna C. King and Vada F. King was born March 1, 1889, at Beech Hill, W. Va. He married Vada Flor­ence Lewis King September 10, 1918. A carpenter by trade, Revna built her own house on the site of the Great Kanawha River near the family homestead in Kingstown, and worked at the nearby Kanawha Dock Company, building and repairing steamboats and other craft. Accepting a supervisory job overseeing the Dock at Cedar Grove, W. Va., he moved with his family there abroad a four room houseboat. He also worked as a carpenter at the Portsmouth Dock Company, Portsmouth, Ohio, and at the Marietta Manufacturing Plant at Point Pleasant building minesweepers and landing barges for the Navy during World War II. After that he bought a large farm one mile back of New Haven and tried his hand at Dairy Farming. From there he moved with his family to Henderson, W. Va., where he bought a lovely old home and worked as head mill man and cabinet maker at the Carolina Lumber Company in Point Pleasant.

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Luther J. and his wife Margaret also lived in Jackson County. They were the parents of Thomas, Mary, John, Laura and Philena.

Mary J. Rand born 1844 married William Lott a hoop shaver. This couple lived for some time in Leon. They are buried in the Leon Cemetery. Mary J. died in 1895 and William in 1915. It was their son Luther J. Lott who was a resident of Leon for many years and well known in the area. He married Eva Lena Sayre, the daughter of Daniel and Victoria Roush Sayre. Their children were Frank, Harry and Lora. It was in 1911; Gertrude Maeborn 1883 became an unmarried bachelor. He was a carpenter by trade.

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CARL HERBERT KNAPP

Carl Herbert Knapp, a descendent of Nicholas Knapp, and the son of Albert Wellington and Lelia Viola Oliver Knapp was born April 22, 1900, and died Jan. 21, 1967. He is buried in the Suncrest Cemetery.

At marriage Beulah Vesta Gerlach Knapp, the daughter of Frederick Herman and Cazena Elberta Parsons Gerlach, was born Oct. 24, 1900. She never remarried and presently lives at Point Pleasant.

Carl Herbert was known socially as Herbert, but in business he was called Bill. He was a first class carpenter and he retired from Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio.

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Knights were buried in the East Springfield Cemetery, East Springfield, Ohio. Submitted by — Betty Sue Call, Ann Coleman Noel

RUTH KLAAS

Ruth Klaas, born March 17, 1899, in Hartford, West Virginia, third of seven daughters of Frederick T. and Mary Ann (Roy) Klaas. Her sisters were: Allah Klaas (Seyfried), Helen Klaas (Johnson), Katherine Klaas (Embleton), Louise Klaas, Lucille Klaas (Powell) and Mary Klaas. Her paternal grandparents were: Jacob Klaas and Sarah (Patton) Klaas, while her maternal grandparents were William and Mary Jane (Stanley) Roy. It is said that her paternal grandfather wrote "The Yellow Rose of Texas". The original manuscript can be found in the Texas Archives with the initials JK on it. There was some research done on this by retired Colonel James Klaas from Atlanta, Georgia, he was searching for handwritting samples of Jacob Klaas. It is unknown to me at this time what, if any, findings he came up with.

Ruth as well as her sisters were delivered by Dr. C. W. Petty, who years later was to also deliver Ruth's three children (all born in Hartford, West Virginia at her mother's home). At the birth of the first Klaas daughter, Dr. Petty did not attend, because he was unattended at that time.

Ruth grew up attended school and the Baptist Church in Hartford, West Virginia. She often told stories of her childhood, of her "Poppys" who was a "salt maker", and how her mother would "shoe" her dress from "feed sacks" and of the bread her mother baked. They would get up in the mornings in the winter and find that the drinking water bucket had ice in it out in the kitchen. Every Christmas she would tell us about her Christmas trees, that had live candles on them, and they were only allowed to light them when "Poppys" was home, and that each of the girls would get one present each, usually a "doll" and how much they thought of it compared to all the presents children received in her later years.

On May 16, 1923, she married William I. Coleman, they lived in the area a short while, but because of employment, they moved to Steubenville, Ohio where she lived the rest of her life. She devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchildren.

Their children were:
- Ethel Ann Coleman, b. 2-24-33, d. Paul Noel. She died 1986
- Stepchildren: Susan Noel, b. 10-30-50, m. Howard Rudy
- William Paul Noel, b. 1-15-59, m. Lisa Schnug
- Betty Sue Coleman, b. 6-10-35, m. Floyd W. "Bill" Call, Jr.
- Douglas William Call, b. 8-6-66, 6-10-66
- Glenn Louis Call, b. 11-27-67
- William Carl Coleman, b. 2-11-37, m. Deborah M. Perine
- William Carl Coleman, II, b. 11-20-70
- Traci Sue Coleman, b. 8-7-72
- Mary Ruth Ann Coleman, b. 1-18-77
- Ruth and William were married 49 years, 10 months at the time of his death from cancer. She remained a widow for 13 years and died on December 24, 1985 at the age of 86 years. She was the last of the Klaas girls. She and her husband are buried in the East Springfield Cemetery, East Springfield, Ohio. Submitted by — Betty Sue Call, Ann Coleman Noel

KNIGHT FAMILY

James Lynn Knipe and Louisa Swan entered into a matrimonial alliance in Mason County, West Virginia, February 19, 1857. He was born in Mason County June 6, 1834, son of George Ray and Elizabeth Kirk. Louisa was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1824, a daughter of Richard and Sara McCulloch Swan.

James Lynn owned and cultivated a good farm in Robinson district and served his district four years (1877-81) as Justice of the Peace.

Four children were born to James and Louisa; Mary Belle, 1838-1828, Lycurgus Newton, 1860-1939, Sarah Elizabeth, 1861-1931, and Laura S., 1863-1913.

Laura married Robert J. Patterson, 1864-1941. They had no children.

Other children were:
- Sara Elizabeth adopted a daughter, Virginia Eveline Knight, 1913. Virginia married Homer Spencer Smith, 1911-1982, the son of Homer Smith and Mary Vause Beale Smith.

The Knight farm was named Kirkland and was inherited by Virginia Knight Smith. It continued to be farmed by Virginia and Homer until his death in 1982. Virginia continues to live on the farm.

This is the same Kirkland farm on which a portion was developed by Homer and Virginia and their daughters into a perpetual care, lawn type cemetery, appropriately named Kirkland Memorial Gardens. Submitted by — Virginia Knight Smith

WILLIAM RUPERT KNIGHT

William Rupert Knight married Betty Ann Gehnheimer July 10, 1950 at Pomeroy, Ohio. He received B.S. in Business from Miami U. - 1952. Betty attended Miami School of Nursing and graduated Cabell Co. Career Center (LPN/ph). They moved to Point Pleasant in 1956 where Wm. was General Manager of Mason County Motor Co. 1954-1979. They are the parents of six children.


Infant Knight (1958 - 1958)

Wm., Betty and sons are all members of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Bill is past president of church council. Bill and Betty held teaching positions in the church.

The family has been very active in scouting. Wm., an Eagle Scout also received the highest honor in adult scouting, Silver Beaver Award, presently on the Eagle Review Board for the Tri Area Scouts. Betty was an Eagle Scout for Hgtgn Area Scouts for Wm., an Eagle Scout also received the highest teaching positions in the church.


Lawrence married to Tami Lorene Richards on March 12, 1977, now divorced. Tami was born February 1, 1959 to J. O. Richards and Sylvia Richardson. Children born to Lawrence and Tami are: Jason Brian born January 13, 1979; Eric Alan born July 16, 1980; Chad Andrew born June 29, 1983.

Andrew Carl Knopp married first to Margaret Reynolds. Margaret was born to Thomas J. and Esther Elizabeth Reynolds. Children born to Andrew and Margaret are: Carl Thomas Knopp born September 4, 1945; Eva Eileen Knopp born November 14, 1948; Peter Knopp born September 14, 1949; Clarence Knight born December 5, 1957; JoAnn Knopp born October 15, 1958. Andrew married second to Pauline Chapman. They had one daughter named Elaine Knopp. The family lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Franklin Knopp married Phyllis Nadine Meier. Phyllis was born to Philip and Berndtine Schneider of Pomeroy, Ohio. Children born to Charles and Phyllis are: Charles Philip born February 12, 1967. Phyllis is now married to Larry Mae. Submitted by - J. McWhorter

JAMES OSCAR KNOPP

James Oscar Knopp was born November 25, 1882, Mason County, the third child of five boys and five girls born to Jacob Charles and Elizabeth Ellen Sanders Knopp. His maternal grandparents were James and Janet McKnight Sanders who emigrated to the United States from Edinburgh and Glasgow Scotland. His paternal grandparents were Jesse Brown and Eliza Knopp. They were residents of West Virginia for five generations.

J.O. Knopp had two brothers Frank B. who married Cessie Ettminger parents of one son; Lewis Charles unmarried killed in World War II in France; two sisters Myrtle who married Charles Selby and had one son, three daughters; Annie Laurie who married Donald O. Blagg and had one daughter and four sons.

On Christmas Day 1918 Elva Blagg, daughter of Luemma Crawford and Benjamin H. Blagg, became his wife. Their one child Eliza Luemma graduated from Rio Grande College and taught school for many years in Gallia County School system, retired in 1982. By marriage to Forrest Clark September 26, 1937 was born Carol Kay Clark July 18, 1939, who graduated from Holzer Nursing School and received BS and MS degrees from Marshall University, and married William C. Rutherford to whom were born Lori and Scott, live Pt. Pleasant.

F. Dennis Clark was born August 17, 1942 graduated from Rio Grande College with a Major in Mathematics and after teaching a few years joined General Electric's Computer program as an executive. Married Margaret Sue Fulton, of Rio Grande College and teacher, live Georgetown, Ohio and have Christopher and Lisa Maria, attending college.

On December 22, 1945 Elizabeth Knopp Clark was born to Myra and Wm. Mulford Jr. who died March 16, 1968. To this union was born James Michael, Jan. 4, 1947 who graduated from Rio Grande College, with U.S. Army in Viet Nam, attended Officers Candidate School and served with the paratroops and Special Forces, and was discharged with rank of Major. He married first Cathy Wildermuth and had Carissa, Charla, and Alicia. He married secondly Marie Paxton, a teacher. Michael is now teaching and completing his MS at Marshall.

J.O. Knopp a carpenter in younger years went to work for the Marietta Manufacturing Co. while located at Marietta, Ohio, and moved with the firm when they located at Pt. Pleasant. He became a pattern maker supervisor and was a Master Craftsmen for 40 years.

Mr. Knopp was a member of the Heights United Brethren Church and member of the Masonic Lodge at Pt. Pleasant, and was held in high esteem by his friends and family. His wife died in 1963 at the age of 80 of a heart attack. He and wife are buried Lone Oak. Pt. Pleasant.


MICHAEL PETER KNOPP

Michael P. Knopp (1848-1919) was the son of John and Eliza Jane Mayes Knopp and married 1871 Margaret Clemenin (1853-1943) daughter of Leonidas and Elizabeth Clemenin. Michael and Margaret are buried in the IOOF cemetery at Mason. They had the following children:

Hamilton (1871-1874), Charles Strauter (1873-1876) buried Obedetz cemetery near Columbus, Ohio with his wife Rosa Elizabeth Lewis (1873-1963) daughter of Morris (1840-1911) and Amelia (1844-1925) buried West Columbia Hill; Archibald (1875-1945) single; Jesse Edna (1877-1951) married Thomas Mason; Howard (1878-1909) single; William L. (1880-1985) married Bertha Nease Roush, lived Mason; Catherine (1884-1955) married Dan Harrison and had David (1916-1986) WVA S. Sgt. 87 Mecz. Cav. Recon. SQ WWII, buried Kirkland, lived Akron, sons Roy, Granville and John of Clifton, daughters Mary E. (Walt) of MiddlePort, Emma (Ruble) of Vienna, Opal (Taylor), Emu (John) born 1886 married to Charles T. Edwards; Florence O. (1889-1959) married Thurman O. Young and lived Flat Rock.

Garnett Ernest (1892-1976) married Ruth Gibb (1897-1981) daughter of Sarah and Archibald Gibb, and are buried at Kirkland. Garnett and Ruth had Fred A (1920), was nursing assistant at Lakin Hospital for 15 years, and Rev. Willis C. Knopp born 1922 who lived at Pt. Lauderdale, Florida for the past forty years.

Freda Akers has children Paulletta (Burris) whose children are Kelly Gene (1961) and Mark Edward (1964) live Pt. Pleasant, and Georgee married Ronald Plantz, live Gallipolis, Ohio.

Their issue are Kevin Ray (married and has a son Nathan Glenn), Brian Lee and twins Mi-
chelle Lee and Rachel Lynn. Submitted by — Freda Akers

**PETER KNOPP FAMILY**

Peter Knopp (1785-September 1870) married 1st Sarah Kipps (1788-July 1832) born Greenbrier County to Michael Kipps, and second to Ann Caldwell (1810-1866) whom he married in Mason County 1844. He, wives and several children are buried in Knopp cemetery (TNT area, near pond 3) where he settled on land adjacent to Michael Rosebery. Peter gave a tract of land on Knopps Ford, later Machirville, now Lakin for the erection of a church with the stipulation it be used by all denominations when agreeable to the deacons.

By Sarah, issue Hannah (1808-1895) married Peter Fry, 11 children; Jacob (1814-1900); John (1817-1898) born Letart Falls, Ohio married Elizabeth Jane Mayes of Kentucky, buried Knopp cemetery with children Reuben (1858-1947), Agnes (1858-1947) “Maggie” (1860-1930) who lived in Heights, now Pt. Pleasant, never married; Reuben (1820) married Sarah McDaniel; Catherine (born 1822 Pt. Pleasant died February 23, 1894) married Alonzo Amazonia, Missouri married 1842 in Mason Co. Lorren Tullar Minturn born October 13, 1819, Gallipolis, Ohio died May 1904, of W.W. and Tirzah Tullar Minturn; Michael Peter (1825-1848).

By Ann, issue Peter Knopp had Louise (1839-1841) Knopp cemetery, Ann S. (1843) married 1865 in Mason County, John H. Thomas (1844) a stonecutter, son of Mary A. and Simon Thomas of Madison, Indiana.


Jacob and Jane Hawkins Knopp had John Allen (1836) who went to Alderson, W. Va. married Sarah Leonard had 4 children; Sarah Elizabeth (1837-1934) married Samuel Peter Somerville (1841-1919) 9 children.

Jacob Knopp married 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth Hogg Winton, of Thomas G. and Lucy Ballton, Indiana. Their children were buried in the Knopp cemetery (TNT area, near pond 3) where he settled on land adjacent to Michael Rosebery. Peter gave a tract of land on Knopps Ford, later Machirville, now Lakin for the erection of a church with the stipulation it be used by all denominations when agreeable to the deacons.

Other children of John and Eliza were George W. (1842-1898) Knopp Cemetery, married Mary E. “Nancy” Wiseman; Mary married Louis Edwards; Michael Peter (1848-1919) married Margaret Clendenin, of Leonidas and Elizabeth; and Jacob Charles (1849-1926) in Lone Oak married Elizabeth Ellen Saunders (1852-1922) of Janett.

**KREBS FAMILY**

The Krebs family apparently came from Germany, settling in the Pennsylvania area, and then some went on to the west Coast and some to Mason, Jackson and Kanawha Counties. The local members of the Krebs family consisted of Valentine, Adam, Samuel, Belle, Mary, Cora and Weeds.

Valentine (b. April 10, 1867) married Luella Stutler (b. May 3, 1872). The Children from this union were Harry (b. June 3, 1890), Flora (b. January 12, 1893), Charles (b. August 5, 1895), Clay (b. October 23, 1899) and Mae (b. May 28, 1901). A daughter by another marriage — Hermand, whose offspring were Valentine, Jr. (b. June 4, 1906), Henry (b. May 17, 1908), Adam (b. April 24, 1910) and Kenneth (b. July 5, 1912).


Harry’s son, Roy married Bernice Tilius, daughter of George Tillys and Helen Knopp. Roy’s children were Charles Albert (b. August 24, 1940), who married Betty Morrison; Gerald Luther (b. July 20, 1944), who married Joyce Lynette Arndes of Madison, Wisconsin, and whose children were Diana Lynette (b. July 19, 1969), Carol Jean (b. October 20, 1971) and Gerald “Jay” Luther, Jr. (b. July 20, 1974); and Margie Sue (b. April 7, 1948), who married Charles F. Bennett II and whose children were John David (b. March 19, 1971) and Tracy Marie (b. March 11, 1976).

Valentine’s sisters, Belle married Allen Wolfe, Cora married Edward Soutail and Mary married James Owens Shinn, who was a Jackson County Sheriff and later State Senator of Jackson County. The Shinn’s moved to Upper Main Street, Point Pleasant, where they lived until their deaths. Submitted by — Bernice Krebs

**BERNARD WALTER KRODEL**

B. W. Krodel was born March 26, 1895 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, the son of Nicholas and Harriett Mears Krodel. The father was engaged in mercantile business.

Mr. Krodel attended public schools and high school of his native city. At age 19 he became a traveling salesman for White Crown Fruit Co. in its Ohio Territory for 2 years. Then was with Kerr Glass Manufacturing Co. of Sand Springs Oklahoma traveling for them in Ohio and Texas. During WW1 he was a machine gun instructor at Fort Sam Houston, Texas where he was discharged July 22, 1920.

He came to Pt. Pleasant in 1920 and here met Mary Ferne W. Burnside, whom he married March 1, 1921. He then went with Davis Bakery Powder Company of Hoboken, New Jersey, and remained 4 years. He then returned to Pt. Pleasant and took over the management of Burnside Oil Products (located on Main Street where Citizens National Bank now stands). The 4 stations under his management grew to 31. Their products were known as Victory Motor Oil and Victory Gasoline.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, K. of P., Loyal Order of Moose, member of the Christ Episcopal Church. Mr. Krodel served as Mayor of Point Pleasant fourteen terms during the years 1929-1964. Krodel Park is named for his devoted service to the City of Point Pleasant.

His wife Ferne, affectionately called “Dearie” was born at Pt. Pleasant, to Florence Stockoff and Rush B. Burnside in 1904 and died 1971. She was active in many civic affairs, The Woman’s Club, Women of the Moose, and was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, Boston, Massachusetts. She and husband are buried in Lone Oak addition.

Their four children graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School where they were active in school affairs and clubs.

Florence “Sis” lives in Point Pleasant is married to William McCormick, retired, issue 3 children William Jr., Mary Sue and Burt; Rush Allen married Billie Marcon, lives Naples, Florida, has five children, Walter, Leslie, and Lisa (twins), Rush Jr., and Eric; William Nicholias married Betty Lou Love, lives Dayton Beach, Florida, has four children Michael, Mark, Nikki Lou and Nancy; Carol Jane married James Shadle, has one daughter, Linda, and lives at South Side, W. Va.


**LAMBERT FAMILY**

Sarah “Granny” Lambert was the first of her family to come to Mason County, West Virginia sometime around 1860-63 with her son John Andrew and his wife (m. 8 Jul 1850) (Giles Co., VA) Mahulda Blankenship (b. ca 1829 d. 13 June 1869) a daughter of Noah Blankenship. Granny was born in 1809 in Giles County, Virginia. Her parents were Jeremiah Lambert (b. 1763 d. 1835 m. 29 Jan 1788 Mont. Co, VA) and Sarah Alsup. Jerminah was a son of a Philip (b. 1738-1743 d. 1821 in Tazewell Co., VA) and Susanna Lambert and he had a brother by the name of John (b. 1766 d. 1841). John Lambert’s son Joseph (b. 1803 d after 1860) and Sarah had two children out of wedlock; John Andrew (b. ca 1826 d. ca Nov 1894) and Priscilla Emily (b. ca 1820-26).

She lived her last years with her grandsons Hiram Anderson Lambert and Thomas Lambert alternately until she was institutionalized shortly before she died. She lost her “memory” and would run off if not watched constantly. She is thought to be buried in Mason County “close to the river.”

Hiram A. Lambert Family

John Andrew and Mahulda had ten children.

1) Priscilla b. 1852 m. Henry Burns 5 Jan 1867
2) Mary S. b. 29 June 1853 m. William E. Rayburn 6 March 1873
3) Sarah Jane b. 11 Mar 1855 m. Thomas Knapp 6 Mar 1873
4) Hiram Anderson b. 22 Jan 1856 d. 9 Jan 1937 m. Willie Ann Brown ca. 1880
5) John Wesley b. 8 Mar 1859 d. 10 Mar 1859
6) Emily Victoria v. 1 May 1860 m. Andrew Rosebery 27 May 1877
7) Areldene b. ca 1861
8) Charles C. b. ca 1867 m. Sarah Barnett 1 Dec 1886
9) Thomas L. b. ca 1869 m. Mary E. Stines 22 Jan 1890
10) Ida May b. ca 1871 m. 1) A.M. Steel 16 Oct 1884
2) Thomas B. Gillespie 14 June 1893

Hiram Anderson Lambert married Willie Ann Brown (b. 26 Nov 1860 Mason Co, WV d. 14 Jan 1937). She was the only child of Major Brown and Ingaba Fennimore. Ingaba was the daughter of Samuel Fennimore (b. 1783 d. 11
April 1870) and Charity Kite. Major Brown (b. 2 March 1813, NY d. 15 December 1887) was Ingelside High School teacher and she was his second wife. They were married 3 March 1860 and she left him while pregnant with Willie Ann. She drove the cattle she brought to the marriage by herself on foot from Hartford back to her farm near Arbuckle. There Willie Ann was born January 29, 1861. She was the oldest of a family consisting of nine children on a farm close to Arbuckle on 13 mile creek.

Hiram's and Willie Ann's children were:
1) Dennis Brown L. b. 6 Jun 1882 d. 5 April 1972
2) Frances Jane Stone
3) Sarah "Sadie" Morris
4) Arthur b. 29 May 1888 d. 18 Mar 1889
5) Mahalia Ingaba b. 5 Jan 1886 d. 23 Feb 1977
6) Luther Forbes
7) Annie b. 29 May 1888 d. 18 Mar 1889
8) Ata Hoffman d. 20 May 1889
9) Floyd Hayes
10) John W. Brown
11) Lottie Mae Gibson
12) Lucy Mildred b. 4 Dec 1909
13) Lottis Mildred b. 4 Dec 1909
14) Benjamin Smith Ferrell 21 December 1933

James Otho Langdon was born August 16, 1919 to Charles E. Langdon and Dora Grous Langdon in LeSage, West Virginia. Dora Grous Langdon was born July 18, 1891 to Charles E. Langdon in Pt. Pleasant and settled on a farm near Clifton, W. Va. Also a holder of industrial, commercial and residential properties.

James completed his elementary and high school education in Hannan District graduating from Hannan High School in a class of fourteen, twelve of these became school teachers. James graduated from Wiseman's Business School in Charleston. In 1922 he entered Marshall University receiving both an AB and a Masters Degree. In June, 1945, he married Aris Carder also a student at Marshall University. James was a soldier in the Confederate Army during World War II. He graduated from the Nicholas Law Co. in Nicholas County, but in 1935 moved to Charleston where he died Sept. 22, 1967. His wife died Jan. 1973 in Washington D. C. Both are buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington. W. Va. His wife's parents are buried Waggener District, Mason Co.

Through the years the Langdons had in their home ten other children. The last of these was James Orton Langdon, who married Lora Birchmore, born May 17, 1886 Jackson Co. lived in Pt. Pleasant until 1930, where President of the Union Junior High School. His last two years of teaching were spent teaching homebound students.

In 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Langdon became the foster parents of Jarvis Bryan. In 1958 Charles Franklin Watson came to live with them, after the death of his mother, Bessie Crump Watson. He graduated from Point Pleasant High School, and joined the Navy. Jarvis married Raymond Staats to this union were born three children Chloe, Mark, and Molly.

NORMAN M. LAWHEAD
Norman M. Lawhead born Dec. 2, 1858 Athens Co. Ohio to Thomas Caryle (died 1910) and Hannah Reynolds Lawhead, died in Charleston, W. Va. Jan. 23, 1938 where he had lived with his son, Charles, for two years. His wife Martha Ward (1859-1935) was born Jackson Co. W. Va. to Rebecca Susan Wright and James Ward. The Lawheads are buried Sun., 1 Feb. 1937. Mr. Lawhead moved to Racine, Ohio in 1877 where he served as U.S. Commissioner of the Southern District, later moved to Pt. Pleasant and served as state manager and adjuster for the Commonwealth Casualty Company. He was a member of the Minturn Lodge. He had one sister Mrs. Renna Waggener of Putnam Co.

Charles Edward Lawhead, the only child, born May 17, 1886 Jackson Co. lived in Pt. Pleasant until 1930, where President of the Hartford Fuel Co. His marriage to Erma Powell June 25, 1918 was at Huntington. She was born at Clifton, W. Va. October 11, 1893 to Virginia Susan Washington (1870-1956) and William Richard Powell (1869-1917) Erma had brothers William (1896 died 1917 Denver, Colo.) Raymond (born 1898) and Dr. Charles (born 1910). C. E. Lawhead served from 1930 to 1936 as receiver of closed banks for the State Banking Department. Lived in Clarksville for a brief time, was President of the Nicholas Land Co. in Nicholas County, but in 1935 moved to Charleston where he died Sept. 22, 1967. His wife died Jan. 1973 in Washington D. C. Both are buried Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, W. Va. His wife's parents are buried Waggener District, Mason Co.

While living in Pt. Pleasant Mr. Lawhead was post master of the Minturn Lodge and member of Franklin Commandery, and at Charleston member of Beni Jedem Shrine and elder in First Presbyterian Church.

C. E. and Erma Lawhead had one child, Jean Powell Lawhead, born July 31, 1924 Gallipolis Ohio, who married Virginia Nessehode in 1945, and married June 14, 1952 Benjamin Vance Blagg, who received his law degree at Washington Lee University. Mr. and Mrs. Blagg lived until his retirement in Washington D. C., now live Sarasota, Florida. Submitted by -- Jean Lawhead Blagg

GEORGE LAWSON
MAYOR OF YORK, ENGLAND

George Lawson was Mayor of York, England in 1530. His great grandson, Henry Lawson was auditor of records on the Mayflower. Then was assigned to Commander-in-chief of the Colonies by Captain John Smith. His grandson, several generations thereafter was Henry Thomas Lawson, who married Emma Catherine Wilmeth. Henry was owner of a lumber Company in Randolph County, West Virginia. Shortly after World War I, they came to Mason County, West Virginia and settled on a farm which they named "Brook Side", in Robinson District about eight miles north of Point Pleasant along the Ohio River. Here they engaged in agriculture and ran a very successful Farmer's Market, in the late 20's and early 30's. Emma was born Sept. New River County. Elisha Johnson and Jacob W. Wilmeth died Oct. 8, 1928. Henry Thomas Lawson Jan. 31, 1877- March 5, 1956.

Henry and Emma were parents of John Wilmer and William. Henry was born unknown dates; Edgar C. Lawson (b. 1897 died Mar. 2, 1978 Boca Raton Florida) was married to Vera living. Ethel (Davenport) born c. 1916 died December 20, 1981 at Jacksonville, Florida, there buried, by son Richard. Ethel graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School, and married Thomas "Pete" died October, 1982 Woodlands, Australia, there buried by wife Connie and son Perry; Charles Henry born March 1909, Elkins, W. Va. (lived Winter Haven, Florida) died June 17, 1978 Milwaukee, Wisconsin there buried, survived by 2nd wife Tesse (1st wife was Eulah Fisher (living) daughter of John of Pt. Pleasant (they were divorced) by whom a daughter Jackie; Joe, (born about 1914) married Margarette Fisher, first of four of her descendents, both graduates of Pt. Pleasant High School, and have six children; David George died Seal Beach California after 1982; J. Brooks, an attorney lives at Williamsburg, W. Va. has four children, two boys, one being an attorney, two daughters (one married an optometrist). Mrs. Ann Yeager of Pt. Pleasant, widow of Howard Yeager, issue two children Howard Lee (married Carole Darlene Bullock, issue son, Howard Lee Yeager, III. Carole is a Real Estate Broker; also exclusive agent for Regency, Inc., an apartment complex Howard built in 1972. Howard is an attorney in Point Pleasant; and also a holder of industrial, commercial and residential properties.

Howard Lee, their son, is an auditor for the largest Econo Lodge in the world, over 1,000 rooms, in Orlando, Florida. Submitted by --Ann Yeager

THE LAYNE FAMILY

Jesse L. Layne was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, where he was an orderly sergeant. He was an engineer by profession and had interests in the early mills in New Haven. He was elected Justice of the Peace in Gra-
Harry and Herman Layne

3. Harry Layne (twin) born New Haven February 13, 1901; married Geraldine Elizabeth Dyer, New Haven, September 20, 1927 at Columbus, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was born August 3, 1917. He and his twin brother played major and minor league professional baseball. He served as a field deputy auditor of the State Tax Commission of West Virginia until his retirement. He was owner of The Haven Theatre in New Haven. They are parents of three sons.


2. James Herman Layne born Bridgeport, Conn. July 25, 1932; attended West Virginia University; served in U.S. Air Force July 23, 1953 to June 9, 1955. U.S. Air Force 60th AAA, AWBN, Lackenheath, England. First base to use Radar Controlled Anti-Aircraft Skywheeper. Married Patricia Ann Carmack of New Haven on June 6, 1958. She was born March 18, 1938. He is Vice President in charge of operations of Peoples Bank New Haven Office and Mason Office, West Virginia and is a graduate of Marshall University. The children of Jesse and Anna Layne were:

1. Judy Ann Layne born Parkersburg, WV May 1, 1940; served in U.S. Army in World War II and was born August 3, 1917. She is the daughter of Robert Layne (twin) born New Haven February 13, 1901; married Geraldine Elizabeth Dyer, New Haven, September 20, 1927 at Columbus, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was born August 3, 1917. He and his twin brother played major and minor league professional baseball. He served as a field deputy auditor of the State Tax Commission of West Virginia until his retirement. He was owner of The Haven Theatre in New Haven. They are parents of three sons.

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Men of the Layne Family


4. Herman Layne (twin) born New Haven WV February 13, 1901; married Osa No­ rene Fisher, Mason, WV September 8, 1927 at Columbus, Ohio. She was born December 1, 1907. He was a professional Major and Minor League Baseball player. He and his brother Harry were the only set of identical twins of WV to play professional baseball. They were both active in the Ohio Valley League and played and managed the Hartford Tigers. Herman was a business man in New Haven for many years and was president of the Mason County Bank at the time the present bank building was built in 1965. He died August 27, 1973. They were parents of one child.

1. Enid LaVerene Layne born Indianapolis, Indiana August 19, 1929. She attended Marshall University and is presently employed at Peoples Bank New Haven. Married Carroll M. Adams, Jr. July 21, 1951. He was born October 25, 1923, Clarksburg WV. He is a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and is now retired from Holzer Medical Center, Gallipolis, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II Pacific Theatre, January 1943 to January 1946. Parents of one son.


1. Michael Shawn Adams born July 31, 1977 Gallipolis, Ohio

2. Lori Beth Adams born March 31, 1980, Gallipolis, Ohio

5. Raymond Gordon Layne born New Haven January 10, 1912; married Ruby Pearl Freshwater of Parkersburg, WV on July 10, 1937. She was born April 22, 1917. Parents of one daughter.

1. Judy Ann Layne born Parkersburg, WV September 26, 1914. She is a graduate of Parkersburg Business College and is employed by Borg-Wagner. Married Larry Allen, parents of two children.
Parents of four children.

1. Edgar Curtis Layne born New Haven December 22, 1894; served in World War I, October 1917 to June 1919. First Sergeant, 315th Field Artillery 80th Division. One year at St. Michael and Mount Airy. Was one of the first to leave Mason County. He was retired from The Appalachian Power Co. He married Thea Marie Rickard in 1916. She was born August 8, 1900. Parents of one daughter.

2. Theodosia Layne, born New Haven July 7, 1897. She married Belva Mae Elias July 6, 1925. She was born August 20, 1902. Parents of one child.


Joseph Layne, born February 24, 1875 at New Haven, WV; married Eva Delia Chester, January 14, 1900. She was born January 3, 1879. He was a train engineer for the railroad, died October 19, 1948, two sons.

1. Frank Chester Layne graduated from Annapolis. He served in the U.S. Navy as Rear Admiral and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was married and the father of two children.

2. Joseph Chester Layne was married and lived in Parkersburg, WV. They were the parents of 4 children.

5. Jesse Blagg Layne born November 18, 1878; died December 26, 1927. Married Bessie Miller of Clarksburg, WV two children.


LEE AND HERN FAMILIES

Elia Lee was born in Wirt Co., W.V., November 1, 1874 to William Allen and Josephine Parsons Lee.

Lee's ancestry began early in the settlement of our state. His great-grandfather, Thomas Lee, Sr. lived in Redo, in Roane Co., Va. in the early 1800's. His great-uncle, (brother of his great-grandfather, Thomas Lee, Jr.) was John Baker, Lee, Captain of Co. F., 26th Va. Army of the Confederacy, that fought in the Seven Days' Battle at Richmond, the battles of Gettysburg, Wilderness, and Vicksburg.

Fred's great-grandfather, Thomas Sr., is said to have died from exposure after hiding from Union soldiers, under a hay shock in the late fall of 1864. (The date of his death was November 22, 1864.)

Earlier in this same year, Fred's uncle, Albert Jenkins Lee, (just a baby at the time - 1/2 year old) is said to have been shot off the porch of his home, near Redo, W. Va. by, most likely, an Union soldier. He has been named after Brigadier General Albert G. Jenkins, who was a general, who had led a raid through the counties north of the Kanawha Valley, which included Roane and Jackson Counties. He caused quite a disturbance in this area. One of the things he...
and his cavalry did in this raid was to take $5,525 from the Union Army paymaster at Ripley.

Some of Fred’s other ancestors include Thomas Cain of Jackson County, Charles Parsons (who fought in the American Revolution), also of Jackson County, and John Baker of Jackson County.

Fred was the oldest of three boys. His brothers were Thomas Everette Lee (father of Parke Lee of Point Pleasant) and Samuel Parke Lee. Fred also had two half-brothers, Holley and Carris Lee of Wirt County.

Fred’s mother died when he was 14 years old. Sometimes after this he came to live with his Uncle, Captain Sam Parsons (Riverboat Captain) and Aunt Sarah Lee Parsons, first at Pomeroy, Ohio, and then at what is now the Mount Vernon Farm on Route 35, in Mason County. It’s here that he met and later married Isabella May Hern, daughter of Lewis Franklin Hern and Lois Anna Moses. Hern (Lewis) Hern operated a store at Couch at this time (1890’s).

Just a note on Lewis F. Hern. He was born in Addison, Ohio, May 13, 1853, son of James O. Hern and Mary Russell Hern. The year following the close of the Civil War his folks moved to Mason County and lived on the Sehon farm in Robinson District. They lived here for about eight years. They then moved to the headwaters of Eighteen Mile Creek in Putnam County. He spent several years there working most of the time in timber, which was abundant at that time.

While living there he became acquainted with Miss Lois Anna Moses, daughter of Rev. John Moses, a pioneer Methodist circuit rider. On August 4, 1879, they were married in Gallipolis, Ohio. In the year 1880 Lew and his wife decided to leave Putnam County. They secured a boat and floated down the Kanawha River to Point Pleasant, where they purchased a big store boat and had it towed up the river to the mouth of Five and Twenty Mile Creek, where he sold goods for a while. Then he sold goods at Frazer’s Bottom and at Morgan’s Landing. In the year 1889 they floated down to Couch’s Landing, at which point they built a home on the bank and sold goods until 1895. Then they built a house, back at the hill, on the public road. He continued to sell goods here until 1903, when he moved to his farm on Five Mile which he had already purchased and spent the rest of his life there. He engaged in cattle raising, specializing in raising purebred Herefords.

Back to Fred Lee. Fred and May were married September 22, 1901 at the Lewis Hern residence. To this union was born four children as follows: Dymple J. Lee Ferrell (deceased), Lewis Delmas Lee (my father, now deceased), Dale Herne Lee of Ripley, W.Va., and Freda Lois Lee Wood of Henderson, W.Va.

Fred and his father-in-law together owned and farmed several acres of property in Mason County on Upper and Lower Five Mile Creeks in Arbuckle District.

1. Josie Dympie Ferrell (deceased) (April 1940); born 9-12-1902.
3. Lewis Delmas Lee (deceased) (6-17-40); born 4-5-1909.

LLOYD AND JANE JANKEL FAMILY

Lloyd Ray Legg, son of Edward E. and Virgie L. Bayless Legg, was born November 18, 1929 on John’s Creek near Milton in Cabell County. In January of 1930 his family moved to Mason County to a farm on Fee’s Branch in Hannan District. Lloyd grew up in Mason County and attended Guyan, White Oak Grove, and Black Jack schools, which were one room schools. From the beginning he became interested in Geography and credits one of his favorite teachers, Finley Cremeans, with instilling in him a growing ambition to see the world. Long before he had graduated from Hannan High School in 1947 he had decided to become a world traveler and a teacher. When he was sixteen years old he told his mother he intended to join some branch of the Armed Services in order to travel and to go to school on the G.I. Bill.

In 1948 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and after Basic Training, spent the first three years in the Caribbean Area and about that time decided to see all 48 States before he became thirty years old. He not only met, but surpassed that goal by being stationed in Alaska when it became the 49th State in 1959. In 1968 he also spent thirty days in training in Hawaii, the 50th State, before going to duty in Vietnam. Not only did Mr. Legg realize his original travel goal, but he also served in U.S. possessions of Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Wake Island; and foreign duty took him to Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and United Kingdom in Europe; to Morocco in Africa; to Japan, The Philippines and Vietnam in Asia; and to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Curacao and Trinidad in the West Indies.

On July 4th, 1963, Lloyd Legg married Jane Lou Templeton, the daughter of John Russell and Jewell McCoy Templeton. Jane was born in 1942 and lived until her marriage with her parents and brothers, Thomas and Stephen, on the family farm on Fee’s Branch on Rocky Fork Road. In 1948 Jane entered the first grade at Rocky Fork School and twelve years later graduated from Hannan High School at Upland, Mason County. Lloyd and Jane Legg met at Han­nan High School Alumni banquet in 1959. Their son and daughter are also graduates of Hannan High School. Lora Janell was born at Bennett­ ers, Rendlesham, Suffolk, England in 1964 and graduated from Hannan in 1982. She now attends Marshall University majoring in Biology and Education. Robin Wetzel was born at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio in 1968. He graduated from Hannan in the spring of 1986 and entered Marshall University in August of that year.

LLOYD R. LEGG

After leaving the Air Force in 1969, Lloyd Legg realized his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher by earning degrees in Education and Geography from Marshall University. He has taught in Mason County at Central and Sunnyside schools since 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Legg and Lora are members of the Church of Christ and all the family faithfully attends the Christian Valley Church of Christ near their home on Rocky Fork Road. Submitted by — Lloyd Legg

THE LEMASTER FAMILY

Thomas Lemaster (the Scout) was born before 1730 in Charles County, Maryland, the descendent of Huguenots who immigrated to America before 1662. He moved with his father and brother to Prince George’s County, Maryland where he married and his first children were born. (Margaret, who married Luman Gibbs, was among the first set). During the Revolutionary War period, Thomas was living in the Montgomery-Botetourt-Greenbrier area where he served as a spy and scout. His name is included in the Authorized Roster - Battle of Point Pleasant as prepared by Resolution of the State Legislature of West Virginia. His first wife had died and about 1794 he married Catherine Thornton, daughter of George and Mary Thornton. In 1798 Thomas purchased land on Crooked Creek; and George, who had owned land in Greenbrier and Kanawha Counties, purchased a town lot that year and leased a large tract near Point Pleasant. They are recorded among the earliest voters, tithables and landowners when the county was formed. Thomas and Catherine were the parents of nine children: Isaac, George, Mary, Benjamin, John Andrew, Louisa, Wil­
THE LEWIS FAMILY OF
OLDTOWN FARM

The Lewis family of Oldtown Farm, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, descends from two sons - Andrew and Charles - of John and Margaret Lynn Lewis who left Ireland in the early 1730's to take up a new life in the Valley of Virginia. Their original home, known first as "Lewis Fort" and then "Bellefonte", was located north-east of present-day Staunton. In 1735, a part of the dwelling was enclosed within a brick house which now stands on the site. The balance was torn down. The Lewis graveyard is located on a hill overlooking the house.

Through her mother, Margaret Patton Lynn, Margaret Lynn Lewis was a great-granddaughter of the Reverend Mr. William Patton and his wife, Margaret, who left Scotland as part of the Plantation of Ulster and settled in Northern Ireland by 1622. They were "Scots Protestant"; now known as Scotch-Irish. The Reverend Mr. Patton prospered in shipping. By 1636, he was able to purchase the 300-acre estate of "Crogan" overlooking Mulroy Bay, on the Fanad Peninsula, in County Donegal. The land remained in the Patton family down to the late 1800's. "Crogan House", the original manor, still stands. It is currently owned by Mr. John Shields.

The Pattons of "Crogan" had two known sons, John and Henry, from whom descend many prominent Americans. John's daughter, Margaret, married William Lynn. Henry's son, Henry, Jr., married Sarah Lynn - sister of William Lynn - thereby establishing a double bloodline as early as the late 1600's. Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret Patton Lynn, married John Lewis, becoming the legendary "Margaret Lynn" from whom many of her descendants are named. The Lewises had three sons and two daughters born in Ireland. Soon after their arrival in Virginia, Ann died and a fourth son was born. He was named Charles for Margaret Lynn's brother back in Ireland.

Andrew, the second son of John and Margaret Lynn Lewis, was born October 9, 1720. At the age of twenty-one, he became one of the twelve commissioned captains of the newly formed Augusta County Regiment (now the 116th Infantry - Stonewall Brigade - of the Virginia National Guard). Commander of the force was his cousin, Colonel James Patton. After Patton's tragic death at the Draper's Meadows Massacre, July 30, 1755 (now Blacksburg, Virginia), Andrew was given command of the regiment. For his service during the French and Indian War (1754 - 1763), he received a 9,000-acre tract of land at the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers (now Point Pleasant, Virginia). He married Elizabeth Givens. They had seven children: John, Samuel, Thomas, Andrew, Jr., Ann, William and Charles (died young). After Botetourt County was formed in 1769, Andrew became county lieutenant and commander of the militia. His home, "Richfield", was located at present-day Salem, Virginia. It later burned and no trace remains.

Charles, the youngest and only American-born child of John and Margaret Lynn Lewis, was born March 11, 1736. He, too, was a commissioned officer in the Augusta County Regiment by the age of twenty-one and became a leading figure on the Virginia frontier. In 1762, he married Sarah Lewis and built his manor home at Fort Lewis on the Cowpasture River (now Bath County). The 950-acre tract had been surveyed by his brothers, Thomas and Andrew, in 1746, and deeded to Charles under date of June 1, 1750, when he was only fourteen years old.

The couple had seven children born at Fort Lewis: Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Mary (died in infancy), Andrew and Charles Cameron. The last was born September 11, 1774, shortly after Colonel Charles Lewis left home on what was destined to be his last campaign. The son was named for his father and Mrs. Lewis' half-brother, Lieutenant Charles Cameron of Warm Springs, Virginia. The manor house at Fort Lewis still stands on the original 950-acre tract of land. Although it has long been out of Lewis ownership, it has recently been restored by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowden.

When "Lord Dunmore's War" broke out in the spring of 1774, Virginia's three western counties were under the leadership of the two Lewis brothers and their cousin: Colonel Charles Lewis of Augusta, Colonel Andrew Lewis of Botetourt, and Colonel William Preston (nephew of the late Colonel James Patton) of Fincastle. Andrew was named by Governor Dunmore to serve as commander-in-chief of the Southern Division of a Virginia army, under orders to march his troops across the Allegheny Mountains to the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers at Point Pleasant, to put down the Indian uprisings. He had three regiments and four independent companies under his command. His brother, Charles, was in command of the Augusta County Regiment, the largest force, consisting of thirteen companies and approximately 600 officers and men.

Colonel William Preston, due to the illness of his wife, was ordered to remain at "Smithfield", his home (now Blacksburg, Virginia), and take command of the garrisoned forts along the frontier while the army was on the expedition to the Ohio. Preston had married Susannah Smith. They had the following children: Elizabeth, John, Francis, Sarah, Nancy, William, Susan, James Patton, Mary, Letitia, Thomas Lewis and Margaret (born in 1784 after her father's death). The manor house at "Smithfield Plantation", built in 1774, still stands and is now owned by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.
When Colonel Charles Lewis left home in August of 1774, he had four items which would be preserved down through the generations: his rifle, powder born, surgical kit, and silver watch which had been made for him in London under the terms of his father’s Will.

It was Charles who led the advance troops westward from “Camp Union” (now Lewisburg, West Virginia) on September 6, 1774, crossed the uncharted mountains to the “Elk” (now Charleston, West Virginia), and was joined by his brother with more troops on September 23. They left the “Elk” on October 1 and arrived at Point Pleasant October 6.

Early on the morning of October 10, the Virginians fell under a surprise attack by the Confederacy of Indian Nations led by Chief Cornstalk of the Shawnee. Colonel Charles Lewis, clad in a “gorgeous scarlet waistcoat”, led out the initial charge, was mortally wounded, and died in his tent about noon of the same day. He was buried October 11 - the ranking officer to fall at the Battle of Point Pleasant. A total of forty-six officers and men died in the twelve-hour engagement. The officers and “gentlemen” were buried in “the Magazine.” Bodies of the slain enlisted men were placed in scattered graves nearby.

Back to Fort Lewis, the grief-stricken Mrs. Lewis never remarried. Of her children, Elizabeth remained single. John married Rachel Miller, lived at Fort Lewis and had fifteen children born there: Sarah, Henry, Miller, Charles, (died young), Charles C., Nancy Cameron, Andrew, Samuel, James M., Colonel William, Hannah (died young), Elizabeth, Hannah, Martha Miller, Colonel John Murray, and Rachel. Samuel’s son, Jasper Lewis, was born at Fort Lewis November 8, 1841. He served in the First Virginia Calvary during the War Between the States, and was wounded five times. After the war, he moved to “Green Valley”, a short distance south of Fort Lewis. The house still stands. Jasper died, unmarried, February 26, 1930, the last direct descendant of Colonel Charles Lewis to live in Bath County, Virginia.

C. Lewis’ descendant, Charles C., was a great-grandson of the Colonel. The other three children of Colonel and Mrs. Lewis - Margaret, Andrew and Charles Cameron - all elected to move away to Point Pleasant where their father’s grave lay buried.

Margaret became the wife of Major Allen Pryor of Kanawha County. They had one child, Eliza, who married William Waggener and had eleven children. Major and Mrs. Pryor are buried in the Old Lewis private cemetery at Oldtown Farm, just north of Point Pleasant.

Andrew married his cousin, Margaret Lynn Stuart of the Greenbrier. Her father, Colonel John Stuart, had also been in the Battle of Point Pleasant and later wrote his memoirs of the event. After living for a short time in Greenbrier, Colonel Andrew Lewis and his wife moved to Point Pleasant in 1801. They purchased land and built “Violet Lawn” which still stands.

Lewis Descendants at Fort Lewis

Their following children were born there: Charles Cameron, Agnes Stuart, John (died young), Elizabeth (died young), Mary Jane, John Stuart, Margaret (died young), Sarah Frances, Elizabeth and Andrew (died young). “Violet Lawn” remained in the Lewis family until 1874, the year of the Centennial of the Battle of Point Pleasant, when it was sold.

Charles Cameron Lewis, the son who never saw his father, grew up at Fort Lewis. On August 20, 1795, with the consent of the Senate, he received a commission as Lieutenant in the Second Sub Legation. He was wounded at the Battle of Point Pleasant. He submitted his resignation, was commissioned first sheriff as well as first colonel of the Kanawha County Militia. Daniel Boone served as his lieutenant colonel.

On December 11, 1901, twenty-seven-year-old Charles Cameron Lewis married Katherine Marshall Neale. Her great-great-grandfather was Brigadier General Andrew Lewis (promoted to that rank March 1, 1776), who had commanded the Virginia troops at “the Point” in 1774. Her great-great-grandfather, Thomas Lewis, was one of the “Gentlemen Justices” when the first court for Kanawha County was held in Candenin Fort (now Charleston, West Virginia) on October 6, 1774. The Court was composed of three justices: Samuel McCulloch, placed a marker over the grave of their father, Charles C. Lewis.

On June 11, 1901, the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution - operating under a Congressional Charter - granted Charter #554 to the Colonel Lewis Chapter of DAR at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. It was named for the ranking officer who fell in the twelve-hour engagement October 10, 1774. Four charter members, who were his direct descendants, were admitted to membership: Mrs. Julia Darnall Beale #36035, Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis McCulloch #36040, Mrs. Sallie Lewis McCulloch Steenbergen #36041 and Mrs. Fanny Pomeroy Menager #36572. The DAR chapter had been organized by Mrs. Livy Nye Simpson-Poffenbarger for two specific purposes: (1) to raise funds to erect a battlefield monument and (2) to have the battle officially recognized as having been the opening engagement of the American Revolution.

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Katherine’s great-grandfather, Thomas Lewis, Jr., built the house now known as “Roseberry” which is located south of “Violet Lawn”. It still stands. During the 1900’s, the three Lewis estates adjoined: Colonel Charles Lewis’ descendants at “Oldtown” and “Violet Lawn”; Colonel Andrew Lewis’ descendants at “Roseberry”.

In 1951, the outline of the old “Magazine” was designated by corner stones. Peter Steenbergen Lewis and his sister, Sarah Lewis McCulloch, placed a marker over the grave of their great-grandfather, Colonel Charles Lewis. It is the only one so marked.

Four children were born to Charles Cameron Lewis and katherine Marshall Neale: Margaret Lynn, born September 30, 1902, (unmarried) died November 10, 1984; Virginia, born July 2, 1904, married Robert Porter Harper (now de-
ceased) and lives in Buffalo, New York; Charles Cameron Jr., born April 11, 1906, unmarried, lives at "Oldtown Farm." Point Pleasant, William Neale, born August 26, 1906, (unmarried) died December 7, 1980.

On May 30, 1908, efforts of Livia Nye Simpson-Poffenbarger, and others at Point Pleasant, were successful in securing federal recognition for the status of the Battle of Point Pleasant. The United States Congress approved an appropriation bill to aid in erecting a memorial structure at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, "to commemorate the battle of the Revolution fought at that point between the colonial troops and Indians October tenth, seventeen hundred and seventy-four." The bill stipulated that the plans be approved by the Secretary of War. This was complied with in August, 1908, when the trustees of the Battle Monument Commission met with Secretary of War Luke E. Wright in Washington, D.C. A second meeting with Secretary Wright was held October 21, 1908, at which time he approved the plans for the monument which had previously been approved by West Virginia's Governor William M. O. Dawson. Governmental supervision in the erection of the monument was also granted through the War Department.

On October 9, 1909, the Battle Monument was unveiled and dedicated before a crowd of some 15,000. Mrs. Poffenbarger had thirteen small boys, representing the original thirteen colonies, riding in a decorated wagon. Each was a descendant of a man who had fought in the battle of October 10, 1774. Two were descendants of Colonel Charles Lewis, one a descendant of Colonel Andrew Lewis. Leader of the group, who later unveiled the Battle Monument, was Charles Cameron Lewis, Jr., a descendant of both officers.

Charles Cameron Lewis, Sr., of "Oldtown Farm" married a second time on June 1, 1918: Ann Bratton of Bath County, Virginia. Her great-great-grandfather, Robert Bratton, was born in Northern Ireland May 20, 1712 - one of the "Scotch-Irish" - and came to America in 1733. There was one daughter of this second marriage, Annette, who married John Seidel, Jr., a career diplomat with extensive foreign service.

In 1925, Point Pleasant staged its first "historical pageant" with members of the Lewis family playing major roles. Much of it was based upon a fictionalized work, "The Spirit of the Indian Princess as Seen in the Fog and Mist by Boatman," written by Edmund Sehon, a great-grandson of Colonel Charles Lewis. On August 16, 1928, the Merchants National Bank was reorganized. The name was changed to the Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant. Charles Cameron Lewis, Sr., of "Oldtown Farm" continued his duties. He was re-elected president just one month before the stock market crash in 1929. It was a matter of pride with him that the bank remained solvent throughout the entire depression when many others across the country were closing their doors. He issued his own currency, which bore his personal signature. Some notes are still preserved by members of his family. When Livia Nye Simpson-Poffenbarger died, Charles Cameron Lewis, Sr., was one of the honorary pallbearers. He was buried with full naval honors at Charleston on September 29, 1937. Leading West Virginians, including Governor Homer A. Holt, paid tribute to the woman who had obtained official recognition for the Battle of Point Pleasant and who was instrumental in having the Battle Monument erected. Mr. Lewis accompanied the Committee of the Citizens National Bank until 1963. He died the following year, just a few weeks short of his ninetieth birthday.

The "Bicentennial Commemoration of the First Battle of the American Revolution" was held at Point Pleasant, October 6-13, 1974. The evening before, a man appeared at the DAR Mansion House at "the Point" bearing an old gun. He said he was a Lewis descendant from North Carolina, that he had wanted to use the old gun in some "sort of celebration", and that he would leave it and pick it up later when he passed by on his return trip to Chicago. It was the original rifle Colonel Charles Lewis had been reloading the morning of October 10, 1774, when he was mortally wounded. A plate on the gun barrel attested to its authenticity. Colonel Lewis had first brought the gun to "the Point" on October 6, 1774. Exactly two hundred years had elapsed when it was brought back on October 5, 1974.

Charles Cameron Lewis, Jr. - the same one who had unveiled the Battle Monument in 1909 - played an active role during the 1974 Bicentennial as did his brother, William Neale Lewis.

On March 11, 1977, the two Lewis brothers from "Oldtown", along with their cousin, Homer S. Smith, went to Fort Lewis in Bath County, Virginia, to take part in the first "Colonel Charles Lewis Day." They toured the old manor house which had once been the home of their ancestors, Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lewis. With their cousin, Julia Lewis Roseberry Thomas, they were all photographed standing on the porch of the decaying residence. It would later be restored by the current owners.

The "Colonel Andrew Lewis-Colonel Charles Lewis Memorial Highway", designated by Act of the Virginia General Assembly, was officially dedicated in Bath County on October 11, 1980. Two years later, the West Virginia State Senate extended it across 160 miles of that state, from Lewisburg to Point Pleasant. Charles Cameron Lewis, Jr., cut the ribbon and unveiled the highway marker at Point Pleasant on October 10, 1982.

Through Virginia Lewis Harper and her half-sister, Annette Lewis Seidel, there are now later generations of the Lewis bloodline.

Under the management of Charles Cameron Lewis, Jr., the dairy operation at "Oldtown Farm" has become the largest in the State of West Virginia. The silver watch, carried by Colonel Charles Lewis the day of the battle, remains a treasured family heirloom. In the front hallway of the family home at "Oldtown Farm" the original commission of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Lewis, signed by G. Washington on August 20, 1795, is proudly on display.

Lewiseses have lived here for 186 years. No other white family has ever occupied this land. Submitted by — Patricia Burton

LEWIS FAMILY

This is the descendants of Cecil Amazon and Celesta Dollie (Walden) Lewis. They married on March 26, 1921 in Catlettsburg, (Boyd County) Kentucky by Reverand Mason Branhall, Missionary Baptist minister. The witnesses were B. B. Triplett and Wayne Damron.

Cecil Lewis and wife

C. C. Lewis

Virginia's son, Robert Porter Harper, Jr., - who has children and grandchildren - is descended from both Andrew and Charles Lewis. Over the years he has been honored for his outstanding work in the field of aeronautics. He is currently head of the Flight Research Department for Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory and has been inducted into the Niagara Frontier Aviation Hall of Fame.

John and Annette Lewis Seidel, Jr. have two sons and one daughter. They are four great-grandchildren of Colonel Charles Lewis. On October 10, 1982, for the memorial highway dedication, John Lewis Seidel, one of the sons, attended the program with his wife and young son, Andrew Lewis Seidel - named for Andrew Lewis and a fifth great-grandson of Charles Lewis.

Robert Porter Harper, Jr.

Cecil Amazon Lewis was born on April 24, 1897, to Charles Albert and Mary Ada (Villard) Lewis in Mason County, West Virginia. He died on May 8, 1980, at 2:55 a.m., in St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, (Cabell County) West Virginia, of Carrioncita with other significant conditions, Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease. Cecil Amazon Lewis was buried in Ridgeway Memorial Park, Huntington, West Virginia. He was an Army Private during World War I.

Celesta Dolly (Walden) Lewis was born February 6, 1860 to Thomas Jefferson (Lieutenant General Jackson) Walden and Sarah Alice (Meadows) Walden, in Mason County, West Virginia.

To this union were born eighteen children:

1. Junior Denson Lewis; October 7, 1922
2. Naomi Alene Lewis; October 10, 1923
3. Mary Alice Lewis; December 30, 1924
4. Tenney Varner Lewis; July 19, 1926
5. Laura Belle Lewis; January 3, 1928
6. Mildred Marie Lewis; August 17, 1929
7. Janice Adarene Lewis; November 9, 1930
with his father and brothers and married Helena Blake on 1-2-1796. Isaac and Helena moved to Mason County in 1796 with the rest of his family and settled on Ten Mile Creek in West Columbia on the Virginia side of the Ohio river. Isaac died ca 1836 and the deeds of his estate lists his children: Andrew: died in infancy; Susannah: b. 1799 d. 1869 m. Samuel Pullin; Sarah C.: b. 1799 d. 1884 m. Samuel Edwards; George: b. 1803 d. 1850 m. Cassandra Edwards; James: b. 1807 d. unk. m. Mary Harris; John: b. 1807 d. ca 1880; Rebecca Jane: b. 1816 d. 1858 m. John Pullin; Isaac N.: b. 1823 d. 1907 m. Rosanna Roush; Anderson: b. ca 1825 d. unk m. Sarah Ferguson.

Seated: William, Louie, and Harry Lewis. Standing: Mamie, Henry, and Annie Lewis

John Lewis married Elizabeth Edwards. Elizabeth was the daughter of Isaac Edwards and Deliah Smith. John Lewis was born with his sons in the Union Army during the Civil War. John died prior to 1890 because the 1890 census shows Elizabeth as the widow of John Lewis. John had died of lung disease. Children: Eli: b. 11-9-1859 d. 9-18-1893; Laura Ann: b. 4-19-1831 d. unk m. Lewis Russell; Robert Anderson: b. 1832 d. 2-14-1864, Battle of Winchester, m. Margaret Stanford; Helen Jane: b. 1835 d. 1850 of Cholera; Isaac Newton: b. 1837 d. 6-2-1907 d. m. Rosanna Burris Peoples. Ruth Virginia, born November, 1850 of Cholera; Elizabeth: b. 1840 d. 1850 of Cholera; Susan: b. 1845 d. unk m. Vanmetre; Martha M.: b. 1847 d. 1850 of Cholera; Samuel U.: b. 1849 d. 1925 never married; Harriette Rebecca: b. 7-7-1855 d. 1925 m. David Van Metre; John: b. 1850 d. 1880.

1850 Mason Co. Census shows Eli as the son of John Lewis. Eli married Catherine Law on 7-6-1854. Eli was his carpenter. Catherine died 5-25-1854. Eli died before 1890. Children: Methodist: b. 1855; Edward: b. 4-22-1857; William: b. 1858; Sara E.: b. 6-13-1860 d. unk m. Campbell

William was born 11-16-1858 in Mason County. He married Louisa Nease on 1-21-1880. The daughter of Henry Nease and Elizabeth Smith. William moved his family to Fayette County, W. Va. in 1881. He was a coal miner and died of Typhoid fever 2-19-1922. He is buried at Lansing Cemetery in Fayette County, W. Va. He died 1-12-1931. Children: James Homer: b. 1-19-1881 m. Martha Taylor; John Joseph: b. 8-10-1883 m. Middle Bailes; William Eli: b. 6-29-1886 d. 3-17-1887; Annie Fontaine: b. 4-6-1888 d. 4-19-1968; George Frederick: b. 8-1-1890 d. 11-21-1960 m. Laurea Miller; Harry F. b. 10-1-1892 m. Clyde Legg; Henry Edward: b. 4-18-1897 d. 4-4-1965 unmarried; Mayme Thelma: b. 4-21-1895 d. 3-26-1975 m. Guy Workman; Alma Marie: b. 10-16-1899 d. 10-27-1982 m. John Vannatter.


JAMES H. LEWIS

James Harold Lewis, was born in Mason County and was the son of Charles Harold and Mary Genevieve Lewis. He was educated in Mason County through the public school system. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946 and the military for five years for the Corps of Engineers. He returned to Mason County to work for the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore. From 1954 until 1963 he was a real estate loan officer with Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant. During this time he subdivided and built homes, which is now Sandy Heights on Sand Hill Road. From 1963 through 1978 he worked in various financial institutions and did real estate appraisal work. May, 1978, town & Country Real Estate, Broker, opened with Mr. Lewis as owner. January, 1985, he returned to the banking world at Peoples Bank as executive vice president and a member of the Board.

He is a member of the National Association of Real Property Appraisers; International Organization of Real Estate Appraisers; National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers, and American Fraternity of Real Estate Appraisers.

Jimmy has been president of the Mason County Chamber of Commerce for fifteen (15) years, a charter member of the Mason County Farm Museum, twice president of the Point Pleasant-Mason County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Mason County Public Service District, and presently the Mason County Development Authority. He has been very much involved in the economic development of Mason County. Since 1970, he has pastored various churches in the Mason County area.
James H. Lewis, Sr.

He married Nora W. Wolfe of Letart Falls, Ohio, and had four (4) children - Rebecca Stein, James H. Lewis, Jr., Barbara Sue Bordman, and Connie Dawn Rotgen. Submitted by — James H. Lewis, Jr.

J. MILTON LEWIS

James Milton Lewis was born October 16, 1899 at Beech Hill, W.V. the eldest son of Miles Clement and Naomi Brannan Lewis. Milton was a school teacher as were his father and three sisters. While teaching at Hickory Chapel he met and married Clara Riffle, daughter of James Earl and Sarah Schools Riffle. She was also a school teacher. Two children were born to this union. Elizabeth Lynnn L. Lawrence was born of their union. (1) Genevieve born 1896, married Harold Lewis (2) J. Milton b. 1899, m. Clara Riffle; (3) Mildred b. 1903 m. A. Ray Roush; (4) Hazel b. 1906 m. Parke Lee; (5) Bernice b. 1910 m. Preston Anderson; (6) John F. b. 1913 m. Beulah Barnett; (7) G. Robert b. 1915 m. Ethel Lanier. Four of his seven children were teachers in Mason County schools. There were fifteen grandchildren some of whom were students of his grandfather Clem.

Clem Lewis was an educator and administrator of Mason County schools for over forty years. He was a 1897 graduate of Marshall College, Huntington, W.V. He served on numerous committees relating to educational activities of the county and state. He was president of the Mason County Teachers Association.

Clem Lewis was also prominent as a public servant, serving as deputy sheriff, deputy assessor, deputy county clerk and notary public. He served as one of the original toll collectors on the Shadwell Bridge until 1933. In 1947 he was elected to the Board of Supervisors of the Western Soil Conservation District. He was especially pleased to serve since soil conservation was of great concern to him.

He was a life long member of Pine Grove Methodist church, being about four years old when the original hewed poplar log church was erected.

Clem loved music and had a fine tenor voice. For many years he sang with the South Kanawha Chorus, a mens singing group.

Clem and Naomi Lewis raised their family on Upper Nine Mile Creek. Clem died at his home on Jan. 18, 1956. Submitted by — Lynn Lewis Pickering

THE FAMILY OF VIRGIL A. LEWIS

Virgil A. Lewis was born in a log cabin on Ten Mile Creek (Ten miles above the mouth of the Kanawha), on July 6, 1848. His parents were George W. and Lucie Edwards Lewis.

Orphaned at 9, he spent his early boyhood helping his mother “bring up” his sisters, Cassandra and Delilah Susan, and brothers, Riley and Rinaldo. Together they raised enough vegetables to feed the family and to sell some in the neighboring town of West Columbia. As he grew older he worked as grocery boy, shipping clerk, drug assistant, or printers devil.

He attended an “old field” school where his teacher introduced him to the study of history. He was fascinated. He determined to read all he could find on that subject.

MILES CLEMENT LEWIS

Miles Clement Lewis was born January 30, 1874 on Little Sixteen Creek in Mason County. He was the eldest son of William Henry and Melissa Morriston Lewis. His grandfather was William Humphrey Lewis and his great-grandfather was the original Miles Lewis who was an early settler in Gallia Co., Ohio.

Miles Clement or “Clem” as he was known to his family and friends was married to Naomi Catherine Brannan on Sept 1, 1895. She was the daughter of Adam Justus Brannan and Mary Jane Plants Brannan. Seven children were born of their union. (1) Genevieve born 1896, married Harold Lewis (2) J. Milton b. 1899, m. Clara Riffle; (3) Mildred b. 1903 m. A. Ray Roush; (4) Hazel b. 1906 m. Parke Lee; (5) Bernice b. 1910 m. Preston Anderson; (6) John F. b. 1913 m. Beulah Barnett; (7) G. Robert b. 1915 m. Ethel Lanier. Four of his seven children were teachers in Mason County schools. There were fifteen grandchildren some of whom were students of his grandfather Clem.

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When West Virginia became a state and set up her school system, Virgil took the teachers' examination, qualified for a certificate, and secured a school. He was on his way - in two carriages, largely on West Virginia. Perhaps his best known work is "History and Government of West Virginia", first published in 1896, used as a text-book in the state's schools for fifty years or more.

His wife was a Mason City teacher, Elizabeth Stone, daughter of Richard Jordan Stone and Ann Eliza Biggs Stone. They met at a Teachers' Institute held in Point Pleasant. One day he sent her in town, to catch her train, without paying her cab fare. A note of apology from him initiated a correspondence which led to their marriage on October 31, 1885.

Elizabeth was a suitable mate for him. As his week-end secretary, she could suggest the appropriate word or turn of a sentence. She could serve a sumptuous meal to his guests and participate in the "table talk" whether it was religion, politics, or world affairs. She could supervise the gardens, work in them, but her chief attention was on the children.

The children: Maude, his Charleston secretary, married Supreme Court Judge, John H. Hatcher; Anne, who became Mrs. O. W. Fitch; Hae who died at three of scarlet fever; Lucie, teacher and artist; Virginia, who taught history; Alfred, who grew to manhood and died at 21 of influenza.

In 1895 Virgil purchased the "Shoemaker House" on Brown Street, in Mason City. It had nine rooms and a porch decorated in the Victorian style. The County Court purchased it and gave it to the town and to the citizens who have maintained it. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places. It stands as an honor to Virgil's contribution to the state.

One of Virgil's daughters tells this tale: She was sitting in an English class at Marshall University when the professor remarked "A genius is driven." Moving closer to her he added, "That fine old daddy of yours, Miss Lewis." Submitted by: Virginia L. Lewis

**LIEVING**

On May 19, 1903, in a log cabin at Graham Station, WV, Hervin A. Lieving was born to Lorena C. Hart Lieving and Frank B. Lieving. He had an older brother, Lemley B. Lieving, now living in Michigan and an older sister, Zula Lorena C. Hart Lieving and Frank B. Lieving. He had an older brother, Lemley B. Lieving, now living in Michigan and an older sister, Zula

**GEORGE F. LIEVING FAMILY**

George F. Lieving, third child second son of Frederick and Mary Mullford Yonker Lieving, third child of Abraham II and Elizabeth Hand Yonker. Born April 9, 1871 in the Vernon community. Moved over the hill into hollow north west of West Creek, in log house when small wearing long dresses, located above his Uncle Henry Lieving.

Attended church at Broad Run, met Susie Roush of that community. She was the eldest child of twelve children of Henry and Lydia Pounds Roush, born June 3, 1867. Married July 14, 1892. Set up housekeeping on the Wade Cross farm, Graham Station. As family grew, George enlarged and operated over took pneumonia, died in Virginia before reaching home, March 20, 1918.

Otila May, born June 8, 1894, died 1898, both buried in Yonker Cemetery, Vernon.

George Ottie, born May 1893, wounded in World War I in France. Coming over took pneumonia, died in Virginia before reaching home, March 20, 1918.

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Oscar, born June 20, 1895, lives on Letart Route. Married Alice Rickard, six daughters, Annabelle, Mary, Hester, Betty, Ruth, and Brenda.

Virgil's daughter, Ruth's son, George and Susie's great grandson, Benjamin and Amanda Roush, purchased it from Gaffney. The house has been remodeled inside. Submitted by: Hester Weaver

**ORIS LIEVING**

Oris Frederick Lieving was born July 25, 1895 in the community of Graham Station just north of New Haven, WV. He was the second eldest child of George Frederick and Susan Roush Lieving. A unique feature of the Lieving family names were that they all began with the letter "O" - There was Othie, Oris, Otha, Ora, Otmer and Oscar. All are deceased with the exception of Oris, Otha, and Ora.

Ori grew up along the banks of West Creek and remembers fondly the first time he saw an automobile. It seems that he was driving a horse and buggy taking his mother and a friend to visit neighbors along what is now route 33 near the Mountaineer Power House, when he came face to face with an automobile. The horse bolted and one of the gentlemen in the car got out and helped young Ori hold the scared horse and calm the anxious women while the automobile passed.

After a tour of duty with the U.S. Army as an ambulance driver during WW I, Ori came home to the farm on West Creek. He was the last child to remain at home and for this he was rewarded with an 80 acre plot which was part of a farm he had purchased adjacent to his fathers.

About 1921, Ori met and married Mary Alice Rickard, daughter of Jordan Rickard, said to have lived to be in his 90's. To this union was born six girls: Mrs. Emory (Annabelle) Roush,
Mrs. Paul (Mary Luada) Bumbardner, Mrs. Denver (Betty) Thompson, Mrs. Benjamin (Ruth) Roush, and Mrs. Edward (Braunda) Ballou. All live locally with the exception of Braunda who resides in Mass.

Times were difficult during the “twenties” and while there may have been prosperity in the urban areas, life on the farm was very difficult and Oris tried his hand at working in the coal mine of his uncle Frank Lieving, who later became sheriff of Mason County. Needless to say, Oris soon realized that his true calling was the farm.

Industry and hard work made the farm prosperous and self-supporting. Oris kept the farm neat and clean, was able to meet the mortgage and buy the latest equipment with the earnings from the dairy and blacksmith work. Alice managed to feed and clothe the girls with earnings from rug weaving and eggs. Oris recalls that during these troubled times, a local banker suggested he acquire an insurance policy on his barn and burn it for the proceeds. Oris says “— that is bad business ... if I worked today, I would tell him that I have several thousand dollars in your bank and I did not have to burn my barn.”

Mrs. Lieving died in 1966 and Oris sold the farm to his daughter Ruth. He now lives quietly and alone in a trailer located on the Wade Cross farm. Foote Mineral picnic area is where the little two room house stood. Oris and Alice started housekeeping in a log cabin on the homeplace at West Creek. Mary married Steve Bentz, have two daughters, Leah and Sara.

Oris F. Lieving Log Cabin

Oris and Alice farmed this farm until her death, March 17, 1968. Was buried in Yorker Cemetery. After her death sold the farm to daughter Ruth and Son-in-Law Benjamin Roush. Oris now lives in trailer on Emory Roush farm near daughter Annabelle.

Attended Randolph Macon Woman's College, graduated from West Va. University. Married Major John Beller. Divorced. Taught school in Middletown, Ohio, Point Pleasant High School, and in the Panama Canal Zone.

Mr. Robert P. Liter

Oley Little was born June 26, 1876 at the family home near Rock Castle, West Virginia in Mason County. He was the oldest child of Enoch and Caroline Cast Little.

He was a studious person from his young life, very devoted to the acquisition of knowledge.

He taught eleven terms of school, then studied land surveying under Dr. Ray, Elmwood, West Virginia, also attended other schooling near Mason City, West Virginia.

He remained at that work during his life time, being the elected Mason County surveyor near the year 1928.

He surveyed what is now Route 35 Highway in Mason County. His job ended at the Putnam County line.

He married Segious Harmon. She was a former student of his while teaching. Segious was the daughter of James and Rebecca Allinder Harmon of Mason County.

Oley Little and wife were united with the Wolfe Valley Baptist Church at an early age. The building being replaced exactly on the same ground and is still standing today on the Tribble Road in Mason County near the old Capehart Post Office that has been closed.

Oley was President of the Union District Sunday School Convention for many years up to his death. He and Segious were faithful to the church throughout their years and reared their children to attend church.

He had the misfortune of a flood that destroyed their home in 1910. He made a home for his family back near Rock Castle, then returned back in 1918 in the neighborhood of the Wolfe Valley Baptist church, adjacent to the old Capehart Post Office which was the mailing address in that day, remaining there until his death in 1949. His wife, Segious, died in the same house, May 30, 1979.
Their children were:

(1) Kenneth R. Little, born 1904. He married Velma Knapp of Point Pleasant, daughter of William and Leila Knapp. They had one daughter, Betty Lou.


(3) Laura Belle Little, born 1908. She married Bert Sayre, son of Ezekiel and Adaline Shinno Sayre. They had one son, Clinton Bert Sayre.

(4) Kermit Lorraine Little born 1923 married Beulah Boles the daughter of Alfred and Lona Burdette Boles. They had three children: Harold D., Nancy E., and Dennis J. Harold married Jane Cundiff. After Jane died, Dennis married Shinn. They have one son, Kermit Loraine Little born 1923.

In 1974, a tennis tournament was held for several years in his honor.

From his immediate family, Littlepage has two sons who are actively engaged in the practice of law. His son, Samuel D., III, is a practitioner in the trademark, copyright, and patent field of law in Washington, D.C., and his son, Stephen C., joined with the late Charles J. Hyer in 1977 to re-establish Littlepage & Hyer. Littlepage, a firm which still exists today engaged in the general practice of law. Submitted by — The Littlepage Family

M. J. LILLY - COUNTRY DOCTOR

Dr. Milton J. Lilly, Sr., was born October 24, 1878, in Mercer County, West Virginia. As a little boy he used to watch the trains pass by with their loads of coal and dream of the day when he could be the man behind the throttle of the big engine. But the dreams of small boys change, and by the time he had passed through the one-room school of his day, he knew that he wanted more than anything else to be a doctor. Achieving this goal was a long and difficult one for the country boy; yet in 1904, Maryland Medical College of Baltimore conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Lilly's first practice was in the coal fields of West Virginia, where he was the company doctor for the Pocahontas Coal Company in MacDowell County. Here he met and married a young school teacher, Retta Moore, of Roa­oke County, Virginia. In July of 1908, Dr. and Mrs. Lilly, with infant daughter, moved to Up­land, Mason County, where he was to take over the practice of Dr. James Rowsey, who was mov­ing to Huntington. He established his home in the community, raising a family of seven chil­dren, and lived there until his death in 1967. It was the beginning of a practice that was to last for 59 years. The doctor lived and worked among the rural people, who came to regard him not merely as a physician, but as a friend, a coun­selor, and community leader in every sense. In economic development, in educational advancement, in the practical applications of new agri­cultural ideas, he pointed the way. He saw the need for improved roads, a telephone system, secondary schools, tobacco "pools", or Co-ops, and of keeping up with changing trends. But most of all he loved people. His life was de­voted to serving them.

JOHN WILLIAM LOCKHART

The Lockhart family came from Scotland in the 18th century and settled in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. In the early 1800's, five of the brothers migrated to the Ohio Valley. One of the brothers, John, lived a short time in Gallia County, Ohio, married Mary Potts and started a farm from which he moved to Mason Coun­ty, settled on 180 acres of fertile cropland on Flatfoot Creek and established a home.

After John's death in 1867, his second son William Wiley Lockhart, who was married to Judith (Juda) West Ball, retained the home for his family. William married Mary C. Lockhart, daughter of John, Robert. Charles, Herbert and Eugene, and six girls - Ellen, Jane, Sophia, Emma, Florence and Kate.

Although John's brothers and sisters eventually moved on, John named after his grandfather, loved the hills and quiet hollows of Flatfoot Creek too much to leave.

In his early life, John witnessed traders, re­formers, soldiers and home seekers move into the Ohio Valley. Like all boys, he learned to plant, chop wood, and carry water.

Once a week some of the family walked over the hill and took a rowboat across the Ohio River to Chambursburg to pick up supplies and mail. On one trip, they learned that Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated. It had taken weeks for the news to travel from Washington to Cham­bersburg. Young John's mother was ill at the time and a housekeeper was employed. When the family members returned with the news, the housekeeper collapsed and the family was de­joyed. She didn't like the President and had dreamed the night before that he had been killed. In those days, many people disliked Abra­ham Lincoln.

Everyone who knew John William Lockhart
loved him as a friend. He was strong and hardy and strictly honest. Born on March 5, 1857, into a family of pioneers, he considered himself a farmer. He cleared land, plowed the fields with horse-drawn plows and cultivated his crops with a hoe. He was a naturalist, a hunter and a trapper. Nothing in nature escaped his keen notice.

There were no close neighbors and travel was by foot, boats or horse-drawn vehicles.

At age 30, John married Eliza Ann McGuire and acquired 20 acres of the family farm on which he built a home, raised his family and lived his lifetime except for one season in 1910 when he spent at Crawford, Colorado.

John William and Eliza McGuire Lockhart

John could do almost anything with his hands and his handiwork was of exceptional quality. Everything eaten or used was produced on the farm: fruit, berries, vegetables, broom corn, barrels of cider, chickens and eggs, hogs for meat, and a cow for milk and butter. John even dug his own coal. He sold some of the crops for money.

John and Eliza had four children: Howard, Kate, Grady, and Jean. Once a year he would go to town for shoes and heavy clothing for the family. Eliza was a professional seamstress and made most of the family's clothing including John's shirts.

John was an avid reader and between chores and when farm work was slack, he would read. He kept up on world events, sports and technology.

In the early 30's, he and his granddaughter, Helen Blaine, were baptized in Millstone Creek by his lifelong friend, Rev. A. Barnes Withers. John lived a productive and rewarding life, pursuing his many and varied interests and achieving his highest goal of being a good friend and neighbor. He died in 1948 at the age of 91.

Submitted by — Marlin W. Blaine, and Virginia Blaine Henley

MATHEW LONG FAMILY

Matthew Long, son of Martin Vanburen Long, (B. 3-6-1883, D. 7-4-1958) and Attie Permelia Bell Long (B. 8-3-1893, D. 6-30-1933) married Dorothy Irene Tolliver, daughter of Alva Burt Tolliver (B. 4-30-1901, D. 8-11-1983) and Mary Mayoma Blake Tolliver (B. 12-19-1906). They were married on April 4, 1944 at Gallipolis, Ohio at the county courthouse. They have four children: Delores June Pete, and Frances Marie (Honey) were born at Glenwood, West Virginia, in Lewis County. Janet Sue (Sue Jane) and Ronald Mathew were born at Clifton, West Virginia, in Mason County.

JAMES MORGAN LONG

James Morgan Long (1845 - 1894) was the son of Alexander (1802 - 1882) and Sarah Catherine Yeager Long (1805 - 1886) and all are buried in the Long Cemetery, Lakin, W. Va. J. M. Long was a stockgrower and farmer and was drowned by falling from the deck of the steamer "Bonanza" November 1894 at Cincinnati, Ohio while on a trip south with a load of live stock.

James Morgan Long and first wife America born Kanawha Co. 1849 to Peter and Penelope Darnell, whom he married in Mason County 1867 were parents of Fannie Long (1869 - 1946) who married William Henry Harrison Gardner in 1892 in Mason County and had issue George Long Gardner in 1893. Mr. Gardner died 1940 in Cleveland Tenn. while on a trip and both buried at Lakin, W. Va.

Mr. Long married secondly 1877 in Mason Co. Mary Frances Hogg (1854 - 1934) daughter of John Thomas and Margaret McKown Hogg. To this marriage were born Melita (1878 - 1896), died unmarried; Mary Catherine (1879 - 1964), married Robert Windon & Howard Robey; Lucy b. 1882 died about 1979 married Porter Alderson; and Howard Long (1888 - 1917).

Robert Windon (1869 - 1903) was the son of Joseph Hardin and Rhoda J. Windon. He and his son Byron M. Windon (1895 - 1898) are also buried in the Long Cemetery. Katherine married 1907 Howard Robey (1876 - 1946) by whom they had one child. She was a banker and teacher from Roane County. The Blaine's lived at Maggie but postoffice was later changed to Kaylong in honor of Katherine's parents who were large landowners. They ran an eating establishment "Katydid".

Mary Frances Hogg Long and her son Howard died in Huntington and are buried at Lakin, West Virginia. She was the wife of John Thomas and Margaret McKown Hogg. They have four children: Delores June Pete, and Frances Marie (Honey) were born at Glenwood, West Virginia, in Lewis County. Janet Sue (Sue Jane) and Ronald Mathew were born at Clifton, West Virginia, in Mason County.

Submitted by — Rhoda W. Hall

MATHEW LONG FAMILY

Before entering the Army, Mathew worked at Maxim Construction Company building the G.S.A. Depot at Point Pleasant. He entered the service 3-15-45 and was discharged on 1-29-1946, a TS Corporal. After the service, he worked as a truck driver and in the coal mines at West Columbia, West Virginia. In 1948, he went to work at the G.S.A. Depot in Point Pleasant. During layoff from the depot, he worked at Kerr Glass in Huntington and the Click farm at Glenwood. The depot job became permanent in 1956 and he worked there until his retirement on March 29, 1985.
In 1868, O. G. Loomis and D. W. Mansfield, also of New York, bored a well on the waters of Mill Creek and brought up petroleum. This well, like all the other wells of this type in this section of the state, proved to be a failure. Because of these various ventures, it has been said that Oren Loomis did as much as any man in opening up this part of the country.

Oren Loomis' half brother Marcus Whitman contributed a great deal to the opening of the Oregon Territory. Narcissa Whitman and Eliza Spalding became the first white women to cross the plains. This was accomplished in 1836 when they accompanied their missionary husbands. The Whitmans had the first white baby born in the Oregon Territory. They were later murdered by the Cayuse Indians.

In 1837, Oren and Nancy Loomis had a son, Luther in Middlesex, Yates County, New York. He married Jane Lord daughter of Ephriam and Emiline Lord in February 1862. Jane Lord Loomis was born in 1847.

Luther Loomis was educated at the Academy in Rushville, New York. On September 26, 1864, he was commissioned Captain in the 59th Regiment, 25th Brigade, 7th Division of the National Guard of New York. He came to Mason County on April 29, 1866, and at once he became engaged in the milling business. On Mud Lick Fork at Thirteen Mile Creek, he owned both a sawmill and gristmill. Logs were sawed for free at this mill for the first Mount Prospect Church. Later this church became known as Warner Church. During this period, his address was Deer Lick. He also served his adopted home seven years as a school trustee.

Luther and Jane Loomis had two children who lived to adulthood. They were Ephriam Lord (1864 - 1902) and Clara (1870 - 1959). There were also two children who died at an early age.

Clara married Truman Hulbert. They had eight children, Guy, Jane, Bess, Hazel, Truman, Helen, Lee, and Norma. From 1897 to 1941, Clara Hulbert was Postmistress of the Tribble Post Office.

Luther Loomis and his wife at one time lived in the log cabin that today is a part of the Tu Warner Church. During this period, his address was Deer Lick. This entry was prepared by Mary Loomis Edwards on December 28, 1965. Information was obtained by speaking to Helen Hulbert Jividen and consulting Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. Submitted by — Mary Loomis Edwards.

HARRY G. LOVE FAMILY

Harry G. Love was born in Mason Co. in 1889 and lived most of his life in Mason Co. except for a few years that he lived in Ohio, during which time he worked at the Marietta Mfg. Co. in Point Pleasant as a Crane Operator. He also worked several years on the railroad when in his younger years.

Harry's Great Great Grandfather Robert Love, was a Revolutionary War soldier, born in 1762 in Caswell County, North Carolina. He enlisted in Nov. of Dec. 1780 and served six months in the North Carolina line under Colonel James Martin and General Benjamin Morgan and Ruthford. He settled in Mason Co., Va. (now West Va.) in Aug. 1806. He received a pension in Mason Co. March 24, 1834. Robert was given a grant of land of 2,700 acres which extended to Old Town Creek near to the boundary of the Lewis land. It included what is now the Rayburn Community. He died in Aug 1853 and is buried in the Preston Love Cemetery in Cooper District, Mason Co., Va. (Now West Va.).

Harry's Great Grandfather was Henry Love b. 1807 d. 1896. He married Sarah Roush, daughter of George Roush.

Harry's Grandfather was George Love b. 1837. He married Elizabeth Harris. To this union four children were born: James, Daniel, Dora and Charles Francis. His second wife was Delphine Baker Love.


Harry married Lovella Maybelle Wolfe in Aug. 1910. Mae was born March 9, 1890, the daughter of John and Addie Roush Wolfe. Mae died Dec. 28, 1975 and is buried in Sun Crest Cemetery in Point Pleasant, WV.

The children of Harry and Mae are as follows: Harold J. Love - born 1911
Charles P. Love - born 1913
Lester R. Love - born 1919
Harry F. Love - born 1925
Harold J. Love - born May 24, 1911; died May 11, 1983. He married Opal Plants born Nov. 19, 1915. They were married May 2, 1937. Opal was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Whittington Plants. The children of Harold and Opal are as follows:

Shirley Ann Love - born 1938
James Harold Love - born 1943
Shirley Ann Love born April 18, 1938.
She married Edwin Keith born July 27, 1935 son of Harry D. and Margaret Keith of Huntington, WV. They were married June 20, 1964. They had three children as follows: Robert Dale Keith born May 12, 1966
Bethany Dawn Keith born Nov. 26, 1968
Lynda Brooke Keith born July 12, 1970


Lester R. Love - born Dec. 12, 1919. He married Goldie Richardson born Dec. 4, 1921. Goldie was the daughter of Hiram and Mabel Elkins.
James L. Love was a farmer as was his father Henry and his grandfather Robert. The middle name of James L. has not been established for certain. His Discharge Paper from the War Between The States does not give his middle name. His middle name is given in the Roush Family History as Leighton, but the Affidavit of the birth of his son Augustus gives his middle name as Lucian. Other documents give his name as Lathan. He was a Corporal in Company C, Fourth Regiment of Virginia Infantry Volunteers in the War between the States. His brother Christopher was a veteran of the Union Army. The Discharge Paper of James L. describes James as being six feet tall with a light complexion, light hair, and gray eyes. He was nineteen years of age when he enrolled and was mustered out of the army at Wheeling, W. Va. on July 6, 1864.

James L. Love married Mary Catherine Oliver in Mason County on January 4, 1871. Mary Catherine Oliver was the daughter of Mary Ann (Downes) and Daniel Oliver. Mary Ann Downes was born in Mason County on October 31, 1827. She was the daughter of Robert and Catherine (Trobaugh) Downes. Robert Downes was in the War of 1812. Daniel Oliver was the son of Samuel and Mary (Murphy) Oliver. He was born in Meigs County, Ohio.

In 1871, James L. married Mary Catherine Oliver. They were the parents of nine children of whom only six lived to adulthood. These children were: Jesse Boston, b. 1872, d. 1901; Virginia, b. 1875, d. 1979; Maggie, Edgar, Lilly and Lutirica.

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James L. Love and sons


Howard served in World War II, 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific with the 1395th Construction Battalion of the U.S. Army Engineers. Submitted by — Mrs. Howard Love

James L. Love was born in 1843 at Brighton, Mason County, the son of Henry and Sarah (Roush) Love. Henry Love was the son of Robert Love who was an early settler and landowner in Mason County. The first election in Cooper District, Mason County was held in the home of Henry Love. The children of Henry and Sarah Love were as follows: Virginia, George, Robert, Christopher, James L., Mary Margaret, Rebecca, Nancy, and Sarah.
University, Lillian Grace married Blair Wilson (deceased) and is Professor of English and Chairman of the Humanities Department at the University of Charleston.


DR. WILLIAM PRESTON LOVE FAMILY

William P. Love M.D. was born June 16, 1861 to Preston and Isabelle Greer Love. Dr. Love had four brothers and three sisters. A brother John Love and a sister Margaret Lynn Musgrave made their home in Mason County.

Dr. Love married Cora Blanche Daugherty in 1906. Cora Blanche was born Oct. 15, 1887 to Hugh and Elnora Gill Daugherty. Seven children were born to this union, William Jennings Bryan, Preston Hugh, Neil Wallace, Woodrow Wilson, Clara Ruth, Ruby Faye and Elnora Isabelle who died at birth.

William Jennings Bryan was born May 3, 1908. He married Mary Kathryn Musgrave. Two children were born, William Curtis and Mary Sharon. Mary Kathryn died June 10, 1933. William Jennings married Irene Neal in 1945. Five children were born, Danny, Ruby Irene, Clarissa June, Jennifer Lynn and James Joseph.

JAMES JOSEPH LOVELL, JR.

James Joseph Lovell, Jr. son of Elizabeth Quarrier and James Joseph Lovell, and his twin sister, Lisbeth Clarkson Lovell, were born July 20, 1886 in Charleston, W. Va. J. J., as he was known, was educated in the public schools. His father owned and operated a coal mine near Point Pleasant until he died in 1909.

The family moved to Trevilian, Louisa County, Virginia about 1900 where they raised tobacco and farmed. They moved back to Charleston in the year 1905.


Dr. Love, a country doctor, was very dedicated to his profession. His office was located in Flat Rock but he traveled far on horseback or buggy when a patient needed him.


JAMES JOSEPH LOVELL

James Joseph Lovell, born July 27, 1923, married Bette Ruth Aeiker in November, 1924, and they reside in Newark, Del. They are parents of Dr. James Stephen Lovell, now a practicing dentist in Point Pleasant and John Franklin Lovell, who has his own business in Newark, Del.

J. J. died Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1937 and Dot died April 19, 1980. Submitted by — Mary Beth Lovell Cherrington

THE VELMA KING LUCKYDOO FAMILY

The daughter of Revna C. King and Yada F. Lewis King, Velma, was born at Point Pleasant, W. Va. May 11, 1922.

On October 19, 1941, she and Alva Edward Luckydoo were married in the Trinity Methodist Church at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Alva was born in Point Pleasant on July 1, 1919. He is a son of William Luckydoo, 4-17-1885-1968, and Viola Birchfield Luckydoo, 9-23-1880-1968.

Following their marriage, Alva and Velma went to housekeeping in their new home in Bellemead and a year later they moved on a farm they had bought in back of New Haven, W. Va.

Alva worked in the construction and remodeling business.

Velma worked at Quality Mfg. Co. and at the Lakin State Hospital until her retirement. They are the parents of two sons, Larry and Roger and four grandchildren.


Roger Lee Luckydoo was born July 1, 1947 at Letart, W. Va. On Aug. 28, 1963, Roger married Sandra Brewhington, at Middlepoint, Ohio. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Roger had the
Casper married Mary Ochenshurd around 1839 in Pittsburgh, Pa. They had a daughter, Mary, born in 1860. Casper fought in the Civil War as a Union Cavalryman. Because of a bad foot injury and loss of sight in one eye, he had a difficult time working and later received a pension. His marriage ended in divorce in 1873. He married Rebecca Powers in 1874. They had four children: Philip b. 1875, Amanda b. 1877, Arthur b. 1882, and Louise b. 1884. He lived in and around Mason County, farming mostly, until he moved to Ohio around 1882. He died in 1908. Catherine married John Kleppner around 1858 and lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. They operated a saloon and rented rooms. They had at least twelve children with only a few living to adulthood; George b. 1870, Emma b. 1879, Anna b. 1880, and Cornelia b. 1882. John Kleppner died in 1908 and Catherine died in 1918. Balser married Louisa Hill, daughter of Thomas and Amanda Hill; August 1863 in Mason County. He bought fifty acres from his father, out of the 405 acre tract bought in 1859, where they lived on a farm and raised seven children. Balser plied the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers to Pittsburgh, Pa. to the stock market, where he dealt in selling cattle and produce he bought in the country in Mason County. In June of 1905, on one of the trips, he was beaten over the head and robbed. He died in July of 1905, at Pittsburgh, Pa. where he and Louisa had resided since 1903. Louisa lived there, with her sons Charles and Henry, until around 1909. She lived part time with her daughter, Ida Mae Jividen, in Mason County and part time in Ohio with her son Jasper. She died March 1917.

Charles Luh

Matthew Lutton and Mary Margaret Smith, daughter of Gideon Hinkle Smith and Sarah Oliver, were married in Mason County. To this marriage were born the following children:

2. Samuel Franklin, b. 12 Nov. 1869, m. Ella Jane Selby, 24 Aug. 1890.
5. Sarah Margaret (Sallie) b. 8 Apr. 1882, m. Wm M. Fowler, 6 May, 1899.

THE LUTTONS OF MASON COUNTY

The first Lutton in Mason County was Robert Lutton (b. ca. 1822) who came to (W) Va by way of Ohio (Muskingham Co.) from Pennsylvania. Records reveal that his family was in Mason County around 1850. He was married first to Sarah E. Jackson (ca. 1840). Their children were as follows:

1. Matthew, b. 10 Apr 1842, m. Mary Margaret Smith, 23 March 1867.
2. Andrew, b. 11 Aug 1846, (Killed in Civil War)
3. William J., b. 17 Apr 1848, m. Mary E. McCany, 1872
4. Rebecca Neal, b. 13 Apr 1850, m. Robert Lutton, 1876
5. Robert Osborne, b. 1864 (Died young)

Sarah Lutton died 25 Nov. 1856. She is buried in the McComb Cemetery on Route 2 near Eckard Church Road.

Robert then married Margaret Thomas, 3 March 1857, daughter of Levi Thomas. To this marriage were born:

1. Franklin, b. 28 Jan. 1858, m. Mary S. Burris, 17 Apr. 1899
2. Preston L., b. 5 Nov. 1859, m. Nancy Edwards, 22 Nov. 1884
3. Polick (Doc), b. 19 Dec. 1861, m. Margaret Greer, 10 Sept. 1891
5. Levi, b. 1864, d. 1880
6. Mary Ellen, b. 8 Aug. 1866, m. (R) Frank Long, 14 Jan. 1886
7. George Greer,

Robert Lutton died in 1885 and is buried with his second wife and other family members in the Lutton Cemetery off Route 2 and Chattin Road.

Matthew Lutton served during the Civil War.)
EVERETT LUTTON FAMILY

Everett Russell Lutton and Luanna Frances Ward were married in Point Pleasant in 1917. To this marriage the following children were born:

Infant Lutton, Female - b. 1918 (died at birth) Buried in Lone Oak Cemetery
Russell Amend - b. 1919, married Marjorie Mae McDade, Portland, Ohio
Josephine Marie - b. 1922, d. 1925 - buried in Lone Oak Cemetery
Edith May - b. 1924, married James L. Carsey, Athens, Ohio
Betty Lou - b. 1927, Married Homer C. Martin, Jr., Point Pleasant, W.V.
Faye Lois - b. 1928, married William Mullins Johnstone, Point Pleasant, WV

Everett Lutton was a successful architect and builder like his father, Samuel. He was termed “A Master Builder”, and his work included buildings 124 houses, five churches, including an addition to the First Methodist (Heights U.B.), originally built by his father, Catholic churches in Point Pleasant and Mason City, Flat Rock Methodist Church and the re-building of the Episcopal Church in Point Pleasant; nine commercial buildings including Point Pleasant Building and Loan, Fruth Drug Store, the Professional Building, now a branch location for Citizens National and Fort Randolph, located at Krodel Park.

His brother, Virgil, worked with him on all of the above structures, and his brother, Samuel, assisted on many of them. All three were excellent carpenters.

During World War II, Everett assisted in the designing of hulls for ocean-going ships at the Marietta Manf. Co. He also served as a City Councilman for some years as well as Building Inspector for the City of Point Pleasant.

Everett Lutton died in 1981 at the age of 88. His wife, Luanna died in 1982 at the age of 83. They are buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Submitted by — Russell A. Lutton

SAMUEL L. LUTTON FAMILY

Samuel Lewis Lutton, son of Samuel Franklin and Ella Jane Selby Lutton, was born on March 27, 1906. He was married to Freda Mae Kincade on January 3, 1926. Samuel was employed at Marietta Manf. Co. for thirty years as a draftsman. He was also associated with his brothers, Everett and Virgil, in the construction business. Samuel and Freda are the parents of five children, Robert, Sally, Nancy, Lewis and Ida. They are life long residents of Mason County.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Lutton

Robert Samuel born August 14, 1926, graduated from Point Pleasant High School, served in the United States Navy in World War II. He married Mary Isabel Rothlisberger on October 26, 1947 and they had two children, Mildred Dawn, who is married to Jeffrey Bane. They have a daughter, Meredith Dawn and live in Gallopolis, Ohio. Sara Beth, who married Monty Williams. They have a daughter, Suzanne and live in Point Pleasant. Robert died of cancer in 1980.

Sally Lou born July 14, 1935, graduated from Point Pleasant High School and served in the United States Marines during the Korean Conflict. She married Robert Wheeler, April 23, 1954. They had two children, Merry Lee, who is married to Carl Ransford and they have one daughter, Janis Marie. Samuel Joseph is married to Daphne Ann Lockamy and they have two children, Jennifer and Christopher. Both of Sally’s children live in Iowa. Sally is married to Donald Blair Workman and they live in Point Pleasant.

Nancy Jane born July 17, 1937, graduated from Point Pleasant High School. She married Ernest Bowser and they have two children, Teresa Lynn, who is married to Bobbie Schoonover. They have two children, Heather and Trenton and live in Point Pleasant. Connie Lou, who is married to David Pyles and they have a daughter, Erin Michelle and they live in Gallipolis, Ohio. Ida Mae born August 4, 1944, graduated from Point Pleasant High School. She married Philip Milstead, they have two daughters, Paige and Bethany, who are still at home. They live in Point Pleasant.

Submitted by — Sally L. Workman

CARL LYNCH FAMILY

Carl Edward and Ruby Gaskins Lynch were married on April 27, 1913 at Point Pleasant,

Submitted by — Carl Lynch
West Virginia. Carl was the son of Robert and Malinda Thomas Lynch of Point Pleasant. Ruby was the daughter of James and Carrie Kirker. Carl and Ruby were the parents of seven children.

Carl and Ruby spent their early married lives in Point Pleasant on Ohio Street, Madison Avenue and a farm located at the Traffic Circle on Route 61. Carl worked for the Railroad Construction company in his younger years and later for the Marietta Manufacturing Company for 24 years. He was the first electrical welder for the Marietta Manufacturing Company. Ruby worked at Snyder's Bakery and was a typesetter for the local newspaper in early years. Carl and Ruby were Presbyterians. In later years, Ruby became a member of Heights E.U.B. Church. Carl died on January 19, 1945 and Ruby died on June 29, 1959.

The oldest of Carl and Ruby's children was Filena A. Lynch. She was born on February 23, 1915 in Point Pleasant. Filena never married and worked for the Kroger Company for 35 years before her death on April 6, 1986. She lived on Old Town Road and was a member of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Lucille M. Lynch was born on July 25, 1916. She never married and worked for the A & P Company for more than 20 years. Her death was reported on April 17, 1963. She was a member of Heights E.U.B. Church.

Anita G. Lynch was born on February 14, 1918. Anita married Ellis King of Point Pleasant. They were the parents of a son, Charles King. Charles lives in South Carolina and is the father of Charles, David and Nicole. Anita died on March 20, 1977.

Carl Edward Lynch Jr. was born on December 11, 1919 and died on December 17, 1971, in Point Pleasant. Carl was educated in the Mason County Schools and played football for the PPHS. He married Mary Northup of Galipolis, Ohio, on June 28, 1941 in Huntington, West Virginia. Carl served in the United States Navy during World War II and worked for the Maleable Iron Company and Kyger Creek Power Plant. Carl and Mary had three children. Suzanne lives in Point Pleasant and is the mother of Jennifer, Kimberly and Alexander Dickens. Carl Edward Lynch, III, was killed on May 25, 1971 while serving in the U.S. Navy. Janis lives in Beckley and is the mother of Tami, Matthew and Carla Sauvage.

Robert James was born in 1923 and died at the age of eleven months.

Carrie Alice Lynch was born on June 1, 1924. Carrie married W. C. Richison of Little Rock, Arkansas, and lives in Oklahoma. Carrie is a Sales Representative. She is the mother of an adopted daughter, Donna. Donna is the mother of Alice Collins and also lives in Oklahoma. Carrie is also the foster mother of Ben Shby who is the father of two children, Patricia and Christopher.

Donna was the youngest of the Lynch children. She was born on June 18, 1931. Donna is a graduate of Holzer School of Nursing and is employed at Valley Hospital. She married John Lambert and became the stepmother of Mrs. Milton B. Lambert of Cincinnati, Ohio and Johnora McKinney of Bradenton, Florida. Milton is the father of Dayton, Jeannine and John Lambert. Johnora is the mother of Ruth Ellen and Colleen McCarr.

THE MICHAEL HENDERSON LYONS FAMILY

Michael Henderson Lyons b. 2/23/1860

Tenn.; d. 10/30/1928 Henderson, WV (son of: Martin & Bridget (Cunningham) Lyons of Dublin, Ireland) m. Mary Eleanor Gibson b. 5/21/1865 Gallia Co., O.; d. 8/21/1938 Mason Co., married 6/26/1883 at Gallipolis, O. (she was the dau. of: Norman & Sophia (McKeever) Gibson). They were both buried in the Gibson Cemetery - Henderson. They had 6 children:

1. Nannie Lee Lyons b. 8/14/1885; d. 11/12/1969 Henderson, WV m. 11/17/1931 Ironton, O. Millard James Snodgrass b. 5/18/1884 Marmet, WV; d. 12/13/1939 Henderson, WV. They had 7 children: (for these children see under Millard J. Snodgrass)

2. Harry C. Lyons 10/15/1888 Henderson; d. 11/15/1915 Portland, O. m. 11/17/1916 P.E. Hofstra, Hattie C. Holbrook, Portland, O. They had 3 children: Baby Michael died in Portland. Bruce b. 1915 in Portland and married Dorothy ? and had a dau. Mary Pearl Lyons. James W. was born & died 1918 in Portland, O. (Bruce was retired from Lazarus & lived in Columbus, O.

3. Lord Byron Lyons b. 4/27/1891 Henderson; d. 11/24/1981 Portland, O. m. 1914 Edna Wilkinson of Bladen, O. They had one dau.: Barbara Aline Lyons b. 1915 Portland, O. who m. 1st Odis Ayres of Louisville, Ky. m. 2nd Wals Owen d. 1977 Hopkinsville, Ky. Barbara had no children & was last living in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

4. Harold James Lyons 10/3/1895 Henderson; WV; d. 1961 Charleston, WV m. 1920 Mary Hicks. They had one son: Carman Keith Lyons b. 1922 & d. 1962 Charleston, W. He married Elaine ? and had 4 children. He was a Doctor and a graduate of Duke University.

5. Norman Gibson Lyons b. 8/24/1898 Henderson, WV; d. 5/10/1943 Henderson m. Beatrice Von Fosson d. 1977 Huntington, WV. They were div.


THE FRANKLIN PIERCE MCCARLEY FAMILY

Franklin Pierce McCarley 1/25/1869-3/31/1927 (son of: Wm. Robt. & Sizue (Radekin) McCarley) married 3/31/1901 at Henderson, WV Wm. Osley Gibson b. 10/20/1879-12/12/1965 (dau. of: Nicolas & Sophia (McCork) Gibson). Frank was a builder of railroad tracks and bridges, supervisor for yrs. until his death. He was a Spanish American War Veteran. After the birth of their first child, they moved to McArthur, Ohio. They lived in Mary Northup of Gallipolis, Ohio, on June 28, 1941 in Huntington, West Virginia. Carl served in the United States Navy during World War II and worked for the Maleable Iron Company and Kyger Creek Power Plant. Carl and Mary had three children. Suzanne lives in Point Pleasant and is the mother of Jennifer, Kimberly and Alexander Dickens. Carl Edward Lynch, III, was killed on May 25, 1971 while serving in the U.S. Navy. Janis lives in Beckley and is the mother of Tami, Matthew and Carla Sauvage.

THE McCarleys

4/16/1902 - living Huntington, WV, grocery salesman, attended Marshall College, pianist and works with all kinds of art, (son of: Thomas & Roberta (Reed) Sharp). Georgia buried in Huntington. Had two sons:


Nam Veteran. Had two children:
2. Rodney Joel Salyer 10/21/1968 - Single, Submitted by — E. Evelyn Cox (Daughter) & Tony Prater (Great-grand-dau.)

MCCARTY FAMILY

George Mollohan came from Ireland in 1770 to Bath County, Virginia and married Nancy Hank Jones (a native of Wales). To this union were born five children: George, James, Rebecca, John, and Margaret.

John had two sons: George G. and James. James married Nancy (name unknown). They had ten children. One daughter, Mary Eda Mollohan (born 1848) married Jonas McCarty (born 1847). They lived in Mt. Alto, W. Va. and raised seven children: Dencil (born 1869) married Eva Rollins; Dora (born 1872) married W. J. “Dodd” Smith; Bertha (born 1874) married Mr. Cottrill, then Herbert Shade; Nancy - (born 1876) married Elmer Brinker; James (born 1878 - died 1889); Martin Edward (born 1881) married Pearl Sands; Ola W. (born 1888) married Freda Parson.

Kathleen married Pearl C. Oliver. They had one daughter and two sons: Margaret who married Ferrell Clonch and had one son, Gary, and one daughter, Karla. Dicles married Frank Casto and had one son, Frank, Jr. and one daughter, Connie. Charles H. Oliver is the father of two sons: Robert and James. Clifford N. Oliver married Bonita Ann Betz and had two daughters and one son: Michelle, Lynn, and Brian Stanley (Mark) Oliver. Great grandchildren are Ericka Dawn, daughter of Gary and Charlene Chesbree Clonch; and David and Ashley, children of David and Connie Casto Brown. Submitted by — Kathleen V. Oliver

EARNEST M. MCCARTY FAMILY

Earnest Marion McCarty was born August 7, 1943 at Apple Grove, WV to Marion Eliza McCarty (Mattie Kinnard McCarty Dunn and John McCarty) and Bonnie Louise Casey (Nola Long Casey and Claude Nott). Earnest had one sister Joann Marie who has four children: Dwight, LaCinda, Vern, and Kimberly; and one brother Roger Lee (Mary Mullins) children Roger Jr., and Christy. Earnest graduated from Hannan High School in 1961, and joined the U.S. Navy in 1962. He was stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois; Memphis, Tennessee before being sent for a year to Iceland.

On Sunday, December 13, 1964 Earnest was united in marriage to Patricia Kay Rollins at the Good Shepherd Church (4th Wedding Ceremony held in church).

Kay was born November 26, 1944 to Jesse Melvin Rollins (son of Harvey Rollins and Elizabeth McDade) and Laurel Arbydine Riffle (daughter of Osia Edwards and Dewey Riffle). Kay graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1962 and worked at O.J. Morrison’s until her marriage.

Earnest and Kay moved to Norfolk, Virginia where he was stationed with the Navy. After I. discharge in Nov., 1964, Earnest went to work at Goodyear Chemical Plant, where he still works today.

EARNEST MCCARTY FAMILY

June 30, 1969 saw the birth of their first children, Earnest Marion (Mack) Jr. Mack is a Senior at Point Pleasant Senior High where he is on the Wrestling Team.

On March 19, 1972 their second son Nicholas Jay was born at Holzer Hospital. Nick is a Ninth Grader at Point Pleasant Jr. High and plays football and wrestles.

January 5, 1974 saw the birth of their last son Matthew Eric. Matt is in the seventh grade at Point Pleasant Jr. High and plans to join the Wrestling Team.

Patricia Kay had two sisters and one brother. Anita Lucille 1943 m. Don Carroll (div.) children Scott (m. Patty and son Nathaniel) and Shawn Michelle. Evely June married Bud Boswell and has daughter Amanda, Gary Donald (1948) m. Ethel Terry and has children Cheryl, Gary Don, and Patrick. Gary was accidentally kil-
pick up at one time. Locally, her major interest was a girls Sunday school class at the Hartford Baptist Church. She often talked about the girls as though they were her daughters. After her two children, Alexander Keith, Jr., and Hugo Juuling were in school, Florence returned to teaching at Wahama High School. During her many years there, her younger son, Juuling had the unique experience of attending his mother’s classes for four consecutive years.

In 1926, Mac McClure moved his activities to the store in New Haven and renamed it the Farmers Store. This is where he would work for the next 56 years. In the 1930’s he was active in State politics and was the technical support for Florence’s interest in genealogy. At the urging of Jim Crump (and Florence) he transferred his church membership from the Big Clear Creek Baptist church in Rupert to the Hartford Baptist Church and became a very active member. After Dick Chapman’s death, he often shared the superintendentship or teaching of the adult class with Mildred Chapman Gibbs or Jim Crump. After his “retirement”, which never really happened, Mac continued to operate the store on a more informal basis. He also found that he had a “taste” for the banking business. He was still active as President of the Mason County Bank at the time of his death in 1982.

Alexander Keith McClung, Jr., attended WVU and Harvard Law School. In 1957 he married Sandra Foley, the daughter of Clyde “Brick” Foley who was the Principle of Wahama High School for 22 years. They now reside in Baltimore with their two children Alex and Martha Ellen. Keith is a corporate attorney with the Commercial Credit Company, and Sandra is an administrator for the Dean of the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. Hugo Juuling McClung graduated from WVU Medical School and did postgraduate work in Wisconsin, Colorado, and Toronto, Canada. In 1964 Juuling married Helen Kathryn Peters from Parkersburg. They reside in Columbus, Ohio, with their three children, William, Andrew, and Matthew. Juuling teaches medicine at Ohio State University and is the Associate Medical Director of the Columbus Children’s Hospital. Helen Peters McClung took her BA and MA at WVU and is now quite active in Christian education and crisis work with young women. Submitted by — Juuling and Keith McClung

ADAM "ED" MCCLURE FAMILY

Adam “Ed” McClure was born December 14, 1880, the son of Adam and Margaret Wilson McClure. He was born and lived his entire life in the Gunville area. His occupation was that of a farmer.

Adam married first America Knapp who was born August 4, 1883, the daughter of Moses Knapp. She died at the age of 22 years on June 28, 1906. They were the parents of two children, Samantha 1903-1923 and Albert 1905-1921.

They were the parents of three children Ladan, Ruth and John. (1) Ladan born May 11, 1911, married Audrey Mae Harris. He died at Cottagesville on November 7, 1975 at the age of 64 yrs. They were the parents of four children, Eugene, Charles, Veva, and Neva. (2) Ruth was born December 12, 1922, was married July 14, 1942 to Darrell Stone born 1920, the son of Oren and Lena Warfield Stone. Darrell and Ruth were the parents of Chester born July 10, 1946, married Linda McDaniel on June 26, 1966, married again, has one son Chester born August 23, 1977, and a daughter. (3) Jacqueline Louise born January 13, 1961, married David Mers on December 18, 1980, one son Nathan Allen born July 3, 1979, married a second time Dennis Starberry on July 31, 1982, one child Theresa born May 23, 1983. Ruth died March 14, 1950, buried at Smith Church. (3) John McClure born July 31, 1913 in Union District, his father and grandfather before him is a farmer. He was also employed by the W. Va. State Road Commission for 8 years. On May 10, 1934, at Leon he was married to Belva Mae born October 5, 1911, married Faithful and Pearl Lillie Greenlee. Belva was born July 26, 1917 in Union District and died there on October 2, 1981. John and Belva were the parents of Darrell born May 22, 1935 and died October 11, 1978; Hilford Lloyd born February 19, 1939 and died April 4, 1951; Harry Andrew born June 27, 1942, married Judy Thaxton, one son Ronald born October 13, 1959. He married second Bertha Syner. They have one daughter Susan born March 23, 1972. The children of Darrell McClure are Marlene Wade and Brenda Lee. His wife was Loretta Graus. Milford and Carolyn Summers McClure were the parents of David Lloyd and Jeffrey Lynn. Submitted by — Harley McClure, John McClure

ADAM MCCLURE FAMILY

Adam McClure, the son of William and Jane McClure, born 1832, a native of County Down, Ireland, came to America about 1850. First coming to Pittsburgh, then in 1857 to Hartford City, Mason County. He came to America as a single man, later marrying Margaret Johnson who was born in Pennsylvania.

The same year that he came to Mason County he purchased 100 acres, from his sister Mary. There he lived the next 56 years. In the 1930’s he was active as President of the Mason County Bank at the time of his death in 1982.

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JAMES H. MCCLURE FAMILY

James Henry McClure, the son of Adam and Margaret Wilson McClure was born at Hartford City, West Virginia on September 22, 1876. He married first Ollie J. Stewart the daughter of Henry T. and America Hill Stewart who was born October 27, 1878 and died April 4, 1904. They were the parents of one daughter Elizabeth “Lizzie” born April 9, 1899. She married Austin Bentley. Her death occurred this year on May 13, 1950.

James H. McClure married a second time to Addie Cain who was born May 1, 1888. Their children were (1) Cecil born October 5, 1911, married 1st Olive Webb, married 2nd Laura Mae Absten, one son Charles E. McClure, died January 6, 1976. (2) Raymond born July 31, 1917, married Elizabeth Barkman. Their children are: Eulah Jeanette, Larry Adam, Terry Lee and Beulah Annette. (3) Margaret born March 1, 1915, married Carl McCloud. Their children are Naomi and Harold. Her death occurred in 1977.

Addie Cain McClure died as a result of childbirth. She died on March 1, 1920. The infant daughter died the previous day and they were buried together. They lie in the Smith Church Cemetery.

Vera born December 25, 1939, married Richard Barnhart.

James Henry McClure passed away on December 24, 1948 and is buried at Smith Church. Mattie H. McClure, a lady of 88 years is now living in Columbus, Ohio. Submitted by - Annette Schults - granddaughter of James McClure

**MCCOMB FAMILY**

Thomas McComb and his wife Jane Dunn McComb left their native Ireland about 1850 along with their children Thomas Jr., John and Margaret. After traveling by water routes they settled at Sixmile Creek, Mason County. Two children were born after their arrival here, William and Jennie.

Thomas McComb, Jr. married Jane Amsbury January 15, 1867. Thomas and brother John fought with the Union Army in the Civil War. He received from the state of W. Va. several acres of land near South Side on which he built his home. In this house were born nine children: Malinda who married Robert Adams and had four children, Earl, Thomas, John and Olive; Charles Henry who married Emma Buckele and had five children, Evelyn, Elizabeth, William, Fred and Ruby; Mary Ellen who married Ed Gerrard and had four children, William, Paul, Charles and Elizabeth; Martha Frances who married John W. Grace and had two sons, Everett and Maxwel; Lida Mae who married Earl Lewis and had one child, Ruth; Jesse Earl married Alida Wolf and they had two boys, Thomas Franklin and James Edward; Fred Jackson who married Hulda Kistrom and had two children, Fred and Mary Jane; Willa Belle who married Harry Glasgow and had no children.

All of the above left Mason County except Fred McComb, a farmer, (son of Charles Henry) and Dr. Jesse Earl McComb who practiced dentistry here. He died in 1871 and his other son, James, resides here and married Eleanor Filson. They have a daughter Julia Lee who married John A. Myers. They are the parents of two children, Kristopher A. and Jodi Lee. Submitted by — James E. McComb

**MC CONIHAY FAMILY**

Emmons Bright McConihay was born June 2, 1889, Toledo, Ohio (b 2-15-85). He was the son of Edith Ethel Bright and Howard Mc Conihay (Kanawha County), and came to Mason County to reside at the age of 20. His mother, Edith Ethel Bright, was born April 13, 1892 in a log house on Rocky Fork Road, Mason County right on the same Rocky Fork premises. My father had two sisters and five brothers who also grew up there: Ethel, Bessie, Watson, Wilbur, Orvil, Herbert and Pearl Starkey. All of this Childs family is deceased at this writing. However, there are children and grandchildren living.

The Mc Conihay family is of Scotch Irish descent and the Childs family is of English descent. Submitted by — Edith Bright Eads

**ABNER AND ELIZABETH MCCOY**

Abner Waugh McCoy, born February 12, 1850, the son of Lewis and Eliza McCoy, was married on November 20, 1873 to Elizabeth Starkey, (born April 12, 1853) at the home of her parents, Watson and Melinda Hedrick Starkey, in Mason County.

The ten children of this union were:

1. Opal Adale, b. 1882, married John H. Templeton. They had three children: Mildred, Ruby and Jewel. Submitted by — Jewel (McCoy) Templeton. I have a three generation store ledger that hung in the stone fireplace there.

2. Wilbur Virgil, b. 1884, married A. B. Platter. Both buried at Beale Chapel. They had 6 children - Ruth Oleda, died an infant; Paul, died young; and Flavil Hall.

3. Ethel - 1882, married H. A. Adams. They had one child, Russell Harold, who married Stella (Linda) Gehring and had five children.

4. Russell - 1888-1893, died of Diphtheria and is buried in Old McCoy Cemetery.

5. Mabel - b. 1884, died Nov. 15, 1893 of Diphtheria and is buried in Old McCoy Cemetery.

6. Ethel - 1882-1909, m. H. Elza Johnson. She is buried in the Old McCoy Cemetery. One child, Marie.


10. James Herbert - 1890-1927, married Lillie Young. Both buried at Rushville, Ohio. They had one child, the oldest still living. Ray, Bernard, Irene, Arnold, Dorothy, Darrell and Herbert R. Many living in Ohio today.

Abner McCoy's brothers and sisters were William Henry, Thomas L., Samuel A., and Amelia. Brothers of his wife, Elizabeth, were Lewis, Benton, Owen, Edgar, William andWilliam McConihay and Elizabeth, even though she was born in Melgs Co., Ohio, lived their lives on Rocky Fork Road near Glenwood where they kept a store and were upstanding members of the Christian Valley Church of Christ. They are both buried in the Old McCoy Cemetery there. The old store ledger (owned by Russ McCoy) shows transactions from the community over a long period of time with one entry of a barrel of flour to a certain lady of the church in payment for the misbehavior of his sons toward her in church. Many stories still told reveal quite a mischievous bunch of boys.

Abner and Elizabeth have records in the Mason Co. courthouse that certainly back up the stories that they were involved in buying and selling several parcels of land throughout Abner's life which ended on December 6, 1930. Elizabeth's death came on May 30, 1911. They were married 38 years.

During this time church records show them both very active in the Christian Valley Church where as far back as April 2, 1899 Abner was Assistant Superintendent of this Church of Christ.

Several of Abner's children and grandchildren left Mason Co. and moved to Rushville and Lancaster areas of Ohio. Several are buried in West Rushville, Ohio Cemetery and several still live in the Lancaster, Circleville areas. Abner still has several great-grandchildren living in Mason County right on the same Rocky Fork Road and surrounding areas. Submitted by — Ron and R. McCoy

**ALTON C. MCCOY FAMILY**

My name is Opal Adale (McCoy) Geis and southern California has been my home for the past thirty five years but I have my roots in the beautiful county side of Mason County, West Virginia. My father, Alton C. McCoy, the son of Abner Waugh (1850-1930) and Elizabeth (Starkey) McCoy (1853-1911), was born June 13, 1892 in a log house on Rocky Fork Road, Glenwood. The house still stands and is occupied by Jewell (McCoy) Templeton. I have a three-generation pot that hung in the stone fireplace there in my grandmother's day. I'm told it was her "bean pot". The fireplace was constructed from sandstone that was cut and hauled from the premises. My father had two sisters and five brothers who also grew up there: Ethel, Bessie, Watson, Wilbur, Orvil, Herbert and Pearl McCoy.

Lewis McCoy (1810-1876) and Eliza (Waugh) McCoy (1810-1876) were Abner's parents. Watson Starkey and Melinda (Hendrick) Starkey were Elizabeth Starkey's parents. They, too were Mason County residents. On April 23, 1889 members of the Lewis McCoy family deeded land for the creation of the Original McCoy Cemetery located on Rocky Fork Road.
An old record book indicates that my Grandfather Abner McCoy was very active in establishing the Christian Valley Church about 1881 and he was very often the “questioner” following Scripture reading in Sunday School. Attendance was frequently as many as forty. Collections seldom amounted to more than 50¢, sometimes nothing at all. An example of expenditures: oil for lamp 10¢, wine 25¢, coal 15¢, and broken “winder” $2.00. In addition to farming during the late 1800’s, Abner McCoy owned and operated a general store.

My father’s occupation was also farming. In 1916 he married Vena Walden, daughter of Thomas Johnathan Walden (1865-1938) and Alice (Meadows) Walden (1868-1933). They lived in Mason County and my mother taught in one room county schools: Walnut Grove on Spurlock Creek and Glenwood. She and my father have eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. One grandson is also a school teacher in San Bernardino, California.

In 1920 my parents loaded their household furnishings, farm equipment and livestock (including Dad’s saddle horse, Dolly) into a railroad freight car, climbed aboard a passenger car and moved to Fairfield County, Ohio. Dad’s brother, Herbert McCoy and his family, and his youngest brother Pearl, moved at the same time. They remained there for the balance of their life time. I was born there in 1922 and my brother, Kenneth Alton, in 1930.

My father, mother, Kenneth and I returned yearly to Mason County to visit home and family. This was always a highlight of my childhood. I loved the beauty of the green, green hills and I loved the chocolate pudding my GrandmothercreateCommanded one for breakfast. It was fun to wait at the mailbox for the mailman who was my Uncle Wilbur McCoy. He delivered the mail on horseback.

Grandfather Thomas J. Walden had the reputation of being able to heal babies of Thrush, a fungal disease, by breathing into their mouth. Supposedly he had this ability because he had never seen his father who died in a boating accident before his birth. His father’s given name is unknown to me. His mother’s maiden name was Julia Anna (alternated as Julia Anna or Julia Ann). However he was reared by Fenton and Sally Edmonds.

Thomas married Alice Meadows in 1893. Alice (Meadows) Walden was the daughter of Jacob Meadows and Delilah (Clagg) Meadows who died in 1882. Other children of this union were: Nancy Jane, Alen, Alonzo, Rain, Ellis and Smallbridge.

The Edmonds’ willed their farm to Thomas J. Walden. It is located near the Pete Meadows Cemetery on Palestine Ridge Road, Glenwood. He and my grandmother reared seven children there. Besides my mother, Vena, there was Winnie, Laura, Dolly, Jacob, Thomas and Alvin (Acey) Walden. This property remains in family ownership although the original house no longer stands.

I am proud of my West Virginia heritage and I still return as often as possible to enjoy “Those West Virginia Hills” and to renew relationships. I dedicate this piece to my grandparents and to my uncles and aunts and their wives and children:

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LEWIS AND ELIZA MCCOY

Lewis McCoy was born about 1810 in Virginia and died before November 1875 in Mason County, W. Va. He came to Hannan District by way of Kanawha Sixteen Mile Creek and family tradition says he left brothers David and William there. Lewis McCoy married Eliza Waugh, daughter of Abner and Mary (or Polly) Wright Waugh who also lived on Kanawha Sixteen Mile Creek. According to local histories he had brothers and sisters who have many descendants in that area yet.

In 1853 Lewis McCoy purchased several acres of land on Fee’s Branch Creek in Hannan District and in 1854 he and his wife, Eliza Frances, relinquished all rights and interest whatever in land on Big Sixteen Mile Creek formerly owned and occupied by his father, Abner Waugh, deceased.

In 1869 Lewis sold 59 acres of his Fee’s Branch property to his oldest son, William Henry, for $5.00. William had probably just returned from the War. In his Will, also dated 1869, Lewis bequeathed his son, William, $5.00, and gave his sons, Abner and Samuel, 59 acres each. To his daughter, Amelia, Lewis gave one bed and bedding. Son Thomas was already deceased and not mentioned in his father’s Will.

There were four sons of Lewis and Eliza McCoy. The first, William Henry, was born in 1844 and died 1889 or 90. He married Electa Elizabeth Grover, daughter of Ephriam and Susanah Grover, in Gallia County, Ohio in 1867. He served in the Army of the Confederacy and was in the Battle of Antietam, one of the bloodiest encounters of the War.

William and Electa had nine children: Minnie Eliza (1868), married William Drennin Perry; Ellis (1870), married Gallia Meadows; Thomas Jefferson (1872), married Nancy Susan Young; Verna (1874) died 1888; Myrtle Virginia (1876), married Clay Keister; Susan 1878-1880; Nannie; William Edward (1881), married Minnie Hesson; George Alexander Roe (1883) married Emily Maudel Murray Barnett.

Second son, Thomas L., born 1846, died 1861 of Scarlet Fever. Thomas was buried on near by Daigh farm and was afterward removed to the McCoy family burying place near his own home. In 1889 his mother, Eliza, and brothers, Samuel and Abner, set aside 72 poles of the McCoy farm as a cemetery, half of it coming from his brother Samuel’s share and half from brother Abner’s. Thomas was the first to be buried there.

Third son, Abner Waugh, born 1850, married Elizabeth Starkey, daughter of neighbors, Watson and Minnie (or Winnie) Tazey, at her home in 1874. In 1874 Abner and Elizabeth purchased a parcel of land farther down Fee’s Branch and built a house there that has been home to members of the McCoy family until the present day. In 1893 Abner sold the part of the McCoy farm that he had inherited to his wife’s brothers, Joseph L. and Owen Starkey, excepting, however, “a lot confessed to the public for a graveyard”, Abner and his wife and several members of their family are buried here.

Abner and Elizabeth McCoy had ten children: Lewis Watson, Wilbur Virgil, Orville Edgar, Russell, Mabel, Ethel, Pearl Keith, Alton Clifford, Elizabeth, and James Herbert.

Fourth son, Samuel Alexander, born 1853, married Mary Jane Chandler. Samuel inherited the 59 acres of his father’s land on which the old home stood. This farm is owned now by Selba Cremeans and the Lewis McCoy home is his home today. Samuel and Mary Jane McCoy had five children. Frances, married John O’Day; Loren, married Lessie Reed; Olive, married Cecil Hagley; Eliza, married Marmie Holley.

Amelia, eldest known child of Lewis McCoy, was born about 1854. She was illegible to live on in Virginia. She married Ephriam Grover, father of her sister-in-law, Electa, in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, October 7, 1858. Submitted by—Ann Templeton Legg, Jay Woodrow McCoy, Jr.

ORVIL E. AND LELIA MCCOY FAMILY

Orvil Edgar McCoy was born Nov. 11, 1878, on Rocky Fork Road, Glenwood. His parents were Abner and Elizabeth Starkey McCoy. There were 7 boys and 2 girls in the family. One of the boys and one girl died while young. On December 23, 1903, Orvil married Lelia S. Mayes, born Dec. 7, 1880, near Ashton on Rocky Fork Road, Glenwood. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth “Pettie” Hawthorne Mayes. She had 3 brothers and 1 sister. Orvil and Lelia had one son, Russell Harold, born Nov. 12, 1905, on Rocky Fork Road, Glenwood. Russell may have been named after his paternal uncle, Russell, who died young.

O. E. or Orve, as he was called, worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge section and lived in a camp car on weekdays. He worked on most of the B & O Railroad bridges in this section of the state.

He helped build the railroad bridge over the Kanawha River at Point Pleasant.

Orve and Lelia bought the farm above Rocky Fork School from John White. They built on the house using lumber caught in the Ohio River during the 1913 flood.

Orve and son, Russell, raised cattle and sheep. They would drive sheep from their farm near Ashton to Gallipolis Ferry and let them rest overnight. In the morning, they would take the sheep across Lane’s Ferry and through Gallipolis to the market and sell them. While Orve was working on the railroad, Lelia and Russell took care of the farm and livestock.

Their first car was a 1929 Ford Sedan. O. E. never drove a car. He tried the neighbor’s Model T Ford in a field one time and got his sleeve caught on the gas lever and went round and round. Russell had to jump on the running board of the car and stop it. He never tried driving again.

O. E. and Lelia were the only people in the area who owned a radio at that time. The neighbors would come to their home to listen to the “Amos and Andy” program.

Orve owned a muzzle loading rifle and would go to shooting matches with Herman Wheaton of Ashton. They shot for turkeys or pieces of pork or beef. They usually won.

Lelia took care of her invalid mother, “Pet”
Mayes, who had arthritis and didn’t walk for 17 years. Lelia McCoy was a sister of Zola Hesson, the mother of Ernest Hesson, who was killed in the Point Pleasant jail explosion. Lelia was a member of the Christian Valley Church of Christ, on Rocky Fork Road. She lived by the adage, “If you can’t say something good about someone, don’t say anything at all.”

Lelia died in 1946 and O. E. died in 1954. They are buried in Farm’s Chapel Cemetery. Though they only had 1 son, they now have 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Submitted by — Ruth M. McCoy

**RONALD RUSSELL MCCOY**

Ronald Russell McCoy married Betty Lou Sturgeon daughter of Ruben Sturgeon and Elizabeth Pierce on August 15, 1965 in The Church of Christ in Christian Union, Point Pleasant by Reverend Kenneth Fuller. They started their married life and family living in Point Pleasant. Rhonda Carol was born on April 11, 1968 and Russell Dean on May 7, 1969. The family then moved to Ashton living in the old Stanley Holley farm house until they built their present home. Valerie Renee was born on August 1, 1970 in Ashton and Jessica Rae was born on December 7, 1980 exactly 100 years from the day her grandmother Lelia Mayes McCoy was born, on the farm she lived on, in Glenwood on Rocky Fork Road 1/4 miles from the Ashton-Upland Road. Ronald is the son of Russell Harold and Ruth Marie Robson McCoy. He was born 1 mile from the route 2 RR Crossing of Ashton on the Ashton-Upland road better known as 18 Mile Creek road. He lived all his unmarried life in that same house and his family still lives there. Ronald attended Sunnyside Elementary then graduated from Point Pleasant High. He then attended Marshall University before going to work at Tinsy’s Supermarket in Kanauga, Ohio followed by Mason County Motors in Point Pleasant going on to the Kroger Store in Point Pleasant and moving to the new Kroger store in Gallipolis. He has worked for Krogers over 20 years most of that time as a meatcutter. Ronald and Betty purchased the adjoining farm that had long before been his Great Uncle Watt McCoy’s farm and together with the children farms both these farms plus his parents farm and the hay fields on the river parcel. The family raised Registered Hereford cattle and chickens. Russell and his dad always worked the tobacco and pumpkins as specialty crops and hay.

**RUSSELL AND RUTH MCCOY FAMILY**

The family stays very involved in community activities and all aspects of the farming community. They have received the 1986 Mason County Farm Family of the Year award on their activities in farming through 4-H and FFA in county, state and national involvement. They all enjoy raising and showing their Poll Herefords plus the raising and selling of a crop they can be proud of such as their hay, tobacco, pumpkins and cattle. Submitted by — Rhonda C. McCoy

Betty was born in Barberton, Ohio, attended 1st grade in Point Pleasant then 2nd and 3rd in Barberton, Ohio and back to Point Pleasant to finish grade school at North Brook School and graduat

Ronald, Betty, Valerie, Rhonda, Russell and Jessica McCoy

Ronald Jr. - died shortly after birth, 1933
Doris Kathaleen - born 1934, married Richard Pyles; parents of Susan, Shelly; and Stephanie; grandparents of Brandon and Bryan Smith (Shelly’s twins).
Janice Marguerite - born 1941, married Edward Blake (divorced); parents of Tony and Connie; grandmother of Whitney and Megan (Tony’s girls).
Ronald - born 1943, married Betty Sturgeon; parents of Rhonda, Russell Dean, Valerie, and Jessica.
Sherry Diane - born 1956, married Dale Dalton; parents of Derric Russell.

Russell taught school 37 years before retiring in 1969. He taught at Rocky Fork, Mt. Olive, and Beech Grove, (all were one-room schools), and Sunnyside Elementary. The last 17 years were at Hannan High School. After-school hours and summers were spent farming and raising cattle and chickens. Russell and his dad always kept a few cattle, and in 1933, they bought their first Registered Herefords. Russell kept purebred Herefords as long as he lived. His son and grandchildren still have purebred Herefords.

Every summer the McCoy family and daughter Kathaleen’s family would take a trip in their campers. They visited most of the historic places and natural wonders in the United States. Russell died April 11, 1973, and is buried in Moore’s Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by — S. Diane McCoy Dalton

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THOMAS AND SUSAN MCCOY

Thomas Jefferson McCoy was born March 20, 1872, the son of Confederate Soldier, William Henry McCoy and Electa Elizabeth Grower, his wife. He had two brothers, William Edward and George Alexander Roe McCoy. There were six sisters, Minnie Eliza (Perry); Ella (Meadows); Nannie; Susan; Verna; and Myrtle Virginia (Keister).

Tom McCoy was a carpenter for the B&O Railroad. His work kept him away from home much of the time. While he was gone his wife kept the family and the farm in reasonable order. Tom was also a farmer as long as his health would permit.

Thomas J. McCoy and Nancy Susan J. Young were married in 1904. Susan was born in August of 1885 and was the daughter of Andrew Napoleon and Laney (Nance) Young. She had three sisters, Fanny (Chandler, Bailes); Martha (Scott); Maggie (Sharp); and six brothers, James, William, Augustus, George, Edgar, and Stephen.

Tom and Susie lived for awhile in the home where his father had reared his own family. Tom’s sister, Minnie and her children, his sister Myrtle, and brother George shared the house with them. It was a large house, for the time, and they were a very close family. The children, particularly, were sorry to be separated when about 1911 Tom built his own family a new house across the hill on Fee’s Branch creek above their Uncle Abner McCoy’s home.

Charles Edward McCulloch FAMILY

Charles Edward McCulloch II was born in Mason County April 30, 1889. He was the second son of Charles E. McCulloch and Emma Evelyn Chapman McCulloch. After attending local schools, he furthered his education at schools in Lexington, Kentucky and Richmond, Virginia. On December 7, 1912, he married Marguerite Couch, daughter of John R. Couch and Kate Day Couch, members of pioneer families of the Kanawa Valley.

6. Frances Virginia - born 1918, was a long time employee of INCO in Huntington. She was a member of the Church of the Light for all her sisters, and was loved by all who knew her well. She died July 10, 1964 and is buried beside her mother.

Thomas Jefferson and Nancy Susan McCoy were married December 17, 1884, of Henderson, WV, and were parents of seven girls and one boy: Katherine Evelyn, born December 15, 1913, moved West and married T. C. Heyl June 9, 1962 and lives in Arizona; Emma Virginia, born April 21, 1915, married Norris M. Humphrey March 17, 1934, and they reside in New Hampshire and Florida; Marguerite Lo Jo (Peggy), born November 12, 1917, married James H. Wolverton May 16, 1941. They were divorced August 15, 1949, and she married Reese E. Phillips January 9, 1953, and they reside in Florida; Jean Couch, born November 19, 1919, married Gerald A. Ringler July 6, 1946 and they now reside in Florida; Nancy Richardson, born August 29, 1922, married Charles A. Meyer April 29, 1944 and they also reside in Florida; Pauline, born October 16, 1928, married Daniel J. Sullivan November 15, 1945, and she now resides in Arizona; Charles E. McCulloch III was born August 9, 1926, married Norma June Durst November 28, 1959, and they live in Point Pleasant, and he manages the family farm; Elizabeth Ann, the youngest, was born July 5, 1928, and married Walter H. Kochler September 16, 1950, and they reside in Fairfax, Virginia.

All the children grew up on the family farm on the south side of the Kanawha where they lived in the ancestral home built in 1832 by their grandparents. They attended Mason County Schools, having graduated from Point Pleasant High School and later attending schools of higher learning.

At the time of their deaths the family of Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch had grown to include sixteen grandchildren. They are: Jeanine Sue and Kathleen Ruth, daughters of Emma Virginia and Norris Humphrey; Marsha and Anne Wolvert, daughters of Marguerite and James H. Wolverton; Marguerite Lou and Candace Jenn, daughters of Elizabeth Ann; Jennifer Susan and Nancy Ann, daughters of Nancy and Charles Meyer; John, Terrence, Roger and Patricia, children of Pauline and Daniel Sullivan; Charles E. IV and Carolyn June, children of Charles II and Norma McCulloch; and Walter McCulloch and Carol Ann, children of Elizabeth Ann and Walter Koehler.

Although the children were scattered all over the country, they never failed to gather annually at the family home where they and the grandchildren enjoyed many happy reunions. Now the “McCulloch Clan” often gather on the Withlaccoochee River near Dun nellon, Florida, where four of the girls and their husbands have retired.


ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES E. AND NORMA JUNE DURST MCCULLOCH

Charles Edward McCulloch, III and Norma June Durst were married November 28, 1959, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant, W.Va. To this union were born two children: Charles Edward, IV on November 2, 1960 and Carolyn June on March 6, 1960. Carolyn married John Kennedy McAtee, of Buchanan, W.Va, on August 11, 1984, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant, W.Va.

Charles Edward McCulloch, III is the son of Charles Edward McCulloch, II (born April 30, 1889 and died October 25, 1982) and Marguerite Couch McCulloch (born January 21, 1891 and died November 14, 1980). They are buried at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery at Couch, W.Va. The McCullochs were married December 7, 1912. Charles, III was born August 9, 1926 on the farm on which he now runs a dairy farm. His sisters are: Katherine Evelyn Heyl (Mrs. Ted born December 15, 1913; Emma Virginia (Emmy Lou) Humphrey (Mrs. Norris) born April 21, 1915; Marguerite Lo Jo (Peggy) Phillips (Mrs. Reese) born November 12, 1917; Jean Couch Ringer (Mrs. Gerald) born November 19, 1919; and Betty Lou born March 31 and died March 31, 1982. Submitted by — Katherine McCulloch Heyl, Marguerite McCulloch Phillips, Jean McCulloch Ringer, Nancy McCulloch Meyer.

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Emma is entombed in a mausoleum in Beckley, W.V.

John R. Couch (born 1849 and died 1912) and Kate Day Couch (born 1856 and died 1926) of Couch, W. Va. (Mason County) were married in 1880. They are buried at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery at Couch, W.V.

Grandparents of Norma June Durst McCulloch were: Thomas Dimlon Durst (born 1839 and died 1925) and Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Shirley Durst (born 1864 and died 1937) of Baden, W.V. (Mason County) who were married March 2, 1884. They are buried at Baden Baptist Cemetery.

James Franklin Boswell (born 1877 and died 1961) and Callie Pringle Boswell (born 1880 and died 1958) of Given, W.V. (Jackson County). They are buried at Grasslick Baptist Church Cemetery at Kenna, W.V. (Jackson Co.). Mrs. Boswell was a direct descendant of Samuel Pringle of Sycamore Tree fame in Buchanan, W.V. (Upshur Co.). For more information see History of Upshur County, Chapter 18, in the Mason County Library. Submitted by — Norma June McCulloch

THE MCCULLOCH FAMILY

John Samuel McCulloch born 24 April 1840 in Mason County WV. John was the son of John and Mary McCulloch born 1827. Mary McCulloch was the daughter of Thomas Lemaster, the Indian scout, Alexander McCulloch was born April 15, 1764 and died 1827) were married at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia, July 26, 1878. In 1792 they came with their three children by boat from Redstone, Pennsylvania to Pleasant Flats, Mason County, Virginia where they settled. The land on which the family settled was subsequently purchased in two tracts by John McCulloch from Thomas Hogg and 2nd. Mary Clendenin Bryan; Samuel who married Thomas Hogg; Edward (1873-1939) married Annie Essex and lived in Denison, Texas.

John Samuel (1863-1939). He married and raised his family in Lancaster and Lisbon, Ohio.

Annie (1866-1913) married Dowell Cledenin (1870-1932). They lived in Point Pleasant, W. Va. (Mason County) who was married to his first cousin, Martha Ann Couch; John who married 1st, Elizabeth Maria Noble, born 1842 died 29 November 1895, the daughter of Marcus and Ann Noble Noble.

John S. McCulloch served three years in the Union Army during the American Civil War. He enlisted o 14 August 1862 in Company "C" of the 13th Regular West Virginia Infantry. He served under General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley and the Lynchburg, Virginia raid. He was also stationed at Harper Ferry and Bolivar Heights, Virginia. He was honorably discharged on 22 June 1865.

The children of John and Elizabeth McCulloch were:

John Samuel (1863-1939). He married and raised his family in Lancaster and Lisbon, Ohio. He was a farmer. He married Blanche Kincade (1887-1966) and Callie Pringle Boswell (born 1880 and died August 24, 1920) and John McCulloch (born April 17, 1841 and died August 24, 1920). Maria McCulloch never married. The old McCulloch home at the corner of 2nd and River street (now the American Legion) was built by Alexander McCulloch after his marriage in 1834 and lived in by members of the family until 1874, when the widow of Alexander McCulloch and her daughter Maria built the house at the corner of 10th and Main street in Point Pleasant, W. Va. and moved into it that year. At the death of the mother in 1882 her son John McCulloch bought the home from her sister and lived there with his wife Cordelia Byers McCulloch who married 2nd. Mary Charlotte Wetzal Dolphins Byers was born in Hancock, Maryland in 1844 and died 1925) in Point Pleasant, W. Va. Their children were: Charlotte who married William Frampton McCulloch; Mary Ann Noble; John whom married Sadie Lancaster Grover. Submitted by — Cordelia McCulloch Nibert

Eugene served four years in the U.S. Army in World War II at Fort Sam Houston and Fort McDowell. He owns and operates an appliance store in Point Pleasant and is assisted by James Ivan and Brooke W. They live six miles east of Point Pleasant on land that was settled by their family five generations ago. They are descendants of early Mason County pioneers such as Thomas Lemaster, the Indian scout, Alexander McCulloch was born April 15, 1764 and died 1937) of Baden, W.V. (Mason County) who married March 2, 1884. They are buried at Baden Baptist Cemetery.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND SADIE GROVER MCCULLOCH

John McCulloch (born September 3, 1884 and died February 8, 1966) married Sadie Lancaster Grover in the McCulloch home at 10th, and Main street on December 23, 1918. She was the daughter of Rev. Alfred Evans Grover, a graduate of Hampden-Sidney college and the Pastor of the Presbyterian church in Point Pleasant, W.V. and the Flats.

John McCulloch graduated from Washington Lee University and was a civil engineer. He followed that occupation until his marriage when he bought a farm at Ashton, W.V. from her aunt Maria Steenberg McCulloch and went there to live and farm. Sadie Grover McCulloch graduated from the Lutheran Institute at Lewisburg, W.Va. and taught school for several years. Both were active members of the Presbyterian church in Point Pleasant, W.V.

The children of John and Sadie McCulloch are: Cordelia Byers McCulloch (born September 20, 1919) and John McCulloch (born March 10, 1922 and died February 10, 1938).

THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND SADIE MCCULLOCH


W. Forrest and Cordelia Nibert bought a partnership with John McCulloch and farmed together until Mr. McCulloch died. The farm is now being operated by the son of W. Forrest and Cordelia Nibert, John Forrest Nibert, and has been in the family for four generations. Submitted by — John Forrest Nibert

JACKSON McDADE

Jackson McDADE, born 1825, served during the Civil War in Company E. 4th West Virginia Infantry. He had joined the army on February 1, 1864 at Buffalo, W. Va.

On September 1, 1855 he was married to Elizabeth Rollins the daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth Rollins. They were the parents of Barney, Alcinda, Saluda, Samuel, Mary M., Georgia, John F., and Hulda. John F., known as Frank, was born May 4, 1873. He married Gertie Mae Edwards who was born June 22, 1881 the daughter of Woodbury and Jennie Yauger Edwards. This couple lived in Holmes County in Ten Mile Creek where all the children were born. He was born on Rocky Fork near Hopedale School.

Children of Frank and Gertie were: (1) Woodbury born March 27, 1901, married Vacie Herdman. They had two daughters Beulah and Dollie. Woodbury married 2nd. Bonnie Balch. They had one son Roger of Florida. Woodbury died 1972; (2) Ethel born January 14, 1903, married Orville Thomas, the son of William and Mollie Thomas. Orville died in 1925. Their children were Ervin R. born January 28, 1921, died July 215
Franklin Oliver McDaniel (October 31, 1862 - July 25, 1932) was buried in Clifton Hill cemetery. His first marriage was to Ella Crooks by whom he had Amos born 1878 (nothing further known) and Etta born July 29, 1880 at Letart, W. Va. He married John Arthur Machir, of Letart, October 1898. Etta died January 31, 1969. John died March 21, 1919 age 71 both buried Fostoria, Ohio. They had issue. After Ella died Frank married Julia Groves 1895 (born 1870 died October 24, 1933). By this marriage were born Verna, John and Robert.

Verna born October 22, 1897 at Mason died December 22, 1948 at Gallipolis, Ohio where she had lived for 40 years. Burial was in Ohio Valley Memorial Gardens. She married Kenneth Birchfield July 17, 1943 at Mason, son of William and Gennie Birchfield. Kenneth (July 1898 - December 1982) was a painter and WW I Vet. and was buried with military rites. He received a Distinguished Service medal for capturing a German Machine gun nest single handed. They had issue Christa Bell died infancy and Geneva Sue (Bays) of Gallipolis. Step-children are Josephine (Miller) of New Haven, James (Daniel) of Columbus, Ohio, and Daniel of P. T. Pleasure. Julia Nadine (1930 - 1977). John William McDaniel born May 17, 1899 Flatrock, lives Clifton, is a retired carpenter. He married first Helen Davis, daughter of A. P. and Flora Davis who died 1931. He married second Madaline Stephenson. They have four children: Audrey, Mary M., Sue and Odis; (7) Edward L. born January 16, 1913, married Macie Harris, the daughter of Walter and Mae Harris who was born August 14, 1910. Their only son died in an automobile accident in 1964; (8) Francis M. born March 8, 1915, died at the age of four years in 1919; (9) Georgia Jean born February 22, 1917, married Woodrow W. Rogers, third William DeShurley and Harold Anderson. Their children are Evalee, Ray, Gerald, Maxine and Eileen. John F. Jr., born February 20, 1916, married Beulah Herdman born in 1924 the daughter of Abe and Elizabeth Herdman. They had thirteen children: Robert F. born February 7, 1928, married Viola McClure; Donald W. born 1930; Charles L., Evadene, Pauline, Louise, Elsie, Franklin, Marion, Stella, Kenneth, Richard and Edna; (5) Florence born February 1, 1908, married Robert P. McCoy, who was born 1898 the son of John F., Sonia and (King) McCoy. They had five boys and one girl: James F., Harry L., and Robert, Jr. Anna Mae was born 1902; John F. McDade farmed to support his large family. He died November 20, 1926 and was buried in the family plot.

Franklin M. Daniel in 1928. The family remained here until his death in 1938. We never had much but Dad was honest and he could al-
ways get credit to tide us over the hard places. Dad lived long enough to see all the children married except John F., Jr., who was 17 years old at his death.

We never had much. We had to make one pair of shoes do for us a year and always looked forward to spring when we could go barefooted. Spring was always the time for tapping maple trees and making sassafras tea from the sugar water. The woodchucks were rounded up. Submitted by — Edward McDade, John F. McDade, Jr.
HISTORY OF THE McGUFFIN FAMILY


1760, James settled in Pennsylvania, Robert in

Dewilda M. Spurlock

William L. born 3 JAN 1826 - married Lu­

John S. born 14MAY 1820 (unmarried, died

Children of Wm. L. & Lucinda (Byrnside)McGuffin:

Elizabeth C. born 20 FEB 1817 - married

Abram S. born 7 JUNE 1800

Laura Anna (15 MAR 1880 - 27 OCT

1913, She died 26NOV 1926. He en­

Mr. Bird - 2nd John J. Wigginton in NOV

age 20 or 22).

She was born 9 APR 1839.

Ida May (30 APR 1871 - 1968) married

Emma Jane (12 MAR 1869- 1945) married

Francis Adelia (10 DEC 1861 - 17 FEB

She died 10JULY 1964.

They had 2 children: Harold E. and

Bush(1894 - 1939) 22DEC 1910, (dau. of: Harlan L. & Jen­

They had 7 chil­

Dona, Helen, Paul, Florence, Ray, Roy and Harry. Submitted by — Mrs. H. E.

McGuffin

JOHN McGUIRE (McQuIRE) (1750-1800)

John McQuire, son of Thomas McGuire and Mary (Randels), was born in 1750 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1800 in Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

On 3 Sept. 1777, during General Lewis's Campaign, John McQuire was brought into camp badly wounded. A bullet had to be cut from his cheek. If the Battle of Point Pleasant was the first battle of the American Revolution, then his bullet episode makes John McQuire the first person to shed his blood for American Liberty. He was the first soldier wounded in the Revolutionary War.

John McQuire/McGuire married Mary Up­

They had two daughters. The girls married brothers:

Rebecca McGuire m James Waugh, Jr.

Ann McGuire m Samuel Waugh

Their husbands were sons of James WAUGH, Sr., another veteran of the Battle of Point Pleasant. James Waugh, Sr., When his sons married the McGuire girls was already an old man. He was the third settler coming from Scotland in 1739 into West Virginia.

Submitted by — Mary Frances Cash

BURL SPURLOCK McKinney FAMILY

Burl Spurlock McKinney was born February 8, 1888 the son of Garrison and Rachel Smith McKinney. He was united in marriage on July 31, 1909 to Florence Hill. They are the parents of five children: (1) Mary McKinney (Keefe), (2) Zelda McKinney (Bernard) (3) Burwell Samuel McKinney (4) Kathryn McKinney (Neal) (5) Nellie Bell McKinney (deceased).

My dad was an iron worker his entire working years. Most of these years were spent in Charleston, W. Va. At one time he served as a Justice of Peace in Mason County.

After retiring he and Mon built a new home in Florida and lived there for six or seven years. Due to his illness they returned to Point Pleasant to live.

My dad passed away February 9, 1972 at Pleasant Valley Nursing Home but soon will return to her home on 30th Street in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Mary Frances Cash

NANCY (GRANDMA) McKinney FAMILY

Nancy Hicks was born August 24, 1831, in Russell County, Virginia. On December 24, 1848, she was married to Michael N. McKinney, a blacksmith, born in Yancey County, North Carolina, in 1833. Four children were born in Russell County. They were Wilson, Miranda, Elijah and Elias.

Nathan wished to enlist in the Union Army, so, according to legend, he, with his young family, left during the night to avoid trouble with his brothers who were dedicated to the Southern cause. His journey lasted for a time in McDowell County, where Garrison, their last child was born.

They continued their trek to Fayetteville, where in 1863, Nathan enlisted in Co. G, 2nd. West Virginia Cavalry at Camp Piatt. His Division was the recipient of a Congratulatory Order, commending the men for their bravery and valor during several battles of the Shennandoah.

This Order was signed by General Custer at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865. He was discharged at Wheeling, West Virginia on June 19, 1865. He joined his family in Mason County where he died in 1885.

Nancy, meanwhile, had settled on Thomas Ridge. Due to her extensive knowledge of medicinal herbs, she was soon going about the neighborhood, taking care of the sick, often at no charge. Acting as both nurse and midwife, she delivered many babies.

Being deeply religious she practiced her religion in family life and always. The winters were too never or the nights too dark to prevent her from going where she was needed to provide physical care or spiritual solace or guidance.

Grandma McKinney, as she was known by her great grandchildren, was in establishing Mount Zion church. The Pickers family donated the land for the church and cemetery. Nancy sold a cow to buy the bell.

In 1912 Nancy's family and neighbors gathered at her home to celebrate her 81st birthday. She died the following year on February 3rd. That August the first Grandma McKinney memorial was held. Her descendants and friends met at Mount Zion on her birthday. They eulogized her, sang hymns, and enjoyed a basket dinner. The next year they began to hold the events. It is held every year on the fourth Sunday in August at Mount Zion Church on Thomas Ridge.

There are many McKinneys still living in Ma­son County who are direct descendants of Nancy and Nathan. Submitted by — Mary McKinney Patterson

NANCY HICKS McKinney AND MARY SUSAN McKinney PLANTS

Our great, great, great grandmother, Nancy McKinney, nee Nancy Hicks, was born in Rus­sell County, VA on August 24, 1831. This was 32 years before West Virginia became a state. She died February 3, 1913. Her husband, Nah­an McKinney, preceded her in death twenty-five years earlier. She is buried at Mt. Zion Cem­etery in Cooper District, Mason County. Her love for the Christian way of life was a driving force in her everyday living as evidenced by her generous gift of money on the building of Mt. Zion Church. She also presented the church with the large bell which tolled in those long ago years of the church. The bell was purchased with the money she earned in her work as a seamstress. She was an excellent seamstress and was a great asset to any community in which she lived. She was an asset to any church in which she was a member. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mason County Court House.

Mary Susan McKinney was born August 24, 1831, in Russell County, Virginia. She was married to Thomas B. Adkins in 1855. They were the parents of five children: (1) Mary Adkins, (2) Anna Adkins, (3) Robert Adkins, (4) William Adkins, (5) John Adkins.

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walking past her home, her prayers for family and friends could be heard. Her Christian life shone round about her and benevolent any and all who came in contact with her. Her entire life was lived in Mason County, W. Va.

Great, great grandfather Wilson McKinney was married to Olivia Ann Shields, and from that union were born James, Samuel, Minnie and great grandmother, Mary Susan McKinney Plants. Wilson McKinney was born February 10, 1876, in Cooper District, Mason County, WV, and died in Pt. Pleasant, W. V., on April 30, 1970. She is buried at Eddy Chapel Cemetery only a few miles from the homestead in Cooper District where she and her husband Theodore Hayes Plants “set up” housekeeping following their marriage on September 29, 1894.

This homestead was on a part of 500-acre tract that Theodore’s grandfather, Jacob Plants, had bought in 1849. This acreage was on the west branch of Kanawha Ten Mile. Mary Susan, and Theodore, our great grandparents, raised their family of twelve children on a portion of this tract of land. Still standing at the homestead is a large and very, very old sycamore tree, the only evidence that from 1895 to 1920, “Mary and Dory” had raised six sons and six daughters there.

From this homestead they saw their eldest son, Dell, go to faraway France to fight and where fighting for his country, he was wounded in the United States Army during World War I. Their second son, Wilbur, was called to serve in the armed forces and Wilbur remained in the United States Army until the end of World War II. Their third son, John, was married to Peggy Dorton. Peggy and we call her Granny. She and our grandfather, Raymond O. Adams, were married in Pt. Pleasant on November 15, 1933. The wedding took place in the home of our paternal great grandmother, Mary Ellen White. Mark D. Shiflet was the officiating minister. Raymond Adams was born on May 10, 1905, and was a barber in Pt. Pleasant until his death on February 21, 1959. He is buried in Suncrest Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant.

Granny and Grampa Adams were the parents of four children, Jimmie Hamilton, born in Pt. Pleasant, February 20, 1933, and died in Dallas, Texas, on February 14, 1981, of a heart attack. Tharon Elaine was born in Pt. Pleasant on January 25, 1938, and was struck and killed by an automobile on September 7, 1945, at Kaylong, WV. Both Jimmie and Tharon are buried in Suncrest Cemetery. Thomas Ray was born in Kaylong, WV, December 28, 1943, and now resides in Barbara Wein the home place. Regina was born in Kaylong, WV, November 24, 1945, and now resides in Miami, FL, with her husband, Eugene R. Pellico.

Those of us in the sixth generation of Nancy Hubertine McKinney, but most closely associated with Mary Susan McKinney Plants, are proud of their blood in our veins and are always grateful for the heritage of good life they lived as they traveled through life before us.

Though the writers are too young to remember great grandmother, Mary Susan, our granny, Peggy Handley, who married R. L. Handley, a steam fitter, on the day 2, 1963, in Cooper District, Mason County, they benefit from her love and caring for us. For she taught us how to thread her needles. Her friends call her “Granny” and benefit from the teachings and upbringing she received from her great grandmother. Though life has dealt Granny Peggy many heart-rending blows, she has learned that there are things well which Mary Susan McKinney Plants taught her so well and which has been passed on to us, another generation. Submitted by — Robin R. Williams, Alicia Marie Adams Kappas

SHE LEFT HER NEEDLES THREADED

Mary Susan McKinney was left motherless even before she entered the fourth grade. She had a good stepmother, Martha Hoschar, whose mother was Rhoda Plants Hoschar, a daughter of Jacob Plants, the pioneer. Thus, Mary Susan had good teaching and training from her kind stepmother and her father, Wilson McKinney, a man of character and wisdom, who did more than make a lot from a little and to do it with things well which Mary Susan McKinney Plants taught her so well and which has been passed on to us, another generation. Submitted by — Robi

MACKNIGHT

George R. Macknight (1807-1974) and Margaret Cane (1809-1870) were married on May 4, 1830. Both George and Margaret spent their entire lives in England.

Their first child, William Macknight Sr., was born May 19, 1832. He left England in 1864 seeking a land where he could escape paying high taxes and worship as he pleased. On his way to America, William met and married Elizabeth Holt. She was born on October 10, 1840 in County Durham, England. Her parents were Tobias Holt (1818-1871) and Barbara Middleton Holt (1820-1898). William and Elizabeth settled in Hartford, W. Va. where they raised nine children.

William and Nellie MacKnight

Their youngest child, William MacKnight Jr., was born in Hartford on May 16, 1884. He lived in the family's homeplace until his death in 1971. William Jr. was 13 years old when he joined his father as a coal miner. In 1906 he married Nellie Beatrice Wein. Her parents were George Adam Wein and Addie Florence Chester Wein. William and Nellie had five children: Addie Elizabeth, Julia, William George Adam and Nellie Mac. Neither Addie nor Julia ever married.

William III married Sybil Goodnite. He was killed in battle during World War II in France on November 3, 1944. They had four children: John William, James Cecil, Julia Ann and Joseph Lynn.

John William married Judy Russel. They had four children: Zack, John David, Donald Lynn and Joseph. His second wife, Sandra Gibbs, had a daughter, Heather, and adopted son, Mark.

George Adam MacKnight and Ernestine Mary Huffman were married and had one child, George William MacKnight. George William married Teresa Bowden and had two children: Heather Ann and George William II.


DR. EDWARD M. McELFRESH

Dr. Edward M. McElfresh (1869-1949) was born in Hanover County, Ohio to Amanda Knight and Benjamin Franklin McElfresh, where he attended public schools, then entered Sterling Medical College (later Ohio State University Medical School) in Columbus, Ohio and received his Degree of Medical Doctor in March 1893. He served as Captain in the Medical Corp. U. S. Army, World War I. He was a Republican, Methodist, and member of the City Council.

On March 7, 1948, Point Pleasant honored their Dr. McElfresh with a town gathering at the State Theater, attending were photographers, area doctors whom made oral tributes, and ten children of twins. Back in these days his only help was from Pt. Pleasant High School, attending were photographers, area doctors whom made oral tributes, and ten children of twins.

His practice began in 1893. He went by foot, horseback, or buggy, day or night, when and where needed, many times having to spend the night in the home of patients. The roads were unpaved, many times muddy, small streams would have to be forded or crossed by rowboat, and the snow was at times deep and travel dangerous. He was a physician who at the time never sent bills but accepted pay for services in farm produce or whatever manner his patients could afford to reimburse him. He first settled in Henderson, W. Va. and in his first year delivered 5 sets of twins, back in those days his only help was from midwives, or members of the family, in making deliveries.

McLANE

Mahlon McLean was born in 1822 in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia). His death date is unknown. He was a son of James McLean, an early Mason County settler. He was there before 1809.

Mahlon McLean married Delilah McCumber (1826-1906) in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1841.

CHILDREN OF MAHLON MCLEAN AND DELILAH MCCUMBERS:

1) Elizabeth McLean; b 1844
2) Elijah McLean; b 1845
3) Zechariah McLean; b 1848
4) Sarah McLean; b 1843

CHILDREN OF MAHLON MCLEAN AND SARAH KELLY (b 1843 in Kanawha County, Virginia - now West Virginia) in 1841:

5) Ulysses Grant McLean b 1870, d Jacksonville, Florida, in 1st to Frances Margaret Bogess,

JOHN McNeill

John McNeill was born July 6, 1912 at Hickory Chapel, son of Lillie (1874-1963) and Samuel H. McNeill (1866-1943). The father was a teacher and the mother was a school teacher.

John attended the local school and later attended Sissonville High School. After graduating from Sissonville High School, he attended West Virginia University.

He then graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Business Administration.

After graduation, he worked for several years in the family business before starting his own business in 1940.

He served in the United States Army during World War II, and upon his discharge, he returned to his business.

He was married to Mary Jane McNeill, and they had four children: John, Robert, Thomas, and Lynn. They lived in Charleston, West Virginia.

In addition to his business, he was involved in several civic organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Kiwanis Club, and the Mason County Historical Society.

He passed away in 1982, and he is buried in the McNeill family plot in the Charleston Cemetery.
HARRY CLIFFORD MACHIR

Harry Clifford Machir was born in Robinson District, December 6, 1916, to Cyrena Edwards and Harry Machir (now deceased), and married April 15, 1960 Nina Chase Horn. Nina was born October 19, 1923 to Jennie and Jonathan Chase of Ripley (now deceased). Clifford and Nina are parents of Lisa Lynn born 1961 who on August 18, 1984 married Troy Edward Krebs, son of Judy and Leonard Krebs, of Point Pleasant. Lisa is employed as a Dental Hygienist at Racine, Ohio and Troy is an Engineer on a boat. All reside Pt. Pleasant. Clifford is retired but his occupation was that of Boilermaker.

Clifford has sisters Francis (Mrs. George Axtell Dudding) of Leon; Florence Evelyn (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; Ida Faye, retired employee of Atomic Plant, Oak Ridge Tennessee, now of Pt. Pleasant; brother Charles of Pomeroy, Ohio who married Leona Rickard (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; Ida Faye, retired employee of Atomic Plant, Oak Ridge Tennessee, now of Pt. Pleasant; brother Charles of Pomeroy, Ohio who married Leona Rickard (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; and Harry Clifford Machir was born in Robinson District, December 6, 1916, to Cyrena Edwards of Pomeroy, Ohio whom married Leona Rickard (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; Ida Faye, retired employee of Atomic Plant, Oak Ridge Tennessee, now of Pt. Pleasant; brother Charles of Pomeroy, Ohio; and Ralph born 1929, Vinton, Ohio. Clifford has sisters Francis (Mrs. George Axtell Dudding) of Leon; Florence Evelyn (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; Ida Faye, retired employee of Atomic Plant, Oak Ridge Tennessee, now of Pt. Pleasant; brother Charles of Pomeroy, Ohio; and Ralph born 1929, Vinton, Ohio. Clifford has sisters Francis (Mrs. George Axtell Dudding) of Leon; Florence Evelyn (Mrs. Howard E. Love) of Letart; Ida Faye, retired employee of Atomic Plant, Oak Ridge Tennessee, now of Pt. Pleasant; brother Charles of Pomeroy, Ohio; and Ralph born 1929, Vinton, Ohio.

John Arthur Marchir and family left Mason County in 1917 moving to Fostoria, Ohio where he died on March 21, 1919 and buried in Fountain Cemetery. Before leaving Mason County he gave his brother making machine to a neighbor by the name of Friddle, and to my knowledge is still in that family.


PHILIP W. MACHIR

Philip William Machir (1872 - 1949) of William and Laura Machir married 1893 in Mason County Willie Gertrude Fowler (1875 - 1957) and Emmeline Clarkston Gardner Fowler (1834 - 1922) who were buried on their home farm in Robinson District.

Philip moved from Robinson District to Pt. Pleasant in 1918 and was employed with the Marietta Manufacturing Company as store supervisor until his death.

William Franklin Machir was born January 1914 in Robinson District. toll collector on Shadle Bridge, General Chemical Company employee, retired from Appalachian Power Co. 1975 after thirty years, is a Mason and Shriner. He married 1936 Violet Irene (born Upland 1915) adopted daughter of Edward Jacob and Maude Kisar Somerville. She published five books on families, co-authored two, and spent eighteen years as genealogist. Their issue Carol Sue born 1938 after attending local schools and Huntington Business College went to Childrens Hospital where employed as stenographer, then past twenty years at Columbus Zoo, married first
Brown, second Woodrow Patterson. Patricia Kaye born 1943 after Huntington Business College was employed by State Rehabilitation Hospital, Automatic Sprinklers, and presently is legal secretary for a law firm in Huntington. By marriage to Carl T. Knopp 1963 in Pt. Pleasant (now divorced) issues was Susan Michelle (1967), twins Timothy Chad and Trisha Danielle (1969). Deborah Lynn (1957) attended Marshall University two years, then bank employee three years, and past six years record clerk Appalachian Power. She married John P. Hickel in 1977 who was born September 1951 to Brady (dec’d 1985) and Juanita Hickel. He is employed with Federal Mogul at Gallipolis. Submitted by — Patricia Knopp

WILLIAM MACHIR FAMILY

William Machir b. 1802 Morrowfield, West Virginia, died February 1883 Dayton, Ohio where he was a warehouse owner. His father Col. James Machir born 1761 Tannadice, Scotland, to America 1784, settled in Morrowfield where he founded the Masonic Lodge in 1807; member of 5th U.S. Congress (1797-1800) died 1827 buried Wardensville, married 1790, Rebecca Insker (1770-1817), 7 ch.

William Henry Machir born May 1833 Dayton, Ohio one of eight children of William (1802-1883) and second wife Mary Pease Machir, (Marriage in 1831) Mary Pease born 1807 Suffield, Conn. died Feb. 1881, Dayton.

William Henry Machir came to Mason Co. and 1862 married Laura Virginia Machir at the home of her uncle Joseph Spengler and wife Harriett Fowler Bennett Machir. She was born 1843 Columbia Furnace, Virginia to Philip A. and second wife Caroline Harriett Arthur Machir, and died Machirville, February 1874.
Leonidas Fowler (1877-1957) 9th child of Emmeline and William Fowler, lived at Cheshire, Ohio at time of his death. He at one time was employed with the New York Central Railroad and worked at the Hobson Ohio yards. By his second wife Dora Rickard (1886-1943) of Nannie Mounring and Joseph Rickard he had Arnold Fowler born 1913 who married Esther Bugg. Arnold had Donald Alonzo born 1933, who married Millie Mae Martin. Arnold died November 18, 1984.

Frank and Sarah Martin lived on a farm back of New Haven and reared four children:

Emma Frances born May 13, 1875; Died June 29, 1954
Willie Eli born Dec. 22, 1876; Died Nov. 9, 1965
Millie Mae born Feb. 5, 1878; Died Aug. 21, 1958
John Wesley born June 22, 1880; Died Aug. 26, 1969

They believed in education and a religious up-bringing for their family and respect and love for their country and fellow man. They attended church and Sunday School as a family and were involved with church work. Their children all attended a rural school and stayed long enough to get the equivalent of a high school education. Willie took normal school classes and taught in the rural schools.

Emma Martin married George William Zuspan March 8, 1906 at Mason City. He was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Hoffman Zuspan and was born at West Columbia, Mason County, April 25, 1857 and Died Dec. 17, 1936. They made their home in Mason and had three children:

George Martin was born Nov. 1, 1908. Died Dec. 28, 1983. He married Ernestine Grinstead Jan. 12, 1936. They made their home in Mason and had six children: George, Susan, Carolyn, Emma Catherine, Vera Mae and Alice.

Sarah Estella was born Oct. 16, 1911 and married Vernon Roy Foster from Fayette County, West Virginia, June 17, 1944. She resides in their home at Mason where he died Jan. 19, 1959. They had three daughters: Ann and Nancy died in infancy, and Mary Vernon born May 14, 1947, now resides at Point Pleasant with her husband, Harley Hendricks, and their four children: Harley, Jr.; Ann; Vernon; and Eve.

William Francis was born Aug. 16, 1919 and married Velma Gregory Dec. 17, 1944. They reside in Mason and have four children: William, Frances, John and Shari.

Willie Eli Martin married Della Thompson from Bidwell, Ohio March 4, 1903, then went west to the Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma. They reared their family there and lived there until their deaths.

Millie Mae Martin married Orr Starfish Rough Nov. 29, 1915 at Point Pleasant and moved to Philippi, Kansas. They had no children and are both buried at Philippi.

John Wesley Martin was married to Mabel Virginia Rough from Letart, West Virginia. He was a prominent business man, merchant and contractor, building many homes in Mason. He was one of the founders of the City Ice and Fuel Company of Point Pleasant. He also worked as a telegraph operator for the Baltimore and Ohio and Hocking Valley Railroads. He had a son, Thomas, by a former marriage, and he and Mabel had a son, Roderick, who died at birth. They made their home in Mason until their deaths.

Mabel died June 6, 1972. Submitted by—Sarah Zuspan Foster

THE MATTOX FAMILY

Christopher Mattox emigrated from Wales to Kentucky in 1789. He came to Mason County as a member of Daniel Boone’s surveying party. He was a minister and conducted services in his home or to the building of Eddy Chapel. He died in 1863.

His son, Josiah, 1832-1907, married Emily Riffle, 1839-1902.

Their son Frank Mattox married Mary Izetta Plants. She was the daughter of Christopher and Isabelle Lawson and the granddaughter of Jacob Plants who had come from Pennsylvania and settled on Ten Mile Creek in 1800.

Their children were James, who married Eva Oliver, Elmer, who married Idella Hawkins, Homer, who married Marinda McKinney, Eva, who married Vernon Blakeslee, Tobias Otmer, who married Ewart Burgess, Sylvia, who married Leonard Taylor, Carl, who married Edna Ord, and Bernard, who married Lillian Ward. Three of these children lived in Mason County most of their lives. They were Homer, Tobias Otmer and Carl.

The fourth child, Homer Christian, married Marinda McKinney, daughter of Wilson McKinney and granddaughter of Nancy (Grandma) McKinney. Their first child, Sybel, was born in Mason County in 1911. The family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Wyatt was born in 1913 and Frankie in 1917. In 1918 they returned to Mason County where Homer worked as a millwright at the West Virginia Malleable Iron Company. He retired in 1965 and died in 1972. Marinda died in 1976.

Sybel married Gerald Pryor of Columbus. They had one daughter, Patricia, who married Donald Clippinger. Their children are Gerald, Constance, Lawrence, Cynthia and Donna. Gerald Clippinger married Sharon Adelman. Their children are Brandon and Aaron. The Clippingers live in Miami, Florida. Sybel Mattox Pryor died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1981.


Tobias Mattox’s sixth child was Otmer Tobias.

The family, Margaret (Peggy), married William Earl Nibert. They had one child, Rebecca. That marriage ended in divorce. Peggy later married William Seibert, born in Pennsylvania, who subsequently adopted Rebecca. Rebecca Seibert married Noel Tobey. They have two sons, David and Kevin, and live in Frederickville, Virginia. The Seiberts live in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Tobias Mattox’s sixth child was Otmer Tobias. He was married to William Tobias, married to Bessie Coleman; Earl, married to Goldie Ramser; Dahlia Faye, married to Loris Pullin and Ruth Maxine, married to William Stephens. William Tobias’ children are Dolores, Betty, William, Jr. and Earl David.

Early children are Janet and James (deceased).

Faye’s children are Loris, Charles and Dennis.

Maxine’s children are William, Kathy, Kristine and Treva.
In the present day Monroe County, West Virginia, in the son of William, Sr. and Mary Ann Howard, son and Walter Otho Mattox reside in Mason County. Submitted by — Frances Mattox Hatton.

**THE ANDREW MEADOWS FAMILY**

Andrew Meadows, born 21 January, 1822, the son of William, Sr. and Mary Ann Howard Meadows, came to Mason from his family's home in present day Monroe County, West Virginia in the late 1820's. His brothers and sisters included John (married Malinda Cremeans), Elizabeth (married Henderson Cremeans), William, Jr. (married Sarah Holly), Sally (married Fenton G. Edmonds), Nancy (never married), Jacob (married Deltha Clagg), James (never married), Austin (married Matilda Holly), Edmond (married Melissa A. Holly), and Elijah (never married).

The family settled on the waters of Little Guyando Creek soon after their arrival in the county. In July, 1839, Andrew married Susanna Meadows, daughter of Cornelius and Thursie Holly. The marriage was performed in Gallipolis, Ohio, and is on record at the courthouse there.

In August, 1847, Andrew purchased 130 acres of land from his father on Little Guyando Creek, near the present Palestine Baptist Church. Several of his brothers had settled in the area close by, as was common in those days. It is said that Edmond deeded the land on which the original Palestine church was built, and family cemeteries bearing the Meadows name abound in the area.

Although no record has been found to mention a skilled trade that Andrew was actively engaged in, it is certain that he was an able farmer. He and Susanna reared an impressive family, and it is due in no small part to this fact that Andrew remained a farmer, as did his sons, for most of his life.

The children of Andrew and Susanna Meadows included Peter, or 'Pete' (married Susan Taylor), Isaac, 'Ike' (married Rebecca Carpenter), Mary C. Foster, Sarah M. Wiley, Sarah A. (never married), James (married Emily Jenkins), Andrew J. (married Elizabeth F. Taylor), Thomas (married Aurilla E. Holly, Martha J. Davis), Elvina F. (married Isaac Conrad), John (never married), Mary E. (married William Powell), Nancy (never married), Allen (married Mary E. Chandler), Elizabeth J. (married John M. Miller), Albert G. (married Eliza M. Chandler), William J. (married Henrietta Taylor), Isabel (married E. Holly), and Virginia S. (married James A. Taylor).

As the children grew older and married, their movement can be traced through the southern region of Hannan District, along Palestine Ridge and Ashton-Upland road, southeast across Trace Creek and Five and Twenty into Putnam County. Many of the children of Andrew and Susanna are buried in these areas, and one need not look very far to find elderly descendants who remember a number of them. Submitted by — Mark S. Meadows.

**LARRY CORNELIUS MEADOWS**

Larry Cornelius (Neal) Meadows, born July 20, 1880, died November 2, 1942, son of William (Will) Reuben Meadows and Martha Jane Holley Meadows, married Ada Elise Smith on February 12, 1905. Ada was born April 12, 1888 and died June 5, 1978. She was the daughter of Joseph Smith and Betty (Hanner) Conard.


Dina married Elza Jefferson Powell. Born to them were two sons, Lawrence Edward and Elza Leonard. Edward married Goldie Fay Crist. Born to them were two children, Mrs. Ronald (Darlene Ann) Long, parents of Amber Dawn and Jeremy Matthew, and Roger Lee, husband of Dreama Faye Brumfield Powell. They have two sons, Roger Brandon and Breton Lee. Elza Leonard married Annabelle Holley. Born to them were two children, Mrs. Norris (Pamela Holley) and David Leonard. Pam has one child, Heather Selina. Davis is unmarried. Zebulon married Verba Mae Forth and had one son, Donald Lee, husband of Shirley Ekers. They have one son, Michael. Zebulon's first marriage ended in divorce. He later married Ruby Arthur.

Tora (Torry) married Minnie Holley. They had one son, Leroy, husband of Judy Devault. They have one son Leroy Mark, husband of Kathie Kerber. Their daughter, Hollie Tonna, married Phillip Mathew.

Wilson married Mary Magdelene Arthur and had eight children, Elsie Virginia, Patricia Lucie, Archie Elworth, Elwood, Zelin Cornelius, Paul Keith, Daniel, Shirley Ann. Elsie Virginia married Willis Cark and they had one daughter, Mrs. Larry Joe (Willia Jean) Porter. They have one son, Willis Ray. Willis Clark died and Elsie Virginia married George Lee Shirley. From this marriage, two children were born, Georgetta Sue and Georgeannah Lue. Patricia Lue married Samuel Esposito. Archie Elworth married Mae Belle Reynolds. Elwood married Delores Sue Reynolds. They have two sons, David Edward and Christopher Wilson. Zelin Cornelius married Deltha Clagg. Paul Keith married Nancy Jane Shirley. They have one child, Paula Jean. Daniel married Judy Chapman. Shirley Lee married Robert William Litchfield. They have three children, Tina Sue, Charles Wilson, and Mary Jo.


Inez married Elmer May. They had one daughter, Mrs. Charles Dean (Jewel Frances) Woodward. They have three children, Melissa Jewel, Deanna Sue, and Michael Dean.

Herschel Cornelius married Herschel Marie Cremeans. They had three children, Mrs. Jerry (Clara Louise) Smith. Herschel Armine married Patricia Smith. They have one child, Miranda Gail. Lonnie Wayne married Pamela Bell. They have one child, Jessica Lynn.

Neal and Ada are buried at Fairfield. Neal's parents are buried at Beadie Holley Family Cemetery on Whittenridge road. Ada's parents are buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

**WILLIAM LEWIS MEADOWS**

Born July 14, 1931 at Whitten Ridge road in Mason County. Son of Isaac Meadows and Lonie Chapman Meadows. He married Betty Lou Conrad Meadows daughter of McKinley Conrad and Virlee Toney Conrad. They were joined in marriage January 3, 1955. They had two daughters Debra Kay Meadows Black Ward and Terry Lynn Meadows Wagner. Debbie was born May 22, 1957 in Milton at Dr. Birt’s clinic. She was married to Teddy Carroll Black from Fraziers Bottom. They have one son, Dallas Eugene. He married Peggy Edwards. They have one daughter, Miller. Terry Lynn was born Nov. 21, 1959 in Milton at Dr. Birt’s clinic. She was married Oct. 9, 1979 to Michael Edward Wagner from Fraziers Bottom. They had a daughter August 21, 1981 Chasity Lynn Wagner and a son May 23, 1984 Michael Shane Wagner.

Wig was a carpenter most of his life. His hobbies were camping and fishing. He was well known for killing many deer. Wig entered into rest June 22, 1985 53 years 11 months 8 days of age. Funeral services was conducted at 1 pm in Staten Chapel Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. He is loved and missed by many people and family members and I’ll always remember him for all the love and patience and time he given me and spent with me. God has given me a very special Mom and Dad. Submitted by — Terry Lynn Wagner.

**JEHU MEADOR IV**

For several years, when we began our search for our great-grand Meador grandparents, it was hard to accept the fact that the father of the 13 children of Jehu, Jr. and Drucilla (Boatwright) Meador, one son, Jehu Meador IV (researcher's designation) had become totally anonymous. The researcher from whose book on the Meador family purchased the information concluded, "We have no information as to whether this son lived to adulthood." That was that!

Somehow, we knew that this Jehu was our ancestor, even though there were many Jehus and Johnsin the Meador family. Jehu’s great-grandfather Jonas Meador had started a tradition that lasted for many generations. His four sons by his second wife Frances were all given Bible names starting with the letter "J". We found that Jehu IV had sold his inherited land in Cumberland...
Co., Virginia to his sister Drucilla in 1845. He had lived to adulthood.

My grandmother Mary F. (Rhinehart) Ward had lived to adulthood even though she hadn't the slightest idea as to the given names of her mother's parents, she did remember that her mother Lucy Ann (Meador) Rhinehart had two brothers whose names were John and Jehu. We figured that one of these had been named after their father.

We found my great-great grandparents in Putnam Co., Va. in the 1850 census. Jehu IV had gone there from his birthplace in Cumberland Co., Va. in about 1833-34 to Buffalo District, (then) Mason County in western Virginia, had married Amy Jenson in 1837 and had fathered seven children. My great-grandma Lucy Ann Drucilla was the fifth. Jehu IV and Amy have many descendants scattered throughout the U.S., and some of them still live in West Virginia and eastern Ohio. Lucy Anne Rhinehart had said that she was born at Buffalo, Va.

Jehu's and Amy's identity had been obscured to us, even as he lived out his life in Mason/Putnam counties. In some records his name had been copied as "John", which didn't help matters. Finally, when we had just about given up on the proof we needed that they were our ancestors, two "miracles" occurred. They came in the form of Bible records. Jehu IV's Bible was in the possession of a descendant in Dayton, Ohio, and the record of his parent's was in the possession of a descendant of his brother Micajah in Arvon, Virginia.

In the Bible containing Jehu's records, there was the entry of a Lucy Ann Meador, b. June 1, 1808; died February 7 or 9, 1834. It is our belief that she was Jehu's first wife, as she was listed directly under Jehu IV's record, and before Amy. Nothing more has been found concerning her.

No occupation was given for our Jehu in the summer census of 1850, so we think he must have been terminally ill at the time. He died on Oct 25, 1850 in Putnam County. There is he probably buried. No longer is he anonymous or obscure to us. His name, identity and descendants speak of him and Amy from coast to coast.

Submitted by — Janet Shores

THE MEES FAMILY

OF MASON CITY, W.V.

The first two generations of my immigrant ancestors were born in Edigheim, Germany, a Rhine town near Worms. Abraham Mees and his wife Elizabeth Wessa were both born in 1801. They were both orphaned at an early age by the "black plague" following in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars. They came to this country with five of their children in 1840. Their boat came up the Saint Lawrence. Then it was by lake boat and canal boat to Buffalo, N.Y. then Pittsburg by the Ohio to Pomeroy, Ohio by flatboat. They settled first in Chester, then the county seat of Meigs Co. Abraham and Elizabeth had six children: John, Henry, Mary, Elizabeth, Emma, and Abraham, the only one born in Chester.

The oldest son, John, married Anna Maria Kautz on April 21, 1850 in Meigs Co. They were both born in Edigheim in 1824 and 1828 respectively. Their families immigrated to this country together. John and Anna came to Mason City in 1855. Their children, Elizabeth and Jacob were born in Pomeroy and Henry, John Jr., Valentine, Sophia, Charles, Anna, and Abraham were born in Mason City.

John Mees had operated a flour and a lumber mill back of Pomeroy and when he moved to Mason City the mill came too, about 1861. John and his sons operated the mill until a disastrous fire destroyed the mill in 1897. It was never rebuilt. John had served as a Masonic chaplain. He and Anna Maria both died in the smallpox epidemic of 1892.

The eldest son of John and Anna Maria, Jacob, married Sophia Baumgartner who was also born in Pomeroy. They lived in Mason for many years. The family included five children: Arthur, stillborn triplets, and Clara Marie.

Arthur married Jennie Ginther and they lived in Mason City. There were six children: Arthur Jr., Louise, William, Mide Marie, Robert, and Anna Lee. Arthur Jr. was born in 1888 but the other children grew to adulthood. The family moved to Lancaster, Ohio in the early thirties.

Clara Marie married Charles Wise, a Huntington dentist, on July 14, 1919. They set up housekeeping on Collins Ave in Huntington, W.V. About a year later Jacob and Sophia also went to Huntington to live. Clara and Charles Wise had two children: Maryellen Mees Wise and Charles Wise, Jr.

Jacob Mees died Sept. 15, 1921 and Sophia died Aug. 18, 1935. Both were buried in Beechgrove Cemetery at Pomeroy where the earliest members of the Mees family are buried.

Submitted by — Maryellen Mees Wise Eiselstein

THE R. H. MELROSE FAMILY

R. H. "Dick" Melrose and Wilma Melrose came to Point Pleasant in the spring of 1934. They never worked on any of his forts or camps but the other children grew to adulthood. The family moved to Lancaster, Ohio in the early thirties.

In April of 1936 Wilma Melrose died. She was a charter member of the Women's Moose, also a member of Eastern Star and White Shrine.

In 1964 Ted married Carolyn Wilson, they have no children.

In 1969 Dick Melrose remarried to Hazel Sheby of Parkersburg.

In 1974 Dick Melrose died. He was a member of all the Masonic Bodies, Past Master of the Lodge and President of the local Shrine Club. He was also past president of the Rotary and Governor of the Moose.

In 1971 Diane Elizabeth married Miles S. Eppling son of Freda and Stanley Eppling. They have two children, Thomas Shane and Travis Michael. They live in Point Pleasant. She is a nurse at Pleasant Valley Hospital and Miles is the Circuit Clerk.

In 1976 Ellen Denise married Bill Buchanan of Powellton, W. Va. They have two children one son B. J. and one daughter Nikki Ellen. They live in Point Pleasant, she is the Media Specialist for the county and he is a teacher at Point Pleasant High.

In 1980 Debra Lynn married Mike Young son of Judy Peoples Young. They have no children. They live in Point Pleasant, she works for a CPA (Trenton Stover) and he works for Holzer Clinic.

Wilma and Tom were formerly owners of Fishers' Dept. Store, Shoppers Mart and the Fashion Center. The final store was closed in 1981. They now are self employed as Wholesalers selling to schools for 25 years. Tom is a past president of the Rotary Club and Hidden Valley Country Club and belongs to all Masonic bodies and the Moose Club. Wilma is a past president of the Point Pleasant Junior Womans Club and Past Matron of Eastern Star, a member of the Womans Club, Women of the Moose and White Shrine.

Ted and Carolyn live in Point Pleasant and he has worked for the Postal Service for 24 years.

Submitted by — Ted R. Melrose

WILLIAM ROBERT MELTON FAMILY

William Robert "Bob" Melton was born December 4, 1877 in Mason County, the son of Jeremiah and Mary Saunders Melton. He had two sisters, Theodocia Walker and Hattie Melton, one brother Freddie who died as a child. November 8, 1899 he was married to Lillie Morriston, daughter of Hezekiah and Nancy Wamsley Morriston. Nine children were born to them: William Dexter, September 9, 1900; Dorothy, November 20, 1902; Lillian, December 7, 1904; Rex, February 20, 1909; Joe, November 12, 1912; Mollie, March 28, 1915; Mary Margaret, April 16, 1917; Rachel, May 23, 1920; Dale, October 18, 1922.

In early 1900's Bob went to work for U. S. Government as a lock man. He worked at the Mariet Dam on Kanawha River until Lock 11 was constructed near Henderson. He then worked at Lock 11 until the dam was discontinued and dismantled. At this time he retired as a government employee. He also had a small farm in Mason County that he tended, and raised his family. He was a member of Vaught Memorial Methodist Church and an active member of the Point Pleasant IOOF Lodge for more than 50 years. He spent his entire life in Mason County.

Dexter married Virginia McGuffin, daughter of J. E. "Ed" and Mattie Eckard McGuffin. They had one son, William D. Skidmore. Their marriage ended in divorce and Dexter married Lillian Riley, daughter of Charles and Lona Moore Riley, W. Va. They had one son, Keith, now deceased.

Dorothy married Russell Lewis, son of Eason and Fannie Board Lewis. They had one daughter, Dorothy Jean and one son, Robert Keller. Lillian married Rayson R. Roach, son of Jerry and Lydia Austin Roach. They had one son, Jerry Allen, and one daughter, Mary Lu.

Rex married Ernestine Lawrence, daughter of Fred and Maggie Lawrence of Charleston. They had two sons: Rexford Lawrence and Leslie William and one daughter, Helen Montalvo.


Mary Margaret had one daughter, Phyllis Lynn. Mary married Melvin Supple, son of Bob and Carrie Gould Supple.

Rachel married Charles Ellworth "Tom" Copley, son of Herron and Lydia Bartram Copley of Fort Gay, W. Va. They had two daughters, Leah Ann and Judith Rae. Tom was killed in a accident. Rachel later married Robert Sumner. They had one daughter, Julie Dawn.

Dale married Dolores Cook, daughter of John E. and Emma Walter Holroid. They had two daughters, Donna Lee and Louanna.

Bob Melton died March 16, 1961 at the age of 84. Lillie died November 3, 1964, age 85.

Others of their family who are deceased are:

ALBERT G. MIDDLETON
Albert G. Middleton was born September 18, 1890 to Steelton, Pa. and died in October 1977. His parents were Lavenia Towson and Dr. Wm. J. Middleton of Dalton, Pennsylvania. He attended Steelton High School and the Pennsylvania State University where he obtained a BS degree in Animal and Dairy Husbandry.

He was an agricultural agent for 18 years of which 10 was spent in Mason County. He transferred to Soil Conservation Service and spent five years in the Moundsville Water Shed program, and 2 years in the Eastern Panhandle as District Conservator and 11 years in Western Soil Conservation. He retired in 1953, and returned to his home on 2224 Jackson Avenue in Point Pleasant (near the Catholic Church) and then became a member of the Point Pleasant Register and worked for 10 years before retiring because of his health.

He was an active member of Christ Episcopal church, Minturn Lodge No. 19, American Legion, the Elks and Moose Lodges.

While living in Point Pleasant in the early 1920's he started the 4-H projects in the county, and was instrumental in starting the Mason County Fairs.

His wife, Mary (1896-1968) was born Cumberland, Maryland, to Martha Daugherty and J. Arthur Shiver. She was the first Director of the Mason County Dept of Public Assistance, and later was Executive Secretary for the Mason Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She and "Mid" were buried in Kirkland.

"Mid" and Mary were parents of two children, Mary Margaret (Bobby) born in Cumberland, Maryland, who married Milford Mowrey, in Pt. Pleasant in 1952 in services at the Catholic Church. They are parents of Mary Melissa Mowrey (Crawhead) who died 1978, and Martha Megan Mowrey. Bobby is a social service worker and Milford in an Electrical Engineer.

Joseph was born in Cumberland, Maryland, graduated from Point Pleasant High School, died in 1966. He was in the Navy. Burial is at Arlington Cemetery. His wife Shirley died in 1986. Seven children survive and live in Maryland.

Mary was preceded in death by three children. Submitted by — Mary Margaret Mowrey

MILLER FAMILY

Lenora Miller was born Aug 25, 1886 in New Haven to Ballard and Anna Florence Boshard. She had 7 brothers and sisters. John, Buck, Matt, Charles, Newt, Harry, and Mattie. She was married to James, 9 months of age in 1907. Lenora and James had two children, Billy of Columbus, OH. and Anna Houston of Murray City, OH. Billy and Mary Ellen had Esther Mildred and Glenn. Ida and Will Edwards had 4 children. Virgil, Jessie, Charlie and Ted. Cora and Joe Batey had 7 children. John, Buck and Florence were never married.

Lenora married Luther Miller and had four children. Florence, Billy, Mattie and Wilson. Luther left Lenora to raise the children. She kept the boarders, and all who visited for the Christmas season. She was very active and a dedicated member of the St. Paul Lutheran in New Haven. She always had the Ladies Aid Society at her home and they would quilt in the front yard under the maple tree that is still standing. She died in the summer of 1937 and was buried at Graham Cemetery. Florence (Flo) married Fred Rayburn and had 3 children. Charles, Geraldine and Emma. This marriage ended in divorce and she later married Paul. T. McGuffin. They lived in Point Pleasant. She died in 1964 and was buried at Graham Cemetery beside her mother.

Bay moved to Canton, OH and married Cora Craig and had two children. Betty and Marjorie who still live in Canton. Bay and Cora both died in the summer of 1964 and was buried in Canton, OH.

Maggie married Anna and lived in Columbus, OH. They were both dead and buried in Rowen, OH. Maggie married Linnie Tripp and had 6 children. Wilson was a coal miner and at a very young age went on the river to work. He later became Captain on the Delta Queen of the Green Line Steamers at Cincinnati, OH. Twin girls were born in 1905. Ada Fay and Anna Mae and 4 boys. Charles in 1908, William in 1911, Homer in 1915 and James in 1923. Wilson was born in 1885 and died in 1950. Linnie was born in 1884 and died in 1945. They along with their son Charles, who died in 1943 at the old TPN Plant in Point Pleasant, are all buried at Graham Cemetery.


Anna Mae lived in New Haven with her Husband Cliff Roush, who she married in July 5, 1924. They have two children, Faye Marie and Charles Joseph.

William S. lives in Belpre, OH. with his wife Auburn and had one son William.

Homer L. lives in Middleport, OH. and had 6 children, Gary, Janice, Russell Lynn and twin girls Jeaneane and Jeanette. James lives in Detroit, Mich.

Ballard Board built the house at 131 Lewis St. in New Haven that Lenora was born and raised in. Her granddaughter Ada Grinstead still lives in the same house. The addition of a basement and other remodeling have taken place throughout the years but basically it is the same. The house was built around 1865. Submitted by — Anna McCarrand

JOHN M. MILLER FAMILY

John Miranda Miller a blacksmith who was born March 4, 1833 has many descendants. He and his first wife Della Anderson 1838-1877 had 11 children. They were William Wallace born 1859, Emma Jane born 1861, Charles Asbury 1865-1922, Mary Ann 1865-1914, George Washington Miller born 1866; Martha Dora born 1867; Francis Marion born 1869; John Melligan born 1871; Lewis Montgomery born 1872; Frederick Samuel born 1874; and Oscar born 1875.

His second marriage to Margaret Matheny resulted in the birth of seven children. They were Ida born 1878; Okey born 1880; Daniel B. born 1882; Walter born 1886; Elmer born December 1889; Ella Mae born 1892 and Cora born 1897.

The late Lewis Miller who served as Judge in Mason County for many years was related to these Millers. Mina Miller whom married the famous Thomas A. Edison was also of this family.

Mrs. Simmonds daughter Karla Shaw was born August 14, 1881 at Kirkland. She was married to Harry Shaw, also of this family, and they had nine children.

John and Nora Nelvyle Miller were married at Pt. Pleasant Sept. 1907 and moved to New Haven where they operated a restaurant until shortly after 1950 when they moved to Columbus to be with their daughter Jane born Sept. 27, 1919 in Mason Co. Jane, adopted, graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School, from 1946-1948 during WW II employed with General Chemical in Mason Co., then attended Bliss Business College and from 1950 to 1957 with Pearl. Railroad in Columbus.

Jane was married to Harold Simmonds on April 27, 1957 in Columbus. He was born Jan. 11, 1927 in New York, to Elizabeth Nyilis (born Hungary) and Harold F. Simmonds (born New Haven, Conn.) Mr. Simmonds a graduate of New York University with Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree, was WW II 1942-1946 as Tech. 5th grade, 27th Armored Field. Arty of 1st Armored Div. ETO, and Korean War 1st Lieut. in 4th Communications Maintenance Squad, 12 Air Force USA-FE (Europe) two years. At present he is Vice President of Operations for a subsidiary of Allied Products at Coldwater, Ohio.

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Rev. Peter Link Miller

The Reverend Peter Link Miller, born June 9, 1855 at Rockingham County, Va. Alice Coffman Miller, wife was born July 11, 1857 at Woodstock, Va. Children of marriage of October 3, 1883.


Rev. Miller’s first appointment in regular pastoral work was as Assistant Pastor at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Va. on May 3, 1891.

In August 1891, he received a Call from the Elders and Deacons of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at New Haven, West Virginia, to be their Pastor. The Call also required preaching at White Church in the Beach Grove School house and the New Hope Church at Meigs County, Ohio. Rev. Miller accepted this Call, moved his family to New Haven and preached his first sermon there in early October, 1891. He served these Parishes faithfully until 1896 at which time he and his family moved to Stephens City, Virginia. Their second son, Milton Link was born at Stephens City.

Pastor Miller and family remained at Stephens City over one year filling Pulpits there in and surrounding towns. In 1897 he then accepted a Call to be Pastor of the Benton Evangelical Lutheran Church at Benton, Ohio. He remained there until 1908.

In the ensuing three to four years, he accepted Calls to be Pastor at Churches in West Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee additionally serving surrounding Community Churches whose memberships were not large enough to support a full time Pastor.

About 1911 or 1912, he was recalled to Saint Paul’s Church in New Haven, West Virginia to be their Pastor again. He accepted their second Call. After about two years while still serving in New Haven, he was tendered another Call to return to Benton Evangelical Lutheran Church. He again accepted that Call.

On January 25, 1916, Alice Coffman Miller died at Benton, Ohio. She had not been in good health for some few years prior to her death. Rev. Miller remained at his Church for over one year after his wife’s death.

He then traveled to Wardensville, West Virginia where he served a Church for over one year. While there, he received a third Call to return to Saint Paul’s Church at New Haven to again be their Pastor.

He served at Saint Paul’s from 1918 or 1919 until early 1926. He resigned this Pastorate as his voice became too weak to enable him to preach in his normal manner. Some numerous months later, he became Pastor of Saint John’s Church, location unknown. He hoped his voice had gained sufficient strength to permit him to preach normally. Such was not to be so he resigned, entering a state of retirement. In retirement, Reverend Miller made his home with his son Milton and his wife, Aurilla Heslop Miller in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Having made hosts of friends in his many congregations, he frequently accepted invitations to visit former parishioners and their families. He was a true man of God who loved his work and all peoples.

Submitted by — Gladys Miller

Milton L. Miller, Son

This son, born in Stephens City, Virginia, was to become one of the greatest contributors to the civic and cultural affairs of Mason County for more than sixty years. He first became acquainted with the area when his father came to serve as Pastor of St. Paul’s, whose origins went back to the Broad Run Lutheran Church dedicated in 1817. Milton was always intrigued by history and particularly interested in the ancestors, John Jacob Link, who accompanied by his wife, had left Grossgavtach on the Rhine and landed in Philadelphia in 1733. It was this ancestor who was held in common by Dwight D. Eisenhower, a cousin. Milton attended many schools, graduated from high school in Benton, Ohio, then enlisted in the army as a radio instructor in the Signal Corps during World War I. After leaving the army he worked for a short while for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad before he joined the Marietta Manufacturing Company, where he was to be Production Manager, at age twenty three.

In 1920 he married one of the town’s lovely young ladies, Aurilla Katherine Heslop, with whom he would share over sixty happy years. Although they had no children of their own, they became “second parents” to a host of their nieces and nephews and friend’s children. Their home was always a center of pleasant activity and their front porch crowded with young and old friends for every local parade. They worshipped together each Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church and (although he remained a Lutheran, in name) he sang in the Church choir for fifty years and served on the vestry, the governing body of the Church, while she served as Altar Guild Director, President of the Christ Church Service Guild, and Chairperson of numerous Church projects.

Milton was a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club and a member of all Masonic bodies. He served three terms as Pt. Pleasant’s Mayor, served on the Floodwall Board (1962-1980), and served on the Housing Commission (1961-1980). He was an avid reader and collector of rare books, he painstakingly kept accurate and interesting diaries that could prove of historical value, he was a keen follower of numerous sports events (especially of the Cincinnati Reds), and he played the bass and the trombone quite well, enjoying participating in several musical groups. He was one of the few persons who could work the New York Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle in pen without the aid of a dictionary. Above all of these accomplishments, he will always be remembered for his kind, considerate, loving ways and his keen intellect.

He died of pneumonia following a struggle with a rare form of anemia in 1982.

Submitted by — Annie V. Holzer for Aurilla H. Miller

Joseph Rupert Miller, Son

Rupert was born in Woodstock, Virginia on February 15, 1887. He remained with his parents through High School years, having graduated at Berlin High School near Benton, Ohio.

Following graduation, he obtained employment in Mansfield, Ohio. Being interested in the medical and apothecary professions, he obtained a position in a large pharmacy. There he learned many facets of the pharmaceutical profession. He obtained supplementary jobs so that he could save enough money to apply and enroll in the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. He moved to Cincinnati, entered that College and graduated 1910. While in Cincinnati he entered a Medical College for further education. He did not complete a medical education.
In Cincinnati, he met and married Edith Pauline Schmogrow. Edith was the daughter of Paul Frederick Cotthold Schmogrow and Louise Beddies of Dayton, Ohio. Edith was born in Covington, Kentucky, on February 25, 1882. Her father was born in Berlin, Germany, and was the son of a silk manufacturer. He was brought to USA by an uncle to avoid the Prussian Militarist training. He arrived in the United States at age twelve. It is not known where he received his secondary education, however, he received his degree of Master of Theology at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. After Rupert completed his education, he worked in a large drug and chemical laboratory in Cincinnati plus part time work in pharmacies. Rupert and Edith had two children. Daughter Alice Louise was born in Cincinnati on March 2, 1912. Son Paul Link was born January 4, 1914 in the same city.

In 1915, Rupert and his family moved to Dayton, Ohio where he bought a drug store. Rupert and Edith remained in the Dayton area until their deaths. Rupert died January 30, 1967 and Edith died June 13, 1970. Submitted by — Paul Link Miller

ROBERT MILLER FAMILY
Robert Miller born 1832 on a farm near Keeseport, Pennsylvania. He came to Mason County with his wife Eliza Jane Wilkison Miller who had been a school teacher for a time in Warren, Ohio. He had a brother John, who came to Mason County about the same time.

Robert stood at a point east of the present Rifle Church and looked over the country side, there he decided to buy all the land that he viewed. On the 22nd day of February, 1853 he bought a large tract of land from James Jeffers.

After several years working and clearing his land, Robert began hewing railroad ties which he delivered to the buyer at Arbuckle. The last trip he made being caught in a downpour of cold March rain, chilling him so much he became sick with pneumonia fever. He never recovered, dying on the 17th of March 1871 at age 39 years. He is buried in the Arbuckle-Craig Cemetery.

Robert willed all land and personal property to his wife Eliza Jane. She, being left with four small children, decided to sell all the land except 73 acres.

In later years after all her children were married, she deeded John the 73 acres for him to take care of her for the rest of her life.


After a time Jennie and Sam Leak came from Wyoming for a visit with John C. and Margaret. While they were here, John and Margaret’s daughter Mary was born. Eliza went back to Wyoming with them. While visiting in this distant state Eliza became sick and died. She was buried at Rockey Fork, Wyoming.

John C. Miller born 1865 died 1937. Margaret Pickens Miller born 1874 died 1949. They lived most of their lives on the farm but did leave it three different times. One of those times, John left the farm store and the U.S. Post Office at Capehart, WV.

John C. and Margaret Miller were the parents of twelve children: Lake, Howard, Grace, Charles, Carl, Mary, John, Andrew, Clarence, Margaret, Samuel, Edith. The eight children of the children are deceased. The five still living are Mary, Andrew, Iva, Samuel, and Emogene. Samuel and Emogene live in Mason County. Samuel owns the old homestead of 73 acres which was left to his father John C. by his mother Eliza Jane Miller. Occasionally the five remaining children meet there for a reunion. Submitted by — Samuel Oren Miller.

HISTORY OF
FRANKLIN PIERCE MILLER
AND
ELECTA LODISA BUXTON
MILLER FAMILY AND
PIONEER FATHER JOHN W. MILLER
1. Pioneer father John W. Miller born in Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh area. March 27, 1827, married Electa Lodisa Buxton Miller at the age 18. He was born in Pulaski County, Missouri in 1864. The couple lived in Pennsylvania until 1866 when they moved to Ohio. They had eight children: Lee, Emma, William, John, Mary, John, Edward, and Eliza.

2. Franklin Pierce Miller born November 6, 1853, Leon, Mason County, Virginia, the son of John W. Miller (1807-1905) and Eliza “Liza” J. Smith Miller (1832-1904); married Electa Lodisa Buxton Miller, daughter of Darius Varney Buxton (1830-1890) and Sarah Samantha (Bradbury) Buxton (1836-1917) at Arbuckle, Mason County, May 31, 1877; died Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 3, 1914; buried Leon Cemetery Mason County, West Virginia.

3. Electa Lodisa Buxton Miller born Kyger, Ohio, August 17, 1854; died September 14, 1950; buried Leon Cemetery, Residence: Leon and Capehart, Mason County and Gallipolis, Ohio.

Children born:
1. Alma Miller born October 19, 1878 Leon, Mason County; married John Coulter Tolllis (1879-1948) son of Peter White Tolllis and Viola (Gard) Tolllis June 26, 1904, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, died Dec. 27, 1939 Arbuckle, Mason County.

2. Helen Eliza Miller born Capelo, Mason County, May 21, 1881; died February 4, 1967; buried Chartier’s Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. Helen Eliza married Lloyd Eugene Thornton (1878-1939), May 21, 1902 and who was also buried in Chartier’s Cemetery. Residence: Pittsburgh. Children born:
   b. Helen Mabel born October 11, 1906.

   a. Lecelia Beatrice born June 27, 1907.
   b. Herbert Nile born October 9, 1909; died November 24, 1981.

   e. Eleanor Jean born October 1, 1917; died June 19, 1945.
   g. Loren Fee born July 26, 1925; died January 27, 1980.

FAMILY OF "J" WARREN MILLER and LORENA FEE MILLER

"J" Warren Miller, son of Franklin Pierce Miller and Electa Lodisa (Buxton) Miller born July 30, 1888, Leon, Mason County, West Virginia; died February 4, 1930, buried Mound Hill Cemetery, Gallipolis, Ohio. On September 30, 1908 at Gallipolis, Ohio, Warren married Lorena Fee who was born October 2, 1884 and died October 7, 1969; buried Mound Hill Cemetery. As a youth Warren decided he would add "J" to his name at this time he was employed by the Gills and Miller Produce Company, which was organized around 1904 the time Frank Miller moved his family from Capehart, Mason County. Later the partnership was dissolved and a Miller Produce Company was organized at which time Warren became assistant to his father, then, at the time of his father's death, 1914 became manager. Around ten years later the Miller Produce was dissolved and Warren joined the Wolfe Produce in Huntington and traveled weekly to Pittsburgh to sell the produce.

**"J" Warren Miller and Lorena (Fee) Miller were parents of eight children. At this date, November 10, 1988, Warren Carroll Miller is living.* and ** Children:

a. Charles Warren Miller, born June 28, 1909 Gallipolis, Ohio; Unmarried; died June 3, 1981 Sarasota, Florida; cremated. His profession was meat cutter. Home address; Sarasota, Florida. What is your dish? 

b. Elmer Wayne Miller, born January 24, 1912 Gallipolis, Ohio, married Ida Lee Peyton of Gauley Bridge, West Virginia, December 12, 1935; died March 13, 1955. Employment years were with the Alloy Metallurgical Plant of Alloy, West Virginia. Children:**


(2) David * Miller born *.

(3) & (4) Peggy Joanne and Nancy Jeanne born December 12, 1944.

c. Paul Lawrence Miller born July 26, 1913; married Mary Newton 26, 1939; died March 26, 1982; children: **

1. Kathryn Miller born 1940, Oceanside, California; home address; Sarasota, Florida.

2. Richard * Miller born *.


a. Thomas C. Miller born 1968, Sarasota, Florida; home address; Sarasota, Florida.

b. John * Miller born *.

d. Eugene * Miller born *.

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FAMILY of
ALMA MILLER TILLIS
and
JOHN COULTER TILLIS

1. Alma Miller, daughter of Franklin P. Miller and Lodisa Buxton Miller, was born October 19, 1878 at Capehart, Mason County, West Virginia; died December 27, 1939 at Arbuckle, Mason County, and buried in Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. On June 5, 1895, she was married to John Coulter Tillis, son of Peter White Tillis and Viola (Gard) Tillis, was born January 30, 1879 at Arbuckle; died November 11, 1948; buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant. Residence, Arbuckle, Mason County.

Children of Alma (Miller) Tillis and John Coulter Tillis:

a. Garnette Marie Tillis born May 29, 1905, Arbuckle, Mason County; married June 12, 1948, Charles Morton Grant Stanley, son of William Benjamin and Aurilla (Forrest) Stanley at Point Pleasant, West Virginia; who was born May 4, 1905; died December 21, 1980, Gallipolis, Ohio; buried Kirkland Memorial Gardens, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Residence: Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Glacier lived at farm at Beech Hill all his working days; Garnette taught forty-one years in the Point Pleasant High School and participated in community and state activities.

b. Frank White Tillis born April 8, 1908, married Louise Peyton of Gauley Bridge, West Virginia, November 23, 1938 and divorced a few years later; died March 20, 1971, Mason County; buried in Lone Oak Cemetery with military services. His World War II service was with a Port Battalion as Master Sergeant in areas of New Guinea and the Philippines. His employment years were with metallurgical plants at Alloy, West Virginia, Portland, Oregon and New Haven Mason County, West Virginia.

c. Marjorie Ethel Tillis was born November 13, 1916 at Arbuckle, Mason County; married Herbert William King, son of Doctor Herbert Volney King and Abbie Susan (Abbott) King of Morgantown, West Virginia, who was born April 11, 1915 Millville, Wabash County, Minnesota. Residence: New Martinsville, West Virginia.

Professionally, Marjorie was a teacher for 27 years in the high schools of Point Pleasant and New Martinsville, West Virginia and later became Sanitarian for the State of West Virginia prior to World War II service as Lieutenant in the Navy serving the Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Pacific areas. The remainder of his employment years were with Pittsburgh Plate Glass industries at Natrium, West Virginia in divisions of engineering, purchasing, and industrial relations. Residence: New Martinsville, West Virginia.

The children are:


Both Susan and John are employed by the Christina School District in Newark, Delaware. Susan is a middle school counselor at Kirk Middle School and John is a seventh grade science teacher at Gauger Middle School. They have served in the Newark schools since 1974. In addition to being educators, the Lesher’s are actively involved in several rental properties which they own.

For seven years prior to settling in Newark, Delaware, the Lesher family resided in Lier, Belgium. It was in Lier that John Lesher played for the local basketball team to national championships. Residence is Newark, Delaware.

Children are:

(a) John Michael Lesher, born October 21, 1968, Wilrijk, Belgium.

(b) Brian Herbert Lesher, born March 5, 1971, Wilrijk, Belgium.

(2) Marilyn Joyce King, born September 1, 1945, Morgantown, West Virginia, married David Cyphert, born April 27, 1948, son of Charles Clarence Cyphert and Lelia Kathryn (McKnight) Cyphert of Morgantown, Di­ vorced 1979.

Children:

(b) Susanna Elizabeth Cyphert born October 13, 1973, Morgan­ town, West Virginia.

(c) Mary Katherine Cyphert born August 10, 1975, Morgan­ town, West Virginia.

On November 23, 1985 in New Martinsville, West Virginia Marilyn and Paul Ingold were married. Paul Ingold was born March 15, 1945 Powhatan, Ohio to Paul Chris Ingold and Veronica Paige Ingold. Paul and Marilyn Ingold live in New Martinsville. They are employed as teachers in Sistersville high school: Marilyn as Vocational Home Economics teacher and Paul as teacher of computer science, mathematics and special teacher of gifted children for part of a day in several schools. With their combined skills they are working on their Victorian residence improving the exterior true to its original vintage.

(3) Jeanne Ellen King born December 24, 1947 Morgantown, West Virginia. Born on August 9, 1980 at Easton, Maryland, Jeanne married Harry Henkel September 9, 1950, son of Frederick and Martha Henkel of Severna Park, Maryland. Professionally, Jeanne has taught several years as elementary teacher and Harry has worked as an accountant and as a self-employed building service for homes. Residence: Easton, Maryland.

Child:

(a) Harry Alexius Henkel born May 28, 1986.


John is an assistant professor of psychiatry and research at the West Virginia University Medical School.

Children are:


(b) Lindsey Marie born, December 12, 1985.

Alma (Miller) Tillis and John Coulter Tillis began married life, in a new home on Thirteel
Mile Creek, 1904-1908, near the Tillis Home Location. He was a farmer and he was, after completing three years teaching at the Forrest Hill School, the only school home back then. Here Garrette Marie and Frank White were born. In April 1908, the family moved to another location on Thirteen Mile Creek but much closer to the Arbuckle Center, which is located near the Kanawha River and the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad. Brother Charlie Tillis joined the family participating in farming the first years of 1908-1919 but soon assumed full responsibility when the family operated a small grocery. John was buying producing for the Miller Produce of Ciballo. In 1919, John and Alma purchased the Arbuckle estate of Chapman P. Maupin which comprised 53 acres, the large house and general store combination plus other buildings used to extend the enterprises already in progress. Here more conveniences were available. Children traveled by train to Leon graded school, then progressed to Point Pleasant High School. Within a few years Delco electric system was installed for lighting, refrigeration and appliances. Later improvements of Route 35 with grading and gravel, and availability of high voltage electricity brought about extended merchant sales of bulk oils, contract coal, auto service station, as well as in the produce and grocery areas. By 1929, Garrette had graduated 1928 from West Virginia University and now teaching in Point Pleasant high school. Frank was attending Marshall College, and Marjorie was an eighth grade student in Point Pleasant. The family maintained the business at the Arbuckle location until 1944 when it was sold to P. A. Sayre. Alma died in 1939. John and Charlie, as they were familiarly known, were reaching retirement ages and the three children were no longer at the Arbuckle home; so a small acreage and a house, facing the old Home lands and the first home for John and Alma, was purchased as the residence for the remaining years of their lives. Submitted by — the grandchildren, Susan Alma (Wolfe) Thornton at Capehart, Mason County, West Virginia October 14, 1983; died June 11, 1962. Mary and Omer Wheeler became residents of Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia October 9, 1990; unmarried; died November 24, 1981, Parkersburg; worked until retirement as Salesman. Family members listed as deceased: namely, Mary Lucille, married Herbert Nile Wheeler were buried in Mont Olevit Cemetery, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia. Submitted by — Beatrice Wheeler

WILLIE MILLER FAMILY

Willie Arthur Miller born April 17, 1915, the son of Hollie Francis and Elizina Cain Miller of Cain Ridge was united in marriage to America Catheron King born October 4, 1917 the daughter of Wylie and Sarah Stewart King of Yeager Union District. The marriage was performed at Leon by the Rev. J. E. Johnston on April 16, 1936. They were the parents of five children: Goldie born February 13, 1937; Lindel Arthur born May 21, 1938; Donald Ray born April 16, 1947; and Jerry Alva born June 28, 1956. This couple began housekeeping just below Smith Church near Yeager Creek, but the next year in April of 1937 they moved to the Wylie and Sarah King farm on the head of Yeager Creek. By this time they were to get a team of horses by which they were able to cut and put up hay for the cattle. They were able to sell cream which gave the family a little more income. Later, Willie rented ground from Wylie King who was America’s uncle and lived on Thirteen Mile Creek. Here he raised corn and hay. In 1954, Willie was able to get a job on the C and O Railroad and in a few years was employed as a cook on the same railroad. At that time the men lived on camp cars that were moved from place to place, so his work took him from Columbus to Wallbridge, Ohio and even to Michigan. In June of 1960 he was able to purchase a 100 acre farm near Gunville Ridge. Here the family built a house and moved to the farm which was grown up with pine trees. One summer when Willie had no work he and his boys cut pulp wood. I, being the youngest son, although not very big at the time, but big enough that I learned to run a measuring pole. At the end of summer Willie was called back to work on the railroad. It was time for school to begin so the eldest son had to carry on the farm work. The boys worked together putting up hay and caring for the cattle. In the fall of 1975, Willie had a light stroke and wasn’t able to get back to work, so he was forced to take early retirement. Arthur, the eldest son had the job of harvesting the hay and taking care of the farm until 1978 when he decided to get married and left home. It fell to me to take over the hay harvest which was so important to us as farmers. Although working at the time as a carpenter, I managed very well. Willie, my father was unable to do any work but
W. W. MINTURN TULLAR FAMILY

William Weiner Minturn born New York 1792 died at the home of his son, W. T. Minturn, Gallipolis, Ohio, March 22, 1872 where he had lived for three years. He had been a resident of P. Pleasant, sixty years, and was buried in Pioneer Cemetery with Mason rites, having founded the Minturn Lodge. His wife born 1798 & died unknown date.

His will probated April 23, 1872 lists survivors wife Tirzah (Tuller), daughters Mariah Jane born 1844, Sarah A. (Edwards) born 1839, sons Charles, Romulus F. born 1833, Oliver H. P., and Lorren T., William T. born 1837 (died in Gallipolis, OH about 1915); Romulus went to Missouri.

Children of W. W. and Tirzah buried in Pioneer are George W., died July 14, 1834 age 1 yr. 9 mo.; Frederick died Sept. 21, 1833 age 1 yr. 5 mo. 21 da; James C. DIED Nov. 5, 1835 age 13 yrs. O.H.P. believed to have moved to Kentucky.

Lorren T. Minturn born Gallipolis, OH 1819, died May 14, 1904 in Amazonia, Missouri but married in P. Pleasant, WV April 7, 1842 Catharine Knopp (born March 4, 1822 Mason County, to Sarah Kipps and Peter Knopp). She died Amazona, Missouri Feb. 23, 1924, two weeks before 102 birthday.

The Lorren T. Mintsurns moved to St. Joseph, Missouri 1857 where he was a millwright. In 1869 they moved to Amazona where he organized and built a stone Episcopal Church of which he became a permanent Deacon, and operated a flour mill.

Seven of the Minturn children were born in Mason County, last two in St. Joseph. Tirzah (Jan. 1843 - Jan. 1906) married George Teale; Emma (Jan. 1845 - Sept. 1929) married H. M. Garlicks; Clara (died Feb. 7, 1853 - age 5 yr. 11 mo. 3 da.) buried Pioneer Cemetery; William W. (born Aug. 1848) married and had two children: Sarah (Aug. 1851 - died 1946) married Jesse Rogers; Laura (Jan. 1854 - died July 29, 1855 Pioneer Cemetery); Minnehaha (May 1856 - died 1907) married George A. Kinnard, last child born in Mason County; Agnes (Mar. 1859 - Dec. 1945) married Henry Gilbert; and Lorren Wellar (June 1862 - Nov. 1925).

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James C. Minturn, born New York, 1810, and wife Mary also had children born in Mason County. James died Nov. 11, 1877, 29 yr. 3 mo. 22 da. born in Pocahontas, Iowa, G. B. Thomas, and wife S. E. Mintun have James died April 1857 age 3; Mary M. died Aug. 16, 1854; Marvin died Aug. 1854 age 1 yr. 6 mo. 11 da.

In 1937 she married Grover E. Mitchell, an editor of the Athens Messenger, and lived in Athens until 1945. Their two daughters were born in old Sheltering Arms Hospital. Judith Ellen (1893-1943) and Cheryl Ann (1943-1945) married Henry Gilbert; and Lorren Wellar (June 1862 - Nov. 1925).

Dorothy Kapp Mitchell

Dorothy Kapp Mitchell, born on February 24, 1913, while her mother was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, Poplar Creek, back of Leon. Her parents were J. Von Kapp and Dora Ellen Stone, who were in the process of moving from Buffalo back to Leon.

The family moved to Akron, Ohio, at the start of World War I, where Dorothy started in kindergarten and one-half year first grade before they decided to Point Pleasant after the war ended. Nellie, Dorothy and Woodrow went through North Point (Heights) School. Dorothy graduated from high school in 1930 and from Ohio University, Athens, in 1934. The year after graduating, she started first kindergarten in Point Pleasant. Next year she taught in the high school, the last year it was a four-school, on Main Street. The following year she helped organize the Junior High and taught there for two years before moving to Athens, Ohio.
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Catherine (1865-1952) m. Benjamin Mallory.
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Elizabeth (1871-1940) m. Thomas Lambert.
Thomas (1873-1961) m. Estella Yaug er.
Victoria (1877-1925) m. Henry Blume.
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2nd Doshia Stover, 3rd Minnie Stover.
5. James, Jr. (September 17, 1842-May 9, 1909). Born in Ohio; never married.

James Monroes emigrated to Germany and settled near the Rhein River in the small village of Mechter- sheim, near Speyer and Heidelberg, Germany. Charles Mohr, Earl's grandfather, left Germany around 1850 for the New World and settled in Greenville, Penna. with his German wife, whom he had met on the voyage to America. John Mohr, one of their sons, with three of his brothers, migrated down the Ohio River and settled at Gallipolis, Ohio. In 1886, they built and operated the first horse-drawn streetcar in Gal-lipolis; when the streets were unpaved. Later, the modified, power-driven car line was extended from the city limits to Kimauga, Ohio, the ferry connection across the Ohio River to Pt. Pleasant. The Mohr brothers also founded the Stogie Manufacturing business in Gallipolis, which prospered about 20 years, until Earl Mohr took over the business and moved it to Mason County.

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He had taken a civil service examination and indicated he would take a field assignment. He was sent to Point Pleasant to work for the Steamboat Inspection Service. He was involved in many community activities as a young man, playing on the local baseball team and organizing a Boy Scout troop and was the first Scoutmaster. Before the Point Pleasant Fire Department was organized, Emory was helping fight fires with other volunteers and then became a member when the Department was organized, serving altogether 31 years, as Chief at times and always on a volunteer basis.

He belonged to the three Masonic Orders in Point Pleasant, and when the United States entered World War I, he volunteered and served in France, being discharged from the Army in June 1919 with the rank of Battalion Sergeant Major. He was an active member of the American Legion and was the first Commander of Mason County Post 23.

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EARL C. MOHR FAMILY

Earl C. Mohr was born in 1894 at Gallipolis, Ohio, son of John and Clara Thorn Mohr. John Mohr was President of Mason County Court at the time of his death in 1934. He served the County Court for 10 years. In 1917, Earl Mohr married Ruth Blain, daughter of John and Millie Kerr Blain. Mr. Blain was involved in real estate and livestock in Mason County and Ohio most of his life, until his death in 1950. Millie Blain's father, Dr. James Kerr was a physician in Mason County from 1868 until his demise. Earl and Ruth Mohr had two children: Leo Mohr, who resides in Proctorville, Ohio and Millie Blain's father, Dr. James Kerr was a physician in Mason County from 1868 until his demise.

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Marilyn: Graduate Medical Technologist, Marshall University. Married James L. Harris, Executive Officer, Allied Corporation. 3 children: Karin Marie, Bethany Ann and James L. Jr.

James III Manager Auto Parts Store, Alumni Marshall University. His wife Sandra, is a Holzer Medical Center employee. One son, James Michael.

Ken: An Administrative Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Holzer Medical Center. His wife, Deborah Kay Cottrell (see Cottrell line) is an Executive Secretary for Mason County Board of Education. Married to both own and operate the Country Frame Shop (Custom Framing). One daughter, Karen Lee.

Richard Mechanical Engineer with Mine Safety and Equipment, Pittsburgh, PA. His wife, Joanne Bead, an Archivist, Frickie Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA.

Merdith: An Elementary School Teacher for Mason County Board of Education. Submitted by — J. Moore

MORLEY FAMILY
On October 17, 1981 at Leon Baptist Church, Ted Craig Moore and Stephanie Evonne Payne exchanged their wedding vows with the help of Reverend Mark McClung and became Mr. and Mrs. Ted Moore.

Ted was born on January 12, 1963 the son of Melvin L. and Donna D. Wood Moore. They resided on Dunham Road for most of Ted's childhood. Ted has one sister Cynthia Lea and no brothers.

Stephanie was born on August 31, 1962 in Jackson County the daughter of Henry Ray and Deloris Jean Miller Payne. She has three brothers: Timothy, Matthew, Mark and one sister: Melissa. They all resided on Morrison Road where they moved to from Sissonville in 1977.

Ted and Stephanie both attended P.P.H.S. where they met and graduated in 1981. After they were married they resided on a farm off Dunham Road that belonged to Ted's parents. At that time Ted was employed by Pleasant Valley Hospital, and Stephanie did odd jobs from babysitting to teaching clogging and acrobics. They lived there on the farm for nearly a year and then family and financial difficulties made moving to town necessary. So they bought a trailer and leased a lot from Henry and Savana Wood Upson near Arbuckle. Ted then found himself among many others in the unemployment lines where he stayed for nearly two years. Stephanie worked as a nurse in the same area as the United States Navy Recruiting Service. They were married in 1984 and they reside in Point Pleasant. Their son, William L. Moore, was born September 30, 1986.

On February 8, 1934 James H. W. Morgan died and his son, William W. Morgan, after serving in World War I and working for many years in Detroit, Michigan, returned to Leon to care for his aged mother. While at home in Leon, William worked for the New York Central Railroad. After his mother's death in 1938, William M. Morgan married and lived in the Elkview area of Kanawha County until his death on June 2, 1986.

Harvey W. Morgan, the eldest son of James H. W. and Mary Smith Morgan, married Cora Edwards, the daughter of James and Amanda Meadows Edwards. Harvey was a rural mail carrier for forty-four years of the Leon area traveling his route by horse back in the beginning of his career and serving through the advent of the use of the automobile in rural mail delivery. Harvey and Cora Morgan were the parents of four sons. James Harvey William "Jew" Morgan was born August 1, 1912, married Anna Lee Rollins, daughter of Elisha and Mary Sines Rollins, and they reside in Point Pleasant. Their son and they reside in Point Pleasant, along with wife Delcia, from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant at Apple Grove. He had served for many years with the West Virginia National Guard and was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Billie and LueLLA MORGAN
The Billie Morgan family came to Point Pleasant in 1960 when Billie was transferred to this area as the United States Navy Recruiting Officer.

Billie was born in Wood County, West Virginia on September 20, 1920, the son of Henry Lloyd and Garnet (Wiseman) Morgan. He attended schools in Wood County, West Virginia before joining the Navy on April 11, 1940. While in the service of his country he served on the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa (1940 - 1946); U.S.S. Quincy (1945 - 1953); Recruiting Duty Parkersburg, West Virginia (September 1953 - 1956); U.S.S. Turner (1956-1960); Recruiting Duty Point Pleasant (1962 - 1965). Billie served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during World War II.

Henry Lloyd Morgan was the son of Felix and Zoeanna (Corbert) Morgan and grandson of Clement and Melissa (Evans) Morgan, who also resided in Marion County.

Bernice Esther was the daughter of Joseph Dunn and Florence Gay (Waugh) Wiseman. Her grandparents were Benjamin and Dorcas Wiseman, who settled in Taylor County, West Virginia before 1850, and Thomas B. and Eliza 233
ara Malissa (Lovell) Waugh, who lived in what is now Lewis County, West Virginia. Elizara Melissa was the daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Lovell.

Luella May (Rickey) Morgan was born in Harrison County, West Virginia, on November 6, 1924, the daughter of Howard Amos and Margaret Jane (Jameson) Rickey. She attended schools in Wood County, West Virginia where she graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1942 and from the Camden Clark Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1945.

John Rickey and his son, Brice, settled in Morris County, New Jersey, where their estates were settled in 1750 and 1777. Jacob Rickey, son of Brice Rickey, came to Green County, Pennsylvania, with his son, John. He had married Nancy Swezey in New Jersey before settling in Belmont County, Ohio. John was a soldier of the War of 1812. Jacob, son of John was married to Dorcas Mobley whose family came to Belmont County from Maryland. Jacob Jr. moved to Noble County, Ohio, and was married to Mary Carmichael, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (White) Carmichael. Samuel was the son of James and Mary (Earlewine) Carmichael and the grandson of John Carmichael (Revolutionary War Soldier) and Abraham Earlewine. They were among the early settlers of Ohio County, West Virginia.

Howard Amos Rickey was the son of Albert and Sarah (Hanlon) Rickey. Patrick Hanlon (Revolutionary War Soldier) settled in Tyler County, West Virginia, with his son, John. His grandson John Jr. and great-grandson, Amos spent their entire lives there.

Margaret Jameson was the daughter of James and Barbara Ellen (Britton) Jameson. Daniel Van Morgan, the first child of Solomon and Rachael W. Morgan, was born in the Robinson District, Mason County, in 1846. A brother, Will, was born about two years later.

Other children in the Solomon Morgan family were born in 1852; Julia, 1855; Margaret Jane in 1856; Mary F. in 1858; Jesse in 1860; Thomas Isaac, born in 1861 and Lelia L. in 1863.

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grandmother, Estelle, told of the times when they played by Old Town Creek, swinging on the wild grape vines. As Estelle and Lena grew into beautiful young ladies, they forsook the grape vines for dressing up. They made bustles of drapery over horse collars they found in the big, empty barn and entertained their city cousins playing dress-up in the empty rooms of the large home.

In 1883 Jesse Morgan and his wife laid claim to the family home, claiming three shares of Solomon's estate, his, and presumably that of his two dead brothers. In a suit, Mary Frances was eventually awarded one hundred dollars as her widow's share. The home and five acres were later sold to Maggie Love Musgrave by Jesse for one thousand dollars.

Westlee was a sickly child and, at the age of 12, he died of a defective heart. Mary Frances renewed her efforts to obtain a widow's Civil War pension. Eight years after Daniel's death she finally received the pension of thirty dollars a month and eight years' back payments. She took the money and returned to Springfield, now South Portsmouth, and bought a duplex on the Ohio River, renting half and living in the other.

A marriage was arranged for Lena with Stephen Titus, a nephew of "Doc" Titus, and they were married in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1886. Estelle chose to become a court stenographer and was escorted each day to the courthouse by the judge, since it was not deemed ladylike to be abroad in the streets alone.

Stephen Titus was a mining engineer and he was sent to Elkhorn, Montana, now a ghost town, but once a very prosperous and large mining operation. Lena sent for the family to come to Montana and there the next two generations were born and lived in the cattle country of the Boulder Valley. Submitted by — Dorothy Hallahan, Barbara Wolf

Youngest child, Leroy S. was born Dec. 10, 1825. He moved to Jackson County 1848, marrying Ann Eliza Shinn on July 27, same year. He farmed on 13 Mile Creek. Both were active in United Brethren Church. Ten children were born to their marriage. Leroy died 1871 and Ann died 1902.

Second child of the marriage, George M. born Nov. 7, 1852. He married Sarah Esther Parsons, daughter of John &? Barnett Parsons, date unknown. Three children were born of this marriage. First child, Holly Vernon Morrison born July 3, 1879, Jackson County. He married Mary Belle Stone born July 5, 1884 and died Feb. 2, 1902. She was tenth child of 11 born to John and Lucretia Pratt Stone. Her father first married Elizabeth See who died Feb. 13, 1929. Seven children were born to that marriage. Lucretia died July 14, 1891 and John married third time—Laura Mitchell 1896. No children were born to this union. She died several years after John’s death. He was deceased 1907. Myrtle Belle, at the age of 102 was the last living child of John’s 18 children. D. Sept. 1, 1986.

Twelve children were born to Holly and Belle Morrison: Lloyd D. born 1902; Nellie Beatrice (Boles) born 1904; Mary E. (Riffle) born 1907; Vernon G. born 1910; Lilian F. (Donahue) born 1912; Annis M. (Blessing) born 1914; Charles R. born 1916; Hershel D. born 1919; Reba V. (Jones) born 1921; Wilma D. (Knapp) born 1924; Paul W. born 1926; Donald R. born 1930. Deceased children: Lloyd, Mary, Vernon, Charles, Hersel and Wilma.

Holly was employee of New York Central Railroad several years. Purchasing the Route 1 farm, he continued farming until his death, gaining reputation as one of the great wheat cradlers of Cologne District.

Holly died March 3, 1940. Belle remarried 1945 to Abe Sayre of Rockcastle, his death occurred Nov. 1960. A few years later, she moved from Leon farm to State Route 35 where she resided until 1983 when she moved to Twin Rivers Tower, Point Pleasant. Two years later, she moved to Pleasant Valley Nursing Unit.

Her descendants number more than 140 children and include William’s children. The total lists 39 grandchildren, 3 deceased; 76 great grandchildren, one deceased; and at least 20 great, great grandchildren. Four sons served in the military: three in World War II, one in Korea. They were Vernon, Charles, Hersel and Paul. Son-in-law Carl Knapp served in Navy in World War II. Submitted by — William Blessing — Grandson

THE HOLLY VERNON MORRISON FAMILY

Earliest known ancestor, Andrew Morrison (born Belfast, Ireland 1733) immigrated America middle 1750's Orange County, Va. where he married Mary Organ. He was killed in battle of Brandywine, Rev. War. 1777. Member 3rd Va. Regt.

Son, Andrew born Oct. 23, 1754 Greenbrier County married Elizabeth Taylor, Winchester, Va. 1776. He died October 15, 1845. Four sons & six daughters born to this union.

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Mary Henrietta Northup was the seventh child of Virgil and Goldie Sanders Northup of Gallia County, Ohio, the son of Thomas Jefferson Northup. Thomas Jefferson Northup was the second son of Daniel Northup and Anna Hampton Northup. Daniel Northup, a veteran of the American Revolutionary War, was one of the earliest settlers of Gallia County, Ohio, settling the area around Northup in 1796.

Mary’s maternal grandparents were William Albert and Henrietta Martin Sanders of Mason County. William was born the son of Thomas J. and Virginia McCoy Sanders at Couch on March 11, 1861. He died there in 1901. Henrietta was born on March 11, 1862, the daughter of Preston and Charity Cowden Martin. She died in 1903. They are buried at the Concord Cemetery near Couch. The Sanders and Martin families attended the Concord Church. Preston Martin came to Mason County from Virginia in 1825 and settled in the area of the Concord Church.

Mary graduated from Gallia Academy in 1936 and later, from Holzer School of Nursing in the class of 1940. She retired from public health nursing in Mason County in 1979. She maintains a summer residence in Camp Conley and a winter residence in Lakeland, Florida.

Mary and Carl were the parents of three children: Suzanne Kay, September 20, 1942; Carl Edward III, November 28, 1947; and Janis Henrietta, November 13, 1953.

Suzanne graduated from Marshall University with an A.B. Degree and Oakland University with a M.A. Degree in Education. She married David Dickens on January 26, 1963. David was the son of Noel and Dorothy Dickens of Spokane, Washington. David and Suzanne are the parents of three children: Jennifer Lynn, October 7, 1966; Kimberly Anne, June 21, 1968; and Alexander David, November 22, 1976.

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College and Washington State University. He married Trudy LaRayne Dickens on August 3, 1968, in Spokane, Washington. Trudy was the daughter of Noel and Dorothy Dickens and the sister of David Dickens. Carl III was killed on May 8, 1971, in an air crash while serving in the U.S. Navy.


**THE PAUL WILLIAM MORRISON FAMILY**

Paul William Morrison was born Dec. 8, 1926, the 11th child of 12 children to Holly V. and Myrtle Stone Morrison, Route 1, Leon, W. Va.

On December 23, 1950, he married Violet Mae Krebs in Point Pleasant, W. Va. Violet was born July 6, 1927, the sixth child of 10 children born to Charles and Martha Ellen Young Krebs, of Point Pleasant.

All their married life has been lived in Columbus, Ohio.

Paul attended the Hopedale School near Leon and Point Pleasant High School. He entered the military service during World War II and served with occupation forces in Korea, receiving his discharge January 4, 1947.

He worked several years for the Clark Grave Vault Co. in Columbus and later began work with the Custom Coach Corporation, his present employment. Paul has always enjoyed sports but his main hobby in recent years has been restoration of antique cars and parts. He has attended several antique car shows in various parts of the country.

Violet’s education was also received through Point Pleasant Schools. She was employed for several years with G. C. Murphy Company prior to her marriage.

One daughter, Pamela Kay, was born to this marriage, March 9, 1958.

Pamela married Ronald Graham in Columbus on June 28, 1975.

Two children were born to this union. They include Ronald Robert II, born March 1, 1976, and Joseph Michael born November 22, 1978.

The Graham’s operate their own business, Power Steering Specialists, in Columbus. Submitted by — Paul W. Morrison

**MORROW**

Mary Catherine Shelines Morrow & Gideon H. Morrow

Mary Catherine Shelines married Gideon H. Morrow the 20th day of Sep, 1864, upon his discharge during the Civil War from Co. B. 4th Va. Inf. They built their home on a secluded picturesque spot near Henderson W. Va., called Salt Creek. That is where their 12 children were born:

- Ella B.; Aug 31, 1865; Barbara A.; Feb 12, 1867
- David J.; Jan 31, 1869; John W.; Jan 1, 1871
- Sarah E.; Olive; Dec 7, 1873; Nancy J. (Nettie); Nov 11, 1875
- Gideon; Sep 18, 1877; Charles H.; Dec 14, 1879
- Mary J.; Mar 12, 1882; Fred; Nov 4, 1883

Pearl; Aug 4, 1885; Rebecca V.; Feb 14, 1888

Most of them settled within a fifty mile radius of Salt Creek except Nancy Jeanette better known to her family as Nettie, my mother. Her future husband George David Lawrence was born at Salt Creek January 10, 1858. He and Pearl owned a Salt Mine and operated a grocery store in the vicinity of the now closed Hartford Salt Mines. He lost his operation during a flood and was unable to recover. Sometime after this misfortune he joined the Swann, Day Lumber Co. as an inspector, with this job he traveled inspecting large tracks of timber. One of these jaunts took him to the Morrow household, where he met and married Nettie Jeanette.

Mary and George then married George David Lawrence of 1891 that of Marcella Cunningham Lawrence and David Lawrence a lawyer in Portsmouth, Ohio. They were the parents of five living children, David, Clara, Mary, Harry and Elsie. All now are deceased except Harry and Elsie, living in Fla. and Ca. respectively.

David was born at Willard, Ky. April 1894 married Ethel Cox in 1914 and had one child a girl named Ethel, this marriage ended in divorce in 1916. He then joined the Navy in World War I, and later married Louise Lamm of New York City. They had three children, David Stanley who died of appendicitis at the age of 2. Margurite who became a nurse and Jeanie who lived in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Jeanie is now deceased.

Clara was born at Salt Creek in 1896 died in 1906.

Next were the twins Mary and Harry born on Salt Creek, Jan 21, 1900. During their school years each received a gold medal. Mary from Remington Rand for her expertise in typing at St. John’s Business College in Portsmouth, Ohio. Harry for his calisthenics on the bars at Lee College. Jackson, Ky. Mary married Pompeo Antonehellis May 7, 1923 at Gallipolis, Ohio. They had four girls, Jewel, Betty, Anita, and Mary Lou. Harry had no children, he married his first wife Kitty in 1926 in New York City. He was missing in action in World War II. He was the Chief Electrician and was rescued with the rest of the men by a British ship and taken to Malta. During his absence his wife became very ill and died soon after his return to the United States.

He married his second wife Anna in Dec 1945 at Roseville, Ga. They moved to Oakland, Tenn where he worked on the Manhattan Project making the Atomic Bomb. During the year after the war, Harry was in construction, he built many homes in New York and later died in real estate in Fla. Anna died in 1973.

His last marriage was to Frances Bush and she died in 1975.

Larry and Paula were married July 31, 1971 in Holy Family Catholic Church, Citrus Heights, Ca. They lived in that area on five acres and used Paula’s knowledge of horses started their own horse breeding and Training facility. Both of their children were born there. The oldest son Daniel was born May 27, 1973, the second son Daniel was born Dec 12, 1974. Larry is now a Foreman at McClellan AFB, this and the fact he helps his wife with her horse ranching and other animals keeps him busy. They are both 4H leaders, he’s a Kenpo Karate black belt and teaches martial arts, she teaches horsemanship and leatherwork. David is treasurer of Penryn 4H Club. David and Daniel are members of Horsemanship, leatherwork, Martial arts, poultry and rocketry. Other family interest include swimming, fishing, hunting, snow and water skiing, scuba diving and popcorn with T.V.

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Mary Ann the second child and only girl was born May 29, 1948 graduated from Bella Vista High School in 1967, and Carmichael Beauty College. She owned a beauty salon in the Fair Oaks area, until after her marriage to Bob Blatter Jr. in 1968 and his discharge from the Air Force at McClellan AFB, in 1970.

They had two children Marianne born 16 Apr. 1969 and John born 1972. Marianne was re-employed by the National Credit Union Administration in the San Francisco area. Their children attended a Catholic grade school St. Patrick's. Marianne is now in her senior year at St. Vincent's High School, Vallejo, Ca. They both have seven children. Marianne attended University of San Francisco and has been nominated for the Who's Who of the West Coast. She has been on the Dean's Honor Roll since the beginning of her four years of High School. She's a soft soccer player and has traveled all over the country including the Caribbean and is now thinking about college on the West Coast. John Joseph continues to swim and is planning to attend a Catholic High School and pursue a career in swimming. Mary Ann and Bob divorced in 1984, they sold their original home and she has purchased her own home in "Old Rodeo" and has taken her maiden name back. Anne has returned to college and is currently involved with Kaiser Permanente which is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and hopes to continue a career in Hospital Administration.

The third child John was born Aug 18, 1952. He and his brother attended Notre Dame Grade School in Folsom, Ca and graduated from Casa Roble High School in Orangevale, Ca. John wanted to make the military his career, his main reason was because he was anxious about college. Re-signing to this fact he applied for a job with the San Juan Water Co., he was contentedly working there, when Uncle Sam sent his greetings and drafted him in the Army in Sep 1972.

He married his High School sweetheart Susan on Oct 27, 1973, daughter of Laurence and Lorraine Young.

In high school Susan was a student nurse. Traveling with John gave her an opportunity to indulge in several occupations. She's a gifted interior decorator and hopes someday to make this her goal.

They have two children, the first is Michael Jason born in Wurzburg, Germany Aug. 1974. He's been on the Deans Honor Roll for the last two years at Folsom Jr. High, and a boy scout in the Colorado Springs, Co. area. Their second son Bryan Eric was born at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Co. on March 3, 1978. Bryan is also on the Honor Roll and is following in his brothers footsteps in the scouts.

John's military career has taken him from Private to First Sgt in just 13 years. He's had assignments to Fort Ord, Ca., Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Carson, Co. and three tours to Europe, (Schweinfurt, Weisbaden and Mannheim, West Germany). Some of his duties have been border patrol, behind the border of West Germany (Czechoslovakia), a drill Sgt at Fort Knox, a Tank Commander, a Tank Platoon Sgt/Leader and a Tank Repairman.

His awards are Meritorious Service Medal, Army commendation Medal (2nd award) Army Achievement Medal (2nd award) good Conduct (4th award) National Defense Medal (3rd award) Army Service Medal, and 6th Infantry Division Meritorious Service Medal. He was decorated with the Combat Action Badge in 1983. The fourth child Ralph born Jan 21, 1982 distinguished himself while in the Boy Scouts by winning a trophy at Angles Camp, for frog jumping made famous by Mark Twain. He and John made nothing out of their major activities. It made them both take an interest in cooking. They've both made a superb cook and smoked fish is one of his gourmet dishes.

For his military duty Ralph served with the 109th Trans Co., Fort Eustis, Va. He became a Sergeant and a Coxswain of a 74' Landing Craft. He was discharged. As the oil fields. He finally got a more permanent job at Aerojet Space Corp, where he's been for several years.

While home, he met and married Kym Headrick on Apr 4, 1981, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom Ca. Kym works as a loan processor. Ralph is a avid hunter and is called upon by friends and neighbors for hunting and fishing expeditions in the area and the Sierra Mountain range.

They have two lovely children, Wyatt who was born Dec 21, 1982 and Sarah born Mar 25, 1985.

Michael George the youngest born Apr 17, 1958 is (Down Syndrom), he enjoys Square Dancing and belongs to a group called Circle and Squares. They give public performances most noted dancing with the Myron Florin orchestra of Lawrence Welk's fame and at the California State Fair where they were compensated by the former California Gov. Jerry Brown. Submitted by Harry G. Lawrence, Ralph R. Guttenberg, D. Guttenberg, Larry E. Guttenberg, Ebe L. Guttenberg.

**DR. ELMORE JAMES MOSSMAN**

Dr. Elmore James Mossman was born on February 10, 1854 in Springfield Township, Gallia County Ohio, the son of Mary Elizabeth Watts and James Albert Mossman. They lived on a farm but after the death of his father, the family moved to Galipolis to take advantage of educational facilities. After he finished a six year high school course at Gallia Academy at age sixteen, he taught school at Point Pleasant, W. Va. for the next five years. In 1876 he began to study medicine under the tutelage of Dr. R. A. Vance of Gallipolis, Ohio.

In 1879, he married Mary McDaniel (1856 - 1907), the daughter of Mary LeMaster Steele and Captain William McDaniel of Hickory, W. Va., near Point Pleasant, W. Va. One son, born to them, died in infancy in 1881.

In 1881 he attended Sterling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio graduating in 1883, thereafter, starting his medical practice in Point Pleasant, W. Va. He is revered for the building of Mount Jackson and his work in medicine. His grave, in Hulbert Cemetery, August 2, 1921 leaving his wife, Jessie and their son, Elmore Somerville, a sister, Teresa Lillian Womeldorff (1867 - 1943) of near Bidwell, Gallia Co., Ohio and two of three brothers, Dan Andrew mossman (1869 - 1928) and Guy Mott mossman (1874 - 1943). Another brother, John Wesley mossman, born 1857 died earlier in 1919. Dr. mossmans brothers all lived in Hunting, W. Va. Dr. mossman was buried in Lone Oak Cemetery near Point Pleasant with his two wives.

Elmore mossman, successful both as a physician and as a business man, was the treasurer of the Point Pleasant Development Co. which developed the Hamilton and Powell Additions. He was promoter of the Point Pleasant Co. Equity Milling Co. and the Point Pleasant Manufacturing and Extension Co. and was founder of the Point Pleasant National Bank, the Progress Building and Loan Association, the Point Pleasant Country Club and many other enterprises. He owned both city property and farmlands. Dr. mossman knew how to be kind and patient; a sympathetic and responsive friend. He helped the poor, the afflicted and struggling young men attend college. He brought relief to the suffering. Well loved by his friends and relatives, as well as many from all walks of life, Dr. mossman was tireless in his energy for the upbuilding of the community. His obituary said, "Anything that means greater Point Pleasant will show you Dr. Mossman."

Since Dr. mossman had the same ancestry as many of the people in this community, here is his line of descent.

The first known ancestor was John Adam Roush (1711 - 1786) of Darststadt, Germany, who immigrated to America in 1736, and settled in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia near Mount Jackson.

He married Susannah Schell (1751 - 1796), parentage and place of marriage unknown.

Their daughter, Eleanor Roush (1751 - 1827) married Alexander Waddell (1732 - 1834), a weaver from Glasgow, Scotland who immigrated to this country before 1775, for he fought in the French and Indian wars, and later, the Revolutionary war. His grave, in Hulbert Cemetery, Gallia County, Ohio, was marked by the SAR.

Elmore mossman, they moved to the very edge of the frontier, in then, Bath County, Va., later called Pocahontas, and later divided into Greenbrier County.

They built their home on the top of a mountain.
near Marvin Chapel. In later life, they moved to Gallia County. Ohio. Their son, James Waddell (1774 - 1848) married Sarah Grimes (1780 - 1811-13), the daughter of Felix and Katherine Logan of Belfast, Ireland, who immigrated to America and settled about 1770 near Huntsville, Pochantas County, Kentucky.

After the death of Sarah, James with his children, moved to Gallia County, Ohio, where other members of his family were residing. Their daughter Margaret Ann (1811 - 1858) married on February 17, 1830, James Watts (1805 - 1885). The Watts family moved to Ohio about 1816.

He was born in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., the son of David Watts (1784 - 1865) who married Rebecca Smith August 23, 1804 in Green Brier County, Elizabeth Morrison (1785 - 1863). David Watts was the son of James Watts of Maryland and Pennsylvania and married Mary Perkins of Maryland.

Elizabeth Morrison's parents were Andrew Morrison Jr. and Elizabeth Taylor who were married near Winchester, Va. about 1776. He was the son of Andrew Morrison Sr. and married Mary Organig, Orange County, Va. His parents were Nathaniel and Thankful Morrison.

Sarah Gertrude Mott was enrolled in the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Romney, W. Va. 1885; was removed to Ohio 1888; reenrolled to Romney 1889; she completed ten terms in school June 17, 1896, receiving her teaching certificate. She was married September 14, 1898 to Frank A. Lunsford in Mason County, West Virginia.

Her four daughters were: Lena Lorena, Mary Roberta Mott, Lois Mae, and Joyce Muncy. Lena, born 23 Dec. 1889 in Cabell Co. W. Va., married James Hanson Walker, their nine children were: John, Charles, Gertrude B. (her will dated 9 October 1898 to Frank A. Lunsford in Mason County, West Virginia. To this union were born Lena, born 23 Dec. 1899 in Cabell Co. W. Va., married James Hanson Walker, their nine children were: John, Charles, Gertrude B. (her will dated 9 October 1898 to Frank A. Lunsford in Mason County, West Virginia.

John C. Murray

December 20, 1910 John C. Murray, miner, farmer, pensioner of the Civil War died at Debby, W. Va. and was buried at Eddy Chapel beside his third wife Rebecca Plants who accidentally drowned in Debby Creek, March 1st, 1903. He was born in 1833, Monroe County, Ohio, the 4th child of Margaret and William Murray and evidence points to Terra Haute, Indiana as residence in childhood.

John entered the Missouri Inf. (Union) Co. A. 9th Regt. July 17, 1861 at Knoxville, Illinois at Solton, Missouri, and enlisted November 1863 as a volunteer at Ringold, Georgia in 59th Illinois Inf. His records showed he was five feet nine inches tall, sandy hair, brown eyes, of stout build and a laborer. He could not sign his name at enlistment but that was resolved. He was a foot soldier in twenty major battles and once teamed as an officer and was killed during the American Civil War.

Nelena Muncy

The fall of 1961, Floyd and Naomi Muncy along with their children moved from Turkey Creek, Ky. to Point Pleasant, W. Va. Floyd, went to work at Two River Ford Motor Company as a mechanic one year after moving here. He is currently employed at the Combined Support Maintenance Officer (CSMO) member of the 364th Maintenance Company of Point Pleasant and is currently with Troop Command of the 364th Maintenance Company of Point Pleasant.

Naomi, a homemaker and housewife, was born on January 25, 1938 to Hazel Varney Phillips and the late Roy Lee Phillips at Turkey Creek, Kentucky in Pike County. She married Muncy Staten, born 1915, Gallia Co. Oh., married Anna Mae Campbell in Ferry Co. They were the parents of Dr. Elmore Dan B. Moore. Submitted by — Sybil Muncy Moore (Mrs. Dan B. Moore)
Plants, reared the two girls as John became ill with rheumatism, and died of the heart and kidneys. By a special act of Congress May 1908 John received $18,000 on his veterans pension. However in the fall of 1908 he entered the National Home for Disabled Veterans in Danville, Illinois but was released January 1909.

After his death his two minor children were sent to the soldiers orphans home in Normal, Illinois, but within the year D. W. Brown of Pt. Pleasant obtained their custody. The girls were awarded an orphans pension of $14.00 per month.

Submitted by — Patricia Murray Schweitzer

MUSGRAVE FAMILY

Sir Walter Scott wrote in ‘Lochinvar’ of the ‘war-like’ Musgravers. George MacDonald Fraser in his book The Steel Bonnets lists the Musgrave family of Cumberland as being constantly at feud on the Scottish side having a three century vendetta with their fellow Cumbrians, the Dares. John Musgrave, growing perhaps ‘tired of fighting’ came to America. In 1745, in Virginia, his son Elijah was born.

It is to this Elijah, the son of John Musgrave, immigrant, (b. 1745 d. 1843) that the Musgrave family of Mason County owes its existence. This Elijah lived near Moorefield in Hardy County, West Virginia, where his business was that of ammunitions-maker. Much of the production of the business went as supplies to the Continental Army.

Elijah’s son John (b. 1768, d. 1860) married Mary Ellen Stewart (d. 1850) in 1803. The couple migrated to Green County, Pennsylvania, where a son, Asa was born in 1804, thence to Mason County. Asa remained in Mason County. In 1829 he married Mary Ellen Yeager (b. 1806, d. 1894) and they died in 1876. Their two children were Elijah Green Musgrave (b. 1834, d. 1890) and Ellen Musgrave.

Elijah Green Musgrave served with the rank of Lt. in the 106th Virginia Militia under Capt. Anthony Van Sickle. He was in active service of Lt. in the 106th Virginia Militia under Capt. Anthony Van Sickle. He was in active service. He attended Mason County schools and graduated from Lebanon University at Lebanon, Ohio. He taught school in Mason County for several years, and while teaching at Debby school he met Eva Yauger, daughter of Jeremiah and Anna Carolyn Dawson Yauger whom he married on April 1st, 1900 at her home, known as ‘Wood Brick’. He died and left behind a brick house in the county, built of brick made from sand taken from the ten acre field below the house.

After marriage he operated a general store, formerly owned by Jeremiah Yauger at Debby. After the death of Mr. Yauger he took over management of the six hundred acre farm where they lived until he bought the McGuffin farm at York, West Virginia in 1916 where he lived with his family until the U.S. Government took it for the TNT operation.

Mr. Musgrave was active in political circles of the County and State. Both he and his wife were active supporters of all Community, Church and Civic activities.

Mr. Musgrave died May 5th, 1951, his wife preceded him in death September 1935, both are buried in the family lot in Lone Oak Cemetery in Point Pleasant.

They had two daughters, Anna Lee the eldest, married John H. Collins of Chester, Maryland, and now lives in Steuben, Indiana. The Yaugers have one son, John William Steenberg, II, who in turn has one son, William Ragland Steenberg, great grandson of Mr. Musgrave, by whom this article is submitted. Submitted by — William Ragland Steenberg

IVA COLEMAN NAPOR FAMILY

Iva Winifred Coleman was born June 3, 1914 in Hartford, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Arch Jess and Ethel May (Gibbs) Coleman of several children, her grandparents were William L. and Martha (Ryan) Coleman and her maternal grandparents were Isaiah W. and Mary E. (Baker) Gibbs. Iva’s grandfather Isaiah Gibbs served in the Civil War with the Fourth West Virginia Volunteers and his grandfather Luman Gibbs was a pioneer scout with Colonel Andrew Lewis and also fought in the Revolutionary War.

Iva attended Hartford School having Mrs. Ora (Cartmill) Gibbs as a teacher. Mrs. Gibbs was Iva’s mother’s sister-in-law. She completed her elementary school education and received her diploma on May 8, 1929 from the state of West Virginia. Her family moved to Steubenville, Ohio because of unemployment conditions in Hartford and she attended Wells High School. She was married on September 17, 1937 at the parsonage of Finley Methodist Church and Rev. C.R. Stockinger. Iva’s best friend Wilma Starr was her maid of honor and Joe Gurney was the best man. A reception was held afterwards at Mr. & Mrs. Adam Napor’s home, William’s brother. They became the parents of two children: Marlene, Halsey born March 3, 1942 and William Arch born July 22, 1950. Iva died of cancer August 23, 1958 at 44 years of age. During her life she became a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church which her husband and daughter still attend. Iva’s husband still resides in Steubenville and has since remarried. Marlene lives in Wintersville, Ohio with her husband Joseph Boni and son Christopher. William is single and lives in Rison, Washington.

Submitted by — Marlene L. Bani

GILBERT NEAL FAMILY

Gilbert Neal born February 4, 1908 in Putnam County had a twin brother Gil Neal. They were the sons of Henry Neal and Maria Spurlock Neal and grandchildren of Will Neal and Rhoda Cundiff Neal, and Buri Spurlock and Jane Spears Spurlock.

Gilbert Neal was united in marriage on May 5, 1934 to Kathryne Louise McKinney. The marriage was performed by the Rev. George Sagor at the First Baptist Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. They are the parents of six children: (1) Nancy Louise Neal Stone born December 30, 1934; (2) Barbara Ann Neal Pierce born November 22, 1936; (3) Loa Jacqueline Neal Stone born September 18, 1938; (4) Jimmy Edward Neal born June 2, 1942; (5) Kathryn Carol Neal Swen born December 21, 1944; (6) Richard Lee Neal born March 17, 1948.

Gilbert and Kathryn M. Neal are the grandparents of eighteen children and nine grandchildren.

Gilbert Neal drove a truck for the Rev. Clarence Matty of the Point Pleasant Mission. He brought in money to meet the needs of the Mission and his earnings were a dollar a day. In between times he worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company. In 1935 he got his first break, he went to work on the locks at Hogsett, W. Va. for which he re...
ceived three dollars for four hours work. In 1937 he moved his family to Charleston. Here he joined the labor union and worked for a short time as a laborer, then he went back to driving a truck. In 1940, he left the company and started his own business.

Mary Jane Morrow Neal: Her parents were Edward J. and Hannah Neal. Mary was one of nine children. She attended school in Mason County and graduated in 1919. In 1920, she married Horace Greely Neal at Suncrest Cemetery in Point Pleasant.

Horace Greely Neal married Miss Mary Jane Morrow Neal (born 12/1/1912) on April 4, 1941. He was a General Foreman over the iron workers during the building of the Vanadium Plant, New Haven, W. Va. In 1943, he opened his family to Florida where he worked in the shipyards, but due to the illness of one of his daughters, he had to leave Florida. Returning to West Virginia, he began work at the TNT Plant as an iron worker. He retired with thirty-five years service as an iron worker.

My father's ambition was to build young boys or men out of work to find a job. In 1948, he bought the farm where my mother was raised. My mother said she would never raise tobacco because she had to work in it when she was growing up. One day my dad said, “Let’s raise a crop of tobacco.” My mom said, “No Way, but if you will help you raise sugar cane.” Dad agreed that this would be a good thing to do, so they raised a field of sugar cane. After the crop was finished, they sold the cane to a sugar factory.

We didn’t have electricity when we moved here. Burl McKinney, Mr. Ferrell and my dad rode horseback through the countryside to get electricity. My dad went about the community getting electricity for the people who wanted it. Their efforts were successful and we got electricity. Dad also went about the community getting electricity for the people who wanted it.

Dad spent the last fifteen years working in Columbus, Ohio where he and mom lived until he retired. At that time they moved back to the farm and remodeled the farm house. My mother still lives there. Dad had a pacemaker surgery in December of 1960 and after going into a coma he just lived three weeks. He died on January 31, 1961. He was buried on his seventy-third birthday at Suncrest Cemetery in Point Pleasant, W. Va. Submitted by Nancy Neal Stone, Kathryn Severn

HORACE GREELY AND MARY JANE MORROW NEAL

Isham and Nancy Condiff’s daughter Rhonda C. Condiff married Samuel L. and Sarah Neal’s son William Henry Harrison Neal (born 1841) in Mason County.

William H. H. and Rhoda Condiff Neal had 14 children, but lost two before 1900. Our story centers on their fourth child Horace Greely Neal (born 10/5/1874) who married the daughter of Gideon and Mary Catherine Shelorine Morrow. Miss Mary Jane Morrow (born 3/12/1901) and William Henry Harrison Neal were the parents of 14 children, but lost two before 1900.

Horace Greely Neal was a farmer, minister of the Church of Christ, carpenter on the Smith River Docks and grocery store owner in Point Pleasant.


Second child of Horace and Mary Morrow Neal: Mearl (retired from river boats) married Gladys Miller. Their two children: Mary Martha, Mrs. George Turner and Steven who married Josey.

Third child of Horace and Mary Morrow Neal: Eva L. Neal (born 1/29/1907) married Leonard Loranzo Dowell Millerd (born 2/26/1901). Son of David Lloyd Miller (born 4/1/1874) and Elizabeth Sauer Miller (born 5/10/1876) and retired from Columbia Gas System Service Corporation with 33 years service. Eva and Leonard’s two sons are Shriners and the entire family are members of the Trinity Methodist Church.

Eva is a member of the Eastern Star, Women’s Club, Colonial Ladies of America and Anne Bailey’s Homemaker’s Club 1. Robert Dowell Miller (born 11/28/1925) and divorced Janet Louise Stanly with four children. Robert is a 32° Degree Mason and a member of the Eastern Star.

A. Jeffrey Jay (born 8/12/1953), a school teacher at Carbon Dale University, Ill. and now an attorney who lives in Law, married Linda Olsaker. No children.

B. Mark Stanley (born 9/9/1954) married and divorced Linda Queen and had Stephanie. Married Diane Casto and had Kristy.


Horace Greely Neal married and divorced Ruth Ellen Noble. Horace is a member of American Legion Post 23, a 32° Degree Mason, Eastern Star, Moose. They have three children. Horace is also a Shriner.


c. Laura Lee Miller (born 9/16/1960) married and Mount Vernon Nazarene College.


Fifth child of Horace and Mary Morrow Neal: Velma Mae Neal (born 11/12/1911) member of Trinity Methodist Church, Auxiliary Military Police of US Army, Kentucky Colonel, Graduate of the Medical Self help Training Course and Colonial Ladies of America. Divorced and no children.

Sixth child of Horace Greely and Mary Jane Morrow Neal: Floyd Neal (born 9/21/1913, died 10/9/1917). Death resulted from a fall from a horse and buggy.


Eighth child of Horace Greely and Mary Jane Morrow Neal: Lavina Mildred Neal (born 8/7/1920, married 9/14/1940) David Richard O’Neal (born 8/7/1918). Lavina is Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, Past Worthy High Priestess of the Order of White Shrine. David Richard O’Neal is the son of Richard David and Bessie Hill O’Neal. Lavina, David and children are members of Trinity Methodist Church of Point Pleasant. David is a retired real estate and insurance man, former member of House of Delegates and West Virginia State Executive Committee. David’s name appears with the I.O.O.F., Shriners, Masons, Life Member Moose, American Legion, Kentucky Colonel, Junior Order of American Mechanics, US Air Force. The only child is Barbara Anne (born 8/25/1941) married James (Bob) Martin Roberts, son of Tyree and Gladys Roberts. Barbara Anne was in the Beauty Shop Business for 19 years was listed in Who’s Who in American Book and First Chief Magistrate Court Clerk of Mason County. They have two daughters (both members Kentucky Colonels).

1. Rebecca Anne (born 11/7/1962) single and working for WV Senator Robert C. Byrd in Washington, D.C. Rebecca is majoring in International Law.
at American University. One year attending Oklahoma State University and three years at WV University, Morgantown, WV.

2. Toni Lynn (born 4/15/1966) single and attending North Carolina State University as an Honor Student majoring in Industrial Engineering.

Ninth child of Horace Greely and Mary Jane Morrow Neal: Eliza Elizabeth Neal (born 5/5/1922) married Cleo Franklin Reynolds, son of Elza Elijah and Minnie Sota Fett Reynolds. Cleo is a veteran of W.W.II Staff Sgt, 6th Armory Division, 50th Armor Infantry Battalion, Co. B station in Europe and was decorated with the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Metal and Three Battle Stars. He retired from WV National Guard.

They had one son, Cleo Dobbins, born 11-13-1933, married Delores Greenes Faculty and they have two children, Steven married Karen Bailey and has a son, Kevin. Darla Kay married Gary Wallbrown and has a son, Christopher. Sharon married Carl Morris. Karen, twin sister of Sharon, is married to Tim Harper and they have two children, Timmy and Tisha.

HOSEA GREENE NEASE

Hosea Greene Nease (1864 - 1910) was the proprietor of a grocery and general merchandising company in Pt. Pleasant in the early 1900's and his building still stands on the corner of first and Main.

His parents were Jacob W. (1822 - 1879) and Nancy Zirkle Nease (who died Oct. 24, 1899 age 73-6-2) and are buried in Gibswn town community, Waggener district with children Catharine, died June 8, 1853, age 2, and son Perry M. died June 28, 1870, 1 year 20 days. Jacob being the son of Henry Nease (died February 25, 1875 age 79 years one month, 29 days, and with wife buried in Union Cemetery). Descendants in California and Illinois still own a portion of the land until late 1970's.

Hosea G. Nease married Oct. 19, 1876 Rebecca Jane Somerville (1848 - 1911) daughter of Calvin and Margaret Eckard Somerville. To this union was born Nancy Louise, October 21, 1881 died June 22, 1945 in Los Angeles, Calif. She was the daughter of Horace M. McCoy (1856 - 1943) who died in Columbus, Ohio, where he was president of McCord-Harris Co., automobile dealers. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are buried in Pt. Pleasant with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nease.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy both graduated from Ohio University. Their only child Betty Lee, born 1907, graduated from Ohio State University. She was the wife of William Smith Cunningham, a journalist, whom she married in August 1930. She died at their home in Los Angeles in 1963. Mrs. Cunningham retired in 1976 after 10 years of employment as an Academic Counselor, College of Letters and Science, University of California at Los Angeles, and resides at 804 Grove Street, Los Angeles. Submitted by -- Betty Cunningham

THE CHARLES ROBERT NEWBERRY

Charles Robert Newberry was born September 13, 1895. He died March 1, 1985. The son of J. Wesley Newberry (1870 - 1908) and Ida Miller Newberry Sayre (1876 - 1945), he married Velma Leona McCarty July 13, 1918. She was the daughter of Densil McCarty (1869 - 1928) and Eva Rollins McCarty (1871 - 1949).

Robert and Velma owned and operated farms all their lives. The couple had twelve children.

1. LAWRENCE: born July 24, 1920, married Lois Coen. They have five children, Beverly, Roberta Forbes. They have three children, Joseph Jr. married Karla Richards. Drena married Jeff Ball and had one son, Adam. She is now married to Ken Wroten. Gregory married Kimberly Vickers and they have two children, Bradley and Kara. Delores married Tom Watkins and had one daughter, Donna, who is married to Reese Dilton. They have two sons, Heath and Nicholas. Delores then married Charles Smith and they had two sons, Marvin and Randall. Marvin died in 1984, the result of an automobile accident. She later married and divorced Jess Jones. Carol married Walter Lowe and they have one son, Jason. Darlene married Tony Rainey and they have three children, Laura, Michael, and Amanda. Penny married Ronald Hickman and they have two children, Tara and Brandon.

2. DELMER: born July 27, 1922 married Eleanor Sayre and they have two children. David Blaine married Denise Parsons and they have four children, Sarah, Kelly, and Kyle. Ruth Irene married Duane Schneider and they have two children, Malia and Ryan.

3. LUMER: born July 27, 1922 twin brother to Delmer. Elmer married Catherine Roush. They have three sons, Steven married Karen Bailey and they have three children, Janet Lynn, David Lee, and Christopher Ryan. Michael married Carol Stanley and they have one son, Daniel Allen. Timothy Lee is single.

4. GENEVA: born May 21, 1925 died November 1926.

5. WALTER: born August 28, 1927, he died 1961. He was married to Thelma Devault. They had seven children. Carolyn died in infancy. Helen married Tom Saunders and they have one son, Robert. Peggy married Ronald Templeton and they have one daughter, Loretta. Roberta married Delbert Dobbins and they have two children, Melissa and Travis. Robert married Linda and they have two children, Kelly and Robert. Roberta and Robert are twins. Barbara married Creig Province. Barbara died in 1975. They have two daughters, Sarah and Denise. Joyce died in 1980.

6. ALBERTA: born September 25, 1929, she married Marvin Tom Fry. They have three children. Kenneth married Judy Plants. They have two daughters, Dana and Leah. Rebecca married Randy Boggs and had a daughter, Amy. She later married Kevin Durst. Phillip is single.


Robert and Velma Nease - 50th Anniversary

10. RUBY: born July 12, 1938, married John Stover and they have three children, Sandra, William, and Dennis.

11. BERNICE: born December 7, 1940, married Louis Woomer and they have three sons, Louis Jr., Bobby married Lora Schwab and has one daughter, Sara. Roger Woomer.

12. HARRY: born December 11, 1942, married Donna Woodward and they have two sons, Scott and Ty. Harry later married Margaret Chrismer. Submitted by — Harry D. Newberry. Eleanor Newberry

NEWTON

On January 1, 1853, a tract of land along the Ohio River was purchased by the newly formed Mason County Mining and Manufacturing Company. George W. Moredock was chosen as agent and began setting up a Salt Plant which provided work and prosperity for the early settlers of Mason County. In 1854, he was joined by his wife and daughter, Jennie. He then hired a surveyor and laid out the Town of Hartford, Virginia, named after the Connecticut town of its youth.

George W. Moredock was born July 26, 1816, in Connecticut and spent the last 40 years of his life in Hartford where he died November 7, 1893. He married Eliza A. Healy who was born March 25, 1820, in Rhode Island. She died in the Spring of 1902.

George and Eliza had one daughter, Jennie, who was born July 27, 1842, in Hartford Connecticut. Jennie married Douglas Everett Newton born January 16, 1839, at Marietta, Ohio. They had one son, William Healy Newton, born May 25, 1866, in Hartford, West Virginia. Douglas died February 8, 1917. His wife, Jennie, joined her husband in death March 20, 1920, in Hartford, West Virginia, a town named after the place of her birth. Their son, William (May 25, 1866 - November 11, 1933), married Martha Atkins born August 24, 1868, at Sharon Pennsylvani. She died in Mason, West Virginia, March 6, 1952. Martha and William had one son, Douglas Everett Newton, born April 19, 1891, at Hartford, West Virginia, where he died November 11, 1952. He married Mary A. Wortenburg born March 27, 1898, in Mason County and died October 15, 1934, in Hartford. They had two sons: Douglas William (Bill) Newton born June 15, 1920, died September 1971; and Charles Everett Newton. Bill married Eulah Grinstead born November 3, 1921. They had three children: Mary Carolyn, Charles William (Butch), and Linda Lee Newton.

Mary now owns and operates a beauty shop (Mary K’s) in Point Pleasant. She is married to Jan Lewis Haddox, a Mason County Educator and Artist who is presently Director of Atten-

dance and Social Service for Mason County Schools.

Charles (Butch) Newton married Sandra Lee Bro from Ironton, Ohio. They have one daughter, Kelly Dawn Newton. They reside at Ashland, Kentucky.

Linda married Harlan H. Pitchford of Gallipolis, Ohio. They have two sons: Todd Alan and Travis Newton Pitchford. They live at Louisville, Kentucky. Submitted by — Mary Haddox

THE G. D. NIBERT FAMILY

George Dewey Nibert was born April 27, 1898, one of fourteen children born to Sebastian Cabot and Annette DuFour Nibert. Sebastian was a native Mason Countian, but Annette DuFour was a descendant of the early French settlers of Gallipolis, Ohio. On December 24, 1919, George Dewey married Bessie Bell Burris who was born December 18, 1898, to Charles Milford and Lillie Frances Long Burris.

George Dewey was briefly a school teacher, a barber, and secretary of the Mason County Board of Education, but will be remembered as U.S. Postmaster at Gallipolis Ferry and a rural mail carrier until retirement. He also operated a small grocery at Gallipolis Ferry for a number of years.

He and wife Bessie had five children, all born at Gallipolis Ferry or in the vicinity, and all graduated from Point Pleasant High School. The three sons are veterans.

Their first born was Max Nibert, an employee of Kaiser Aluminum until his death in 1978. He married Lois L. Costen and they have one son, Max Lee Nibert.

The second son is John William Nibert, formerly with the Marietta Manufacturing Company and now with the Indiana-Michigan Electric Company, he married Betty Lou Sauer who died in 1969. They were the parents of four children:

(1) Karen Sue who married Charles Martin and they were parents of Jeffrey Lee and Angela Renee. Jeffrey married Terry Lee Thomas and they have two children, Tiffany Leigh and Heather Brooke Martin. Angela Renee married Todd Taylor. (2) John William, II, married Marcia Darst and they are parents of Debra Dawn. She married Gregory Lee and they have one son, Justin Scott Lee. (3) Darlene Kay married Jimmy Jo Wedge and they are parents of John Matthew Wedge. (4) Loretta Lynn (Mikki) married James Paul Reardon, II, of Columbus, Ohio. They are parents of James Paul Reardon, III, Susan Kay, and Stacy Lynn.

The third son is George Dewey Nibert, Jr., a graduate of Chicago School of Optometry, and a local optometrist. He married Anna Mae Brown and they are parents of the late Bruce M. Nibert and Dr. Byron J. Nibert, also an optometrist. Bruce had one son, Matthew. Byron married Tamara Toller and they have two children, Joshua Byron and Hillary Lauren Nibert.

Dewey and Bessie’s fourth and fifth children were daughters. (4) Lois Louise, a bank employee and pharmacy clerk. married Jack L. Pyles. They have two daughters, Pamela Gale and Jacqueline Lois. Pamela married John R. Bumgardner and they have two children, Bethany Shay Watters and Chelsea Brooke Bumgarner. Jacqueline married T. N. Dennis, II, and they have one son, Andrew Tyler. Submitted by — Lois Pyles

THE NICHOLL FAMILY

Simpson Nickel was born January 6, 1815 in Ireland. After coming to America he met and married his wife Mary. The marriage took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They came to Mason County where they bought land in Cologne District where other Irish immigrants had already settled.

They were buried on their farm in what is now known as the Nicholl Cemetery, his death occurring on July 11, 1884. Mary, also a native of Ireland, died at the age of 69 years on January 5, 1888. They were the parents of (1) Rebecca born August 6, 1847 and died March 12, 1923. She was the wife of John Smith. (2) Andrew born 1857, died 1931; (3) John born 1861 and died 1941, married Permelia Stewart the daughter of Charles and Pauline C. Stewart. (4) Mary was born in 1869.

Andrew Nicholl who was born in 1857 married Sarah Susan Smith the daughter of Gideon and Sarah Oliver Smith. Andrew also took a great interest in the political affairs of the county. He worked under John Clinton Porter as a tax collector in 1900. It was during this time that his only son born so the child was named John Clinton Nicholl, but was called Porter by which he was most commonly known. Andrew served as a deputy assessor, a position he held at the time of his death in 1931.

This kind couple, Andrew and Susan, for some time provided a home for a Knuckles child. They also showed the same kindness to a homeless boy, Charles (Bear) King.

They were the parents of the following children: (1) Mabel born 1896, married Lightburn Durst. They lived in Fostoria, Ohio. They were the parents of three daughters, two of which were twins. (2) John Clinton born 1900. (3) Bertha born 1898, married Virgil Durst and lived in Fostoria, Ohio. (4) Margaret born August 1902 married Joseph Wedge. They also lived in Fostoria, Ohio.

John Clinton (Porter) grew up on the family farm at Baden. On July 11, 1933 he was married to Vesta Balch, the daughter of Delbert and Eliza Stone Balch. They lived in Charleston from 1942 until 1967 when Porter retired as an engineer for the New York Central Railroad. At that time they returned to the Nicholl farm on Baden Ridge. Porter and Vesta enjoyed life here where many visitors came to their home. Porter found much pleasure in farming the land where his father and grandfather had worked before him. He continued farming until his death on March 11, 1979. Vesta, too, to the hundred thirty five acre farm in the house that was built by Andrew before his marriage to Susan Smith.

John Clinton and Vesta were the parents of one daughter Katherine Sue born in 1937 and died at birth. Submitted by — Vesta Nicholl

Travis Newton Pitchford
EDWARD PRESTON NICHOLS

Edward Preston Nichols, born August 14, 1888 at Gaziel, Kanawha County, WV, son of Samuel Lee Nichols, born December 26, 1862 in Kanawha County and Barbara Warner Nichols, born July 27, 1862 in Berne, Switzerland (coming to this country at age of two). On January 24, 1914 at Charleston, WV he married Rouie Isabella Hall, born July 25, 1892 at Groves Creek, Kanawha County, daughter of Robert Franklin Hall and Mary Millihan Hall.

Children are:

1. Harold Lester born November 10, 1914 in Clay County, WV, served in the military service (CCC Camp) during World War II.

2. Donald Ray, born October 8, 1928 at Elkins, WV to Virginia Fern Dunham, married August 3, 1940 at Pt. Pleasant, WV to Mary Elizabeth Dunham and Lucy Mae Kessell Dunham. He was an electrician at Temke's Lumber Company, returning to Mason County where he worked for the Wilderness Lumber Company, returning to Mason County approximately March 1933. He then purchased the property from his parents. Ed and Rouie were members of the Shiloh EUB Church, he was a trustee and Sunday School Superintendent of the church for many years. Both are buried at Pine Grove Cemetery back of Leon, WV. Submitted by — Delbert E. Nichols, and Gladys E. Nichols Dunham

THOMAS NICHOLSON

Thomas Nicholson was born in 1823, in County Down, Ireland, emigrated to America in 1869. Thomas spent fifteen years in Australia before coming to this country. In Australia he had worked in mining and farming. When he first came to America he located in Pittsburgh, Pa. a few months. Then he moved to Mason County, Union District where he was married to Eliza Walker. Their marriage took place at the home of her sister Margaret McCrure. The couple had no children but were devoted to her sister Margaret's children who were Andrew, Mary, Maggie, and John Beattie who were born to Margaret when she had been married first to Moses Beattie who had died at an early age.

Stephen and Vera Jones were married July 12, 1941. Children born to this union were: Stephen Kiesling Noble, Jr., and Judith Ann (Straight).

THE GORACLIFFORD NOBLE FAMILY


On 12 NOV 1933 the Noble family moved from West Columbia to Mason City, WV. "Lena" Grace Noble died 7 FEB 1972. "Gora" Clifford Noble died 18 DEC 1981. Both buried in Gravel Hill Cemetery at Cheshire, Gallia Co., OH.

Their first child: "Marcus" Noble born 19 JUL 1920 in Mason City, WV; "Jack" Edward Noble born 11 FEB 1922 in Mason City, WV. "Jack" Edward Noble died 23 FEB 1987 in Mason City, WV.

THE KIMES FAMILY

Stephen K. and Vera J. Noble Family

Stephen Kiesling Noble was born May 18, 1920 to William Casius and Mattilda Catherine (McDermitt) Noble at York (Camp Conley) WV.

He graduated from Point Pleasant High School and served as Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He returned to work for Ernest and Freda (Macih) Waggener, distributors of Gulf Oil Corporation as a salesman, tractor-trailer driver following his discharge from the Navy and continued work for that company until his disability retirement in 1975.

Stephen and Vera Jones were married July 12, 1941. Children born to this union were: Stephen Kiesling Noble, Jr., and Judith Ann (Straight).

Vera (Jones) Noble was born to Vernon and Louise (Sayre) Jones at their home located on Rd 7 near Creston and attended school at Rd 3, Pt. Pleasant, WV. Her family moved to Jericho Road, Point Pleasant, WV in 1926. She graduated from Point Pleasant High School and completed adult classes in shorthand and bookkeeping. She started work for her father in the Circuit Clerk's office following graduation and worked as a bookkeeper and deputy. She continued in that position until his death in 1954 when she was appointed and elected to serve for the unexpired term.

She married Stephen K. Noble in 1941 and continued secretarial work and bookkeeping in various offices along with the care of their children, Steve, Jr. and Judy. She retired from the Mason County Health Department after 20 years of service there.

Stephen Kiesling Noble, Jr. was born to Stephen K. and Vera (Jones) Noble on December 26, 1942 at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio. He graduated from Point Pleasant High School, attended West Virginia Institute of Technology and received his degree from West Virginia State Institute. Two children, Stephanie Kiersten and Amy Jo were born of his marriage to Carolyn Miller. He married Frances Kay Nelson on March 28, 1971. They received their daughter, Heather Rachel after her birth on April 21, 1975.

Stephen was trained in music and enjoyed several years as clarinetist, saxophonist and flutist with the Don Boyd Orchestra. His work as an electrician locates him in Detroit, Michigan with Corver Engineering.

Judith Ann Noble was born to Stephen K. and Vera Noble on May 27, 1944 at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio. She graduated from Point Pleasant High School and West Virginia University. She married Robert E. Straight on September 5, 1964 and taught in various schools until the birth of their children, Robert E. Straight II and Cheryl Christina. She presently resides in Moundsville and works as a respiratory therapist at Ohio Valley General Hospital in Wheeling. Her husband, Robert, is a teacher at John Marshall High School. Submitted by — Judith A. Straight.

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eroy, Meigs Co., OH. Marcus Gora Noble died 3 SEP 1965 in an auto accident at Midway, WV.


At the time of Marcus G. Noble's auto accident, he and his family were living in the Charleston, WV area. Homer M. Noble resides in Mason, WV. Anna E. (Noble) Walsh also resides in Mason, WV. Submitted by — Mrs. Harry A. (Ann) Walsh

NOBLE

William Casius Noble was born to James William and Eva (Bass) Noble on October 16, 1896. Siblings were: Lawrence A. and Bertha. He married Matilda Catherine McDermitt on September 30, 1938.

Matilda Catharine McDermitt was born to Cicero Amos and Lavenia Ellen (Simpkins) McDermitt on July 28, 1917. Siblings were: Clara Theodosia (Rice), Charles Emmons, Franklin Thomas, Nannie Hildreth, James Frederick and Jessie Marie. Her father married Mary Frances at the time. They were married 26 APR 1947.

Children born to the marriage of William Casius Noble to Matilda Catherine McDermitt were: David Roy Noble born 8/1/1947; Charles Richard Noble born 10/7/1948; Anne Jo Ann Noble born 5/18/1949. The Noffsinger Family

TAYLOR WARD NUNLEY

Taylor Ward Nunley was born August 4, 1838 in Bedford County, Virginia, died November 9, 1903, the son of Taylor Ward Nunley, Sr. and Jane Crumpecker. In 1860 he married Arabella Turner, the daughter of William Turner, a Virginia farmer. The elder Taylor was an overseer with a plantation, in charge of slaves, a job he couldn't quite swallow, so he gathered up his family and crossed the mountains to Western Virginia, settling in Black Hawk Hollow, now a part of the city of Charleston. The Turners soon followed.

Taylor W. Nunley, Jr. worked at many jobs.
are members of the United Methodist church. They are the parents of two children, Richard DeArment, Jr. of New Mexico and Dixie Lynette Okel of Wheelers, Texas. (3) Maxine Noffsinger born August 6, 1927 at Leoni and died there on February 17, 1934 (of scarlet fever). (4) George Richard born July 10, 1933 at Leoni, married Inez Porter in 1955, served in the U.S. Army, now employed by Conrail, lives in Albany, New York. This couple had three children: Elizabeth Ann Hargett of Connecticut, Susan Gail of Boston, Mass., and one son Glen R. Noffsinger of Connecticut. Submitted by — (Harriet) Jean Noffsinger DeArment

THE ROBERT EDGAR NUTTER FAMILY

Robert Edgar Nutter b. 9/8/1860 Letart, WV; d. 3/19/1942 Henderson, WV. (son of: Samuel Paul & Emmaline (Yeager) Nutter) m. 4/30/1885 Henderson, WV. Lana Gibson b. 5/5/1868 Henderson, WV; d. 11/28/1948 Henderson, WV. (dau. of: Norvie & Sophia B. (McKeever) Gibson) 4 children:


2. Jacqueline Nutter b. 2/12/1925 Henderson, WV; m. 10/16/1946 Henderson, WV. m. 8/16/1942 Gallipolis, O. Charles Raymond Terry b. 10/6/1922 Redmond, WV; d. 1/11/1971 Henderson, WV. (son of: Raymond & Nellie (Mayes) Terry) Both buried at Lone Oak Addition - Pt. Pl., WV. 2 children:


Abbra Nicole Terry b. 7/7/1981 Gallipolis, O.


1. Benny Nutter b. 10/26/1921 Henderson, WV; d. 10/26/1947. (son of: Lewis & Mary Ellen) 1 daughter:


- Melissa married John Robert Legg
- Joseph F. married Jane A. Saunders
- Melissa married John W. Hess
- Joseph married Ruby Ellen Jeffers
- Adeline
- Lou Verna
- Ida Mae married John W. Hesson

Lawrence After the death of Joseph in 1900, Samantha and several of the children moved to Mason County. Lewis Anderson and Mary Ellen were the parents of ten children. Lushia married Roy Higginbotham Lula married Fred A. Walker, M/2nd Daisy McKinney Homer Harrison b. 1898 married Nellie A. Whittington Lewis married Rebekah Whittington Grace married Larry T. Whittington Lula married Paul Jeffers Amerdee married Mama Craig Della died in infancy Velva married John Tucker Lewis and Mary Ellen lived on Arbuckle Creek. Homer and Nellie Whittington Oldaker married 26 Sept. 1920 by Rev. Harvey Marshall are the parents of nine living children. They had seven children.

Lloyd Harrison married Mabel Medors. Lloyd retired from Ohio Edison Power Plant. They reside at Wellsville, Ohio. They have one son, Jeffrey married Debra J. Anderson and they have two children Jason and Nathan. Mary George married Simon Hayes. Mary and Simon are retired from Lakin Hospital and they reside at Arbuckle. They have children: Virginia Avalie, Wanda Jewell, Lola Darlene, Jean Sharp and Mabel Carolyn and baby boy died at birth. Virginia Avalie married Larry Wayne McDaniel and they have children: Cheryl Ann, Teresa, David, Mary, and Larry
Anthony Lee. Jean Sharon married Danny they have sons Billy and Richard. Lola Darlene they have two sons David Lee and Marvin Ray. David Lee married Tina Mash and they have a daughter Misty Dawn. David Lee and Tina are divorced. Marvin Ray married Ruth Cook. They have a son Jeremy and they reside at Kenna, WV.

Martha Genevieve is unmarried.

Marjorie Josephine married first Dorsel Russell and they have four children. Kathy Diane married John McGuire and reside at Mason, WV and have sons Shawn and Cody. Marilyn married. I don’t know anything more about them really, except that he lost an arm, the left one, in the war of 1861.

My father George Ulysses Oliver, the son of Eli, was born July 1869, and died March 1865. He joined the army in Meigs Co., Ohio Nov. 19, 1861. He lost his right arm in the Battle of Metzler in Tennessee on Oct. 5, 1862 while loading a cannon and was discharged from the army March 28, 1863 at Memphis, Tenn.


Charles W. Oseshel Family

Charles Waggner Oshel was born at Grimmings Landing, Mason County, West Virginia, in 1906, the son of Victor Sheridan and Elizabeth Jane Maupin Oshel. The fifth of six sons he was named after his uncle, Dr. Charles Beall Waggner of Arbuckle, West Virginia. In 1917 the V. S. Oshel family moved from Grimmings Landing to a farm purchased on Sand Hill Road near Point Pleasant. Following this move Charles attended Heights Grade School and Point Pleasant High School.

As a young man, Charles W. worked as clerk in the Mason County Assessor's Office during the term of his father V. S. Oshel. He continued in this job under Assessor Frank B. Lying and served as chief office deputy under Sheriff Gus R. Douglass. He was later employed as a teacher at the Point Pleasant Malleable Iron Company and later as a clerk at the Point Pleasant Malleable Iron Company. For over 40 years he along with his wife managed the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and making his home in the Hickory Chapel Community engaged in farming.

In 1929 Charles W. Oshel was united in marriage with Reba Elizabeth McNeill who was born in 1906 the daughter of Samuel Henry and Lillie Pauline McNeill.

Upon the death of her father in 1943, Reba McNeill Oshel was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a position Samuel McNeill had held since 1911. She continued to serve in this position until her retirement in 1981. Reba Oshel was an active member of the Hickory Chapel Methodist Church for over 60 years and served as a 4-H leader in the Hickory Chapel Community.

There are two surviving children: Charles McNeill Oshel b. 1930, educated at Point Pleasant High School and Marshall University, served 25 years as Teacher/ Band Director at Ceredo Kenova High School and is currently Assistant Superintendent, Wayne County Schools, and Ruth Eleanor Boyd, b. 1935, educated at Point Pleasant High School, Marshall University and Ohio State University and is currently a Teacher in the Columbus, Ohio City School System where she has served for 30 years.

Clarence Russell Oshel was born July 14, 1896 at Grimmings Landing, Mason County, West Virginia. His family included six sons. Submitted by — Chas. Oshel

Clarence Russell Oshel
and he learned to play the fiddle. Family circumstances prevented him from attending medical school, and not being able to become a doctor was perhaps a life-long disappointment.

In 1894 the Oshels moved to Grimms Landing in Mason County and there in 1895 V. S. Oshel was united in marriage to Elizabeth Jane Maupin, daughter of a prominent merchant C. W. Maupin of Arbtuckle. To this union was born six sons, Russell, John, Horton, Paul, Charles, and Maurice.

In the spring of 1917, V. S. Oshel purchased a farm from Harve Mourning on Sand Hill Road near Point Pleasant and moved his family from Grimms Landing to “Sand Hill” where he lived out his life.

V. S. Oshel (Sherry as he was affectionately called by family and friends) combined his love of animals and his interest in medicine to become a self-taught veterinarian who was often called upon by his farmer neighbors. He was recognized in the community as a man of splendid character and a congenial neighbor. A man of many talents, he was equally adept at showing a neighbor’s horse or entertaining guests with a fiddle tune.

Always active in Republican politics, he was elected Assessor of Mason County in 1924, and although he served only one term in public office, he continued his interest in politics throughout his life.

Son Russell was a mail carrier in Charleston, W. Va., for 20 years before returning to Mason County where he owned and operated a large dairy farm on Sand Hill Road. John Oshel was an automobile dealer in Point Pleasant for over 50 years and owned a dairy farm in the town. Horton Oshel was a mechanical engineer and owned a dairy farm. Paul Oshel graduated from West Virginia University in 1930, served as county agent in Wayne County and later manager of the Tri-State Milk Producers Association in Huntington. He also engaged in farming. Charles was a clerical worker at the Mason County Courthouse for 12 years and served as Director of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 40 years. Living in the Hickory Chapel Community, he also engaged in farming. Morgan was a steamboat/diesel towboat pilot and captain, and having earned his license on the steam towboat Julius Fleshmans, saw the end of steam and the dominance of the diesel towboat during his 35 years on the river. Like all the brothers, he too owned farms and engaged in farming.

V. S. Oshel died in November 1938. His wife lived until 1961. They are both buried just one mile from their “Sand Hill” farm in Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Submitted by - Celia Oshel

**GEORGE HARTFORD OVERHOLT FAMILY**

George Hartford Overholt was a Pvt. in Co. G.- 8th Regt. - Ohio Infantry, Spanish American War. He was born 4 FEB 1879 at Medina, Ohio and died at his home in Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. 9 SEP 1957. He was married 14 JUL 1903 to Grace Waugh born 20 JUN 1883 and died 3 FEB 1973 at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. He was employed at the Marietta Manufacturing Company for many years as Superintendent of the Machine Shop. He was active in the Episcopal Church and as the Kiwanis club. They were the parents of three children who attended schools in Pt. Pleasant: Cleo, Ellis and Grace.

Cleo Overholt born 14 MAY 1904 and died 26 OCT 1964. Married to Earl W. Waught. They were parents of: Wm. H. & Ora (Hogg) Waught. They had one daughter; Carolyn Waught born 1928 and died 1973, also buried Kirkland Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Overholt - W. Va. MMS 3 U.S.N, - World War II. He was born 21 MAY 1909 and died 3 FEB 1973 and buried Kirkland Memorial Cemetery.


The Newells now live in Kenosha, Wisconsin having previously made their home in Northfield and Glenview, Illinois, suburbs of Chicago. Ed by profession is a Mechanical Engineer and a Manufacturers Representative operating as The Edward D. Newell Company. Submitted by - Mrs. Edward D. (Mickey) Newell

**DR. NELSON A. PARK**

Dr. Nelson A. Park was born in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, February 12, 1919. He was the son of Eualh Somerville and Nelson A. Park. Dr. Park graduated from Point Pleasant High School. He attended Washington and Lee University and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School.

Dr. Park was a First Lieutenant in the United States Navy in World War II. He served for three years, twenty months of which were spent in the Pacific with the Fleet Marine Force. He participated in campaigns on Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa during which he was awarded the Purple Heart. He later served with occupation troops in Japan. Upon his return, he was assigned to the staff of the United States Hospital, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Dr. Park married Alice T. Lally, daughter of Bridget and Edward Lally. Mrs. Park, a native of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. They settled in Point Pleasant and Dr. Park became a partner of Dr. F. V. Butcher who had held office in the Mutual Realty Building on Main Street for forty years.

Nelson and Alice were parents of eight children, all of whom graduated from West Virginia University.


William Edward married Patricia Dodd, Elkview, W. Va. They are parents of a daughter Caitlin Keeley. William graduated from West Virginia Dental School and has continued the
practice of his late father.

Gary Lewis married Cynthia Chambers of Charleston, W.V. They are parents of four children: Adrienne, Justin, Allison, and Brittany. Gary is past President of the MCI Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Florida.

Dennis Patrick married Lisa Clay of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Dennis is district sales manager of J. W. Allen and Co. in Orlando, Florida.

Dennis married Bridgetta Roush of Charleston, W.V. They are parents of four children: Alford Myles, Michelle Marie, Alicia Jean, and Andrew III, Alford Myles, Michelle Marie, Alicia Jean, and Andrea.

Minnie Parkins was always a hard worker and a person that friends and neighbors always turned to for help.

Lillian Wilson married Marvin D. Roush of Pomeroy, Ohio and had one son, Marvin D. Roush Jr. Marvin D. Jr. married Marilyn McAvoy. They have two children: alfonso and 'Patricia McAvoy. David and Constance have Gregory David born February 23, 1923 the second child of Eulah Caroline Pleasant High School, attended University of Delaware and worked at Belle, Parkersburg and for Ford Shuler and they had a daughter, Audry, Mary Hester and Willie Fay Wilson.

Calvin William Parsons, son of Travis and Mary Parsons, (1831-1896) married Sarah Roush (1829-1894) in Mason County in 1861. Sarah was the daughter of Michael Roush and Elizabeth Oliver and granddaughter of George and Catherine Zerkle. (See Roush Family histories.) This was a second marriage for Sarah who had first husband John Bungamer died in 1855. They had the following children: Mary, Winfield, Rebecca and John. Calvin William and Sarah had the following children: George M., William S. and Andrew Alberts.

George M. Parsons (1862-1942) married Amelia P. Withers (1861-1927) in 1887. Amelia was the daughter of Ezekiel Daniel Withers and Sarah A. McCleary. (See Withers American, 1949.) George and Amelia lived in the West Columbia area. They were involved in farming and mercantile businesses. George was a Republican member of the House of Representatives from Mason County in 1908. Their five children and their families are as follows:

George W. (1894-1940) married Elizabeth Roush in 1917. They had the following children: Wilma G., 1920; Wanda E., 1922; George H., 1924.

Carl W. (1896-1981) married Louise White in Mason County in 1933. Carl served in WWII and a school bus driver for 9 years. Louise, who passed away in 1992, was a school teacher for 36 years.

Carol Edward Patterson, the youngest of six children to Howard Eli and Mary Leon (LePort) Patterson in a four room log house in the Hill area of Two Mile Hollow. (below Homer). Submitted by — Joan Parsons

JAMES MANSFIELD PARSONS FAMILY

James M. Parsons, a farmer of Rockcastle, came to Leon in 1904. His wife Melissa Barnett Parsons, whom he married on November 7, 1878, was the daughter of Enos and Lucretia Barnett. Mr. Parsons was a farmer and served as a dryman for the town of Leon.

Their children were: Esther 1881, married James Raider, died at age 89 years, buried in the Leon Cemetery, one daughter Ruth; Hazel born 1888, married Scott Smith, lived most of their adult life in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. After Scott's death in 1952, Hazel came back to Leon where she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring in 1964. Their only child Philip lives in California; Hattie born 1879, married Nathan Bowles, died 1950 in Charleston. Her children were Tracy, Mildred, Paul and Claudia. Clinton born 1897, married Pearl Chambers, died at Arns head 1964, children Eileen, John and James (twins); Robert, Charles and George Earnest (deceased). Clafus born 1900, married Margaret Childs, worked as station agent for New York Central for several years until his retirement and now lives in Florida, one son Charles. W. Parsons born 1893, married George A. Raider, now living in Leon at the age of 93. She is a member of the Leon United Methodist Church, former member of the Farm Women's Club and has been active in all community activities until recent years. Two children, Donald and Nancy. Submitted by — Wretha Raider

PARSONS

Situated along the Kanawha River in Southside, Elm Plaque Plantation was built in 1803 when the Long family moved there from Virginia and built a three story log home which still stands. In 1886 the estate was acquired by Stanley and Joan Parsons, their daughter, Martha Lee (Marti) and two sons, James Daniel and Timothy Andrew.

Stan's father, Chester, was raised in Jackson County where several relatives remain. After going to WVU he moved to Virginia in 1940 and married Ora America Patterson Biddle. They had two children: Robert H. Jones in 1945 and raised in Virginia. After going to the University of Richmond, he married Joan Osborne, a native of Oklahoma, in 1964.

Their children were both born in Richmond. Marti (1965) is a senior at Shepherd College, studying English, Journalism and broadcasting. James (1970) is currently a sophomore at Marykom University in Oklahoma and was formerly a cadet at Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, Virginia, Tim (1975) is now a 5th grader at Beech Hill.

The family left Richmond in 1976 to come to Charleston and later moved to "Elm Grove" from Putnam County.

Joan was born in 1945 to Brandon Osborne of North Carolina and Gertrude Osborne of El Reno, Oklahoma, where Joan was raised. Gertrude and her mother, Martha Swain, now reside in Southside near "Elm Grove". Joan enjoys painting, crafts, restoring "Elm Grove", history and reading.

Stan's hobbies include music, farming and writing. Marti enjoys playing the piano, singing, acting, reading and meeting people, and is very active in church. Tim is also a musician, actor, reader and enjoys painting and building. Jim enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting and working on the farm.

The entire family likes traveling, entertaining, guests and community, outdoors, church and cultural activities. Family values, tradition, good friends, and a love of the land brought the Parsons to Mason County and "Elm Grove".

Submitted by — Joan Parsons

CAROL EDWARD PATTERSON

Carol Edward Patterson, the youngest of six born to Howard Eli and Mary Leon (LePort) Patterson in a four room log house in the Hill area of Two Mile Hollow. (below Homer). May 17, 1931.

After high school graduation May 1950 Carol was hired on with Amherst Coal Company 1951, this was interrupted with the U.S. Army 1952-1953. Later coming back home to Mason County and going to work with Island Creek March 1954-1961. At which time he went to work with O. F. Shaefer until they sold out to American Electric Power where he is presently employed as a chief engineer.

Carol married Edna Bernice Dossey - Dec. 1944. At the time Carol Yvonne (Garrett) was born March 9, 1956, a son Dennis Edward was born March 18, 1958. The Parsons were divorced 1973, with Carol Edward remaining in Henderson.

Carol Yvonne (Garrett) graduated from Morris Harvey as a registered nurse and married Bobby Garrett. Dennis enlisted in the Air Force 1974. Spent 4 yrs. coming out and enrolling at Parkersburg Community College majoring in air conditioning-refrigeration, graduating with honors. Dennis went back in the Air Force after college graduation.

Carol Edward married Nada (Mickey) Patterson Sept. 12, 1983 at Pembroke, Va. They reside at Lock Eleven Road above Henderson in the original Lock Master House built about 1909 by the government. Carol purchased the house from Guy McWilliams about 16-17 yrs. ago. Submitted by — C. E. Patterson

ROBERT PATTerson FAMILY

Robert John Patterson, born 1866 at St. Mary's, came to Mason County in the early 1890's. His parents were America Tripplett and James Patterson who were buried in St. Mary's. Of nine children, two sisters and one brother resided in Mason County until their deaths, brother Harry buried Dawson, Alaska, brother Arch buried West Plains, Missouri. The rest are buried in St. Mary's. Bob was a farmer and merchant and operated a general store at Maggie, known in 1898 as O.R.R. Station Brownsville, later Lakin. He married Laura Knight (1863-1913) daughter of Louise Swan and James Lynn Knight. Laura died Baltimore, Maryland, their child died at birth.

In 1920 "Bob" purchased the home on Main Street formerly owned by Judge English, whose law office still stands on the property now owned by a niece Elizabeth Patterson Berry. His sister, Ora America Biddle, lived with her brother. "Bob" was active in civic affairs among which: served as Senior Warden of Christ Episcopal Church 17 years, was 32nd degree Mason, Knight Templar, and director of the Merchants National Bank. He is buried on the Knight plot, Lone Oak.
make his home with sister Ora at the Patterson home. During WWII he was employed with the General Chemical Corporation, later operated a real estate office until retirement. Death was in 1970 in Veterans Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida, burial on the Berry Plot, Suncrest cemetery. He was a member of Christ Episcopal church, various civic organizations, and served on the State Park Committee.

Bess Patterson Berry, sister of "Bob" came to Mason County in 1942 from Montgomery County, to reside with sister Ora, who was in poor health. Her husband Brady Morgan Berry was a retired river captain and had lost his sight after a cancer operation. Brady (1874-1954; Bess 1877-1961).

Their son Eugene A. Berry, deceased December 1979, an electrical engineer, resided with his wife, Mary or (daughter of Judge and Eva Keener Everly, of Montgomery County) Canton, Ohio and was employed by Ohio Power. Their son Robert, lives with his wife, the former Joan Farley and sons Steven, Richard, James, Thomas and daughter Elizabeth at St. Louis, Mo.

"Bette" Elizabeth Berry, daughter of Brady, came to Pt. Pleasant 1941 and remained. She contracted polio. She had been the Librarian of Wallman T. Barbe Public Library for 11 years in Morgantown. The following 34 years she was employed by the Huntington District Engineer, Manhattan District Engineers Oak Ridge Tenn. and U.S. Navy and General Services Administration in Mason County.

Her brother Eugene is buried at Suncrest with parents Brady and Bess. 

Captain Berry, son of Sarah Mathews and George Mendall Berry, was born Wood County, 1875, was a boat builder at St. Clairsville, Ohio until his death. Brady and brother Ed grew up on the farm. They attended the U.S. Boiler Inspector. Submitted by — Elizabeth Patterson Berry

PAYNE FAMILY

Henry Ray Payne was born January 28, 1943 the son of Littal and Gatha Parsons Payne. He lived most of his life in Kanawha, Jackson and Roane counties but moved to Mason County in 1977. He moved to a farm on Morrison Ridge and Bailey Branch to train horses, bringing with him his wife and five children.

Deloris Jean Miller was born August 20, 1943 the daughter of Warren and Rosa-Lee Faber Miller. She married Ray Payne on December 4, 1961 in Putnam county. Jean used to teach school. They have one room school houses. Ray could be called a jack of all trades as he worked at many jobs including farm laborer, machine operator, line man, mason, carpenter and a tree-trimmer. They had five children: Stephanie, Timothy, Matthew, Melissa and Mark.

Henry went to work with the horses and so did the children. They had plenty of chores to do like feeding the horses, cows, chickens, dogs and cats. Also they had to carry in the wood and water. They milked the cows in the next day. Sometimes early in the morning to go to school and then bought them home at 5:30 in the evening. The children joined 4-H in Rockcastle Jackson county because it was closer, they were in it for nearly 4 years. To pass the time in the summer the older kids spent many hours horseback riding and clearing brush for pasture. And of course there was always a huge garden from which Jean canned hundreds of quarts of food. In the winter all of the hard work paid off, for at times it would be so cold before they could go out to store.

But as is in all families the children grow up and start moving out of the house, Stephanie married Ted C. Moore and they reside in Leon. Timothy married Paula Jean McDade and they have one son Timothy Ray Payne Jr. and one daughter Samantha who died soon after birth.

Matthew Lee married Shirley Dewees and they have one son Travis Matthew and they reside in Leon.

Melissa moved to Marshall University.

Mark the youngest born July 29, 1970, is still at home and in school.

Matthew Payne was born January 22, 1967 and graduated P.P.H.S. in 1984. He married Shirley Dawn DeWeese, the daughter of Kenneth and Mertie Casto DeWeese. They had one son Travis Matthew Payne.

Stephany Payne was born May 8, 1968 and graduated P.P.H.S. in 1986. She moved to Huntington to attend Marshall University.

Mark Edward was born July 29, 1970 and still attends school at Point Pleasant.

Henry Ray still reside at the farm on Morrison Ridge even though most of the children have moved on they still reside in Mason County so it looks like the Payne's have moved to Mason county to stay. Submitted by — Jean Miller Payne, Ted Moore

PEETER AND JACOB PECK

Peter Peck born in Lancashire, County Penn., August 18, 1755; died June 23, 1837. Served in the Rev. War, fought in the battles of Brandywine and Yorktown. Married Margaret Green (date and place unknown) in the Netherlands. They lived in the Netherlands and one daughter, Rebecca Emma in 1825, Enos in 1828, Catherine in 1831, Mark in 1835, Washington in 1840, Perry in 1842 and Mahalia A. VanMeter in 1845.

Parents of six children: 4 girls and 2 boys, Naomi, Mary, Minerva and Priscilla VanMeter. Catherine married Jesse VanMeter of Mason County on April 16, 1815. They had seven children, John, Mary, William, Michael, John and Elizah Roseberry.

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Mary married Rezin VanMetre of Mason County on December 3, 1814. They had three children, Oliver Hazard Perry VanMetre, Mary, Minerva and Priscilla VanMetre.

Jacob Peck married Mary Stephenson of Greenbrier county. They lived in Mason County near Clifton where Mary was buried on October 6, 1868 in the Methodist Church Cemetery in Clifton. They had five children, Ellen Mary, Julia, Leticia, Malinda and Emily Matilda.

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PECK FAMILY

The Peck family history began on August 11, 1750, when Peter Peck sailed from Rotterdam, Germany on the passenger ship Patience. The only passenger on board, Stephen settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where he married Ann Catherine Stoffel on February 6, 1755. Stephen later moved his family to Augusta County Virginia, where the birth of this first child Peter on August 18, 1755. The birth of Catherine and Mary followed in Augusta County Virginia.

Peter Peck married Margaret (Mary) Green. They settled in the United States Army in 1777 when he was about 22 years old and fought in several battles during the Revolutionary War. He served under General Muhlenberg and fought in the battle of Brandywine. He served under General Green, participated in the battle of Gilford Courthouse, North Carolina. His term of service then expired and he returned to Shenandoah, Virginia. He was then drafted into service and served in the battle at Yorktown where he aided in the capture of Lord Cornwallis. His name is registered in Clifton, WV. Peter Peck Sr.'s name is on a monument at the site of the Battle of Point Pleasant noting the names of Mason Countians that served in the Revolutionary War.

Deloras married John VanMeter of Mason County and is buried in the Old Town Baptist Cemetery. Betsy married Henry VanMeter Jr. of Mason County on October 24, 1815. Fanny married James Roseberry on April 1, 1813 and is buried in VanMeter Cemetery in Mason County where she died on November 12, 1860. They had seven children, John, Mary, William, Michael, Peter, Jane and Elijah Roseberry.

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Barbara Ann Adams Pellico

On September 7, 1945, just 78 days before my birth, my sister Tharon Elaine Adams, born November 5, 1964, we were blessed with the birth of a beautiful, sweet-natured little girl, Robin Risha. She filled our days with joy and was a delight to the lady she calls Granny, my mother, Avis (Peggy) Plants Adams Handley. Robin and I have always felt that Granny has been a guiding light for us, a source of strength in the face of some of life’s reverses. Church and Sunday School were as important to us as was the food we ate and the clothes on our backs. It was just one example of Granny’s true teachings. She had received just such training from her mother, Mary Susan McKinney Plants, born in 1876 and Mary Susan had received it from her mother and especially from her grandmother Nancy Hicks McKinney, born 1831.

As a young girl in Pt. Pleasant I attended Trinity Methodist Church and as a young adult in Jackson County I attended the First Methodist Church in Ravenswood. I agree with Abigail Adams, “If you must kill a bug of any kind, do it quickly, so it will not suffer.” My schooling in Mason County ended when my father died of a heart attack on February 20, 1959, and my mother, Tommy and I moved to Jackson County where she was working at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant. My older brother Jimmy was in the navy in 1943 and the following fall enrolled in West Virginia University and was working for the Social Security system.

I graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1963 and the following fall enrolled in West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W.V. Before the term was over, I married Rob Ritchie Williams from Jackson County and on November 5, 1964, we were blessed with the honor of being parents with the birth of a beautiful, sweet-natured little girl, Robin Risha. She filled our days with joy and was a delight to the lady she calls Granny, my mother, Avis (Peggy) Plants Adams Handley. Robin and I have always felt that Granny has been a guiding light for us.

BARBARA ANN PELLICO

My brother probably saved my life even before I was born. First, let me tell you who I am, where I've been and a little bit about what happened to me while I was there.

I was born Barbara Ann Adams on November 24, 1945, in Kayloung, Mason County, West Virginia. My great, great, great grandfather was Jacob Plants, Sr., born in Germany in 1762. My great, great grandfather was Jacob Plants, Sr., born in Washington County, PA in 1803. My great grandfather was John Plants, born in Mason County, WV, in 1836. My mother is Avis Carol Plants Handley. I have the birth of a beautiful, sweet-natured little girl, Robin Risha. She filled our days with joy and was a delight to the lady she calls Granny, my mother, Avis (Peggy) Plants Adams Handley. Robin and I have always felt that Granny has been a guiding light for us.


Elizabeth (Lizzie) Peck married Charles Knightstep on December 24, 1919. They had eight children, Opal, Charles Jr., Mary, Ruby, Tommy, Jack, Homer, and Albert. Tommy Knightstep passed away on November 1, 1953. Charles Sr. passed away on July 2, 1977. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Knightstep still resides at the family home in Leon.


Eleanor is married to Alvin Keefer and they live on Route 1, Leon with daughters Greta and Brenda. Frances is married to Donald Cantrell of Charleston where they raised two daughters Diane and Teresa. Ruth is married to Donald Thomas of Boone County. She resides with their son Aaron. Keith Edwin passed away on May 20, 1974. Homer and Hazel Peck still reside on Ten Mile Creek road near Leon, WV.

John Peck married Sarah Alice Kimberling of Leon on October 20, 1945. They had three children, Mary Joan, Gary Hoyt, and Jodi. Joan is married to William Absten of Leon, where they reside with Mark and Beverly. Gary and his wife Becky reside on Ten Mile Creek road with their children Gary Jr. and Michelle. Jodi is married to John Carry and they reside in Lexington, South Carolina with their son John Hoyt. John Peck passed away on August 9, 1985. Sarah still resides at their home on Ten Mile Creek road near Leon, WV.


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Johnny Adams 1935-1981

Many events have taken place which space does not allow me to include. Just as with all my forefathers from 1762 until 1986, a total of 224 years, I find experiencing life with its joys and sometimes its sorrow, I am still proud and confident because of the rich heritage left me by those, who centuries ago, went before me sowing the seeds of kindness toward each other with caring and love for their families and devoted patriotism for this country. If we look and listen carefully, we can see footprints and hear echoes of those, who centuries ago, went before me sowing the seeds of kindness toward each other with caring and love for their families and devoted patriotism for this country. If we look and listen carefully, we can see footprints and hear echoes of the past, which, if we're sensitive, can guide our paths today, as well as tomorrow. Submitted by — Barbara Ann Adams Pellico, Darlene Plants Freisthuber, Mrs. E. F. Oliver

REV. A. H. PERKINS

Rev. A. H. Perkins (1867-1948) was born Nicholas County and served at the old Methodist Church South in Point Pleasant many years. In his day ministers stayed at their church for a period of four years then were transferred to another. He was married to Rose Boley (1877-1970). They are buried at Lone Oak. Mrs. Perkins was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Boley.

Rev. and Mrs. Perkins were parents of Ainslee (1892-1954) who died at Huntington; Amelia who married Dennis B. Stolling September 1933; Gladys who married Charles Sanborn Sept. 1935; Olieane who died in Pennsylvania.

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LILLIAN H. PERRY

My name is Lillian Hortense E. Perry. My mother told me the "E" is for "Elicita Elizabeth", my grandmother's name, and "Eliza", my mother's and Great Grandmother's name. My mother was Minnie Eliza McCoy, the daughter of William Henry and Electa Grover McCoy and granddaughter of Lewis and Eliza Waugh McCoy. My father was William Drennin Perry and I had one brother, William Arthur McCoy Perry, born March 1899 and died December 1965 at 66 years old. My brother married Helen Deall on June, 1947 and they have two children, Arthur Delano and Oleta Fern. Arthur Delano married Judy Mayes and they now have four daughters and a new home where our grandfather McCoy's old home stood. Oleta Fern married Billy Nance, Jr., and they have a son, Joshua Aaron, and are building a new home on their property that once belonged to her grandfather Delano.

I have spent my life working with children. With my mother's encouragement I spent some time preparing to be a teacher by taking teachers' exams until I got a grade of 47 and began my chosen career. Then I earned a second grade certificate and then, hoo-ray!! My first grade teaching certificate! I also took classes at Pt. Pleasant Normal School and Hannan High School and Marshall College in Huntington.

My first school as Hickory Grove back of Greenbottom in Cabell County. I had fifty students and was eighteen years old. After that eye opening experience I was hired to teach in my home county of Mason and continued to teach here for the next forty years, except for the year I chose to finish my high school education. I graduated from Hannan District High School in 1932. We were the third class to graduate from there.

I have taught in many of the old one room schools in Mason County. I remember Starkey and Beech Grove, Guyan, Rocky Fork, White Oak, Mountain Flower, Champion Rose, Salt Creek, Hickory Chapel, and there were probably some others that I can't recall at the moment, and then I landed at Sunnyside in grade one for one term, then I taught fourth grade until I retired.

In summers I was Boys' and Girls' dorm mother at Cammack Children's Center in Huntington. I guess I thought I was through when Mrs. Downey asked me to come back as dorm mother again.

I was born August 2, 1897 at the old William McCoy home on Fee's Branch Road (now Rocky Fork Road). I have been a member of Christian Valley Church of Christ since my teenage years. I have been taking some thought lately about my life and I am glad I chose to be a teacher. I don't believe I would change that if I could do it all over again. Submitted by — Lillian H. Perry

THE BOYD E. PICKENS FAMILY

Boyd Eugene Pickens was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on May 27, 1916. He is the only child of Adam Absolom and Lona Odella Sallaz Harris. When very young the family moved to Prophetstown, Illinois where his father worked in a lawnmower factory and on a farm. When Boyd was 8 years old the family moved to Point Pleasant.

He attended North Point Grade School and graduated from Point Pleasant High School, class of 1933. He graduated from Coyne Electrical School, Chicago, Illinois and later in life from Gallipolis Business College.

He married Lillian Louise Lutton on September 28, 1940. Her parents were Virgil and Edna Cheesebrew Lutton. Lillian was a 1939 graduate of Pt. Pleasant High School.

After working for Point Pleasant Water & Light Co., and Marietta Mfg. Company, Boyd began his work as a self employed electrician in 1943.

Their children are: (1) Brenda Lou, b. July 30, 1943, m. Joseph Bragg of Ansted, WV, Nov. 27, 1970. She is a registered nurse and is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, Missouri. They have two children, Donneta Marie, b. Feb. 23, 1972 and Joseph Nathaniel Jr. (Nathan), b. Sept. 28, 1974. (2) Carol Sue, b. Sept. 7, 1944, m. Larry Monroe Moses of Wilmington, North Carolina on June 16, 1967. They live in Nashville, Tenn. Carol teaches school and Larry is a school vice-principal. Their two children Mrs. Downey now is a registered nurse and he started in the restaurant business and Wanda is a dental assistant.

Brenda, Carol and Gene graduated from Point Pleasant High School and all attended Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tenn.

Boyd and Lillian became Christians in 1945, and soon after united with First Church of the Nazarene, Pt. Pleasant.

Also reared in the Pickens home was a niece, Sally Lou Hoffman. She was born Feb. 19, 1959 to Margaret Ann Lutton and Raymond Stanley Hoffman. Her mother, Sally Hoffman came to live with her aunt and uncle at the age of 6. Her mother died Jan. 16, 1969 and her father on Feb. 1, 1980.

Sally is a graduate of Pt. Pleasant High School, and Marshall University School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at Pleasant Valley Hospital. She was married on August 1, 1980 to Lloyd Roach Jr. (Rocky). Submitted by — Sally Hoffman Roach

HOMER PICKENS FAMILY

Way up on the top of the high knob of the area known as Cain Ridge, a humble descendent of the early pioneers, Homer Albert Pickens (born April 22, 1883) worked very hard to farm his land. His life was quite typical of those that lived in that time and era. The 185 acre farm he tilled still has the same stumps, trees and rocks before it could be tilled with the hand plow pulled by the horses. Fences were built of split rails. The grain was sickled by hand.

Homer married Deborah Cain the daughter of Jasper W. and Mary Knapp Cain on August 5, 1905. It was quite a change for two to survive after Deborah died of childbirth leaving him with seven children: Hazel born November 19, 1906, married Mary E. Holt, died 1974; (2) Bessie born January 28, 1908, married Ruby A. King; (3)
Ora born July 20, 1910, married Ray Dewese; (4) densil born June 9, 1912, died November 25, 1936; (5) Cora born August 30, 1914, married Ralph Parsons; (6) Alma born August 14, 1916, married Otis Parsons, died September 12, 1980; (7) Flossie born June 1, 1918, married Jack Horn, married 2nd Paul Collins.

Times were hard during those depression years and being without a Mother made their lives a great hardship and they had to work very hard and shared the duties of life in the deep rural country area of West Virginia. The Morning Star School was at the corner of their farm so it was close for the children to attend the little one room school. The youngest started to school with them at the age of two since there was no mother at home. She would sleep in the coat section curled up on a pile of coals. To add to their hard times, fire swept their home and they had to live in a building once used as a chicken house until Homer and his children could build a new house. It was most difficult but Homer did keep his family together.

During the late 20's the two oldest boys ventured out to Ohio and found work at the steel mills in Marion. Later during those depression years, Homer left the farm in West Virginia and lived the rest of his life in the Marion County area of Ohio where most of his children lived and flourished. He often said he wished he had gone to Ohio earlier in his life as farming was different in Ohio as compared to West Virginia. The picture shown was taken of him on his first tractor in Ohio in the 1940's.

Being one of the highest points in the area, anyone that ever stood there and looked out across the rolling countryside from Cain Ridge, would have to admit that it's one of the most beautiful spots in West Virginia. You can still see the huge pine trees that surround the grave spot, on the high hill beyond the old Andrew Stephens farm known as the Stephens Cemetery. Andrew was Homer's maternal Grandfather. It is there, in that spot where Homer was buried beside his wife so many years later. His death occurred on May 3, 1955. Even though time and the wilds have taken over that little family cemetery, the headstones are still there. Along with the rest of those of that native land, the spirit of their existence will remain forever. Submitted by — Eleanor Simpson, Ernest Pickens

JAMES PICKENS

James Pickens, b 1770/76 Cumberland, Pa. m. Meigs Co. OH died 1830/40 Gr. Bend, Meigs Co. OH, Wife born 1780/90 Children: 1. James Jr. b. 1800/10 Ohio m. 6-18-1828 Eleanor Bailey. 2. John b. 1804 m. 4-3-1827 Mary A. Lawrence. 3. William b 3-10-1811 Meigs Co. OH m 8-18-1835 Clarissa Semion (Simmons) June 1861. 4. David b. 1812 OH m. 3-10-1838 Clarissa Semion (Simmons) June 1861. 5. Andrew b 7-30-1815 m. 8-23-1838


Mortimer, b 10-6-1881 married Oct 23, 1906 Anna Danielsmore 2nd Floy Anderson buried Texas.

Rosa Maude b 6-27-1883 d. 1-6-1979 m. Harlan Caleb Cottrill 1-26-1910 bur. Leon, WV.

Emma Frances b 6-3-1886 m. 1-1-1908 John Wilson Fogleman b 11-27-1879 d. 3-22-1930 bur. Kirkland, IL.

Allie, b 6-24-1888 d. 2-2-1950 m. George Bland b. 8-20-1887 d. 6-4-69 son of John Bland buried Kirkland, IL.

Theodosia Cottrill — See Cottrill line. James Perry Pickens was the first teacher at Vernon School, Mason Co.; also taught singing schools and organized Granges, became master of Grange 1879. Submitted by — Charles E. Cottrill, Jr.

JOHN PICKENS FAMILY

In Meigs County, Ohio, Christina Pickens, a widow of John Pickens was united in marriage to Lewis Wolf. She was born in Meigs County on August 20, 1813. She was the mother of three children, Deborah born January 16, 1831, Spencer born January 15, 1832, and Catherine born November 20, 1833. This couple came to Mason County about 1848. It was here that Spencer Pickens married Margaret Buck Knapp. Margaret was the daughter of William and Elmeria Buck Knapp. She was born February 2, 1834. Spencer Pickens learned the trade of joiner and carpenter but in later years gave full time to farming. Spencer and Margaret were the parents of 14 children. They were as follows: Andy L. born 1853, Philip born 1855, John born 1857, Deborah born 1858, Eliza born 1861, Mary born 1862, Sarah A. born 1866, Orilla born 1867, Nancy E. born 1869, Christina born 1870, Mary A. born 1876, Maggie born 1874, Delinda born 1877, Floyd born 1878.

Spencer Pickens was a soldier in the Union Army. He served in the 13th W. Va. Infantry, Co B, as Corporal. Enlisted on August 12, 1862. He served until June 22, 1865. He participated in 17 battles, was a good soldier, always at his post and came out of service without a scratch. His death occurred on July 23, 1903 and is buried with his wife Margaret in the Wolf Vale Cemetery. Submitted by — Emogene Baker

MORREL PIERCE

Morrell Pierce, (June 15, 1866-October 27, 1959) and his wife, Malinda Ellen hall, (October 24, 1872-October 4, 1960) and their family made their home at the old jail which was located on 6th Street during their son-in-law's Herbert E. Burdette, term as Sheriff from 1929-1932.

After his term expired the Pierces made their home on 8th and Main Streets. The jail was finally torn down when the new courthouse was built and a car wash was recently built on the lot.

The Pierces were parents of Bernice E. November 1889-August 21, 1930 the 2nd wife of Herbert. His first wife, Murl Amos, 1897-October 8, 1923. and infant daughter, who died October 6, 1923 are buried at Leon, as is Herbert's...

Herbert E. Burdette (1898-September 21, 1973) died at Gallipolis, was a Sgt. Army WW II, buried at Point Pleasant, was Sheriff of Mason County. He was the son of Ezekiel (1864-1898) and Mary Buxton Burdette (1867-1943). The father was a Mayor of Leon, assessor and funeral director. Herb also ran the funeral home for awhile.

Mrs. Jacouline “Jessie” Pierce Gregory, born August 23, 1891 of Charleston died in Huntington December 2, 1974 and was the wife of John G. Gregory who died 1968.

Leona Pierce Treadway (September 26, 1902-May 4, 1968) was born in Putnam County. She had known children Ann, who was employed at Dr. Nelson A. Perkins office; Betty and Pat. Jack Jackson Treadway SFC LS Army September 17, 1929-January 8, 1975, is buried in Lone Oak. Leona married 2ndly to Harry Russell Wells (December 18, 1885-March 12, 1956) who owned the Wells Dry Cleaning establishment, later owned by his son Harry Jr., whom he had by his first wife Bonnie (1880-1950) daughter of Martha Thorpe and James M. Burke. He and Leona had no issue.

Constance ‘Connie’ born October 2, 1911 died June 5, 1975, never married. She was an employee of the Veterans Administration in Huntington. She and her sister Dortha made their home on Chandler Drive after the death of Clarence Daughtery to whom Dortha was married but had no issue. Dortha V. (June 4, 1918) was died in Florida June 23, 1980 and was returned here for burial. Clarence (September 7, 1912 - September 8, 1959) died in Columbus at a hospital where he had gone for treatment. Clarence was born in Leon to Norma Smith and George Daugherty and was employed by the Ben Franklin Clothing Co. Dortha was employed with the Malleable Iron. They were both graduates of Point Pleasant High School.

William Eugene, February 9, 1915 died at Buckshannon June 10, 1970. His wife Ruth and two children survived him. He also graduated from PPHS. Sylvia Pierce (Harper) only child resides in Florida, age 90.

E. Veronica Krebs, (April 25, 1917-November 16, 1984) was a Johnston and was raised by the Pierces. She died in Charleston, was the wife of James O. Krebs (December 9, 1916-May 29, 1972) son of Harry L. They had issue.

Also on the Pierce lot in Lone Oak is George L. Bright, U.S. Navy, WWI, January 1897-April 22, 1975.

These notes were compiled from many sources and I believe to be accurate. Submitted by—Milton Burdette.

WILLIAM FREDERICK PIERCE

William Frederick Pierce married Levia Maggie Boyles on June 7, 1919 in Gallipolis, Ohio by J. P. Fred Millison. They had 5 children:
1. Victoria Isabel who died in infancy
2. Henry Lee born 7-13-1920
3. William Ray born 7-29-1923
4. Leviia Elizabeth born 9-24-1926
5. Walsine Hudson born 3-31-1931

William Frederick was born 4-28-1894 the son of William Henry Pierce and Sarah Elizabeth Hudson with grandparents Indiant (Van) Pierce and Elizabeth Gray. The Van Pierce family is listed in the Putnam County records of 1899-1904 at the Buffalo Township-Bee Post Office in the northern section of Putnam County. Van fought for the North and wore a blue coat in the Civil War from which he received a $30 a month pension. William Frederick served in the U.S. Army from July 22, 1918 till the end of the war when he was discharged at camp Sherman, Ohio. He was a member of the Pilgrim Holines Church in Barberton, Ohio and mostly Barberton where she also was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and responsible for the gathering of many children taking them to church or calling to get them up to catch the church bus on Sunday mornings. She was Gran­ny Pierce there as she was in Point Pleasant at her church The Church of Christ in Christian Union where she changed her membership when she moved back to Mason County. Levia worked many years at the Dress Factory in Point Pleasant then as a cook at Sun Rubber and several other places of employment in Barberton and Point Pleasant. She lived on a farm part of her life and raised hogs. She was always cooking and canning. She loved gathering berries, apples etc. to make jellies and usually made enough for herself and any needy she knew. She never left anything to waste as she felt someone might need it. She always told her grandchildren that it was bad luck to open a jar of canned food before the first snowfall. Levia held many church services at the jail and at Lakin State Hospital besides never missing church services in her church. Levia was often wiping the church, elderly, she liked to have people in the hospital with a smile and a prayer before she left. The rides she provided to church services could never be counted she was always willing to go so what others would consider ‘out of their way’ to help anyone wanting to hear the word of God. She was also a great inspiration to those around her at all times. For the many children of all ages that called her Granny Pierce, not just her own many grandchildren, but many others will always remember her guiding them in the right direction and giving a little tug when they started to stray. Submitted by — Herbert E. Burdette.

BERTHA CHARLOTTE EDWARDS PLANTS

1896-1978

Bertha was the daughter of James Calvin 1863-1940 and Amanda Jane Meadows (1861-1943). Jane was the daughter of Joseph Mclnytre Edwards and Sarah Hooper Edwards who came to Mason County in '880 or earlier. Charles' father was David 1795-1848 and Rachel Rigsby 1795-1863; David one of four children of John Edwards of 1789 who spent several years in Maryland and then came by the way of Pennsylvania to Ohio where he settled in the early 1800's. Ludlow Township in New Matamoras, Ohio has record of their being there as early as 1808. David and Rachel were married there in 1815. David and Rachel had eight issue Mary, 1818, Priscilla 1820, James 1822, Charles 1825, Harriett 1827, Whitley 1830, Basil 1833 and Elizabeth 1835. When David died in 1848 he left a large estate to his children and beloved wife. The land was divided among the boys and girls while the "Plantation" was left to his wife until her death and then to Basil.

Charles (Bertha's Grandfather) married 1st. Esther White and in 1855 Sarah Hooper (daughter of Stephen O. Hooper and Priscilla Le­favre Hooper; Priscilla's parents were one of the first settlers in Belmont County)

Charles had two children by his first marriage Ulysses P. 1849 and Squire 1852; and 9 children by his second wife Sarah. Mary Margaret 1856; Rachel 1858, Woodberry Green 1860; Harriett 1861; James Calvin 1863-1949; Stephen Hooper 1865; Francis Martin 1867; Philip Rienhart 1871; and Arminta Jane 1874. Charles and Sar­ah managed to accumulate 200 acres which upon their parents' death was divided among the children. James Calvin took his share and moved just down the road with his new wife Amanda. Amanda's parents Parriss and Sina Woodrum Meadows came to Mason County in 1863 from Hinton, West Virginia.

James and Amanda had 10 children Arazina 1883-1901; Norman 1884; Parris 1886-1957; Cecil 1890; Corna 1891-1979; Carl 1893; Bertha 1896-1978; Osa 1898; Ray 1901 and Roy 1901.

Bertha married Dell Plants in 1921. They had four children. Their oldest daughter is named Helen who married Herman L. Stachler and lived for years in Morganstown had three children; Francis (married Skip White­hurst) Bertram; and Ned. 2nd. Ivan Brookie who died in infancy 3rd. Duane Longhurst 1927 who married Phyllis Forbus daughter of Joe and Polly Forbus. They had one daughter Barbara.
Jean 1951 who married Nathan Haddad and they have two children Griffin Matthew 1980, and Erin Christine 1984. 4th Cloris Avalee 1933 who married 1st Barry Groogan (divorced) 2nd Barry DeGroot and had two children Lee 1966 and Sherry 1968. Bertha and Dell lived all their married life in Mason County. Submitted by — Duane Plants

PLANTS FAMILY

Christian Plants was born in Germany in 1762. Our family descends from him through his son, Jacob, grandson, John, great-grandson, Theodore, and great-great-grandson, Wilbur. Jacob was the first to live in Mason County. He settled on the West Branch of Kanawha Ten Mile Creek around 1849 on a 500 acre tract that he had purchased.

Theodore Hayes Plants married Mary Susan McKinney in 1894. Wilbur E. Plants was born in a frame house on the Pete Beller place on December 1, 1886. He was the second of 12 children born to “Dory” and Mary. His early years were spent near the banks of Ten Mile Creek. Mary made overalls, shirts, dresses and almost everything the children wore and was doctor, as well. Sassafras tea was the spring tonic. But she was able to find the hickory tea and willow treatment anytime of year it was needed. In 1919, Mary and 8 of the children were sick in bed with the flu at one time. Dory had to be nurse, cook and farm hand all at once.

Filling the straw tick after the threshing machine left was an annual event in preparation for a better bed to sleep on come winter. As expected with that large a family, many pranks were played. Owens once put a yellow jacket on the back of his brother Wilbur’s neck where it, of course, stung him. He says he still doesn’t know how he got it to sting Wilbur without getting stung himself.

A large sycamore tree which stood near the old home place had a hole in the trunk that was large enough to be used by the children as a play and hiding place. The house was dismantled to be used in building a house in the “Heights” section of Point Pleasant. However, the tree still stands and visits there elicit many fond memo-

ries. At one time, Dory butchered to help support his family. The animal would be killed in the wee hours of the morning, cut up, loaded on the horse-drawn wagon and transported to town by way of 8 Mile Road to Ambrosia and down the road along the Kanawha River, and delivered to the old Phoenix Hotel where the guests would have fresh steak for breakfast.

The one-room school played an important part in the lives of the Plants family. The children attended Eagle School which once stood on the ridge on Bud Chattin Road. Education was Wilbur’s first love, and he worked long and hard to get his degree. He did everything from selling books door to door to firing the furnace in the college president’s home. His dream was realized when he graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan. He taught at Eagle School and had his younger brothers and sisters as students. Another student was more unusual. Education was also important to Dory. After some of his children were grown and some were not yet born, he went back to school. So it happened that the teacher who signed his diploma was his own son, Wilbur.

At the time of his death, Wilbur was making a survey of all the one-room schools in Mason County, both the ones still standing and ones long gone. He was very interested in seeing one restored and preserved for generations to come, but this did not happen until after his death. History of any kind interested him and he was instrumental in putting together a history of Jacob Plants’ descendants. A copy of this is in the archives in Charleston.

Mary Opal Gorrell was born December 23, 1905, to Gibson Moses Gorrell and Lizzie Mae Huffman. Wilbur and Opal were married November 17, 1934 at the home of some dear friends in Parkersburg. To this union were born two daughters, Alice May, born November 17, 1937, and Mary Sue, born September 17, 1943. Wilbur and Opal first set up housekeeping in a two-room cottage in Montcoal. They moved about 14 times after that, finally moving to a house in a suburban section of Point Pleasant called Bellmeade.

At the time of their marriage, Wilbur was working as a principal of the Montcoal-Stickney Elementary School at Montcoal in Raleigh County, and Opal was working for the State House. In an effort to be a better provider for his family, Wilbur left the teaching profession and became a railway mail clerk. After their daughter was in school, Opal worked at several different jobs, the last being as secretary at Point Pleasant High School. She held this position from 1955 until her retirement in 1970. Both Wilbur and Opal enjoyed being around young people and the educational process. After his retirement from the postal service, Wilbur taught full time one year at Point Pleasant Junior High and substituted at many county schools for several years.

Wilbur and Opal were kind-hearted, soft-spoken people always striving to follow God’s Word. They were well thought of and highly regarded in their family, neighborhood, and community. Opal was jolly with a ready smile and liked good-natured teasing. Wilbur was of a more solemn nature with a drier, wittier sense of humor. Though of different dispositions, their love was strong and abiding. This is part of the legacy they left to their daughters.

During World War I, Wilbur served in the Army at Camp Lee, Virginia. Both he and Opal had grandfathers who fought with the Union Army during the Civil War. John Plants enlisted in Co. C of the 13th West Virginia Volunteers and served three years. In October, 1864, during a battle at a place called Cedar Creek in Virginia, he received a gunshot wound in his left arm which broke one bone and badly fractured another. John was a married man with children when he enlisted. Tragically, his wife died just a few weeks before he was discharged. Jacob Miller Huffman heeded his country’s call and spent three years, three months with Co. C of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry. Though never wounded in battle, he was severely injured when thrown from his horse. He was captured and spent three months in a southern prison. A quote from a letter of condolence written to his family by a lifelong friend tells the end of the story. “Word came to his family that he was killed by the enemy. His horse followed others who broke through the line and arrived in camp riderless. Several months later I was the recipient of the first letter he wrote home, I being the deputy postmaster at Antioch (Ohio). He requested me to convey the news to his parents which I did, and I will never forget the joyous surprise to his parents as they had mourned his death; but that was war times and surprises and shocks often came from the field of war.”


Most of Alice May’s and Mary Sue’s childhood was before television came into many homes, but there was no lack of entertainment. With the neighborhood children, there were tag games, catching fireflies, jacks, jump rope, snowball battles and sledding. With the family, there were games of Rook, Flinch (a card game), Dominoes, Monopoly, and Uncle Wigely, read-
ing and listening to the radio. In time, the city limits went beyond the cozy, little house and it received a street number - 510 Robinson Street. In 1976, thirty years after Wilbur and Opal moved their family into the house, Mary Sue and her family moved in and lived there for 3 1/2 years. Though owned by someone else now, the house still stands.

Alice May attended Freed-Hardeman College in Hendersonville, Tennessee. There she met Howell Lasseter of Gadsden, Alabama. They were married on August 19, 1957. They live in Gallipolis, Ohio, and are the parents of David, Timothy, Paul, Andrew, and Rachel. Timothy, his wife, Cindy, and their son, Brandon, are present residents of Mason County.

Mary Sue graduated from the Huntington College of Commerce. She married Edward Kincaid of Point Pleasant, and they are the parents of Mark and Joseph. From the time of their marriage, May 11, 1964, until March, 1982, they lived in the Point Pleasant area with the exception of 3 months after Eddie returned from Vietnam when they lived in San Diego. They are now residents of Eustis, Florida. Submitted by - Mary Sue Kincaid, David Lassiter, Timothy Lassiter

PLANTS FAMILY

My great great grandfather, Christian Plants, was born in Germany in 1762. We have no record of his death. On arriving in America, he settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He fathered the following children from 1785 to 1815: Leonard, Solomon, Christian, John, George, Jacob, Maxwell, Betsy, Manna and Catherine. We have genealogical outlines on only one of those children, Jacob.

Jacob, my great grandfather, was born in Washington County, PA in 1803 and died in Mason County, WV in 1880. On arriving in Mason County with his wife, Nancy Cooper, he purchased a tract of land on the West Branch of Kanawha Ten Mile Creek. That deed recorded in the Mason County Court House shows the purchase date being 1849. He fathered fifteen children and had five sons in the Union Army. George and Christian returned without wounds.

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My grandfather, John Plants, born on July 10, 1830, and died December 7, 1896, was a cooper by trade and became affiliated with the Methodist Church and for more than fifty years lived a consistent christian life. He was active in politics and was a virile Republican. When a new church, Eddy Chapel, was built in the community, he sold the last milk cow he owned to finish paying the debt on the church so it could be dedicated debt-free. He was married three times and the father of twenty children. His first marriage was to Mary Mariah Smith in Washington County, PA, in 1853. She died June 6, 1863. She bore him seven children with only two living to adulthood, marrying and raising a family.

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Mrs. Mary S. Plants

My first marriage was to Raymond Adams in 1933. We were the parents of four children: Jimmie, born 1935, died 1981; Tharon, born 1938, died 1945; Thomas, born 1943; and Barbara Ann, born 1945. Thomas' daughter Mrs. Amelia was the 7th generation and her child, Ann Ward, is the 8th generation and her child, Bernice Telliver, Mary S. Plants and Adelia Simpson.

Ann Ward is the 7th generation and her child, expected in November 1986, will make 8 generations on which we have records—from 1762 to 1986, 224 years of record keeping!

Mrs. R. L. Handley


DELL D. PLANTS (1895-1972)

In 1762 Dell D. Plant's Great Great Grandfather was born in Germany. Christian Plants came to Pennsylvania, USA and had 10 children in the period 1783-1815. Leonard, Salomon, Christian, John, George, Jacob (1805 Washington Co., Penn), Maxwell, Betsy, Manna and Catherine.

The sixth child Jacob and his wife Nancy brought their 15 children and came in a roundabout way to Mason County. They settled on the Kanawha Ten Mile. Their children were Zachariah, John 1830, Andrew Jackson 1828, Christian 1832, George 1839, Leonard 1833, Joseph 1837, Francis, Jacob, Roseanna Elvina, Mary Jane, Benjamin, Susan, and James. The second child is Dell's Grandfather. John (1830-1896) was married three times 1st. Mary M. Smith, Washington Co., Penn in 1853 she died 1865; 2nd Sarah Catharine Hoschar who died 1882 and 3rd. Emily Morris born 1863. He had 20 children altogether. He was converted at a young age and was one of the founders of Eddy Chapel. Children: Nancy 1854-1855; Rachel Jane 1855-1858; Mary 1856-1857; James 1858; Jacob 1860; Margaret 1862; Joseph 1864; Abraham 1866; Mathias 1869; John 1871; Stephen 1872; Jerome 1874; Theodore Hayes 1876; Arthur 1879; Catherine 1882; Orval 1884; Rosa 1887; Lillie 1888; Oscar 1889; and George 1890.

Dell's Father was Theodore Hayes Plants 1876-1943 who married Mary Susan McKinney b. 1894. They had 12 children of whom Dell was the oldest. Dell 1885; Wilbur 1889; Owens 1899; Russell 1901; Adelia 1903; Beulah 1906; Virgil 1908; Paul 1910; Croeta 1913; Avis 1915; Bertha 1916; and Mildred 1920.

Dell D. Plants was born in Mason County 1895-1972 was a veteran of World War I and was wounded. He married Bertha Charlotte Edwards in 1921. Bertha 1896-1978 was the daughter of James and Amanda (Meadows) Edwards. Bertha and Dell had four children Kenneth Dell 1921 (Served in WWII) who married Helen Lester and have three children Francis (Skip Whithurst); Bertrum; and Ned. Ivan Brooke 1922-23; 3. Duane Lindberg 1927 who married Phyllis Forbus (daughters of Joe and Polly Forbus) and have one child Barbara Jean 1951 who married Nathan Haddad and has two children of her own Griffin Matthew 1989 and Erin Christine 1984. Their 4th child was Claris Avalene 1933-1976 married 1st. Barry Groogan and 2nd. Barry DeGroot and had two children Lee 1966 and Sherry 1968.

Dell and Bertha started out their married life on Kanawha Ten Mile and moved later to Point Pleasant. They lived the latter part of their married life on North Main Street in Point Pleasant. Dell worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company and retired from there. In later years he was very active in the American Legion holding various positions in that organization. He and Bertha also helped do research for the Mason County Cemetery Inscriptions Books.

They were good loving people and truly missed when they were gone. Submitted by—Alice May (Plants) Loutret.

A MASON COUNTY SOLDIER

It was a dark cloudy morning in April 1917 when a young man, a strong stalwart West Virginia man, received a summons to go and serve in the army, to, if necessary, cross the great Atlantic ocean and fight for his country, to participate in the war that was to end all wars. He had five brothers and four sisters, and a mother and dad who thought they could not see him go, but duty and the love for freedom had called and he must go.

His little gray haired, grief stricken mother packed his clothes and, I imagine, as she tenderly laid each garment down she was thinking that it might be the last thing she would get to do for her son for those were dark, dreary days when it seemed that man through his sin and folly had caused God to turn his back on us. I'm sure this mother tucked a tear-stained Bible among his clothes for she was a good Christian mother who had prayed often in the dark of the night for this son as he was a wayward boy and it nearly broke her heart to see him go away to perhaps to fight and be unprepared to face eternity.

She and the smaller children walked as far as the old rusty gate with him and there amid the crying and sobbing of his brothers and sisters and his mother he turned the bend and walked down the country road. His father accompanied him through the hills to the railroad station about eight miles away. His mother stood at the gate and waved as long as he remained in sight, but as he turned the bend and was gone she turned and went to the house.

In a few days she received mail from him and knew he was safe in the training camp and her heart was a little reconciled but not for long for in about a month the family received word that his regiment was sailing for France. The day dragged on endlessly. Weeks would go by when they didn't hear from him and they would think surely he had been killed. Radios weren't so common and it was difficult to obtain the list of the dead. Each night when family prayers were said, each member of the family prayed for him, for his safety and for an early end of the war.

Millions of American soldiers were fighting valiantly, trying to save their country, our American Democracy. Though the days were filled with terrible battles but as the morning was breaking this memorable mid-summer morning and the battle of the Argonne Forest was about to begin the soldiers knew it would be a hard fight and a very decisive battle. This West Virginia soldier was to be in the front lines and as the battle progressed, the scenes were too gruesome to repeat, the suffering too great to remember. As the soldiers pushed on they had to wade over the bodies of their fellow comrades who had fallen in the fire of battle.

This soldier was one of those who were lying in the battlefield wounded. The enemy had shot him through both legs, but he felt fortunate to be alive for soon the ambulance would be there to take them to the hospital. With these thoughts he fell asleep. When he awoke, he was in a clean bed with a nurse bending over him. She looked like an angel to him for it had been so long since he had had a glimpse of civilization. His parents were notified of his being wounded and, though the news of it only-weighted down their shoulders more, still, life must go on. The summer crops must be gathered and food stored for winter to feed the family for the father and mother of this young man were soon expecting their eleventh child and so they tried to lay aside their grief over their eldest son lying wounded in a hospital in faraway France as they busied themselves providing for their family.

When the new baby, a little girl, arrived, the glad news was sent to this son and he immediately wrote back asking if he could name the little girl, giving her the name of one of his French nurses and so Bernice Valeda became her name. This young man though he recovered from his wounds was not able to return to active duty as the war was over and on November 11, 1918, an armistice was in the making. So, on November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed that ended World War I.

You ask who is this soldier of World War I who fought and was wounded for his country? He was our father and grandfather. Dell D. Plants. Submitted by—Duane Lindberg Plants, Barbara Jean Haddad.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE GEORGE AND AMANDA PLANTS FAMILY

My grandmother, Amanda Powell Plants, was born 12-18-68 near Pomeroy, Ohio, in

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THE GEORGE R. PLANTS FAMILY

I was born on October 12, 1935 in Henderson, West Virginia and on February 28, 1934 was married to Opal Irene Neal, who was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Neal of Mason Co., W.V. to this marriage was born fourteen (14) children. (Some of them are referred to in this volume).

George Robert; October 12, 1935.
Hazel Irene; December 15, 1937.
Edward Richard; March 28, 1936.
Lavon Plants, July 28, 1963. She is married to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Plants

THE GILBERT LAWRENCE PLANTS FAMILY

CHRISTIAN PLANTS, was born in Germany in 1762. He came to the U.S.A. and settled in Pennsylvania. To him was born after he arrived in Washington Co., Pa. in 1829, and arrived in Mason County, West Virginia sometime in 1850. He bought approximately 500 acres of land on the West Branch of the Kanawha Ten Mile Creek. Jacob had five (5) sons in the Union Army.

COLUMBUS PLANTS, was born near Point Pleasant, West Virginia on March 7, 1858. He died September 7, 1925. Christopher was married to Adra Ella Plants, she was born June 19, 1878 and died March 8, 1942. To this marriage there was born eleven (11) children of which Gilbert L. Plants was the 5th.

“Inke” PLANTS FAMILY

Isaac Gilbert Plants was born in Mason County, W. Va., Dec. 2, 1863, fifth son of Andrew Jackson and Eliza Roush Plants. His grandparents, Jacob and Nancy Cooper Plants came from Washington County, Pa. around 1850, settling in the Ten Mile Creek area. His great-

George R. Plants Family

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grandfather, Christian Plants, was born in Germany in 1762 and came to Pa. as a young man. "Ike" married Mary Bertha Whittington, dau. of Matthew and Evaline Riffle Whittington. Mary was born 17 Feb. 1877 in Mason County. To this union was born eleven children.

\[ Isaacs Plants Family \]

1. Pearl O'Dell Plants (B. 18 Jan. 1897) married Samuel Doolittle 28 Feb. 1917. She died 10 June 1925, he on 16 Sept. 1930. They left two children, Mary Margaret and Sammie Lee. Mary was born 17 Feb. 1877 in Mason County. To this union was born eleven children, Mary Margaret and Sammie Lee.


3. Garnett Marie Plants (B. 11 Nov. 1900) married Wilbur S. Baxter 18 Aug. 1920 and had four children. They were Reba Lucille (15 Sept. 1922), Isaac Stanford (16 Nov. 1923), Ralph Craig and Susan Renee. A stroke and have a son, Brian. Geraldine married LaRoy Shull. They have three children, Jimmy Stanley and Susie. They have two children and three grandchildren. "Jim" married Gail Teetor. Linda married Darrell Craig and has two children, Darren and Lois. "Bob" married Ann Capehart and they have two children, Robert Dale, Bethany Dawn and twin daughters, Andrea and Jill. They divorced and she married Ray Cox. "Jack" married Chris Powers Perry and they have a son, Lee Jackson.

4. Virginia Ann was married to William Workman. After a divorce, they had triplets, Jeannette, Joseph and Jeffrey. Vonda married William Jordan. Their two sons are Todd and Thomas. Doris married Richard Jarrell. They have three sons, Richard, Ronald and Robert. Mary was twice married and divorced, first to Roger Hudson, then to John VanSickle. There were no children. Debbie married Joe Akers and had two daughters, Andrea and Jill. They divorced and she married Ray Cox. "Jack" married Chris Powers Perry and they have a son, Lee Jackson.

5. Demmie Dimple was born 29 Feb. 1904 and died the same year.

6. Donald Leslie Plants (B. 4 July 1906) married Violet Chase, dau. of Jonathan and Jennie Sayre Chase. To this union was born three children, Donna Lou (14 Nov. 1940), Barbara Jo (29 Apr. 1942) and Donald Isaac (16 Sept. 1943). Donald was a carpenter and home builder. He also suffered a series of strokes and died 21 Feb. 1969. His widow died 13 Apr. 1983. Donna Lou married Dale McNichols. They had three daughters, Kimberly, Cynthia and Leslie, and a son, Richard Dale. "Ike" married Gail Foulk. They have a daughter, Kelly.


8. Chester Leroy Plants (B. 2 Oct. 1911) married Elizabeth Sayre, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Reafold Sayre. Chester spent his life in Mason Co. and operated a business in Pt. Pleasant. He suffered a stroke and died 2 March 1966. Their children were Chester Allen and Mary Elizabeth. Chester Allen married Sue Messick and they have four sons - Robert Chester, Brian, and twins Matthew and Mark. Mary married David Shinn. They have two children, Jason and Cory Beth.

9. Mary Louise Plants (B. 27 Dec. 1913) married Virgil Adkins, son of John and Mae Fry Adkins, on 3 July 1936. They have a daughter, Scheryl Sue (16 Sept. 1943) who married Glenn Icenhour. Their children were Allen, Amy and a deceased daughter, Teresa. Louise worked several years for G. C. Murphy Co. before becoming a full-time homemaker. Her husband, "Tater", is a retired school bus driver. They recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.


11. James Owen Plants (B. 8 June 1917) married Bonnie Coleman, dau. of Lewis P. and Leila J. Coleman. Owen followed construction work and farming until his retirement. They now live on a farm near the Greer community which is a part of the farm owned by his father. The children of Owen and Bonline are Owen Eugene (18 June 1941), Ellen Louise (1 Aug. 1942), Linda Lois (19 Mar. 1944), James Robert (9 Oct. 1946), and Isaac Lewis (16 May 1951). "Gene" married Jean Harbour and they have three daughters, Cynthia, Lora and Tina. Louis married Lee Reed and had two girls, Sandra and Lisa, was divorced and she later married Wayne Teeter. Linda married Darrell Craig and has two children, Darrell and Lois. "Jim" married Marsha Lloyd. They have no children. "Louie" married Lynn Weethee. They have two children, Mandy and Joshua Isaac.

\[ Isaacs Plants Sons \]

"Ike" Plants was a farmer and spent his entire life in Mason County, living first in the Ten Mile Creek area, but then moved to a farm near Greer. He died 14 Feb. 1920 during an influenza epidemic. His widow, Mary, later married a widower, John Swisher of Middleport, Ohio. They were living in Columbus, Ohio, when she had a stroke and died on the eve of Mother's Day, 12 May 1945.

As of this writing, 15 Sept. 1986, "Ike" and Mary Plants' family has grown from eleven children to thirty grandchildren, sixty great-grandchildren, twenty-eight great, great-grandchildren, and one great, great, great-grandchild. Submitted by - Louise Adkins, Opal Love, J. Owen Plants

\[ JAMES OTMER PLANTS HISTORY \]

James Otmer Plants married Thelma Barker Plants. James and Thelma resided in the Plants home place on Route 35. Thelma after James passed away went to work for the O.F. Shewer River Company as a cook. After working for them she went to work for the Ohio River Company retiring after 20 years of service and approximate 28 years working for different boat companies as a cook. Thelma was raised near the river and has always been a part of her heritage as Grandpa Barker owned one of the first river boats on the Kanawha River. James and Thelma had 9 children. James Jr. now resides in the home place. Capt Alfred is married to the former Hershine Davis and they have 6 children. Alfred and James also have retired from the River Company. Charles (Carroll) is married to the former Hazel Conch and they have 2 children. Doris is married to the former Mable Eads and they have 3 children. Danny is divorced and has 2 children. Margaret is married to Eugene Porter and she has 2 children. Virginia Ann is mar-
Owen Plants

This parcel of land consists of 130 acres and is located on three mile creek and was the original farm that his father Issac had purchased in 1901.

James Owens Plants, better known as "Owen" was the eleventh and youngest child of Issac Gilbert and Mary Bertha Whittington Plants. He was born on June 8, 1917 near Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Issac passed away in 1920 and Owen, who was but two at the time, grew up on the family farm without ever knowing his father. Though raised by his mother, his older brother Virgil provided the necessary male influence in his young life.

In 1925 while helping another brother, Chester, clear weeds from the pasture with a team of horses, Owen had his feet badly damaged in a mowing machine accident. This happened as a result of having to work in the fields with a team of horses at the age of eight.

He lived and worked on the farm throughout his adolescent years which probably accounts for his love of horses and his ability to work like one. At the age of 21, he met and fell in love with Bonnie Avaline Coleman, from Glenwood, West Virginia and they were married in 1940. From this union they were blessed with five healthy children, three boys and two girls as follows:


Owen worked at many trades throughout his lifetime including farmhand, ditch digger, deckhand, truck driver, welder, boilermaker or whatever was necessary to make a living for the lady he wed and their family.

They even tried living in "town" but that only lasted a short time and they moved back to the country. They lived on a small tract of land (13 acres) for a number of years and then when the family farm was sold to make way for a housing development in 1960, bought the back part of the home farm.

As of this writing, September 1986, Owen and Bonnie are still living on three mile creek. The children and grandchildren, though not living with them, are close enough they can stop by to visit each day. Owen Eugene has returned with his wife, Deloris Jean (Harbour) and is now the local mail carrier. Ellen Louise now Mrs. Wayne Henry Teeter has settled locally after having traveled with her husband in the U.S. Air Force. Linda Lois married Darrell Darres Craig and lives within two miles. James Robert married Marcia Kay Lloyd and resides in Mt. Alto (15 miles away). Issac Lewis and wife Carol Lynne (Weethee) operate a local grocery store within two miles of home.

Although a hunter and sportsman, Owen's caring attitude and love of the outdoors probably account for the fact that wild mallard duck and whitetail deer are ever present in his dooryard and some even eat out of his hand. Submitted by — Owen E. Plants

The Gene Plants family lives on Bear Walla Ridge in Mason County on land he purchased in 1971. They have always preferred living in the country. He is now a rural mail carrier. Deloris Jean Harbour Plants is the only female barber in Pt. Pleasant. She attended Barber College in Huntington and graduated in 1982.

Their children all graduated from Point Pleasant High School. Cynthia Lynn married Michael Kevin Lee April 7, 1986, they reside on Jericho Road. Lora Jean married Charles Wayne Thompson November 27, 1982 and they have a son, Nigel Wayne born February 24, 1986. They reside on Jericho Road. Tina Kay is attending Marshall University as of this writing.

Throughout Gene's naval career he went hunting and fishing whenever possible as he still does. The most recent was a trip to Vermont to bear hunt (he got one). Submitted by — Cynthia L. Lee

Mary and Dory

Their Garden of Plants

Her name is so right for her. She was born Mary Susan McKinney on November 10, 1876, in Mason County, West Virginia. Mary was indeed a merry child with snappy black eyes that reminded one of the black-eyed susans that grew along the roadside near her birthplace. "Dory," the pet name she always called her husband after their marriage on September 29, 1894, was given the birth name of Theodore Hayes Plants, born October 15, 1876, also in Mason County. They "set up" housekeeping in a little log cabin near both the McKinney and Plants homesteads.

Dory wrote one of his daughters, Avis Plants Adams, and told her of the first meal his Mary had prepared after the wedding, describing in detail the fact that their table was a wooden box and their chairs were also wooden boxes, but before eating, they each bowed their heads and Dory asked a blessing on their food and on the life that was ahead of them, quite noteworthy for two seventeen year olds.

Little did they realize that 49 years of married life lay ahead of them, along with six sons and six daughters. Their Plants garden must have looked empty in those early times of their mar-
The Russell Plants Children

In the Spring of 1931, he traveled 300 miles north to Cairo to visit an International Missionary Exposition. After being introduced to a young woman, Grace Irene Smith, one evening in the library right before dinner, it was almost “love at first sight” because he made sure he sat near her at mealtime and engaged her in conversation. Very shortly he had to return to Sohag and continue his ministry there but their friendship developed by correspondence for the next 2 years.

In God’s Time and in His Perfect Plan, after they had both returned to the United States, they were married in Cortland, New York on April 17, 1833.

God led them back to Egypt with their infant daughter Evelyn Roberta (5-17-34) and blessed their home with a son Donald Gee (8-20-37) who was born in Alexandria, Egypt.

Ill health forced the 4 back to the United States after two years in Egypt. Their last home was in Ononta, New York where they pioneered the Gospel Tabernacle. Three more children were born to them in Ononta:

Mary Louise (5-1-39)

Gordon Russell (8-29-41)

Esther Ruth (8-26-43)

Dorothy H. and Mary Susan (McKinney) Plants. He had 6 sisters and 5 brothers.

After receiving a call from God to enter the ministry, he was able to secure some Bible School education and prepared to go to Egypt as a missionary in 1928.

He lived alone in the Egyptian village of Sohag and began to minister to the Egyptian people, telling them of the love of Jesus Christ for all mankind.

God blessed Dad’s ministry. His wisdom, his compassion for hurting people were outstanding. Whether serving as President of the Oneonta Ministerial Association, or Chaplain of the Homer folks Tuberculosis Hospital or as a pastor (he pastored the Oneonta Gospel Tabernacle (Assemblies of God) for over 16 years and later the River Street Baptist Church for over 12 years), he did his best for His Master. What higher tribute can I pay to my Father?

I am so fortunate to have had 2 parents who led exemplary lives of integrity, honesty, sincerity, sacrificing, and steadfast faith and trust in Almighty God. My heritage is rich indeed.

Our family at the present is scattered around the United States. Evelyn and her husband James Coubler have one son James Russell (3-18-57) who along with his wife Terrie are stationed in Jacksonville, Florida in the Navy. Evelyn (retired from Executive Secretarial employment) and James (retired from X-ray technician) reside in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

Donald lives in Ononta and works for Allied Corporation in Sidney, New York. Mary Louise Hendrickson is a Special Education teacher in Willmar, Minnesota. She and her husband Bernhard (a welder) have 2 children. Katrina (10-4-66) is a Junior at Stoult University (Mennonite, Wisconsin) in the Business Administration program. Their son Russell Tellef (12-1-69) is a Junior in New London-Spicer High School and is active in many sports including football, wrestling, and track.

Gordon is Financial Director for Lewis & Zimmerman Associates Incorporated, and engineering consulting firm in Rockville, Maryland and has 2 teen-agers: Nicholas Russell (9-29-70) and Courtney Ann (8-27-74).

Esther and her husband Jerry Brior (a paint-
er) live in Denver, Colorado with their 4 girls: Teresa Roxy 7-28-70
Bufly Deidre 7-11-71
Collette Delphine 9-30-72
Kris 10-31-73

Russell and Grace's family now includes 5 children and 9 grandchildren. Russell and Grace now reside in an apartment in Oneonta. Dad has been a bus driver for 35 years and has cared for him devotedly and lovingly. He still expresses a deep love for nature and all of God's Creation. His bedroom faces east where he can enjoy the sunrise and thank God for the dawn of each new day.

He can see many large beautiful trees and follow the course of a year from the early buds of Spring, through the foliage of summer months, the changing colorfull leaf displays of autumn, and the bare branches of seasons yet to come. He has seen snow cover the ground during winter. Genesis 8:22 says "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease."

Dad has seen God prove His Word to be true many times in his 85 years of life so far. Time and space do not permit an accounting of miraculous answers to prayer, healing in times of illness, divine intervention in times of crisis, and always the deep trusting assurance of God's own presence.

May every person who reads this account of one of the Mason County natives, realize the importance of giving your life to Jesus Christ. May you determine to walk and talk daily with God even as has been done by Russell Lee Plants. Submitted by — Mary Louise Hendricksen

"A DAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL LEE PLANTS"

I, Mary Louise Plants Hendricksen (born 8-1-1939) am the grand-daughter of Theodore Hayes Plants born in Mason County, West Virginia on 10-15-1876 and died on 6-4-1917, and the parents of Russell and Grace was born in Mason County, West Virginia on 8-30-1906 and 10-12-1907.

My father in the Mason County natives, realize the importance of giving your life to Jesus Christ. May you determine to walk and talk daily with God even as has been done by Russell Lee Plants. Submitted by — Mary Louise Hendricksen

ELMER PLYMALE FAMILY

Elmer E. Plymale was born October 6, 1891 to John Matt and Ada Chevelier Plymale at Clipper Plymale at Clipper Mill, Ohio. He was the third of ten children born to that union. He attended a one room schoolhouse to the eighth grade, at Clipper Mill.

His father operated a sawmill up in the mountains of West Virginia where he worked many men, and at one time they rolled logs down the Kanawha River. Two men from Pt. Pleasant worked for him, Mr. Riffle of Bellemade and Jack Call of Pt. Pleasant (both deceased).

Elmer and his sisters with their mother ran the farm at Clipper Mill. John Matt Plymale was killed when a tunnel caved in on him in the mountains of W. Va. August 1915.

Elmer Plymale married Anna Laura Ervin at West Union, Ohio, in 1910. He met her at her Uncle Bob McCalla of Clipper Mills. She rode the boat from her home. It stopped and took on passengers all along the river. They made their home for two years at his parents while Elmer and his father built a home at Gallipolis Ferry.

In 1912 Elmer and Anna started their life on their farm where a son Ervin J. Plymale was born that same year. He attended one room school at Gallipolis Ferry. Afterwards he married Opal Atkinson of Gallipolis Ohio to whom they were born three children, Jean, Richard and Pamela. They lived in St. Albans and he worked 31 years at Carbine at Institute. When he retired he couldn’t stand it without working so he went to work as City of St. Albans Inspector which he continued until his death. While Ervin was a baby along came the 1913 flood. His mother took him from the front porch in a skiff to Clipper Mill, and when the flood was over, they moved back to Ohio and lived at Clipper Mill where daughter Mary was born September 1915. When Mary was three they moved into an old log home on a hill behind the Methodist Church at Clipper Mill. Here Elmer had a small country store by the church and Nellie was born 1918. When Nellie was 18 months old they again moved back to the farm in Gallipolis Ferry and had a daughter Fay. Here they remained until their deaths.

Mary and Nellie went to a one-room school at Gallipolis Ferry to eighth grade, but Fay went to a two-room school for her education.

Mary married Scotty Hyre, who owned Smiths Department Store. She worked for the Athens Messenger paper for thirty-one years which had its branch office on sixth street in Pt. Pleasant. She sent the news to Athens, Ohio by teletype, and was interested in the people and history of Mason County, many of whom have kept her articles to this day. She was well known by people far and wide, and loved by all who know her and loved people. If there was a news item to be covered night or day, Mary could be found on the scene. She passed away from a heart attack February 1970. She had no children. Her husband had preceded her. Walter Scotty Hyre (1896-1968) born Rock Cave, W. Va. and Mary are buried at Kirkland.

Nellie married Clinton Sayre, and they have a daughter Sharon Wray whose husband Jack Wray works at Philip Sporn. Sharon is an L.P.N. They have two children John Beaver and J. D. Wray.


Fay is an L.P.N. has been employed at Holzer Medical Center for thirteen years, and John died in 1967. He was employed at Philip Sporn.

Elmer Plymale hauled groceries with his team and wagon to boats tied up in the 1913 flood. He saved four men’s lives. They were hanging onto a willow tree and he rescued them in his boat. The bodies of dead people he also saved by tying to a tree. In 1936 he walked across the ice to the Ohio side twenty-six times over and back.

Elmer and Anna belonged to the Jordan Baptist Church. He was found dead over his tobacco bed March 5, 1957 and Anne died 1966. The
Plymale road at Gallipolis Ferry is named after him.

Elmer also lost everything in the 1937 flood. Maple trees were all around the house and he took ropes and tied it down. The water was in the house for a week. He moved his household goods up in the barn higher two times, but he lost everything but his home and barn. His chickens, although in the barn, were saved.

John Matt Plymale was a Knight Templar, Ervin was in the Masonic Lodge at St. Albans, Elmer Plymale was Modern Woodmans of Gallipolis Ohio and Mary Hyre was an Eastern Star of Pt. Pleasant. Submitted by — Faye Carpenter and Nellie Sayre

MARCUS S. POFFENBARGER

Marcus S. Poffenbarger born February 28, 1898, son of Monroe and Margaret Beard Poffenbarger at Southside, WV. He had one brother Jesse Poffenbarger (deceased) and two sisters: Helen P. Dabney (deceased) and Martha P. Tennant living in California. He attended Verdun School at Southside and Normal School at Ripley, WV. His early years were spent working on the family farm. He was a veteran of World War I and afterwards taught school for five years at Monroe School. After his marriage, he moved to Point Pleasant and worked at the Point Pleasant Post Office from August 1, 1922 until his retirement February 28, 1968 at the age of seventy. At the time of his retirement he was Assistant Postmaster. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church having served on the official board, church treasurer and taught a Sunday School class for over fifty years, a member of American Legion Post #200 and Loyal Order of Moose. After his retirement he had a book published entitled "The Hills of Home", made up of poems and articles written over the years. It is not for sale but for his pleasure in giving it to his friends and relatives.

JOHN HAYMOND POLSLEY
Pioneer Statesman

Only Lieutenant Governor of West Virginia, Daniel H. Polsley was born Marion county 1803, grandson of Switzerland emigrant Peter Baltzli. Began law practice Wellsburg and edited The Western Transcript. Health effected by news paper and attorney practice, moved to Mason County 1845, purchasing 1200 acre farm Graham Station called "Beechmont Hall". Sent as county delegate Wheeling Convention 1861. President Lincoln appointed him Lieut. Governor, serving until formation of state in 63. Elected Judge 7th Judicial Circuit 63 and member 40th U.S. Congress 66. Family moved to 701 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, now law offices of Dallas Kayser. Practiced profession until simultaneous death of Polsley and sixth child, August, 1877.

Eunice Dabney born March 11, 1897, daughter of Ira S. and Julia Halfhill Dabney at Arlee, WV. She had four brothers; Roger Dabney (deceased), Harry Dabney (deceased), Kenneth Dabney (deceased) and John Dabney (deceased); four sisters: Carrie D. Caudill, Sylvia D. Woyan, Daphne D. Caudill and Lester Leone Dabney (deceased). She attended Fadely School at Arlee, WV. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service for years until failing health forced her to become inactive.

Marcus S. Poffenbarger and Eunice Dabney were married October 29, 1921 and moved to Point Pleasant, WV in 1922. They have two daughters Jean P. D. Duncan and Helen V. Williamson. Jean P. Duncan born October 24, 1922 in Point Pleasant, WV. She attended Height's (North Point) Grade School, Point Pleasant Junior and Senior High Schools. After graduation from High School she went to work for Columbia Gas Company of WV. She worked for Columbia Gas from February 1941 until Columbia Gas moved their offices to Ravenswood, WV in February 1982 at which time she retired. She attended Height's "Pete" Duncan August 31, 1936. After twenty-eight years of marriage, William S. Duncan and Jean were divorced. She still resides at her home at 3010 Parrish Avenue, Point Pleasant, WV. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and sings in the church choir, Order of Eastern Star, Women of the Moose, Gamma Chapter of Lambda Chi Omega Sorority and American Legion Auxiliary.

Helen V. Williamson was born June 27, 1924. She attended Height's Grade School, Point Pleasant Junior and Senior High Schools. After graduation she worked in the office of Marietta Manufacturing Co. for four years, Yunker Manufacturing Co. four years and in December, 1950 went to work at W. V. Malleable Iron Co. and retired in June 1983 when the plant closed down. She married George "Duke" Williamson August 4, 1968. After his death in November 1972, she moved back home with her Mother and Father at 721 McCulloch Road, Point Pleasant, WV. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and sings in the church choir, Gamma Chapter of Lambda Chi Omega Sorority, Women of the Moose and American Legion Auxiliary.

Marcus S. and Eunice Poffenbarger celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary October 29, 1985.

We thank God for giving us the courage to meet and overcome the adversities of life and the good health to enjoy our everyday blessings. Submitted by — Eunice Poffenbarger, M. S. Poffenbarger, Helen V. Williamson, Jean P. Duncan

ELSA P. POLSLEY

Goldie helps with the farm, garden, and cattle. She does all the canning for winter. She is, also, active in politics where she has served as Democrat Committee woman in the Hannan District for the past 16 years. She is also a member of Palestine Baptist Church.

LAWRENCE EDWARD POWELL FAMILY

Lawrence Edward Powell, son of Elza Jefferson Powell and Dina Roxie Powell, of Glenwood, West Virginia was born March 22, 1927. He married Goldie Fay Crist on December 20, 1949. Goldie was born July 24, 1932. Into this family were born two children, Darlena Ann Powell, born October 5, 1951 and Roger Lee Powell, born October 24, 1953. Lawrence is a farmer who raises beef cattle and tobacco. He also was a rural substitute mail carrier for 14 years. He served in the armed forces. He is now employed as a foreman for the West Virginia Department of Highways where he has been employed for 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Powell
They have four grandchildren. Amber Dawn Long, born September 17, 1972; Jeremy Mathew Long, born February 12, 1976; Roger Brandon Powell, born November 23, 1978; and Bretton Lee Powell, born June 17, 1983. Submitted by—Mrs. Lawrence (Goldie) Powell, Darlena Long

ROGER POWELL FAMILY

Mr. Roger Lee Powell, son of Lawrence Edward and Goldie Powell, married Dreama Faye Brumfield, daughter of Charlotte Reed Brumfield and Lowell Brumfield, on May 3, 1974. To Roger and Dreama were born two sons, Roger Brandon Powell on November 23, 1978, and Bretton Lee Powell on June 17, 1983. They live on a farm at Ashton where they raise beef cattle, hay, and tobacco.

Roger, Dreama, Branson and Brett Powell

Roger graduated from Hannan High School in 1971. He attended Marshall University for two years. He is employed by the Soil Conservation Service in Point Pleasant. Dreama is a graduate of Hannan High School and the Huntington College of Business where she graduated with a degree in Executive Secretary. She worked at Marshall University in the Vice President for Academic Affairs office for five years. She is now a full-time mother and a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant. The family are members of Palestine Baptist Church where Roger is choir leader and a trustee. Dreama is church clerk. Submitted by—Mrs. Lawrence (Goldie) Powell, Darlena Long

WILLIAM H. POWELL

William H. Powell was born at Minersville, Ohio, November 28, 1861, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Davis Powell, who migrated from South Wales by way of sailboat. They arrived in New York and then settled in Minersville, Ohio, August 15, 1854. They were naturalized in Pomeroy, Ohio, December 1, 1889. James Powell, Witness.

William Powell moved to New Haven after the death of his mother and boarded with Philip Roush family. On December 31, 1893, he was united in marriage to Olivia Jane Bumgarner, daughter of Seth and Mary Ann Capehart Bumgarner. Five children were born to this union: 1. Mary Elizabeth West, deceased, was an accountant. 2. Lilah C., deceased, was a U.S. Government employee. 3. William Powell, deceased, was a contractor. He married Louise Russell of Clifton. Two sons were born: W. H. Powell of Ravenswood and John Powell of St. Cloud, Florida. 4. Ernestine, a teacher, lives on a farm at Amesville, Ohio. She married Homer DePue of Charleston. Three children were born: Hal, deceased; Mike of Belpre, Ohio; and Mary Jane Small of Cambridge, Md.

5. Lelah Jane lives at home. Miss Powell taught school 44 years, 35 of which were at Wahama High School. Miss Powell has been a very active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She is a past president of NSDR Col. Charles Lewis Chapter. She is one of the older members of the New Haven Garden Club.

THE JOHN PRIDDY FAMILY

John Russell Priddy, born February 6, 1904 at Ashton, son of Benjamin Issac Priddy and Mary Frances Holley. John had one brother and sister, twins, Orville Clay and Ollie May born April 17, 1906 at Ashton.

Benjamin Issac, born July 19, 1855 in Putnam County, son of Zacharia Priddy and Gray. On May 22, 1901 in Mason County, Benjamin married Mary Frances Holley, born July 19, 1872, daughter of Alfred Holley and Mary Catherine Hawthorne.


William Clay, born July 24, 1865 in Giles County, Virginia, son of John Patterson Bailey, born October 18, 1828 in Giles County, and Clara Jane Peters born 1834 in Giles County. John Patterson Bailey served for a time in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Rosana, born November 27, 1867 in Jackson County, daughter of Hugh Johnson Dillon, born October 17, 1827 in Tazewell County, Virginia and Martha Fletcher, born October 7, 1829 in Tazewell County. They were married on February 5, 1852 in Tazewell County.

John Priddy attended Buffalo Academy school in Putnam County. Hattie attended Valley Bell school near Given.

John and Hattie lived in Kanawha and Putnam counties during the early part of their marriage. In the spring of 1945 they moved near Arbuckle to a 200 acre farm on 13 Mile-Creek Road, known as the Frank Hill property.

They had six children:

Russell Raymond, born April 5, 1923 in Kanawha County. On August 16, 1946 married Clara May King, born February 27, 1926 in Mason County. They have three children, Russell Raymond, Jr., Peggy Jean and Nancy Ann. They reside at Point Pleasant.

Thomas Clay, born September 21, 1924, died November 14, 1977 is buried at Leon Cemetery.

William Bias, born October 14, 1928 in Kanawha County. On July 26, 1958 married Margaret Jane Bowser, born March 15, 1940 in Mason County. They have three children, Kristina Susan, Regina Dianne and Jerry Wayne. They reside at Gallipolis, Ohio.

Betty Mae, born August 24, 1930 in Putnam County. On November 2, 1946 married Dennis Hill, born February 13, 1922 in Mason County. They have three children, Ruth Ann, Dennis Michael and Teresa Lynn. They reside on Tribble Road.


Mary Frances, born October 24, 1945 at Point Pleasant. On August 7, 1964 married Jasper Lee Casto, born June 21, 1944 at Leon. They have three children, Timmie Jay, Jimmie Lee and Johnnie Dee. They reside at Buffalo, Putnam County.

John was employed by Monsanto Chemical Company in Nitro on July 20, 1933. He retired as paint leader on January 1, 1968. John was interested in photography, farming, hunting and fishing. Hattie worked for Dunbar Glass and Fletcher Enamel in Dunbar.

John was a member of the Buffalo Baptist Church, Kanawha Valley Lodge No. 36, A.F. & A.M., Beni Kedum Shrine, Buffalo Chapter No. 150, Order of the Eastern Star, a member and leader of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Hattie is a member of the Leon Baptist Church, a charter member of Buffalo Chapter No. 150, Order of the Eastern Star, Leon Temple No. 54 Phytian Sisters and served as leader of the Leon Luckies 4-H Club.

John died January 24, 1981, and is buried at Leon Cemetery. Hattie resides on the family farm near Arbuckle. Submitted by—Mrs. Hattie Priddy

RUSSELL R. PRIDDY FAMILY

Russell Raymond Priddy was born April 5, 1923 in Dunbar, W. Va. He was the oldest child of John Russell and Hattie L. Bailey Priddy of...
Arbuckle, W. Va. Most of his boyhood days were in Nitro, W. Va. He was a member of the first June graduating class of Stonewall Jackson High School of Charleston, W. Va. in June, 1941. After graduation, he was employed by The Carnegie Illinois Steel Corp. at the Naval Ordnance plant in South Charleston, W. Va. The plant at that time was making propeller shafts and armor plate for U.S. Navy ships.

On November 9, 1942, Russell enlisted in the V 6 U.S. Naval Reserve. He spent 39 months in the service, being discharged on February 10, 1946. Twenty two months of this service in the Navy was aboard the D.E. 256, (US Seid), a Destroyer Escort. The ship performed duty in the southwest and central Pacific during WW II. After being discharged, he came to Mason County, his parents having purchased the Frank Hill farm on 13 Mile Creek at Arbuckle in May of 1945. Russell became an employee of the Monsanto Chemical Co. plant at Nitro, W. Va. in 1946. While living at Arbuckle, he met and married Clara Mae King of Arbuckle. Her parents were Willie L. and Hazel Greenelee King. Russell and Clara were married at Tyler Mountain on August 16, 1946.


Russell served as a member of the Point Pleasant Planning Commission for nearly ten years in the sixties and as Chairman of the Mason County Educational Facilities Planning Committee in 1984.

Russell and Clara Mae have lived at 2938 Meadowbrook Drive, Point Pleasant since August 1964. Submitted by — Peggy Jean Redman, Russell R. Priddy

THE EMORY A. PROFFITT FAMILY

Although a Proffitt accompanied Captain John Smith to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, the family is a relative latecomer to Mason County. Wilson Proffitt, his wife Sophia, and family came from Augusta County, Virginia, between 1850 and 1860. The family settled on the banks of the river next to the Stout, Roush, Love, and Riffle families. One son, John Hershey Proffitt, and his wife, Clara Wiseman, parents of seven children, lived here and in Meigs County, Ohio, and were buried in Robinson District. Their son, Layton Howard (1863-1930) married Leola Lucy Lathey (1869-1953) of Meigs County, Ohio on April 21, 1890. They were the parents of Howard (1891-1968), Emory A. (1893-1972), Clara E. (1904-1986), and William Ray (born 1906). Emory Proffitt married twice. His first wife was Cora Margaret Stickler (1899-1927), was the mother of Charles D. (1917-1981) and William H. (born 1924). After Cora’s death, Emory married Garnette Buckalew Workman (born 1906) in 1931. She was the widow of Frank Workman and had one daughter, Arnolda (born 1927). One child was born to Emory and Garnette — Sandra Leola, in 1936. Charles D. Proffitt, Emory’s oldest son, married Anna J. Carder (born 1920) on March 18, 1939. They were the parents of one daughter, Cora Marian (born 1940) and one son, John Robert, Jr. (“Buzz”) (born 1948). Penny has two children, Danny and Cindy Dempsey, born in 1969 and 1975, respectively. She is married to James Call. Buzz Proffitt is married to the former Rachel Barr and has two children, Joseph (born 1975) and Julian (“Buzzy”) (born 1948). Penny has two children, Danny and Cindy Dempsey, born in 1969 and 1975, respectively. She is married to James Call. Buzz Proffitt is married to the former Rachel Barr and has two children, Joseph (born 1975) and Julian (“Buzzy”) (born 1948).

Clara Mae King was born February 27, 1926 and was the second child and oldest daughter of Willie and Hazel. She grew up in the Arbuckle area, having attended the old “Callispeil” school and other public schools of Mason County. During the war years, she was employed by the former Fletcher Enamel Company of Dunbar, W. Va.


Russell and Clara Mae have lived at 2938 Meadowbrook Drive, Point Pleasant since August 1964. Submitted by — Peggy Jean Redman, Russell R. Priddy

William Ray Proffitt was born in Great Bend, Ok., September 6, 1906, and moved to Point Pleasant in 1914. He is the son of Leighton Howard Proffitt, who was born January 31, 1863, died June 18, 1930, and Lucy Leola Lathey, who were married in Clifton, WV August 21, 1890. Lucy Leola was born August 2, 1869 in Page-town, Ohio, and died April 12, 1953. Both are buried in New Lone Oak.

Leighton Howard Proffitt was the son of John Hershey Proffitt, born July 28, 1832, died July 1913 in Racine, Ohio. He married Clara Wiseman, April 22, 1852, who was born November 16, 1830, and died May 12, 1897. Other children of this marriage were Elizabeth C. (Rollins) born January 23, 1854, died 1910; John F. born September 13, 1855, died April 8, 1891; William H. born October 4, 1857, died January 25, 1936 in Parkersburg; Margaret A. (Warren Boyles) born February 4, 1860, died January 16, 1944; Sophia J. (Oscar Boyles) born January 24, 1867, died July 11, 1885; Curtis Emory born November 28, 1875, died October 8, 1960, Charleston; Robert J. born December 25, 1872, died July 14, 1939.

Brothers and sister of William Ray were Leighton Howard Jr., born May 28, 1891, died April 20, 1968, married Belva Elias Russell; Emory Arthur, born July 10, 1893 in Mason died September 16, 1972, married to Cora VanSickle and Garnette Buckalew Workman; Clara Elzenna born September 30, 1904, died July 28, 1986.

William Ray married Evelyn Roberts Foreign, born July 30, 1936. Evelyn Roberts was born Nov. 17, 1910. Their children are:

For fifty-seven years Mr. Proffitt was employed by the Marietta Manufacturing Company which later became Amherst Industries. Submitted by — James R. Proffitt

CHARLES PULLINS FAMILY

Charles Clayton Pullins was born in Jackson County, W. Va. on April 7, 1910. He was the son of Charles and Emma McKinney Pullins, and was the oldest of five children. The family moved to Gallia County, Ohio when he was a young boy. He grew up there living on a farm and having to walk many miles to attend school. He graduated from Bidwell-Porter Schools.

Clayton came to Mason County in the early 1930s, and there met Pauline V. Yeager, daugh­ ter of Owen and Anna Rayburn Yeager. They were married on May 31, 1938 and made their home in Point Pleasant. Clayton suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized for a short time. Clayton then built their home himself on the corner of Windsor Court and Jerrico Road which in later years became 22nd Street. They moved there in 1942.

Clara Mae King was born February 27, 1926 and was the second child and oldest daughter of Willie and Hazel. She grew up in the Arbuckle area, having attended the old “Callispeil” school and other public schools of Mason County. During the war years, she was employed by the former Fletcher Enamel Company of Dunbar, W. Va.

Russell enrolled at W. Va. University in September, 1947 and graduated with a B.S. in Agriculture in June 1950. He was then employed by the Agricultural Extension Service of Mason County, W. Va. and Gallia County, Ohio as 4-H Club Agent. He left the Extension Service in 1962 and went to work at The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Chemical plant at Apple Grove, W. Va. and was employed by the Marietta Manufacturing Company in the 1960s.

Russell and Clara were married at Tyler Mountain on August 16, 1946. They have three sons, Russell R. III, born January 25, 1970, Jason Patrick, born October 13, 1974, and
Clayton worked for a short time after coming to Mason County at the Marietta Manufacturing Company. He also had a service station on the corner of Jefferson and 21st Street. Most of his life was in the automobile business, working for 40 years with the Mason County Motor Company and Two Rivers Motor Company until he retired. He died September 1981. His wife Pauline has worked almost 25 years in the Mason County Clerk's office where she is still employed, and she still maintains her home on Windsor Court.

Their two children are Barbara Ann and Charles Owen "Bud". Barbara married Herbert F. Sayre in 1958 and after several years living in Pt. Pleasant now live Malcolm Spring Heights, Milton, W. Va. He is an employee of AEP and is a Regional Dispatcher. Both graduated from PPHS. Their child is Cathy Lee. "Bud" married Kandi McMannus in 1967, and presently lives Westerville, Ohio and in the automobile business. They have two children, Chad and Beth Anne. Submitted by — Barbara Pullins Sayre

PURDUM FAMILY

John M. Purdum and Mary Margaret Moody Purdam lived in Point Pleasant, Clifton, and New Haven and were the parents of five children:

Harry Homer born 1890 deceased. See Shank Purdum
Daisy 1887 deceased. See Mitchell - Purdum.
Armo Ann born 1884 deceased married

Garen Stansbury deceased, from Middleport, a pharmacist. They were parents of two children, William in Florida now deceased and a daughter Kathy survives him.

Sarah Margaret 1902 in Portsmouth, Ohio, 1850. One of their children, John Murrell, b. 1857, d. 1943, married Margaret Moody; they were parents of Armo, Daisy, Harry Homer, Claude, and Margaret.

Their son Harry Homer, b. 1890, married Marie Elizabeth Shank, b. 1890, daughter of James Shank and Mary V. Hall Shank in 1908 at the Shank home in Mason, W. Va. They were the parents of six children:

1. John Hall, b. 1910, painter by trade, lived in Norfolk, Va. for 35 years. As a young man he helped paint the bridge at Mason and he and his father were toll collectors in the early days following the bridge opening. He had two marriages: Carrie from Montgomery, W. Va., and Maxine Smith from Charleston, W. Va., both deceased. John died at age 73; buried at Graham St. N.W., N. Charleston, W. Va. They were the parents of three children: (1) James Shank, Jr., b. 1944, married Candace Liddle, parents of two daughters, Paige Ann and Megan. James Jr. served 11 years in the regular Army and had eight awards to his credit which include Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Armor Badge, Army and Air Force Good Conduct Medals. (2) John Hall, b. 1950, married Judith Ann Cunningham, one son John Hall, Jr. He is assistant manager of Chevy Chase office of New York Life Insurance Co. (3) Diana, b. 1954, married William Charles Martin, Jr., one son William Charles III. Diana is a senior executive with Vantage. (4) Anna, b. 1956, deceased. (5) John Hall, b. 1959, married to Karen Fagg, one daughter, Blythe.

2. James Shank, b. 1912, joined Army in 1931 and began military career lasting 41 years, received Legion of Merit twice, Bronze Star and Distinguished Conduct Medal. Graduated from University of Nebraska while in service. Had many world-wide assignments, retired Lt. Col. and lives in Vienna, Va. Married Olympia Crisino, daughter of Silvio and Ernestine Crisino, New York City, 1941. They are parents of three children: (1) James Shank, Jr., b. 1944, married Candace Liddle, parents of two daughters, Paige Ann and Megan. James Jr. served 11 years in the regular Army and had eight awards to his credit which include Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Armor Badge, Army and Air Force Good Conduct Medals. (2) John Hall, b. 1950, married Judith Ann Cunningham, one son John Hall, Jr. He is assistant manager of Chevy Chase office of New York Life Insurance Co. (3) Diana, b. 1954, married William Charles Martin, Jr., one son William Charles III. Diana is a senior executive with Vantage. (4) Anna, b. 1956, deceased. (5) John Hall, b. 1959, married to Karen Fagg, one daughter, Blythe.

3. Mary Virginia, b. 1915, in 1932 married teacher-musician William T. VanHorn, son of Dean VanHorn, Salem College, and Meta Wilson VanHorn. He taught music and math in the Mason County schools for several years, was payroll supervisor at the Marietta Mfg. Co., and an IBM graduate from Endicott, N.Y., died in 1981 at age 86 and is buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens. Mary Virginia worked as an assistant to Dr. Dan Glassman for 16 years and the Mason County Board of Education for 17 years, has been active in the Mason County Scouts for 41 years and is now living in Pt. Pleasant teaching piano and organ. They were the parents of one daughter, Joan Marie, b. 1933, teacher, married to Ralph S. Melton, living in Virginia Beach, Va. They are parents of three children: (1) Dule Ellen, teacher, married Jeff Floyd, parents of two boys - Timothy and Jonathan. (2) Ralph S. Melton, Jr., paramedic in Norfolk, married Bonnie Dean, parents of one son Ralph S. Melton III. (3) William B. Melton, manager for Marriott Hotels in Falls Church, Va.

4. Harry Edward, b. 1917, married Elizabeth Banfill, fashion designer, New York in 1946. Married in the Little Church Around the Corner by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. They lived in England for many years and while there Harry was knighted Baron de Schenck by the order of St. George, honor bestowed by King Peter of Yugoslavia. Harry served in World War II as Captain in the Air Force. He now married his former college roommate in Brandon, Fla. and they currently live in Sun City Center, Fla.

5. Alah Margaret, b. 1921, married Howard Curtis Rodgers, son of Harvey Curtis Rodgers and Elise McDermott, in 1944. Howard Curtis was a pilot during World War II, retired from General Motors Insurance Corporation, New York City, several years ago and has been teaching in the Cherry Hill, N.J. public schools where their home has been since 1978. Alah worked for several insurance companies in the New York area and has recently retired. They plan to relocate to West Virginia in the near future. They are the parents of two children: (1) Curtis Edward, b. 1946, married Doreen Jordan in 1970 and are the parents of four children: Anne Marie, Paul Curtis, Cynthia and Christopher. Barbara Ann and children currently living in Collinswood, N.J.; Barbara manages apartment complex in Philadelphia.

6. Elizabeth Ann, b. 1929, worked in President's Office OSU, Columbus, Ohio, in the 1950's during which time she traveled extensively in the Middle East, returning to Pt. Pleasant in 1960 to make her home with her mother. Worked for Kaiser Aluminum for 25 years; currently living in Ravenswood.

Harry Homer Purdam died September 17, 1957, recently retired, employed as bookkeeper at Graham Station, and Marie Elizabeth Shank Purdum died September 9, 1974, and is buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens. Submitted by — Mary VanHorn

PUTZ

LEON HUGO PUTZ was born in Poca­hon­tas, a small and insignificant rural town in southeast­ern Illinois, in 1913. He was the fourth child and third son of Henry W. Putz and his wife, Christiana Ruhling Putz. Surviving of the family are his only sister Mrs. Leo (Olga) Kahnert of Jackson, MO. and a younger brother Dillman N. Putz of Sun City, AZ.
Leon attended local parochial schools in Poca-hontas, later a Lutheran Junior College in Clinton, IA, then a Lutheran Seminary in Maywood, IL and in 1948 was awarded a Master degree in Sociology at Marshall University, Huntington, WV.

On June 24, 1925 Leon married Miss Ruth Hawk, of Avonmore, PA. Ruth died October 23, 1983. As an only child, Marilyn, was born in the Clarksburg, WV on February 27, 1930. At the time Leon and Ruth were members of the teaching staff at Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, WV.

In August, 1937, the family moved to Point Pleasant (WV) where Leon was employed as editor of the since defunct weekly newspaper, The State Gazette. Later he accepted a teaching position at the former Junior High School on upper Main Street in Point Pleasant. In 1943-1945 Leon was employed as a security guard at the then Marietta shipyards during World War II. When the war ended, he returned to teaching and was transferred to the Senior High School, from which he retired in 1967.

At this writing (January 26, 1986) daughter Marilyn is a teaching staff at Marshall University, Huntington, as Associate Professor of English. Leon lives now at 225 North Park Drive in Point Pleasant, where he spends some time writing. He has five publications to his credit: 1) “Quips”, a small booklet of original poems, 2) “Mason County Officials”, the who, what and when of our county government, 3) “History of the Lutheran Church in Point Pleasant”, 4) “This is My Story”, a fiction of short tales, and 5) “US”, a reference work about our government. He is now compiling a second volume of “US”, a reference of “Who”, “What”, “Where”, and “When” in the US history.

Other than that, his hobby is photography and playing with his 15-year-old Siamese cat, Frosty.

CLARENCE HENRY QUILLIN FAMILY

The MacQuillans (Mac meaning son of) are descendants of Teague Quillin who came to Virginia in 1635. History gives family origin as Scotland then to Ireland where they built the Castle of Dunluce. Castle ruins can still be seen.

The Quillin Coat of Arms: “Death before Dishonor”.

Father of this Quillin Clan is Nathan Webster Quillin, third son of Nancy Roush and Jacob Quillin; born March 12, 1860 Letart Falls, Ohio; Quillin, third son of Nancy Roush and Jacob Quillin. The Quillin Coat of Arms: “Death before Dishonor”.

First wife: Elizabeth Frances Bell b. 1860 d. May 1, 1886.


Myrtle Lillian Quillin Norris b. Nov. 2, 1884 d. 1948.


Children: Virginia Quillin Pfeiffer b. 1910—

Frank Quillin, Sr., Clarence Quillin and Elizabeth Quillin

Elizabeth Katherine Johnson b. March 4, 1887 died June 21, 1983: Daughter of Richard Alexander Johnson b. March 3, 1845, died April 23, 1921 and Sarah Jane Booth b. February 8, 1861 died March 7, 1950. Elizabeth was very active in women’s organizations in Trinity Methodist Church. They are buried in Suncrest cemetery.

Edith Elizabeth Quillin was born in Pt. Pleasant. Graduated from PPHS; attended Charleston School of Commerce. She worked for P. Pleasant Water and Light Co. and for Appalachian Power Co. Active in civic and social affairs, charter member of Lambda Chi Omega Sorority, Jr. and Sr. Woman’s Clubs. A volunteer at Jr. Woman’s Club original library on Viand beside the American Legion Building.

She married Daniel Austin Nickell, Jr. a native of Charleston on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1947. Daniel served 4 years in the Navy in European Theater of Operations, received an honorable discharge. Associated with the former Crow Funeral Home. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama. Submitted by — Edith Q. Nickell/NKO

FRANKLIN WEBSTER QUILLIN, SR. FAMILY

Franklin Webster Quillin born Gloucester, Ohio while his father was telegraph operator for Kanawah-Michigan R.R. son of Clarence Henry and Elizabeth Johnson Quillin. Franklin attended Central School; graduated from PPHS; attended Greenbrier Military School and Marshall.

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Army 1944-1946 Honorable Discharge.

Clubs — Charter member of Moose Lodge, Kiwanis, K. P. Lodge, Jr. OUAOM Lodge, American Legion, Elks Club Gallipolis, Oh. Built Washington Springs Service Station, owned Motor Mart Main St., City Bus Line, Ace Hi Music Co., Ohio Valley Vending Co. Mink Ranch with brother-in-law Dan Nickell, Jr.

Nellie Quillin married Nellie Belle Kapp November 1939. Nellie was born at Leon, W. Va., daughter of Julius Von Kapp and Dora Ellen Stone Kapp. Nellie attended Heights Grade School, graduated from PPHS and Ohio University at Athens, majored in Romance Languages, L’Alliance Francaise, French Honorary, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She taught 20 years in Mason County. Quillie and Nellie built a brick home in Belle-mead, and built Bowling Alleys 1939-1940 with Nellie’s parents. 22nd St. Bowling Alley burned December 12, 1949, rebuilt with skating rink on second floor.

Nellie was Past President of American Association of University Women, worked on committees planning Pleasant Valley Hospital, only woman on Board of Trustees for Hospital, Jr. Womans Club.

Took Sunday school at Presbyterian Church, transferred membership to Pasadena Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Fla. Sold Bowling Alleys and moved to Florida May 1959.

In Florida Quillie built 18 hole Bay Pines Putter Golf course. Nellietaught school for 20 years at Madeira Bch. Middle School. Both now retired and live on St. Pete Bch. on Holiday Isles, a 21 mile long island on Gulf of Mexico.

They have two children - Franklin and Betsy. Frank Jr. graduated from PPHS, St. Pete Jr. College, pre-dentistry, University of Florida, University of Maryland Dental School. Interesting career with US Public Health Service as a dentist for Indians.

1968-70 New Town, N. Dakota Mandan, GrosVentre and Arikara Indian Reservation. 1971-1973 Rapid City, S. Dakota Sioux-San Hospital. Dr. Quillin received citation from Governor of S. Dakota for identifying bodies of Indian children during a devastating flood. 1973-74 Tuba City, Arizona, Hopkinsjo Hospital.

Children’s Hospital in Washington, D.C. Lecturer at Georgetown University. He is a Pediatric Dentist in Barbourville, W. Va.

Betsy Nan Quillin attended Madeira Bch. Middle School, Graduated from Boca Ciega H.S. Honor Student, St. Pete Jr. College, Graduate of University of South Florida, She is 3rd grade teacher at Perkins Elementary School, St. Pete Fla. She has traveled extensively, and lives in her own condominium. Submitted by — Nellie Kapp Quillin

OLILL KNAPP RAINES

Ollie Knapp Raines born 1880 at Leon, West Virginia was the daughter of George W. and Willie Knapp. Ollie grew up in the vicinity of Leon where she was a teacher. On December 5, 1902 she was married to Matthew Raines born
1876 the son of William and Katie Workman Raines of Marmet. Matthew was a member of Company I 1st W. Va. Volunteers in the Spanish American War. Later he served two years in the Philippines as a volunteer. He always took an active part in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ollie always had a great interest in local history and genealogy. Over a period of years beginning before the turn of the century and continuing through the 1960’s she wrote news items for the local paper, sometimes contributing notes of historical interest.

Ollie died at age 95 in Louisa, Kentucky on January 20, 1976. Matthew’s death was on April 15, 1965. They are buried in the Samuel Greenlee Cemetery. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

FRANK RAINNEY

P. Frank Rainey (1869-1941) was the son of Lourena Hardwick and Zebidell Rainey. His father was killed in Custers Army during the Civil War. Frank Rainey was a foreman in the Shipping Department at the Malleable Iron Company.

Mr. Rainey in 1891 was married to Sarah Lilly “Sadie” Rice (November 30, 1868-1962) and were parents of Rena and Ada. Rena born April 19, 1893 died September 1896, was an early schoolteacher, an employee of the local post office for thirty-five years, and a member of Main Street Baptist Church. Frank Rainey, wife “Sadie” and Rena buried Suncrest.

Ada born 1895 was married in 1918 to Dorsal Fisher (1889-1971) who died Gallipolis, Ohio. He was employed as a molder at the Malleable Iron and was a WWI Veteran. His mother Eliza J. Zigler (1851-1929) was born in Ritchie County and his father Thomas Harvey Fisher (1840-1923) was born Mason County to Susan Barlow and Joseph Fisher. Ada was also a schoolteacher and later employed with Malleable Iron. Thomas Harvey Fisher, Sgt. Co. B. 13th WVA Regt. and wife are buried Old Lone Oak.

George R. Rainden 1891-1972

As a legislator he was a crusader for morality in government and temperance. He introduced legislation and zealously fought for laws to curb gambling and vice generally. Always advocating law enforcement, he introduced legislation to create the office of state prosecuting attorney. Other fields in which he was active were welfare and education. He took great pride in his successful effort in obtaining a property exemption for elderly persons receiving welfare assistance. While always for economy in government, he faithfully lent his full efforts toward adequate appropriations for education and schools. In 1927 he sponsored a bill which made June 20 West Virginia Day and a legal holiday.

In June 1972 the House of Delegates adopted a resolution memorializing his service which said in part “George A. Rainden was a distinguished legislator and a true and trustworthy gentleman, who enjoyed the complete confidence and respect of his fellow legislators as well as his legion of friends”.

In 1922 he married Wretta Parsons who was born August 15, 1893 and who celebrated her 93rd birthday August 15, 1986. They are the parents of two children Donald L. born 1922, graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Marshall University, now retired from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. He and his wife Janet are the parents of three children George, Donna and Lisa. Nancy Rainden was born August 28, 1929, graduate of Point Pleasant High School and attended Marshall University. She and her husband Harold Bowman are the parents of one son Mark E. Bowman. Submitted by — Donald L. Rainden

OTIS RANDOLPH FAMILY

Otis Brooks Randolph was born on August 24, 1901, at Curry in Ritchie County, West Virginia. He was the oldest of thirteen children born to George Irvin and Florence Allen Randolph. His grandparents were Hiram Randolph and Minerva Westfall Randolph, also, Ephriam Allen and Dorothy Rhodes Allen.

At an early age he came to Point Pleasant, West Virginia with his parents, by Rail. Here, he did farm work and worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company.

On May 24, 1929, he was married to Mary Vurl Cottrill, daughter of Rev. L. A. Cottrill and Theodis Pickens Cottrill. This was the first marriage in the Heights United Brethren Church of which they were both members. Mrs. Randolph was also pianist at the time and was teaching in the Mason County Schools.

Since Mr. Randolph’s early rearing was on the farm it was his desire to return to farming. They soon moved from Heights to the Cottrill farm on Thomas Ridge. Then in November of 1929 they purchased the former John Paul Jones farm.

All three of their children were born at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Vala Mae was born March 31, 1926; Douglas Lee was born June 13, 1927; and Retta Geraldine was born October 27, 1928.

They moved to their recently purchased property on what is now State Route 2 and lived in the log house until their new house was completed in 1933. Here, next to Mt. Olive (Morgan)
Church the children were reared. They and their parents were in the active. The three children participated in 4-H, when they were old enough and all graduated from Point Pleasant High School.

Yvonne M. Davis was graduated from the University of Cincinnati and taught music in the Jr. and Senior High School in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, 1946-1947. On March 14, 1947 she married William Richard Sommers, son of Dr. Frank and Cora Woodall Sommers. In the summer of 1947 they moved to California. Their son Frank Haley Sommers was born at Oakland, California on May 17, 1948. He graduated from Fenn Creek High School and from Wooster College as a research chemist. He was employed by the University of Alaska as a computer programmer of Marine Science for five years but is now self employed.

Jillie Kay Sommers was born December 16, 1953 at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She graduated from Fern Creek High School. On June 2, 1978 she was married to Dennis Quire who was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Their children are David born 1979 in Louisville, Kentucky; Daniel born in 1981, and Kristen born in 1985.

Douglas Lee Randolph was born in the United States Air Force from 1943-1947 and served as a Statistical Control Clerk. He married Helen Lucille Murphy, July 5, 1959, daughter of John Otto Murphy and Lucille Lamb Murphy. Charlene Lucille was born November 5, 1961; Randy Lee was born December 8, 1951; Lana Jo was born November 19, 1953; and Tonya Kay was born November 26, 1958.

Osis and Vurl's third child, after graduating from Point Pleasant High School worked for the Point Pleasant Register. They later moved to California where they reared their children. Mildred Rayburn, born 1915, attended Point Pleasant High School and last known Los Angeles, California.

BENNETT RAYBURN

Bennett Rayburn (1830-1876) of Henry and Elizabeth Barnett Rayburn, of Mason County died at Mudlick, 13 Mile Creek, married in Jackson Co. 1855 Lovina Moore (1834-1891) of Andrew and Rebecca Waugh Moore. Lovina died Putnam Co. at home of son Andrew. Burial Walker Chapel.

Issue:

Andrew S. (1866 to Bennett) died Canton, Ohio 1944, buried Chester, W. Va. He married Hannah Sayre of William and Christy Sayre of Jackson Co. and had Tresa (Barth); William Bennett (1893-1953) W.WI, buried Huntington and wife Cleo Minnis had a son William Roy (1921) served with Merchant Mariner WWII and married and had Stephen, Anita, and Mike. His brother John Lowell (born 1895 died 1950) was in WWII, 32nd Mason, Medical Staff at Atlanta, and buried Lake Worth, Florida, had sons Charlie and John L. Jr. both served in WWII. Freda (of Andrew born, 1899, Leon, W. Va.) married Evans, attended State Teachers College in Kentucky and last known Los Angeles, California where she was teaching at California Childrens College.

Andrew S. Rayburn's sisters Mrs. Frances Vaughn (born 1859), Mrs. Ruth Covert (1874-1963) and Mrs. Edith Covert (born 1874-1949) lived at Newell, W. Va. Ruxie Roela Rayburn (1868 in Putnam Co) married in Mason Co. Jacob Hillman Smith, died Gallia Co. Ohio May 9, 1921, buried Upland had 12 children. Mary Lona (1870-1887) died unmarried buried with parents. All D. (1873-1928) married Ida M. (1874-1957) buried Upland with children, Garnier, Louis, Clayton, Olia; Ruth Smeda (1874-1890) married Melville G. Covert (1869-1955) buried Chester had six children. Mrs. Edith Covert Smith born January 22, 1911 Red House died East Liverpool 1983 owned many family bibles and letters from which these records are taken. Submitted by — Mrs. Nellie Covert Copasick Nalley, Mrs. Bertie Jividen.

CURTIS RAYBURN

Curtis Rayburn (1890-1958) son of Sarah Jane Grey (1849-1932) and Thomas Rayburn (1848-1912) married 1891 Zelma McClung. Zelma was born August 16, 1892 and died 1979, and was the daughter of Minnie B. Boggess (1873-1945) and Robert Gibbs (1871-1956). All are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery. Robert was the son of Lucy Catherine Boll (1841-1878) and Thomas Jacob Gibbs (1835-1926). Minnie was the daughter of Rebecca Somerville and Robert O. Boggess.

Curtis Rayburn owned a farm on Rayburn Road but moved into Point Pleasant where he became custodian at the U.S. post office. He was 1945-1975. The Rayburns were parents of twin daughters. Mildred Rayburn, born 1915, attended Mason County Schools, went on to become a registered nurse and graduated McMillan hospital. She is now retired and lives Pt. Pleasant, was married, divorced, no issue. For 25 years she made her home in Charleston. Her twin, Marjorie Irene, also born 1915, is also a registered nurse and lives in Mason, W. Va. She married in 1944 Willis H. McClellan, of Charleston, who died June 10, 1985. He was in service 4 years and was Corp. in the Army. He was with the VA. Service for 35 years. They had issue Larry McClellan born May 4, 1948.
married and had twins, Sally Lou and Linda Irene McClung.


THE LAWRENCE NELSON RAYBURN FAMILY

Lawrence Nelson Rayburn born 6 DEC 1933 Mason Co., WV (son of: Dana Granville & Edith (Barnett) Rayburn) married 24 MAR 1954 to Donna Jean Spears born 11 MAY 1934 (dau. of: William Harrison & Winnie Mae (Johnson) Spears). They had five children:


Lawrence Rayburn had the following brothers & sisters: Leslie & twins - Joseph, Virginia, Paul, Velma, Dana, Patricia, Thomas (his father was deceased). Donna (Spears) Rayburn, his wife, had three brothers: Wm. Harrison Spears, Jr., Larry Max Spears, and Robert Grant Spears. Her father is deceased, her mother living in Pt. Pleasant, WV.

Virginia's great grandfather, James Woods, master of Hartford for eight years. He was a soldier in the Civil War. He was a member of the town council and the school board. He died at the age of 76. He was married to Martha Davis. Their children were:

1. Sarah Jane Rea who was a teacher and married Sidney Morris Chapman. They had two daughters: Ella Irene and Ruth Rea.


3. William Ernest, his wife was named Maggie.

4. David Milton who died in his teens.

5. Martha who married Charles Smith and had two daughters: Thelma and Martha.

6. James Harrison (Pat) who married Bertha Sayre and had two sons: Harold and Milton.

7. Magnolia who married Charles Hudlin.

8. Allen Rea, whose wife was named Mable and had five children: Ethel, Mark, Lenore, Charles and Bobby.

9. Lewis who had two children: Robert and Elizabeth.

Martha Rea, the wife of Robert Rea II, died when Allen was born. Robert Rea III married again. He married Priscilla Ferry who had a daughter Anna. At the time of this writing all the children have passed away. The grandchildren that are living are Irene, living in Springfield, Ill.; Ruth in Point Pleasant, W.Va.; Martha in Eleanor, W.Va.; James in Point Pleasant; Ethel, Charles, Lenore and Bob in Dayton, Ohio; Harold and Milton in Chicago, Ill.; Robert and Elizabeth, place of living unknown. Clarinda lives in Raleigh, N.C. Elva Jane lives in California. Submitted by — James C. Rea.

OTTO AND WILLA REED FAMILY

Otto Reed of Glenwood, West Virginia was born April 14, 1911. He married Willa Fay Nance born April 23, 1908 on March 3, 1933. Otto's father's name was John Henry Reed, born September 20, 1864, and his mother Olive McCurdy Reed, born May 29, 1868.

Otto's brothers and sisters were as follows: Leslie Reed, born Jan. 15, 1886 deceased; Okey Irvin Reed, born June 13, 1888 deceased; Harry Reed, born July 18, 1890, deceased; John Beldir Reed, born July 19, 1892, deceased; Jessie Reed born September 30, 1894, deceased; Pearl Reed born March 22, 1897, deceased; Harry Reed, born May 18, 1899, deceased; Garland Reed, born May 12, 1902, deceased; Ruby Reed born September 21, 1904, deceased; Opal Reed, born April 16, 1907, deceased; Infant brother, born April 10, 1909, deceased; Infant sister, born April 10, 1910, deceased; and Marion Reed, born April 2, 1915.

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The father of Willa Fay Nance Reed was William W. Nance, born May 18, 1872 and died February 3, 1940. Her mother was Myrtle Mae Scarberry Nance, born June 19, 1872 and died June 8, 1949. Her brothers and sisters are as follows: Gusta Nance, born February 16, 1911, deceased; Frankie Nance, born March 13, 1913, deceased; Clyde Nance (half-brother), born January 21, 1896, deceased; and Maggie Nance (half-sister), born March 2, 1898, deceased.


JAMES FRANKLIN REED

James Franklin Reed was born on February 24, 1864, in Putnam County, W. V., the son of Michael Monroe Reed and Lucinda (Bucklo) Reed. Michael Monroe Reed was born about 1834 being the son of Andrew and Rachel Reed from Harrison County, Virginia. Michael died of consumption at the age of forty-five on August 30, 1870, at Union District, Putnam County, W. V. Lucinda Bucklo married Michael on December 30, 1858, at Second Fork of Eighteen, in Putnam County, Virginia. It was in the early 1900’s that James Franklin Reed came to Mason County and settled near Hartford, W. V. There he met Mina Lavender and they were married on August 27, 1912, at the home of the Reverend A. L. Board. Mina Lavender Reed was born on April 4, 1888, in Mason County, W. V., being the daughter of William Henry Lavender, born about 1840, died January 12, 1890, and Susan A. Gibbs Lavender, born October 31, 1845, died November 24, 1864. Susan being the daughter of Luman and Eleanor (Stephenson) Gibbs. Susan’s family was descendants of Giles Gibbs, who came to America from Windsor, England about 1640. It was also in the early 1900’s that James Franklin Reed came to Mason County and settled near Hartford, W. V. There he met Mina Lavender and they were married on August 27, 1912, at the home of the Reverend A. L. Board. Mina Lavender Reed was born on April 4, 1888, in Mason County, W. V., being the daughter of William Henry Lavender, born about 1840, died January 12, 1890, and Susan A. Gibbs Lavender, born October 31, 1845, died November 24, 1864. Susan being the daughter of Luman and Eleanor (Stephenson) Gibbs. Susan’s family was descendants of Giles Gibbs, who came to America from Windsor, England about 1640.

In the Reed family there were nine children raised. (1) Estel Lavender, who married Clara Birchfield, they had eight children; Estel died October 23, 1951, and is buried at Brown’s Cemetery, Hartford, W. V. (2) Addie Mac, who married Leonard Bush, they had two children. Addie died December 21, Clifton, W. Va. and Mountain View Cemetery, New Haven, W. V. (3) William Franklin Reed was never married and died November 6, 1982, and is buried at Union Cemetery, New Haven, W. V. (4) Edith Virginia was married Peter Wolf, they had six children and six grandchildren. Edith died February 3, 1985. (5) Arthur Monroe Reed married Elizabeth Kearsan, they raised five children and live at Pittsburg, Pa. (6) Rachel Evelyn married Arlie Smith, she now resides in Huntington, W. V. (7) Cecil Frederick Reed married Katherine Young, they have three children and they reside in New Haven, W. V. (8) Edna Marie married Roy Grim, now deceased, they had three children and she resides at New Haven, W. V. Also, by two previous unions, James Reed had the following children, a daughter, Tennessee Reed, and five sons, Alber, Finlee, Loman, Okey, and Blaine Reed.

It was at Hartford, W. V. that Mina Reed died on September 2, 1930, at the age of forty-two and was buried on Brown's Hill, as is James Franklin Reed who died May 6, 1953, of a cerebral hemorrhage at Huntington, W. V. Submitted by—Charles E. Reed.

REDEMPH FAMILY

My great grandfather, Judge Benjamin James Redmond, was born in 1840 in Mason County. W. Va. and died in 1912. He lived in Clifton, W. Va. and owned the Clifton Iron and Nail Company. He was also a lawyer and served as President of the Mason County Court, representing Mason County as Senator to the Legislature. He was married to Elizabeth Jane Hall, whose parents were John and Olivia Hogg Hall. Their children were Olivia Alah and John Andrew Redmond, the latter being my grandfather. Benjamin James Redmond owned the ferryboat which was built around 1900. This ferry operated between Clifton and Middlesport, O. He named the ferryboat the “Little Ben” after his grandson, Ben Redmond, my father. When I was a small boy, I can recall my father operating the ferryboat, which could carry about five or six cars, as well as passengers. The “Little Ben” was in constant operation, carrying people from Clifton to Middlesport and back to do their shopping and visiting. My mother, Virginia Patricia Redmond, looked forward to the annual sale in the stores in the summer in Middlesport, and she would take all of us kids over on the ferry—a real treat for us. I am proud to say that I now have a grandson named Benjamin James Redmond who was born in 1983.

The Redmond home in Clifton, which Judge Redmond bought in 1885, is still in excellent condition, seven generations of the Redmond family having resided there and the home being listed in the National Register of Historic Homes. Also, in addition to my mother, father, brothers and sisters, the niece of the above mentioned John and Olivia Hall, Mary Virginia Hall, resided in the Redmond home from age seven until she was married to Jim Shank of Clifton, W. Va.

My brothers are George Patrick Redmond of Beaumont, Tx. and Jacqueline Redmond. The children of my brother George are Ruth (1928), Carl Jackson “Jack” (1930), John (1933), and Roy (1935). All of T. J.’s children were born on showboats.

T. J. Reynolds and his brother-in-law T. J. Nichols owned the “Illinois,” which was a “ditch boat.” The boat traveled along the Ohio and its tributaries selling merchandise and showing silent movies. T. J. Reynolds’ son Norman died when the Illinois burned in 1916 in Moscow, Ohio.

T. J. Reynolds and T. J. Nichols built the showboat “America” in Ceredo, W. Va. This boat was later sold to Bill and his father. The “America” was later converted into a summer home on the Green River.

In 1923 T. J. Reynolds and T. J. Nichols bought the showboat “Majestic” in Pittsburgh. T. J. Reynolds bought his brother-in-law’s interest in the boat in 1929 before the Stock Market Crash. Along the river people flocked to the “Majestic” Showboat when they heard the calliope playing “Here Comes the Showboat.” General admission was 25¢ (adults), 10¢ (children), and 35¢ (reserved). The actors came from various places and lived on the boat, as did the family.

The show season lasted from April 1 through the end of October. Then the Showboat was moored for the winter in Pittsburgh until 1932, when they purchased land in Henderson, W. Va., to moor the boat. They would sometimes spend the winter elsewhere, such as the Green River or the Cumberland River. The children were placed in public schools wherever they lived.

Bill and Fannie were the parents of William, Jr., Ida Mae, Raymond, Frank, and Pauline. Bill was in the Showboat business and later operated a Gulf service station in Point Pleasant.

T. J. and Margaret were the parents of Marion (1911), Norman (1912), Hazel (1915), Thomas (1917), Catherine (1918), and Margaret (1923). After Margaret’s death, T. J. married Margaret Neal of Mason County. Their children are Ruth (1928), Carl Jackson “Jack” (1930), John (1933), and Roy (1935). All of T. J.’s children were born on showboats.

REYNOLDS FAMILY HISTORY

The Reynolds family originated in County Kent, England, circa 1530. They immigrated to Pennsylvania and later settled in Pleasant County, W. Va. Marion Reynolds was born in Newport, Ohio in 1859. He married Katie Harmon of Willow Island and moved to the Point Pleasant area. They had three children: Ida Mae (1884), Thomas Jefferson “T. J.” (1888), and William Henry “Bill” (1890). T. J. was born near “Granny’s Stone Cabin and Trading Post” at the “Point” in Tu-Endie-Wei Park.

Ida Mae married T. J. Nichols. They had no children. Ida is remembered for selling parakeets in her Park Drive home during her later years.

Bill and T. J. married sisters; Fannie and Margaret McGlone, respectively, of Portsmouth, Ohio. Their children were “double cousins.”
would be spending the winter.

Each child had duties such as selling candy, passing flyers, playing instruments, and acting. The Majestic was sold to Indiana University in 1959. J. J.'s death in December, 1959, was due to accidental drowning from a fall from the boat. His sons Jack, John, and Roy filled the agreement of the sale by operating the boat during the summer of 1960.

The Majestic Showboat is now permanently moored at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is owned by the city. It can be seen near Riverfront Stadium and currently is open to the public for performances. T. J.'s widow, Garnett, resides in Gallipolis, Ohio. She married Frank Murphy Reynolds at the Methodist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio, June 3, 1938. The daughter of Revena Curtis King, Sr., and Vada Florence Lewis King, Catherine was born at Point Pleasant, W. Va. March 19, 1919. She was a well known showboat operator and riverman, and Fannie McGloine Reynolds, Frank (Buddy) was born August 30, 1918, at Germantown, Pennsylvania on the showboat Superior. He continued to make the river his career pumping out oil barges for the Mississippi Barge Co. Later they bought a large dairy farm in back of New Haven. They were also the owners of a drive-in restaurant in Mason along with a used car lot.

Catherine worked as a nurse's aide at Lakin State Hospital for several years. She was on the city council in Mason, first president of Mason City Museum, President of Mason County Extension Homemakers, a member of Clifton United Methodist Church and started the first United Methodist Women at Clifton in 1980, after moving her membership from Mason United Methodist Church. She has also worked as a 4-H Leader, Boy Scouts. Four Sons Frank Nelson - Kenneth Murphy - Norman Vance and Keith Eugene still born - Divorced in 1963. Catherine remarried in Feb. 1970 to Landon W. Smith and lives at Mason, W VA. Submitted by Catherine Smith

Catherine King Reynolds and Sons

Charles William AND SUSAN STEPTO KEENEY REYNOLDS

Both Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds were born in Kanawha County but lived most of their lives in Mason County.

C. W. Reynolds was a descendant of Thomas J. Reynolds, who spent his life as a farmer in Buckingham and Nicholas Counties, Virginia. Robert F. Reynolds, first child of Thomas and his wife, moved to Kanawha County in 1861 and established a farm near what is now Belle. The community which grew up in that area was originally known as Reynolds. Robert F. Reynolds married Betty Bienne, who was born in Ireland in 1839 and came to this country with her parents as a child.

The farm land which Robert and Betty Reynolds bought included a large brick house, probably built about 1833, which still stands in Belle and which remained the home of the Reynolds family for many years. They had five children, of whom Charles William was the fourth and the second son. Robert opened a store in the area and became postmaster in 1863. The community was renamed Belle after their youngest daughter.

Charles W. Reynolds worked on the locks on Kanawha River all of his life. Before the present large dams were built there were eleven locks on the river. He was a noted swimmer and diver and did underwater repair work on the locks and wickets when required. He retired as lockmaster of Lock 11 in Mason County and built a house in Point Pleasant where he and Mrs. Reynolds lived out their retirement years. He was born in 1867 and died in 1950.

Susan Stepto Keene was the daughter of Thomas Y. Keeney and Eliza Ann White. She was born at Witcher in 1870 and like her husband was the fourth of five children. Her father was minister of Missionary Baptist Church at Witcher although like many ministers of that era he also worked on the river to support his family.

Among her relatives, Susan was known as Step. In her later life in Point Pleasant she was called Moo and was so known throughout the community. She and C. W. Reynolds were married on New Years Day 1891.

Moo was an excellent cook and a noted quilt maker. Her beautiful quilts are still treasured by those of her descendants fortunate enough to have them. She was also an excellent gardener and maintained a large garden which produced most of the vegetables for their home use.

Both C. W. and Step Reynolds were very active in church work. Mr. Reynolds was brought up in the religion of his Irish Catholic mother but became a Protestant when he married a Baptist minister's daughter. He was instrumental in establishing Vaut H Memorial Methodist Church at Lock 11.

Charles "Cap" Reynolds and "Step" Keeney Reynolds


Step Reynolds died in 1957. All their children are also deceased but they are survived by six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, eleven great great grandchildren and fourteen great great great grandchildren. Submitted by Barbara Bess Stone Nixon

KENNETH MURPHY REYNOLDS

Son of Frank and Catherine Reynolds Kenneth Murphy Reynolds was born at Mason Clinic, Mason, W. Va. on April 8, 1946. He graduated from Wahama High School in 1963. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force (1966-1970). Kenneth attended W. Va. Institute of Technology, Montgomery, W. Va. for two years and graduated from Ohio University. Kenneth married Linda May Russell March 5, 1966 at the Mason United Methodist Church by Rev. Marvin Frame. He has served as recorder for the town of Mason, W. Va., President of the New Haven Rotary and Superintendent of West Columbia United Methodist Church. He owns and operates Keeney's Restaurant in New Haven, W. Va. and Home Phone Service Center in Point Pleasant, W. Va.

CHILDREN:


Kendra Ann Reynolds born September 19, 1977 in Gallipolis, Ohio and is a student at the New Haven Grade School. Submitted by Kenneth Murphy Reynolds.

REYNOLDS

Maurice Reynolds was in Kanawha County 1791, having come from Botetourt County with his brothers, John and Silas. This relationship is documented by a deed recorded at Fincastle. Thomas Lewis sold one acre of land located in Point Pleasant to Maurice in 1797. This land was later conveyed to John VanBebber by the heirs of Maurice Reynolds.

Maurice was a member of the first Mason County Court held in 1804 at Point Pleasant, and sheriff of Mason County 1812-1813. Maurice and Leah (Shult) were living at Eight Mile Creek in 1806 when William Whitaker journeyed down the Kanawha River.

One of their children, Randolph, born 1810, married Rebecca Coffman, July 13, 1832, which is documented by a marriage bond and parental consent. Rebecca's parents, John and Anna Bru...
baker Coffman, were among the first members of Harmony Baptist Church located at the Sixteen Mile Creek.

Randolph Reynolds died in 1847. 1850 census, Mason County, lists Rebecca and her seven children living with John Coffman (age 85). Very little is known of Rebecca, who withdrew her membership from the Harmony Baptist Church, or the children, Reuben, Elizabeth, Julia, Mary or Ann.

The oldest son, John Morris Reynolds, born August 23, 1833, in Mason County, married Sarah Frances Oliver (daughter of William J. Oliver and Lucy Jane Everett), July 12, 1859.

In October 1864, Captain John M. Reynolds and Company D. 7th West Virginia Cavalry were sent to Winfield to protect the transportation on the Kanawha. During the engagement, a Confederate Colonel was killed, and subsequently, the Confederates withdrew.

Captain Reynolds returned to Point Pleasant where he remained until 1886, at which time he retired from politics and moved to the Arbuckle area. In February, 1887, he made his last visit to Point Pleasant, as reported in the Weekly Register. It was then that he, Sarah, and their daughter, Eva Leannor, moved to Ottawa, Kansas.

Harvey, second son of Randolph, was a lieutenant in the 7th West Virginia Cavalry, serving with his brother, John. He located in the town of Florida, Monroe County, Missouri about 1875 with his children: John, Randolph, Harvey, Elizabeth, and Daniel. Early in 1898 he moved to Ottawa, Kansas to be with John, who died July 3, 1898. Nothing is known of Harvey after his brother’s death. Submitted by — Mrs. Lenore Graf.

NORMAN VANCE REYNOLDS

The son of Catherine King Reynolds and Frank M. Reynolds, Norman Vance Reynolds was born May 14, 1951, at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio. Norman was named for his cousin who was burned to death on the Showboat Illinois at Foster’s Landing, Ky. at the age of six.

He graduated from Wahama High School in June of 1970. Norman attended Glenville State in Glenville, W. Va. for two years. Later he attended the Gallipolis Business College at Gallipolis, Ohio, where he received a diploma for completing the Business Administration Course.

In 1976 he joined the United Brotherhood of Laborers. In 1979 he became a first year Apprentice Carpenter with the Carpenter’s Local #650 in Pomeroy, Ohio. He served his first, second and third year of his apprenticeship with this Local. Then in 1979 he transferred to the Carpenter’s Local 1347 in Owensborn, Ky. where he attended the Evanville-Vanderburg School in Evanville, Ind., where he completed his apprenticeship in 1983. On the completion of this four year apprenticeship, he received a Carpenter’s Journeyman card.

He has worked at various construction jobs such as: Philip Sporn Plant and the Mountaineer Plant in New Haven, W. Va.; Hydro-Electric in Racine, W. Va.; Marble Hill Nuclear Plant, Madison, Ind.; the cooling tower for the Indiana and Michigan Power Plant; and some local businesses.

Since November of 1984 he has been working at the Savannah River Plant in New Ellenton, S. C. as a carpentry foreman.

Norman married Judy Ann Comis August 16, 1974 in Romney, W. Va., at the home of his sisters by Rev. Charles Paskett.

Both Norman and Judy are members of the Faith Valley Church of Christ in Christian Union of Gallipolis, Ohio.

On November 24, 1983, God blessed them with a little girl, Carrie Elizabeth, at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis. Submitted by — Mrs. Norman Reynolds.

FRANK NELSON REYNOLDS

Frank Nelson Reynolds was born to Catherine and Frank Murphy Reynolds July 28, 1941 at Pt. Pleasant (Bellemeade), W. Va. He graduated from Wahama High School in 1959. (Please see article below for his Army Career.


Major Frank N. Reynolds, Mason, son of Frank M. and Catherine Smith Reynolds of Mason, has completed 25 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Reynolds, a 1959 graduate of Wahama High School, attended West Virginia Military Academy and was assigned as a second lieutenant to the 3664th Ordnance Company where he served eight years as a maintenance officer. He then served a year at Fort Polk, La.

In 1964 Reynolds was the material readiness officer in the 17th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wa.

After a promotion to first lieutenant, he was assigned to the 823rd Combat Support Company as an executive officer. He flew that year as an individual replacement directly to Vietnam, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Division at Tuy Hoa.

In March 1968 after returning from Vietnam, Reynolds was promoted to captain in ceremonies in Washington, D.C. He was then assigned as senior army advisor in the 80th Infantry Division at Lieber U.S. Army Reserve Center, Alexandria, Va.

In Washington, D.C., Captain Reynolds received the Commendation Medal from Colonel Victor E. Delnore. In addition he received the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, the National Defense Ribbon, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal and seven letters of appreciation, one of which was from Brigadier General Yoo Hak Seung of the Republic of Korea Army.

When released from active duty in December 1968, Reynolds was assigned to RCPAC, St. Louis, Mo., as a reserve officer. In 1981-1982, he was class leader for the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. and completed tours at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Polk, La., and Camp Pickett, Va.

Reynolds was promoted to major in March 1983. He completed another tour of duty at Fort Lee in September 1984 as a Q.M. staff officer in research, collection and development factors with the senior arm advisor in the 80th Infantry Division. Submitted by — Frank Nelson Reynolds.

A RHINEHART FAMILY

I never knew my grandmother Lucy Ann (Meador) Rhinehart, because she died 12 years before I was born. She was born at Buffalo, then Mason County, in Western Virginia, on March 31, 1846, to Jethu (designated the IV) and Amy Henson Meador. We think that her father Jethu may have had an extended illness before he died on October 25, 1850, because his 5 eldest children had already been placed in various homes in the area, and no occupation was given for him in the 1850 census. Lucy Ann was living with a Lorenzo and Martha Norville and their two sons William and Woodson, in or around the present Leon, W. Va. I knew that this was my grandmother’s home, because my grandfather had told her that her mother grew up in the home of people named Norvell/Norville and there was a Woodson in the family.

Rhinehart family reunion 1964-1994

Lucy Ann Meador Rhinehart 1846-1994

Lucy Ann may have been the only first generation offspring of Jethu and Amy, to leave West Virginia, never to return. When she was 16 years old she married John Whitney Rhinehart in Clay County, Illinois. She bore five children there between 1864 and 1879. They were Charles, Emma, Minnie, Thomas and John. John was just a tiny infant when they started for Dakota Territory, along with John Whitney’s father Samuel, his step-mother Mary Frances (Ware) Rhinehart, their grown children and their families. There may have been Bensons, LeGrants, etc. in the wagon train.

Lucy Ann had developed Tuberculosis in Illinois when she was 16 years old. She was severely ill and was told that she must return to the East to get better. In the winter of 1875 she was brought back to West Virginia, to Point Pleasant (Bellemeade), W. Va. In 1876, Lucy and her family went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There they settled down. Minnie married Walter Klinck, John married Mary Royer and Mary Frances married a young minister Frank Henry Ward. These were my parents. Thomas Rhinehart went to Colorado where he married Mary Koober (?); Charles and Emma had married in Dakota, and remained there for awhile after the others left.

John Whitney Rhinehart died of Bright’s Disease on January 4, 1904. On January 26, 1904, the grieving Lucy Ann was just about ready to descend the steps from her bedroom upstairs, when she fell to the floor. It had been the year since her beloved husband had died. Edward, her youngest son ran to her, but it was too late to do anything for her. They are buried side by side in the Linwood cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Submitted by — Ruth & Frank Vericick
ELERY THOMAS RICE

Elery Thomas Rice was born July 30, 1896 in Robinson District, Mason County, W. Va. to George Thomas Rice and Martha Estella Fogle-song, daughter of George W. Fogle-song and Sarah Catherine VanSickel. He was born in a log cabin near Old Town Creek just south of the County Infirmary. Soon after his birth, the family moved to another log house near Clay Bank School. Here his younger brother, Otis Marion, was born on January 29, 1899. When he was five years old, both he and his mother became seriously ill with typhoid fever. His mother did not recover and died September 5, 1901. Elery and Otis lived with their grandfather Harrison Rice. Their father, George, worked in northern Ohio and would return home from October to March each year.

At the age of 16, Elery was elected the Class Leader of Bethel U.B. Church. He also taught a large class of young people for several years. In the spring of 1915 he attended Marshall College to obtain a teaching certificate. The next winter he was employed at the Thomas Ridge School. Here his younger brother, Otis Marion, was born. While there, he was the first teacher in W. Va. to establish a Manual Training and Home Ec Class in a one room school.

Elery enlisted in the U.S. Army on September 5, 1918 and was stationed at Camp Lee Va. He served as Corporal of the Mounted Guard, Drill Sergeant and Supply Sergeant of the Detachment. He was discharged Sept. 14, 1919.

He again taught at Clay Bank, and then at Point Pleasant Central School, where he was principal for two years.

The Rev. John Thomas Rice was born to Harrison Rice, a Methodist preacher. His testimony of Jesus Christ is the center of his life. Submitted by — Charles L. Moore

JOHN WILLIAM RICE FAMILY

John William Rice, son of George Wolfe, mother, Leannah Elizabeth Hardwick. John 1874-1947 his wife Florence Brown 1875-1954. They lived on a farm in the Bethel community. John sold DeLaval cream separators. They had four sons and one daughter. ALBERT MARCUS WILLIAM, SIDNEY HAROLD, JAMES HARRISON and ETHA KATHERINE. Florence was a school teacher. She taught Albert Rupert and Marcus William in the first grade.


Marcus William Rice, was married twice; He had two children. He lived in the West.


George Thomas Rice was born to Harrison Rice and Mary Jane (Mollie) Hardwick, daughter of Jeremiah (Jerry) Hardwick and Elizabeth Byba on November 7, 1873 in Mason County W. Va. He was married to Martha Estella Fogle-song, the daughter of George W. Fogle-song and Catherine VanSickel, on August 28, 1895. They first lived in a log house near Old Town Creek and just south of the County Infirmary.

Their first son, Elery Thomas Rice, was born in this log cabin on July 30, 1896. Their second son, Otis Marion Rice was born January 29, 1899. They moved to a small home near Clay Bank School, just down the hill from the Harrison Rice home.

George Rice, Wife Maria Estella Fogle-song Rice and son Elery

Estella and Elery both became seriously ill with typhoid fever and Estella died on September 5, 1901 at the age of twenty-eight, leaving two small boys motherless. Elery and Otis moved to the home of their grandfather, Harrison Rice. George moved to northern Ohio and would come home for the winter months each year.

On February 18, 1916 George married Clara McDermott of Mason County W. Va. and they moved to Sandusky, Ohio. Their children were; Eunice Virginia, born November 21, 1916, Pauline, born October 1, 1918, and William, born November 29, 1930, all born at Sandusky, Ohio.

Elery married Eunice Marie Fogle-song, daughter of William Early Fogle-song and Sarah Keziah Greenlee on December 24, 1924. Elery was an educator in Mason Co. until 1933 when
he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a Federal Government Meat Inspector until 1958. Marie died on January 21, 1962 and he married Helen Bedacht of Cincinnati in 1963. He had one daughter, Claris Lorainne, born July 2, 1929. She is married to Wilson Moore and has two daughters, Michelle Thomsen and Melodie LeFevre.

Otis married Laura Carder, daughter of Rev. L. M. Carder and Susan Absten. Otis was an educator in Mason Co. Laura died in 1968 and Otis married Opal Buckalew. Both were killed in an accident on January 13, 1984.

Eunice married Norman Jahns in Sandusky, Ohio on May 15, 1926. They lived near Frankfort, Ohio. She has two sons, Robert Lee married to Karen Nagy. Their children are Patricia Ann, Edward William, and David Robert. Her second son Kenneth William is married to Joan Parkhurst and their children are: Jeffrey Kenneth, Emily Ann, Eric Thomas and Kathryn Joan.

Pauline married Donald Lindsay on Oct. 2, 1937. They have two daughters: Donna Jean married to Thomas Frazier, and Betty Lou. Donald died March 25, 1962.

William Harrison died at Sandusky, Ohio on December 19, 1942 in his twelve year. George Thomas Rice died January 30, 1940 and is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio. His wife Clara died May 18, 1974. Submitted by — Michelle Thomsen

OTIS M. RICE

Otis Marion Rice was born Jan. 29, 1899 the younger of two sons born to George and Estella Fogleosong Rice. As too often happened in those early days the mother died an untimely death on Sept. 5, 1901 leaving Otis and his slightly older brother Elery as hardly more than infants. However love reached out and provided a home for these little ones in that of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Rice. During these early years the boys attended the nearby Clay Bank school. The father, George Rice, moved to Ohio in this room were something to behold for any visitor.

In 1942, during the height of World War II, the Federal Government bought vast tracts of land in Mason Co. for the building of a plant to manufacture TNT. While the Rice's home was spared the old Bethel Church was in the land area condemned and purchased by the US Government. The money from the sale of this Church was held in escrow by the trustees until a site was purchased and a new Church erected in what is now the Bellemere section of Pt. Pleasant. Many of the members at Bethel made up the charter members at this new Church which began holding services in 1944.

In 1969 Otis Rice was united in marriage to Opal Tooley Buckalew. Both had long careers as public school teachers behind them with only a brief interlude when Mr. Rice worked at the TNT plant during World War II. In spite of many years both seemed in reasonably good health in spite of their years. Somewhere near Beech Hill there was a head-on collision instantly taking the life of the Rice's plus one occupant of the other car. Might we say of them as the Old Testament writer said of Enoch, "They were not for God took them." Submitted by — G. Bryan Blinn, Genet Krebs

THE RICE FAMILY

John Evan (Red) Rice, son of Avery Leland Rice and Kate Maud Bell. Avery, son of Isaac Leland Rice and Emilene "Emma" Rice. Isaac and Emilene were first cousins from Sylvester and John Wesley Rice. Isaac, son of Sylvester M. Rice, son of Jesse Rice of Pennsylvania. Isaac was a grave digger and also worked at the wheel factory in the winter. Isaac & Emilene had six children. Avery & Kate had six children.

John Evan (Red) Rice worked in a sawmill in Pellyville, KY. That is where he met Margaret Ellen Brandle d/o Robert Leonard Brandle & Anna Katherine Glover of Hawesville, KY, Hancock Co. John & Margaret married in 1938. John also worked in a tobacco company in Owensboro, KY. That was his winter job. He moved to Hancock County and went into farming. They were sharecroppers. In 1941 he worked on W.P.A. All but two of their children were raised on the farm. They farmed many farms in Hancock County & Daviess County. In 1955 he quit farming and took up truck farming and selling wood. By then, John's health was getting bad so he had to give it all up. He stayed home and took care of the children and Margaret went to work to support the family.

In 1963, John & Margaret moved to Aurora, IL. Some of the children lived there. John passed away in Aurora, IL in 1967. Margaret still lives there with some of the children.

John & Margaret had eleven children:

John Robert 24 April 1939

John E. Rice Family

Virginia Mae (Jennie) 16 Jan. 1941
Anna Margaret 21 Dec. 1942
Emer Madison (Dink) 28 Feb. 1944
Alice Fay 6 Nov. 1945
Carolyn Sue 20 May 1948 D. 20 May 1948
David 19 Dec. 1949
Wayne Douglas 3 Nov. 1950
Mary Ann 8 Apr. 1951 D. 8 Apr. 1951
Wanda Jean 9 Apr. 1953
Valerie Lucille 12 July 1957

John & Margaret's children live in Owensboro, KY, Sycamore, IL, Aurora, IL, Florida, Texas and Lebanon, OR. As of 1986, 23 grand-
HARRISON RICE

Harrison Rice was born November 16, 1844 in Mason County, W.Va to Jesse Rice and Sarah Gardinier, daughter of Jacob Gardinier and Maria Damarest of New York. As both of his parents died when he was very young, he lived with his older brother, George.

Harrison enlisted in the W.Va 13th Regiment on August 9, 1862 in Capt. Clark Greenlee's Company at Point Pleasant. He actively participated in the following engagements: Winchester, Kernstown, Cedar Creek, Berryville, Bolivar Heights, Lynchburg, Hurricane Bridge and Fisher's Hill. He was discharged June 22, 1865. He served with his younger brother Richard, who became seriously ill. He held the rank of corporal. On one occasion his company came up the Kanawha River into the Ohio and passed Point Pleasant but couldn't stop.

Following his discharge, he lived with his brother George until his marriage on October 18, 1866 to Mary Jane (Mollie) Hardwick, daughter of Jeremiah Hardwick and Elizabeth Byba. They lived in Old Town Community on the hill above Clay Bank School and had the following children:

- John R., b. 1867; married Mary Rollings Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1869; married Robert E. Fowler
- Ida L., b. 1871; married Elvin S. Cartmill George T.; b. 1873; married Martha Estella Boggs
- Jesse J. F.; b. 1876; married Sally Moyer Lena M. F.; b. 1878; married Jasper Burris
- Mary Belle; b. 1881; died young
- Ora E.; b. 1884; married Don Fowler
- Mollie died in 1893. In 1901 he took his two small motherless grandchildren, Eley and Otis (sons of George) to live with him, as well as a granddaughter, Laura Belle.

He was a active member of the Bethel Church for almost 50 years and was a teacher, class leader and superintendent.

He was active until a short time before his death and would often be found hoeing with the exclamation, “You've got to work up a sweat, at least once a day to stay healthy.”

He died July 22, 1938 at the age of 94. He was affectionately called “Uncle Harrison” by most of the community and was possibly the last surviving Civil War Veteran of Mason Co. W.Va. Submitted by — Virginia Mae (Jennie Rice) Albritton

HOARD CLINTON “SAM” RICE FAMILY

Howard Clinton Rice has always been known by his nicknames, rather than his given name. Early on, his father started calling him Sam. A name that he has used his whole life.

Sam was born and raised in Mason County. The third child of Virgil Ora Rice and Martha Ma-tilda (Eckard) Jones (born Nov. 3, 1837, died April 5, 1909) and George Jones (born Sept. 12, 1829, died April 10, 1894). They died 19 hours apart and had double funeral services and both buried in the same grave in the Eckard Cemetery on Vera's home place.

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Jane Withrow was born in Germantown, PA in 1751 and died at Point Pleasant, VA, in 1830 and is buried beside her husband.

Arthur Edwards was a signatory to the American Revolution, and was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse, NC and other engagements under General Nathaniel Green. The date of this battle was March 15, 1781. In 1783 he bought land in the Shenandoah Valley in Augusta County, Virginia.

In 1788 he went with some of the Lewis's to Greenbrier County and joined the settlers in and near Cook's Fort (now Monroe County, WV). Cook's Fort was one of those stockades with block-houses at each corner. When it seemed safe settlers built their own log cabins nearby.
rushed into the stockade with their families and
cattle when the scouts warned them that Indians
were approaching. In 1808 Arthur Edwards and
his wife with their family of eight girls and four
boys moved to Pleasant Flats in Mason County,
VA.

Ora's mother Lucy (Hall) Jones was the
daughter of Benjamin Hall and Melinda (Pribble)
HALL. Lucy was born in Mason County May
9, 1857, died April 13, 1935. It was in her
obituary that she was always ready and
willing to help those in sickness or in need and
was a kind and loving friend to everyone.

Lucy Hall's father was Benjamin Hall who
was born in Fayette County, PA Sept. 4, 1820,
a son of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Hall. He
married in Harrisville, Ritchie County, VA to
Melinda Pribble, who was born in Wood Coun-
ty, VA, Dec. 16, 1820, but later moved to Ritchie
County. Ora would tell of her grandmother tell-
ing about the snow getting as high as the fence
post and freezing and school would shut for
out in the snow. Also, her grandmother believed
in signs or ghosts as the time her sister died she
had gone outside at night and a light rose and went
in the direction of her house and she came back in
told the family that Wnoma had died. In a little
while the telephone (crank-type) rang bringing
the sad news.

Melinda Pribble's father was Hugh Pribble
born in Ritchie Co., VA. Her mother was Eliza-
abeth Jackson and she was related to Thomas
"Stonewall" Jackson's father. Submitted by—Gretta R.
Wilson, Lucy R. Cullen

**VIRGIL OLIN RICE FAMILY**

Mason County has always been home for Vir-
gil Olin Rice and his family. He was born in
Point Pleasant, at home, as was the custom then,
to Virgil O. and Ora Jones Rice, on January 27,
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Submitted by — Mary Ellen Rice Shafter, Daniel O. Rice

MICHAEL RICKARD SR.
Michael Rickard Sr. was the second son of Adam Rickard Sr., who is listed in the pioneer section, was born in September, 1795. Michael came with his father to Mason Co. around 1800. He and his brother Jacob joined the army, during the second war with the British in 1812. Michael was seventeen years old at the time. They were assigned to Capt. Anthony VanSickle's company of the Mason County Riflemen. They were marched from Pt. Pleasant to the foot of the company of the Mason County Riflemen. They marched with his father to Mason Co. around 1800. Michael Rickard Sr., who is listed in the pioneer section by Ronald Rickard.

The family home and farm at Longdale first belonged to Anthony Rickard then went to son Otmer after marriage. Then Charles and Leona MacArthur lived on the farm from the time of their marriage until 1952 when the farm was sold to Edward Bumgardner. Charles and Leona now reside at Summer Road, Rt. 3, Pomeroy, Ohio. Otmer and Mabel Rickard were parents of Edith born December 25, 1907 married John Bumgardner, Edie born December 25, 1908; Erma born May 14, 1911 died April 6, 1986 married Terry Roush of Lower Flats. Pleasant; Marie born October 12, 1912 died January 1913 (Longdale); Faye born February 14, 1916 married Kenneth Goad of Woven. W. Va.; Mary Rebecca born January 20, 1920 died January 23, 1920 (Longdale) Submitted by — Robert Vickers. Great, great grandson of Michael Rickard Sr.

HISTORY OF THE RICKARD FAMILY IN MASON COUNTY
John Rickard born February 18, 1804, died October 1, 1887; he was killed by a train while going to Longdale Post Office. He married Margaret Wolfe, born December 4, 1804, died April 8, 1879. Both are buried at Plants Cemetery above Antiquity, Ohio.

John and Margaret's home was on the bank of the Ohio River and is now owned by Edward Bumgardner. They had fourteen children as follows:

I. Catherine born January 4, 1830
II. Peter born November 6, 1832
III. Elizabeth, born November 6, 1832
IV. Clarissa, September 10, 1833
V. Lewis, September 11, 1834
VI. Adam, May 18, 1836
VII. Angelina, January 16, 1838
VIII. John Riley, October 3, 1839
IX. Anthony, April 3, 1841
X. Franklin Jerome, January 30, 1843
XI. Mary, November 30, 1844
XII. Dorothy, May 24, 1848
XIII. Henry, May 14, 1849
XIV. Elias, May 12, 1851
XV. Quillen, born Francis Jerome (X), married Mary Ellen Rice Shafter, Daniel O. Rice


2. Beulah Bernice born September 28, 1903, married Clarence Thomas July 7, 1928. He was born May 26, 1902, to Ward and Berdie Canter Thomas.
5. Brooks
7. Marjorie born July 8, 1932, married Coraletta Faudrere on December 26, 1951. She was born April 1, 1932. He died November 11, 1960, in an accident at the Phillips Sporn Plant at Graham.
8. Edward Ewing born February 14, 1910, married Lewellyn Roush on June 28, 1947, They were married June 21, 1919, to Dewey and Esther Cook Roush.
15. Donald born October 1, 1956.
20. Lori
27. Peter born August 27, 1913, married Mary Clark, daughter of Robert and Garnet King Clark. She was born December 18, 1918.
28. Amy Elizabeth born October 6, 1943.
30. John born March 27, 1881, died September 25, 1882.
31. Jessie born September 5, 1884, died December 18, 1884.
33. Mary Louise born December 28, 19, 1888.
34. Anna Mae born March 10, 1913, died October 13, 1984.
Robert D. and Mary Virginia Matthews Ramey, married Marjorie Ann Ramey, daughter of Elmer and Sylvia Taylor Connolly, on June 14, 1956. Their oldest daughter, Amy JoLynn, was born on March 5, 1969, also in Gallipolis, Ohio. Their youngest, Amy Fetty II of Point Pleasant, and they have two daughters, Candice Michele and Andrea Jennifer. Submitted by — The Family of Bertha Kizzar Rickard Sayre in Loving Memory, Franklin Leander Sayre, and in Memory of: Lt. Dorwin Donald Sayre and Lt. Clyde Willmon Sayre Who gave their lives in service to their country.

RIDENOUR FAMILY

Walter Denver Ridenour Jr., first son of Walter Denver Ridenour Sr. and Sylvia Durst Ridenour, was born February 13, 1938, in Leon, West Virginia. He married Patty Lou Connolly, Leon, daughter of Charles Bernard Connolly and Sylvia Taylor Connolly, on June 14, 1956. Together they have four daughters. Their first, Beverly Ann, was born April 7, 1958, in Washington state. Monica Lou was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, on March 27, 1962. On February 22, 1966, they had their third daughter, Charlotte Rae, in Gallipolis, Ohio. Their youngest, Amy JoLynn, was born on March 5, 1969, also in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Patty’s father, Charles, was a veteran of World War I, and Walter Sr. is a veteran of World War II. In 1956 Walter Jr. joined the United States Army where he served until 1958. The following year, he joined the United States Navy serving in active duty until his retirement in 1976. He was honored with a formal ceremony on the USS Oricon in Charleston, South Carolina.

During his years in the Navy, he was stationed on many ships and received several awards. In 1962 he as serving on the Joseph P. Kennedy (DD-850) destroyer during the Cuban crisis under the John F. Kennedy Administration. His ship was one of the U.S. fleet that intercepted Russian ships carrying missiles to Cuba for an attack on the United States. For this part in the protection of his nation, Walter Jr. received the National Defense Service Medal. He also received four (4) Good Conduct Medals.

After retiring Walter, Patty, and their four daughters returned to Leon to reside on their farm. Beverly married Lloyd A. Streetman of Alabama. They had two children, Christopher Daniel and Allisson Nicole. The marriage ended in divorce. She later married Charles Andrew Fetty II of Point Pleasant, and they have two daughters, Candice Michele and Andrea Jeneive.
Monica married Clarence Ray (Buddy) Lyons of Henderson. They had one son, Michael Ray. This marriage ended in divorce. Their daughters, Charlotte and Amy, are still at home.

All of the family reside in the Mason County area. Submitted by — Charlotte Ridenour

EDWARD RIFFLE FAMILY

There were seven children:
1. Mervin born 1903 died 1941 - never married
2. Mervin Dale Roush born March 8, 1944
5. Hazel born 1913 - married Arnett Roush 1912 - 1980
6. Edith born 1917 - married Chester Barnette - 4 children

Raleigh - refer to Raleigh Riffle story

RIFFLE

Raleigh and Opal Riffle

Descendents:
1. Burton Edgar Riffle - B. Feb. 15, 1936
3. Paul Thomas Riffle - B. Feb. 6, 1939
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Olivia Ethel b: Sept. 7, 1873, never married.

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Frank F. Riffle married Nelle Luckwell on May 21, 1927 at Point Pleasant, W. Va. Sometime after the birth of Phyllis Josephine on October 13, 1928, they moved to a farm in Washington Cor., near Cutler, Oh. On April 9, 1933 a son, Ralph Joseph Riffle was born.

Phyllis married Charles O. Lane Sept. 21, 1945 and they have two daughters, Linda Lou, born Sept. 10, 1945 and they have a son, David, born Jan. 18, 1977.


Frank and George Riffle raised melons and farm produce for years on the Old Riffle farm on Old Town Creek. My father, Frank F. was in World War I. After he was married and moved to Ohio, he still loved to come back to visit old friends and relations in Mason County. He died on Dec. 23, 1975 in Washington Cor. Ohio. Submitted by — Ralph Joseph Riffle, Phyllis J. Riffle Lane

OSIA IRIS EDWARDS RIFFLE

Osia Iris Edwards was born 1898 to James Calvin (1863-1940) Edwards and Amanda (1861-1943) Jane Meadows. (daughter of Parris 1831-1901) and Amanda Woodrum 1831-1891 who came from Hinton, Virginia in 1861 to Mason County, Virginia.) James Calvin was the son of Charles McIntyre (1826-1882) and Sarah Hepper Edwards (1828-1915) (Sarah daughter of Stephen O. and Pricilla Lefavre Hooper, Belmont County, Ohio). Osia’s Grandfather Charles was the son of David (1792-1848) and Rachel Rigs (1795-1863) David and Rachel were married in 1818 in New Matamoras, Ohio and buried at Rinard Mills. Davis was the son of John Edwards who lived for a time up around Capon Valley and went by way of Pennsylvania to the area of Marietta, Ohio in the early 1800’s.


Osia and Dewey had two children: Laurel Arbydine (1923-1978) who married Jesse Melvin Rollins in 1942. Their second child Philip Noll born in 1929 only lived for 18 months.


Osia was the Great-Great Grandchild of John Edwards and she is the Great-Great Grandmother of Nathaniel Carroll. She lives in Point Pleasant, W. V. Submitted by — Mrs. Osia J. Riffle.

EVERT W. RIFFLE SR. FAMILY

Everett Riffle was born January 10, 1914 in Leon, West Virginia. He was the son of Clinton Bowen Riffle and Bitha (Baker) Riffle. He had two brothers, Walter and James and four sisters, Freda Vickers, Murrl Rush, Edna Flowers and Hazel Taylor.

He graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1932 and was in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. Everett was a highly regarded river boat pilot who began working on the river with the Campbell’s Creek Coal Co. (later bought out by Amherst Industries) in 1934. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, fighting in the Pacific Theater and seeing quite the “Ham” he was too!

While in the Navy he met Nell C. Riffle who was the daughter of James Granville Renfro and Hessee Ann (Huskins) Renfro. They met in Norfolk, Virginia in September, 1943 where she was working in a shipyard. Everett and Nell were married January 22, 1945 in Spartenburg, South Carolina. They moved back to Leon, West Virginia in 1946. After raising their son, Nell went to college at West Virginia State and received her teaching degree. She taught Math at Point Pleasant Junior High School for 19 years, retiring in 1966.

Everett was a member of Riffle Chapel Church in Leon, West Virginia. This church was built and pastored by his grandfather, Rev. Andrew S. Riffle, also known as preacher Andy to people in the community.

Everett died August 28, 1985. He and Nell have one son and two grandchildren:

(A) Everett W. (Ebbie) Jr. born November 29, 1945, married Dottie Jean (Hill) Riffle. Ebbie and Dottie have two children: 1) Jason Clifford Riffle born September 18, 1970

(B) Dyana Donna Riffle born May 25, 1973 Submitted by — Everett W. Riffle Jr.

RIFFLE FAMILY

James Earl Riffle was born Nov. 8, 1873 near Bethel in Robinson District. He was the son of James and Martha Jane Profitt Riffle. He was a descendant of George Riffle Sr. an original settler of Mason County and a veteran of the War of 1812. Earl, as he was called married Sarah Lyn Schools, daughter of Paul O. and Lorena Hardrick Schools, April 19, 1896. She died in 1921. To this union were born (1) Lorena b. 1897, m. Raymon Roush; (2) Clara b. 1900, m. J. Milton Lewis; (3) Bess b. 1901 m. Hobert Stanley; (4) Marie b. 1904 m. Charles Fogle; (5) James b. 1909 m. Honorah Manlie; (6) William b. 1911 m. Lorena Hall.

Osia Riffle, Noll and Arbydine

James Earl Riffle

Earl was a life long dairy farmer, beginning at the J. P. Clark farm in Spring Hill, W.V. For a brief time he worked for the Hutchinson Coal Co. in Lindon, W.V. In 1919 he returned to farming and operated the first house to house delivery of bottled milk in Mason County. He retired from farming in 1937. He died Feb. 20, 1961. Submitted by — Lewis W. Pickering

W. W. RILEY

W. Wirt "Fred" Riley (1881-1961) was born Ripley, Jackson County, W. Va. to Laura V. Armstrong and William W. Riley, the father being a Civil War Soldier, lawyer, and clerk of the Circuit Court.

Fred came to Pt. Pleasant in 1902 as an...
Mr. Riley was a resident of Point Pleasant was affiliated with many civic organizations, having held various offices in many of them. He was in the West Virginia National Guard in W.V. I.

Mr. Riley was a 50 year member of the Elk Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club. He served as vestryman in Christ Episcopal Church and was a member of the choir. He was also a member of the Moose, Order of Eastern Star, charter member of Kiwanis Club and Thirteen Club.

He had brothers Edwin Claude and Jacob Robert who died in infancy, Otmer Adelbert, and sisters Wills and Frances (Miller).

Mr. Riley's parents came about 1924 to Pt. Pleasant to make their home with their son. Here Mr. W. W. Riley, retired banker of Jackson County, son of Elizabeth Cleek and Robert R. Riley died October 8, 1928, and Mrs. Riley died July 22, 1932. Both are buried Ripleys, W. Va. Submitted by — Mrs. Lanier (Virginia) Upshaw

ROBERTS

Arthur Hannum Roberts was born March 1, 1929, in Braddock, Pa. to John T. and Jennet Edwards Roberts. The Roberts' moved to Point Pleasant in 1931.

Arthur graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1946 and received his Bachelor's Degree from W.V.U. in 1950. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in October 1950, and flew as pilot on B-29's in the Korean Conflict. He completed active duty in August 1953 and returned to Point Pleasant.

He married Ruth Carolyn Harris, daughter of Jesse L. and Mary Harris of Cattenen, WV, in December, 1953. They moved to Huntington, WV, where he was and is employed by INCO Alloys, Inc.

Mr. Roberts has served in various civic organizations, serving as president of the Kiwanis Club, jäger of the Masonic Lodge, and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Huntington. He is a member of the Elks Lodge and the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Roberts has been active in the local community, serving as a member of the school board and the city council. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Local Development Agency and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the University of West Virginia with a degree in Business Administration. He has been employed by INCO Alloys, Inc. for 30 years, where he is currently the plant manager.

Mr. Roberts and his wife, Ruth, have four children: Jennifer, John, Elizabeth, and Robert. They have one grandchild, Benjamin.

Mr. Roberts enjoys golf, fishing, and traveling. He is a member of the local golf club and has been a member of the Fishing Club for 20 years. He also enjoys skiing and snowboarding in the winter months. He is a member of the local ski club and has been a member for 15 years.

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Jack worked his way through college, lecturing in Botany and conducting field trips. He excelled in both football and baseball in High School and College. At Morris Harvey, Jack met his future wife, Thelma Grace Coon, in Botany laboratory.

In 1933, Jack came to Point Pleasant, seeking work. Lived in Phoenix Hotel. Became Editor of Democratic weekly, The Citizen, for two years. Was friend of newly-graduated young lawyer, Jack Burdett, who gave him legal advice about operating a public newspaper.

Jack and Thelma, native of Comfort, Boone County, were married in 1935. She was daughter of Ethereal Reid Coon, school teacher and farmer, and Ora Rosetta Jarrell. Their children: Vera Allegra, Siegel Reid, Thelma Grace, Elma Rosetta, Sylvia Maple, Ethel Ruth, Siebert Rex, and Kermit Melvin. Vera and Rupert had muscular dystrophy and Elma (Rosebud) was crippled from fall in infancy. Thelma was valiant for shutins and Sunday workers. He also wrote and sold fiction articles to national and religious nature for shutins and Sunday workers. He was educated by West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission for outstanding writing to improve athletics. He also was a member of West Virginia Sportswriters Association.

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Johile and Emily Rogers

JOHILE ROGERS

Among the earliest settlers in this Kanawha Valley, were Johile and Emily Koontz Rogers. Johile married to Emily Koontz at Buffalo, WV on September 5, 1867. She was born in that area near Hurricane Creek. Her parents were Gideon and Evelyne Fisher Koontz. When she was just a young child, Emily Koontz' grandmother told her of this experience, "Once when the menfolk were away, Indians had watched the homestead and waited for the men to leave. One of the Indians came to our home and tried to open the door. He managed to push the door open enough to just get his head inside. I grabbed a long corn knife and chopped his head off." Johile and Emily moved their family to the area of what is now called the Shadle Farm on the Kanawha River.

Johile Con Rogers, was born in Lawrence County, Ohio on November 28, 1846. He was the son of Lemuel Rogers and Bethena Southern Rogers. He had eight brothers and sisters. Johile Con served in the Union Army from August, 1862 until July, 1865, as a member of the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry and then to the First Heavy Artillery. He was discharged in Tennessee. He fought in the battle of Lookout Mountain. After he married Emily Koontz, he worked in a cooper's shop, where barrels were made. His brother Lemuel who lived with him was age thirteen. Lemuel was attending school and would later become a schoolteacher.

Johile and Emily's family consisted of eleven children who are now all deceased: Edward "Doc" Rogers, Letart; Gideon Justice and Galio, Charleston (building contractors); Fred Rogers, Delaware, Ohio; Nancy Rogers Roach, Frank Rogers and Gilbert Rogers (President of the Mason County Board of Education for four terms), Gallipolis Ferry; Lula Stover, Dunbar; Ida Byus, Upper Nine Mile; Emma Turner, Detroit, Michigan; and Grace Hope, Henderson. Many Rogers descendants are interred in the family's Lone Oak/Rogers Cemetery on Redmond Ridge.

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There are many great and great-great grandchildren still living in the Mason County area at the present time of 1986. Submitted by — Elizabeth Rogers Calloway

**DAN ROLL**

Attorney W. Dan Roll and Sandra reside at Route 2, Point Pleasant, with their son Shane. At the time of this printing, they are expecting another child in December.

Zachariah married Elizabeth Howell in Lewis County and then later to the Ten Mile area. Zachariah Rollins the progenitor of the Rollins Family. Zachariah and wife came from the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia and settled in Upshur County near Buchanan. They finally settled on Ten Mile in Mason County where he spent the rest of his life. They were the parents of a large family, one of whom was Barney Jackson. He was born December 7, 1820 and died December 16, 1886. He married Elizabeth Rush September 27, 1843.

Barney Jackson Rollins was a Civil War Captain of Company C 4th Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer. He was enrolled July 5, 1861 at Mason County, and was mustered into the service as a 1st Lieutenant of Company C 4th Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out of the service as Captain of the same Company, February 28, 1863 and was honorably discharged from the service at Wheeling, West Virginia May 26, 1865.

Barney and Elizabeth Rollins were the parents of Herman Rollins, Hiram and Sarah Rollins were the parents of William Jackson Rollins.

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**EARL ROLLINS FAMILY**

Earl Rollins was born March 19, 1897 in Union District of Mason County, where he spent his entire life. Earl was the son of Jackson, who was born in Lewis County, and Florence Flowers Rollins. He was married to Emma Casto, the daughter of John and Rebecca Barnett Casto who was born January 8, 1898.

They were the parents of two daughters, Edna and Elva.

Edna was born on September 29, 1921, married Matheny and lives on Waterlo Road in Union District. Elva born February 5, 1923 lives in Ohio. She was married to Robert Pillow who is now deceased.

Earl Rollins retired after 33 years with the New York Central Road. It was then that he operated a store near Broadway in Union District.

Death came to this couple just six days apart, Edna’s death occurring on January 4, 1975 and Elva on January 10, 1975.

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Zachariah Rollins the progenitor of the Rollins in Cologne and Union District came to Mason County about 1840, first coming to Jackson County and then later to the Ten Mile area. Zachariah married Elizabeth Howell in Lewis County, Va. Her native state was Maryland. The children of this couple were: Elie; Barney; Johnson; Adonijah; Gideon; Wesley; Cyrus.

Zachariah Rollins was born November 10, 1864 and died February 11, 1921. He and his wife Florence, Florence Rollins lie in the Smith Church Cemetery.

Their children were: Effie born July 2, 1889, married 1st Laban Jacobs, 2nd Willie Knapp; Charles Jasper born October 24, 1891, married Shelia Baker; Hoy born February 16, 1894, married Iva Meadow; Earl who married Emma Casto; Late born June 28, 1899 married Elah Knapp; Roy born September 9, 1901, married Merle Jividen. Submitted by — Edna Matheny

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**WILLIAM JACKSON ROLLINS HISTORY**

Zachariah Linton Rollins was born 1785. Lived to be 86 years old. He married Mary Howell. She was born about 1805. Zachariah was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a Methodist Preacher. Zachariah and wife came from the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia and settled in Upshur County near Buchanan. They finally settled on Ten Mile in Mason County where he spent the rest of his life. They were the parents of a large family, one of whom was Barney Jackson. He was born December 7, 1820 and died December 16, 1886. He married Elizabeth Rush September 27, 1843.

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William Jackson Rollins was born September 29, 1886, the 8th child of Hiram and Sarah Rollins at Letart, West Virginia. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of 1st-V. and Maryette Smith, who was born March 15, 1887 at Leon, West Virginia. Their fourth child, Clara Marie Rollins born March 10, 1913. Their first child, Nathan Thomas was born in Portland, Oregon, July 29, 1909. They then moved back to Columbus, Ohio where their second child, Sylvia May was born August 4, 1911.

William (Bill) learned the Barber trade from his older brother, Frank, and was an Apprentice under him while in Los Angeles, California. Then they moved back to Letart, W. Va. and Bill farmed, built houses for people and did barbering in Ravenswood, W. Va. for Mr. Dan Morehead on Friday evenings and on Saturdays. He traveled back and forth on the passenger trains.

Their third child Kathryn Virginia was born March 27, 1914. Their fourth child, Clara Marie was born March 2, 1916. Their fifth child, George Russell was born September 13, 1918. Bill had to sign up for the Service but the Armstice was signed before his number was called.


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Blessing daughter of Charles and Sarah Stewart Baker, plus a letter he wrote to Nancy from Winchester, WV. He also fought in the Mexican War in the record at the Court House in Point Pleasant, trades. There are many deeds that he wrote on brick mason. Some considered him a jack of all trades. So Harve and Liz shared the same great grandparents.

THE ZACHARIAH LINTON ROLLINS FAMILY

Elijah and Elizabeth Rollins had 8 children. One of their sons, Zachariah Linton, born in 1785 and died in 1884, is the object of our story. Zachariah married Serena Younger Roush twice. First he married Ann Clark in 1805, then he married Elizabeth How­ell in 1815, both in Harrison County, Virginia. Zachariah also served in the War of 1812. Zachariah and Ann had 4 children. They were: John Dudley, Elizabeth, Alcinda and Cyrus. Zachariah and Elizabeth had 6 children. They were: Mary, Annie, Jeremiah, Eli, Barney and John Dudley, Elizabeth, Alcinda and Cyrus.

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The crew of the schooner were a superstitious bunch and when the sharks started swimming around the boat the crew said it was because the shark could smell death. The crew, gave her a certain amount of time to get better or they would throw her overboard. N. Russi to say, she didn’t get any better and they did throw her overboard.

Harve and Liz lived all their married lives in Leon, Mason County, WV, where they attended Harvey Chapel Church located on Ten Mile Run, on the main trail from Ripley to Point Pleasant, near Roan Oak School (Lear). They were: Sally, John, Charles Wesley, Elisha, Adeline, Mary, William, Cora, Dudley and Minnie. Nige was a farmer, self-taught lawyer, surveyor, and a brick mason. Some considered him a jack of all trades. There are many deeds that he wrote on record at the Court House in Point Pleasant, WV. He also fought in the Mexican War in the 1840’s and the Civil War where he was Captain in the Union Army. One of his descendents, Bob Rollins, has his Promotion and Discharge Papers plus a letter he wrote to Nancy from Winchester, Virginia during the Civil War.

George, Serena and Hade Roush

Charles Wesley Rollins, born in 1859, and died December 11, 1949 married Anna Teeters Johnson, her birthdate is unknown, but she died on August 22, 1949. She was a Cherokee Indian. When she was 5 years old, she was left under a tree in the Smoky Mountains with some others. A man named Teeters came along and found her and took her to raise. He named her, and gave her his last name. He raised her to age 13, at which time she married a man named Hez Johnson. They had one child Emma. Later on she married Charles Wesley. They had 7 children. They were: Sarah, Ora Edna, Russell, Harvey Melvin, Eunice, Tilda, and Cleveland.

Harvey Melvin (Harve) Rollins born April 14, 1898, and died May 28, 1983, married Serena Elizabeth (Lizzy) McDade on August 30, 1919. She was born August 30, 1899 and died October 16, 1982. She was the daughter of George McDade, born October 1, 1872 and died February 13, 1960, and Rosie Roush McDade, born June 12, 1881, and died October 1, 1961. Liz’s father, George, was the son Jackson McDade, born in 1826, and died in 1898, and Elizabeth Rollins McDade, born in 1836 and died in 1916. This Elizabeth Rollins McDade was Adonijah’s sister and Zachariah’s daughter. So Harve and Liz shared the same great grandparents.

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ROLLINS FAMILY

Zachariah Linton Rollins (1785-1884) married Elizabeth Howell (1796-1871) in 1815. He was born in Maryland, she, in Virginia; both buried in Old Yaeger Cemetery. He died in the War of 1812. They came to Mason County in 1840, settled on Tumbleson Run, on the main trail from Ripley to Point Pleasant, near Roan Oak School (Lear). Zachariah was a Methodist preacher and built the first church at Lear. Later he built a house on Ten Mile Run and had Harvey Chapel Church, Leon rural route. He taught school and preached in a log house near there.

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3. Boyd Cleveland, born May 18, 1922, and died November 18, 1982, married Beatrice McCarthy. They had 6 children. They are: Robert, Patsy, Donald, Kathy, Joyce and Brenda.

4. Esther (Sis) May, born February 3, 1924, and died August 24, 1986, married Ray Poore (Divorced). They had 6 children. They are: Nancy, Paul, Wade Ray, Terry, Connie and Steve.

5. Wade Lee, born July 6, 1925, married Mary McCarty. They had 6 children. They are: Nancy, Paul, Wade Ray, Terry, Connie and Steve.

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The descendents of John Michael are scattered far and wide and many have never been located. His oldest son James fathered thirteen children. The youngest child of this union, Elijah Marion, married Sarah Ann Bryson. Three girls and three boys were born including twins who died shortly after birth. The other son was Andrew Marion Roseberry, my grandfather, who married Emily Lambert. The children were: Amy, who married Oscar Miller; Charles, who married Elizabeth Green; Walter, who married Katherine Pealy and second Ruth Geisse; Homer, who married Elizabeth Schmidt; Okey, who married L. Edna Baker (my parents); Anna Mae, who married William Rish and later William Culp. Another son, Oscar, died quite young. Submitted by — Robert E. Roseberry

JOHN ROSEBERRY

John Roseberry was born in Green County, Pennsylvania 29 April 1760 and died in Point Pleasant, Virginia 20 August 1855. At an early age he and his family moved to Hunterdon County, New Jersey and from there, on 1 September 1776, at the age of 16 he enlisted in the New Jersey Militia for a period of nine months during the Revolutionary War. When his enlistment was completed he re-enlisted and was almost immediately severely wounded during the battle of Germantown. After a period of hospitalization he rejoined his unit and participated in Sullivan's expedition to Rhode Island.

During his over all Revolutionary War service he engaged in the following Battles: Trenton, Germantown, Princeton, Brandywine, Chadds Ford, Monmouth, Springfield, Guilford, Camden, and Ninety-Six. He endeavored with his commander in chief, Washington, the hardships and suffering of the Patriot Army at Valley Forge, 1777-1778, and his name is recorded there in the Memorial Hall. He served with the Army until the Spring of 1781.

After his release from the Army he made his way to what was then Point Pleasant, Virginia. No doubt he was lured here by the promise of free land given to the Soldiers for their Military Service. He had recently married Flora Creek (1790 - 1826) and together they began to clear land and establish a permanent home. Earning a living mostly by farming and trade, supplemented by a soldiers pension granted him on 3 March 1841 his family soon grew to include seven children: Mary, who married Edmund Franklin, James and Margaret, both unmarried, Eliza Jane, married Mohlon Godley, Michael, married Lucinda Knopp, Eliza moved to Illinois and Robert, married Sarah Owens.

It is from the union of Robert (1793-1855) and Sarah Owens (1799-1880) that the following account of John Roseberry's descendents is set forth.

Sarah Owens was the daughter of William Owens Roseberry, born in Greene County, Pennsylvania 29 April 1760 and died in Point Pleasant, Virginia 20 August 1855. She was the third child of Robert and Sarah Owens. She married William Owens Roseberry 29 April 1760 in New Jersey. Their children: Lewis, Mary Catherine, James. Rilla (1899-1965) married Martin Ball; later married J. B. Brown. Nora (1891-1977) married Cecil Edwards. Neither had children.


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Owens, Revolutionary War Soldier and Magistrate of the 1st County Court of Mason County. He also served as County Sheriff.

Their son, William Owens Roseberry was born in Point Pleasant on 9 June 1817 and died there 6 August 1908. Captain Roseberry as he was best known began his working career as the local Wharf Master later engaging in the operation of a grist mill located on Mill Creek in Cottageville, WVa. At various other times he was involved in steam boating and river transportation, but for the most part was dedicated to the operation of his farm located at the mouth of Old Town Creek. On 30 December 1868 he married Jane Crow (1841-1919) and they became the parents of four children: Cora (Mrs. Hamilton Parr), Lena (Mrs. Robert S. Meyer), Horton and Owens F.

Sarah Owens Roseberry

This account continues with the descendants of their youngest son, Owens F. (1877-1932). After completion of his education in the local schools he went to St. Joseph, Missouri where he was employed by the John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company. In the spring of 1899 he resigned and returned to work on the family farm in Point Pleasant. When his father died in 1908 he inherited a farm near Mound City, Missouri and later that year, after his marriage to Alta D. Chapman (1886-1969) the couple moved there.

They remained on the farm until 1913 when they sold it and moved to Huntington, WVa. arriving there just in time to be inundated by the terrible flood of that year. After a period of time they returned to Point Pleasant and in 1917 opened a restaurant and billiard parlor on Main Street in Heights. Owens F. died in January, 1932 as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident one mile south of the Ohio entrance to the old Silver Bridge. Alta died of a heart attack while visiting their son in McLean, Virginia.

Their only child, James Owens Roseberry was born in Point Pleasant on 16 May 1921. He was a career soldier and retired from the Army in 1977 with the rank of Colonel after a period of service that began in 1944. His service included duty with the Occupation Army in Germany WW-II, three Campaigns in the Korean Conflict (1951-1953) and three Campaigns in the Viet Nam War (1967-1968). His Military Awards include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

James Owens married Gloria May Naylor on 9 November 1941 and they are the parents of four children: Karin, Brenda, Richard Owens and Kathy.

Karin married George David Childers in 1963. He is a High School Student Counselor and she is a Registered Nurse. They live in Spencer, WVa. Currently employed.

Brenda married Dr. Richard Noel Sussman in 1967. He is an Oral Surgeon, they live in Port Jefferson, New York and have two children:

Amanda Roseberry Sussman and Jamey Owen.


WILLIAM ANDREW ROSEBERRY

John Roseberry, Revolutionary soldier, married in Green County, Pennsylvania, Miss Flora Creek, and emigrated to Mason County, Virginia, now West Virginia, with his family in 1812.

He bought land and made his home on a farm located off the present Jericho Road. Here he planted an orchard, built a mill and followed farming. When the orchard had sufficiently matured, he built a still. There were no revenue officers then to molest or make one afraid, in fact, no revenue of any kind, upon liquors of any kind, so that Mr. Roseberry was soon famous for the flavor of the peach and apple brandy he manufactured.

Among the nine children of this second generation was James. He married Sarah Peck and settled on a farm in the Pigeon Roost Settlement and raised 13 children, one of which was William Hamilton.

William Hamilton married Isabel Hunt in 1854 and continued farming in the area. He taught school in the kitchen of his father James' log house. Here William Andrew was born in 1859.

William Andrew Roseberry was united in marriage to Harriett L. Allen in Hartford on June 29, 1891. To this union were born six children: Emma, Gladys, Allen, Richard, Anna, and Theresa.

Mr. Roseberry's experience in the school system in Mason County is unexcelled. He tells of his grandfather having a hewn-log kitchen which was used as a school room. The seats were split logs with holes bored and pegs driven in for legs. His father taught this school for several years, and this was the first school Mr. Roseberry attended. He said his father was persistent in his having an education, and he completed and mastered the eight grade branches taught at that time.

Later Mr. Roseberry attended a higher course of study in Syracuse, Ohio, where he studied geometry, Latin, etc.

Mr. Roseberry was instrumental in helping to establish free schools in Mason County. One of these first buildings was located on the home farm and was the second free school in Cooper district.

In young manhood, Mr. Roseberry started teaching school and was a teacher for 40 years. During this period he spent 17 years as city superintendent and principal over the local schools and taught in Hartford, New Haven, Ripley, Hinton, St. Albans, and other places. He was principal over colored schools, Indian schools, and government schools. The Indian school was located in Oklahoma, the government school in Parker, Ariz. He explained that the government school at that time was more supervision and disciplined than lessons. During these travels, the family moved several times, but while he was in the west the family stayed at their home in Mason.

In 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Roseberry bought the old Charles J. Zupan home and country store, where they made their home.

Today, Thera Love (Roseberry), fifth generation Roseberry maintaining continual residence in Mason County, 1812 - 1986, lives just off Roseberry Lane in Point Pleasant, W.Va.

The rest, including the writer, William Allen Roseberry, currently teaching in Arizona, close to where his grandfather taught, are scattered as leaves before the wind, spanning America from shore to shore.

Submitted by — William A. Roseberry

WILLIAM HAMILTON ROSEBERRY

William Hamilton Roseberry, son of James and Frances Peck Roseberry, married Isabelle Hunt, May 11, 1854, the daughter of Mary Jane Hughes (July 7, 1803 - December 19, 1891) and Abijah Hunt (Aug. 24, 1801 - December 18, 1891). Abijah's marriage was June 15, 1828 in Mason Co.

Records indicate that Mary Jane Hughes was the daughter of Joseph (Job) Hughes, (a brother to Jessie Hughes), and Mary Hannan who were married in Harrison Co. August 29, 1791 (no proof found as of this date). Job and Mary are said to have had fifteen children and settled in Mason Co. (that part which is now in Jackson Co)

William Hamilton Roseberry, born July 19, 1825 Jackson Co. died unknown date at Arbuckle, W.Va. Isabelle his wife was born June 18, 1833. They were parents of:

Mary Frances (1855) married Wash Spencer, 2nd Arnett; Millard Fillmore (Apr. 26, 1856) married Josephine — William Andrew (Feb. 15, 1858 - July 2, 1953) married Harriett Amsdale Allen (Aug. 29, 1866 - Apr. 24, 1963); Robert Bruce (Sept. 7, 1860 died infancy) another record says 19 but whether months or years not clear; Homer Lee (Jan. 1, 1879) married Dora Hughes (born Jan. 6, 1881); Ada Lorraine (1871) married Charlie Pullen; Rose (or Rosa Ann) Dec. 13, 1868 married Dunlap in Steatle, Washington; Louise (also shown as Maria Louisa, born Oct. 1862, married Aug. 10, 1884 to Henry S. Roseberry; Chula Vista, Calif. Submitted by — Thera Love

ROSEBERRY — HUGHES — LINE

William Preston Hughes born January 30, 1887 died December 1, 1956. He was the son of Andrew Irwin and Marie Elizabeth Napenburger Hughes. Andrew was born at Hallowood
THE ROBERT BARBEE ROTHGEB FAMILY


Barbee Rothgeb married in 1920 at Gallipolis, OH to Edna Juanita Shaw born December 29, 1926. Both born at Pt. Pleasant, WV. They had four children: Albert Thomas Roush, Sr., a dairy farmer at Graham Station, Graham District, Mason County who was born August 28, 1923. His parents were Earl Thomas (born May 19, 1894; died October 4, 1951) and Grace May Cook Roush (born February 18, 1891; died June 27, 1973). His grandparents were Albert Roush (born March 1, 1867; died June 14, 1911) and Jane Hudson Roush (born September 30, 1871; died August 13, 1896). Robert Cook and Ruth Clarke Cook (born June 19, 1858; died August 1, 1894). On December 15, 1947, Albert wed Erma Marie Fowler daughter of Don and Ora Rice Fowler, whose history is found elsewhere in this book.

Since 1977, Albert has served on the Board of Directors, Federal Land Bank Association. A Mason County Farm Bureau Member and Past Director. He is also an avid photographer and belongs to Alpho Photography Club, Point Pleasant, WV. Erma belongs to the Rhododendron Extension Homemakers Club and presently serves as its president. Both Albert and Erma are members of Graham United Methodist Church in which they are actively involved. The couple have three children.

(1) Albert Thomas, Jr. was born May 26, 1951. A West Virginia University graduate, he married Terry Lee Bird (born November 16, 1953) daughter of Archie and Ann Perdue Bird, on September 5, 1973. "Tom" is a partner with his father in their dairy operation. Tom is also Farm Manager at Lakin State Farm. They have three daughters; Ann Marie born July 13, 1976, Ava Lee born April 20, 1978 and Amanda Grace born October 1, 1984.

(2) Timothy Robert, born December 23, 1955 has a Masters Degree in Industrial Engineering from West Virginia University and is president of a project engineer with Nashua Corporation, Parkersburg, WV and travels to the Nashua Corporation in England.

(3) Alice Marie, born December 18, 1961 attended Marshall University and is a graduate of Parkersburg Community College. On June 18, 1983, she wed Billy Joe Weiss (born June 8, 1962), son of Arnold W. and Nelda O'Dell Weiss. Alice is employed by Appalachian Power Company at the Mountaineer Power Plant, New Haven, WV. Billy is a graduate of Parkersburg Community College and is employed by Burns Security as a guard at Mountaineer Power Plant. Submitted by — Alice Marie (Roush) Weiss

ALONZO ROUSH FAMILY

Alonzo P. (Lon) Roush was born February 25, 1887, the eldest son of Spencer and Mary Gray Roush. His grandfather was Lewis Roush who came from the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and settled in the Upper Flats of Mason County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was married to Susannah Rickard. Mary Gray was the daughter of William and Jane Thompson.
Gray. They were born in Belfast, Ireland and came to America in 1849. They lived in the Plain Valley area of Mason County.

On May 8, 1921 Lon married Coral Stewart, b. Feb. 2, 1885, the daughter of John Andrew and Mary Edwards Stewart. Mary was the great granddaughter of Luman Gibbs, who was an Indian scout during the battle of Point Pleasant.

Lon and Cora Roush

Lon and Cora bought the home farm, originally owned by Lewis Roush and lived there all their 63 years of marriage. She died Dec. 7, 1984. Before her marriage she was a school teacher, having taught at Mission Ridge, Clay Lick and Plain Valley. She was active in the farm women’s work and served as President of the Mason Co. Farm Women’s Council.

They were very active members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church. They had two daughters, Mary Eleanor m. James Milton Lewis, Jr. They live in Dunbar, W.Va. Anna Lee, m. Gus R. Douglass. They live at Grimms Landing, W.Va.

At the age of 99 Lon still lives on the farm in Upper Flats. Submitted by — Eleanor R. Lewis

A. RAY ROUSH FAMILY

A. Ray Roush was the third child of Levi Jackson and Genora Gibbs Roush. He was born June 4, 1890. On July 3, 1911, he married Lola Rayburn, who was the daughter of Robert and Ella Scarbary Rayburn also of Mason County. They lived in Illinois for a short time but eventually settled in the Rayburn Community where Lola died in 1929. They had 3 sons. On November 23, 1932, Ray married Mildred A. Lewis of Southside. They bought a farm in Upper Flats Community where they lived until his farming retirement in 1955. They moved to a home they built at Camp Conley. Ray died in 1978.

Ray and Lola’s first son, Arnett Eugene was born August 12, 1912. He married Hazel Edna Rifflle, August 22, 1934. She was also from Mason County. They lived in Illinois a short time and returned to join Ray on his farm in 1948. After selling the farm in 1962, Arnett managed a service station and was a rural mail carrier before his death from cancer in October 1980. Their home was in Bellmeade where Hazel still resides. Arnett and Hazel have two children: Arnett and Hazel and two children, Lola and Mervin.

Lola Jean was born July 6, 1937. In 1959 she married Heber M. Miller (Boone County). Both are graduates of Marshall University. They reside in Huntington, WV, and are the parents of four children. Craig Alan, born October 6, 1960, married Elizabeth Raleigh of Fort Thomas, Kentucky March 15, 1986. Craig is a graduate of Johnson and Wales College in Providence, R.I. Mark Edward, second son, was born June 8, 1962 and is a graduate of University of Cincinnati, Conservatory of Music. Kevin Eugene is the third son, born October 10, 1964. He married Leah Cottie of Huntington in March 1983 and they are the parents of a son, Kyle Eric, born January 14, 1985. Kevin served three years in the Army. Their fourth child, a daughter, Tamara Lynn, was born June 15, 1969, and is presently a student.


BENJAMIN ROUSH

Benjamin F. Roush was born October 13, 1935 in Pt. Pleasant, WV, the eldest son of Benjamin Okey and Helen E. (Neville) Roush. Ben’s grandfather on his father’s side was Odie (a twin) Roush who was a carpenter; on the mother’s side was William Neville who made his living as a railroad man. Grandpa Roush died ca. 1937, and Grandpa Neville died ca. 1946 after spending his last days on a “shanty-boat”.

Ben spent his early childhood in the home where he attended W. Columbus Elementary and Wahama High School. After graduation from High School, Ben spent three years in the U.S. Army Paratroopers. While in the service, he married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Lieving. They have three children: Mrs. Steven (Mary) Benton of Dallas, Texas, Benjamin F. Jr., Letart, WV and Timothy Allen of Jacksonville, Fla.

After completion of military service, the family moved to Wheeling, WV, where Mr. Roush started college at West Liberty State and in 1959, the family transferred to Volga, WV, where he served as a rural pastor and received his undergraduate degree from WV Wesleyan College in 1962. From there, the family began a ten year stay in Pascoag, R.I. where Mr. Roush worked as a pastor of two churches and attended Boston University. He received his STB degree in 1966, after which he was employed in the OEO program as a community organizer from 1966-1971, with a brief period when he served as a Residential Director for the Washington Oaks project, a home for wayward boys.

In the fall of 1971, the family returned to WV where they had purchased the family farm from Oris Lieving, Ruth’s father. The oldest child, Mary, was a sophomore, Ben Jr. was an eighth grader, and Tim, the sixth grade.

Ben and Ruth in addition to operating the family farm have two businesses. Ruth’s Fabric shop was opened in April 1979; Benjamin F. Roush, Ltd., is one of the area’s fastest growing Air Charter Services and Flight Training Schools, was started in 1983. Ben is the chief flight instructor and Pilot. Students from all parts of the country come here for their flight training. Submitted by — Benjamin F. Roush Jr.

THE CURT ROUSH FAMILY

The story of this family begins with the marriage of Emery Curtis Roush to Vesta May Ohlinger, Dec. 28, 1904, at the home of the bride’s parents. Curt was third child (second son) of Ezra Allen Roush and Margaret Ellen Weaver Roush; Vesta was eighth child (fourth daughter) of Henry Ohlinger and Sara Roush Ohlinger.

They lived in Lancaster, OH, where Curt was W.T. Raleigh salesmen and Raleigh was born (1906). Then, Standard Oil deliveryman in Mason City, where Lucille was born (1910). Family moved (Nov. 1911) to what was known as Asa Musgrave farm, Lower Flatts, a well-located farm near center of Robinson District. Here, family increased: Terry (1912), Allen (1914), and Emory and Emogene (twins, 1917).

All attended Dixie School, one of eight schools in District. All graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School, eight miles from home. Lucille graduated from Mountain State Business School. Allen graduated from WVU (1941).

Curt Roush Home

Curt served as Deputy Sheriff (1916-1920) and County Assessor (1928-1932). Lucille worked for USDA (1931-1959). Curt continued to rent Musgrave and bought smaller acreage adjoining the rented farm, enlarged cottage to double story house and moved family there (1924).

Terry and Emory chose farming vocation and stayed with Dad. Curt entered dairy program (1928), sometimes hauling milk to J. H. Weaver’s or Osmer Roush’s, patiently believing the truck would eventually come by home to Pt. Pleasant and Charleston, where milk was sold. Family was well established in community and church life, attending Bethel United Brethren Church.

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Terry and Erma Rickard (married 1935) lived at old Musgrave place, destroyed old house, built a bungalow for their house, and lived in a chicken house while being built. Children: Walter (born 1951), and Daniel (1955).

New barn and milkhouse built (1941). These new buildings indicated to the community we didn't intend to move, rather intended to make it our home indefinitely. Rumor indicated that the Government was buying area, including our farm, for a power plant (1941). The rumors became reality (1942); we had to move. Relocated and established new farm on West Creek.

In the memorable year: we moved (April), Raleigh and Allen went into Service, and Raleigh married Rose Blessing. Rose died (1956), Raleigh married Eloise Rhodes (1960), died (1977).


Emory married Annabelle Lieveing (1962). Robert was a farmer and Emory converted Dairing operation until April 1984, then converted to cow-and-calf operation and crop farming.

Lucille has continued to live at home. She, Emory, and family attend Vernon United Methodist Church.


ROUSH


My first two years school, Beach Grove, Longdale. Teachers, Elizabeth Capehart, and Homer Brown. Now torn down. Robert Thomas built house there.

Longdale had Post Office years ago. Great Grandfather, John Rickard was killed by train going after mail, 1897. It was in bottom in small store until 1913 flood. Then moved up in Great Aunt Louise's old house. When dissolved, Graham Station mailing address, then Letart RFD took over.

Longdale Orchard employed many people. Owned by Gold Brothers, Mason City, later Peter Rouse.

Longdale (Rickard) Cemetery - Great Uncle Ad and Aunt Louisa gave plot of ground back on hill for family cemetery, off Route 33, on Secondary 12, first lane leading right. Trustees, Clarence Thomas, Woodrow Brown, Gerald Rood.

Beach Grove School only gathering place. Many meetings, socials, Sunday School, church services, until Block Church built. Taught singing, mother took lessons.

Children:

- Jack Rouse, born 1830, Allmara Fry: Peter, William, Fanny, Marion, John, Robert, Luther, Elizabeth, Alice.


- Anthony Rickard, born 1841, Georgiana McKeever: Otmr, Ora, Okey (twins), Lesta.


- John McMillan, born 1867, Jennie Dunn: Letha, Edith, Ethel (twins), Mary.


- Grandfather, George, gave my father land. Oris bought adjoining farm known as Great Uncle Henry Lieving's farm, from William Brown 1929. Moved, I stayed with Grandpa Rickards until Mary was school age. 1931 we started Avalon Orchard and Rose Blessing. All six of us girls graduated from Wahama. Two years walked two miles to Longdale, caught bus. Parents met with Board several times. Succeeded fall 1940. Charley Yonker driver came out Longdale to Vernon road.


- 1962, after marriage, came back to Longdale. Lived in Graham District all my life. Father, Grandparents, many listed. Present, Racine Locks and Dam with huge beautiful park area. Submitted by — Annabelle L. Roush

THE HISTORY OF DENNIS ASBURY ROUSH

AND

LAVADA MAY EDWARDS

Dennis Asbury Roush, son of Asbury B. Roush and Sarah Catharine Blessing, was born February 9, 1890 at Letart, West Virginia. Dennis was born in the Roush family. He was the eldest child of his parents. His father and three older brothers all being carpenters. Dennis grew up on the family farm and in his late teens he along with his family, moved to Huntington, West Virginia. He graduated from the US Army during World War I. On July 12, 1919, he married Lavada May Edwards, daughter of Arthur Edwards and Mary Ellen Board Edwards. Lavada May was born April 27, 1899 at Letart, West Virginia. She was the eldest of their children. Her father Arthur Edwards died fall 1940. Charlie Yonker driver came out Longdale to Vernon road.

Dennis and May were married at Ironton, Ohio and lived in Huntington, West Virginia. While they were in Huntington, they had four children, Helen Louise, Jack, Dennis Jr. and Catharine Marie. They moved back to Mason County and Letart to establish a home on the Roush family farm. They had one son born John Arthur.

Dennis pursued farming and carpenter work for a living until he retired. He was living on the farm family when he died June 9, 1968.

May Roush was a Mother and Homemaker. She was active in her church and community.


Helen Louise Roush, born May 12, 1920 married Jerry Lambert. Helen graduated from Providence Hospital, Washington D.C. as a Registered Nurse. She worked as a nurse or Secretary until she retired. Jerry retired from the U.S. Air Force with twenty-three years of service. They have four children; Billie Catharine Lambert; married Bruce Swain; Billie Catharine is a homemaker and mother. Her children are Matthew and Nathan. Jerry Douglas Lambert; He served four years in the U.S. Marine. Dennis Michael Lambert; graduated from General Motors Institute, Illinois as a Mechanical Engineer. George Phillip Lambert; married Gale. George Philip has a Step-daughter, Courtney


Dennis Asbury Roush Jr. born September 8, 1923 married Irene Elizabeth Duff. Dennis Jr. served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He received the Purple Heart. Dennis is a Construction Electrician retired. Irene is a homemaker and mother and a talented artist. They have three children; Jimmy Richard Roush, married Karen Blake, their children are Bradford and Chadford. Jimmy is an electrician. Roger Dennis: Married Valera Sayre. Roger is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and owns his own business. One child Cara Ann. Kay Elizabeth is a hair stylist.

Catharine Marie Roush, born March 7, 1928 married Elmer Newberry. Catharine is a homemaker and Mother. Elmer served with the U.S. Army during World War II. The Newberry's sold the farm of the Roush Route until 1984, when they sold the dairy farm to their son Michael. The Newberry's have three sons. They are Steven Wayne Newberry, married Karen Blake. Steven has served four years in the U.S. Air force of the Viet Nam War. He works at the Ohio Valley Bank, Gallipolis, Oh. Karen Sue is a Registered Nurse and works at Holzer Hospital. They have three children; Janett Lynn, David Wayne, Christopher Ryan. Michael Allen Newberry married Carol Ann Stato.

Dennis and May Roush
The Roush people are thought to be of German origin. John Adam Roush was an immigrant. He first came to this country October 19, 1736, sailing from Rotterdam. He settled in Pennsylvania but later came to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. Church records show that he and his wife, Susannah, had children baptized as early as 1736. On November 2, 1773, John Roush bought from Lord Thomas Fairfax 400 acres of land on Mill Creek in Shenandoah County, Virginia. John Adam Roush (Rausch), born 1711 in Darmstadt, Germany, came to America from Rotterdam on the Perthamboy vessel that sailed from Darmstadt, Germany, to New Haven. Below the house is a church where the Roush family worshipped for many years. The White Church Cemetery holds the graves of many of this family.

Levi, son of Daniel, lived in the home at Pleasant Flats (until 1896) when he came to Jackson County and was married to a Pleasant Flats平坦地面上,brother-in-law, David Hyre.

Levi’s wife, Sarah Rebecca Hyre, had been given 50 acres on the other side of the creek by her father, Jonathan, and had fallen heir to the 50 acres given her sister, Mary, who had died. Since Sarah was the only daughter living, the aged mother Elizabeth Hyre came to live and be cared for in the Roush home. At this time, the family moved from the Hayes home across the creek to the old David Roush homestead. Eliza had title for her lifetime. She grew old and senile, and on a visit to her son David’s home she signed a paper giving him authority over the land. He promptly evicted the Roushes. A lawsuit followed with much hard feeling between brother and sister. The Roushes had to move across the creek and back again several times as decisions were made for and against them. The son, Frank, told of going back by night to dig sweet potatoes from the garden they had to leave. Finally, all was settled in their favor. Sarah got clear title to the land, but the rift between the families remained all their lives.

(Taken from history written by the late Nellie Board Parsons. Copy on file Jackson County Historical Records.) Submitted by — Selma Board, Frances Board

THE ROUSH FAMILY

ARIVAL TO MASON COUNTY

John Adam Roush (Rousch), born 1711 in Darmstadt, Germany, came to America from Rotterdam on the Perhamboy vessel that sailed up the Delaware River and landed at Philadelphia, October 19, 1736.

He married Susannah Schlem in 1739. They lived in Pennsylvania several years and then moved to the Shenandoah Valley near Mt. Jackson, Virginia. The family’s first Land Grant for 400 acres was on November 2, 1773 from Lord Fairfax. On November 23, 1773, he bought the old Forrestville Tannery. Later more land was bought to control the waterways and, also, land that had oak trees to be used in the tannery. He and his sons owned many acres of land, as well as mills, tanneries, and other property.

John and Susannah were the parents of five sons and three daughters of record and perhaps one other son and one daughter that definite records of them have not been found. After the Revolution, on October 19, 1786, and Susannah in 1796, the sons sold their holdings in the Shenandoah Valley and all migrated West except Balser and he reportedly went to Tennessee.

All of John’s and Susannah’s sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, as well as three sons-in-law. John, Jacob, and their brother-in-law, Alexander Waddell, fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774. It is stated that some of the Roush brothers were personal friends of George Washington and perhaps came to this area with him when he came to be the first Governor of the present Mason County. It is thought that this is how the Roush families became familiar with this area, as well as Gallia and Meigs Counties in Ohio. Several of the brothers visited the area before they decided to move to the Ohio Valley. Philip, 1741–1810, married Catherine Kelchner. Philip was the oldest child of John and Susannah. Philip and Catherine were the parents of 13 children. This family came to the Ohio Valley and settled in Gallia County, Ohio. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He is buried in the Roush Cemetery 1 mile West of Cheshire, Ohio.

Philip and his family owned many acres of land in Gallia County. Prior to coming to Gallia County, he had extensive holdings in the Shenandoah Valley and was in the tannery business with his father and brothers.

John Roush, 1742–1816, second child of John and Susannah, married Dorothy Henkle. They did not have any children. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774.

John owned extensive property near Mt. Jackson, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, and property in New Market, Virginia. It seems he favored living in town. Before coming to Mason County, he owned all of his holdings in the Shenandoah Valley.

John was the purchasing agent for his brothers and himself, at the Court Sale of the Rev. William Graham Estate consisting of 6000 acres, 150 acres reserved, in the Graham Station area, Graham District. This acreage extends past the White Church area. Five of his brothers, Jonas, George, Henry, Daniel, and Jacob, were complements to John in this purchase. It took from 1798 to December 22, 1812, to get title to the land. The acreage equally divided and deeded by John to his brothers. This acreage is part of the King George Grant in Mason County consisting of 51,302 acres.

After coming to Mason County, John lived mostly in Point Pleasant where he purchased several pieces of property.

John was the first Sheriff in Mason County, served two terms, a Lay Evangelist of the Lutheran Church, and assisted Rev. Paul Henkle, his wife’s brother.

John died in 1816 and is buried in the old cemetery in Point Pleasant.

Balser Roush, 1745–1843, third son of John and Susannah, was a Revolutionary War soldier. Reported to have left the Shenandoah Valley and went to Tennessee. Family history and burial place unknown.

Jacob Roush, 1746–1830, 4th son of John and Susannah, married Catherine Fox. They were the parents of 8 children. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774, with his brother Captain John Roush, under General Andrew Lewis. He is so recorded in the Memorial at the Cornstalk Monument in the Mt. Endo We Park in Point Pleasant.

Jacob had interests with his father and his brother Philip, in the tannery business in the Shenandoah Valley, near Mt. Jackson, Virginia, as well as land holdings. He sold all of his holdings in the Shenandoah Valley area in 1800 and moved to Mason County, he had an interest in the 6000 acres purchased by his brother, John, where he settled. In 1803 he purchased 100 acres in Gallia County near Cheshire Bottoms for $400. John was a stockholder in the Ohio Land Company.

Jacob and his wife, Catherine, were buried in the Roush Cemetery. Jacob, or his brother Philip, gave the land for the cemetery which is 1 mile West of Cheshire, Ohio.
Henry Roush, 1752-1831, 5th son of John and Susannah, married Dorothy Nease. They were the parents of 10 children. He was a Revolutionary War soldier.

Henry sold their extensive holdings in the Shenandoah Valley and came to Mason County about 1798. He had a part interest in the 6000 acre tract of land purchased by his brother John. He was in defense of said land property in the legal matters pertaining thereto.

About 1802 Henry and his family moved to Meigs County, Letart Township, where he eventually owned several hundred acres of land. Henry and his wife Dorothy, are buried in the Plants Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio.

Daniel Roush, 1754-1832, 6th son of John and Susannah, married Elizabeth Henkel. They did not have any children. He served in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel had extensive land holdings in the Roush-Nease settlement in the Old Pine-Forrestville neighborhood in the Shenandoah Valley. He sold his holdings in the Shenandoah Valley and moved to Mason County where he became part owner of the 6000 acre Polson Grant purchased by his brother John.

Daniel was strongly instrumental in founding the Broad Run Lutheran Church near New Haven, which is reported to be the first church west of the Allegheny Mountains. His barn was used as a church during the first visit by the traveling preacher, Paul Henkel, when he made his first visit to this area and Ohio. Daniel was a trustee in the organization of the Lutheran Church at Cheshire, Ohio.

It has been established practically sure that the farm he owned is where White Church is located and part of the farm owned by Profe E. and Maude L. Roush, his wife, both deceased.

Daniel is buried in the White Church Cemetery.

George Roush, 1761-1845, 7th son of John and Susannah, married Catherine Zerkle. They were the parents of 13 children. 10 were born in the Shenandoah Valley and 3 in Mason County.

George was a Revolutionary soldier and served as a private, part time, in Captain John Roush’s Virginia Company. Captain John Roush was George’s brother. He was in the battle at Yorktown and Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington.

George and Catherine sold their holdings in the Shenandoah Valley and came to Mason County in 1809. George came first with his brother John to Mason County in 1798 and later returned to the Shenandoah Valley and brought his family to Mason County and settled near Graham Station. Later he was deeded his share of the 6000 acres purchased by his brother, John, agent for the purchase. George owned extensive acreage in the Graham Station-White Church area in Mason County. It seems that his older sons took up his part of the land and occupied it. George and part of his family, went to Sutton Township, Meigs County, Ohio, where he purchased 1640 acres of land where he lived until his death in 1845. He is buried in the Weldon Cemetery, Racine, Ohio.

Mary Magdalene Roush, born 1748, daughter of John and Susannah Roush, married Lewis Zirkle, 1740-1815. They were the parents of 8 children. Lewis Zirkle was a Revolutionary War Soldier.

Lewis Zirkle carried on a tannery and farming operation in the Shenandoah Valley near Mt. Jackson, Virginia, was prosperous and accumulated many acreages of land. At the time of his death, he owned 1500 of land, a good tannery and fine mill property.

Mary Magdalene Roush Zirkle is the only member of the John Adam and Susannah Roush family to have remained in the Shenandoah Val-
part. She usually was International Chairman. Loving to study foreign countries. She loved to entertain those ladies in her home and learn new things.

Yes, she was a maker of cheese. Obtaining a receipt from “The Junct Folks”, Little Falls, N.Y. She made cheese for a number of years. She made a long-horn type, American, Swiss, and Cottage-cheese. Her husband having a dairy, she had plenty of milk to use for the cheese.

Loving to see things grow. She hatched and raised chickens. Sometime buying them already hatched. She bought most of her feed from a place in Cottageville, W.V. called “Kerwoods.” They delivered the feed and picked up the eggs weekly. This brought about the Feed-Sack clothing of the forties. Plain and then printed sacks came out, with very nice patterns and prints. She made pillow-cases, sheets, aprons, dresses and quilts from these sacks. She was a good seamstress and this came easy for her. Learning from the Homemakers Organization that you use what you have, she put all the material to use. Sometimes trading the sacks for prints she wanted.

Having a lot of friends and was a friend to the friendless. Her tribute to her friends and family will live on forever. Submitted by — Virginia Roush Kay

**ERNEST M. ROUSH FAMILY**

Ernest Milton Roush was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Zerkle Roush. They were all devout Lutheran and pillars of the New Haven Church. Ernest was a farmer and a coal miner, working in both the Flint Hill and the Pole Cat mine.

He was married to Eva Greet Quillin (1874-1943) in 1894. She was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth “Eliza” Capheart Quillin. They were the parents of eleven daughters, so Alexander set up a millinery shop for them. He was noted for his strong singing voice and it was said on Sunday mornings he could be heard across the river.

Eva Greet Quillin became a school teacher and taught for several years after her marriage. She was very active in church work as a member of the United Brethren Church. Their children:


7. Eric Alan Harris, born 1963


9. III. Lewis Ernest Roush, born Oct. 10, 1901. Was a carpenter and paperhanger and was an engineer for the N.Y.C. Railroad. Married Edit Marie Jewell, born 1899. Children:

   a. Lewis Ernest Roush, Jr., born 1923. Married Anna Lee Roush, parents of:
   b. Sarah Lynn Roush
   c. Bobby Ray Roush, born 1833, married Shirley Finnell. Children:
      1. Shelly Ann married Charles Fortune, parents of:
         b. Brittany Noel, born Aug. 8, 1985
   d. Lori, born Dec. 25, 1963
   e. Kimberly, born Mar. 3, 1965
   f. Terri Marie, born May 16, 1968, married Tim Bishop 1986
   g. David Alan, born Sept. 6, 1971
   h. Brandon Scott, born Feb. 5, 1975

IV. Sarah Elizabeth Roush, born July 27, 1905. Sarah is a well known teacher in Mason County. She was both a classroom teacher and a principal, serving for many years as principal of the New Haven School. She taught 47 years before her retirement. She took part in many educational projects for the county and is a graduate of Marshall University, and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. She married Burrell Dawson. Burrell Berdean Dawson was born May 13, 1922, to Alpha Wesley and Stella E. Whitehair Dawson, Breedlove, W. Va., Preston County.

At five years of age, Burrell enrolled at Heckard, one room School at Breedlove, W. Va. The remainder of his school terms were at Aurora, W. Va. in the elementary and high school. After graduation from Aurora High School, he attended West Va. University. While there he felt the call of duty to his country and he enlisted in the army. He served six years in the army, through North Africa and through the Germany-European Theater of Operations, as an air-borne Paratrooper. He was wounded and was in the hospital over there.

When Burrell returned to the United States after his discharge, he was engaged in construction work. He worked for the Kaiser Aluminum Chemical and Construction for thirty years, until his retirement.
He married Sarah E. Roush, daughter of Eva Quillin and Ernest Mirten Roush. She was born in New Haven, W.Va. She attended the New Haven Elementary Schools and Graham District High School. Sara enrolled in Marshall when she was only 16 years of age and graduated from there with an A.B. Degree, as well as a Masters from Ohio University. She taught 47 years before retiring. Two years were in Williamson, Mingo County, W.Va., and the rest in New Haven, most of them as principal. She retired in 1970. A few years later Burrell retired from Kaiser Aluminum and now Sara and Burrell are enjoying their retirement. They count their many blessings and give God the praise and glory for all His many blessings upon them.

The picture of Burrell and Sara was taken at a graduation party for a nephew, Randy Roush. V. Dorsey Lee Roush, (1908-1976) was in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was an electrical worker. Married Mildred Self. They had one daughter, Carolyn T. Roush. She is married to a lawyer, has a daughter, Valerie, VI. Lilah Louise Roush (1910-1915) Submitted by — Virginia A. Fisher, Sara Roush Dawson

THE FAMILY OF HENRY & LESTA SPENCER ROUSH

Michael Roush born December 10, 1846, died June 28, 1928. He was the second son of George and Susan Roush. He married Mary Anne Roush December 18, 1867. She was born November 30, 1846, and died October 23, 1921. Henry N. Roush, the sixth child of Michael and Mary Anne Roush, was born June 25, 1880, and died September 12, 1956. He married Lesta Spencer July 23, 1902. She was born November 2, 1880. She died November 15, 1961. There are many active workers in the development of the Roush Family Association and in the genealogical research. He was an officer of the organization from 1926 to 1940, and served on a committee until his death.

He was one of the owners and manager of the New Haven Porcelain Co. He maintained the traditional Lutheran faith of his forefathers as do his children and most of the grandchildren.

Lloyd Roush, son of Henry N. Roush and Lesta Spencer Roush, was born June 11th, 1915, married Mary E. Wolf October 19, 1934. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Wolf, Sr. of Mason, and was born October 14, 1911. He attended New Haven Elementary School and High School, and Marshall College. He was a Purchasing Agent for the Great A. & P. Tea Co. in the early 1940’s, and then went into business for himself as a produce broker until he retired. He and Herman Layne also owned and operated the New Haven Mill for approximately thirty-five years.

He is a charter member of the New Haven Rotary Club and has served on the Town Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Mason County Bank, and is now a member of the board of directors of the two branches of the Peoples Bank located in New Haven, W.Va.

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Hoy Roush Family, Carol, Robert and Etta

Harvey McCulley; Charles Martin born December 13 1906, died 1929; Paul Roush born March 27, 1912; Minnie Brown; William Roush born July 25, 1910, married Ruth Harris; Mary Roush born April 22, 1914, married Samuel Harris; Robert C. Roush born December 1, 1916, married Veva Drake.


Their third child was Etta Mae born January 13, 1941, married Franklin David Richardson, born July 15, 1940. They were married April 1, 1961, and have two children, Crystal Renee, born January 19, 1962, and John Michael, born October 9, 1965.

Mr. Roush’s family were dairy farmers and he later became a boiler operator and a carpenter. He and his wife, Virginia, lived their lives together in Mason and Hoy died at the age of 67 on May 7, 1973, and Virginia died at the age of 64 on December 5, 1978. They are buried in the Graham Cemetery. Submitted by — Carol Lee Roush Proffitt

THE FAMILY OF HENRY & LESTA SPENCER ROUSH

James Lloyd, born June 15, 1941, married Barbara Sue Stiles March 4, 1961. She was born November 20, 1942, she lived in Middleport, Ohio. After James graduated from Wahama High School he served in the 3664th Ordinance Company of West Virginia National Guard until 1963. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in New Haven, W.Va. He has been employed with Ohio Power Co. for 26 years. Barbara is employed at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Pomeroy, Ohio, is a member of Meigs County Fair Board. They are the parents of two daughters; Ruth Ann, born November 1, 1966, married James Bush December 28, 1985. He was born February 25, 1966, his home was
Racine, Ohio. After James graduated from Southern High School he enlisted in the Navy; they are presently residing in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ada Magnolia, born April 2, 1924, graduated from Belpre High School and is attending Virginia Institute of Technology. She is a member of the Virginia Tech Student Council and is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. She is employed as a secretary for the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. They reside in Pomeroy, Ohio.

James is presently on the church council, they reside on Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio.


Becky Jo, born February 2, 1965, married James Robert (Rob) Smith July 12, 1986, she was born January 1, 1964. Becky graduated from Eastern High School & completed three years at Rio Grand College & is continuing her education at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio majoring in Business Education. Rob also graduated from Eastern High School & completed three years at Rio Grand College, he is employed at E.I. Dupont, Parkersburg, W. Va. They reside in Belpre, Ohio.

Max Jr., born February 22, 1967; graduated from Eastern High School 1985. He worked a year after graduation & is now attending Hocking Technical College Nelsonville, Ohio, majoring in Business Management.


Scott A., born September 15, 1962, married Rochelle McDaniel August 27, 1983, she was born February 2, 1964. Scott graduated from Eastern High School, he is employed at Super America in Middleport, Ohio as an assistant manager. Rochelle graduated from Hocking Technical College, majoring in accounting and computer science. They reside on Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio. They have one daughter, Taley Shae, born October 13, 1986. He is working for Mason County Welfare Department; they live in Point Pleasant.


George William, born June 21, 1947, married Brenda Lee Rice, August 18, 1968, she was born March 18, 1947. Bill and Brenda graduated from the University of Kentucky. They live in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky where they are teaching school. They are the parents of two daughters, Kristin Renee, born April 22, 1978, Stacie Marie, born April 25, 1986.

Freeman and Lois were divorced in 1950. Second marriage of Freeman was to Emma Louise Dobson January 10, 1952, she was born, April 28, 1919. They are members of St. John Lutheran Church Abingdon, Virginia. Submitted by — Jack & Shirley Roush

LEVI ROUSH - J. E. ROUSH FAMILY

Levi Roush, youngest son of Daniel and Catharine (Zerkel) Roush was a fourth-generation descendant of John Adam Roush, who emigrated to America in 1736. Born in Mason County, April 26, 1844, at seventeen he enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving under McCausland and Stonewall Jackson. On November 21, 1866, Levi married Sarah Rebecca Hyre (born 1845), daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wright) Hyre. They settled in the White Church area, on a hundred-acre farm given them by his father, George. Levi Roush died April 26, 1919. His widow died November 24, 1927.

The descendants of Levi Roush are well-documented in Volume 1, The Roush Family in America (page 485). This account follows the line of his youngest son, Jonathan Edgar Lee Roush.

"Ed" Roush was born August 10, 1876, on the family farm. On October 16, 1898, he married Vinnie Maud Sommerville (December 10, 1878). The daughter of Andrew Adolphus and Laura Susan (Lewis) Sommerville, she was also a descendant of John Adam Roush. (Roush history, Volume I, page 446).

1. Lawrence Hamilton b. 12-31-1899 d. 7-45
2. Ada Magnolia b. 1-24-1903 d. 4-14-81

Vinnie Roush died November 22, 1911. On August 14, 1914, Ed married Dolly Greene (December 11, 1974). In 1925, they moved to Mason City, having purchased the home of the late Virgil A. Lewis. Ed served on the Board of Directors of the Mason County Bank and operated an Eso station until a few years before his death, May 11, 1956. His widow died in 1974. Upon her death, the home was sold to the Mason County Court by Ada (Roush) Kinney. It is now maintained by the Mason City Historical Society.

Lawrence Roush's marriage ended in divorce, with no children.

Levi Roush graduated from Point Pleasant Normal School and taught in Mason County until his marriage, November 23, 1927, to Charles Encil Kinney (May 8, 1903, Fairmont, WV). A Civil Engineering graduate of West Virginia University, Charles worked for the WV State Road Commission. In 1935, he went to work for the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads. Charles and Ada lived in Roanoke, Virginia until 1974. She kept house and he worked on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive, until his retirement in 1965. Both were active in the Methodist Church and in the Masons and Eastern Star.

2. Michael Ray (2-26-57)
3. David Keith (12-18-58)
4. Patricia Wayne (7-30-63)

**The Family of Henry & Lesta Spencer Roush**

Herbert Freeman Roush, third child of Henry and Lesta Spencer Roush, born June 24, 1916, married Lois Genevieve Bush June 27, 1936, she was born July 20, 1915. After Freeman graduated from Wahama High School he worked for the Mason County Department of Welfare. In 1949 he started working as assistant yardmaster at Philip Sporn Power Plant New Haven, West Virginia. He worked at Philip Sporn until 1957, then moved to Cleveland, Virginia to start working at the Clinch River Power Plant that was under construction. He and his family were to be physically located at Clinch during its construction and start-up. When he retired July 1, 1981 he was yard superintendent. They have three sons.


Scott married Heidi Hankinson December 31, 1976. After he graduated from Point Pleasant High School he served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Scott and Heidi were divorced.

November 30, 1985 Scot married Lucinda Ann Bonecutter, she was born September 23, 1961. They have one daughter Taley Shae, born October 13, 1986. He is working for Mason County Welfare Department; they live in Point Pleasant.

Cathy was a Point Pleasant Rotary Exchange Student to Denmark. She graduated from Marshall University; is employed with the National Cash Register Company. Her home is in Huntington, West Virginia.

Dianna Lynn, graduated from Point Pleasant High School, then moved to Florida. She is now living in Mesa, Arizona and working for Revco Drug Company.


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Stated: Laura Somerville, Ada Roush, Ada Lewis. Standing: Vinnie Roush

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OTTIE ROUSH FAMILY

Ottie C. Roush, 1899-1970, a prominent citizen of New Haven, was born to Adam and Nancy Israel Boyd Roush. He was educated in Graham District Schools and attended Business College at Parkersburg, West Virginia, and was associated with the Mason County Bank from 1923 until his retirement in 1963. Before his association with the bank, he had received his teacher's certificate and taught school two terms. Ottie was at one time the Secretary of the Graham District Board of Education and for several years was a Jury Commissioner for Mason County.

On May 16, 1925, he married Edna Fern Bumgarner, who was born June 20, 1899. She attended primary and secondary schools in Graham District and received her high school diploma and five-year teaching certificate, teaching two years at Union, one at Broad Run, and one at New Haven, ending her teaching career when she married.

Ottie took leave of his position at the Mason County Bank for a five-year period when he was employed by the West Virginia State Tax Department at Charleston 1934-39, then resumed his position in the bank. After the death of Harry L. Duvall, he became head cashier. The bank building that sat on the southwest corner of Fifth and Main Street at this time was remodeled. In addition to his full schedule, he was involved in farming and civic duties, at one time as Recorder-Treasurer of New Haven, taught the first grade. She had her children reading by the Christmas holidays and was so proud of them.

Her supervisors rated her as an outstanding teacher. In 1978-79 school year she was selected as the Reading Teacher of the year in Mason County and was the state runner-up.

She was a member of the County, State, and National Education Associations; past president of the Point Pleasant Junior Women's Club; member of the Purple Hatters Club. She joined the Presbyterian Church as a young girl and was a faithful member.

She had five daughters: Diane Louise (Redman), Robin Lynn (Blas), Lisa Kay (Riddle), Lori Ellen (Doefinger), and Kelly Frances Henry. All are following in their mother's footsteps in education, - Diane, Lisa, and Lori being teachers and Robin operating the Magic Years Day Care Center. Kelly is in Teacher's College at Marshall University. These girls are eighth generation descendants of John Adam and Susannah Roush, who immigrated from Germany to the United States in 1732; the seventh generation connected with schools; and the fifth generation of teachers. Submitted by — Louden B. Roush

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Maudellen Roush Henry was born Sept. 16, 1913, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Walden and Louise B. Roush. They returned to Point Pleasant when she was nine months old. She graduated from the Point Pleasant High School, received her A.B. and M.A. from Marshall College (now Marshall University). At her death April 23, 1980 she had completed 45 hours beyond the M.A. Married to Earl E. Henry, Jr. of Mason, W. Va.

Diagnosed as having cancer in February 1972, she fought it gallantly. Her appearance and her sense of humor gave no indication of her battle. Her philosophy was "God has me in the palm of his hand and is looking after me." She was an inspiration to all that knew her, and she was loved by pupils and parents alike at the North Point Pleasant Elementary School where she taught the first grade. She had her children reading by the Christmas holidays and was so proud of them.

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WALDEN BENNETT ROUSH

Walden Bennett Roush, son of Walden and Louise B. Roush, was born Jan. 28, 1940 at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio. He graduated from the Point Pleasant High School as an outstanding student. He received his A.B. from Marshall College (now Marshall University) in three years as a Physics Major; received his M.A. from Southern Illinois University; also had classes from University of Arizona at Tempe, and Syracuse University. He had started working for the IBM Corp. upon graduation from Marshall, and a year later they gave him a leave of absence to attend Southern Illinois for his M.A. where he had a Fellowship. He is now a Senior Engineer with IBM.

He was on loan for one year to their plant in France (1971) and in 1983 was on loan to their plant at San Jose, California for two and one-half years, returning to the Fishkill Complex in Sept. 1985.

He was married to June Spencer, Mason, in 1961 and divorced in 1975.

He was an outstanding 4-H Club member. He carried 72 projects in eight years, winning 68 blue, 3 red, and 1 white ribbons. His Entomology project won top honors at the State Fair at Lewisburg, and he won a trip to Club Congress in Chicago. He exhibited the project, consisting of twelve cases 20 square, at numerous places. After graduation from Marshall he presented all of it to the College.

He lives at Point Pleasant, New York, but returns to Point Pleasant quite often to visit his parents. Submitted by — Louise B. Roush

ROUSH

Ruth Georgia (Lieving) Roush, was born August 8, 1935, in rural Mason County near New Haven, W. Va. She now lives in the house where she was born on West Creek. It is located one-half mile from a paved road at the end of a hollow.

When Ruth was a young girl, she became tired of the "sticks" and married at the age of eighteen on July 21, 1954. On her wedding day, the creek that they had to pass through became so swollen with the daily rains, that she had to carry her wedding gown across the creek on a tractor to her sister's house.

After being away for twenty years, she and her husband, Benjamin F. Roush, of West Columbia, W.V., purchased the family farm consisting of nearly 200 acres. Their three children: Mary Elizabeth, January 21, 1956, Benjamin F. Jr., April 26, 1960, and Timothy Allen, July 14, 1962, were really excited about moving back to the farm. They had spent much of their years in the city near Providence, R.I. — Tim being a "swamp yankee."

It is our decided opinion that farm life is a healthy environment for raising children. When we moved back to the farm in August 1971, we operated a small dairy, raised pigs, incubated and raised chickens (R.I. Reds), had riding horses, and had four tractors to make hay and raise corn.

Being the fifth of six girls, Ruth was obviously the "tom-boy" of the family. She followed her father Oris F. Lieving, a retired farmer and blacksmith, now in his 92nd year, everywhere he went. The farm he purchased was adjacent to his father's farm, George Frederick Lieving. Our son Ben Jr., now lives in his great-grandfather's house. He is proud of his farm heritage. Ben Jr., was so excited about moving back to W.V., he tried to learn all he could about the state and as a result earned the coveted award of Knight of the Golden Horseshoe.

Our youngest child, Timothy received a degree in veterinary technology and now resides in Jacksonville, Fla., because of the limited job opportunities locally. Mary, our eldest, makes her home with her husband, Steven Bentz, and four children, Jennifer Leah, Georgia Mae, Jediah Oris, and Seth Steven in Dallas, Texas. Although they are a long way from home, we are fortunate to get to see them a little, because "Poppa" loves flying and has two airplanes.

Ruth's grandfather on her mother's side was Franklin Jerome Rickard. Her mother, Mary Alice Ricard Lieving, had four brothers, and five sisters, three of which never married — Florence, Viola, and May. They lived a mile down the creek from us and we would visit to walk around there. There was no road that I can remember.

Ruth's grandfather, George Lieving, died when she was 9 yrs old in 1944. His wife, Susan made her home with her children two months at a time. She died one month before Ruth married on July 21, 1954. Ruth remembers that while she was with her father Oris, that she was not to talk to Ben, if she would not do certain things for her, as if it were a privilege for her to be entertained while Ruth was getting ready for a date.

Ruth's husband, Benjamin F. Roush, was the son of Benjamin O. and Helen (Neville) Roush, Plantz. His father was a construction worker and helped build the power plants located in Mason County. He died in 1975. On his mother's side, his grandfather was William Theodore Neville.

As we looked at the stone carvings of the Presidents at Mount Rushmore, Dad remarked "how proud we should be of America and her people." Arriving back home, despite Dad's age he was happy and talked of all the people he met, places he saw and how wonderful the Country is, "Home of the Free."

Virginia Roush Kay

In the 1930 my dad and I would cut wheat all day and shock the wheat at night by the moonlight.

Then 1940 Dad went into the trucking business of raising tomatoes, beans, potatoes, and cabbage. He got one row of beans picked and left the rest up to me. We thought that was quite funny.

Dad worked for me in the Construction business in 1950-60 and he put in all my man-holes, culverts, drop-inlets. He also blocked all my fire-hydrants. These jobs were SouthPoint, Gallipolis, Middleport, Waverly, Sheehersburg, Ohio; Margantown, Parkersburg, Charleston, Lew­ beck, Ravenswood, Ripley, New Haven, Mason, Point Pleasant, and Jane Lew. He enjoyed working on public-works and would laugh and joke with the men on the jobs.

I am 74 and working every day in my strawberries and this goes to show that hard work and a good laugh now and then keep one young.

Douglas R. Roush

I can say that one of Dad's happiest times was when he was cutting hay. He sang along as he cut and loved to see the hay fall under his cycle.
He would often brag at the end of the day of how many acres he cut. And not one time did I ever hear him complain about working. When I was quite young (back in the thirties) Dad operated a dairy. And in the winter evenings I would want him to tell me a story while we sat by the open fire place. I would want to hear the "Rabbit Story" while I realized that the "Rabbit Story" was never the same. Of course he made the stories up as he told them.

August 15, 1971, he was on WSAZ Television as Aged Mason County person representing the West Virginia Soil Conservation. Appearing with him was Gus J. Henry, 87; P. A. Sayre, 95; Van L. Roush, 88; Mr. John Cooper and Ken Franks.

He loved his Hereford cattle. On Sunday afternoons you would see him walking around the fields and enjoying and maybe talking to his cattle.

By Attaarah Roush Dewhurst

MR. AND MRS. MACK RUNYON

Mack and Misie Runyon were married on June 18, 1935 by the late Elder Hye Maynard at Williamson, WV. Misie, a homemaker, was born on August 26, 1912 to the late Leroy F. and Haley Stanley Brown. Mack, a former Pike County deputy sheriff and a retired brakeman for the Norfolk and Western railroad, was born on April 1, 1904 to the late Emely and Mary Williamson Runyon. Mr. Runyon is preceded in death by two brothers Burlie and Dewey and one sister Agnes.

The Runyons' are the parents of two children, Floyd Clayton Muncy and Connie Ellen Varney. Floyd, the son the Runyons' raised from the age of five, married Naomi Sue Phillips in November 1957. They have four children, Elizabeth Muncy, Winton Alan (deceased), Floyd Neal and Scott Lee. The Municys' and their children reside at Gallipolis Ferry, WV. Connie, the daughter, married Darrell Dean Varney on October 12, 1974. They are the parents of two children, Ramona Renea and Louanna Ellen. The Varneys' and their children reside in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mack and Misie also have one great-grandchild, Jason Derrick Whittington.

Mr. and Mrs. Runyon along with their daughter moved to Mason County in the summer of 1971. They lived in the small community of Gallipolis Ferry until the fall of 1974 when they moved to their present home on Lower Five Mile Road in Gallipolis Ferry, WV. They reside on an 135 acre farm with the rest of their family the Floyd Muncys and the Joe Whittingtons.

Submitted by — Mr. & Mrs. Mack Runyon

LEMUEL JARROTT RUTTEN CUTTER

From 1917 to 1970 in Mason the name Rutten. cutter has been associated with apple and peach orchards. Soon after Lemuel Jarrott married Magdalene Gold in 1913, he assisted the Gold Brothers, Alfred and Fremont, in operating four main orchards and two nurseries. At their peak, about 150,000 bushes of apples and peaches were harvested each year from over 600 acres of trees. The Kroger Company was their biggest buyer. Laborers were plentiful and it took about 300 workers ten hours a day to pick, pack and sort the fruit, for which they were paid the sum of fifteen cents an hour.

When industry came to the valley, wages increased to fifty cents an hour, but workers were hard to get, and soon the trees were neglected. Before his marriage, Lem Rutten CUTTER was a professional baseball player with Lancaster for five years. They had a great team and even beat the Cincinnati Reds in an exhibition game. He was born April 3, 1891 and died July 27, 1972.


Lemuel Jarrott was the son of William Edwin Rutten CUTTER and Sarah Frances Jarrott Rutten CUTTER. Submitted by — Lilah J. Zerkle

W. E. RUTTEN CUTTER

William Edwin Rutten CUTTER was born in St. Marys, WV December 8, 1858. He came to Mason County in 1874 to operate a general store in New Haven and later had his own store in Mason. He married Sarah Frances Jarrott in 1884 and they were both active in the Methodist Episcopal Church; he served as Sunday School Superintendent for thirty years; she taught the Lady's Bible Class which later became the S. F. R. Class named in her memory in 1913.


William Edwin was the only son of Joshua Rutten CUTTER (1832-1912) and Sarah Taylor (1835-1907). He had six sisters, Dora, Clara, Minnie, Maggie, Lillie and Nellie, of whom we have no record. He died July 19, 1948. He and Sarah Frances are buried in Adamsville, Mason.

Joshua's father, Daniel Rutten CUTTER, was born in Greenbrier County, and arrived in New Castle, Delaware in December 1817. He married Mary Pacracy, who came to America on the same ship, but they did not know each other until they met while in quarantine. They came to Tyler County, Virginia, where he applied for U.S. citizenship in May 1827. All efforts had failed to trace his ancestry in Germany until 1816. He died in 1880, and it was found where he had signed his name “Daniel Rottengatter”. With his correct name, records have been found in St. Jacob's Church (Evangelical) Gernsback, tracing the family back to early 1600.

Daniel Rutten CUTTER was a wood carver who specialized in making fine furniture. However, on occasion he would make wooden wheels for a mill, and in an emergency even a casket. He was a remarkable man, not only an excellent cabinet maker, but a pretty good farmer also. In addition, he spoke six languages, - Latin, French, Spanish, Dutch, German and English. Submitted by — Donald Foglesonian

SALLAZ FAMILY

Francis Rudolph Sallaz, born June 20, 1851, in Jackson County, West Virginia, was one of several sons of Ferdinand Sallaz, who lies buried in the cemetery at Hartford, Mason County, West Virginia. In 1879, Francis married Melissa Dee Reynolds, born August 19, 1853, daughter of James F. and Sarah Skidmore Reynolds, Fairplain, Jackson County. They had nine children: Clement, Adda, Nettie, William, Benjamin, Stella, Rudolph, Lona and Dewey. From this family, six were known to come to Mason County to reside and work at different periods of time. Clem, Lona, came to Point Pleasant in 1922, married Anna Elliott; Nettie married George Pinell; Ben, carpenter and painter, married Hattie Capehart, lived in New Haven; Rudie, barber, lived in Point Pleasant; Lona married Adam Pickens, had one son, Boyd E. Pickens, married Lillian Lutton, and is an electrician in Point Pleasant. They had three children: Dewey, automobile mechanic, married Garnett Lear, had four children and still resides in Point Pleasant.

Admiral Dewey Sallaz, born July 1, 1896, at the homeplace located several miles out of Ripley, on the Ravenswood-Ripley Pike, Jackson County, West Virginia. His early education was received while the family lived in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and was completed after returning to Jackson County. As a teenager, he became very distressed about the war news in France, the Sallaz homeland, so late one night he slipped away from home, caught a train to Parkersburg, and enlisted in the Navy for the duration of World War I. He served as Seaman on the USS Finland out of Newport, Rhode Island.

After the war, Dewey drove to California and on his return trip to West Virginia, stopped to work in Arizona on a cattle ranch for several months. This experience led him to accept work on the Steenbergen farm outside of Point Pleasant. About the same time he met a young nurse from Gallipolis, Ohio, and on March 26, 1924, married Garnett Doretta Lear, daughter of John A. and Mary Steinbeck Lear, of Gallipolis, Ohio. They later moved to Ohio where their four children were born.

Dewey returned his family to Point Pleasant in 1939 and worked as machinist for Marietta Manufacturing Company, operated Sallaz Garage on N. Main Street, and then later as maintenance mechanic for General Service Administration in the TNT-Camp Conley area. Submitted by — Dewey Sallaz Family
Their four children are:
2. Dorothy Marie, born March 26, 1933, married Kenna Rardin, has two daughters — Lucinda, married Samuel Zimmernan, children, Aaron and Amy; Julde, married Thomas Reese, daughter, Ashley.
3. Ruth Louise, born March 31, 1936, married Clarence Holland, has two children — Stephen, married Cheryl Steverson, daughter, Samie; Diana, married Timothy Niber.


SANDERS

Nancy Alice Sanders is a native daughter of Mason County. (see Jack Rogers Family) She was born February 24, 1942, in Point Pleasant, third child to Thelma and Jack Rogers. She followed the family tradition in education by earning a B.A. degree and West Virginia teaching certification in English literature and biology from Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, W.Va. Prior to graduation from college, she completed the 17th Women’s Officer Candidate Course at the United States Marine Corps School at Quantico, Virginia, in the summer of 1963. She declined her commission as second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps School at the 17th Women’s Officer Candidate Course at Quantico, Virginia, an honor student, and is completing a year of study in Paris, France. Her major field of study is French, with emphasis on political science and foreign affairs. Nate (born June 14, 1969) is a senior at Williamsport Area High School, an honor student, and is currently beginning his 4th year of varsity soccer. At the present, his interests point toward psychology and sociology. Submitted by — Nancy A. Rogers Sanders

THE SAUER FAMILY

Mathias Sauer, patriarch of the Sauer family, was born on May 16, 1832, in Bavaria, Germany. He had been working as a carpenter in a ship yard making wooden paddle wheels for paddle boats. He also worked as a carpenter in a ship yard making wooden paddle wheels for paddle boats. He also had his pilot’s license for the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers.

Mathias had two daughters and two sons. The family lived in the homes of their parents, until after both parents had passed away. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, where he raised his children."
“Dutch” also graduated from Point Pleasant High School, as did both his brothers. After high school, he went to work for the Marietta Manufacturing Company in the Mold Loft Department. In this Department he worked for Louis Mueller and Bob Greer. He now works construction jobs, working out of the Boilermaker’s Local Union 667 in Charleston, West Virginia. He married Joanne Fatima Salem on July 19, 1958. Joanne was born May 31, 1936, to Michael Mitchell Salem and Nattia Saad Salem of Irwin, Pennsylvania. After Michael’s death on February 5, 1967, Nattia moved to 102 Pleasant Street in Point Pleasant to make her home near her daughters. Joanne works at the City Building as Administrative Assistant to Mayor J. J. Wedge. Both John and Joanne are active in the Bellemead United Methodist Church. John serving as a Trustee and Joanne serving as a Secretary for the Administrative Board.

They have one daughter: Sandra Jo born August 24, 1962. Sandra attended Marshall University and now works in retail sales at Beckley, West Virginia.

Eldridge Thomas or Tom, as he is called, graduated from Point Pleasant High School and attended Marshall University. He worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company and the Malleable Iron Company.

He married Janet Marie Salem on September 4, 1965, at the Bellemead United Methodist Church, formerly the Evangelical United Brethren Church, continuing a tradition set by his brothers who were both also married in the same church. Janet was born July 28, 1944, and is also the daughter of Michael Mitchell Salem and Nattia Saad Salem. Tom went to work for the United States Post Office on November 20, 1965 as a city carrier. He was inducted into the Army in June of 1966, and was eventually stationed in Hawaii. Janet was able to join him in Hawaii and this was where their daughter, Roberta, was born. When he was discharged from the Army, Tom and Janet and their daughter came back to Point Pleasant where he resumed his job with the post office becoming a rural route carrier in 1977. Janet graduated from Galipolis Business School and was employed as a secretary in the Capital Building at Columbus, Ohio, before she was born.


On April 13, 1940, Marvin married Jean Russell, only child of Raymond L. Russell and Ethel Violi Russell. Raymond (Dick) Russell moved his family to Point Pleasant from Wilmington, Delaware in 1927. He was employed at the Marietta Manufacturing Company as Naval Architect.

Marvin and Jean are parents of two daughters, Elsa Jean, born June 1, 1941 and Linda Arlene, born May 29, 1949. Linda died at the age of fourteen as the result of an automobile accident.


Submitted by — Jean Russell Sauer

SAUER

J. P. (John Paul) Sauer was born June 7, 1927 in Pt. Pleasant, WV, the youngest son of the late Albert L. Sauer, Sr. and the late Maud Ada Cheesebrew Sauer. Since Sept. 1, 1960 employed at Central Operating Co. (Phillip Sporn Plant) New Haven, WV as a conveyor operator. On April 19, 1953 he and Della Mae Johnson were married in Huntington, WV by Rev. O. H. Carder. She is the daughter of the late Curtis Dale Johnson and Bertha Florence Eaton John son of Racine, OH. Date of birth Nov. 29, 1932. Two daughters were born to them. Charmaine Kay on Oct. 15, 1957. She attended North Point


JANIS HENRIETTA LYNCH SAUVAGE

Janis Henrietta Lynch was born November 13, 1953, at Holzer Hospital, in Gallipolis, Ohio, the daughter of Carl Edward Lynch, Jr. and Mary Northup Lynch. She lived in Camp Conley until she was married. She was the youngest sister of Suzanne Kay Lynch Dickens, born September 20, 1942, and Carl Edward Lynch, III, born November 28, 1947 - died May 8, 1971. She attended Ordinance Elementary, Point Pleasant Junior and Senior High Schools, graduating in May, 1971. She attended West Virginia Wesleyan College and Marshall University. On November 13, 1972, Janis and John Richard Sauvage (Birthdate - November 13, 1952) were united in marriage at Heights United Methodist Church. She is the son of John George Sauvage and Ann America Weese Sauvage of Syracuse, Ohio.

They are the parents of three children: Tami Renee, born January 4, 1974 in Gallipolis, Ohio. John Matthew, born September 24, 1976, in Huntington, West Virginia. Carla Ann was born September 12, 1983 in Beckley, West Virginia. In July, 1975, the Sauvage’s moved to Fort Gay, West Virginia, to serve as pastor of the Fort Gay United Methodist Church. In June 1977, they moved to Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Huntington where they served until February 1981. They moved to the Z. Warner United Methodist Church in Lesage, West Virginia until June 1983. They are presently serving two churches, The Beaver and Blue Jay United Methodist Churches near Beckley, West Virginia. While serving the Fort Gay and Good Samaritan Churches, John attended Marshall University and graduated in the summer of 1979. He then traveled back and forth each week from Huntington to Dayton, Ohio, while attending United Theological Seminary, graduating in June 1982, with a Master of Divinity degree. In June 1984, he received his elder’s orders in the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

While growing up in Mason County, Janis was an active member in Girl Scouts, 4-H, and...
very active as organist or pianist as well as serving her fifth year in September 1986.

She has served on the executive committee beginning in many offices of the churches. She is an active member of the West Virginia United Methodist Ministers’ Wives Association where she has served on the executive committee beginning her fifth year in September 1986.

When John and Janis were married, she worked in the social service department at Lakin State Hospital until shortly before the birth of their first child. Since then, she has been a housewife and mother, staying home to take care of the children. John worked at Heck’s, was a heavy equipment operator, and at Kyger Creek Power Plant before accepting his call to the ministry. For pleasure, the Sauvage’s enjoy camping in God’s great outdoors. Submitted by — Lynn S. Brown.

THE DENSIL O. SAYRE FAMILY

David Sayre fought in the American Revolution as a scout. In 1801, he brought his family to what is now Jackson County, West Virginia. Their children were Daniel, Anna, Joel, Ezekiel, Abel, Rachel, Sarah, and Hannah.


Hiram Sayre was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served in Company F of the 13th Regiment from West Virginia. After the war, Hiram worked on a farm on Buzzard Creek until his death in 1910. His children were: Ameal, Henderson, Harrison, Rankin Pearl, Leroy, Isaiah, Floyd Gilman, who married Stella Crandall. Sarah Hannah, who married George Grimm. Lona, who married Adam Grimm. Relaford, who married Carrie Batrell.


Oscar Claude Sayre opened a general store in Grims Landing. Oscar died in 1945. His wife, Bessie, was the Post Mistress of Grims Landing until her death in 1969. Their children were: Oscar Claude Jr., Paul Adam, Patience SueAnn, Dennis Orcho, who married Jessie Bell Tucker.

Densil O. Sayre was born in Grims Landing. He attended Arbuckle School, a one room school on Arbuckle Creek Road. Densil graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1939 and entered in the United States Navy in 1940. On December 7, 1941, he was stationed on the battleship U.S.S. West Virginia. He was aboard the battleship when Japanese war planes attacked and sank the U.S.S. West Virginia in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After leaving the Navy, Densil went to work at the Sylvania Plant in Point Pleasant. In 1956, Densil was employed by the Celanese Plant in Gallipolis Ferry, which was later sold to the Staufer Chemical Company. Densil’s wife, Jessie, was born in Queen Sholes, West Virginia. Her parents were Corbett James Tucker and Laura Belle Godfrey. Jessie became a Registered Nurse. In 1950, Jessie entered the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Later, she worked as a nurse at Pleasant Valley Hospital. Jessie helped to deliver the first baby to be born at the hospital. Served as Mason County Health and School Nurse from 1970-1985. Their children are: Dennis Duane, who married Vicki Sue Spencer. David Brent, who was born in 1957 and died in 1958. Christina Joann, who was born in 1959. Steven Kimberly, who married Cynthia Sue Stodder. Steven and Cynthia are the parents of Jason Parker.

More information about the Sayre Family may be found in “The History of the Jackson County, West Virginia”. Submitted by — Densil Duane Sauvage.

MARK GILMAN SAYRE FAMILY

Mark Gilman Sayre, son of Ezekiel and Hannah (Gilman) Sayre, was born in Jackson County, West Virginia, May 31, 1830. He married in that county, March 11, 1852, the Rev. William H. Harrison uniting his life with that of Mary Elorette Parson.

Mr. Sayre held the rank of second lieutenant in the Virginia State Militia, and during the Civil War was a soldier in the volunteer troops. At age thirty-two he enlisted in the 13th Virginia Regiment, August 29, 1862, took rank as corporal, participated in eighteen hard fought battles, and received honorable discharge at the close of the war, June 22, 1865, at Wheeling, West Virginia. He resumed farming after the war.

Mr. Sayre’s father died in 1834, in Illinois, and his mother died in Mason County. Mr. and Mrs. Sayre had fourteen children, William Henry born December 27, 1852, Ezekiel born May 10, 1854, John R. born January 5, 1856, Millard F. born September 23, 1857, Harriet born February 9, 1860, Olive E. born April 15, 1863, Sarah H. born April 18, 1865, Elizabeth born February 28, 1866, Lewis M. born February 14, 1869, Mark G. born July 5, 1871, Ulysses Grant born December 16, 1875, and Elmer Griffeth born January 26, 1878.

Mr. Sayre owned a three hundred acre farm in Mason County, near Arbuckle, West Virginia. He died at the age of ninety-seven. His son Perry lived one hundred and two years.

Ulysses Grant lived ninety-four years. He married Anna Mallet. They had four children, Lottie, Aubrey, Eulah, and James Madison. He was a farmer, owning a two hundred acre farm in Mason County, near Nat, West Virginia.
Lottie Sayre was born December 3, 1899. She married McKinley Barnett, December 21, 1925. They lived on a farm in Mason County, near Rock Castle, West Virginia. She taught school for thirty-five years in Mason County. They had four children, Clarice Eula, Cleatice Emily, McKinley Grant and James Henry. She died August 24, 1977.

McKinley Grant Barnett was born January 9, 1936. He has been a classroom teacher, counselor, coach, or principal for the past thirty-one years. On July 9, 1960, he married Teresa Marie Hensley of Beckley, West Virginia. They have four sons, Barry Joe born June 20, 1963, Bryan Jay born September 18, 1964, Bobby Jon born May 6, 1966, and Byron Jok born July 31, 1967. Bryan Jay Barnett married Kim Wright of Mason, West Virginia. They have one son, Benton Jay born May 5, 1986. Submitted by — Barry Joe Barnett

WILLIAM SAYRE FAMILY
William Sayre was born February 18, 1880 was a descendant of pioneer families of Mason, Putnam and Jackson Counties. He was a great-grandson of Jonathan Hill who was born in Connecticut in 1775 and came to the area prior to 1813. He was a grandson of laban Hill who was born in New York State May 4, 1809. laban Hill married Rebecca Woodruff and they were the parents of ten children. The eldest child Alzina born March 29, 1832 near Rockcastle grew up in that area where she married John Wesley Sayre. Alzina or “Aunt Zine” as she was called was a hard working little lady. It is remembered that she usually knitted as she walked along from place to place. Carrying a basket of eggs on her arm on the way to the store, she could turn the heel in a stocking and never drop a stitch. Aunt Zine and John W. Sayre were the parents of two boys, Laban and Daniel Bennett, commonly called “Coon”.

Daniel B. Sayre born February, 1857 married Nancy King. Their children were Andrew C., William D., Minerva, Mary Elizabeth, Patrick E., Elzina Bell, Daniel D., Jasper P., John L., and Elmer S. Nancy King Sayre died May 3, 1896. Daniel B. Sayre married a second time...
and Mary Ann Sayre Scantlin. On May 22, November 6, 1976. He was the son of Ross Scantlin at Arbuckle, Mason County and died here November 22, 1976. He was the son of Ross Scantlin and Nancy Scantlin. They were born in Pennsylvania. Nancy, Margaret, and Mary Ann half brothers and sisters to both William and his wife Leota.

**SCANTLIN FAMILY**

John Scantlin was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and died February 8, 1871 in Mason County. He was a farmer. He married Nancy Taylor, born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1809, in Pennsylvania. Her death occurred March 28, 1898 in Mason County.

They came to Mason County in 1855, coming down the Ohio River on a flat boat. They were the parents of seven children: Nancy, John, Jr., Hannibal, Cicero, Zachariah, Margaret, and Mary Ann. Cicero died in the Civil War. John, Jr. and Hannibal served in Co. I 4th Regiment. W. Va. Infantry. After the war, Hannibal went to Wisconsin where he took up farming. He worked on the railroad for many years to support his family.

Leota Sayre died December 28, 1942. Submitted by — Beulah (Sayre) King

William D. Sayre

1925 he was married to Enid Marie Nunley. They are the parents of three children: Virgil, Jr., Vernon, and Margaret.

Virgil began teaching in 1914. He taught 50 years in Mason and Putnam County schools before retiring in 1964. He attended both high school and college after he married and worked his small farm every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Scantlin

He was a member of the United Brethren Church where he served as trustee, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher for many years. Of the 50 years he taught school he only had to "board" away from home four years. At one time he worked as a clerk in the Charleston Post Office for 18 months.

**ISAAC SCARBERRY**

Isaac Scarberry, born 10, May 1838, Franklin County, Virginia, his parents Samuel Scarborough and Nancy Mullins, married Rebecca Anna Myers/Miers, 23, November 1859, Franklin County, her parents are John Myers/Miers, and Nancy — —, Rebecca, born 20, December 1844, Franklin County.

Isaac enlisted in the Civil War 15, June 1861, Young's Store, Franklin County, into Co. B 57, Virginia Infantry.

Between 1864-1870 Isaac and Rebecca with their two children left Franklin County, for Mason County.

Rebecca died 15, February 1892, Mason County, Isaac then married Mary Ann Elizabeth (Blessing) Ball, born 8, June 1832, Mason County, daughter of Michael Blessing and Christiana Jane Long, in Point Pleasant, on 12, September 1893. Mary Ann Elizabeth, died 5, January 1911, Mason County. Shortly after Isaac left for Bloomington, Illinois where his son lived. To the first union six children were born, none to the second.

1) Hannah Elizabeth, born 20, December 1861, Franklin County, first married Elias Lawrence McKinney, 28, September 1878, Mason County, his parents were Nathan McKinney and Nancy Hicks. Hannah divorced Elias 2, February 1897, Point Pleasant. Later Hannah married Elias Alexander Slaughter, 9, October 1897. To the first union were born, Nancy Jane, Anna Belle, Emma Susan, Edward, and Earley Harrison. Hannah died 11, January 1923, Mason County, and is buried Lone Oak Cemetery.

2) Martha Jane, born 20, March 1864, Franklin County, married 7, September 1884, Letart, to Andrew Thomas Ball, born 6, August 1862, Letart, to Thomas Ball and Mary Ann Elizabeth Blessing. To this union were born eight children, six in Mason County, two in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. They are Thomas Isaac, James William, John Smith, Mary Ellen, Christina Susan, Eva Etta, Lena Earl, and Anna May still live in Bloomington.

3) John William, born 10, February 1870, Point Pleasant, married 29, August 1889, Point Pleasant to Susan Icphine McFarland, born 20, August 1867, Tazewell County, Virginia, parents James Augustus McFarland and Mary Elizabeth Myers/Miers. (NOTE - Isaac's wife Rebecca Anna is a sister of Mary Elizabeth.) To this union eleven children were born, six in Mason County, and five in McLean County, Illinois. They are Eddie William, George Homer, Rosie Mae, Taylor North, Mary Lauanna, Lillian Bea, Andrew Thomas, Merie William, Katherine Clara, Ethel Minnie, and Letty Jane, all of these children are deceased. John died 23, January 1941, Bloomington, buried Friend Cemetery, Benton, Illinois, and Susan died 13, May 1933, Chenoa, Illinois and buried Benjaminville Cemetery, Benton. John changed the spelling of his name to Scareberry.

4) Ella Frances, born 4, October 1872, Mason County, married Robert Edward Rayburn, 5, June 1889, Point Pleasant, parents Alexander Rayburn and Sallie (Sarah) Ball. Their children are, Rosa Marie, Lola Irene, Oran B., Lilly Marie, Arthur Howard, Bernard Dale, Lester Wilbur, Garnet L., Arthur Guy, and all were born in Mason County. Ella died 9, July 1959, Gallia County, Ohio, buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Jasper died 8, July 1946, Mason County, buried Suncrest Cemetery.

5) Rebecca Matilda, born 9, March 1874, Mason County, married 25, April 1890, Point Pleasant, to David Wythe McFarland, born 30, November 1869, Bland County, Virginia, to James Augustus McFarland and Mary Elizabeth Myers/Miers. Children of this union are Etta Irene, Florence Jennie, Ernest, Bertha Clara, Alice Lucinda, and Donie Alto. Five were born in Mason County, and Donie Alto was born in McLean County, Illinois. Rebecca died 22, October 1931, Point Pleasant, and David died 26, September 1941, Hartford, both were buried Oak Grove EUB Cemetery, Mason County.

6) Julia Ettie, born 17, February 1878, Point Pleasant, married Jasper Edward Burris on 30, September 1896, Point Pleasant. Jasper born 9, April 1874, Point Pleasant, son of Samuel Burris and Hannah J. Mourning. Their children are Lonnie Rhoderic, Samuel Isaac, John Curtis, Barto Brice, and George Bright, all were born in Point Pleasant. Julia died 17, July 1923, Point Pleasant, buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Jasper died 26, June 1937, Columbus, Ohio, and buried Lone Oak Cemetery.

Isaac died 15, June 1924, Bloomington, Illinois and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Submitted by — Louis W. Schuh
SCHOLZ FAMILY

Frank Carl Scholz was born in 1885 at Lake Zurich, Illinois, the son of Franz Scholz and Auguste Frolich. In 1909 at Chicago, Illinois, he married Ethel Elain (Pearl) Peak, born 1884 in Illinois, daughter of Henry Perkins and Seth Thomas Peak. Mr. and Mrs. Scholz had four daughters: Frances born 1911, Ruth 1912, Dorothy 1915 and Rose Jeannette 1920.

Mr. Scholz was a manager for The Reliance Manufacturing Company, maker of ladies dresses, as well as offices in Chicago, Illinois. In 1924 he was transferred from West De Pere, Wisconsin to Point Pleasant to supervise the company’s factory on Vian Street. The trip from Wisconsin was made by automobile, which was a new experience for the family which then stayed at the Phoenix Hotel on Main Street. After moving into their residence on Vian Street the family lived in Point Pleasant until 1933 when Mr. Scholz was transferred to Mitchell, Indiana. They returned to Point Pleasant in 1936.

At the time of the 1937 flood the family lived at 630 Main Street which was in the flood district. At the height of the flood the water almost reached the second floor where they were forced to live. Access to and from the house was made by stepping through the second story windows on to the front porch roof, which was level with the water, making it easy to step from there into a row boat.

During World War II Mr. Scholz worked for the Marietta Manufacturing Company and was later associated with the Curtis Candy Company. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge and enjoyed golf and gardening. Mrs. Scholz was active in the Eastern Star holding numerous offices including Worth Matron. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed making quilts and other handwork. The family attended the Presbyterian Church where Mr. Scholz served as a deacon and elder. In later years Mr. and Mrs. Scholz frequently traveled to California but remained residents of Point Pleasant until their deaths in 1963 and 1964.

Their eldest daughter Frances married Richard George Hill at Mitchell, Indiana in 1935. They have three children: Richard III, Frances Elain, Frank, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They make their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia.


Dorothy married William Franklin Poling at Point Pleasant in 1941. They have one daughter, Ann, and two grandchildren. Both Dorothy and Frank Poling taught school in Mason County before moving to Florida. Frank Poling died in 1971.

Rose Jeannette married Hugh Franklin Martin at Point Pleasant in 1941. They have two daughters Rebecca and Linda and four grandchildren. Frank Martin died in 1947. Rose makes her home in Huntington, West Virginia. Submitted by — Rose Martin

PAUL OLIVER SCHOOLS

Paul Oliver Schools died January 26, 1918, and is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, December 24, 1836, to Paul and Mary Schools. He arrived in this country in 1842, and settled at Wheeling, W. Va., as a three day journey to Mason County. He was a stonemason, plasterer, and farmer. He also served three years in Company C, 13th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry Union Army and received his discharge in 1865.

He married Mary Bergen, December 6, 1858, who was born in Ireland to Patrick Bergen and Catherine Gorman. She died December 1, 1871, at age 35. In February, 1873, he married Lorena C. (Lurancy) King, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Hardwick. She died in September, 1892 at age 41. Both wives and infant children are buried on the home farm near Point Pleasant. His children were: Mary, Anna Bell, Lucinda, Blanche R., Sadie; Lydia; Lula Ethel, Lovina, Bessie, John, Robert E., James E., Andrew Russell, Paul E., Benjamin Harrison, (who died September 15, 1892, age 3days) and his son, P. Frank Rainey. John and Mary were: Lucinda C. (August 1859) married 1875 John M. Hardwick (1850). Records show she died July 1893, buried Kin­cind-Rice cemetery. Mary Margaret (1861-1945) married John Franklin Lewis (1860-1934) of Huntington. Among their children were: Mary Agnes (1888-1920), Hannah Irene (1890-1911), and Salie Barbee (1897-1920).

John Dennis (1862-1925) married in 1888 to Anna Eliza McDaniel (1869). Among their children were: Ethel (1890-1964) married Robert Elmer (1892-1965) who married in 1916 to Ada Goodwin born 1892 Fayette County, died 1970 buried Suncrest.

Anna Bell (1867 or 1868) married 1892 to William James Lee (1871).


GODFREY SCHUL FAMILY

Gottfried Schul born in 1825 in Hess, Germany, came to America when a young man. After his arrival he married Catherine Stump who was also a native of Germany. She was born in 1824 at Rechberg in Wettin in Wittenberg County, Ohio before coming to Mason County in 1866. They took up land on Ten Mile Creek in Cologne District, where they farmed.

Children of this couple were Mary, born 1860, Peter born 1861, Karl born 1863 and Caroline born 1866. Mary married John Paul Pfeifer in 1883 and died in 1954, a Mason County teacher, graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Marshall College, an honor student in both high school and college. Submitted by — Curtz Burdette

JOHN B. SCHULER

John Baptist Schuler, son of John and Anna Maria (Schmallerben) Schuler, was born November 1, 1835, in Oppau, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. He and his parents arrived New York, June 1, 1839, on the ship Burgundy.

The family settled in Meigs County, Ohio, and on June 8, 1856, John B. Schuler was married at Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy, Ohio, to Eva Schuler, daughter of Joseph and Anna Schuler. Their children included: John George (born 1856); Jacob Frederick (born 1858 at Chester, Ohio) who married Anna Maria Piece 1883 and died 1941 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Leonard A. (born 1860) married Martha A. Schuler in Belmont County, Ohio in 1886; and John J. (born 1864 in Mason County, West Virginia) who married John P. Kimes in 1882 and died at Chester, Ohio, in 1925; and Joseph (born 1869), who died unmarried at Laurelville, Ohio, in 1889.

Hardy’s Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia of Meigs County, Ohio (1883) lists two other children who died in infancy.

John B. Schuler bought his first land in Mason County in 1856 in the town of Mason. The deed describes the land as lot number 29 on Horton Street between Second and Third Streets. He sold this land in 1858 and returned to Chester, Ohio, to live. In 1889 he came to Point Pleasant where he entered into a partnership with Ephraim Hanes of Wetzel County, West Virginia. They operated a saw and planing mill in Point Pleasant.

An article in the Point Pleasant Weekly Register, September 13, 1895, stated that John B. Schuler was the proprietor of the Paragon Saw and Planing Mills and was owner of the Schuler and Drayer Door and Point Pleasant where he gave employment to a number of men.

A brother, Joseph Schuler, married Elizabeth Ann Shadd of Meigs County, Ohio, February 27, 1861. The couple came to Mason County in 1862.
Howard Schultz

Howard Schultz, one of Mason County's most prominent citizens has served in public office for many years. He is now retired, living in Point Pleasant where he has had a great interest in establishing the Mason County Farm Museum. For the past several years he has enjoyed demonstrating his steed powered threshing machine which has been in the Schultz family for years.

Howard is the grandson of German immigrants who came to America, settled in Pennsylvania, later his grandfather joined the Union Army and served until the close of the war. In 1867 they came to Mason County and bought 170 acres on Cain Ridge.

Charles Schultz, the son of Frederick, married Cora A. Jividen and were the parents of Howard Schultz born June 12, 1896. His mother died November 14, 1897 at the age of 21 years. His father's death occurred September 19, 1954.

During World War I, Howard served in the U.S. Navy and is now one of the two remaining veterans of that war who went from the Leon area.

Frederick A. Schultz

Frederick August Schultz, a native of Germany, born in Prussia in June 1822 was the son of Friedrich and Anna Dahl Schultz. In 1849, he and his family came to America. Frederick had been a soldier in the country of his birth. After coming to America, Frederick A. Schultz was married to Katrina Bartholomy who was born August 13, 1829 in Kuhl Hessen, Germany. The marriage took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania a member of the Presbyterian Church and was an Eastern Star. Her death occurred August 2, 1970. Submitted by — Myrtle Schultz

FREDERICK A. SCHULTZE FAMILY

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Howard Schultz

On October 18, 1923, he was married to Myrtle Hill the daughter of Blain and Mary E. Stone Hill who was born January 19, 1906 at Leon. He began business as the owner of the Schultz Garage. While living in Leon he served 7 years as recorder for the town as well as other offices and took part in all community activities. He was a member of the Leon Band having played a tuba. In 1949 the family moved to Point Pleasant where he established a business, The Schultz Tractor and Implement Company on Jefferson Boulevard.

He was elected to two six year terms on the Mason County Board of Education and served as board president for four years. His years of service on the board were from 1948 to 1962.

In August of 1962 he was appointed to the office of Mason County Circuit Clerk, to fill the unexpired term of Dan Hope who died July 31, of that year. At the expiration of the term, he ran for the seat and was elected. He continued to serve in that capacity until 1978 when he retired.

Howard Schultz is a Mason, 50 year member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.


Harry Schultz died June 23, 1975 and was buried in the Creston Cemetery. Submitted by — Danet Schultz

HERMAN "HIRAM" SCHWARZ

Herman Schwarz was born in 1842 in Germany. His parents and sister made great plans to come to the U.S.A. Prior to departure, Lewis' father died and was buried in Germany. The rest of the family made the trip and settled in Marietta, Ohio. Lewis grew up and married Katherine Welch. They lived in Mason City, West Virginia. He worked in the salt works there. To this union was born sons Dan, Herman, John, Lewis and Frank and a daughter Josie. Lewis later bought land, cleared it and built a house on Chestnut Ridge one mile from Baden Presbyterian Church where Lewis and Katherine are buried in the church cemetery. Katharine gave the money to purchase the church bell and was the first person buried in this cemetery.

Herman, known as "Hiram", married Lizzie McClure, daughter of Adam McClure and Margaret Benton of West Virginia. They built a home one-fourth mile from Mt. Tabor Church in Union District. They had nine children. Guy, Roy and Alverta died as infants. Lizzie died in 1935 and "Hiram" in 1940 and are buried in the Smith Church Cemetery. Perch married Cecil Duvall of Columbus, Ohio. No children.

Frank married Norma McCloud. One daughter, Erma of Columbus.

Herman Jr., married Lillie Shinn. One daughter, Veva of Columbus.

Later married Beulah Clineline of Columbus. One son James of Columbus.

Ray married Mildred Williams. Children Marjorie, Richard and Carol of Columbus.

Alberta married Verlin Gregory. Two sons Ernest and Larry of Columbus.

Boyd married Garnet Bauer. Two daughters, Darlene and Sharon of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Submitted by — Boyd Schwarz

EMORY SCINES FAMILY

Emory Scines born in Mason County in 1866 married Rozella Sayre who was born November 19, 1866, the daughter of Daniel and Ruey Hunt Sayre. Their marriage took place in Jackson County where the Sayre family lived on Cow Run. Ebenezer Stuttler performed the ceremony on April 29, 1886.

This couple was for many years residents of Leon where Emory served several terms on the Leon Board of Education.

Emory and Rozella were the parents of (1) Mary who married Howard Burns; (2) Edgar born 1893 married Gertrude Hayman; (3) Beckett born 1894 married a Mr. Walker; (4) Pearl born 1896 married Milton Burns; (5) John born 1898 married Laura Pickens, lived in Middleport, Ohio. (6) Ella born December 11, 1901 married John Hayman.

Emory Scines died at the age of 48 years in 1914. Rozella lived to attain the age of 91 years, her death occurring on November 9, 1957. Submitted by — Elia Hayman

JOHN PRESTON SEBRELL

John Preston Sebrell, of George and Mary (Love) Sebrell, was born in Mason County, No-
vember 6, 1823. He married Mary S. Morris (McConihay) (1825-1877) on May 27, 1865. She was a post office in the building, as well as an delphia, and the family moved to Point Pleasant in 1920, bought a store on North Main, and operated it until his death in 1927. The family kept the store for about 3 years, until they moved to the family farm at Southside in 1930. 

George Sebrell and F. Gordon had Zadie Ann, December 6, 1945 who married Gordon Morris Sebrell III born April 11, 1967 and Zadia Ann, December 6, 1945 who married Gordon Morris Sebrell III born April 11, 1967 and married Margaret Sayre, daughter of Able and Ruth Parsons Sayre. She died in 1902 and William in 1910. They were buried in the S. Cemetery near Leon, West Virginia. Their children were George, Strathauer, Sarah, Ruth, Emma, Mary, Robert, William, Maggie, and Laura. 

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Refer to Durst history elsewhere in book. Submitted by — Paul Durst

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Russell See continued to maintain the home and after serving overseas in the armed forces, he married Enabelle Chaney of Gallipolis, Ohio. Their four children Sharon, Russell, Carl (Smoky) and Marshall Ray (Stormy) were reared here and continue to live in the Point Pleasant area. Russell worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Co. and later was a pipe fitter. 

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Pleasant, Route 2. After Nyda’s death he married Alda Kincade of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Leonard recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Miami, Florida. They now live in Vero Beach, Florida. Mildred See married the late Audlin Rhoades. They have four children. She still lives in Marietta, Ohio where they lived most of their married life. Two of their children live in Marietta also, Phyllis Butler and Gary Rhoades, Jack Rhoades lives at Stockport, Ohio and Ruth Hines lives in Hillard, Ohio.

Emma See dau. of William See born September 8, 1866 died March 29, 1948 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Edgar Oliver Buckalew son of John I and Sarah Jane Knotts Buckalew who was born Preston County, October 22, 1868 died Point Pleasant April 6, 1939 near Hickory Chapel Church.

William and Margaret See

Russell See loved the home where he was born and lived until his death April 23, 1986. His wife Enabelle still lives in the home. Mildred and Leonard and all the descendants love to return to the old home place for family get togethers. Our gratitude goes to Russell and Enabelle who have kept the home in the See Family. Our family has lived in Mason County since our ancestor Michael See (whose name is on the monument in the Tu-Endi-Wei Park) fought and died in the Revolutionary War.

WILLIAM SEE

William See son of William and Sarah Pruitt See and Grandson of Michael See who was killed in last Indian incursion in Mason County and also fought in battle of Point Pleasant was born Mason County August 6, 1830 and died Flat Rock area August 4, 1910, William fought in Civil War with Union Army. He married Jackson County, Margaret Sayre Daughter of Abel and Ruth Parsons Sayre April 3, 1856. They are buried in See Cemetery, Leon Route, W. Va. He was a Farmer by trade.

Children; 1. Infant Son Nov. 11-12 1856
2. Orilla Nov. 11, 1856-March 27 1927 m.
   Dallas Burdette
3. George 1858-1935 m. Mary Beattie
4. Strawther 1860-1919 m.
   Christina Philips 1870-1894 2d Vinna Fry
5. Sarah 1862-1944 m. Charles Wilson Selby
6. Ruth 1864-1945 m. William Sayre (her first cousin)
7. Emma 1864-1948 m. Edgar Oliver Buckalew
8. Mary 1868-1947 m. William Nuckels
9. William 1870-1961 m. Fannie Casto
10. Robert 1872-1961 m. Clara Buckalew sister of E. O. Buckalew
11. Margaret (Tine) married 1st. James Fridley 2nd. James Shue
12. Laura June 26, 1877-Feb. 28, 1883

Of this family buried in See Cemetery are, William, Margaret, Strawther, Christina, Orilla, Dallas and Children (Four) Sarah, Charles, and three children, Laura and Infant son of William.

Children; Roy, Flaura, Marvin, William Ray, Eddie, Straw, Garnett and Opal. Roy Buckalew Son of E. O. and Emma See Buckalew born May 8, 1892 died May 29, 1956 Leon, Mason County married Gallipolis, Ohio April 6, 1911 Bertha Cosssin dau. of Elisha and Cornelia Rider Cosssin. He worked on Railroad for a time but liked the farm so lived at Leon, Route rest of life and farmed. Children; Bacyle, Gladys, Genevieve Eileen and Louise Submitted by — Louise Bauer

SELBY, CHARLES WILSON

Charles Wilson Selby; (m) Myrtie Eliga Knopp; 1897
Charles Wilson Selby; B7-3-1875; D4-29-1954
Myrtie Eliga Knopp; B8-27-1875; D
To this union 4 children 1 son 3 daughters
1. Lester Charles Selby; B12-25-1897; D1-9-1968
2. Eunice Mae Selby; B5-17-1902
3. Annie Belle Selby; B, D
4. Bessie Francis Selby; B; D25-1936
Eunice Mae Selby; (M)Ira Kenneth Zuspan 12-4-19
Annie Belle Selby; (M)Clarence R Matthew
Ira Kenneth Zuspan and Eunice Mae Selby had Nine children see Zuspan

WILLIAM E. SELBY FAMILY

William E. Selby (1873-1946) was born to John Hayden Selby (1850-1918) son of Regina Powell and John Baker Selby (who were married 1846) and are buried at Eddy Chapel Cemetery on Thomas Ridge, Route 2, with several of their children.


William E. Selby helped build the Marietta Manufacturing Plant and then continued to work there until 1940 as machinist. Upon retiring he and his wife, Winona, ran a restaurant (building now houses a sewing center) on land where their two story frame house is located, and a garage apartment. There is also another build-

where their son Enemons (born 1899-died June 17, 1984) ran a service station for 42 years. He married Thelma Hanes who survives. He at one time worked at Canton, Ohio in a foundry for Timkin Roller Bearing Co.

Edith (1894-October 29, 1977) was the first child. She was an employee of the C. & P. Telephone Co. She married February 1936, Norman A. Simpkins born Penn. (1895-1961) a WWI Veteran. Both buried Suncrest. No issue.


Sidney Selby (born 1896) died June 23, 1975 at Steubenville, Ohio and there buried. He was employed at the Wheeling Steel Works on their river boat as chief Engineer on the “Robert Reed”. His wife Elizabeth Morgan, is now deceased, and also buried at Steubenville.

Raymond Selby was born 1908, married Bonnie Somerville (Garrison) 1960. No issue. He last worked for Ohio Valley Electric (Kiger Creek Plant) at Cheshire, Ohio, where he had employment for 18 ¾ years.

Sybil May Selby, daughter of William, born May 1910, deceased December 18, 1914, is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery. Submitted by — Raymond Selby.

THE ROBERT A. AND MARIA V. SHANK FAMILY

One of the well-known and best remembered residents of the Kanawha Valley is Mrs. Maria Virginia Shank. She came to the Valley with her father and her brother Thaddeus Fowler when she was nine years old and was her father’s housekeeper and cook. She married Robert Anderson Shank when very young and they raised four children. They were Earl, Ernest, Russell and Howard, all deceased.

They had six grandchildren. They are Robert Shank, of Tucson, Arizona and Scott Shank of Middletown, Ohio — children of Earl and Hattie Hartley Shank; John (Jack) Shank of Parkersburg, W. Va. and James Shank of Circleville, Ohio — children of Ernest and Frances Henderson Shank; Christine (Shank) Sibley of Venice, Florida and Catherine Virginia Shank (Christine’s twin who is deceased), — children of Russell and Eudythe Dabney Shank.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank tended their Kanawha Valley farm all of their life and fed many poor and needy people, administered to the sick and were mainstay in Vaught Memorial Church at old Locke 11. They are buried in the Concord Church yard at Couch, W. Va., a few miles above their farm. Submitted by — Christine (Shank) Sibley

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GLENN LEE SHINN was born March 2, 1885 at Rockcastle, W.V., son of George Washington and Elizie Little Shinn. He married Audrey Bell Jividen, born April 20, 1891, on Sept. 20, 1908 at Mt. Olive Church. She was the daughter of Anthony and Nancy Garnes Jividen. They lived in the Rockcastle area where he taught school for several years after attending Normal School in Ripley, Jackson Co, for his certificate. On Jan. 3, 1922 he was appointed by the government as rural mail carrier on Leon Rt #3 so the family moved to Leon. He retired from the mail route on March, 1955. They were both members of the Leon Baptist Church and are buried in the Leon cemetery in Mason County. Glenn went home to be with the Lord October 1, 1964 and Audrey followed June 11, 1975.

Children: Claudia (1909 - 1983) married Granville Smith; Bernice born 1913, married Paul Graham; Paul (1916 - 1922); Clare (1918 - 1926); Herman born 1920 married Pauline Craig; Donald born 1922 married Helen King; Reba born 1924 married Leonard Smith; Dayton born 1926 married Lois Bennett; Keith born 1929 married Frankie Lucas; Betty born 1931 married Herbert Capehart; Carroll born 1934 married Patsy King. Ten of the twelve children lived to marry and have families of their own. They all live in Mason County.

Hermin Shinn Family


Hermin retired from his mail route in 1980 and as Leon has always been their home, they still live there and both active in the Leon Baptist Church where they are members. Submitted by — David L. Shinn

THE LOWELL CARROLL SHINN, SR. FAMILY

Lowell Carroll Shinn was born October 22, 1933 at Leon, W. Va. to Audrey Jividen Shinn and Glenna Shinn. He graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1952 and served in the United States Navy. He married Patsy Francis King February 13, 1959. She was born October 16, 1937 to Vada Lewis King and Revna C. King, Sr. She graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1959 and attended Portsmouth Inter-state Business College. Carroll is co-owner of Shinn Tractor Sales, Gallipolis, Ohio. Patsy works at Pleasant Valley Hospital as a physician's secretary and receptionist.

Carroll and Patsy are the parents of two children: Dr. Lowell Carroll, Jr. and Alisa Rae Shinn Filkins. Lowell, Jr. was born August 30, 1959 at Gallipolis, Ohio. He graduated from Marshall School of Medicine, Huntington, W. Va. on May 11, 1985. He is doing his internship at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. Specializing in Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Dr. L. C. Shinn was married to Merlie M. Price of Edgemoor, Maryland. They have two children, Michael and Marianne Jo.

Dr. J. A. Shinn

Dr. J. A. Shinn returned to Point Pleasant where he continued his practice until his death on December 14, 1978. The Shinn’s were members of the Trinity Methodist church and active in civic affairs.

In 1975, the Huntington Chapter of the American Dental Association honored Dr. Shinn with a Life Membership.

Dr. Shinn is buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens. Submitted by — Merlin M. Shinn

THE DR. JOHN A. SHINN FAMILY

Dr. John Adrian Shinn was born January 28, 1909, to John Alexander and Dora Skidmore Shinn in Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia.

His father was Sheriff to Jackson County for several years and during his tenure as sheriff, the last public hanging in West Virginia occurred in Jackson County.

Dr. Shinn graduated from Ripley High School and then entered Marshall University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree. He then entered the University of Louisville, Kentucky, where he received the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery on June 6, 1933. A short time later, he opened his office for the practice of dentistry in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps after volunteering for service in 1942. On June 19, 1943, he completed the course in Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. He served in the European Theatre of War and was honorably discharged in late December, 1945, with the rank of Major.

Dr. Shinn was married to Merlie M. Price of Troy, Alabama, on January 10, 1943. They are the parents of two children, John Adrian Shinn, Jr., and Judy Kay Shinn.

Carroll Shinn Family

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Alisa Rae Shinn was born at Point Pleasant, W. Va. on January 31, 1963. Alisa graduated from Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. on May 11, 1985 with a B.S. Degree in Counseling. She worked at Camack Children's Center in Huntington. On June 7, 1986 Alisa married Bruce K. Filkins at the Presbyterian Church in Point Pleasant, W. Va. Bruce is the son of Bowmaster Filkins and the late Kenneth Filkins. They are residing in Orange County, California.

THE PATSY KING SHINN FAMILY

The daughter of Reva C. King and Vada F. Lewis King, Patsy was born at Point Pleasant, W. Va. on October 16, 1937. On February 13, 1959 she and Lowell Carroll Shinn were married at the Leon Baptist Church, Leon, W. Va. Carroll was born October 22, 1933 at Leon to Audrey Jividen Shinn and Glenna Shinn. Patsy works at Pleasant Valley Hospital as a physical therapist. Carroll is co-owner of Shinn Tractor Sales, Gallipolis, Ohio.

They are the parents of two children - Lowell Carroll Shinn, Jr. and Alisa Rae Shinn.

THE SHULER FAMILY

George W. Shuler was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on June 3, 1842. He enlisted in the Union Army, Company G, 18th Regiment of the Ohio Infantry Volunteers on September 25, 1861. He was discharged from the army on June 10, 1865, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He served under Captain Travis Lynch. After his discharge, he and some other men bought land along the Missouri River, but it was later lost to Carpetbaggers. He came to Mason County and bought land along the Mason and Putnam County line and went into the timber business. He married Martha Folden who was born in 1847. They had several children, but only three were known to survive until adulthood: Daniel Christopher, George Alec or Elic, and Samaria. George died on September 3, 1921. Martha died in 1925.

Alec or Elic died in an accident on December 29, 1912. He was 31 years old at the time.

Samaria married Joe Bays. She and Joe had three children: Virgil, Pearl and Lloyd. They lived in Mason County for a while but eventually moved to Washington Court House, Ohio.

Daniel Christopher was born December 31, 1878. He married Reatha Jane Chapman on November 19, 1907. She was the daughter of Joseph and Adeline Walker Chapman. Daniel and Reatha had nine children: Clayton born August 17, 1908, John Elic born June 6, 1910, Bart Worthy born December 26, 1911, Ruby Jewell born April 9, 1916, Mina Mabel born October 9, 1918, Roxie Mae born November 19, 1921, Joseph Christopher born December 31, 1924, Dorothy Marie born August 18, 1927, and Coralee born October 8, 1930.

Daniel worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for 25 years. He was also a farmer and worked in the timber business. He was very adept at wood carving and made ax handles, spoons for wheels and several violins, along with children's toys and other articles of wood. He died August 30, 1957.

Reatha was born January 6, 1892. She operated a restaurant on Marietta Street for several years. She also had a boarding house on Poplar Street and was a cook on the river for many years. She died August 2, 1975.

Clayton married Mabel Irene Duncan on November 7, 1936. She was born March 25, 1914. They had four children: Helen born October 5, 1937, Betty Jo born February 15, 1939, Clayton Jr. (Tom) born December 8, 1940, and Janet born November 12, 1947. Mabel also has a son from a previous marriage, Charles Lee Hines born September 18, 1933. Tom died December 26, 1986. Clayton has owned and operated a sawmill for many years in Mason County.

Joseph Christopher (Joe) was inducted into the army on September 27, 1943. He served in Europe from May 2, 1944, until he was wounded on August 21, 1944, in France. He was seriously wounded when he was hit by shrapnel. He spent the next 23 months in hospitals. He was discharged from the army on July 18, 1946. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries. He also received the Bronze Star and the European Theatre Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars.

Joe married Bonnie Mae Oldaker in 1947, and they had one daughter, Linda Joe, born February 27, 1950. He went to work as a construction carpenter joining the Carpenter’s Union Local 639 in Akron, Ohio, in 1956. He has worked at this trade ever since. He was divorced from Bonnie, and later married Mildred Pauline Clute born November 22, 1916, in March of 1953. Mildie died March 22, 1985. Joe still resides in Akron, Ohio.

Dorothy married N. Dallas Young, December 27, 1946. Dallas was born March 10, 1928. Dallas is a crane operator working out of the Operating Engineers Union in Charleston, W. Va. They have one son, Brian born August 14, 1963. Dorothy and Dallas live in Hurricane, W. Va.

HARRY LEE SIDERS

Direct descendant of Andrew Eckard (new spelling), first name on plaque at Tu-endie-wei park. Point Pleasant, W. Va. Andrew was born 1757 near Philadelphia, Pa. He was a guard in Revolutionary War at York Town, Va. After the war he moved to Point Pleasant and applied for $20.00 yearly pension in 1834. He is buried near Flat Rock, Mason County, Andrew's grandson, Calvin Jasper Eckard volunteered for Civil War duty May 14, 1861. He was wounded in battle at Berryville, Va. near Harpers Ferry. He was mayor of Leon, W Va. 1901 - 1902. Calvin had one son, Edward Lee Eckard 1875 - 1936. Edward married Ida Mae Johnson. They were parents of six children: Carrie, Nettie, Blanche, Everett, Stella and Alice. Alice married Charles Clifton Siders, grandson of George Washington Siders and wife Amanda Roush (Rausch). (Ref. Volumes # 1-2-3-4- Roush Allied Families of America). George and Amanda had 12 children, one of which was William Levi, father of Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Siders


ROBERT H. SIDERS FAMILY

Robert Henry Siders born March 1, 1895 in Mason County, West Virginia. Son of Eli Harrison and Atha Langdon Siders. On September 15, 1915 he married Jennie Bell Willet, daughter of William and Mary Blake Willet. They took up housekeeping at Arlie, WV.

Robert worked on a farm, then he worked in a mill in Columbus, OH. They moved to Henderson, WV, about 1928. Robert and Jennie both carried mail. Robert worked at Gallipolis Locks when they were being built. April 1943 he worked as patrolman at Marietta Manufacturing Co. He operated a gas station in Pt. Pleasant, about 1945 he had a store/gas station in Henderson. He was Mayor of Henderson about 1954/1955, he was responsible for getting city water in Henderson. The late sixty's he was a salesman for Stark Brother's Nursery. Robert died December 10, 1975 and Jennie April 1, 1958. Their children were:

William Siders married Millie Mae Hayes. He was a farmer. He bought some land on Mud Run from Levi Hayes in 1865. On April 2, 1898 he sold some of it to two of his daughters, Mary Stanley and Lusetta Bailes.

Millie died around 1928. Their children were:

- George Washington b. 1843 d. 1928 m. Elizabeth Hayes; They had 12 children
- Ruben b. 1845
- Eli Harrison b. 1853 d. 1929 m. Athea Langdon; They had 14 children
- Levi twin to Eli
- Aaron b. 1855 d. 1939 m. Eliza Jane Webb; They had 14 children
- Mary Margaret m. Jim Stanley; They had 1 child
- Luccetta b. 1861 d. 1956 m. Josiah Bailes; They had 1 child
- Abraham b. 1866
- Eli Harrison (his son) was a farmer. He also had a building across from Wood School, on Crab Creek Rd., where he made cane chairs and baskets.

Atha Langdon Siders born 1856, daughter of a preacher, died 1915. Both died at home place on Crab Creek Rd., and are buried at Zion Cemetery along with some of their children.

Their children were:
- Calvyn b. 1857 d. 1941
- Rhodella b. 1878 d. 1960 m. Daniel Lynas; They had 3 children
- Louise b. 1882 d. 1971 m. John Calhoun; They had 5 children
- Eli b. 1883 d. 1964 m. Ethan Ebert; They had 7 children
- Robert b. 1895 d. 1975 m. Jennie Bell Willet; They had 11 children
- Ella b. 1897 d. 1911 m. Fred Biars
- Frona b. 1898 d. 1971 m. Harry Nibert; They had 9 children
- Annie m. Joseph Lynas
- Jessie m. Reasner Myers
- Edward d. teen
- Millie d. child
- Jimmy d. child
- twins d. infancy Submitted by — Mary Poling

CHARLES H. SIGMON

CHARLES HENRY SIGMON, b. 11 October 1861 in Franklin County, Virginia, a s/o Lewis Foster and Martha Elizabeth (Jones) Sigmon; m. on 3 March 1897 to Rachel Jane Reed, a d/o Amanuel and Robina (Beavers) Reed of McDowell County, West Virginia; d. 1 June 1934 at Leon, Mason County, West Virginia.

He came to West Virginia some time in the 1890's, and worked in various locations until he...
was hired by the Solvay Collieries Coal Company. They sent him to Kingston, Fayette County, West Virginia, where he worked at the mine and lived in St. Marys, West Virginia, located on Route #2. From 1928 until his death in 1934, he farmed this land where he was happy and pleased with his home. During the ten-year period after he bought this farm, and before he moved his family there, he had the farm worked and maintained by Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Smith who lived on the farm for this purpose. After he and the family took up residence there, Mrs. Smith was a good friend and neighbor. Mr. Smith had died some time before this. (Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of Mrs. George Daugherty of Point Pleasant, WV.) Mr. Sigmon was always interested in the good of the county and the state, and he was respected and liked by his neighbors and friends whom he made after he located in Mason County.

Children:
1. Walton Marion Sigmon, b. 14 May 1905 in McDowell County, WV; d. 17 August 1926 at Westerly, Fayette County, WV.
2. Elsa Martha Sigmon, b. 14 July 1908 at Majestic, Pike County, Kentucky; m. 1) Stephen K. Vaught of Point Pleasant, WV, on 1 November 1929; m. 2) Howard E. Stout on 3 March 1931 in Point Pleasant, WV. Howard and Elsa now reside in Athens, Ohio.

Elsa lived in Point Pleasant, WV, for many years. Her first husband's family were well-known residents of Mason County. She and Ethel had two children: Nancy, who married Earl Hagan of Point Pleasant, WV, and Martha is still a resident of Mason County; Nancy lives in Arlington, Virginia.

3. Melba Juanita F. Sigmon, b. 19 July 1916 at Kingston, Fayette Co., WV; m. 11 October 1943 to E. Houston Halstead in Charleston, Kanawha County, WV. They have one son, John Houston Halstead. Juanita and Houston now reside in Putnam County, WV.

Juanita graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1935 as Valedictorian of her class, and she worked in that county before leaving there for other sections of the state.

For more information on the family, see "The Sigmans of Virginia" by Juanita Sigmon Halstead. Submitted by — Juanita S. Halstead

THE HOLLY AND ETHEL SIMMONS FAMILY

Millard Holly Simmons (01-13-1880), and Ethel Simmons (11-01-1881), Nellie Thompson (11-13-13), Sarah (08-03-15), all born in St. Marys, WV, and Daniel Sigmon (06-14-20), born in Point Pleasant. They are all graduates of Point Pleasant High School.

Holly and Ethel had four children: George Millard (11-01-11), Nellie Thompson (11-13-13), Sarah (08-03-15), all born in St. Marys, WV, and Daniel Sigmon (06-14-20), born in Point Pleasant. They are all graduates of Point Pleasant High School.

Holly is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. with a B.S. Degree, and of New York University with a master's in industrial engineering. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army's Signal Corps and Command and General Staff Schools. He served in World War II in Alaska as a Signal Corps officer. After Alaska, he went to Fort Monmouth, N.J. as personnel director, later was chief of staff. Next he served at New York U. as associate professor of military science, and as executive officer at the Baltimore Signal Depot. He was Signal Officer for the Korean Military Advisory Group in Taegu, Korea. He was project officer for the Republic of Korea "Backpack" microwave system, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for integrating the communication systems in Korea. He retired from the army in 1958. Since then, George has been employed by the Defense Industrial Systems in having special projects, such as, in 1970 he returned to Fort Monmouth as an electronics-electronics maintenance engineering project leader for the Cheyenne and Apache Helicopter projects. He and his former wife, Elizabeth Hill of New York, have three children. In 1959 George married Suzy Hong, native of Korea, and adopted her daughter, Connie, who married Jason Jang and has two children. George, a retired lieutenant-colonel, lives in Dresher, Pennsylvania.

Nellie has A.B. and M.A. Degrees from Marshall University and taught at Point Pleasant High School 1935-39. During this time she was president of the Junior Women's Club and chairman of its committee which established the first Mason County Library. After much community support, such as Mayor Krockel's allowing free use of his building on Main Street, Mr. Waldie's gifts of lumber and labor for shelving, and money and books for many citizens, it was accomplished. In 1939, Nellie married Harpur Grimm, native of Tyler County. Harper attended Marshall; has A.B., L.L.B. and J.D. Degrees from W.V.U. He served in the navy in WW II, and is a retired lieutenant-commander. He practiced law in Texas and in Charleston, WV. Nellie taught for 21 years in Kanawha County. She and Harper retired in 1979 and live in Charleston. Their three children are graduates of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston.

(1) Harper, Jr. (04-03-44) has a degree in economics from W.V.U.; served in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal; is now employed by the W.Va. Board of Regents as supervisor of the W. Va. Network for Educational Telecomputing in Morgantown, WV. His wife, Jeanne Arbogast, native of Wetzel County, graduate of Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, is a member and vice-president of the Montgomery County Board of Education and is employed as research editor at the W.V.U. School of Medicine. They have two children. (2) Elizabeth Ann (11-24-49), graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., has a Ph.D. from U.C.L.A. School of Medicine, is married to Jack Alan Roth, M.D. graduate of Cornell U. and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Jack is professor and head of thoracic surgery at M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Clinic, U. of Texas Medical System, Houston, Texas, where Elizabeth is associate professor of tumor biology and tumor surgery. They have two daughters. (3) Susannah (11-14-51) has bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from W.V.U., where she was editor-in-chief of the Appalachian, their newspaper. Her husband is Stewart D. Harrison, native of Marion County, graduate of W.V.U. and an officer in the First National Bank of Fairmont. Susannah is regional coordinator of marketing and training for the Summit Center for Human Development, Clarksburg, WV. They have a son, and live at Monumental, Marion County.

Sarah attended Marshall University and the Charleston School of Commerce. She married Elmo B. Patheick of Huntington, May 4, 1939. He is a Huntington High graduate and attended Marshall University. He and his twin, Otto, were well known athletes in the tri-state region. Elmo worked 37 years at International Nickel Co., and Sarah held several secretarial positions, retiring from Highlawn Elementary School in 1976. Elmo re-
tired the same year. They are members of High-

lawn Baptist Church, where Elmo teaches Sun-

day School and is a deacon. Sarah has served as

chairman of children's work, deaconess, and Sun-

day School teacher. She is an inactive D.A.R. They have three daughters: Annabel, Marion Maureen, and Roberta Hope. (1) The oldest, Annabel, a graduate of Marshall U., is an accomplished musician. She married Carl L. Dayhoff of St. Marys, WV, also a Marshall graduate and who has a master's degree from Midwestern U., Wichita Falls, Texas. They have three children and two grandchildren. They reside in Cape Coral, Florida, where both teach music in the Lee County Schools. (2) Marion Maureen is a graduate of Marshall with a degree in elementary education. She married Richard A. Lucas of Huntington in 1961; divorced in 1982. They have three children and two grand-

children. Maureen teaches in the Cabell County school system. She is now married to Dwight L. Woosley, graduate of Austin Peay U., Clarksville, Tennessee, a "Kentucky Colonel" and a member of the Masonic Lodge. She live in Huntington. (3) Roberta Hope attended Mar-

shall U. She married Craig N. Capen, who was born in China, the son of Baptist missionaries. Craig has a master's degree in political science from Marshall U. They have four children and live in Gaithersburg, Md. Craig works for the Defense Intelligence Agency; Roberta is in res-


taurant management. 

Daniel was the only child of Holly and Ethel born in Mason County. He has a B.S. Degree in chemistry from Marshall U. He taught and coached at Wahama High School, Mason, WV., and held several positions as chemist in the Ohio Valley Coke and Oil Industries and the Celanese Corp., where he was head of the control group. He moved to Mount Pleasant, Tenn. where he retired as technical manager of Stauffer Chemical Co. While in Point Pleasant his activities included: Boy Scouts, P.T.A., Main Street Baptist Church, and the Masonic Lodge, of which he was Worshipful Master. In 1948 he married Dorothy Lorraine Powers, daughter of Arnett and Mabel Newman Powers. Dorothy was reared by her aunt and uncle, the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Billups, because of her mother's early death. (Rev. Billups was pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church, 1932-47). Dorothy is a descendant of Walter Newman, builder of what is now the "Mansion House", and of George Eastham, who fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant. She was a member of the Junior Woman's Club, Eastern Star, Main Street Baptist Church, and at one time worked at the post office. She is known as an accomplished artist, having had her paintings exhibited and sold. Daniel and Dorothy's four children, all born while living in Point Pleasant, are: (1) David Fil-

more (01-19-49), attended the U. of Tennessee; served in the U.S. Air Force, 1969-72; married Mary Carole Lankford in 1973. Carole is a gradu-

ate of Middle Tennessee State U., and has a master's in special education from Peabody-

Vanderbilt U. They have a son, and reside in Salisbury, N.C., where David owns a trucking and insurance business. (2) Lynn (08-11-53), a graduate of U. of Tennessee, married Brenda Kay Hakins in 1976. Brenda has A.B. and M.A. Degrees from U. of Tennessee in special education, and teaches at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. (3) Nancy (10-05-55), graduate of Mount Pleasant High School is married to Tom Raiford, who is self-em-

ployed; has one daughter. Former marriage. Nancy is employed by General Electric Credit Corp., Houston, Texas, and lives in Sugar Land, Texas. (4) John, Nancy's twin, also a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, lives in Hous-

ton, where he owns a carpet dyeing businesses: Dye-Namics and Color Tech. John is married to Debra Meon, an interior decorator and a Uni-


Grimm, Sarah Simmons Patrick, George Millard Simmons, Daniel Filmore Simmonns

JACOB AND POLLY SINSES FAMILY

In 1680, Roderick Seignes, a German youth of 14, came to Pennsylvania. He married a girl who came over on the ship with him. A son, Ben-

jamin (1710 - 1800), a wheelwright, and his son, John, served in the Revolutionary War. John married Mary Wetzel, sister of Lewis Wetzel, renowned Indian fighter. Their son, Major Henry 

Sines, fought in the War of 1812, later settled in Maryland. Sines was a post office in Maryland for 35 years. Henry's son, Jacob, moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, where he married a cousin, Polly, on November 29, 1828. They probably came to Mason County in the 1840's. Polly's parents were Henry and Elizabeth Wolfe Sines, married July 4, 1804, in Monog-

galia County, Virginia. Henry's parents, John and Elizabeth, lived in Shenandoh Valley of Virginia. Polly's brother, Lewis, was a witch doctor. One time he removed a spell and told the person not to lend anything or the spell would return. A woman borrowed a thimble; the thimble came back. Polly had similar powers; she could prevent men from killing game by tying a knot in her apron.

Jacob's will left money to children — Isaac, Abigail, Jacob, William, John, Henry J.J.; property to Peter and John; nothing to William. William and a younger brother went to Civil War; the brother was killed.

William (May 7, 1838 - August 11, 1912) married Mary Catherine Mitchell (February 1, 1840 - September 5, 1922), Children: 

Almedia (1858 - 1925) married Artison 

Yauger. Children: Effie, Sophia. James (1860 - 1944) married Annie Stov-


William (1861 - 1862). 

Catherine (1865 - 1952) married Benja-

min Mallory. Children: Benjamin, Mil-

ton, Melba, Will, Hubert, Charles, Don-

von, Emily. 

John (September 29, 1866, - April 1, 

1960) married Sophia Yauger (October 

18, 1866 - November 6, 1945) on January 

6, 1884. Children: 

Eva (1868 - 1965) married Daniel War-

tenburg. Children: Clara, Maude, How-

ard, Marvin, Fritz. 

Elizabeth (1871 - 1940) married Thomas 

Lambert. Children: Letha, Lora, Ver-

na, Beulah, Lona, Luther, Clyde. 

Thomas (1873 - 1961) married Estella 

Yauger. Children: Grace, Gertrude, Cla-

ra, Katherine. 

Victor (1877 - 1925) married Henry 

Blume. Children: Bertha, Irma, Edna, 

Walter, Henry. 

Henry (1879 - 1941) married Adelphia 

Parsons. 2nd Dosh Stover. Children: Iva, 

Walter, Harvey, Gladys. Children: 

Lacy, Rosa, Lucy, Perry, Dencil, Arthur.

Artison Yauger and Sophia were brother and sister; Estella was a niece. Annie, Dosh, and 

Minnie Stover were sisters. Henry divorced Dosh, married Minnie, moved to Iowa.

John and Sophia bought her father's property; they were to give him clothes, food, decent burial.

Children: 


Clarence (January 8, 1900 - living) mar-

ried Thelma Graham. Child: Donald. 2nd 

marriage Icel See Moore. 


John was a cattle and sheep trader. He shipped cattle by railroad from Millwood to Pittsburgh. He had one of the first cars in Mason County, carbide lights in the house, and a gaso-

line washing machine — advanced technology for that day. Submitted by — Elma Chapman

THE LEWIS SINSES FAMILY

In 1836 Lewis Sines born Jan. 21, 1816 came to Mason County, with his mother, Elizabeth Wolfe Sines, from Muskingum County, Ohio. 

His father, Henry Sines, went to Indiana. 

Lewis was a farmer. He married Margaret 

Parr, June 20, 1837. They had eight children. 

Sarah Jane, died in infancy. 

Joseph, married Sarah M. Barr. 

Elizabeth, married John T. Pumnick 

Nancy, died in infancy. 

Jacob, married Anna Shamblin. 

John H., married Loretta Peterson. 

Henry, born June 5, 1851 married first 

Margaret Shamblin 

James, married Francis Hubbard. 

Lewis Sines second marriage was to Rebecca 

Mitchell daughter of James and Catherine Yau-

gel Mitchell. they had four children. 

Lydia Margaret, married Elisha E. Rol-

lins. 

Mary Catherine, married Elisha J. Rol-

lins. 

William Lewis, married Sarah Belle 

Smith moved to Wood Co., WV 

Rose Belle, married George Nuckles. 

In 1855 Lewis Sines like many people in the 

eastern part of the nation decided to try the 

"new" country west of the Mississippi River. He took his family and headed west, but tragedy 

struck. Young Margaret Sines died along the journey. Lewis continued on to his destina-

tion. He bought land, and started farming, but could not manage to farm and raise his young 

family. He returned to family and friends in Ma-

son County in 1857. 

Henry Sines second married Edie Hershman. 

There were no children of the first two mar-

riages for Henry Sines. 

Henry Sines third married Nancy Cooper 

doughter of John D. and Susan Bland Cooper, 

March 22, 1882 in Leon, Mason County. They 

had four children.
AMY (HENSON, MEADORS) SMITH

Amy Henson was born to John and Phoebe Henson on June 20, 1804, in Buckingham Co., Virginia. We believe that she had two full brothers, William and John Henson, Jr. Nothing is known about their mother Phoebe, but apparently she died in Buckingham County. John Henson Sr. then married a lady named Elizabeth, who bore him at least one son, and several daughters. 

We are told that our Henson forebears came to America from Yorkshire, England in the 1700s. They landed at the mouth of the James River, and proceeded to the area of Thomas Jefferson’s home called Monticello, near Charlottesville, Virginia. There they settled, even though the land wasn’t what they wanted. Later they were found in Buckingham County. Our John Henson, Sr., was born there in 1790, as was his daughter

Amy his daughter

William and Mary Smith may have been neighbors of the Hensons in Buckingham County. Their son Jesse Smith was about six years old when John Henson, Sr., (Amy’s father) was born. Jesse had already “gone west” to Cabell Co., Va. long before the Hensons and their party left Buckingham Co. in about 1833. We know this by the fact that he joined the Militia in the War of 1812 from Cabell County.

It is entirely possible that 26 year old Jehu Meador (called the IV) was in the same wagon train that took this family of Hensons and others further up the James River, across the mountains, along the Great Kanawha River, almost to the Ohio. Jehu was born in Cumberland County, which is the next one to Buckingham. They stopped at the little town of Buffalo, then Mason County, and took up land in and around Teays Valley.

Amy Henson was married to Jehu Meador IV in 1837. They had 7 grand-children. They had seven children between October 1838 and July 4, 1839. These were: Sarah Ann Matilda (They gave several of their children three names); John James who married Matilda L. Myers; Jehu M. (John?); Elizabeth Jane who married William Thomas DeWeese, Lucy Ann DeWeese who married William Rhinehart, (my great-grandparents); Eliza Allen, and Robert Brown Meadors.

Jehu Meador IV died October 25, 1850 in Putnam County. The children were scattered in homes in Mason, Cabell and Putnam Counties, because Amy could not support them. On February 20, 1855 Amy married Jesse Smith, then 61 years old. He, too, had been widowed, and they were neighbors. It was her pension papers from Jesse’s military service that gave us some of the information we have on Jehu Meador and Amy. She and Jesse had one child born about 1856. They named her Mary. In the 1880 census of Mason Co., Mary was 24 years old, married to a John Conrad, and Amy was living with them.

Amy died on Marcy 11, 1905, and is probably buried at Locust Knob. I was told by another de-scendant that the Meadows/Meadors graves there are unmarked. Locust Knob used to be a post office station, according to the pension papers noted above. Submitted by — Renee Melch

BURWELL SPURLOCK SMITH

Burwell Spurlock Smith was born March 30, 1872; the son of Burwell Spurlock I and Elizabeth Knapp, the daughter of William and Almira Buck Knapp. Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Margaret Jane Riffle on August 25, 1900. Mr. Smith was a very well educated man and was a teacher in Mason County for many years. He served as Justice of the Peace in Robinson District several years upon his retirement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now deceased. They had all of their lives in Mason County and to this union was born the following children: Cecie, born September 1, 1894 and died on April 21, 1928. Mabel Lenora, born July 24, 1896, died September 21, 1979. She was married to Griff Durbin, former Sheriff of Mason County and they had the following children: Margaret E. Bragg, Griff Jr., William S. (deceased), Robert S., Patricia Soladean, Helena Fulton, Thomas R. and James D.

Russell S. Smith, born 1898 (deceased), married and had one son, Russell Spurlock Jr., now deceased. Norva D. who now lives in Sacramento, California had no children. Denzi, born in 1900, married to Gladys Pullins, both now deceased. No children. Charles, born 1901, now deceased, married to Vida Rickard and they had one daughter, Betty Jean Ceman, now living in Florida. Landon W., born 1906, married to the former Marjorie Jivden and had two daughters, Barbara Ann and Loretta Jo. Landon is now married to the former Catherine King and resides in Mason, West Virginia.

Clay Burwell (in 1909) married to Louise Flowers, both now deceased, and they had three children, Clay Jr., Linda, and Steven, and they all reside in Columbus, Ohio. Darward W. born in 1915, married to the former Phyllis Vickers, they had three children: James M., Karen Sue and Nancy Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Submitted by — Margaret Bragg

CALVIN SMITH FAMILY

I, Calvin H. Smith, am a citizen of Mason County in the Hannan District of West Virginia. I was born March 14, 1924 and raised on a farm on Gysan Creek six miles from Glenwood, WV.

My father, Freeman Smith, was born on June 30, 1890 in Virginia on May 1, 1899. He spent his time with his father, James B. Smith, who was born December 25, 1854, working in timber farming in Virginia, Holley Smith, who was born in 1857, bought a 66 acre farm at Glenwood, WV which became the property of my dad. Hulda Smith died on December 13, 1893. James Smith died April 17, 1918.

In Glenwood my dad met and married Nola Myrtle Cremens who was born November 22, 1900. She was the daughter of James Henry Cremens, born in 1878-died Mary 3, 1949, and Mary Villars Cremens, born January 7, 1874—died February 23, 1951. On the farm Mom and Dad raised their family of four boys and two girls: James Clement born January 9, 1917, Denver Freeman born July 18, 1918, Tina Fay born July 18, 1920, Clina Evelyn born April 18, 1922, Calvin Hensley born March 14, 1924 and Melton Forest born June 12, 1926. I have talked with him many times and he told me he almost lost my mother when I was born. I was a 14 lb. baby, the largest he ever delivered.

I went to Guyan School, which was one mile from my home with my brothers and sisters. I went to the seventh grade. I remember seven teachers: Denford Simmons (deceased), Perron Cremens (deceased), Lillian Perry, Boyd Meadows, Alton Jordan, Freda Meadows, and

C. H. Milton and Evelyn Smith

C. H.'s First Car 1931 Ford

Iva Wise. All my teachers were very good. They would spare the rod or hickory withe and save the child.
My father and mother were both christians and went to Fairfield Church. The whole family went and walked 1 1/2 miles. There was Sunday school every Sunday and preaching on Saturday night. I had to wear knee pants. My father taught Sunday school as long as I can remember and my mother taught the adult women's class. We all were taught to obey our parents. As a small child, I remember our neighbors would come at all times of the night to get my father and mother to go to their house when someone was sick to pray for them. There was no electric, no cars, and no roads. They went by cow paths. As I grew up, I realized my parents were poor people. We always had plenty to eat such as sorghum, milk, butter, corn meal, potatoes, beans, and black-eyed peas. We worked together as a family, girls and boys alike, chopping weeds with a hoe and hoeing corn from morning till evening. Mom prepared our meals, but no one got a piece of bread until our father turned thanks.

My brothers and I would trap and night hunt. We sold opossums, skunks, foxes, coons, minks, muskrats, and rabbits for five cents to one dollar. I had a lot of experiences through my life. When I was nine, my brother Denver was on his way to church on December 20, 1934. He was shot and I went with my parents to get him with horses and a sled about two miles. Dr. Lilly tried to get him to a hospital, but he died on the way.

We knew what it was to be broke. There were times I did not have a dime. We worked hard and sent our children through high school. It just seemed I couldn't make ends meet.

It had been a long time since I had been out of the church. In 1962 dad and mom came to talk to us about going to church. I was asked to read St. Matthew Chapter 6. I fell in love with the verse 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." My family all went to church and became born again Christians.

From that time on I began to prosper. I had never owned a new car, but two years later I owned a new Ford Station Wagon. I bought another farm with eighty some acres. My wife, children and I took a vacation to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I bought another seven acre place.

My father died on Dec. 25, 1965 and my mother died on July 13, 1967. My brother Clement died in 1970 and my sister Evelyn died on May 24, 1984. I took over my dad's place teaching the adult Sunday school class. I have been teaching for 22 years. I have helped build two new churches.

My work experience includes a Marietta plant in Point Pleasant, helping build roads for TNT plant, A.C.F. Industries in Huntington, C & O Railroad in Huntington, Nickel Plant in Huntington, Raceland and C & O Railroad in Logan, WV, and then back at A.C.F. in Huntington where I worked for 22 years.

I had some lung trouble and the company gave me my retirement. I still work around home though. I have 16 honeybee hives and a woodwork shop. I like to hunt and fish. What used to be farming land and pasture has about all grown up. There is plenty of deer and wild turkeys. There was no game like that when I was young. While I was riding my trail bike about a year ago, I met a black bear in the road.

The C. H. Smith Homeplace

My oldest brother went into the service. I helped on the farm until I got married. Every Saturday I would get a horse and take one bushel of corn to mill which was about five miles. I knew what it was to milk cows. On my first job working for money, I helped bale hay with a horse baler. I got 50¢ a day working from sun up till sundown. I worked anywhere I could make any money.

I received my classification card class 1A December 1, 1942. My call for examination was at 9:30 a.m. January 15, 1943. I did not pass my examination.

My first car was a 31 Model A Ford rumble seat which I bought for $65. I was one proud owner. I had one accident with my Ford, while I was passing a church crowd, a girl ran in front of me. I ran my Ford in the ditch, hit the girl, and broke her glasses. It threw my buddy that was with me through a fence. I was scared half to death. The next day the JP sent me word that everything was all right and that it was not my fault. Thank God.

I took my first girl friend home from Sunday School in my Ford and stopped about 30 yards from her house. Here come her mother and she got all over me. I got out of there. As I was going down the road, I was wondering if something was wrong with my Ford or maybe it was me. I didn't go back anymore.

I met a few more girls. They all weren't like the first one. I met one at Henderson Cremeans' store, where he had a movie every Sunday night. I took her a few rides in my model A. We got along very good. Her name was Alta Lucille Rife of Cabell County. We went together a good while. We made up our minds to live together for the rest of our lives. I did not have much money. I had a 37 Chevy. I bought her a new dress and I borrowed a suit. On Dec. 1, 1945, we started early in the morning with her mother, Eva M. Rife, Dorothy Smith and Clement Smith. We went to Point Pleasant and picked up Rev. W. D. Shifflet. We then went to Gallipolis, Ohio for blood tests. We went on to Pomeroy, Ohio and got married and we were back home in time for dinner. You can't beat that today even if we do have jet planes.

My wife was 15 and I was 21. We stayed at her parents that winter. We then bought 24 acres on Knife Branch Road, Glenwood and built a house. We still live there. We have raised four sons and one daughter: Roger Eugene born January 2, 1946, Darrell Wesley born June 26, 1947, Jerry Wayne born March 8, 1949, Karen Louise born November 22, 1950 and Howard Hensley born October 19, 1952. Dr. Lilly delivered three of our children. He was a great doctor in his day.

The C. H. Smith Family

We all have a place of their own. Our oldest son Roger was a sergeant in the Hawk Missile Division. I thank God he is back home now. Roger married Brenda Kay Hartwell on April 15, 1967. They have two sons: Roger Mark born July 15, 1968 and Matthew Scott born October 19, 1970. Darrell married Nancy Sharon Wallace on October 27, 1967. They have one son and one daughter: Wesley Allen born October 5, 1968 and Tracy Dawn born April 14, 1972. Jerry married Clara Louise Meadows on May 9, 1969. Karen married William Loyd Saunders on March 16, 1974. They have two sons: Jeffrey born June 8, 1980 and Denver Kyle born June 2, 1982. Howard married Linda Sue Sharp on April 12, 1974. They have one son, David Hensley born October 1, 1974. I have the best wife in the world. She always took good care of our children. Her hobby is quilting. She makes some of the most beautiful quilts I have ever seen. The one she is making now is for our pastor and his wife for Christmas. It has the names of all the members of the church on it.

My wife and I took a trip across the United States. We went through the northern part, down through California, and back home. We traveled 6,000 miles. We have our life in pictures in 23 albums. We have the best neighbors in the world.

I am looking for the coming of the Lord. I hope you are doing the same. God will bless all who will let him. I thank God for all. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith, Roger E. Smith

CHARLES M. SMITH

Charles M. Smith born 1874 Lawrence Co. Ohio to Anna Mooney and James Washington Smith, died Upland 1957 and buried Mt. Olive Cemetery with his wife Alice M. Rayburn (1873-1972) daughter of Bennett and Lovina Smith, died Upland 1957 and buried Mt. Olive Cemetery with her husband Charles M. Smith (1873-1972). Bennett and Lovina Rayburn. There are variations in her birth and death depending on the source. They have children living in Columbus, Ohio.

Also at Upland are buried their children Louis (1900-1921); Clayton (1904-1930); Olie (1908-1913) and baby Garner (Feb. 1898-Apr. 1898). Calvin H. Smith, Roger E. Smith
Smith born 1879 and died young.

Charles M. Smith had a brother James W. Smith born 1856 in Lawrence Co., died 1964 Huntington married Eva Doss now deceased, and Smith born 1875 Lawrence Co., died 1964 Huntington married Eva Doss now deceased, and Smith born 1879 and died young.


Clayton Gillespie, daughter of James W. Smith and his wife Maria Knapp Hill, WILLIAM RILEY

One of nine:

William had a variety store on a traveling boat. Little is known of him. During the civil war, William, of Southern sympathies, wrote that his brother-in-law Dr. Owen G. Chase, a civil war doctor, had several of his Northern soldiers near by. It was a hard time for him in Illinois.

He wrote that after the war he moved to California, but William was never heard of again.

David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, first of nine:

I. WILLIAM ANDERSON SMITH (b. 10-16-1861, d. 1864) married MATTIE CROOKHAM. They had two children.

II. SALLY SARAH LUCINDA SMITH (b. 1-22-1821, d. 1876) married 5-23-1839 (son of George Lenox and Sarah Ann Lake Crookham). 

MAXWELL JAMES DAVID CROOKHAM (b. 1-3-1841, d. 5-24-1878). Residents of Leon. Their ten:

A. LUCINDA GEORGE CROOKHAM (b. 6-03-1840, d. 7-03-1873) married CAPT. FRANK AUSTIN BARROWS.

Frank Barrows was previously married to Verneita's aunt Eliza Jane Crookham until her death. Capt. Franklin Barrows owned the Claribel (the Neva) a boat which burned 1908 at Buffalo. It ran daily from Gallipolis, Ohio to Buffalo, W. Va. Verneita had three by Hill and eight stepchildren.

B. John Riley Hill,

B. Millard Hill and

B. Sarah Elizabeth Hill.

D. Emily Barrows,

E. Samantha Barrows,

B. William Barrows,

B. Isaac Barrows,

B. Luther Frank Barrows,

D. Arminta Barrows,

B. Clara Barrows and

B. Herman Barrows.

DAVID & SALLY CROOKHAM,

3RD OF 10

(C). "JAMES" EUCLID "Boss" CROOKHAM (b. 10-08-1843, d. 5-21-1921) married (daughter of Joseph Cline and Flena Rand Kirker), LAURA MAE KIRKER; (b. 11-23-1869, d. 4-04-1948). Their six:

1. Lucie Gertrude Crookham (1887-1940) married Edward Smith.

2. Ethel Wolfe, step-child.

C. Evelyn Wolfe, step-child.

D. Lucy Wolfe, step-child.

E. Charles Euclid Wolfe married Helen Tencher.

f. Charles Wolfe was previously married to Ethel Jividen


c. Lucy Wolfe, step-child.

d. Charles Euclid Wolfe married Helen Tencher.

e. Anna Pauline Wolfe first married Othel Cunningham second married Donald Murphy Jr. Othel’s two and two children.

f. Pauline Wolfe.

Euclid and Laura Crookham, second of six:

C2. ANNA BLANCHE CROOKHAM (1889 or 91 - 1972), single.

Euclid and Laura Crookham, third of six:

C3. JAMES EUCLID CROOKHAM; (b. 2-06-1891, d. 3-16-1940), single.

Euclid and Laura Crookham, fourth of six:

C4. Homer Ray Crookham; (b. 7-28-1893, d. 5-08-1970) married (daughter of William Shermam and Almenia McCoy Beaver), Lena “May” Doris Beaver; (b. 12-26-1897, d. 6-16-1976). Their eight:

a. Harold Ray Crookham; b. 9-21-1914 married the daughter of Thomas Latta, and their four: 1. William Joseph Crookham; 2-19-1947 married Beverly. Their two:

b. Tammy Crookham and David Crookham.

c. Lena Jean Crookham; b. 10-25-1949


2. Philip Harold Crookham; b. 1-20-1889 married Jeanita. Their two:

a. Joseph Harold Crookham and Toby Crookham.


HOMER & LENA CROOKHAM, 2ND OF 8


HOMER & LENA CROOKHAM, 3RD OF 8

b. Phip Frederick Crookham; b. 8-05-1920 married (daughter of Henry and Lena Keefer Shinn), Bernice Catherine Shinn; b. 1922. Their four:

1. William Harold Crookham b. 6-26-1939 married Phylis. Their three:

April Sus Crookham; b. 4-18-1963, Karen Crookham; b. 9-24-1964 and Amy Crookham.

2. James Leroy Crookham; b. 7-02-1941 married Sylvia. Their two:

Kimberly Crookham; b. 3-18-1961 and Kathy Crookham; b. 4-28-1966.

3. Margaret Crookham; b. 9-18-1943 married Dean Wenger. Their two:

Nancy Wenger; b. 10-12-1966 and Robby Wenger.

4. Barbara Crookham; b. 12-03-1945 married and divorced Jerry Brown Sr. Their two:


HOMER & LENA CROOKHAM, 4TH OF 8

b. Anna Mae Crookham; b. 3-12-1933 married (son of Ward and Mary Odessa McCollum Hill), Robert Gay Hill. Their six:

1. Naomi Louise Hill; b. 10-30-1938 married Gregory Rodriguez. Their one:

Adam Gustavo Rodriguez; b. 6-17-1967.

2. Carolyn Elain Hill; b. 8-29-1941 married Serafin Flores Guevara Jr. Their four:

a. A. John Phillip Guevara; b. 4-22-1962 married Judy Lynn Summers. Their three:


b. Anna Louise Guevara; b. 1-09-1964 married Terry Wayne Queen.

C. Victor Gabriel Guevara; b. 1-22-1967 and

D. Elena Lynn Guevara; b. 1-22-1967

3. Patricia Ann Hill; b. 10-28-1945 married Paul Thomas Elswick. Their two:

a. Timothy Paul Elswick; b. 11-07-1944

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and Leah Dawn Elswick; b. 3-17-1967.
4. Linda Gay Hill; b. 7-21-1947 married Hugh NMN Ruxedo I. Their seven: 
Mellisa Mae Ruxedo; b. 4-16-1969, 
Gretchen Trenholm Ruxedo; b. 8-27- 
Mary Odessa Ruxedo; b. 9-12-1975, 
Hugh Ruxedo II; b. 9-5-1977, 
Grace Elaine Ruxedo; b. 10-01-1980, 
Amanda Rae Ruxedo; b. 1-08-1984 and 
William Victor Ruxedo; b. 8-07-1985.
5. Robert Danny Hill; b. 1-24-1949 married Rebecca Lynn Phillips. Their three: 
Andrea Lynn Hill; b. 4-04-1971, Robert 
Ward Hill; b. 9-07-1972 and Adrienne 
Leigh Hill; b. 4-18-1978.

HOMER & LEA CROOKHAM, 
5TH OF 8

a. William Carlos Crookham; (b. 9-13- 
24, d. 3-36-1951 married (daughter of 
Kenneth and Eunice Selby Zuspan), 
Mary Elizabeth Zuspan; b. 5-19-1927. Their two: 
Carl William Hayman II; b. 11-08-1963, 
Carl William Hayman I; (b. 6-02-1942, 
moved away from the Leon area.

HOMER & LEA CROOKHAM, 
6TH OF 8

f. Betty Jo Crookham; (b. 12-02-1927, d. 
12-1927)

HOMER & LEA CROOKHAM, 
7TH OF 8

g. Crystal NMN Crookham; b. 10-09- 
28 married 12-15-1950 (son of Albert 
Clifford and Alta Leota Legue Cash), 
James Leonard Cash; (b. 3-22-1930, d. 
1-03-1972). Their three: 
1. James Ray Cash; b. 7-03-1931 married 
divorced the daughter of Henry and 
Ernestine Waugh Bright, Wanda 
Jean Bright; b. 1-11-1947. Their one: 
Stephanie Dawn Cash; b. 8-30-1977.
2. William Carlos Cash; b. 9-21-1954 married 
the daughter of Shuford Car­ 
les and Irene Blackwell Mills, Connie 
Sue Lester; b. 1-14-1933. Their two: 
Cheryl Lynn Shepherd; b. 12-04-1976 and 
Amanda Crookham Cash; b. 8-04- 
1981.
the son of Lawrence and Wilda Lee 
Postlethwait Hubbard, Larry Gale 
Hubbard; b. 12-18-1952.

HOMER & LEA CROOKHAM, 
8TH OF 8

b. Sally June Crookham; b. 11-19-1930 
moved by his wife very long.
married (daughter of 
Kenneth and Elouise Selby Zuspan), 
Mary Elizabeth Zuspan; b. 5-19-1927. Their two: 
Carl William Hayman II; b. 11-08-1963, 
Carl William Hayman I; (b. 6-02-1942, 
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Cheryl Lynn Shepherd; b. 12-04-1976 and 
Amanda Crookham Cash; b. 8-04- 
1981.
the son of Lawrence and Wilda Lee 
Postlethwait Hubbard, Larry Gale 
Hubbard; b. 12-18-1952.

C5. Thomas Hobart Crookham; (b. 3-16- 
1896, d. 3-03-1969) first married Gay G. 
Smith and second married Elizabeth. 
Thomas' two: 
William was in World War I and did not 
live with his wife very long.
a. Virginia Lee Crookham; b. 5-19-1927 (daughter 
of William Marlow and Edith Edna Law­ 
son Russell), Esther Virginia Russell; b. 
5-30-2017 and d. 5-30-2017. Their three: 

Homer C. Crookham, sixth of six: 

e. William Carlos Crookham; (b. 9-13- 
24, d. 3-36-1951 married (daughter of 
Kenneth and Eunice Selby Zuspan), 
Mary Elizabeth Zuspan; b. 5-19-1927. Their two: 
Carl William Hayman II; b. 11-08-1963, 
Carl William Hayman I; (b. 6-02-1942, 
moved away from the Leon area.

HOMER & LEA CROOKHAM, 
6TH OF 8

f. Betty Jo Crookham; (b. 12-02-1927, d. 
12-1927)
Lillian Crookham; b. 1900, Herschell Crookham; b. 1897.


David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, third of nine:

III. ALBON "RED HAIR" SMITH (b. 10-16-1852, d. 2-26-1848). Played ball, got hot shot by window, caught cold and died.

David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, fourth of nine:

IV. BETSY ELIZABETH SMITH (b. 3-29-1824, died 1876) married Dr. OWEN G. CHASE, A Civil War doctor who died about 1908. An Indian woman (out west) named Chase did not lose the fight. Dr. Chase owned a steamboat. He told David Marion Smith I if he'd come west and run it, he'd give it to him.

V. LAWRAU (LAURA) A. SMITH (b. 6-09-1826, d. 9-06-1900) married John Griffitts (born 1871; d. 6-01-1896). Moved to Garfield, Texas. Their five:

D1. Leona Griffitts b. 188X married Guy Laminke.
D2. Laura Griffitts b. 1891
D3. Pearl Griffitts b. 1897
D4. Trula Griffitts b. 1902

(E). WARNER S. GRIFFITTSS (b. 2-01-1866) first married EMMA SCOTT (1870a-1892) and second married FANNIE BROWNSON. Emma's two and Fannie's six:

Otis Wayman Griffitts b.1893
Era Griffitts b. 1896,
Charley Griffitts b. 1897,
Warren Griffitts b. 1899,
John Griffitts b. 1900.
Howard Griffitts b. 1891 and Ella Idella Griffitts (1910-1912).

David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, sixth of nine:

VI. BAILISS G. F. SMITH (b. 2-09-1830, d. 9-05-1887) married NANCE PICKENS. Bailiss was killed in a boiler explosion at Hartford Hancock Rock! Pickens ran a Hotel in Middleport, Ohio. They had a son and a daughter, but we do not know their names, However their names could be:

(A). Bertha Smith, who married a Robinson.
(B). George Smith.

David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, seventh of nine:

VII. DAVID MARION SMITH II (b. 9-02-1830, d. 7-11-1892) married CATHARINE ANN FULTZ (b. 1834a. Children: David Marion and Catharine Ann Fultz Smith, first child:

(A). LAURA SMITH (1861-1931) married JOHN SCHRAY. Their four:
A2. David Cundiff
A3. Female Cundiff and

David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, eighth of nine:

D. V. DAVID MARION SMITH II, 1st child:

E. DAVID MARION SMITH II, 2nd Child:

(F). CORA ANN SMITH (b. 11-24-1863, d. 8-14-1912) married (son of Daniel Harrison and Esther Chaffens Varian), CHARLES GRANTSON VARIAN (b. 10-04-1863, d. 3-15-1908). Eight children:

Charles and Cora Varian, first of 8 children:
B1. William Varian (b. 3-05-1887), single

Charles and Cora Varian, second of 8 children:
B2. Bertha Varian (b. 4-08-1888, d. 9-28-1918), Bertha's two:

Harry Cartwright and Mary Varian

Charles and Cora Varian, third of 8 children:
B3. Franklin Harvey Varian (b. 10-08-1888 married Gertrude Lee. Their eight:

Female, Lydia, Male, Franklin Albert, Lucille, Audrey, Catherine and Clarence Varian.

Charles and Cora Varian, fourth of 8 children:
B4. Daniel Harrison "Harvey" Varian (b. 10-11-1891 married (daughter of Louis Butcher), Clara NMN Butcher (b. 8-08-1897). Their six:

Daniel and Clara Varian, first of six:
C1. Kathryn Varian.

Daniel and Clara Varian, second of six:
C2. Clifford William Varian (b. 1892)

Daniel and Clara Varian, third of six:
C3. Irene Elizabeth Varian; b. 6-26-1922 married Arthur Franklin Roush. They had children.

Daniel and Clara Varian, fourth of six:
C4. Herman Luther Varian (b. about 1925)

Daniel and Clara Varian, fifth of six:
C5. Dallas Richard Varian; b. 5-20-1927 married Joan Louise Bennett (b. 7-03-1937). Their three:

Jennifer Sue Varian b. 8-04-1959 married Michael Martin.

David Richard Varian b. 12-20-1963 married Cheryl Lynn Pierce.

Cora Jane Varian b. 4-08-1965.

Daniel and Clara Varian, sixth of six:
C6. Pearl Ralph Varian; b. 10-16-1932.

Charles and Cora Varian, 5th of 8 children:
B5. Clara Mae Varian; b. 5-19-1894 married Oliver Perry Van Meter I b. 9-12-1891a. Their nine:

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, first of nine:

a. Oliver Perry Van Meter II, single.

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, second of nine:

b. Carl Edward Van Meter; d. 11-11-1942 married Alma Marie Blake. Their two:

1. William Edward Van Meter first married Myrna and second married Carolyn

2. Betty Jo Van Meter first married a Pope and second married Harold Albert Young.

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, third of nine:

c. Robert William Van Meter B. 1-03-1918 first married Ada Blake and second married Kathleen VanMeter. Robert's two by each:

Darlene Van Meter married John Johnson.

Roberta Van Meter married John Ross.

Kathy Van Meter married Curtis Dalton.

Robbie Van Meter married LaLonie Anderson.

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, fourth of nine:

d. Elmer Eugene Van Meter b. 9-15-1921 married 7-05-1941 (daughter of Harley and Dorothy Chapman Powell), Nancy Jane Powell b. 9-12-1921. Their three:

1. Elmer Eugene Van Meter Jr. b. 6-27-1942 married Barbara Sue Hobbs. Their three:

Timothy, Misty and Eric Van Meter.

2. Randy Lee Van Meter b. 4-14-1947 married Narsa Frost. Their two:

Matthew and Joshua Van Meter.

3. Jennifer Lynn Van Meter b. 10-16-1950 married James Edward Harris. Their four:

Lisa, Trena, James and Amy Jo Harris.

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, fifth of nine:

e. Opal Virginia Van Meter b. 3-06-1925 married (son of Richard and Carrie Frances Riffle Turnbull), John David Turnbull (b. 4-09-1918, d. 9-20-1985). Their two:

1. Keith Ann Turnbull b. 3-24-1942 married James Arthur Sisson. Their three:

A. Jamie Lynn Sisson; b. 11-10-1966a married Frederick Bletner. One child:

Jessica Bletner.

B. Julie Ann and

C. Kathryn Van Sisson.

2. Sharon Mae Turnbull b. 2-10-1944 first married Jack Welker and second married Charles Knight. Their two:

Jena Rena and

Jackie Ryan Welker.

Oliver and Clara Van Meter, sixth of nine:

f. Lester Woodrow Van Meter b. 1-15-1928 married (daughter of Fletcher and Olevia Norton Hoffman Young), Lara Leotenn Young b. 9-18-1930. Five children:

1. James Lester Van Meter b. 7-19-1948 married Diana Lee. Two children:

Lori Lynn Van Meter; b. 2-05-1972 and Jeremy Michael Van Meter; b. 10-31-1979.

2. Carolyn Sue Van Meter; b. 10-17-1949 married Gary Lester Groupe. Three children:


3. Char NMN Van Meter; b. 2-17-1951 married Gabriel Carrion. Five children:

Kita, Charlee,
Charles and Geraldine Varian, sixth of six:
6. David Ray Varian b. 11-01-1955 married Brenda Workman. Their one:
   Amy Van.
Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 2nd of 11:
   Their five:
   a. Ray West III and Christopher Brinker.
   b. Scotty, Rusty, Bussy and Clark Clark.
   c. Laura Mae Varian b. 11-26-1949.
   e. Jo Anne Varian b. 1-04-1932.
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 5th of 11:
   Their one:
   i. William Edward Varian b. 4-25-1941.
Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 4th of 11:
Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 3rd of 11:
10. Dallas and Cora Roush, third of three:
   c. Erma Aileen Roush b. 2-01-1933 married Lewis Ray Gillard b. 11-18-1931.
   Their three:
   2. David Marion Smith III b. 3-04-1966, d. 11-12-1923 married Cora Ann Varian Roush.
   4. Donald Eugene Roush b. 5-24-1963 married Miriam Beth Sisson.
   Dallas and Cora Roush, first of three:
   a. Milton Edward Roush b. 12-01-1927 married Gladys Marie Marr. Their two:
      Dallas and Terry Roush.
   Their four:
      b. 6-30-1949 and second married Sue Ann Smith. Delnet III's three:
      2. Delnet Roush IV b. 10-1970 and
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 7th of 11:
   Their one:
   a. Raymond NMN Judson; b. 4-05-1915.
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 6th of 11:
12. Mary Ann Roush b. 7-04-1930.
   Their two:
      b. 6-30-1949 and second married Sue Ann Smith. Delnet III's three:
      2. Delnet Roush IV b. 10-1970 and
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 8th of 11:
   Their five:
   a. Ray West III and Christopher Brinker.
   b. Scotty, Rusty, Bussy and Clark Clark.
   c. Laura Mae Varian b. 11-26-1949.
   e. Jo Anne Varian b. 1-04-1932.
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 9th of 11:
   Their three, one was adopted.
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 10th of 11:
15. B. Monica and Richard Lee.
   Their two:
   a. Erick and
   b. Richard Lee.
   Charles & Eva Virginia Varian, 11th of 11:
David Marion and Ida Mae Van Meter Smith
III, 2nd child:
C2. Harry "Red" Andrew Smith; b. Febru-
ary 1892 married (daughter of Thomas and
Hannah May Archer Holt), Grace Muril
Bolt; b. September 1889; two sons:
a. Vinton Smith; b. 2-23-1919 and
b. Lester Smith; b. 7-18-1920 married (daughter of Charles Ernest and Laura
Kearns Roach), Margaret Louise Roach;
2-03-1927.

David Marion and Ida Mae Van Meter Smith
III, 3rd child:
1895, d. 9-08-1964 married (daughter of
Robert and Emma Ohlinger Lyons), Sadie
Mildred Lyons (b. Oct. 1900a, d. 1-02-
1972). Their nine:
Walter and Sadie Smith, 1st child:
a. Maxine Elizabeth Smith (b. 4-23-1926,
d. 4-27-1926).
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 2nd child:
b. Robert Eugene Smith; b. 7-08-1932
married Edna Mae Hughes; b. 2-02-1939.
Their four:
1. Randy Eugene Smith married & di-
vorced Brenda Mae Johnson.
2. Marilyn Sue Smith married Roger
Lee Shamin.
3. Walter Samuel Smith married Car-
olyn Robie.
4. Timmy Joe Smith.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 3rd child:
b. Betty Jane Smith; b. 4-01-1934 married
(son of Heber Calvin and Verna Bell
Weaver James), Donald Richard James; b. 4-04-1921.
Their nine:
1. Shelia Ann James b. 6-17-1951 mar-
rried (son of Ray Leroy and Betty Jean
Wolfe Proffitt), Ray Roger Proffitt.
Their two:
A. Ray Roger Proffitt Jr. b. 5-05-1975
and
B. Donald Allen Proffitt b. 10-03-
1981.

2. Sharon Lyn James married Michael
Rhodes.
3. Donald Ray James (b. 8-23-1952, d.
2-13-1957).
4. Betty Jo James first married James
Ronald Lee, and second married Luther
Herndon. Betty's two:
Michael Allen Lee b. 9-15-1977 and
Christine Diane Lee b. 7-19-1978.
5. Cynthia Kay James married Harold
Litchfield.

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6. Marilyn Sue James married Shelton
Huffman. Their two:
Valerie Lyn Huffman b. 1983
Harold Wayne Huffman b. 1984
7. Laura Ann James b. 1-05-1965 married
Richard Anthony Ichowen. Their one:
Anthony Shane Ichowen b. 12-28-
1982.
8. John Richard James (b.7-14-1954, d.
4-08-1963).
9. Robert Lee James b. 7-01-1960 mar-
rried (daughter of John and Eyone Ed-
wards Francisco), Bonnie Ardena Fran-
cisco.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 4th child:
b. Phyllis June Smith; b. 1-19-1936 mar-
rried Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hendrix;
b. 11-12-1936. Their four:
1. Barbara Jean Hendrix married 1-19-
1985 the son of James and Virginia
Ruth Alley Riffle, James Donald Riffle.
Their one:
2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hendrix
Jr.
3. Robert Ray Hendrix and
4. Shelton Troy Hendrix.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 5th child:
b. Clifford Ray Smith; b. 5-31-1937 mar-
rried and divorced Patricia Herdman.
Their four:
Penny Sue Smith,
Lisa Ray Smith married Danny Riffle.
Lonnie Smith and Clifford Ray Smith.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 6th child:
f. David William Smith; b. 9-11-1939 mar-
rried Daughtery. Their two:
Deborah Smith married John Leach.
Mary Beth Smith married Michael Lav-
ender.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 7th child:
g. Donna Jean Smith; b. 5-16-1942 first
married (son of Stanley and Thelma
Harris Duncan), Cecil Ray Duncan and
Second married (son of Guy and Wanda
Guinther), Malcolm Elsworth Guinther I.
Their one:
Darlene Duncan married Michael Warn-
er.
Cecil Ray Duncan married Jeana Hill.
Quanita Lee Guinther married Thomas
Eugene Allen.
Malcolm Elsworth Guinther II.
Walter "Sider" and Sadie Smith, 8th child:
h. Harry Joe Smith b. October 1941 mar-
rried Angelia Zerkle. Their two:
1. Marquita Berge first married and di-
vorced —, and second married Larry
Carolyn.
2. Edmund Berge Jr. married
Walter David Marion and Ida Mae Van Meter Smith
III, 4th child:
C4. Lizzie Smith (b. 7-19-1897, d. 1-02-
1964) first un-known husband and second
married 1-11-1920 William "Bill" Hud-
nall; b. about 1898 and third married John
Dustin Dillon (1886-1955).
William Hudnall was a coal miner.
John Dustin Dillon was Mayor of Hartford,
W. Va.
Lizzie had four:
1. Norma "Praech" Smith; b. 9-08-1916
married 7-24-1935 (daughter of Charles
Ernest and Laura Virginia Kearns Roach),
Mary Virginia Roach; b. 12-18-
1916.
Norman "Praech" was signal inspector for
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. all of Norman's sons
are in the same dept., as signal maintainers.
Norman and Mary's six:
1. Herbert Marshall Smith (b. 7-23-
1936, d. 8-08-1986) married (daughter
of Delmas and Genevieve Powell
Kearns), Bernice Ann Kearns; b. 4-25-
1939. Their two:
A. Debra Darlene Smith; b. 8-22-1959
married Donald Lee Hyssel I; b. 11-25-
1952. Their one:
Donald Lee Hyssel II; b. 6-18-1986
B. Timothy Wayne Smith; b. 3-22-
1962 married Anna Marie Broz; b. 11-
15-1961
2. Norma Mae Smith; b. 6-16-1938 first
married William Thomas and second
married Albert Frank. William & Nor-
ma's two:
Cheryl Lee Thomas b. 8-04-1958.
William Thomas II married Mildred.
3. David Ernest Smith; b. 10-03-1940
married Constance Mae Hercules.
Their one:
Pamela Jean Smith; b. 5-31-1969.
4. Joyce Ann Smith; b. 8-15-1943 married
Theodore Jackson Casto (b. 12-16-
1939, d. 7-16-1979). Their three:
Norman Ray Casto; b. 5-30-1966,
Joseph Allen Casto; b. 9-23-1968 and
Rebecca Sue Casto (b. 11-19-1976).
5. Sharon Sus Smith; b. 12-08-1947 first
married Larry Gorsche and second mar-
rried Ronald Allen. Their three:
Still born Gorsche
B. Rhonda Allen. step-daughter.
C. Paul Allen, step-son.
6. Dale Ray Smith; b. 11-15-1949 first
married Sharon Lee and second married
Lynne Anne; Dale & Sharon's one:
David Marion and Ida Mae Van Meter Smith
III, 6th child:
Amy Lyn Smith.
Lizzie Smith's two:
b. Female Hudnall; b. 7-25-1920
Hartford. Courthouse records in Point
Pleasant, W. Va., but no other.
Lizzie Smith's three:
c. David Eugene Hudnall (b. 7-27-1920,
8-17-1981) married (daughter of Roy
Jennings and Emma Elizabeth Cunning-
ham Grimm), Annabelle Elizabeth Grimm;
2-21-1925. Their three:
1. Janit Louise Hudnall; b. 12-02-1947
married the son of Alvin and Jennie Adams
Hall.
Terry NMN Hall "Twin"; b. 6-04-
1946. Their two:
Jenny Ann Hall; b. 1-01-1966,
Stephen David Hall; b. 2-26-1969.
2. Elizabeth Ann Hudnall; b. 9-06-1950
married and divorced (son of Thomas and
Joan Kohler Cullinan)
Thomas Alan Cullinan; b. 4-27-1952.
3. David Jennings Hudnall; b. 3-29-
1955 first married (daughter of John
Elbert and Barbara Ann Huffman Ger-
lach), Darla Ann Gerlach; b. 4-22-1958
and second married (daughter of Frank-
lin Delano and Lorenne Allen Spradling),
Vicky Lynn Spradling; b. 2-25-1957.
David & Vicky's one:
Jeremy David Hudnall; b. 4-28-1983.
Lizzie Smith's fourth:
d. Kenneth Roxy Dillon; b. 12-27-1934
married (daughter of Blaine and Garnet
Jeanette Willis Evener Sr.), Geneva Irene
Evener (b. 8-08-1938, d. 11-05-1985).
Their five:
1. Johnny Ray Dillon; b. 12-14-1956
married the daughter of Walter Werry,
Paula Werry. Their three:
Carmen Renee Dillon; b. 6-23-1980,
Laura Rhodes Fussler

Rhodes, first of two:


b. Thomas Virgil Judson; b. 8-17-1897. David Marion and Ida Mae Van Meter Smith, child six; of six: Smith, child five; Smith, child four; Smith, child three; Smith, child two; Smith, child one.

c. Bertha Mae Elizabeth Judson; b. 8-20-1924 married (son of Frank and Aurelia Lewis and Eleanor Judson Zeidler

Grubler Truax), Edward William Truax, David Marion and Catharine Ann Fultz Smith II, 5th child:

(E). Franklin Harvey Smith; b. 1-17-1872 married (daughter of Philetus “Fleet” Edwards), Armimine Evaline Edwards; b. 7-17-1873. Their six:

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child one:
El. Pearl Anderson Smith; b. 4-27-1893 married (daughter of William and Permelia Orilla Fowler Edwards), Lorraine Marie Edwards; b. 11-21-1896; bore one child: a. Cecil Anderson Smith; b. 6-22-1921, d. 5-23-1983 (daughter of Eugene Robinson and Eva Garnet Roush Weigand), Hazel Roxanna Weigand; b. 6-02-1922. Their two:

1. Cecilia Ann Smith; b. 4-15-1953 married (son of Harvey and Wilma Nettleton Harris), Dennis Keith Harris; b. 8-09-1953. Their two: Julie Beth Harris; b. 11-27-1979 and Jeffrey Keith Harris; b. 6-30-1981. 2. David Warren Smith; b. 12-12-1954 married (daughter of Joseph William Jones), Mary Regina Jones; b. 3-08-1957. Their one: Sarahmarie Smith; b. 8-17-1980.

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child two:
E2. Martha May Smith; (b. 9-05-1894, d. 10-08-1963) maybe married Charles Swartz and second married Hubert Mace. They ran the LaSalle Hotel in Middleport, Ohio.

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child three:
E3. Un-named Smith; (b. 10-03-1899.

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child four:
E4. un-named Smith; (b. 5-25-1901, d. 5-28-1901)

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child five:
E5. Charles Franklin “Chat” Smith; b. 7-14-1902 married (child of Robert Freeman Knight I & Barbara “Bab” Holt), Boss Knight; b. 8-16-1904.

Charles was Rail Road Engineer for the New York Central Railroad Company. Bess was Hartford Methodist Church Sunday School Teacher and Mason County Teacher 18 years.

Franklin Harvey and Armimine Edwards Smith, child six; of six:

Leland’s two:


Laura Rhodes Fussler

Leland’s two:


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a. Sabrina Marie Smith; b. 3-08-1942 married (son of Henry Clay and Margaret Ruth Perry Rooney II), Henry Clay Rooney II; b. 8-11-1938. Their three: 1. Sabrina Marie Rooney; b. 4-05-1967 married (son of Roy and Martha Thompson Friend), Raymond Keith Friend. Their two: Tyler Allen Rooney; b. 5-17-1983 and Tess Adelle Friend; b. 4-14-1984. 2. Melissa Kay Rooney; b. 4-01-1969. 3. Chester Clay Rooney; b. 9-18-1973. Leland’s two:

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David Marion and Catharine Ann Fultz Smith II, 6th child:

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(F.) ALBERT SMITH (1875-1878).
David Marion and Catharine Ann Fultz Smith II, 7th child:
(G.) SAMUEL SMITH; (b. 1-28-1878, d. 5-29-1942).
Nick name "The Grit", because he sold it and won a Grit contest.
David Marion and Catharine Ann Fultz Smith II, 8th child:
(H.) WILLIAM ANDERSON SMITH; (188X, d. 2-09-1909) married MATTIE COOK.
Mr. Bonnett and William Anderson Smith were killed in a boiler explosion at the Liverpool Salt Furnace at Hartford. Their two children:
1. William "Billy-Willy" Smith. He could have been the one called "Billy-Willy" who was a school teacher and died of Tuberculosis.
2. Kattie Smith married (son of Jacob "Jack" and (Mrs. John (Rebecca) Kaufman) Gibbs II), Sandford "Santa-Sandy" Gibbs. They had a son named Willie.
David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, eighth of nine:
VIII. JOHN HUDSON SMITH I; (b. 6-03-1832, d. 11-03-1901) married April 1868 (daughter of Elias and Mariam William Thomas, MARIAM "MA" THOMAS I; (b. 7-05-1852, d. 10-10-1943).
John Hudson Smith I was a Stationary Engineer, a well driller for both salt and fresh water, headquarters at Hartford, West Virginia. "Ma" made yeast which she traded for flour. "Ma's" father (Elias Smith) moved out west. Elias had about 24 children by his three wives. "Ma" came over to America via ship from Wales when she was less than five years old with her mother, Mariam Williams who was Elias' first wife. After Mariam William Thomas' death in Syracuse, Ohio Elias married a young woman and moved to Texas. Elias' second wife died in Texas of typhoid fever. Elias' third wife being much younger took him to Salt Lake City. "Ma" had about 3 full and about 21 half brothers and sisters. Many letters from the westerners told of good times out west, but in many letters addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson Smith I came request for help with money.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson Smith I appeared to be a banker dressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson Smith I were parents of one:
Later other relation named their daughters this same name. Queen was like a second mother to her mother, sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces. Her address was Flat Iron Square at Hartford, Mason County, West Virginia.
John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 1st child:
(A.) SIOUX QUINNADRO "Queen" Smith
(B.) CHARLES ALBON SMITH; (b. 1-07-1871, d. 4-13-1951) married 10-18-1903 (daughter of Robert and Martha Davis Rea III), MARY "MATTIE" ANN REA (b. 1-02-1881, d. 1-07-1952). Their three:
1. Thelma Rae Smith (b. 9-03-1904, d. 7-02-1965) married (son of Edgar Lucious and Zinnia Shelby Capheart), Lawrence Edgar Capheart (b. 12-28-1906, d. 11-25-1959). Their three:
2. Martha Lee Capheart "Twin"; b. 2-01-1927 married 8-05-1950 (son of Nial and Nancy Bailey Hysell), Jack Eugene Hysell, b. 3-22-1929. Their four:
1. Nancy Rae Hysell; b. 8-27-1951 married Stephen Gary Davis. Their three:
Matthew Jack Davis "Twin"; b. 1-31-1973;
3. David Larry Hysell; b. 4-15-1953;
4. Kathy Jean Hysell; b. 3-24-1957 married Richard Skinner. Their three:
1. Jeremy Clay Skinner; b. 3-30-1978;
2. Nathaniel Skinner; b. 11-03-1980 and Timothy Todd Skinner; b. 9-07-1984;
3. Amy Lee Hysell; b. 9-08-1963 married Dan Lee Foote. Their one:
Benjamin David Foote; b. 9-09-1977.
b. Mary Lou Capheart "Twin"; (b. 2-01-1927, d. May 1927).
c. Judy Rea Capheart; b. 5-04-1937 married Jerry Faliscia. Their two:
1. Tony Faliscia married and divorced.
Pamela Faliscia; b. 2-22-1942.
2. Tony Faliscia; (b. 2-22-1942) married (son of Harry Wilbert and Fanny Frances Rhodes Fierbaugh), Wilbert Saint Tuberculosis.
Lulu Smith was a Stationary Engineer and served as auxiliary police of the U.S. Army at the Federal Glass Co. Columbus, Ohio.
Lulu and Mary Holt Smith had two sons:
John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 2nd child:
(D.) LULU CHASE SMITH; (b. 2-22-1873, d. 2-18-1946) married 4-26-1896 (daughter of Rutter and Mary Watson Holt I), MARY ELIZABETH HOLT; (b. 1-05-1877, d. 2-09-1955).
Lulu Smith was a Stationary Engineer and...
George Archer and Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs, child one:

Fred Taylor

4 generations: MARIAM “MA” THOMAS SMITH

John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 6th child:

Hannah Jane Smith Taylor, Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs,

and Freda Mae Gibbs Ett.

George Archer and Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs, second child:

Texas and Grover Cleveland Smith, Charles Albon

Smith Brothers: Standing left to right John “Hut” 

Hudson Smith II, Grover Cleveland Smith, Charles Albon

Smith Sitting: Walter Earl Smith and Lula Chase Smith.

Baby Female Taylor:

Fred Nothers and the girls Taylor. Their daughter:

Erick Frosch;

Rosemary Jane Ett’s; b. 2-22-1945 married 

Robert Deobtol;

James Careelon Ett’s; b. 11-18-1947 and 

Linda Louise Ett’s; b. 8-10-1952 married 

Ken Karloff.

George Archer and Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs,

and Freda Mae Gibbs Ett.

George Archer and Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs,

married Leon Sparks and fourth married

Chester Wing. Garnet’s two:

John Dilworth II and 

Sherry Dilworth b. 7-25-1948.

George Archer and Freda Pearl Taylor Gibbs,

first child:

a. Homer Smith Taylor; (b. 9-05-1924, 

died) first married Phyllis Willis; b. 10-30-1926 and second married Dorothy 

Anna Raub; (b. 1-19-1924, died). Homer’s four:

Baby Female Taylor: 

William Frederick Fraley III; b. 10-17-1943, 

Homer’s step-son:

Tresa Ann Taylor; b. 5-30-1948 and 

Tresa Ann Taylor; b. 12-29-1958.

b. George Eaton, Walter’s step-son and 

c. Margaret Eaton, Walter’s step dau.

Frederick Motry and Hannah Jane Smith 

Taylor, child two:

F2. Walter Albun Taylor; (b. 9-18-1904, d.

10-04-1964) first married (daughter of John and Flora Rumfield Taylor),

Poncil Taylor; b. 12-13-1900 and second 

married Betty Duncan. Walter and Poncil 

had one:

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Tresa Ann Taylor; b. 12-29-1958.

b. George Eaton, Walter’s step-son and 

c. Margaret Eaton, Walter’s step dau.

Frederick Motry and Hannah Jane Smith 

Taylor, child three:

F3. Frederick Adam Taylor II; (b. 11-30- 

1906, d. 1-18-1964) first married Beulah 

Marie Palmer (from Trimble, Ohio) and 

second married Hazel (from Minn.). Fred 

and Beulah’s two:

Dorothy Louise Taylor married Frank 

Friel.

James Frederick Taylor III.

Frederick Motry and Hannah Jane Smith 

Taylor, child four of four:

O. Walter Earl Smith; (b. 4-27- 

1881, d. 8-15-1947).

Walter liked the woods. He was a stationary 

engineer in well drilling.

Walter’s residence was Flat Iron Square in 

Hartford.

Both brothers Walter Earl and Grover Cleve-

land Smith supported their mother and sis-

ters after the death of their Father.

John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 

7th child:

(D). HATTIE SMITH; (b. 1-28-1875, d. 3-

06-1878).

Baby born and deceased at New Haven, Ma-

son County, West Virginia.

John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 

5th child:

(E). ARTHUR SMITH; (b. 4-24-1877, d.

12-27-1879).

Baby born and deceased at New Haven, Ma-

son County, West Virginia.
and had super memory for genealogy. His residence was Flat Iron Square in Hartford. Both brothers Walter Earl and Grover Cleveland Smith supported their mother and sisters after the death of their father.

John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 9th child:

John "Hut" Hudson Smith 11.


J1. Mariam Alice Bulmer; (b. 9-13-1917 Coalburg) married 11-10-1934 (son of William Louis and Cora Mae Trader Smith), Arthur Gray Smith; (b. 3-12-1908). Their five:

Arthur Gray and Mariam Alice Bulmer Smith, first of five:

a. Jo Anne Smith; (b. 12-31-1935 first married (son of Earnest Earl and Alberta Thompson Watson), Ernest Earl Watson Jr.; b. 1-20-1936 and second married (son of James Marion and Flora Mae Pannier Berry), Karl Dean Berry; b. 1-20-1935. Jo Anne’s three:

1. Thomas Earl Watson; b. 9-01-1956 married (daughter of Richard Leroy and Constance Ann Lako Bangor), Joyce Ann Bangor; b. 7-14-1956. Their two:


J2. Walter Hallwood "Hollywood" Bulmer (AND STAYED 24 YEARS) to visit both Arthur’s and Mariam’s two:

Robert "Butch" William Smith b. 3-03-1951 first married (daughter of Willard and Hetty Smith), Darrell Carl Recobb. Cynthia’s two:

a. Wayne Berkenstock and third married Darrell Carl Recobb. Cynthia’s two: Jeffer Scott Smith; b. 5-11-1982 and by second wife


Arthur Gray and Mariam Alice Bulmer Smith, third of five:

a. Robert Lewis Smith; b. 3-02-1940 first married (daughter of George Lee and Laura Alice Smith), Betty Jo Russell; b. 3-07-1951 and second married (daughter of Earnest Earl and Alberta Thompson Watson), Ernest Earl Watson Jr.; b. 1-20-1936. Their two:

1. Cynthia Lynn Smith; b. 1-08-1960 first married Wayne Berkenstock and second married Ronald Reed and third married Darrell Carl Recobb. Cynthia’s two:

Heather Ranae Berkenstock and Lisa Marie Reed. 2. Robert "Butch" Smith b. 3-17-1961.

Arthur Gray and Mariam Alice Bulmer Smith, fourth of five:

d. Philip Eugene Smith; (b. 12-17-1943, d. 4-28-1965) married (daughter of Leo John and Dorothy Mae Fairweather Thorne), Carol Ann Thorne; b. 9-03-1947. Their one:

1. Sherry ReNeE Smith; b. 8-05-1946 married (son of William and Carol Guil­
doo Reynolds), Dave Allen Reynolds. Sherry’s two:

Kristen Ann Reynolds; b. 6-17-1982 and David Allen Reynolds; b. 8-28-1984.

Arthur Gray and Mariam Alice Bulmer Smith, fifth of five:

e. Daniel Edward Smith; b. 8-03-1951 first married (daughter of Harold Morlon and Carmen Le-Ette Starley Pigott), Donna Jean Pigott; b. 3-01-1954 and second married (daughter of Willis Vain and Kathleen Marcia Gladwell Strum), Terri Hope Strum; b. 11-25-1960. Daniel and Donna’s two:

James Edward Smith; b. 9-21-1969 and Jacqueline Renee Smith; b. 11-10-1970. Walter and Mariam Smith Bulmer Child number two:

J3. Walter Hallwood Bulmer II; b. 11-05-1950 (daughter of William and Nellie Beatrice Wein McKnights), Nellie Beatrice Wein McKnights; b. 1-28-1924. Their two:

a. Shirley Mae Smith; b. 10-04-1946 married 9-04-1971 (son of Edgar Raymond and Virginia Wright I), Edgar Raymond Wright II; b. 10-10-1947. Their two:

Michelle Renee Wright; b. 2-28-1981 and Michael Raymond Wright; b. 2-12-1983.

b. Walter Hudson Smith IV; b. 5-24-1950 married 1-05-1974 (daughter of Charles Richard and Lena Virginia McMillin Ord I), Bonnie Lou Ord; b. 9-19-1953. Their two:


John Hudson and Mariam Thomas Smith I, 10th of 10 children:

(MARIE) MARIE" SMITH II; (b. 5-10-1895 Hartford, d. 3-19-1977 Gallipolis) married Hartford 10-31-1916 (child of Harry Timothy & Lucy Jane Hall Bulmer)

WALTER “JUDGE” BULMER I; (b. 5-28-1882 Peerless, Kanawha County, d. 8-27-1969 Gallipolis). Also see TIMOTHY & LUCY HALL BULMER in this book for more Bulmers.

Walter and Mariam Smith Bulmer

and Mariam had five children:

Walter and Mariam Smith Bulmer Child number one:

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J2. Walter Hallwood Bulmer II; (b. 11-05-1950 Hartford), married 10-02-1946 (daughter of Roy & Irene Shil­

flet Russell), Betty Jo Russell; b. 3-07-1928 Point Pleasant.

“Hollywood” was employee of the State Amusement Company of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Did many things at the State, Park & Mason Drive In Theaters including projectionist (ran the movies), booker and buyer of pictures, secretary and maintained the projectors and sound equipment for the company. In addition owner of the Hollywood Radio and Television Service and sold World Book Encyclopedia.

June 1962 “Hollywood” took a vacation (AND STAYED 24 YEARS) to visit both brothers Donald Smith Bulmer and Louis Milburn Bulmer who worked for Lockheed Aircraft Company and lived in Palmdale, California. “Hollywood” never returned to West Virginia, except to vacation every year. “Hollywood” Bulmer has lived in Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Lawndale and Gardenia all of which are in Los Angeles area of California.

He retired November 27, 1985 from Hughes Aircraft Company as an Electronics Research Assistant.

Walter “Hollywood” and Betty Jo Russell Bulmer. Their four:

a. Walter Hallwood Bulmer III; b. 12-21-1950. In electronics, Hughes Aircraft Co., El Segundo, Ca. He’s a vocalist in
Donald worked in electronics at the Lockheed Aircraft Company, Palmdale, California. Prior to that he rolled steel in a steel mill. Prior to that he was in the U.S. Navy in World War II. Prior to that Donald worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company of Point Pleasant.

Donald had five children including one step child by third wife:
Virginia Mae Sayre and Donald Smith Bulmer I, first of five:
- a. Donald Smith Bulmer II, b. 9-10-1942
  - first married (daughter of Lawrence and Juanita Ruth Hager Ealy), Marcia Leota Ealy, b. 6-26-1945 and second married (daughter of Myron Henry and Mary Louise Kozub Larson), Kathleen Louise Larson, b. 4-07-1954.
- b. Beverly Ann Bulmer, b. 2-12-1947 first married James Keith Watson, b. 2-07-1944 and second married (son of Annibale and Angiolina Di Pietro Morelli), William Annibale Morelli I, b. 7-02-1938
- Beverly's six:
  - Paula Anne Morelli, b. 7-11-1962, step-daughter, married Michael Schroth
  - Cathi Susan Morelli, b. 11-01-1963, step-daughter and
  - Melissa Anne Morelli, b. 2-25-1967, step-daughter
  - Stacy Dawn Watson, b. 4-25-1967 and
  - James Keith Watson II, b. 3-11-1969

Virginia Mae Sayre and Donald Smith Bulmer I, third of five:
- e. James Walter Hayward (step-child (son of Frank Samuel & Mary Anne Koroskys Hayward)), b. 4-22-1958 first married Betty Jean Morgan, b. 1956 and second married Shirley Ann Culver, b. 6-05-1956.
- b. Beverly Ann Bulmer, b. 2-12-1947 first married James Keith Watson, b. 2-07-1944 and second married (son of Annibale and Angiolina Di Pietro Morelli), William Annibale Morelli I, b. 7-02-1938
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  - Stacy Dawn Watson, b. 4-25-1967 and
  - James Keith Watson II, b. 3-11-1969

Virginia Mae Sayre and Donald Smith Bulmer I, fourth of five:
- c. Michael Lynn Bulmer I (adopted by Harry John Roadcup, Michael Lynn Roadcup I, b. 2-24-1951 married (daughter of Donald and Neva Portner), Andree Olivia Portner, b. 1-09-1950. Their two:
  - Michael Lynn Roadcup Jr., b. 8-12-1981

Virginia Mae Sayre and Donald Smith Bulmer I, fifth of five:
- J. Louis Milburn Bulmer, b. 7-09-1925 Hartford first married the daughter of Joseph Treano and Olive Mabel Buskirk Tavan, Rosalie Tavan, b. 1-17-1927 and second married the daughter of Charles Monroe and Etheleen Minnie Fryett Elliott, Ruth Marlene Elliott, b. 2-19-1931.
- Louis Milburn Bulmer has run his own Radio & Television business for many years, both in California and presently in East Liverpool, Ohio. Prior to that he worked in electronics for the Lockheed Aircraft Co., Palmdale, California. Prior to that "Lou" worked a short time at the State Theater in Point Pleasant. Prior to that he was in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
- Louis "Lou" Milburn Bulmer had two daughters one by each wife:
  - a. Kitty Lynn Bulmer (by Rosalie, was adopted by Wallace Earl Rood) Kitty Lynn Rood, b. 6-10-1947 first married Rodney Theo Spencer, b. 9-05-1945 and second married Floyd William Johnson, b. 11-14-1936.
  - Kitty's four step-children:
    - b. Jonathon Johnson, b. 11-29-1984
    - Marc Douglas Johnson, b. 11-21-1962 and
    - Julia Michelle Johnson, b. 6-12-1966
    - d. Deborah Darlene Bulmer (by Ruhl), b. 3-19-1953

Walter and Mariam Smith Bulmer Child number four:
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      - b. Deborah Darlene Bulmer (by Ruhl), b. 3-19-1953
David Marion and Lucinda Farley Smith, ninth of nine:

IX. SNELLING MEREDITH SMITH; (b. 8-05-1834, d. 3-28-1884) married 11-21-1865

SARAH PATSY HOGG; (b. 1843, d. 1918) Had one:

(A). WALTER EARL SMITH; (b. 8-27-1866, d. 11-30-1892), single.

Snelling Smith was owner of the first drug store (was located in opposite corner from Bailey's Cafeeteria in Huntington, West Virginia. Submitted by — Walter H. Bulmer. Also submitted by: Bulmer, Louis Milburn, Balmer, Lucy Jane, Bulmer, Walter Halwood, Fierbaugh, Martha, Gilland, Irma, Gintner, Dona & Malcom, Hendris, Phyllis & Dr. Franklin Sr., Hudnall, Annabelle E., James, Betty Jane Smith, Jeffers, Homer T., Proffitt, Ray and Shelu Sr., Riffle, James & Barbara, Shamlin, Sue, Smith, David Warren, Smith, John Hudson, Smith, John Watson, Smith, Robert & Edna, Smith, Vinton NNN, Thomas, Franklin Keith I, Thomas, Franklin Keith II, Turnball, Opal Virginia, John, Mrs., Van Muster, Lera, Varian, Geraldine, Varian, Harry Thomas, Mrs., Varian Raymond, Zeidler, Eleanor L., Zeidler, Judith K., Smith, Norman's daughter, Smith, Norman's granddaughter.

ERWYN SMITH FAMILY

Erwyn Smith (1877-1929) came to Hartford ca. 1897. He was the son of Albert Edgar and Harriette Ferris Smith. Albert was the son of Horace and Emilene Moore Smith who came from Massachusetts to Cincinnati.

The Smith family located in Hartford in 1882 when Albert purchased the Valley City Salt and Coal Co. and changed its name to Liverpool Salt and Coal Co. He maintained residence in both Hartford and Cincinnati. His family continued to live in Cincinnati, with the exception of two sons, who came to run the salt plant. Erwyn Smith came first as a book-keeper for the plant, and later became manager. He purchased the house that had originally belonged to Rankin Wiley, and when he married Betty Smith of Cincinnati, he brought his bride home to that house. Erwyn and Betty Smith had 3 children.

I. Ann Smith graduated from West Virginia University and is married to Robert Schmidt.

II. Dorothy Smith married Dick Smith. They were living in Texas when she died.

III. Ferris Smith was a dentist. He had an office in Points Pleasant for a number of years, then moved his office to New Haven. He was married 1st to Marie Fisher.

A. Dorothy (Dottie) Smith married 1st. Ronald Kent

1. Catherine Kent 2. Elizabeth Kent

She married 2nd. Mitchell Preston

3. David Preston, married, has son Christopher

B. Constance (Connie) Smith married Lewis Capehart

1. Lewis Phillip Capehart

2. Sherida Capehart

Ferris married 2nd. Lulu Greer Submitted by — Don and Linda Smith

Snelling Meredith Smith

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GEOGE D. SMITH

As a young man, George Delbert Smith, born March 4, 1888 near Leon in Mason County, West Virginia worked for his Grandfather, Samuel Smith, on his farm. Farming was not what he wanted to do but those years there wasn't much for a young man to do but farm. He spent two years in Iowa as a farm hand but came back to his home where he met and married Annie Stewart (daughter of Henry and America (Hill) Stewart) August 18th, 1917. They moved to Middleport, Ohio where he worked for the New York Central Railroad as a fireman.

He was drafted into service to serve in World War I from Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. June 24, 1918. As a private with Machine Gun Company 72 Infantry, he took his training at Camp Meade, Maryland. He was 30 years of age when drafted and by occupation a fireman with the New York Central Railroad. His company was on a boat ready to sail for Germany when the Armistice was signed November 11, 1918 and discharged from military service January 18, 1919.

When he went back to Middleport, Ohio, he resumed his railroad job with headquarters in Hobson, Ohio. In the late twenties, he was promoted to Engineer for the railroad and held that occupation for the rest of his life. He and his wife, Annie, lived in a comfortable home in Middleport many years. The couple had no children but raised their niece, Ruby King, after her Mother died.

Many times he would pass through Mason County on his run to Dickerson, W. Va. He was a very proud man as he had accomplished his goal in life and everyone that knew him had nothing but a kind word to say about him.

He died in Middleport, Ohio November 22, 1947 and was buried in the Smith Cemetery close to where he was born. His wife had a locomotive carved on his monument which is very outstanding there in the country cemetery. Many people have made comments about his monument. Annie spent the later part of her life in Marion, Ohio with her niece, Ruby (King) Pickens and died there May 9, 1970 at Marion Manor Nursing Home. She was buried in Smith Cemetery beside her husband. Submitted by — Ruby King Pickens

HAROLD SMITH

Harold McFarland Smith was born at Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia January 20, 1948. Son of James Clement (Clem) Smith and Dorothy Edmonds Smith. He married Sharon Lynn Yates on May 30, 1970 and has two children - Brent Sherwin (Born 5-2-72) and Carrie Susan (Born 1-28-77). He has one sister Mary Carolyn Smith Meadows.

His mother died shortly after his birth. He was raised by his uncle and aunt - James Othal (Oak) Edmonds and Clara Evelyn (Eb) Smith Edmonds - who went to the hospital to pick him up shortly after his birth. It was very cold and snowy when he was born.

His schooling consisted of eight years at Beech Grove located on Knife Branch in Glenwood; one year at Milton Junior High; three years at Milton High School graduating on the honor roll in 1966; and 4 1/2 years at Marshall University graduating with a teaching degree (A.B.) in social studies in 1970.

He moved from Glenwood in 1962 where he lived on his father’s farm on Guyan Creek above Knife Branch with his father, uncle and aunt to Dry Ridge, Milton, West Virginia. He lived there until he got married in 1970. He lived for one year in Milton, W. Va. before moving to James River Road in Ona, W. Va. in May 1971.

He was first employed at Associated Transport on Collis Avenue in Huntington, WV. in 1967. He also worked for Point Express at Charleston, W. Va. He then worked for Yellow Freight System at Huntington, WV. since 11-13-73. All of his jobs have been with trucking companies.
“My first memories in life were those of living with my father, aunt, and uncle on Guyan Creek in Glenwood, WV. I remember walking to a one-room school each day for 8 years. I had only one teacher (Zella Harbour) during the entire time there. I remember we always called her ‘Teacher.’ All eight grades were in the same room. I remember having read and re-read every book in our ‘library,’ the teacher grading room. I can remember having read and re-read ‘Teacher.’ All eight grades were in the same room every day for 8 years. I had only one school in Glenwood, WV. I remember walking to a one-ticeswe had for our Christmas play each year.

Every Sunday I would put on my best bib overalls and go to church at Fairfied Methodist Church. I can still remember my grandfather and grandmother (Freeman & Myrtle Smith) singing and their teaching from the Bible. I owe a lot to the example they set before me of their Christian witness and life. I was saved at that church in 1960.

I have only fond memories of my happy childhood growing up in the country on the farm. It is a heritage that I will always remember and cherish and I know that it could not be bought at any price. Those days of working on the farm, going hunting and fishing, and being raised in a quite, happy, peaceful area will never be forgotten. I can still picture in my mind’s eye the entire area - the beautiful land, forest, and all those things that a city kid will never know.

We were poor then, but I never realized it. We always had enough to eat thanks to our farm. Our vacations and trips to Huntington, WV. or Point Pleasant were few, but I can still remember them as if they had happened yesterday.”

Submitted by — Harold Smith and Sharon Smith

HOMER S. SMITH

Homer Spencer Smith, a great, great, great, grandson of Dr. Jesse Bennett, was born to Homer Smith, 1868-1933, and Mary Vause Beale, 1871-1911, on October 18, 1911 and died March 26, 1982.

He had one brother and two sisters, John Griffith, 1902-1935, married Veta Lee Williams and they had a daughter Vause Pogue. Vause married Paul J. Carlisen, Jr., and they had three children, Elizabeth, Paul and John and three grandchildren, Emily, Anna and Phillip Thompson.

Homer S. was well known in business, civic and political circles. His business activities included Point Service Store, a hardware and Appiance store; State Amusement Company, which operated two theaters in Point Pleasant and a drive-in theater in Mason City; Mason Realty Company, developer of Meadowbrook Addition in Point Pleasant; and owner and developer of Kirkland Memorial Gardens, perpetual care cemetery north of Point Pleasant.

He was a charter member of the Royal Order of Moose and Chamber of Commerce where he served as its first president. He was a member of I.O.O.F., and a former member of the Kiwanis Club. He was a constant supporter and fund raiser for the Boy Scouts of America of which he was a member as a child.

He was a stockholder, board member and office holder of Citizens National Bank and the West Virginia Malleable Iron Company, of which his father, Homer Smith, was one of the corporators and officer. He served on the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church and was Mason County Democrat Chairman for twelve years. He accomplished many things for Mason County and its growth and development. He moved quietly through his life, helping all that he could in his quiet and gentle manner, showing kindness and consideration to all. Some of his accomplishments will never be known, except to those who benefited from his care and trust in his fellowman. His sudden death at age seventy was a surprise to all who knew him.

A man like Homer Spencer Smith, who somehow fit into the scheme of things, and kept on fitting in through the stretch of the years, is not born every day. When one of them leaves us, we know and feel it.

The ancestors of the Homer Spencer Smith family were Nathan Smith, 1790-1853, of Watertown, N. Y. Nathan married Ann Roseberry, 1803-1863. Ann was born to John Michael Roseberry, 1760-1855, of New Jersey and Flora Creek of Fayette County, WV. John and Flora settled in Mason County about 1812 and were hotel keepers.

Nathan and Ann Smith were the parents of Col. J.P.R.B. Smith, 1838-1911. J. P. R. B. was Colonel of the 106th Regiment Virginia Militia during the struggle which tore the Virginias apart. This militia was a part of the Home Guard of West Virginia during the war that followed. Under Andrew Johnson, Col. Smith was assistant assessor of internal revenue. On July 31, 1863, Col. Smith was named to a committee to divide Mason County into districts. He served as Mason County Clerk for over thirty years. Prior to that he served eight years as deputy sheriff.

Col. Smith married Maria L. Thomas, the daughter of Griffith Bennett Witt Thomas, b. 1827. Griffith was a child of Maria Newell Bennett, 1794-1824, the first caesarean birth child in this country, performed by her father Dr. Jesse Bennett, 1769-1842, on his first wife Elizabeth Hogg, 1793-1830. Elizabeth was a daugh-

HORACE F. SMITH FAMILY

Horace Ferris Smith (1871-1943) was born in Cleves, Ohio. He came to Hartford, W. Va. in 1898 as a bookkeeper for the family business, the Liverpool Salt and Coal Company. He lived in his father’s house when he first arrived, but later bought what was then known as the Donnally house on Front Street, facing the river, about 1908.

He was a member of the Hartford Baptist Church, in charge of Music, and taught the adult class for many years. He was a deacon of the church.

Horace was the son of Albert E. and Harrietie L. Ferris Smith. His grandparents were Horace and Emilene Moore Smith from Mass., who came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and settled there. His ancestors go back to Samuel Smith and his wife Elizabeth who came from Ipswich, England in 1634. They Steamboat Company of Point Pleasant, gave the Howard Ship Yards the contract for a mammoth combinations tour and excursion steamer that was to bear his name. The Homer Smith easily carried two thousand people. She ran excursions between Charleston and Pittsburgh, Pa. In the spring of 1918 he made a trip to New Orleans to Mardi Gras. Each year an annual free excursion was given to the Boy Scouts. In April 1929, the Homer Smith was sold to the Pittsburgh Steamboat Company, and renamed Greater Pittsburgh. On March 8, 1931, the boat burned in Pittsburgh.

Homer Smith died in December 1930 at the age of sixty-one. Submitted by — Lynn Smith Durst and Nancy Smith Jewell

Homer Smith
to Boston, Mass.

Horace was married to Florence Higbee (1872-1954) on June 7, 1898. Their Children:
   A. Mary Ruth Smith (1930-1972) married Glenn Rutledge
   I. Cynthia Rutledge, Born 1954
II. Margaret Olive Smith (1906-1974). She graduated from Dennison University in Ohio. Married Monte Haidet June 18, 1929. Monte is deceased.
   A. Marjorie May Haidet married Dan Foland
   I. Susan 2. Nancy 3. Jeff
   C. Philip Haidet, deceased. Two children, Deborah and Chris
III. Clara May Smith (1906-1975), twin to Margaret. Graduated from Dennison University. Married Edwin Albert Stollatis on June 20, 1931.
   A. Marilyn Stollatis. Teaches school.
   B. Carolyn Stollatis married Don Green
   C. Margaret Ann Stollatis married Don Twitchell; Children, Lisa, Debbie, Mark.
   D. Barbara Jean Stollatis married Sam Warmhoven: Son, Josh, and adopted daughter Wendy.
IV. Alice Abigail Smith, born Apr. 12, 1909. She graduated from Dennison University and became a music teacher, working in schools on both sides of the river. She is especially known for her plays, musicals, and minstrels that she produced. She was choir director at the Trinity Church in Pomeroy for 42 years before she had to stop because of her eyesight. She married Paul Douglas Nease, son of George and Rose Fry Nease, on Apr. 6, 1943. He was in service during WW II. After returning home he taught Industrial Arts at Wahama before going to work at the Sporn Plant.
   A. Richard Paul Nease, born Dec. 29, 1945. He has taught at Eastern High School, Mechanicburg, Kyger Creek, and Wahama for 4 years. He is now working on his Masters Degree at Ohio State University. Married Joanne Everly from Salem, Ore. Submitted by Alice S. Nease

JACOB TILLMAN & ROXIE SMITH

Jacob Tillman Smith married in 1890 Roxie Roela Rayburn (1865-1920) born Putnam Co. to Bennett & Lovina Moore Rayburn. Mrs. Smith is also buried at Upland with children Albert (1893-1951) unmarried; Fanny Ethel (Chapman wife of George) born Winfield 1897 died Gallia Co. 1920 leaving infants Violet Irene, Alvin Bernard, Forest Row, Veltie Arletta who were adopted out.

JACK L. AND EDNA RUTH (KOCHER) SMITH

Jack L. Smith (6-8-27) and Edna Ruth Kocher (12-21-27) were married in New Martinsville, W. Va. October 4, 1946. The family moved to Point Pleasant, Mason County upon Jack's acceptance of employment with the West Virginia Department of Employment Security, at their local office located at 225 6th Street, Point Pleasant, April 1, 1952. This employment extended over a period of thirty years as local office manager. The family assumed residency four miles out Sand Hill Road.

The couple were reared near Smithfield, WV, located in Wetzel County, WV, as were their parents. Jack's parents were Earl Robert Smith and Mary Cartha Ensminger. Ruth's (the name she prefers) parents were Roy Kocher and Nina Price.

The children of Jack and Ruth were: Yvonne Lee; July 16, 1949; Christine Elaine, June 14, 1950; Geraldine Kay, April 1, 1952; Sue Ann, April 2, 1954 and David Keith January 17, 1956.

Jack and Ruth Graduated from Smithfield, WV. High School, having attended school together in the same grade through the entire twelve years. They are members of the Church of Christ, Henderson, WV.

Jack served in the U.S. Army and attended Fairmont State College.

Ruth was employed many years as Baker at Pleasant Valley Hospital. Submitted by — Jack L. Smith

JACOB TILLMAN & ROXIE SMITH

Jacob Tillman Smith married Lawrence Co. Ohio 1865 died Newell, W. Va. 1933 where he was a potter by trade, and buried Upland, W. Va. He was the second child of James Washington and Ann Mooney Smith.
JAMES WASHINGTON SMITH

James Washington Smith moved from Lawrence Co., Ohio with his wife Anna Virginia Mooney (married Irton, Ohio 1863) with ten children and settled on Trace Fork of Hurricane Creek, Hannan District, Mason Co. He owned a sawmill at Staten Hollow where he was killed instantly Feb. 29, 1908 aged 67 years, 11 months, and 4 days while felling a tree on a hillside. A son George Washington Smith, born 1861, Mason Co., with his father at the time, ran home and told his mother who with a daughter Martha at International Nickel and died Huntington Dec. 1914, and was buried beside her husband. His body was buried in the Old Milton Cemetery on Rt. 60.

Anna Virginia Mooney Smith was born Monroe County, Ohio August 1844, died Upland, December 1914, and was buried beside her husband at Milton. Her parents were Jacob (born 1810 Penny) and Mary A. Hughes Mooney (born 1810 Maryland). Mrs. Mooney died at the home of her daughter 1893 and is buried at Mt. Olive, Upland.

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Ashley and June Holter Ashley of Letart Falls, Ohio. Their children: 1) Ashley Jill Smith, born 13 Sept 1981 at Gallipolis, Ohio. 2) Cody Randolph Smith, born 25 Nov 1984 at Gallipolis, Ohio. 3) Michael Wayne Smith, born 2 Nov 1972 (by a previous marriage). Randy, a 1968 graduate of Wahama High School, served his country in the Marine Corps, during the Vietnam Conflict, as a heavy equipment operator. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Vietnam Service Campaign Medal (1 star), Rifle Expert Badge and Good Conduct Medal. Having enlisted 27 Nov 1968 at Parris Island, N.C., he received an honorable discharge 18 Nov 1970 at San Francisco, Calif. after serving 22 months and 19 days overseas. He is a member of Mason VFW Post 9926. He is employed by Edwin H. Davis & Son of Langsville, Ohio, affiliate of the Thomas Bus Co. as a riving maintenance man for the State of Ohio. His hobbies are the rebuilding of automobile bodies, gardening and fishing.

Heidi is a homemaker. She is a graduate of Southern Local High School, Class of 1977, where she participated in all band and choir activities. She was a delegate to Buckeye Girls State (1976) and Racine Alumni Queen (1977). She attended Rio Grande Community College and worked at MacDonalls in Gallipolis. She is a member of Racine American Legion Auxiliary #602, charter member of Racine Junior Grange #1028, Racine Grange #2606 and the State and National Grange Organizations, and Return Jonathan Meigs Chapter, DAR. She loves gardening and all outdoor activities. Also attends Middleport Hope Baptist Chapel where the family holds membership. The Smith reside in Clifton, W. Va.

Ashley and Cody have the distinction of being RAUSH/Roush descendants, as follows: John Adam Roush - Susannah Schler Henry Roush - Dorothy (Nehs) Nease Anthony Roush - Elizabeth Rickard Henry Roush - Lydia Pound Frank Roush - Margaret Powell Arbin Roush - Lucy Stewart Billy Irene Roush - Lawrence Randolph Smith, Sr. Lawrence Randolph Smith, Jr. - Heidi Jill Ashely


John Adam Roush - Susannah Schlerin

George Roush - Catharine Zerckel (Zerkel)

Jacob Roush - Margaret Weaver Emeline Roush - George Washington Holter

Stanley Sherman Roush - Mollie Elizabeth Mumaw Clifford Leo Holter - Lena Mae Osborn Audrey June Holter - Robert Drew Ashley

Heidi Jill Ashley - Lawrence Randolph Smith, Jr. Submitted by - Heidi J. Smith

IN MEMORY OF

MARJORIE AUSTIN SMITH
(1916 - 1984)

Marjorie Louise Austin born 13 July 1916 Henderson, Mason County, WV daughter of Arthur Park (1876 - 1928) & Maude Ann (Wright) 1924 - 1984 Austin. She had one sister, Doris Maxine and four brothers, Loyd Victor, Lawrence Arch, Horton Rolando and Kenton W. Austin. Doris Maxine died in infancy; Loyd m. Bessie Pearson & had 3 children: Donald, Jeannie and Patty; Lawrence m. Mildred Davis; Kenton m. Carol Planton Smith & had 1 daughter Charlotte Walker & had 2 daughters: Lyndol and June; and Kenton was unmarried. Several years after her father's death, her mother married Mr. Walter Martin. Marjorie married in 1939 to Horace Hilton Smith from North Carolina. They had one child, Michael Austin Smith born 1940. In that same year he had an auto accident which rendered him a paraplegic. He spent many months in a VA Hospital and he died in 1976 in the VA Hospital at Richmond, VA. Marjorie's son Mike and his present wife Barbara live in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Mike had children by a prior marriage. Marjorie died on Wednesday July 25, 1984 in St. Mary's Hospital Huntington and burial was in Ridgeway Memorial Park. She was a retired federal employee and had more than 30 years of service with the Veterans Administration, Navy Department, Justice Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She was a resident of Huntington since 1937. She was a graduate of Pt. Pleasant High School Class of 1934 and attended Marshall University. She was a member of DAR, Ohio Genealogical Society, First Families of Ohio, Kentucky Colonel, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Austin Family Association, Gillespie Clan and served for a number of years as Secretary of the Huntington VA Credit Union. She had done much research on many different family lines and her work has been released to the Marshall University Library where it can be seen and used by many in the future. She was always willing to help in any way she could for anyone searching for family information. She had stories in Meigs County History Book and Gallia county History Book and I'm sure had she lived to do so, she would have been one of those people to contribute to this Mason County History Book. Her many family lines consisted of The Rhoades', The Austin's, The Donnally's, The Gillespies', The Proses', The Smith's, The Spencers and others too numerous to mention. Submitted by - Karen Flowers Thomas

PERRY SMITH FAMILY

Before 1860 Henry Smith came to Mason County and settled on Ten Mile Creek in Cooper District. He had married a widow, Sarah Callaghan Connolly, in Pennsylvania. Her children were Columbus, Catherine, John B. and Charles. Henry Smith had been married previously and had a son William Perry Smith. Henry Smith served in the 9th Regiment of W. Va. Volunteers from 1862 to 1865. As a re-
suit of cold and exposure while in the service, he died in 1866 and is buried on Ten Mile Creek.

William Perry Smith, the son of Henry served in Company B, 13th W. Va. Infantry. Only a teenager when entering the service he took part in many battles including Winchester, Fisher’s Hill, Cedar Creek and others.

Once during his service he was captured. Later he was wounded in the shoulder leaving a hole that you could see through. This he carried with him the rest of his life.

After the war William P. Smith came to Leon and began a general store. He had a doctor come from Wheeling to teach him about medicine and drugs. After he finished the course, he established a drug store in connection with his general store.

Each year he made two trips going either to Cincinnati or Pittsburgh, where he would buy goods for the store. These would always be delivered to Leon by Steamboat.

This store was in business until 1928 when the two sons, William and Homer took over the business. With the exception of one and one half years, Will worked in the store from age 15 until his death in 1961 at the age of 88 years.

During the 1913 flood the water and the wind demolished the store building which was replaced some two years later. Today, this building has been made into living quarters.

Another business of Perry Smith was the Leon Ferry which was operated by his son Everett.

Perry Smith married Martha Greenlee, the daughter of Lewis and Mary Thornton Greenlee. Their children were William, Everett, Ulah, Carrie and Homer. After finishing the local school, the three boys were sent to schools outside of Leon. William went to Marshall College while Everett and Homer went to a Parkersburg business school.

Ulah 1886 - 1928 was pianist at the Leon Baptist church for many years. Carrie married Wirt Spurlock and lived in Charleston.

Will, the eldest son of Perry, was a faithful member of the Leon Baptist Church where he taught the adult Sunday School Class for many years. He married Sylvia Casto the daughter of Jacob and Harriet Bailey Casto. They were the parents of three daughters Helen, Lyda and Lovell. Helen married Dencil Cossin and lived in Leon. Lovell, a beautician, married Charles A. Thomas and lived in Charleston.

Lyda, born December 1, 1907, is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and Morris Harvey College. Now retired after 38 years in the Mason County School system in which she served as teacher and principal. A member of the Leon Baptist Church, as were her parents and grandparents, she is the last of the family to have the name Smith. Submitted by — Lyda Smith,

WILLIAM A. SMITH FAMILY

William Athel Smith, the son of Henry Franklin Smith and Rhoda Virginia Hill, was born January 29, 1881 in Union District, Mason County. His mother Rhoda was born April 22, 1853 in Mason County the daughter of Jarrett and Mary Greenlee Hill. His father, Henry Franklin Smith, was born in Pocohontas County, Va., later lived in Jackson County, was the son of Wyatt and Lucinda J. Oldham Smith. Henry Smith married a second time to Rosa Stewart the daughter of John Polk and Roena Buck Stewart.

William Russell Smith, employed by the iron workers, married first Ella Knapp on February 24, 1904. Her death occurred on January 13, 1913 at Pittsburg, Pa. and was buried in the Smith Church Cemetery. Children of this couple were William Ernest born September 14, 1906, married Lona Thomas; Freeda born August 15, 1909, married Albert Storts.

William A. Smith married a second time October 25, 1919 to Cora Matilda Stewart born May 31, 1892, a daughter of Henry Taylor Stewart and America Ann Hill Stewart.

Children of this couple were as follows: Cloyd was born February 16, 1921, married first Mildred Hill, married second Lillian Sayre. Lillian and Cloyd Smith were the parents of one son Cloyd, Jr.

Cloyd Smith was fatally injured while at work for the American Bridge Company in Point Pleasant. On April 14, 1947 he fell from the construction site and died shortly thereafter in a Point Pleasant Hospital. At this time his wife was a patient in the same hospital, having given birth to their son nine days before.

Cloyd was a veteran of World War II having served two and one half years in the army, two of which were spent in Iceland and Greenland. During the time spent overseas he had both arms broken and one leg broken.

The second son of William and Cora Smith was born December 29, 1928. Donald Oda Smith is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and is employed by Kaiser Aluminum at Ravenswood. He lives on Route 3, at Leon. His wife, Kathleen Snyder was born February 9, 1936.

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Susie Helen; 1907 - 1981; Married Edwin McKay of Pittsburgh.

William Finley Smith Family

When Captain Smith returned to Point Pleasant in 1909 he brought with him the world’s largest inland dry dock of which he was principal owner and manager. He had purchased this dock from the “Combine”, which was a combination of 90 firms involved in mining and towing coal. They owned 63% of the vessel tonnage on the Mississippi River and its tributaries. His business was called the Point Pleasant Dry Dock Company. He did much repair work for the Combine and others at his dock. In 1913 he established a harbor to hold coal loaded in the Kanawha River for the Combine. In 1916 the Point Pleasant Register lauded the economic benefits of this landing to Point Pleasant’s economy.

In 1918 the Point Pleasant Dry Dock Company plant was swept away in the ice and most of it destroyed. It was four years before the big dock was returned from below Cincinnati, repaired and again in operation. Meanwhile he purchased sectional docks and equipment in Pittsburgh and reestablished the business immediately. Then a Pittsburgh industrialist, John W. Hubbard, who had been in partnership with Captain Smith from 1912 - 1916, formed a new partnership with Captain Smith in 1918 and they purchased the Kanawha Dock Company. From 1918 until about 1937 Captain Smith operated both the Point Pleasant Dry Dock Company and the Kanawha Dock Company. Thus, he managed two of Point Pleasant’s three dry dock companies, which at this time were the town’s major industry. He was also an original stockholder in the Marietta Manufacturing Company of Point Pleasant.

Between 1909 and the late 1930s, most of the big wooden boats that plied the Ohio River were docked at the Smith docks. Submitted by — Peggy Smith Vince
William and Mary Rollins Smith Family

Their first son was born December 26, 1935, but only lived only a few hours and is buried in Bethel Cemetery also. I was born December 12, 1937 in Leon, W. Va. I was married on July 14, 1956 in Mason County to Hobart Darst, Jr., born November 2, 1932, son of Hobart and Mary Emma Cromley Darst. We had three children, David Allen born October 31, 1958, Lois Jean born May 3, 1961 and Vickie Lynn born February 24, 1970, all born in Gallia County, Galipolis, Ohio.


My sister, Mary Katherine, was born April 22, 1944 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, W. V. Submitted by — Jean Darst

William Smith and Jim Morgan acted as the only undertakers on Ten Mile. Fannie had two white sheath knives ready to be used at other's of need. She also made wooden coffins for small children. Fannie would cover these coffins with white material and cotton batting to make them look soft and pretty. One neighbor took a dose of kerosene for a cold, took enough, and "died." When Will and Jim started to lay him out, he raised up and lived for years.

Will had a mill, where he ground corn and wheat. He took a share of the grain for payment. He was also a blacksmith, farmer, and "vet." Fannie was born November 13, 1866, to Adonijah Rollins and Nancy Baker. She could weave, spin, knit, crochet, tat, sew, and quilt. She was called from far and near to care for sick people. Fannie had been married previously to G. L. Howe and had two daughters:

- Rilla Frances (December 19, 1892 - August 28, 1965) married Martin Ball; he was killed in an auto accident; later married J. B. Brown.
- Nora Belle (December 30, 1891 - October 14, 1977) married Cecil Edwards.

Children of Will and Fannie:
   - Janette (Jean Darst), William, and Mary Leu worked for the State Road Commission of West Virginia most of his life. He served as State Road Commissioner of Mason County 1949 - 1957.

The Millard James Snodgrass Family


1. James Madison Snodgrass II b. 1/1/1915 Henderson; d. 11/10/1978 m. Elizabeth Lou Lyons b. 8/1/1925 Westerly, RI - Los Angeles, CA. Submitted by — Audrey Clendenen

Edward Ray and Ethel Eads Somerville

Edward Ray Somerville (1881 - 1947) was born in Williamstown, Logan County, W. Va. and married Elizabeth Windon Somerville (1848 - 1893) who are buried in the Somerville Cemetery Ohio River Road, Rt. 62 N.

Edward, a farmer in Robinson District, moved to Pt. Pleasant after the U.S. Govern-
Caufman, whom he married in 1928, was born in Trinway, Ohio, and owned a farm in Pleasant. Paul and wife, Jean Oliver (daughter of Howard and Patricia Miller), also divorced. Their other children, Paula Jean, was born in 1963.

Pleasant. Paul and wife, Jean Oliver (daughter of Cecil and Inez) are divorced. Their other children were born Candice (1952), George Jason (1955), Zachary (1960 - deceased 1961), and David York (1962).

Paul Rose Jr. (1928) owns Somerville Insuranc Agency with sons Typee (1936) in Pt. Pleasant. Paul and wife, Jean Oliver (daughter of Cecili and Inez) are divorced. Their other child, Paula Jean, was born in 1963.

Edward Somerville (1906 - 1971) born at Trinway, Ohio, buried at Kirkland owned a farm in later years at Henderson. His wife, Rachel Caudill, whom he married in 1928, was born in 1908 and died in 1956, the daughter of Sadie Holder (1881 - 1952) and Granville Caudill (1871 - 1938). Rachel graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School, Morris Harvey College, and taught school for 31 years.

Edward and Rachel had one child, Charles Edward, born in 1932 served with the United States Navy in Korea, and died May 26, 1962. Long Beach, California, where he is buried. Charles was on his way home but was in a car wreck. He suffered a spinal injury which left him a paraplegic that contributed to his death. His first wife, Peggy Wood, died in 1961. He married 2nd Marjorie, no issue.

Bonnie Jean (1911) first married George Garrison (1898 - 1952) buried in Suncrest, by whom Rex Wellington (1933) divorced from wife, the former Janet Wears; and Patricia Jean Garrison (1935) who married Ralph M. Weethie (divorced). Patricia had Cynthia Douglas (1955), Rex and Janet had Deborah Lynn (1954), Gregory, and Thomas (1964).


JACOB HENRY SOMERVILLE

Jacob Henry Somerville (1880 - 1955) is buried at Suncrest Cemetery with his wife, Hattie Aracelia Goodwin (1881 - 1957) the daughter of Locia Chancellor and James H. Goodwin. J. H. was the son of Charles W. Somerville (1854 - 1892) buried at Kirkland, by whom he married Mary Catherine Miller (1854 - 1907). Mary was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., and she and husband are buried Lone Oak.

Jacob and Hattie had 5 children. Ben Leonard (1906) married Mrs. Edna Asher (December 29, 1905 - buried Kirkland, by whom he married Ben L. Somerville Jr. (1939) married Mary Ann Somerville (1943) daughter of Frantisky (1939) and the late Harold Somerville. Ben Somerville Jr. managed the Somerville Ford Motor Sales for about 12 years during the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Ben Somerville Jr. received a B.S. Degree from West Virginia University and worked for Standard Register Co. in Atlanta before entering School of Theology at U. of the South. He is now an ordained Episcopal Clergyman and lives Baltimore, Maryland. They have two sons, Ben Somerville III (1961) born in Morgantown, and John Travis (1963) Atlanta, Georgia.

Their issue: Paul Somerville, Jr. now have homes on the lots. Jericho Road. His grandsons, Rex Garrison and Peter Somerville. Jr. married at Mason County March 22, 1836. Calvin Somerville (1812 - 1861) farmer, justice of the peace in Waggner District. He was the first child of Samuel Somerville (1789 - 1868) 1812 War Vet, and wife Rebecca Young (died April 16, 1850 age 83 years 3 days) buried on Potter Creek road. Samuel was the progenitor of the Somerville family in Mason County, six of his nine children were born here.

Margaret and Calvain Somerville are buried in the Somerville-Zupan Cemetery, Waggner District. They had issue Martha Ann (1837 - 1888) born in Mason County, West Virginia July 20, 1863. He was the son of Winton D. Somerville, born in 1832 and died in 1892, and Margaret Jane Roseberry who was born in 1837 and died in 1912.

On May 29, 1902 he married Mollie Elizabeth Chamberlain, daughter of George Jefferson Chamberlain and Ruth Matilda Olivers of Warrenton County, Ohio.

He was educated in Mason County Schools, attended the academy at Tappers Plains, Ohio and Marshall College. He served in various county schools, was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, superintendent of the Sunday school, a Mason, IOOF, K of P and was elected to the Board of Education when the new high school was built in 1917, which building now houses Point Pleasant Elementary School. He was a member of the firm of McMillin and Somerville and operated the Bon Ton Department Store for many years.

They had 2 children, Margaret, born October 22, 1907 in Wellsburg, West Virginia and Harold E. Somerville, born May 11, 1909 in


On his mother's side, Robert Somerville was the great grandson of John Roseberry, born in 1760. He was a Revolutionary soldier who enlisted Sept 6, 1776 and served with Washington near Bunker Hill. He married Flora Cree, born 1761 and moved to Mason County in 1812. They had eight children. They bought a farm and planted an orchard on Jerrico Road. Here he had eight children. They bought a farm and planted an orchard on Jerrico Road. Here he

Sara Knopp Somerville

Samuel Peter (1841 - 1919) son of Matilda and Calvin Somerville married 1862 Sarah Elizabeth Knopp (1837 - 1934) daughter of Jane Trimble Poage (Hawkins) and Jacob Knopp. Their nine children were:


Annie Mae (1865 - 1931) school teacher; Mary Letitia (1866 - 1941); twin boys died at birth October 31, 1867.

Edward Jacob (1869 - 1965) teacher, farmer, one time deputy clerk of court, 50 years a lawyer, Mason, Shriner, and Presbyterian. He and wife Maude Kiser (1879 - 1962) daughter of Adam Kiser, Jeweler in Pt. Pleasant and wife Anna Baker, adopted Violet who married William F. Machir son of Willie and Philip William. They had issue Carol Patterson, Patricia Knopp, and Deborah Hickel.

Mr. and Mrs. Somerville adopted a son Alvin Bernard who was born July 4, 1916 in Indiana. He graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1934. He was employed as a shipfitter and later as a welder at the Marietta Manufacturing Company at Pt. Pleasant, The American Car and Foundry in Huntington, and Biggs Boiler Works in Akron, Ohio. In Akron he met Miss Myrtle O'Brien, daughter of Daniel and Florence O'Brien, who was born July 25, 1917. They were married February 22, 1943. He entered service on November 3, 1943 and served in Pearl Harbor until discharged November 28, 1945, serving in the Navy Seabees and Ship Repair Unit as First Class Petty Officer and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer May 1945.
Mr. Somerville returned to Huntington A.C.F. and built a home in North Kenova, Ohio where a son George Bernard Somerville was born October 6, 1946. They then moved to Gallipolis, Ohio in 1948 where they reside on 6 Burkhardt Lane. George Bernard graduated from Gallia Academy High School and later attended Rio Grand College where he graduated May 1968. He received his Masters Degree from Ohio State University and taught ten years in the Columbus School System and is now employed as Division Manager with World Book Encyclopedia of Columbus. On June 27, 1970 he married Pamela Ann Yoby and she is employed as a paralegal by Limited Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. They are the parents of two children Nicole Marie born October 25, 1972 and Jason Eric born May 18, 1976.

The second child born to Alvin Bernard and Myrtle Somerville was David Alvin born May 25, 1955 in Gallipolis, Ohio. He graduated from Gallia Academy High School and is now employed by American Electric Power Company. He is married to Lori Jan Stapleton daughter of Floyd and Janice Stapleton. They have one daughter Micah Renea born March 22, 1985.

In February, 1918 he married the school teacher in Leon, Cora Woodall. To Dr. and Mrs. Sommer was born three children, Mabel Louise, October 27, 1920, Benjamin Franklin, Jr., May 29, 1923, and William Richard March 16, 1925. Mabel Louise married Sherwood Costen January 1, 1942, Benjamin Franklin died on July 3, 1940, and William Richard married Vala Randolph March 14, 1947.

Mabel and Sherwood had one daughter, Carolyn Sommer born March 20, 1944 who married Kip Hartenbach June 25, 1966. Kip and Carolyn are employed by the Mason County Board of Education as teachers at Ordnance School in Point Pleasant. They gave the Sommers their first grandchild, Jamie Hartenbach born April 8, 1973.


Frank Haley Sommer is a Computer Science Specialist, living in Golden, Colorado, Jillene Kay married Dennis Quire June 2, 1978 and lives in Dallas, Texas. They have three children, Daniel, David, and Kirsten. William Richard Sommer, Jr. lives in Loveland, Colorado and is employed as an electrical engineer.

Dr Sommer continued his practice of medicine in Leon, also doing some surgery in his early years before it was convenient for patients to go to hospitals. He delivered more than 5,500 babies, all home deliveries. He became known in the area around Leon as "the Doctor". His practice was drawn to a close in February, 1965, two weeks before his death, having practiced more than 64 years. Mrs. Sommer lived on until April, 1984.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Sommer had many friends and were great contributors to the welfare of people in their community. He was truly a "horse and buggy" doctor. Submitted by — Mabel Sommer Costen

CHARLES A. SOWASH FAMILY


Charles the son of Fredrick (1812 - 1892), and Mary Jemima Sowash, (1842 - 1912), was raised on the family farm, 1 mile from Palestine Church in Hannan District. As a young man Charles worked for the Huntington Shops of C&O Railroad and worked in timber in Mason County.

Clora was the daughter of Nepolian Bonapart (1866 - 1899) and Louvina Irwin (1866 - 1932). She was born and raised on the family farm at Mill Creek, near Bedford Chapel in Cabell County. Clora attended Mill Creek School.

Charles and Clara's first home was on Whitten Ridge, Mason County, where all their children were born. They later moved to the old Sowash farm on Palestine Ridge. Charles made his living by farming and Clara was a housewife and mother. All their children attended Hannan High School.

Their children are as follows:

1. Huston Fredrick Sowash (1918 - 1978). He served in WW II., he was buried in Fairfield Cemetery.
7. Sincell Irwin Sowash b. 1935, married Evelyn —
8. Elizabeth Ann Sowash, b. 1938, married Word Campbell, children: 1. Re-
FREDERICK SOWASH

Frederick Sowash was born February 29, 1812 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. After living most of his adult life in Pennsylvania, he moved to southern Mason County in 1874. Frederick was the son of Isaac and Maria Sowash. Isaac was a private in the War of 1812; Maria was the daughter of the well-known Lutheran minister John Wilhelm Weber who pastored many churches in western Pennsylvania. Frederick's birth and christening were recorded by Reverend Weber. Frederick Sowash's grandparents were Daniel and Margaretta Sowash. Daniel died in 1802 leaving seven children under the age of twenty-one. An orphan's petition was recorded in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1802 listing Isaac as one of his sons. Frederick Sowash's great grandparents were Henry and Anna Sowash. Anna's maiden name was Anna Esther Schnieder. Henry Sowash was born in 1731 and died in 1799. His will, recorded in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, listed Daniel as his son. Both Henry and Daniel were in the Revolutionary War according to records found in the Pennsylvania Archives 6th series Vol. II. p. 601. Frederick had three brothers and two sisters: Isaac Sowash (born 1804), John Sowash (born 1808), Elizabeth Sowash (born 1810), and Anna Sowash (born 1813). All of these births were recorded by Reverend Weber.

He married Nannie B. Roush born March 16, 1872 Died February 24, 1933. (daughter of Calvin and Susanna Roush, Union Community) March 6, 1891. They spent their entire life near his birth place. They lived more than fifty (50) years between the railroad and river until he sold to the Philip Sporn Electrical Plant in 1948. They experienced several floods during this time, the worst in the years 1913 and 1937. Near our home there was a post office and two stores. There was a ferry which made a direct route to Racine, Ohio also to Pomeroy, by using the street car.

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Frederick's first wife died in 1872 and he remarried in 1874 to Mary Jemima Jones Sincell. Mary had one daughter Henrietta Sincell. Frederick most likely moved to West Virginia soon after his marriage in 1874. Frederick and Mary had three children: Blanch Jones Sowash (b. 1875), Charles Abraham Sowash (b. 1877), and Virginia Sowash (b. 1879).

Frederick purchased seventy-five acres of land in the Hannan district of Mason County in 1878. Several descendants of his family still live in Mason County. Frederick was a stonemason by trade and even though he was not young when he moved to Mason County, his stonework was well-known throughout southern Mason County. Frederick was a devout Methodist. He died in 1893 and was buried at Fairfield United Methodist Church cemetery near Glenwood. Submitted by — Margaret Ashworth

SPENCER

Harvey M. Spencer born March 11, 1869 Died September 12, 1955, he was the 11th and youngest child of William and Mary Magdaline Davis Spencer and was born in a log house on the hill opposite the Philip Sporn Plant's coal mine at Graham Station, West Virginia.

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SPREUSE FAMILY

The Spreuse name is of German origin, and it is probable that the Spreuse families of Mason County are descended from German immigrants who came to America in the late 1700's, or earlier, settling in Pennsylvania and Virginia, later migrating westward to areas in what is now West Virginia.

Woodward "Wood" Spreuse (b/8/1841 - d. 6/15/1928), Patriarch of the Mason County Spreuse families, was the son of Z. and Nancy Grimes Spreuse, both born in Virginia. He married Anna Rebecca Mahan (b. 7/26/1842 - d. 6/22/1925), of Scotch-Irish ancestry, daughter of T. Mahan (born in Pema) and Susan Mahan (born in Virginia). Woodward served in the Civil War, Co. D, 13th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, according to available records. After his marriage, it is believed that for some years he and Anna Rebecca lived in Wood County, W. Va., near Parkersburg, where records show many Spreuse names, and it is likely their children were born and raised in that area. However, in later years Wood and Rebecca made their home with a son, Thomas J., of Mason County, in the town of Hallwood (or Spilman) where they lived until their deaths, he at 87 years, she at 83. They are buried at West Columbia Hill Cemetery. The children and descendants of Woodard and Rebecca Spreuse are as follows:

1. Thomas J. (b. 3/4/1866 - d. 2/22/1936), married Joanna Alice Snyder (b. Jan. 1864 - d. 9/18/1956), daughter of Alfred and (name unknown) Snyder, her mother, said to be full-blooded Indian. Thomas and Joanna's children, and most grandchildren, inherited the dark eyes of this Indian grandmother. Joanna was a sister of Verne (Jake Riffle), and Vess Snyder. Other relatives are not known. Thomas and Joanna lived a part of their married life in the town of Slate in Wood
County, some of whose children were born. In the late 1800's they moved to Hallwood (Spilman) in Mason County, a then thriving community situated on the Ohio River near West Columbia, with a brickmaking industry, (Spilman Brick Co.), a coal mining company (Pittsburgh No. 8 Coal Co.), a general store, school, church, (the church is still in use), B & O Railroad line and depot, and several dairy farms. Families in Hallwood at that time included Thomas and Daisy Mitchell, John Andrews, a Gossen family, George Parsons, John Andrew Stewart, as well as some that came later, Edward and Todd Van Meter, Charles Varian, Okey VanMeter, Edward Davis, and many others. Thomas and Joanna raised their family in that small town on the Ohio River, the land providing their needs, Joanna's yard full of the flowers she loved, and her quilting frame often setup. They lived in this homeplace until their deaths, he at 70 years, she at 92. They are buried at the Mitchell Cemetery in Hallwood. The children and descendants of Thomas and Joanna Snyder Sprouse are as follows:

James and Maud Sprouse

a. Charles (born 1889 - died in Ohio), married Mae Cheesebrew, daughter of Samuel and Susan Cheesebrew, and a sister of Ora; Children of Charles and Mae: (1) Marvin (2) Maxine (3) Samuel (4) Louise. Charles and Mae lived in Bucyrus, Ohio, and raised their family there.


c. Ethel Mae (b. 8/26/1892 - d. 11/20/1957), married Roy Drake (b. 3/2/1888 - d. 1/16/1966). Roy was a son of Skelton and Mary Kerwood Drake, who was a sister of Lida Kerwood (Compton), and Martha Kerwood (Smith); Ethel and Roy raised their family in Hallwood, where Roy worked in the mines. They moved in later years to Letart, W. Va., near their daughter, Veva, where they lived for a number of years. They are buried at Graham Cemetery. Ethel and Roy's children were:

1. Forrest (1913 - 1966) - married Edna Booth, daughter of John and Alpha Hoschar Booth; they had a son, Connie.

2. Veva (b. 10/7/1917 - d. 3/4/1980), married Robert C. "Bob" Roush, (b. 12/1/1915 - d. 10/30/1980). For a number of years Veva owned and operated a restaurant at Letart. She and Bob are buried at Graham Cemetery. Veva's children: (a) Rebecca (Jones) (b) Roberta (Darrell Smith).

d. William (b. 5/21/1897 - d. 8/17/1972), married Eva Marie Nobles, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Nobles of West Columbia, and a sister of Lucy (m. George Trew). William and Eva's children: 1. James P. 2. William (dec.) 3. Robert (Lives in Arizona) 4. Stephen 5. Eva Marie. William and Eva lived in Point Pleasant a number of years, where he operated a garage/filling station and where they raised their family. Later, they moved to East Liverpool, Ohio, where Eva lives at this time, also Stephen, Eva Marie, and James, (who resided many years in Huntington).

e. Okey Marion (b. 7/6/1908 - d. 10/30/1961), married Catherine Bennett, daughter of Charles and Nellie Bennett of Pt. Pleasant, and sister of Louise (Walden Roush); Okey lived his entire life in the Sprouse homestead in Hallwood, and he and Catherine lived there with their children, Martha, William, and Robert, who died in 1956. Okey and Catherine's children were: 1. Virginia Alice (Carpenter), who lives in Florida. 2. Charles T. "Tommy", of Point Pleasant. After Okey's death in 1961, Catherine married George McDaniel. Okey is buried in Upper Lone Oak cemetery, in Pt. Pleasant, as are Catherine and George.


t. Robert - Lives in Mexico City, Mexico. 7. Robert ("Bob") Roush, son of Henry and Mary Dodd Russell, and brother of Lawrence, Lester "Pete", John, Etta (Stewart), and Naomi (Edwards). Stella still lives in West Columbia as this is being written, where she and Clayton raised their family, and where her husband has been a miner. Children of Stella and Clayton: 1. Herman E. - Lives in Chicago, Ill. 2. Peggy (Roush) 3. Donald 4. Peter - Lives in Grants, N.M. 5. Robert - Lives in Akron, Ohio. 6. Ruth (Weaver) Several of these children still live in Mason County.

The Sprouse History in Mason County is continued on by a number of descendants of those who came to this area so many years ago. Other parts of the country have become home to some offspring of those written about in this story, but the bloodline is well represented in this county and several surrounding ones.

The following is a brief history of James and Maud Booth Sprouse, as mentioned earlier.

James M., second child of Thomas and Joanna Sprouse, was born when they lived in Wood County, W. Va., in the town of Slate, near Parkersburg. Born July 16, 1890, he came with them as a young boy to Hallwood (Spilman), in Mason County, where he grew up with 3 brothers and attended the local schools and helping his father farm. As a young man he furthered his education by enrolling in a correspondence course, and was also a member of Knights of Pythias, a fraternal society. Prior to World War I James worked as a fireman. Enlisting in the Army on October 4, 1917, he was sent to Camp Lee, Va. for training, and then, with a Wagoner Supply Co., 315th Field Artillery, 80th Div., he was sent to France, where he participated in a number of battles, among them the St. Mihiel Offensive (9/12 - 9/16, 1918) and the Great Battle of the Meuse-Argonne (9/26 - 11/11/1918). He received medals, citations, and badges, among them the Victory Medal, and battle clasps. He was with the A.E.F. from May 26, 1918 to May 315.
It is with great pride, and gratitude for the opportunity, that this story is submitted for publication in this history of Mason County.

Note: The information for this history was obtained through word of mouth, court and census records, cemetery records and from personal knowledge. Submitted by — Pearlene M. VanOngheem, Lara M. Price, Joanna M. Reed, Maureen Schurman

SPURLOCK FAMILY

Burrel Spurlock was born April 14, 1834, in Boone County, Va., now W. Va. The son of Eli and Mary (Cummings) Spurlock. He wed Phebe Jane, daughter of Preston and Elizabeth (Haskins) Spears in Lincoln Co., January 7, 1857. Charles Spurlock, grandfather of Burrell, was one of the earliest settlers on Mud River, in which section of the county, Eli, father of Burrell was born and raised. The county was then mostly inhabited by Indians.

Mr. Spurlock was in the Civil War serving in the Federal Army in Company K, 7th W. Va. Cavalry. He participated in the battle of Floyd Mountain at New River Bridge, Lynchburg, Va., fighting continuously from Lynchburg to Kanawah Valley and was discharged August 5, 1865.

Burrell moved to Mason County about 1870. He settled in Leon and was a farmer and owner of a sawmill. His daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was one of the first school teachers in Mason County. She also worked as a reporter for the Point Pleasant Register, Weekly Edition and wrote the obituary for her father, which follows;

During all these years James and Maud were dedicated parents, good citizens, staunch Republicans and Election Day workers, helpful and respected neighbors. James was the neighborhood "barber", and people also often came to have him doctor their various cuts, abrasions, and other problems. He was a tall, quiet, serious man, good father and son, never far from his widowed mother, Joanna. Maud, born May 30, 1889, eldest daughter of Frank and Carrie Davis Booth, had grown up in West Columbia. Along with everyone, she made many lifelong friends in those years of youth, and had known James from childhood. She had one sister, Lera M., and one brother, James A. Many who were raised in West Columbia at that same time still live in the area, or have children who do, and remember the Booth children well. Maud, "Mom" to her children and grandchildren alike, was a short, vital woman, an outgoing person with many friends, and was devoted to family, and to her parents, all her life. After James' death in October, 1953, she carried on the task of raising children still at home, and then continued to live in her home of over 60 years until a short period before her death on New Year’s Day, 1981. She lived to know 32 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, and at the time of her death was 81 years, 7 months old. James and Maud are buried at Suncrest Memorial Cemetery in Point Pleasant. Several of their children live in this area, or in West Virginia, but most are in other states.

WVWA "Tootie" Hoffman

Mr. Burrell Spurlock died at his home at Leon, Mason county, W.V. on Christmas day, Dec. 25th, 1918. He was born April 14, 1834. Age 84 years, 8 months, 11 days. He was united in marriage to Jane Spears in 1857. To this union was born twelve children, six preceeded him in death, six living, namely: Maria Neal of Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., Margaret R. born 1871; Ethel Herbert Staats, born 1876, in Jackson County, WV. He began teaching school until 1903 and went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad. No issue.

Friday afternoon and he was laid to rest in Leon Cemetary to await the Resurrection morn. Submitted by — Colleen Spurlock Mays

WILLIAM EDWIN SOMERVILLE

William Edwin Somerville (March 16, 1879 - 1946) was born to Andrew J. Somerville (April 10, 1827 - 1907) and 2nd wife Mary Martha Washington (July 24, 1838 - 1884) born Cabell Co. WV. William married Adeline F. Hutson and Samuel T. Washington. Mary is buried in West Columbia.


Evelyn Somerville born January 8, 1907, in Point Pleasant, obtained her teaching degree from Marshall University, is now retired after about 30 years of teaching in Mason County schools. She is a member of Woman's Club, Garden Club, and Presbyterian Church.

Evelyn married December 27, 1929, to Charles M. Gammon (1905 - 1946). He also is buried Lone Oak. They had Charles Stephen, born December 26, 1933 married Renata Bude­well of West Berlin, Germany. They live in Vir­ginia where he is employed at the airport. No issue.

Wayne Somerville Gammon born February 2, 1936 graduated from Point Pleasant High School as a gifted student and won a scholar­ship to Ohio University. He lives in Cary, N.C. and has his own orchestra. He married Jodie Harro. No issue.

William Edwin was one of eleven children. His brothers and sisters were Leonidus P. (1849 - 1937) m. Emma J. Powell (1857 - 1904), buried Lone Oak; Joseph S. (1852 - 1949) married Fannie Brown (1855 - 1941) Lone Oak; Charles W. (1834 - 1917) married Mary Miller; Ernest Otho (died Vicksburg, Michigan); Anna Laura (1861 - 1940) married Charles B. Zuspan died Richwood, Ohio; Robert Valinghan (1864 - 1957) died Steubenville, Ohio; Elizabeth Blanche (1866 - 1947) married W. A. Martin, buried Blaine, Ohio; Washington Irvin born 1869; Henry B. born 1871; Ethel Herbert (1873 - 1931) and Ardelia Clyde born 1880 died 1961 Masilion, Ohio. Submitted by — Evelyn S. Gam­mon

WILLIAM W. STAATS FAMILY

William Wiley Staats was born December 6, 1876, in Jackson County, W.V. He began teaching school at an early age in Jackson County, where he later met and married Mary Melissa Sayre on November 3, 1901. She was born May 21, 1881. After their marriage they farmed on land given to them by William's father, Calvin. He continued teaching school until 1903 when they moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. and William went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Their first child Raymond Wiley was born in Jackson County, and died in Pittsburgh on August 10, 1904, at the age of two in Pittsburgh. He is buried in Spruce Cemetery.

While living in Pittsburgh, nine other children were born and are as follows; EVELLETT ELLS­WORTH, born February 29, 1904, married Mathilda Irene Keil on May 29, 1922. From this union came seven children, Edward, Mildred, William, Paul, Melvin, Evelyn and Richard. Ev­erett died August 16, 1940 and Mathilda died November 19, 1981.
As of this writing, there are seven living children of the William and Mary Staats family. Velma, Edna, and William are still living in Mason County, Ohio. Doreta and her family live in Louisiana. Stanley, James, and Lily, still live in Mason County. Submitted by — Lily Kelvington, Karen Broadwater, Nora Staats

STARKEY FAMILY

This information came from Uncle Jim Starkey, August 24, 1971.

The Starkeys came to America in the late 1799 from England. They settled in Meigs County, Ohio.

Dave Starkey was John Starkey’s father. John Starkey married Bell Butler. To them were born Wade Starkey, Russell Starkey, and two daughters, Flo Starkey and Winnie Starkey.

John Starkey’s brothers were Watt Starkey, Benton Starkey, Will Starkey, Edd Starkey and Annie Marrie Starkey.

Benton Starkey married Lizzie Reed. To them were born James Owen Starkey, Charlie Starkey, Forest and Edgar Starkey. Charlie married Ella Ross - two children, Joe and Charles. Forest married Bulah Spurlock Starkey - four sons and three girls.

Edgar Starkey married Ona Holly - children 3 boys and 3 girls.

Annie Marrie Starkey married Hermon Wheaton - 1 son and 1 daughter.

Eliza Starkey married a Tempeion lady - 2 girls, Stella and Lucy and 1 son, Paul. He lived at Spencer, W. Va. and died in Sept., 1970. He was a farmer and had a farm at Spencer.

Uncle Lue Starkey never married.

Will Starkey married Nancy Cremens - 3 sons, Lue, Willard and Elmer.

Owen Starkey married Maggie Reed - 1 girl, Ivory Starkey, Erney Starkey, Ervie Starkey and Chester Starkey.

Aunt Lizzie Starkey married Abb McCoy - 8 boys and 3 girls.

Jim Starkey married Ida McCurry - 2 girls, Lucy and Stella and 1 son, Elza.

William Reed married Clara Wilcox - 3 sons and 7 girls.
Sara Reed married Marshal Wyatt. Lizzie Reed married Benton Starkey. Maggie Reed married Owen Starkey. John Reed married Olive McCurdy - 4 girls and 6 sons.

Charlie Reed married Mert Crawford - 3 girls and 1 son.

Ida married Jim Cox.

Copied by Polly Sheldon Starkey. Submitted by — Rose Wallace.

**WILLIAM STARKEY**

William Wilson Starkey, born February 6, 1848, died March 16, 1919, and is buried in the Starkey Cemetery, Rocky Fork Road, Glenwood. He was the son of Melinda Hetrick (1827-1911) and Watson Starkey (1826-1866), his wife, Nancy Crenemas (Sept. 12, 1847-December 1939) was the daughter of Henderson Crenemas.

William had brothers, Lewis (1858-1924), Owen (1865-1927) married 1st Maggie Reed (1874-1906), 2ndly Myrtle Braley (1884-1966); Benton (1860-1936); James, and sister Lizzie who married Abner McCoy.


William married Sarah E. VanMeter in Fayette County, continued to live at Poplar Grove. In 1872 he married Sarah E. VanMeter and they settled in Mason County, where he built his home for much of his advancement in agriculture and fine stock raising. At the time of his settling in Mason County, he brought the first improved herd of cattle to be introduced to the county, and in 1839 imported the first thoroughbred short-horn cattle.


**LEWIS AND ESSIE STEELE**

John Lewis Steele born July 2, 1890, son of John Lewis Steele and Ellousia Carpenter Miller, of Apple Grove, WV. He married Essie Alice Meadows, daughter of Jacob Ellis and Minnesota Young of Glenwood on April 1, 1911. Essie taught school at Sizemore and Wattersen one room schools before marriage. They lived in Columbus, Ohio and Lewis was a chain maker there. Then they moved to Huntington, WV and he worked at Emmens Hawkins Hardware and Armstrong Store Foundry. They moved back to Glenwood and bought the Jacob Ellis Meadows homestead where they farmed.

They were members of Christian Valley Church of Christ at Glenwood, WV. Essie died January 11, 1973. Lewis died March 26, 1980. They raised five children:

1. Gladys married Ernest Stewart of Huntington and had three children, Alice Jean, James Ernest and Suzannze.
2. Edith married Donald Blake of Ashton and had three children, Lewis Perron, Donald David and Lyndy. This marriage ended in divorce and she married Kenneth Donley of Columbus, Ohio.
4. John Lewis Steele Jr. married Beatrice Powers of Upland and had one son, John Lewis Steele III. Beatrice died in 1992. He married Marlene Johnson and they had one son, John Lewis Steele IV.
5. Billy Richard Steele married Dortha Finley of Pliny and had two children, Billy and Nancy. Billy was a teacher and administrator for 33 years in the Mason County school system. He taught at Buckle, Wattersen, Rocky Fork and Sunnyside Schools. He was also a minister for the Church of Christ for many years. He died in an automobile accident December 1981. Submitted by — Dortha Steele.

**STEENBERGEN FAMILY**

First representative of the Steenbergen family in Mason County was Gen. Peter H. Steenbergen, a descendant of the Steenbergen family of Steenbergen, Holland. Peter H. was born in Hardy County, Virginia, 1788, but at the age of five years, was taken to Shenandoah County by his father. There he grew to manhood and in 1807 married Maria Bibb Jordan. In 1810 the couple settled in Mason County on a farm which came to be known as Poplar Grove located at Gallipolis Ferry. Their home still stands and in this home they reared a family of eleven children listed in order of births:

- Eliza Steenbergen Lewis, 1808
- Mary Steenbergen McCulloch, 1810
- Caroline Steenbergen Menager, 1812
- Catherine Steenbergen Neal, 1814
- Sarah Steenbergen Couch, 1816
- Cornelia Steenbergen Menager, 1818
- Maria Steenbergen, 1820
- Susan Virginia Steenbergen Spencer, 1823
- Rhoda Trig Steenbergen, 1825
- Ellen D. Steenbergen, 1827
- John William Steenbergen, 1831

Mason County is indebted to Peter H. Steenbergen for much of its advancement in agriculture and fine stock raising. At the time of his settling in Mason County, he brought the first improved herd of cattle to be introduced to the county, and in 1839 imported the first thoroughbred short-horn cattle.


William Steenbergen, an engineer, married Charlotte Byers McCulloch of Point Pleasant in 1905. Their son John W. married Sally Lou Musgrave of Point Pleasant in 1942. They have lived in Columbus, Tennessee, where he was employed by Monsanto Co. as Supervisor of Mines and Washer Plant. Their son John William Steenbergen, III, a practicing attorney-at-law and currently City Manager of the City of Columbus, Tennessee, married Betty Ragland Neal of Richmond, Virginia, in 1973. They have one son, William Ragland Steenbergen, born 1984. Submitted by — John W. Steenbergen.

**PETER HIGGINS STEENBERGEN**

1875 - 1955

In the valley of Virginia, near Mt. Jackson, lies beautiful “Mt. Airy”, the ancestral home of Peter Higgins Steenbergen.

The first Peter Steenbergen came from Holland before 1740 and settled in Virginia. His eldest son, William, lived in Hardy and Shenandoah Counties in Virginia and married first Sarah Casey and later Elizabeth Beale. His only son, Peter Higgins, was born in Moorefield, Hardy County, Virginia - now West Virginia. When five years of age he moved with his parents to Shenandoah County, where he lived until 1810. Then he settled in Mason County where he built his home "Poplar Grove" at Gallipolis Ferry. This Peter had been a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute and was for many years a brigadier-general in the Virginia State Militia, hence the name General Steenbergen by which he was known. He married Maria Bibb, Jordan and had eleven children:

- Eliza married C. C. Lewis; Mary married Alexander McCulloch; Caroline married L. B. Menager; Catherine married W.P. Neale; Sarah Ann married Samuel Couch; Cornelia married L. B. Menager; Maria died aged 17; Susan Virginia married Joseph Spencer; Rhoda married a ripe old age but never married; Ellen Douglas married C. T. Beale; and John Wm. married Sarah Eliza Van Meter.

The General's only son, John William married, after graduating from the Virginia Military Institute, Sarah Eliza Van Meter of Kentucky, and they had five sons: William married Charlotte McCulloch; Peter H. married Sallie McCulloch; Isaac married Willa Mae Denny; Charles married Ellen Dennis; John married Jessie Fitch; and one daughter, Frances married Rev. Clyde Johnson.

The children were tutored at home until of college age. Peter graduated from Central University in 1896, and came to teach a private school in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Later he entered the public school system of Mason County and served as teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, and on the Board of Education. It was under his leadership that the High School, now Central Elementary, was built. He was Commandant of Cadets in Speers - Landford Military Institute in Searcy, Arkansas the year before his marriage.

Jean graduated from National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Md. She now lives in the family home at 903 Main Street, Point Pleasant, W. Va. Her husband died Feb. 14, 1981.

Peter Higgins Jr. attended W.V.U. and graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Co. and then the Cleveland Iron Co. in P. T. Pleasant and in Charleston, from where he retired because of ill health. He and his wife, Mabel spent a few years travelling before his death in March 1976. Mabel died in Jan. 1983.


Charles graduated from Washington and Lee University with a B.S. in Chemistry and then earned an M.S., also in chemistry at W.V.U. He worked on a Fellowship at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa. until it was terminated and then he was Technical Representative for Pennsylvania Refining Co. of Butler, Pa. His wife, Betty died in 1973. He retired in May 1985 and is living in Butler, Pa. They were the parents of three sons, all in the Medical Profession: Charles Jr., John Alan, and Peter Lewis.

Charles Jr. received a Bachelor's degree from Haverford, Pa., a Ph.D. from the University of Pa. and an M.D. from U. of Pa. School of Medicine. He married Elizabeth Murphy of Tamaqua, Pa. in a ceremony of their own composition in a Park in Philadelphia, Pa. She also earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the U. of Pa. and both worked at Duke University in N.C.

John received his Bachelor's degree at Yale and his M.D. from the U. of Pa. Medical School. He married Darlene Goodyear of Twins Corner, Va., who was a graduate of James Madison College and trained to be a Dental Technician. They have two children: Margaret Lynn and John Alan. John Alan is now practicing with a HMO in Indianapolis, Ind.

Peter graduated from Haverford with a Bachelor's degree and received his M.D. in Radiology from Penn State U. School of Medicine. He is now with a group of radiologists near Hartford, Conn. He married Lyla Mussler of Long Island, N.Y., a graduate of Bryn Mawr, who was employed for several years by Hertz in N.Y. City. They were married in a Quaker Meeting House in Haverford, Pa. They have one daughter, Sally Lou.

The family grew strongly in the Presbyterian tradition, Peter Sr. serving for many years as Superintendent of the Sunday School and Ruling Elder of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. He was chairman of the committee which guided the building of the present edifice. Two sons, Peter Jr. and Charles, followed in his footsteps as Elders, one daughter, Jean as Deacon.

In addition to his school work, Peter Sr. managed three farms for his father-in-law, and continuing on after the latter's death. Peter Jr. took over the management of the farms after finishing college until his enlistment in the army at the outbreak of World War II, when the farms were sold. Peter Sr. was active in many community enterprises, but he is known as Professor Steinbrenner for his interest in the children and the schools of Mason County, which continued until his death. Submitted by — Jean Steinbrenner John son, Charles Steinbrenner

SALLY LOU MUSGRAVE
STEINBERGEN

Sally Lou Musgrave Steenbergen was the first woman to serve as County Superintendent of Schools under the present county unit system, a five member Board of Education. Under the old system the county superintendent had to stand for election at regular election time.

Mrs. Steenbergen received her Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University in 1935 and taught at Wahama High School that year. In 1938 she transferred to Point Pleasant Junior High School. Later she received her Masters Degree in school administration and supervision from Marshall University. She received her Certificate for County Superintendent from Marshall University.

Sally Lou Steenbergen

In 1943 she was married to John William Steenberg, whose family was one of the early pioneer families in Mason County. Mr. Steenberg was an engineer with Monsanto Chemical Company. This was World War II time and Mr. Steenberg enlisted in the United States Army Engineers and spent most of his enlistment in the Pacific area and India. When he went to military service, Mrs. Steenberg returned home to Point Pleasant from Columbia, Tennessee, where they had been living and served as principal of Wahama High School.

Later, she was appointed assistant county superintendent to Forest Bachtel. When he resigned she was appointed to finish his term. Then Mrs. Steenberg was appointed county superintendent.

The family now lives in Columbia, Tennessee. They have one son, John William Steenberg, III. A practicing attorney in Columbia, Tennessee, he is married to Betty Noel of Richmond, Virginia.

Sally Lou Steenbergen is the daughter of C. G. P. Musgrave and Eva Yauger Musgrave, both deceased. She still retains interest in the farm where she was born at Ten Mile, Cooper District. Submitted by — Betty Noel Steenberg

STEINBACH FAMILY

William Christian Steinbach was born April 18, 1857 in Wriezen, Germany to Gottfried Davin and Sophia Florentine Steinbach, the second child in a family of four children.

He came to America in 1871 at age 14 landing in New York then going to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, then to Pomeroy, Ohio. He became a naturalized citizen October 8, 1880 at Palmerton, Pa. He was a barber by trade. He married Sophia Muench on October 29, 1882 at Mason WV and moved to Point Pleasant in 1889. His wife, born Feb. 2, 1860, was the daughter of John and Barbara Berkisch Muench who came to America from Germany in 1839.

The Steinbaches had five children: Bertha Julia who married William Cable Filson and had one child, Eleanor Elizabeth; Katherine LeNoire who married Robert P. Bell and had four children, William Edgar, Robert Emerson, Esther Lee and Richard Steinbach: Barbara Emilie who married Harry DeCamp Roush and had one child, Barbara Jean; Helen Elizabeth who married Raymond A. Zehler, who died, then married Leon Spaulding. She had one son Andrew Jackson Zehler; Hilda Louise who married O. M. Guenther, who died, and then married Ralph Pinkston. She had no children.

Mr. Steinbach was active in civic affairs and maintained a barber shop in the Spencer Hotel, now Lowe Hotel, until his retirement. He was Mayor of Mountjoy Lodge No. 12, AF&AM and was noted for his impressive delivery, with his German accent, of the Masonic lectures, according to those who heard him. He was also a member of the Beni Kedem Shrine. Mrs. Steinbach was active in the Presbyterian Women of the Church.

Members of his family still living in Point Pleasant are a daughter, Hilda: two granddaughters, Eleanor McComb and Jean Stone: two great grandchildren, Julia L. Myers and Jennifer Bates; four great grandchildren, Christopher A. Myers, Jodi L. Myers, Lynn Bates and Chad Bates.

Mr. Steinbach died Feb. 29, 1932 and Mrs. Steinbach April 1, 1931. Both are buried in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Hilda S. Pinkston

ANDREW JACKSON STEPHENS

Andrew Jackson Stephens, son of Barzillia and Margaret Lantz Stephens was born October 6, 1813, at Kirby, Greene County, Pennsylvania. Died July 9, 1906.

On October 12, 1854, he married Manerva Minor, daughter of Samuel and Pemella Lancaster Minor. She was born July 5, 1831, died November 29, 1904.

Andrew Jackson Stephens

In 1856 or 1857 he purchased land in what is now Union district of Mason County, West Virginia. They came to Mason County and spent the rest of their lives there.

Part of the ground had to be cleared of trees and brush. They had a large apple orchard also a maple grove where in the spring they made maple syrup and sugar. They raised horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

Stephens Store

In the late 1860's or early 1870's a general store was started. It had everything you needed for that time. Stephens Post Office was there until the rural mail routes was established.
There was six children, who spent their lives in Union District, Mason County, West Virginia.

MARGARET PEREMLA; JANUARY 26, 1856 TO JANUARY 31, 1865
ELIZA ADALINE; DECEMBER 7, 1857 TO DECEMBER 2, 1829
BARZILLA MINOR; MARCH 6, 1859 TO APRIL 3, 1907
ANNA LAURIE; AUGUST 2, 1861 TO APRIL 22, 1900
ALBERT ANDREW; FEBRUARY 1, 1866 TO DECEMBER 16, 1870
MARY CAROLINE; MAY 10, 1870 TO JANUARY 8, 1935 Submitted by — Minnie Stewart, Norma W. Stewart

CHARLES LESLIE STEPHENSON FAMILY HISTORY
Charles Leslie Stephenson is the son of Robert William Stephenson and Lilly Mae Nixon Stephenson. Charles had two brothers, Harry and Cecil, both deceased, and three sisters, Arlene, Kathleen, both deceased, and a sister Pauline.

Harry married Gladys Dildine of Columbus, Ohio; they had one son, Dorance W. Stephenson. Ceciell never married.

Arlene married Merlyn Duff; they had one daughter, Eileen Louise Duff, deceased. Eileen married Rancel Jividen; they had one son, Mike Jividen, unmarried, who resides in Point Pleasant.

Kathleen married Dell Greer; they had no children.

Pauline married William L. Latta; they have one son, William Stephen Latta, who resides in San Diego, California. Pauline also resides in San Diego, California.

Charles Leslie Stevenson married Mary Irene Casto, daughter of Everett D. Casto and Clara Bell Krebs Casto; Clara Bell and Everett had another daughter, Geraldine Mae. Everett was killed in a street car accident and Clara married Robert Roy Kincade; Clara and Roy had two children, Robert Roy Kincade, Jr. and Phyllis Jean Kincade.

Roy Kincade, Jr. married Geraldine Shamblin; they have two children, Stephen and Lisa and they reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mary and Charles Stephenson have three children, Charles Everett; Robert William and Mary Kay.

Charles Everett married Sandra Lee Davidson and they have two children, Robin Lee and Charles Wayne. Charles and Sandra were divorced and Charles married Jo Ann Tetlow; they have one daughter, Connie Jo, and they reside in Centerburg, Ohio.

Robert William married Louanne McCarty. They have two sons, Robert Dell and Charles Leslie and reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Mary Kay married Norman Berry. They have two children, Charles Robert and Barbara Irene and reside in Williamstown, West Virginia.

Mary and Charles Stephenson are both retired from the Mason County School system and live in the home they built adjacent to the Stephenson family farm on Greer Road where they do some farming, raise horses and cattle; they have a large variety of birds, including peacocks; dogs, goats, etcetera, and where they take great pride in their many friends. Mary and Charles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September of 1986.

Mary Stephenson was a cook at Roosevelt School for 25 years and, although retired, is still also there for substitute work and still works periodically for the Mason County School system. Mary also ran a restaurant at the Point Pleasant Livestock Market for approximately 20 years.

Charles Stephenson has been a farmer; is retired from the Mason County School system where he drove a school bus for 21 years; and spent 32 years working at the Point Pleasant Livestock Market.

Charles is an avid sports fan and is particularly fond of football, a game which he played and of which he has many fond memories. At the time Charles attended high school, it was necessary to walk from the family home on Greer Road two miles to Ambrosia, where he caught the train to the Point Pleasant depot and then walked from the depot to the high school. When he started high school he had never seen a football game and his first year he was able to attend two games. In his second year, he went out for football and played in what was the third game he ever attended and started in the fourth game.

At Point Pleasant High School Charlie played football under Coach J. R. Van Meter, who still contends was the best coach ever, and Coach and his wife Eileen visit Mary and Charles yearly, and it has been their custom during those visits to entertain the surviving players from those years.

Charles recalls that in 1927, his senior year in high school, the football team made a record that has never been broken in 59 years and that is they played five teams that never made a first down against them; also, the Thanksgiving game was always with Gallipolis, Ohio, and Gallipolis didn't make a first down in two years.

Charles attended Marshall for one year and played football under Coach Trusty Tallman. Also at Marshall that year they set a record that has not been broken in 58 years; they won eight games; tied one, 6-6; and lost one, 6-0.

Charles loves to reminisce about his football days and can even display the shoes that he played in. Submitted by — Mary Stevenson

HENRY T. STEWART FAMILY
Henry Taylor Stewart born November 9, 1857 in Mason County was the son of Adam and Eleanor J. Smith Stewart, and the grandson of William and Mary Parsons Stewart who came to Mason County in 1846.

At the age of 19 years on January 6, 1878 he was married to Amanda Ann Hill who was also 19 years of age having been born on November 24, 1857. The wedding took place at the home of her parents Charles and Sarah Knapp Hill. The ceremony was performed by John Griffith of the Church of God. The couple moved to Pleas­

Henry Stewart's death occurred on Jun 25, 1931 due to stomach cancer. His wife America died September 28, 1937. They lie in the Smith Church Cemetery.

Today, the old home with its large fireplace that was built by Adam Stewart when Henry was only a boy, the large barn, the sheep barn, the chicken house, the shop, the house, the garden with its picket fence and the rows of rail fences that enclosed the fields are all just a memory.

Henry and America were the parents of seven children:

(1) Ollie J. born October 27, 1878 died April 6, 1904, married James H. McClure, one child Lizzie 1900-1956, married Austin Bentley; (2) Sarah Ellen born September 17, 1880, died January 2, 1955, married Wylie King, two daughters Viola 1913-1913; America C. born 1917, married William Miller; (3) Lizzie L. born 1882 died 1883; (4) Charles A. 1884-1889; (5) Anna Mae born July 14, 1886, married George D. Smith. They had no children but reared as their own child, a niece Ruby King, the daughter of Charles and Lena King. George D. Smith was an engineer for the New York Central Railroad. The family lived in Middletown, Ohio. (6) Lena Etta born November 18, 1889, died May 1, 1920, married Charles King. They were the parents of Ruby A. married Bessel Pickens, Ruth J., married Herman Stone, and Charles H., married Beulah Sayre; (7) Cora Matilda born May 31, 1892, died June 11, 1978, married William A. Smith. They were the parents of two sons, Floyd H. and Donald O. Smith.

Henry and America also cared for two grandchildren from infancy, Ruth J. and Charles Henry King, the children of Charles and Lena Stewart King. Submitted by — Ruth Stone, Gary Stone
THE STEWART FAMILY
ON POTTER CREEK

STEPHENSON FAMILY
My father Charles Hiram Barnett's mother, Mary "Mollie" M. Stephenson, was born in Mason County in 1870. She was a direct descendant of several families who were the earlier settlers in the Kanawah Valley and Mason County areas. A few of her ancestors (Major Leonard Cooper, Isaac Tyler, Charles Clendenin and John Greer) were soldiers in the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774.

Mary Stephenson's parents were Hiram (1832-1901) and Adelia "Greer" Stephenson (1842-1887) who were married in Mason County in 1862. Hiram was the son of William Stephenson (1788-1853) and Nancy Cooper (1790-1849). William Stephenson was the son of George Stephenson (1750-1830) and Mary Ellen Clendenin who was the daughter of Charles Clendenin, a Scot who came to America in 1746, and married in the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774. His son, Captain George Clendenin, founded Charleston, West Virginia, and named the settlement for his father, who died in 1790, and is buried near the site of the old Fort Clendenin, along the Great Kanawha, in downtown Charleston. A plaque commemorates the site of the fort. Nancy Cooper was the daughter of Major Leonard Cooper, also from Scotland, who first settled in Cooper District of Mason County before 1794 and was one of the founding trustees of Point Pleasant. Leonard's wife was Mary Tyler, a daughter of Isaac Tyler. Leonard served as a scout under Lt. Col. Daniel Boone with the Kanawha Co. Militia from 1789-1791, the well-known Mad Ann Bailey's son William Trotter married Leonard Cooper's daughter Mary Ann in 1800.

Charles Hiram Greer was the son of John Greer and Miriam Flowers who were married in Jackson County, WV in 1846. Miriam's parents were Thomas Flowers and Mary Hall of Jackson County. John Greer II was the son of John Greer I and Jane Calahan, who were married in Bath County, Virginia in 1797. Jane Calahan's parents were Charles Calahan and Mary Stewart. Mary Stewart's parents were William Steuart (1732-1797) and Margaret Usher daughter of Edward Usher.

Presently, Charles and his wife Mary "Casty" Steuart live in Mason County. They have three children: Charles, Robert and Mary Kay. Charles' father was Robert and his grandfather was Hiram Steuart.

Mary Margaret Steuart (1870-1956) married Benjamin F. Barnet (1856-1932) in Delaware County, Indiana in 1895. They had two sons: Glenn M. (1896-1958) and Charles H. (1908-1959) both are buried in Delaware County.

Glen M. Barnett first married Iva Lake and a daughter Marcela was born in 1915 and she lives in Delaware County, Indiana. Glenn's second marriage was to Ruth Leifheit of Meigs County, Ohio. They had the following children: Glenn W. (1934), Carolyn Sue (1936) and Michael E. (1944).

My father, Charles H. Barnett married Virginia K. Spear (1917-1953) of Gallia County, Ohio in 1937. Charles was a publisher of newspapers in Point Pleasant, Gallipolis and Portsmouth. I was born in Gallia, Ohio County, in 1937, married Patricia A. Gribble of Delaware County, Indiana in 1959. We have two children: Katherine Marie (1962), an in Indianapolis and Charles David (1965), serving in the Navy. We live in Delaware County, Indiana and both work for Ball State University. Both my sisters live in Delaware County Indiana; Karen K. born 1943 married Kenneth Maxwell in 1963 and they have two children: Kenneth Mark 1965 and Kevin 1966. I married Charles Pyle in 1966 and they have two children, James born 1968 and Kelly born 1974. Submitted by — C. Wm Barnett

STEVENS
Hooper B. Stevens, son of John Stevens and Nancy Andeww, was born in Maryland in 1819. He came to Mason or Cabell County between the years of 1830 and 1840. He lived on the west side of Mason County on a farm which he acquired after the close of the Civil War until he moved to Cabell County, where he died in 1900.

My grandfather, James B. Stevens, was born in Mason County in a log house on the Ohio River bank at the mouth of Guyan Creek the 6th. of Sept. 1866. Traffic crossing the Ohio River at the Hannan Trace Ford could be seen from this house including families in covered wagons migrating west. The river could be ford much of the time.

Hooper B. was employed on Confederate General A. J. Jenkins farm during the Civil War and experienced much hardship from the Crown City Ohio Union home guard. Elizabeth Ann McCorkle born in Maryland in 1822 was the mother of James and third wife of Hooper B. She died 1 Jan. 1869 in Cabell County but her death is recorded in Mason County. Records give her name as Cochran but
we always heard her name as McCorkle. She was nee in one and widow in the other. Hooper was married four times, first to Mary Bramfield in Cabell County in 1850. One child, Hooper B. Jr., is the progenitor of the Union Ridge Stevens of Cabell County.

He married second Mary Chilcutt, the widow of Thomas Frampton of Talbot County, Maryland, in 1850. One child, Oliver.

His third wife was Emily Cochran/McCorkle, they were married in Maryland in 1853. Four children lived to maturity: Clara, born in 1854, married Joseph Bexfield in Cabell County.

Edwin, born in 1858, married Rebeca Knight in Mason County.

Josephine, born in 1864, married James Bexfield in Cabell County.

JOHN THOMAS STEWART

John Thomas Stewart, born in 1873 to Jessie Franklin Stewart and Sarah Catherine Stewart, resided in the Bethel area. In 1896, John married Christine Mariah Edwards, born 1876 to Riley and Nancy Virginia Gibbs Edwards. Mrs. Nancy V. Gibbs was the granddaughter of Luman Gibbs, a scout in the Battle of Point Pleasant during the Revolutionary War. They resided on Mission Ridge.

John and Christine made their home in Salem Community. Seven daughters were born to this union. John was a farmer, and also worked at the Hobson Railroad Yards in Middlesboro, Ohio. In 1918, the family moved to West Columbia where they operated a grocery store.

Estella and Burt Stevens and Bertha Yoho

The children of Samuel Sturgeon and Mary Jordan were: Rose married Tom Finley; Elizabeth married William Rose and Samuel Sturgeon Jr.

I, was born in Cabell County in 1913, the son of Clyde Yoho and Estella Stevens. I married Mary Williams, the daughter of Ernest William and Lessie Rollyson, of Cabell County in 1938. We have two children: Sara, born in 1943, married Richard Northup of Gallia County, OH. They have three children: Patrick, Zachary and Noel. They live at Cross Lanes, WV. Mary Jo our second daughter, born in 1946, married Charles Jones of Gallia County. They have two sons Todd and Clay. They live in Gallia County.

I worked in Mason County as a Soil Conservation Technician 1956 to 1975. We live Route 3 Box 202, Gallipolis, OH 45631. Submitted by — Denver Yoho

SAMUEL STEWART FAMILY

Samuel Stewart, born in 1863 to Charles and Pauline Stewart, married Orilla Pickens, daughter of Spencer and Margaret Knapp Pickens, who was born in 1867. The family lived at what was called "the old Luikart place" near Smith Church on Eighteenmile Creek, about 5 miles from Leon. While living at the Luikart place, Samuel helped to build Smith Church. They later moved to Capehart, where he operated a dry goods store. During the flood of 1907, the contents of the store were washed out onto the ground. Most of the materials were ruined and he decided not to go back into business, but neighbors and friends, determined to keep him in business, laid the bolts of cloth out on the ground to dry and he reopened his store at Broadway.

During this flood, their home was also flooded. As the water rose, he took his wife and their children to the upper story of the house. The water kept rising, so he cut a hole in the roof and took the entire family out onto the roof. Several men were on the banks and saw what was happening. They built a raft and carried them to safety. Samuel was the last to leave the roof and a man by the name of Hen Wolfesaw him and thought he was going to drown. He yelled "Goodbye Sam, goodbye Sam." The house completely filled with water, leaving only the roof showing.

The Stewart family later moved to Leon, where he operated a confectionery store, the first ice cream parlor in Leon. Samuel died in 1928.
and Orilla in 1938. Both are buried in the Leon Cemetery.

Five children were born to this union. Mable, the oldest, was born September 13, 1891. She married Charles Bennett and they had four children: Charles, who died in 1944 in East Africa during World War II; Maxine and Warren, who live in Columbus, Ohio; and Jean Rogers, of Oak Harbor, Ohio. There are three grandchildren. Maxine married on September 14, 1973. Their second child was Pearl, who died of consumption on March 5, 1912 at the age of seventeen, and was buried in the Smith Church Cemetery.

They had three sons. Ray, born in 1898, married Ruth Paulley of Dunbar, West Virginia. They had two children: Raymond, now deceased, who lived in Dunbar and served as mayor during the 1960’s, and Hildreth, who lives in Chowchilla, California. Ray is also buried in Leon Cemetery.

Warren Miller Stewart was born on October 3, 1889, on the old Luikart farm near Smith Church. He attended the old Union school near Broadway through the eighth grade. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I, spending 31 months overseas. He also worked on the railroad, on Rairden’s brush gang, and for the Leon Milling Company. He worked at the American Viscose Company in Nitro for 24 years, retiring at the age of 65. He then served as custodian at Leon Elementary School for approximately ten years, retiring in 1976. He married Stella Thomas Stewart, daughter of Charles F. and Kate Keim Stewart, on June 19, 1902. They had seven children: Mabel Lucille and Natalie Ernestine.

Mabel was born on November 1, 1925. She married Ernest John Morgan of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1945. They had three children: twins, Jeanne Lucille and Jerry Warren, born on December 18, 1949; and John David, born on September 19, 1955. They had seven grandchildren: Mable died on October 15, 1975 and is buried in Leon Cemetery.

Natalie, born on October 22, 1928, had three children. Linda Sue, born in 1948, Karen Diana, born in 1951, and Billy Franklin King, Jr., born in 1954. She married Billy F. King, Sr., son of Charles J. and Mary Miller King, in 1950. There are six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Warren died at the age of 79, on March 17, 1978, and Stella at the age of 77 on February 28, 1981. Both are buried in Leon Cemetery.

The youngest son of Samuel and Orilla was Alexander Hamilton (Alex) who was born on June 19, 1902. He married Edna Mae Burdette, but this marriage ended in divorce. No children were born to this union.

Alexander died on July 26, 1965 and is also buried at Leon Cemetery. Submitted by — Karen Barton, Billy F. King, Jr.

COL. WILLIAM STEWART

Col. William M. Stewart was born in Bath County, Virginia, on September 7th, 1802, son of Catherine Aleshire and Robert Stewart Jr. At the age of 21, he and his uncle, Col. William M. Stewart, were found to be living in the household of his grandfather, Benjamin Aleshire. His mother, Catherine, died while giving birth to him. Rank of Colonel may have been through Va. State Militia or Civil War, or both.

September 13th, 1823 he was married to Martha (Patsy) VanSickle, daughter of Patzie VanMeter and Abraham VanSickle, issue 11 children.


William Stewart was a farmer, died Mason County July 16, 1882, intestate, and because of real estate Kanawha 10 mile and in Robinson District, a chancery suit was brought in Circuit Court April 1888 with John B. and Joseph N. Stewart plaintiffs vs. Henry Stewart and others deft. Recording was in Deed Book 44, and conveyances by each made through special commissioner until late September 1888, to plaintiffs. Residence of heirs not checked in court suit. They were:

John B.; Joseph N.; C. V.; J. F.; Julia and husband, P. F. Hawkins; Elizabeth McDaniel; Zelpha R. and C. W. White; Mary M. and James S. Kelly; Agnes L. Stewart, widow of James R. Stewart, and his children, all infants, who are Chas. V., Wm. M.; Elmelie, and James R. Stewart; Catherine A. VanSickle and infant children of Sarah J. VanSickle deceased, being Samuel E., Elizabeth, George, William, Alonzo, Iva and J. D. VanSickle.

Charles Volney born 1832 or 1835 Mason County was census enumerator in 1880, assessor 1880 term, 1881 postmaster at West Columbia. 6 children.

Joseph Newton was a farmer and schoolteacher at West Columbia; John B. Stewart (December 17, 1824-August 23, 1900) and wife Elizabeth (Sept 24, 1824-Sept 5, 1890) buried Pt. Pleasant; Pleasant, but VanMeter history says were in Missouri 1890. Julia Ann Hawkins (October 4, 1827-July 31, 1890) bur. Pt. Pleasant; Zalphia White (1840-1930) husband Cornelius (1840-1925) buried Pt. Pleasant; James R. Stewart died May 1875, Robinson District age 35, farmer, wife Agnes informant. Martha wife of William (1804-1881).

Many of the Stewart’s of Mason County migrated to Missouri late 1880’s. Submitted by — Gene C. Stewart Jr.

CAPT. C. C. AND BESS M. STONE

Captain Charlie Stone, 1892-1977, and Bessie Maria Reynolds, 1891-1985, were married 6/6/1914, Mason County. He was the son of J. H. and Margaret Stone. She was the daughter of Charles Wm. Reynolds, 1867-1950, from Belle, W.V. and Susan Steppro Keeny Reynolds, 1870-1957, from Witche, W.V. They were married 1914. Charles Reynolds was lockmaster, Lock 11, Kanawha River. Charlie and Bessie were married here in the Reynolds home. The following children were born to them: Charles Henry (b. 1915- ) married Jean Roush (b. 1922- ) in 1944 and lived at Pt. Pleasant, WV; Margaret Ann, born 1917 and resides U. C. Church Nursing Home, Gasport, NY; Bess Evelyn born 1919 and married George E. Merrill, Jr. b. 1916 and married 1938 and lives at Lockport, N.Y. One son b/Robert William 1921 and buried Stone plot Upper Lone Oak, Pt. Pleasant. Stone lives in a cement block house they built on property obtained when he bought ferry franchise from his father J. Henry Stone, lower end of Main Street, facing Kanawha River and included in said franchise were 2 ferry floats and 2 yachts.

Stone Ferryboat

He had 2 steam side wheel ferries built to his own unique design so they could be operated by one man. He also owned 2 gasoline towtows and several wooden barges. He towed coal in these barges from coal tipple and from these, hauled coal in trucks, furnishing the winter supply to many in this area. When bridge was built across Kanawha River 1930, he went into towing and harboring barges. Landing was located Henderson, WV and operated as “Stone’s Towboat and Harbor Co.,” owning and operating 2 steam str. towboats, 5 diesel towboats and several pieces of floating equipment. Selling his interest 1966, he then spent his time operating his farm they bought 1926 from Couch heirs situated about 3 miles er Rt. 35, Henderson, WV. This farm was sold 1984 to Cranks. A stroke in 1969 made his next 7 years a struggle. Mrs. Stone played a very active part in raising family and helping with business. She spend the last 2 years of her life in a nursing home closeto her daughter in NY. Charlie and Bessie carried on the Stone tradition of giving full support to the Methodist Church in Pt. Pleasant. His grandmother was among the first to get a Methodist Church in Pt. Pleasant around 1840. The Civil War split the church. stones supported the North Methodist and to­day stands as Trinity United Methodist Church, 615 Viand Street. Submitted by — Charles H. Stone

VAN B. SOMERVILLE

Van B. Somerville (1869 - 1946) son of Edward Green (1834 - 1914) and Sarah Lovina Ball Somerville (1846 - 1909) of Thomas Ball, married in Mason County to Effie Roseberry (1871 - 1972) daughter of Edmund Franklin and Stone Ferryboat
Doolittle Doyle. The marriage was performed by Rev. William Cadle in Jackson County.

For twenty years Elias I. Stone practiced law before entering public service as a Notary Public, a school trustee, road surveyor, overseer of the poor and later a member of the board of education. A Republican, Mr. Stone served 6 terms as County Commissioner and 4 years as president of that body.

Mr. Florence X. Stone were members of the Rockcastle United Brethren Church.

The Stones bought a farm on Rocky Fork of Thirteen Mile Creek which was the Guilford Sullivan farm, presently owned by Orville Casto. Catherine Stone designed the home which they built and is still in use today. It was in 1898 that the family moved into the new house.

In 1905 Byrd Stone purchased the Central Hotel and Livery Stable in Leon. While living here Byrd Stone served as a school trustee, roadsurveyor, overseer of the poor and later a member of the board of education. He was a Republican, Mr. Stone served 6 terms as County Commissioner and 4 years as president of that body.

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EUGENE W. SOMERVILLE

Eugene W. Somerville was born March 5, 1879 in Mason County, and died September 19, 1966 in Beavierside, Illinois where he had lived for 22 years. His wife was Lydia Gray whom he married 1855 at Rockcastle, Herbert (Byrd) born August 25, 1861 (32 yrs). Married Feb. 21, 1885; Delbert O. Balch; (3) Andrew Lovell Stone born October 16, 1855, died August 28, 1948 married Dai- moron, Ohio; (2) John Wesley January 1, 1879-1946; (3) Eliza Jane Stone Cossin February 8, 1851; (4) Frederick Miller Stone born March 7, 1855 (our grandfather); (5) Wesley Stone born November 3, 1853; (6) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (6) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (8) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (8) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (9) Samuel McKinley, and Iva. All deceased but

FRED STONE FAMILY

Frederick Miller Stone was born March 7, 1855 at Rockcastle, the son of John and Betty See Stone. On November 8, 1876 he was married to Mary Belle Sayre the daughter of Abel and Catherine Anderson Sayre. Mary B. Sayre was born April 28, 1856 at Parchment Creek in Jackson County. The Stone family lived in DSNSTOWN, Jackson County, later moving to a farm on Poplar Creek in Mason County where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Children of Fred and Mary Stone were as follows: (1) Hollie August 3, 1877-December 12, 1900 married Iva Bell Barnett, lived at Utica, Virginia; (2) John Wesley January 1, 1879-1946; (3) Eliza Jane Stone Cossin February 8, 1851; (4) Frederick Miller Stone born March 7, 1855 (our grandfather); (5) Wesley Stone born November 3, 1853; (6) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (8) Dora Ellen Stone was married to J.V. Kapp; (7) Andrew Lovell October 5, 1883-1900; (9) Samuel McKinley, and Iva. All deceased but

ELIAS ICHABOD STONE

Elias Ichabod Stone, commonly called Byrd, was born at Rockcastle, Jackson County on April 13, 1858, the son of John Wesley and Elizabeth See Stone. At age 14 he began business for himself, leasing a tract of timber land. He became a very successful farmer, owning a fine farm in Union District.

On January 9, 1883 he married Catherine Doyle the daughter of Terrance and Rebecca

FREDERICK MILLER STONE AND MARY BELLE SAYRE STONE

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1. George Stone
2. Stephen
3. Sarah Stone McKown, married
4. Elias
5. James

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Stone Cemetery is located on the Stone farm near Rockcastle (Cologne District) Church. It was here John Wesley Stone cleared the land and built his log house in 1850.

FREDERICK MILLER STONE CLAN our Grandparents

Frederick married Mary Belle Sayre, daughter of Abe and Catherine Anderson Sayre. They had eleven children: Hollie, John, Eliza, Andrew Lovell, Benjamin, Lona, DORA ELLIE, Mace, Samuel McKinley, and Iva. All deceased but

3. Wesley Stone b. Nov. 3, 1853
4. Frederick Miller Stone b. March 7, 1855 (our grandfather)
5. Andrew Lovell Stone b. Nov. 3, 1853
6. Elias Ichabod (Byrd) Stone b. April 13, 1858
8. Elizabeth (Eliza) See Stone's father was born in 1791 in Fort at Point Pleasant a few hours after his father Michael See had been killed by Indians. Elizabeth's grandmother Elizabeth Morris See, wife of Michael, was daughter of Dr. Byrd Stone, the father of Sheriff George Stone, and his wife Barbara settled in Mapleton, PA about the middle of the 19th century. He made a fortune in horseback from New Jersey. He made a will in 1832 and listed his five children as heirs.

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HERMAN STONE FAMILY

Herman Stone was born on Saturday, January 5, 1918 at the family home near Leon, WV. His parents were Charles and Elizabeth (Libby) Stone.

He was the only son of Samuel B. Stone and Wavie Dail Kimberling Stone. He has four sisters, Hilda Stanley, Mary Alice Knapp, Kathryn Wilson, and Lavada L. French.

He attended the Union School in Union District.

Once he and two of his friends were riding horses to Creston Church. While riding over Gunville Ridge his horse fell dead with him on it. He hated to go home and report to his Dad the loss of the horse.

He married Ruth Jane King born January 16, 1936, the daughter of Charley (Bear) King and Lena Etta Stewart King. They were married by Preacher William Haught at his farm home on Rocky Fork. It was 21 years later. Herman bought the 50 acre farm and home and they live there at this writing. They had seven children: (1) Opha Eugene Stone born Wednesday, April 15, 1936. He married Nancy Neal and they are the parents of five children; Robert, Kathy, Randy, and Ann (Ruth is residing in Kentucky and her age wasn't good. She only wanted and needed to go home to stay busy when I am not feeling well.) (2) Wavie Marcella born Thursday, October 20, 1938 married Robert Eugene Thomas. They are the parents of four children; Robert, Kathy, Randy, and Annie. (3) Samuel born April 9, 1940, died November 1, 1940. (4) Sandra Sue born Wednesday, November 10, 1943 died November 15, 1943. (5) Elwood born May 21, 1945 at Ripley was stillborn.

(6) Gary born December 23, 1945 died August 26, 1946 at Middleport, Ohio, married Virginia Duckworth. They have three children Tracy, Tanya and Michael. (7) Linda Lois born Friday, January 19, 1951 married Howard Martin. They have two sons Timothy Edward and Howard Matthew.


Herman worked for Vitus Harlley in Mason and Jackson Counties in the 1940's to 1952. He also worked hauling coal in WV., VA., and OH. sometime while he was being built he worked in Marmont and Montgomery, Va., driving a Euclid and pan on this project. In 1956 and 1957 he worked for the Orange Construction Company at Leon when the road was changed after the construction of the new bridge. He also worked for the W. Va. State Road Commission in Mason and Kanawha County at which time he drove a truck and served as assistant supervisor and also ran a road grader. He retired in 1979.

Ruth King Stone is faithful in church attendance, attended Sunday School at one time for over 8 years without missing a Sunday. Twice while in the hospital the doctor released her while her husband took her to the Sunday service and then returned her to the family. (3) Samuel Larry born April 9, 1940, died November 1, 1940. (4) Sandra Sue born Wednesday, November 10, 1943 died November 15, 1943. (5) Elwood born May 21, 1945 at Ripley was stillborn. (6) Gary born December 23, 1945 died August 26, 1946 at Middleport, Ohio, married Virginia Duckworth. They have three children Tracy, Tanya and Michael. (7) Linda Lois born Friday, January 19, 1951 married Howard Martin. They have two sons Edward Howard and Howard Matthew.

I started work at a very young age of thirteen to take care of Grandma. Times were hard back then and she had very little to live on. Times were hard and many things from her. I loved her dearly. At this date September 12, 1986 we have sixteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

My father married Julie Martin while I was still a young boy and to this union, there were four more children. Two boys and two girls. My half brothers and sisters names are Jackie, Phillip, Kathleen, and Ruth. Ruth is residing in Kentucky and the other three are deceased.

Beulah and I have enjoyed our 56 years together. In my younger years I worked on the section, laying tracks. Later, I worked in the coal mines in 1936. I had to take an early retirement in 1968 because of accidents I had while working in the coal mines. I still try to work and keep up my home and stay busy when I am not feeling bad. Submitted by — Orlie B. Stone

STONE AND DEEM FAMILIES

From a letter dated 1852 from John James Deem, Sutton, St. Nicholas, Herefordshire, England to his son John William Deem, we know the following: Deems had come here, and were
living in this area: John Wm. b. 11/17/1802-d. 2/21/1895. His wife Susan Judy, b. 4/7/1836-d. 8/8/1880, are buried Mound Hill Cemetery, Gallipolis, Ohio; Thomas dates unknown; Henry 1818-1879; Eliza 1822-1901. Both Henry and Elizabeth are buried under Lone Oak, Pt. Pleasant, WV; Abraham 1818-7. Five of nine children came to America.

James Stone, b. 1820-1878, buried in the Deem and J. Stone plot, Pt. Pleasant, WV, emigrated from England 6/1/1842. From a journal he kept, it took one month to sail to NY City. From there he went by packet up River to Albany, NY. From here he traveled by channel boat to Buffalo, NY and then by lake boat to Cleveland, Ohio. The travel time from NY to Cleveland was 12 days. No entries were made in his journal from here, so I guess he took a channel boat from Cleveland, Ohio to Dresden, Ohio. Then he traveled via Muskingum River to Ohio River at Marietta, Ohio down the Ohio River to Pt. Pleasant, Virginia, by packet. Many of our ancestors traveled this way, coming from Europe in the 1830s and early 1900s. From information I have, James Stone and the Deems must have been close friends in England. John Wm. Deem and James became business partners, acquiring a lot of property together. Both seem to have the ferry franchises across the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, though improvements to these fell upon James Stone's boys.

James Stone and Eliza Deem were married 9/13/1849 in Gallia County, Ohio. He became a naturalized citizen 4/9/1857, Mason County, Virginia. They took up housekeeping in a cabin and began to clear the land. This remote area was a wilderness but in time and with hard labor John was able to establish a farm. It was here that all his eight children were born and reared. Mr. Stone was a devout Christian man of the United Brethren faith who helped to establish the Rockcastle Church. He and his sons helped with the building of the church providing both labor and material.

Children of John and Elizabeth were: (1) Eliza 1851-1925 m. William Cossin; (2) George 1853-1927 m. Elizabeth Ferguson; (3) Wesley 1854-1868; (4) Fred 1855-1929 m. Mary Sayre; (5) Lovell 1856-1935 m. Allie Kay; (6) Elias Ichabod (Byrd) 1858-1930; m. Christina Kay; (7) Thomas 1860-1940 m. Idella Ryder.

After Elizabeth's death Aug. 25, 1861, John Stone married a second time to Lucretia Pratt (1845-1891) who had come to the area with her parents from Pennsylvania.

Children of John and Lucretia Stone were: (1) James 1863-1945 m. Mary Jane Harrison; (2) Elmer 1868-1928, a lawyer; m. Emma Miller, m. 2nd Jesse Kerwood; (3) Mary 1870-1904 m. Scott Moore; (4) Reuben 1869-1934 m. Imita Dunham; (5) Emma 1872-1913 m. Frank Miller; (6) Minerva 1875-1928 m. A. J. McDermitt, m. 2nd Harvey Bone; (7) Alice 1876-1925 m. William McDermitt; (8) Minor 1879-1935 m. Myrtle Myers; (9) Frances 1881-1912 m. Denny Lambert; Vere 1898 m. George King; (11) Belle 1884-1986 married Holly Morrison, married 2nd Abe Sayre, died at age 102 on September 4, 1986. John Wesley Stone married a third time to a widow, Laura Mitchell. Submitted by — Marvin Moore, gr. gr. granddaughter.

JOHN WESLEY STONE FAMILY

John W. Stone born Oct. 10, 1829 in what is now Jackson County, West Virginia, moved to Rockcastle on 13 Mile Creek. Here they built a cabin and began to clear the land. This remote area was a wilderness but in time and with hard labor John was able to establish a farm. It was here that all his eight children were born and reared. Mr. Stone was a devout Christian man of the United Brethren faith who helped to establish the Rockcastle Church. He and his sons helped with the building of the church providing both labor and material.

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ADAM STEWART FAMILY

William Stewart a native of Monongahela County, Pennsylvania born in 1802 came to Jackson County, W. Va. at a very early age.

In 1828 he married Mary Parsons. They were the parents of eight children. They were as follows: George Stewart born February 16, 1830, married Margaret Hensman; Elisha Stewart born February 16, 1830 married Marethe Castle; Adam Stewart born October 4, 1832, married Eleano J. Smith; Sarah Stewart born 1834 died 1898, married Charles Krebs; Charles Stewart born 1839, died 1920, married Pauline Catherine Smith; Ephriam Stewart born 1840, died 1862, was the father of Mason Stewart known as Banty; Elizabeth Stewart born October 11, 1842 died July 5, 1915, married Charles Riffle; Viotta Stewart born 1847 died 1927, married Merida Barn.

Adam Stewart son of William Stewart born October 4, 1832 in Jackson County, W. Va. came to Mason County in 1846 where he resided the rest of his life, his death occurring September 4, 1889. In 1853 he married Eleano J. Smith. Their marriage resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary J. married Spence Knap, died November 20, 1931; Almeda Stewart, Miltilda Stewart, both were dead by 1891; Henry T. Stewart married America Ann Hill; Rachel Stewart married Bill Wolfe, lived in Charleston. They had daughter Edna and several other children. Sarah married John McClure; Susan married Enoch Hawkins, second Henry Childers; James H. Stewart married Mary Stewart. James died February 26, 1937.

In 1862 Adam Stewart enlisted in the 13th Virginia Regiment, Company B and served until the close of the war in defense of the Union. During his military career he took part in the Battles of Lynchburg and other important engagements. He was wounded at Winchester, Virginia on July 24, 1864, and did not return to his company until March 6, 1865. He was discharged at Wheeling, W. Va June 5, 1865. Adam Stewart had always been a farmer by occupation and after the war went back to his old pursuit. He had been industrious and saving and owned a comfortable home and farm on which he lived. In addition to his farm he owned a sawmill to which he devoted all his time that was not taken up by his agricultural work.

He and his wife were members of the Smith Methodist Church and the family was highly esteemed in their neighborhood. (Taken from History of the Great Kanawha Valley)

Eleanor Smith born February 7, 1833, died March 31, 1909, is buried with Adam Stewart in the old Smith Church Cemetery near Leon. Submitted by — Linda Stone Martin.

SAMUEL B. STONE

Samuel Brooks Stone was born May 24, 1894 at Evans, Jackson County, the son of Frederick and Mary Belle Stone. On August 18, 1917 he was married to Wavie Dail Kimberling the daughter of John and Laura Alice Gillespie Kimberling. She was born in Union District on December 15, 1896.

Sam and Wavie Stone.
Wavie Stone who descended from one of the pioneer families of Union District, died. They are buried in the Wolf Valley Cemetery.

STOUT FAMILY

Clarence Patterson Stout, son of Mary Malinda Patterson (1837-1865) and Benjamin Brown Stout (1831-1910) came to Mason County in 1911 and purchased a farm at Ben Lomond, Clendenin District. Born Clarksville, WV Sept. 17, 1872. Was in mercantile business in Clarksville and buried his first wife and infant son there.

Married Mayme Porter of Hogsett. Divorced. Married Laurane Dudley Boreman April 11, 1922. Laurane was first woman to serve on Mason Co. Board of Health. They were the parents of Benjamin Boreman Stout. Benjamin was born March 24, 1922, married Phyllis Marie Ingraham in 1945. Three children: Susan Laurane, David Forrest, and Bruce Dudley. Ben married an O'Shea from California they had two daughters Phyllis married Charles Waggener, and Laurane was first woman to serve on Mason Co. Women's Council. They worked as a consulting forester with Pond and Moyer in Ithaca, NY, forest supervisor at Harvard Black Rock Forest and as Professor of Forestry, Chairman of Biological Sciences, and Provost at Rutgers University, NJ. Dean of School of Forestry, University of Montana 1978-85. Presently serving as Program Director for Air Quality and Forest Health for the Natl. Council of the Paper Industry in New York. Submitted by — Susan Laurane Stout and Benjamin B. Stout

FLOYD STOVER FAMILY

Floyd Stover was born October 3, 1896 to William and Adelaida Sayre Stover, at Huntsville, Jackson County, WV. They had five children: Samuel, Adam, Frank and Otie. The family moved to Point Pleasant when Floyd was a young boy.

He married Gladys Cheesebrew, daughter of John and Loretta Noble Cheesebrew, October 2, 1916. They had four children: William 1917-1941 married Eileen McMillin and had one daughter Sandra Sue Fetty, Sandra has five children. Delbert 1919-1971 married Jane Rea, Garland and had one daughter Nancy married an O'Shea from California they had three children. Ruth 1921-1934 died age 13. Zenda married William Proffit they live in Camp Conley; two children, Penny Call and William Jr. They have four grandchildren, one deceased.

Floyd Proffit worked as a baker, painter, carpenter and for 12 years was a deputy sheriff at the Mason County Jail.

Mrs. Stover and son Delbert were buried the same day, January 24, 1971. Mr. Stover was buried February 28, 1979. Submitted by — Zenda Proffit

STOUT FAMILY

Clarence P. Stout

Both C.P. and Laurane Stout were active members of the Bruce Chapel Episcopal Church. C. P. a vestryman and treasurer. Both buried in Bruce Chapel cemetery.

Laurane was first woman to serve on Mason County Board of Education and as its president. Member of Daughters of America #63, Wohela Farm Woman's Club, Mason Co. Republican Women's Club, Mason Co. Board of Health.

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WILLIAM GARNET STOVER FAMILY

William Garnet Stover was born June 9, 1909, to John Albert Stover born in 1866 and Martha Hester Meadows Stover. John was the son of George Washington Stover and Sarah Ellen Postle Whheight Stover. George was born in Pendleton County, W. Va. He married William J. Stover. Sarah was born in Wetzel County, W. Va. George and Sarah were married July 24, 1865. They were both 22 years old at the time.

William Garnet Stover had two brothers, Arthur, and Roy. He had one sister who died as a child. He also had several half-sisters and a half-brother, Ezra (E), Lucy, Oma, Esther, and Mary. He married Mary Ethel Stutler on May 5, 1928. Mary was born May 12, 1911, the daughter of Spencer Stutler, born May 1, 1887, and Elizabeth Wildman Stutler. Mary's mother Elizabeth died a few days after she was born. Spencer Stutler died March 24, 1978. Mary Ethel also had several half-brothers and half-sisters and one step-sister. They were: Robert, Charles, Ernie, Donald, Clayton, Marie, Dottie, Clara, Betty, Opal, Goldie, Lucy, Marjorie, Cerella, and Mabel.


Bill worked for the Malleable Iron Company for 35 years when he retired in 1974. He and Mary live on Rayburn Road in Mason County. They have lived there for over forty years. Submitted by — Sarah Stover Rice

STIRLING FAMILY

George William Stirling (1802-1851), descendant of the Kahansons, married Nancy (Tate) Stirling, came from Frederick County, Virginia in 1824 and established a law practice with Sam Couch. An uncle, Thomas Stirling (1761-1819), and cousin, Dr. Matt Stirling (1796-1845), had preceded him to the area. A brother, Francis (1784-1858), came later as a widower to live with his daughter, Mary Tate, (1815-1887), and her husband John Stuart Lewis.

In 1828, George William married Mary Nelson Neale (1802-1843), daughter of Wm. Presley and Nancy Marie (Smith) Neale, and lived at Sixth and Viaduct Streets. Issue: Nannie Tate (1829-1867) married William Smith; Francis (1831-1850) died while studying law in Staunton; Mary Anna (1832-1922) married Andrew C. Waggener; and Taliaferro -- "Tal" -- (1834-1893), below. George William married second, Mary King (1811-1849) of Norfolk. Issue: Wm. Stark Stirling (1847-1847). (See "Pioneer Cemetery").

"Tal" Stirling was a cadet at Western Military Institute, Drennon, Ky., when called home to become head of family on his father's death. He became a lawyer, briefly published the weekly "Western Review", and was closely associated with establishing the first bank in Point Pleasant, thereafter making banking his career. He married, in 1862, Mary Louise Byers (1835-1891), daughter of John Alfonsa and Charlotte (Davis) Byers. They lived at Second and River Streets, the lower floor of their brick home serving as the initial bank. Issue: two daughters, born 1863 and 1868, who died infants; George William (1864-1941), a banker in Charleston, who married Annette Kate Long and was severely injured in the Fourth of July (1891) train disaster at Kanawha; Kate Byers (1866-1924) killed in an automobile accident in Florida. Tal Stirling, Jr., after graduating from West Virginia University and Eastman Business College, followed his father in a lifelong banking career. In 1904 he married Margaret Byers (1879-1959), daughter of Frank B. and Julia Ann (Carr) Work and a teacher in Point Pleasant schools. Tal and Margaret lived in the ten-hundred block on Main Street. Issue: Taliafferro (1905-1912); Margaret (1907-1959) who married Lester Getzloe, nationally noted journalist.
professor at Ohio State University; George Taliaferro - "T" - (1922- ).


ORVILLE K. STURGEON

Orville Kenneth Sturgeon was born July 12, 1907, at Ashton, West Virginia. His father, Owen, was born July 19, 1872 and died March 13, 1951. His mother, Jennie Sharp Sturgeon, was born October 1873, and died December 31, 1951. Both are buried at Moore's Chapel Cemetery, Ashton, WV. Orville had one brother, James W., born June 20, 1902, and died in December, 1938.

"Buck" as he is known throughout Mason County, was educated and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1927. He received his teacher's certificate from Marshall College and taught in the Mason County Schools from 1928 to 1948.

On January 29, 1931, Buck was united in marriage at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, to Hilda Saunders. They had four children: Robert Howard, Gary Paul and Leah Roderick and Brenda Diane. Dave Winkler married Marjorie Lucille Sturgeon married James Saunders, they had four children.

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NAPOLEON STURGEON

Napoleon (Nip) Sturgeon was born in 1884 in Ashton to William and Sarah Margaret McDaniel Sturgeon. He had one sister Daisey and 2 brothers Pete and George plus 9 half brothers and sisters; Samuel, James, Martha, John, Margaret, Ruben, Thomas, Robert and Amanda. They were all raised in the White Pine Area and the Dunmore District, Mason County on the 400 acres William purchased for 25 cents an acre when he came here from Harpers Ferry on a boat.

Nip married Louisa Bessie Steele who was born March 9, 1886 out the ridge from Barton Chapel Church. Bessie had two brothers John Lewis and Jeffery, their parents were John Lewis and Elisia Miller Steele.

Nip and Bessie lived most of their life and raised their 11 children 1 mile from Myrtle School in the White Pine Area of Hannon District. They later moved to Pliny and another place on route 35 before they purchased their home on Lewis Street in Point Pleasant where they raised several grand-children. Their children all attended Myrtle School, they are Raymond, Ruben, John, Reed, Eliousa, Sarah, June, Jason, Lewis, Ariel, Adrienne all of whom married and have many children and grandchildren of their own living in Mason County. Submitted by — Valerie McCoy

RUBEN STURGEON

Ruben Sturgeon was born Sept. 10, 1909 in Pliny, W. Va. He was the son of Napoleon and Lawiesa Bessie Steele Sturgeon. Ruben was a farmer in lower Mason County around the 7 mile ridge area of Jerry's Run. He first married Corby Duen having 2 children dying in infancy and 3 surviving to be raised. Dorsel who lives in Columbus married and has 5 married children; Clarence O'Dell (Bill) died in of a heart attack. He was married twice having 2 girls by his first wife and 2 stepdaughters and a son by the second. He is buried in Jackson, Ohio; Reba Mae who had polio and spent much of her young life in hospitals, married Myron Rogers, has 2 children and lives in Garden Grove, California.

Ruben remarried to Leiva Elizabeth Pierce and they have three children. Harold Lee who married Ruth Bennett and they have 3 children; (Mathew, Mark & Leigh Ann) they live in the Charleston Area. Betty Lou who married Ronald A. McCoy and they have 4 children; (Rhonda, Russell Dean, Valerie & Jessica). They live on Rocky Fork Road in Glenwood. William Frederick (Bill) married Sharon Gaul and they have 2 children; (Vickie & Kimberly). They live on High Street in Point Pleasant.

Although a farmer in his first marriage Ruben only had a small garden in his second marriage. He always lived in town, Point Pleasant, Colum-
bas, Ohio, Barberton, Ohio, Grove City, Ohio and back to Point Pleasant. He was jack of all trades working many different types of jobs from a truck driver, ditch digger, home repairer to the construction work he was doing building the Gavin plant as a member of the Boilermakers Union when he died in 1973. He worked 2 years in Barberton, Ohio and many years at Marietta Mfg. Plant in Point Pleasant until its closing, as a pipefitter. There wasn't any job Ruben couldn't handle and worked about all of them until the job was done, such as the building of route 2 to Huntington.

Ruben had 6 brothers and 4 sisters, they were Raymond, Reed, Jason, Lewis, Ariel & John; Sarah, June, Adrianne & Eliousa. His parents also raised other children so the house was always full. They lived their latter years on Lewis Street in Point Pleasant. Ruben only attended school through the 6th grade and then started working to help support the family.

Ruben is buried in Kirkland Memorial Gardens in Point Pleasant. He died on November 30, 1973 in Pleasant Valley Hospital after several strokes. Submitted by — Elizabeth Sturgeon Gill

STUTLER FAMILY

Ebenezer Stutler born December 9, 1840 in Lewis County married Adaline, the daughter of Elijah and Anna Evans Statts on August 31, 1864. The marriage was performed in Jackson County but the couple settled on a farm in Union District of Mason County. Ebenezer was a minister of the United Brethren faith having preached for thirty years before being ordained in 1863. He was the son of Samuel and Mary Ann Lawrence Stutler. His father died in Ritchie County and the mother in Doddridge County. Two half brothers of Ebenezer served the South during the Civil War. They were John C. and Andrew born 1880. Ebenezer and Adaline lived in the Leon area. Two children were born in Ohio.

The family are the parents of two children: Kathy and Harold Lee Thaxton. Submitted by — Kathleen S. Smith, Kathy Thaxton Miller

TATTERSON

The Tattersons have been members of the Presbyterian Church since 1949. The children of Richard and Jeanne and their families are as follows:

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March 30, 1982, Richard was active in community affairs and farming. The Tattersons' have received rank of Colonel. Richard and Jeanne Tatterson are both residents of Leon.

The children of Richard and Jeanne and their families are as follows:

(1) Linda Lee, b. October 30, 1946; m. Anthony James Perna; they had two daughters, (a) Kimberly Lynn and (b) Wendy Elizabeth. (2) William Richard, b. October 23, 1948; m. Linda Rose Withers; they had three sons, (a) Richard Craig, (b) William Mark and (c) Jonathan Ray. (3) Donna Jean, b. July 21, 1952; m. James Stephen Neville; they had two children, (a) Matthew Stephen, and (b) Amy Jean. (4) James Edward, b. December 26, 1957; m. Robin Campbell.

Jeanne currently resides in Mason County. William and his family and Donna and her family also live in Mason County. Both Linda and James and their families reside in Richmond, Virginia. Submitted by — William R. Tatterson

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1 - Charles Leo Taylor b. 1-8-1936 Gallipolis, OH
2 - Kennith Ray Taylor b. 4-9-1938 Gallipolis, OH
3 - Donna Jean Taylor b. 4-29-1955 Great Falls, Montana
4 - Mitzi Jean Gibson b. 12-3-1936 Pendleton, WV - Mason Co. (dau. of: Raymond & Lida (Couch) Gibson) Son: (a) Charles Michael Taylor b. 8-2-1958 Gallipolis, OH
5 - Charles Justin Taylor b. 9-12-1984
6 - Kelly Louise Taylor b. 10-31-1982"
Gary Ray Taylor b. 6-15-1962 Pt. Pleasant, WV m. 9-16-1983 Huntington, WV
Leisa Louise Schilling b. 2-4-1964 Gallipolis, O. (dau. of: Don & Maxine (Darst) Schilling)
Son: Eric Kenneth Taylor b. 4-29-1986 Gallipolis, O.

Roy Allen Taylor b. 5-23-1948 Pt. Pleasant, WV m. 8-26-1962 Dunwille, O.
Carol Jane Peterson b. 6-2-1943 Mt. Vernon, O. (dau. of: John & Leota (Styers) Peterson)
Son: Robert Lee Taylor b. 5-14-1963 Gallipolis, O. m. 9-14-1985 Pt. Pleasant, WV
Corinna Elizabeth Myers b. 1-10-1967 Gallipolis, O. (dau. of: Carl & Iva (Clonch) Myers)
5. James Albert Taylor II b. 5-13-1945 Gallipolis Ferry, WV m. 1st Shirley Francisco (divorced) m. 2nd 8-16-1972 Pt. Pleasant, WV

Karen Sue Kent b. 7-7-1956 (dau. of: Rupert & Frances Kent)
Son: Matthew Scott Price b. 11-5-1983 Gallipolis, O.
Daughter: Valerie Kay Taylor b. 8-19-1974 Gallipolis, O.
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Shirley (Myers) Blankenship Oliver
8. Stella Elizabeth 1940 homemaker
9. Linda Ilene 1944 Pharmacy Clerk
10. Stillborn 1948. Submitted by — Dr. Jan V. Nielsen Abbott

James and Ogaretta Taylor

Records show the marriage in 1840 of James H. Taylor to Mary Jane Williams. They had no children. Forty-five years later (1885) James H. Taylor married Elizabeth J. (Milton) Swobach and they had a son, James H. Taylor, Jr. (born December 19, 1886 - died October 7, 1975) and a daughter Ogaretta (born January 19, 1888 - died January 12, 1978). The Senior Mr. Taylor was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and served about four years in the State Guard.

In Point Pleasant, WV on November 18, 1922 James H. Taylor, Jr. and Virgie Lee "Byrd" Wallace (born May 31, 1886) were married. Over the years they lived in Huntington, WV, Ironton, Ohio and Gallipolis, Ohio. He was an independent owner of a laundry/dry cleaning business. Their only child, Betty Lee, was born June 3, 1926.

In Russell, KY on December 31, 1948, Betty Lee Taylor and Norman Dodridge (born June 4, 1924) were married. They reside today (1986) in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their two children are James Bernard (born August 10, 1951) of Budd Lake, New Jersey and Michael Lee (born October 5, 1953) of Lexington, KY. Michael Dodridge married Karen Ann Degler (born November 20, 1957) on July 3, 1982 at Centerville,
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Charles F. Thomas

Charles Francis Thomas was born April 3, 1863 was the son of Philip and Catherine Thornton Thomas. In 1897 he was married to Katie M. Weigand born November 20, 1866 the daughter of Adam and Mary C. Weigand, who attended Morris Harvey College at Barboursville, was teaching school on Thomas Ridge at the time of her marriage. The marriage was performed at the Weigand home by Rev. William Atkinson. It took place early in the morning of August 22, 1897.

Soon after their marriage the couple came to Leon where Mr. Thomas found employment on the Yauger farm near Leon. Later he worked as a carpenter and helped to build the store building owned by George Knapp, Sr. In a short time he was renting the building he had helped to build and keeping store. His monthly rent for the store was ten dollars. After a few years he built a new building across the railroad directly in front of the depot.

It was in 1922, on October 2, that the Thomas home, the Hayman Hotel, the mill and Parson's Garage burned.

The Thomas Store building had a second story which was used by the community with no thought of ever paying rent. The hall was always available for plays, community meetings, music lessons, band practice, or whatever. The Thomas family always supported all community activities. Mr. Thomas helped the Leon K of P Band, even loaning young musicians money to purchase instruments.

Once a showboat had come to Leon and needed bread. Mr. Thomas contacted the Cabin Baking Company in Charleston to send bread which arrived on the morning train at the cost of 5¢ a loaf or 6 for a quarter. The bread was shipped unwrapped in baskets. Thus, the townswomen were able to enjoy their first bakery bread in Leon.

Mr. Thomas always had a large keg of oysters for sale at Thanksgiving and at Christmas time.

Mrs. Thomas worked in the store and often said "Uncle Griffith" brother of Charles would help, too. Uncle Griffith lived with the Thomas family in later years and was well known in the community.

From 1916 to early 1940's, Charles Thomas was co-owners of the Leon Ferry. For several years he was the owner of the Leon Milling Company.

In 1925 the Charles Thomas family, along with the John Fisher family and other relatives went to Oklahoma for a visit and family reunion. They camped along the way, slept in tents and cooked their own food. The full trip took one month.

Mrs. Kate Thomas died in 1933, Mr. Thomas lived to be 94 years of age, died April 18, 1953. They were the parents of two daughters: (1) Lu­cinda Irene 1925, Warner Stewart on January 20, 1925 married to Warren Stewart on January 20, 1925 in Charleston. The marriage was performed by Rev. William A. Atkinson, the same minister who had married her parents. For years Sceva had a creative spirit at Leon. She served as a postal clerk and assistant postmaster from 1932 to her retirement in 1968. She was a member of the Leon Methodist Church, Leon Farm Women's Club, Pythian Sister Lodge and was a member of the Daughters of America.

(2) Sceva born November 5, 1903. She was married to Warren Miller Stewart born October 3, 1899, a retired employee of FMCC Corporation of Nitro with 28 years of service, died March 17, 1979. Children of Warren and Sceva were two daughters, Mabel Lucille born November 1, 1925, died October 15, 1975, Natalie the youngest daughter was born October 22, 1928. Submitted by — Lucinda Irene (Taylor)

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Dr. Thomas, who died in 1827, and Maria, who lived until 1873, had six children. Their son, Griffith Bennett Thomas, married Lavena Tuller in October, 1842. He served on the Point Pleasant School board and the board of education; he was a colonel in the Virginia Militia and later served as postmaster before his death in 1905 at age 84.

Griffith and Lavena Thomas had five children. Enos, who worked at the Spencer Hotel, Elizabeth married Dr. Robert Henderson; Jessie and Lavena, unmarried, lived in Point Pleasant. Lavena, known as Aunt Venie, was the family historian. She wrote a number of charming accounts of events during her life.

The fifth child, Maria, married Colonel J.P.R. Smith, a Confederate veteran, in 1865. They had two sons, Griffith and Homer, who became co-owners of the Spencer Hotel. Homer also had interests in Mutual Realty, the Light and Water Company, West Virginia Malleable Iron and owned the "Homer Smith", a steamboat operating between Pittsburgh and New Orleans.


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Nicholas Knapp Our Immigrant Ancestor
Copies are in the Library, at Point Pleasant, W. Va. West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. Arts and Crafts Library, State Capitol, Charleston, W. Va. I have seen many changes in my Arts and Crafts Library, State Capitol, Charles­ va, W. Va. West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. trains each day both ways, now none, Grey­ hound buses room to go. Electric took the place of Oil Lamps, Radio, T.V., Air Planes, Atomic Bombs, Missiles, Ray Guns, men on the moon and back, people working in space, I hope the next 80 years will be Peace on Earth and Good Will Among Men. Submitted by — Allen G. Thomas

THE PENN MICHAEL THOMAS FAMILY
Penn Michael Thomas was married to Jane Hackett. Penn and Jane had a son whom they named Samuel Thomas. Samuel was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania on February 17, 1844. Penn is buried in Pennsylvania.

In 1861, at the age of 17, Samuel enlisted in the Union Army where he served for 3 years in Company K of the 9th WV Infantry. Afterwards he enlisted in the 1st Veteran Regiment in Company H of the 1st WV Infantry where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was engaged in several battles in Virginia along the Shenandoah Valley which included Cloud Mountain, Lynch­burg, Winchester, Opocqua Creek (Samuel was wounded here in the right side by a minnie ball) Carter’s Farm, Cedar Creek, Fisher’s Hill, Berryville, Halltown and Charleston. When Sa­ mel’s company came to Fisher’s Hill they refused to go up, finally he went up it himself. As he neared the top he looked over and saw a large group of Confederate soldiers coming up the other side. He immediately took off his hat and waved it in the air to warn his troops below while shouting H... O... L... Y. ... The bullets began flying around him, some tore holes in his clothing, he ran back down the hill to join his troops as fast as he could before becoming engaged in battle.

After the Civil War was over, Samuel took up farming in Jackson County, WV. On September 10, 1865, he and Margaret A. Cavitt were mar­ ried. Samuel was 21 years old and Margaret was 18. They were married at the home of the bride’s father in Mason County, WV, by Elias Gatchel. Margaret was born in Mason County, Virginia on November 18, 1847. Her parents were John and Sarah Monroe Cavitt who settled here in 1833. Samuel and Margaret were the Parents of 8 children.

Samuel and Margaret’s first child, born on May 5, 1866, was named Sara J. (Jenny). Their second child, born on September 29, 1867, was named John Michael (Michael). Michael and Jenny were married on September 17, 1890 by Rev. Andrew S. Riffle at the brides mothers home in Mason County, WV. Michael was 23 years old and Lena was 17. Lena was born on May 28, 1873. She was the daughter of John William and Rebecca Lutton Greer. Like his father, Michael also took up the trade of farming. When he wasn’t farming, he’d either be helping his dad run the sawmill or out selling Stark Fruit Trees. Lena was a housewife and rugweaver. Michael bought 45 of the 100 acres from Hackett. Penn and Jane had a son whom they sold to the Union Army where he served for 3 years in the 1st WV Infantry where he rose to the rank of Captain. Michael also worked for the New York Central Railroad as a cook or trackman. Currently he is working for ConRail as a welder helper. He lived and grew up beside his childhood sweetheart, Virginia Rollins. On October 6, 1950 John and Virginia Lucille Rollins. Virginia was born on September 21, 1934. She is the daughter of Harvey Melvin and Secrena Eliza­ beth (Lizzy) McDade Rollins. Virginia also att­ tended Thomas School for 9 years and went thru the 9th grade at Point Pleasant High School. Virginia is a housewife. One of the highlights of her life was, after being out of school for 36 years, returning to high school and passing the GED Graduate Test. John and Virginia are both members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church located on Route 2 near Point Pleasant. John’s hobbies are raising ornamental birds and unusu­ al small animals. Virginia’s hobbies are piano playing, sewing, bowling and reading the Bible. They are the parents of 5 children.

The first is Ruth Ann who was born February 24, 1951. After graduating from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1969, Ruth went to work for Ger­ lach Manufacturing in Pt. Pleasant where she worked for almost a year. Then she went to work for Union Pacific Railroad in Ardbuck where she worked in the office for 13 years. While in high school she met James Dell Upton (Jim) on a blind date on Friday, December 13 1968. Two years and nine months later Ruth and Jim were married on September 4, 1971 by Rev. Kenneth Smith at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness near Point Pleasant. Ruth was 20 years old and Jim was 18 years old. Jim was born on November 7, 1952 and is the son of Henry O’Dell and Savanna Ann Wood Upton. Jim and Ruth are the parents of 2 children. Their child was born on Friday, October 29, 1976 and was named Jason Dell. Their sec­ ond child was born on Sunday, August 13, 1978 and was named Stacy Dawn. Ruth is currently still living and working with their children. They currently reside along Route 62 near Ardbuck. Ruth, Jason and Stacy are currently attending the Seventh-Day Adventist Church where Ruth holds the office of Church Treasurer and Secretary of the Church. She also teaches a class for the old and not able to get to Church. Loreta also teach the Cradle Roll/Kindergart­ en Class there. Ruth’s hobbies are gardening, aerobic classes, outdoor sports, horseback rid­ ing, computers and bowling. She is currently bowling in 2 leagues at Country Lanes near Ar­ dbuck. She is also Secretary/Treasur­ er in both. She is also Secretary of the Leon Women’s Bowling Association which she has held for 10 years. She has participated in both the Women’s International Bowling Tourn­
ment and the West Virginia Bowling Tournaments for 12 years and has bowled in many different cities all over the United States.

The second is John Paul (Sonny) who was born March 21, 1953. Sonny graduated from Point Pleasant High School with the class of ’71. While in high school he joined the U.S. Army. Upon graduating from high school he went to Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training then on to Germany. Back home in 1973 he married Connie Sue Stephens, daughter of Everett and Florence Duff Stephens. They are the parents of 1 son named Joshua Shaw. Josh was born July 29, 1979. Sonny and Connie were divorced in 1979. Sonny is a construction worker working for various road construction companies. His hobbies are fishing, gardening and woodworking. He is currently living on Thomas Ridge.

Third is Ricky Eugene who was born August 6, 1956. Rick graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School with the class of ’74. On December 10, 1977, Rev. Tally Hanna married Rick and Patricia Ann Byus at Trinity United Methodist Church, Point Pleasant. For additional information see Ceci Byus Family.

The fourth is Mike who was born October 15, 1960. Mike graduated from Point Pleasant with the class of ’78. He has worked as a Nurse’s Aide since graduation. Currently she is working at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio. Rita married George Fremont (Buddy) Carter on August 28, 1980. His parents were Dan and Colma Marie Lucas Carter. Rita and Buddy are the parents of 2 children. The first was born on Tuesday, January 22, 1980 and was named Jason Lee. The second was born on Saturday, October 2, 1982 and was named Jennifer Lynn. Their home is located on Jefferson Blvd. in Point Pleasant. Rita, Jason and Jessica currently attend the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Rita’s hobbies are bowling, automobiles, watching soap operas, cleaning her house, gardening and outdoor sports.

Last of John and Virginia’s children is Loretta Jo who was born February 18, 1962. Loretta graduated from Point Pleasant High School with the class of ’80. Loretta married Lyle Douglas (Doug) Jordan, Jr. on February 14, 1984. Doug is the son of Allen Walker Jordan. Loretta and Doug are the parents of 1 daughter named Jennifer Lynn. Jennifer was born on Saturday, May 1, 1982. Loretta and Doug were divorced September, 1985. Like the rest of the family, Loretta is a member of the Lutton Cemetery. She attended the Seventh-Day Adventist Church where Loretta holds the office of Asst. Sabbath School Secretary. Loretta is currently working at Holzer Clinic in Medical Records. Loretta’s hobbies are horseback riding, bowling, video games, playing the piano and outdoor sports. Loretta and Jennifer currently live on Thomas Ridge.

Ida died on February 2, 1978 at the age of 72. Clyde died April 8, 1981 at the age of 79. Clyde and Ida are buried in the Lutton Cemetery located on Route 2 near Flatrock, W.V.

Michael and Lena’s fourth child was born on September 1, 1909. They named her Violet Aretha. On December 11, 1932 at Point Pleasant Violet became the bride of Carl W. Gerlach, who was born February 5, 1892. Carl’s parents were William Smith and Josephine C. Smith McDermitt. Carl and Violet are the parents of 1 child who was born on August 24, 1938. Her name is Geneva Marie. Carl was ready and waiting to go to the hospital in the middle of the night, but Geneva was born safe and sound. They didn’t have any children but adopted a daughter named Lisa Lynn, born on January 9, 1966 and a son named Scott Michael, born on November 23, 1968. Lisa married David Stephen Lanham, born on May 2, 1962. Lisa and David have 1 child, born in 1984. They have 1 son named Joshua David who was born on August 30, 1984.

Michael died on April 28, 1955 at the age of 88 years old. Lena died on November 24, 1957 at the age of 84 years. They are both buried in the Lutton Cemetery.

Samuel and Margaret’s third child was born on July 25, 1870. They named her Anna B. (Annie). On November 13, 1886 Annie and William Early Greer were married by Rev. R. T. Ellis at his home. William was 26 years old and Annie was 25. They had 3 children. Their first child was born in 1889 and was named Earnest. He died in 1910 and was buried in the Lutton Cemetery. Annie died September 6, 1938 at the age of 68. She was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church located on Greer Road. She and William are both buried in the Lutton Cemetery.

Samuel and Margaret’s fourth child was born on April 6, 1872. Her name was Mary P. (Molly). On August 26, 1893 Molly and John William Smith were married by Minister B. A. Armstrong. Molly was 21 years old and John was 29. Born in 1863, was the son of Gideon and Sarah Oliver Smith. Molly and John were the Parents of 3 children. They were Gladys, Louis and Clarice. Molly died in 1966. John died in 1955. They both died in the Lone Oak Cemetery located in Point Pleasant, W.V.

Samuel and Margaret’s fifth child was born on July 24, 1874. His name was Samuel Frederick (Fred).

Samuel and Margaret’s sixth child was born on September 25, 1877. They named him Okey. While Okey was growing up he helped his father at the sawmill. When he became a young man he left home and went to Ambroia, near Point Pleasant, where he spent the night. Early the next day he went to the railroad yard of the Baltimore and Ohio where he worked. He worked his life at the railroad yard of the Baltimore and Ohio from the time he was 16 years old. He married Josephine C. Smith McDermitt on December 24, 1882. They were married on February 9, 1904. They are both buried in the Carson Cemetery on Thomas Ridge on the property of Homer and Mary Stephens.

Samuel and Margaret’s eighth child was born on December 24, 1882. They named him Franklin H.

Two years and 10 months after Samuel and Margaret’s last child was born, Margaret died from TB. She died on October 13, 1885 at the age of 37 years. She was buried in the George Wilson Cemetery. George and Samuel were neighbors and close friends.

Three years after Margaret died, Samuel married Josephine C. Smith McDermitt on April 28, 1888. Samuel was 43 years old and Josephine was 41. She was the daughter of Gideon and Sara Oliver Smith. Samuel and Josephine had 1 daughter whom they named Gwendolyn (Gweny). Gwendy taught at Thomas School in 1912 and 1913. She also operated a telephone switchboard in her own home. Josephine was buried in the Carson Cemetery.

Seven years after Samuel had married Josephine, he married for a third time. On June 2, 1895, Samuel married Annie R. Leasters. He was 50 years old and she was 25. They were married by Rev. Andrew S. Riffle at his home in Mason County, W.V.

Samuel died on September 1, 1938 at the age of 94 years. He was buried in the Carr Cemetery located on Greer Road on the Garnet Carr property. Samuel was the brother of Phillip R. Thomas, Richard (Dick) Thomas, Ruth Thomas Upton, John Paul Thomas, Rita Thomas Carter, Loretta Thomas Jordan

PHILIP THOMAS FAMILY

Philip Richard Thomas born May 10, 1894 in Mason County was a son of Allen (1865 - 1935) and Laverne Fowler Thomas (1872 - 1949). He married first Ethel Barnett born in 1902 and died at an early age.

Philip married a second time to Gladys Clark who was born December 3, 1889 at Chillicothe, Ohio, the daughter of James A. and Bertha Stephenson Clark. Gladys grew up at Dickinson, West Virginia having moved there with her family when she was 7 years old. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Philip R. Thomas served in World War I as a Corporal in Company B, 50th Infantry. Due to war injuries he was not a very strong person.

He was employed at the Dickinson Railroad Yard as a hostler. He and his family lived there until the mid 1930s when the family moved to Leon. He began work with the Marietta Manufacturing Company and later worked at the Navy Yard from which he retired.

Always interested in the improvement of their community activities and supported all community projects. It was in early 1950’s that Gladys very generously donated the land for the Leon Church of Christ in Christian Union, as well as contributing to the church. In 1971 when land was needed for the Leon Fire Department.
to erect a fire station, it was Gladys who again donated the land.

Gladys Thomas is a member of the Leon Methodist Church, Leon Farm Women’s Club and the Pythian Sister Lodge.

For several years Gladys and Philip spent their winters in Florida but finding West Virginia more to their liking remained in their native state.

They are the parents of one son James Allen born March 19, 1924 at Leon. For a time he served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He is now retired from Foote Mineral where he was a welder. He married Mary Hayman born March 19, 1924. They are the parents of one daughter, Sandra, a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and now retired from Foote Mineral where he was a welder. He married Mary Hayman born March 19, 1924.

Michael Morgan. Submitted by — Sandra Morgan

THORN (THORNE)

Peter Thorn made a settlement on South Branch of Short Creek. His will was made 1758. His sons, Michael, Peter, Daniel, and Charles moved to southwest Pennsylvania. Michael Sr. was a Capt. in the Revolutionary War (NDSAR 519010) and his son Michael Jr. was a private in the Revolutionary War. The four Thorn brothers settled in Knox County, Indiana in 1784.

Michael Thorn Sr. (1735 in Virginia-died c. 1802) married Catherine and had Peter, Michael Jr., Barbara, Daniel, Solomon, Catherine, Charles and Jacob.

Michael Jr. (November 1764 Virginia-died September 1844, Knox Co. Indiana) He married Cassandra Harbin at Knox County about 1787, who was born 1775 in Maryland and died Knox County after 1840. They had Joshua, Asa (Esau), James, John H., Elijah, Indiana, possibly others.

James Thorn born August 1797 married Polly Garrett about February 1825. He was a lawyer and member of the Indiana Legislature 1850-1851. He died when his home burned in 1860. Their children were Cassandra, Asabella (Arabella), Louisa, Joshua, and Ann. James married secondly in 1846 widow Maria Welton (mother of Martha, Pamela, Laura, and Indiana Welton). By Maria the children were James K. P.; George M.D.; Wyley known. Maria born March 1808 died after 1882.

Joshua Thorn (April 1837 Knox County died October 1911, Wyoma W., Va., Mason Co. He joined Co. G. 80th regiment ofIndiana Volunteer Cavalry. He served in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky and spent the rest of the war at Gallipolis, Ohio 66 Co., 2nd Battalion, Invalid Corps. He was killed in the Cance to Sergt. 1864. He and Lucetta J. Bane of Gallipolis, Ohio were married October 1864 by Rev. Jessie Ingells. Their children were Lillie B. died in childhood, Mary Maude born 1867 married Monroe Jenkins, Clara M. born September 1870 married John Mohr, and twin Clarence L. Lucetta J. Rosetta Bane was the daughter of Henry D. and Nancy Dolly Bane of Gallia County. She died June 20, 1924.

Ray was an employee of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation at the Kyger Creek Plant at Chester, Ohio. His death occurred November 23, 1981. He was buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

On August 20, 1949 Ray was married to Bonnie L. Keefer the daughter of Oren and Edna Shinn Keefer. Their children are: James Allen born April 8, 1954 and Sharon Ann born November 15, 1958.

THE TOLLIVER FAMILY

By: Valee Tolliver Saunders, daughter of John Donald Tolliver. (Don) My grandfather, John Wesly Tolliver, was born 4-24-1862 and died 2-14-1943. He was born in Mercerville County, Ohio. His parents were John and Ellen Tolliver. They moved to Mason County when he was young. He grew up around Ashton, WV and married Fannie France Hughes. She was a life long resident of Mason County.

Their family was born in Mason County, all 15 of them. Their names: Clara (Sis), Allie Ed¬ward (Fudge), Charles Everett, Jessie Perrin, Willia Mae (Gigie), Alva Burt (Bum), Herman Clyde (Jude), John Donald (Don), Lula Pearl, Nellie Violet (Neil), Worley Burlin (Bill), Wottie Ottis (Ped), and 3 babies born dead.

Frank and Dollie were saved and baptised in later years and devoted their time to church work. They were faithful to the Pine Grove Church where Dollie taught Sunday School for many years. She has been a leader in the care of the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Frank Thornton died November 14, 1962 and was buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Dollie lives on Route 2, at Flatrock near Point Pleasant where she remains active at the age of 84 years.

They also raised 4 grandchildren. The grandchildren were Clara’s. She died with the flu when Lucy Young, Holley Smith was 3 weeks old. Clara was married to Sam Young.

Grandma was born 12-12-1869 and died 6-15-1958. Grandma and Grandpa are buried at Moore’s Chapel Cemetery at Ashton, WV. Grandma made a living as a farmer. He hauled coal to the ferry boat down to Clover. He hauled coal for county schools and for homes. He hauled gravel for the county. He worked at the Keyster Coal Mine. He fired the boiler. I’m sure he worked at a lot of other jobs that wasn’t told. He did his hauling with a horse and wagon.

They tell me Grandma and Grandpa fed 25 to 30 people at their house every day. Can you imagine how big the pots and pans must have been and how much work.

Part of the family went to Ohio to find work and they never came back to Mason County to live. Three of the family stayed and raised their families in Mason County: Nellie Violet, John Donald (Don) and Alva Burt (Bum).

The most of the older generation has passed on now. The ones living now are John Donald (Don), Lula Pearl, Nellie Violet and Wottie Ottis (Ped). Alva Burt (Bum) is buried in Moore’s Chapel Cemetery. The rest are buried in Ohio.

The name Tolliver will be around Mason County for a few more years. There are several young ones growing up. The most of John Welsey and Fannie France Family are gone but not forgotten.

Submitted by — Valee Tolliver Saunders

TENNANT GENEALOGY

By J. Ross Tennant

Genealogy is a record from an ancestor in a direct line. We claim a friendly relationship with every member of every family in America who can trace their lines to our branch of the Tennant Clan.

Submitted by — J. Ross Tennant
Burl R. Tennant was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in the year 1744. In 1760, when a boy of 16 years, he left his native land and came to America. To pay for his transportation, he worked for a farmer for seven years. He married Peter Haught’s daughter Elizabeth.

Richard served as Drummer Boy in Captain James Parsons Company, in the army of Lord Dunmore in 1774, also served as a drummer in Captain Dave Scotts Company in that year.

In the year 1775, Richard and his brother-in-law located in Jake’s Run near Fairview, WV. They claimed land under a grant from Lord Dunmore for services in the Dunmore War. Records show that Richard’s land holdings were 900 acres. This he kept until his death in 1822.

A Tennant Memorial was set up in 1939, at Jake’s Run, Monongalia County, WV.

Records show that the first school in the United States, was founded by William Tennant in 1721 in Harrisville, Buck County. The site is marked by the Log College Monument.

Burl R. Tennant, Rev. Chester Tennant and sister Gayle Haught, are direct descendants, of Mahlon Tennant their great, great grandfather, son of Asa Tennant, grandson of Richard Tennant, and great grandson of Richard Tennant, Sr.

Lemley Tennant, was the son of Mahlon Tennant. Lemley was the father of Melford Tennant who was married to the late Lucy Stiles.

Melford worked for the Peoples Natural Gas Company at Brave, Penn. until his death in 1964. Mother still resides at Brave, Penn., and is 84 years old.

Melford the father of Burl R. Tennant, Rev. Chester Tennant and sister Gayle Haught. Burls resides in Mason County in the town of Mason, with wife Bessie Marie (Dillon), they are the parents of two children Nelson Keith and Teresa Marie. Rev. Chester Tennant resides in Virginia and is Pastor of a church there. Chester helped build a new church in Mason in the early 1970. Gayle resides at Wana, WV.

Chester and Earl both served in World War 2, Chester in Germany and Burl in the Pacific with the 819th Tank Destroyer Bn.

Burl has been active in County and Community affairs for a number of years. At present he is on the board of directors of the West Virginia State Farm Museum near Point Pleasant, WV and is proud to be active and a part of Mason County. Submitted by — Burl R. Tennant

RUSSELL AND JEWELL TEMPLETON

Russell Templeton was a farm worker living with relatives, Ona and Elta (Templeton) Conrad, when Miss Jewel McCoy was once again offered the position of teacher of Daisy School on Bear Hollow Road. She had refused this position twice before, but this time too far from home and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job on the third offer and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job on the third offer and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job on the third offer and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job on the third offer and she would have to board with strangers there. She took the job on the third offer.

Stephen and Sharon Templeton

Stephen Templeton was born March 11, 1945 in Huntington, West Virginia. He is the son of John Russell and Jewel McCoy Templeton, of Mason County, and lived, until his marriage, with his parents and brother and sister on the family farm on Rocky Fork Road (Fees’ Branch) back of Glenwood. Stephen began his schooling in 1951 at Rocky Fork School (one room) and graduated from Hannan High School (Hannan District), Upland, West Virginia. He worked for awhile after his graduation at A.C.F. Industries, Inc. in Hannan County.

In 1966 Stephen Russell Templeton married Sharon Kay Roberts, daughter of Lawrence Frederick and Nellie Gray Northup Roberts. Sharon was born August 6, 1947, the youngest of the children. Her brother Marvin Thomas, was born in 1923 and died in 1978. Her sister, Barbara Ann Roberts, was born and died in 1945. Sharon began her formal education at Beale Elementary at Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia, and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1966. Stephen and Sharon Templeton have two sons.

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THOMAS AND JEAN TEMPLETON

Thomas Edward Templeton was born January 28, 1937 at the home of his grandparents, Thomas J. and Susan Young McCoy. He is the oldest child of John Russell and Jewel McCoy Templeton. Thomas has a sister Jane Legg, of Finley, of Apple Grove, WV., and Faye Dalton, of Point Pleasant Normal School and graduated in 1962, attended Sunnyside Elementary and graduated from Hannan High School (Hannan District), Upland, West Virginia. He worked for awhile after his graduation at A.C.F. Industries, Inc. in Hannan County.

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Stephen Templeton has been employed since 1965 at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plan on Rt. 2 at Apple Grove (below Point Pleasant). Stephen Templeton is also a minister of the Gospel and Sharon is very active in volunteer work. They are both members of the Church of Christ and they and their children attend the services.
of the Church at Christian Valley on Rocky Fork Road, about four miles back of Glenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton and their sons live on what is presently called Five Mile Road (old Modock Rd.), Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia. Submitted by — Sharon Templeton

"LIFE OF CHARLES BELL TILLIS"

Charles Bell Tillis born November 8, 1880 at Arbuckle, West Virginia, son of Peter White Tillis, Sr. and Viola (Gard) Tillis, died unmarried February 22, 1950, buried at Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, West Virginia; member Masonic Lodge.

Charles was the second son of Peter White Tillis and Viola Gard. His earliest employment was with the railroads as a brakeman. The railroads were Kanawha and Michigan and the Chesapeake and Ohio. This was a few years before, around 1905. At this time he, his mother and other brother Walter and Peter broke up house keeping for a new location in California. The mild earthquake before the April 1906 one at San Francisco frightened them; so they returned home. Walter returned and was present for the 1906 disastrous quake but undaunted he helped with the surveys and was employed by the San Francisco Railroad stationed at Richland. Charles and John were always very close brothers. Charles returned from railroading to help John and Alma with the farm work. They became a family for the remaining years; helping each other. John's and Alma's children loved Uncle Charlie and provided regular attention to his needs his last years. Submitted by — Charles Holstein - nephew

THE JOHN COULTER TILLIS FAMILY

John Coultier Tillis, son of Peter White Tillis, Sr. and Viola (Gard) Tillis, was born January 30, 1879, at Arbuckle, Mason County; died November 11, 1948 at Point Pleasant. On June 26, 1905 he was married to Alma Miller who was born October 19, 1878 at Capehart, Mason County; died December 27, 1939, at Arbuckle, Mason County and buried in Lone Oak Cemetery at Point Pleasant. She was the daughter of Frank and Electa Loda Maupin Miller. On October 4, 1940 at New Lexington, Ohio he was married to Maude Kimberling Glover who was born January 17, 1886, and died at Arbuckle, August 5, 1943 and was buried at Mount Gilead, Ohio.

Children of John Coultier and Alma Miller Tillis were born in Arbuckle, Mason County.

They are:

(1) Garnette Marie Tillis born May 29, 1905; married June 12, 1948 to Charles Morton Grant Stanley, farmer, son of William Benjamin and Aurilla (Forrest) Stanley, born May 4, 1905 at Beech Hill, died December 21, 1980 at Gallipolis, Ohio; buried Kirkland Memorial Garden, Point Pleasant, Mason County. Garnette was a teacher in the Point Pleasant High School for 41 years and 3 months, retiring 1970. Her life style always included participation in school, community and state projects. After her retirement the activities became narrowed to first planning for the new home, to broadened church work, and research problems in education and public utilities which contributed to reform and legislation. Submitted by — Garnette Stanley - niece

(2) Frank White Tillis born April 8, 1908 married Louise Peyton November 23, 1939, and divorced a few years later; died March 20, 1980 at Point Pleasant, Mason County, buried in Lone Oak Cemetery with military services. Frank's interests and abilities were for activity centered and mechanical. All his employment, except for short time jobs after the war, were for metallurgical plants in the capacity of production where he was considered to be very efficient. The plants where he had employment were at Alloy, West Virginia beginning in 1933 then Portland, Oregon, interval of World War II, as Master Sergeant in Port Battalion in New Guinea and the Philippines, and last years with Vanadium, New Haven, West Virginia until early retirement.

Marjorie Edith Tillis born November 23, 1916, daughter of Herbert William King, son of Dr. Herbert V. King and Abbie Fannie Maupin, born April 11, 1915 at Millville, Wabash County, Indiana. Residence: New Martinsville, West Virginia. Marjorie was a teacher at Point Pleasant High School three years and 24 years, New Martinsville High School. Herbert was sanitary engineer for the State of West Virginia before the World War II service, then became safety inspector for Columbia Southern Chemical Company until retirement.

Children of Marjorie Tillis King and Herbert William King are:


John Coultier and Alma Miller were residents of Mason County all of their lives, and daughter Garnette Stanley of Pt. Pleasant also.

In their middle ages they shared their skills, experiences and education to work as a team. Each added member found a niche to make contributions willingly on their maturity levels at the time.

Farming, teaching and later a general store provided the resources from the two Thirteen Creek location: 1904-1908; 1908-1919.

In 1906 or 1907 Charles Bell Tillis, a brother, quit railroading to work and live with John and Alma. He was a skilled carpenter for his time and participated in the building of the Tillis lands near by the home place, (1904-1908); the second home a new one on the same Thirteen Creek but several miles closer to Arbuckle Center and to Fairview School (1908-1919).

In 1919 after several years involvement at Arbuckle as Postmaster and merchandising produce, poultry, eggs, butter, being shipped to Gallipolis, Ohio and Pittsburgh. The next move was in 1919 to purchase the property of Miss Fannie Maupin was purchased. More opportunities existed as only across the highway was the Kanawha River Landing, the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad Station for passengers and shipping services. Home was thirteen to twenty rooms two story home with the combination general store built by Mr. C. W. Maupin for the large family and for general store business. The enterprises were general merchandising, produce as poultry eggs, butter, shipping to the produce companies, Gelco and the Ohio bulk podem and heavy oils from railroad storage tanks, auto service station and the Arbuckle Post Office where Alma and John Coultier became postmasters a few years previous through competitive examinations as required by the U. S. Post Office Department. The property was sold to P. A. Sayre in 1944.

In summary, everyone was busy, and happy so far as known, the children graduated from Point Pleasant High School made possible through special rates for daily round trips by the K and M Railroad to all children along the lines (Arbuckle to Point Pleasant round trip 56c).

The goals of education (college) for the children, conservative family living, and security for old age were an optimum plan with sharing and hospitable attitudes toward those along the way.

FAMILY OF MARY MARGARET TILLIS HOLSTEIN

Mary Margaret Tillis daughter of Peter White Tillis, Sr. and Viola (Gard) Tillis was born November 19, 1882 at Arbuckle, Mason County, West Va.; married April 4, 1904 at Arbuckle, Mason County and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery at Point Pleasant. On August 3, 1904 at Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Va. she was married to Frederick Brooks Holstein who was born August 7, 1877 at Buffalo, Putnam County, West Va.; died January 18, 1950 at Arbuckle, Mason County and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery.

Children of Mary and Frederick Holstein are:

(a) "Billy" William b. April 11, 1945 unmarried.  
(b) Patty b. Nov. 1, 1949 unmarried.  
Residence of Mrs. Anna Kimberling and family: 233 Independence Drive, Governor's Place, Chillicothe, Ohio.  
In December 1939 William went to work for the New York Central railroad as a telegrapher. This occupation was followed for 38 years. His father Fredrick Holstein taught him this occupation. Phyllis Jeanne is a professional anesthetist and has worked for a number of years for the hospital in Charleston, WV; Residence; South Charleston, WV.  
Children of Charles Edwin and Mary Elizabeth Holstein are:  
(b) Homer Brooks b. September 8, 1946 married Jenny Fellwock.  
(c) Jeffrey b. June 23, 1949 married Toni Daugherty.  
Charles like father Fredrick Brooks Holstein and brother William Fredrick follows the occupation of telegrapher, all of his work-occupational life. He is now retired and lives at Eleanor, West Virginia. Fredrick Brooks Holstein was telegrapher for the New York Central many years at Arbuckle, Mason County. He taught others telegraphy as his sons who made life-time employment from this skill. He was a Mason and instructed candidates in the rituals. He was a member of the Spanish American War Council during his service. Years afterward he organized and supervised the K and P Lodge Band located at Leon, Mason County, a favor which is appreciated by members living today. Submitted by - Pauline Holstein Sheeran, William Fredrick Holstein

THE FAMILY OF PETER WHITE TILLIS

Peter White Tillis was the son of Miles Tillis and Nancy Kimberling born December 11, 1853 in Mason County, Virginia; died October 30, 1889 and is buried in Kimberling Cemetery near Arbuckle, Mason County, West Virginia. On September 3, 1877 in Mason County, West Virginia he was married to Viola Victoria Gard, who was born December 11, 1858 the daughter of John Wallace Gard and Mary Jane Barcus of Gallia County, Ohio, who died December 21, 1911 at Southside, Mason County, West Virginia and is buried in Cemetery.  

Peter's parents Miles Tillis and Nancy Kimberling married December 24, 1852 in Mason County. Nancy was born November 23, 1823, died October 1, 1883 and is buried in the Craig Cemetery near Arbuckle. Miles Tillis was born February 7, 1831 in Mason County, Virginia, the son of Elizabeth Greenlee Van Bibber and Richard Tillis, died July 26, 1855 in Mason County, West Virginia. In a 1930 letter to a great, great, grand-daughter about the Tillis Coulter Family was given the following: “Very fine old lady and gentleman ... he always wore white linen britches and white muslin shirts all stitched by hand and white knitted galluses in summer ... she wore white linen wrappers and the prettiest blue and pink shoulder shawls, and the log house was built about four rooms long with a covered porch the entire length ...”  

Peter Tillis was only eighteen months old when his father died. Nancy Kimberling Tillis married John Coulter native of Pennsylvania, March 19, 1857 and who died July 24, 1892, age 82 years. Peter was well nurtured by Mr. Coulter and "esteemed stepson" as recorded in the Coulter will, 1892. Peter was a school teacher in the Ohio (formal) school, which was about a mile from home. Among the direct ancestors beginning with his grand-parents: Richard Tillis born January 16, 1809 d. October 2, 1881, Myrick September 12, 1829 Elizabeth Greenlee Van Bibber b. May 29, 1802 d. May 15, 1883. Other earlier grand-parents living in Mason County by families included Jacob Kimberling and Margaret — Jessie Van Bibber and Rachel Greenlee; Peter Van Bibber and Margaret Bounds; Isaac Jacob Van Bibber and Virginia and on to Revolutionary times at Point Pleasant, West Virginia.  

The children of Peter White Tillis (1853-1889) and Viola Victoria Gard Tillis (1858-1911) were the following:  
(2) Charles Bell Tillis born November 8, 1880 at Arbuckle, Mason County; died unmarried February 22, 1950, Huntington, West Virginia.  
(3) Mary Margaret Tillis born November 19, 1882; married Fredrick Brooks Holstein August 3, 1915.  
(5) Nancy Kimberling Tillis born March 10, 1888 married John William Hooper October 13, 1903; died March 15, 1915.  
(6) Peter White Tillis born December 3, 1889, married Ethel Irene Bradshaw April 25, 1912; married (second) Frances Goode 1939; died July 8, 1957. All of the children were born at Arbuckle, West Virginia (Route). Submitted by — Garouette Tilly Stahny

FAMILY OF PETER WHITE TILLIS, JR.

Peter White Tillis, Jr. son of Peter White Tillis, Sr. and Viola (Gard) Tillis born December 3, 1889 at Arbuckle, WV married Ethel Irene Bradshaw April 25, 1892, Lawrence County, Ohio April 25, 1912. Married second Frances Goode 1939 Indian town, Florida.  
Peter died July 8, 1957 at Indian town and was buried in Fern Hill Cemetery, Stuart, FL.  

Peter was very skilled as a telegrapher for rail-way companies. He began working 1909 at Arb-uckle, WV for the K and M railroad then for the B and O and K and M at Pt. Pleasant station. The last employment was for the Seaboard Lines in Indiantown, Fla. This employment was the most lengthy. Children born of Peter and Ethel Irene Bradshaw Tillis were:  
(1) Mary Aleen Tillis born July 26, 1915 Pt. Pleasant, WV married (2) William P. Patterson; m. 3rd James Henry Parker (deceased) r. Tampa, Fla. (Note: Mother Ethel Bradshaw living with Mary Eileen; age 94)  
Children: (a) Bobby A. Hall - teacher in Tampa, FL; (b) James Rudy Hall - Correction Specialist County Sheriff's Department in Tampa, FL.  
(2) William Edwin Tillis born Oct. 15, 1917 Pt. Pleasant, WV, Served World War II wounded in lungs, three times; bayoneted once. (Note: Family lost contact yrs. ago.)  
(3) Sibyl Viola Tillis born Oct. 11, 1919 at Pt. Pleasant, WV married Dempsey Lewis Simpson 1937 r. Seffner, Fla. Five children were born:  
(a) Avis Irene b. Mar. 4, 1938 m. Robert Swartz r. Tampa, FL.  
(b) Mary Jane b. May 22, 1941 m. Albert Mills, Jr. r. Tequesta, FL.  
(c) Ethel Ann b. Nov. 27, 1942 m. Clayton Hargett - teacher in Tampa, FL.  
(d) Dempsey Lewis b. Jan. 12, 1944 m. Anna Bailey r. Tampa, FL.  
(e) Charles David b. Oct. 16, 1949 m. Sandy Woods r. Seffner, FL.  
(5) Betty Louise Tillis b. Dec. 25, 1930 Tampa, FL m. Lacy Rice Shaw at Plant City, FL. May 22, 1948. He was born July 10, 1920 and was employed in electronics for the Government.  
Children of the second marriage of Peter White Tillis, Jr. and Frances Goode:  
(1) Miriam Tillis b. 1940 m. John Stachon r. Indianantown, FL.  
(a) Donna m. Glen Martin.  
(2) Richard Tillis b. 1943 m. Nancy Orton r. Indianantown, FL.  
(a) Marsha - age 19. (b) Richard - age 17. (1986) Submitted by — Mary Eileen Tillis Parker - daughter  

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THE FAMILY OF WALTER GARD TILLIS

Walter Gard Tillis son of Peter White Tillis and Viola (Gard) Tillis was born Arbuckle, Mason County, West Virginia, November 7, 1884. In 1906 he married Woodrow Bowman in Ohio. She is living at the age of 91, physically healthy and mentally alert. Walter died April 1964 at Sabina, age 80 years.

Walter's occupation in his earliest years was usually brakeman on several railway systems. A post card came from 1906 Richmond, California to his mother states that he has been assigned duty at the Bay by the Santa Fe Railway for $2.25 per day and the work was easy. This assignment followed the April 18, 1906 Earthquake in San Francisco area at which time he was a member of the second boat load dispatched to cross the Bay to survey the destruction in the San Francisco vicinity. He was considered to be a hard worker, adaptable to several jobs for railways; so, travel objective was fulfilled with several Railway Systems and salaries acceptable. He quit railway occupations around 1915 for management of a large acreage farm at Sabina, Ohio until his retirement, after leg injury at the farm. During World War II he returned to railway employment, but his service for country even though he would have been deferred.

As a father the children say he helped them with their problems and maintained Bible Study and Christian principles in the home.

Five sons and daughters were born to Walter and Dorcas. They are as follows:

1) Harry b. Nov. 7, 1911; m. Eleanor Ver- ner, r. Sabina, Ohio.
2) Selma b. Sept. 2, 1913; m. Noah Groomd, r. Point Pleasant, Mason Co., WV. Died March 1, 1944.

FAMILY OF NANCY KIMBERLING TILLIS HOOPER

Nancy Kimberling Tillis, daughter and 5th child of Peter White Tillis, Sr. and Viola (Gard) Tillis, was born March 10, 1888 at Arbuckle, Mason Co., WV. Died March 15, 1915 at Quin- cy, Kanawha Co., WV and is buried in the Kimberling Cemetery near Arbuckle. On Oct. 13, 1903 at Point Pleasant, Mason Co., she was mar- ried to John William Hooper who was born June 27, 1876 at Pleasanton, Ohio, son of George Wakeman Hooper and Susanannah Sisson. He was a telegrapher at Arbuckle for the K & M Rail- way at the time of his marriage, later became a dairyman at Southside, Mason Co. for a few years and then returned to telegraph at Quincy. After the death of Nancy he married Ida Mae Chambers and their residence was Poca for the first family of children and those born of the second family.

Children born to Nancy Kimberling Tillis and John William Hooper are:

1) Louise Tillis Hooper b. Aug. 31, 1904 at Arbuckle. Married Reuben Ray McClanahan who was born Feb. 26, 1914 at Charleston, WV. On Sept. 21, 1986 Louise died and was buried in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House, WV. She was a retired elementary teacher in Moulton, AL.
2) George Walter Hooper born Aug. 3, 1906, Arbuckle, Mason Co.; d. May 20, 1948 at Sibley Hospital, Washington, D. C. and is buried in Hooper Cemetery, Poca, WV. On Feb. 1938 at Ashland, KY, he married to Essie Marie Carpenter who was born Sept. 10, 1916 at Walton, WV. George Walter worked as crane operator for the American Viscose Company. The address was Front Royal, Va. Note: After George Walter's death Essie married Earl F. Hall. Family Home address was Front Royal, VA. Children of George Hooper and Essie Carpenter Hooper are:


b) Harry b. Nov. 7, 1911; m. Eleanor Verner, r. Sabina, Ohio.

TILLIS FAMILY

Hannah and Nimer Thabet were natives of Kafair, Lebanon. They were married when Hannah was 1½, and not yet a mature woman, and Nimer was 20. Hannah's maiden name was also Thabet, but each family was well versed in re- dacting a maid's preference to his own family and providing that his family agreed with his choice, he and his father would make known to the family's intentions to the maid and her father or family.

There would be, if all were in agreement, an engagement gathering commensurate with the financial status of the bride's family. A short pe- riod of engagement would follow — usually only a matter of weeks. The wedding ceremony in Hannah's and Nimer's case was performed by a priest of the Syrian Orthodox church and a three day celebration followed.

Probably they made their first real home in Damascus, Syria. At this time young Nimer Thabet made his living as a merchant, traveling frequently into Egypt to obtain goods. Quite possibly he crossed the Suez Canal many times to inspect goods, and then shipped them back over the barren land. During the first years of their marriage and after Hannah turned fifteen, the first of twelve children was born . . . a son, whom they named Farris Nimer, the second son they named Raymond, which is Syrian tradition. While Farris was quite young, Nimer decided to cross the Atlantic Ocean and seek his fortune in the United States; so for a time Hannah took her small son and returned to Kafair to live with her family.

Nimer was pleased with the opportunities that presented themselves business wise in the United States, so returned to his homeland packed his belongings and what the family felt was necessary and once more came to the United States to make his permanent home, bringing his wife Hannah, sons, and his own mother. The trunks which held their belongings have been described as being similar to the pirate's treasure chests. James was two and his mother told him that she had slipped on the icy glasses and somehow had nearly dropped him into the water. It seemed to Nimer that he had steadied her time.

Their first home was in Ogensburg, New York. They lived in an apartment house. Several Syrian families lived there, and this helped curb the sharp pain of homesickness. Here, Nimer employed him as a grocer, and had a table at a general store on his back. Eventually he prospered, and the pack on his back was replaced by a horse drawn cart, carrying all sorts of wares and even farm produce. When goods could not be paid for with money, trading was common, such as a dozen eggs for this or that. Here three more children were born to Hannah and Nimer. Their third child was called Wadear, their fourth child, a girl, born March 21 was called Jemelia, and their fifth child they called Alice. It seems they joyfully considered calling Alice "Snowie"—"Snow" because the snow was so deep on March 18th when she was born.

As the family expanded, so did business, and they soon bought four acres of land in Hermon, New York. Here they lived in part of the dwell- ing and an extra house, raising chickens and general store out of the rest. The older children and Hannah took care of the store while Nimer traveled his routes carrying wares and produce into the rural areas. Everyone worked hard and the children helped in the gardens doing general farm work and house work, or minding the smaller children since the family had continued to increase. The 6th child Elias, was followed by George, then by Adele. She was followed by children nine and eleven years later named Faye and Katirna, respectivly. The family did not live in Hermon, New York, but after Katirna's birth, an opportunity presented itself in West Virginia, so they sold their property and business and moved lock, stock and barrel to Williamson, a small town on a large river. William Williamson had been a booming mining town, but business was not as good as it had once been. The general merchandising store and restaurant that Nimer and Hannah had bought from N. C. Thabet, a man previously called the "Chicken Man" was not paid for, and business went from bad to worse.

Onetime Nimer and his oldest son took a train to Point Pleasant to investigate the possi- bilities of a certain farm. They did not buy a farm but Point Pleasant was to become their
fourth and permanent home. Williamson had not been a pleasant home. Along with bad business, their eleventh child, a girl called Helen was found dead in her crib, age three months, on November 25th, 1915. A doctor said from heart failure.

Business-wise, Point Pleasant was favorable. Nimer opened a confectionary store which was an ice-cream parlor, complete with marble topped counter and the most up-to-date fountain equipment. He sold ice cream to the general public as well as bulk ice cream. In due time, he bought the building which now houses the G.C. Murphy store, which is still owned by the Thabet heirs. Because of some difficulty with the electric company he installed his own generating system, thereby providing himself with electricity, and declared himself an "electrical" independent.

The move to Point Pleasant had been made January 15, 1916. Their first home was across from what was the Chapman-Wilcoxen Funeral home in the 1200 Block, and here Freddy the twelfth and last child was born.

Tragedy struck once again when 4 year old Katrina was burned to death January 15, 1917. From this house, they moved into the "Big house" downtown. This was where our generation remembers. Stories have been told about the terrible floods that house has survived when the Ohio River was not held back by flood walls as it is now. Water has even been as high as four feet on the second floor of this great house and once taken by row boat out a second story window, or so the story goes. This same river, also claimed the life of their son Elias, who was swimming July 30, 1917. He was 10 years old.

Nimer's first business venture was the opening of another confectionary store in Huntington, half of which he gave his son Farris, but Nimer did not intend to work in it long. He retired in 1924 and lived until 1928, when death claimed him on May 5th at 62 years old. His mother, who had lived with them off and on since their arrival in the United States also died in 1928, when death claimed him on May 5th at 62 years old. His mother, who had lived with them off and on since their arrival in the United States also died in 1928, when death claimed him on May 5th at 62 years old.

Nimer had besides his mother, two brothers, Abe, Sam, and Joseph and one half-brother, Joseph and William; and Hannah had her brothers, John and William.

Nimer had besides his mother, two brothers, Abe, Sam, and Joseph and one half-brother, whose name was John. Joseph went back to his homeland and was killed during the first World War. Before the close of World War I, Syria came under alternate English and French rule, the country was run and run over by the Turks. It was not uncommon for groups of Christians to be taken away and massacred. This was one of the main reasons for the Syrians and other persecuted peoples migration to the United States. Now Syria is an independent country along with Lebanon and the other countries in that area.

The name 'Thabet' means in Arabic "precisely", but as many of the Thabets came to this country they were given or took the name "Rahal" which in Arabic translation means "mover" and was merely a reference to their migration to this country and therefore all "Rahals" were originally Thabets.

Of the Thabet (Nimer) family, Jamelia was the first to marry. Her husband was Assaf Rahall and they live in Beckley, West Virginia. Their four children are George, Louise and Delores. They lost one child. James Thabet married Bertha Jacoby, a Czechoslovakian and they have five children, Ruth, Harold, Arthur and twins, Annette and Jennett. Alice married Tom Thabet and they had no children. After she was widowed she married Louis Bokair. They divorced. Alice now resides in Huntington. George married Columbia Hage and they had sons, David, Frederick and Steven. George died March 4th 1948 age 39. Adele married Jess Goings. They divorced. She lived for years in Charleston but her life terminated August 13, 1959 at age 49. No children born. Wadear married Janie Bragg and they have one son, John Nimer. They live Point Pleasant. Freddy married Mary Foreman and they have Joy Faye, Susan Kaye, Jenny Lou, John Farris, their home is in Mason. Faye was killed in the second World War on "D" day in Normandy June 6, 1944 (brought back to Pt. Pleasant for burial) age 32.

Hannah Tabet lived for many years and saw all of her grandchildren except Fred's last child, a boy, which was the seventeenth grandchild. She lived to hold and love many great grandchildren before her death September 23, 1958. James Nimer and Hannah's second child and son, is the grandfather of our children. Submitted by — Fred Thabet, Wadear Thabet, and John Thabet, James Thabet.

THE A. E. THOMAS FAMILY

Albert Thomas (A.E.) came to Point Pleasant, Mason County, W.Va. in the year 1840. Mr. Thomas was born in Putnam County, Ohio, on March 24, 1897 to David Henry Thomas and Lillie Blanche Melton Thomas.

Earl Thomas was married to Leila Edith Griffith of Kanawha County and she was born April 12, 1904 in Montgomery, W.Va.

Mrs. Thomas's parents were Charles Jefferson Griffith and Lou Genevieve Gwinn of Charleston, W. Va., County of Kanawha.

Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Thomas had four children. The eldest was Betty Jane born in Charleston, W.Va., Feb. 20, 1922. She married Casby Meadows, Jr. of Gallipolis, Ohio, son of Casby and Opal Wallace Meadows. Betty and Casby Jr. have two sons, the eldest is Casby III (Skippy) and Thomas Melton Meadow.

THE TROTTER FAMILY

Mary Ann Hennis was born in Liverpool, England in 1742. In 1761, she indentured herself as a servant to pay her passage to America, and served it out close to Norfolk, Virginia. Later she lived with relatives, named Bell, near Staunton, Virginia. Here she met and married Richard Trotter. One child, William was born to them.

Richard fought under George Washington in Braddock's Defeat. He later joined the Virginia Militia and was killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant October 10, 1771.

Ann became a mail carrier and then a military courier for the army. In 1791, she married John Bailey. In 1791, Ann saved Fort Lee, near Charleston, by riding to Fort Savannah, Lewisburg, bringing back ammunition that was badly needed.

William Trotter married Mary Cooper. He owned land in Mason County, West Virginia. In 1818 he sold out and moved to Gallia County, Ohio.

Margaret Lee was the second child of Earl and Lelia Thomas and she was born August 10, 1923 in Charleston, W.Va.

Margaret married Thomas Stuart Burdett, son of Stuart and Inez Parker Burdett of Mason County. Margaret and Tom have one daughter, Pamela Dee.

A.E. Thomas, Jr. was the third child born to Earl and Lelia on Dec. 14, 1924 in Charleston, W.Va.

A.E. (Squeaky) married Mary Rodgers King, daughter of Warren and Lucy Featherstone King and they have four children. Lucia Ann (Luann), A.E. Thomas III (Trip), John Douglas, and Lelia Warren (Lee) Thomas.

Dorothy Blanche (Dottie) was the fourth child of Earl and Lelia Thomas and was born Aug. 5, 1930 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, W.Va.

Dottie married June Hunter Campbell (Skip) son of John and Jane Hunter Campbell of Jackson County, W.Va. and they had four children.

Ann moved to Gallia County, Ohio, also. She died in 1825 and was buried in the Trotter family graveyard in Harrison Township, Gallia County, Ohio. On October 10, 1901 her remains were moved to Tu-Endie-Wei Park in Point Pleasant.

William was born 1767 died 1831 and Mary was born 1777 died 1867. Their children were:
1. Philip married Hannah Coddington
2. Elizabeth married William Irion
3. John married Hannah Reed
4. William married Rosannah Houch
5. Mary married James Irion
6. Davis married Sarah Knight
7. Sarah married John Gilmore
8. Pheobe married Thomas Willey
9. Jane married John Northup
10. Nancy married Francis Stratt

William was born 1808 died 1895 married Rosannah Houch born 1814 died 1892. Their children were:

1. Frances
2. Elizabeth married Frank Gilmore
3. Mary Ann married Vint Waugh
4. Armenia married Joe Lindle
5. John married Mary Rader
6. Marion married Rachel Kennedy
7. Nancy married Gideon Frowenfelt
8. Sarah
9. Pheobe married Perry Earwood
10. William never married
11. Thomas Morgan married Luella Hazlett

Thomas Morgan was born 1857 died 1918 married Luella Hazlett born 1865 died 1963. Their children were:

1. William Clemente married Velvie Wetherly
2. Virgil Albert married Emily Cordelia Roadarmour
3. Luther Morgan married Edith McLaughlin

Virgil Albert was born 9 October 1887 died 11 July 1968. He married Emily Cordelia Roadarmour in Point Pleasant 28 August 1913. Emily Trotter was born 5 June 1884 and died 19 March 1973. Their children were John Thomas born 21 October 1893 died 22 May 1961 and Mary Rachel born 6 November 1924. John Trotter married Effie White. Their children are Julia who married Philip Taylor and Ted who married Brenda Carroll.

Mary Rachel Trotter graduated from Gallia Academy High School, Gallipolis, Ohio in 1942. She attended Ohio University Branch, Chillicothe, Ohio and Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, receiving a B.S. in Education in May 1948. She specialized in reading at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and received a Masters Degree from there August 1976. She taught many years in Chillicothe Public Schools. She is now retired and lives at 154 Hirk Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Submitted by Mary R. Trotter

### Richard Turnbull Family

The Turnbull Family is of English origin and came to Hartford, W. Va. seeking employment in the coal industry. Richard Turnbull and his wife Elizabeth Johnson were both born in England. They came to the United States in a sail boat which took six weeks to cross the ocean, during which time their first child, Barbara Jane became very sick - in fact they thought she was going to die - and recovered and thus missed being buried at sea. The captain of the boat thought such burial would cause the whales to overturn the boat, thus killing all aboard. Unable to find work, Richard enlisted in the Civil War, Co. I, infantry in 1861, honorably discharged in Wheeling in 1863, and was then employed as a mine boss. All of their children except Barbara, were born in Hartford, W. Va. She was born in Byers Green, England. They were John J., Hannah, Mary Jane, Richard James, Sarah Ann, and twins, Thomas and William.

1. Barbara Jane Turnbull married Wyatt Willis Harris.
2. A. Irma Harris married Herman Laas.
3. B. Maud Turnbull married Thomas Hoffman at Hartford in the Henry Jenkins home.

### Watson Upton Family

The Upton descendents came from Ireland, Wales, and England. The first Uptons landed at Nova Scotia, working their way down the coast to Jamestown, Va.

Alphus Hillery Upton, b. 1822, d. 1893. He owned and worked in a blacksmith shop in Hinton, WV. He had the following children: Alphus Robert Hillery; Odell Delbert; Blanche Mozelle; Ulyssis; Alice; Virginia; Amelia; and Amy and Clara.

Odel Upton, married Rebecca Summers and lived in Clay County, W. Va. for a time and moved to Charlesown, W.Va., in a canoe, lived there for awhile and finally settled in Leon, W.Va. (Mason County).

Odel Upton taught 51 terms of school, received diploma from high school (Point Pleasant at the age of 65, and was a Baptist minister. They had four sons; Watson; James; Grant, and two daughters; Locie and Virginia.

Watson Upton, b. March 15, 1886; d. July 2, 1981; married Lizzie Mae Keefer, b. February 7, 1892; d. May 22, 1970. They were married December 14, 1912 (traveled to Point Pleasant on a packet boat to be married) and lived in Mason County all their married life. They had four sons; Harold; Frank; Henry and Marion and one son deceased, Alphus Hillery; b. Feb. 9, 1914; d. March 5, 1914 Submitted by — Mary A. Upton

### O.H.P. VanMatre

Oliver Hazard Perry VanMatre Jr. was born Aug. 26, 1852 Mason Co. and died July 9, 1921 when his auto was struck by a train near Elsberry, Mo. where his home was located. He is buried Clarksville Cemetery, Pike Co. Mo. His parents were O.H.P. and Miriam Sayre VanMatre of Mason Co.

He married on Jan. 1, 1874 in Mason Co. Mary Mahala "Mollie" Stewart the daughter of John B. and Elizabeth Barbee Stewart who was born June 13, 1853 in Mason Co. and died Dec. 17, 1912; born near Elsberry with burial at Clarksville, Mo.

To O.H.P. and Mary VanMatre were born Ina O. Sept. 15, 1876 died Nov. 11, 1879 buried Mason Co; Delmer Ivan born Feb. 25, 1878 Mason Co. died Easter Sunday Apr. 1949 in Missouri, married Isetta Irvine 1908 daughter of Samuel and Willie Gladys Irvine, buried Elsberry cemetery, had Delmer Irvine married Dorothy Duncan, Anna Mae married Harry Elston, Ruth married Walter Buss, Oliver H. married Mildred Ash, Russell Dalton married Doris Ernest.

Annie Ilene, third child, born Nov. 12, 1879 died Dec. 30, 1982. She married Frank Machir on Jan. 1, 1896 in Mason Co. where they lived until 1903, then moved to Missouri where her parents and remainder of family had moved 1900 locating in Annada and Dawson, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Machir were married 61 years and are buried Elsberry Cemetery. Their children are Ina Laura born Mason Co. married William L. Brown (WW I Vet) on March 9, 1921 (both deceased in Missouri); William Hazard married Helen Whiteside live Missouri (he retired railroad Engineer); Charles Randolph (deceased) married Virginia Hearin, she lives St. Charles, Mo.


Myr VanMatre born April 12, 1883 died Nov. 17, 1960, married James Riggan Cooper, and had one son Robert L. who married Lillian Couch. Myr and James Cooper buried Clarksville Cemetery.

William W. VanMatre born May 31, 1885 died March 1860, married Toppy Cole of St. Louis, Mo. lived Mexico, Mo. where buried. Their children were Helen who married Dr. Bob Kelly; Bill; Everett.

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In this house Sarah A. and Hiram Heaton stored, the log house stands in Tu-Endi-Wei Park. In this house John "kept hotel." Now retired.

After their wedding they stayed with her brother on such a visit and eventually they were married. Consequently she made extensive visits, on marriage and took this opportunity to wed her beau, Charles Arnold. John's problems were now solved. Elizabeth died. March 10, 1843 he followed his wives to the grave.

Hiram took charge and with Mary's and late William's help, the family and the business prospered. Hiram married Anna Eliza Lee in 1850. William married in 1858 to Caroline Beagham, Mary the Rev. Charles Warren of the Ohio Methodist Episcopal Conference. Martha married Jerry Petrel. Priscilla died at 14 years. William and Hiram moved from Letart Falls to Pomeroy, Ohio and became prominent businessmen in the Middleport and Pomeroy area.

Martha (Patsie), John, Elizabeth, Priscilla and Caroline are buried in the Letart Falls cemetery.

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William and Ora were parents of Walter (1900-1948), William H. (1902-1937) and Stephen Kissing (1905-1943). Stephen became a well known attorney in Mason County.

Ora Hogg Vaught was a Regent for the local D.A.R. Chapter and national Vice-President, and descends from land-grant Peter Hogg while Mr. Vaught descends from land-grant James Henderson.

Ora Hogg Vaught had brothers: Dr. Robert McGuffin Hogg (1866-1893); Byron Hogg (1870-1893); and Thomas Gory Hogg who died in Lewisburg, W.V. March 3, 1963. Dr. Gory Hogg was married to Caroline Butterfield of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ora and William Vaught's son William had one daughter Carolyn Cockrell; and son Stephen had daughters: Nancy Leandria (1932-1966) (Newling) Tryon and Martha Roberta (1934-) (Hite) Watterson. Submitted by — Martha V. Watterson

ALLEN ROSS VICKERS

Allen Ross Vickers was born in 1845 died 1921, and his wife Cinderella H. Thompson, born May 2, 1847 died 1917, are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery on Viand Street with several of their children. He was a marine dock worker and was in the Civil War.

They were the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Point Pleasant. Annie F. Vickers born June 24, 1866 died May 27, 1936 married William McGuffin. Their daughter Lorena (Shiflet) born January 23, 1890 died January 28, 1955 and a son Robert was born November 19, 1892.

Cora L. Vickers born August 1, 1868 died October 29, 1876 (Pioneer) Willie S. born May 25, 1871 July 2, 1872 (Pioneer) Charles A. born July 23, 1873 died July 29, 1875 (Pioneer); Herbert Hayes born September 27, 1876 died December 25, 1943 (Suncrest), Rose (Hildreth) born September 29, 1884 died April 26, 1962, and Harry B. born January 23, 1883.

Herbert Hayes Vickers married Laura Elsie Petty, born January 28, 1891 Longbottom, Ohio died May 23, 1982. She was the daughter of Helen Coleman and Louis Jerome Petty who was a shoe cobbler and mail carrier.

Phyllis Vickers Smith, Laura Vickers and Freda Vickers

Herbert Hayes and wife Laura worked on the river, he as a cook and she as a maid, but in 1919 they opened Vickers restaurant at 509 Main Street, Pt. Pleasant which they operated until 1943. It was then taken over and operated by their son Clifford and his wife Freda for another 20 years. The building was sold and remodeled and until the last few years a laundry was in the building, but was destroyed by fire.


Clifford took over the management of his fathers restaurant, with the help of his wife Freda Riffe, now deceased, and his mother who continued to supervise the cooking for several years.

Phyllis Vickers, born February 21, 1922, a PPHS graduate, has been an employee with the Citizens National Bank in the bookkeeping department for a number of years. She is married to Durward Wellmar Smith, born September 24, 1915 and they have three children, James Michael Smith born April 22, 1942, Vietnam War veteran, married and father of Angela Michelle Smith (Raab) born September 30, 1964, Jannette Marie (Erichlich) born July 20, 1968, and Jamie L. Smith, July 25, 1972, also a grandson is Brian Michael Raab born March 20, 1983; Karen Sue Smith (Bain) born November 4, 1943 married Jerry Bain and have a daughter Staci Dawn born December 15, 1974; Nancy Lynn Smith (Loomis) born May 1, 1949 and husband James Loomis, have three daughters Lori Lynn, August 6, 1970, Lisa Michelle. January 7, 1975, and Lesley Renee December 8, 1977. Submitted by — Phyllis Vickers Smith

EARL VICKERS

Earl Vickers was born in New Haven, Sept. 11, 1876. His relatives came to New Haven from the mouth of Lens Creek, in Kanawha County, in the year 1863. Mr. Vickers attended eight years of school in New Haven. His teacher, Pleasant A. Hinkle, wrote the following newspaper account in 1938. "New Haven School in 1884. The following is a list of all the pupils in my room Number 3, with comments on some of the pupils as I remember them: Earl Vickers, a very intelligent child, but somewhat shy and backward, but easy and courteous in manner, too young for deep study, but made a good record in attendance. He was successful as a coal miner, and is now owner of a farm in Seigrist Bottom, which is one mile above New Haven and on the river. He is a member of the Old U.B. quartet in New Haven. His accomplishments was the trombone, guitar, harmonica, and mandolin. He played in the Old New Haven German band, and sang in the old U.B. College in New Haven.

In 1938, he took for his second wife, Ada Rickard, who was the daughter of Ray and Bertha Rickard.


VICKERS FAMILY

John F. Vickers was born April 29, 1879 in Springhill, W.V. He started work on the river at age 14, and was still employed there as a mate when he died of a heart attack on May 11, 1951 at age 72.

He met Hannah Sullivan, born April 6, 1885 of Vinton, Ohio, when she was working as a cook on the river. They were married Dec. 24, 1907. They moved to Pt. Pleasant where four of their children were born; Jonnie born Jan. 27, 1909, Harry L. born May 3, 1910, Homer V. born July 26, 1911, and Mabel born April 1, 1913. Soon after the 1913 flood the Vickers bought property and moved to Kanauga, Ohio. Four more children were born there: William R. (Bob), Feb. 18, 1916, Mary E. June 23, 1918, Helen June 25, 1921, and Clarence M. born November 23, 1924. Hannah died in 1930. She and John are buried in Lone Oak cemetery in Pt. Pleasant. This was one of the pioneer river families of this area. The father and four sons worked on the river a span of 92 years.

Clarence Merrill Vickers, youngest child of John and Hannah attended school at Kanauga and Galloontown, Ohio. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Sept. 20, 1943 and was honorably discharged March 9, 1946. Following in the footsteps of his father and three older brothers, Clarence began work on the river in June 1946. He retired in June 1985. He was employed by Valley Line Co. as a licensed mate.

On Aug. 7, 1946, he married Mary Lutton. She is the daughter of Virgil and Edna Cheesebrew Lutton. She graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1944. They are parents of four sons:

1. John Virgil born May 12, 1948. He
graduated from P.P.H.S. in 1966. He married Rosemary Ball April 5, 1969. They have a son John Scott and a daughter Mary Michele.

John is employed by Ohio Valley Electric, Kyger Creek Plant and Rosemary teaches at Sunnyside School. They live in Apple Grove.

(2) Clark Merrell born June 28, 1952. He was a 1970 graduate of P.P.H.S. He married Angell Campbell and their children are Thomas Hunter and Bryan Joseph. His second marriage was to Sherry Sole. They have a daughter Jessica Jean. He is presently married to Carolyn Hughes Shadle. Both are employed at Pleasant Valley Hospital. He is Director of Environmental Services and she is a medical lab technician. They live in Gallipolis, Ohio.


(4) Ronald Joseph was born May 23, 1961. In 1979 he graduated from P.P.H.S. He is employed with the Federal Building and Security Division in Cincinnati, OH. He married Angie Campbell and their children are Thomas Hunter and Bryan Joseph. His second marriage was to Sherry Sole. They have a daughter Jessica Jean. He is employed by Ohio Valley Electric, Kentucky Plant and Rosemary Ball. Both are employed at Pleasant Valley Hospital. He is married to the former Joan Bradley.

JAMES SAMUEL WAGGENER
James Samuel Waggener was born in Kanawha County, WV to Clara Estella and Graham Waggener, but moved to Robinson District in Mason County at an early age, and on April 4, 1925 he married to Elizabeth "Bess" Riley who was born 1902.

James S. Waggener was employed with the Old Point Pleasant Water & Light Company but transferred to Columbus, Ohio in 1942 where he remained in the home office of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company for a year, then was transferred to Jackson, Ohio as Manager of the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company's Jackson Division where he remained until retirement. He and wife moved to Tampa, Florida in 1974. Here Mrs. Waggener died March 20, 1981 and Mr. Waggener died December 22, 1984, and are there buried.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggener had two children born in Mason County, WV. Betty Jean born January 29, 1930 and James Samuel Waggener Jr. born November 2, 1935.

Betty Jean after spending several years as convention manager for Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association, Columbus, Ohio with parents moved to Tampa and is presently Director of Florida National Dental Congress for the Florida Dental Association in Tampa.

James Waggener Jr., is an Air Force Colonel, currently Defense Attache to Australia, New Zealand and Barrier Islands and resides in Canberra, Australia with his wife the former Joan Diane Sloane, and children Elizabeth Waggener Polk, David I. Sloane and Craig M. Sloane. Submitted by — Betty Waggener.

GRAHAM WINDON WAGGENER
Graham Windon Waggener, oldest son of Clara Estella (Windo) and Graham Beall Waggener, was born on May 15, 1895, in Kanawha County, moved to Mason County with his parents, and settled in Robinson District, where he attended county school. He worked as a machinist with the Marietta Manufacturing Company. During WW I he was a Navy Warrant Officer.

He married on March 1, 1919, in Jersey City, N.J. by Edwin Porter, born September 8, 1893, in Liberty, N.Y., dau of Emmie Louise (Wardenburgh) Porter, b. 1838, and Charles Franklyn Porter (1870-1949). Graham returned to Point Pleasant with his bride, and continued working at the Marietta Manufacturing Company. Both of their daughters were born in Point Pleasant. In 1929 Graham, with his family, moved to Jersey City, N.J., where he went to work for a New York Insurance company, inspecting machinery. In 1936, his work took him and his family to Atlanta, Ga. He was called back into the Navy as a Lieutenant in WW II. He served until 1945, spending most of his time in the South Pacific. Graham m. (2) Frances Wood. Because of his work he moved to Louisiana, then to Florida, and finally to North Carolina, where he lived out his days. He died September 28, 1982 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Richard married (2) in 1983, Mrs. Hilde (Scheich) Parson, b. 1951, dau of Theresa and Joe Scheich. Richard and Hilde are living in Cortez, Colorado. Mary Susan ( waggener) Norton married (2) on December 26, 1959, Kersey Calvin "K.C." Moore, b. 1921, in Akron, Ohio, son of Hildegard Amelia (Stoppe) and James Garfield Moore. Sue and Kersey's son, C. E. are son of in Low, Arizona. Elizabeth Louise "Lib" Waggener, the youngest daughter of Graham and Jessie, was born on September 21, 1923, in Point Pleasant. Lib was married on June 10, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Reuben Thornton. "Thornton" Savage, b. 1922 in Essex, South Carolina, son of Lydie (Cleveland) and Harry C. Savage. Thornton and George Taliaferro Stribling, b. 1922, were roommates and fraternity brothers, while attending Georgia Tech, in Atlanta, Georgia. Lib and Thornton are living in Orlando, California, they have two sons and one daughter, Robert Thornton, M.D., b. 1946, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. His godfather is George Taliaferro Stribling. Robert married in 1969, Mary Miller, b. 1948, dau of Eileen and Leonard Miller. Dr. Robert married (2) in 1983, Mrs. Margaret Turol. Dr. Robert, Margaret and her four children are living in Poway, California. John Clifton Savage, the second son, was b. 1948, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. He married in 1971, Diane Eve Wilkins, b. 1950, of Mrs. and Mrs. Willard Wilkins. Their children are: John Brandon, b. 1977, and Shannon Elizabeth Savage, b. 1980. John, Diane and children are living in Palo Alto, California. Meredith Louise Savage, the only daughter of Lib and Thornton, was born in 1956 in El Paso, Texas. She married in 1977, Paul McKinley Murray, b. 1952, son of Mary Ann and Donald Murray. Their children are: Patrick McKinley, b. 1980, Elizabeth Louise, b. 1981, Mary Thornton, b. 1983, and George Christie Murray, b. 1985. Meredith, Paul and children are living in Louisville, Kentucky. Graham Waggener & wife Frances are buried Kirkland, Pt. Pleasant; his parents Lone Oak. Submitted by — Elizabeth W. Savage, Mary Susan Moore

**WALDEN FAMILY**

My husband, Thomas Freeman Walden was born on February 8, 1900, the fifth of seven children born to Thomas Jefferson Walden and his wife Alice (Meadows). Their children in order were: Vena, who married Alt McCoy and resided in Ohio, Winnie, who married Roy Williams and located in Pittsburgh, PA, Jacob, who married Garnet Johnson, and started making their home in Huntington, WV. Laura was next who married in later years to Fred Showalter, making their home in Middletown, Ohio, Thomas Freeman whom I (Velva Chapman) married. We acquired the home place, called the farm in Glenwood, WV where we lived most of our lives. Alvin, who married Zelma Meadows, made their home in Milton, WV and last was Dollie, who married Cecil Lewis and lived most of their lives in the Glenwood, WV area.

Thomas Jefferson Walden, Thomas Freeman's father, was raised by Fenton Edmonds and his wife known as Aunt Sal. In the late 1800's Mrs. Walden and her 6 yr. old son came to Pt. Pleasant, WV from Lincoln County in search of a home for her and her son, Thomas J. Walden after her husband was fatally injured in a River accident on his job. Having no children of their own, the Edmonds' were more than happy to take the boy and raise him as their own. Mrs. Walden then married a Mr. Creemens and lived their life near Glenwood, WV.

Mr. & Mrs. Fenton Edmonds loved and cared for the boy and years later when Mr. Edmonds became unable to work, he deeded his farm to Thomas Jefferson, with the understanding that Thomas J. would care for his wife until her death.

![Tom and Velva Walden](image)

After Mr. Edmonds died, Thomas J. built additional room on the house and married Alice Meadows. There they raised 7 children.

When Thomas J. became unable to care for the farm, my husband, Thomas F. Walden bought the farm from his father and farming became his main occupation. In 1937 we opened a small grocery store near our home. We kept quite busy there and visited with many neighbors and friends, some who walked, rode horse-back or drove several miles for their weekly groceries. It was around this same year that we purchased our first brand new Chevrolet pick-up truck.

In 1950, Thomas went to work for the State Road Commission. He worked there until his retirement. I taught school at Black Jack in the early years of our marriage and then taught at Eighteen Valley in the early 1950's, earning $80.00 per month. Those were busy but happy years for us and we always managed to make time for church, sometimes driving quite a distance to attend.

One of the greatest pleasures in life for Thomas was the Hereford cattle he kept and cared for on our farm. One incident that shines bright in my memory was a time when he had gone out to herd a few of the cattle in and found a new calf with it's mother. Feeling pleased with this, he turned towards the barn and heard behind him the bawl of the cow again, as if to call him back. Turning to look again, there was another baby calf. Twins, what a joy this was to Thomas! We snapped a picture of the twin calves and Thomas which we have to this day.

Our two daughters and their families have been the high light of our lives. Jacqueline, the oldest married Robert Ryalta. They live in Milton, WV. They had two children, Brad and Kyla and 3 grandchildren; Cassie - Zachary and Lindsay.

Alice, our second daughter, married Ronnie Montcastle of Apple Grove, WV. They also reside in Milton, WV. They had two daughters, Tamara and Tonja and 4 grandchildren; Toshia - Brandon Shaunique and Colter.

After Thomas's retirement, we moved to Milton and spent several comfortable years there. Thomas passed away in January 24, 1985. I am at this date still living in Milton.

All of the Walden family have passed on one by one except for Alvin and Dollie. Both live in Milton, WV. Submitted by — Velva Walden, Alice Montcastle, Jackie Ryalls

**WILLIAM J. WALDIE**

WILLIAM J. WALDIE (born January 7, 1864 at Buena Vista, Pennsylvania) studied medicine at Western Pennsylvania Medical College; contracted pneumonia and entered the lumber business, which he followed in Michigan, Washington, Oregon and West Virginia. He organized and built the Point Pleasant Lumber Co. with his son STANLEY WALDIE (born April 3, 1893 at Carnegie, Pennsylvania) in 1920 after Stanley had returned from service. This was the first lumber company in the area; prior to this time lumber was delivered from Huntington, West Virginia. THOMAS DAWSON WALDIE another son, (born Dec. 21, 1889 at Carnegie) joined the company in 1922 coming from Washington State.

William was married to Elizabeth Jane Dawson who proceeded him in death in 1938; in addition to Thomas and Stanley, they had a daughter - Jean Elizabeth, who married James Miller of Norwalk, Ohio. Thomas was married to Bonnie Mayes, who resides in "Twin Towers"; their children were Thomas (who was killed Nov. 12, 1944 in Germany), William J. who resides in Owensboro, Ky, and Donald who resides in Point Pleasant. Stanley was married to Nellie Cole, who resides in Toledo, Ohio; they had a daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Fred Matchinski of Toledo, Ohio).

![The Waldie Brothers Employees](image)

Throughout it's history, lumber arrived mostly by railroad, and horses and huge wagons were used to deliver it throughout the area in the early days. Mr. Powell owned the horses and worked for the company, along with several carpenters and a cabinet maker. Thomas was bookkeeper until his death in 1939.

Stanley purchased the lumber company from his father just before his death in 1938 and operated it throughout the rapid expansion years of Point Pleasant during World War II; Mrs. Waldie sold the company in 1968 after the death of her husband (Stanley). **Nov. 28, 1935 the Point Pleasant Lumber Company gave the first football trophy for competition between Point Pleasant High School and Gallia Academy High School "WALDIE CUP".** W. J. Waldie always made the presentation following the annual Thanksgiving game for a number of years. Submitted by — Marjorie Waldie, Donald Waldie
LINDA WALLACE

Linda Faye (Brayn) Wallace was born January 21, 1946, in Huntington, West Virginia. My parents are James M. Bryan, son of William V. Bryan and Wilma (Cora, (Plymale) Bryan Speary and Tina Fay (Smith) Bryan, daughter of Freeman Smith and Myrtle (Cremeans) Smith of Glenwood, West Virginia. I am the second child of a family of five (5) children. My siblings are: Cora Moneva (Bryan) Gibson, Carlene Sue (Bryan) Hughes, James M. Bryan, Jr. and Alex Arlan Bryan.

I was married in June 1964 to Ronnie Edward Wallace, son of Clinton Clyde Wallace and Lina Ida (Meehling) Wallace of Culloden, West Virginia. My husband and I have two (2) children. My daughter, Tammy Lynn Wallace, was born August 29, 1966, and is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School. She also is a graduate of the Cabell County Vocational-Technical Center and is a licensed practical nurse. Tammy now resides in Gallopolis, Ohio and is employed at a local nursing facility.

Ronnie and Linda Wallace

My son, Brian Ronnie Wallace, born November 26, 1968, is attending Point Pleasant High School where he will graduate in 1987. He plans to pursue a career in auto mechanics.

I am a 1963 alumnus of Point Pleasant High School and have attended Wiseeman’s Business School, Cabell County Vocational-Technical Center and Marshall University. I am presently employed as a secretary.

My husband, Ronnie Edward Wallace, attended Milton High School and is a graduate of Huntington East High School 1963. He is employed as a machinist at a local alloy plant in Huntington, West Virginia.

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The Allen Caperton Walters family came to Gallipolis Ferry (known at that time as Beale, WV) from Talcott, WV, in the late 1800’s. Members included his wife, Nancy Ruth Davis Walters, and daughters Rosa Davis, Bessie Ann and Ora May.

On the 3rd day of February, 1900, A. C. Walters and wife deeded to the Jordan Baptist Church one acre of ground for a church and cemetery, where many of their descendants are buried.

Daughter Ora married Clinton Miller, Gallipolis, Ohio.


Descendants of Bessie and John included:

- Ruth Beatrice, m. Cecil Harper; son, John William, Druy Lawrence, George Edwin, Lewis, Larry Eugene, Keith David
- Alice May, m. William Heinsmer Mathews; daughters, Nina Madden Mathews, Virginia, and Louise Ann Mathews Musgrave
- Rosa Lee, m. Lester Nibert; children, Richard, Paul, Sandra, and Pam
- Eugene Allen, m. Irene Lee; served in U.S. Army during World War II in Europe, children, Sheila, Bessie, John and Lana Je
- Ora Jane, m. Gerald Northup; children, Barbara Ann Clark, Geraldine Rayburn, Rick and Randy
- Sandy Lewis, single, served U.S. Navy as CPO during World War II, was stationed at Pearl Harbor when Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, and died while in service.
- Rebecca, m. Harlow Smith; no children
- Irene Belle, m. W. R. Doolittle; children Reida Lee Flowers, and twins, John Franklin and Ann Marie.

Submitted by — Nina M. Vaughan

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In later years this house and farm was sold to Truman Guthrie Hubert, Sr. and is the house where this writer Rebah Hubert Humphrey was born. She is a granddaughter of Truman Hubert and a great-great-granddaughter of Broudridge Warner. The house is now owned and occupied by Donald Casto, whose mother was Hazel Hubert Casto. This residence is located near the former Hubert General Store and Tribble Post Office.

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Her daughter, Leonna Ellen (Sue) Cook married Ernest Willard Case in October, 1942. They had two children, Willard Eugene (Tucker) Case and Margaret Ann Case. Tucker was killed in an auto accident in July, 1964.

THE SYLVESTER W. WAUGH FAMILY

Throughout the 19th Century, a number of Waugh families migrated from southwestern Ohio to Mason County. Their reasons were many and varied, but possibly uppermost in the minds of most of them was the availability of productive farmland and easy accessibility into the area. Sylvester Washington Waugh was certainly no exception. Born in July 1836, near Bradshaw, Hamilton County, Ohio, Sylvester was the second son of the eleven children of David and Mary Waugh. It is thought that David was probably the younger brother of Rev. Solomon Waugh, a well known minister in southern Mason County.

By the early years working the family farm near Aid Post Office in Mason Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. There, along with his father and brothers David J., William, Francis, and Samuel, he toiled in the fields and attended school long enough to learn a bit of reading and writing.

The clouds of war darkened the Ohio horizon following the election of Lincoln in 1860, and the Waugh family, along with so many others, prepared for the coming storm. Since he was needed to help care for the rest of the family, Sylvester remained a civilian until the summer of 1863. It was then that the Reformed Government of Western Virginia issued a call for loyal Union Volunteers, and Sylvester, along with his younger brothers, David, and William, left home and traveled to Gallipolis. There, the two crossed the river to Point Pleasant and enlisted in Company K of the newly raised Third Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Calvary.

In November, 1863, Sylvester was promoted to corporal, and saw extensive action in central and northeastern West Virginia. During action against Gen. John McCausland's 8th Virginia Calvary, C.S.A., in August of 1864, Sylvester's horse was shot from under him in heavy fighting north of Moorefield, in Hardy County, West Virginia. Sylvester escaped injury, but took ill in January 1865, and was transferred to a field hospital in Parkersburg for the duration of the war.

Sylvester was mustered out of the army, along with Francis, in June, 1865, at Wheeling, West Virginia. While journeying through Kanawha County on his return to Ohio, he met Mary Ann Pauley, daughter of Dr. John W. and Livina Kesinger Pauley. After a brief engagement, the young couple was married on October 24, 1865, at Gallipolis, Ohio.

Following his return to Lawrence County, Sylvester and his young bride settled near his parents, and in 1867, the first of their eight children, Henry Wilbert, was born. A daughter, Mary Livina, followed in 1869. The rest of the children included Nancy Ella, born 1874; Ellis, born 1877; Simeon, 1878; Mahala Jane, 1881; Alice Rheuma, 1884; and Callahan, 1886. In February of 1889, Sylvester purchased 50 acres of land on the headwaters of Kanawha 16 Mile Creek from Joseph Moodyspaugh, and moved the family from Lawrence County to their new home in Mason County.

As years passed, the children grew older and married. Some settled in the surrounding area, and the others moved away to start their own families. Sylvester and Mary lived quietly during their later years, and saw a number of grandchildren born. In the summer of 1900, Sylvester passed away, following a lengthy illness. He was buried July 31, in the Buckle-McCallister Cemetery, near Hickory Post Office. Following his death, Mary moved to Brooke County to live with her son, Simeon, and died there in February, 1925. Submitted by — Richard L. Jordan, Sr.

ALBERT LEE WEAVER FAMILY

I. Albert Lee Weaver, son of Lewis Ervin and Daisy Belle Bumgardner Weaver, was born at home in New Haven, West Virginia, on October 5, 1940.

My paternal grandparents were Abraham and Mary C. Jewell Myers. My maternal grandparents were J. Lewis Ervin and Anna Virginia Weeks.
graduated from Wahama High School, Mason, W. Va. and at Royal Crown Bottling Company, Middleport, Ohio. Presently, I am working as a junior at the Bend Area Medical Center, New Haven, W. Va.

On May 31, 1969, Roma Marie Davis and I were united in marriage by Rev. Pearl Casto at the Chester United Methodist Church, Chester, Ohio. Roma is the daughter of Kenneth Dale and Lenora Mae Taylor Davis, who was born October 10, 1944, in a pickup truck at Kanauga, Gallia County, Ohio.

Roma's paternal grandparents were Judson M. and Effie Jane Conger Starcher Davis. Her maternal grandparents were Murl and Elizabeth Eiselt Taylor.

Roma has two brothers and one sister. They are Roger, deceased, John of Texas, and Cathy Clifford of Chester, Ohio.

Roma lived near Chester, Meigs County, Ohio, and attended Chester Grade School. She graduated from Eastern High School, Rt. 1, Reedsville, Ohio, in 1962. She also attended the Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg, W. Va. She has worked in the offices of Baum Lumber Company, Chester, Ohio; Royal Crown Bottling Company, Middletown, Ohio; and all American Bottling Company of Charleston, Middletop, Ohio.

Roma and I have one child. Keith Allen Weaver was born on December 22, 1973, at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio. He attends Wahama Jr. High School at Mason. He is active in the Boy Scouts.

We live on Seventh Street in New Haven and attend the New Haven United Methodist Church. Submitted by — Albert Lee Weaver

JOSEPH WEAVER

Joseph Warner Weaver was born Jan. 6, 1862 on Broad Run Creek, in a log cabin that no longer stands. "Uncle Joe", as he was called by friends and neighbors was the son of Decatur and Mahala (Roush) Weaver. When he was six years old, his dying mother asked him to meet her in heaven and soon after her death he went to live with his Aunt (Stegiest) Roush. My grandfather was converted that year in the Bectal Church at New Haven, which is now pastored by Mitzi Oldaker, of Hartford.

He worked on the farm along with freed slaves. On Jan. 6, 1884 Mary Ellen Roush became his wife. Joseph and Mary Ellen had two daughters, Verna Yell and Belva. Verna married Heber James and Belva married Bert Rigs. Verna and Belva each had 13 children.

Upon his marriage, in 1924, to Mary Ellen Roush, he decided to build a church, and Mrs. Roush gave $2,000 to the church. After the church was completed, they decided to build a home. They lived in the church for more than a year and a half before moving to the home they built.

When John and I moved our little girls out of upstairs window, to a boat, a boat. Janice and Emma Lee Turley were laid on the roof until room could be made in the boat. In the 1937 flood, my husband, John, and I moved our little girls out of upstairs window, to a boat. Janice and Emma Lee Turley were laid on the roof until room could be made in the boat. They had no children.

There were many other folks there also. These are the memories of my Grandfather, Joseph W. Weaver, a precious Christian man.

LEWIS ERVIN WEAVER FAMILY

Lewis Ervin Weaver was born July 10, 1914. She was born April 26, 1896, in Hartford, W. Va. Their children are:


Lewis Hood


Married: Omer Charles Lucas and have two children.

1. Omer Charles Lucas, Jr. 2. Charles Lee Lucas

II Thomas E. Weaver, born Jan. 8, 1920. Married:


c. Michael Keith Weaver, born May 19, 1950.


1. Craig Weaver 2. Nikki Lynn Weaver


c. Michael Keith Weaver, born May 19, 1950.


1. Craig Weaver 2. Nikki Lynn Weaver

John Ira Wedge, was born June 12, 1886, oldest child of John Ira and Rosa Wheeler Wedge. He spent his childhood days in Mason County. As a young man he worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a breaker. Later, he went to Iowa and worked as a farm hand for about two years. Upon returning home he bought a farm on Baden Ridge. He married Estella Mae Sayre of Evans, Jackson County in 1912. They raised three daughters and two sons, Freda Theresa Batten, Mary Rosa Keefer, Lora Blanche Bletter, Calvin Cecil Wedge, who died in an automobile accident in 1946 and Charles Wayne Wedge. Carl Dorsey died as an infant.

Dorsel was a farmer and worked at the T & T Plant in Pt. Pleasant during World War II. He leased real estate for mineral leases for several years.

D. E. Wedge, President of Mason County Court

He was elected County Commissioner on the Republican Ticket in the fall election of 1936. He took office Jan 1, 1937. On Jan 3, 1939 he was chosen to be the President of the County Court. Under this administration, plans were made to build the current courthouse in Pt. Pleasant and Mr. Wedge signed the contract in 1954. He served in this capacity until he left office in 1956.

Mr. Wedge and his family attended the Creston Church, of which his father was one of the founders.

He had been in failing health for several years and died June 5, 1958. Submitted by — Mrs. Charles Wedge

JOHN IRA WEDGE

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Mr. Wedge and his family attended the Creston Church, of which his father was one of the founders.

He had been in failing health for several years and died June 5, 1958. Submitted by — Mrs. Charles Wedge

JOHN LEWIS WEDGE

John Lewis Wedge, was born April 19, 1897, in Cologne District, Mason County, West Virginia, the son of John Ira and Rosa Jane (Wheeler) Wedge. John L. Wedge grew up in this place where he attended Franklin Hall School and became a member of the Creston Church. He
served in the United States Navy during World War I. On August 12, 1920, he married Lucy Smith, daughter of John and Delia (Lovejoy) Smith. She was born August 20, 1899, in Mason County, West Virginia. John and Lucy were the parents of three sons: John Junior, Everett, and Elvin, who later joined their father in business. After having a store in Evans, West Virginia, for several years they all moved to Point Pleasant where they were in the lumber, trucking and construction business known as J. L. Wedge, and Sons, located in the Bellemade Area. They constructed several homes and business buildings in the county. Everett and Elvin “Pete” Wedge were talented in music and many feet have tapped and danced to their rhythms. Everett is a well known fiddler and has won many awards at contests in West Virginia and Ohio. He also plays the Banjo. Elvin “Pete” Wedge served as a County Commissioner and Sheriff of Mason County.

John L. Wedge was in poor health for several years before his death on December 8, 1970. He is buried in Creston Cemetery. Lucy Wedge resides in Point Pleasant.

Children of John L. and Lucy Smith Wedge, all born in Mason County.

John Junior Wedge, born September 27, 1921, was married to Wanda Bailey, born September 20, 1927, Kenna, West Virginia. John served in the United States Army. He died on January 25, 1980, after a lingering illness. He is buried in Creston Cemetery. Daughter of John Junior and Wanda (Bai­ley) Wedge:


Lewis Everett Wedge, born February 16, 1923, married to Alpha Keffer, born January 4, 1930, Leon, West Virginia. Everett served in the United States Army. Everett and Alpha Wedge live in Point Pleasant. Children of Everett and Alpha (Keffer) Wedge:

Randall Lewis “Randy” Wedge, born March 17, 1958.


PAUL DENCIL WEDGE FAMILY

Paul Dencil Wedge was born November 1, 1913, at Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was the son of Dencil Wedge and Dorothy (Dolly) Ger­lach. Paul was reared in Jackson County. In 1935 he married Lillian Eleanor Herrig, daughter of Dencil Wedge and Dorothy Ger­lach. Lillian was born in Mason County, West Virginia. At the time of his death he was working out of the United States Army Rotational Headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas, in the Building Trades De­partment as an International Representative. He was a former member and past president of the Mason County School Board. He was a Mason and Shriner.

Lillian was a housewife and devoted Mother. She was a member of the Eastern Stars. They

had four children:

1. Beverly Kay Wedge born June 6, 1936. Married Clair Lee Cottrill, Jr., son of Clair Cottrill and Enid Somerville. They had one son, Timothy Lee, and one daugh­ter, Lynne Roxanne.

2. Paul Dencil Wedge, Jr., born November 13, 1938. Married Carol Haskins, daughter of Morris Haskins and Dorothy Wal­lace. They had two sons, Paul Dencil Wedge, III, and David Harris, and one daughter, Julie.

3. Lynne Elizabeth Wedge born April 29, 1940. Married Harvey David Blain, son of Otho Blain and Ruth Melton. They had one daughter, Melissa Lynn, two sons, Richard Otho and Jeremy Wedge.


Paul and Lillian reared their nephew, Henry Richard (Dick) Herrig, III, born July 24, 1939. Married Joanna Bellotti. They had one son, Kevin. This marriage ended in divorce.

Paul and Lillian died December 15, 1967, on the Silver Bridge when it collapsed into the Ohio River killing 46 people.

At the time of their death a scholarship mem­orial fund known as the Paul and Lillian Wedge Scholarship Fund was established and is presented annually to a senior athlete at Point Pleasant High School with the highest scholastic average, who is aspiring to further their education. Submitted by — Beverly Wedge Cottrill

CHARLES BERRYMAN WEETHEE FAMILY


Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson, b. 7/6/1929, Mingo County. She and husband, Wallace, reside in Al­exandria, Virginia. Children: Teresa Ann, Wil­liam Thompson, Jr., Mary Kathleen, Kevin Reece, Kelley Scott.


JEFFERSON WEETHEE

This surname derived from Clan MacCu­ithean of Scotland. James MacCuithean born 1630 c. in Isle of Skye, and banished by Crom­well among Royalist Prisoners as indentured serv­ants to Massachusetts 1651-52. The Gaelic name MacCuithean is translated into English as MacWithey. He appeared on the tax list of Deam in 1660. He died about 1700 for that is when his son James 1666-1742 supplanted his name on the tax list. Son James changed the name to MacWethee which is in use in his last will in Needham in 1742. His three sons dropped the prefix "Mac" from the name and appear in court records as Daniel, James, and Zachariah Wethee. This son, James, 1724-1796, settled in Mason, Ohio River at Point Pleasant. (See Peter’s pa­sers - Oh. Un. Archives) this railroad great­ly enhanced the economy of Mason County.

Dr. J. P. Weethee, first President of Waynes­burg College in 1849, was the "father" of the rail­road which enters Mason County by crossing the Ohio River at Point Pleasant. (See Peter’s pâ­sers - Oh. Un. Archives) this railroad greatly en­hanced the economy of Mason County.

Another grandson, James 1784-1876, born in Mason County, West Virginia. He was a member of the Mason County School Board. He was a Mason and Shriner.

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C. O. WEISSENBURGER

Charles Oliver Weissenburger, son of George and Dorothea Weissenburger, was born in 1882 in Bucyrus County, Illinois. A graduate of Chicago University School of Engineering, he went to work for Sharon Steel Company, Sharon, Pennsylvania where, in 1902, he married Allie Fay Irish, daughter of Frank Orson and Maggie Anne Ticknor Irish. Mrs. Weissenburger was born in Platea, Pennsylvania in 1884.

After several years’ employment with Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the Weissenburgers in 1917 went to Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where Mr. Weissenburger was Vice President and General Manager of Marietta Manufacturing Company. He was instrumental in converting the Marietta machine tool company to the building of boats and marine steam engines. Becoming President and General Manager of his company in 1929, he served in this capacity until his death in 1944.

Active in the community, Mr. Weissenburger was a Kiwanian, a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a Shriner, a State Senator, and chairman of the Republican Party for Mason County. In 1942 he was elected to the Rice Foundation Society as a "man of character and achievement." Among his achievements was his work for flood control through the construction of dams.

C. O. WEISSENBURGER

Charles Oliver Weissenburger - known by his friends as "C.O." - died at his home in Point Pleasant in 1944. Having gone to Erie after her husband’s death, Mrs. Weissenburger died in 1955. Both are buried in Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant. Their children:

- Charlotte Fay Weissenburger, born in 1907 in Chicago, attended St. Hilda’s Hall, Charles Town, West Virginia and the Retail Training School of the University of Pittsburgh. She married Harold Sayre, son of Herbert E. and Myrtle Thomas Sayre. Mr. Sayre was a graduate of Bethany Preparatory, Bethany, West Virginia and Marshall College, Huntington. They lived in Point Pleasant. In 1949 Mrs. Sayre moved to Erie, Pennsylvania. She is a member of Mayflower Descendants, Past Li-brarian for the American Revolution. Presently she is National President of the 50-year Club NSDAR. They had two sons:
  - 1. Charles Herbert Sayre, born in 1959 in Gallopolis, Ohio; married Barbara Anne Metcalf in 1955. He is a graduate of Linus Military Institute, Wheeling, West Virginia and Western Reserve University of Cleveland. He is now living in San Diego, California. They have three children: Cynthia Metcalf Sayre, born in 1956; Charles Herbert Sayre, Jr. born in 1957; and Sally Annette Sayre, born in 1962. All were born in Erie and are now living in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
  - 2. The second son of Harold and Charlotte Sayre was: Harold Hayman Sayre, born in 1960; married Patricia Bagg in 1962. He married Patricia Bagg in 1952. He was a graduate of Linus Military Institute and Western Reserve University and Law School, Cleveland. He was a partner in the law firm of Metzenbaum, Gaines, Stern of Cleveland, was killed in a highway accident in San Diego, California in 1976. They had two sons:
    - 1. Harold Clayton (Clay) Sayre, born in 1957, married Carolyn in 1980, to Carolyn Espinas of Honolulu, Hawaii. Both are graduates of University of Texas; Carolyn in the School of Music, having graduated from the Mechanical Engineering School, Summa Cum Laude, and was elected to Mensa. He then went on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a scholarship and earned a Master’s Degree. He then went on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a scholarship and earned a Master’s Degree. He is now living in Java, Indonesia where he is with Arco Oil.

VICTOR AND ORA WEIGAND

Victor Smith Weigand was born March 19, 1906, at Letart. He was the son of Oscar and Della Thorion Weigand. As a child he attended Board School, later as an adult he became a very accomplished carpenter working in Charleston, and various other places. He had a great love for the out of doors and especially enjoyed hunting.

On July 20, 1935, he married Ora Inez Click, daughter of Orville and Rosa Sommer Click of Baden. Ora was born May 13, 1905. Ora and Victor first lived at Chestnut Ridge, later moving to Baden and building a home on a portion of land given to Ora by her father. Ora attended Red Mud School, graduated from Point Pleasant High School, and attended Marshall College. She taught thirty-one years in Mason
Mr. and Mrs. William Wentzell

In 1946 William met and married Dorothy Prose, a native of Gallia County, Ohio. She was born near a little place called Cadmus and grew up in the vicinity. She attended school at Cadmus from first grade through high school where she graduated in 1943. When they were first married they lived in Point Pleasant for a short time then moved to Letart. They lived there for seven years then moved to New Haven to be closer to William’s work. They lived in New Haven six years then moved to the Union community where they presently reside.

William, better known as “Bill” worked for thirty-six years at the Philip Sporn Plant where he retired September 1, 1985. He likes to do a little hunting occasionally but mostly busies himself around the couple’s home and caring for a few cattle and hogs. Bill and Dorothy are both active members of the Guiding Star Advent Christian Church at Letart, also the Mason County Humane Society. They also like to spend time in their favorite mountains of West Virginia in Tucker County.

Bill and Dorothy have one son, David, born January 1, 1947 in Point Pleasant. He married Marcie Taylor, daughter of Elmo and Ruth Taylor of Vienna, West Virginia in 1975. They later divorced but are the parents of two daughters, Heather Sheila Wentzell, born in Parkersburg February 11, 1977 and Erin Nicole Wentzell also born in Parkersburg July 6, 1979. Both now reside in Parkersburg with their mother and step-father. Submitted by — Dorothy Wentzell

WENTZELL FAMILY

William Wentzell was born in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, January 30, 1923 to William Wentzell, Sr. and Betty McGraw Wentzell. He is the father of two daughters: Stephanie Blair, and Charity Hope.

Victor Sr. died October 10, 1948, later Ora married Roy Sayre son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sayre in 1963. She then moved to Cottageville where Roy was residing. Roy died in 1978. Roy and Ora were active in Masons and Eastern Star. Ora was honored a number of years ago for her endless hours given in volunteer service with the Elderly at the Eastern Star Home in Ravenswood.

Ora still lives in Cottageville where she is an active Senior Citizen and in other areas such as her church. Submitted by — Kim Weigand

WHEELER FAMILY

Joseph Wheeler was born near Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pa., on April 30, 1842. William and Ann moved with their family to Jackson County or Mason County, W. Va., from Pennsylvania. She died in 1850 and he died in 1878. Both are buried in the Jackson Chapel Cemetery, Jackson County, W. Va.

In 1866, my great-grandfather, Joseph Wheeler, married Lucy Ann Sayre (born 1845), who was the daughter of Davey Sayre. They had one daughter, Rosa Jane (born 1867). Rosa Jane was one year and seven months old when her mother died in 1869. Rosa Jane was raised by Newberry and Aunt Mary Wheeler at Portland, Ohio.

Bertha and Ivy Wheeler

Joseph's second wife was Malinda Caroline Campbell (born 1846). They had five children: Iva who married Joe Flowers, Delmar (Joe) who married Bertha Barnett, Elmer (Hun) who married Janie King, Cicero who married Mary Knapp, and Myrtle, who died at the age of 22. Joseph Wheeler bought a farm in Jackson County, W. Va. He was a farmer. After his boys grew up, they were partners in commercial combining with a threshing machine. They also had an ice house and sold ice as a creek ran through their land.

Grandma Wheeler and daughter Myrtle made quilts and also drawing work which was done by pulling thread and lacing through other designs. Grandma Wheeler was not well and was in a wheel chair before she died in 1902.

Delmar (Joe) Wheeler married Bertha Barnett who was the daughter of James and Eliza

Charles Whaley is my 4th great grandfather. Submitted by — Sandi Leathold

WHELEY FAMILY

LEGEND

Legend has it that Ann Van Ludy was a Duchess of Holland who came to Philadelphia during the colonial times. She married James Blackledge and had nine boys and one girl, Rebecca.

Rebecca married John Wheeler. They had three children: Elizabeth, who died in Ohio; John, who enlisted in the Mexican War and died on the Plains of Mexico in 1846; and Wilhelm Van Ludy Wheeler, who married Ann Saylor.

To Wilhelm and Ann were born eight sons and one daughter; Major Newberry, Wilhelm Van Ludy, James, Samuel (all of whom were in the Union Army), Thomas J., Joseph (both of whom served in the Confederate Army), Alex A., William W., and Rebecca Wheeler.

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Estella M. the youngest child of Col. Kellian and Louisa Whaley was born Feb. 28, 1866, in Mason co WV. The other eight children were all born in Wayne county, W.V. Estella died 1964 in California. She married Elmer E. Sands who was born in Morgan co. Ohio on July 13 1865. After several years of married life they divorced; one son was born to this union Vance B. Sands. Estella worked for the Santa Fe railroad in Ca as a Station Agent.

Five generations of this family are buried in Lone Oak cemetery.

Charles Whaley is my 4th great grandfather. Submitted by — Sandi Leathold
Lewis Barnett. He was a farmer and a sawmill operator. They had two daughters: Ella and Ivy. Ella married John Hytt. They had two sons and one daughter: Walter, Lightburn, Jr., and Dewilda. Ivy married James McCarty. They had four daughters and one son: Mahel, Edith, Kathleen, Hazel, and James (who died shortly after birth).

Kathleen married Pearl C. Oliver. They had one daughter and two sons: Margaret who married Ferrell Clonch and had one son, Gary, and one daughter, Kathy. She later married Frank Casto and had one son, Frank, Jr. and one daughter, Connie. Charles H. Oliver is the father of two sons: Robert and James. Clifford N. Oliver married Bonita Ann Betz and had two daughters and one son: Michelle, Lynn, and Brian Stanley (Mark) Oliver. Great grandchildren are Ericka Dawn, daughter of Gary and Charlene Chessebrew Clonch; and David and Ashley, children of David and Connie Casto Brown. Submitted by — Clifford N. Oliver

JOHN AND REBECCA BLACKLEDGE WHEELER

John and Rebecca Blackledge Wheeler came to Mason County sometime before 1850, having traveled here from the Tenmile Township in the Upper Monongahela River Valley in Pennsylvania. No records of his parents are known. Rebecca, born about 1770, was the daughter of Robert and Johanna Van Ludy Blackledge who were married in a Quaker Ceremony in Philadelphia in 1764. Thomas Blackledge, father of Robert, was born in 1707 in Buck's County Pennsylvania, where his father, William Blackledge, had come from England in 1682. Being a Quaker, Thomas Blackledge took no part in the Revolution and paid heavily for nonservice. He was a tanner and distiller by trade. Robert Blackledge was a shoemaker and shopkeeper at the time of his death. Johanna Van Ludy was described by her great-grandson, in a story he wrote concerning his experiences in the Civil War, as being a "Duchess of Holland, who came to Philadelphia during Colonial Times." Whether or not this is true we do not know, but it has been learned that her parents died on the boat enroute to America. John and Rebecca Wheeler had three children: Lewis, Newberry William Wheeler, who married Melissa Beatty in 1855; William W. Wheeler, who married Martha Beatty in 1855; Rebecca Wheeler who married Joseph Harper in 1858; James Williams Wheeler, who married Virginia Lewis; Newberry William Wheeler, who married Mary Beut in 1866; Thomas Jefferson Wheeler, who married Elizabeth Kennedy in 1872. The last of his line, William A. Wheeler, son of Henry C. Wheeler, was born in 1884 in Mason County and moved to California. He died in 1979. John and Rebecca Wheeler are buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by — Jimmy Joe Wedge, Lila Rongstod

JOSEPH WHEELER

Joseph Wheeler was born April 30, 1842, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and came to Mason County as a boy along with his parents and grandparents. It was from this home that the Confederate Army took Joseph, and brother Thomas, to serve with Company B 22nd Virginia Infantry. Both survived the war and their brothers enlisted in the Union Army and served throughout the Civil War in the 1st West Virginia Cavaliy. In 1868 Joseph Wheeler married Lucy Ann Sayre, daughter of David and Minerva Stone Sayre whose ancestors were early settlers of the area. Lucy Ann Wheeler died in 1868 leaving one child, Rosa Jane Wheeler, who was born June 17, 1867. Rosa Jane married John Ira Wedge and they were the parents of ten children. Joseph Wheeler married secondly a cousin of Lucy Ann's, Malinda Caroline Campbell, in 1869. Their children were Iva Wheeler, who married Joe Flowers; Della (Joe) Wheeler, who married Bertha Barnett; Elmer (Hunn) Wheeler, who married Jane King; Cicero Wheeler, who married — Martha; and, Myrtle Wheeler

Their daughter, Nellie, married William Clarkston Burdette. She died of polio on October 9, 1916, leaving five small children: Norman, Tony, Pearl, Sarah May (Sallie) and the baby, Cora Lee, who was born November 4, 1915, and was less than a year old when her mother died. Hugh and Sallie moved to Glasgow, West Virginia, which was near their son-in-law and grandchildren (who were living in Chesapeake). There they kept a general store. Around 1920, they decided to move back to Leon and take their youngest grandchild, Cora Lee, with them. She was five years old at the time. They moved to a house across from the Union School in an area called Broadway back of Leon. There they farmed — had one horse and grew corn and tobacco. Sallie was called Aunt Sallie by almost everyone and was a "granny woman" (midwife). She was often sent for and helped deliver many babies around the area where they lived. Her best friend was Flora McKinney who lived near them. Sallie died in 1927 at the age of 73. Flora McKinney was with her when she died. Hugh then took Cora and went to live with his sister at Coal Run, Ohio. He died there on June 8, 1928, from heart failure. He and Sallie, as well as their daughter, Nellie, are buried at Rifle Chapel, Leon, W. Va. Submitted by — James F. Burns

WILHELM VAN LUDY WHEELER

Wilhelm Van Ludy and Ann Saylor Wheeler came to Mason County in the 1840's with their family and his parents. He was the son of the above John and Rebecca Wheeler. Wilhelm Wheeler was born in 1802 in the Tenmile Country of the Tenmile Township in Allegany County, Pennsylvania, and went to Ohio in 1810. He married Ann Sayler in Pennsylvania in 1805, and died June 17, 1850 in Mason County. She is buried at Jackson Chapel. Their nine children grew up in Mason County and several descendants still live here. Four of their sons served in the Union Army and two in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Children of Wilhelm and Ann Wheeler were: Wilhelm Van Ludy Wheeler Jr., who married Melissa Beatty in 1855; William W. Wheeler, who married Martha Beatty in 1855; Rebecca Wheeler who married Joseph Harper in 1858; James Williams Wheeler, who married Virginia Lewis; Newberry William Wheeler, who married Mary Beut in 1866; Thomas Jefferson Wheeler, who married Elizabeth Kennedy in 1872. The last of his line, William A. Wheeler, son of Henry C. Wheeler, was born in 1884 in Mason County and moved to California. He died in 1979. John and Rebecca Wheeler are buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by — Jimmy Joe Wedge, Lila Rongstod

HENRY WHITE FAMILY

Henry Clarence White was born in 1884 in Malden, West Virginia, the son of William Newman. Henry was brought to Mason County at an early age by his aunt and uncle, Charles H. and Anna M. White. The Whites had no children of their own, and Henry became known by their surname.

Charles H. White was the son of Archibald and Roseanne White. He was born in Mason County on May 8, 1852. He was a farmer owning land on Jericho Road and at one time was a member of the Mason County Board of Education. He married Anna Marilla Newman, who was born in Bedford County, Virginia, on January 8, 1851.

Henry C. White followed in his uncle's footsteps by also becoming a Mason County farmer and serving on the Mason County Board of Education. Henry was interested in education and later had a daughter, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren who studied in the field of education. Henry was interested in soil conservation and was involved in many farm programs. His dairy farm was located just outside Point Pleasant's city limits on Route 62. The site of Mason County's Moose Lodge is on land once planted in corn, wheat, and soybeans by Henry White.

Henry married Lourenia Ethel Schools on October 30, 1904. Loula, as she was generally known, was the daughter of Paul O. Schools, a plasterer, and Lourenia Camille Hardwick Schools, Paul Schools' second wife. Loula was born July 24, 1884, in Mason County. She and Henry were the parents of four children: Louise Anna, Paul Dalton, Charles Edwin, and Ronald Francis.

Louise Anna White married Carl Withers Parsons. Louise taught school in Mason County for many years.
Paul Dalton White never married. He was a veteran of World War II. He assisted his father on the farm and was employed for many years by the Point Pleasant Hardware Company.

Charles Edwin White married Marjorie Madeleine Blain. They were the parents of two daughters, Linda Lou and Rebecca Donnally. Linda White married Paul E. Smith. They became the parents of three daughters, Donna Renée, Dorinda Lee, and Marjorie Lynn. Donna married Michael D. Watson of Gallipolis, Ohio. Rebecca White married John C. Musgrave. They became the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Lee, and a son, John Charles, Jr.


**THE RANSOM AND SARAH WHITTEN FAMILY**

Ransom Whitten was born in 1791 in Virginia near Lynchburg. In the 1785 Amherst Co., Va. census there were two Whitten families, John Whitten’s, with five white souls noted, and Jeremiah Whitten’s, with six white souls.

In 1766 Thomas Witten, Sr. (note spelling) and Samuel Cecil came from Cecil Co., Maryland to southwestern Virginia, stopping for a few months in Pulaski Co. in 1776 and then went on to where Samuel Cecil settled and remained. The next year Thomas Witten, Sr. moved to and settled on a tract of 1000 acres on the Clinch River in what is now Tazewell County. With him came his son-in-law and five unmarried sons.

His son John had married in Maryland previous to this migration and John settled near the Peaks of Otter and left many descendents in the Lynchburg area of Virginia who spelled their name “Whitten”. The name, the place, and the time make it probable that Ransom Whitten was one of these.

In the 1810 census of Frederickburg Parish I found a Berry Whitten. I am told there was a Berry Whitten in the census of the Lynchburg area in 1800. Berry and Francis Whitten were the parents of Frances Whitten who married Thomas Maxwell in 1822 in Mason Co. When the bond was issued for this marriage Frances stated that she was of age and Ransom Whitten was a bondman. She would have been too old to be a daughter of Ransom and Sarah so she was probably a sister to Ransom.

Ransom Whitten married Sarah Hannan Rigg, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Henny) Hannan, in 1814 in Gallia Co., Ohio. Sarah Hannan was born in 1789 in Botetourt Co., Virginia. Her first marriage was to Phillip Rigg in 1807 and they had a daughter. Ransom and Sarah Whitten lived on Whitten Ridge in Mason Co. In 1825 Thomas and Elizabeth Hannan sold to Ransom (note spelling) Whitten 259 acres on Northeast side of the road leading from Teays Valley to Gallipolis and along the bed of the streams of the road that leads to Hannah’s Ferry and Gallipolis. This fork of the road is present Whitten Ridge Road and my father has pointed out his great grandfather’s homeplace to me there.

In 1834 Thomas Hannan willed his daughter, Sarah Whitten, one negro slave girl named Silah. In the final settlement in 1837 Ransom Whitten and Sarah his wife received one of eight full shares of her father’s estate.

In 1840 Ransom and Sarah Whitten of Mason Co. sold land on Guyandotte Creek in Cabell Co. to Thomas H. Riggs (Sarah’s son) containing 200 acres, joining land of John Templeton.

There were three (known) children born to Ransom and Sarah Whitten:

*1. Mary Ann Whitten.

He died in 1863 and is buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery on Whitten Ridge, to the left of his father.

*1. Mary Ann Whitten - b. 1819 in Mason Co., Va., married in 1839 Harvey Templeton, son of John and Jane Templeton, who was born in Ohio in 1819. For a wedding present Sarah Whitten gave her daughter two slaves. Harvey Templeton and his older sons were in the Civil War and Mary Ann was left to tend the farm and younger family. That was an experience. She had to be close to her home that she would have to gather her children into the inner parts of the house where the log walls would shield them from the bullets of both sides. At times like those her son, William, who was too young to be a soldier but old enough to be outraged at such gross disregard for life and property, would sometimes slip outside and shout insults at both sides.

The Templeton’s two slaves also took pride in defending their mistress and the children. They were particularly effective. One Guard came by searching for deserters as some of these soldiers would take food, horses, cattle, or anything else without asking. Some would open a potato or apple hole in mid winter and leave it open to freeze anything they had to hand taken for their use. These Home Guards came to Mary Ann’s home and demanded someone cook them a meal. Grandmother’s slave girl, Bet, did the cooking and put the food on the stove. The men came in and sat and watched to see she didn’t put anything in it. Bet had a can of soft lye soap and a can of softened bacon grease near together on the table. When she started to make bread she reached over the bacon grease and sneaked some lye soap into the dough instead. She then started cooking the meal and put it on the table. The men started eating hungrily until they tasted the bread. They jumped up from the table yelling angrily and left. Mary Ann and Bet and the children all sat down and laughed and laughed and then ate the meal without any trouble.

Mary Ann Templeton told many stories like these about the days when her husband and older sons were gone to War.


Mary Ann Whitten and Harvey Templeton had eleven children:

1. John Lewis — b. 1841
2. Ransom Marion — b. 1842, m. Mary Ann Bryan
3. Isaac Madison — b. 1844, m. Mary Alice Bateman, m. 2nd, Missouri Ann James. (see Templeton p. —)
4. Esom Thomas — b. 1847. m. Adeline Frances Bryan
5. William Monroe — b. 1848, m. Louisa Bryan
6. Sarah Jane — b. 1850-1852
7. Mary Ann — b. 1852 — m. John Henry Bryan
8. Lucinda Margaret — b. 1854. m. Jack Meadows
9. Addison Harvey — b. 1856 - d. 1887, unmarried
10. Charles Henry — b. 1858. m. Virginia Susan Chapman
11. Elizabeth Frances — b. 1862. m. Lewis E. Rose.

Harvey Templeton died in 1895 and Mary Ann in 1900. Both are buried in the Templeton Cemetery, Cabell Co.

Sarah Hannah Rigg Whitten died in 1862 less than four months after her son, John W., died. Ransom M. Whitten died in 1868. They and John W. Whitten and at least two slaves to the left of John W. are said to be the earliest burials in Mt. Olive Church Cemetery on Whitten Ridge in Mason Co. Submitted by — June Templeton Legg, Sophia Bryan, Margarette Jenkins

JOE AND ELIZABETH WHITTINGTON

Aubrey Joe Whittington, born June 9, 1961 to Billy Lynn and the late Elsie Jane Saunders Whittington at Buffalo in Putnam County, WV; came to Mason County in the Summer of 1975. — He lived with his sister Mrs. Gary (Jean) Warner, her husband, their children (Angel and Dean) and two of his five brothers (Jim and Danny). While living with the Warners he met his wife to be, Elizabeth Gayle Muncey. Elizabeth, born October 15, 1958 to Floyd and Naomi Phillips Muncey of Pike County, Kentucky, was born in Williamson, WV. (as she is known to those who know her) resided at Lower Five Mile Road in Gallipolis Ferry, WV.

The Whittingtons’ were married on October 12, 1979, by the Rev. Charles W. Moses at the Junction Church, Gallipolis Ferry, WV. The Whittingtons’ have one son, Jason Derrick, born on December 10, 1980 at Pleasant Valley Hospital in Point Pleasant, WV. Mr. Whittington is an employee of Pleasant Valley Hospital. He works as a Cardio-Respiratory Technician in the Respiratory Therapy Department.

Joe has eight brothers and sisters, Gary Franklin, Alvin Paul. Rosetta Whittington Long, Bill Allen, Betty Lou (deceased), Jim Edward, Deloris Whittington Bell, and Daniel Ray. Elsie has three brothers, Clayton Alan (deceased), Floyd Neal, and Scot Lee.

The Whittingtons’ make their home on the farm of their parents Floyd and Naomi Muncey and their grandparents Mack and Missie Runyan.

Submitted by — Elizabeth G. Whittington

ANThony Wayne Wilcoxon

Anthony Wayne Wilcoxon was born April 17, 1813, in Brooke County, West Virginia, the son of Anthony and Rebecca (Swearingen) Wilcoxon. His father was born 1778, probably in Prince George’s County, Maryland, and came to Brooke County with his parents, John and Elizabeth (Swearingen) Wilcoxon. Anthony’s mother, Rebecca, was the daughter of John and Eleanor (Dawson) Swearingen who were in western Pennsylvania during the Revolution when he was a Lieutenant in the Army. The ancestors of both families were early settlers in Maryland.
land—the Wilcoxons from England before 1712, and the Swearingens from Holland in 1657. There were several marriages between the Wilcoxon and Swearingen families—Anthony and Alida were first cousins.

When Anthony Wayne Wilcoxon was a child he removed with his parents to Columbiana County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and married, in 1837, Cynthia Fidelia Parker, who had come to Ohio from New Hampshire. About 1840, Anthony and Cynthia, along with his parents, removed to Gallia County, Ohio, where they settled on a farm in Clay Township.

Anthony and Cynthia Wilcoxon came to Mason County, West Virginia, in the middle 1840’s where they lived on a farm near Baden Store, Mason County, West Virginia, in the middle 1840’s had come to Ohio from New Hampshire. About 1840, Anthony and Cynthia, along with his parents, removed to Gallia County, Ohio, where they settled on a farm in Clay Township.

Anthony and Cynthia Wilcoxon came to Mason County, West Virginia, in the middle 1840’s where they lived on a farm near Baden Store, in Cologne District, on what is now Route 87. It was here they raised their family. They had four children, but only five to be adults — the rest died of Diptheria and Pneumonia at various ages. Several descendents of the two oldest children still live in Mason County.

Cynthia (Parker) Wilcoxon died in 1859, and Anthony Wilcoxon died in 1890. Both are buried in the Cottageville Methodist Church Cemetery.

Children of Anthony Wayne and Cynthia (Parker) Wilcoxon: Selina Wilcoxon, 1839-1912, married Allen Roush, remained in Mason County.

John Swearingen Wilcoxon, 1841-1916, married Abigail Sines, remained in Mason County; Elizabeth Jane, born 1853; Wollie, born 1855, married George Riley Wilcoxon, 1846-1850.

Jasper Newton Wilcoxon, 1847-1861, married Emily Jane McClure, lived in Iowa.

George Riley Wilcoxon, 1846-1850.

Jasper Newton Wilcoxon, 1847-1861.

Charles Warren Wilcoxon, 1850-1851.

Anthony Wayne Wilcoxon, 1852-1914, married Emma Jane McClure, lived in Iowa.

Angeline Wilcoxon, 1853-1854.

Frances Lorana Wilcoxon, 1855-1861.

Albert Maywood Wilcoxon, 1856-1861.

Mary Wilcoxon, 1857-1861.

Benjamin Franklin Wilcoxon, 1859-1930, married Alta Jane Durst, lived in Iowa and Minnesota.


Leonard S. Wilcoxon, 1861-1863. Submitted by—Jimmy Joe Wedge, Lila Rongstad

THE HISTORY OF RICHARD WILCOXEN

Richard Wilcoxon was born August 10, 1911, in the Flatrock area of Route 2, Point Pleasant, Mason County. He was the second son of William Jackson Wilcoxon, a farmer, and Bertha Allen Blackburn Wilcoxon. He was named after his grandfather, Richard Wilcoxon. His grandparents were Richard and Amanda Willcoxon, and James Madison and Alice Blackburn. Richard had one brother and two sisters, Rosie May Wilcoxon, Morgan Theodore, and Mary Etta Wilcoxon Schwartz.

He married Goldia Maxine Love on June 24, 1932 at the United Methodist Parsonage in New Point Pleasant by Rev. O. H. Carter. Goldia was born December 22, 1915 at Hurricane Creek in Putnam County. She moved with her family to Mason County in 1920 coming by boat and landing at the Boat Landing at the Post Office.

Richard is now retired from construction carpenter work and resides with Goldia on the homeplace where he was born. William and Larry are both carpenters, while Sylvia is a school bus driver, Clara a bank account clerk. Carol soon to graduate Registered Nurse School, Karen a secretary, Linda a travel counselor and Kathy a Licensed Practical Nurse.

EUGENE AND JESSIE WILLIAMSON

Eugene Victor Williamson was the oldest child of Mary Combs Williamson and Eugene Victor Williamson. He was the only son of Mary and Gene Williamson who left West Virginia. His brothers are Lannes Wilcoxon Clay, Ney Rene and Torres Alair of Southside. His two sisters are Zara Wilcoxon and Lydia. Deceased are Charles Leach and Lydia married Albert B. Stephens. (Both are deceased)

Eugene Williamson attended West Virginia Wesleyan and took additional classes at Cast School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, and studied at Cleveland College. He went to work as a clerk in the traffic department of National Carbon Company, a division of Union Carbide. While in Cleveland he was promoted to lab technician and later to production supervisor.

In 1948, Eugene was one of eleven employees transferred to Asheboro, North Carolina, from Cleveland to start up and operate a battery plant for Union Carbide. He retired from Union Carbide in Asheboro, N. C., Sept., 1972, as a general foreman.

Eugene married Jessie Johnson, June 15, 1929. Jessie was a graduate of music and art from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Additional studies were at Ohio University, Athens, O., Columbia University, New York City, and a Masters degree at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Eugene and Jessie met at Point Pleasant High School on her first day as a music and art teacher. This was the first job for Jessie Johnson.

Eugene and Jessie have two children and four grandchildren who live in North Carolina. Their daughters are Charlotte Lynn Shoemaker and Nancy Jean Stamper. Submitted by—E. V. Williamson, Jr.

EUGENE AND MARY WILLIAMSON

Eugene Victor Williamson was born April 10, 1882, attended Mountain State Business College at Athens, Ohio, served as Assessor and Deputy Sheriff for Mason County, owned and operated a farm on the banks of the south side of Kanawha River, member of Blue Lodge, Buffalo, Knight Templar and Shrine and was a Republican and a deacon. Married Mary (Blanche Combs, Nov. 21, 1906, at Gallipolis, Ohio, Mary was the daughter of Henry Clay and Annera Anise Sayre Combs. Henry Combs was born April 18, 1856, at Cottageville and LaNora Combs was born Feb. 9, 1860, at Arbuttle.

The Williamsons traveled by ferry and row boat to Leon daily. They attended church at the Methodist church on the hill. They are buried in the cemetery. The parents of E. V. or Gene were known by many who are also buried on the Leon hill. (They were Henry Clay and Lydia Roush Williamson).


Submitted by—Goldia Wilcoxon
THE JEFFERSON AND SARAH WILLIAMS FAMILY

Sarah F. (Kimberling) Williams, a native of Mason County, died in childbirth on 5 June 1864 following the birth of her son, Thomas Jefferson Williams. Miriam, mother of Sarah had a one-year-old son, Nathie, who was being breastfed. Nathie was weaned and Miriam nursed the motherless child. Sarah is buried in the Kimberling Cemetery on Tribble Road.

Jefferson Williams, son of John and Prudence (Richardson), married in 1863 in Mason County, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Nathaniel and Miriam (Craig) Kimberling.

About 1817 the Richardson family moved from Baltimore, MD to Marshall County, (W) VA. A daughter, Prudence (1811-1879), married John Williams (1811-1894), who had moved from PA. Another daughter, Abigail, married Samuel Hartley. The Richardson family are of English descent and the Williams family legend is that one Jefferson Williams immigrated from Wales.

On Graves Creek near Wheeling, John and Prudence had five known children: Leander born 1844; Catherine (1848-1899); Jefferson; Prudence born 1850; and Tom.

The John Williams and the Samuel Hartley families are in Putnam County, (W) VA about 1855 in search of farm land. Samuel V. Hartley, son of Abigail and Samuel, married Amanda L., daughter of Nathaniel and Hester (Workman) Raynes. They resided in Putnam County and Samuel was a farmer, school teacher, minister in the Church of Christ, magistrate, and President of the Board of Education in Buffalo District. Children of Samuel and Amanda were John; Elizabeth; Abigail; Amanda; Lewis; Joseph; and Orville.

Leander Williams, sibling of Jefferson, married Cynthia Emily Pitchford and lived near Red Falcon District. Some of their descendants with the surnames of Dauber, Nighbert, and Biggs resided in Cedar County, IA.

Jefferson married second, Mary Hartley. Their four sons were Jewell, Willie, James, and Hartley; daughters were Emma, Isabel, and Anna.

Thomas Jefferson, born 28 May 1864, son of Jefferson and Sarah, married in 1886 Ellen Oliver, born 1863, daughter of Mark G. Sayre. Their sons were Walter Ervin born 1886; Lewis Otis born 1889; Mark Gilman born 1899; and Joseph Nathaniel born 1904. Their daughters were Miriam M. born 1891; Mary Catherine "Katy" born 1893; and Rachel born 1895. Tom died 1928 and Ellen died 1946. Both are buried in the Kimberling-Sayre Cemetery on Tribble Road.

Walter, son of Tom and Ellen, married Hattie Belle Hunt, a native of Jackson County, WV. Their children were Vida Mae and Claude. Vida Mae married a Mr. Walker and died at the birth of twins in 1920. Claude married at Columbus, OH in 1976. Hattie was living in Buffalo, WV in 1979 with her son-in-law. Walter is buried in the Kimberling-Sayre Cemetery.

REESE AND ANN WILLIAMS, DESCENDANTS

Reese born July 4, 1830 married Ann (born November 17, 1834 in Wales) in the 1850's. He was in the mercantile business in the Mason County area and then moved to Syria, Ohio where he died on December 31, 1905 and his wife died on February 7, 1909. There were three known children; Edward, William and Lewellin.

1. Edward born in 1862 and died in 1931, married Mary White who was born in 1862 and died in 1943. Edward had a tobacco store and made cigars in Clifton. He was a miner in West Pennsylvania and owned and operated a grocery and furniture store in Pt. Pleasant. They had ten children; Elise, Ralph, Morell, Beatrice, Edward, Baby, Aline, Marcelline, John, Lucille, Bill, and Pat.

2. Anna was born in 1891 and died in 1904.

3. Lewellin was born in 1893 and died in 1906.

4. Emma was born in 1895 and died in 1967, married Will Rickard who worked in the Hobson Railroad yard and lived in Clifton. They had three children; Harold, Helen, and Imogene.

5. Mary was born in 1897 and married Harry Stewart and lived in Pt. Pleasant, WV. They had five children; Raymond, Herman, Mary, Lester, and Don.

6. Elizabeth was born in 1899 and died in 1971 and married Kenneth Garrin and had six children; William, Kenneth, Betty, Kathleen, Charles, and Allen. She married周恩, Dan Boggs no issue.

7. Reese was born 1900 and died in 1971, married Rena Blake in 1923 in New Haven, WV. He worked at Roush's Garage as a mechanic. They lived in Pt. Pleasant and had five children; Randall, Charlotte, Betty, William and Sharon.

8. Margaret born in 1902 married Elver Fox and lives at Clifton, WV. They had three children; Eu...
gene, Bobby, and Jack.

9. Helen born in 1904 married James Unrow and lived in Huntington for several years. After the death of her husband she has been living in Missouri the past few years with one of her children.

10. Edward was born in 1906 and died soon after.

11. William was born 1909 and died in 1961 and is buried in Henderson, W. V. He married Maxine Glover and worked at Roush's Garage along with his brother Reese. They had two children; Martha and Ann.

2. William, second son of Reese and Ann, was born around 1870 and married Mary Ann Williams and moved to Glouster, Ohio in 1891 where he was active in business, also. They had four children; Gwyllim, Reese, Sarah and Ann.

3. Lewellyn born in Clifton and married Delila Fowler and had two children; Lewellin and Lloyd.


HERBERT WILLIAMS FAMILY


Okeil Williams, born June 11, 1913 lives at 3046 Mason Valley Road, Hanann District. Her oldest son Herbert Darrell Williams, born on Aug. 20, 1942 lives nearby on Mason Road. Darrell's wife is the former Jean Conrad. Their two children are Angela Dawn born April 13, 1966 and Kevin Darrell born May 20, 1972. Darrell works at Huntington Alloys, Jean owns Diana's Hair Gallery in Milton, WV. Angela has completed two years study at Glenville State College, and Kevin is in the 8th grade at Hannan School.

6. Steven Phillip July 10, 1971

Okeil Williams was one of three daughters born to Phillip Holzer and Cora Ann Ashworth Holley. One sister Emma Agnes, is married to Robert Gunnoe. They live in Huntington. The other sister, Zena Moore died in 1975.

Charles Herbert Williams, born Feb. 9, 1907, was the son of Septimus Edgar Williams and Rosa Belle Wallace Williams, early residents of Mason County. Submitted by — Okeil Williams

MERRILL AND GLADYS WILLIAMS

Merrill Dell Williams, son of Bazzle Leroy and Lara Ethel (Simpkins) Williams and served in the Navy during World War II. Daughter of James Madison and Virginia Esteline (Miller) Landis, were married May 30, 1944 in Marmet, West Virginia. Merrill was born October 7, 1918 in London, West Virginia and Gladys was born March 7, 1926 at Big Run, Jackson County, W. Va. They have made their home in Mason County since 1971. Mr. Williams is employed at Carolina Lumber Company in Point Pleasant. Mr. & Mrs. Williams are the parents of eight children.

Rebecca Jane Williams was born September 4, 1949 at Big Run, West Virginia. She graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1963 and from Glenville State College in 1973. She taught school in Mason County at Sunnyside Elementary at Apple Grove. In 1978 Rebecca married Bruce McCreary. She now resides from Point Pleasant with her daughter Barbara.

James Williams was born in Terre Haute, Indiana May 30, 1947. He graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1965. He attended Glenville State College for three years and entered military service in 1969. He was discharged June 19, 1971 with the rank of SP/5 - Sgt. E-5. He graduated from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College in 1982. On June 8, 1968 James married Betty Jane Guile. They have 2 sons, Joshua and James. They reside in Zanesville, Ohio where James is a Wesleyan minister.

Michael Williams was born in Terre Haute, Indiana Aug. 24, 1948. He graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1967 and from Auto Diesel and Welding school in Nashville, Terre. In 1969 he entered military service and Par. 19, 1968 and was discharged June 20, 1970 with the rank of SP/5 Sgt. E-5. Mike married Sally Adams on October 24, 1970. They have two sons, Michael, Jr. and Shawn. Mike and his family live in Harris, Logan County, Point Pleasant. Ohio.

Elaine Williams was born in Terre Haute, Indiana February 15, 1950. She graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1968 and from Practical School of Nursing in Parkersburg in 1969. She married William Adrian Taylor November 27, 1973. Elaine works as an LPN in Oklahoma City and she and her husband make their home in Wellston, Oklahoma.

Rut Lee Williams was born in Charleston, W. Va. October 13, 1952. She graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1970 and served in the Lanne Williamson Lumber Company in Point Pleasant. She married Marlin H. Williams in 1976. They made their home in Monaca, Ohio where James is a Wesleyan minister.

Alice Ann Williams, born in Ravenswood June 29, 1961 attended Woods School and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1979. She completed 1 year in the nursing program at Holzer Hospital in Point Pleasant, Ohio. On December 31, 1979 Alice married James Guy Pullins, Jr. She now resides in Racine, Ohio with her two sons Joshua and Jeremy.

Mark Leroy Williams was born in Parkersburg, W. Va. June 16, 1964. He attended Woods School on Crab Creek in Mason County and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1982. Mark is now attending West Virginia University at Morgantown, W. Va. His major field of study is Animal Sciences.

John Scott Williams was born July 12, 1966 in Ripley, W. Va. He attended Woods School and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1984. John has been very enthusiastically involved in his 4H club in Mason County and has won many honors for both himself and his club.

John began his college work at Marshall University in Huntington and is currently majoring in Nursing at Parkersburg Community College, Parkersburg, W. Va. Submitted by — Ruth Curtiss, Gladys Williams

NEY R. WILLIAMSON AND SYLVIA ECKARD WILLIAMSON FAMILY

NEY R. Williamson was born Sept. 19, 1920 at Southside, the son of E. V. and Mary Blanch Combs Williamson. He attended high school in Point Pleasant and Cleveland East. N. R. as he is known has been farming in the Kanawha Valley for most of his life. He is a Baptist and an active member of the Republican party.

Married to Sylvia Eckard Dec. 15, 1943, they are the parents of 6 children. Sylvia is included in the Halibie Family Sketch.

Zara Alice married Karl Blaine Click Feb. 14, 1946. She is a homemaker and lives in Wellston, Ohio. They have two children, Karla and Jason. The Click family resides on a 130 acre farm at Mount Alto. Alice was born 3/24/45.

Ney Rene, born April 24, 1945, was graduated from West Virginia University in 1970, and is Wood County Supervisor of Farmers Home Administration. He is the father of Susan Renee, Aimee Lynn, and Sherry Marie, all students at Williamstown Schools. Ney is a past president of the National Farmers Home Administration Supervisors. While attending PPFA, he was captain of the Big Blacks Football Team in 1967. He has built three homes, the last house a log structure with the logs coming from the Lanne Williamson Lumber Company and Log Company. He is a Methodist. Clarence Eugene was born Sept. 6, 1946, graduated from Wellston High School, where he was a football player and attended West Virginia University. He is an active Republican and was a past president of the Mason County Young Republicans.

Married to John Painter of Newport, Tennes­ see, they are the parents of two children, Delma Nannette and Aaron Lee, students at Beech Hill Elementary. All of the Williamson children had attended Beech Hill. Jorgia is a Registered Nurse at Holzer Medical Center. In addition to his position with the Wildlife Division of West Virginia, Clarence operates 3 farms purchased from Hackney, Akers, Caufman and the Williamson household on the Kanawha River. Jorgia is the daughter of Elza Painter of Newport and the late Monroe Painter of Point Pleasant. She is the granddaughter of Buttrick, Southside, and Elmer and Katie Painter of Point Pleasant. Jorgia is active in the Methodist church where she and her family attend.

Sylvia Anne was born Oct. 20, 1951 and is married to Joseph Chapman. They are the parents of Nathan Paul and Heidi. They reside in Nashville where the entire family is engaged in the gospel music business. In addition to recording 5 albums, the Chapman were in the FOCUS ON THE FAMILY film series with Dr.

Phillip Dale Williams the second son was born March 29, 1945. He works at Huntington Alloys and lives in the old homestead with his wife Connie Frey. Their two daughters are Diane Denise, born March 21, 1969, a student at Huntington East High and Michelle, born Feb. 4, 1972, attending Beverly Hills Jr. High.

The third son is Dania Carlton, born Jan. 10, 1952, who lives in Parsons, Tenn. His one daughter, Amber Lane, was born Sept. 9, 1975. Earl Holley Jr. born to Okeil Oct. 3, 1928 lives in Sheffield Lake, Ohio, his wife was Minnie Reynolds.

Their children are:

1. BarreJ Keith June 15, 1952
2. Patricia Ann Dec. 17, 1953
4. &. S. Janice Lynn Nov. 10, 1966 (twins)

Jeffrey Earl Nov. 10, 1966

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James Dobson. Annie as she is known professionally was graduated from Point Pleasant High School and graduated from Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. Annie has had several articles and songs published. Steve Chapman has had several songs published and was instrumental in forming the DOGWOOD singing group in Nashville.

Rebecca Lynn was born Nov. 17, 1957, Gallipolis. She was graduated from Point Pleasant High School and Marshall University. She is employed as a legal assistant for an insurance company in Ohio. Married to Donald DeCoy, a graduate of Ohio State. She is a medical student at Ohio Medical College, Toledo. They are protestants. They enjoy traveling and have no children.

Vanita Gale (Gayle) was born Feb. 14, 1960, was graduated from Point Pleasant High School, attended Marshall University and was graduated from Virginia Commonwealth, Richmond. Her husband William Charles Atwell was graduated from Marshall University and Virginia Commonwealth. He is a pilot. He is employed for the U.S. Justice Department. They live in Bill's hometown of New York City with son William Gerard born Sept. 24, 1985. They are Catholics, attended St. Luke's, Williamson Jr., Clarence Williamson, Anne Chapman, Gayle Atwell

WILHELM

Seth Chandler Wilhelm, Jr. (1886-1957), affectionately known as "Chan," was born in Marietta, Ohio and would later belong to that chapter of the Mayflower Society, having been descended from Miles Standish and John Alden on his father's side. His mother, Elizabeth Cornwell Heslop, was a member of the Mayflower Society, having been descended from the de Vincennes family of Scotland and Ireland. One of her uncles was an early President of Washington and Jefferson College and her direct ancestors had come to America in the 17th century. Another ancestor of Mr. Wilhelm was Winthrop Chandler, an early portrait painter. His parents first met at Denison University in 1865, where she was enrolled in Young Ladies' Institute (later to become a part of Denison) and where he had just returned from volunteering 100 days in the 159th Regiment of the Ohio National Guard. He graduated from Denison in 1869 and they were married that summer. Mr. Wilhelm died in 1918 but Mrs. Wilhelm lived into her 90's, spending much of her time with a daughter in New York where, despite walking with a crutch from an old broken hip, she attended Riverside Church regularly, read avidly, kept abreast of current events, patched quilts and shared her gentleness of character and love of fun with all who knew her.

Chandler graduated from New York University in Business and Finance, then began work as an auditor with Lord and Taylor. On a trip home a boyhood friend, Walter A. Windsor, persuaded him to join in a reorganization of the Marietta Manufacturing Company and its move to Point Pleasant, W. Va. In 1915 Walter Windsor became President of the new company and Chandler became Secretary. In the early 1900's he met and married beautiful Susanna Dixton Haslop, daughter of J. W. C. and Aurelia Jarrott Haslop. They would rear two daughters: Nedra Jane, now living in Mason County, the wife of Edward Bartow Jones, Businessman, Chairman of Board of Citizen's National Bank, Descendant of T. G. Old Va. Partly and the mother of five children whom Mason County has claimed with pride; and Roberta Holzer, wife of Dr. Charles E. Holzer, Jr., Surgeon, Chief of Staff of Holzer Medical Center of Galipolis, Ohio and also the mother of five children. Since the Wilhelms had two daughters, no sons, Chandler was the last of that particular line of the Wilhelm family, dating back to Duxbury, Mass. and the 1600's.

Chandler was to serve the Marietta Company for 38 years, during the time when it was the largest inland boat-building company in the country. He also served as President of the Tri-State Purchasing Agents Assoc. and a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

He was a President of the Kiwanis Club, a member of Masonic bodies, the Propeller Club of Huntington and the First Baptist Church of Marietta. He was fond of all sports: a championship billiard player who once played William Hopp; a swimmer, known for eight-mile swims in the Ohio River; an avid follower of all major football, baseball, and basketball teams. (He helped coach Pt. Pleasant's first basketball team.) He was a born teacher, always eager to help and to quiz his children and grandchildren, who affectionately called him Papa Chan. He performed magic and slight of hand tricks with expertise, solved mathematical problems brought him by salesmen and friends, and wrote poetry or political treatises equally well, both saved and treasured by his family. Sue was an exceptional wife and mother — not only an excellent cook but always willing to put an extra place at the table at a moment's notice for a salesmen or steel company President who might not have had dinner plans or for any friend. They enjoyed people of all walks of life — even the beggars often seen during the depression eating on the back porch of their small frame house on Main Street. They indoctrinated friends from near and far with their love for Pt. Pleasant. Chandler's niece, Eleanor Schiek, came for a visit after finishing college in Pennsylvania in the '30's. She liked what she found so well she is still — almost a half-century later — a resident of Main Street.

Sue Wilhelm

Chan, lover of good food, good cigars, a game of cards, family, work, and friends, died in July 1957. Sue with her loving ways and serenity of bearing and spirit died in 1971. During all her life she was a devoted member of Christ Episcopal Church serving as President of the Service Guild and for many years as Chairman of the United Thank Offering. She was a member of the Board of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a charter member of The Order of the Eastern Star and Past President of the Pt. Pleasant Woman's Club. She was known as an exemplary hostess even when she kept extra families during the 1937 flood and had to cook on an old wood stove brought in for that emergency. Her potato salad, pimento cheese, and candy jar were well-liked by friends and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When television arrived, she enjoyed one soap opera, "The Edge of Night". One small grandchild who got little attention until the end of that program was heard to say, "Of all the things in the world, I don't know whether Nan nie loves us 'first' or her church 'first' or her television 'first'. The children of her daughter, Ned ra, will be found under Jones in this history. The children of her daughter, Roberta (known to all as "Bobbie") are Karin (Mrs. Dennis O. Neil — Assistant Head of Williston-Northampton School in Massachusetts, wife of a teacher and mother of one son, David); Charles E. Holzer, III, Epidemiologist on the faculty of U. of Texas Medical School, Galveston, (married to Jean Bradford (a Mayflower descendant and computer analyst) and parent of two children, Robin and Christopher; John Wilhelm Holzer of Richmond, Indiana, associated with Adam Bartell Co. (married to Ann Scherer — M.A. in Sociology) and parent of Allison, Meredith, and a "new arrival" due in October '86; and Amy Vornholt Holzer, graduate of Kenyon College and Capitol University School of Nursing, now working at University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Submitted by — John W. Holzer, Karen O'Neil, Christiana Gallant

THE ADAM FAY WILSON FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fay Wilson arrived in Mason County, September, 1938. Mrs. Wilson (Nelma Madeline Johnson) is the daughter of Earl B. and Elizabeth Ann Kester Johnson of Nutter Fort, Harrison County. Mr. Wilson is the son of Adam W. and Guilla Ann Mason Wilson of Daybrook, Monongalia County. They were married at the home of her parents in Nutter Fort on August 14, 1937. They attended WVU, Nelma majoring in Home Economics and Fay in Agriculture Education. He received his degree in Agriculture and was commissioned 2nd Lt., USAF in June, 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wilson

Fay was assistant County Agent, Marshall County 1937-38. He was County Agent, Mason County 1938-42, when ordered to active duty, WWII, as 1st Lt. He served as Commander Co. C, 307th Infantry, 77th. Division and saw combat on Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa. A book, "From Jackson to Japan", history of Company C, is in Mason County Library. Upon discharge, he continued with USAF, retiring as Lt. Col., 1975.
The Fay Wilsons’ have resided at 139 Park Drive, Point Pleasant since 1946. Submitted by — Adams F. Wilson, Roger L. Wilson

GEORGE WASHINGTON WILSON - son of Jacob and Mary (Donohoe) Wilson, born in Mason County 1834, died there February 9, 1923 to Virgil Oran and Ora Edythe Jones Rice, on the corner of 2202 Jefferson Ave. Later this house was moved to the third lot and a new house was built for the growing family. On the middle lot they raised a garden, behind their house she raised flowers. Bea Moore, born October 6, 1883 Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died March 11, 1896, Mason County.

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GRETTEA JEANNE RICE WILSON

Gretta Jeanne Rice was born December 31, 1923 to Virgil Oran and Ora Edythe Jones Rice, their fifth child. Her mother had told her she was the smallest of all her eight children and she weighed 9½ lbs. at birth. The little house on the corner of 2202 Jefferson Ave. Later this house was moved to the third lot and a new house was built for the growing family. On the middle lot they raised a garden, behind their house their father had a blacksmith shop.

Gretta had the normal chores of helping at home and she also had a paper route. She delivered the Charleston Daily Mail, an evening pa-
per. One winter in 1936 while delivering papers a blizzard came up. That evening Gretta had taken her five year old brother Dick with her, the storm became so severe she had to leave Dick at a friend's house along her route. She continued delivering papers, before she finished, the snow drifts became shoulder high.

When she was twelve years old one of the things she did as a girl scout was to serve food to the flood workers during the 1937 Flood. The girl scouts were transported by row boat to the second floor of a building behind the Court House, she remembers touching the traffic light in front of the Silver Bridge, as they passed by.

Gretta's father worked for the government on different Locks, as caretaker. The family lived at Lock 25 after the locks were taken out, until the locks were sold. In front of the house, the water, over the concrete floor of the closed locks and made a perfect place to swim.

She was a member of the United Brethren Church in Point Pleasant and after moving to Lock 25, attended the Bethel Church. She was baptized, at age fourteen, in Lock 25 by Rev. Orton Carder.

When she was fifteen they moved to their farm on Eckard Chapel Road. One Sunday at the Eckard Church they asked if anyone played the piano, Gretta told them she knew a few songs by memory, her mother had taught her. So every Sunday she played the same songs.

On the farm, she recalls her mother canning large quantities of vegetables and fruit. Her father always butchered two hogs every fall and smoked the hams in the smoke house. For a family of ten they always had plenty to eat. During blackberry season one of her favorite suppers was blackberry pot pie. Her mother made layers of berries, dough and sugar in a large pot and cooked this on top of the wood cook stove. With a glass of milk this was their complete supper. The whole family looked forward to this meal.

Her stage debut came when she played Maggie in a children's play called "Maggie". The milk was fed to pigs, the family of their farm, purchased in 1854, was in the Flats. Then he entered the University of Kentucky at Lexington. In 1891 he graduated with a degree in Banking and Farming. He became a bookkeeper in Trippett Store.

When Typhoid Fever struck all his family, his farming was so impaired he could not be in public life, so he returned to farming.

In 1909 he married Lorena Shirley and they purchased a farm adjoining his parents' farm in the Flats. They had two daughters, Erma (Buffington) and Georgia (Hutchinson).

Elwood had a Dairy Farm. The feed for the cows and horses was raised on the farm. The cream was taken by horse and buggy to a road stop called "Maggie". The milk was fed to pigs, which were sold or butchered for home consumption and an adequate income.

Sam bought his first car in 1918. With one driving lesson he took off! He blew the horn as he rounded curves and was always getting stuck in the mud.

In 1925 some roads were being graveled and electricity came to the farm. This changed the farming operation to one that shipped whole milk to Charleston on a daily basis.

Then came World War II and the government took all the farms in the Flats to build a T.N.T. plant. So at age 70, Sam was forced off his farm,
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Mary Riffle Winger Casto

Enos and Betty had one child, Frances Evalee (1909-1983) who worked for a number of years in Washington, D. C. with the FBI.

William Waid Winger born November 22, 1873 was deceased by 1908. He was married to Carrie Florence Machir daughter of Laura Virginia and William H. Machir. Carrie died July 26, 1898 age 28 years. They were parents of a daughter who died in infancy whose name was believed to be Nora. All are buried in Lone Oak.

Submitted by — James F. Machir

WINKLEY-KIGER

John Winkley was born May 20, 1821 in Ohio, in Mason County by March 1846, where he died October 2, 1897. He married Mariah Virginia Fowler October 24, 1847 at Gallipolis, Ohio. She was born October 16, 1828 and died December 24, 1899 in Huntington. Her parents were Thomas Richard and Ann Johnson Fowler whose home "Rock Hill" was on the Kanawha River above Henderson. The Winkleys are buried in Lone Oak.

John Winkley, an engineer, lived for awhile above Henderson where his home was a refuge for people going west in their conestoga wagons. Here they were fed and given shelter, and their animals also fed before continuing their journey.

Mr. Winkley was a co-owner and operator of a wharfboat at Pt. Pleasant. Old letters speak of ice jams, floating stores selling household goods from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh that tied up at the wharf, as well as floating photographic studios and showboats.

He moved to Pt. Pleasant and lived on Viand Street in 1895. During the 1889 flood he obtained logs from the furniture factory at Henderson where he worked as a woodcarver and built a raft on which he erected two buildings for his farm animals and food storage for them. His household goods were placed on a barge on which the family also lived. Cooking was on an open fire built on a sand bed. At that time all the homes in Kingtown were made up of factory workers.

He was commissioned 2nd Lt. 106 Regt. of the line in 22nd Brigade in 5th Division of Va. Militia, September 7, 1850 by Gov. John B. Floyd.

The following were buried in Pioneer Cemetery (Viand Street) but moved to Lone Oak when it was opened. Ada Ohio, wife of William Edgar Johnson (1855-1936) who married Julia Gard as second wife, being heir of Harriet Fowler Machir, and raised by Kate Fowler Jamison) Ada Ohio born November 11, 1855 died Nov. 5, 1880 of complications of childbirth, and her son died October 21, 1880. Nannie Frances died October 21, or November 6, 1855 at 2 years 10 mo. 24 days; infant child died November 30, 1848. Beda Arizona wife of James Brant Wright born March 16, 1859 died of childbirth complications May 30, 1880, her infant daughter still-born May 21, 1880. Orren Lindell died October 18, 1867. They are

Their daughter Harriett Virginia born 1850 died in Huntington 1919, married May 23, 1866 in Gallipolis, Ohio to John Robert Kiger who was born 1843 in Kanawha County to John and Rebecca (Kiger) Kiger of Rappahannock County Virginia. Robert’s brother William married Lucy Johnson of Charleston and had 2 boys and 6 girls.

The mother, Rebecca, widowed, died in 1852 and Robert was apprenticed to a German couple and was taught the saddle and harness making. He left them in 1862 and tried to enlist in the Civil War but was turned down. He therefore started down the Kanawha in October 1862 and stopped at the home of George and John Fowler whose parents Thomas and Ann Johnson Fowler were slave owners. It is now known as the "Shank Place" and the slave cabins were built along the river. Here he found work.

Robert Kiger was a Methodist and Southern Sympathizer but changed his religion and joined the Pt. Pleasant Episcopal Church.

In 1874 Kiger had become a skillful master of steam vessels and was entrusted to perform such duties upon the waters of the Ohio and Kanawha and as special pilot for the Steamer Billy Parsons on the Ohio River between Big Sandy and Racine, Ohio and on the Kanawha to Brownstown.

Mrs. Winkley (the mother) worked in the Sheriff's office in Pt. Pleasant but in 1902 moved to Huntington where she worked as a secretary to Dr. Guthrie, Supt. of the State Mental Hospital.

Louise Humphrey born November 11, 1915 in Huntington graduated from Marshall in 1937, taught school at Milton, married Theron Vasco Morrison, then taught in Huntington 1942-1943 term. The Morrisons moved to Pt. Pleasant where he was with the West Virginia Ordnance Works, and she also joined the technical staff as chemist. Afterwards they moved to

Everett Seton born October 1870 died 1951, entered all the amateur theatricals at Pt. Pleasant and in 1888 married Mabel Heaton who was one of the engineers in Pt. Pleasant to build the railroad bridge across the Ohio River. To them was born a daughter Pauline who married a doctor in Columbus, Ohio. They became divorced and Everett went with a farm Machinery Co. and was in charge of their exhibits at Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893 and again in St. Louis Exposition in 1904. He married 2ndly Anna Fizer, a German girl, and lived West New Brighton on Staten Island. He had an office on Rector Street near Wall Street. He is buried Brooklyn, New York.

Musa Ferne and Mussett Verne Kiger (twins) were born August 23, 1876. They played organ, piano and guitar, and attended school in Pt. Pleasant where they graduated in 1893 with Albert Gibbons, Josephine Howard, Katharine Neale, and Bart Hubbard which was the 2nd graduating class taught by Prof. W. J. Kenny in Pt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Robert Kiger

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Orian Lindell born October 1867 was a wood carver, married Allie Minturn, and died Gallipolis, Ohio, and there buried. He owned a Lincoln Mercury Agency, was a Knight Templar, and was buried with Masonic rites.
Detroit where Mr. Morrison taught chemistry.
A son Paul Frederick was born December 2, 1943 in Huntington majored in Chemistry University of Michigan. Vickie Lorraine born Dec. 30, 1952. Muset, (now) to Muset, was a secretary for a realty company in Huntington, married Wilton Randolph of Culpepper County Virginia, had issue Mary Peyton born December 24, 1916. Wilton Randolph died of pneumonia 1917, and Muset gave up her own real estate agency in Huntington in 1927 and she and children moved to Seattle, Washington, and carried on a real estate and insurance agency. Mary Peyton became a professional dancer, married twice, moved to San Diego, California. John also lived at San Diego and was employed with A.T.&T.

THE WISE FAMILY OF GLENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA

One of the earliest inhabitants of Mason County was the family of John and Esther Ann Bailey Wise. They were married in Culpepper, Virginia about 1846. Soon after their marriage they migrated to Gallia County, Ohio. It was here that their seven children were born and grew to adulthood. They had seven children: George, James, David Bailey, Rebecca, Dorcas, Orpha, and Ella.

The family moved from Gallia County to Greenbottom, Cabell County, West Virginia. From here most of the children left the family home and set out on their own. We have no record of how long the family lived there before buying a farm in Mason County.

John and Esther Ann bought the farm located about five miles back of Glenwood on what was later to become known as Hannah Trace Road. They moved into a traditional hewed log cabin and lived in true pioneer fashion. Their son, David Bailey, later came into possession of the farm.

On October 28, 1885 David Bailey Wise married Mary Ellen Holly at Bryan, a pioneer outpost and postoffice. This settlement was located near Milton, Cabell Co., and has since disappeared.

David and Mary Ellen now purchased the farm from his parents. John and Esther Ann then moved to a new location. David and Mary Ellen moved into the old cabin and began renovations and added new rooms. David and Mary Ellen spent many years here, knowing both happiness and sorrow in their family life.

They had a family of ten children, but death took four of them early in life. They were: An Infant, Carrie at four years, Millard and Worthy were both eighteen when they died. The remaining children were a delight to their parents. Those remaining were: Henry, a businessman in Akron, Ohio, Charles William, a graduate of Ohio College of Dental Surgery with an office in Huntington; Eliza Jasper, a farmer; Anna, a farmer's wife; Emma, a Marshall College graduate and Mason Co. school teacher for thirty-eight years; and Iva, a Marshall College graduate and Mason Co. school teacher for thirty-five years. Both Emma and Iva spent most of their teaching career in Point Pleasant. Iva is the only family survivor at this date.

David was an outstanding farmer in his day, and also a political and social leader in his community and county. Together David and Mary Ellen built one of the nicest farms and homes below the Kanawha river. David Bailey died Jan. 26, 1932; Mary Ellen died July 24, 1937. The farm was taken over by the eldest daughter, Anna, and her husband, Chauncey Keister. Their five children were reared there.


After their death the oldest daughter, Helen, and her husband, Stewart L. Harris, took over the farm. The old farmhouse has been demolished and a modern retirement home has been built nearby. Beautiful, with all the conveniences of city living it looks very different than the place where this family began life in Mason County.

We wish Helen and Stewart many enjoyable years on the old farm. Submitted by — Iva M. Wise

CARL WITHERS FAMILY

Spencer Wither was the first of our family to have lived in Mason County. Born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1765, he was a son of William and Elizabeth Hord Withers and grandson of James and Elizabeth Keene Wither. His grandfather was thought to have come to the American colonies from Bristol, England.

Spencer Withers fought in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in Warrenton, Va., in the summer of 1780, as a substitute for Peter Crim in the company of Capt. Francis Triplett. He is known to have marched to Hillsborough, N. C., joining the brigade of a Col. Morgan. After the Battle of Cowpens, he was detached to Fauquier County under a Lt. Dearin, where he arrived in March 1781. He lived for awhile on 210 acres of his father's land in Culpepper County, Va., then helped settle the Clendinin District of Mason County. He and his wife, Esther Potts, had two sons and six daughters. His wife died in Mason County on July 18, 1818, the same year their house burned. In 1823, he returned to Culpepper County; and in 1831, he began receiving an $80-a-year war pension. He died in 1843.

Withers was born in Virginia July 8, 1788, enlisted in June, 1812, in the second regiment of the Virginia militia. He served from Sept. 21, 1812, to March 20, 1913, being discharged at Fort Meigs. He married Sarah Hughes June 10, 1819, in Gallia, Ohio, and lived at Apple Grove, W. Va. He died Aug. 21, 1856, and she Feb. 21, 1890, after having four sons and three daughters.

Carl D. Withers

John Wesley Withers was born Feb. 1, 1825, and married Sarah H. Williams in 1855. In their later years they settled in a location near Glenwood Road just beyond its junction with Guyan Creek Road, about two miles from W. Va. Route 2 at Glenwood. They had five sons and three girls, and Mr. Withers died in May 1900. They are buried under an imposing cedar tree on the hill above their home. His marker has vanished, but hers is still there.

Robert Edgar Withers was born Oct. 23, 1867, and married Dorcas Young on Dec. 12, 1892. They had four sons and a daughter. Mr. Withers was probably born in the house along Glenwood Road. Once married, he lived several places in the Glenwood area, including a small hollow noted as the present site of an auction barn, the old Gideon Brown home near the B.&O. trestle across Eighteen Mile Creek, and the present home of Forrest Thomas just above the Glenwood trestle on Route 2. They lived there for 35 years, with Mr. Withers farming and working in Bill Cornwell's grocery store. He moved to Hunting­ton after his wife died in January 1948 and died March 25, 1959, at age 91.

Carl Dewey Withers was born in the house in the hollow on Sept. 2, 1898. He once joked that he was born on Labor Day, started to work the next day and worked ever since. He married Anna Marie Coleman in 1919, and had two daughters by that marriage. He worked several places in his teen years, including working as a trapper in coal mines near Amherstdale, W. Va., as a laborer in factories in Wellston and Akron, Ohio, and as a mechanic in automobile garages including the J. B. Rich Chevrolet deal­ership in Huntington. In 1924, he moved into a home at 3606 3rd Ave., where he lived the rest of his life. By 1932, he and Frank Hodgins had their own garage at 1013 6th Avenue, where he stayed until retirement in 1962. On May 5, 1936, his first wife died and he married Mary Margaret Keister. They had three sons and one daughter. After retirement, he farmed as he had all his life, staying quite active until six months before his death on Aug. 2, 1986.

Robert C. Withers was born March 10, 1945, and although never a resident of Mason County, he pastored churches there for ten years. He was at Fairfield United Methodist Church back of Glenwood form 1972 to 1981, and at Ball's Chapel near Ashton from 1972 to 1982. He married Sue Ann Sauders June 20, 1969, and they have three daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Julie Ann and Leah Mae. Withers is a copy editor for The Herald-Dispatch and now pastors Seventh Avenue Baptist Church in Huntington. The family lives at 315 Main St. in that city.

FAMILY HISTORY PROVIDED BY:

DR. CHARLES T. WITHERS

Dr. Charles T. Withers, a dentist at Barbourville, West Virginia, was born at Ben Lomond, West Virginia. The Withers' family farm was located in this Mason County community. Dr. Withers is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was one of the first residents of the Huntington Dental Society, which includes Mason County, and has been a dentist in this area for almost forty years. He is married to Ruth Virginia McGhee Withers and they have a daughter, Charlotte Withers Hurley. Mrs. Hurley currently teaches in Barbourville but began her teaching career in Mason, West Virginia.

Dr. Withers' father, Charles Hereford Withers, was a well-known educator throughout our state. He was educated at West Virginia University (A.B. Degree) and Marshall University (M.A. Degree). He also did post-graduate work at Ohio University. Professor Withers taught a one room school and farmed in Mason County when he was a young man. He later was a principal at W. H. Young High School, Hurricane High School and Pt. Pleasant High School. He finished his career in education as the Superintendent of the Mason County Schools and as the Dean of Education at Rio Grande College. He was married to Emma Nort­ton Withers and they were the parents of three children; Marian Withers Vaughan, Melville B. Withers and Dr. Charles T. Withers. Both Marian and Melville were educators. A scholarship now exists at Southwestern Theological Semi­nary in Ft. Worth, Texas in memory of Marian.
Withers Vaughan.

The first member of the Withers family to settle in Mason County was Spencer Withers (1765-1843). He was one of the early settlers of the Clendenin District.

Jacob Withers (1790-1868), son of Spencer Withers, was a farmer on the family farm at Ben Lomond and married Nancy Nighbert John Morton Holiday Withers (1832-1920), one of Jacob’s sons, was born at Ben Lomond and continued to farm the old home place. He married Sarah Ann George, daughter of David and Ann Elizabeth Hereford George.

Edwin Lafayette Withers (1864-1935), son of John and Sarah Ann, was also born at the home place and married Mary Evelyn Hereford at Gallipolis, Ohio on his birthday, April 23 in the year 1888. One of his eight children was the author’s father, Charles Hereford Withers, mentioned earlier. Edwin’s children were well-known in Mason County and were Lockmasters on the Ohio River, educators, postal workers and included a minister. Edwin’s brothers were also famous Mason Countians. John W. Withers was Dean of Education at New York University and has been credited with being a pioneer in establishing Teachers’ Colleges in America to train teachers properly. Another brother, Ammon B. Withers, was a leader in the Baptist Church of West Virginia and has a building named for him at Alderson-Broadus College.

I have neglected to mention some very distinguished members of the Withers family. However, it is my understanding that another history will be submitted for publication and perhaps let us know more about these family members. Submitted by — Dr. Charles T. Withers.

**RUSSELL B. WITHERS FAMILY**

Russell B. Withers was born at Glenwood, Mason County, West Virginia on March 26, 1901, son of Robert E. and Mary Dorcas (Young) Withers. He had one sister, Bertha Withers Johnson, and three brothers, Clark G., Carl D. and Kenneth L. Withers, all now deceased.

He was married to Nannie Harbour Withers on February 1, 1921. When they were first married they lived in Gallipolis, Ohio a few years and then settled in Huntington, West Virginia. He was an automobile mechanic and worked for Rich Chevrolet in Huntington. Then on July 11, 1934 he was appointed to the Huntington Fire Department. He was retired in April 1957 from the State Road of West Virginia for four years. He died February 25, 1971.

He had three daughters, Bonnie Virginia Sans, born June 8, 1924 in Mason County; Betty Jane Morehouse, born June 19, 1927 in Cabell County; and Doris Jackson, born February 18, 1948. Bonnie Sans has two daughters, Judith Clary and Marilyn Johnson, and 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Betty Morehouse has one son, Daniel J. Morehouse. Doris Jackson has one daughter, Christy Ann Jackson.

Mrs. Nannie Withers is now residing in Huntington, West Virginia. Submitted by — Betty J. Morehouse.

**VERNON AND ALMA WITHROW FAMILY**

Orville Vernon (Jack) Withrow was born August 13, 1903 at Rocky Fork, Kanawha County, son of Fred Withrow and Bella Burford. His mother died when he was 6 months old and he was raised by his paternal grandparents, Ruben and Mary Hamilton Burford until about 10 years of age. He then lived with his mother and wife. George and Clara Gillispie Burford. At age 15 he joined the service and served during World War One until he was honorably discharged.

On July 24, 1929 he was united in marriage to Alma Mae Knowles, second of ten children born to Rev. James Samuel Knowles and Rosa Bell Hart. Alma was born March 28, 1906, in Mingo County. During her childhood she lived in Parkersburg and Ripley then moved to Charleston as a young girl. She graduated from Mountain State Hospital School of Nursing in 1929. She continued her nursing profession until she retired in 1971.

In the spring of 1946 they bought the old Alex Bell farm, now owned by Andy J. Stephens who operated the Stephens Store and Post Office which was located on the waters of Bakers Fork and 13 Mile Creek.

For several years the family spent their summers and week ends at their farm in Mason County while maintaining their residence at Dunbar where the children attended Dunbar Schools and Mr. Withrow was employed as an Expediter at Union Carbide Plant in South Charleston.

In 1963, due to medical disability, Jack took a leave of absence and moved to Mason County. In 1968 he retired from Carbide with 25 years service. In July 1965 he was converted at Creston E.U.B. Church under the Ministry of Rev. Gerald Sayre. He felt the call to preach and was ordained in the Christian Church of Christ. He pastored the Pleasant Ridge Church and also

filled in for many pastors. He served as committeeman of Union District from 1966 until his death September 5, 1981. His wife Mrs. Withrow served as committee woman until 1986 when she did not seek reelection. Alma was a member of the Creston Ladies Aid and in June 1986 she participated in the West Virginia Folk Festival at Glenville reigning as the Mason County Belle.


**ULYSSSES AND MARY E. WOLFE FAMILY**

Ulysses S. “Buzz” Wolfe son of David and Abigail Deweese Wolfe was born April 18, 1866. David Wolfe had served in the Union Army Co B 13th W. Va. Infantry. Suffering such hardships during his time in service he was unable to work in his later years. David was the son of Lewis and Christena Wolfe. Lewis was a shoe-maker by trade. Lewis and Christena had the following children in addition to Ulysses: Robert, who kept a store in Union District called Wolfe’s Valley, Mallory, Dorothy, Israel, Henry, and William. Lewis and Christena were two of the founding members of Wolf Valley Baptist church. Adam Wolfe, David Wolfe, and their mother Christena are all buried in Wolf Valley Cemetery.

Ulysses Wolfe married Mary E. “Tine” Baker daughter of Eliza Jane Baker. Tine was born September 7, 1866. At one time she was a school teacher in Mason County. The couple lived and operated a grocery store at Broadway in Mason County. During their latter years of life they moved to Chestnut Ridge. The couple became the parents of two sons: George M. and Jude. George married Margaret Beatie daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Smith Beatitie of Gunville on November 5, 1913. George worked for the railroad as it progressed through Ohio with its final completion being at Toledo, Ohio. His work thus ended with this endeavor, however he and Laura decided to stay there and made it their home the rest of their lives. George first worked in Toledo at the Burdan Company, later during World War I he was employed for Willys Overland. He then became associated with Gulf Oil working his way from the “bottom” to the position of Stationary Engineer at the time of his retirement. It can truly be said of George, that he was a “self made” man. He and Laura were the parents of two sons, Walton Richard and Harold R. and later six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. George died March 8, 1976 and Laura died May 5, 1986.

Both George and Laura had been active members of Bethany Methodist Church of Toledo most of their married life.

Both of their sons, Walton and Harold, lived in Toledo, with Walton and his wife operating a gift and antique shop and Harold employed by the Toledo Blade where he has been employed for a number of years.

Ulysses and Mary’s younger son Jude never married and remained at their Chestnut Ridge home after they had died and until his own death. Jude’s happy countenance and love for spiritual things of this world were evident to all who were acquainted with him.

Ulysses and Mary were remembered most by their friends and relatives as a couple who had a compassion for the homeless and whose door was always open to the unfortunate. Ulysses died May 11, 1951 and Mary died February 26, 1951. Submitted by — Harold Wolfe.

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AUDRA C. WORKMAN
Audra C. born to James C. and Gracie May Allen Warner on March 31, 1913. She married Estle Elmer Workman in 1932. She came to Mason County in 1948. They had one son Donald Blair born on January 27, 1933.

Donald (Jim) graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1953. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Patricia Sue Williams in 1956, they had four children.

Brenda Louise born June 2, 1957
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Donald worked for Mason County School Board in maintenance for several years. He became disabled in 1963. He is now married to Sally Lou Lutton and they live in Point Pleasant.

Submitted by — Donald B. Workman

EVERETT WORKMAN FAMILY
Everett Workman was born near the Mason-Cabell County line March 29, 1896, the son of Peter Workman and Stella Dunfee Workman. He served in World War I. He married Eulah Inez Noble January 8, 1921, the daughter of William Noble and Laura Morning Noble. Mr. and Mrs. Workman lived all of their married life in Point Pleasant. They had two daughters: Eulah Maxine born November 2, 1922 and Florence Evelyn born September 19, 1930. Mr. Workman worked at Malleable Iron until ill health forced him to retire in 1937. He died December 29, 1940 in a veterans hospital at Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

Mrs. Workman lived at their home place until this past year when ill health forced her to be in a nursing home.

Maxine married Elmer Earl Dilcher, the son of Harry and Latisha Parks Dilcher. They had four children: Carolyn, William (deceased), and twins Margaret and Josephine. She died in 1975.

Evelyn married Henry Harris Worley (b. 6/8/1928, d. 5/16/1982) and they had four children: Donald Lee born February 5, 1961, Donna Sue born August 11, 1965, and two adopted children, Bertha Wray and William Henry Harrison Worley (b. 6/8/1943, d. 2/20/1982)

William Henry Harrison Worley was born in the Robinson District of Mason County. William enlisted in Company C First Regimental Cavalry of the Union Army on August 30, 1861, and also served as corporal in Company E 9th West Virginia Infantry.

In 1875, W.H.H. Worley was married to Flora M. Roseberry. They had four children: Flora, John, William and Ethel. In 1926, W.H.H. Worley was married to Alice Elizabeth Gaskins and they had three children: Lucy, Mamie and LaVerne.

Submitted by — Donald B. Workman

BRACY ALLEN WRAY FAMILY
Bracy Allen Wray was born February 1, 1909, at Mercer's Bottom, Mason County. He was the second oldest child born to dairyman George and Bertha Wray. Four of the Wray children lived to adulthood. However, a sister and two brothers died as children.

On September 18, 1936, Bracy married Mildred Laura Nibert at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. She was the eldest daughter of Harry Frank and Rose Schlaemer Nibert. The Niberts were married July 21, 1923, in Cincinnati, and were the parents of six children. One daughter died of typhoid fever when she was eleven.

Before entering the service in 1943, Bracy bought the first parcel of land sold from the original Hereford Farm in the town of the same name. He died of cancer in September 1945.

After working twenty-five years for the General Services Administration in Point Pleasant, Bracy retired in 1978.

The Wray Family had four children: Lawanda Rose born May 5, 1939, at Ashton, W. Va. She married Samuel Perry Rodgers, and they have two children, Matthew Perry and Susan Marie.

Loretta Sue Wray was born on April 29, 1943, at Point Pleasant. She and her husband, Dale Hinkle, have one son, Shannondale.

On January 10, 1947, Bracy Allen Jr. "Sammy" was born at Apple Grove. He married Trena Lynn Rowe, and they are the parents of three children: Brian Todd, Kelly Lynette and Jason Allen.

Bertha Darlene born at Point Pleasant on August 22, 1955, married Danny Lee Marr, and they have one daughter, Elisa.

When Bracy was 10 years old, he witnessed three new 1919 Dodge touring cars being unloaded from a boxcar at the train depot in Point Pleasant. One of the cars had been bought by Tabanor Moore of Apple Grove. The car was stored in a barn and covered with stones until 1954, when Bracy convinced "Tab" to sell him the car for the sum of one hundred dollars. The car, now fully restored, has won numerous trophies and is a regular participant in area parades and events.

Submitted by — Darlene Marr

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WORLEYS OF MASON COUNTY
The 1850 census of Putnam County, Virginia and the 1860 census of Gallia County, Ohio, both included the John Peter Worley family, with a total of ten children. Information about the family is very sketchy, but it is known that John Peter was a cooper by trade as was his oldest son, John. Although John Peter's wife's name is listed as Frances in the census reports, the author believes her name may have been Elizabeth or Frances Elizabeth Derwin.

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Clarence, Raymond, Opal (Dunham). Lived with father, Philip, and three unmarried brothers after their marriage. Later, brothers moved to farm in McCollinsville, Ohio.

William (March 21, 1869-1949) never married.


Andrew. Two sons, three daughters.


William and Sarah are buried in McCombs Thomas Cemetery; Philip and Henry at Bethel; Jeremiah, Rachel, Washington at Yaquer Church Cemetery; Jackson at Jack Yaquer Cemetery.

Many Yauger descendants still live in Mason County, but few still have the Yaquer name. Submitted by — Clarence Sines

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES AND LAVERA YEAGER

Charles Dallas Yeager, born in Meigs County, Pomeroy, Ohio, August 11, 1827, at his parents’ home; the son and second child of Dallas Robert, (born Jan. 9, 1896-D. Sept. 16, 1961) and Rhoda Ethel (Mar) Yeager, (b. June 2, 1894-d. July 23, 1983). At age one year, his parents and sister, Ida Orilla (Yeager) Diehl, moved to Mason County, Mason, WV., where he spent his entire childhood.

After Mason Elementary, he graduated from Wahama High School in 1946. In 1945 he spent the summer months in the Merchant Marines and then was on tour of duty in Italy. In November, 1950, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and received basic training at Fort Knox, KY. In January 1951, he was transferred to Fort Eustis, VA., where he was stationed until discharge in November 1952.

Charles married Cora LaVera Pierson, February 17, 1951 in Pomeroy, Ohio, and Newport News, VA, became their first home where she also worked as secretary in the adjutant general’s office at Fort Eustis.

LaVera was born September 23, 1930 in Logan, WV. Her parents, Leroy Edward, (b. March 8, 1907-d. Aug. 19, 1984) and LaVera Diew (Ball) Pierson (b. April 13, 1910-d. Aug. 23, 1983) and two sisters, Betty Jeanne and Anne Katherine, resided in Logan for several years before the family began to follow her father on construction work.

Charles began employment at Philip Sporn Power Plant at Graham Station in 1950 where he worked six months prior to being drafted, returning to that work after discharge, and has worked there for more than 35 years.

LaVera was employed at the Mason post office in December 1952 and retired in 1985 from clerk position after 33 years service.

Charles and LaVera Yeager

Charles and LaVera have two children, Sally (Yeager) Ross, born July 24, 1952 in Fort Eustis Army Hospital, and Charles Martin “Marty”, born October 10, 1956 in Gallopils, Ohio.

Sally graduated from Wahama High School in 1970; graduated Huntington WV School of Beauty Culture, and married Ralph Richard Ross of Racine, Ohio in 1971. They are the parents of two children, Richard Shawn, born April 21, 1974 and Amy Renée, born May 15, 1977. They reside in Mason and Ralph is employed at Philip Sporn Power Plant.

“Marty” graduated from Wahama High School in 1974. Attended Parkersburg Community College two years where he received an associate degree in mechanics. In 1976 he married Vicki Lynn Burton and they became the parents of twins, Craig Martin and Erin Nicholeon July 25, 1978. (Later divorced.) In 1982 he married Beverly Jean Wolfe and they became the parents of twins, Heath Adam and Haley Alysa, born January 27, 1984. He also has two step sons, Robie Fettie and Andy Bush. He is employed at Meigs Coal Mine #2, of the Southern Ohio Coal Co., in Albany, Ohio. They also reside in Mason. The entire family are active in community affairs and are members of the Mason United Methodist Church and consider Mason county a beautiful and delightful place to live. Submitted by LaVera Yeager.

JOSEPH OSCAR YEAGER

Joseph Oscar Yeager, farmer, and schoolteacher lived near Bethel Church in “The Flats”, Robinson District. Among many crops grown he was best known for his cantaloupes and watermelons which he took to York Station and sent to markets by train.

Joseph Oscar was born August 20, 1859, died 1911, buried Lone Oak, son of Ambrose (1824-1909). The father was in Civil War 6 years and member of Militia during Jenkins raid. The mother was Sarah Ann Roseberry (1828-1914) of Michael Roseberry. Ambrose, buried Lone Oak, was son of Joseph (1789-1860) and Mary Rickard (1790-1864) Yeager, who are buried Somerville Cemetery Rt. 62, North.

Joseph Oscar married 1887, Maggie Sebrell (1863-1943) buried Lone Oak. They had issue Donnelly, buried Miami, Florida, married Freda Casto of Ripley. No issue.

Curtis E., Jan. 4, 1891-June 19, 1964 WW I, buried Kirkland. His wife, Zora Deeweese, born Oct. 8, 1897, daughter of Rosie Hill and George Deeweese of Pt. Pleasant; died December 6, 1979, buried Athens, Ohio. Issue Mildred (Hooper) Athens; Ruth Conkey living Athens; Cora Mae (Hooper) living Columbus; Emogene Yeager living Athens; Glennad (Grin) of Athens; Martha (Bingham) of Ravenswood. William Curtis died 1975, buried Kirkland, many years postal employee, married Barbara Reynolds.

Clara Goodrich (1893-1968) died Athens, buried Lone Oak, had no issue by husband Charles, who is buried Wellston, Ohio.

Cora, living Pt. Pleasant had no issue. Her husband, Walter Rice died 1975 buried Kirkland was son of Bertha Eads (1873-1954) and George Rice (1864-1955). Walter was an auto mechanic at the old Roush Motor Co. and city policeman for eleven years.

Katherine married Roe Wingett, lived at Charleston, buried Edgewater, Md. One child, Donna Lee, married Frank Newhouse, lives Edgewater, Maryland.

Charles and LaVera Yeager

Joseph Oscar Yeager

Ruthy (1902-1929) died at Dunbar, buried Lone Oak, had one child who died shortly after birth. Her husband was Russell Oshel.

Joseph Oscar had brothers, James R. died 1857 age 9; Millard F. (1860) went to Kansas at age 18, became a Judge, was living 1935; sisters Alice died 1903 age 53; Mary died 1861 age 7; Emma (1862) married John Foglesong (of George and Jane) last known living in Kansas with 5 children; Maggie (1864-1956) married George Johnson (1863-1909) 4 children; Annie Laura (1866-1935) married Lewis T. Ball, 3 children.

There was also a daughter Eliza J. born May 15, 1850 - died August 24, 1897, who married 1872 in Mason County, Daniel W. VanMatre, son of O.H.P. VanMatre. He was a carpenter in the “Flats”, had two children, Ira, 1876 and Charles 1877. Daniel (1844-1913) died at Cambridge, Pennsylvania. He and Eliza (daughter of Ambrose Yeager on marriage record) are buried Lone Oak.

Maggie Sebrell Yeager was the daughter of Amelia Boggess Sebrell. 1834 - 1893 Submitted by Cora Yeager Rice, Emogene Evelyn Yeager

AMBROSE YEAGER

Ambrose Yeager, April 28, 1824-January 30, 1909, was married May 23, 1847 to Sarah Ann Roseberry (1828-1914). They are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery. He was the son of Mary Rickard and Joseph Yeager, and she was the daughter of Lucinda Knopp and Michael Roseberry.

They are parents of eight children, James R. Yeager, July 29, 1848-August 24, 1857 (originally buried on Roseberry farm Robinson Dis-
trict, moved to Bennet Cemetery); Eliza J. May 15, 1850 married Daniel W. VanMeter, died Aug. 24, 1897 (they are buried Lone Oak) Millard F. (April 2, 1852-August 10, 1946) married Alice Brown; Mary Lucinda (July 18, 1854-June 25, 1861) Rosebery cemetery; Joseph Os- car (August 20, 1859-October 10, 1911) mar- ried Margaret Jane Sebrell (1863-1943) Lone Oak; Emma Bell (August 22, 1862) married fried Margaret Jane Sebrell (1863-1943) Lone car (August 20, 1859-October 10, 1911) mar­ried one. The pioneer airman was John Crozier, ing, has proof that a man here made an the Grainger County Community before retir­ COFFEE, who for 38 years was postmaster of 500. It was on Mr. Rhea's farm where Mr. Cro­zier made his test of the airship. Irvin Rhea, son of George Rhea, and former postmaster at Thorn Hill, said he saw Mr. Crozier make the test of the airship. Mr. Rhea said Mr. Crozier received a letter from the Wright brothers, but the contents of the letter were not revealed by Mr. Crozier. “Many people of Thorn Hill and Grainger County, Tennessee believe had Mr. Crozier lived two years longer Hill and Grainger County would have had the honor of having the inventor of the airplane as a citizen. (The previous article was taken from the Morristown, Ten­nessee newspaper, September, 1986). Mr. John Crozier, attorney, and Aviation Pio­neer, was the ancestor of Carole Bullock Yeager, who is a Real Estate Broker. She married Howard Lee Yeager, Jr., attorney, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. They have one child, Howard Lee Yeager, III.

As Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Vir­ginia was deprived of being recognized as the site where the “first flight of the American Revolu­tion” took place, for many decades; Mr. John Crozier, likewise missed being recognized as fly­ ing the first airplane, until recently when “Thorn Hill” folks have decided to set the record straight. Submitted by — Carole Bullock Yeager

CAROLE BULLOCK YEAGER’S ANCESTOR FLEW BEFORE WRIGHTS

THORN HILL, Tenn. (Special) — H. M. COFFEE, who for 38 years was postmaster of the Grainger County Community before retiring, has proof that a man here made an “AIRSHIP” before the Wright brothers invented one. The pioneer airman was John Crozier, Jr., an attorney who came to Thorn Hill from Knoxville, and also a direct descendant is CAR­OLE BULLOCK YEAGER of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Coffee recently found in Morristown, after years of looking, a picture of Crozier with his air­plane. Folks found there who are over 70 have known of Crozier’s achievement and young peo­ple have heard of it. Now Coffee is hopeful that the place where Crozier had the airplane can be marked.

“Crozier made the airship in 1901”, said Coff­ee. “This was two years before the Wright brothers of Dayton, Ohio, succeeded in in­venting the airplane, which they patented in 1906.

GOT OFF THE GROUND

“Mr. Crozier succeeded in getting his airship off the ground, which is evidence he had the ba­sic principle for the invention of the airplane. He had the propeller system installed and a wide top for wings for catching the wind, similar to the

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Island and served until the spring of 1781.

John Roseberry was in the following battles: Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Chadd's Ford, Monmouth, Springfield, Guilford, Camden and Ninety-Six. Under commander-in-chief General George Washington and privates and hardships at Valley Forge 1777-1778 and his name is on the record in Memorial Hall placed there by the State Historian during the Whirlwind campaign. The honor was made possible through subscription from the descendants of this soldier brave.

John Roseberry's remains lie buried in Pio­neer Cemetery in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He enlisted from Huntendon County, New Jersey, applied for pension March 3, 1841. His claim was allowed and his residence at the date of application was Point Pleasant, West Virginia. National Numbers 54, 577-92, 363-87, 337-168, 933 Ref. authorities upon which this record is found. (See History of the Great Kanawha Valley Published 1891, Vol 11, page 111, also record of Bureau of Pensions, Department of Interior. This article was written by Carole Darlene Bullock Yeager. Submitted by — Howard Lee Yeager, Jr.; Imogene Yeager

HOWARD LEE YEAGER III DIRECT DESCENDANT TO ONE OF THE “FIRST TEXAS RANGERS” . . .

JOSEPH WHITE of Virginia married Elizabeth Jones, of Alabama, and become the parents of two children, Newton and Lucinda, widow of Dr. W. P. Delaney, who was a physician in Sum­ter County, Alabama, moved to Miss., thence to Texas, locating at Corsicana and killed during the war.

Captain Newton White was one of the organizers of that county. He enlisted as a soldier in McCord's regiment of the Confederate Army, and was made captain after the space of one year. He was of the Company Mounted Volun­teers, Frontier Regiment, Texas State Trooper. After the war, he went to Jack County and embarked in the cattle business. He and his wife, Susan Willet, had 11 children.

PETER YEAGER (JAGER)

Peter Yeager, and family, settled in Mason County of West Virginia (Va.) around 1800. Peter Yeager, born ca 1766-69, was living in Springhill township, Pennsylvania, Pa. from 1772-3 to 1800. He came to Fayette County, Pa. with his parents Joseph and Catherine (Catarina Elisabet Becker). Joseph (1739-1838) and Catherine (1743-1874) are buried in Jacobs Church Cemetary, Mason­town, Fayette County, Pa.

The Joseph Yeager family migrated west from eastern, Pa., possibly Berks County, traveling the southern route during the big migration west between 1760 and 1772. They arrived in Fayette County, Pa. around 1772.

Peter was one of six children of Joseph and Catherine Yeager: Joseph Jr. b. 1760, George B. 1761, Peter b. ca. 1766-69, Elizabeth Fass b. 1768, Abalins DeBolt b. 1774 Pa., and Nicholas b. 1775 Pa.

Peter and Anna Maria (Mary) Yeager had several children born in Pa. and Va.

In 1800-1801 Peter Yeager and family, along with his brother Nicholas Yeager, and his wife Mary Magdalene Riffle, moved from Fayette Co., Pa. to the Old Town Section of what is now Mason County W. Va.

Peter and Mary Yeager had the following children: Joseph b. 1789, Catherine b. 1790, John b. 1791, George W. b. 1796 Pa., Solomon b. 1797 Pa., Salley (Sarah) b. 1799 Pa., Samuel, Peter Joseph Jr., Margaret (Peggy) and Mary Jr.

T. NICHOLAS YEAGER

Nicholas Yeager, son of Joseph Yeager and Catharine (Catarina Elisabet Becker) Yeager, was born in Fayette Co., Pa. in 1774. He died in Mason Co., W. Va. 1831-1836, buried Musgrave Cemetery. Nicholas married Mary Mag­dalene Riffle in Pa. Nicholas and Mary were born in Pa. and moved to Mason County, W. Va. around 1800 with his brother, Peter Yeager. Nicholas and Mary had six children: Elizabeth; b. 1799 Pa. d. 11-25-1855 Mas­son Co., W. Va. - Henry Nease b. 1795 d. 2-25-1875.

Sarah Catherine b. 8-12-1803 or 5 W. Va. d. 12-29-1886 Mason Co., W. Va. - M. Alexander Long b. 5-2-1802 d. 4-14-1882.

Jacob; b. 9-8-1811 W. Va. d. 5-16-1859 Mason County, W. Va. - Salley (Sar­ah) Brown 4-1834 Mason Co., W. Va. Mary (Polly); b. 1806 d. 10-11-1894 buried Musgrave Cemetery Mason Co., W. Va.

Barbara M. Edward Godley 11-2-1841 A son, Levenious Godley was living in Wap­ello Co., Ia. in 1865.

Charles Lane Young was born January 5, 1917 in Henderson, W. Va. to Sylvia May Gibson and Charles Monroe Young. He attended Point Pleasant schools and started to work on...
steamboats in 1933. He obtained his first pilot license in 1936 at age 19 years and his masters license on his 21st birthday.

Charles has worked as com-pilot, pilot and captain for over 40 years on 80 different boats for 12 different towing companies, and retired from the river December 1973.

Charles has a sister Helen (Eakle) and brother Dana who were also graduates of Point Pleasant High School.

He married Josephine Burdette (Rawn). They have no issue. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They live Point Pleasant.

Mr. Young is also a member of the Minturn Lodge No. 19 of Point Pleasant, Scottish Rite, Valley of Cincinnati, Ohio, 32nd degree Mason.

Submitted by — Charles Young

THE YOUNG FAMILY

From the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains he came, to take his place in the world.

Robert Mitchell Young, born June 29, 1860, decided to settle in Mason Co. Upon arriving in Point Pleasant, he was employed by a Photographer, (Dexter Hall), to care for his livestock. After some time he met and married, Martha Elizabeth (Jacks) Hall, July 7, 1885. In later years, he farmed for a living and always had a stand at the Old Mason County Fairground, where he sold fruits and vegetables. In the late 1920's and early 30's, he serviced the rural community, traveling by horse and buggy, selling Watkins products.

She was born, Martha Elizabeth (Jacks) Hall, June 1, 1861. She was a house-wife, also helped with outside chores, but most of all, she'll be remembered as a mid-wife. She helped deliver a lot of children in the rural area. She was always prepared to go, no matter what time it happened to be. In those days the mother, was confined to bed for ten days, so after the child was born, she would take over the household chores and care for the family, until the mother was on her feet again. She would then return home to wait for the next call. She had a great affection for children. In later years, she helped raise two of their grand-children, Cora and Bill Bartram.

From this union came six children.

Minnie Marion, Born 3-13-1886, Married, Ira Samuel Rodgers, Died 9-7-1951 Myrtle; Born 3-13-1886; Died 10-2-1886

Susan Lucinda; Born 12-17-1886, Married, Daniel W. Bartram Died Twin Sons; Died at birth

Martha Ellen; Born 4-6-1889; Married Charles Krebs; Died 11-28-1879

In their later years they resided with their eldest daughter, Minnie Rodgers, on 22nd Street in Point Pleasant. Robert passed away on April 21, 1946 and Elizabeth on October 5, 1948.

Submitted by — Arthur P. Perry (Lewis)

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4. James J. - b. 1867, died October 8, 1886, 19 years old.

5. Nevada - b. 1870, married Tom Clark and had daughter, Glentheon.

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The lovely old home with large rooms and high ceilings often entertained many guests in the 1800 and 1900’s. Mabel Roush and also her daughters, Margaret Zeiger, Nedra Hoppe, Mary Slaven and Margaret’s eldest daughter, Violet Neighbors were all born in the same home. An old landmark, the home was destroyed by fire in 1943.

We remember well the long walk over the hills and muddy roads in all sorts of weather 2% miles to our grade school, Clai lick. Yet, despite the hardships had a great love for school.

Children of this union are: Christopher Eugene Zuspan; b. 1854; Bavaria Adam; 1853; Bavaria Magdalena; 1853; Bavaria While the children of the Prussians were about ready to start a war and the Zusspanz widow who had her bill suggested to move to a free world; America. The immigration was in the early and middle 1800’s. The older children came first.

The Immigration

We now call your attention to Charles John Zuspan, who later changed his name to Zuspan dropping one n. He grew up in Cheshire to a ripe old age. Listing them and a few notes on Margaret are Violet Neighbors, Utica, Ohio; John Berkley, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Virginia Freas, Newark, Ohio; Ralph Berkley, Johnstown, Ohio; stepchildren, Brooks Berkley, Johnstown, Ohio and Dawn Randolph, Middleport, Ohio.

Good times are experienced often with family gatherings at our homes with the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Submitted by — Margaret Zeiger

WILLIAM LESTER ZERKLE FAMILY

William Lester Zerkle was born in Hartford, WV Jan. 29, 1920, the son of Sidney Stewart Zerkle (b. Nov. 18, 1883; died Feb. 23, 1963) and Lily Catherine Gibbs (b. Jan. 8, 1886; died Jan. 7, 1966).


As time went on and she became Mrs. George Zuspan, she moved to Mason City where they remained and raised one son and five daughters, all born in Mason County. Ernestine’s younger years revolved around raising their children in a good moral atmosphere filled with values and love. She was a model mother dedicated to her husband, children and home. She continues to be the model mother and grandmother showing support, dedication and love for her nineteen grandchildren.

George and Ernestine parented the following children:

   b) Stacy Darlene Zuspan b. April 6, 1971
   c) Catherine Alice Zuspan b. February 18, 1974

All four were born in Gallia County, Ohio.

   b) Paula Sue Winebrenner b. July 20, 1968 in Gallia Co. Ohio
   c) Rebecca Lynn Winebrenner b. November 4, 1970 in Gallia Co. Ohio

   a) Carol Ann Mitchell b. September 20, 1965 in Bluffton, Ohio

4) Emma Catherine Zuspan b. October 21, 1948 m. Thomas Dewy Mayes b. August 18, 1946 in Mason Co. They parented three children and reside in Mason Co.
   a) Shelly Dawn Mayes b. August 9, 1973
   b) Thomas Matthew Mayes b. November 10, 1975
   c) Joseph Martin Mayes b. September 17, 1977

All three born in Gallia County, Ohio.

5) Vera Mae Zuspan b. June 12, 1951 m. Alan Duane Johnson I b. March 30, 1950 in Meigs County, Ohio. They parented five children and reside in Meigs County.
   a) Nancy Catherine Johnson b. August 6, 1968
   b) Tammy Marie Johnson b. July 15, 1970
   c) Emily Mae Johnson b. November 29, 1972
   e) Alan Duane Johnson II b. May 12, 1978

All five were born in Gallia County, Ohio.

6) Alice Ernestine Zuspan b. January 1, 1954 m. Herbert Taylor Harmon II b. August 30, 1951 both were born in Mason Co. They parented two children and reside in Mason Co.

ZUSPAN, CHARLES JOHN

Charles John Zuspan was born in Bavaria, Germany on March 19, 1832.

He came to America in 1850. It was not long until he went in business for himself at West Columbia, W. Va.

He married Elizabeth Hoffman January 10, 1854 to this union 12 children were born 6 sons 6 daughters.

May 1, 1855 He received his naturalization papers and became an American Citizen at Mason County Court House.

He withdrew from the Mercantile business after the war. He still had his shoemaker tools and grit. In less than 10 years he was buying a farm and built a home at West Columbia.

He was Postmaster at West Columbia for a number of years. Trustee of United Brethren Church. In 1888 he was elected County Commissioner and served 6 years.

He was appointed Postmaster at Sassafras August 3, 1897.

He also was trustee of Peniel Church from the time it was erected until his death.

Children of Charles John Zuspan and Elizabeth Hoffman Zuspan

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2. Charley B. Zuspan; B 9-27-1859; D 8-14-1940
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5. Bertha Stella Zuspan; B 2-27-1867; D 6-24-1960
6. Flora Alice Zuspan; B 4-25-1869; D 3-15-1871
7. Ezra John Zuspan; B 6-24-1871; D 9-18-1953
8. Carrie Louisa Zuspan; B 11-3-1892; D 7-5-1960
9. Norah West Zuspan; B 2-12-1876; D 4-3-1878
10. Otterbein Blagg Zuspan; B 4-21-1878; D 11-13-1945
11. Fillie Osborn Zuspan; B 12-21-1880; D 8-12-1956
12. Infant Daughter; B unknown; D infancy

Ezra John Zuspan Married Bertha Hylton
December 08, 1892

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Bertha Ellen Hylton; B 6-1-1872; D 12-4-1937

To this union 2 children

Beulah Iris Zuspan; B 10-21-1893; D 5-26-1984

Ira Kenneth Zuspan; B 7-5-1901; D 1-24-1968

Beulah Iris Zuspan; Married Oscar Lewis Rominger; D 12-30-1919

To this union 1 daughter; Lois Ann Roush; B 12-27-1925 (M) Raymond E Cunningham 10-19-1947

Ira Kenneth Zuspan; Married Eunice Mae Selby December 23, 1919

To this union 9 children

Charles Hylton Zuspan; B 8-24-1925 (M) Helen Louise Zuspan; B 2-14-1927; D 11-1-1947

Mary Elizabeth Zuspan; B 5-19-1927 (M) Samuel Edward Halstead 1-11-1947

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(M) John Edwin Froendt D 5-2-1959

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See married names for additional information

Submitted by — Eunice Zuspan Crookham Froendt

ZUSPAN, RAYMOND KENNETH

Born on 7-21-1937 to Ira Kenneth Zuspan and Eunice M. Selby Zuspan in Kaylgon, Mason County, W. Va. Where I have lived most of my life. I received my education here in Mason County.

FROENDT, MARY ELIZABETH

ZUSPAN CROOKHAM

Born - May 19, 1927 at Point Pleasant, W. Va. My father was Charles Wilson Zuspan, b. Apr 28, 1900 at Columbus, Ohio and Eunice M. Selby Zuspan in Kaylong, Mason County, W. Va. Where I have lived most of my life. I received my education here in Mason County. After graduation my family moved to Alexandria, Va and I worked for the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. In 1953 I met Charles Meredith Smith, just being discharged from the U.S. Navy (son of Edward Brooke & Ollie Viola Pratt Smith) of Romney, W. Va. Chuck and I were married on 03-17-54. We were blessed with 5 children.

Our start was in an apartment at 516 N. Jordan St., Alexandria, Va. From there we purchased our first home at 415 Warwick Ave. Fairfax, Va. where Linda Kay, Dianna Fay & Donna Ruth were born. We sold that house and moved to Rt 50, Chantilly, Va. Where Delores Rebecca was born. We then moved to Point Pleasant, W. Va. Where Chuck was employed at the Marietta shipyard. We rented a small home on Lincoln Ave. and then bought a farm at Letart and raised chickens but with work scarce there, we moved back to Va. 151 Colburn Dr., Manassas, where Brian Scott was born, and then finally got to build our home at Independent Hill in 1975. Chuck was killed in a car accident 12-24-74, I recently purchased 11 more acres joining our home, I'm employed by Contel Telephone Co. On retiring I hope to enjoy my home, children and grandchildren.

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After being inducted in the army and after several months training as a rifleman and first scout in front line rifle company, landed at Omaha Beach and got as far in fighting as to the battle of St. Lo, France. There he was wounded in the foot and leg by German 88. He was sent to front line hospital, and then to England. Being sent home in December 1944, he married a young woman by the name of Velma Blanch Gregory. After several moves to different hospitals, he was discharged in October 1945 with C.D.D. Honororable Discharge. For his services with the 29th Division 166 Infantry Company "G", he received the Purple Heart, Combat Infnary Medal, E.T.O. Medal with two Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal. Service noted in Army News of July 1944 and his outfit, the 116th Infantry on page 193 of "The Longest Day" by Cornelius Ryan.

In 1946, he started a lumber and house building company with a partner, Ralph Hogg, at St. Albans, W.V. and then moved to Mason. After five years, Mr. Hogg sold his share to Bill. The company is still in business today as Hogg and Zuspan Materials Company. Bill had built several houses in this area for people while in this
In the early 1970's, he turned the company over to the oldest and youngest sons and pursued his coal mining interest.

He is a charter as well as faithful member of the Christian Brethren Church in Mason and has held offices of Trustee, Deacon and is a teacher. He also is a 43 year member in good standing in Clifton Lodge 23 A.F. & A.M., Masonic Bodies, a life member in American Legion, a life member in Veterans of Foreign Wars and life member in The Disabled American Veterans.

He and his wife are the parents of four children:
William Gregory (Bill); Born - Aug. 20, 1947
Francis Arnold (Frank); Born - Dec. 10, 1950
John Martin; Born - June 7, 1952
Sarah Blanch; Born - April 19, 1960
Bill and Velma and all four children and their families reside in Mason. Submitted by — Sarah Shields
Pioneers

JAMES MADISON HITE BEALE

James Madison Beale born Feb. 7, 1786 in Shenandoah, Virginia, died Aug. 2, 1866. Col. Beale emigrated from the County of Botetourt, Va. and settled in Mason County Va. 1813. In 1826 he removed to Shenandoah where he remained until 1844 when he returned to Mason Co. and fixed his home at Point Pleasant. He represented the Shenandoah District and afterwards the Mason District having been elected four times.

Col. Beale loved the union but he loved his native state more. Let not those abuse him who have received a different political education. In all his relations of life he was kind, honest, ingenious and sincere. (all this written on one monument)

In memory of Mary Steenbergen Beale wife of James Madison Hite Beale. They lived in wedhood for 57 years. She was born in the Valley of Virginia in Feb. and died Feb. 1863 age 73 years. She was just and kind to all.

They were both laid to rest in the old section of Beale cemetery located at Gallipolis Ferry, W. Va.

Beale. “In memory of” Wm. S. son of J. M. H. and Mary - who was drowned in generously saving the life of others in 9 March 1850 age 27 yr. (also interesting monument built 2 feet above ground and covered with a metal slab.

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PIONEER DOCTOR BENNETT

Dr. Jessie Bennett was born in Frankfort, Philadelphia County, PA on July 10, 1769. He lost his father, when he was ten years old, who fought in freedom’s cause. His mother, understanding the value of an education, sent him to the best schools. He studied medicine under Dr. Benjamin Rush in PA and was granted his medical degree in April, 1791. He went to Virginia soon after, where in 1793, he married Elizabeth Hogg, daughter of Major Peter Hogg, Staunton, VA.

On July 14, 1794, only 25 years of age, he performed the first Cesarean Section in Americas, on his own wife, and saved both her and their daughter’s life. At the same time he removed her Ovaries. Witnesses to the operation included, Dr. Bennett's Wife’s sister, Mrs. William Haw-
WILLIAM M. BOSWELL

Born: Prior to 1765
Died: 1828 in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia)

William M. Boswell married Mary Jean Mason, a descendant of George Mason for whom Mason County, West Virginia was named.

In 1817, William M. Boswell moved with his family to Flat Rock in what now is Mason County, West Virginia. He left Old Virginia because his children could find no suitable work in Franklin County. The only available work was that of becoming a slave trader in Virginia. That they disliked, so they moved to Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia).

William M. Boswell was a son of John and Henrietta Boswell. He married on 2 Jan 1873 in Bedford County, Virginia to Jean Amanda Boswell on Mason County in 1830. His death preceded hers by two years. Both estates were administrated by their son, Creed H. Boswell.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM M. BOSWELL AND MARY JANE (MASON):
1) Thomas B. Boswell b ca 1784 in Franklin County, Virginia, died in 1843 in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He m Mary Gilmer
2) Gilbert Boswell, Sr., b 1779 in Franklin County, Virginia, d 7 Dec 1854 in Jackson County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He m Elizabeth Mason in 1809. She was a daughter of Nathan Mason, also a descendant of George Mason.
3) Creed H. Boswell b ca1800 in Franklin County, Virginia. He married Eliza­abeth Hatcher in 1821.
4) William Boswell, Jr., m Catherine Davis in 1807.
5) Jane Boswell b 1796, d after 1870, m Andrew Lewis on 7 Dec 1812 in Franklin County, Virginia. (Andrew Lewis was a grandson of Col. Andrew Lewis of the Battle of Point Pleasant.)
6) Sally Boswell m John Patterson in 1810.
7) Henrietta Boswell m William Amos in 1810.

MAJOR ANDREW BRYAN FAMILY AND HOME

Major Andrew Bryan was born Botetourt Co. Va. to James Bryan, a Revolutionary Soldier, and died July 25, 1851 age 69 at his home on Kanawha 5 Mile and there buried. His wife, Parthenia Clendenin, daughter of George Clendenin, founder of Charleston, was first married to Jonathan Meigs of Ohio. She died August 9, 1839 age 60 years. They were married in Mason County June 1, 1809.

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Augusta District, Virginia, having obtained a deed dated September 25, 1746, for 400 acres of land that is on record.

In September, 1777, at age 19, David joined the Continental Army for a three months enlistment. In May, 1778, age 20, he re-enlisted for the Continental Army for a three months' enlistment. In Virginia to Pittsburgh. Returned through Morganstown, W.Va. After his marriage and with his married life, Mary and Samuel, he crossed over the mountains using a wagon and four horses, along with his brother Peter who had married his wife's sister, Fannie. The two families traveled together and camped at Point Pleasant, along the Ohio River.

Uncle William Green Bumgarner, my father's uncle, told us of this nearly every time we moved on into what is now Robinson District of Mason County.

In 1812 during that conflict with the British, Samuel, age 19, and his Mason County Richmond, David, his father, took the place of Michael Seigrist in the same group. This information is found in the famous Hardesty History. They marched across Ohio to the Maumee River, helped construct Fort Meigs. They were both honorably discharged from that Fort Meigs, March 27, 1813.

Looking for land of his own David moved from the Eight Mile Island site up to Mason area. He cleared land for farming back of Clifton. In the meantime, and his brother Peter who had married his wife's sister, Fannie. The two families traveled together and camped at Point Pleasant, along the Ohio River.

George Oliver Bumgarner was born July 21, 1805. He joined in wedlock with Mary A. Capehart. He was first married to Margaret Martha Bolin but died on her wedlock to Margaret A. Couch on Mar. 5, 1835. Samuel J. Capehart, born 1856, married Sarah Jane Gilpin. John and James were in mercantile business and boat owners. (Capehart records)

Henry Capehart and most of his children are buried in Pioneer Cemetery. Of this union 10 children: James H. b. 1836 & d. 1837; Geo. B. 1839 & d. 1842; Sarah R. b. 1841 & d. 1842; Daniel C. b. 1843 & d. 1843; Margaret A. b. 1845 & d. 1854; James L., b. 1847 & d. 1871; John B. 1849 & d. 1850; Frances b. 1851 & d. 1866; Mary Alice b. 1852 & d. 1879; and Martha Ann b. 1854 & d. 1855. Just two children lived to marry and have families. James L., married Oct. 10, 1867 to Ella Catherine McCullough. Ella Alice married May 24, 1876 to Jesse J. Bright. James L. Capehart, Sr. married for his first wife Emmeline Lewis Ingles, dau. of Andrew and Jane McClennan Lewis. No issue by this marriage.

Philip Capehart
Philip Capehart (Kiphart) born 1772 Georgetown. Son of 1767 Susanna and Johannes Kiphart died 1832 at Pt. Pleasant, buried Pioneer Cemetery, married Jane Windon (born 1780 Bath Co., and died after 1832) the only daughter of James and Revolutionary Soldier James Francis Windon. They had issue 8 children dates and names vary in writeup of Capehart or McCulloch history.

Henry Capehart was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1801. He died in 1881 in New Haven, W.Va. He was a merchant and a farmer, owning almost all the land on which New Haven now stands. He married Mary Marie Hogg in Mason County in 1830. They were the parents of twelve children. Henry was the son of Philip Capehart, born 1772, Georgetown Hundred, Md. He was married in Mason County to Jane Windon, born Bath County, Va., the daughter of James Francis Windon, born Ireland in 1746. James Windon died in 1825, age 80.

The family of Henry and Mary Capehart follows:
1. John Capehart, born 1832. Married Hanna Seigrist. He was a steamboat captain on the Ohio River. 
2. Sarah A. Capehart, born 1834. 
3. Eliza M. Capehart, born 1836, married Alexander Quillin. 
5. George P. Capehart (1840-1886) was a carpenter. Married 1st Martha Jane Bumgarner; married 2nd, Martha Ann Somerville (1840-1914). 
7. Olevia Capehart, born 1844. 
10. Thomas B. Capehart (1853-1931) married Margaret Martha Bolin. 
12. Martha Capehart, born 1831.

James L. Capehart, Sr.
James L. Capehart, Sr. born July 1, 1797 Henrico Co., Va. and died Jan. 25, 1869 Pt. Pleasant, W.Va and buried in Pioneer Cemetery. He was son of Philip and Mary Jane Windon Capehart. He was first married to Margaret "Peggy" McCulloch and had dau. Olevia who married Capt. Wm. Smith but died on her wedding trip of yellow fever. "Peggy" Capehart died Aug. 14, 1833. James L. Capehart, Sr. married second Margaret Adeline Couch, dau. of Daniel and Sarah Richardson Couch on Mar. 5, 1835.
moved his family to Ohio; they lived in Washington County, Belpre Township, between Gallipolis and Marietta. 1809, Caleb bought a farm in Athens County, later Meigs, in Orange Township.

1810, Joel had moved to Mudlick Fork near 13 Mile Creek, Meigs County. On November 25, 1810, he married Anna Greenlee, daughter of Edward and Anna Henry Greenlee. In the 1820 census, they had one son and three daughters under ten. They had at least two other sons and two other daughters. Later Joel received Bounty land on Mudlick in Mason County.

Their sixth child, Jesse, was born April 4, 1822; probably named for his well-known uncle, Jesse Van Bibber. One daughter Nancy married Joshua Rails, another, Mary, married James Gray, and Elizabeth married Walker, and raised a family on Mudlick.

After his first wife died, Joel Cartwright married Rosanna Gray on January 8, 1829. The known children of this marriage were: Elizabeth who married John Knapp; Sarah who married Alan Hill; Jane who married John P. Henson; William who married Nancy Jane Pogue. William served in the Union Army.

Aged 75, Joel was killed by a mad bear while hunting, June 24, 1857. He killed the bear, but was injured and died of wounds one hour after his son found him. At that time, having sold his farm, he was residing in Buffalo District, Putnam County, Va.

1844, Joel's son Jesse married Mary Sabre Entsminger, Joel's widow, daughter of John Entsminger, a miller on 13 Mile Creek, and Rebecca Picket Entsminger. On October 10, 1846, they moved to Greenbottom, Va. Only 5 of their 9 children lived to adulthood. Then in 1873 his son Jesse B. was killed by a train.

William H. L. married Mary Honbarger and lived at Greenbottom, then American Fork, Utah. Hauling hay, he was killed by a train in 1904.

Evelina married John Todd and lived in Lawrence County, Ohio, until after the turn of this century, then Indiana and later Utah. One of their daughters became a practicing physician in Chicago.

Andrew “Dan” Cartwright moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and married a widow, Mary Long, there were no children.

Henry Cartwright married Elizabeth Told, his brother-in-law’s sister in law, who had married a previous Cartwright, in 1873. They had a son, Jesse B., killed in a mill accident.

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Daniel Quig Couch, M.D.

Daniel Quig Couch, M.D. pioneer physician studied medicine with Dr. Samuel G. Shaw, Pt Pleasant, attending medical lectures Lexington, Ky. Many years practiced medicine in partnership with Dr. Shaw. Dr. Couch born Goldmine, Hanover Co., Va. 1813, died Mason Co., WV 1855. Buried Apple Grove. Son of: Daniel and Sarah (Richardson) Couch, came to Mason Co. from Hanover Co. After husband’s death, Sarah left with nine children. Young Daniel lived with uncle in Hanover Co. receiving schooling from private tutor. Returning here, soon afterwards started medical studies and career in medical profession. Daniel married 1838 Catherine Ellen Hereford born 1813, died Wichita, Kansas 1887 where she lived after husband’s death. Daughter of: Robert and Mary Mason (Brough) Hereford, came to Mason Co. in 1817. August 13, 1839 James Hogue, Co. Va. Building a large brick house believed to be the oldest such house in Mason Co. Daniel and Catherine had six children: Infant son b. and d. 1840; Mary Mason Couch b. 1841 d. 1865, buried by her father’s family; John William Couch b. 1843 d. 1846; Wm. F. Couch b. 1845 d. 1846; Edward Bates Couch b. 1847, death unknown; Margaret Hereford Couch b. 1849 d. 1886. Three children buried Pioneer Cemetery on Viand Street. Edward B. Couch married Parmela Davis Abell and had Harry Abell Couch b. 1871; and Hallie Hereford Couch b. 1873; Margaret Hereford Couch b. 1849 d. 1886 married James Albert Loper, and had Katherine Hereford Loper b. 1872. Nothing further known of this pioneer family. Submitted by — Toosie Wilson

PETER DARNELL

Peter Darnell born Marshall County Oct. 11, 1816 to Peter Darnell (died 1832) and Lydia Thomas Darnell (1791-1855) — m. — David C. Clendenin, Kanawha County, July 12, 1837 Penelope Cox born Grayson Co. Va. to James and Elizabeth Richardson Cox.

Peter Darnell was Capt. Co. I. 13th WVA Inf., represented Mason County in the State Legislature in 1866, and resident at West Columbia where he was a millwright until 1874. He was residing in Kanawha County 1883 and was deceased by 1888, as Penelope and her children sold their West Columbia property at this time. Peter’s daughter, Margaret Jane (1864-1883) who married Beverly J. Taylor issue 5 children, eldest child John B. Taylor (1855-1873) drowned at Clifton, Isabella (1840-1854); Oella (born 1842) married 1864 in Mason County, Frances M. Clendenin, soldier, and son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Clendenin, who was killed in service, married 2nd 1865 in Mason Co. Harvey Osborne (born 1830 died 1872 Kanawha Co.) but lived for awhile at West Columbia, married 3rd Bromley. Osborne was son of Samuel and Catherine Gore. Another son, Andrew, married Catherine (1844), Caroline (1846-1847) Mary L. (1852) Judge 1854-1854 Lydia M. (1856-1882), and their son William (1859-1861) buried Mason Co.

America S. Darnell (b. Jan. 13, 1849) Kanawha Co. died Mason Co. June 18, 1875, was the first wife of Morgan Long, had issue one child Fannie. Mrs. Long is buried in the Long cemetery at Lakin.

COL. ANDREW DONNALLY

Born in Ireland - perhaps died and was buried at Point Pleasant (1745-1825). His fort had a split log stockade around it. It was about 10 miles from where is now Lewisburg. He and others defended it against a fierce Indian attack on the Kanawha Shawnees.

Donnally and Daniel Boone were both in the Virginia State Legislature (1790) and walked to Richmond together. Boone lived on Donnally’s farm at Kanawha City, Boone went to Missouri and Donnally later had a farm above Point Pleasant.

Andrew's wife, Jane, was daughter of Capt. John McCree of the frontier fort at Staunton, Va. Donnally's children: Andrew, Jr. - m. - Margaret VanBibber, Mar. 31, 1802 (her sister, Chloe, - m. Jesse, son of Boone); Catherine (1768-1858) - m. - John Wilson; Mary "Polly" - m. - Sgt. Reuben Slaughter, Jr., in Augusta Co. (1791); Charles - b. - 1797 - died young; Jennie; Elizabeth - m. - Jacob Skyles; Sallie - m. Samuel; James (1814-1819) - m. - Eliza and John H. Morgan; Harriet and Margaret - m. - Reuben Stanley, Jr. 1861 - Ida Mae Stanley (1864-1910) - m. - Edward A. Popp, 1878 - m. - Price Lilly, 1921 - he served with U.S. Army (France, England, Russia - 167 North Russia Engineers 1917-1919).

At Point Pleasant, Col. Donnally knocked a man down with a stick when he was informed by his slave, Lot, that the man was bragging about taking part in the murder of Cornstalk.

A steam boat named "Andrew Donnally" was the first or among the first that was able to make the turn at the mouth of the Kanawha River. Before that no steamboat was able to do this because of the strong current.

Two of my great uncles, Asa Woodward and Johnson were killed in a steamboat explosion at Point Pleasant - before 1860. My great aunt, Mary Moody, built the first telephone line from Charleston to Point Pleasant, c 1913. Submitted by — Paul R. Lilly

THE REVEREND FRANCIS DUTTON

Little is known about the personal life of the man known as the Reverend Francis Dutton. We do know that he was born on June 28, 1790, in Massachusetts.

From documents we have been able to learn that he was educated at Princeton and Washington College in Virginia. Later, he tutored at that same institution for a number of years. In addition, we have been informed that he worked in the capacity of teaching at a military academy which was located in Staunton, Virginia.

In 1823, Dutton was appointed as a Greenbrier Presbytery as a minister of the Gospel. From this graduation, he came directly to Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

From the beginning he was a very successful minister. He showed boundless energy and skilled abilities in the work of the Lord. Not only did he preach in Point Pleasant, but he also preached in the Upper and Lower Flats, Buffalo, Arbuckle, and in a white house located a few miles below Gallipolis. Accounts show that he visited Ravenswood, West Virginia, from time to time.

He had been in Point Pleasant one year before the church was actually organized. Three years later, he saw that still another church was begun.
in the area known as the Lower Flats.

In August, the fifteenth, of 1839, he died. He had lived in the area only five years, but he had made such an imprint on the lives of the people there that the congregation was almost overcome by his death.

A valued friend wrote:

In death of this most devoted and pious man, his little flock with whom he had labored and suffered much has sustained an irreparable loss. He was esteemed by all who knew him as a most pious Christian.

The grave and marker of this Presbyterian founder of Mason County are located in the pioneer city of Point Pleasant. The inscription reads "Francis Dutton, 1790-1839, First Presbyterian Minister of Point Pleasant." This tablet, however, had to be replaced a few years ago because the inscription had completely worn off. Persons responsible for the original marker were Mira S. McCulloch, Mrs. John McCulloch, and Mrs. J. D. McCulloch. When the church celebrated its 200th birthday, a bronze tablet was placed in the church in his memory. Thus, the Reverend Dutton began a ministry with fourteen members dismissed from the Gallopis Presbyterian Church in the year 1834. By 1839 the records show that the church had a membership which had grown to seventy-six. What a great contribution he made to the people of Mason County!

Material for this information was gained from: Look Unto the Rock by Dorsey D. Ellis History of the Kanawha Presbytery by the Presbyterian Church A History of the Presbyterian Church Point Pleasant by Dr. J. K. Roberts Submitted by — Margaret S. Withrow

GEORGE EASTMAN (Revolutionary Soldier)

George Eastman born 1758, at age 19 served with General Fields in the Battle of Point Pleasant (Revolutionary War). He died January 1, 1850. In 1864 he lived in Mason Co. shows he had 15 slaves; one dated March 31, 1819 lists his heirs as George (wf. Susan); William E. Jones wife (Elizabeth Eastham), William wife (Nancy "Mary" George); Daniel and Ann Matre, issue Henry, Adam, John, Susan and Andrew. They moved to Kansas.

George Washington, born 1823 married Lavina Hart, and had issue Wesley, Madison, James, Samuel, Catherine, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Anna, and Albert Eastham and William George.

Andrew 1834 in Mason County. Pension at $20.00 per year granted from Sept. 4, 1837 thru Sept. 4, 1841. He was born near Philadelphia Pa. Sept. 51, 1757 moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia at age 8, was drafted April 2, 1779 at Fredericksburg County, served 3 months under the regiment of Col. Edmund. Drafted Dec. 1, 1781 marched to Winchester to guard prisoners taken at Yorktown. Served 3 months under command of Col. Elijah Holmes. He was buried in Robinson district, unknown place, but was a land owner on Crooked Creek.

His issue was 3 sons, 3 daughters. His daughter Margaret was born April 29, 1792 Philadelphiavized his will, and was a land owner on Sand Hill road. See deeds to his sons.

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Ann Margaret (1776-1828) of Andrew Eckard was deceased by 1842. Their home was on present Hill Sand road. See deeds to his sons.

ADAM FISHER

Adam Fisher born 1774 was one of five sons of Ludwig, born Germany, came to Culpepper Co. Virginia, there married. Adam married Catherine Snider born Harpers Ferry (W) Va. 1782. They moved to Rockingham Co. then to Upper Flats, West Virginia, being one of the early settlers of Waggner District. Adam, an educated man owned 980 acres of land in Upper Flats, born 1829-1833. The first election of the district was held at his home.

He died September 1840, Catherine April 19, 1862, both buried Richard-Rouch Cemetery, Upper Flats, White Church Cemetery. They were parents of ten known children.

William (1804) married Mary Ann (Polly), issue Catherine (married George McDaniel), John, Amanda, Eliza, Elizabeth.

Joseph died December 6, 1859 age 96. By wife Susan Blacker he had issue Jacob (married 1860 Virginia Riffle); Mary Ann (1835-1910) married James A. Rayburn (1836-1909).

David (born, 1803) married 1st, in 1829 Mary Roush (born 1812 in Mason Co. where died 1857); married 2nd Lydia Church, issue Madison, Henry J., Daniel, George, Peter, Belle, Mary, Anne and Kity. He married 2nd in 1851 Rachel Helper born Allegheny Co. Pa. on December 18, 1820, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Helper. Issue Clarissa, Daniel, William, Hannah V., Anna Andrew, Joseph M., and Emma P. all born Mason Co. except Emma born Illinois. David sold his property in late 1860's, moved to Clairmont Township, Richland Co. Illinois, where and they all children are buried. David died July 17, 1884 Rachel on December 18, 1907.

Harvey died December 13, 1891 age 74 years, 4 months, 13 days, buried Richard-Rouch Cemetery.

Jacob born 1814, married Elizabeth VanMatre, issue Henry, Adam, John, Susan and Andrew. They moved to Kansas.

Tradition tells us Luman made trips across the U.S. and Canada.
the county from Letart to the mouth of Thirteen Mile Creek, and thence to Point Pleasant, scouting for Indians. These trips were made on foot and the path he took was called Gibbs Trace. A creek in Mason County bears his name. Luman often entertained his children and grandchildren with tales of his exploits as a scout, some of which have been handed down from generation to generation, possibly changed a little. Luman and Margaret were the parents of 9 children.

1. Sheldon Gibbs, b. ca. 1794; married Sarah and had 3 children.

2. Samuel Gibbs, born ca. 1796; married Susanna Stevenson, daughter of Arthur Edwards. They had two sons. Last found in St. Francois Co., Mo.


7. Margaret Gibbs, born ca. 1807. Married James Van Meter, 1826. Had 7 known children. This family moved to Wikeks, Ark. and then to Oklahoma and finally to Texas.

8. Jacob K. Gibbs, born 1808, died 1891. Married Catherine Rickard in 1835. She was the parents of 12 children. Many of their descendants live in the Bend area.


ALEXANDER GREENLEE

Alexander Greenlee was born ca. 1740 in Ireland or Pennsylvania. He died intestate before 16 October 1809 in Mason County, West Virginia. He left his widow, Anna, and children Hannah, John, James, Rachel, Alexander H., Robert, Anna, Samuel and Henry. Alexander Greenlee and Anna Henry were married 1771 in Hanover Township in Pennsylvania. They moved to Virginia shortly after their marriage. Their daughter's (Rachel) birthplace being Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1779. A list of Delinquents and Removals 1787 Rockbridge County - Alexander Greenlee, Botetourt-two horses. Other records are found in Augusta and Botetourt Counties, Virginia. In 1794 he is age 54 years living in Botetourt County. Records of Marriage and Personal Property Taxes are found for Alexander Greenlee. During the Revolution, Alexander, William and Edward Greenlee, nearkinsman, were serving in the Company of Captain John Lewis of the Tenth District Botetourt County. A list of Residents in Mason County, across the ridge from Fort Lewis now Craig County, names Alexander and William Greenlee, their last place of residence in the State of Virginia. The Greenlees settled in Mason County after the Wayne Treaty, in the Thirteen Mile Creek area. Anna (Henry) Greenlee lived her last days with her son, Henry Greenlee, who never married. She died after 1820. Submitted by — Anna L. Lutz.

HONORABLE JOHN HALL

For more than half a century he was among the foremost business men of the county, and during that time he accumulated a large fortune. He held many offices of trust in the county, representing it for several years in the General Assembly of Virginia. So great was his reputation as a financier that when President Garfield was forming his cabinet, it is said he tendered the treasury portfolio to him, but because of his great age and failing health he declined it. At the time of the formation of the State of West Virginia, no man was more active than he. He was President of the Convention that framed the State Constitution, and Chairman of the Convention sent to Washington to assist in securing the admission of the State into the Union. In a letter written a short time before his death when referring to his mission to Washington he said, “We had no difficulty with Congress, President Lincoln, or any one of the cabinet officers except Attorney General Bates, who was violently opposed to the measure, but we finally succeeded in overcoming his opposition and the work was done.”

ROBERT A. HEREFORD


Virginia Hereford was granddaughter of Betty Washington Lewis. For further information on this family see Hereford Family in America by Richard P. Eckels, Sarasota, Florida, Manuscripts in DAR Library, Washington D.C.; Writings of late A. Brooks Withers of Parkersburg; and papers of John W. Watterson of Apple Grove in Mason Co. Library. Submitted by — John W. Watterson.

PETER FIELDING HAWKINS


Issue; Martha Jane born 1850 Spillman, married 1870 John Peter Roseberry (1847-1914) of Mambia son of Michael Peter Roseberry. They had Flora Elizabeth (Thurman Saxton), Ties Ann (Emery Benton Frye of Jane Yeager and Aaron Fry) Margaret Melinda (William Hughes) moved and died Belfaire, Ohio. Mary Elizabeth (1854-1940) buried Lone Oak with husband Joseph Brooks Clemenlin (1844-1893) of Rebecca and James, issue 3, Frederic, Wilbur, Lillian (Rawson). William Alphonso (1856-1861); Francis Anna Isabelle (1856-1861) Florence (John Milton Hood) 7 children.


Julia Eugenia (James Henderson Bryan) no issue; Addie May (1866-1957) Lone Oak married William Allen Fowler (1864-1948) son of Cynthia Peck and Jesse Bennett Fowler.

John Robert Hawkins (mechanic on K. & M. Railroad) died at Middleport after 1965, wife Doris daughter of John and Sarah Taylor. Their issue Ida May (Elmer Mattos), William Stevens (Ora Alice), Taylor Fielding, and John Robert most of whom born Mason County.

Martha Trimble (1871-1913) buried Lone Oak, (Married Tiis Wellington Newberry).

Peter Fielding Hawkins had brothers Alphonso Jr. (died January 11, 1845) and William married Letitia LeMaster. (Elsewhere)

Alphonso Hawkins (1793-1834) married Jane Poage of Kentucky, buried Mason County; Elizabeth (1792 married Robert Poage of Kentucky issue 4. Thomas (1806-1849) cleared the first acre of land ever improved on Six Mile Island. His wife was Julia A. Amsden (born 1807) of Harriett Flowers and Samuel Amsden (Virgil Lewis's article 1886) states the father came to Mason Co. 1815 and set up first carding machine ever operated in this place, in the horse...

**THOMAS LEMASTER**

Thomas Lemaster was born 1794/5 in Virginia, and died 1826/7 in Mason County. His eldest son, Sylvester Lewis married Fidelia A. Hysel, daughter of George and Margaret, born in Mason County, Virginia in 1826 and died about 1887. Angeline Lewis and George Lewis had a son Van Ranslear, Angeline married second Cledenpin Stephenson in Meigs County, Ohio on November 1858. Angeline Lewis and Cledenpin's children were: Thomas B., George H. and Henry C. Angeline and Cledenpin lived in Point Pleasant in 1860.


Emma Lewis, daughter of Van R. and Ellen, was born in Mason County, West Virginia in 1870 and died of T.B. in Odin, Illinois in 1898. Emma Lewis married Edward Perry in Hocking County, Ohio on September 6, 1886. They moved from Ohio to Odin, Illinois in 1891. Ed was a coal miner and later Town Marshall. Ed and Emma's children were: Blanche, Alice and Walter who died as youngsters and Grace and Alfred Allen. Grace married William Holtz of Coultureville, Illinois.

Alfred Allen Perry, son of Emma Lewis and Edward Perry, was born July 5, 1890 in Nelsonville, Athens County, Ohio and died in Odin, Illinois in 1965. Alfred married Bertha Vera Gott, daughter of Thomas and Mary Gott, in Central City, Illinois on April 14, 1913. Bertha died in 1953. Alfred was a coal miner, auto mechanic and worked for Central City Line Company. Alfred and Bertha's children were: Norma Faye Perry born in 1915 married Carl Moore and had Thomas who married Marilyn Gilmore, Ellen who married Gerald Sinclair, Jean who married Harold Curtis and Darlene who married first...
Mabourne Hodge second Harold Jones. Norma has nine children, eleven great-grandchildren and resides in Odin, Illinois.

Claude Lewis Perry born in 1816 married Aleine Johnson and had Patricia who married Edwin Morsey, Robert who married Barbara Miller, Jack who married Nancy Krug. Claude has nine grandchildren and resides in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Raymond Alfred Perry married Marie Rogers and had Edward who married Marla Poncar. Raymond has three grandchildren and resides in Salem, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gordon


Thomas Edward Perry died an infant.

Mary Louise Perry married Bobby Claybourn and had Bobby who married Kate Wells, Donna who died an infant and Debra who married Jeffrey Van Scoy. Mary has one granddaughter and resides in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Alice May Perry married Gene Gordon and had Linda who married first Randall Swaim second Dean Sanders, Steve who married Rita Biegeleison and Carol who married James Sellers. Alice has seven grandchildren and resides in Salem, Illinois. All Virginia Counties mentioned in this article became West Virginia Counties after withdrawing from Virginia to become a state in 1863 except Augusta County. Submitted by — Alice Gordon, Mary Claybourn

PHILIP LONG

1678-1755

Philip left Germany to start a new life in the Colonies. He brought his family and settled on Massanetta Mountain, Virginia. He and his son Philip (1711-1759) built Long Fort (which is still standing) This Philip and his wife Barbara are buried at Luray, Virginia. Philip and Barbara had a son whom they named Philip (1742-1826) This Philip was a morass in the Revolutionary War and served under George Rogers Clark. The year 1808 saw Philip and his wife Elizabeth Arey and most of their seven children starting out on a long and dangerous trip over the mountains to a new land. Philip had been given a large tract of land (10,000 acres) for his part in the war and they were coming to claim that land.

Their seven children and known spouses were: Mary 1766; Reuben 1773 (Mary Shank); Philip 1777 (Mary Hay); Adam 1778; Jonas 1782-1862 (Barbara Hay); Nathan 1784; Isaac 1790. Jonas Long (1782-1862) married in 1805 in Shenandoah Valley Barbara Hay (daughter of Alix and Elizabeth Hay). They had the following known children: Reuben; Isaac; David; Mary; and Philip (1812-1867). This Philip married Frances Patterson born 1814 and they had seven children: Barbara 1837; Mary 1838; Reuben 1843; Isaac 1845; Francis 1848; John 1849; and Charles Beale 1853.

When Charles Beale was 16 he helped his sister Francis and her husband Charles McClure move to Missouri by horse and wagon and was gone for six months.

Charles (1853-1931) married Marinda Anne Archer (1859-1941) and had seven children: William Frederick Sebrell (1862); John 1886; Perry 1888; Nola Francis 1888; Shirley 1890; Caroline 1892; and Lydia 1895.

Nola Francis had nine children: Earnest 1907; Doug 1909; Roy 1911; Woodrow 1913; Opal 1914; Helen 1916; Lyman 1921; Irene 1923; and Bonnie Louise 1927.

Bonnie Louise married Marion Eliza McCarty (1923) and had three children (later divorced) Earnest Marion 1943 (Patricia Kay Rollins children Earnest, Jr., Nicholas, and Matthew); Joann Marcia 1946; William Dwight (wife Tammy Powers dwight & Jason), LaCinda, Vernon, and Kimberly; Roger Lee 1950 (Mary Mullens children Roger Jr., and Christy). The Longs have spread far and wide in the last two hundred years and have seen many changes come to our County. Submitted by — Ernest McCarty

ROBERT LOVE

Revolutionary Soldier

One of Mason County’s early settlers and land owners was Robert Love. He was born in Caswell County, North Carolina, 17 December 1762. In late 1780 he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in the Capote Light Infantry under Colonel James Donnel. He served six months in the North Carolina Line under Colonel James Martin, and Generals Morgan and Rutherford.

He married Nancy Rayburn who was born in 1785 in Greenbrier County, Virginia, to Henry and Margaret (Christal) Rayburn. Their marriage took place 5 September 1796 in Greenbrier County. They settled in Mason County in 1806. Robert Love was given a land grant of 2700 acres, some of which was situated along Old Town Creek.

Six children came to be blessed this union. Margaret Peggy, born 12 January 1799; died 16 December 1855; married William Frederick Sebrell, Jr., son of Frederick (Revolutionary soldier) and Catherine (Northup) Sebrell. Their children were: Sarah M. Wm. Wilson Ward, John L. M. Amelia Boggess, William, Robert M. Fannie Martin, James R., and Frederick.

Millie Love was born 1803 and preceded her father in death. Her children were: Thomas J. Eckard, Elizabeth Riffle, and Martha Ann Love.

Mary Polly Love, born 1804; died 1845 or 1847; married George Sebrell, son of Frederick and Catherine (Northup) Sebrell. Their children were: Nancy M. Noah Long, John Preston, Louisa, Catherine M. John W. McCallister, Thomas, William and Benjamin.


Henry Love was born 31 July 1806 or 1807; died 1 January 1896; married Sarah “Sally” Roush, daughter of George and Elizabeth Roush. Their children were: Virginia Elizabeth Thomas Miller, Robert Sebrell, Elizabeth Morris and Delphine Baker, Robert, Christopher Columbus, Rebecca A. Rollins, James Leighton, Mary Catherine Oliver, Mary Margaret, John M. Rollins and a Child, Rebecca Ann, and William F. Roberts, Nancy J. John Heslop, Sarah Ellen M. Isaac

Thomas Pullins, Thomas Henry, Mariah Louise, and Dorothy Matilda.

Preston T. Love, born 3 October 1813; died 20 December 1873; married Isabella Greer daughter of John and Jane (Callahan) Greer. Their children were: Samuel Sebrell m. Olevia Boggess, Sarah Jane m. John R. Rayburn, Robert Junius m. Rebecca J. Burgoyne and Mary Ethel. Mary Ethel married Christopher Columbus m. Rebecca J. Burgoyne and Mary Ethel. Samuel Sebrell m. Olevia Boggess.


Their five children and forty grandchildren of Robert and Robert Sebrell were made administrators of his estate.

On 5 September 1853 a handwritten notice of the sale of his personal property was published, which read as follows:

Notice

We are offered for sale at the late residence of Robert Love deceased on the 22nd day of September 1853 all the personal property of R. Love deceased, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs (Seven stills all complete and ready for use) a lot of lumber, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture together with various other articles, terms of sale made known on day of sale.

Sept. 5th 1853 Preston Love and Robert Sebrell, Administrators

GENERAL JOHN MCCAUSLAND

“General John McCausland was one of the last officers of the general staff of the Confederate Army. He served in Penn., Virginia, and Maryland. He led Lomax’s Calvary against Sheridan in Valley Campaign of the 36th Regt.” Portion of State Road Marker.

Gen. John McCausland was born St. Louis, Missouri, September 22, 1827 to John (born Co. Tyrone Ireland) and his wife Harriette Kyle (born Botetourt Co. Virginia) McCausland. He came to Mason County in 1849. After attending Buffalo Academy he attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, graduating 1857. He organized the Thirty-Sixth Virginia Regt. and became its Colonel.

After the battle of Cloyds Mountain, McCausland was promoted to brigadier general and commanded a cavalry brigade. After the war he traveled in England, France, Mexico and then was in St. Louis, Mo., but returned to Mason County and lived on his farm on the Kanawha River. He died at his home January 27, 1927 and is buried “on the point” overlooking the Kanawha River. The Majer Smith Farm. Major Smith and his wife Elizabeth, raised John and his brother Robert, Robert moved to St. Louis, became a doctor, and is there buried.

General John was married to Emmitt Hannah in 1878. Their issue 1. Samuel Hannah (May 2, 1880-April 22, 1953) married Amanda Spradlin 1914 had infant died at birth 1916; Samuel Merritt, (August 5, 1918-August 5, 1969) married Smith (born Botetourt Co. Virginia) McCausland. He came to Mason County in 1849. After attending Buffalo Academy he attended the Virginia Military Institute, graduating 1927 and is buried “on the point” overlooking the Kanawha River. The Majer Smith Farm. Major Smith and his wife Elizabeth, raised John and his brother Robert, Robert moved to St. Louis, became a doctor, and is there buried.

Submitter by — Rev. Wayne Best, Gregg B. Bents
Alexander born March 3, 1913, Bright born June 14, 1919, 3. Charlotte McCausland (born October 3, 1913, Birth born March 1913, Galipolis, Ohio) was last member of family to live on the farm, buried “on the hill”, never married. 4. Alexander (March 24, 1889-February 27, 1965 at Galipolis) married Lorena Grimm, issue one son, Smith born (March 3, 1913, Birth born 1913, Galipolis, Ohio) was last member of family to live on the farm, buried “on the hill”, never married.
August 21, 1981; divorced. Married Ronald Farley, to this union a child was born, Brittany Allison, June 16, 1984.


Margaret Barbara born October 8, 1908, died in infancy.


Betty Irene born February 1, 1914. Married Daniel Phillip Sayre May 4, 1952 to this union was born one daughter Catherine Lynn, May 11, 1954, She married Dr. Harold Brown, DDS from Pomeroy, Ohio. To this union three children were born two boys and one girl; Nathan Matthew, May 29, 1975; Anne Elizabeth, August 11, 1978 and Jeffrey September 6, 1982.


CAPTAIN PHILLIP NULL, SR.
Born: 1752 near Wightsville, York County, Pennsylvania
Died: 1834 at Point Pleasant, Virginia (now West Virginia)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORD
At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Captain Phillip Null, Sr. enlisted in Captain George Washington’s Company in Pennsylvania. In 1777 he transferred to Captain George Null’s Company of the First Battalion. Later he was promoted to Captain by General George Washington, who sent him to North Carolina to help put down the Tory uprisings in that area. While Captain Null was there, the Tories cut his throat. Luckily he was discovered bleeding by Margaret Beauchamp, his future wife. Miss Beauchamp was a daughter of Pierre Beauchamp, who sewed-up the cuts on Phillip Null’s throat.

Later, Captain Null joined with Gates, and was with him at the American defeat at Camden, South Carolina. Sometime after that episode, Null joined up with General Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox. After the Revolutionary War ended, the Swamp Fox visited Captain Null periodically. Captain Null was one of the heroes of the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina, in 1781.

Captain Null was also with General Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1776-1777. He was one of the twenty-four hundred men picked to cross the Delaware river on Christmas Night in 1776. Furthermore, Captain Null was with General Washington when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Pennsylvania, in 1781.

Shortly after the end of the Revolutionary war, Captain Phillip Null, Sr., in 1782, married the girl who had found him with a cut and bleeding neck, Margaret Beauchamp. His marriage to Margaret Beauchamp was solemnized in Lincoln, North Carolina. The two lived happily on Poca River now in Putnam County, West Virginia, until her death in 1826.

Captain Null followed her in death a few years later of cholera at Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia, in 1834.

CHILDREN OF CAPTAIN PHILLIP NULL, SR., AND MARGARET (BEAUCHAMP):
1) Margaret “Peggy” Null b 22 Apr 1780 in Ruth Co., NC, m Frederick Burnett. She d 28 Sept 1875 in Bune Co., NC.
2) Henry Null b 24 Apr 1783 in Lincoln Co., NC, m Elizabeth Poll in 1804, d 9 Oct 1845.
3) Phillip Null, Jr. b 27 July 1790 in Lincoln Co., NC, m Jane Fleeter, b 27 July 1874 in Putnam Co., WV.
4) Julia Null m Jacob Saddler
5) Sarah Null m Christian Harold
6) Gloria Null b 1786 in 1845 m Ludwig O. Herman
7) Francis Marion Null

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Kanawha, Putnam, and Mason County Records
St. Joseph’s Academy at Greenburg, PA Submitted by — Charles Ray Harper

JUNIUS EASTHAM NEWMAN

Junius Eastham Newman was born to Isaac and Mary Eastham Newman on 16 October 1819 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He became a licensed preacher in 1843 and went to Perry County, Alabama. There, four years later, he married Mary A. Phillips and had five children by her between 1852 and 1855; Virginia H.; twins, Mary and Frank (who died before his first birthday); Annie Ayers; and William Walter. He was later admitted to the Alabama Conference of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South. He preached in various districts in Alabama until 1856 when he went to Mississippi until around 1865. Finally, in 1866 he was appointed by Bishop Wightman as a missionary to South America or Brazil.

By his own means, Junius arrived in Rio De Janeiro in 1867; it is not clear if his family was with him or came later. He bought a small farm and established the “Villa Americana” which consisted of many Americans who had come to Brazil after the Civil War. He preached wherever the opportunity offered and by 1869, organized the First Methodist-Episcopal Church in Sao Paulo. He master the language well enough to preach to Brazilians and sent numerous letters back to the conference requesting help. His one great desire was to have young men learn the language of the people and go out and labor among the natives. Finally, in 1876 they sent Rev. John James Ransome to his aid. In December of the same year, Mary died and was buried in an American cemetery near Sao Barbara, Brazil. Three years later, he married his second wife, a widow, Mrs. Lydia Eugenia Daniel Barr, daughter of James Daniel, a Baptist minister. Junius had four children by Lydia: Junius Eastham, Lydia Catharine, William Walter, and Alfred Eastham, all born in Brazil.

Also in 1879, permission was granted for two of Junius’ daughters, Mary and Annie Ayers, to open a school for small children. The Newman school was closed down after Mary’s illness and Annie’s marriage to Rev. Ransom; but reopened as Colegio Piracicabano and later as Instituto Educational, the oldest Methodist institution in Brazil.

After nineteen years his health began to fail; the harsh and unusual conditions of Brazilian life had taken their toll. Plans were made for their return to the United States and by 1889 the remaining family had returned home near Point Pleasant. On 12 May 1895, he died and Rev. Simpson presided over his funeral at his home. He was buried in Lone Oak Cemetery of Point Pleasant among the Newman family. Lydia Newman died on January 15, 1919 and was buried in Cabell County, West Virginia.

Of his children, Virginia was married to Dr. Leonidas Shackelford and stayed in Mississippi; Mary P. married Albert G. Carr in Brazil; Annie Newman Ransom died in Brazil in 1880. William Walter married Mary Rebecca Carr. Lee Daniel married Margaret Kirk and lived in Huntington, West Virginia, working for C & O Railroad until 1916 when he became a labor representative for numerous railroads.

Submitted by — Nancy Newman Layne

WALTER NEWMAN SR.

Walter Newman was born 27 Sept. 1761 in Lancaster County, Pa. to John Newman. He was baptised 18 Oct. and had his grandparents as sponsors, Elizabeth and Walter Newman (who founded Newmanstown in Pennsylvania) and Junius Eastham Newman who enlisted in the Revolutionary War as a substitute for others. His main duties were guarding the stores and prisoners at Lancaster and Lebanon. He was also a teamster in 1780 and was discharged in 1781. He married Catherine Zimmermann in 1785 and moved his family to Shenandoah County, VA. where in December 1797, Walter bought land in Point Pleasant on the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers from Thomas Lewis. The deed included “house and orchard on the premises” and “rights of ferriage”. In Mason County Court of 1804, Walter was given permission to keep an “ordinary”, operate a ferry, and sell “spirituous liquors”. Walter married again in Gallia County, Ohio to Wanaford Levasay in 1808 but she is not listed on Walter’s pension application filed in 1832 from Fairfield County, Ohio. In 1840, he married Elizabeth Wheeler and died in 1851; he is buried in Newark, Ohio. He had nine children born in PA, by Catherine; George; Walter Jr., Isaac, Elizabeth, Thomas, Mary, Catherine, Nancy, John, and Albert. Of Wanaford, he had Henry C., possibly more.

Of his children, only Walter Jr. and Isaac stayed in Point Pleasant. Walter Newman, Jr. married Eleanor Simpson Booten in 1813. They had six children; William C., Alfred Charles, Martha Marie, John Walter, Isaac L., and James L. Walter Jr. helped Isaac with the ferries and tavern but eventually sold out and tried his hand at farming.

Isaac Newman married Mary Eastham in 1836 and had nine children, the youngest of which was born after his death; Junius Eastham, Virginia Eastham, Mary Catharine, William Walter, John Green, Susan Ann, Sarah Jane, Isaac Van Buren, and Emma L. Along with the ferries, Isaac owned part of the inn and was in the house of delegates from 1822-1824 and 1826-1831.

All of Isaac’s sons became lawyers except Junius, who established the First Methodist Church
in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1871. Mary Catharine married Absalom Jordan, moved to Rappahan­nock County, VA, and had three children. William Walter was a senator from 1859-1863 and moved to Hanover, VA, where he married Frances Crenshaw and had two sons. John Green en­listed in the Union army from 1861-1863, after the war he moved to Page County, VA. Sarah Jane was married to Gwin Van Malle after the war and moved to Bates County, MO, they had no children. Isaac Van Buren was in the Civil War and was captured in 1864 and exchanged the following February which may account for why he signed his parole with an “X”. After the war, he retired to the family farm to live with his unmarried sisters, Virginia, Sarah, and Emma. Submitted by — Nancy Newman Layman

WALTER NEWMAN JR.

Walter Newman Jr. was born in Pennsylvania, about 1787, to Walter Newman Sr., and died in Point Pleasant July 15, 1866 (age 88 in records). When his father moved to Gallia County Ohio about 1810, he deeded the Mansion Inn & Ferry concession to Walter Jr. and his brother Isaac. Walter Jr. lived in the Mansion Inn & Ferry concession to Walter Jr. and his brother Isaac. Walter Jr. was married to Eleanor Simpson (1816-1906) married James Hill December 31, 1840 (buried Mason Co); Alfred C. (1823-1905) married Mary Jane Sullivan; William C. (1825-1899) married Jenn­ette Sullivan December 24, 1853; Martha Marie age 22 on Sept 7, 1853 married Dr. Thomas Harrison Bartun (age 24 born Meigs Co). She died 1855 buried at Leon; John Walter Newman born 1832, Isaac L. born 1836.

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WILLIAM OWENS

William Owens was born in Frederick County, Va. in 1762. His parents are unknown. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. In 1775, he was residing in Westmoreland Co., Pa, where he volunteered as a private and served twelve months in the war. In 1779, he enlisted and served for a total of two years. He was married to Sarah and had six children. Records show he was a leader in the community.

He was a magistrate, and overseer of the road from Point Pleasant to Ten Mile on the Ohio River. He was a superintendent of elections. He also obtained a license to keep an ordinary at his home in Point Pleasant.

He was married to Nancy Craig in 1797. There is some confusion about her name, as she is also referred to as Mary. His service record gives his wife’s name as Nancy. They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daugh­ters.

After his death, his heirs sold his estate. No sons are listed, so one of three things may have happened: they both may have died; they may have received their share of their father’s estate before he died; they may have moved farther west to new frontiers and lost contact with the family. William Owens died in 1818 when it was sold, along with the ferry rights to John S. Thornton of Spotsylvania Co.

Walter Jr. was married to Eleanor Simpson Booton. Their children were James Lawrence born 1815 died 1892 married Penelope Kimberling; Mary Catherine (1816-1906) married James Hill December 31, 1840 (buried Mason Co); Alfred C. (1823-1905) married Mary Jane Sullivan; William C. (1825-1899) married Jenn­ette Sullivan December 24, 1853; Martha Marie age 22 on Sept 7, 1853 married Dr. Thomas Harrison Bartun (age 24 born Meigs Co). She died 1855 buried at Leon; John Walter Newman born 1832, Isaac L. born 1836.

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JACOB THE PIONEER

Christian Plants was born in Germany in 1762 and came here for his freedom. He settled in the hills of Washington County, Pennsylvania, perhaps choosing that site because the rolling hills, thick with virgin timber and lush green meadows, reminding him of his homeland across the sea. He fathered a family of ten children, but we only have genealogical outlines and family history on one, i.e., Jacob, Sr., the Pioneer, born in Washington County, PA, in 1803 and died in Mason County in 1880. He and about sixteen members of his family are buried on a hillside overlooking Ten Mile. The cemetery is located in the hills of the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. John, the grandfather of the authors of this sketch was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864. The other two sons, Christian and George, returned home unhurt. Thus, love of country was exemplified, just as was love for God, an outstanding trait among the fifteen children fathered by this great pioneer, Jacob. This fact is upheld by our knowledge of one son, our grandfather, John Plants who sold his last mill cow to finish paying off an indebtedness on the local Methodist church, Eddy Chapel, so it could be dedicated debt-free.

The purchase of such a large tract of land, 500 acres in 1849, as mentioned earlier, shows us this great pioneer was also perhaps a good busi­nessman who saw the worth and value of the hillsides of deep, dark forests of hickory, white oak, poplar, ash and pine trees. The fresh and clean waters of Ten Mile Creek that flowed through his range provided water for the stock he raised in meadows that were lush and green as he cleared the land.

He and his children felt a kindred spirit and had close binding ties as evidenced by the fact that as the children grew to adulthood and married, quite often land was cleared on this 500
There he made his home and fathered twenty veins. From Christian Plants, born in Germany was Sarah Catherine Hoschar. Grandfather one of the sons born there in 1876. His mother in 1830, built the family homestead only two living and raising their families almost within Northampton and Bucks Co. Penn. In 1779 came to New York from Germany. On March they were burnt out of their home by the Indians, generations in our family, we have felt the cause and throughout a span of time covering eight in 1762, to this great pioneer, Jacob Plants, Sr., George and Evewere George Jr., Michael, William. All of Adam's brothers also served in the Revolutionary War, as a Private Third class, Adam entered the army, Nov. 1781 to Jan. 1782 in Capt. Daniel Good's Third Company, 1st Batt. of the Northampton County Militia. Also from June 13, 1782 to June 24, 1782. Adam served as a substitute soldier for a Peter Deis. All of Adam's brothers also served in the Northampton Militia during the war. Adam was on the first census taken in 1790 as living at Salisbury Shadwell, Mason Co. Penn. This area is now part of Berks Co.

In 1794, Adam and his wife Elizabeth, with two sons and six daughters moved south to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, and in 1796 they purchased 200 acres of land around New Market, Va. He sold the land two years later in 1798 to George Bruce. It is believed that his wife Elizabeth died within this two year period, because she is not mentioned on any other records.

By this time in his life, the migration to the Ohio Valley was in full swing, and Adam probably seeing this an opportunity to start a new life with his children, crossed the mountains, along with some of his neighbors, and settled in what is now Mason County, W. Va. At this time the area was known as Kanawha County.

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bored Sept. 15, 1875 married Artie Hoffman; 3. Nathaniel Rickard married Myrtle Taylor; 4. Jackson Rickard never married; 5. Irvin Ray Rickard, born Feb. 15, 1887 married Bertha May Noble, Mar. 6, 1912 and their children are:


**HISTORY OF RIFFLE FAMILY**

About the close of the Revolutionary War a multitude of Pennsylvanians of all stocks — Hollanders, who are commonly classed together unrelated lines of the Riffle generation settled Virginia. Community contact resulted in the inheritance of land and part of the property is still owned by his descendants.

Son Daniel Sayre, b. 1789, married Sinah Hayman. He died 1836. They had twelve children. The eighth, being Charles Wesley, b. 1812, married Adeliza Thomas. He died 1889. Of their nine children, Daniel was the third; born 1845, married in 1868 to Augusta Pilchard. Their son, Herbert Edward Sehon (b. E.), born 1874, married Anna Myrtle Thomas in 1898. He died 1953 and Myrtle died in 1966. Their children: Harry, Harold, Daniel Philip, Edward, John, and Rupert. Submitted by — Charlotte Sayre

**MICHAEL SEE**

Michael See born about 1751 first came into the Kanawha Valley in 1773 with Leonard and John Morris, son of the permanent settler in the valley. They had “come out in advance of their families to raise a crop”. Michael See married Elizabeth Morris born 1753, the ninth child and first daughter of Wm. Morris, Sr. Elizabeth had been married previously to John Schull. Michael See helped to build Fort Morris. He served in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Children of Michael and Elizabeth Morris See were (1) Frances born 1773; (2) Michael born 1785; (3) Frederick born between 1785 and 1790; (4) William born May 17, 1791, Michael See was killed by Indians while working in the field near the fort at Point Pleasant. That night while Michael lay a corpse, William See was born in the fort.

William See born 1791 married Sarah Pruitt, the daughter of Obadiah and Frances Jarrett Pruitt. Some time between 1850 and 1853 the family moved to Wayne County, Iowa. At that time some of their children were living in Iowa and some may have gone with them. Three married daughters remained in Mason County. Minerva born 1826 married Ichabod Sayre, died in Mason County at an early age; Mahala born 1815, married John Waggener; Sarah, born 1829, married John Waggener. Their children were buried in the Waggener Cemetery, Elizabeth born 1829, married John Westley Stone, buried in the Stone family cemetery.

William the son of William and Sarah Pruitt See also went to Iowa but returned to Mason County. On April 3, 1856 he was married to Margaret Sayre in Jackson County, Virginia. He served in the Union Army Company G, 13th W. Va. Infantry. The Sees of Mason County today have descended from William and Margaret. Their children: Bertha born 1856; George born 1858; Strawther born 1860, Sarah born 1862; Ruth born 1864; Emma born 1866; Margaret born 1868, William born 1870, Robert born 1872 and Maggie born 1874.

George Ludwig See born in the late 1600’s married Margaret Tschundi. Both died in Hampshire County. Their son Frederick Michael born 1710, married Catherine Vanderpool. Frederick and Catherine were the parents of Michael who was born 1751 and married Elizabeth Morris.

It was during the year 1763 that a settlement on Muddy Creek in Greenbrier County was visited by a party of Shawnee Indians who pretended to be friends, so were extended a warm welcome. Suddenly they fell upon the men killing every one of them and taking women and children captive. It was here that Frederick M. was slain and children captured and taken to Ohio. They were restored to their people after the treaty of peace, at the close of the French and Indian War. John See, a child of seven years eluded his relatives and returned to the Indian family which had taken care of him. A year later he was brought back by some traders. Submitted by — Juanita K. Cardette

**SEHON FAMILY**

Major John L. Sehon was married to Fannie Wagger, and thus they inherited part of the Waggener Land Grant on the Ohio River, in Mason County. They had four sons, three of whom sold their share of the land from the grant. But one son, John L. Sehon married Margaret Tschundi, and two daughters married the daughters of William the son of William and Sarah Pruitt Sehon.

The Lewis Family were originally French Huguenots. Agnes’s father, Andrew, was the son of Col. Charles Lewis who died in the Battle of Point Pleasant. His wife Sarah Murray of Bath, Virginia. Col. Andrew Lewis married Margaret Lynn Stuart, daughter of Col. John Stuart and Agatha Lewis. Col. Stuart also died in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Agnes Lewis Sehon died in 1890, at the home of her son, Columbus.

John L. and Agnes Lewis Sehon were the parents of nine children: I. Fannie Sehon married Charles R. Pomory who came to Meigs County, Ohio from Boston, Mass. and became one of the founders of Pomory, Ohio. Their daughter, Fannie married James B. Menager. Their son, Lewis Sehon Pomory, married Pauline Yollert. After the death of Charles Pomory, the family moved to Monongalia, Va., and became a wholesaler. Children: Lucy married in 1890 to Joseph Sehon.

II. Margaret Lynn Sehon married Valentine B. Horton. Their son Horace was the founder of the Jackson Salt Furnace in Hartford. Horace’s daughter Edith married George N. Newton, son of D. E. Newton, and grandson of George W. Sehon.

III. Andrew Lewis Sehon married Roseline Augustus Skiff of Cincinnati, Ohio. He lived on the farm family and operated it. Their children were: Adeliza, Jennie, Andrew L., and Agnes L.


V. Sarah Elizabeth Sehon (1836-1902)

VI. Stuart Sehon

VII. Columbus Sehon (Lum) was Sheriff of Mason County. Married Agnes S. Lewis, his first cousin. Two children, Anna Camden Sehon and John Stuart Sehon.

VIII. Edmund Sehon married Jennie E. Sturtart. Edmund was a member of the West Virginia Legislature in 1875. He was also a Sheriff of Mason County. Moved to Huntington, West Virginia, and became a wholesaler. Children: Lucy married a McCouch; John L. Sehon (Lee); Bessie married a Cecil; Douglas; Robinson, died young.

IX. Lewis Agnes Sehon, (1848-1858)

**SHANK FAMILY**

William Patterson Shank b. 1820 Botetourt Co., Va., son of Jacob Beckner Shank b. about 1408.
The Shank Washing Machine

One of his sons, James Benton Shank, b. 1860 d. 1932, met his future wife Mary Virginia Hall, b. about 1860 d. 1904, while adding the fancy wood trim to the Redmond house. Mary Virginia was the niece of the Hon. John Hall who had come here from Ireland to Rockingham, Virginia about 1807 and settled in Mason County about 1809 (see John Hall write-up). Mary Virginia made her home with John Hall's sisters at the Redmond house until the time of her marriage. She was the daughter of Edward Hall and Mary Smith Hall. Edward Hall moved on West Virginia with his brother George in 1820. It is said that her career as a woman Messenger and Scout has no parallel in the annals of Mason County and much of the time overseas which was rare during those days. He spent much time in the Far East, especially China where he built some of the first flour mills. He traveled extensively out of the country and in later years settled in Kansas with his brother George in Wichita where he died in 1932. His visits home from such far away places were always a treat for his family and friends in the Mason area. He always brought with him fine gifts and items of interest, and fascinating stories to tell of life abroad. His wife Mary died in 1904 while he was in China. Because of the great distance he was unable to return home for the funeral. She is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Mason and he is buried in Wichita. His daughter Marie continued to live in the home in Mason after her mother's death, later married, raised a family and in 1941 moved to Point Pleasant where she lived until 1971 at which time she moved to Ravenswood to make her home with a daughter. She died in 1974. Submitted by — Elizabeth A. Purdum

JOHN SAMUEL SPENCER

John Samuel Spencer born December 24, 1859 Waverly, Missouri to Susan Virginia Steenbergen and Joseph Spencer died in 1935. He came here in 1868 with his parents, attended public school at Mecers Bottom Farmers Academy at Gallipolis, Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia and University of Virginia. He studied law under C. E. Hogg and began his own office 1886. Was a prosecuting attorney, member of House of Delegates. Organized the H. G. Nease Co. was in charge of the management of the old Water & Light Co. and affiliated with the old Spencer Hotel.

Kate Louise Barbee Spencer born 1856, died August 8, 1943 at the home of Mrs. Ora Biddle. She was the daughter of Margaret Thompson and Andrew Russell Barbee, who was one of 12 children of Nancy Britton and Andrew Russell Barbee Sr. She married first John A. McCulloch by whom John Frederick McCulloch born Arbcuke district November 9, 1878 died June 3, 1938 Chicago, Illinois married to Grace Randolph Robinson, daughter of Archibald Robinson Dec. 8, 1899 in St. Louis; and Charles Russell McCulloch, born Arbcuke District (1880-died Columbus, Ohio, 1951). Charles married to Linda Boyer (1881-1965) and had Samuel Bowyer McCulloch (1909-1968). John Frederick McCulloch had as 2nd wife Veva Geneva Hampton (1885-1946) who died in Charleston, W. Va. the daughter of Fannie Deem (1860-1935) and Robert Henry Hampton (1849-1916) a contractor in Pt. Pleasant. No issue.

Kate married as her second husband John Samuel Spencer July 26, 1887 at Christ Episcopal Church. He died 1935. She was educated at Hollins Institute, in Virginia. Submitted by — Berry Berry

GEORGE WAYS TIPPETT

Standing on the left is George Ways Tippett, founder of The Weekly Register, at his newspaper office in Pt. Pleasant. He was born Jan. 20, 1836 in Baltimore, Md., son of Geo. and Sarah (Ways) Tippett. He, in Jan. 1847, being 11 years old started 4 years of apprenticeship at the printer's trade. He came to Pt. Pleasant May 11, 1855, and in 1856 married Sarah Elizabeth 1857; James Bell b. 1858; William Ruffner b. 1859; Charles M. b. 1860; Harry E. b. 1863; George Ways Tippett b. 1880; Thomas B. b. 1881; Rev. Frank B. b. 1870; and Edith B. b. 1872. Five of his sons were practical printers. His son James Bell Tippett besides being a printer, also had a furniture store and undertakers establishment. George Ways Tippett was a member of The Register, manager and editor of The Register. He died May 19, 1902 and he and his wife are buried in Lone Oak Cemetery - Pt. Pleasant, Mason Co., W. Va.

CAPT. JOHN KOONZ THOMPSON

(Col. Taverne Beale descent.)

Capt. John K. Thompson died Saturday January 3, 1925, at Pt. Pleasant, a former Confederate soldier. He was born Luray, Virginia December 20, 1842 son of Dr. John J. Thompson who came to what is now West Virginia prior to 1850. His mother was Miss Beale sister to Col. Charles Beale.

The Beale family in America originated with Thomas Beale a Lieut. Colonel in the British Army who immigrated to Virginia prior to March 25, 1648 and had a patent for land in Westmoreland Co. Sept. 15, 1668. In direct line of descent was Col. Taverne Beale of the American Revolutionary Army and friend of Gen. Muhlenburg. The Beales intermarried with the Steenbergens of Shenandoah Co. among whom was General Peter Steenbergen of the American Revolutionary army, and with the Hites, descendants of Joyst Hite. The Thompsons, (Scotch-Irish) came into the Shenandoah Valley through Pennsylvania and acquired large land holdings.


His first experience in war came when a Union force attacked a Confederate force at Scary, on lands adjacent to the Thompson estate. He was an adjutant, then Capt. 22nd Va. Regt. and served as such until Appomattox. He was wounded six times receiving injuries at Lewisburg, Droop Mountain, Dry Branch, Second Cold Harbor. Discharged at Appomattox he took up farming, served for a short time on the County Co., its County Commissioner two terms, member of State Tax Commission, served on school board which adopted books for a five year period for rural schools. His home was called “Rose Lawn”. He applied geology and biology to stock and plant building. His chief sports were hunting and fishing, often in Pocohontas County. He became an invalid, sold his farm, moved to Pt. Pleasant and was cared for by Dr. Hugh Barbee his nephew, son of Dr. Andrew R. Barbee a Capt. then Col. in the Confederate Army, later surgeon, he had made his home with his niece Mrs. Blanche Harper who died at age 94. A private funeral was held. Burial at Scary later moved to Pt. Pleasant. (Charleston-Daily Mail Jan. 25, 1925, by R. H. Martin.) Submitted by — Berry Berry

ANN HENNIS BAILEYTROTTER

An event of great historical interest to both Mason County and the State of West Virginia took place in Tu Endie Wei Park in Point Pleasant when the last remains of Ann Hennis Bailey Trotter were reinterred in the State owned park under the auspices of The Col. Charles Lewis Chapter NSDAR in 1925. It is said that her career as a woman Messenger and Scout has no parallel in the annals of...
all the Border Wars.

Born in Liverpool, England 1747 and named for England’s Queen Anne she came to America in 1761. She crossed the Blue Ridge to live with relatives near Stanton, Virginia. In 1765 she married Richard Trotter, they had one son William Trotter. Her husband Richard Trotter was killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 1774. She was so grieved over the death of her husband she vowed revenge on all Indians. Thus she began her career as messenger and scout, she studied fire arms and became a deadly shot and transversed wilderness roads it is said would touch fear to the strongest hearts, making a career of remarkable heroism.

In 1785 she married John Bailey. Ann Bailey died at the pleasant home of her son William Trotter near Gallipolis, Ohio, and was buried there until her removal to her final resting place in Tu Endie Wei Park.

The monument that marks her grave bears the following inscription:

“Ann Hennis Trotter Bailey, Revolutionary Scout
Born in Liverpool, England, 1742, Died 1825”

The Col. Charles Lewis Chapter NSDAR Submitted by — Anna L. Lutz

PETER AND JESSE VANBEBBER

Peter VanBebber was born ca 1740 in Maryland, son of Peter and Anna VanBebber. The family resided in Pennsylvania before moving to Virginia. In 1756 in Lunenburg (Halifax) County Virginia, Peter married Margery Bounds. The bounds being close neighbors of the VanBebbers. Margery named her second son John Jesse after her two brothers. He is later known in life and records as Jesse. The VanBebbers left Halifax County and settled in Botetourt (Grayson) County, Virginia, about 1771. Peter VanBebber built a blockhouse known as VanBebber’s Fort on Wolf Creek. Several members of the family joined the Army of Colonel Andrew Lewis in 1774 and fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Isaac VanBebber was killed in the battle after replacing Colonel Charles Lewis, who had been wounded. Isaac was buried beside Colonel Charles Lewis. The VanBebbers assisted Colonel Andrew Lewis in the building of Fort Blair. In 1776 they helped build Fort Randolph under direction of Captain Matthew Arbuske. The families of Peter and John VanBebber, Isaac Robinson and Bridgetts, and George Dixon moved to the border shortly after this date for protection from the Indians. Peter VanBebber was appointed a Commissioner of Virginia in 1781 having lived in the area when the garrison was maintained at Fort Randolph. It was during this time of Indian raids that Isaac Robinson, husband of Bridgett VanBebber, and brother-in-law of the VanBebbers, was killed on Crooked Creek (Mason County). The VanBebbers and others had defended the early settlement from Indian attacks. They had an agreement with Andrew Lewis who gave each an acre lot in the Town of Point Pleasant. Peter VanBebber lived on the south side of the Kanawha River. He died in 1796. His sons, Jesse and James, were appointed administrators of his estate in 1797. He left his wife and children, Peter, Jesse, Sophronia, Eleanor, Nancy, James, Matthew, Jacob, John and Olive. Margery VanBebber lived with her son, Peter, on the French Grant. When he moved to Indiana she went to Missouri where she lived with her daughter, Olive Boone. She died at the age of 104 years and was buried in the Boxford Cemetery. Jesse VanBebber was born 1759, in Halifax County, Virginia. He was the only child to remain in Mason County. He fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant with his father, uncles and cousins in the Southern Division under Colonel Andrew Lewis. He served as a Ranger in the defense of Point Pleasant and the Kanawha Valley. When he retired from the Virginia Militia he held the rank of Captain. His daughter Rachel Greenlee, daughter of Alexander and Anna (Henry) Greenlee, in Gallia Township, Washington County, Ohio, in 1799. Jesse VanBebber built the first cabin on Thirty Mile Creek, VanBebber Township, Scioto District. His memorials were first published by Henry Howe in 1845 after Howe interviewed him at his home. He died 1852. His widow received a pension for his services. Their children were Isaac and Elizabeth. Elizabeth married Joseph Smith and after his death married Richard Tills. Submitted by — Anna L. Lutz

ANDREW WAGGENER

Major Andrew Waggener, who fought in the French and Indian War, was rewarded with a land grant on the Ohio River in what is now Mason County. He did not live here on his new land, but some of his children did.

Sometime between 1815-1817 Major Andrew Waggener, son of the original Major Andrew who owned the land on the Ohio, known as Waggener's Bottom, decided to settle here. He was born in 1779 and was married to Attarah Bell. He was shot in the 84th year of his life by a Confederate soldier at Point Pleasant March 30, 1863.

The children of Andrew and Attarah Waggener were; 1. Charles, died in infancy; Andrew, died unmarried; Charles B., born 1809, married Kitty McDaniel of Mason County. 4. Mary Waggener married V. B. Donalda; John B., married Mary Wilson of Kanawha County. 6. Thomas married Harriette Cobb; 7. Helen married James H. Couch; 8. Lewis.

The group moving to the new land on the Ohio River had the advice of family and friends. In addition to the various members of the Waggener family, Archibald Williamson, a close friend, and his family also came. One hundred and fifty Negro slaves were included in the party. They traveled in covered wagons, stopping at night in taverns when possible; they were entertained when they stopped by the slaves.

Slaves had been sent ahead with an overseer the day before they reached the Bend. When the company reached the Bend, they found one double cabin (two rooms about 10 feet apart, under one roof) and a single, or one room cabin. A second double cabin was soon finished, as well as several singles. The upper part of Horseshoe Bend was begun 1832. The corn plantation.

Wide one-posted beds were built into the corner by inserting the ends of two saplings into a post to make it secure. The children had beds in the loft, reached by climbing up the logs. Greased paper was the glass in the cabin’s one window. The huge fireplace served as a cook stove, heater, and lamp. Three legged stools were made and a block of wood cut from a sycamore served as a table.

However, there were some luxuries in the Waggener cabins; a cedar chest with a store of linens; mammoth feather beds; soft, fleecy white woolen blankets with a rose in each corner; bright pewter dishes, and a Dutch oven that held a place of honor. There were also sacks of wheat flour, four pound blocks of lard, sugar, and green coffee beans, all brought from home. Once a year Major Waggener made a trip back home to get more supplies.

The Waggener Colony failed after a short struggle for survival. The Waggener men were typical Virginia Gentlemen of the old school; cultured, refined, hospitable to a fault, and ignorant of any form of manual labor. They definitely were not pioneer stock.

When Major Waggener began selling his slaves, and parts of his land, friends knew he was in trouble. Land was purchased by Ezekiel McDaniels, John Edmund and James Sehon, Robert Adams, John Brown and Frank Anderson.

Major Waggener moved his family to Point Pleasant in the late 1820’s and by 1830 he was serving as Justice of the Peace.

RANKIN WILEY

Rankin Wiley Jr. born Newport, Ky. (1853-1929) to Cynthia Windsor (1816-1868) and Rankin Wiley (1814-1895) who settled in Mason County 1856. He attended West Virginia University from 1871-1874, admitted to bar in 1875 and became an attorney in Pt. Pleasant. He was President of State Senate 1891, director of Building and Loan and Pt. Pleasant Development Company, treasurer for B. & O. Railroad and old Pt. Pleasant National Bank, Member of Knight Templar, Shriner, and I.O.O.F. lodge.

Blanche Cantrell Miller (1860-1896) daughter of Charles Clendenin Miller (1811-1898) and 2nd wife Virginia Middelcutoff Miller (1828-1896) was married to Rankin Wiley September 1879. They were the parents of Virginia (born 1882) who married in Mason County 1903, Jackson L. Pannell born Orange Co. Va. 1874. She was named in his will probated 1929 as were his sister Margaretta Young (born 1856), niece Ellen Snead widow and daughter of his brother William Thomas Wiley, Virginia Harpod daughter of nephew Harry Harpod of Chicago, Illinois, and his 2nd wife Ella.

Blanche Wiley had a sister Edith Wade who died Ashland, Ky.

Ella B. Wiley born Cabell County to Dr. G. C. and Virginia Everett Ricketts died January 3, 1931 age 74 and is buried Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington. She and Rankin lived on 6th and Main St. in Pt. Pleasant but moved to 13th and Ohio when the Silver Bridge was built.

William Thomas Wiley (born 1849) brother to Rankin married 1875 at Hartford Mary Ellen Harrod born Kanawha County 1859 and died Mason County 1877, being daughter of Jane Margaret Turner and James Madison Harrod. They were parents of Mary Ellen born 1877, W. T. was in mercantile business at Grims Landings.

Cynthia Wiley was buried on West Columbia Hill, monument still stands, and also has a monument at Lone Oak.

LT. JOHN WILSON

(Bible printed in the year of 1802) - John Wilson, an officer in the Revolution was officer of the Day when Cornwallis surrendered and received 33 flags from the British. The epitaph on his tombstone is “Here lies the body of John Wilson who was an officer of the Revolution, a peaceful citizen, and an honest man. Departed this life Aug. 23rd, 1823.” (Following are abstracts)

Bk. E page 533 & 534 (deed) I, John Wilson, Mason Co. Virginia do make, ordain and declare this instrument to be my last will and testament revoking all other. — Wife, Anna B. Wilson my — fifty dollars yearly during her lifetime retired to her to marry to — deprived of all support and benefits from my estate — body to be laid at a place I have marked. Son John has been of considerable expense — educating and preparing for practice of medicine — nothing more. Son Gustavus should he be alive — after decease of me and my wife negro Harry. Son James H. (after his mother’s death) house and land - 2 negroes. Daughter Elizabeth Alexander — negro woman and her two children. Daughter Hannah Beale - 2 negroes — Should negro men Harry and Davey prove to be good.
ordered and faithful servants — liberated at age forty-five — if try to run away — to be sold. Should son Gustavus die before me and my wife negro Susan, if sold — proceeds to be applied to support of my son Spencer’s three children or any other of my grandchildren that may be most in need. James H. Wilson as executor — eighteenth day of May — one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

Court held 20 day of October 1823 — will of John Wilson, presented — proved by Overton White and Samuel McQuire — ordered recorded — court held 17 Dec. 1823 — James H. Wilson as executor — bond $3000 — Teste Wm. Sterrett, SMC.


Court order Book 1833-1840. page 281. On motion of James H. Wilson who satisfactory produced certificate that Gustavus Wilson (4th day of January 1836) died without leaving wife or children — and in the lifetime of his father — Page 281. William and Maria Beale, orphans of Richard Beale deceased with the approbation of the court made choice of James H. Wilson for their guardian — the court doth assign Wilson as guardian.


YONKER

So our children will remember their Mason County heritage, here is some Yonker family background.

Prior to the American Revolutionary War, Yost Yonker and his brother, Henry, came to this country from Holland. Henry settled on the Hudson River above New York City. Since all of his children were daughters, the Yonker name there ceased, but where he settled still bears his name, Yonkers.

Yost settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, married Sarah Leech, and to this union seven children were born — the fifth child being my great great grandfather, Abraham Yonker I, in 1770.

Sometime during 1837-38, Abraham Yonker II and his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children, Samuel, Alfred and Mary, moved from Philadelphia to Cabell County, West Virginia, near the upper end of what was later Ritter Park, Huntington, West Virginia. Abraham farmed for both Fred Beuring and a Braun family. Three more children were born, Sarah, Abraham III (my grandfather), and Elizabeth. The family remained there until about 1844 with the three older children attending Marshall Academy (now Marshall University) which required tuition. However, then the family moved back to Philadelphia where free schools were available. Alfred stayed on in Mason City.

In the fall of 1854, the Yonkers again turned westward, except for Samuel who remained behind in Philadelphia. This time they looked in the vicinity of Huntington in their search for land, but could not find anything suitable. They returned to Mason City and finally purchased the only tract seemingly suitable at the time, in the Vernon community (Avalanche).

On January 1, 1855, Abraham II and sons, Abraham III and Robert Yonker, a carpenter, walked in six inches of snow from Mason City to their newly-acquired tract to commence work on their new homestead. In describing this land, my grandfather used the expression many times "not one stick of timber was missing on the land."

They first built a log smokehouse. During this building period, they boarded with George and Sarah Roush. They then lived in the smokehouse for three weeks while they built a little log cabin of one room with a lofty reach by climbing a ladder mounted to the wall. Heat was furnished by a small step stove which also served for cooking.

The family continued to live in this log cabin until the next generation. Abraham III built a one-floor farm house up the road. The log cabin remained standing for over 100 years.

Abraham III, a farmer and carpenter, ended up with seven deeds to his 200 acres of land which were acquired over many years. His first wife Annie Walton, died in childbirth. He and his second wife, Mary Phillips, had three children, Hattie, Lynford and Irene, who grew up in this Yonker home. Hattie married Jefferson Jackson Reed in 1914 and Irene married Clark Sayre in 1922 in the family home. Both of their first children were also born there — Helen Reed Lambert in 1915, and Mary Sayre Glad.

den in 1923.

Abraham III progenitor of 6 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 13 great great grandchildren. Submitted by — Helen Reed Lambert and Barbara Reed Reed

OLD HOUSES

C. P. T. Moore Home ca 1950

THE MOORE MANSION

This once-elegant home now stands in ruins just offshore Route 2 about nine miles below Henderson. It was the home of Charles Page Thomas Moore, his wife Urilla K. Kline and their four daughters — Ida Ogden (1867-1948), Rebecca Frances (b. 1870), Lauretta Mai (1873-1965), and Elizabeth Van Meter (1874-1948).

Charles P. T. Moore was born in Greenbrier County in 1831. After the death of his parents, he was adopted by his uncle George Moore and moved to Mason County in 1844, at age thirteen. He was educated at Marshall Academy, Jefferson College, Union College and the University of Virginia, where he completed law studies. He was admitted to the bar in 1856 and was serving as prosecuting attorney at the outbreak of the Civil War. After serving the Union cause, he returned to Mason County and was elected to the State Supreme Court, serving ten years of a twelve-year term. In 1881, he retired to the home pictured here, the former homestead of his uncle and foster father, who died in 1880. He continued the practice of law and died in 1904, preceded in death by his wife in 1897. The house was gutted by fire in 1968.

At the same location, close to Route 2, is the May Moore Mound, thought to be an Adena site dating from about 1 A.D. Submitted by — Cora P. Teel

THE HOUSE THAT MANUEL BUILT

A house, would like to tell you about the people who have walked my corridors and have warmed by my fires.

In the year of 1810 I was built by Manuel Nease on a one-hundred acre tract of land just two and one-half miles south of New Haven,
West Virginia, Mason County. The same year that Manuel built me out of hand-hewn logs, he married Katie Amillier. They had nine children; Margaret never married; Jacob married Nancy Zerekle; Lewis married Mary Roush; John died in infancy; Salvania married William Henson; Susan married Joseph Zerekle; Anna married Levi Roush and Levi married Barbara Ohlinger. Levi Nease being Glenn Roush (now living) grandfather. Levi and Barbara loved me and stayed on to maintain the homestead. Levi reared a family under my roof too. Five children were born, Ezra, Edgar, Eddie, (Edgar & Eddie twins) Effie and Loretta.

It was pretty much grown up around me with timber and such. Then in the year of 1918 Van L. Roush and Kelsie Capehart Roush purchased me. Mr. Roush needing more farm land started right away clearing the land. I could hear horses pulling logs by me for timber to be cut for a barn. When they moved into me they had three children, Virginia Margaret Roush, April 7, 1908, Douglas Ross Roush, Oct 13, 1911 and Persy Rutland Ohio 1949. They lived with me for one year and moved to Ohio. Jan 26, 1951, Robert married Sonja Watkins, Sam Houston Field Office, Texas. While living in the area’s earliest brick residences, an example of South Side, and has been in the family for nearly two hundred years. Submitted by — Mrs. Trenton Stover.

THE NEWTON HOUSE

This house, located on Front Street in Hartford was built by G.W. Moredock around 1865. He was the head of the Hartford Salt and Coal Co. His only daughter, Jennie, married Douglas Newton, and hence the name of the house. The Newton family lived here many years in the elaborately furnished and gracious home. In recent years it has been owned and lived in by Mr. and Mrs. Lou King and their two daughters.

"OLD RED BRICK"

This old "Red Brick" house as it is better known is located at South Side, W. Va. It is estimated to have been built in the early 1800’s and by the time of the Civil War. It is a two story L. shaped house. It has three rooms and a hallway upstairs, a winding stairway, four rooms, a hallway and a bath (later installed). It had a front porch which was taken off by the 1913 flood. Some of the downstairs was remodeled in 1962 and 1980. It is still owned by the Sebrell family of South Side, and has been in the family for over 100 years. Submitted by — Nannette Sebrell Stowar.

ROSEBERRY

I, Roseberry Lane, Point Pleasant, is one of the area’s earliest brick residences, an example of Federal-style architecture. It was built around 1820 by Thomas Lewis, Jr., and later owned by Congressman, James Capelhart. It was the home of the Roseberry family for nearly a century and is now owned by the Trenton M. Stover Jr. family. The house is brick, double pile structure, two stories high, and has two twin interior chimneys. The front entrance is through an arched doorway that is topped with a semi-circular fanlight. The gables at either end of the house also have semi-circular fanlights. The rooms in the house are large and spacious, each contains an open-hearth fireplace. The windows of the interior display deep-panelled reveals. "Roseberry" is significant for its close association with individuals prominent in the affairs of West Virginia and Mason County for nearly two centuries. Submitted by — Mrs. Trenton Stover.

PATTERSON HOME

Built about 1870 by John Warth English (1831-1916) one time Judge of the Supreme Court, and his wife Fannie (Lewis), stands at 902 Main. His law office was in the small building rear of the house. K.T. McKinstrey and wife Eunice (died 1904) daughter of English also resided there. By 1920 the owner was Robert J. Patterson followed by Ora America Biddle (his sister) now owned by Elizabeth Patterson Berry whose mother was sister to Robert.

The ceilings are 12 feet high. The walls are solid brick. There are two stories, unfinished attic, with beams put together by wooden pegs. The woodwork is of oak and cherry in the 10 rooms. There is a walk-in pantry. Twenty-two steps lead to 2nd floor, the stair rail is made of walnut.

The living room has a crystal chandelier and each light has 17 cut glass prisms. The dining room has a dome type Tiffany light with colored prisms. The door to the basement is located.

"POPLAR GROVE"

"Poplar Grove" at Gallipolis Ferry, was the original farm of General Peter Higgins Steenberg, given to him by his father, William Steenberg, being part of the Mercer grant. General Steenberg came here first in 1808 and in 1810 brought his wife and two little girls. A log cabin stood on the bank of the Ohio River
The Toney House

This two story brick house of thirteen rooms was built by Mr. McMullen (1832-1834) and stood on a hill facing the Kanawha River about 3 Miles from the courthouse. Mr. McMullen was married to a daughter of Andrew Bryan. The ceilings are 10½ feet high upstairs and 11 feet down. The rooms are 18½ x 18½ feet each in size. The Gothic style house has a front, side, and back porch, and was built in an “L” shape. Later it was owned by Charles Clendenin Miller (1811-1898) whose first wife was Jennie Cantrell daughter of John Cantrell. She is buried in the 3 Mile (Cantrell) cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Vallie E. Toney (he is now deceased) moved into the house in 1950 at which time five of the 13 rooms (at back of house) had drop cords from the ceiling for light. The kitchen had a pump, the water was drawn from a cistern, and two rooms in the basement had dirt floors. Mr. Toney modernized the kitchen, rewired the house and installed chandeliers in living and dining rooms, put ceiling lights in other rooms, poured concrete floors in basement. Mr. and Mrs. Toney sold the house in 1985. It was vandalized shortly thereafter, caught fire in 1986 and nothing was saved except the slave quarters nearby because of no water hydrant close by. Only the walls of the house remain. The old road to the house is now impassable.

The Stoul Land Farm

"Stoul Land” a two story brick had nine rooms, two baths, two fireplaces, large halls, high ceilings, wrap-a-round porches upstairs and down at the back. It was built by the W. P. L. Neale family in mid 19th century. It was in two floods 1913 and 1937. Seven feet two inches of water was on first floor in 1937.

"Stoul Land" farm land was part of a grant from King George the Third of England to the Earl of Dunmoure, who transferred 30,000 acres to George Mercer. Local lore has it that George Mercer had been the surveyor who laid out the line that formed the back boundary of the farm. Owners included the Neale’s, the Ferrells, Clarence P. Stout (from 1911 until his death 1942), then by his widow, Laurane Boreman Stout. Since 1960 the farm has been owned by several persons.

A story is told that the small one story brick building near the home was used by Dr. Neale as an office, a well-known physician of his day. "Stoul Land” had the only telephone in the community, for many years. Persons from Mud Run came there to have emergency messages sent. Submitted by — Phyllis Ingraham Stout

The J. F. Burdett Home

The genealogy of the J. F. Burdett family, beginning in 1901, when the family first came to Mason County, appears elsewhere in this History.

Mr. Burdett settled his family on a Robinson District farm of some 1,000 acres, bisected by a public road known as “The Point Pleasant to West Columbia Road”. In 1909 the family moved from its residence atop a hill (now the Adam Krebs home) into a brick house newly constructed adjacent to this public road, which has since become State Route No. 62. At the same time the farm was christened “Belle Meade”. This name was bestowed by Mrs. Boland, the widow of a Methodist minister making her home with the Burdetts. It was partially derived from the middle name of Mr. Burdett’s daughter, Gertrude Belle Burdett (who was the last family member to occupy the home, this until her death in 1978); and in part because of its poetic meaning, “Beautiful Meadows”. Mr. Burdett, who among other things operated a sawmill, personally selected each individual piece of wood for the new house, and supervised its construction. Carpentry work was done by the Sam Lutton family (it was 16 year old Everett Lutton’s first job), and the brick was laid by Mr. Stortz, local mason.

The house contains seventeen rooms, and during the 1913 flood sheltered some fifty fifty "refugees" from inundated Point Pleasant. The farm’s name survives as “Bellemead”, a
The Burnside House

**BURNSIDE HOME**

This old home was erected on Second Street prior to the Civil War and an interesting story relates the fact that Jesse James and his "gang" contemplated a bank robbery when it was a bank, but the idea was dismissed. James Capehart organized a banking company in 1853. The front facing the river was a room 35 feet square and two stories high with a large ornate octagonal skylight. There were two rooms on each side of this room, one a walk-in vault. A dwelling was in the rest of the 18 rooms as well as slave quarters. During 1862-1863, Union General (then Colonel) Joseph A. J. Lightburn used the building for his headquarters.

The bank, Merchants and Mechanics of Wheeling, later in 1865 became Merchants National of Pt. Pleasant. James D. Thompson was an early cashier and lived there. Tol Stribling Sr., followed as cashier and his family occupied the house until September 1903 when it was purchased by Mrs. Minnie Burnside.

The 1913 flood damaged the home, water being eight feet deep and four feet from the second floor. In remodeling a balcony and stair way was built in the large room, parqueted floors were laid upstairs and down, and three baths and four porches were added.

It was sold by Mrs. Mary Burnside Reynolds in the late 1930's or early 40's to the Moose, but was destroyed by fire. A modern one story building was then erected at this time is used by the Senior Citizens as a meeting place, the Moose having built a new club building outside the city limits.

The Chatlin House

**THE CHATTIN HOUSE**

The first known occupant of this house was Attorney S. Paris Bell who came here from Grantsville, W. Va., with his wife and children Myrtle, Wilma, William, Holly & Virgil. It is best known as the Chatlin home and was purchased by Squire H. "Bud" Chattin (1870-1936), from Mr. Bell who returned to Grantsville, 1918. He was a brother to Robert P. Bell (Editor) moved to Florida.

"Bud" was an uncle of Mrs. Everett Sayre who raised her. This 12 room home was used as a boarding house, is of three stories, oak and cherry woodwork, 12 foot high ceilings. Besides the first floor, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sayre until 1946, there was one small apartment upstairs of three rooms, occupied by various families. The attic was unfinished but the cupola was finished and used as a bedroom. Location 1204 Viand Street.

It later became the Chapman Funeral Home, owned by Mervin Chapman, underwent extensive remodeling to the interior. He sold to Elizabeth Lasley David, and moved to Lancaster, Ohio. After her death it was purchased by Ed and Lena McDermitt family, early 1980’s.

The Couch-Artrip House

**THE COUCH-ARTRIP HOUSE**

Circ. - 1835

The home of Dr. William J. Artrip and family, at Southside, WV was built by Sarah Richardson Couch, widow of Daniel Couch. The land was conveyed to the Couches in 1817 for 16 slaves from their Richmond Cotton Factory. Being of pioneer spirit Sarah and Daniel moved to the wilderness of Mason County, Virginia in 1821. Daniel did not live to see his new home site. He died leaving Mrs. Couch with several small children to raise.

The Couches originally lived in a log cabin (which is standing at the back of our house). The log house was built with one large chimney in the center with hearths opening into the front and back rooms. This was later used as a kitchen for the main house and living quarters for the slaves who also used the loft for sleeping.

Information on the main house was given to me by Mrs. Edward (Margarette) McCullough, who was a granddaughter of Samuel Couch, whose Mother was Sarah. She said the main house and two room brick building (law office and school room) was built three years after the McCullough home, which is dated 1832. Bricks were made on the property by slaves. The house is of Federal style and bricks were laid in the common bond. Walls are approximately 16 inches thick. The main house was built with four large rooms, 2 up and 2 down, with large center halls. Windows are 6 over 6 with handblown glass (some intact), solid wood panelled doors wide woodwork shows the Williamsburg influence.

Floors are of hard pine in random width and lengths. Banisters on the stairs are of cherry wood.

An addition was added across the back of original house in 1875. This was a dining room, butlers pantry and open porch. Also a front porch was added at this time and a bedroom on the North wing. We added another wing on the South end in 1977.

A son, George Couch, a Charleston banker took over the home and property after his mother’s death in 1901. In 1916 it was sold to a Dunbar land company. The property then was sold to a Captain Reynolds and in 1930 the land was divided into 100 acres plots and given to the Reynolds heirs. The home place was vacant for twenty years. The late Homer and Mae Fisher bought the home place in 1950. We bought the property from the Fishers in 1960 and have occupied the home since that time.

In August 1984 the home was placed on "The National Register of Historic Homes", Submitted by — Dr. William J. Artrip

The J. B. Couch House

**J. B. COUCH HOME**

This old home of brick consisted of eight rooms with large entrance hall on ground floor and open hallway on second and stood at 708 Viand Street. It was built prior to 1900 and first known occupant was the Robert P. and Mattie Liter family. Mr. Liter had a horse stable on the back of the lot next to the creek. After his death in 1916 at Clarksburg (where he was attending...
The family moved to Main Street in the 700 block. Other occupants were (widow) Mrs. Baptiste Gilmore and daughters, (Sheriff) John Lewis, James B. and Katherine Reynolds Couch and daughter; Vern Filson family (1932-1937). "Bud" Easley family. The home was razed and torn down in 1960's after being purchased by the late Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Eshenaur. It became the new location of "The Point Clinic," which was previously located in the upstairs of a building 500 block of Main Street.

**The John Richardson Couch Home**

This old home was located on Kanawha Three Mile. Mr. Couch was born 1849 died 1912, his wife Catherine 1856-1926. They are buried Concord Church with other family members. See Couch histories elsewhere.

**Dixie Manor**

When William Harpold visited a southern friend who owned a rice plantation he was so impressed with his house, he came home and built one like it before the Civil War. It is located in Hartford on the banks of the Ohio, where for years it was a landmark for river boat captains. It was also reported to have been an underground station during the War between States. A large culvert in the riverbank was supposed to have been the hiding place for escaping slaves. The higher level of the river and floods destroyed this. It has been renovated, but the double deck porches on three sides of the house have been eliminated.

**Elm Grove**

Gracefully situated along the Kanawha River in Southside, "Elm Grove" is the stately manor house of the Long family's plantation. The Longs entered into the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1700's and lived around Fort Long (named for Philip Long) near Massanutten. Philip Long, Jr., a veteran of the Revolutionary War, bought the 1100 acres bounded by the river and the "military line parallel" that became Elm Grove plantation, from heirs of George Washington in 1810 and deeded it to his son Adam (1779-1827) in 1812. Adam had arrived in 1803 by raft with his family and tied up at what is believed to be the same old Sycamore tree marked by George Washington when he camped and hunted fifteen miles from the mouth of the Kanawha River before the Revolution. This huge Sycamore, which is still there although partially fallen and hollow, served for years as the marker for Long's Landing, the river dock where goods were received and crops were shipped. While living in a temporary sod hut for several months, the Longs built a three story log home in 1803-1804 which still stands today, with sturdy metal bars in the windows. This log structure, referred to as "The Fort," was the family residence until the 1830's, after which it served as an outbuilding and reportedly was at one time one of the first schools in Mason County.

In the 1830's George Long (1808-1880), oldest son of Adam and heir to "Elm Grove," built a beautiful brick home that was the plantation manor house until the great flood of 1883. "Elm Grove" prospered as a working plantation under George Long and he shared his blessing through such acts as freeing his slaves years before the Civil War and donating the land for Harmony Baptist Church. Tradition has it that James Long, heir of George, was atop the mountain behind Harmony Church at the height of the 1883 flood and decided to build a new home on an above water knoll a couple hundred feet behind the old one which was two feet deep in water. The new (and present) "Elm Grove" manor house was built in 1884. The interior and exterior walls are about a foot thick and made of bricks which were fired right on the plantation. Likewise, lumber was cut from the site. Marble mantels for the nine fireplaces, door and windows for the thirteen rooms and center and rear hallways, and woodwork for the ornate stairways and twelve foot ceilings, came from Cincinnati. There are three porches and five entrances. The intricately detailed mansion is one of the finest examples of Italianate styling in the area.

George William Long (1872-1952) obtained "Elm Grove" from his father, James, and was a very successful farmer and businessman in Mason County until he was hurt by the depression. His sons, after serving in World War II, left "Elm Grove" about 1950 and the ancestral home of the Kanawha Valley Longs for 1 1/2 centuries was sold. The estate has had several owners since then including the Fisher family and the author John F. Suter and his wife, Pauline. The Suters sold "Elm Grove" to Barrett McDonald in the mid 1970's. In the early 1980's it was acquired by Major John B. and Andrea Paisinger who undertook an extensive restoration of the manor house. The Paisingers went to great lengths to restore the mansion as authentically as possible while making necessary modernization steps. In 1986, Stan Parsons, a banker, and his wife, Joan, moved to "Elm Grove" and committed to continue the Paisingers work. Much of the manor's original grandeur has been recaptured and the grounds of "Elm Grove," graciously adorned with magnificent shade trees and quaint carriage stops, still bear witness today to the river boats of the Kanawha.

George Washington's Sycamore, Adam Long's old fort, James Long's mansion, and the legacy of "Elm Grove" plantation are still there to contribute to the history and the future of Mason County. Submitted by - Mrs. Joan Parsons, Mrs. Gertrude Osborne, Mrs. George Svanns.

**Eastmor**

This two story frame of poplar weatherboard with unfinished attic, built 1876, stands at 708 Main and is occupied by Everett Donham, retired engineer, and noted landscape painter, who came from Belle, W. Va. in 1959, after retiring from DuPont where he had worked 25 years. Mr. Donham, born near Cory, Indiana and reared in Welsh, Louisiana, stated "Eastmor" was the name of his Louisiana Home.

The open stairway in the entrance hall, has a solid walnut handrail and newel post, supported by 54 spindles, which leads to three bedrooms, hall and bath. All the woodwork is painted white. Two bedrooms, dining room, living room and one bath are downstairs, along with a kitchen which has been modernized. In remodeling, with Mr. Donham doing the designing, the 12 inch wide baseboards of Allegheny pine were reduced to 6 inches. Four of the six fireplaces were torn out and storage and closet places built. The fireplace in the living room was replaced with gas logs. The ceilings are 9 feet high. The floors are of double tongue and groove 1 1/2 inch thick lumber. The cellar, entered through a lift up door on the porch, now has a concrete floor. It is heated by a gas furnace.

Mr. and Mrs. Donham purchased the home in 1932 from W. William Bryan, wife Lizzie, and others. Mrs. Donham (now deceased, formerly Sara Stone) grew up with the Bryan girls. Mr. Donham has the large keys taken from the original door locks.

**Fridley Barn**

Is a landmark; six miles North of Point Pleasant on the old Clarksburg Road, now Route 2. The famous sign painter, Harley Warrick has taken place by depicting rural gothic America.
As far as we have record, Warrick is the last remaining person to do this freestyle roadside lettering on old buildings. These signs are fading from rural communities. His brush, a bucket of paint and years of experience does the work right before your eyes. He figures he has done ten thousand.

Unjust taxes, barns greater distances from the highway, and the advanced age of owners of these barns will soon make these signs antiquity.

Mrs. Lona F. Jones sums up the oncoming end of the barn when she reminisces about her farm in the Fridley community.

This sign and history of the work of art is in the art gallery in Charleston where the public can view it. This piece of art is used in magazines and newspapers, including the National Observer.

Elenor Grand of Ohio University filmed a documentary on this subject.

The highlight of this painting was when Mrs. Jones' 90 year old father, Taylor Fridley, held up a package of chewing tobacco and said, "I attribute my long life to chewing tobacco." Submitted by — Lona F. Jones

THE HENRY GWINN HOME
GLENWOOD, MASON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Henry Gwinn came to Mason County from Cabell County around 1860. Soon afterward he erected a grand mansion at Glenwood on a knoll overlooking the Ohio River on his 100-acre riverfront farm. Behind his new home the land rose abruptly to the River Bluffs and continued beyond it in majestic virgin timbered hills.

The home Mr. Gwinn built at Glenwood was a 14 room, three story, Georgian design patterned after the great Southern Plantation homes. Two chimneys rise from the room, one on either end of the structure. By viewing only two sides of this mansion one may count as many as 16 windows, most of which are trimmed by shutters yet today. A long porch once extended out to cover the well at the back of the house. The front porch was supported by stately white columns and a white picket fence once enclosed the front yard.

The Gwinn house was probably the grandest in the Glenwood community at that time. Today the old home is still Glenwood's oldest and best preserved landmark after being purchased and restored by its present owner, Don McCann, of Lesage. Submitted by — Jane Legg

JORDAN HOMESTEAD

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This frame Victorian style house was built in 1882 and contains ten rooms, two and one half baths, two large halls (upstairs and downstairs), attic and basement. Porch was added in 1914. It was the home of Attorney Charles Edgar (1852-1935) and Nannie Hawkins (1863-1946) Hogg and family. The last immediate member of the family to live there was Mary Hogg Patterson (1885-1967). The small two story building seen at side rear of home was "Dean" Hogg's law office and is now an apartment. Lawrence Moore purchased the home and established a funeral home. After he moved from Pt. Pleasant the late Ted Stevens operated the Stevens Funeral home there. Submitted by — Nancy (Hogg) Hill.

THE HITE HOME

The Hite home at 622 Viand Street was a two story frame construction of 10 rooms, 4 halls, 2 stairways, on Viand Street by the old railroad bridge, and was over 50 years old when torn down in 1949 for the construction of the Kroger store, now the site of the closed Kinfolk restaurant. Mr. Hite ran a plant market as a hobby which was very profitable. He raised flower and vegetable plants. The Hites had purchased their home from the Misses Mable Gibbons (high school principal) and Grace, a school teacher. Later the Hites moved next door to the Hooff property which was later torn down for erection of the present Building and Loan Association. Submitted by — Ted Mayer

OLD BRICK ON KANAWHA

The old brick on the Kanawha near the mouth of Ten Mile Creek was built in 1832 by William Greenlee, the son of John Greenlee who was the first settler in the area. It was the first brick home on the Kanawha River between the mouth of Coal River and Point Pleasant. Built for an inn, it served as a stagecoach stop on what was known as the James River and Kanawha Turnpike. At one time a Mr. Jones owned and operated the inn.

The house was made of bricks which were made in the ten acre field below the house which borders on Ten Mile Creek. William Yauger lived in the home before the Civil War. During the war Union soldiers camped in the field below the house and for pastime took occasional shots at the house. Mrs. Anna Lee Collins remembers what a great thing it was for her as a child to have her great uncle, Washington Yauger, walk around the house with her and find a bullet still imbedded in the brick which he would dig out with his pen knife and all the while giving the Yankees —

The house had a center hall, two rooms on each side up and down. A small room at the head of the stairway had the attic door in it with an enclosed stairway. In the stairway was a secret hiding place for large valuables. Things were hidden there during the Civil War. The kitchen and dining rooms were separate from the house. Charles Musgrave and his wife Eva Yauger Musgrave remodeled it making a large kitchen and dining room with two rooms above and connected them to the main house. Local residents often referred to the home as the "Old Brick" since it was the only brick house in the area, however, the real name was Rose Hill. Although in disrepair, it is still standing. Submitted by — Anna Lee Collins

JONES LOG CABIN

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This picture is a two story attic log house, known as a land mark. It is located six miles north from Point Pleasant on what was known as the Old Clarksburg road, and on the well-known branch of Crooked Creek and the original land grant of Andrew Lewis. The land is now owned by Ray Fridley and Lona Jones.

The house is well preserved and is over one hundred fifty years old. The logs in the house measure as much as 12 to 14 inches thick and 20 ft. long. They are put together with wood pegs, no nails. Original hand hewn floor and rafters are still present.

FIRST owner, a land grant to Andrew Lewis. SECOND owner, Thomas Lewis, who was Andrew's son. THIRD owner, Thomas Lemaster, the Rev. Scout. He was a brother-in-law of Thomas Lewis. FOURTH owner, Isaac Lemaster, who was the son of Thomas Lemaster. FIFTH owner, Perry Lemaster, son of Isaac Lemaster.

Fridley and Jones bought from Baker. Submitted by — Lona F. Jones

JORDAN HOMESTEAD

The Henry and Nora (Gibson) Jordan homestead is located off Ashton-Upton Road in Ma-
KISAR HOUSE

The Ornate English Brick home at 105 Third Street Point Pleasant, West Virginia, was built by Adam Frederick Kisar between 1890 and 1900. The home is now owned by Wayne Kincaid. Mr. Kisar moved to Point Pleasant from Woodsfield, Ohio in 1888 with his wife and four children.

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There is a full size basement, and the foundation is of hand Hewed rocks. There is an old wine cellar with curved brick ceiling, and two passageway doors.

Mr. Kisar was a successful business man and invested in Real Estate. Violet Machir is a granddaughter. Submitted by — Margaret Kincaid.

KISAR HOUSE

This house was built for Mr. Jordan's uncle, Mack Melton, by Mr. Waugh for $40.00. Henry and Nora Jordan moved into the house in 1917 and raised their nine children.

The John D. McCulloch Home

JOHN DANIEL McCULLOCH

This 22 room frame home had 10 rooms up, 10 down, 2 baths. The ceilings are 12 feet high downstairs, 10 feet high upstairs. The large entrance hall has an open stairway leading to the second floor, the last three steps raise from a landing. A built in bookcase is over one of the mantels. Cherry woodwork is used in the parlor, birdseye maple is in one bedroom. Rest of the house has chestnut and oak woodwork.

The house was built in 1887 by John Daniel McCulloch and is located at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets. His daughter, Sallie, (Mrs. Peter H. Steenbergen) inherited the home. Mrs. J. A. Steenbergen Johnson presently owns the home which she converted into four apartments, making very few changes in the original floor plan.

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Mr. Kisar was a successful business man and invested in Real Estate. Violet Machir is a granddaughter. Submitted by — Margaret Kincaid.

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Abner McCoy's house had originally a large living room, a spacious kitchen, and a small bedroom downstairs. The upstairs was one cavernous room over all the front of the house. There was a massive ten foot fireplace in the North wall of the living room. A Mr. Sowash cut and built it from stone quarried somewhere on the McCoy farm. The original stairway went up beside this fireplace. It was very steep and very narrow and enclosed with a door at the foot. Oak and Poplar and Pine logs from the farm were used to build the Abner McCoy home. They were hand hewn and pegged together instead of nailed. Where nails were used in framing and so forth they were the old square cut kind of long ago.

This old log house has been home to members of Abner's family for more than one hundred years. Submitted by — Jane Templeton Legg, Oleta Fern Nance

B & O RR Bridge over Big Kanawha River in Pt. Pleasant

Another scene showing the ferry flat, Kanawha Dock Log rafts. Boats in dock for repairs and a side wheel packet boat the "Greenland" coming from Cincinnati, Ohio and going to Charleston. These packet boats were very busy hauling freight and passenger over our rivers until the depression in the thirties. Roads, cars, trucks, buses along with the railroad finally won out. We only have 2 passenger boats on the river today the "Delta Queen" and "Mississippi Queen". At the turn of the century, one or two a day stopped at the Pt. Pleasant wharf.

The Sam Meadows House

SAM MEADOWS HOMESTEAD

Sam Meadows' homestead is located in Mason County on Palestine Ridge Road, Glenwood, West Virginia. He was a blacksmith and had a blacksmith shop in a log building out back of his house. He raised a garden and pastured his land. He was elected as a squire of Hannan District in 1932 under Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration. There were two Squires in each district. He tried small cases. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith

Riverboats

This picture was taken about 1910 from two miles up the Kanawha River at Miller's Landing. On Point Pleasant side the "G. W. Thomas" and Pump Boat "Raymond" is pumping upper barges, a Mariner boat looking after the lower end of the fleet. The "Major Stack" is moving two loads likely to fleet on the Henderson side and the "Robert Gilham" is looking after fleet on Henderson side across the river. These barges are loaded with coal to go down the river when rains would come and give them enough water to go down river. Kanawha River had Lock 11 and dam finished 1898, this would enable boats to get loads out of the Kanawha and be ready to go down the river when the Ohio would have a raise.

This picture taken about 1912 at Kingtown, looking down the river from the B & O R.R. Bridge to the Ohio River and showing the upper dock Co. the "Enterprise Marine Docking". This dock could have been working in 1885 when a boat builder named Joe Wheaton came here to follow his trade along with his boys. Later all interest were taken over by the Gardeners, so many referred to it as the Gardner Dock. In this picture you see the R.R. Bridge over the Kanawha River. Supply and Mill boats on the South Shore, a small Kanawha River Packet and another boat outside the bridge pier. A show boat is on dry dock being repaired and since another showboat is shown down the shore this is during the winter months as all showboats were plying their trade in sumers. The Kanawha Dock is where boats can be seen at the mouth of Kanawha River. Tied across the river on the Henderson side is a showboat and other floating vessels tied in for low water and winter time.

This picture shows the ferry "Charles Henry Stone" that ran across the Kanawha River joining the lower Kanawha valleys with Pt. Pleasant. The ferry is leaving the Pt. Pleasant side and will land at the road on the Henderson side at the river. The ferry flat was used until 1916. The steam ferry shown here ran until the bridge was built in 1932.

This picture shows the side wheel steam ferry named the "Ann Bailey" that crossed the Ohio River and joined W. Va. here at Point Pleasant to the state of Ohio at Kanawha. Ferry service was started 1798 and was improved upon until bridges were built. When the Silver Bridge was built 1928 this ferry service ceased. Leaving the wharf here at Pt. Pleasant, is the beautiful "Kate Adam" headed for Pittsburgh (1925). She only ran up in this area a few months, finding it too expensive to operate, where three packet boats were already established. They took her back (1926) to be a running packet in the movie "Uncle Tom's Cabin". The R.R. bridge was completed 1895 and was known as the K. & M. (Kanawha and Michigan). It was raised and rebuilt in 1902.

RIVER BOATS

River transportation was probably the most successful of the early means of travel for Mason County. The Ohio and the Kanawha Rivers offered a perfect highway for transportation. The first steamboat on the Ohio was the Orleans (New Orleans), built in Pittsburgh. It was a strange looking vessel with its masts, and deep hull like a ship, but on each side in plain sight...
was a paddlewheel. And on top was a tall cylindrical object, out of which rose thick, curling smoke. It started down the Ohio in September, 1811, and it must have startled people along the shore, who had no way of knowing what it was. At Point Pleasant, where the boat stopped to beg the keeper of the “Traveler’s Rest Inn” for a supply of cordwood, one of the town’s hundred inhabitants, all of whom were gathered on the shore, was sure the craft was the invention of the devil; another thought that such a daring attempt to chain nature’s forces could end in nothing less than disaster to both crew and owners.

These earliest boats had no trouble going downstream, but coming up was a different problem. They had trouble traveling against the current of the Mississippi and the lower Ohio.

The George Washington, built in 1816 in Wheeling, Virginia, proved the steamboat was practical. This boat had neither sails nor masts; it had two smokestacks and decks. She had a rather flat, shallow hull which seemed to be made for running on the water, not in it. An extremely light engine was on the deck rather than in the hold.

After this, the steamboat building began in earnest, and by the 1840’s and 1850’s, there were boat yards on both sides of the river from the Pomeroy Bend to Point Pleasant, and up the Kanawha River.

Early steamboats were built to transport coal and salt. The salt boats were usually white with a red stripe along the side. Each boat had cabins for passenger travel, and each was equipped with a whistle that was slightly different from others. People living along the river prided themselves on being able to distinguish the distant whistle and name the boat.

During the 1884 flood rocks were thrown at the Katie Stockdale when she made her way up the river, making waves that washed against flooded buildings. But she was welcomed with open arms when she came down, bringing much needed supplies.

There were specialized boats. One of these was the mail boat. The Mattie Roberts was the first. She was followed by the Emma Graham and the Chesapeake.

There were packet boats, or short run boats, making daily trips from the Bend Area to Gallipolis and back again, picking up freight and passengers at points in between.

We must not forget the crockery boats, sometimes known as the iron, or rag boats. They were loaded with crockery, dishes, or glassware, frequently seconds from the glass plants and pottery factories. They traded them to the citizens of the towns for rags and old iron.

The showboats were another kind of specialized boat, with their calliopes announcing their arrival, and promising grand entertainment.

Steamboats on the river had their problems. Before the advent of locks and dams, boats often had to wait until the river was full enough to travel on. The spring thaw usually took care of this problem. Captains wanted to hurry to a home berth in late fall or early winter before the river froze over. And a big hazard to these wooden vessels, of course was fire.

The Iron Queen, a luxury craft, was on her way up-river when she stopped at Racine, Ohio, to take on shavings and excelsior. Mrs. O’Leary’s cow wasn’t there, but arouseboat with a bundle on his shoulder struck a lantern, and in a matter of minutes the boat was on fire. Everyone was safely off the boat when the colored maid, Mattie Mosby, remembered her hat and rushed back on board to rescue it. She was the only casualty.

The coming of the railroad certainly hurt the river traffic, but it didn’t entirely replace it. Now our trains are few in number, but the boats are still busy with their cargo on the river.

The Texas deck was supplied with chairs and tables and two large parlors. The observation deck was 30 x 200 feet. She carried a steam calliope and her own orchestra.

She was lighted by 2,100 incandescent lamps. Two thousand-plus excursionists could enjoy all the comforts and pleasures of this “Queen and Pride of Western Waters”.

The Homer Smith changed owners in April 1929, and was renamed the Greater Pittsburgh. On March 8, 1931, The Homer Smith burned while at dock in Pittsburgh.

Many local residents recall their grand times on the elegant Homer Smith. Submitted — Lynn Smith

LEON FERRY

The first ferry at Leon was established in May 1871 by Benjamin Byram, the man who had laid out the town. Archibald Whitt acted as ferryman for a number of years after its beginning.

In October 1882 John H. Ferguson was the owner of the ferry. The county court set the rates as follows. “For each person five cents; for one horse and rider fifteen cents. For one horse and buggy and other vehicle, twenty five cents. For two horses and wagon, carriage or buggy, thirty five cents and ten cents for each additional horse; for each head of cattle five cents. For each head of sheep or hogs, two cents with such variations and conditions as may be made by law.”

On August 24, 1909 Anna Smith was granted license to operate a ferry at Leon.

In 1911 Perry Smith purchased the ferry at the cost of nine hundred and twenty five dollars, Everett, the son of Perry Smith acted as ferryman. The family kept accurate records of all their ferryman transactions which the family have kept.

Until 1916 the ferry flat had either been poled or rowed but at this time the Smiths purchased a gasoline powered boat called the Adjax that was used to push the ferry.

This same year Charles Thomas and Charles Stone bought the ferry. In time the Adjax had to be replaced. Joseph Kirker was employed to build a new boat which was called the “Yim” and used to push the ferry was discontinued.

In the early 1940’s Thomas and Stone sold the business to Marion Alexander. Others, who at one time owned or acted as ferryman, include Hiram Knapp, John Rairden, Bob Chapman, Peter Burns, Clyde Keefer, Mr. Ray and the last ferryman was Everett Graham. Submitted — Jeanetta K. Burdette

SHOW BOATS ON THE OHIO

The show boat was undoubtedly the most important form of entertainment during the late 1800’s and the early 1900’s along the river.

Boats carrying troupes of actors stopped at every town wharf for a day or two, and everyone who could scrape up the money went to see the show. The calliope announced the coming, and brought people to the river banks in anticipation.
"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was probably the most popular play, with "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" running second. "Little Mary Sunshine" was also popular. They were corny, poorly played, but they delighted the hearts of those who attended.

Captain Billy Bryant of Point Pleasant had a well known troupe in the area. Before he started his show boat, he used to help towns with their home talent plays. Perhaps this experience led to his using local people in small parts in his show whenever he could, which added to business. His boat was still in business in the 1930's.

In 1923, Tom Reynolds Sr. built the Majestic after his other boat the America, ran aground because of its design. After plying the river for many years, the Majestic ended in Cincinnati as a permanent show boat, and beside her the Asia Boy, the tow boat that handled the show boat, immobile now, but preserved to show how they looked as they traveled the river.

The Majestic started out each year with Tom, Tom Jr., and his wife Esther on board, starting at the 4th Street wharf, Point Pleasant, with the calliope playing for the beginning of their season.

In 1973, the 50th anniversary of the Majestic was held in Cincinnati, and Tom and Esther Reynolds were special guests.

One of the last show boats of this area was the Rhododendron, rebuilt and used in West Virginia's centennial celebration. She was the former work boat, Omar. She was rebuilt and refurbished in Point Pleasant for the Mountain State Centennial Commission. A third deck was added; and an authentic show boat theatre was built; it was redecorated, and christened the Rhododendron.

She plied the Kanawha River, the upper Ohio, and the Monongahela for three years. College students from their theatre groups ran the shows. Finally the Rhododendron was purchased and is now a stationary show boat, as well as a sort of river museum in Clinton, Iowa.

One of the earlier show boats was French's New Sensation. It was one of the best known of its kind. It was owned by Captain A. B. French, the undisputed king of the show boat world, and she traveled the waters from Pittsburgh to Louisville.

Captain French had a partner named Ed Price. Price had a little shanty boat which was lashed to the New Sensation and on which he made tin types for twenty-five cents each. The name of the shanty boat was the Sylvian Glen. Price made more money than either could alone on their down river trip, but on the up-river run, about the only cash the partners took in was from the tin types. This upset Ed Price, and so he always wanted to end the partnership in the fall. Finally French grew tired of this and refused to renew the partnership.

Price was so angry he stormed down to Paducah, Ky., where he had his own show boat built, which he called Price's New Sensation. For the next several decades, the former partners were bitter rivals.

In this area, the day of the showboat seems almost over. But when a boat such as the Delta Queen plays her calliope as she rounds the bends of the river, it brings back nostalgic memories of days and times long past.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**MASON COUNTY RAILROADS**

Railroads boomed on Mason County's horizon when the Ohio Central reached Pomeroy, Ohio, from Toledo in 1882. Calvin S. Brice tried to forge the OC with the Atlantic & Northwestern, between Pomeroy and Charleston, and the Richmond and Allegheny, between Richmond and Clifton Forge, Va., into a Tidewater-Lake Erie route by filling in the missing segment between Charleston and Clifton Forge in competition with the Chesapeake & Ohio.

This grandiose plan fell through primarily because of the Virginia Legislature, according to historian Alvin Harlowe. Brice had to settle for a union of the OC and the A&NW, making a rail line between Toledo, Pomeroy, Point Pleasant and Charleston.

One financial distress after another followed, and the West Virginia segment of the railroad was known variously as the Kanawha & Ohio, Kanawha & Michigan and Kanawha & West Virginia. In 1885, however, its parent Ohio Central reorganized into the Toledo & Ohio Central, and developed a strong traffic base of coal to enable it to flourish.

In 1922, the T&OC was leased to the New York Central and was merged into it in 1938. In 1968, NYC became Penn Central, and in 1963, the B&O was taken under wing by the CSX Transportation Inc.

The line's future was ensured in part by construction of a $2 million bridge across the Kanawha River at Point Pleasant, replacing the original dangerously light and wobbly cantilever span. The first train crossed the new bridge April 17, 1947, and top B&O officials came down for a big celebration on May 10 of that year.

Today the CSX line through Mason County is one of the principal secondary mains of the B&O, generating much of its traffic from industrial plants such as the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant at Apple Grove and the Stauffer Chemical Co. plant at Gallipolis Ferry. It has inherited much new traffic from other B&O lines now abandoned. Its future seems stable indeed.

**OUR RAILROADS**

The railroads played an important part in early days for transportation of coal, freight, livestock to markets, and especially passenger service. About every 10 miles there was a "whistle stop" from Cabell Co. line to Putnam Co., Pt. Pleasant to Jackson Co. Children caught the trains to Pt. Pleasant to attend High School, after WW 1. Its' bridge crossed the Kanawha River.

These huge "iron monsters" with their coal tenders, were fed coal manually by "firemen with shovels, to the burners for steam to run the trains. Travel was costly in the 1900s (from Pt. Pleasant to Red House - 45¢ one way).

Employees were firemen, brakemen (threw switches), conductors (took up tickets, announced stations), dining car attendants, baggage clerks, porters (carried your luggage). Each played an important role in train service.

The B. & O. ran from Kenova W. Va. to Pittsburgh, and handled shipping from Huntington, Parkersburg, to Pittsburgh. It crossed the bridge of the Kanawha River at Henderson. A water
fountain was at each end of the passenger cars as were toilet facilities. Lighting in early days was by oil lamps (until 1920), and heat was by wood or coal stove, later steam heat. Today the B. and O. is part of the CSX system.

The K. & M. ran from Charleston to Columbus, Ohio. It crossed the bridge at 7th street for its Ohio runs. It too had dining car service.

The Depot

The K. & M. until 1919 had its own hospital on 6th Street (now houses Littlepage Law office on 1st floor, apartments on 2nd and 3rd.) Not only did the hospital treat its injured but also furnished sleeping rooms for "layover" workers. When the yards closed and moved to Hobson yards, at Cheshire, so did the hospital. K. & M. is now the Conrail system.

The old Henderson depot at Henderson, W. Virginia at the mouth of the Coal River on the Kanawha River was probably called Hanan's Landing. Glenwood was probably called Hanan's Landing, and the first such service between Greenup and Madison, Kentucky and many miles above Point Pleasant.

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Glenwood (Hanan's Landing), West Virginia

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his own general store in Glenwood. Willie Cornwell, whose wife was a great granddaughter of Thomas Hannan, had a storehouse about a block east of the present B&O Railroad crossing where he sold carps and general merchandise. The Jim Cornwell storebuilding, erected before the turn of the century, is still standing at the junction of Route 2 and Hannan Trace Road. It also housed a restaurant and a boarding house.

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HARRISON COUNTY

HARTFORD

George W. Moredock arrived on the site of Hartford in 1853, having been chosen by the Mason County Mining and Manufacturing Company, later the Hartford Salt and Coal Company, as their agent for the company they were organizing. The new owners of the land and proposed company were from Hartford, Connecticut, hence the name of the town.

The land, 540 acres, included Sliding Hill. When George Moredock looked around, he saw wilderness. He hired workers to start clearing the land to make room for houses for miners, as they intended to start mining coal first. Mr. Moredock had the town surveyed by Thomas Gory Hogg and the first houses were company houses at West Point. Many remained company houses for some years, although the workers were given the privilege of purchasing them.

Robert L. Winkleblack was the boss carpenter. He was described as large, swarthy, with jet black hair. He wore about work a fine white shirt and black string tie - unusual in that day.

Many of the miners who occupied the houses on West Point came from Wales and England. A building was furnished by the company and was used as the Welch Baptist Church.

Three other churches were established early in the town, the Methodist, United Brethren, and the American Baptist.

The Virginia House was the first hotel, owned by W. W. Harper. It was more like a boarding house, but used the more elegant name of hotel.

Dr. James Meeks was the town's first doctor. Salt making and coal mining were the most important early businesses. The Hartford City Salt and Coal Company was probably the largest. The Valley City Salt and Coal Company was the second organized, owned by William Harbold. This later was purchased by the A. E. Smith family, and its name was changed to the Liverpool Salt and Coal Company. The Jackson Furnace in the lower end of town was owned by the Schon family. The German Furnace was located between Hartford and Mason, and furnished work for men from both towns.

The salt companies owned their own mines. One independent mine was the California Coal mine, with its own company store. It was owned by Charles Christian Juhl and his sons. They owned and operated three boats for transporting their coal. The entrance to this coal mine was back of the present grade school.

Salt was shipped in barrels, so each company had its own cooper shop. The Hartford Salt Company had a small mill located at the mouth of Sliding Hill Creek.

Bromine was a by-product of the salt plants. This was made from the bitter waters after the salt was extracted. This became a very profitable business, especially during the First World War. In 1888, the town was incorporated with Mr. G. W. Moredock as the first mayor. Among the problems facing the early town councils included keeping up the road along the top of the hill to New Haven, keeping the livestock from roaming the streets and gardens of the town, maintaining the bridge across Sliding Hill Creek, caring for the poor of town, and their duty as a Board of Education for the schoolchildren.

The first public school in Hartford was established in 1866 in a building formerly used by the Franklin Academy, a private school.

Floods have been a problem for the town in the past. The first one on record was 1883, followed by the 1884 one. The two largest and most destructive were the 1913 and 1937 ones. The products of the salt companies were destroyed and the mines were filled with water. There was also a great deal of damage done to houses and other businesses, and some never fully recovered.

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With the loss of the main businesses, the town has settled down to a residential area.

HEIGHTS, W. VA.

Heights extended from the present floodwall above Fourteenth Street and included all territory along the Ohio River and Marietta Manufacturing plant, also from present Camden Avenue, along Jefferson and to 23rd St. Its jail was in an old building near the “Senator Shinn” home, being the home built by Samuel Franklin Lutton, the first mayor, and where his children were born. Second Mayor was Will Selby, Will Rhodes was a policeman and Jimmy Marsh was the lamplighter. A dirt road between the railroad tracks and river terminated at a brick street at present 14th St.

Lizzie Zuspan (died 1936) and Bertha Zuspan (died 1958) ran the postoffice first located near Heights U. B. Church, then moved to corner of North Main and Poplar Streets.

Harmon Park was used for football, baseball games, carnivals, site of firework displays, special church meetings. The youth center and swimming pool now occupy the land.

The Virginia Malleable Iron Company was its largest business firm being incorporated in 1902 where all kinds of castings were produced. Side tracks from the B. & O. ran by the whole length of the plants. Grant and Tom Selby, Frank McDaniel, and Waldo Miller were among the employees in the foundry.

The B. & O. Water tower was nearby where trains got water for their engines.

The four story brick Equity Milling Company built 1888 was its oldest enterprise, had its own side tracks and boat landing. It bought grain from the farmers, made and sold flour.

Waldie Lumber Company carried all supplies necessary for construction. Delivery was by horse and wagon. Owners were William J., Stanley and Thomas Waldie. It was adjacent to Malleable Iron, went out of business 1945.

Sebrell Store Building during the Fire of 1930 stands on the corner of Upper Main Street and 1900 block. Sebrell sold out in 1930, and the tile building is used for storage by the city.

Mrs. Byrd Brown and Mrs. Fannie Maupin later were store owners. Also the “Red Onion” restaurant run by the Aikler family occupied the building first used as a postoffice. Behind Sebrell Store between the alley and railroad tracks had been made for construction of a theater.

Heights U. B. Church was the only church in the area. Sam Lutton Sr., was first charter member. Later several small homes were purchased, dismantled and large parking lot made.

P. P. Bell, (of Grantsville) had a store in this area, then Joe Flowers who sold dry goods and jewelry, followed by Sam Lutton, Jr. who sold groceries, the first store to sell boneless hams and lamb casing weiners. It later became a dwelling.

“Blink” Varian ran a restaurant, buying from P. H. Bradshaw, then followed by “Rags” Clendenin. A barber shop in the same building was run by Rupert Kayser, then Hoy Pullins and Wirt Love.

W.O. Roseberry owned a poolroom and restaurant across from the church. Mert Duff ran a barber shop. John and Waldo Miller ran Miller’s Feed store (now dismantled).

Going to the Marietta Plant north. George O. Childs (county surveyor) ran a grocery on the side (frame building) Freda Lutton was a clerk.

Heights first schoolhouse was a two story frame and was below the Marietta, on the left side of the road. Among students were Everett Lutton, Dorsel Fisher and Oscar Knopp.

Going east on 22nd Street. Height depot was a small train stop to pick up freight or passengers. Reuben Knopp put the mail on the hook for pickups. Next train stop was York Station (opposite the present Airport road) where passengers boarded and produce was loaded.

Okey Blagg owned a store on present Oak Street.

Two buildings below the train stop before Monroe Avenue. One was the old M.E. Church, later used by the Mission to house children before building on Lincoln Avenue. The second was used by L. L. Caldwell as a feed store, then Ottie Kimken, and “Lum” Rainey as a produce store. The Daughters of America Lodge met in one of the buildings for a short while.

Robert “Red” Crumps home sits on the site of the Pete Wallace Laundry. Before 22nd Street was laid out a dirt road was behind his home and ran through the field, under a tressel to the Marietta Plant. The road was rerouted when Madison Avenue was made. Above the tressel was swamp land.

Perry Bell had a store on 22nd and Lincoln in the 20’s. It saw many owners, finally became a church, which is now torn down but a new building will be erected.

Heights School was a two story concrete across from Bell Store, built about 1910. A modern building now stands. Several homes on Lincoln and Jefferson were torn down for the playground.

J. D. Powell owned a store on 22nd Street as did J. V. Kapp, then Blessing Meat Market. Next was Virgil Rice’s blacksmith shop, Bill Sel-
Leon was incorporated on May 21, 1872 and consisted of one square mile. Located on the north bank of the Kanawha River at the mouth of Thirteen Mile Creek, it is the only town in Logan County.

John Nelson, the son-in-law of William Ar buc kle, built the first cabin in 1798 on the hill overlooking the river. This site was the land later owned by the Casto family. Just one year earlier John Greenlee had built a cabin near the present day Crookham home.

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It is known that Maurice Greenlee and William See helped with the making of salt. The first Town of Leon was laid out in 1840 by Benjamin Byram and enlarged in 1871 by Colonel Robert Patton having in that year purchased an adjoining tract of land and laid out a portion of it in town lots.

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In 1870, the Mason City Public School, by virtue of their relatively higher standing, became shariers in the Peabody Fund. Because of this, the school had longer terms and better teachers than any other schools in the Bend. In 1868, Jacob Bird of Mason, became Superintendent of Mason County Schools.

In the late 1920's, Wahama High School was built for residents of Wagoner District, Hartford, and Mason, and was located in the lower end of Mason.

The first post office was established in 1855, with Asa Brigham as postmaster. Dr. Alfred Patrick was Mason's first physician, coming in 1853. He was Mrs. Lovell's brother.

Mason lost no time in asking for incorporation, so in 1856, the Virginia Assembly passed an act allowing it. The election for mayor was held the first Monday in April 1856, and George Patrick is believed to have been the first Mayor. Although with the loss of the salt furnaces Mason was left with no large industry, the town continued to exist, and now has a hardware store, a furniture store, the Foglesong Funeral Home, and other businesses.

NEW HAVEN

The small settlement on the upper slope of Sliding Hill was once known as Gabbart's (Capehart's) Mill. Later it was called New London. It acquired its lasting name when the Mason County Mining and Manufacturing Company opened the Union Salt Company and named it New Haven after their home city in Connecticut.

When George Wilding Sr. was sent to the upper slope of Sliding Hill to open a mine in 1856/87 there were about four houses; the old Roger house, the Capehart house, the Phillip house, and the old Kenny log house.

The salt furnace was built on the site of the Roger's house. The land owned by the company was surveyed and lots laid out. Henry Capehart, who inherited the land on which New Haven now stands, began surveying his farm and making building lots, evidently anticipating the growth of the town.

Wilding was responsible for a building in "Tom Kinny Hollow" (now part of the New Haven Roadside Park) for use of a school during the week, and church on Sunday.

The first school was a subscription school, paid for by the parents. The first teacher was Dan Duskey, who ruled with an iron hand. He followed Solomon's advice to "spare not the rod."

By January, 1870, the children of New Haven were being taught in a new brick building – a public school. The third floor was used by the Odd Fellows as a lodge.

After the Civil War, there was a religious revival and both the United Brethren and the Methodists built churches in the town. The Lutheran also built a church, and there is a Church of God in the town.

Henry Capehart owned the flour mill on the river bank in 1861, but he sold it about 1870 to the Leitwiler brothers, Adam and Jacob, who ran it for many years. The mill was damaged by floods and rebuild; it was last operated as a mill by John Layne and Lloyd Roush. It has now been rebuilt as a dwelling house by Mr. W. H. Lowman.

In addition to the salt company mine, the Flint Hill Mine was an important independent one. It was located in the upper end of New Haven.

New Haven was incorporated in 1895, and the first mayor was E.C. Riddle. There were many civic minded men in New Haven. They worked for a Fire Department, a community building, a swimming pool, sidewalks, paved streets, a water and sewer system among others.

New Haven has a bank, a medical center and are anticipating a new library.

The Superior Porcelain Company located above New Haven, was a boon to the town, providing jobs during the construction and after it was completed. It also caused a building boom in the area above town for the much needed homes for the workers.

The Vanadium Plant also was a great help in the economy, as is the Mountaineer Plant, built for the Appalachian Power Co. The town has made great progress with good prospects for the future.

THE CITY OF POINT PLEASANT

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HISTORY OF POINT PLEASANT

Point Pleasant a City of 5,600 is the county seat of Mason County, population 27,000. The City of Point Pleasant is located on the point of land south of the Ohio River and east of the Great Kanawha, at the juncture of those two rivers, which has been inhabited since man first came to the North American Continent.

Point Pleasant was visited earlier by other explorers, but enters precise written history in 1770, when it was explored by George Washington. He camped at a spring at the edge of our present town, and "Washington's Spring" still exists. He named the spot, calling it by the descriptive term "Point Pleasant".

Point Pleasant is the site of the battle of that name fought on October 10, 1774, and the location of Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, containing a national battle monument, the graves of the men slain in the battle, as well as, the grave of Indian Chief Cornstalk (who led the 5-tribe confederation in the battle), and Mad Anne Bailey, famous revolutionary border scout, and a historical museum.

Land for Tu-Endie-Wei State Park was acquired by the City of Point Pleasant, in 1901, the monument was erected in 1909, and the park itself was appropriated by Congress.

The Mansion House Museum was built by Walter Newman as an inn in 1796 and holds artifacts from many of our settler families.

Following the battle, through frontier facts, which secured the western frontier during the Revolution, were located at Point Pleasant. The town was chartered by the Virginia legislature in 1794, became the County Seat of Mason County when the county was formed 1804, and a part of West Virginia when that State was admitted to the Union in 1863.

For many years Point Pleasant was river-oriented, the Ohio, which flows westward adjacent to the City, being the main artery for movement of settlers to the west and the supplying of their needs once they were settled.

Later, both the Ohio and Great Kanawha were the only means of transportation of coal and the products of the industries of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. In the late 1800's, two railroads were routed through the city. To the requirements generated by these arteries of commerce was added the constantly expanding agriculture of the surrounding area with the essentials of these activities being varied the diversification of retail outlets has existed for two centuries. This characteristic of retail trade still continues and has grown largely over the years.
have together weathered the ebb and flows of centuries. Foremost, we realize that financial problems come and go in any community, and that each in its turn reasserts the importance of inner community strength.

Through the setbacks and tragedies which are pieces of our past which have brought many a tear to the citizens of this area, with those of the early frontier we have been able to move forward and strive for excellence in making this grand city our beloved home.

Some contents of this story were obtained from 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985 All West Virginia City entry booklets. Submitted by — Brian Bulings

“Winston House” 1986

**TU-ENDEI-WEI PARK**

The Tu-Endei-Wei Park is well preserved, and in it is the Mansion House built by Walter Newman in 1796 as a home and public inn. It is the first hewed house built and the oldest building yet preserved in the Kanawha Valley. It is furnished with colonial furniture and priceless heirlooms and Indian relics gathered from the battlefield. There is a caretaker in attendance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter DAR are the custodians. This article published May 1928 and written by Mrs. Levia Simpson Poffenbarger pretty well sums up the Mansion House of today although many minor changes have been made, and relics have been added.

Mason County Courthouse built in 1857 was torn down in 1952. It had an open entrance hall with a stairway leading to the courtroom on second floor, and a judge’s chamber and small jury room. The lower floors had several office spaces. The courthouse was under attack by the 8th and 6th Va. Calvary Confederate Army in March 1863 during the Civil War. They were under the impression that a large amount of Federal supplies were stored there. The Federals took refuge at the courthouse and the battle raged for four hours. Afterwards bullets were dug from the walls.

**WEST COLUMBIA**

In 1847, three families lived in Ice Creek Hollow, yet on Nov. 18 of that same year, a post office was established there for the convenience of the farmers in the bottoms land above and below the narrows. It was named West Columbia, and its postmaster was Moses Michael.

West Columbia was the first of the river towns to produce salt. By 1851, it was the largest town in the county. A report of the West Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Co. Agent tells us the town had a church, two school houses, a printing office, a telegraph office, a steam saw mill, a salt furnace, tannery, carding machine, stave machine, six stores, and ten steam machines employed in various other mechanical operations, and the population was now 800 people. They also had acquired additional coal lands. This was 1853.

Dr. Aquilla L. Knight, former teacher, located in the town in 1861, after his graduation from the medical department of Western Reserve College.

West Columbia's first school was a pay, or subscription school, conducted in the basement of Rev. Moses Michael's three story brick building, with Captain Allen Mason as teacher.

In addition to the United Brethren Church, a Welsh Presbyterian and a Methodist Episcopal Church located here. The Bend’s first church bell was the $350 purchased by the Rev. Moses Michael. People from a wide area attended church here, coming from as far away as Pomeroy. All the prominent families came in their carriages, some driven by slaves. The slaves sat in the back of the church on a bench especially provided for them.

West Columbia in its early years gave promise of becoming the Bend's social center. Balls were given in the Van Matre Hotel, as well as regular dances.

Business fell off during the Civil War, and West Columbia never regained its former glory. By 1867 the Beacon Hill Furnace had been pursued by John King and Son of New York.

The notable King Residence at West Columbia was built on the cliffs back of the King Furnace about 1867. It was only one story high, but very long with many porches and windows, from which there were many fine views up and down the river. The house was elegantly furnished. Its surroundings were laid out by a landscape gardener. A grove hid the dwelling. Workers by the score were maintained about the premises.

At this hill-top residence, King entertained his friends from the East. During the summer months young folks by the dozen came from New York, Philadelphia, etc. to spend the season at the King Mansion. The summer evenings were spent in dancing, card playing, music, and so on. Negro waiters were on hand to serve the guests in any manner desired.

The King Furnace shut down in 1873 when King returned to New York. By 1870 West Columbia had lost a thousand or more people since its hey-day. The population was now 773.

Several newspapers were started in West Columbia, but none lasted, the West Virginia Monitor being the last.

The first free school was taught by a Miss Day in a little frame building opposite the U.B. Church. Miss Mary Mason taught a term or two in a room on the second floor of a private dwelling probably in 1865.

By the fall of 1867 two new school buildings were ready for occupancy; one, a little red school house above the mouth of Thirteen Mile Creek; the other a larger building, not red, out on Ice Creek. Billy Gamble was the first teacher at the red school house. Miss Norris (later Mrs. W.W. Harper) was one of the first at the Ice Creek Building.

One room in the larger building was set aside for those who wanted instruction in German. Among those who attended were the Misses Lilly, Ida and Eva Knight, Masters George Knight, George, Charley and Adam Zupsan.

When King closed his furnace, there were efforts to open others, but none really succeeded. The coal mines kept the town going for awhile, but like the other towns that depended on salt, it deteriorated rapidly.

**SOUTHSIDE** is a rural community, with a mail route extending 58 miles to serve 850 patrons. The first post office in the area was named Harmony, established around 1800 on the south bank of the Kanawha River on the farm now owned by T.A. Williamson. Nathan Long was the first postmaster. After that post office was discontinued, the residents of the community received their mail at Arbuckle, on the opposite side of the river, until 1886 when Southside post office was established on the farm now owned by Nannette Sebrell Sowards. The site of the post office has been moved several times, but it’s now located near the residence of Nina Bowles, the present postmaster.

The first settler, of whom there is a record, was a Mr. Mackey living near the mouth of Big Sixteen Creek, 1794. The next was Mr. Ayres, who settled near the mouth of Little Sixteen Creek in 1800. A few years later, Mr. Ayres floated timbers down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to build a house on the property presently owned by Mr. Paul Hudson.

A grist mill was one of the earliest businesses in the community, and it was located on Little Sixteen Road, about 3 miles from U. S. Rt. 35. This stone-ground mill was horse-powered, later replaced by a steam boiler, to which a sawmill was attached. This business was known as Steel’s Mill, located on property now held by Bonnie Darling.

Another early business was a boot shop established by Daniel Gerhart soon after the close of the Civil War.

Southside’s original school house, a log structure owned by C. W. Long, is still standing today on the banks of the Kanawha River, one mile north of Rt 35. A Mr. Payne, the first school teacher, had an enrollment of twenty-eight pupils.

One of the earliest churches in the state, Harmony Baptist Church, was established at Southside, 1812, under the leadership of Reverend William George, with 16 charter members. The membership had no permanent meeting place until 1860 when a building was erected at the mouth of Little Sixteen Road, through the efforts of Reverend R. W. Davis, George Long, and C. W. Maupin. Although Mr. Long was the principal donor, Mr. Maupin furnished the weather boarding which was cut from the logs of the wild cucumber trees found in the mountains of Fayette County. Although the building has gone through several renovations, the original structure is still intact.

The next church organization was Enon Primitive Baptist Church, organized in 1868 by Elder Woodson Melton. The first meeting place was in a log building on property now called Hardway Farm, and owned by Jabez Beard. In 1870 this congregation erected another building at the junction of Shady Fork and Little Sixteen Creek Roads, but meetings were discontinued in the early 1900’s.

At the present, three congregations hold services along the Southside mail route: Beech Hill Methodist, Hambrick, and Harmony Baptist. One school, Beech Hill School, serves the community with instruction for grades one through six.

The Mason County 4-H Camp is located at Southside on Pond Branch Road, and three businesses operate: Summer’s Store, Yauger Farm Supply, and the Williamson Pallet Mill.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles 'Turk' Edwards

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CHURCHES

ARBUCKLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the summer of 1868 the Arbuckle community erected a handsome little chapel under the Presbyterian auspices, though it was open at times for the use of other denominations. It was known as the Arbuckle Church.

On the 30th day of August 1868 was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. Service was conducted by the Rev. B. B. Blair.

Sam Couch and G. W. Craig were the Elders in the church.

Many years later the church ceased to exist. Finally the church building was purchased by Mr. Oscar Douglas who razed it and sold the material. The cemetery was deeded to the Trustees. Submitted by — Juanita Burdette

BADEN BETHEL CHURCH

Mitchell Cemetery had been established for many years when three progressive citizens of the Baden Community saw the need of a church, especially for funeral purposes. These three were the late Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rollins and Mrs. Willie Mitchell. On November 12, 1906 they drew up a paper to present to the residents of the community who might like to help them realize their dream. Many contributions of $1.00, $2.00, $5.00, $10.00 and up to $20.00 were pledged, as well as timbers and flooring. Soon, the work was started and with their will and much local labor, by 1908 the building was erected. Among the carpenters was a Rev. Smith. He paid $100.00 for his work, while much labor was contributed by the local residents. We have no record that this Rev. Smith ever preached in the building on which he directed construction. The church was to be open to all faiths and was given the name Bethel (which means the House of God) by the late Mr. Fred Mitchell, who had contributed very generously to the building effort. The name Ball's Chapel. The Mason County plot, originally part of a Governor Mayes and later to Ball's father, J.W. Ball, sold for $10. Trustees taking title included Charlie W. Mayes, Alfred Holley and James H. Ball himself.

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BALL'S CHAPEL CHURCH

James Henry Ball and his wife, Sarah E. Ball, sold a half-acre parcel on the northwest corner of the Charleston Road and Old Lane on Mayes Hill to Methodist Episcopal trustees on March 19, 1900, for the purpose of providing a house of worship for the Ashton community.

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In the mid 30's the young people saw the need for more space for their program, so an addition was built, affording a larger pulpit. Later, two Sunday School rooms were added. The church now (1986) has a board of trustees composed of the following: C. B. Cadle, D. E. Hartley, Ed Legg, Elza Stover and Cecil S. Matheny.

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Barton Chapel United Methodist Church, Apple Grove, W. Va., is located six miles out Jerry's Run Road then right one-half mile on a gravel road.

The church was built in 1892 on land given by Samuel L. and Sarah D. Carroll to Alvin Shank, F. D. Young, George Wears, John L. Steele, and J. R. Tanner, trustees for the church.

The church originated under the United Brethren in Christ and the first pastor was Rev. E. D. Barton.
Mr. James Colwell donated $200.00, followed by W. P. L. Neal, William Beale, Lewis Menager, and William Wallis, of lesser donations, toward construction. Other donated their time.

First trustees were James Colwell, W. P. Hayman, Timothy Holloway, Gideon Brown, Levi Hopkins, and others.

By 1858 the structure or framework was up, and on Sunday morning April 12, 1861, the church was dedicated. First pastor was Rev. Stephen Vaught.

The church was first called Levina Chapel in honor of the wife of Mr. William Beale, who was the daughter of Mr. Morgan Moore (Hardesty). Many early settlers are buried in the cemetery including John Wilson, Revolutionary War Soldier.

Present Pastor is Rev. David Chaffin. Submitted by — Nancy Nibert

BEACH CHAPEL

This historic old church was built of brick on the farm of Mr. William Beale who gave \( \frac{1}{2} \) acre, on which the church now stands. In 1856, Mr. Beale failed to make a deed for the ground and the farm of Mr. William Beale who gave \( \frac{1}{4} \) acre, to the Hanleys made a deed which was recorded June 6, 1879. The church to be used by the Methodist Church.

Two years following, in 1860, the Beech Hill Church was erected, and remained a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until 1939 when the Methodist churches united. It was then known as the Beech Hill Methodist Church. Then in 1968 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united and became the United Methodist Church. Our church is now the Beech Hill United Methodist Church.

On the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church, in 1908, a celebration was held which lasted two days. Several ministers who had served the church attended this celebration, and it is said they told of seeing the armies of both Union and Confederation marching along the road under the hill.

In the early 1920's Mrs. J. S. Henderson and the Sterrett Ladies helped to organize the women of the church into a group called the Ladies Aid Society. When the church was first formed with the conference organization, it was known as the Women's Society of Christian Service. With the union of the churches the name was changed to United Methodist Women.

Whatever the name of the organization has been, the Ladies have been very active in the work of the church. They have done much in the way of improvements to the church over the years. They sponsored having the church wired for electricity in 1945. In 1947 the Women's Society began plans to replace the old windows which were in very bad condition. They were assisted in this project by Rev. L. D. Icard who obtained the colored glass from the Blenko Company of Milton, WV. The beautiful windows were assembled and installed by Point Pleasant Products Co. in 1948. The interior of the church was renovated and redecorated at this time.

In 1948 the Hill family, Laura, Oma, and Davie, gave a plot of land adjacent to the church to be used for a cemetery and parking lot. This land not only serves a useful purpose, but also adds much to the outward appearance of the church property. Additional land for the cemetery was acquired in 1960 when Mr. Boyd Akers, who owned the adjoining farm, gave the church a quarter acre strip of land on the hill above the old cemetery in exchange for a legal outlet.

When a new fence was built on the lower side of the cemetery in 1981 another strip of land was given by Lannes Williamson for more burial space. The church grounds were further extended when in 1974 Curtis and Elizabeth Lanier donated a strip of land adjoining the church property along the highway. This land was cleared and is kept mowed to be used as a recreation area, or for extra parking when needed.

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To meet the needs of a growing church in 1952-1955 a basement was placed under the church and a new oil furnace installed. In 1958-1959 the outside appearance of the church was greatly improved by the addition of a steeple and vestibule, built by the pastor Rev. Robert Hurley. The glass windows in the vestibule were memorial gifts. The illuminated glass cross in the front was given, honoring the youth of the community.

In 1959 plans were made for construction of a new educational unit, which was finished and put into use in early 1961. We now have ample class rooms, a new kitchen, a large social room, which is often used for wedding receptions and other gatherings. We also have a small library, most of the books given as contributions. Funds are now being raised to put padding on the pews in the sanctuary.

For 19 years the Women's Society sponsored an Old Fashioned Dinner each fall at the Mason County 4-H grounds at Southside. Many people came from outside the community to share the good food and fellowship. The funds raised from these dinners were used mainly for improvement of the interior of the church, such as renovation of basement, furnishing the kitchen, class room furniture, carpet and other.

Although the Women's organization often sponsor such projects, the men of the church are always there to make suggestions and help carry out the plans. Where it has been possible the men gave of their time and their skills without pay, so that the plans become reality.

Space will not allow for naming all the contributions and memorial gifts that have been given, which help to make the interior of our church a beautiful sanctuary. The brassware is all engraved, and there are plaques in various places throughout the church, which identify the donor and the one in whose memory the gift is given. We also keep a register of memorials.

One story of interest was told by Miss Rose Sterrett. She recalled the fact that Mr. Ben Franklin of Point Pleasant came up the Kanawha courting Miss Fannie Long, just about the turn of the century. He suggested that the church obtain the beautiful chandeliers from the Masonic Lodge Hall in Point Pleasant since they were going modern down there with electric lights. His brother E. E. Franklin and Boyd Sterrett took the lights down from the lodge hall, packed each piece separately, took them to the Sterrett home, where each small piece was thoroughly cleaned and polished, re-wired, and packed and brought to the church to hang and shine in all their splendor, having been changed from gas to kerosene. They were later wired for electricity by Preston R. Anderson assisted by Raymond Vanselous. So they continued to light the church until the early 1960's when it was decided to put a new lighting system in the church. The old chandeliers were sold to an antique dealer, and a new and modern system installed.

Another thing of interest, is the fact that two granite monuments of Captain Williams, and the noted pioneer scout of the Kanawha Valley, are sleeping in the cemetery back of the church. One of these is Harriett Miller, mother of Mrs. Sam Couch (Sally) who was the first organist. Captain Williams was the great-great-grandfather of the Sterrett family.

Mrs. S. Hendeson told us that when Mr. J. H. Miller was Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Stephen K. Vaught was pastor, at the same time working on his farm, and received no salary. Jim Vaught followed his father as pastor and was the first minister to receive a salary.

Mrs. Henderson also said Dr. Whiteman was the first presiding elder (the office we now call District Superintendent). As there were no highways then, horse back travel was the order of the day, the elders traveling by boat to reach the church as did the ministers who made their homes in Point Pleasant.
For many years Beech Hill was on the Point Pleasant Circuit made up of Point Pleasant, Rayburn Chapel and Beech Hill. There have been many changes over the years and Beech Hill has been associated with several churches. At one time it was a five-point charge, including Hickory Chapel and Leon. At another time Mt. Union of Pliny was on the charge. But for several years there have been three churches on the charge, Henderson, Vaught Memorial and Beech Hill. Since 1973 all our ministers have been seminary students. They have served the three churches while attending seminary in Dayton or Delaware, Ohio. Our vision is to be able in the near future to support a full-time minister and possibly become a station church.

Most of what has been written concerns the physical history and growth of the church. It is difficult to measure or describe the spiritual growth. There is one fact, however, that we can be certain of; no church can survive and grow for 126 years without serious dedication of a lot of people. One only needs to look back over the years to get a glimpse of the prayers, hard work, and sacrifices of the many people who have brought our church to the place it is today. May the future continue to show the same kind of dedication is our prayers. Submitted by — (Mrs) Bernice Anderson, John F. Lewis, Clara Kay, Ruth M. Blain, Alice E. Hopson

BELLEMEAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bellemead United Methodist Church is the spiritual descendant of the Bethel U B Church. It was located in the T.N.T. area northeast of Point Pleasant. This area was bought by the government and the last service was held April 12, 1942.

Many of the people from Bethel had moved into the Bellemead area of Point Pleasant and money from the sale of the old church played a big part in the starting of the new church in Bellemead.

February 13, 1944 was the first service, 96 people were in attendance and since then with several remodeling projects a new sanctuary was dedicated in July 2, 1978.

This church in a very real way represents the prayers, dreams and struggles of those representing past generations and those of the present. Today the Bellemead U M Church seeks to serve those of today and those yet to come.


In June 1972 G. Bryan Blair was the new pastor and is still serving in 1986.

BEECH GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Beech Grove Methodist Church was erected in 1906. It is located on Knife Branch Road, Glenwood, WV in Mason County. Some of the local congregation includes Edmonds, Holleys, Blakes, Meadows, Stewarts, and Smiths. At present time there is no minister. Submitted by — Ralph Barker

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BETHEL CHURCH HISTORY

Many pioneer families, Riffle, Rice, Caldwell, Carder, Winger, Stewart, Yeager, VanSickle, and many others were busy settling the area near Old Town Creek near 1770 to 1810. Several bought land from Dr. Jesse Bennett. In 1870 there was a great need for a church. In March 1876 their dreams were realized. The first service was the funeral of Richard Riffle. It was in the unfinished church.

On April 1876 Bethel U B Church held its first church service with Rev. L. M. Carder as Minister. Seventy-five attended.

"TALL OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS"

BY: Otis Rice

I saw Bethel U B Church grow from a small struggling church of twenty to thirty members to a strong country church of over two hundred average attendance.

It used to close the first of December to the first of March because they could not afford to buy coal at $2.50 per ton. Otis' Granddad Rice gave the money for coal and services were then held year round.

In 1942 along came the war and the TNT Plant, and the death of the community and of course the church died too. Last service April 12, 1942.

After the war it was sold to individuals who lived in it, then was turned into a storage and warehouse and later an auction house.

Later the church was torn down and now lies in a pile of rubble.

It took a lot of faith to see that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Submitted by — Otis M. Rice, Hazel Riffle Roush

BRUCE CHAPEL

The first Episcopal Church in Mason County, located approximately 10 miles South of Point Pleasant on Route 2, Crab Creek Road, Gallipolis Ferry, WV.

Built in 1842 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Moore. Some of the money was donated by the Bruce Fund from a Miss Bruce of Halifax, VA. who had family ties here and who was largely responsible for its construction. Hence the name Bruce Chapel. Funds from the Diocese of VA, which were used in establishing churches in far away districts along with Episcopalians and those of other denominations in the neighborhood made the erection possible. It was understood that when the pulpit was not occupied by Episcopal clergy it could be used by other denominations. Methodist and Presbyterians preached in the church until their's were built. The church was consecrated by Bishop John in 1843.

In the summer of 1879 a Sunday School, the first in the neighborhood, was established by Miss Eleanor Beale and Mary M. Moore. The year of 1879 brought an adjoining parish room to the rear of the chapel. It was paid for and used by Episcopalians, 4-H Clubs, and other community organizations for meetings of various kinds.

At one time there was a quite a flourishing sewing circle held there which was a great help to the young girls of the area. During World War II the Red Cross used the parish to roll bandages. In later years the Delco lights were replaced by electricity and the old pot bellied stove was removed for natural gas furnaces in 1957. Innumerable funerals and weddings have been held in the little chapel on the hill. There are many prominent people buried under the beech trees with many unmarked graves of slaves. Possibly some of whom helped make the bricks that built the church, along the Ohio River one half mile to the West.

The Beale and Moore families were my ancestors and I am the sixth generation to have grown up in Bruce Chapel. Submitted by — Eva Ann Gill Magsvave

Christian Valley Church of Christ
CHRISTIAN VALLEY
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rocky Fork Road

"The Church of Christ was organized as a Congregational at Christian Valley Chapel in the year of our A.D. 1881."

This is a direct quotation from the old "Lord's Day class" record book. Following it is a list of more than sixty names of those who first claimed membership here. These are some of the families: Chandler, Chapman, Clegg, Crum, Fatt, Grover, Hudson, Mayes, McCoy, Meadows, More, Neal, Nichols, Patterson, Perry, Thomas, Waugh, Wheaton, White.

By a deed made December 22, 1894, Ellis and Minnesota Meadows, for the sum of one dollar and further consideration of "having a church made and kept up", granted to Samuel McCoy, Abner McCoy, and Cain Meadows, 36 poles of land, in trust, for "benefit and uses of the Christian Valley Chapel; The Church of Christ organized on what is known as Fee's Branch . . . ". This deed was recorded in 1897.

I am not sure when the present building was erected. I am told this congregation met for a time in the old Starkey schoolhouse (then log) just up the road. My mother remembers hearing that Jesse Waugh built the present meeting house and that the bell was donated by Albert Hannah later and was rung for the first time on New Year's Day.

The Church of Christ still meets in the same old Christian Valley Chapel building on Rocky Fork Road every Lord's Day morning at 10:30 A.M. Submitted by — Jane Templeton Legg, Joseph A. Wright

HISTORY OF CLIFTON
METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
and
CLIFTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1867 - 1986

The town of Clifton was settled in 1853 and the Methodist began having church services in a school house in 1854. In 1867 the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a red brick structure, was completed and dedicated, Reverend C. E. Manchester, Minister.

The church continued to grow and in 1919 "The Great Revival" as it was known was held in the old Starkey schoolhouse (then log) just up the road. My mother remembers hearing that Jesse Waugh built the present meeting house and that the bell was donated by Albert Hannah later and was rung for the first time on New Year's Day.

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CRESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CRESTON E. U. B. CHURCH

In the year of 1891, a church building business meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wedge. The purpose of the meeting was to plan the construction of a new church in the community. William Cassin, Madison Staats, and J. I. Wedge called the people together and the interest being high it was well attended. Folks agreed to donate the lumber, and J. I. Wedge and Paul Jones Sr., donated the ground on which the church was to be built.

The building contract was given to Charlie Bush at a cost of four hundred dollars, complete with windows, doors, and bell.

Gus Warner and Thomas Lyons were the carpenters, and the church was erected in 1892, dedicated on May 29, 1892. Rev. John Martin of Parkersburg, W. Va. delivered the dedication sermon. Charlie Bush named the church, Creston. Rev. James Carter was the first Pastor and the first Trustees were: William Cassin, J. I. Wedge, David Stover, C. A. Miller, and Madison Staats.

The church was then placed on the Rockcastle Charge in 1892. Later in the early 1920's, it was placed on the Leon Charge. In 1930, it was changed from Leon to Cottageville Charge in Jackson County.

With the merging of the E. U. B. Churches and the Methodist Churches in 1966, the church became the Creston United Methodist Church and was later transferred from the Parkersburg U. M. Conference District and is now a part of the Creston Elmwood Charge of Route 1, Leon.

Current Trustees are: Charles Wedge, Marie Keeler, and Imogene Herndon. Current Pastor is Rev. John Icenhower. Submitted by — Leo Wedge

ELMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For many years the Methodists have conducted services in the Elmwood community, first in homes, later in a school, and for seventy years in a frame building. On April 22, 1899 a deed for the church lot was made by William Thornton and his wife America Thornton to Ira Williams, John Flowers, George Thomas, William Thornton, and S. M. King, Trustees. B. H. Blagg made and notarized the deed.

When Carbide began operations in this area, Elmwood was chosen as the site for their buildings. The church was sold and the shaft was sunk at the spot where the Elmwood Methodist Church once stood.

The coal company gave the Methodists a beautiful three acre tract of land a quarter of a mile from the original site.

At that time the trustees of the church William McDermitt, Forest Rogers, Harvey Barr and Holley Snider worked out the transactions and drew up plans for a new church.

Brady Duncan was chosen as the builder for the new structure which was to be made 30 feet by 50 feet with a full basement.

The church completed the first service was Sunday, August 15, 1971 when Dr. Connie Dickens, Superintendent of the Huntington District conducted a "Corner Stone Laying" service.

In the fall of 1971, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, resident bishop of the United Methodist Church preached the first sermon in the church and dedicated it.


EDDY CHAPEL
METHODIST CHURCH

In Cooper District, Mason County, there is a small white church that has served as a worship center and chapel for one hundred twelve years.
As early as 1870, Eddy Chapel was in the minds and plans of interested county folk. In 1870, worship services were held in the home of Whit and Mary Plants Mattox. Their home was not far from the present site of Eddy Chapel. A Reverend King conducted services.

During this time, timbers were given for the foundation and were put on land owned by John Plants, grandfather of the writer of this article. In 1874, it was decided to move the location site in order that the church be more centrally located in the neighborhood and so land was purchased for $20 from Jane R. Maupin and son.

During the construction of the church a disagreement developed between the contractor and the congregation as to the workmanship of the building. The result being, the contractor was "fired" and he in turn sued the congregation for $500.00 and won the suit.

The church building was finished, however, and dedicated in 1874. Trustees of the church were John Plants, Levi Coleman, William Jackson, James Love and James Pullins.

In 1901, a dispute arose over the boundary lines of the church property and another $20 was paid to W.C. Selbe and wife, Blanche. Trustees, during this transaction, were T.H. Plants (my father), T. Mattox, Levi Coleman, and J. Selby.

In 1965, the Methodist Conference sold the church to the congregation for $250.00. Trustees today are Doris Taylor, Gene Hoffman, Juanita Cooper, C. Connolly, and Betty Jean Plants Taylor.

Since 1874 until today, there have been members of the John Plants family holding an official position in the church. Submitted by — Owens L. Plants

FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fairfield United Methodist Church is located on a hill about four miles east of Glenwood, West Virginia in Hannon District of Mason County on Hannon Trace-Whitten Ridge Road. Services are held every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The attendance is 25-35 on Sunday and about 8-10 on Saturday night.

During this 1986, present trustees are: Rufus Holley, Erva Conard, and Dallas Greathouse.

The present structure was built in 1972 by Clarence Edwards of Culloden, West Virginia at the cost of $19,000.00. It has a concrete block basement with two Sunday School rooms, a furnace room, and a white frame sanctuary with nearly 1,500 square feet of floor space.

This structure replaces a 73 year old building. It was a one-room building which housed four Sunday School classes and was built in 1899. The wood was timbered by John L. Blake, one of the trustees, and was built by Purl Chapman at the cost of $75.00.

There is a cemetery adjoining the church grounds with approximately 250 graves.

The congregation was started when an earlier log church was built in 1859 on a nearby hilltop.

FAITH GOSPEL MISSION

In 1959, Rev. John & Nettie Ekers purchased the land from Lloyd and Bertha Holley with a small building on it. The church was founded as the Temple Baptist. Another building was purchased later to enlarge the church. Rev. John Ekers was a Freewill Baptist Minister. The name was changed to the Faith Gospel Mission.

The church was deeded to the trustees of the Faith Gospel Mission and/or their successors. The church is located a mile and a quarter from Route 2 on Glenwood Road.

In 1960, Sam Egner was ordained as a minister by Rev. John Ekers and Rev. Odell Bush. He has been the pastor of the church about twenty-five years. Rev. John Ekers was the assistant pastor at his death on April 7, 1977.

In 1965, the church was torn down and a new church building was built. Three class rooms have been added to the church, a new front was built, and the auditorium was refurbished.

The church is a free independent non-denominational. The creed is to preach the gospel according to the Bible, to visit the sick, and help the needy. The church name was taken from: FAITH - to believe that Jesus was the only begotten Son of God, born of a virgin, crucified on calvary's cross, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven for our justification, and sits on the right hand of his Father as our intercessor.

GOSPEL - the good news that a Savior came to redeem us from sin.

MISSION - to take the message of Jesus Christ to sinners. Submitted by — Sister Lena A. Roy

THE FAITH GOSPEL CHURCH

A small group of Christians met in the home of Missionary Corrine L. Strabel on January 23, 1952 to formulate plans for establishing a Bible based, separated, missionary minded church that would adhere to the verbal inspiration of Scripture. Hence, under the leadership of Rev. G. R. Crow, a local New Testament church was officially organized at the Old Beale School House on November 19, 1952. Since the 22 charter members desired to proclaim the gospel of grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8) in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the church was named "The Faith Gospel Church".

At the end of 1952, Rev. G. R. Crow left the Faith Gospel Church pastorate to serve the LORD as a missionary in India. Successive pastors to the church have been as follows:

Rev. John Ekers; (4/12/53 - 7/14/54)
Victor Nesterburg; (8/29/55 - 9/16/57)
Don McMillon; (1/9/61 - 3/1/63)
Charles McDonald; (1/29/74 - 9/4/75)
J. Howell Spiers; (12/16/75 - 7/3/79)
Charles McDonald; (10/11/79 - 9/16/84)
Kenneth R. Sanders; (2/3/85 - Present)

The young church moved by faith on April 19, 1956 and purchased property on which groundbreaking ceremonies were held on May 20, 1956 for the building of the church's first owned facility. The church purchased adjoining property on May 20, 1961 and constructed a parsonage thereon in the fall of 1972 and the spring of 1973. The church activity building was constructed on donated property in May of 1973, and the present new sanctuary was built adjoining the activity building during the time period of June 25, 1984 to March 17, 1985.

The Faith Gospel Church, that started as a mission minded church, remains committed to mission work in foreign and mission minded countries. Submitted by — Charles Pyles

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH BROAD RUN

It was approximately twenty years ago that Geraldine (Hesson) Gibbs purchased a commemorative plate from Florence Kaylor (deceased), Graham Station, W. V. This plate was issued to honor the memory of a historical event.

The historical event commemorated was the German Lutheran Church, the site being Broad Run.
The Old Church is as exact an accurate reproduction of the original structure of the old Lutheran Church as could be built today. There was a safety balcony for children and for women. Also, by the door there is a musket rack, necessary for protection against the Indian attacks. In addition, there is a pump organ in working condition.

On special occasions church services are held in the Broad Run Church replica, at the West Virginia State Farm Museum, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. There is always an availability for groups to sit in the pews that have been reproduced from split logs, that resemble the original old woodwork. Today this replica stands as a memorial to our pioneer forefathers. Submitted by — Gertrude (Hessan) Gibbs and Ethel Louise Gibbs.

The church has always welcomed all persons into its membership. It has helped sponsor missionary work internationally. In the year 1966, it merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, using its present name. Church beliefs:

1. Believes Jesus Christ is Lord, and died for the sins of the world.
3. Believes Jesus Christ came from God and is coming again.
4. Believes the Holy Ghost abides in the hearts of converts.
5. Believes the Gospel is sufficient for salvation.
7. Believes mankind must be born again and endure till the end at which time he is save.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, the former Good Shepherd Evangelical United Brethren Church, was founded as a pilot project in rural church unification after West Virginia Conference and other officials determined the Point Pleasant Circuit (Mt. Olive, Mt. Zion, Greer and Eckard E. U. B. Churches) would be the logical charge for the project.

On December 7, 1961 a meeting of the four churches was held at Eckard to discuss the proposed Union. The Plan and Basis of Union were submitted to a vote by the congregation on March 18, 1962 at which time it was approved and the name of Good Shepherd was chosen.

The site of 19.3 acres located along Route 2 in the Flatrock Community was purchased in June 1962 to be the future Good Shepherd E. U. B. Church and parsonage. The Lutton Brothers were the contractors for the new buildings.

On March 10, 1963 the groundbreaking service was held, The first service was held in the new church building on February 2, 1964. The Dedication Service was held on July 12, 1964. On July 11, 1976, the 12th Anniversary Day of the Dedication, the mortgage-burning service was held.


The Good Shepherd United Methodist Church was dedicated in 1912. Rev. Shepperd of Huntington, WV organized and started construction on ground donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Board. The concrete blocks were made on the ground for the construction. The large picture window was given by Mrs. Alice Wells, in memory of her brother, Albert Clarke. The first trustees were A. A. Board, L. M. Allen and G. T. Hoffman.

In later years a full sized basement was added to the church. Other renovations have been done over the years.

The present trustees are: Michael Merritt, Al-
Guyan Creek Church was established April 16, 1978 as a non-denominational church, when a group of about 35 people separated themselves from Fairfield U. M. Church. We felt we could no longer associate ourselves with the United Methodist Conference. It was a hard decision, for we had worshipped and fellowshipped there for many years.

Nine acres of land (more or less) was donated by Verlin and Yvonne Butler on Guyan Creek. Thus the name "Guyan Creek Church" was chosen. Five trustees were appointed to handle all business matters. They were Donald Saunders, Billy Bryan, Verlin Butler, Donald Meadows, and Hensley Smith.

Services were held in the home of Verlin and Yvonne Butler while ground work began. The true foundation is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11). If our church wasn't built upon this solid foundation, it would surely fail. We all have laboured together with God and prayer is the "mortal" that adds strength to any building (1 Cor. 3:9-11). God truly has blessed, because 4 months later on July 16, 1978 our first service was held in the basement of our new church.

Work has never stopped. As the money comes in, the building of the church continues. Dedication services were held in 1980 when our sanctuary was completed. We have since purchased new church pews, a piano, and built a picnic shelter, all by the grace of God. We have approximately $34,000 in our church and picnic area as of March 1986. Submitted by — Karen L. Saunders

THE HARTFORD METHODIST CHURCH

This church was built in 1856. The membership paid $150 for the land, but mineral rights were retained by the Salt and Coal Company, and if the land were used for anything other than a church, the deed was void.

The lumber was donated by Major Brown and saved at the Harpold Mill. The bell was purchased in Philadelphia, shipped to Pittsburgh, whence it was brought down river by Major Brown in one of his boats. Mrs. D. E. Newton gave a Bible to the church. The building was often used for town meetings during the Civil War.

Like the other churches, the need to have festivals was frequent. This helped to supplement the giving by the members, and provided the minister with the necessities of life. In addition to supplying money, it was a time of good fellowship for the whole town, and was an event looked forward to particularly by the young people of the village.

Oyster suppers were popular, and sometimes the young people put on an entertainment which helped to swell the crowd.

R. T. Embleton was the Superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. More than 50 pastors have served this church in the past.

It has recently been renovated with new walls inside, and a brick front which has added to its attractiveness.

HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Heights Church, organized in 1899 by George Burdette, has known three names. Originally United Brethren, then Evangelical United Brethren in 46, and United Methodist in 68.

First trustees: Harvey Fisher, Sam Lutton, Lewis McMillin, William Duffey, John Schools. Lutton constructed first frame church on present site, donated by McMillin. In 21 Lutton's son, Everett, built present sanctuary, incorporating frame at rear of building. Lutton also built educational unit in 59 with brothers Virgil and Sam. Parking lots purchased in 64; central air conditioning 74; sanctuary renovation 78; basement renovation 83; adjacent Larry's tavern purchased 85.

Long a three point charge (Bethel and Eckard), former church purchased by Uncle Sam for Ordnance plant; Eckard transferred to Leon Circuit. New Bellemere church, added to Heights, became "station" church in 55, same time as Heights.


Tim Cottrill is 17th general superintendent (4th year). Lay members, Annual Conference, have included three women, Ann Yeager, Clarice Foglesong, Nancy Hamm.

Current trustees: Bob Edgar, Chairman; Kathryn Towner, Jewell Cottrill, Homer Reed, Marvin Burris, Carl Lanham, Sr. Treasurer, A. G. Brillhart; Financial Secretary, Hale Blessing; Secretary, Judy Shin; Chairman, Adm. Board, David Dickens.

Heights Covenant Prayer group (connected The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn.) organized 78. Submitted by — Roy Blessing.

**HENDERSON CHURCH OF CHRIST HISTORY**

As nearly as can be determined the history of the Henderson congregation dates prior to the 1870’s. At that time a group was meeting on Redmond Ridge in the local Plain View schoolhouse. Consisting of about 35 members meeting in this school building the group varied in size through the years.

Sometime during 1910 the old schoolhouse burned leaving the group without a meeting place. However, a new school structure was immediately erected on the Nelson Hope farm. The congregation resumed their use of the school facility for assembling purposes.

In the year 1912 a decision was made to purchase a building in Henderson on the southwest corner of Henderson and Walnut Streets. This provided a more convenient location for all concerned. Some 40 members met in this location for a number of years. Well remembered during this period is Brother D. M. Hope, one of the few male members.

Around 1945 several young men began traveling from Charleston, W. V. to speak at Henderson on alternating Sundays. They served the congregation faithfully as the membership grew to the capacity of requiring an even larger structure. Among those men was Brother Odgar Higgins who encouraged a Building Program. In 1946 a group left to establish a congregation in Pt. Pleasant, W. V., leaving the majority of the original number at the Henderson location.

In 1948 property was purchased on the corner of Smith and Walnut Streets where a new structure was built. This building was later razed in 1978 with the property being paved for a new church parking lot. The first church owned parsonage was built in 1955. In September of 1971 the Henderson body entered a new brick building facility (see photo) on the northwest corner of Henderson and Walnut Streets.

Six full-time ministers have served the Henderson Church of Christ with Bob Kessinger beginning in 1955 and working 2½ years. Following him in 1957 was Clifford Shaver 1957-60, Herman Neal 1960-63 and Larry Jones 1963-65. In 1965 C. Eugene Zopp (1965-74) moved from Charleston, W. V. and worked with the church for 9 years before relocating in Columbus, Ohio. During this nine year period the church experienced its largest growth with the membership increasing in size from 90 to 300 members. The average Sunday morning attendance in the early 1970’s ranged from 250-280. Minister Ron Adams (1974-77) from Pataskala, Ohio, became the sixth located minister in 1974. Brother Zopp was then recalled for a second ministry at the Henderson Church of Christ in 1977 and is now in his 10th year of this second tenure. Of particular note to Mason countians that wassuccessfully continued through the winter.

The church was completed, debt free except Sundays building the church free of labor paid for except $200.00.

Throughout the years since our church first organized, there was such a high spirit among the people that they wanted to build a church in the community. A committee was appointed by the pastor and they started out to secure land for the church site. Several people were contacted and they were able to obtain ground from Harry Krebs, who donated the land for the church site. The men of the church worked each evening except Sundays building the church free of labor charges. The church was completed, debt free and ready for dedication the second Sunday in October of 1949. The size of the church then was 28’ by 48’ with a full size basement.

In 1950, the church voted to unite with the Evangelical United Brethren denomination. Then in 1969, the EUB Churches merged with the Methodist Churches with the churches names being combined to make the United Methodist Churches.

Kreb’s Chapel United Methodist Church now operating with charter membership of 61 whose names are found in our church book. Permanent Trustees of said church are: Harry Krebs, Arnold Hussell, Andrew Russell, Pearl Riffle & Lawrence Litchfield.


Down through the years our membership has increased and we have had to have more room. A basement has been made with four Sunday School rooms. The sanctuary has been enlarged and two more Sunday rooms. We have bought two parcels of land and built a fellowship building.

We have a membership of 230. From Jordan Church God has called the following to preach his gospel: Rev. William (Bud) Hatfield, Rev. Don Rollins, Rev. Gary Warner, Rev. Paul Krimm, and Rev. Ray Short. Submitted by — Emma Rainey.

**KREB’S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Rev. Bobby Woods

It all began in September 1948 when Mrs. E. C. Winger and Mrs. John Russell asked the Rev. William Higgins to come to the Sebrell schoolhouse to hold a revival. This meeting was held in the month of September 1948, in which four people were converted. Very few people attended this revival and very little interest was shown.

On the first Sunday of October 1948, Rev. Higgins with the help of Mrs. Bernard Boggs organized a Sunday School with 24 in attendance that was successfully continued through the winter. Rev. Higgins felt it was time to start another revival meeting and it proved to be very successful with overflowing crowds attending each of the 21 nights of services. At the close of the revival, there was such a high spirit among the people that they wanted to build a church in the community. A committee was appointed by the pastor and they started out to secure land for the church site. Several people were contacted and they were able to obtain ground from Harry Krebs, who donated the land for the church site. The men of the church worked each evening except Sundays building the church free of labor charges. The church was completed, debt free and ready for dedication the second Sunday in October of 1949. The size of the church then was 28’ by 48’ with a full size basement.

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Kreb’s Chapel United Methodist Church now operating with charter membership of 61 whose names are found in our church book. Permanent Trustees of said church are: Harry Krebs, Arnold Hussell, Andrew Russell, Pearl Riffle & Lawrence Litchfield.

Scarberry and our Pastor now Rev. Bobby Woods.

In recent years, we have added new additions to our church, including Sunday School rooms, vestibule, nursery room, chimes, new roof, exterior of the church bricked, air conditioning, paved driveway and stairs, new shrubbery, new lighting, and just recently the church purchased a new driveway and stairway, new shrubbery, and a new roof.

The Women's Christian Service Group

LEON BAPTIST CHURCH

On the 22nd day of November 1867 the Missionary Baptists of the Town of Cologne purchased land on the north side of Main Street for the purpose of building a church. This plot was bought for fifty dollars from Andrew and Rebecca Jividen Ferguson. Although the date August 20, 1870 is given as the day of dedication, the Baptists were meeting regularly for some time before this.

The Harmony Church was organized in 1812. For 25 years they had a meeting place on the south side of the Kanawha River near the mouth of Little Sixteen Creek. In 1838 the members bought for fifty dollars from Andrew and Rebecca Jividen Ferguson. In 1870 the Methodist congregation included in the Main Street Baptist Church.

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After Reverend Bradley's resignation, Reverend Homer Piercy again came to serve as Interim Pastor, serving until Reverend James Stinespring was called, May, 1979.

Today as a church we are grateful to God for the many blessings we have received and feel very humble as we survey evidence of the faith of those members who have gone before us.

The next pastor, Reverend O. F. Jackson, was called on March 20, 1910, and during his service a building fund was started, a young people's organization was begun, a regular choir director, and organist were appointed, and the first electric lights were installed. The name of the church was changed to Main Street Baptist Church. Reverend Jackson terminated his work here in April, 1919.

In July Reverend Julius Fishback was called to fill the vacancy until October, from which time he went back to his school. Reverend J. P. Cost was called to serve in January, 1920. During his ministry the Women's Mission Society was organized. He served until August, 1922. Reverend J. Smith Dye was called and by February, 1923, a new parsonage was completed. Reverend Dye served until January, 1924.

In March, 1924, the old church building was sold and moved to make way for a new sanctuary and in July, Reverend H. H. McGaughey was called to pastor the church. In March, 1925, the first service was held in the new building, and the dedication service was held in April, 1925. Reverend McGaughey resigned in November, 1925, and in January, 1928, Reverend Brown McDonald accepted the call to serve as pastor. In July, 1928, the first Vacation Bible School was held. Reverend McDonald served until July, 1931. Reverend C. G. Billups was the next pastor and during his pastorate the church purchased a bus to supply transportation for members who needed it. Reverend Billups resigned in November, 1946, and the following June, Reverend Daniel Dorsey was called. Reverend Dorsey served until August, 1953, and in November, Reverend Kenneth Chandler accepted a call to the church.

During Reverend Chandler's pastorate the church attended the Danny program and completely remodeled for an Educational Building. Reverend Chandler resigned in September, 1963. After a year with no pastor, Reverend Gilbert Moore came as pastor and served one year. During his pastorate the North Branch Church at Camp Conley was established with their membership included in the Main Street Baptist membership.

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The Men's Christian Union

The Leon Church of Christ located on the hill was established in the early 1950's. Land for the church was donated by Gladys Thomas. The first minister was Howard Killingsworth. Presently serving the church as minister is Gary Post of Circleville, Ohio. Submitted by Virginia Riffle
MOORE'S CHAPEL CHURCH

The Moore's Chapel Church, as has been told to me, Jim Bob Frazer. The original building of hewn log construction, stood on the hilltop back of Rocky Fork School on Rocky Fork Creek on the left side of the creek looking up the creek. It was named for a pastor, Rev. Moore. The present day Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church is near the mouth of Rocky Fork Creek. The land given by my great-grandfather, Andrew Hunter, in the 1880's contained three plots: #1 for church building, #2 for community burial, #3 for Hunter family burial ground.

In 1886 the present church was built by Jesse Waugh, a local contractor. It was a frame building mostly of poplar lumber, hand planed weather boarding, and inside ceiled, also of hand planed lumber. Floor space was 864 ft. We now have 1335 sq. ft. floor space of Sunday School rooms for a total of 2199 sq. ft. Submitted by — J. B. Frazer

MT. OLIVE CHURCH

In November 1911 a deed was made by Margaret, Ransom, Thomas, H. & Mattie Meadows of land on which to build a church to the trustees L. P. Williams, J. W. Hereford and A. B. Perry of the Mt. Olive Methodist Episcopal Church South of Glenwood Circuit of West Virginia Conference.

The church is located in Hannan District being part of the S. J. Crump farm close by White gravyard and was dedicated for a place of worship, use of the ministry and membership of the church.

The building was one room and heated with wood, later coal. Dora Jolley was the only woman member at the time. The minister or circuit rider was not paid a salary but received the change from the offering plate as a gift.

The old circuit rider left many memories. The main leader of the church as class leader or Sunday School teacher would feed his horse and invite him home for lunch or to stay the night.

In 1950 when the roads were better and graveled, attendance grew, and more room was needed. The trustees decided to build a new church, and with the help of the late Elizabeth Jolly Webb a new church was built, later Sunday School rooms added, and presently the church has four rooms and is of brick.

Many of the members who helped build the brick church are deceased, or have moved their membership. Altho it remains in the Methodist Conference there is difficulty in getting a pastor to come so far from the city to preach. Presently the membership is about forty. Submitted by — A. Conrad

MT. UNION UNITED METHODIST

In the year of 1876 a group of men gathered in the old log school house, near where Mt. Union Church stands today, for a conference about building a church. The men agreed to donate logs and take them to the sawmill of Wess Tucker of Pliny, to be sawed.

Those families who donated were: Skinners, Legues, Wears, Bucksles, Dunns, Martins, Tuckers, McCombs, Carters, Irivins, Moodyspaugh, Roseberrys, Deweeses, Whits, Rods and Harbours.

A church was then erected in the year of 1877. All labor and materials were donated, the trim, and window sills were all hand planed. The church was dedicated in October 1878 and the first trustee was Dan Skinner. In 1880 his son Henry, became adult class teacher and remained for twenty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowcott donated the land for the church. The first person saved and united with the church was Jenny Whitt at the age of 17, in the year of 1879. The first pastor of the church was John Williams in 1880. The cemetery lands were donated by Simeon Legue, Bowcott, and J. C. Livezey families.

Lester Fellure has been Sunday School Superintendent since 1952. The oldest living member as of today is Edyth Fellure, daughter of the late Jenny Whitt, the first member of the church. The present pastor is the Rev. Bobby L. Woods, who has been with the church since 1978. Submitted by — Evelyn Proffitt

MT. VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mt. Valley Christian Church, located on Loggerhead Ridge Rd., Southside, WV., was built in 1878. Regular Sunday School classes, church and revivals were held there until the late 50's.

In the late 50's, the old church was torn down and rebuilt into a block church by the community using the original steeple, nameplate, pulpit, altar bench and seats.

Some of the pastors I recall holding services were Rev. Burt Sherit who walked from Gallipolis, Ohio on Saturday evening, stayed all night with a member of the church, and would go back home after Sunday morning services. Others were Rev. Hugh Gaskins (from this area), Rev. Chas. (Tommy) Kinnard (from this area), Rev. Gary Rosch, Henderson, WV. Rev. Bob Dunn, Hoggsett, WV. and Rev. Walter Wood, Southside, WV. Others before the 40's were Rev. Snorthwood early 1900's, Rev. Anderson 30's, and Rev. Jim Wallace 1925. Submitted by — Eunice Kinnard

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NEW HAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The New Haven United Methodist Church had its beginning in a schoolhouse in the lower end of New Haven. In 1852, John W. Perry, a circuit rider from Jackson County, organized a class here, making in all 22 appointments. After 14 years this group had grown, and at the end of the Civil War in 1866, under the leadership of Rev. Jacob Bachtel, ground was broken on a lot given by James and Aurelia Capehart, and a church building was started. The charter members were Mrs. James H. Capehart, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Esley J. Kay, Mrs. Seth Bumgarner, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kirby, and Mrs. Caroline Roush Jackson. The U.B. Church building was finished 1867, and is still in use as the sanctuary of the present church.

In 1923, under the leadership of Rev. R. L. Kelbaugh, the building was altered, the old structure raised, a basement completed, an annex extended easterly. It was during K. J. Scott's ministry that an Educational Unit was added, complete with 10 Sunday School rooms, an office and study, a nursery, assembly hall, and kitchen.

Since the early 1960's the "Headstart" program has been a part of the church's outreach. In addition, the "Nutrition Program" for both the elderly and children has had its base in this building.

The church has seen many changes. It was not until about 1961 that New Haven Evangelical United Brethren Church became a single appointment; up until this time other churches had been a part of a circuit. An old Quarterly Conference Book shows that Hartford, Bachtel, Union, Mason, and West Columbia were known as the "New Haven Station".

The events and life style of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the New Haven Methodist Episcopal Church were much alike. And so it was during the years 1968 and 1969 that the two churches became one. The former Methodist Episcopal Church of New Haven was built on Pike Street, now Fifth Street, between the Dollar General Store and the Health-Aid Pharmacy. However, in 1958 this original structure was literally moved to the South East corner of Second and Main Street, which after the merger of the two churches, became the community library.

Robert Robinson is credited with organizing the first Sunday School with the aid of George Wilding, Jr., who later became a preacher. Robinson invited preachers from Mason to come and hold worship services. E. J. Ryan, Jacob Bird, and L. H. Sargent were among those responding.

Henry and Mary Capehart deeded the land for the first Methodist Church. The trustees were Robert Robinson, Geo. Wilding, Jesse Cushman, Oris Smith, and A. Y. Hill. Abe Yonker was chief carpenter.

These two churches united November 9, 1968. After a fire in 1983 the old Methodist Church building then housing the library was sold to Mr. W. H. Lowman. He converted it into apartments.

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The Oak Grove Church marked its 100th anniversary in 1980 and since 1881 has been served by 37 pastors.

Plans for the church began in 1879 when Samuel and Maria Rickard deeded the ground and planned for the erection of the church to accommodate the needs of their growing family and their relatives and friends.

The land given for the church faced the Rickard home. Before a church was built, a number of people met and had Sunday School in a small log building nearby, belonging to Joseph Gibb. It was too small to accommodate a minister and church services. Whether this was called "The Rickard Class," is unknown, but at Buckhannon, there are records in that name.

The name of Oak Grove evolved since many oaks grew in the area.

Samuel Rickard operated a sawmill below the home where he and his sons sawed the logs for the building. He also owned a stone quarry on Tracefork Creek where stone masons, James and Jonah Hart cut the stones for the foundation of the church. Oxen were used to haul these stones to the church and they were probably driven by Riley Rickard as he usually drove his father's oxen.

Amos Fry, a carpenter living in the neighborhood, was the master carpenter for the project. Others who helped with the construction included the Thompson family, John School, Joseph Gibb, Marion Fry, David Roush, the Noah Roush family, the George Hart family, Preston Hudson and John Giles.

The 2½-acre plot, for a cemetery, was donated as the property of the Oak Grove Church. The deed was made Aug. 21, 1896 between John A. Fisher and Sarah M. Fisher, George Hart, John A. Blessing, William Fogleсон, Algernon Luse and Marion Fry, a trustee of Oak Grove United Brethren Church who witnessed it. Trustees now serving are Lester Adkins, Bill Cullen and Paul Randolph. Submitted by — Jo Turley

OLD TOWN "BOARD" BAPTIST CHURCH

The Old Town Board Baptist Church had its beginning on November 25, 1865, when several brethren met at the home of Andrew Board, for the purpose of organizing a regular Baptist Church. They proceeded by adopting a church covenant and agreed to call it "Old Town Church", because of the location being on the upper branch of the Old Town Creek. They chose for their first pastor William Wells.

In 1876 Andrew Board conveyed to the trustees of the church a tract of land from their farm for church and burial ground. It was later known as the Ashbury Roush farm and at present is the William Ball farm.

It has been determined that the present church building was built in the early 1880's. The Bell Tower was built between 1904 and 1906 by Ashbury Roush and Sons. At this time Andrew Board, grandson of the founder of the church, was pastor and selected the bell and had it mounted. It is the largest bell of any in the surrounding communities.

Between 1879 and 1886, the membership became large and services were being held alternately between the Gill School House and the Old Town Church. In 1886, thirty members requested letters of dismission from the Old Town Church, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church in the neighborhood of the Gill School House.

W. S. Owens was called to pastor the church several different times from 1877 through 1908. His salary was around $75.00 year and many times would have to resign until this amount could be paid.

It has not been determined when the name "Board" became part of the church name. In 1971, the membership chose to reorganize as an Independent Church and continue to call the organization "The Old Town Board Baptist Church" in honor of the founder, Andrew Board.

The source of information was taken from church records. Submitted by — Lily Kelvington

PALESTINE BAPTIST CHURCH

In the late 1800's a dedicated group of Christians saw a need for spiritual and secular education in Mason County, West Virginia. With a positive attitude, they began working toward that goal.

First of all, in 1870, they elected a Board of Trustees. Their purpose was to obtain land for the building of a church. These men were: An-
drew Meadows, Edmund Meadows, and Austin Meadows. They were successful in obtaining the land by 1872. It consisted of ½ acre. It was purchased from James and Emily Meadows. The church was built and dedicated in 1872 on this parcel of land.

On September 3, 1878, more land was purchased. The Mason County Board of Education was permitted to build a school on this land, by the name of Town Hall Elementary. However, the land remained the property of the church. Therefore, these two land purchases served as an aid to two important forms of education until February 10, 1954, which on this date, the school was discontinued.

The church has been remodeled since its original structure and two additional Sunday School rooms were added. The remodeling did away with the pot belly stove that sat in the center of the church which had been stoked many times by the pioneers of the church. Another addition has been added, which serves as a multi-purpose room that can also serve as classrooms.

The goal of Palestine Baptist Church is to further spread the gospel of Christ and provide a place of worship where God’s people can congregate and grow in wisdom and knowledge.

PINE GROVE CHURCH

On February 20, 1878 a local newspaper reported that a large and commodious church was being built at Pine Grove. The church located two miles off Leon-Baden Road in Covington District is in fact very small. It is constructed of hand hewn logs. Surrounded by huge pine trees, it has changed little in appearance these past 108 years. A tin roof and a concrete floor have been added in recent years.

When the church was first built, it was used by the Methodist, the United Brethren and the Presbyterians. The dedication service was performed by Rev. George C. Wilding. The first minister was the Rev. H. H. Miles. Submitted by — Juanita Burdette

POINT PLEASANT PRESbyterian Church

The history of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church spans 150 years. In August of 1834, the Reverend Francis Dutton was ordained and installed as minister of the new developing group of Presbyterians along the West Virginia side of the Ohio River. In 1835, the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church was founded.

In 1841, the congregation purchased a lot on the corner of Third and Main Streets for the purpose of building a church. As the Civil War erupted, the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church was used as a barracks and later as a hospital for the Union Army. War influences went deep and brought about a division in the...
church. The Point Pleasant Church elected to remain with the Northern Presbyterian Church until 1903 at which time the building was sold and was used for a warehouse. After some fence-mending in the post-Civil War years, plans were made in 1909 for the construction of the present church building which was completed in 1926.

Parallelizing the history of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church is that of the Pleasant Flats Presbyterian Church organized in 1837 in the “Lower Flats” area of Mason County. After going through a period of inactivity during the Civil War, the “Flats” Church was reorganized in the late 1800’s and eventually merged with the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church in 1943. The Pleasant Flats Pleasant Presbyterian Church contributed a wealth of commitment, time and energy toward the movement of Presbyterianism in Mason County.

We are part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), one of several reformed denominations whose beliefs and representative form of government find roots in the works of John Calvin and John Knox. Through our denominational ties, our ministry of proclamation and service spans the globe.

The following are ministers who have served Presbyterian congregations in Mason County:
The Rev. William Graham was the first Presbyterian minister known to serve in Mason County, unless it was the chaplain of the army of Andrew Lewis, The Rev. Mr. Terrey, cir. 1796.

Serving from 1796 to 1872 were the Revs. William Gould, Brooks, Franker, Francis Dutton, Robert Osburn, George S. Woodhull, Luther Todd, Brice Benton Blair and William Lewis Bailey.

Serving from 1873 to 1898 were the Revs. William Ezekiel Hill, J. M. Scott, W. M. Ruff, John Addison Scott, Alfred Evans Grover, F. H. Bailey, John O'Reilly became Pastor in 1954. In 1959, the local church also operated an inchurch food bank and emergency help service as well as regular fund raisers to collect money for disaster relief worldwide. Submitted by — Carol Sveboda

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Growth in membership resulted in changing meeting locations to the Fraternal Order of Police until on April 15th, 1982 ground was broken on Rt. 2 outside of Point Pleasant for a permanent church building.

Community Service has always been an important ministry of Adventist churches. In 1977 several members were active participants in disaster relief for flooding in Williamson, W. V. Recently, the church also participated in helping victims in the 1985 fall flood in Parson, W. V. The local church also operates an inchurch food bank and emergency help service as well as regular fund raisers to collect money for disaster relief worldwide.

POTTS CHAPEL CHURCH
On January 2, 1916, Mary A. Potts gave ½ acre more or less of land for Potts Chapel United Brethren Church and cemetery. The church did well until the Federal Government bought almost all of the land around the church.

The church was built in 1956. We bought ½ acre of land from the Conservation Commission Sept., 1958. Now we have 1 acre more or less of land for the cemetery.

In the late 60's or early 70's Conference abandoned the church and put it up for sale. In Aug. of 1978, we bought the church and cemetery from Conference for $330.00 cash. Now there are very few services held in the church. Submitted by — Julie Kapp

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Shortly after the church was dedicated an evangelist from Middleport, Ohio came in and held a powerful revival that lasted several weeks. Some of those converts are scattered over the community yet.

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Doctor Frank V. Butcher died, leaving his property and money in his will to the Catholic Church. This most generous donation allowed Father John O'Reilly and his parishioners to build the present Catholic Church building. The structure was planned and constructed by Mr. Everett Lutton. It was completed and dedicated by Bishop John J. Swint on June 29, 1962.


From the organization in 1860 to 1948 the members of St. Mark Church have been descendants of either Lewis or George Roush or spouses of their descendants. Most of the members have lived in the immediate area of the church - mostly of the original farm sites cleared by Lewis and George Roush and their sons and sons-in-laws. In recent years the membership has covered a wider area, but many of the present membership is still living on the original farms.

For ninety-nine years St. Mark Church was a part of the Mason County Lutheran Parish. From 1959 to 1976 St. Mark Church was a preaching point of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Point Pleasant or of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Ravenswood. Since 1976 St. Mark Church has been a part of the Mason-Jackson Lutheran Shared Ministry. The present pastors are the Rev. George C. Weirick and the Rev. Bernard K. Kern. In 1985 the congregation met and surpassed its budget.

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**SAINT MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH, UPPER FLATS**

When George Roush and his wife, Catharine Zerkel Roush came from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to what is now Mason County, W. Va., they settled on the William Graham estate in the area now known as Graham Station. George and Catharine Roush had a total of thirteen children. There was not room for all of them in the part of the Graham estate which they owned. Some of the brothers moved to Meigs County, Ohio while Daniel and Lewis along with their children and families moved to the Upper Flats area. They spent their early days in the Upper Flats area clearing the land and building houses and barns. In a few years the number of Roush and related Roush families living in the area.

In the meantime, the Rev. Paul Henkel, a Lutheran pastor in New Market, Virginia came to Mason County in the early years of the nineteenth century to provide a Lutheran ministry to the Roush families. Pastor Henkel conducted worship services in various homes, in school houses, in the court house in Point Pleasant and in the log church in the Broad Run area. By the time the Rev. John W. Miller was called to the Mason County Ministry Daniel and Lewis Roush were already established in the Upper Flats area so Pastor John W. Miller provided a ministry for them also. His first services were held in what was then a Presbyterian church. In 1860 the St. Mark congregation was organized in the Presbyterian Church. Later pastors continued the same practice.

In 1919 the Rev. Peter Link Miller returned to the Mason County Parish for the third time. Steps were taken to transfer the church property from Presbyterian Trustees to Lutheran Trustees, the old building was torn down and a new St. Mark Church building was built and Dedicated by Pastor Peter Link Miller on July 10, 1921. This new building became known as the White Church.

At the time when the new building was built in 1921 this congregation had a substantial membership for a rural church. Since that time the younger members have moved on to other locations and the membership has declined.

The building of St. Paul Church was very attractive for worship and as many liturgical appointments were installed as possible in a plain rectangular building. In 1952 the basement was paneled and a new oil heating system installed. The 1874 church building was torn down in 1967 to make room for a new church building.

The new building, the present church building was built in 1967. The building was professional designed and built to include the contemporary liturgical appointments of the Lutheran Church. The building also included a church office, rest rooms and a small social room. In 1985 the property next to the church was purchased for a parking lot. The pews from the old church building are being used in the present building and the Electric organ dedication in the old building in 1948 is still providing the same inspiring music.

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**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW HAVEN**

Sixty years after a Lutheran ministry began in Mason County for Lutherans coming from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and from other places an effort was made to have a Lutheran congregation in New Haven for those Lutherans and other interested persons who lived in the New Haven area. As the Rev. John W. Miller's twenty-two year pastorate came to a close he made the organization of a congregation in New Haven his last project. Pastor John Miller lived to see this project completed but he was not physically able to conduct the dedication service on August 9, 1874 himself. Thus, it was no longer necessary for Lutherans living in New Haven to travel the bad roads to Broad Run to worship in the old log church.

In 1890 a parsonage was built in New Haven and the pastor who previously lived in the parsonage at Broad Run now lived in New Haven. Also, a barn was built for the pastor's horse behind the parsonage. In 1950 since the barn was in bad condition and pastors no longer used horses the barn was torn down. The parsonage in New Haven continued to be used as the parsonage for the pastors of the Mason County Parish until 1960 when it was turned into an educational unit for St. Paul Church and the pastors from that date on lived elsewhere.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mason**

In 1852 a group of German and Irish immigrants came to Mason to work in the coal and salt industries of Mr. R. C. M. Lovell. Mr. Lovell donated two lots on Third and Pomeroy Streets so that they could build a Church and Rectory. A travelling missionary Priest, Rev. Shinn was their first Pastor. He remained a very short time and was replaced by a Rev. Henry Parke from Parkersburg, who visited once each month. He organized the building of a Church which was completed and dedicated in 1857.

A Catholic Cemetery, which is still in use was added in 1859. Almost all the original members of the Church are buried there.

A small School was added about 1870. Church records show that about 30 to 40 students attended. Most of the students were non-Catholic. The teacher was a Mr. William Cunningham. It was the only school in the area at that time.

The Church was further enlarged in 1875 by a Rev. Duffy. Between 1914 and 1934, the Church was served by Franciscan Capuchin priests. One of these, Father Bernardine, added the bell tower in 1914 and another, Father Leonard Dorn installed new pews, Stations of the Cross and a new altar in 1926. The altar was donated by Mr. Thomas Hart of Dunkirk, Indiana.

The Church was seldom used between 1934 and 1938. A French Priest, Rev. Camille Daleau was the Pastor. He was in such poor health that he lived with the Luft Family and conducted all Church services from the Luft Family home.

In 1950 the Esto Fidelis Association was formed for the material and spiritual good of the Church. Its members, consisting of almost all members of the Church quickly got to work and voluntarily built St. Joseph's Church Hall, which was dedicated by Bishop McDonnell in 1951.

In 1959, The Pastor, Rev. John O'Reilly had the 100 year old Church torn down and the present Church built on the site. It was dedicated by Bishop John J. Swint on August 9, 1962.

St. Joseph's Church is now a mission church of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Point Pleasant. All records of St. Joseph's are kept at Point Pleasant and will be made available to anyone seeking more detailed information on St. Joseph's Church or Cemetery.
ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
POINT PLEASANT

The history of the Lutheran Church in Mason County dates back to more than fifty years before West Virginia was granted statehood, June 20, 1863. The first Lutheran church west of the Allegheny Mountains was established at Broad Run in 1812. Others followed: St. Mark, Upper Flats; 1860; St. Paul, New Haven, 1874: Our Savior, Ravenswood, 1962; St. Peter, Point Pleasant, 1955.

In July, 1953, the Board of American Missions sent Pastor Paul Bergstresser to Point Pleasant to establish a new church. The first orientation meeting was held in the Hogg building at 13th Street. Ten prospective members attended this meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Walden Roush, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roush, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Putz, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Anderson, Mrs. Jean Sauer, and Mrs. Frances Hatten.

The first worship service was held in a classroom at Orndance School, 28th Street. Rev. Robert Caswell, of Westerport, Md, then president of WV Synod officially established the new Mission on March 6, 1955, with fifty-six confirmed members and sixty-seven baptized members. Members of the first church council were Walden Roush, Marvin Sawyer, Milton Anderson, Eric Wellner, and Leon Putz. Jean Somerville organized the first church choir and Mrs. Polly Keiser was the first president of LCW. Walden Roush was the first Sunday School Supt. and Gory Bumgardner head of the Lutheran Brotherhood men's group.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a house chapel were held on March 11, 1956, and Pastor Fred Natchinski, the first full-time Pastor was followed by Pastor Harold Knoll from Altoona, PA.

The congregation commemorated its 10th anniversary with special services on March 7, 1965.

Three lots adjacent to the lots on which stood the house chapel were purchased and in due time plans for a new church building were finalized. Kenneth Roush, who drew up the blue prints for the new building, was named as supervisor of building. He also, with the aid of his father, A. Ray Roush, built the altar, the pulpit, and the chancel. The building contract was awarded to Wedge Construction of Bellmead. Freeman Nutter landscaped the premises and Roger Freeman Co. paved the parking lot.

The new church was dedicated on October 1, 1972 with Rev. John Haeberle, host pastor; Rev. George Weirick, Ravenswood dedicated the Altar; Rev. John Will, Gallipolis, dedicated the pulpit; Rev. Arthur Lund, Pomeroy, dedicated the Baptismal Font; Rev. Donald Anderson, Executive Secretary of Synod, dedicated the church building and preached the dedication sermon.

Chart member present were Walden and Louise Roush, Kenneth and Berniece Roush, Dale Roush, Nellie Geiker, Eugene and Jean Gloss, Leon Putz, and Chloe, Lynn and Roger Freeman.

Mortgage-burning services were observed May 10, 1979 and the 25th anniversary was celebrated on March 6, 1980. As this is being written pastors serving the church are Pastor George Weirick and Pastor Bernard Kern, Associate Pastor. Submitted by — Leon H. Putz, Jean F. Roush

SMITH CHURCH
UNION DISTRICT

A Methodist minister, Francis Wilson, preached the first sermon in Union District in 1818. In 1823 he organized the first church society at home of Moses Knapp. Among the members were Samuel Smith, Jane Smith, Rebecca Harrison, Jacob Newell, William Knapp, Isaac E. Smith, John Harrison, Andrew Waugh, Rachel Smith, William Hanson, and John Knapp. John Harrison, one of the above, died of cholera in the year 1832. This was the first case of that terrible disease that ever occurred in this part of the state. In that year the Baptists had organized a church at Arbuckle. In 1833 the United Brethren organized at the home of Jabez Harrison on Mudlick.

The Smith Methodist Church was organized in 1840 by Rev. A. J. Lyda. The members composing the church at the time of organization were those who met at the home of Moses Knapp and others, William Knapp, Jr., Jane McDermott, G. H. Smith, Elizabeth Burwell Smith, Charles Baker, Sarah Baker and Abraham Baker.

The church has been active until recent years when it has ceased to have services, however, some local residents have made improvements to the church building and today it is in good shape. This church was built in the early 1900's. The first church was a log structure built within the fence enclosing the old Smith Cemetery.

This church building with its lovely well kept cemetery are situated on a high point overlooking the valley of 13 Mile Creek.

The first Ladies Aid Society of the church was organized in 1931. The first quilt made was sold to Mrs. John Aten for $5.00, the last one to Mrs. Myrtle Schultz for $125. Minnie Stewart and Mary M. King are the only charter members that remain. Submitted by — J. Burketta

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
POINT PLEASANT

1797 - Methodist Circuit Riders held all meetings and Preaching services at "The Old Mansion House", then known as "The Tavern", long before there was any church in Point Pleasant.

1834 - The First Methodist Church, which was the first church of any denomination, was built on South Main in Point Pleasant. It was a wood and log structure and later a brick church.

1844 - Plan of separation, because of the question of slavery, was passed by the General Conference.

1847 - Steven K. Vaughn came to Mason County and preached for many years in this section. He was the father of Mr. William H. Vaughn.

1856 - The Methodist Episcopal Church bought the Methodist Episcopal Church's interest in the building on South Main for the sum of $200.00.

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1860 - No church services were held in the church building during the Civil War. Civil War Soldiers used the church on South Main as a hospital.

1878 - The Methodist Episcopal Church purchased lots where Trinity now stands from Judge C. P. T. Moore.

1886-87 The St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built on Main Street.

1887 - The Methodist Episcopal Church which is now Trinity was finished.

1889 - West Virginia Annual Conference was held at the Trinity Methodist Church. Rev. John Beddow was ordained at this Conference and later was a pastor at the church here.

1925 - The First Educational Unit was added to the sanctuary of Trinity Church during the Rev. Grover Johnson’s pastorate.

1937 - 50th Anniversary of Trinity Methodist Church was celebrated. Rev. John Beddow, pastor.

1939 - St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, South and Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church merged. Rev. Arnold Tulloh, pastor.

1942 - St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, South property was sold to the Church of Christ in Christian Union.

1944 - The old church, with fifty-five Methodist Church, South property was purchased and the Harry D. Roush property, adjacent to Trinity on Viand Street, was purchased for the parsonage. William A. Grogg, pastor. Rev. Grogg died while serving here.

1948 - Architect’s plans for new educational plant and remodeling of the sanctuary were drawn and approved. Albert F. Tucker, Architect, Huntington, WV. Rev. Holly O. Shamblin, pastor.

1950 - Ground broken for new educational unit April 2. Mr. Frank Filson, oldest member at that time, turned over the first shovel full of earth. Contract awarded to J. A. Casto. The new educational unit was completed the same year and occupied for the first time on Dec. 18th. Rev. S.
D. Rexrode, pastor. Cost of present unit and re-modelling, including furniture, $85,773.00. 1955: Final payment on indebtedness made to the Point Pleasant Building and Loan Company.

April 4th, Rev. Alvin C. Young, pastor.

1956: Dedication of New Educational Unit on April 4th., with participation by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke and District Superintendent, Paul Redfearn.

1962: Renovation and furnishing of Chapel and Lounge complex of Bishop Feges, a Holloway conducted the service of Dedication.

1963: Fund-Raising Campaign of $30,000.00 for major improvements on the church property and purchase of lot at 617-19 Viand Street. Rev. L. Curtis Saville, pastor.

1965-1966: Merger of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The United Methodist Church. Las, Texas. The name agreed on was The United Church. The Uniting Conference of the churches in Dallas, Texas, became a bishop at the early ages of 27 and 29. On August 20, 21, and 22, 1886 Union Campground was established in West Virginia. In 1886 Union Charge consisted of Union, Vernon, Oak Grove, (Clay Lick) Peniel, (Locust Grove) Salem, and Morgan churches; Rev. E. F. Chapman was the presiding elder and Circuit Rider. In 1896 when the Memory Box was opened 1,200 people registered, but, an estimated crowd of 2,500 were present. Dr. Rev. James L. Hensley M.D., had written a historical sketch of the West Virginia United Brethren Church and this was placed in the 1886 Memorial Box. This sketch confirms much of the common knowledge about the Church, that is, the names of the founders and a list of the Charter Members when the United Brethren Church was organized at Broad Run in the Lutheran's log church building. In 1936, a larger box was made ready by T. Bert Roush and the 1936 box was placed inside of this larger box; along with more mementos, W A Z TV taped the 1986 ceremony and interviews.

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List of Minister serving since 1884
1884-86 .......... A. S. Blagg
1887-89 .......... E. J. Chapman
1889-90 ............ L. M. Carder
1891-1901 .......... W. M. Slaughter
1901-02 ............ W. J. Wingrove
1903-04 .......... C. E. Bynum
1907-09 ............ H. L. Barnhouse
1909-11 .......... S. A. Fisher
1911-12 ............ H. W. Harrison
1912-15 ............ F. H. Capelhart
1915-17 ............ Roy Alkire
1917-19 .......... A. Napier
1919-21 .......... A. M. Payne
(held first Camp Meeting)
1921-23 .......... F. D. Cline
1924-26 .......... W. E. Crall
1926-27 .......... L. W. Nuzum
1927-28 .......... S. A. Jessie
1928-31 .......... L. G. Crew
1932-36 .......... W. M. Slaughter
1937-38 .......... Troy R. Brady
1938-42 .......... V. J. Lathey
1942-46 .......... Roy McCoy
1946-48 .......... Wilburn Ray
1948-52 .......... L. C. Thompson
1952-54 .......... Homer Hicks
1955-56 .......... Homer Burg
1956-60 .......... Forrest Murry
1961-64 .......... John Icenower
1964-66 .......... Stanley Moore
1966-68 .......... Don Elders
1968-70 .......... Gerald Sayre
1972-78 .......... Bobby Woods
1978-80 .......... Bob Fulton
1980-81 .......... Ken Nolan
1981-84 .......... Tim Scarberry
1984-86 .......... Gerald Sayre

We have done a lot of improvements over the years on the church, too numerous to mention all. One of the largest undertakings of the church was to put a basement under it. Van Rosh and Orie Burner and took 7200 logs over the Ohio river to get beams to hold up the church. They each took a wagon and brought back the beams. We have put up new tile on the church ceiling, sidewalks, a porch, an awning for the porch and numerous other things.

We have the well-being of our church to the young adults and children of our church. They have gone ahead with Bible Schools, Christmas programs, formed choirs, and performed as class teachers, pianist, secretsaries, and all other walks of the church life. And this also goes to the good ministers we have had. I might add in closing that you can obtain a lot of history about the church establishment and the early ancestors from Volume I and Volume II of the Rosh Histories.

Our ancestors came from Germany to the Virginia Valley and then into the Ohio Valley.

United Brethren in Christ
Union United Brethren 1883-1945
Union Evangelical U. B. 1946-1968
Union United Methodist 1968-1986

Submitted by — Attarah Deweese

VAUGHT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Vaught Memorial United Methodist Church is located two miles above Henderson, on the old road, at the Coast Guard Base, formerly Lock Eleven.

This church was started about 1911 or 1912. The services were held in old block school house at Lock Eleven. The Sunday School and Church continued to grow and prosper, and the need for a church was great.

The community began planning for a church building. Suppers, sales, and various entertainments were used to raise money. There were liberal donations from most of the residents of the community. Every one responded well and worked hard.

A building lot was donated by Cora Supple Dickens. This lot was from the land formerly owned by Andrew and Nancy Gould. The deed was made and recorded January 18, 1921 and the building began. Much of the work was done by the Lock Men and others of the community. The building progressed rapidly and the church was ready for services in late 1921. The dedication of the church was held the summer of 1922.

The first Board of Trustees were: James Henderson; Charles Reynolds; J. B. Couch; Russell Shank; E. E. McCulloch.

At the time this church was built, there were two divisions of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This charge was made up by St. Paul Methodist Church, South, on East Main Street, Point Pleasant, Vaught Memorial and Beech Hill.

When the two Methodist Churches united and became one, St. Paul combined with Trinity. Later Henderson Church was put on the charge with Vaught Memorial and Beech Hill and it became the Henderson Charge.

The church was named Vaught Memorial in honor of Stephen K. Vaught and J.O.A. Vaught, who had been Ministers in the community; also, William Vaught, who lived in the community and helped to get the church started.

The first bell for the church was obtained by Captain Charles Young. It was from the steamboat J. T. Hatfield. In 1945 the Hatfield Company asked for the bell to be returned. Captain Young got another bell. This one was from the D. T. Lane, which is still in use.

Vaught Memorial continued to be a thriving church and was well known for its fine plays and entertainments, its care and concern for every one throughout the community.

In 1938 Lock Eleven was dismantled. The older families retired, some moved away, and young people who went to other places, still supported the church. Vaught Memorial has continued to function and is still doing so, but the attendance has been small and the workers few. For several years, it has been held together by the Melton, McCulloch and Henderson families. Submitted by — Dorothy Lewis, Ruth Blair

THE VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Organized in 1881 under the directions of Rev. W. H. Diddle. The first meetings were held in the Vernon school house, and this group was named the Yonker Class.

In 1881 land was deeded by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roush, for the sum of $1.00, to the Trustees, Campbell McMellen, James Lawson, and John Hoffman, and their successors of the Vernon church, so that a house of worship could be built. The Vernon Church House was built in 1883.

There were many goals set by the church and pastors. In 1913 Rev. F. H. Capelhart set his goal at selling sixty telescopes (A Conference Magazine), and seeing one hundred new conversions. By the 1930s however the church was being held together by the youth, with very few adults attending.

In 1946 The United Brethren in Christ merged with the Evangelicals, so we became The Vernon Evangelical United Brethren Church. In 1967 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson deeded additional land to the church so that a driveway could be made to go around the church. In 1968 E. U. B. merged with the Methodist and we became The Vernon United Methodist Church as we are known today.

By 1950 our Sunday School attendance had grown to the point that more class rooms were needed, so two new rooms and choir loft was added to the building with a basement under the new rooms that become the furnace room and another class room. At present we have six classes for S. S. with an average attendance of 35.

Our membership as of 1986 is 28. Submitted by — Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Lathby

WOLF VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Wolf Valley Baptist Church was formed in the year 1852 by the Revs. William Getchell and Lewis Greenlee. The membership at that time was composed of the following: Lewis Wolf, Christina Wolf, F. M. Knapp, Deborah Knapp, Jacob Zearley, John Williams, John Harpold, Christina Wolf, F.M. Knapp, Deborah Knapp, and Lewis Greenlee. This site is located about two miles above Henderson. It is known that the Blagg family at one time gave land for a church at Wolf Valley.

The church was destroyed by fire one night in 1940 during the time a revival meeting was held. With Reverend Brady Duncan as their pastor some of the members met the next morning by the ruins and determined to rebuild the church. Starting from nothing, they were amazed at what they were able to accomplish. They were able to build the block church that is being used today.

Bobby Craig is serving the church as pastor at the present. Submitted — Jean H. Burkle

YAUGER UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Two acres of land were given by Jeremiah and Washington Yauger for the purpose of a church and public cemetery. This site is located about
two miles from the Kanawha River on Debby Road on Ten Mile Creek. Both of these men contributed generously to the building of the church.

The building was begun by the trustees A. S. Riffle, Godfrey Schul, and Charles Musgrave. Being of frame construction, it was built 24 feet by 34 feet with an arched ceiling. A tower was provided for the bell.

The church was built at a cost of about seven dollars, of which amount two hundred and twenty-five dollars had to be provided for on the day of dedication.

The day of dedication was a lovely autumn day, November 24, 1906 and a large congregation gathered for the services.

Miss Oda Brown, a music teacher of Leon, was at the organ and the Rev. J. M. Hart preached the sermon. At the end of the services the congregation was asked for the amount needed to free the debt. In a matter of minutes the amount was secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Yauger did not live to see the completion of the church but left in their will, four hundred dollars to be used in keeping up the church and grave yard.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOARD RUN

In 1806 several Roush families moved from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to Mason County. In 1812 the Rev. Paul Henkel under call by a Pennsylvania Synod also moved from New Market in the Shenandoah Valley to Mason County and began to hold worship services in various homes and school houses in Mason County. Abraham Roush gave 60 acres of land to the Lutheran church in the Broad Run area and a log church was built on that land. The first services were held by Pastor Henkel and later other church groups used the building to hold their worship services. It is reported that the first United Brethren and Presbyterian congregations were organized in this same log building.

In 1852 the Lutheran Synod of Virginia sent the Rev. John W. Miller to Mason County. He led the Lutherans in building a parsonage on the land given by Abrahm Roush in 1854. In 1869 pastor John W. Miller reorganized the Lutheran group in the Board Run area under the name of Zion Lutheran Church. Pastor John W. Miller served the Lutherans in Mason County for twenty-two years. He retired in 1874. During this time he lived in the parsonage on the Broad Run farm from the time it was built in 1854. Succeeding pastors continued to live in the Broad Run parsonage for the next thirty-six years. At that time a new parsonage was built in New Haven and the parsonage on Broad Run was rented. Also, during this period the pastors farmed some of the land owned by the church on Broad Run to raise food for their horses and other animals.

In 1891 another pastor by the name of Miller, the Rev. Peter Link Miller, was called to the Mason County Parish and served Zion Church along with the other churches of this ministry. Pastor Peter Miller served three separate pastorate years 1891-1894, 1912-1915 and 1919-1922 in the Mason County Parish. He is remembered by many of the older members for his faithfulness to his calling.

A new Zion Lutheran Church building, the one presently in use was dedicated by Pastor D. W. Files on Sept. 12, 1897. In 1906 a basement room was constructed under this building. In 1902 and 1923 an Education Wing was built on to the Zion Church building. It was dedicated on May 1, 1983. All the labor for both the basement unit and the education wing were built by volunteer labor.

Zion Church is now part of the Mason-Jackson Lutheran Shared Ministry. The Rev. George C. Weirick and the Rev. Bernard K. Kern are the pastors.

Cemeteries

DR. JESSE BENNETT REBURIAL
(Died July 22, 1842)

Dr. Bennett’s 14 foot monument was dismantled and moved to Pioneer Cemetery June 1, 1985 by the State Road and National Guard volunteers from the Bennett Cemetery on old Musgrave farm, Lock 25 road and re-erected at later date.

The casket was removed from its burial site under supervision of Dr. John Grubb, Coroner Loraine Wilcoxen of Wilcoxen Funeral Home.

After being taken to Gallipolis Vault Co., the Egyptian type coffin was cleaned. It was bronze colored, steel with silver plated handles and bolts with a glass insert window covering from face to chest. When the face plate was removed by Joe Pickens in the presence of Dr. Grubb and 6 distant Bennett descendants, it showed the body of a small man preserved in embalming fluid which filled the interior of the casket. It was resealed and placed in a concrete vault. Mr. Sibley took pictures.

Reburial was due to the fact that Dr. Bennett (son of a Revolutionary Soldier) and wife, Elizabeth Hogg (daughter of land grant Peter Hogg), and upon whom he performed a consecration service, deserved burial place having easier access for visitation.

On June 10, 1985 - A brief service was conducted by the local DAR and prayer was by Rev. Tally Hanna. At the same time a box containing the remains of his second wife, Harriett Fowler (1808-1879) were placed in his vault. The monument of 1st wife Elizabeth Hogg who died April 26, 1829 - age 70 yrs. 11 mons., was also moved and re-erected in Pioneer.

JOSEPH SPENGLER
MACHIR
(1813-1873)

As the coffin of Joseph S. Machir was in the same crypt with Dr. Jesse Bennett and wife Harriett Fowler Bennett, who later became his wife, it was also moved to Pioneer. Removal was on June 12, 1985 from gravesite taken to Gallipolis Vault Company, cleaned and placed in concrete vault. It too, was Egyptian type, yellow in color, with faceplate and when removed in presence of relatives showed well preserved features of a heavy set man dressed in black suit and bow tie with crossed hands.

On June 18, 1985 Mr. Machir was reburied at Pioneer with Rev. T. L. Scarberry giving prayer and Dr. John Grubb and Loraine Wilcoxen in charge of burial. Ten descendents of Mr.

MARY SOMERVILLE
Buried 1850 - Reburied 1986

Mary Somerville died Feb. 4, 1850 - age 19 years, 2 months, 9 days and was buried on her father's farm in back of West Columbia. She was the 4th child of David and Catherine (Sebrell) Somerville, who shortly after her death moved to Madison Co., Indiana. David (born Mason Co. 1796; died Indiana 1890) was the son of: Samuel and Rebecca (Young) Somerville, Sr. His wife Catherine (Sebrell) Somerville (1796-1865).

Mary's remains were moved from a wooded section on the Carson farm, under the direction of Red Tucker of Fogleson Funeral Home and after 136 years will repose in the now perpetual care cemetery with her ancestors in the Zuspans-Somerville-Washington Cemetery. Will Zuspans engaged the gravediggers and burial rites were held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 13, 1986, with Earl Edwards reading the scripture.

The Zuspan's have cleaned the cemetery, erected a flag pole, enclosed with a fence and built a road to this old cemetery. The first known burial was of Wilhelmina Washington (1811-1855) and the oldest person buried there was Margaret Somerville (1772-1884). Time and weather has destroyed many of the old sandstone monuments.

HENRY LEWIS
GRAVESTONE

In Pine Grove cemetery (in Cornstalk Reservation) there is a stone which marks the grave of Henry Lewis, son of Jonathan and Malinda (Williams) Lewis and husband of Sula (Edward) Lewis on which there are no carved letters of any kind for future viewers, but in its own way, no more appropriate memorial could be found. It is a huge rock put on his grave as a headstone at his request. For years this man and family owned and lived on a farm near, but when the government bought this land in the 1940's to be used for the Chief Cornstalk Reservation,
it was necessary for the families to relocate. On the front gate of the Henry Lewis home this rock wrapped with chains was used as a gate weight, on Upper Nine Mile Farm. Before Henry and family moved to Gallipolis Ferry he took this huge gate weighting rock to Pine Grove Cemetery and left it to be used for the head stone on his own grave. The stone has deep markings made by the opening and closing of the gate. It causes me to wonder whether he had in mind the old, old song so familiar to the older folk "I will meet you in the morning, just inside the Eastern Gate, then be ready, faithful pilgrim, lest with you it will be too late. Submitted by — Mrs. Harold Bungarner

TIM POFFENBARGER GRAVE

On a weeded hill not far from Pine Grove Cemetery is the grave of Tim Poffenbarger, a brother to Judge Henry Poffenbarger. Tim was 1 of 12 children born to Clinton (1832) and Sarah Lewis (1832 daughter of George & Ann). Clinton was son of Henry & Lydia both dec'd before 1883. Tim born Nov. 26, 1853 died Apr. 19, 1882 and he had bro. Van (1855-1862), sister Lydia (1860-1862). Place of burial unknown but presumed at Pine Grove. Submitted by — Mrs. Harold Bungarner

COVE SPRING CEMETERY

Cove Spring cemetery was known as the Robert Adams graveyard (deed Book 22 page 350, Mason County) now known as Adamsville. At the time it was considered west of the large rock wall. The map shows Sargent Avenue 9 feet wide, Roush Avenue 7 feet wide. The whole cemetery was 305 by 297 feet. (However some members of the Adams family state the family cemetery is inside the wall, and old Adams monuments from 1851 to 1866 were found).

KIRKLAND MEMORIAL GARDENS

Kirkland Memorial Gardens, Inc. was developed by Homer Spencer and Virginia Knight Smith, along with their daughters Virginia Lynn Smith Durst and Nancy Beale Smith Jewell. Kirkland Memorial Gardens was developed on a portion of the Kirkland Farm, inherited by Virginia Evelyn Knight Smith from her mother, Sarah Elizabeth.

On the 10th day of June, 1959, a corporation was formed by the Smith family and they developed the first lawn type, perpetual care cemetery in Mason County. Flat bronze memorials installed on a granite base are used, thus giving the lawn or garden appearance. The perpetual care trust insures the continued care and maintenance of the cemetery.

As the cemetery was built on Kirkland Farm, Kirkland Memorial Gardens seemed to be a most appropriate name. Submitted by — Kevin Lynn Durst

GRAHAM STATION CEMETERY

(GROVER CLEVELAND)

Graham Cemetery was only a Wilkinson plot when my grandmother Mary Magaline Davis Spencer died Sept. 9, 1911. My father, Harvey Spencer, went to Mr. Wilkinson and he sold him a plot of ground near his family to bury her. To my knowledge this was the beginning of this cemetery, and Grandma was the first one buried there.

Mr. Wilkinson then decided to sell other plots and today many are buried there.

The cemetery was enlarged in 1955 by Harry W. Clark selling lots just across the driveway. Dad always kept his plot mowed and tried hard to get others interested. For years and even up to his death he tried to get perpetual care but did not succeed.

Having Dad’s desire for perpetual care instilled in us, my brother Fred and I continued working hoping somehow this care could be accomplished. In the middle 70’s Donnie Jewell joined us in the effort. By this time some became interested so we consulted an attorney on the matter, but due to some old laws, requiring 100% participation it could not be done, so we gave up again hoping for a change of laws.

One day while visiting a friend, she told me other old cemeteries were getting perpetual care so I decided to try again. (My husband Jesse Brown and Fred were deceased and buried at Kirkland) I went to Point Pleasant to talk to the Trust Officer at Citizen’s Bank. He assured me it could be done so I contacted Roy Tucker (Red) Mortician at Mason, and explained the procedure to him. He was very interested (His father was buried there) and willing to chair a public meeting for any one interested in perpetual care for Graham Cemetery.

There was much interest shown, with more than sixty (60) persons present. Many things were discussed, price, officers, etc. An advisory board was appointed by the chairman. Those appointed were Grace Brown, Ferris Justis, Woodrow Brown, Lonnie Jewell, Robert Cochran, Mrs. John Fry and Thelma Capehart.

A committee meeting was called Sept. 6, 1979 held at the Luthers Church Conference room and officers were nominated.

Red Tucker, president, Donald O. Roush, vice-pres., Mrs. Lloyd Roush, recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Yonder, correspondence secretary, and Mrs. John Fry, treasurer. A public meeting was held Sept. 8, 1979. Officers were accepted and the president immediately applied for the charter which was granted Oct. 13, 1979. These same officers are still serving.

We began collecting money Nov. 5, 1979 and on Nov. 29, 1979 Ray Tucker, Ferris Justis, Donald O. Roush, Mrs. Lloyd Roush, Mrs. Charles Yonder, Mrs. John Fry and Grace Brown met at Attorney Mike Shaw’s office with Mr. Wayne Austin, Trust officer, and received the charter and put the money collected in Trust. This project required lots of work and cooperation but we had wonderful helpers and the satisfaction in knowing the cemetery is being moved and will be from now on, has been worth it all.

Submitted by — Grace Brown

JOHN HEREFORD

Photograph of monument of John Herford and wife. Last remaining original monument of a Revolutionary Soldier in Mason Co. located on a hill at Apple Grove, W. Va. close to the Cabell Co. Line. It reads “John Herford died May 3, 1846 age 88 yr. 3 mo. 1 da.; Sarah Hereford wife of John died Sept. 25, 1855 age 73 yr. 11 mo. 1 da.” He served in the War of 1776 as Adjutant. Sarah his second wife was daughter of Peter and Priscilla Waugh of Fairfax Co. When census of this cemetery was taken 1879 several families were living here. Picture taken fall of 1985 by Calvin H. Smith, Glenwood, W. Va. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith

NEW McCOY CEMETERY

The first to be buried in the New McCoy Cemetery was Ella McCoy Meadows, wife of Gallia Meadows, and daughter of William Henry and Electa (Grover) McCoy. Ella died in 1897 and she had asked to be laid to rest under the big oak tree on the hill above her own home instead of in the McCoy family graveyard on her grandfather’s farm. Even though her father and three sisters had already been buried in the old cemetery Ella asked that her mother promise to be buried close to her. Her mother was the second to be buried here. Electa McCoy’s grave is between those of her son Edward and her daughter Minnie. A small Cedar tree marks the spot. In Ella’s row there is one other grave, that of Jesse Meadows, infant daughter of Gallia Mead­ows and his second wife Ann. Others of the McCoy family buried here are Thomas Jefferson McCoy; his wife Nancy Susan (Young) McCoy; two of their daughters, Frances Virginia McCoy and Sylvia Electa (McCoy) Keister; and Clay Keister, Myrtle Virginia (McCoy) Keister; and Clay Keister, Myrtle’s husband.

The new McCoy Cemetery is located just off Rocky Fork Road on the hill above the home of Arthur D. Perry, William and Electa McCoy’s great-grandson. Submitted by — Johnnie Blake

OLD McCOY CEMETERY

There are two McCoy Cemeteries about a quarter of a mile apart on Rocky Fork back of Glenwood, West Virginia. The oldest was officially established in 1889 when Abner and Elizabeth McCoy, Samuel and Mary Jane McCoy, and Eliza McCoy (Waugh) McCoy all died in 1889. The second to be found is about 72 poles of the McCoy land, half of that coming from Samuel’s share and half from Abner’s in trust, to Owen Starkey, Thomas J. McCoy, and Jackson Chandler, Trustees, “in consideration of having a burial place for our dead” and “for the benefit of the public to be used for a cemetery for the burial of the dead.” These quotes are from the deed.

The first known burial in this cemetery was Thomas L. McCoy, son of Lewis and Eliza (Waugh) McCoy. Thomas died in 1861 of Scarlet Fever. Other earliest burials include Lewis McCoy who died in 1876; Eliza McCoy, after 1889; William Henry, their son, about 1900; three children of William Henry who died in the 1890’s; two children of Abner McCoy who died in 1893: Helen (Stait) Perry in 1886; Joshua Farley, 1903; Charlott Farley, 1900; Jacob Turner, 1902. These are only a few of the oldest known burials in this McCoy Cemetery. There are many other relatives and neighbors and friends buried here. This cemetery is often called Starkey Cemetery because so many members of that family are buried here.

The Old McCoy Cemetery is located near the homes of Selba Cremeans (old Sam McCoy property) and Charlie (Sam McCoy Land) about three miles from Glenwood, W. Va. Submitted by — Imogene Arrowood
Lodges

FRANKLIN COMMANDERY NO 17
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
 YORK RITE

On the 8th day of September, 1906, Right Eminent Joseph Ruffner, Grand Commander for the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia, issued a dispensation to Ben Franklin, as Commander; Tallfero Stirling, as Generalissimo; E. J. Somerville, as Captain General; and sixteen other Knights, to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar in the town of Point Pleasant, to be known as Franklin Commandery NO 17, Knights Templar.

On the evening of June 20th, 1907, a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, was called to meet in the Masonic Temple in Point Pleasant, and Franklin Commandery NO 17, Knights Templar was regularly constituted by William Whyte, Grand Commander, and the officers were installed in due form.


Present membership stands at approximately 150. Conclaves are held for business and Ritual in the Masonic Temple located at the corners of Sixth and Viand Streets in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Russell R. Priddy

POINT PLEASANT CHAPTER NO 7
ROYAL ARCH MASON
 YORK RITE

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia was organized at a Convention held in the Mason’s Hall in the Borough of Norfolk, on the 1st of May, 1808, proceedings to that end having been drawn and determined during the two next preceding years. The three chapters represented in the convention were those of Norfolk, Staunton and Richmond, named in the order of their seniority. Previous to that time the Royal Arch Degree had been conferred in Virginia under the authority of Blue Lodge Chapters.

The earliest known reference to the degree in America is found in the records of the Lodge of Frederickburg (the lodge in which George Washington was made a Mason) located under the date of December 22, 1753.

In 1871, on the 16th of November, the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was formed by representatives of Chapters at Wheeling, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Morgantown and Point Pleasant, the consent of the Grand Chapter having been fraternally conceded and obtained. Prior to this date, Point Pleasant Royal Arch Chapter was known as “Star of the West No. 18”. After West Virginia had been Granted its own Grand Jurisdiction, Point Pleasant’s Royal Arch Chapter was known as Star of The West No 5. From 1876 until 1896, Star of the West became inactive and was made extinct.

However, on November 8, 1896 a charter for a new Royal Arch Chapter was issued naming the three top officers as Ben Franklin, High Priest; R. B. Smith, King; and Hiram R. Howard, Scribe. The name of the new chapter was listed as Point Pleasant Chapter NO 7, Royal Arch Masons. Present membership now stands at 191. The Chapter meeting for business and ritual are held in the Masonic Temple located at 6th and Viand Streets, in Point Pleasant. Submitted by — Russell R. Priddy

LETART GRANGE NO. 546

The Patrons of Husbandry, better known as the Grange, is a multi-purpose organization for protecting agriculture, for legislative activity, for community service, and for advancing the latent talents of the individual. On October 5, 1984, deputy state master Keith D. Ashley of Pomeroy was sent to organize a new grange. The charter members were Edward and Letha Bumgarner, Kathryn Blessing, Thomas and Lois Bumgarner, Kathryn Blessing, Clara Capehart, James Diehl, George and Arlene Grimm, Lesa Grimm, Marilyn Grimm, Mary J. Grimm, Freda Kesterson, Don and Mildred Thompson, Thomas and Della Sayre, Gary Sayre, Cecil and Mary Sayre, Michael T. Sayre, Thomas L. Sayre, Mike and Elizabeth Veselica, Marvin Sayre, Myrtle Roush, Thomas and Barbara Lewis, David and Donna Newberry, Alice Brinker, George and Eleanor Hoffman, Benny Hoffman, Jane Hoffman, Kenneth and Catherine Rollins, Sidney and Nancy Bauer, Patricia Ball, Marie Ball, Wesley and Lily Kelvington, Geraldine Hill, and Mary Bonecutter.

POint Pleasant Odd Fellows Lodge

NEW HAVEN COUNCIL NO. 175
JR. O.U.A.M.


Other councils have existed. Pt. Pleasant No. 146, Clifftop Council, and Hartford Council have consolidated with New Haven. The companion organization for both ladies and men, the Daughters of America, existed at one time with the New Haven Council. It was called the John F. Kennedy Council D. of A. and operated in the 1960’s.

This council met for many years where the Arbogate Jewelry Store was located. They met on the second floor. In the early 1960’s the council
bought the Church of God building and has been there since.

Several dignitaries in the state and national councils have originated from New Haven Council. R. Douglas Roush was state councilor in 1970, Harry Pickens as state counselor in 1974, the Rev. Roy Ellis as honorary state counselor, and Harry Pickens as national deputy (1985-87) and national representative (1986-88). Ralph Gibbs won a national membership award for obtaining 29 members.

The council is active in the state project of raising funds for cerebral palsy. Its membership peaked in the mid 1960's at 200. Presently it has a membership of 46 and meets on the first and third Thursdays.

The present officers are William Gress, counselor; John Harrah, vice counselor; Walter "Pete" Grinstead, past counselor; Tom Hoffman, warder; Ray Weaver, recording secretary; Harry Pickens, treasurer; John S. Scarberry, financial secretary; R. Douglas Roush, chaplain; Grant Barnett, inside sentinel; Tom Hoffman, one-year trustee; Roy Grimm, two-year trustee; R. Douglas Roush, three-year trustee.

Applications for membership are open to males over the age of 16. Submitted by — Keith D. Ashley

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

OF

MINTURN LODGE NO 19 A. F. & A. M.

1858 - 1986

Minturn Lodge No. 19, A.F. & A.M. predates both the Civil War and the formation of the State of West Virginia and consequently has the distinction of having received a charter from two states. Its first charter was granted on December 15, 1858 by the Grand Lodge of the state of Virginia and the Lodge was named Minturn Lodge No. 172. W. W. Minturn was the first Worshipful Master, the Lodge having been named in his honor. He remained active in the affairs of the Lodge until his death on March 27, 1872. The body was interred in the Pioneer Cemetery on 9th and Viand Streets in Point Pleasant with full Masonic Honors.

The second charter was issued by the Grant Lodge of West Virginia on January 24, 1867, when the Lodge became known as Minturn Lodge, Virginia. Five charter members: C. A. Barbee, William Sterrett, Charles Clendenin, Silas Sines, I. Behan. Civil War forced closure in 1861, Noble Grand James Holloway (Mason Co. Sheriff) presiding last meeting.

Grand Lodge, West Virginia, issued charter reorganized lodge 1870. For short time, Lodge had name Cornstalk 55. However, Current charter of Lodge, dated April 26, 1971, was approved, name Point Pleasant 33, 117 years past charter date.

always sympathetic community needs, Lodge contributed $1000 Pleasant Valley Hospital fund raising goal of $86000. Other projects have been supported through years. Lodge sent $50 Disaster Victims Relief Fund for 1871 Chicago fire relief. Cornstalk lodge band traveled Middletown on Steamer Emma Graham; participated in Middletown 56th anniversary celebration.

That 200th anniversary Battle of Point Pleasant Oct. 10, 1861 that Lodge participation marked. Past Grand Howard Schultz operated his steam engine, pulling lodge float bearing large Liberty Bell.

Lodge forefathers early acquired property, securing present building corner Main, Fourth streets, after turn century. Additions and renovations provided three business establishments, three rental apartments. Income enables lodge to maintain low annual dues.

Lodge has salvaged number lodges by consolidation, including New Haven and Hartford. Clifton, Mason, West Columbia, Letart, and South Side, and Buffalo, Putnam County. Four actual mergers John Philip Sousa, South Side and Buffalo, members added in other lodges above.

Members support Visual Eye Research and Educational Foundations through Grand Lodge. Sovereign Grand Lone programs. Local members have shared in annual Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknowns, Arlington Cemetery, Washington, in May. Two hour Lodge ceremony is only time Army patrol halts its pacing at Tomb. Odd Fellows Home, Elkins, supports aged, disabled members and also housed hundreds children prior or to State human service programs.

Officers include: Noble Grand, Walter Eads, Jr; Supporters, G. A. Biggs and A. G. Brillhart; Vice Grand, Howard Yeager, Jr; Supporters, Robert Ariztrost, W. H. Bennett; Secretary, Roy Blessing; Treasurer, Louis Hussell; Warden, Boyd Schwarz; Conductor, Mervi Rice; Inside Guardian, Homer Reed; Outside Guardian, Melvin Ross; Chaplain, Marvin Burris; Right Scene Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Biell; Trustees — Schwarz, Eads, Brillhart.

Lodge meets each Thursday evening. Submitted by — Roy Blessing

SAGAMORE TRIBE NO. 129

The Sagamore Tribe No. 129 Improved Order of Red Men at Hartford was incorporated as a benevolent association for the purpose of mutual relief in the trials and adversities incident to human life on 1st day of January 1912. H. W. Dail, W. B. Metcalf, James A. Hanna, W. T. Wooley, and James McKnight.

LEON K OF P BAND

In 1923, after Allen Thomas joined the Knights of Pythias in Leon he became interested in organizing a band. Having bought a flat alto horn from a friend, Lamar Selby, he was determined to learn how to play the instrument. At the time Fred Holstein of Arbuckle, and a member of the Lodge, had during his years of service in the Marines in the Spanish-American War, had been a member of the Marine Band. It had been his privilege to have played under the direction of the famous John Philip Sousa. It was Allen who contacted Fred Holstein. Mr. Holstein agreed that he would teach the interested young would-be musicians if they promised to put forth their very best efforts and provided the lodge would supply them with at least eleven instruments.

The horns, drums, sheet music, holders, and caps were purchased by the lodge at a cost of approximately three hundred dollars. The first performances were held in the K of P Hall, and moved to the hall above the Charlie Thomas Store.

The original band known as the K of P Band consisted of the following members: Fred Holstein, baritone; Herbert Burton, 1st cornet; Theodore Low, 2nd cornet; Odus Cosin, bass horn; Blain Hill, tenor drum; Charlie Stone, bass drum; Harvey Morgan, alto horn; Glennia Shinn, cornet, Mr. Tucker, trombone; Cleon Cadle, baritone; Ralph Noffsinger, clarinet and Allen G. Thomas, flat alto horn.

After a time Fred Holstein thought it would be best if they employed a music teacher. Mr. Earl Matheson, a music teacher in Point Pleasant.
POINT PLEASANT MOOSE LODGE

#731 — FOUNDED IN 1940

On 11-28-40, two hundred sixty-two men were installed as Charter Members of Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge #731, Point Pleasant. Ceremonies were held in the old Legion building which is now the annex to the Mason County Courthouse. The Moose later moved into the old Burnside building on Second Street which was destroyed by fire on 10-30-69. The lodge was rebuilt on the same site, and remained there until the new building was open in March, 1985.


Old Moose Club

Four members of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge #731, Wadear Thabet, Ray Wooten, John Lee, and A. Arnold Norman have earned their Pilgrim Degree. The Pilgrim Degree is the highest degree a member of the Loyal Order of Moose can earn. Submitted by — A. Arnold Norman
WOMEN OF THE MOOSE
Point Pleasant Chapter #594

The Point Pleasant Chapter of the Women of the Moose was instituted on 4-11-43 with thirty-two members.

Charter members of the Point Pleasant Chapter were: Nellie Henson, Gertrude Martin, Lucille White, Genevieve Gardner, Florence McCormick, Wilma Melrose, Georgia Hutchison, Erma Wright, Helen Park, Pearl Moyostin, Alice Marie Frye, Linnie Buestle, Lorena Sprenger, Rhoda Hall, Lila Thomas, and Ida Stanley.

Katherine Greuser, Mildred Nebergall, Helen Gaftin, Florence Krodol, Evelyn Hannaman, Grace Getty, Dorothy Harris, Edith Quillen, Belva Proffitt, Jane Thabet, Margaret Thomas, Minnie Burdette, Cheesie Frye, Violet Macht, Ruth Richards, and Betty Meadows. The local chapter now has a current membership of four-hundred ten members.

The members of the WOTM College of Regents are: Mildred Stephenson, Hazel Ewing, Beverley Casto, Wilma Jarvis, Patricia Forsee, Karen Ferguson, Rhonda Wheeler, Shirley Loomis, Vickie Perry, and Iva Norman.

The members of the Academy of Friendship are: Mary Choquette, Wilma Jarvis, Mildred Stephenson, Ruth Lewis, Patricia Forsee, Beverley Casto, Helen Vickers, Jean Wise, Hazel Ewing, Shirley Loomis, Karen Ferguson, Gerry McCallister, Martha Rhodes, Barbara Caudill, Ossie Jipper, Vickie Perry, Rhonda Wheeler, Doris Wiant, Iva Norman, Alma Zimmerman, Karen Knox, Gwen Greene, JoAnn Sommer, Eleanor Black, Janice Young, and Beverlee Clark.

Star Recorder are Shirley Loomis, Wilma Jarvis, Rhonda Wheeler, and Beverley Casto.

The first co-worker of the Point Pleasant Chapter to receive her College of Regents degree was Mildred Stephenson. She received her degree at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois in 1975.

Wilma Jarvis was the first Point Pleasant co-worker to be appointed to a state position in the WOTM. She was installed as deputy grand regent of West Virginia, for a one year term on 7-1-82 at the International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. Submitted by — Iva Norman

SCHOOLS

HISTORY OF BEALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The first school at Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia, to be known as the Beale Elementary School was situated on part of the 16,000 acre tract of land surveyed by George Washington for General Hugh Mercer for his services during the Revolution War. It was located four and one-half miles south of Point Pleasant and one mile east of the Ohio River which was traversed by LaSalle, Gist, Washington, George Rogers Clark and other explorers.

In this historic section, land has changed titles but a few times during the history of our country. General Mercer deeded the present site of this school to Colonel Charles T. Beale for land. This land was later deeded to McCulloch who deeded it to Samuel Wallis.

In 1902, for the sum of $75.00, Samuel Wallis sold the site to the Board of Education and in the same year the building was erected and named the "Mayflower." This school, under the teaching of Berton Grimm, changed the name to "Beale" in honor of Colonel Charles T. Beale and served the community until 1931.

In February, 1931, pupils attending the first Beale Elementary School filed into a new building. This building was located closer to West Virginia State Route #2 and one mile below the Gallipolis Ferry Railroad Station. There were four rooms, two of which were designed to serve as an auditorium. The school had a kitchen and within a month after opening, the students were offered a "hot lunch program." The building could accommodate 140 students.

The first faculty of this school included W. L. Sturgeon, Principal; Mrs. Catherine Newell, fifth and sixth grade teacher; Mrs. Alice Rulen, fourth grade teacher; Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, second and third grade teacher.

On September 10, 1984, students attending the second Beale Elementary School, along with students from the Central Elementary, Beech Hill Elementary, and Woods Elementary filed into a new modern building situated on the same piece of ground as the second Beale Elementary School. The present Beale Elementary was designed by the S.E.M. Partners, Inc. and constructed by Philip Dintacco and Sons, Incorporated.

This $2,150,000 building offers a kindergarten; twelve regular classrooms for grades one through six; Chapter 1 Reading and Mathematics; Special Education classes for Learning Disabilities; the Mentally Impaired, and Behavior Disorders; and a Multipurpose room for lunch and Physical Education. A special Media-room will house a school library, special teaching room, and a conference room.

With the increased size of the present Beale Elementary School and the availability of special classes, the students will be offered experiences not possible in the past. They should develop solid educational foundation that will enable them to construct a life filled to their potential.

BEACON GROVE SCHOOL

Beech Grove School was located 4½ miles back of the "Mayflower" on Knife Branch Road in Mason County. The Board of Education of Hannan Township bought the land from George C. Holley on Sept. 20, 1865. The school was built in 1880.

Some of the teachers were Lilian Perry, Arthur Perry, Hazel Butler (1942), Emma Wise, Iva Wise, Roe Holley and Zella Harbour.

Some of the students were Edmonds, Jenkins, Lewis, Barker, Cremeans, and many more.

Photograph donated by Betty Jenkins. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith

BLACK JACK SCHOOL

Black Jack or Black Oak probably received its name because of oak trees nearby. It is located on a hill facing Bear Hollow near Cabell-Mason line. Land was donated to the Mason County Board of Education by J. L. Blake for erection of a schoolhouse for the children of Bear Hollow and Dry Ridge to attend in the late 1800’s or early 1900’s.

Thomas Blake was the first teacher. Others included Mamie Jolley, George Bryan, Mae Fletcher, Bessie Lunsford, Audrey Lilly, Darren Cremeans, Dindorf Simmons, Iva and Velva Chapman.

Corby Conrad of 28th St. Huntington, a student in 1914, states his classmates were of the Roger’s, Chapman, Jenkins, Conrad, Holley, Blacks, Smith and Meadows family.

Spelling bees, debates and political camp singing took place at the school. Attendance
dropped during the depression, families moved away to seek more profitable jobs, and the school closed. Children then attended schools at Webster View, Victory, and Beech Grove. Older children attended Town Hall located near where Palestine Church stands in Hannan District. Students who finished eighth grade at Black Jack were taught by Delbert Staats who lived close to the High School.

Travel on Bear Hollow road by horse or motorcycle as the road is rough. Phillip, daughter of Henry Woody, bought the building from the School Board and the Boy Scouts met there. Once a year a picnic is held by the younger generation, of the old Black Jack school students.

Submitted by — Ammy Conrad

BURNING FLAT SCHOOL

This is a historical remembrance of Burning Flat School which was located in Mason County on Whitten Ridge Road. The photo was taken on Oct. 27, 1915. It was later destroyed by fire.

Central School, First Grade 1921

CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL

The two story brick Central Grade School stood at 6th and Viand Street but was demolished for erection of the present Mason County Library Building. It was the only school in the county that had the old type pull bell, which sits on the front lawn at the library. There were eight class rooms, library, office, broad halls (used for recreation during bad weather), broad stairways, basement (also used for recreation), parlors, and Jimmy (Colston) the weiner man. It was customary in those days for the teacher to board near the school.

The old College Hill schoolhouse is remembered as being part of the present College Hill church house. Like most schools of that time, and for many years after, College Hill had only one room. There were two doors on the front, one on the side where the boys sat and the other on the side appointed the girls. Light for studying was provided only by the windows and warmth for cold toes came from a potbellied stove in the middle of the floor.

Over the years College Hill schoolhouse came to be known as a community center with various uses. It was later the site of the Mason County Board of Education sold all rights and title to the College Hill property to Katherine Daylong. The next year Mrs. Daylong granted use of the same to the trustees of College Hill Church, a non-denominational church, for church purposes only. I am told that Clare Ebert built the present College Hill meeting house. I don’t know when this was done. Submitted by — Laura E. Williams, John Williams

FAIR VIEW SCHOOL

The Fair View School was one of the earlier grade schools of the pioneer families who settled along the Ohio River and Old Town Creek. It was located on the hill between the present C. C. Lewis farm and the Riffle farm. I do not have when it was built but it served students from about 1850 to the early 1900’s. Legend has it that it was named Fair View because of the view over looking the Ohio Valley.

I have found McGuffey’s Readers which has dates as early as 1857-1859 and 1866 and a Holmes’ New English Grammar, all used at Fair View School, 1889.

One Reader had these students listed, Sarah Elizabeth Rice’s book of Mason County of Western Virginia.


Possible teachers were Willie Sebrell, Gerald Musgrave, J. T. Raney, and others.

Roverend Charley Rogers held Revival there. Elections were also held there. Older residents say the building burned down - it was replaced on a new location near the Harrison Rice farm. This was Clay Bank.

Pictures show students of 1913 and possibly earlier. Teachers were: Goldia Morning, Hazel Childs, Benton Yeager, Willie Sebrell, Elye Rice, Otis Rice, Marie Fogelson and Charles Fogelson.

It along with Tater Ridge were torn down in 1928-1929 and a new school was built on the Bethel Road. These two combined were called Midway. Later moved to Point Pleasant High for Band Room. After government bought the land there were no students.

FOREST HILL SCHOOL

The Forest Hill School in Union District was founded or established in 1880 on land given by the late William and Charity Sayre. The deed states that when the land is no longer used for school purposes it is to go back to the original owner of the land.

In 1880 a log school was built. The seats were made of hewn logs and the only piece of furniture was the teacher’s desk.

The school house was also used for church services. Many old time revival meetings were held in this log building. Worshippers carried lamps, lanterns, and pine torches from home. Many stories have been told about events concerning this old school. One I think bears telling. In the early days of the school, William Sayre was a trustee. It seems the teacher had been rather handy with the switch. So when John M. Burdette came to see Mr. Sayre about teaching the school the next term, Mr. Sayre “struck” a bargain with him. If Mr. Burdette would teach the school term through without whipping anyone, he, Mr. Sayre would board him free. Both men kept the bargain.

Some time along the line this school got the name of “Old Sit Still.”

In 1892 the District Board replaced the old log building. The new building was used for church services until the Promise Land Church and Sayre Chapel Methodist Church which was built nearby in 1914 were completed.

Debates by the local citizens were common. Political speeches prior to elections were an every two year event as were District Conventions to select local candidates. The school was abandoned in 1951. Vandals practically destroyed the building over the years. What was left was destroyed by fire.

The following list of teachers came from people who attended the school or were teachers there. Several of the early teachers are missing

Some of the early teachers and principals were: Charles Wagner, Charlie Ball, Homer Eber Roush, Frank Zerkle, Luther Staats, Pete Roush, Thomas Capehart, and others. The first graduating class in 1912-1913 were; Mary Capehart Bryant, Mae Capehart Sayre, Nada Roush Allen, Lodemia Roush Van Meter, Mary Powell West, Orpha Kemper Ohlinger, Florence Lee Fry, Milton Miller, Willie Kaylor, and Vernal Zerkle. The first principal was Jesse Gorton, Spencer, W.Va.

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GUYAN SCHOOL

Guyan School was located in Hannan District of Mason County about 4½ miles east of Glenwood, West Virginia on what is now Hannan Trace-Whitten Ridge Road near Guyan Creek. Some of the teachers were Denford Simmons, Fenn Cremeans, Lillian Perry, Boyd Meadows, Alton Jordan, Freda Meadows, and Iva Wise.

Pictured is Denford Simmons’ class of 1937: Emma Doris Lewis, Calvin H. Smith, Paul Wellman, Audrey Meadows, Martin Cobb, Janice Lewis, Evelyn Smith, Paul Booth, Milton Smith, Betty Booth, Ruby Meadows, Adalee Legg, Tenny Lewis, Aliene Lewis, Junior Lewis, Carlos Cobb, Bessee Mae Meadows, Lloyd Legg, Mary Alice Lewis, Mildred Lewis, Laurie Holley, Mary Jean Meadows, Bertha Booth, Claude Legg, Lucy Lewis, and Overt Wellman. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith
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for school until December 1943 when it was de
Town Hall. The school on the hill was first used
with two departments.


Kinley, Jenny McKinley, Jasper Riffle, Virgil county treasury.

1951. Submitted by — J. Burdette

The rural one-room Mission Ridge School
district, Mason County, W.V. The initial site de
scribed clearly is three to four miles southeast from the town of West Columbia, W.V.

Mrs. Eunice (Fowler) Martin's old homestead is located adjacent to the initial site. Furthermore, Mrs. Martin was a student at the century old one-room school, and today she lives in the old homestead.

Research shows that the rural one-room school was built about 1870. All the eight grades were enrolled in this school, and one teacher had to teach all the grades. Also, the students and teacher brought their lunches in a hard pail or a paper sack.

Some of the teachers at the rural school were Hazel Lewis Gibbs, Donald Barnett, Cora Stewart Roush, Marie Edwards Smith, Lola Johnson Morning, Horton Eckard, Okey Fowler, Hazel E. Carder, Hansel Poling, Josephine Lyons, Dorothy Wyatt Lewis, Earl Keefer, Mary Kelly, Iva M. Sleeth, Grover Stewart, Louise Harless, Vina Berkey School. This rural school was closed sometime after the year 1950. Later the building was purchased by Ray Neal, a private owner in West Columbia, W.V.

And then, during the year 1972 the school was rescued by the Mason County Extension Homemakers Clubs. They sponsored the moving and the furnishing of the school building.

Finally, the school was moved to Krodel Park, and then, it was moved to the present site, the West Virginia State Farm Museum, Point Pleasant, W.V., where it now stands as a memorial. Submitted by — Ethel Louise Gibbs

MISSION RIDGE SCHOOL

The rural one-room Mission Ridge School was initially located in Maggie, Robinson Dist.
ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS IN LOWER MASON COUNTY

From the 1870s and 80s until the late 1950s most of Mason County's numerous school children received the first years of their formal education at a little one-room school. In the three Districts below the Kanawha River alone there were some fifty, or more, of these one-room schoolhouses. Usually they were simple wood frame structures, painted white. Occasionally one might be made of block or stone, or even painted some other color, but every one of them earned and deserves a place of honor and respect in our own history. They served us as Classroom, as Church House, as Social and Political Center, and often as the Precinct Polling Place.

Many happy memories are recalled to us by even the names of these little landmarks of our communities. So, lest these good and pleasant recollections escape us forever let us remember and record some of them here.

Mason County's schools were often named for people. Starkey; Lewis; St. Joe; Burns; Sizemore; Buckle; Woods; Bird; Stevens; Dunlavy; Myrtle; Yaeger; and Isaac Failey were some of these.

Some of our schools were named for places, like Glenwood; Guyan; Mt. Olive; Wyma; Rocky Fork; Mud Run; Eighteen Valley; Mason Valley; Five Forks; Vernondale; Hazel Valley; Clay Lick.

Still others took their names from things around them. Town Hall; White Oak Grove; Black Jack; Beech Grove; Mountain Flower; Daisy; Champion Rose; Morning Star; Block; and Mulberry.

Perhaps the most colorful are those named for ideas, like Victory, also called Burning Flat because it burned so often; and Mount Pleasant; Valley Ridge; Pleasant Ridge; Union; and College Hill. Submitted by — Jane Legg

has been in that office for 20 years. Karen Rorrer is the kindergarten aide and is in her second year. Submitted by — Alan Alberchinski

PT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL

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EARLY PT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

No list has been found for the first class which graduated in 1892. Second graduating class of 1893 was held at the high school and was conducted by Prof. W. J. Kenny. They were Miss Alberta "Jo" Howard; Katherine "Kate" Neale; twins Musa and Mussiger Kiger; Burt Hibbard.

1895 Margaret Work (late Mrs. T. Stribling); 1896, Gertrude Bateson (late Mrs. Louis Bateson).

1902 graduation was held at Hooff's Opera House, living members in 1962 now deceased were Alice Craig (Mrs. G. B. Woodard) of Pt. Pleasant, Katherine Steinback (Mrs. R. P. Bell of Deland, Florida); George Waggener; Genevieve Haptonstall (Mrs. John McCulloch); Carrie V. Connor (mother of Pearl Burdette); Gertrude Howard, Justin Johnson of Pt. Pleasant; Blanche Fry (Mrs. Frank C. Shafer); Lenzie J. Belt, Lucy M. Grover (Mrs. W. H. Somerville of "Birds"; Alia Piner, Miss Bertha Steinbeck (late Mrs. Bertha S. Filson) teacher of the class.

1905 O. Franklin Gibbs, John Moriarty, Mary Ellen Howard, Miriam Jane VanMatre, Margaret Neale (Lewis), Mary Josephine Holloway (youngest member of the class).


The first Student Council was organized by the students in 1903-04. They were chosen and a school identity was established.

Junior High remained at 1200 Main Street until the new building on Jackson Avenue and Ohio River Road was completed in 1965-1966; then Central School itself took over the old building.

Rayburn School

ROCKY FORK

The Old Rocky Fork School Grounds located 1¼ miles out Rocky Fork Road from the Ashton-Upland Road sitting to the left in a small hollow still has some mementos of happy school days left for the memory seekers. The old trees surrounding the school yard have deeply carved initials and hearts of loves left behind, along with the old sleigh ride hill, remains of coal at the coal pile, and old outhouse still standing and the well with concrete slab that was made in 1956 and until that time the kids walked to the Watt McCoy farm down the road and carried buckets of water every day for washing hands etc. It still makes for an interesting afternoon to stop and look at the trees and try to figure out the initials so deeply carved, to match memories or ledgers of past years.

The oldest information we found shows the school with 19 students and the teacher Elizabeth Haynes. Other teachers found were Russell McCoy who was also a student there as was William J. Veazey who was the teacher when the school was closed around 1960, Arthur Perry, Lillian Perry, Jewel McCoy, Helen Scarberry.

The land for the school was given by George Young and lay to the left of the old road that went between his farm and Orville McCoy's to the old Moors Chapel Church at the top of the hill. This land was later expanded when Orville McCoy gave land across the road so the kids could have more playground. As Nellie Mayes Deal remembers sleighriding down Orville's hill under the barbed wire into the schoolyard until he gave them the land and moved the fence up the hill. You can still trace the old fence and gate at the back of the schoolyard that was then the front according to stories of when they walked to school and came in the gate from the direction that you now wouldn't think of anything but a bear traveling.

The schoolgrounds are owned by Ronald McCoy grandson of Orville who gave part of the land and son of Russell who attended and later taught at this Rocky Fork School. Submitted by — Betty L. McCoy

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

I am a retired school teacher with a 38 year record in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Indiana. I retired from Roosevelt School in 1973. I
was born in Creston, Wirt County, graduated from Elizabeth High School, West Liberty Teacher's College and Youngstown University in Ohio.  

My husband, the late Rev. John M. Hart, pastored at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church before Rev. Rufus Cromartie. After John's retirement, we moved to West Hamlin in Lincoln County.  

Our daughter, Mrs. Clyde (Sue) Boley also lived in Mason County. Where Clyde was in the coal business. Their oldest son, Jeff is an engineer in Allegheny Ballistics in Cumberland, Maryland. The second son Rev. John Boley, is now pastor of a church in Chatsworth, Georgia.  

The youngest son, James is a senior in West Virginia Tech, Montgomery. Joy, age eleven is a sixth grader. Sue teaches school, and Clyde is still an engineer. They live in St. Albans, W. Va.  

The song (a new version of the West Virginia) expresses how I feel about my native State and Mason County in particular. Submitted by — Mildred D. Hart

**SMOKEY BOTTOM**  
The Smokey Bottom School was a one room located at South Side on the farm now owned by F. M. Bowles. It also served as a voting place. The precinct was finally moved to Beech Hill. Here in the forks of the road, originally one, one room schoolhouse stood, later on a second one room was moved and they were set side by side on present U.S. 35. One was called the Morning Star, and was situated on Little Sixteen Mile Creek. Jim Crump gave 8th grade tests at Smokey Bottom School.

**STARKEY SCHOOL**  
**Hannan District, Fee's Branch, Rocky Fork Road**  

Starkey School began in a log cabin on the Lewis McCoy homestead at the forks of the road that led through that property to the Starkey home. School was probably held here even before Lewis McCoy's family came here in the mid 1850s. Some of his grandchildren (my grandfather was one of them) attended that log school at least until 1879. In September of 1879 Abner and William McCoy, sons of Lewis, and Watson Starkey, their neighbor, sold 1/6th acre to the Hannan District Board of Education for a school lot and a new frame building was constructed on that site probably about 1882.  

In 1910 when Lewis McCoy's great-granddaughter began her first school year at Starkey her teacher was Miss Stella Flemming. Some others who taught there were, Miss Greek Alice Riley; Ervie, Ernie, and Iva Starkey; Maudel Barnette; Vashii Meadows; Alta Keister; Maude Herford Davis; J. F. Drummond; and Lillian Perry, to name a few.  

Arthur Perry taught the last term at Starkey School in 1927. Then the school was closed, the building and furnishings hauled away to other places, and the grounds reverted to the heirs and assign of the original landowners. All that's left there now are a few big trees and a trace of the old coal pile - and some memories of many carefree childhood hours. Submitted by — Jane Legg

**SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL**  

Sunnyside School is located on State Route 2, at Apple Grove in Mason County. It was built in the late 1920's or early 1930's as an early example of consolidating Rural Schools. The building originally had four classrooms and replaced Hoggsett School, (sometimes called Mullberry), Burns School at Ashton, and a one or two-room school just south of the present location, also known as Sunnyside.  

With the complete elimination of one room schools in the late 1950's Sunnyside had additions built on it to handle the increased student population of its attendance area. The last part to be added was the multi-purpose room.  

The attendance area now extends to Crab Creek, on the north, the Cabell County line at Guyan Creek on the South, the Putnam County line at the top of Plantation Hill on the east. It encompasses post office addresses of Apple Grove, Gallipolis Ferry, Pliny, Ashton, and Glenwood. With complete consolidation, Sunnyside now has students from the attendance areas of many former one-room schools. In addition to those already named, they include Beech Grove, Pumpkin Center (Cabell Co.), (Lewis, Mountain Flower), Buckle, River View (Putnam County, Dunlavy, Bird, and Five Forks, to name a few. Submitted by — Lloyd R. Legg

**UNION “PUNKIN CENTER” SCHOOL**  

**HANNAH DISTRICT, GLENWOOD W.VA.**  

Punkin Center School — its official name is Union — though technically located just across the line in Union District of Cabell County, was none the less a school for Mason County's youth. Union School is situated on a meander of Guyan Creek that, for a very short way, wanders into and out of Cabell County. This school was built to replace an old log school in Hannan District that was on the present Mason County side of the boundary line. Because it replaced their own school Mason County children were allowed to attend the new school tuition free.  

The age of Union School is unknown to me at present but probably, like most other little frame one-room schoolhouses in our county, it was built in the 1870s or 1880s. It was officially named, I am told, in honor of the Union. Why and how Union School became to be known as Punkin Center is also uncertain but it has been called “Punkin Center” as long as anyone I have talked to can recall. Submitted by — Jane Legg

**MASON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  

The earliest schools in Mason County were private, or subscription type schools. When enough money was raised for three or four months of school, a teacher was hired and school began. It was usually held in churches, barns, homes, any building that was available. After the Civil War and the formation of the state of West Virginia, public schools began to be organized, buildings erected, and teachers trained and hired. The towns had their own buildings, and town councils acted as Boards of Education. Many one-room schools were dotted over the country side, as Mason was mainly a rural area. County superintendents were elected, and a good part of their duty was to oversee these small schools. D. C. Forbes was Mason County's first superintendent.

In 1933 in the state of West Virginia, the county unit system came into being, and great changes were gradually instituted. This law,
fought against by the larger cities and towns, proved to be a blessing for education in the state. Small one room schools were gradually eliminated, the need to lower overhead costs. Grade schools were enlarged, and many were rebuilt. Fleets of busses were bought, and today fifty-three serve Mason County.

In recent years greater changes have taken place. Much needed vocational has been built to better serve the needs of the students. A large special education program has been organized to help both the handicapped and the gifted children. Kindergartens have been established. With the help of Federal funds, special reading and math programs are available. Aides have been hired to help teachers in some programs. Reduced classroom size and more materials have helped improve education in the county.

In 1933, when the county unit system was established, J. D. Canterbury was in office, the last elected superintendent of Mason County. Since then, superintendents have been hired by a county-wide elected Board of Education.

Superintendents under the county unit plan have been: E. S. Matheson, Walden F. Roush (two periods), Delbert Staats, Sally Lou Mosgrave Steenbergen, Manford Blessing (acting Superintendent), Robert H. Ferguson, Kenneth Shaffer, C. H. Withers, Paul Powell, Milton Burdette, Mr. J. Smith, Michael E. Whalen (acting Superintendent), Charles Withers, Lowell N. Cook, Robert J. Brewster, and William A. Barker, Jr.

The present Board of Education consists of Eldridge Thomas Sauer, President; Mildred Gibbs, Emma Kearns, Chester Pyatt, and Harry Siders, a veteran of many years as a board member.

William A. Barker, Jr., Superintendent, has the assistance of the following staff in carrying out the operational plans of the system: George Miller, Business Manager; Albert Stevens, Elementary Director; Michael Whalen, Secondary Director; Carol Sue Miller, Federal Services Director; Sally Darst, Special Education Director; Charles Chambers, Maintenance Director; Gary Mitchell, Transportation Director; A. E. Sommer, Jr., Vocational Director; Jan Haddox, attendance officer; Elizabeth Mattot, Staff Development; Nancy Faulkner, Food Service; Denise Buchanan, Materials Center.

The club has junior highs, Hannan, Point Pleasant, and Wahama; one vocational school, and fourteen elementary schools. Education in Mason County has greatly improved through the years. Submitted by — Mildred Gibbs

CLUBS

4-H CLUBS

4-H clubs were formed in the county about 1923 by A. G. Middleton who at that time was county agent. They were taught cooking, canning, sewing while the boys learned farming and raising livestock. The highlight of the year was the display of the finished projects at the Mason County Fair where their projects were displayed and ribbons awarded.

The club has participated in many community projects including conservation work at the West Virginia Regional State Farm Museum, Krodel Park and Fort Randolph. They paid for the materials used in erecting the historical marker in front of Fort Randolph and have purchased and planted trees in front of the fort, by the lake next to the fort and on the island. For 1986, they received a Non-Game Wildlife grant for $500.00 from the state to construct a Nature Trail at the West Virginia State Farm Museum. They have also worked with the Vial of Life and Kid Tracks programs. Today, the club is overseer of the building and have their monthly meetings and community activities such as Christmas caroling, festivals, camp outs and numerous other activities. Submitted by — Sharon Gibbs

HILL BILLIE 4-H CLUB

The Happy Hustlers 4-H club was organized September 1953 with Clara Schwartz as leader, which club has been fighting against by the larger cities and towns, and is now the center of activities for the Hill Billie 4-H Club. The Hill Billie 4-H Club was called the Dixie Hustlers. Submitted by — Lucille Roush

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The members attend county and state camps, participate in county and state contests, go on tours, do community projects, enjoy picnic and parties, and engage in money making activities. The 4-H motto is "To Make the Best Better"

HAER BEARS 4-H CLUB

The Haer Bears 4-H Club was organized September 26, 1978, shortly after the leaders Elizabeth Huffman and Gene Haer moved to Point Pleasant. The club was named after the cartoon show "The Hair Bear Gang" by Chuck Gaskins. The club meets monthly at the Bellemont United Methodist Church. Serving as President have been: Becky Haer, Deanna Shinn, Lisa Bowser, Kathy Allbright, Vanessa McCarty and this year Janie Shinn.

The club has participated every year in the West Virginia Youth Conservation Program. They have received at least one award each year including first place Bear Award with a $500 cash prize in 1983 and the District Directors Award with a $100.00 cash prize in 1985 and 1986. Abby Woodruff from our club served as Secretary of the West Virginia Youth Conservation Program for the 1980-81 program year.

Chuck Gaskins, Paula Martin, Abby Woodruff, John Haer, Deanna Shinn, Lisa Bowser, Kathy Allbright, Charlotte Ridenour, Maria Shinn and Amy Ridenour have all received 4-H charting pins while members of the club. Becky Haer and John Haer have received their All-Star Pins.

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CAMP FIRE GIRLS COUNCIL

Miss Ella Mattson organized the first Campfire Girls Club in Mason County in 1915. Miss Mattson came from Morgantown to teach History in Point Pleasant High School.

Miss Mattson lived at the old Spencer Hotel and the Council Meetings were held there.

The girls wore the regular uniform dress of Camp Fire Girls, tan or leather colored cloth, cut straight and almost ankle length with leather fringe around both the bottom and elbow length sleeves. They designed and made their own head bands of small colorful beads woven by hand on a special small bead loom.

A leather thong was worn around the neck on which they could string the large colorful wood honor beads received for completed projects of Camp Fire Girl work.

The names of the members of the Council is not complete but is known to contain the following: Ruth Harper, Marian Burnside, Vera Fadeley, Cathryn Lewis, Helen Buxton, Genevieve Fry, Anna Lee Musgrave.

This was an age when walking was not a fad but a means of getting some place and the longest hike the Council made was from The Spen-
GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Mason County have come a long way since Juliette Gordon Low started the first U.S. Girl Scout troop in Savannah, GA in 1912 — an idea borrowed from an acquaintance she knew in England, Lady Baden Powell.

In the late 1920's, Edith Jordan Schneider organized the first Girl Scout group recorded. Other early leaders in the county were Marguriete Asher, a leader in the 1930's in Point Pleasant, who now lives in Florida as a retired professor of education. Florence Bauerle, Laura Caldwell, K. McCullough, Mary VanHorn, and Ruth Rhodes were also leaders.

Only a few active troops existed in the early 1930's but scouting became more popular in 1945. Mary VanHorn and Mrs. Bauerle organized intermediate troops in 1945 which later evolved to be known as Junior and Cadette troops. The intermediate troops were for girls ages 9 to 14 and were given support by the Point Pleasant Woman's Club. During the mid 1950's, Girl Scouting, including registered adults, numbered about 300, which has been considered the all-time high in the county. In 1957, more troops were added to include Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes and in 1961, the first senior-troop was created and headed by Mrs. VanHorn.

From 1945 to 1955 and then again from 1958 to present scouting has been active. In Point Pleasant and Mason County scouting has changed since the early days, particularly when there was more involvement in outdoor activities such as hiking on surrounding hills, bike riding, having cook-outs, without aluminum foil, or taking trips outside of town. "Established camps" or special camps designated for scouting, such as Rocky Ledges in Milton have always existed and give girls a chance to venture outdoors, since camping is the popular activity along with community service. Camp Molly Lauman in Sciotoville, Ohio and Camp Anne Bailey outside Charleston, were established camps for girls during the 1940's 50's and 60's.

NEW HAVEN GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday, March 20th, 1930, Miss Kathleen Stephenson of Point Pleasant met with a group of women to organize what was to be known as the New Haven Garden Club. The meeting was held in the upstairs room of the building that once housed the former Mason County Bank.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Harry Dyer, president; Mrs. Ottie Roush, Vice-president; Mrs. R. F. Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer.

In May, 1943, the organization became the New Haven Garden Club, Inc., and continued to grow until there were about forty members.

The group became very active and during the presidency of the late Mrs. Hugo Juhling and through the efforts of her husband, the club purchased and turned it into a lovely roadside park. This took place in July 1941. On October 5th, 1973, the late A. K. McClung donated another parcel of land on the west side of the club, thus enlarging it.

The members of the American Legion were given permission to place a memorial at the east end of the park.

Members through the years have planted trees, flowers and garden space for the gardener in the park. The town of New Haven is now maintaining the park.

The club has had other beautification projects in Mason and Hartford, participated in and held many flower shows in addition to attending State and District meetings.

The club also sponsored the Nehaclima Garden Club.

The New Haven Garden Club is said to be the oldest club in the state. Submitted by — Mrs. Lloyd Roush

TU-ENDIE-WEI GARDEN CLUB

The Tu-Endie-Wei Garden Club was organized in the summer of 1957, when a group of interested women met at the home of Mrs. Caroline Windsor. The interest had been activated by Mrs. Paul C. Pearson, a newcomer to Point Pleasant. She was training to become a national flower show judge. The club was organized and chartered by the National Garden Club with Mrs. Pearson as the first president. Other officers were Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, Vice-President; Mrs. W. P. Shiflett, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Atwood, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. A. D. Smith as Treasurer. The first meeting was held September 12, 1957, with a program, “Fall Planting” by Mrs. C. G. Bauerle.

Members include: Mrs. Jerry Atwood, Mrs. Terry Casto, Mrs. Louise Conners, Mrs. Madge Francis, Mrs. Joanne Hushion, Mrs. Lilian Hyer, Mrs. Patricia Jeffreis, Mrs. Nedra Jones, Mrs. Eleanor McComb, Mrs. Aurilla Miller, Mrs. Evelyn Pearson, Mrs. Jane Price, Mrs. Glen Reagan, Mrs. Fern Schurman, Mrs. Carol Shadle, Mrs. Janice Shiflett, Mrs. Merlie Shinn, Mrs. Dot Smith, and Mrs. Caroline Windsor.

The Tu-Endie-Wei Garden Club will soon be 30 years old and continues to meet monthly to carry on interesting programs pertaining to flower arranging, houseplants, gardening, landscaping, conservation, wildflowers, birds, and related crafts. The meetings consist of lecture/demonstrative programs, or they are of the workshop type.

The club has several civic projects including the decoration of the Mason County Library at Christmas time as well as outside summer flowers. Other projects include the beautification at the front of the Lone Oak Cemetery, Silver Bridge Memorial, Gunn Park, The Eshenaur Memorial at the Point Pleasant Emergency Headquarters, and the Mt. Vernon Mini Park. The club has sponsored a student at the West Virginia Conservation Camp, "The Give a Hoot" poster contest, and a mini garden club at Ordinance Elementary School.


"HISTORY OF THE NEHACLIMA GARDEN CLUB"

The Nehaclima Garden Club originally came into existence in 1940. It had twenty some members and two of the original members remain in the club today. They are Marjorie Batey Hoffmann and Maxine Miller.

The Garden Club was named by Mrs. B. Woodrum (deceased) of Clifton. Most people think the name "Nehaclima" to be an Indian one, but actually it was taken from the first syllables of the Bend Area towns. NE-haven, HA-rford, CLl-ton and MA-son. In 1942 due to the war, the Garden Club was disband. On May 8, 1950 at the home of Mrs. Nolan Swackhammer in Mason a reorganization meeting was held. Mrs. Swackhammer and Mrs. K. J. Ruttenauer acted as sponsors from the New Haven Garden Club. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Miller in June 1950. There were 28 charter members and of these, only five remain in the club. They are; Mrs. Phil Batey, Mrs. Beul Burriss, Mrs. Carroll Adams, Mrs. Tom Hoffman and Mrs. Harry Miller.

The club has been in existence (since reorganization) for 36 years and we now have an active membership of 26 people. Submitted by — Maxine Miller

Mrs. William VanHorn, Mrs. John Towner and Mrs. C. G. Bauerle

MRS. WILLIAM VANHORN, MRS. JOHN TOWNER AND MRS. C. G. BAUERLE

Until 1960, troops were known as lone troops and were registered in New York City. At the request of the Girl Scout Organization in New York, troops acquired membership in the Rocky Ledges Council in Huntington and in 1969, part of the Mt. Laurel Council which later evolved to the Black Diamond Council in 1975. Headquarters in Charleston, this council embraces some areas in Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky.

If anything noticeable in Girl Scouting has changed it is the style of uniforms. In the 1940's girls wore one official uniform, usually long-sleeved dresses with badges worn on the sleeves. Neckerciehs were tied in a square knot around the collar and lay draped somewhat loose. On the knapsack, the girl carried a knapsack. During the 1940's, dark-colored neckerchiefs became bright yellow in the 1950's and pins were then worn on a dress pocket. Not much variation occurred in dress since badges were worn on sleeves and hats remained the same. Sashes for badges were introduced in the 1960's and those badges earned in Juniors carried over to Cadettes. In the 1970's, a revolution in Girl Scout dress took place as styles included pants, vests, shorts, blouses and smock-like dresses.

Girl Scouts could earn new types of up-dated badges, some called Aerospace, Computer Fun, Architecture, Horse Lover, Group Sports or Foods, Fiber and Farming. There are approximately 186 badges to work on and troop crests have been extended from six or seven varieties to 39 or more.

Many women and men have been active and responsible for Girl Scouts in Mason County. Individuals and Corporations have helped our volunteer organization stay alive in the county. Four women from Point Pleasant have kept Girl Scouting going over the years. Marguriete Asher in the 1930's (6 years), Mrs. C. G. Bauerle in the 30's, 40's, and 50's (30 years), Mrs. Mary VanHorn 40's thru 80's (40 years) and Kathryn Towner in the 50's to 80's (30 years). Submitted by — Mrs. John (Kathryn) Towner, Mary VanHorn.

Mr. William VanHorn, Mrs. John Towner and Mrs. C. G. Bauerle

Mike Collins

Mr. Lloyd Roush
PAST PRESIDENT’S CLUB
WOMAN’S CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT

The “Past President’s Club,” a newly formed organization within the Women’s Club of Point Pleasant, was organized April 3rd, 1986, Carole Yeager organizer.

There being eleven charter members, each spoke of accomplishments during her administration. As one reflects on the past, present and future of our club, we realize that each president has been given the honor of executing a task that those before them have done well. We have the shining promise of a unity that has endured through 70 years, that restores our confidence in our life, families and community.

PAT WILSON SHRINE CLUB

The Pat Wilson Shrine Club was organized March 29, 1947 by a group of members of the Beni Kedem Temple living in and near Point Pleasant, West Virginia to promote fellowship and further the cause of Shriners in the minds and hearts of all Shriners in the area.

In August 1949, the club purchased two acres of land from Russell Oshel and at the same time Mr. Oshel presented to the club an additional seven acres. On this land a Clubhouse and a fishing lake have been constructed. Mr. Oshel served several acres of land adjoining the Club Grounds which was sold to club members.

The Club House is of masonry construction and is 32 feet by 70 feet in size. Meetings are held in the Clubhouse throughout the year.

Present membership is nearly one hundred, and the present officers are: J. Thomas Holland, Pres.; Ronald R. Kapp, Vice Pres.; Joseph Drescher, Secretary; and Russell R. Priddy, Treasurer. Submitted by — Carole Yeager

THE WOMAN’S CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT

“OLDEST WOMAN’S CIVIC ORGANIZATION IN MASON COUNTY”


1971 bought Club House on Parrish Ave., paid off in 1982. 1974-76 Bicentennial State Award won: also President placed year book in “time-capsule” for county to be opened in 50 years.

To date each year club has won State awards and been honored club almost every year. President, Carole Yeager, and professional ventriloquist, with her partner, Woody, entertained at the State Convention held at the Greenbrier this year. Submitted by — Carole Yeager, Mrs. Howard L. Yeager, Jr.

THE JOLLY DOZEN CLUB

The Jolly Dozen Club was organized on May 1, 1958 by a group of young women living in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

The purpose of the Club was to provide an evening of fun and fellowship, once a month, in a Christian setting. The Club takes on no formal projects but each member is encouraged to be a good neighbor to all and go about doing good deeds without publicity for themselves or the Club. The membership is limited to twelve members and each member takes a turn to serve as hostess to other members.

The charter members were Mrs. Clyde Asbury (Lenore), Mrs. Thomas Bailey (Doris), Mrs. Paul Bennett (Icle), Mrs. Carrel Cox (Nora), Mrs. Robert Ham (Nancy), Mrs. William Ham (Janie), and Mrs. Robert Lewis (Ethel). Another member joined in October of that first year. She was Mrs. James Lewis (Nora).

In October, 1961, two more members were accepted: Mrs. Clarice Lee Cottrill (Beverly) and Mrs. Luther Harris (Lois). In January, 1962, another two women became members, Mrs. Charles Cowell (Jewell) and Mrs. Lorraine Wilcoxen (Mary), to bring the total membership to the full capacity of twelve.

The members have accomplished many good deeds through the years and have shared joys and sorrows with each other. A variety of activities have been enjoyed: picnics, swimming parties, shopping trips, apple butter making, hobo parties, kid day meeting, Hawaiian Luau, come as you are parties, dinner parties and eating out.

The lives of the women have gone through
many changes. Janie Hamm added a baby girl to her family after becoming a member. Lois Harris, a veteran, Stone and Norene Girardeau. July 5, 1966 and a son was born to this couple. Jane Hamm lost her husband, Bill, through death on December 27, 1971. Then death claimed one of our members, Icie Bennett, on October 3, 1973. Janie Hamm married Paul Bennett on Sept. 3, 1977. No one has ever dropped out of the Club. The membership stands at eleven since the death of Icle. We celebrated our Silver Anniversary in May of 1983.

The children of all the members now totals 39 and the grandchildren totals 58.

It is hoped that other women will form similar clubs in Mason County as belonging to this Club has brought joy and blessings to all the members.

Submitted by — Nancy Hamm, Nora Lewis

MASON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

Homemakers Clubs are the local organization through which West Virginia University carries on its adult education programs of home demonstration work. The West Virginia Extension Service of the West Virginia University, and of the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose of club work is education, home and community improvements, development of leadership and fellowship. Programs are designed to help families improve the quality of their lives with a variety of educational programs including workshops, meetings, exhibits, newsletters, radio and television programs. Extension focus is on young families, senior citizens, low-income families, the handicapped, as well as the general public.

Extension Clubs are the outgrowth of Community Clubs later known as Farm Women Clubs, the first ones being Pioneer and Illahee organized in 1928. Presently there are fourteen clubs — Anne Bailey; Avalanche; Camp Conley; Cherokee; Illahee; Leon; Letart; Mason; Mt. Flora; Pioneer; Pleasanton; Rhododendron; Upland; and Whohelo with a total membership of two-hundred and forty-seven. Clubs are governed by a County Council made up of representatives from each club. The first Council president was Clara Lewis, 1940. Other Council presidents have been Becky Blain; Cora Rouss; Margaret Mc Culloch; Edith Sommer; Mrs. C. P. Stout; Abriged Smith; Thelma Weather; Catherine Reynolds Smith; Hazel Roush; Elizabeth Crank; Alma Turner Marshall; Gladys Burris; Ann Ervin; Lisa Garland; Edith Fox; Marjorie Giesler; Ida Beckham; Velma McMahan; Lucille Fowler; Marjorie Gruess (second term); and the current president Helen Lyons.

County Extension Homemakers are affiliated with West Virginia Extension Homemakers, National Extension Homemakers and National Extension Women of the World, an organization with more than six million members from more than twenty-three countries. Submitted by — Mary Biggs, Lucille Fowler

THE MASON COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

The Mason County Literacy Council was officially launched on September 13, 1985 at the Mason County Public Library under the direction of Laubach Literacy International.

It was initiated by Sharon Stone, librarian, at the urging of two prospective students, Sharon and Barbara. Miss Stone laid the groundwork and formed the nucleus of a council with the training of thirteen tutors, Laura Caldwell, Sally Clark, Rosalia Hanna, Deborah Hickel, Neil Kennedy, Brenda King, Betty McCoy, William Knight, Molly Miller, Thelma Rogers, and the Board of Directors. Volunteers who also formed the Board of Directors with William Knight and Sharon Stone were Naomi Woodard, Deabrah Hachter and Eleanor McCumb. In 1983, three hundred and more tutors were trained: Nancy Anderson, Deborah Copley, Linda Crump, Jessica Jones, Alice Lessor, Betty Pauly, Cheryl Shinn, Mary VanHorn, Jule Watson, Dorothy Wolfe and Isaac Harper.

October 3, 1986, the Board of Directors was extended to include Dr. Victor Polizano and Nancy Thomas. New officers appointed Chairperson, William Knight, Secretary, Barbara Bumgarner, Treasurer, Nancy Thomas, Librarian: Naomi Woodard, Supervisor of Trained Tutors: Eleanor McCumb, Refreshments: Marilyn Clark, Treasurer: Neil Kennedy Student Recruiter: Carol Newberry.

Mission: “Each one teach one.” Submitted by — Nancy B. Thomas

PT. PLEASANT CHORAL SOCIETY

This society was organized for the purpose of music and social improvement and advancement of its members and for the purpose, desire and authority to purchase, hold, lease, sell and convey real property to the value of $3000.00. Done on January 9, 1888 and signed by C. E. Clark, A. J. Smoot, A. C. VanGilder, R. B. Ward, T. J. Davis.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, INC

This chapter of the Association was founded with an exploratory meeting, October 24, 1977, with twenty nine members.

The purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life for individuals over the age of fifty years, both nationally and locally. This is done in many ways: promotion of beneficial legislation, both national and on the state level; procurement of products and services on an aggregate basis, such as various types of insurance; pharmacy service at substantial savings plus many more services and products.

The local catalyst in founding the local chapter was provided by Mrs. Ann Watkins with assistance from Mr. Horton Eckard locally also Mr. Robert Edwards from the Huntington, W.Va. Chapter and Mr. Harold Tate from the state level.

The local charter was issued March 17, 1980.

The original board of directors consisted of the following: Horton Eckard, Clara Shultz, Erma Turnbull, Ann Watkins, Robert Crump, Myrtle Benne, Helen McCutcheon, John A. Goner and Docha Parsons.

Serving in the capacity of president were Mr. Horton Eckard, Jack L. Smith and Dale Wood.

Examples of local accomplishments on behalf of senior citizens of Mason County are the attempt to promote the procurement of a new multi-purpose senior citizens center operated by all facets of the senior population of Mason County and the actual procurement of a van in cooperation with the Mason County Commission for the transportation of senior citizen of the community.

In addition the chapter carries on a continual program to promote understanding of various issues affecting seniors plus activities that promote fellowship among seniors. One of the mediums that accomplish this is the preparation and distribution of a monthly news letter, that was begun in April 1984, with a current mailing list of over twelve hundred members.

Submitted by — Contact Person: Jack L. Smith
Charter Publicity Chairperson

LAMBDA CHI OMEGA

The West Virginia Gamma Chapter of the Lambda Chi Omega National Sorority was chartered in Point Pleasant on March 2, 1941.

Charter members included: Peggy Vance, Bert Fison, Ruth Blake, Martha Long, Edith Quillin, Rhoda Hall, Wilma Melrose, Mary Louise Lewis, Elaine Harper, Thelma Johnson, Violette Machir, Evelyn Hannaman, Georgia Hutchinson, and Kathryn Shadle. They became part of a national women’s organization founded in 1923 by Beryl Elizabeth McFarland whose purpose was to stimulate and promote interest and activity in charity and education. Since its inception the national sorority has grown to 34 chapters with over seven hundred members.

With over 45 years of community service, the Point Pleasant Chapter remains active today. Business meetings are held once a month, September through June, and social gatherings are planned several times throughout the year. The sorority regularly hosts fund raising projects with the proceeds going to charities and service groups in the Point Pleasant area. Among those are the fire department, rescue squad, literacy council, senior citizens group, needy children Christmas projects and several others.

Currently, the Gamma Chapter has twenty active members. Those members include: Ruth Deal, Jean Duncan, Ethel Hartley, Doris Head, Debby Hickel, LuAnn Hollowell, Martha Johnson, Pam Kapp, Neil Kennedy, Naomi Lanier, Linda Mayes, Kim Norman, March Powell, Mary Pullins, Kathy Rollins, Susan Sayre, Janet Selby, Ruth Stark, Helen Williamson and Bessie Wilson. Submitted by — Debby Hickel, Historian

SIGMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

Edna Grant, West Va. State ADK president, with Peggy Jarrett and some of her Gamma Chapter members came to Point Pleasant. The date was March 30, 1962, and their purpose was to organize the Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an educational sorority for women teachers.

The charter members of this chapter were Ida Eastburn (a member at large), Violet Gerlach, Lona Jones, Zeldra Knap, Josephine Lyons, Audrey Meadows, Faye Smith, Elizabeth Walter.
son, Sara Dawson, Marie Roush, Mildred C. Gibbs and Norma Rosch.

Officers elected for the newly organized chapter were: President, Ida Eastburn; Vice president, Audrey Meadows; Recording secretary, Zelda Knapp; corresponding secretary, Zelda Knapp; treasurer, Bernice Anderson; keeper of the archives, Violet Gerlach; sergeant at arms, Marie Roush; chaplain, Sara Dawson.

Bertha Filson was unanimously chosen as the honorary member of the group.

The first meetings were dinner meetings at Gene Ball's Restaurant. Later, the Appalachian Power Auditorium was used. Now meetings are held in homes.

Past Presidents were: Ida Eastburn, Audrey Meadows, Zelda Knapp, Josephine Lyons, Anna Elyse Conley, Bernice Anderson, Suzanne Piercy, Suzie Miller, Elizabeth Nibert, Sara Stricklen, Lauretta Jackson, Brenda Jameson, Mary Jane Getty is now President.

There are now 27 members in the organization. One outstanding feature is the altruistic program. Many worthwhile projects such as help at Lakin, giving to the Firemen's Christmas Fund for toys and food, and Special Olympics. With these programs and others that are similar much good is done by the Sigma Chapter.

THE FORT RANDOLPH SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CAR

The Fort Randolph Society Children of the American Revolution was organized March 22, 1934 by Mrs. E. B. "Ora" Biddle, Senior President and Society President Mary Lynn Hogg, with 10 members.

The name was chosen because the first meetings were held at the Old Fort Randolph, now the Mansion House.

The Society has been proud to have had many State Officers and 1 National President.

THE TREBLERS MUSIC CLUB

The Treblers, a local Woman's Vocal Club from Point Pleasant was organized in 1945 by William H. Van Horn, a local teacher, musician, and IBM payroll supervisor at the Marietta Manufacturing Company. Mr. Van Horn received his voice degree from Salem College from Mr. Seidoff who was a native of Germany. Mr. Van Horn had sung in Radio City Music Hall, New York at the age of 20.

The women's group composed of non professional women who had a desire to sing and to learn classical and other types of music. They practiced once a week, mostly in the Van Horn home at 913 Main Street.

The vocal group known as the "Treblers" was active until 1952 when Mr. Van Horn became ill. They delighted the community with yearly and special occasion concerts. They were always greeted with an appreciative audience. Mrs. Carl Gardner was pianist for the group and contributed much to the organization.

They sang on radio and throughout West Virginia and Ohio for clubs and organizations. The group also had a well known trio called the "Three J's" which was composed of Joan Van Horn, Janet Wears, and Jean Hill. This group made appearances with the club and also on their own by special request.

The members of the "Treblers" were required to memorize their music, which would total more than 200 pieces. Mary Van Horn and Joan Van Horn and daughter of the director were members of the group. Mr. Van Horn was known for his musical ability throughout the county. He served as musical director at the Main Street Baptist Church where he was a member.

Some of the soloists were Janette Capehart, Belva Farley, Mary Hellemes, and Jackie Windsor. Mr. Van Horn will be remembered for his solos and especially his singing of "Old Man River" and "Road to Mandalay".

Mr. Van Horn's purpose of the group was to present cultural music to the community and through his efforts many were encouraged to sing in church choirs and many gained confidence in themselves and are still making contributions to this and other communities. Submitted by -- Joen Van Horn Melton, Virginia Beach, Va.

WV COUNTRY CLOGGERS

The WV Country Cloggers originated in Mason County in September of 1984. They began as a small group of only five dancers, becoming the first group of children cloggers in Mason County. In his group danced throughout Mason and Jackson Counties, plus they attended the Kentucky Clogging Championships. The dancers included: Stephanie Moore; director; Melissa Payne, Michelle Sayre, Michelle Sayre and Stephanie Sayre.

As interest in clogging grew in Mason County so did the group. The group performed in all the local clogging establishments in Mason, Jackson and Putnam Counties. They performed at carnivals, festivals and dinners with the help of a local band, River Junction Bluegrass. In 1985 the WV Country Cloggers attended the West Virginia State Clogging Championships, becoming the first group from Mason County to compete and the first youth group representing West Virginia. In competition with eight other states the WV Country Cloggers placed second in the show category.

In 1986 the group continued to perform in the years before and added hospitals, nursing homes, and schools to their list of places to perform. Again they competed in the West Virginia State Clogging Championships and placed third in the show category; and third in the precision category. They were among several other youth groups from West Virginia, proving that interest in clogging was growing and the West Virginia Cloggers were the forerunners.

It is hoped that in years to come these children will remember clogging and appreciate what they have retained through themselves. Part of our area's heritage is being preserved in the Appalachian style clogging that the WV Country Cloggers perform.

RURAL LIFE

Mason County has always been considered one of the leading agricultural counties of West Virginia. Settlements were made near Point Pleasant as early as 1774 after the Indian War (Battle of Point Pleasant). Point Pleasant is said to be the oldest English town on the banks of the Ohio River south of Pittsburgh. Revolutionary War veterans received bounties in Mason County and by 1850 all inhabitants of the region were farmers.

They first cleared the bottom lands of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers and as the population grew worked back into the hill country. These agrarian settlements gradually became communities, providing food and shelter for their families. The settlements grew in size and industrialization gradually took place. The completion of the James River and Kanawha Turnpikes from Richmond, Virginia to Guyandotte, West Virginia in 1800 helped to develop the area. The Charleston-Point Pleasant turnpikes, along each side of the Kanawha River, were opened in 1851 and 1861. Along with locks and dams on both rivers, transportation for farm produce was excellent.

Agricultural extension work in Mason County began in the fall of 1913. A group of business men and farmers met to discuss food production and distribution problems. They met with the State Extension Director, Nat T. Frame, to discuss the organization of a County Farm Bureau. For a number of years, thereafter, the County Farm Bureau, with a paid membership, financially supported the Agriculture Extension program in Mason County.

From 1915, when Mrs. Ethel Burdette Reynolds was employed through the local Chamber of Commerce and the Extension Service, the Home Economics Agent has worked with the farm women and 4-H Club members. Home food preservation was the chief concern in the early years. Mrs. Reynolds worked about the County in her Model T Ford giving canning demonstrations.

The first 4-H Camp is said to have been organized by Mrs. Reynolds in 1917. Two leaders were taken to a training camp. The location is not certain but other early camps were held on the Musgrave Farm on Old Town Creek, near Camp Conley.

In 1940, a permanent camp was established on Pond Branch Road, near Southside, by the Farm Bureau. It is now administered by the County Commissioners. A modern dining hall, bunk houses, showers, etc., have changed the living conditions but the happy experiences remain the same.

Exhibits at the Mason County Fair, from the 1920's to the present, have provided an avenue of showing the general public the nature of 4-H club work. When no fairs were held other exhibits opportunities were arranged.

Community Clubs were organized by the Extension Service, in the 1930's, for the adults. Their chief goal was to better their community and as a result better roads were obtained, electricity and telephones became available, immunization for small pox, typhoid fever, and diphtheria were given in the schools and community libraries were established in some communities. Subject-matter lectures by experts and discussions on poultry, dairying, and other food-production crops helped the farm families. Membership. opened to all in the community. Clubs organized were South Kanawha at Concord Church, Ohio Valley, Leon, Southside, Old Town, Upper Flat, Hazel Valley on Three Mile, and Long Dale.

Farm Women's Clubs, now known as Homemaker Clubs under the supervision of the Extension Service, were an outgrowth of the Community Clubs. The South Kanawha Pioneers organized August 19, 1928 in the Lock 11 community and the Ilihnees (Indian name meaning "home") organized November 1928 in the Ben Lomond community. The number and location
of the Homemaker Clubs have changed from time to time but basically their goal has been to better the home and community through education.

World Wars I and II took many workers from the farms for military service or defense occupations thus disrupting food production. Wartime industries played havoc in the County in the 1940's. The T.N.T. Plant took many acres of prime farm land out of production. Many of the displaced farmers simply gave up farming to become employed at the Ordnance Plant, the Marjetta Shipyards which were building military ships, or the Navy Supply Depot. Once more, the remaining farmers assumed the need for increased food production with a smaller labor force.

The women of the County learned to cope with rationing of sugar (both for table use and canning), meat, and butter. Feed sacks were used to make clothing, men's suits were remodeled for the women and home appliances were not available. Classes were organized by the Extension Service to help with their problems. Many women, both rural and urban, volunteered much time to the making of Red Cross Surgical Dressings, knitting, etc. as their contribution to war-time efforts. Some women also took employment in the same industries as their husbands.

Many groups have been organized in the past to help the farm families develop their potentialities. Some of these have been: Mason County Produce Company, Potato Growers Association, Wool Growers Association, Apple Blossom Mason County Dairy Association, Leon Lime Association, Mason County Milk Producers Association, Mason County Fair, Mason County Corn and Pumpkin Show, Mason County Potato Festival, Poultry and Corn Show, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Mason County Planning Council, Farm Youth Show, Hay and Silage Show in addition of the Home-makers and 4-H Clubs.

It is satisfying to know that no matter what the future may bring, the rural folk of Mason County will meet the challenge as they have met adversities in the past. Submitted by — Mrs. Clifford Dunn

OLD BUSINESSES

BEN FRANKLIN CO.

Ben Franklin (1870-1963) bought lots next to his parents home in 1903 and established the Ben Franklin Co. Shoe Store. He had been employed earlier as salesman at Clark Dry Goods later Clark-Sheets. He married Frances E. Long 1905, and lived above the shoe store.

In 1927 the building was enlarged and men's clothing line added and the Boy Scout Equipment franchise was obtained. Clarence Daugherty became head of clothing department and Ben's son, Carter Franklin was head of the shoe department until 1970.

Reorganization changed the shoe store to Ben Franklin IV owner, and Carter Franklin Shoes renamed Carters Menwear. Carters Menwear was sold in 1974 to Thomas Clothier. Franklin Sizemore has been with the Shoe Store for 31 years. It is still in operation but presently under management of Estate of Benjamin Franklin IV.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (Jeweler)

Benjamin Franklin (1837-1920) married Lucinda Jane Carter (1841-1932) in 1863. He was a jeweler and bookseller. He established a jewelry business and built his home in 400 block of Main Street in 1867.

His father, John Jefferson Franklin, a millwright set up his business in Point Pleasant in 1847. His jewelry store adjoined his home which continued in business until his death in 1920.

J. C. FRANKLIN DRY GOODS

John C. Franklin (1867-1936) son of Lucinda and Benjamin, ran a Dry Good Store, 400 block of Main Street, in the old Spencer Hotel building.

He also sold ladies hats. His was the only store in town which owned a conveyer system.

The money was put in a tube and carried to the office located on the balcony. After his death, his wife Renna Maddox Franklin (1886-1973) moved the store to ground floor of a building opposing post office, but remained a short time. She then moved her store back to the Franklin Property (site of the jeweler's home). Her sister, Bess Mattox, helped operate the store and they sold ladies ready to wear, yard goods and notions, until the mid 1940's. This location was directly on the site of the old home and the stairway to the second floor remains as part of present Wellman's store. Submitted by — R.S. Franklin

E. E. FRANKLIN

Ernest E. Franklin (1873-1948) established a furniture store at the corner of Main and Fifth Street, having purchased the three story brick building on Tippett. The furniture was on first, living quarters on second, and mortuary equipment was on third.

His wife, Minnie Price (1878-1965) was the daughter of Dave Lewis Price (1850-1935) born in Wales, who ran a mercantile business across the street.

"Ern" purchased a spacious home corner of Main and 8th Streets to operate his funeral home, both businesses were operated for 35 years.

Lorain Sterrett associated with him in business for 30 years. He and his wife Harriett Barnett Sterrett lived upstairs at the funeral home. The house was built by Rankin Wiley.

After "Ern's" death, his wife sublet the first floor to several persons, who ran a furniture store. Later R. B. Rothgheber Insurance Agency and gift shop opened, and the Western Union office were joint tenants. The building was demolished due to a fire. At present City Insurance and Steppes Monument display occupy the lot. Submitted by — Ruth Franklin

BLESSING'S MEAT MARKET

Customers who purchased items from a 22nd Street business in the 1920's and 1930's were confident that the purchases would be fresh.

Blessing's Meat Market bought much of its stock of beef and pork from Mason County farmers. The farmers would butcher the beavers and hogs post mortem and deliver them to the establishment. Following a cooling process, the owner would cut up the meat for sale in his shop.

Residents of the Heights area, as it was known at that time and before becoming North Point Pleasant, often were given a "mess" of soup bones in company with another purchase.

Before the advent of the electric powered mills, the sons of the owner would use their own hand power to grind hamburger and sausage for sale. Sometimes those meats would be sold at a special rate of 10c per pound or three pounds for a quarter. Mrs. Blessing had her recipe for sage flavored and non sage sausage, both popular sales items. A huge ice box, with second floor area holding 1200 pounds of ice, was the meat cooler. The 300 pound ice cakes were cut two and hoisted up on a small platform to the ice box.

Established in 1923, the business sign painted on the north side of the building "Blessings Meat Market" by Hale Blessing, is still visible. Depression and too much unpaid credit terminated the business.

THE BON-TON

Kossuth T. McKinstry, born Albany, Ohio is credited with opening the Bon-Ton February 18, 1899 with L. B. Moore. He bought Mr. Moore out in 1903. McKinstry's first wife was Eunice, youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. W. English (she died 1904) he then married Nancy Gabbert (died 1955) daughter of Mary Eliza Somerville and Perry M. Gabbert. By 1907 the Bon-Ton had advertised for sale "Ladies and men's spring and summer underwear, complete line of dry goods at rock bottom prices, Lace curtains, lineoleum, oil cloth, a specialty. Owners were McMillan and Rickard. (this was Joseph McMillan and his father-in-law; Joseph having married Nancy Richard).

By 1910 Lewis A. McMillin (son of Joseph and Nancy) was Manager and had formed a partnership with Robert E. Somerville who was the brother of his first wife Mary L. Somerville (died 1942) children of Weston. This partnership lasted a few years, and upon Somerville's withdrawal it is assumed L. A. McMillin became sole owner. On January 1, 1922 Mr. McMillin as Manager, the Bon-Ton Department Store was incorporated with stock value of $25,000 divided into 50 shares at par value of $500.00 and operated as a general store. Among incorporators were W. E. Davis, L. A. McMillin, L.C., E. J., and George G. Somerville (all deceased).

The drummers came 3 or 4 times of the year with trunks containing the latest wearable. The ladies chose their garments from these displays.

Among the employees were Mrs. Columbus Blount (deceased 1965) Carrie Machir Casto (deceased 1954) Lorena Mcguiff Shiffer (deceased 1935), Lena Whaley (deceased), Raymond Wilhelm (deceased 1938).

Only one employee is still living, she is Mrs. Daisy Douglas.

The store at this time had expanded and moved into the building in the 400 block of Main Street. Here Mr. McMillin continued in business until about 1955 when he retired because

The store sold yard goods, china, glass ware as well as clothing.

**BUXTON'S MILL**

The Buxton Mill at Waterloo was the largest mill on 13 Mile Creek. It was built on the site of the first mill built by Ringsbury and Smith some fifty years before.

In October of 1870 Darius Buxton, a man of 40 years, came to Mason County from Gallia County, Ohio. His father David Buxton had come from Maine in 1822 and established a milling business at Kyger, Ohio. Soon after arriving, Darius began to construct his four story mill and dam.

The first dam was built of logs, standing straight across the creek. The swift waters of 13 Mile soon weakened the dam and it gave away. Darius Buxton built the second dam in 1883. It was built in a curve with the stones being wedged one against the other. Although more than a hundred years have gone by this dam remains firm today.

The Buxtons did a thriving business. People were known to have traveled great distances to come to Mudlick Fork he immediately began to erect one of the largest saw mills in this part of the state. As proprietor of a steam saw and grist mill he did a flourishing business. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

**CLARK-SHEETS CO.**

C. E. Clark, A. J. Sheets, V. A. Tanner and D. W. Thomas and J. L. Haskins incorporators, all of State of Ohio — Office to be located at Gallipolis — purpose of buying, selling and dealing in clothing, boots, shoes, furnishings, hats and novelties. Shares issued 400 at $100 each.

July 3, 1919. After granted charter to operate a store in Point Pleasant, W. Va., July 29, 1919 (Located on Main Street)

**GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL**

The Greyhound Bus Terminal was built in 1942 and was a two story concrete block on the corner of 5th and Vine Streets. George Brown of Charleston was head of the Greyhound Bus line. Holly Hudson was in charge of the ticket office and Sarah Keener was assistant. Frances Patterson was at one time in charge of the terminal office. The restaurant was leased by Post House. Gladys Durst ran the restaurant. The building was sold in 1965 and was in time demolished and the city built a parking area. The building held the law offices of Carroll Casto and J. G. F. Johnson; Barbee Rothgeb Tax office; offices of Chamber of Commerce, Farmers Home Administration, Soil Conservation. Barber shops were operated at various times by Harry Grimm, Raymond Adams, Emerson Wilson, Gene Benson. Fred Norris had a jewelry store from 1948 to 1956.

**McDERMITT MILL**

McDermitt's Mill was built by Valentine McDermitt before 1850. It was located on the banks of Thirteen Mile Creek at Deerlick in Union District. The dam and mill were made of logs. After the death of Val McDermitt in 1906, the Stephens took over the mill. John Albert known locally as Bee and his brother George operated the business. The great flood of 1910 swept away the dam and the mill with all its contents of grain and flour. The new bridge that had just been completed also went out with swift waters. The Stephens rebuilt the mill and dam. They continued the operation of this business for some time before selling to Elias I. (Byrd) Stone in 1911. James Stone purchased the mill in 1915 and was the last miller. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

**LOOMIS MILLS**

Oren G. Loomis who was born in New York state and had served in the New York General Assembly came to Mason County in 1865. After coming to Mudlick Fork he immediately began to erect one of the largest saw mills in this part of the state. As proprietor of a steam saw and grist mill he did a flourishing business. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette
LEON MEDICINE COMPANY

In the early 1900s, the Leon Medicine Company owned by George Knapp, Sr. made and sold a product called Dr. Hunter's Lung Balsam. The label stated that it would give speedy relief for coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, whooping cough, croup, La Grippe, spitting of blood, incipient consumption, difficulty of breathing, pain in the breast, tightness of chest, and all affections of the breast, throat and lungs. It was 6½ percent alcohol and contained 30 drops of tincture of opium to the fluid ounce. The price was 50¢ per bottle. The manufacturer of this product, George Knapp, Sr., went out of business due to the lack of opium. Submitted by — Juania K. Burdette

MARIETTA MANUFACTURING CO.

The Marietta Manufacturing Co. organized 1890 was started in 1852 by W.F. Robinson Co. and turned out sailing and then steam propelled vessels. It pioneered the adoption of steam to the old hand operated capstan and steering mechanisms. It was 6½ acres, and began construction of the first steam engine to be used on the Ohio River. The first craft repaired by the Marietta was being considered for government work, but MMC expected no problems but if such occurred the company on the craft could be added at Mound City, Ill. and as far as the locks and dams on the Ohio River were concerned, the vessel would draw too much water, pontoons could be used. It also contributed the first ocean going vessel at an inland shipyard to be a barge for New Interstate Material Transport Co. to Philadelphia, Pa.

Interesting to know was that Dewey A. Windsor (class of 1916) brother to W. A. Windsor, Cecil G. Bauerle (class of 1920) Scy's teacher for many years, Dr. Walter A. Windsor (class of 1923) of Columbus, Ohio were all graduates of Marietta College. Mr. Walter A. Windsor (died 1929) was filling his second term as Marietta College trustee. Submitted by — Caroline Windsor

MARIETTA MANUFACTURING CO.

Marietta Manufacturing Plant was first established at Marietta, Ohio 1852 but the flood waters of 1913 all but destroyed it. Walter Windsor took over in 1914 and by 1916 the plant was incorporated. Its first contract in 1917 was for a steel towboat for use on the Mississippi River, followed by building barges for export.

The plant expanded to include machine shops, foundries, mold lofts, and became known for inland boatbuilding.

During WWII it built submarines, net tenders, and ocean going tugs. Its engineering department completed drawings and blueprints for 28 types of water craft, (propulsion and steering).

On Sept. 12, 1944 it was presented with the Army-Navy "E" for one of the LT boats was christened. The "E" is given for exceptional service in production. Dewey Windsor was the Manager, 3000 persons including dignitaries from both services, and a band from Charleston were on hand. 369 of its employees answered the call to service.

By 1962 there were 750 persons on the payroll. In late 1967 the plant closed its doors. In October 1970 it became the Point Pleasant Marine. By 1972 it employed 57 persons, installed a new railroad siding and began to restore coal mining machinery and railroad cars.

The last craft repaired by the Marietta was the W. P. Snyder Jr., one of the last steamwheelers. It was owned by the State of Ohio, and after repairs was towed to Marietta to become a part of the Ohio River Museum.

Condensed from a number of newspaper and booklet writings.

G.W.M. HOOFF & HOOFF's OPERA HOUSE

The opera house in the three hundred block, has been converted into apartments. The first brick structure built 1898 was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt in 1900, to seat 800 people. Mr. G.W.M. Hooff sketched the opera house building, a livery stable, and a drug store himself. When it was completed it housed the Adam Express (used the livery stable), Southern Bell Telephone office, the drug store, and several other firms (Mrs. Lula Corbin (later Mrs. B.B. Harper) was wire chief and bookkeeper. The telephone office was located in back of the drug store. The brick driveway from Main Street thru to the present alley led to the livery stable. It was closed about 1940 and became a part of Harpers Furniture Store.

The opera house had an elevated stage about 6 feet from the floor, two tiers of dressing rooms, and had rolled drop curtains depicting seven different scenes. Here traveling troupes put on plays, historical drama, and musical productions, and local school graduations held. And who among the present aged can forget "peanut heaven" the balcony raised above the floor at the front of the building with a stairway leading up to it.

George Washington Moore Hooff (May 19, 1890-1939) buried at Lone Oak was the son of Mary Catherine Moore (daughter of Morgan Moore who came from the Shenandoah Valley settled at Mercers Bottom; there buried), and Dr. Clark H. Hooff (class of 1893). Dr. Hooff is buried in Pioneer Cemetery with other members of the family including G.W.M.'s child who died in infancy.

George, upon death of his father, became a clerk in a drug store owned by his half-brother S. Miller, attended pharmacy school, passed the test, bought out the Miller's and started his own drug store.

Mr. Hooff sold candy. Many of the early residents benefited from his medicines which he mixed himself, but he did carry some patent medicines. Clara Wartenburg (Filson) and Miss Minnie Linders are remembered as being among the employees. He loved children and those in the neighborhood were welcome to his store even if not purchasers, to watch him at work and listen to his stories. The large bench outside his store was a gathering place for small talk.

It is remembered he had a brother Capt. Jim Hooff who was a captain on the steamboat, and died in the 1940's. He is probably buried in Lone Oak. Submitted by — Geo. Harper

JAMES J. HALL & DRUG STORE

James J. Hall was born in Kinde, Mich. on September 11, 1910 to the late Ernest G. and Emma Kinde Hall. Jim was a registered pharmacist and owned and operated Hall's Drug Store in Point Pleasant for 27 years.

Jim came to Mason County from Buchanan, W.Va. where he was working for $100.00 a month. He got a better job offer from Thompson Drug Store in Point Pleasant making $125.00 a month. Thompson's Drug store later went into the wholesale drug business offering their managers first chance to buy the store. Jim bought the store renaming the store Hall's Drug Store. The drug store had booths that had individual juke boxes. It was the "in" place to go to after attending a movie at the State Theater. Jim sold the drug store in 1974 and worked for Fruth's Pharmacy for 7 years before his death December 16, 1982.

Jim married Rhoda Windon (born Sept. 1, 1918) on Oct. 22, 1938. They have two children Natalie Jane Feola who lives in Buchannon born November 27, 1948 and Terry born September 28, 1946 who lives in Beckley. Jim has two sisters, Mrs. Ronald (class of 1932) of Ann Arbor, Mich. and Mrs. Howard (Natalie) Sherman of Sun City Center, Fl.; a brother, Gerald K. of Seminole, Fl.

Jim was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Point Pleasant Federal Savings and Loan Company, a trustee of the Pleasant Valley Hos-
pital, a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, a World War II Navy Veteran, a member of the Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 23, Loyal Order of Moose, Point Pleasant Kiwanis Club, International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 33 of Point Pleasant, and a 1933 graduate of the Detroit School of Pharmacy.

The following paragraphs are quoted from a letter written by Jim to his father during World War II about an explosion which took place at Port Chicago.

"The blast came at 10:20. I had gone to the show here, got out about 9:30, shot a game of pool in the barracks, and was in my bunk when the lights went out at 10:00. I wasn't asleep when it happened. I slept in a lower bunk with my head away from the windows, which probably saved me a badly cut face and head. The first explosion was awful — I turned over on my stomach as soon as I could and pulled my pillow tight over my head. Without shoes and dressed only in shirt and shorts I went to the open end of the barracks. The back stairs outside were blown away but were connected about half-way down. I half-slip, half-jumped about 10-12 feet to the landing, scrambled over piles of splintered wood and down the steps to the ground. I came over to the Dispensary which was wrecked, located a pair of shoes and went to work climbing into the Pharmacy and stock room for morphine, bandages, tape, sulfa powder, etc.

We run four lines of patients, with three men working each line, until nearly 3:00 without let-up. Since we had nothing but flashlights, we did not attempt to remove small glass, but disinfected the cuts, stopped the bleeding, bandaged them and sent them in bus-loads to hospitals."

This letter typifies how Jimmy Hall lived his life in Mason County always helping others when needed. Jimmy's wife Rhoda resides at 2003 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Point Pleasant.

TELEPHONE SERVICE DURING 1937 FLOOD

The C. & P. Telephone Company Office for many years was located in the former McCade Building on Main Street in two rooms on the second floor, with entrance from a set of steps adjacent to the Farmers Hardware Store.

The picture shows the telephone office during the 1937 flood with eighteen inches of water on the floor. Heat was by a coal stove with smoke pipped out the window. The Marietta Manufacturing Plant furnished boards and labor and erected a scaffold upon which the switchboard was placed and raised until it touched the ceiling. The operators worked one at a time in five hour shifts but were paid for eight. Volunteer help was always present in case an emergency arose. Only emergency calls were handled. Entrance to work was through the window of Dr. Frank Butcher's office, on second floor. The boat pulled over the roof of a corrugated building (from which D. Rothgeb sold milk) but when the building pulled loose from the brick wall it became necessary to enter from the rear of the building by means of a ladder. Mrs. Bess McBee was chief operator, Raymond Dewitt was Manager. Among employees at the time were Norma Sullivan (seated at the switchboard) Gertrude Howard, Hilda Bradshaw, Eleanor Woodyard (White) and Elizabeth Walters. Also damaged at this time was "The Chummy Diner" located under Dr. Butcher's office, it being one of the many stores along the street suffering damage.

1st Telephone number to Point Pleasant

TELEPHONE LINE

This picture was taken when the first telephone line was built between Point Pleasant and Charleston in 1913. Paul Price Lilly is the second person from the top. He was paid $9.00 a week, room and board, for five ten-hour days, and five hours on Saturday. From Point Pleasant the crew went to Richmond and built the first line from that city to West Point, Virginia. Submitted by — Paul R. Lilly

KANAWHA DAIRY

The "pasteurized milk pioneer of Point Pleasant" sounds like a ridiculous alliteration, but it is a fitting name for D. W. Rothgeb who owned and operated the first pasteurizing milk plant of Mason County. Dee came to Mason County in 1925 from Luray, VA with some college and professional ideas. He took a course in dairy management at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 1922 and became employed in the Chevy Chase Dairy in Washington DC. He and W. F. Robinson, superintendent of the plant, traveled to Point Pleasant with ideas of independent dairying. When the two experienced pair arrived two brothers, Earl and John Riffle, had a raw milk delivery route operating from their farm. Robinson and Rothgeb formed a four-way partnership with the brothers. They purchased the Wallis Miller Creamery Company on Fifth Street where the Citizens National Bank now has a parking lot.

After moving in their new plant which they named Kanawha Dairy, Robinson and Rothgeb pasteurized the milk and the brothers delivered in two truck and helped to hand bottle a capacity 100 gallons per day. Due to the lack of proper refrigeration both in the plant and in the home, deliveries were made both in the morning and in the evening.

In 1929, Mr. Rothgeb married Miss Roma Irene Crooks of Point Pleasant.

The following year, Mr. Rothgeb and his associate from the Washington dairy days bought out the Riffle brothers and in 1932 Rothgeb bought Robinson's share, thus becoming sole owner of the dairy.

His first big expansion occurred in 1933. First, he purchased and moved his plant across the street to what was the Coca Cola Bottling Company plant. He soon bought the adjacent Brucie property for further expansion. The same year he bought the Meigs Star Dairy in Pomeroy, OH. This expansion raised his production sights from 100 to 150 gallons a day, his truck force from two to four vehicles, and his employees from four to six. A mechanical bottler, added in 1935, speeded production. A capacity of 25 bottles were filled per minute. His purchase of the Gallipolis Dairy in 1937 boosted production from 150 to 250 gallons a day and his working force from six to eight. During the machinery-scarce years of World War II, Rothgeb was able to secure a homogenizer, thus being the first to bring this type of milk to this locality. The year 1945 was one of definite advancement. The mechanical bottler was replaced by a vacuum filler handling 45 bottles per minute. A cellophone hooding machine of the same capacity was installed. The hoods safeguarded the pouring lip of the bottle against contamination.

Another cog in the dairy's advancement wheel during 1945 was the purchase of Purity Ice Cream Company in Middleport, OH. With the addition of this plant and the filler and the hooder, Rothgeb's dairy enterprise was turning out 10,000 gallons of milk per day by 1945. By 1946, the tremendous expansion and unwielding increase in business prompted him to take in as a partner, A. F. Wilson, who was county agricultural agent at the time.

The plants located in Point Pleasant, Pomeroy, Gallipolis, and Middleport previously known under separate business titles were consolidated under one name of Rich Valley Dairy.

On the 25th anniversary of dairying in Point Pleasant, Rothgeb's plants were producing 1,300 gallons of milk per day through a fleet of 19 delivery trucks and had 30 employees.

Mr. Rothgeb retired in 1957 selling the milk business to Valley Bell. Mr. Wilson continued to operate the ice cream business in Middleport, OH until 1971.

In April of 1960, Dee and Roma opened the first coin-operated laundromat and car wash in Point Pleasant in the former dairying building. The business was known as Quick Clean Laundry and Car Wash. In 1971 the building was sold to Citizens National Bank. They replaced the building with a drive-thru banking lot directly behind the present bank.

Mr. Rothgeb died Dec. 7, 1971, a short time after the building was sold. Mrs. Rothgeb continued with her husband's plans to relocate the dairy business in what was the "Vickers" building at 509 Main Street, Point Pleasant. Roma continued to run a successful coin laundry business until it was sold to Lew King of Mason, W. Va. Roma died October 18, 1985.

Dee and Roma were pioneers in starting the
grassroots level and building successful businesses.

Submitted by — Rebecca Rodgers Batesan

MERCER BOTTOM TELEPHONE COMPANY

Object- to construct, maintain and operate a telephone line and telephones for mutual benefit of the incorporators and others who shall become members. James George, George Wallis, Chas. Hauman, Z. B. Rose, M. W. Stribling, September 21, 1918, charter granted February 18, 1919.

OLD TOWN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.


PT. PLEASANT COUNTRY CLUB HOLDING CO.

Purpose, to construct, maintain club houses, buildings and grounds, to lay off and maintain golf course, links, tennis courts and provide recreation and amusement for use as a country club. To acquire, hold and sell personal property for transacting of business. $50,000 capital, 100 shares issued at par value of $500.00. Among original incorporators Walter A. Windsor, T. Stribling, M. G. Tyler, J. S. Spencer. July 2, 1921 certificate granted August 3, 1921 (the scene of our county fairs a few years before organization, football games at back ward creek, location—where present Country Club addition is located, between 24th and 28th streets. Earlier it was location of race track).

PT. PLEASANT DEVELOPMENT CO.

This company organized in 1903 by S. W. Swisher, L. C. and E. J. Somerville, Marcus Friedman, D. S. Snyder, Dr. Elmore J. Mossman, Joseph Friedman, George and Livia Simpson Poffenbarger, W. J. F. Bardette, Jesse Selby, and Carrie Gilmore, purchased the 1200 acres of Capehart farm leaving 50 acres where the James Capehart home stood. 800 acres was hill and creek bottoms, which was cut into small farms and sold 20 acres of river bottom adjacent to Pt. Pleasant and Heights were made into town lots and sold. Later 80 acres, 52 along the east side of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and 28 acres between the Capehart residence and old fairgrounds were made into small lots, extending up 23rd street. The company also donated land for a school where North Point Pleasant is located. Streets and alleys were laid out. In the 1880's a part of the honor, P. C. Eastham farm north of town was divided into lots by the Pt. Pleasant Manufacturing Company, within 10 years the Hamilton and Powell Co. purchased and laid out the site of Heights, from lands purchased by Capehart. The roads, Mason, Maxwell, McCulloch, Marietta, Jackson Avenue to the creek and 18th Street to Jericho road were parts of the Capehart farm. There was a narrow back road which went by the Capehart place to town exiting on Hogg Street at 11th Street. A cut was made through the farm and Jackson Avenue was laid out.

POINT SERVICE STATION

One of the Gulf Stations built and run under the supervision of the late E. C. Waggner, as owner and manager of Gulf Distribution, during the 30's and 40's. Location was on Neal Road, off 6th Street, the only road at the time going from town to Leon, often closed by high water. Gasoline (15 to 20¢ per gallon), kerosene, oil and pop were sold.

When the by-pass (Kiwanis Blvd) was built the station was turned around one-fourth to face toward 6th Street, and an island of three pumps replaced the old standard two pumps.

Frank "Boney" Bruestle was one of the managers before 1940. But during the war years the station was open on week-ends only due to the use of ration stamps, and gasoline rationing at the bulk plant. Some of the employees were Carl H. Huffman, John and Lewis McDaniel, Wm. Fastley. Due to being called for service there was a number of employees who were employed for a short time.

Dave Brown added onto the building and ran the "Chummy Diner" and sold the first bar- biques in town. He and Mr. Waggner also erected small one-room tile cabins about 1941 for travelers (still standing). The building was torn down and Gene Price now owns a service station in the area. Submitted by — Stephen Noble

NEW HAVEN MIDGET MILLING CO.

To be located at New Haven, W. Va. — for purpose of buying, selling, rent real estate—purchase wheat, corn, rye, barley and other grain for the purpose of turning into flour for sale at wholesale and retail — also, buy all kinds of livestock, poultry, butter, eggs, potatoes, cabb age, hay, straw, lime, concrete and all kinds of building supplies. Issued 500 shares at $50.00 per share. Incorporators H. F. Fry, J. T. Ferrell, W. H. Roush, J. C. Layne, J. D. Weaver, L. R. Capehart. Papers issued August 4th 1919. This mill was last owned by Mary and Lloyd Roush and Norene and Herman Layne.

SALT INDUSTRY IN THE BEND AREA

The settlement and prosperity of the Bend Area was built on salt. The salt was found in a trough underground from Zanesville, Ohio to Charleston, W. Va. This large pool evidently evolved from the shifting of the earth's surface. The first effort to find it was made in 1844. The discovery of the pool attracted many business men, some from great distances, who were eager to invest and make money.

The salt brine was pumped from the ground and stored in large cisterns before being placed in large vats to be refined. This was called the open pan method. Steam pipes ran through the vats, the residue dropped to the bottom, and large flakes of salt were skimmed off and taken to a storage room to dry before being packed in barrels for shipment. This was coarse salt.

The salt from this area was in popular demand from the meat packers in Louisville, Ky. and Cincinnati, Ohio because they said it had an excellent flavor, Transportation was by river.

When solid rock salt was discovered that could be mined in Michigan and Louisiana, this was cheaper than by the evaporation method, the salt industry in the Bend declined. At one time there were twenty-six salt plants on both sides of the Ohio River in the area. The last "old salt" on the West Va. side of the river was the Liverpool Furnace in Hartford.

GUNVILLE STORE

The Gunville Store building was built by Thomas Hartley, father of Vitas Hartley, about the year of 1898 for Jasper Baker and was operated as a store and post office by Jasper and Maggie Baker from 1898 to 1912.

Minnie Casto remembers as a small child playing on the foundation of the building.

In 1912, Maggie Baker's brother John Beatie, rented the store from Jasper and Maggie Baker for one year.

In 1913, Arville Baker, son of Jasper and Maggie Baker rented the store and did business there until 1920.

Charlie Baker bought the store from Jasper and Maggie Baker in 1920. In 1925, Charlie Baker sold the store to Sam Stephens who kept store for a while, then rented it to Ellis Harris, Tine Wolfe and Mr. King. During the time that Sam Stephens owned the store, the house beside the store was destroyed by fire. Later Sam Stephens sold to Minor Smith who kept it for a while leaving in 1932.

Rich Knapp owned the store building next but did not use it as such.

In 1944, Lloyd and Minnie Baker Casto bought the store, Minnie being a daughter of the original owners. The Castos again opened the store in the spring of 1945 and continued in business until July 3, 1970. Their first customer was Eph Keefer.

At 3 A.M. on the morning of July 4, 1970 the store was struck by lightning. It was damaged extensively by the fire but the main part of the building was saved by the Cottageville Fire Department who performed an excellent operation. The building has been repaired but is not being used as a store at the present time. The Gunville Store is presently owned by Denver and Laura Belle Casto. Denver is the son of Lloyd and Minnie Casto and a grandson of the original owners.

Submitted by — Denver Casto

WEST VIRGINIA MALLEABLE IRON CO.

The West Virginia Malleable Iron Co. located on Madison Avenue was incorporated September 11, 1902 by 12 local men to build outside of town at then Heights, later North Point Pleasant, to produce malleable iron castings. Two side
tracks from the B & O Railroad ran along the entire length of the plant. Buildings constructed included foundry, finishing shop, boiler and engine pattern, storage, carpenter shop, core room and office.

Malleable iron as a cast is brittle and made malleable by a special heat treatment at high temperatures. At the time the plant was built, they produced small castings such as bed castings and tank lugs. As the market for bed castings decreased the company started making castings for other industries. The largest users of malleable iron castings were automotive, railroad and farm equipment industries. Since most of these industries were outside of West Virginia, approximately 90% of Malleable's production was sold outside of the state with about 10% sold in West Virginia to companies in the mining and electrical industries.

At one time at the height of production, the company employed approximately 250 persons.

From some 1000 patterns products were made to be used in farm machinery, in the electrical and petroleum businesses, and for other industrial purposes. Some of Malleable's most unique orders came from New York City with an end result of 25 miles of chain to be used in the city's sewer system. This was cast in six-inch lengths and hooked with pins to form the lengthy chain. These were installed to cut down on air pollution.


Major pieces of equipment were sold to various companies and office records were shipped to Quincy Foundry Division of Warren Tool Corp. Part of the above information was taken from the souvenir edition of the Point Pleasant Register dated October 6-13, 1974. Submitted by — Helen Williamson

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Point Pleasant's first bank was established in 1853 as a branch of Wheeling's Merchants & Mechanics Bank. Local incorporators were James Capehart, C. C. Miller, R. E. Mitchell, Alexander McEachland, John Hall, James H. Couch and S. G. Shaw.

The bank was initially located in a brick house which faced the Ohio River just north of 2nd Street. A large two-story room plus two smaller rooms contained the bank; the rest of the house served as a dwelling. A large water tower stood on the roof until its death in 1893, an early occupant. Tal Stirling, Jr., born in the building in 1869, could recall, as a small boy, being questioned by members of the James Gang about the location of the vault. (Fearing the rivers would cut off escape, the Gang went on to rob a Huntington bank.) The building was bought in 1903 by Mrs. E. A. Burnside and later by the Moose Club. It burned in the late 1950s.

In 1865, the bank severed connection with the Wheeling bank, becoming the Merchants National Bank. In 1903, reorganized with capitalization doubled, the bank moved into the newly completed Spencer Hotel. Personnel then included John McCulloch, President; C. C. Bowyer, Cashier; Tal Stirling, Assistant Cashier; Howard Robey, Fred Riley and Alex McCulloch, Tellers. Directors, in addition to Messrs. McCulloch, Bower, and Tal Stirling, were J. D. McCulloch and P. S. Lewis. On Mr. McCulloch's death in 1920, Mr. Bowyer became President; Messrs Stirling, Riley and C. A. Roush were elected Vice President, Cashier and Assistant respectively while R. J. Paterson, Peter H. Stebenburg and Mr. Riley became Directors.

In 1928, with further increased capitalization, the bank was reorganized as the Citizens National Bank. Walter Whetstone Jones became President, C. C. Scott and Tal Stirling, Vice Presidents, and Harold Sayre, Cashier. They, together with L. N. Knight, H. A. Carpenter, E. J. Somerville, R. L. Hogg and C. O. Weissmuller were Directors. Submitted by — T. G. Stirling

WATER & LIGHT CO.
The Water & Light Co. was organized late 1800's and the first generator was located in Hespers Machine Shop on First Street. I believe the first manager was William Gardener and the shop was owned by a group of business people. It was later moved to Ohio Street and was called the River County Power Co. The Columbus & Southern Power Co. then became owner and the name changed to Pt. Pleasant Water & Light. The generators were only run at night and turned off during the day as there was no need for power to run any machinery at that time. In the 1920's the customers were charged $1.00 per month for service.

Employees at the Ohio Street Power Plant were Henry Foster, George Jones, among others. Managers over a period of years were "Chick" Snyder, Harry Laing, Lawrence McNealy, J. S. Waggener. Office employees were Josephine Howard, Eulah Fisher, Doris McColliten, Edith Quillen, F. M. McColliten, Betty Thomas Meadow, Eleanor Scott, Gisela Thomas, Edgar Tuckerman was salesman. Robert Armstead was janitor.

Outside employees were George McDaniel, Owen Black, Roy Coleman, Joe Jewell, Tom Jewell, George Jewell, Carl Schwartz, Frank Riffle, Orie McDaniel, William Wright, Boyd Pickens, C. L. Brown, J. R. Crump, Dorsey Roush, Lawrence Stewart, Harold Schwartz.

The Electric Plant was sold to Appalachian Electric Power Co. September 8, 1942. The Water works was sold to the City of Pt. Pleasant in 1942 and they use it for storage.

The ice was made in the building on Ohio Street and Railroad Avenue in 300 pound blocks, from which 25 pound blocks were cut and delivered to the public. The bridge and dam built by the Water & Light Co. in the 1920's. Elza Reynolds is the only delivery man remembered. At that time home refrigerators were of wood, the top was lined with metal to keep the ice from melting too rapidly. The middle contained space for food and the bottom had a drip pan. Submitted by — Robert "Red" Crump

JOSEPH WILSON RHODES
The 1913 flood was a devastating period in the life of Joseph Wilson Rhodes. He had a beautiful modern hardware store plus a very profitable wholesale business and the 1913 flood all but ruined him. He was not completely wiped out but so much the business did not last very long after that. He had to close the doors of this florishing business. The store was located on Sixth Street in Point Pleasant, Mason County. Joseph Wilson Rhodes, who was born in Jackson County but had moved as a child, had been a blacksmith before he established the hardware store.

Also, he had been married to Cassie Lewis, the sister of Virgil Lewis, teacher and author of well known history of West Virginia. She lived only one year after his marriage.

In 1892 Joseph married Isabella Ann Pickett, who had lived originally in Fairmont, W.Va., and later moved to Jackson County, West Virginia. From this marriage Joseph Sanford Rhodes was born in the year 1900.

Joseph and Isabella were active in the Trinity Methodist Church, but Joseph joined the Presbyterian Church. This was due to the good influence of Emory Monroe, Sr., who was the first scout master in this area.

Isabella died November 30, 1914. Sometime later Joseph married Maie Haynes, a widow with one son, Harold

On September 2, 1933 Joseph Sanford, the son, married Ruth Chapman of Montgomery, W.Va. Her parents had both been born in Hartford, W.Va. She was born in Kemberley, W.Va. Ruth was educated in Montgomery New River State School later receiving her B.S. degree from Morris Harvey College.

Sanford graduated from Point Pleasant High School. He later worked in Pittsburgh only to return and work for a contracting company who was building the Silver Bridge. When the work was finished he worked at the Marietta Manufacturing Company for thirty years. Later he became a real estate broker and finally did office work for road construction. He died November 17, 1985.

To this union was born Joseph Sanford Rhodes, II. He was educated in Point Pleasant. After graduation he married Carol Corbin of Gallipolis, Ohio in 1962. To this marriage two sons were born, Sanford Rawen, 1963, and Mark Allan, 1965. Joseph and their two sons moved to Los Angeles, California. Joseph installed large computers and maintained them for large companies. At the time of this writing Rawen is working at North Woods and attending California Polytechnical University of Pomona.

He will receive his degree June, 1987. Mark is a computer programmer. Submitted by — Joseph Sanford Rhodes, II

PARK HOTEL
The Park Hotel was situated on the Ohio River adjacent to the present United States Post Office on Main Street in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Mason County. In the early 1900's the hotel was owned and operated by Simon Nelson Park. Mrs. Park was formerly Malinda Messick. To this union were born Dennis Marlowe, Anne Hamilton, Nelson Augustus, and Victor E. S. Dennis was married to Donzella Perkins. He was a life long resident of Point Pleasant. There
were no children.

Anne Hamilton was married to Walter A. Windsor also making their home in Point Pleasant. They had three children, Anna Park, Jacqueline, and Walter Mills.

Nelson (Bill) was married to Eulah Somerville and to this union Nelson Augustus, Jr. and Samuel Somerville were born in Point Pleasant.

The Park Hotel

Victor E. S. attended local schools until his acceptance in the Cleveland School of Art in Cleveland, Ohio where he graduated in 1925 in Pictorial Illustration. At this time he established a commercial studio “Park and Yager” on Hayden Avenue in East Cleveland. Later returning to Point Pleasant, he accepted the supervision of the painting department in the Marietta Manufacturing Company. He was married to Helen Blount in 1927. Their children are Victor E. S., Jr. and Jack Blount. The family home is at 1907 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Point Pleasant where he lived until his death December 27, 1948. His widow Helen still resides there. Submitted by — Helen Blount Park

TRACY BOOK STORE

Blanche Tracy (1865-1947) eldest child and only daughter of Benjamin Franklin (1837-1920) a jeweler, and her husband Michael Tracy came to Pt. Pleasant from Wheeling, 1920, to continue her fathers’ business 400 block of Main Street. Wellman’s Jewelry presently occupies the site. She sold an assortment of wares: jewelry, trinkets, gifts, party favors, school books and supplies. In 1941 the business was sold to L. W. Gerty. He later moved to a building below the post office.

When Ben Franklin Clothing store was enlarged 1927, it took in what was her front yard which was enclosed with an iron fence. The yard was about 12 feet from the sidewalk.

Michael Tracy is buried in Wheeling.

LOWE’S GRILL

Lowe’s Grill, opened 1933 and closed 1941, was one of the most beautiful and popular gathering places Point Pleasant had “from teenagers to grandparents”. “The Grill” offered a complete line of sandwiches and full fountain services along with plate lunches and complete dinners. The front half contained 8 booths, the rear half tables and chairs. The manager and owner, Homer Lowe, Jr., would often permit dancing in the rear half from 9 till 11 p.m., with the most popular records of the time on the “juke-box.”

It was located at 405 Main Steet next to the Lowe Hotel in the room now occupied by Residential Window and Awning Co.

LYRIC AMUSEMENT COMPANY

Organized for the purpose to conduct all branches pertaining thereto to summer gardens, parks, hotel and theaters — to operate plays, operas, musical and dramatic performances — for amusement of persons in public and private places — to erect buildings for theaters, stores, warehouses — hire films for moving pictures, machines and illustrated song slides — hold vaudevilles. Incorporators Ross N., Charles E. Fillison, H. R. Wells, E. R. Holland, and W. C. Fillison. After corporate stock raised, 100 shares sold at $100 each. July 11, 1922. Charter granted August 1, 1922.

THABETS SANDWICH SHOP

The Thabet Sandwich Shop was located on corner of Main Street where present Point Service is located. Wadear Thabet operated the restaurant from early 1930 until 1941. Booths were on both sides. The main attraction was potato chips which were made in the kitchen in a special machine, as needed (an unheard of delicacy at the time). He was also famous for his chili and introduced the bar-b-que. Plate lunches were served (1937 to 1940). There was fountain service, as well as coffee.

FARMERS HARDWARE

Farmers Hardware was begun in 1927 by Raymond Wilhelm (1893-1938) and was located on Main Street, 400 block, first floor of the old Phoenix Hotel and adjacent to the poolhall owned by the Burdette brothers, now a part of the G. C. Murphy Co. He then moved across the street to the McDade building and continued the business until his death. Beulah Guarino now manages and operates the store at its present location.

HARRISON RESTAURANT

The Harrison Restaurant at Apple Grove, near Goodyear Chemical Plant was closed when "construction layoffs at various industrial plants occurred". At one time Mrs. Harrison boarded as many as 9 men. Afterwards for a few years she cooked full meals only by appointment. "Her vegetables came from her garden and almost everything was prepared from scratch". The restaurant was closed on Saturday and Sunday. (Mrs. Harrison sold out and is currently living Pt. Pleasant)

"After her husband died in 1952 she opened a small store in Putnam Co. which she operated until 1960" then moved to Mason Co.

Harrison Restaurant

Mrs. Harrison treasures a letter from one of her patrons who was from Italy. Written in 1977, it complimented her on her "good soups" and enclosed a picture they had taken of her while boarding here. (Portion from Herald Dispatch-Feb. 1975 by Jacqueline Swann)

EARL C. MOHR CIGAR COMPANY

The Earl C. Mohr Cigar Company was founded in 1923 on Crab Creek Road, four miles east of Gallipolis Ferry, in Mason County, West Virginia. Many cigar smokers the world over, knew

the “Mohr’s Favorite”, “Mohr’s Special”, and “Mohr’s Sunshine” cigars, selling then three for ten cents. Tobacco used in making the Mohr brands came from Connecticut, Ohio, Georgia, and Florida. It arrived at the factory in 300-400 pound cases. The unpaved Crab Creek Road was almost always passable, but sometimes the heavy wagon shipments of tobacco were bogged down in axle-depth mud during rains.

Without benefit of machines, good stogie makers could hand-roll 1,000 stogies a day. Six or eight people were employed at the Mohr Factory. Many smokers preferred the hand-rolled cigars and stogies, the latter somewhat longer and thinner than the cigars.

Mr. Mohr closed the doors to his factory in 1943 and hand-rolled stogies came to their end, due to a shortage of qualified rollers.

SUBMITTED BY — Sybil Mohr Swinburne

CITIZENS PUBLISHING CO.

Incorporators were local business men. It was entered as 2nd class matter January 13, 1932, was a weekly paper and expressed Democratic views. The headquarters were in old J. W. Rhoades building, first floor, 6th Street. Jack Rogers was assistant editor for two months in 1933 then editor for 17 months, then resigned to teach school but still contributed articles January 1936. Later in 1936 the paper went out of business. Among employees were Charley Barnett (advertising), Pete Roberts (linotype), Viola Somerville (reporter, proof reader, typeset), "Gibby" Gibson (typesetter, hand press operator). In picture, Eustace Wilson (linotype, advertising), William “Dilly” Harris (pen operator, typeset) Jack Rogers (editor) seated. Submitted by — Thelma Rogers

W. H. FOGLESONG FUNERAL HOME

AND FAMILY

The Foglesong Funeral Home, a fourteen-room, three-floor brick home on Second and Pomeroy Streets, Mason, was built by John Young about 1873 and purchased by W. H. Foglesong about 1919.

Mr. Foglesong lived in Mason County all his

Mason County Civil Defense. The vehicle need-


When his father retired in 1948, William Donald Foglesong assumed the management of the Funeral Home until 1974 when Ray Tucker, a long-time employee, became owner and manager. Submitted by — Ray Tucker, Sr.

LEON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The organizing of the Leon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. began in 1971 under the leadership of Warren D. Keefer, then mayor of Leon. Mrs. Gladys Thomas and son, James A. Thomas, donated the property for the building.

The metal building was purchased, at cost, from Henry Upton Construction Company. With the help of Upton Construction Company and the Leon citizens the volunteer firemen erected the building. The fire departments first vehicle, a 1941 Chevrolet, was donated by the Mason County Civil Defense. The vehicle needed various things done to it before it could be used on fire calls, so Mayor Keefer spent his spare time working on it in his back yard. This truck is now on display at the Mason County Farm Museum. The first officers were:

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Submitted by — Warren D. Keeler, Carl E. Dunham

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neer. Before the building of the railroad people had to depend on the Claribel for mail and supplies on her daily run from Gallipolis to Buffalo. Many townpeople were at the boat landing each day to welcome her.

In June 1878 Captain Barrows suffered great misfortune. The Barrows family was living in Leon where Eliza Jane Barrows, wife of Captain F. A. Barrows died on the 23rd of that month. Her death occurred just a few days after the Claribel had sunk at the mouth of Eighteen Mile Creek. Later the boat was raised and ran for many years.

The Neva, built in Point Pleasant

In 1898 Captain Barrows built another boat at Point Pleasant. The wood hull was 117 feet by 21 6 feet. He dismantled the Claribel and the new boat received her machinery. The new boat was named Neva in honor of the Captain's daughter by his second marriage to Vernitia Wedglebag, threw it down at his feet, remarking "I'll serve as clerk."

As Ann Bailey made her frequent trips through the Wilderness it is said that some of the Settlers would request her to make various purchases for them. So goes the story of Captain Wm. Clendenin making a contract with her to bring him exactly twenty geese or he would not pay her for any. After her trip East when she was ready to return to the settlement she collected the exact amount of Geese and started on her return to the settlement, driving the twenty Geese. When she was near Charleston bad luck, nineteen and no place to pick up a replacement. As Ann Bailey was a married woman she did not count this as a success.

In 1899, Samuel H. Reynolds contributed and erected a 12 foot high granite marker in the center of the courthouse yard. On August 7, 1909, Cornstalk's body was moved a third time, to a new location between Viand and Sixth Street. Necessitated by construction of a new courthouse in 1954, the fourth and final burial took place.

On September 20, 1954, the Neva burned at Buffalo. She had "steamed up" and her whistle blewed asthe flames burned at Buffalo. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

A STORY ABOUT ANN BAILEY

Ann Bailey lived in a small settlement called the Seedy Ends. It was located just a few miles from the Ohio River. Ann was married to a man named Robert Bailey. They lived in a small log cabin and raised a large family. Ann was a hardworking woman who could do everything from planting crops to raising chickens. She was also the local postmaster and delivered the mail to the people who lived in the area.

FOOTBALL GAME

In 1903, the Point Pleasant High School football team won their first game against the Gallia Academy High School football team. This marked the beginning of an annual rivalry between the two schools. The game was held at the Point Pleasant High School football field.

The game was a close one with both teams playing their best. However, the Point Pleasant team emerged as the victorious with a score of 12-7. The game was watched by a large crowd of people who had gathered to watch the match.

WALDIE CUP

Point Pleasant High School and Gallia Academy High School have been holding an annual football game for many years. The game is known as the Waldie Cup game, after a local businessman who donated the cup to the winning team.

The game is held in the fall and is a highly anticipated event. Both teams work hard to prepare for the game and put in a lot of practice time to ensure that they have the best possible chance of winning.

BETHEL BRIDGE

The Bethel Bridge was built in 1876 and was replaced in 1900 with a new bridge. The bridge was named after the community it served, which was called Bethel.

The bridge was constructed by the government to provide a more efficient way to transport goods and people across the river. It was a simple wooden structure and lasted for many years before it was replaced with a steel and concrete bridge.

SCHOOL AND GALLIA ACADEMY

The Gallia Academy High School was founded in 1835 and has a long history of providing education to the residents of the area. The school has produced many successful graduates, including many who went on to become leaders in their communities.

The school was located in a small town called Gallia, which was named after the state of Ohio. The school was built on the grounds of an older schoolhouse and has been continually expanded over the years.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME

The Point Pleasant High School football team has won the Waldie Cup game for the past three years in succession. In 2019, the team won the cup with a score of 28-14. The game was held at the Point Pleasant High School football field, as it has been for many years.

The team has been practicing hard all season to prepare for the game. They have won all of their previous games and are looking forward to continuing their winning streak.

Roush. Others included Vice Regent, Mrs. Eldridge Sauer, Mrs. Keith McClung, Mrs. A. L. Rossiter, Mrs. Holly Simmons and Mrs. Ben Franklin. Four young people, members of Society of Children of American Revolution, served as color bearers. They were Ned Jones, Tom Sauer, Richard Johnson, and Jimmy Lewis.

Point Pleasant ministers assisted, including K. W. Chandler, Main Street Baptist; Alvin C. Young, Trinity Methodist; Jerome D. Rodgers, Christ Episcopal; C. H. Phipps, Church of Nazarene; and Paul Bergtresser, Lutheran Church.

Original erection of the monument included box of pertinent items of the period, including copies of 1896 issues of The Weekly Register, and The State Gazette. The Gazette and a September 9, 1954, issue of The Register were placed in the aluminum box during the 1954 ceremony. The papers plus DAR yearbook listing Virginians who had fought in the battle and a history of Cornstalk, written by Mrs. Simmons, were placed in an aluminum tube and laid in the box by Mrs. Eldridge Sauer, Chapter Vice-Regent and chairman of the Cornstalk Committee. The box was then placed in the base of the monument.

Thus Chief Cornstalk, rests peacefully on the site of the battle, in which he fought so bravely, where the Ohio and Great Kanawha River waters mingle at "the Point".

Covered Bridge at Bethel

For several years there was a shelf in the bridge which held mailboxes for the people of the community. The square in lower left of picture was the corner for the well on the Bethel Church lot.

The bridge was torn down after the government had bought the territory for their T.T.N.T. plant. It was replaced with a steel and cement bridge strong and wide enough to carry large trucks and heavy equipment.
as a leg for either team, but the cup will remain in possession of team winning the last game before the tie. If athletic relations are severed for any reason, cup to be returned to Point Pleasant, if it is not in permanent possession of either school at that time, (three wins in succession). There it will be retained until relations are again resumed when the same rules as above are to apply.

FIRST GAME-NOVEMBER 28, 1935.

This cup is given to encourage good sportsmanship and competition.

(Signed) W. J. Waldie, President, Point Pleasant Lumber Co. Submitted by — Maeyrice Waldie

BROWNSVILLE BRIDGE

In November of 1902, the Mason County Court ordered that the Brackett Bridge Company, the contractor for the erection of the iron bridge over 13 Mile Creek near the town of Leon be allowed the sum of $2,602.27 in full of the contract for the Leon and Crooked Creek Bridges. Charles Buxton was paid $242.50 for supplying lumber. James F. Burdette, Jacob Burns, A.T. Sullivan, George Hill, George Jenkins, Enoch Badgley, and Willard Greenlee was paid for work on the bridge. Deverner Badgley, J. C. Rice and William Badgley worked on the fill. Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

“THE COUNTY FAIR”

“The County Fair” a one act comedy was held at Hooft’s Opera House February 12, 1918 under auspices of the Civic Club, with local persons appearing in various roles. Victor Park appeared as Uncle Jake, a farmer; Faye Barton, owner of the side-show; Neate Blackwood was Madam-sieule Carisosa and sang in a soprano voice; Attie Benson was the wild man with tangled locks and rattling chains; Frank Fry handled poisonous snakes; Gus Fry was “Nigger Baby” at the side show; John Fenton was Boss Jones, political boss of Mason County. Many lessor roles of ticket agents, lemonade vendors (not listed on program). Spanish dancers were Anna Lee Musgrave, Edith Robinson, Katie Lewis, Wilma Bell. Helen Buxton and Marian Burns had leading roles in the chorus. Anna Lee Dyre was director. Submitted by — W. F. Fadley

GREAT FLOOD OF 1910 - 13 MILE CREEK

The great flood of 1910 delivered a devastating blow to the small mills on 13 Mile Creek. Late on Sunday evening, June 17, 1910, a storm came up and the dark clouds to the east told of heavy rain in that area but it was not until 4 o’clock A.M. the next morning that a cloud burst occurred in Jackson County. Thirteen Mile Creek was rampaging. The water came so quickly and with such violence before daybreak that the residents in the valley did not have time to take flight. Sam Stephens, who lived at Deerlick, said he did not know of the storm until the rocking of the house, which was afloat, awakened him. A hole was cut in the roof and the neighbors took them off on a raft. Two houses on the Andrew J. Stephens farm were carried away with their entire contents. The Stephens Mill with all the grain and flour that it contained were swept away by the angry waters. The new bridge that had just been completed early that year was taken also.

Mr. Knapp’s store room and all the stock at Rockcastle were carried away. Martha (Stewart) Hutton’s house which was located farther down the creek went out with the waters.

One corner of the No. 3 Bridge was gone. The Riffle Mill with all its contents of wheat and flour were lost as well as all his hogs. Sam Stewart’s Store and all his stock and buildings were carried away. His blacksmith shop and out buildings were washed away.

Elijah Little of Wolf Valley lost the kitchen of his house and his barn.

The bridge at W. M. Kimberlings was gone as well as the wooden bridge at Smith Smith’s residence.

Near the Polk Dunn residence the large iron bridge was taken out. The Mud Lick Bridge was taken away by the waters.

The H. C. Sayre farm lost a house. (Taken from Point Pleasant Register) Submitted by — Juanita K. Burdette

DEVIL’S TEA TABLE

High on a hill above Thirteen Mile Creek just north of Waterloo stands a most unusual rock formation. This strange creation is located on lands once owned by an early Greenlee family and by the Stone family from 1901 to 1953. Standing approximately 25 feet tall, this huge rock rests on a small base giving one a feeling that it could topple over. For generations people have marveled at this phenomenon. Young people often walked there on Sunday afternoons. People who once attended normal schools in Leon enjoyed outings there. Many pictures were made of this “Devil’s Tea Table”. Usually the women stood at the base of the rock while some of the daring young men would climb upon it and pose for pictures. Picture taken 1898. Standing Jake Riffle, standing on ledge Roy Somerville, seated Ed Riffle. Submitted by — Denver L. Casto

AUTHOR & GOLDEN HORSESHOE WINNER

Lona Fridley Jones of Mason County, West Virginia. Retired teacher, author, historian, genealogist. Is considered by Jim Comstock in his Encyclopedia of West Virginia volume twenty-five, and Heritage volume fifty-one, as a “matriarch of Virginia Studies Program including teaching and authoring of her book, Golden Horseshoe Studies Program including teaching and authoring of her book, Golden Horseshoe Tests.” Sixteen thousand copies were sold in the State. Mrs. Jones was the first in Mason County to receive an Honorary Golden Horseshoe. Submitted — Lona Fridley Jones

GUNVILLE RIDGE

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM

In the late 40’s and early 50’s a group of young men organized a fast pitch softball team. The field was located on the Eddie & Maggie Smith farm near the old Grant School House, on Gunville Ridge.

INDIAN MOUNDS

The Magee Mound on St. Rt. 2 on Judge Moore farm, Gallipolis Ferry, is one of the larger burial mounds in the state. It was not properly excavated but is said to have been built by the Adena people between 500 B.C. and A.D. 1. Several smaller mounds are also in the area.

On the Hereford farm, at Apple Grove, on the Ohio River Bank, each year Indian relics such as arrowheads are ploughed up as this was an Indian encampment. Marshall University students have been making excavations in this area.

On the Charles E. McCulloch farm at Five Mile, on Kanawha River, is a mound which was opened by the Smithsonian Institute in late 1890. Artifacts are still found when ploughing, the latest was a mold for Indian moccasins.

New Brighton (above Ambrosia) and in the area of the church, a small mound exists. A small Indian encampment was there at one time.

In Point Pleasant on Reservoir Hill behind the old railroad station, Indian steps existed and were still visible in the early 1920’s being used for ascent to the top. Tradition states Indians camped there.

The C. C. Lewis Farm on outskirts of town had two small mounds near the gate entrance. These were opened by West Virginia University. No report on findings.

On the Horton Roseberry farm off 28th Street and on the River Bank, West Virginia University excavated the two mounds. Artifacts were found and reported in the Point Pleasant Register and recorded at the University.

Dr. Daniel Taylor, State Superintendent of Schools, in choosing Mrs. Jones as an Honorary Golden Horseshoe winner, based the honor on her “outstanding contribution to the West Virginia Studies Program including teaching and authoring of her book, Golden Horseshoe Tests.” Sixteen thousand copies were sold in the State. Mrs. Jones was the first in Mason County to receive an Honorary Golden Horseshoe. Submitted — Lona Fridley Jones
On the B. B. Somerville farm (Mission Ridge Vicinity) also known as the George Rickard farm, was a mound 25 feet in diameter, four feet high, built of rocks.

The mound on the C.G.P. Musgrave farm, near present Camp Conley area, was destroyed by the U.S. Grazing Service during administration. It was considered to be one of the largest mounds in the county but no excavation was permitted. The mound was formerly used by the West Virginia National Guard as a flag mound at their encampment each year. Submitted by — Anna Lee Collins.

TALES OF THE CIVIL WAR
(Hoe Cakes)

The Border Grays was organized at Barboursville Sept. 18, 1862 with Captain William Gunn as commander. Served with Guyandotte Battalion until April 4, 1865. The Company D was under the command of Col. Albert Jenkins. Among the men serving in this company were Jefferson and Madison Hunter, twin brothers, of present Ashton, WV. Madison died of sickness at White Sulphur Springs early in the war, Jefferson was paroled at Charleston May 8, 1865. Others were brothers Frank, James, and John Carroll and Ranson Templeton. Maude Hunter Dyke related the following April 4, 1981: "My father, Jefferson Hunter, was in his fifties when I was born in 1891 and my mother was in her forties. My father was one of the first Cabell Countians who enlisted with Confederate Gen. Jenkins at the beginning of the war. When Jenkins was killed, he served with Gen. John McCausland. Company D was getting ready to eat. Rance Templeton was supposed to be cooking a hoe cake for Capt. Gunn, me and myself while the others were doing something else. He got the hoe cake cooked and took it off in a hurry up the hillside with the hoe cake. The others hollered for him and ask where he was going. He yelled back, "I am going to worry down these few bits if it kills me." Daddy and Captain Gunn, of Point Pleasant, always repeated this when, they were together telling their war stories." Submitted by — Denver Yoho.

KENNY BEACH

This popular gathering place for the young, the teenagers, and young adults existed on the Ohio River bank at 14th Street between the years 1915 to 1933.

Here the females came to display their latest styled bathing suits of overblouse complete with bloomers, black stockings, and rubber swim slippers. The suits were black, navy blue, or dark grey with trim of various colors, plunging neckline permitted at that time, with matching cap to protect the hairdo's. The men were proud to display their manly physique in the swim fashion of their day.

Steps led down to the sandy beach with large crowds visiting on weekends, weather permitting. Here courtships flourished or died. Swimming was from the West Virginia to the Ohio side, and wading was enjoyed to halfway across the river before going in over your head. There were sandbars to walk to, on which boats would occasionally become stuck for awhile until “paled” off by deckhands.

Skiffs were plentiful and tied up along the beach available for rowing up as far as Dam 25 and down to the “point”. A raft built by W. J. Kenny and sons, chartered by Third and Brown Streets was available for new Instant Public Library supplied by the State, which was completed in September 1975.

The citizens then formed The Mason City Historical Society, organized November 22, 1974. To secure operating funds, Charter memberships were offered for one dollar each; the names of 242 members were placed on the Charter Membership Plaque.

The house was repaired and painted by the Mason County Court. The Town of Mason supplied rugs, curtains and other necessary items. The Historical Society then accepted donations of 1875-1900 period furniture, as well as old dishes, books, news clippings and papers. This is an on-going practice, and the Society is especially anxious to receive any of the books written by Mr. Lewis.

The Lewis House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places, United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C. on March 12, 1979.

Regular meetings of the Historical Society are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Lewis House at 1:30 p.m. Membership dues are $2.50 per year. Visitors are always welcome. The House is not open on a regular basis, but groups may visit by calling 773-5694 or 773-5557. Submitted by — Mrs. Beatie Ingalls, President.

LUTTON HIGHWAY

Lutton Highway was a narrow two lane concrete road constructed in the early 1900's by Samuel Lutton as contractor. He had no contract but was building the road for Mason County Court. It started between the present 22nd and 32nd Streets and ended at what is now 30th Street. It was lined by trees on each side. There were very few homes but it went by the "Country Club" and past the Lone Oak Cemetery. An old fashion scoop shovel, pulled by horses, and a steamroller were the only equipment used. Manual labor to a large extent was furnished by prisoners. Lutton had planned to build the road thru Heights. He and others made plans for a grist and planing mill, canning and glove factory, and a theater all in Heights. After his accidental death these plans were cancelled. Lutton Highway is now the same location as Rt. 62 N. with little rerouting made.

LEON POST OFFICE

This post office was first established as Jones on March 5, 1831, and discontinued on January
28, 1837. It was re-established on June 5, 1838. On November 6, 1840 the name was changed to Arbuckle. On June 25, 1853 the name was changed to Leon. On November 28 of that same year it was changed to Cologne. On November 18, 1880 it was again given the name of Leon.

The postmasters and their dates of appointment were as follows: Dudley Jones March 5, 1831; Matthew T. Alexander June 5, 1838; William A. Alexander March 21, 1840; Matthew T. Alexander June 22, 1842; Andrew B. Alexander December 13, 1844; Benjamin P. Byram January 17, 1850; Charles C. Miller September 17, 1861; George W. Harrison February 11, 1864; Henry A. Brown April 8, 1869; Richard Simms April 13, 1874; Nelson Brown January 26, 1882;

**MIDSTREAM ON THE OHIO RIVER**

Brrr! It was so cold this Sunday morning in 1939 when our family decided to take a walk on the Ohio River. That mighty stream was frozen so thick with ice that a car could (and was) driven across the river.

The two bridges in the background are the ill-fated Silver Bridge that collapsed and fell in 1967 and the other is the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge. The land showing on the right side of the picture is West Virginia.

The family shown above are the Adams' — Mrs. Raymond Adams, wife of a Point Pleasant barber, son Jimmie Hamilton born in 1935 in Pt. Pleasant and died in 1981 in Dallas, Texas, and daughter Tharon Elaine born at Kaylong, WV, in 1938 and died in West Columbia, WV, in 1945. Both son and daughter are buried in Suncrest Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant, WV. Submitted by — Mrs. Peggy Adams Handley

**ROSEBERRY FARM MOUNDS**

Two small Indian mounds stood on and adjacent to the former W. O. Roseberry farm property; current owner, Trenton Stover, Jr. Both mounds were explored by Dr. Jeffrey R. Graybill, then of the West Virginia Geological Survey, in the late 1970's. The larger of the two mounds, called the Isinglass Mound, dated to circa A.D. 300 and produced numerous cremated and other Indian interments, and associated ornaments, spearpoints, and so on. This was the time of the so-called Hopewell Culture (actually, a trade network) of Ohio, Illinois, and adjacent areas, and thus many of the Isinglass Mound artifacts were Hopewell in style and fabricated from mica, Flint Ridge flint, and other exotic raw materials.

The other mound, named the Roseberry Mound, dated to circa A.D. 1100. It contained an estimated 250 flexed Indian burials, but few associated artifacts. This mound was part of a large, densely populated Indian village also occupying the W.O. Roseberry farm property at this time. The inhabitants of this village were sedentary farming peoples (corn, in the main), who supplemented their diet by hunting and gathering. Their homes were 20 x 20 foot structures covered by reed mats, and with floors sunk 2 feet below ground surface. Submitted by — Jeffrey R. Graybill

**HISTORICAL PAGEANT OF 1925**

One of the most spectacular events held in Point Pleasant was the historical pageant on October 8, 9, 10, 1925 celebrating the 151st anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, with over 350 local men, women, and children as participants. Mayor was Milton L. Miller. Sponsors were Pt. Pleasant Kiwanis, Rotary and Civic Clubs, American Legion, Daughters of American Revolution and Chamber of Commerce.

The John B. Rogers Production Co. of Fostoria Ohio furnished the costumes and did the directing. The event took place at night at the Harmon Park. During the day there were parades, ball games, speeches by visiting dignitaries, dancing, and other entertainments for the public.

Many of the pictures taken of the leading characters were not found. Robert L. Hogg as “Father Time” had one of the leading roles.

1. Miss Julia Lewis Roseberry (Miss Columbia), Miss Attarah Blackwood (one of U.S.A. girls)

2. Indian camp scene

3. Miss Nedra Wilhelm (Spirit of the Wilderness), Mrs. Bertha Filson (pioneer woman)

4. Mrs. Lula Gibbs Lewis (“Famine” one of the many dangers faced by early pioneers)

5. C. O. Weisenburger (George Washington), John Hutchinson (Walter Newman.)

6. Harry Lewis (“Gen. Andrew Lewis” being a direct descendant)

7. Charles C. Lewis (“Col. Charles Lewis” being a direct descendant)

8. Elinipsico (Jack C. Burdette)
**CITY OFFICIALS AND ATTORNEYS**

Taken 1891, left to right: in front of the old court house, Rankin Wiley, attorney; back of him Will Fogleson, policeman; William Tomlinson attorney; J. P. R. B. Smith, Clerk of the County Court; John L. Whitten, Prosecuting Atty.; William Smith; William H. Gardner, deputy sheriff; George Poffenbarger, attorney and Judge of Supreme Court of Appeals 1901-1912; Oliver Phelps, attorney, Joseph H. Holloway, Deputy Co. Clerk; Frank Work, jailer, and R. E. Mitchell. Back row, J. B. Menager, attorney; George Perry Simpson, attorney died Dec. 1892; W. H. Howard, County Surveyor, and John A. Gibbons, Atty.

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Jessie was born July 5, 1900 at Gormania, W. Va. to the late Benjamin and Lulu Elsay Shaffer. She died December 7, 1980 at Holzer Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio. She was a member of the Tu-Endei-Wei Garden Club and was well known for her beautiful flower garden, and displays at fairs, yet had time to assist her husband in his work. At the time of her death she was survived by two sisters and three brothers.

Their daughter, Mary Jo, attended Pt. Pleasant schools and she and her husband, Lee Pierce, of Tulsa have a daughter, Kathryn, of Tulsa, and a son Paul of Shrevesport, La.

Dr. Corrick had a sister, Mrs. Mae Kryder, who came to Pt. Pleasant with him. She ran a beauty parlor in her apartment over the first Corrick Pharmacy location. She later made her home on Main Street, 800 block. She is deceased.

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**REY. MCIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GETS NEW MINISTER**

Members of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church at Eighth and Main Streets welcomed their new minister, Malcolm C. McIver, III, and his family yesterday with a covered dish luncheon following the worship service, March 14, 1982.

McIver, a native of North Carolina, graduated with an A.B. degree in Religion from Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina in 1965. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969 with a year of active duty in Korea. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and was ordained on June 16, 1974. He served as Associate Minister of the Woodland Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, Louisiana for two years.

Since June of 1976, he has served as Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Brinkley, Arkansas.

McIver’s wife, Roselynn, is a native of Texas. She is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. McIver taught nursery school in New Orleans and was a teacher and director of a nursery school in Brinkley.

The couple married in December, 1973. They have two daughters, Sara, age 4, and Catherine, age 2. Submitted by — Rev. Malcolm McIver

**FIRST MASON COUNTY LIBRARY**

The first public library in Pt. Pleasant was in the Community Building Annex (later known as American Legion Building). Books and magazines were contributed from personal libraries. About 1942 the Dixie schoolhouse was moved from the TNT area, and placed on the vacant lot between the Community building and old courthouse, and used as a library. Volunteers from several clubs officiated as librarians and kept open several hours during the day and a few evenings a week. The school building was razed when the new courthouse was built. A library board was formed. Mrs. Okey (Minnie) Burdette, began work as a librarian when a library was set up in the courthouse basement. It became a salaried position. She filled this position for several years. Later persons with a library degree were employed. A federal grant was obtained and the new library was built. The one floor brick has a meeting room equipped with kitchen facilities, employees lounge, library, offices, restrooms, storage rooms.

**MEMBERS OF MASON COUNTY BAR IN 1954**

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The afternoon of Dec. 15, 1967 was winding down in the City of Pt. Pleasant. Christmas shopping was at its peak and the streets and bridges were packed with bumper-to-bumper traffic. Then shock and disbelief swept through the entire area! The SILVER BRIDGE, connecting West Virginia and Ohio, had collapsed, carrying an untold number of people into the frigid waters of the Ohio River. The Bridge, one of three such structures built in the world, had simply disintegrated.

Understandably, pandemonium reigned as the Community was stunned and unable to act or begin any effort to cope with the situation. Later that evening W. Va. Governor Hulett Smith arrived and, accompanied by his aide, Paul Crabtree and Mason County Civil Defense Director John A. Wilson went out on the darkened river in a small boat operated by the W. Va. Department of Natural Resources. Following the inspection tour, the party returned to the newly contracted Civil Defense Headquarters where a conference was held with Ohio Governor Rhodes and his staff. At that time, Governor Smith named Civil Defense Director Wilson as his representative to act as Director of Disaster operations to coordinate the search and salvage operation. A large contingent of the State Troopers was sent to the scene, the National Guard troops were called out and the long operation was begun.

All during the long night Civil Defense workers, all volunteers, worked to establish a communications network. Radio antennae were installed on a tower atop the building by men working in a sleet storm. Radios on six separate frequencies were put into operation, blanketing the area of communication. State Troopers were stationed at all incoming highways and all unnecessary traffic was turned back. Representatives of the Coast Guard, Corps of Engineers, State Road Commission, W.Va. State Police, West Virginia National Guard and W. Va. Department of Natural Resources all began their respective duties.

The Dravo Corporation brought in gigantic cranes which were being used on a Construction job a few miles upriver. Those were used to remove the structural steel and automobiles which had gone down with the bridge. Corps of Engineers divers and personnel ably assisted in this operation. The Police operation was controlled on the River by the Coast Guard and National Resources Officers, while the W. Va. State Police and local Police Officers took care of land operations. The National Guard, using Civil Defense Amphibious vehicles brought recovered bodies to shore for transport to a morgue which had been established at the local National Guard Armory. All necessary equipment for the morgue was already on hand in a portable field hospital maintained by the Civil Defense.

Meanwhile at Civil Defense Headquarters, all these matters had to be coordinated along with hundreds of perplexing details to be handled. Many thousands of Ohio residents, including entire Ohioans worked here. After rapid-fire negotiations, arrangements were completed for rail transportation between Gallipolis, Ohio and Point Pleasant. More complicated and lengthy negotiations resulted in establishing Ferry service following which the rail service was discontinued. All of the service organizations were in constant communication through the local communication center, eliminating unnecessary delays.

Never in the memory of living man has the spirit of cooperation soared as it did during this crisis. Otherwise indifferent citizens came forth in hordes demanding that they be assigned some task whereby they might make their contribution. Actually the only real dissention arose when these people were told that no more help was needed. The Local Churches, The American Legion, Salvation Army, American Red Cross and Boy Scouts of America all made magnificent contributions to the overall effort by supply food, refreshments and general assistance. At no time was anything left undone for lack of volunteer help. The entire community responded nobly when needed. Bear in mind that all this work was done under most adverse conditions with the temperature at zero or in the low teens most of the time.

When the operation was discontinued, some four months later, it was determined that forty-six people had lost their lives when the bridge collapsed. Forty-four bodies were recovered while two were never found. Considering the enormity of the task, along with the adverse conditions, this could be deemed a stupendous result. A small memorial park has been established at the location of the bridge approach. This may prove informative to future generations but no reminder is needed by those who lost loved ones or those who served the effort so nobly. Submitted by — John A. Wilson

MASON COUNTY POTATO FESTIVAL

The Mason County Potato Festival was held in Point Pleasant the fall of 1939. Four-H Club members from Jackson, Putman, Cabell and Mason added color and talent to the coronation ceremonies held in Central School yard. June Ritchie, Jackson County, was crowned out West Virginia Queen of the Festival. Emory Roush was King, also crowned Queen was Majorie Sayre of Letart.

Flying over the town was a yellow single motored Aeronea Monoplane named the "Potato Bug" piloted by a local youth Marion Wedge, he attempted to break the world's endurance record of 44 hours. He crashed at Gallipolis Ferry in the garden of Dog Rake just seven hours and five minutes short of equalling the record. He was not seriously injured, but spent several days in the hospital. Those of us who remember the Potato Festival will never forget Marion Wedge and his endurance flight. Submitted by — Margaret Kincaid

THE 20 - MILE TURKEY DRIVE

Oscar Haynes of Kanawha Big Sixteen Mile Creek told that when he was nine years of age (about 1909) he helped drive turkeys from Sixteen Mile to Gallipolis, OH.

In Nov., a short time before Thanksgiving, a neighbor arrived at the Haynes' about 4 o'clock in the morning. He had a team of horses and a wagon with some corn to feed the horses and the turkeys on the trip. All members of the Hanes family helped bunch their turkeys and helped drive them a short distance until they were traveling along the road in a satisfactory manner.
Fort Randolph, a replica of the original fort that stood during the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, stands tall on the east side of Krodel Park which attracts many visitors who come to learn more of our deep heritage.

Many come to Krodel Park on the 4th of July to celebrate our Independence, as well as to camp, fish, swim or play mini-golf. But Krodel Park attracts hundreds over the summer months to gather for picnics along the lake underneath the shelters which are available or utilize the clubhouse. Submitted by - Brian Billings, Recreational Director

**LIFE IN LEON IN THE 1850's**

In 1852 when young Dr. Thomas H. Barton came to Leon, he found life so pleasant that he wanted to locate there permanently.

The first summer he was here, there was an epidemic. There had been a spring flood and Leon was submerged with back water from the Ohio River. “Malarial” fever broke out on both sides of the Kanawha River and raged with great violence, three or four members of the same family being affected at one time. His brother, a doctor, came from Ohio to help with the patients.

The young doctor first lived at the Thomas Dunn Hotel. Elias Chapman was the village blacksmith and was a subscriber to the Saturday Evening Post. Often on Saturday evening the young doctor would read aloud from this publication. The young ladies of the town enjoyed his reading. At this time he was the Dr. O. G. Chase who practiced in Leon. He was well educated, having attended three medical schools. He was later the founder of a Huntington newspaper, the Herald-Dispatch. There was no organized church society at the time, but the Baptist met once a month at the Sullivan Meeting House at what is now Arbrucke. People came for miles and the house would be filled to its capacity.

Dr. Barton taught a subscription school here. When his duties as a doctor took him away his wife would take over the school.

In June of 1855, scarlet fever made its appearance in the town. Young Maria Barton, the doctor’s wife died of the disease. In August of that year the doctor was stricken with Malaria fever which left him a feeble man. He related how the cold of December was welcomed by the people because they were relieved from the scourge of malaria. The winter of 1855-56 was extremely cold and the snow did not melt away until the last of March. The young people of Leon had little to do except slide over the hills on boards.

Describing Virginia society was not an easy task. The grades of social standing were much more closely drawn than in Ohio. There were three classes of society: first, second and third; upper ten, middle ten, and lower ten. The distinguishing feature of these classes was, that they consisted, respectively, of the wealthy, the middle class, and the poor. Here and there could be found an old locofoco who owned a few slaves, and who prided himself on his aristocratic standing, and influence in his community. (Taken from the Autobiography of Thomas H. Barton, The Self-Made Physician)

**LEON BRIDGE**

On June 9, 1868 the Mason County Court advertised for bids for the construction of two stone piers and the building of a wooden bridge across Thirteen Mile Creek near the mouth of the creek.

This bridge was used until 1891 when it was replaced by an iron bridge. It was built at the cost of $2,700 and “will be not only substantial but handsome.”

The iron bridge was used until 1957 when a new concrete bridge was constructed. At this time Route 35 was changed. The road was again to follow the river as it had many years before and was known as the Turnpike. Submitted by - Justinia K. Burdette

**WATERLOO BRIDGE**

In July 1876, the County Court of Mason County appointed special commissioners B.S. Smith, F.W. Sisson and Adam Stewart to advertise for and receive proposals for the erection and construction of a bridge across 13 Mile Creek at or near Rocky Fork.

In July of 1877 the contract for woodwork of the bridge was given to E.W. Sisson for the sum of $875. The contract for the stone work was given to F.N. Blades for the sum of $248 per perch.

The covered bridge was built just above the mill at Waterloo. Standing high above the waters of 13 Mile Creek, it was 150 feet in length. The heavy boards used for the floor were laid diagonally. The bridge had a clapboard roof.

This covered bridge was razed in 1949 when it was replaced with an iron bridge. Submitted by - Justinia K. Burdette

**EMORY ROUSH**


Graduated from Point Pleasant High School, 1935. First year school bus ran in Mason County, Edgar "Boone" Atkins driver.

Milked cows 52 years and did farm work along with dairy. Sang in Quartet Bethel Quartet.

Mervin Riffle, good in music, started the Quartet in the flats (now Game Reserve, I moved from the house that is located there now) invited brother Terry, Carl Francis, and I over to sing. After Mervin's death 1941, Ray Roosh took his place. Carl went in service. After we moved to West Creek, 1942 Ray Thompson joined. Was Roush Ray Quartet. Ray Roosh moved to Point Pleasant. Adrain Lathery took his place, changed name to Vernon Quartet.

Was well known, sang many places for lots of occasions. On Bill Higgens Gallipolis Radio Program several years. Terry moved to Illinois 1963, Linda Jewell and Orvil Mitchel filled in some. Have not sang since Ray Thompson's death 1981. Submitted by - Emory Roush

**HISTORIC POINT PLEASANT**

May 29, 1928

The Gallipolis-Point Pleasant Bridge over the Ohio River opened May 29, 1928. Here at Point Pleasant is the scene of battle. Here are the graves of its dear honored by the DAR. Here are the graves of Cornstalk marked by the school children, and nearby a handsome monument is inscribed with the name “Cornstalk”. Here is the grave of Americas recognized most daring heroine “Mad Ann Bailey”. Here the DAR have marked the site of the old Fort Randolph. They have marked the Washington Spring where the greatest American camped while at Point Pleasant as seen by his reference to his journal dated 1772. Here at the courthouse the DAR have established a handsome drinking fountain in memory of Mason County Heroes of the Great War. A suitable DAR marker designates the graves of a Revolutionary Soldier in Pioneer Cemetery. Here at Point Pleasant was fought a battle of the Civil War. Here is the hospitality of the “Old South”, and here is yet the spirit of enterprise that made possible the Rodgers-Clark expedition and the colonization of the Northwest of Ky. and Tenn. Here are the magnificent improved rivers, the Kanawha being the first river in the United States improved at Government expense. A new bridge here across the Kanawha River is being projected. Here is a fine railroad center and back of it all is one of the most interesting counties in the Kanawha and Ohio Valleys. Submitted by - Mrs George (Levina Simpson) Poffenbarger LLD

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE FARM MUSEUM**

The Museum was officially organized June 17, 1975, as the “Mason County Farm Museum”, a West Virginia nonprofit organization. On October 11, 1980 the Museum was named the “Mason County Regional State Farm Museum,” later renamed May 1992 as the West Virginia Farm Museum.

Soon after its organization in 1975, the Mason County Commission purchased approximately fifty acres of land and constructed the first building in the museum complex, which was dedicated May 14, 1976. From this humble beginning the Museum has grown rapidly and now has more than thirty buildings. It is operated by a large group of dedicated volunteers who are totally committed to its development.

The primary objective of the Museum is to preserve our glorious farm life heritage as a memorial to our farmers and other ancestors, and as a window on our past for our future generations. To this end the artifacts are not only displayed and operated at the Museum's home, but are also, from time to time, exhibited at many out of town locations.

The Museum is located four miles north of Point Pleasant and is operated as a living Farm Museum.

The original incorporators were Clarence C. Blessing, Jack C. Burdett, George E. Ecker, L. W. Getty, James H. Lewis, Woodrow Mace, Johnnie F. McDermitt, Donald F. Roush, Walden F. Roush, and Howard Schultz.

**RHOADES FAMILY BIBLE**

Copied from the Holy Bible which belonged to George Alexander Rhoades. The Bible is very old and in poor condition, yellowing with age,
pages missing and torn etc. The Bible is in possession of a granddaughter, Marjorie Austin Smith, of 433 7th Street W. Huntington, W. Va., who is now deceased, was buried July 1984 Ridgelawn Memorial Park.

BIRTHS:
George A. Rhoades was born December 24th 1845 Jackson County, West Virginia.
Mary Ann Rhoades wife of George A. was born July 6, 1852.
Harriet M. Spencer Born April 3, 1865.
Cora Elizabeth Pritchard born May 3, 1875.

BIRTHS:
Sybil Leone Rhoades Born July 23, 1901.
Carl Clinton Fisher Born February 13, 1896.
Mary Elizabeth Arizona Rhoades Born September 23, 1873 (known as Zona).
Grace Olevia Rhoades Born September 3, 1887.
Walter Owens Rhoades Born May 15, 1890.
Rob Roy Rhoades Born January 16, 1905.
Mary Beatrice Rhoades Born March 16, 1895.
Sybil Leone Rhoades Born July 23, 1901.

MARRIAGES:
George Alexander Rhoades and Mary Ann Bates was married May 4, 1870 by Rev. G. W. Monroe.
George Alexander Rhoades and Harriet M. Spencer were married April 12, 1881.
William A. Rhoades and Cora Elizabeth Pritchard married March 29, 1893 by Rev. Carl.

DEATHS:
Mary Ann Rhoads w/o George A. died October 17, 1880 Age 28 years 3 months 7 days.
Loeta Augusta Rhoads died August 19, 1880.
Iva Doloros Rhoades died July 5, 1896.
Mary A. Rhoades died April 28, 1962.
Maud Rhodes Rhoades died June 23, 1950.
Hugh Auldin Rhoades died January 16, 1905.
Robert Roy Rhoades died June 14, 1909.
George A. Rhoades died March 19, 1927.

Rannie Francis Rhoads Born June 2, 1885.
William Alexander Rhoades Born May 27, 1871.
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THE GRENADIER SQUAW

Picture a good looking female Indian over six feet tall, with stately bearing; above average intelligence; usage of spoken English; good horsemanship; ability to sew well; leadership of her own Shawnee enclave; and, love for white people and a white man. This vision emerges from the few scant words left us by those who knew her. Chief Cornstalk's sister was Nonheleta, but to missionaries Katherine or Ketty, and to soldiers Grenadier-Squaw, like the special British Grenadier and American Grenadier of the Revolutionary War, great.

Whites knew of Ketty when she lived near Ft. Pitt, and she traveled extensively on her horses. Oct. 24, 1774, two weeks after America's First Battle of the Revolution at Point Pleasant, we meet her in history. Then Col. Andrew Lewis, with the remnants of his army, and Captains Matthew Arbuckle and William McKee, trudged a northward course to meet Lord Dunmore on Pickaway Plains. They stumbled into "The Grenadier Squaw's Town," but encamped elsewhere.

Dunmore was conducting The Treaty of Camp Charlotte, name for George III's wife. Ketty and her tall, pretty daughter attended, riding fine steeds with elegant saddles. Ketty couldn't have participated, except as interpreter, but she most certainly became better acquainted with many of the Pioneers. She had become known and was deistic. That she needed provisions to live.

At the present time, Ketty's niece, Arcumona, has her life story told with high drama on a huge outdoor stage during West Virginia's tourist season. She was a daughter of the late Chief Moluntha. She was married to Bolling, a white man. Perhaps someday Mason County can recognize Ketty's contribution to our Pioneer's efforts.

In the writer's opinion, Ketty deserves a larger memorial. The name Cornstalk, and if that is possible, then she should be resting beside him, in Point Pleasant, where once she was happy. Submitted by — R. R. J. Ballard.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LOST COLONY

October 31, 1770 George Washington and party spent the night in camp on the present location of Point Pleasant, W. Va., where the Kanawha joins the Ohio. In this party was his personal physician Dr. James Craik, his western land agent and surveyor Capt. William Crawford, and several others. The next day the party went up the Kanawha about 10 miles and established a camp about the present Beech Hill section of Mason Co. on the South side of the river. They spent the night of Nov. 1 in this camp. The following day they went on up the Kanawha about four more miles. There the party split. Col. Washington and some men explored the land about the Kanawha and the Indians; the rest, under Dr. Craik, returned to Point Pleasant. They continued on up the river and established a camp near the mouth of the river and extended 17 miles up the river. The survey extended back generally about one mile from the river and was known as the military line. This contained 10,990 acres and was officially known as Washington Tract No. 1 a patent having been granted by the State of Virginia on Dec. 15, 1772.

After the Battle of Point Pleasant, and erection of Fort Blair, Col. Washington appointed James Cleveland to oversee the building of his settlement on the Kanawha. The party was outfitted and labor obtained by buying indentured servants. On April 26th, the party located the site of the proposed settlement, work was started immediately. Cleveland had trouble with the
Although films are very scarce, we are getting a few snapshots of interesting places. Everything is fine with me.

As usual, Wilbur,

IN 1934.

Miles L. Riffle, second son of Mr. & Mrs. E. S. Riffle, of Bethel, returned recently after an absence of about four years, three of which were spent in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Riffle left in 1930 for an extended tour of the western states. This was his third trip through the west. On August 17, 1931, at San Pedro, California, he enlisted in the Medical Department of the United States Army, and sailed September 11, 1931, on U.S. Transport "Grant" for the Philippine Islands, going by way of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Guam, visiting both places. Twenty three days were taken enroute. At one point on the route, midway between the United States and Hawaii, the ship was about 1,000 miles from land.

While in the Philippine Islands, Mr. Riffle worked in the Sternberg General Hospital at Manila. Many and varied were his experiences during his stay in the Islands.

On June 23, 1934, Mr. Riffle left the Islands, returning on the same ship, "Grant". He sailed to Chinwangtao, China, and landed. While on shore he made a trip of about one hundred and fifty miles inland to Tientsin, China. Sailing again from Chinwangtao, China, he passed within sight of the shores of Japan and many of her islands. The remainder of the return trip was made by way of Honolulu with a stopover there. Twenty six days were required for the return trip to the states.

Mr. Riffle was honorably discharged from the Army on July 28, 1934. He came home through Reno, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Columbus. He is now greeting his friends throughout this section. Note. Miles resides in Columbus, Ohio with his wife Helen.

WOODY "SPLINTER" GRAINS

"Woody" is a Ventriloquists dream (or nightmare), with high school ambitions. He has been rejected on other attempts to get his high school diploma, but he figures the best way to graduate is to get kids behind him, and once they see how intelligent he is, they can decide he is not "Dummy."

Woody and his partner, Carole Bullock Yeager, have tried local schools, churches, 4-H clubs, clubs and any place you find several people gathered.

Carole Yeager and "Woody"

Carole's idea of being a ventriloquist has been that it is not only a medium of entertainment but a tool of communication in the fight against crime, drug abuse, accidents and any other contemporary problem that perplex our society, and with ventriloquism there is no generation gap.

Carole has been a ventriloquist since 1979. She is a member of the "North American Association of Ventriloquists" and attended the National Ventriloquist Convention this year. She and Woody have appeared at the Ohio State Fair, Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, Greenbrier, W. Va., General Federation of Woman's Club State Convention and the West Virginia Real Estate Association.

"Woody" may be wooden, but not speechless. Those who have seen "Woody" in action knows that he inspires everyone he comes in contact with. He has never done a show that didn't have a "memorable" behind it and he strives to be the hero of every young person. As "Woody" talks through the unmoving lips of his partner, Carole, his stream of entertaining chatter brings smiles and laughter to all.

Even though "Reddy Redwoods" and "Saw Dust" have his friends, conversational subjects about termites and root rot will cause him to shiver in his timbers.

Carole's first partner was Cuddles-Cat, a hand puppet, but after several years her husband, Howard L. Yeager Jr., presented her with "Woody" as a Christmas gift. It took about a year of practicing to master the art of using a figure.

Being the only ventriloquist in Mason County has its advantages and disadvantages, but Carole and Woody hope they will always be an inspiration to the young and old alike.

MASON COUNTY'S NAMESAKE

Mason County natives should be especially proud of the 1804 Pioneer ancestors in (the) western Kanawha County, Virginia. By choosing the surname of George Mason for their new county, they chose one of the topmost intellects, whose ideas Thomas Jefferson used for the Declaration of Independence.

George Mason (1725-1792) of Fairfax County, Virginia, studied law and was a sponsor of the George Rogers Clark expedition to the Northwest Territories. And, by composing a paper, "Extracts From the Virginia Charter," 1773, he helped extend the western border and also provided American (English) claims to all land south of the Great Lakes.

George Mason believed in rights for the common man and freedom for all people. He thought slavery should be abolished and freedom through a gradual process. Although he preferred only to write privately, while managing his estate, neighbors finally urged him into public leadership. He wrote most of the 1775 Virginia Constitution. With Jefferson, he is an important part in the Colonies' Constitutional Convention, but wouldn't sign the finished product because not enough rights were properly addressed and the judiciary was too weak.

In 1776, his paper, "The Declaration of Rights" was widely accepted. The constitution, adopted in 1787, later incorporated most of Mason's suggestions in the form of the first eleven Amendments. The first ten concerned rights and the eleventh strengthened the judiciary. France also used his paper to support its revolution.

Historians are beginning to recognize George Mason's important contributions of basic tenets on which our unique government was formed. By choosing his name, Mason County Pioneers recognized Mason's importance, his contributions to the rights and the necessity of checks and balances in the governmental framework to protect liberties and perpetual freedoms.

West Virginian's lives are enriched once they fully understand the heritage of Pioneers and the men and women who stood before them and during the days of the revolution. The historical resources filed away in the "inner sanctum" of Virginia's State Library should be copied and placed in every county library. The petitions, debates, and political
skirmishes are a vital part of our heritage.

Perhaps, in the near future, a student of Pioneer history needn't go to the University of Virginia's George Mason College, or Richmond, to read rare papers, but can stay in Mason County to read and study George Mason's 1776 paper, "The Declaration of Rights." Submitted by -- R.R.J. Ballard

FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS

On February 1, 1967 while 90 persons were out to lunch the Quality Manufacturing Co. caught fire and lost 150 sewing machines, all yard goods and garments ready for shipping. The two-story tile building 11th & Viand Street was gutted. Traffic was cut off on both streets by fire trucks and equipment, and traffic routed to Rte. 2 to catch Jericho road.

Lawrence Gerlach Sr. and sons Lawrence and Oscar, owners, immediately acquired a two story block building on 22nd street which housed the skating rink and bowling alley, and in a few months were back in business. It is now closed.

Mason County Motors employed 30 persons and was adjacent. A wing section saved from the main building was turned into parts department, the sales department moved to the upper office (now the Jack Roush Ford Sales) and a building nearby became the body shop. Bill Knight was Manager.

Paul Woods was the fire chief and he and crews fought the blaze and smoldering ruins for several days. A Galapagos and Middlesport sent firefighters, other companies were on standby. Gene Balls restaurant, Bellemeade EUB Church, Broughton Dairy furnished food, and the Salvation Army from Athens, Ohio sent medicines. The Bill Heslops on Main Street lost a small church. She rented sleeping rooms and the Farm Credit has a building on the lot.

Mrs. Lula Miles ran the Sterling Hotel on 11th Street that faced Main Street Baptist church. She rented sleeping rooms and the twelve men lost belongings. She never relocated. The Bill Heslops on Main Street lost a small building but saved the antiques stored inside.

The Morrison Department Store on Main Street was gutted but returned to business, those who had lay-a-ways for the holidays lost their purchases. Christ Episcopal Church on Main Street in the 800 block was remodeled, and Valley Bell on 22nd Street returned to business within a short time.

Two River Motors was totaled (322 Viand) in 1970, never rebuilt. Citizens National Bank (mini-bank) is on the lot. The fire caused extensive damage to the Getty Equipment 3 story business across the street (former VanMatre & Woodard Plumbing Shop), they operated for a short time on first floor. Mountain State Siding and Window Co. now is on the lot.

The Marietta Plant explosion in 1933 took the lives of 34 employees. The Courthouse explosion in May 1976 took several lives and injured prisoners, repairs were made to the jail section which suffered the most damage. (It is well to note that the new Courthouse replaces the old courthouse, old clerks office, the one room (old schoolhouse) Mason Co. library and the old street car diner (about 1920). These were just a few of the later fires.

THE WAY IT WAS

Gatherings for the early Camp generations was mostly work related, helping a sick friend, neighbor or someone in need.

The men gathered to shuck corn, help with the harvesting or house raisings and cut wood for the fireplaces. While the men worked, the women helped with the children, cooking and house work.

Laundry was done by hand on a wash board. The clothes were hung on a line out of doors to dry, both in the summertime and in the winter. They ironed with flat irons, heated on the kitchen cook stove.

Most food for the table was raised on the land, so there was a job in the field. Clothing was mostly home-made.

When canning time came they gathered for bean stringings. In the fall there was a gathering for apple peeling - time to make apple butter, and in winter a time for quilting parties. After cooking, a pot of candy was made if the ingredients were available.

The happiest gatherings of all was when a couple wed. They had a shivaree - rang gongs, blew horns, beat on cans, and marched around the house. These were the good old days, wishing them joy and happiness in their future. In return for the crowds efforts and enthusiasm, each was treated with cookies or candy. This was the starting of a new home.

Communication was mostly by mouth or letter writing. No electric, television, or radios, and very few telephones. Transportation for most people was by means of horse and wagon, horseback or on foot.

A doctor was sent for after all home remedies were used and found to be unsuccessful. Times were rough and money was scarce especially for a large family.

The Great little school on Palestine Ridge, consisted of one room with a pot belly stove in the center of the room and a long recitation seat was in front of the teachers desk and blackboard. This school was called Town Hall. Here some of the Camps and their descendents got their only education and others started theirs.

We are of the fourth generation of Camps. This was also a way of life for us in our early years. We also attended the same one room school and the Palestine Baptist Church which is nearby. Things have changed since our childhood days and for the better. Children sometimes ask if we remember the "Good Old Days."

The answer, I don't know because I never had any, considering what there is today. If asked about home, we say Mason County, West Virginia. We refer to the Old Camps House on the hill, home of our Grandfather Willard, where we spent most of our childhood days. Often on Sunday evenings we gathered to visit and play. Most everyone was related and were great-grandchildren. There we all shared both bad and good times with our families. There are many fond memories of our parents, sisters, and brothers. It will always be home to us.

The Mason County hills is still swinging with relatives, nieces, nephews and cousins by the dozens. We all spend most of our time on the old homestead of Ezra and Eliza. Most of the early ways of life is in the past and forgotten, unless you have lived it.

We are the great grandchildren of the late Ezra and Eliza Camp. Submitted by -- Agnes Camp.

EARLY POINT PLEASANT TRADE

Point Pleasant, sitting between two large arteries of water - the way to travel - must have always been well known. From the legendary white people who lived here before the Indian tribes, and on, through the French planting lead plates, George Washington, who referred to it as the "pleasant point" to identify his camp site here in 1770.

It was a look out spot, a defense for the interior. And for the weary army that fought The First Battle of the Revolution, October 10, 1774, near their camp, it was supposed to be only a destination. In a way, commerce began then. A shelter

was built for the dying and wounded; then, the ill-fated Fort Blair; and, later, the first Fort Randolph was here.

Daniel Boone was ready in 1785 to leave his Kentucky land woes behind. He helped his family run the Limestone Trading Post Inn on the Ohio River, but he traveled. As Accountant, Builder, Court Official, Diplomat, Explorer, Hunter-Trapper, Husband-Father, Legislator, Merchant, Soldier, and Surveyor, he noted the new Fort Randolph being constructed. Soon he brought wife Becky to see the area where he'd like to build and live.

In the fall of 1788, Boone brought part of his family on a trip here, to bring 15 kegs of ginseng. Along were Becky, daughter, Mrs. Goe, son Nathan, 8, (and probably) the orphan, Chloe Flinn. The "sang got wet." Boone left it to dry. The next spring, he returned with his older sons, Daniel Morgan and Jesse. They brought a drove of horses, picked up the ginseng, and took both to Hagerstown and Philadelphia to market. By 1789, the Pioneers at Ft. Lee, had initiated proceedings to have Boone commissioned "Lt. Col." Don't forget - Kanawha Valley, not Kentucky, is where he became "Col."

Danger lurked everywhere in 1791. Boone was elected to the Virginia Legislature. He walked all the way to Richmond with his usual trusty rifle and butcher knife. Soon, he built another dwelling on the south side of the Kanawha River, in the area of (now) Kanawha City. Some historians think that Boone kept shelters several places for his travels.

Historians will be forever thankful that a young man, Lyman C. Draper, became interested in Texas-Allegheny Pioneers about 1838, and intended to write Boone's history. So, he traveled and wrote to any one with information - for over 50 years. His data are in The Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin.

The following people were customers at Boone's Trading Post Inn on Crooked Creek, Point Pleasant, or were recorded for some other reason. The first six names are not from Draper, per se, but from survivor Charles Johnston's story in 1823:

1790 March; Charles Johnston; John May; Jacob Skyler; Peggy Fleming; Dolly Fleming;
John Fllin
May; James Van Bibber; Abner Prior
June; Leonard Cooper (& Mar. 1791); William Craig; George Hornion; Mary Bruce
July; Allyn/Alien Prior (& June) 1791, Nov.
1794 August; Matthias Van Bibber (& Ap. 1791)
September; Lewis Tacket (& Mar. 1791);
Frank Tacket
October; Luman Gibbs; John Young; Isaac Van Bibber (& May 1791, Mar. & Nov. 1794
November; Thomas Alsbury, Sr.; Robert McIlhany
1795 December; Col. Andrew Lewis (& June 1791)
No Month (given); Sarah Robinson; Isaac
My mother was helping us with our homework when we heard water rushing by the window. Yet, looking out, there was nothing; no rain, no water of any kind.

She said, “Never mind, go to bed now.”

We were startled when “the boat men” meant the insurance men, I’m sure, came to see us. So we were yet to be found, so she came to Crooked Creek. Aboard were May, his attorney, Charles Calhoun, a warm, kind mother, who taught her “The Three R’s” with Nathan Boone, six. No relatives were yet to be found, so she came to Crooked Creek with her adoptive family.

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A rugged, dangerous life improved when Gen. Lightfoot brought Rebecca to show her the spot he’d like to choose finally spoke— the battle of Chief Cornstalk was well over six feet tall, intelligent, spoke English, and, bringing her personal horse of forty longhorn cattle, was now living at the fort because she liked and helped whites.

1782, Cabin Creek. Sgt. Flynn had settled up from the mouth of this stream which flowed into the Kanawha to form a small island, and the name was for his cabin. A raft collector came by to list any white males (age 16 up) and their possessions. Sgt. Flynn paid nineteenth shillings, nine pence for four horses and seven cattle. Son John’s sixteen horses gave the Virginia government two pounds, two shillings. The family had no slaves.

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nervous and having some trouble with my feet and legs. I just set around. So I thought I would sit and I found something about the old Edwards family. Also the Gibbs family. These are their names. Albert Edwards was the oldest one in the family. They had three children. Two girls and one boy. They lived in the old log house down below. John Morning lived, they are all dead. Your Dad lived there with his Grand Mother, when I was a boy we played together.

Smith Edwards my Grand father was the second child. He married a Pullins. She died when my father and his brother Jim Edwards was in the Army. He then married Mary Clendenin the children were all by his first wife my father was the oldest in the family these were five fine boys and three girls in the family they are all dead. Letitia was the oldest name in that family, she married Christena Gibbs they had 4 girls and 5 boys they are all dead. George Rickard married Becta they had 5 girls and 3 boys they are all dead but Ross.

Vinson Edwards married aunt Marg they had eleven children 6 girls and 5 boys they are all dead.

My Grand father on my mothers side his name was Zebulin Gibbs (wife Mahala Vanneter) There was six girls in the family and one boy. John Blessing married one in the family. Us kids called her aunt Sis. She died when I was just a little boy. They had three girls all married Roushs. One married a Rickard. They had one boy Tom Blessing they are all dead.

Elias Roush married aunt Caroline she was the second one in the family. They had five children four girls and one boy they are all dead. Lewis Edwards married the third one in the family her name was Christena. They had four girls five boys. They are all dead. George Rickard married aunt Becky. She had fits she fell in the fire in a fit and died of the burns. Cassy was just a baby when it happened.

Perry Gibbs married Lydia Bass. They had 6 children. Grandma’s (Virginia) had one brother Perry and sister’s Margaret, Caroline, Becky, Sis, Christina.

My Grand father on my side Zebulin Gibbs owned the old Shirley Farm my mother and the other girls was born there. My mother was six years old when he sold the Shirley farm. He sold it to Isaac Lewis and bought four hundred acres on Mission ridge it was all in woods at that time he built one house for himself one just about the old homeplace. When the war broke out all the young men had to go to war. So after the war was over and the girls got married he gave the girls forty acres and they built log houses and cleared up the land.

The first saw mill in that country was the Fisher camp hollow. When they begun to raise families they cut timber and hauled logs to get lumber to build the old Mission Ridge church. Some of the nicest poplar timber that was growned was in that neighborhood.

This is hoping this finds you both well. I dont know if you can read this or not. So will say Lot of Love and as ever James T. Edwards

Your Uncle

Submitted by — Alonzo J. Dickens

HENRY J. FISHER

Henry J. Fisher died January 31, 1883 age 92 years, and was an attorney with many years of practice in Pt. Pleasant. His wife Mary Booten, daughter of William Booten, died April 28, 1858 age 42 yr. 11 mo. and 21 days. They are buried in Pioneer cemetery with their son Henry who died June 18, 1887 in Chicago at the age of 41 years, 2 mo., 26 days. His wife was Marie Procotor. The father has a will long recorded in the clerks office in which he describes his war losses. His law office still stands in the 400 block behind the Farmers Hardware.

William Booten Sr. dec’d by July 1833 (Bk. H. p. 468) lists heirs as son Hiriam and his wife Milly; Isaac Ball and wife Elizabeth (Boothen) of Lawrence Co. Ky.; Lewis Booten of Greenup Ky. Provisions had been made for Mary (Fisher), previously. Booten is buried in Pioneer cemetery.

A suit was brought settling aside the will of Henry Fisher Sr. by the son who had moved to Chicago in 1880. Henry Sr. had left large tracts of land and many houses and lots in Jackson, Wood, Mason, Roane and Cabell Counties. The estate was devised to trustees for the benefit of Henry J. Fisher Jr. and his wife. A Bill of Review was filed by some of the devisees of the will and this was entered in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals that held the will was valid and Henry J. Fisher Jr. was given one half and the other half went to the other devisees but the whole estate was charged with the support of Mrs. Marie B. Fisher. Young Fisher died and from that time on Mrs. Maria P. Fisher had received no support. She was awarded $700 per year which made $8000 due her. She filed a petition in Parkersburg asking for appointment of a receiver. (March 1898)

HESLOP’S PT. PLEASANT MACHINE SHOP

To engage in, conduct and carry on the business of founders and machinists, metal workers, smiths — for making fittings, castings and forgings of all kinds and fabricate sheet metals for all kinds of constructions — design, build, manufacture and sell steamboat machinery and equipment, mine cars, and tractors — to build, construct, enlarge, repair, operate, buy, sell, hire

Inscription under picture

This photo is in remembrance of those that once trol Bear Hollow Road in Mason County. It is the old Armel Church building. Submitted by — Calvin H. Smith
First mail to come in for some time just received. You should see us crowd around to see who were the lucky ones — so far I have received three letters — on your latest the “via” New York had been scratched out and on another the initials EF had been written out in full. I wonder if the authorities in Pt. Pleasant think this is incorrect. I mention this as you may doubt the correctness of my address. It is 80th division. The A in AEF is written in full to distinguish it from Australia or Africa. — I may be transferred to Headquarters Co. 315 on account of my work (radio telegraphy) — after another week we will move again somewhere. I have enjoyed my stay in this camp (more than in France) — we will leave in trucks and return to the Battery 25 miles away. — have had plenty of gas mask drill. They have a gas school in this camp and you see soldiers doing all sorts of things with their masks on, even cooking — we are required to wear them each day in training — 10 minutes was long enough for me at Camp Lee. — The Tyler fellow who married Miss Campbell is located in this camp. The advance detachment of the (censored) Art. Brigade (Camp Sherman) came in about 3 weeks ago. Is Kirby Halloway in artillery? — our bunch is the first National Army to hit this place which is some distinction. The 80th Division was the first NA to come over as a unit. The Quartermaster Corp. has a Commissary here where three days a week we can buy candy, tobacco, canned good, polish, toilet supplies at cheap prices. —

Your son.

A LETTER FROM FRANCE 1918

June 27, 1918
Bty. D. 315 Regt. FA-AEF

Dear Mother:

Have been moved about considerably — a few days ago nine of our battery came to this place — Camp Coitguidan, and it is situated in a beautiful somewhat hilly country not far from Remes France — we live in comfortable terracotta barracks built by German prisoners — of the latter we have quite a few here working at this and that — they are husky fellows and seem satisfied with their lot — there are American soldiers here aplenty — we have become accustomed to French money and have found out that we can’t always get what we want when we want it — have not received any mail since I left the states — we get American editions of some Paris papers about the size of our daily, — the only drawback is it takes about 2 hours to get waited on — I have had Lowney’s stick candy and lemon drops that I bought here. We don’t get much candy and I haven’t tasted ice cream for two months — I hear that Ed and Emma (Ed Lawhead and Emma Powell) were married — Hope soon to receive the dailies even if they are old so I can read the news from home — We get wireless communiques from the front — I am all right and not afraid to take my chances along with the rest. Your loving son.

July 27, 1918 - On active service with the American Expeditionary Force.
Peoples Bank of Point Pleasant opened for business in September, 1965 on the corner of Fifth and Main Street in downtown Point Pleasant. By the end of that first year, the Bank had accumulated assets of $880,000. Peoples has continued to grow throughout its 22 year history with present assets of $67 million.

In April, 1972 Peoples Bank moved to new facilities at 2212 Jackson Avenue. The building was designed by W.V. architect Clint Bryan to provide maximum comfort and convenience for the Bank's customers. Customer service has always been the top priority of Peoples Bank, and in April, 1985 the Bank greatly expanded its service area through the acquisition of Mason County Bank with offices at 2nd and Brown Street in Mason and 5th Street in New Haven. In June, 1987 Peoples Bank will become a part of City Holding Company, which also incorporates City National Bank in Charleston, WV and the Bank of Cross Lanes.

Peoples Bank, a state-chartered bank, was incorporated April 19, 1965 by R. B. Rothgeb, Forrest Clark, A. R. Kaufman, P. A. Sayre, and Carl Fruth. Pete Wedge, Vitus Hartley, Jr., Jack E. Fruth, and Dale Nibert joined the original Board of Directors later in 1965.

Presidents who have served Peoples Bank are R. Barbee Rothgeb, the original President, who served until March, 1967; Vitus Hartley, Jr., who served twenty years in the position until his retirement on December 31, 1986; and James H. Lewis, the current President.

Chairmen who have served the Bank are R. Barbee Rothgeb, who served from March, 1967 until his death in the late 70's, at which time he was succeeded by the present Chairman, Forrest Clark. Jack E. Fruth has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee since 1967.

In 1965 Peoples Bank had three full-time employees, including Mrs. Jeanne Barney, who now holds the position of Senior Vice-President and Cashier. Peoples has now become one of Mason County’s major employers with 53 full time employees.

As the financial needs of its customers become more complex, Peoples Bank will continue to stress innovative banking and community reinvestment to maintain its high standard of customer service.
JACK ROUSH MOTOR CAR, INC.
1111 VIAND STREET
POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA
PHONE 675-5045

Jack Roush Motor Car, Inc. was formed in June 1979, by Jack Roush of Point Pleasant, W. Va. and Oliver Adkins, Gallipolis, Ohio. It was located in Henderson, W. Va., at Junctions 2 & 35. Today it is located at 1111 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, W. Va. and owned by Jack & Janice Roush.

There are twelve employees now working at its present location. Three of Jack & Janice's children are employed. Bobby & Steven are salesmen and Missy works in the office. There are two other salesmen, Randy Akins, Gallipolis, Ohio and Thomas (Tucker) Mayes, Mason, W. Va.

Clarence (Dusty) Chapman is the Service Manager and has four people who work under him. Randy Birchfield, Henderson, W. Va., Raymond Bates, Carroll Bates and Lloyd Lee all of Point Pleasant.

We have a good selection of late model vehicles, 1987 conversion vans and also recreational vehicles.

We have rental cars that we rent with daily and weekly rates.

We appreciate all of our friends and customers that we have sold in the past and welcome them all back in the future.

FRENCH CITY MOBILE HOMES, INC.
UPPER RIVER ROAD • P.O. BOX 532 • GALLIPOLIS, OHIO 45631 • PHONE: (614) 446-9340

French City Mobile Homes, Inc., the area's oldest sectional home dealer, is located on approximately 3 acres along the Ohio River at 269 Upper River Road, Gallipolis, Ohio. The Company was founded in Gallipolis in 1970, and is now owned and operated by James H. Staats and James D. Staats of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Joe G. Giles of Gallipolis, Ohio.

The Company was originated and continues to grow by offering Quality Homes at affordable prices. With a professionally trained service department, the Company takes great pride in the manner in which their houses are set and serviced. It is this dedication to customer satisfaction that remains the number one priority at French City Mobile Homes.

By working with a responsible manufacturing network, the Company is able to work closely with each manufacturer to insure that each customer will receive exactly what they are looking for in a manufactured home.

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The Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized March 12, 1901, and chartered June 11, 1901. This is the second oldest chapter in West Virginia. The organizing Regent was Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger.

The charter members were: Mrs. Milley Cowdery Scott, Mrs. Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger, Mrs. Mary Margaret Bryan, Mrs. Salley Pullins Brobeck, Mrs. Gretchen Pullin Wilson, Mrs. Jennie Murdock Newton, Mrs. Julia Darneal Beale, Mrs. Edith Miller Wade, Mrs. Cordelia A. Byers, Mrs. Charlotte McCulloch Steenbergen, Miss Mary McCulloch, Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis McCulloch, Mrs. Sallie Lewis McCulloch Steenbergen, Miss Sarah Susan Waggoner, Miss Kate Byers Stribling, Mrs. Jessie Walton Glover, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter Hartinger, Mrs. Cornelia Campbell Tippett, Mrs. Nannie Hawkins Hogg, and Miss Elizabeth Harden Hogg.

In 1901, the Mansion House was chosen as the meeting place of the new organization. It had been built in 1796 by Walter Newman, and was used as a tavern, inn, residence, and place of public entertainment. It was the first hewn log house built in the county. Dr. Poffenbarger, with the aid of Mason County and the Point Pleasant citizens, made additions to the building and modernized it and in the same year, the Legislature appointed the DAR as custodians of the building. Mrs. Poffenbarger was very zealous in acquiring furniture and historical records. Many people responded to her pleas as she scoured the country-side, and the house, used by the DAR Chapter as a meeting place, is furnished in colonial style. It is visited each year by thousands of tourists from all parts of the country.

The chapter was named for Col. Charles Lewis, an officer of the Virginia Regiment, who was killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774.

As early as 1860, interested local residents organized to build a monument to mark the Battle of 1774. The Civil War interfered and it was not until 1901 when the DAR was organized, that an effort was made to complete the plans. Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger, who worked enthusiastically for whatever she believed in, spearheaded the movement to erect the monument. She owned a newspaper, the State Gazette, and she used this for her purposes. She always said, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

In 1909 the unveiling and dedication of the Point Pleasant Battle Monument took place and at least 15,000 people witnessed this important event.

In 1901 a celebration was held when the park was christened "Tu-Endi-Wei" and the remains of Ann Bailey were re-entered in the park. Later the remains of Cornstalk were removed to the park.

The patriotic members of the DAR during all wars have worked on many projects to aid our fighting men.

The Mansion House is a museum which is maintained by the Daughters. This chapter promotes the study and appreciation of our history in our schools, as well as patriotism, good government, and appreciation of our national heritage.

Regents of the Col. Charles Lewis Chapter have been: Mrs. Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger, Mrs. Delia Byers McCulloch, Mrs. Julia Lewis Beale, Mrs. Charlotte McCulloch Steenbergen, Mrs. Frances Long Franklin, Mrs. Jennie Moredock Newton (Two Terms), Mrs. Gertrude Burdette Bateson, Mrs. Lena Roseberry Meyer, Mrs. Ora Hogg Vaught, (two terms), Mrs. Margaret Lewis Blackwood (two terms), Mrs. Ora Patterson Biddle (two terms), Mrs. Effie Prosser Lusher, Mrs. Margaret Somerville Price (two terms), Mrs. Leta Ball Folesong, Mrs. Charlotte Weisenburger Sayre, Mrs. Louise Morris Bryan, Mrs. Garnette Stanley, Mrs. Florence Juhling McClung, Mrs. Sally Lou Stenberg, Mrs. Emma Burdette Beller (three terms), Mrs. Anna Lee Musgrave Collins, Mrs. Goldie Comstock Roush, Mrs. Evelyn Folesong Proffitt, Mrs. Mable Eads Henderson, Mrs. Cary Howard Rayburn, Miss Leah Jane Powell, Mrs. Alice Carder Sauer, Mrs. Helen Kay Sterrett, Miss Katherine Wilson, Mrs. Arnolda Carpenter, Mrs. Mildred Chapman Gibbs, Mrs. Anna Carder Proffitt (two terms), Mrs. Betty Caudill Kauff.

Members of this chapter have also filled state and national offices. They are: State Regents, Ora Hogg Vaught, Florence Juhling McClung; State Vice-Regents, Jennie Moredock Newton, Ora Hogg Vaught, Florence Juhling McClung; Recording Secretary, Livia Simpson-Poffenbarger, Charlotte McCulloch Steenbergen, Lena Roseberry Myer, Margaret Somerville Price, Florence Juhling McClung; Corresponding Secretary, Frances Long Franklin, Anna Lee Musgrave Collins; Chaplain, Ora Patterson Biddle, Goldie Comstock Roush; Historian, Della Byers McCulloch (Honorary historian for Life), Mable Eads Henderson; Librarian, Florence Juhling McClung; Registrar, Lena Roseberry Meyer.

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The Point Pleasant Junior Woman’s Club has been an active and valuable part of the community since 1924. Organized by 20 young women in the fall of 1924 as the Junior Woman’s Civic Club of Point Pleasant and admitted to the General Federation of Women’s Club on March 27, 1935, the “Juniors” have been the leaders in community service for more than 50 years.

Recent projects have included the Mason County Children’s Home, “Kid T.R.A.C.K.S.” identification project and an annual $50 U.S. Savings Bond award to the outstanding Point Pleasant High School senior girl for leadership. The club received top honors in 1984 for the Community Improvement Project with its participation in the Harmon Park pool project and in 1985, received Best Club Medium Size for its Home Life projects in Cystic Fibrosis fundraising and providing numerous “family” oriented services through the community. The latter two awards were given by the GFWC-WVFWC Junior Department.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY HOSPITAL “FAMILY” SINCE 1959.

Margaret Lambert, President (far left) and Elsa Roach (second from left) admire the state of the art Operating Table purchased in 1986 by the Auxiliary at a cost of $23,000 with two O.R. staff members.
Citizens National of Point Pleasant, 421 Main Street, dates back to August 9, 1853 when a branch of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Virginia was organized.

In 1865, the branch of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Virginia was dissolved and the Merchants National Bank of West Virginia organized by the stockholders of the old branch bank to take its place so that it was, in substance, a reorganization of the same bank, effected for the purpose of making it a national bank, doing business under then, the new national banking laws.

On August 19, 1903, when another reorganization occurred, the name was changed to Merchants National Bank of Point Pleasant.

The Merchants National Bank of Point Pleasant was reorganized on August 16, 1928 and name was changed to the Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant. The Bank took pride in the fact that the Citizens National Bank remained solvent throughout the entire depression despite the failure of many banks at that time.


The Mini Bank, located at 332 Viand Street, the first branch, was opened in September 1979.

On May 20, 1983, Citizens National Bank finalized their merger agreement with First Huntington National Bank. The merger, first of its kind in West Virginia was made possible as a result of legislative changes in state banking laws.

In July 1986, the North Branch, at 2513 Jackson Avenue, opened its doors making three locations for the bank.

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A HISTORY OF
PLEASANT VALLEY HOSPITAL

Pleasant Valley Hospital is a private, not-for-profit community hospital that opened its doors to patients in 1959 with 40 beds. In 1969, a new wing was opened which doubled the bed capacity. Also constructed was a new OB Department, a new entrance and a new lobby. In 1971, a modern Physical Therapy Department was established and in 1972, a new five bed, semi-circular, glass enclosed, Intensive Care-Coronary Care Unit was completed. In 1976, the South Tower was opened adding eight physician office suites and 76 beds. In 1978, Home Health Services were added enabling nurses and other health care personnel to deliver care to the patient in the home under a physician’s order.

A new $2 million Nursing Care Unit, a skilled nursing facility, was opened in 1978. A new $1.9 million Medical Office Building with a capacity of 24 physician offices was erected in 1982 and opened in 1984.

Today, Pleasant Valley Hospital, a 128 bed, acute care facility, offers a vast array of programs, attracting patients from all surrounding communities. Some of these programs include:

Out-Patient Services - Pleasant Valley Hospital offers a wide variety of out-patient services including laboratory, Radiology, (or X-ray), out-patient surgery, and a full range of Cardiac and Respiratory testing and treatment.

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The Wellness Center is designated to help the public attain a healthier life with “state-of-the-art” exercise equipment and programs. Home Medical Equipment, an affiliate of the hospital, provides the home-bound patient with all necessary medical equipment and supplies.

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By Roy Blessing

Union and Confederate troops were destined to battle in both Virginia and Tennessee when a small weekly paper, The Point Pleasant Register, began publication, in what was then Point Pleasant, Virginia.

George W. Tippett, Editor Publisher, for more than 40 years, began printing this paper March 6, 1862. The Point Pleasant Register paper has continued, weekly-daily, 124 years.

The newspaper was first housed in a small frame building on lower Main Street, with subscriptions $1.00 per annum, strictly in advance. Later, an advertisement stipulated 40 pounds of rags would pay a year’s subscription.

City Editor E. M. FitzGerald joined Tippett in 1863. An Editorial, June 20, of that year: “June 20th, 63, is the natal day of this last born of the ever glorious galaxy of states constituting the American Union ... Born amid the convulsions of revolution, she is destined to be cradled in the midst of contention, carnage, and blood.”

A front page poetry column in June of 1864 published “Barbara Frietchie” by John G. Whittier. May, 1867, saw a new city editor, J. A. Shearer, who may have started as a reporter earlier. He left the paper in August 1867.

The masthead listing Tippett as editor and proprietor, January 11, 1899, reported the small Daily Register was completing its fourth year. In 1902, F. B. Tippett replaced George Tippett as editor. In 1908, new Editor W. H. Needham assumed the post serving until 1913 or longer. Once again, evidence of Daily Register’s existence indicated by “items lifted from Wednesday’s issue” for the weekly.

New editorial leadership started in 1916, with the August 14 issue listing R. B. Bell as Editor and general manager. Bell’s length of service is not known, but possibly went through the 1920’s.

On July 24, 1930, a new Point Pleasant Register Company Corporation came into being. Stockholders included H. C. Ogden, Wheeling; W. R. Keyser, Welch; C. C. Lewis, Tol Stribling and E. J. Somerville, all Point Pleasant. Business continued operations in the brick building on Fifth Street. Prior to this, editorial offices were maintained on the second floor over Fred Smith Hardware, corner, Fifth and Main streets. The brick structure now houses Musgrave and Morgan law offices.

W. Cleveland Bowie assumed the Editor’s post assisted by his wife, Anita, in 1931, remaining until 1941 when he resigned to begin studies for the Episcopal ministry. He was succeeded by Edward Swint, also assisted by wife, Bethel, in 1941. During Swint’s tenure (which continued until 1965), fire badly damaged the brick building interior in 1951.

The building was later sold and the company purchased the property at the corner of Second and Main streets. Operations have continued at this location through the present time.

It should be noted that editors listed from Bell on served on the Point Pleasant Daily Register. Following Swint as editor was J. Knox Dye, working 1960-65. Next in line, John Samsell served as editor two years, 1966-67. William J. Dempsey filled the office in 1968.

In 1969, Robert Wingett became Editor and General Manager. He was assisted by Neil Frieder as News Editor, 1976-79. Frieder was followed by Judy Morgan who served as News Editor until 1985 when she succeeded Wingett as Editor. Wingett became Publisher in 1979 and continues in that position. Steve Halstead became Advertising Manager in 1970 and General Manager in 1980.

On June 30, 1969, Point Pleasant Register became a part of Ohio Valley Publishing Company and OVPC became a division of Multimedia Inc. in 1977.
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HISTORY

Shinns’ Tractor Sales, Inc., 240 Upper River Road, Gallipolis, OH has evolved from a service station and an automobile repair shop, located in Leon, WV. In 1954, Joseph L. Smith, Lowell C. Shinn and James Keith Shinn formed a partnership known as Smith and Shinn Garage, and was relocated in the Howard Schultz building. In 1957 this business was relocated to a new facility at Leon, WV and the name was changed to Shinns’ Texaco Service. In the next few years a Fiat Automobile dealership and a motorcycle dealership was added to the Service Station operations. In 1971 a Massey-Ferguson dealership was purchased from Arbuckle Tractor Sales. This new tractor dealership became the primary business function and was incorporated under the name of Shinns’ Tractor Sales, Inc. In 1979 Shinns’ Tractor Sales, Inc. acquired Gallipolis Tractor Sales. In 1979 Shinns’ Tractor Sales, Inc. acquired Gallipolis Tractor Sales. From 1979 until 1984, operations were maintained at both Leon and Gallipolis, OH locations. In March 1984, the Leon store was closed down, and sales and service was assumed at the Gallipolis location.

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From a small sale-proprietorship in 1952 with a total of 3 employees Fruth Pharmacy has expanded to its present status of 9 stores with over 200 employees.

Jack E. Fruth, son of the late Henry E. and Marjorie M. Fruth, was born in Mason, W. Va. The year that Jack was born the Fruths started the Fountain, a sundry store in Mason. In 1940 the family moved to Buffalo in Putnam County and Fruth’s Fountain was built. They sold ice cream, sundries and beer in the store. The store was closed around 1951 with the Fruths moving to Pt. Pleasant in 1955. Marjorie worked in the pharmacy from 1955 until her death in 1982.

Jack attended Mason Grade School until 1940 when they moved to Buffalo. After finishing the ninth grade in Buffalo, he attended Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg. Jack then attended Duke University from 1946-48. When he decided to major in pharmacy he transferred to Ohio State University and graduated in 1951 from the College of Pharmacy.

For three months in 1951, Jack was employed by Gallaher Drugs of Springfield, Ohio. His next job was with Gallaher Drugs of Xenia, Ohio, where he worked for a year. During that time he formed the plans for opening Fruth’s Pharmacy in Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.

The first location of the pharmacy was at 2119 Jackson Ave. where the store had three employees. After three years the store was moved to 2419 Jackson Ave. where there were more employees than the original three.

The present brick structure was completed in November 1960 and business as usual was in effect.

A large addition was built to the first structure which doubled the size of the pharmacy. Additional gift and sundry items were added to the inventory of the store.

In April 1975 Jack Fruth and Geary Spencer of Huntington purchased the White Cross Pharmacy in the Big Bear Shopping Center at 1st Street and 6th Ave. This store was combined with the inventory of Geary’s store to form Spencer’s White Cross Pharmacy. At a later time the name of the store became Fruth Pharmacy of Huntington.

The property next to the Ohio Valley Bank on Jackson Pike in Gallipolis, Ohio was purchased by Don Pullin and Jack in July 1976. Don and Jack became partners in Fruth Pharmacy of Gallipolis which opened in 1976.

Wellston, Ohio was the site of the fourth Fruth Pharmacy. With the purchase of a former Ford Truck Agency property the business was opened in August 1979 after there was extensive remodeling to the building. Mike Fruth, son of Jack, manages this store.

Rader’s Pharmacy of Milton, W. Va. was purchased by Charles “Laddie” Burdette and Jack in May 1982. The building was remodeled and the inventory was enlarged to complete Fruth Pharmacy of Milton.

Fruth Pharmacy of Middleport, Ohio was formed in 1983 from the purchase of Dulton Drug Co. of Middleport and additional merchandise to complete the pharmacy. Gwen Smith, a pharmacist, employed by Fruth Pharmacy of Ohio is the manager of this pharmacy.

The seventh unit was started in Nitro, W. Va. in the summer of 1984. The Nitro Drug Co. was purchased from Vernon Huffman for a nucleus for the new store. The merchandise was moved to the present location in Nitro. David Morgan, a former pharmacist in the Gallipolis pharmacy is the manager of this pharmacy.

The Fruth Pharmacy of Proctorville, Ohio was formed from the purchase of the Arrington and Wyant Pharmacy in Proctorville and stock from Fruth Pharmacy of Huntington. The store was moved to a former furniture store location on Rt. 7 in Proctorville.

The Fruth Pharmacy in Athens, Ohio was a new store started in the Ampak Plaza on Rt. 50 West near Athens. This unit was opened in October 1986. Robert Peggs is the manager of the ninth Fruth Pharmacy.

The officers of Fruth Pharmacy are Jack E. Fruth, Pres., Don Pullen vice-president, Geary Spencer, vice-president, Kathryn Fruth, secretary and Michael E. Fruth, treasurer.

Jack E. and Frances Rhodes Fruth are the parents of Michael, Joan, Carol, Lejune and Jolen Fruth. The Fruths reside at 719 McCullough Road in Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.

Michael E. Fruth of Wellston, Ohio graduated from Ohio Northern University in pharmacy.
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The business is owned by Forrest Clark who purchased his first cleaning establishment in 1950, the former G. I. Cleaners on North Main Street, which was owned by Luder Stienbeck & Sanford Cremeans. The business was moved by Mr. Clark from North Main to the present site of the Jericho Inn with Duke Williamson coming in as a partner. After 3 years Mr. Williamson left to pursue a career on the river as a Captain. In 1958 the store was moved to the Schultz Building, 2119 Jackson Avenue and in 1969 was moved to its present location at 2419 Jackson Ave. Duke Cleaners now has a total of eight stores serving Point Pleasant, Gallipolis and Chesapeake, Ohio and Huntington, W. Va. areas. The Point Pleasant Store is managed by Delores Hart, of Leon, W. Va.

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The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's Point Pleasant Plant, located on State Route 2, in Apple Grove, W. Va., was constructed in 1958 with the first production beginning in 1959. As the result of several major expansions, the plant currently employs about 475 persons making it one of Mason County's largest employers. The plant has an annual payroll of approximately $1.3 million to the county's tax structure. The plant manufactures polyester resins which are used primarily in the soft drink packaging industry. Other applications of polyester resins include coating solutions, microwave oven trays, adhesives and tire cord.

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Point Pleasant's oldest funeral establishment in operation. Gene E. and Laura Louise Crow began the Crow Funeral Home at 812 Viand Street, which was the former Arnett Funeral Home. The funeral home is now owned and operated by Louis Andrew and Hazel E. Hussell. In 1963, a new building was built at 1701 Jefferson Blvd., becoming the Crow-Hussell Funeral Home. Louis A. Hussell joined the funeral home in 1950, a 1948 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and a 1955 graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. Born in Mason County he is the son of Andrew J. and Sylvia Love Hussell. Louis married Hazel E. Tucker of Grims Landing in 1951. She was the only daughter of Stanley R. “Pet” Tucker and Florence E. Hayes Tucker. Their two children both work in the family business. Louis A. “Andy” Hussell, Jr. joined the staff in 1980 as a licensed mortician after graduating for Point Pleasant High School Class of 1975 and from Morris Harvey College and Beckley College of Mortuary Science, Class of 1980. He married Debra J. Surbaugh a teacher for the Mason County Board of Education. They have two children, Andrea Leigh and Andrew Jacob “Drew” Hussell. Lu Ann Hussell joined the firm in 1985 as a Secretary/Bookkeeper. She had previously worked at Citizens National Bank as Administrator of Student Loans and in the Installment and Commercial Loan Departments. She was a 1972 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and an honor graduate from Marshall University with an Associate Degree in Banking and Finance. Louis and Hazel and their family are all members of Heights United Methodist Church and are involved with several civic organizations. Harry “Mopey” Flowers has been associated with the funeral home since 1964.
American Legion Post 23 is a group of veterans who have served their country during a time of war. The American Legion Post 23 is a member of the largest veterans organization in the world, with over 2.7 million members. Commander of Post 23 is D. K. Simpson; Miles Epling, Post Adjutant; D. O. Sayre, 1st Vice Commander; Q. H. Wickline, Finance Officer and Club Manager; and Buddy Miller, Service Officer. Post 23 has over 600 members presently on its charter. In 1980, the post built their Epling Hall to hold group gatherings as well as Post 23 dinners and meetings. One original charter member is still active, Robert McGuffin, a W.W.I Veteran.

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