A BRIEF

AUTHENTICATED HISTORY

OF THE

CHAMBERS FAMILY

OF VIRGINIA & WEST VIRGINIA
The three living members of the family of Hon. Lorenzo Dow, Senior and Margaret Auxier Chambers.
History is a record of dates and incidents from past but connected with present.

This history of the Chambers family is not complete but I have tried to give facts and correct dates as far as possible.

1752-1953
(Miss) Cora Chambers

Derivation of the Name Chambers

The name Chambers is believed to have been most generally derived from the office of it's first bearers as Chamberlains or treasurers, that is, as officers of the chambers, and bearers of this name have been noted for their energy, industry, integrity, artistic ability, resourcefulness, initiative, perseverance, fortitude, courage, and leadership.

There are numerous families of Chambers whose ancestors came to this country, some as early as the 16th century and settled in different parts of the U.S.A.

Robert Chambers, great-grandfather of the writer, came to the U.S.A. some time before the Revolutionary War.

Robert and his brother, James, born in London, England, having a stepmother, became dissatisfied and ran away from home and came to America as stowaways on a ship. Their father was a tailor by trade and they also learned the trade and they were the only heirs to a very large fortune which they never returned to claim.

Andrew Beren, a merchant of Monroe County, went to New York to buy goods and found the boys wandering on the streets of that city, and I suppose, brought them both back to Monroe and adopted grandfather. He also had an adopted daughter, Hannah Thorne, and she and Robert married.

The records show that one Robert Chambers served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Robert Higgins Company, 8th Virginia Regiment, also designated 4th, 8th and 12th Virginia Regiment, 4th Virginia Regiment, and 3rd and 4th Virginia Regiment, commanded successively by Colonel Abraham Bowman, Colonel James Wood and Colonel John Nevill. He enlisted Augusta County, Virginia 2 August 1777; was transferred about June, 1778, to Capt. Wm. Croghan's Co. same Reg.; was transferred about Oct. 1778 to a company designated at various times as The Colonel's and Colonel John Nevill's Company, same regiment; was appointed corporal 1 February 1779; was transferred about May, 1779 to Captain-Lieutenant Leonard Copper's Company, same regiment, was appointed Sergeant 25 July 1779, and his name last appears on a company muster roll for the month of November, 1779, dated Camp near Norristown 9 December 1779.

The name Robert Chambers, Sergeant, Infantry, appears on a record under the following heading: "A list of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781," which shows that the sum of $101 5 4 was received by G. Hamilton.

This record came from W. M. Bergin, Major General, U.S.A. The Adjutant General.

This same Robert Chambers was held prisoner for fourteen months on a prison ship off the coast of South Carolina.

This is a copy of his discharge from the Virginia State Library.

I do hereby Certify that Serg. Robert Chambers of Coll. John Nevils Detachments of the Virginia line has served the sum of three years for which he was Inlisted and is now hereby Discharged from the Service, that he has received his pay in Continental Currency up to the first Day of December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy nine, Since which he has only received Two Dollars in Spacia from the Deputy Commissioner of Prisoners in Charles Town.

Given under my hand at Williamsburg this 25th day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One.

John Smith Capt. Commt.
D. Stephenson Mag. Gen. of present Virg. Line.

Copy of Bounty Warrant. Robert Chambers (Sergeant) Reg. C. 7582

Pleased to issue my Certificate for
pay and Depreciation and deliver them to Jacob Dorin and this shall be your receipt for the same given by me this 3 day of Dec. 1783.

To the Auditor of Publick Accounts.

Robert Chambers

Sir: Please to direct the Register of the Land office to issue Warrant for the land due me as a Sergt. in the Virg. Con. Line and deliver to Jacob Doran Dec. 3 1783.

To His Excellency the Governor of Virg.

Robert Chambers
Sergt. of Virg. Con. Line.

Montgomery County was formed in 1777 and at the time of its formation included all of West Virginia west of Kanawha and New Rivers, as well as large areas east of those streams and in Virginia. Greenbrier County was formed in 1778, in part from Montgomery, and at the time of its formation included most of what is now Monroe County. Robert Chambers first appears in the records of that section in the State Census of 1782, when he was living in the part of Greenbrier County which was afterwards made into Monroe. His brother, James, was also there. Robert patented 116 acres of land on Wolf Creek in 1787, 120 acres at her home at the mouth of Dow's on Dropping Lick Run in 1793 and 90 acres on Wolf Creek the same year. He also acquired other lands by purchase in 1793 and 1796. When Monroe County was formed in 1799, his name appears on the first tax commissioners list, and also on the list of qualified voters in the elections of 1800.

Robert Chambers enlisted from Augusta County, Va., August 2, 1777. Married Hannah Thorn around 1780 and their home was on Rich Creek, near Peterstown, Monroe County. The Thorns were Dutch people and could not speak English very well and changed the name Thorn to Dorin and that's how we got the name Dorin.

Robert Chambers applied for pension 1818 at the County Clerks office in Monroe County but was turned down on account of having too much property.

The following is a list of the land and property owned by him at the time of application for Pension.

50 acres of land, hilly and not very productive.

406 acres which I entered 1818 but a better title will take it away from me. 98 acres which is also in the 50,000 acre survey and which I'm told will be taken from me.

2 cows and calf - one horse and mare of common size. The mare is 12 years old.

2 sows and 12 pigs. One old.

One communion table, one candle stand-charez, one spinning wheel, one large wheel, one old loom, one large kettle of small dimensions, one small pot and one oven. One skillet and one pot hooks and one pot rack. Six knives and forkes, one knife blade, one dish and three plates. Two basons, one coffee pot, three cups and saucers, one tin cup, one ladle, 1 tin bucket, one blowing horn, one broken candle stick, 1 smoothing iron, one old shovel, 1 looking glass, broken, 1 old silver watch, 1 woman's saddle, 1 old popular plank cupboard. About as much grain as will do me until harvest time. Some Bacon 1 peck of salt, 1 hackle. Some lard. 1 hoe 2 axes, 1 iron wedge. 1 broken hand saw, - drawing knife, 1 old ouger, 1 chisel, 1 old rig, some gums to hold grain, 1 Bible, 1 Testament, 1 Hymn book, life of Washington. some pamphlets, 1 Dictionary, 1 Arithmetic, an obligation on William Brown for keeping his daughter, a note on my son, William, 16.50 in trade.

Report of the Secretary of War, Pensions, Vol., 2 shows that Robert Chambers, Sergeant, was placed on the Pension Roll May 13, 1832 and his Annual Allowance was one hundred and twenty dollars. Description of Service was Virginia Militia. Received the sum of Three hundred sixty dollars. He was then eighty years of age. That would place the date of his birth at 1752.

Robert Chambers and Hannah Thorr Chambers had a family of 6 sons and 2 daughters. Jacob Chambers who married Sarah Smith in Monroe County 1802, later settled on Mill Creek in Logan County. Richard Chambers, who
moved to Louisa County, Kentucky, his daughter, Jane, married Col. William Vinson. Fred Vinson, Chief Justice of the U.S.A. at the time of his death, was of this family. James Chambers married Elizabeth Cole, daughter of Isaac and Kate Thompson Cole, in Monroe County in 1815 and later settled on Rum Creek, Logan County. Robert Chambers was killed in Monroe County by a falling tree.

Richard Chambers, son of Robert and Hannah Chambers, married Mary Garrett in Virginia, came to Louisa, Kentucky. Date not known where he raised a family. He had a daughter, Jane, who married Col. William Vinson. The following children were born to them:

Richard Vinson, who married Georgia Randall; Jenny Vinson, who married George Hutchinson; Mary Jane Vinson, who married William Smith; Sarah Vinson, who married John Johnson; Elizabeth Vinson, who married Clement O'Neal; Kenus Farraw, who married Nancy Wellman; Zattus Chusing, who married Josephine Bromley; Samuel Vinson, who did not marry; Sally Vinson, who married Marlin John.

Sarah Vinson Johnson had a son, who was a West Point graduate and was a Brig. General during the Spanish American War.

Another son, Richard Johnson, was a Professor of English in the University of Kentucky. He spoke twelve languages and was very intelligent.

Zattus Vinson was a very wealthy man, he owned a race track in Catlettsburg, Kentucky and was a lawyer.

George Vinson, son of Richard, was president of the First National Bank of Louisa for years. Farrowest, son of Robert Vinson, was president of the other National Bank in Louisa.

Jack Chambers, who died of cholera in Cincinnati. Col. William Chambers, his grandson, Luther L. Chambers, was at one time Circuit Judge of McDowell County. Anne Chambers, who married Snow Ballard of Monroe County. Kitty or Catherine Chambers married Robert Curry, Jr. and settled on Island Creek in Logan County but later moved to Indiana.

From Records in Monroe County Court House, Union, West Virginia. I, Robert Chambers Senr. Citizen of the U.S.A. and inhabitant of the county of Monroe, State of Virginia, knowing the uncertainty of this life, and judging it expedient to settle my temporal concerns before I go hence, revoking all wills made by me do constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit:

First I desire that so much of my moveable property as will be sufficient to discharge my just debts be applied to that purpose. To my children I make the following bequests, viz, to my son Jacob Chambers twenty eight dollars, to my son Rich (?) Chambers twenty eight dollars, to my son James Chambers twenty eight dollars, to my son William F. Chambers twenty eight to my daughter Katharine Curry thirty eight dollars and to my daughter Anna Ballard twenty eight dollars, to my grand daughter Elizabeth Chambers, daughter of my son Robert Chambers decd, seventy eight dollars with my bureau and one good cow to be held in trust by my executor and her guardian till she is eighteen years old unless married before and in that case, she may receive such a part or the whole as her guardian may think proper until she is eighteen years old and this money I desire may be put to interest with good security but if she should demise before that time, the money to be equally divided between my other legatees. I give and bequeath to my son William F. Chambers his heirs or assigns forever the tract of land I now live on, I also bequeath him and his heirs and assigns forever the tract of land where William Ballard Senr. now lives and also to the same, his heirs or assigns forever I give and bequeath another track of land four hundred and sixty acres joining the land William F. Chambers and others and also to the same his heirs or assigns all the remains of my moveable property that is not otherwise disposed of in this will namely all my household and kitchen furniture with all my wearing apparel and all my beds bedclothes bedsteads with all my books and papers and all my
notes and bonds and all debts that may be due to me in short all that is in the walls of my house with all my farming utensils such as geers, axes (?) hoes mattock and sprouting hoe plows and tomahawk and all that may belong to me in the barn such as grain or straw with my wheat fan cutting knife and box with all the grain that may belong to me that is growing in the field in short everything that is in my possession with my horses cattle sheep and hogs at my decease not otherwise disposed of in this will. I appoint Wm. F. Chambers Executor of this my last will and testament if the congress of the U.S. should judge proper to grant me the arrears of my pension let it be equally divided among all my legatees without exception. The burial of my body I leave to the discretion of my executor and my immortal spirit I commit to almighty God through the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer being fully persuaded of the truth and power and propriety of the Christian religion in witness of this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1836.

Acknowledgment in presence of William Chambers, Jr.
Rudolph Ballard
At Monroe November Court 1836
This will and testament of Robert Chambers dec. was presented in court and proven by the oaths of William Chambers Jr. and Rudolph Ballard subscribing witnesses thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded. And on motion of William F. Chambers the Executor named therein who made oath and together with William Erskine his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of $1000 conditioned as the law directs certificate for obtaining probate thereof in due form is granted him.

A Copy Teste
Isaac Hutchison, Jr.

We next give a list of the descendants of Robert and Hannah Chambers, in so far as we have a record of them. It has been compiled from U.S. Census Records, births, death and marriage records and from other sources. This record does not go past the year 1870 in any instance and covers only descendants in Logan and Boone Counties and does not pretend to be complete. The names of grandchildren of Robert Chambers are preceded by arabic numeral and those of his great-grandchildren by capital letters, and those of his great-great-grandchildren by small letters.

Jacob and Sarah Chambers had the following children:
1. Dr. Fredrick Chambers, born 1803, died 1876, married Susan Lawrence and settled on Lick Creek below Danville. He had no children, but an adopted son, Sylvester Chambers, ancestor of the Chambers families of Danville and vicinity. Sylvester had two sons, O. C. Chambers and C. B. Chambers.
2. Robert Chambers, born 1805, married Juliet Conley, daughter of Garland and Elizabeth Conley and settled at the mouth of Chambers Branch about one mile below Clothier.
3. Richard Chambers, born 1806, eldest son of Jacob Chambers, married Mary A. Perry, daughter of John Perry, parents of Rev. Russell Chambers. He afterwards married a Miss Canterbury who was the mother of Sidney Chambers of Cole River.
4. William and James Chambers who never came to Logan County.
5. John Chambers, died about 1842, married Nancy White, daughter of James and Lucy White of Mill Creek.
6. Mary (Polly) Chambers, born 1812, married Henry Perry, son of John Perry and settled on Hewett Creek.
We believe there were also other children in this family whose names we do not have.
Robert (son of Jacob and Sarah) and Juliet Chambers had the following children:
A. Burwell Chambers, born 1828, married Chloe Bias, daughter of Obadiah Sr. and Rachel Bias of Hewett Creek.
B. Jackson Chambers, born 1832, married Polly Conley.
C. Elizabeth Chambers, born 1834, married Granville Stollings, son of Isaac and Nancy Stollings.
D. Francis M. Chambers, born 1835, married Venilia Canterbury, daughter of Samuel and Florence Canterbury.
E. William R. Chambers, born 1838, married Mary Bias, daughter of Simeon and Delilah Bias.
F. Robert D. Chambers, born 1840.
G. Garland Chambers, born 1843.
H. Minerva Chambers, born 1845.

John (son of Jacob and Sarah) and Nancy Chambers had the following children:
A. Sarah Chambers, born 1831, married Patrick Keenan McComas, son of Kate McComas and Patrick Keenan.
B. Mary A. Chambers, born 1836, married Floyd Hinchman, son of William and Nancy Hinchman.
C. James Lee Chambers, born 1836, married Patsy.
D. William S. Chambers, born 1841.

Mary Chambers (daughter of Jacob and Sarah) who married Henry Perry, had the following children:
A. Elizabeth Perry, born 1830, married William A. Stollings, son of Josiah and Lovey Stollings.
B. Sarah Perry, born 1833.
C. Emily Perry, born 1834, married William Dingess.
D. Julia H. Perry, born 1836, died 1897, married Calvary Bias, son of Obadiah Sr. and Rachel Bias.
E. Nancy Perry, born 1837.
F. Lorenzo Dow Perry, born 1838, died 1917.
G. Rebecca Perry, born 1840, married Noah Barker, son of Anderson and Letitia Barker.
H. Jacob Perry, born 1842.
I. Mary Perry, born 1844.
J. Malissa Perry, born 1846, married Anderson Barker Jr., son of Anderson and Letitia Barker.
K. Ballard P. Perry, born 1850.

Burwell (son of Robert and Juliet) and Chloe Chambers had the following children:
A. Kelly Chambers, born 1852, married Sarah A. Chambers.
C. Leroy B. Chambers, born 1858, married Martha Chambers.
D. Demaris Chambers, born 1864.

Elizabeth Chambers (daughter of Robert and Juliet) who married Granville Stollings, had the following children.
A. Louisa Stollings, born 1854, married Lewis Estep, son of Joel and Rebecca Estep. (Lewis and Louisa were the parents of Judge Estep).
B. Robert Pierce Stollings, born 1856, married Emmaline McNeely, daughter of William and Mary A. McNeely.
C. Isaac G. Stollings, born 1858, married Clarinda McNeely, daughter of William and Mary A. McNeely.
D. Minerva Stollings, born 1864, died 1938, married Joe Smith.
E. Joel E. Stollings, born 1867, married Dolly A. White.
F. John F. Stollings, born 1870, married Dora Smith.

William R. (son of Robert and Juliet) and Mary Chambers had the following children.

Sarah Chambers (daughter of John and Nancy), who married P. K. McComas, had the following children:
A. John McComas, married Julia A. Chambers, daughter of Burwell and Chloe Chambers.
B. Mary Ann McComas, born 1849, married John T. Palmer.

Julia Ann Perry (daughter of Henry and Mary Perry) who married Calvary Bias, had the following children:
B. Arrisba J. Biasa, born 1859, married Beverly Bias, son of Obadiah Jr. and Jane Bias.
C. Calvary L. J. Bias, born 1863.
D. William A. J. Bias, born 1866.
E. Melissa F. Bias, born 1869.

Rev. James Chambers, third son of Robert and Hannah Thorne Chambers and my grandfather, was born in Monroe county. He died January 4, 1876, at Rum Junction and was buried January 17 in Chambers Cemetery.


Our Grandmother Elizabeth Chambers, having lived in Logan County when a girl, always wanted to come back to the Island of Guyan, so they
sold their farm on Rich Creek, Monroe County, 1824, and with a wagon and team set out for Logan County, but settled for a time on Clear Fork, Wyoming County on the McDonald farms where our father, the Hon. L. D. Chambers, was born in 1827. They moved to the mouth of Rum Creek sometime between 1827 and 1829, where he bought land from Ben Cary.

They first lived on one side of the creek where the church now stands, but moved to the other side of the creek. Some of the Chimney rocks are still there. While living there they lost a little son named James. While he was sick, he wanted to go to the garden on the other side of the creek. When he died they took him over there to bury his so that is where the Chambers Cemetery was started, date not known.

Rev. James Chambers was an ordained minister in the Methodist Church and was one of the pioneer preachers who labored to establish churches in this section. He had two classes, one at Logan and one at Rich Creek. I have heard our father say they had to walk to Logan Court House for Sunday School and had to stay all day. On the way, there was an old maid who would give him cookies when he was tired and hungry and how he did love her.

Copy of the license of Rev. James Chambers:

"License is hereby granted James Chambers to preach the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, so long as his preaching and practice, his gifts, grace, and usefulness, correspond with the doctrines and discipline of said church.

Done by the quarterly meeting conference of Logan Court House Circuit, Kanawha District - Ohio conference held at R. Clendenning, August 28, 1840."

E. H. Fields, Presiding Elder
J. Banninger, Secretary

Grandfather was a minister, but where it came to a test between right and wrong he did not hesitate to raise his strong right arm as this is the way it has been handed down from our parents. It was said he whipped the bully of Monroe County one time, and on another occasion some folks locked him out of the school house, which had one of those old-time chimneys, so he just climbed up on the roof and went down the chimney and gave them a good licking and he was not locked out anymore.

The following are some of Marriage License performed by Rev. Chambers:

Logan County Clerks Office 18 Nov. 1844. This is to license and permit you to join together in Holy Wedlock Milton Mullins and Sally Ellis of said county according to Law, and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient warrant and authority given under my hand as Clerk of said Court at the Clerks Office this 18 Nov. 1844.

Edwin Robertson, Clerk
Nov. 1844.

These were married the 18th of Nov. 1844.

These are to authorize you to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony according to the forms and ceremonies of your Church, between John Dejirnate and Miss Mary Jane Bryant of this County, and for so doing this shall be your authority. Given under my hand this 16 day of April, 1850.

Will Straton, Clerk.
Logan County, Virginia.
Clerk's Office, To Wit:
Pocahontas County

Virginia.

To any Minister of the Gospel or other person, legally authorized to solemnize the rites of Matrimony in Pocahontas County.

These are to authorize you to solemnize the rites of Matrimony, according to the forms and ceremonies of your Church, between Willem Chapel and Nancy Collins of Pocahonas County and for so doing this shall be your sufficient authority. Given under my hand this 18th day of July 1850.

Lester W. Skeen, Clerk.

Tax Tickets
1859 Mr. James Chambers
To the Sheriff of Logan County Dr.
Tithe at $2.25 $2.25
Capitation
Tax .80 .80
Property Tax .52
Land Tax .13 $3.70
Received Payment
Rease Browning, S.L.C.
Mr. Chambers James
To the Sheriff of Logan, D.
1855 2 White
Tithe $2.80 Each $5.60
Capitation Tax .40 .40
Property Tax .64 .64
Land Tax $1.09 $1.09
$7.73
Received Payment
John R. Browning, D.S.
For H. S. White, S.L.C.
Surveys made by Rev. James Chambers in Logan and Wyoming County.
He surveyed 1.400 acres in 1824 and 117 acres in 1825 on Double Camp Branch of Clear Fork. Other than the property that was bought, he made several surveys: On September 29, 1839 three surveys were made on Rum Creek which contained over 1000 acres of land; First Right Fork of Rum Creek, containing 69 acres; Second Right Fork of Rum Creek containing 56 acres; Spruce Fork, which contained 67 acres and 100 acres on White Branch of the Guyan in 1859.
Richmond, Feb. 7, 1842
Received in to the Land Office,
James Chambers
Plat and Certificate of a survey of 19 acres of land in the county of Logan with 2 dollars and 53 cents, Office Fees.
S. W. Parken Reg. S. Office.
Although James Chambers had no education, he had always been interested in education, local government, and the church. His father had taught him to read and spell a little. He became interested in the ministry. He bought books and studied to improve his learning so he could read and understand the Bible. He believed that the greatest crime a person could commit was one that was too lazy to work for his own support or that of his family.
He served as Constable in the year of 1832 as shown by copy of summons:
Logan County, Va. to wit to James Chambers, Constable, you are hereby commanded that of goods of John Perry, you make in 60 days the sum of $8 and 8½ with interest also 30¢ cost, a judgment that John Browning obtained before me.
May 23, 1832
Natt D. Mullins, Sheriff
James Chambers was one of the pioneer preachers who labored to establish churches in this section of the county. He was one of the early Methodist Preachers. He was appointed by the Preacher in charge as leader of class meetings in Logan about 1829.
It was his home at which Bishop Francis Asbury, bearing the distinction of being the first American Bishop, stayed on his way to Kentucky. He named one of his sons for the Bishop, and this son was Dorian Hinchman's grandfather. Since there was no church, the Court House was used for Sunday School and Church.
He was a great believer in education, and did much for the advancement of education as shown by copies of receipts following:
Reed. of James Chambers by Lorenzo, Four Dollars the amt. of David Shumate's schooling. Nov. 11, 1856.
Memo of a certain school claim now in the hands of William Stratton in the name of James Chambers amounting to $32.80 and dates the 15th day of February 1868 - is the property of the said James Chambers, he having paid me back the amount it was agreed to me for.
Sept. 29, 1851
A. Lawson
He was a strict disciplinarian and a good teacher in his day. He was employed in Logan County in the year of 1870. He held a Fourth Grade Certificate, and his average salary was $27.68. The average months taught in that year was 2.42.
Rev. James and Elizabeth Chambers had the following children:
1. Ira Chambers (died before 1875), married Sarah Hinchman, daughter of William and Mary Ann Hinchman, they moved to Ohio.
3. Leroy B. Chambers, who married
Demaris Farmer, daughter of Jeremiah and Sena Farmer.

4. Malinda Chambers, who married Jacob Cook of Wyoming County.

5. Rebecca Chambers, born 1824, died 1911, who married James Workman, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Workman and settled on Pond Fork.

6. Asbury C. Chambers, born 1826, who married Martha McDonald.

7. Lorenza Dow Chambers, born 1827 married Margaret L. Auxier.


10. James M. Chambers, born 1838, drowned at the falls of Guyan.


12. James Chambers who died as a child.

Rev. James Chambers died January 14, 1876 at Rum Junction and was buried in the Chambers Cemetery. His wife died the same year—on September 9th and was buried beside him.

Francis Marion Chambers, born 1835, was son of Robert & Juliet Chambers married Venila, called Aunt Linda Canterbury, daughter of Samuel and Florence Canterbury. Marion Chambers was a brother of Burrell Chambers a Methodist Minister. He was the grandfather of Judge C. C. Chambers. Marion Chambers lived at the mouth of Big Branch between the mouth of Rum Creek and McConnell. He owned at one time 700 acres of land. He lived about half way of the curve which is said to be the longest in the world without a break where the Guyan River the hard road and the mountain all curve together, beginning at the mouth of Rum Creek and extending to the East End of McConnell a distance of about two miles.

Marion Chambers had two children, Robert who went west. Delpha who married George Scaggs and moved to Coal River.

Harrison Chambers first settled at the mouth of the second right hand fork on Rum Creek, later moved to Roane County. Uncle Asbury Chambers also lived on Rum Creek about a mile up the Second Fork.

Hon. Leroy Chambers was born in Logan County, Virginia now West Virginia on the 15th day of September, 1821 and died at his resident at Oceana, W. Va., December 4, 1892.

Mr. Chambers moved to Oceana in early life and formed a partnership with the late Anthony Lawson in mercantile business which lasted until 1856 when he purchased the entire stock and continued the business for several years.

Mr. Chambers was for several years Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wyoming County and in 1884 was elected a member of the House of Delegates from the District of McDowell and Wyoming Co. and so well did he discharge his duty that his party renominated him for the same position in 1886, belonging to that class of Democrats who deny to party leaders the right to exact pledges for the support of any individual for U.S. Senator. He was knifed by a portion of the party and an independent Democrat entered the field which resulted in the election of W. H. H. Cook, Republican.

Ira Chambers (son of James and Elizabeth) had the following children:

Elizabeth, Mary, Martha and William. Record not complete.

Leroy Chambers (son of James and Elizabeth) born September 15, 1821 died September 4, 1892, married Damarus Farmer, born 1, 1834, had the following children: Two unnamed infants the first 1857 the second 1858. May, born June 23, 1859, married Ben Ellison, had one child, Pearl, who married Rev. Emory Givens.

Lee Chambers, born January 11, 1861, married Martha Turner.

James Chambers, born December 2, 1863, married Viola Cook.

Brook Chambers, born March 16, 1864, married Luther Lybrook Chambers, who was born in Monroe County, April 22, 1856. His parents were James and Margaret Chambers. His father was born in 1825 and his mother in 1828 in Giles County Virginia. His father was the son of Col. William Chambers of Monroe County.
Luther Lybrook Chambers served as Circuit Judge of McDowell County.

Paul Chambers, Guy L. Chambers, and Roy Chambers, sons of Luther. His family also included two daughters, Leah and Inez.

George Chambers (had no children). Joseph and Eva Cook Chambers had the following children:

- Bernard B. Chambers, Assistant Supt. of School in Raleigh County, Roy L. Chambers, Carl Chambers, Dr. Robert W. Chambers, deceased, Dr. Harry D. Chambers, J. Herbert Chambers, George B. Chambers, Mayor of Beckley, T. R. Chambers, Garnett Chambers Jarrell, Pearl Chambers Stover.

Anthony L. Chambers and Vida Shannon Chambers had the following children: Zida Chambers Cook, deceased, Letah Chambers Cook, and Arlie L. Chambers.

Rosie Chambers, born April 8, 1867; George Chambers, born October 16, 1868, married a Miss Cook and Anthony born January 23, 1871, married Vida Shannon.

Harrison Chambers (son of James and Elizabeth) born 1832 Logan County, married Arrimenta Burgess had the following children:

- Whiten, born October 9, 1856, married Brook Rife, had the following children: Earl Woodrow and Frank.
- Elizabeth A., born February 8, 1859, married Lee Gore.
- James W., born March 21, 1861, married Dink Dingess, had two children, Mable and Sally.
- Mary L., born November 27, 1862, married Giles Lynkus.
- William L. born April 13, 1865.
- Martha A., born July 25, 1867, married Leroy B. Chambers, parents of Judge C. C. Chambers and other sons, two daughters, Mrs. White and Mrs. Ball.
- John L., born June 2, 1869, married Tennesse Dingess, had two children, Thelma and Ruth.
- Menerva M. born August 16, 1862.
- Georgia C., born February 26, 1863, married a Lynkus.
- Albert Sidney, born May 13, 1878, married Dixie Rife, had the following children: Harry, who served 28 years in the Navy, now living in the State of Washington; Mamie, who married Osa Richey and lives on Guyan River above McConnell; Marie, who married a Sergent and Hassie.

Lula Bell, born April 24, 1880, married Milton Cartwright had on child, Inez.

Hannah Chambers (daughter of James and Elizabeth) who married William Workman, had the following children:

- B. Edwin Workman, born 1849, died about 1855.
- C. Surrepta Workman, born 1850, married Clayton Workman, son of Amos and Flora Workman.
- D. Ophelia Workman, born 1852, married Isaac F. Cook.
- E. Almeda Workman, born 1855, married Leander Ballard, son of Rhode D. andand Mary Ballard.
- F. Viola Workman, born 1860, married George W. Jarrell, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Jarrell.
- G. Edwin Workman, born 1862.
- Rebecca Chambers (daughter of James and Elizabeth) who married James Workman, had the following children:
  - B. Lloyd Workman, born 1848, married Sarah Ann Workman, daughter of Amos and Flora Workman.
  - C. Rev. Ausin Workman, born 1850, married Sarah Hensley, daughter of Stephen Hensley.
  - D. Wallace W. Workman, born 1852, married Venil A. White.
  - E. Orra Workman, born 1854, married George C. Coone, son of Lorenze Doww and Jane Coone.
  - F. Millard F. Workman, born 1856.
  - G. Susan Workman, born 1858, married Benjamin Sutphin, son of Hendrick and Jane Sutphin.
  - H. Elizabeth Workman, born 1860, married Floyd Pauley, son of Squire and Catherine Pauley.
  - I. Eliaz Workman, born 1864, married Henry Harness.
  - J. Jasper Workman. Children:
Martha Chambers (daughter of James A. Albert Workman, born December 25, 1856, died July 22, 1891.
B. Cora Workman, born July 22, 1858, died September 17, 1858.
C. Vilo Workman, born January, 1860, died October 2, 1934.
D. Edwin Workman, born July 13, 1862, died May 12, 1943.
Malinda Chambers (daughter of James and Elizabeth Chambers) married Jacob Cook, had the following children:
A. Lewis Bilton Cook married Marinda Elkins.
B. James Hartley Cook, married Martha Shannon.
C. Blackburn Cook married Amanda Baily.
D. Jacob Cook Jr. married Amanda Lester.
E. Gaston Cook married Mary Fortner.
F. Edward Cook married Mattie Baily.
G. Charles Cook married Mira Fortner.
I. Minta Cook married William Shannon.
J. Juliet Cook married Price Allen.
K. Susan Cook married Espion Justice.
Lewis Bilton Cook, born January 9, 1838, married Marinda Elkins, born 1849, had the following children:
b. One not named born July 14, 1871.
c. Cora Ann born June 1, 1872.
d. Alphaus Burnette born September 8, 1876.
e. Danial Harmon born May 10, 1878.
f. Rosetta born May 2, 1880.
g. Don Bilton born Sept. 30, 1883.
h. Craig Miller born May 4, 1888.
i. Lilian Hazle born January 22, 1890.
Asbury Chambers (son of James and Elizabeth Chambers) and Martha McDonald had the following children:
a. Louden Chambers died May 9, 1879.
b. Doran Chambers died October 10, 1885.
c. Lorenza Dias Chambers married Julia McComas, had one child, Anna, who married Andie Hager. They had four children, Thelma, Sidney, Henry and Lucy. Lorenza Dias Chambers, after the death of Julia McComas, then married Laura Bell Hager, parents of John, Burrel, Russell, Hampton, Doren. Record not complete.
Elizabeth Chambers (daughter of James and Elizabeth Chambers) married Lorenza Dow Hinchman January 25, 1870 and had the following children:
a. Laura, born November 9, 1870, married Monroe Claypool, parents of Lake Claypool.
b. Grace, born July 26, 1873, married Bill Baldrige.
c. Rosie, born July 22, 1877, married a Mr. Kuhler.
d. Walter, born August 24, 1878, married Brook McVey.
Hon. L. D. Chambers, son of James and Elizabeth Cole Chambers, married May 2, 1855 to Margaret Auxier, who was born February 11, 1839, daughter of Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier. Samuel Auxier, born 1790, died December 12, 1883; Agnes Wells Auxier, born 1811, died December 10, 1908.
The first Auxiers came to America from the River Rhine, Germany in 1735, settled first in Pennsylvania until after the Revolutionary War, then they moved to Virginia.
Samuel Auxier, Sr., and his wife, Sally Brown Auxier, great-grandfather, came to Block House Bottom, Kentucky in 1791, where they built Block houses. Sally Brown Auxier lived to be 99 years of age.
Samuel Auxier, Jr., who was born August 7, 1879, married Rebecca Phillips in 1813. They had eleven children born to them, seven sons and four daughters. Rebecca died and he married Agnes Wells, to them were born five children.
Children of Samuel Auxier and Rebecca Phillips Auxier were:
Nathaniel married Hester Ann Mayo.
John B. married Angelina Mayo; Second wife, Mary A. Greyson.
Jemima married John Prater.
George married Nancy Prater.
Sarah married G. W. Mayo. Second husband, Martin Lesley; third, James Denton.
Joseph K. married Jane Walker.
Samuel married Rebecca Mayo.
Rebecca married Thomas Prater.
Martha married Henry Walker.
Arminta married James Neighbert.
Henry J. married Harriet Musick.
Children of Samuel Auxier and Agnes Wells, second wife.
Margaret married L. D. Chambers.
Elijah B. married Margaret Richmond.
William L. married Louisa Ford.
J. K. Polk married Emm Spradlin.
Ann married John Richmond.

When the Auxiers first settled in Kentucky there were no churches in the valley. Coffee was unheard of, a calico dress was a curiosity. Mortars to pound the meal and hand mills to grind the grain were used. Bear grease was used for shortening and deer skins to make breeches for men and moccasins for the women. Faithful preachers went up and down the valley preaching at people’s houses. In politics the Auxiers were divided; in religion they were Methodist.

We also had two great-grandfathers of the Auxier family in the Revolutionary War, Richard Wells and Samuel Auxier, Sr., and Major John B. Auxier in the Civil War, Lieutenant David Auxier also in the Civil War. One Judge Andrew Auxier of Pikeville.

Hon. L. D. Chambers spent most of his life at his old home at the mouth of Rum Creek. This section of Logan County was very sparsely settled at that time. The mountains were covered with fine maiden timber and abounded in wild game. The black bear, the deer, and the wild turkey furnished meat for the family. The Guyandotte River was filled with fish of all kinds, and there was plenty of honey.

As a boy, L. D. Chambers hunted and fished, helped his parents with the work, and in this kind of environment, he grew up to strong manhood. Digging ginseng was a past-time for him to earn a little money. The usual price was about eight cents a pound. Once, when he was digging ginseng in the right hand fork of Rum Creek, he thought he heard someone say “helloo.” He answered and they kept it up, everytime he would answer they would answer back, each time a little nearer. There had been a report about a panther. He made great haste to get out of there. He knew that if he went home the other boys would laugh at him, so he went up Nias Hollow and dug several pounds of ginseng before he returned home. In a few days some of the other boys went at night to watch a deer lick and had to throw chunks of fire at this same panther all night to keep it off them.

He followed for many years, in his early days, logging and running rafts down the Guyandotte River. He was mashed six times by logs and his escape was so narrow at one time that he was only saved by a knot on a log which raised the log over him. He fell at one time thirty-two feet and broke two of his ribs.

He early showed a disposition for business, starting first in cattle business. Money was scarce and he went to Anthony Lawson, a citizen of Logan County, and borrowed $75.00 to buy young cattle.

The loan was made without any security. He bought some young cattle in the Spring and sold them in the Fall for more than enough to pay back his loan. Then, he bought more cattle and made a start in business.

He made such a success in the trading business that he often made trips to Northeastern Kentucky, and in visiting this community so often, he stopped at the home of Samuel Auxier, Jr., to stay over night and met Margaret, the eldest daughter, to whom he was married May 2, 1855 by Reverend Littleton, a Methodist Minister.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Chambers came to West Virginia from East Point, Kentucky on horseback, a two and half days trip. They came by Warfield and up Pigeon Creek, down Island Creek where the town of Holden now stands. When they arrived at home on their wedding trip some of the neighbors, young folks, met them where McConnell now is and the imfare supper was set upstairs in a two-story log house at the mouth of Rum Creek where they made their home. Grandfather and grandmother Chambers were there to
welcome them.

There being no high mountains where our mother was raised, I have heard her say she thought the high mountains of West Virginia would suffocate her but she soon got used to them and loved her home where she spent 61 years of married life. The country was thinly settled but there was plenty of game. I think if I am not mistaken Dad said he killed nine bears and he said there was hardly a day that the dogs did not run a deer by the house. One day the dogs ran a deer into Grandmother Chambers's yard and she caught it by the hind leg and held it until one of the girls knocked it in the head with an axe.

Another time our mother had sent Sam and Ann, little fellows, to the creek for water and she heard an awful scream, thinking one was drowned they ran to see what was the matter and it was just a little deer passing by. When she was a little girl, Geneva went to the spring one day to get some water and saw a deer; she remarked, if I just had Pop's old crooked gun I would make him go. Another time the dogs ran a big buck with a big head of horns down the creek. The schoolhouse stood at the lower end of the place and there was a peach orchard near. When the big buck deer came close the children were so scared every peach tree had a boy in it; they had climbed the trees to get out of the way of the dogs and the deer. These are just a few of the things they told us.

We used to get around the fire at night and get Dad to tell us a hunting tale or something about the war. He would be smoking his pipe and our mother would be knitting.

Hon. L. D. Chambers was a captain in the Confederate Army, serving the four years.

Copy of Commission:

To Lorenaz D. Chambers:
Greetings:
"Know you, that from special trust and confidence resposed in your fidelity, courage and good conduct our Governor in pursuance of the authority vested in him by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth doth commission you as Captain in the 129th Regiment of the 27th Brigade, the 5th division of the Virginia Militia to rank as such from the 20th day of December 1858.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name as Governor and caused the seal of the commonwealth to be affixed this 17th day of March 1858.

"Henry A. Wise."

When we were children we would complain sometimes and our mother would say, "Just wait until you go through a civil war then you can complain." I have heard her say she didn't know how they ever kept body and soul together. Dad away in the army and her at home with three or four little children fighting the battles of hardships through a war, not knowing when the Yankees would come and rob and carry off everything she had.

Just to mention some of the things they did, on one occasion, mother had a nice young horse Grandfather Auxier had given her and along came a squad of pilferers and were taking her horse. She held on to the bridle until they jerked it out of her hand and took it.

Another time they were driving off all her cows, so she went out and turned back one with a young calf. Dad had a jack in the barn one time and he had a remnant of goods from his store, which he had to close when the war came up, stored upstairs. So some of the very men he had hired loaded the jack, which he had paid five hundred dollars of Confederate money for, with the goods out of the house and carried them off. Dad happened to be coming home that night and overheard them talking. They said they had left one coffee mill; they knew just how many there were.

There had been some discussion about the Court House - in early years our mother told us when the wildcats were mustered out in June-61- She went and rode horse back and wore hoop skirt. There was lots of excitement. Old Dad Brannon beat the Drum and I guess that was all the Band they had. A deaf and dumb boy got excited and rolled down
stairs that was in the Court House. Our brother James Chambers was born July 18, 1861. When they expected the stork to visit them, our mother packed her clothing for this event and Aunt Linda Cook, her husband being on the Union side, took the clothing to their house and kept them until needed. They have told us many things too numerous to mention. On another occasion the town of Logan was burned and only one house was left, that was Aunt Polly Cartwright, she stayed in hers and all the other folks left. Another time a company of Zoaves, as they were called, went up this way, about five hundred of them. Our mother said they were low and short, their Sabers almost touched the ground. There was a slide on the river road and it took them all day to pass. We don't know where they come from or where they went. History says a number of volunteer regiments on the Union side would adopt the dress and drill of the Zaves in Civil War 1861-65. The Zaves were supposed to be French.

The following prices are taken from a letter from Dad in 1863 at Camp Clarkson, Smith County, Virginia:

- Corn worth five dollars per bushel.
- Pork, thirty-five cents per pound.
- Coffee, worth five dollars per pound.
- Bacon, worth fifty cents per pound.
- Sugar, worth a dollar per pound.

Confederate soldiers received only eleven dollars per month. They paid fifteen dollars for pants and seventeen dollars for jacket of uniform. I have heard my mother say so many times she would like to live to see the south come back like it was at one time.

L. D. Chambers, Sr., represented Logan County three times in the House of Delegates at Wheeling in 1882 & 83 when he rode to Huntington on horseback and took a boat up the Ohio River.

The second time was at Charleston in 1898, and the third time at Charleston in 1900. He also held several small offices in the county.

This is a part of a letter written to my father from our mother when he was in the legislature in 1883 at Wheeling:

“We have had plenty of company for the last two weeks. The boys were rafting timber and we had about ten hands, they kept teams running most of the time.

The mule team hauling down the creek, Sam on the log yard hauling up the timber. Otis getting poles out of the mountains with the cattle, Major Ellis hauling with the horses.

James has got all the timber rafted but one raft. Has eight done. There will be nine besides the walnut.

I thought we were carrying on business pretty well since I commenced to write. Mr. J. A. Neighbert and Mr. G. Lawson came up and measured the timber and took dinner with us.”

It was always a busy time when a log tide came in the river. Every man had to have a lunch packed to take along and that was a big job if they had very many rafts.

In looking through the Acts of the Legislature of 1893 of which my father was a member, I find that he was one of a committee of five appointed in conjunction with a like committee from the Senate to proceed to Washington, D. C. and escort the remains of the Senator John E. Kenna to his home in the city of Charleston.

Some of the bills offered by L. D. Chambers:

1. To tax retailers of revolvers and pistols.
2. Another bill, offered Jan. 26, 1893, to create an independent school district out of a part of the district of Logan to be known as the independent school district of Aracoma.
3. Another bill to repeal chapter 105 of the code of W. Va. concerning the sale of lands for benefit of school funds.

L. D. Chambers was appointed commissioner of schools in 1882 and served six years.

Our father was always interested in the schools of Logan County. He was always one of the trustees when we were going to school and always hired No. 1 teachers and our school here at the mouth of Rum Creek was counted the best in the county.

Some of the teachers I remember best: the first teacher I went to school
to was Preston Robinette; others I re­
member were Henry Perry, R. L. Bark­
er, Green Whitman, Brook Gore.

When our regular term of school was
out our father and some of the other
folks would hire a teacher in the spring
and have a subscription school for two
or three months.

We had a college professor by the
name of J. D. Meadley, who came
through with a party of engineers and
they hired him to teach for a few
months in connection with the school.
He had a review school for teachers.
Dr. J. E. McDonald, Dr. George
White, Elliott Hatfield, Cora White,
Alice Brook, Peter Gore and a number
of others attended. The school house
was a log house but was well built.
It had five good windows and was seal­
ed nice inside. The outside was some­
times used for a mail box by the boys
and girls when there was a courtship
-going on. They would leave their notes
in the wall where the clay had fallen out.
Our school had the first factory
made seats in the county.

Our parents were Democrats and
Methodist, on one occasion my father
asked a Republican member to repeat
what he had just proposed. The mem­
er said he couldn’t understand why
Logan County sent a deaf member to
the Legislature. Mr. Chambers replied,
"I'd rather be deaf than a fool." He
was a man to speak what he thought,
regardless to whom he was talking.

L. D. and Margaret Auxier Chambers
had born to them a family of thirteen
children, the oldest born 1856 and the
youngest 1881. Over a period of twenty­
five years they had children born in
their home.

Samuel Edward, the oldest, born Sun­
day, June 29, 1856, Dr. Dunn English
being the attending doctor, died March
23, 1936. He was married December 25,
1879 to Sarah Alice Cook, daughter of
Floyd and Mary Ballard Cook. She was
born December 23, 1861 and died Janu­
ary 8, 1921.

Dr. Thomas Dunn English has an in­
ternational reputation in literature. He
was a Lawyer, Physician, Poet, Jour­
alist and Politician. He served two terms
in the New Jersey Legislature and was
twice elected to the National Congress.
He was not familiar to the people un­
til Trilby was written and his song,
"Ben Bolt." Dr. English was born in
Philadelphia, June 29, 1819 of an old
New Jersey family of Norman Irish
Origin who settled on the banks of the
Delaware. In his last years his sole vo­
cation has been Authorship. He was
handicapped by almost entire blindness.
He was elected first mayor of Logan.
He left Logan County in 1857.

It has been said Dr. Dunn English
discovered coal in Logan County. Our
Mother said, during the Civil War there
was a vein of coal on the river hill
above the mouth of Rum Creek mined
out enough for the soldiers going up
and down the river to comp over-night.
Some of them had a fire in the coal
bank - as they were called in those
days - set the coal on fire and it burn­
ed for months. I would rather think
they were burning coal in Logan long
before Dr. Dunn English was here.

Samuel and Alice Chambers had the
following children.

Magdalene born December 25, 1880,
died August 19, 1925, married R. L.
Ray April 28, 1889.

Effie May born February 27, 1883,
moved September 17, 1905 to James W.
Mullins.

Willie C. born February 1, 1886, mar­
rried Parlee Curry.

Grover L. born October 28, 1888, died
July 10, 1909.

Elijah B. born August 7, 1891, mar­
rried Martha Justice.

Mary L. born July 13, 1894, married
Payne Thornton.

Bertha Maude born March 9, 1897,
moved Percey Everly.

Ivy born December 5, 1900.

Ezra Moss born February 17, 1903,
moved Mildred Francis.

Alva Willis born September 9, 1905,
moved Lilla Leach.

Mahulda Ann Chambers was born
October 7, 1857 and married March
19, 1879 to George Hinchman, son of
Harvey and Mattie Hinchman, died No­
ember 20, 1894. Children born to them
were:

John James born February 19, 1880,
moved Bell Browning on February,
1904 and to them were born the following children, Mable, Essie, Annie, Gay and Lilla.

Sarah Alice born June 8, 1880, married Ernest Bryant, died June, 1943.

Bertha died in infancy.

Don C. born November 11, 1893, married Lura Browning.

Augusta Chambers was born Thursday, September 17, 1859, married December 25, 1880 to Smith Butcher, to them were born the following children:

John L. born October 3, 1879, married October 25, 1899 to Victoria Fillinger.

Dora born May 29, 1881, married John Dixon.

Lorenza Dow born October 24, 1883 married Dixie Deskins.

Margaret L. born November 9, 1885, married William Vance.

Emma Mae born November 19, 1887. Pearl Agnes born January 19, 1888, married Lee Murphy.

James C. born March 3, 1890, married Eliza Gartner.

Lucy Myrtle born July 9, 1892, married William Patton.

Cora Ann born January 12, 1895, married R. A. Herbert.

Hester born May 11, 1900.

Homer born January 21, 1902, married Mary Shepard, married the second time to Delcie Browning.

James L. Chambers was born Wednesday, July 18, 1861 and married November 15, 1885 to Sarah Mitchell, daughter of Joseph and Jane Rowsey. He died March 24, 1940. They had the following children:

Alfred F. born September 26, 1886, married Josie May.

Maud Agnes born January 29, 1888, married William Nesbit.

James A. born August 1, 1889, married Cynthia Raines, died August 3, 1926.

L. Dow born January 22, 1891, married Cora Ciphers.

Effie Fern born December 13, 1897, died November 27, 1901.

Elbert B. born January 10, 1900, married Mary Adkins.

Thelma M. born November 6, 1901, married Todd Willis.

Joseph O. born March 1, 1904, married Minnie Davis.

Merlie born March 7, 1907, married Richard Gray.


Geneva Chambers was born Wednesday, August 25, 1863, married November 6, 1862 to Lonzo Cartwright, the second time to George Butcher, died January 8, 1903. Children born to them were:

Norma born February 6, 1883, married Otto Nichols.

Lula born 1885, married Bird Hager. Lula married MM HSHL d MBF George died young.

Wayne born November 30, 1891, married Mary Caton.

James O. born February 11, 1894.

Adda born September 19, 1899, married Ova Jeffery and second George Hensley.

Roy born June 14, 1897.

Claude born March 25, 1900, married Brook Robinette.

Bryan Butcher born December 11, 1902, married Nancy Maynard.

Lousa Chambers was born Wednesday, September 26, 1869, died August 29, 1898. She was married to Rush Scaggs by Rev. Surgeon. Rush Scaggs was born in Virginia December 18, 1853, the son of Joseph and Nancy Ann Hinchman Scaggs and died February 7, 1929.

Children born to them were:

Emmett F. born January 30, 1889, married Emma Burgess, August 6, 1913.

Elbert H. born August 3, 1891, married Maggie Davis, April 21, 1916.

Lousia May born March 22, 1894, married Paris P. Young.

Alfred Dow born April 12, 1896, married Anna M. Duncan.

Ivy M. born July 29, 1899, married C. M. Brammell, December 23, 1923.

Arthur C. born December 14, 1902.

Ruby V. born October 21, 1907, married Earl Baylous.
Floyd B. Chambers was born July 11, 1865, died January 6, 1867.
Otis R. born Wednesday, October 7, 1869, died March 17, 1912.
Agnes was born Sunday, June 2, 1872.
Gaylen B. born September 27, 1874, died July, 1890.
Charley A. born Wednesday, November 21, 1877, died March 26, 1919.
Cora E. born October 8, 1879.
Otis R. Chambers was a teacher in the Logan County schools and was County Superintendent at the time of death. Charley A. was a merchant at Rum Junction.

L. D. Chambers, Jr., is an ordained, licensed minister of the Methodist church. He was born December 12, 1881, and was married October 20, 1907, to Lura D. Dingess, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Trent Dingess, born November 16, 1892. Lura D. Dingess Chambers died May 6, 1949, L. D. Chambers then married Mrs. W. W. Miller Stuart.

Children born to L. D. and Lura Chambers were:
Mildred born June 9, 1909, baptised August 15, 1917 by Rev. Pressly; married December 24, 1932 to Luther Morrison by A. J. McComas. To them were born the following children.
Marvin Luther, Leonard Dow, Alvia Lewis, Grady Cole, Dorothy Mae, Renatha and James Robert.

Otis Cary born March 20, 1911, baptised February 5, 1912 by Rev. B. M. Keith, married Verla Parsons November 25, 1935 by R. T. Brown. To them was born one son, Otis Glenn.
Alice Lucille born July 10, 1913, baptised by H. K. Moore, married Wallace Robertson January 22, 1931 by J. W. Fisher. To them was born one daughter, Bobby Jo.

Robert L. Auxier born August 10, 1916, baptised March 24, 1917, married Irene Vaughn October 18, 1935 by Esther Hopkins. To them were born Lovell Dow and Sally Lou.
Charley Marvin born October 2, 1918, baptised December 6, 1918 by O. F. Williams, died November 3, 1920.
Eleanor born October 30, 1920, baptised April 4, 1921 by O. F. Williams, married Ambrose Vaughn November 17, 1939.

Isaac Cole, father of Elizabeth Cole Chambers, was a native of England. He came to Montgomery County Virginia just before the Revolutionary War and was a gallant soldier of independence. He was an Indian Scout and was with the Clay brothers in following the Indians down Cole River. The Cole River and Cole Branch also Cole Street in Logan were named for him. He settled in Logan near where the First Baptist Church now stands in 1800. They lost a little daughter while living there. She was buried near Aracoma, the Indian princess. After living there one year, they moved to Island Creek now what is known as Cole Branch.

After remaining on Island Creek for a short time, his family became tired of frontier life, and they returned to their old home near Pearisburg where he died at an advanced age.

Isaac Cole was noted scout and a man of great force of character and will-power.

The writer's mother told them that he visited them once and he wore his hair plaited, hanging down his back, and had piercing black eyes and never wore glasses.

The records show that in 1822, August 13, Isaac Cole and Peggy, his wife, conveyed a tract of 110 acres to James Viney, situated on East Side of New River, adjoining McLaugherty and others.

Isaac Cole served as constable of Monroe in 1799.

The old Rehobeth Church a log meeting house erected in a shady dell in 1784 is the oldest Methodist church building west of the Alleghenies. It was dedicated in 1786 by the Rev. Francis Asbury, first Methodist bishop in America. He visited the church frequently, holding annual conferences there in 1792, 1793, and 1796. Worshippers attended services with their rifles stack-
ed close at hand.

The site of the church and adjoining cemetery was donated by Edward Keenan, who is buried in the church yard. This was to be used as a church as long as grass grow and water flows.

The centennial of Rehobeth was celebrated on July 30, 1886.

In the new church is the original communion table.

Francis Asbury arrived from England October 27, 1771 and spent the remainder of his life preaching Methodism in the wilds of America.

On a lettle visit to Monroe County in July of this year, '53 we went out to see this old church which is three miles out of Union. The church is well preserved but there has been some changes made since I was there several years ago. At that time the roof was boards and weighed down. Inside there is a balcony around two sides for their slaves. The seats are made of split logs. I don't think there are many nails used in building. The corners are notched and the building is a very good size.

The first time I was there the cemetery around the church was nice and level, but since then there has come one of those sink holes common to Monroe County and others in the yard and tombstones setting around the sides. I suppose this is where our ancestors worshiptd.

**OBITUARY RECORD**

Margaret Louisa Auxier, the daughter of Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier, was born February 11, 1839 at the mouth of Johns Creek, East Point and departed this life February 26, 1916, at her home near the mouth of Rum Creek, Logan County, West Virginia, where she had resided for over sixty years. She died at a good old age, being seventy-seven and fifteen days of age at her death.

She was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Lorenaz Dow Chambers at her home at the mouth of John's Creek, Kentucky, Rev. Littleton officiating, May 2, 1855.

To this union were born seven boys and six girls.

She leaves to mourn their loss her aged, devoted christian husband, four sons, four daughters, forty-eight grandchildren and fifty great-grandchildren, a brother, James K. Polk Auxier, of East Point, Kentucky and a multitude of lifelong friends. Soon after her marriage she came to the home at the mouth of Rum Creek where for more than sixty years she battled the fights of life. Many times amidst great excitement, sometimes with wild beasts and sometimes in the midst of the terrors of war. She at the same time was fighting another fight, that of right against wrong. She was a lifelong Methodistist, having joined the M. E. Church South soon after her marriage and continued her membership to the date of her death. She kept abreast of the times, having received one of the church organs from date of its publication. Viz. the Central Methodist Advocate.

She was dedicated to God when a child and after becoming aged her mother could not remember the preacher who baptised her, therefore she became dissatisfied with her baptism and on January 10, 1916 I was called to her bedside and reading parts of the Scripture and prayer and further exhortation she desired baptism anew, and she was there and then dedicated to God by our office and ministry. I was again at her bedside, she was confirmed in her faith and hope and from the time we began to read and pray, she began to read and pray to the Lord to relieve her of pain and toil. Jesus heard her prayer after the long day of toil and relieved her of pain and labor; yea, the pain of even seeing any more of her loved ones suffer. She now awaits the great judgment of the Lamb.

And may we all say with Lord Bryan: Servant of God, well done! The glorious warfare is past. The battle fought. The race is won, And thou art crowned at last. Here in a stranger dwelt.

Here joy and grief by turns she felt: Poor dwelling, now we close the door.

The task is o'er:
The sojourner returns no more
Life's labor done as sinks the clay.
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While Heaven and Earth combine to say
How best the righteous when he dies.

“So when life's sweet journey ends,
Soul and body part like friends,
No quarrels, no murmurs. No delays;
A kiss, a sigh, and so away.”

“So let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go I will come again that where I am ye may be also.”

U. S. G. Allen.

Lorenza Dow Chambers, son of James and Elizabeth Cole Chambers, was born in Logan County, West Virginia, December 22, 1827 and died at his home at the mouth of Rum Creek May 29, 1917. He was eighty-nine, five months and seven days of age at his death.

His father moved to the mouth of Rum Creek when he was but two years of age and there he spent the remainder of his life. He left to mourn their loss one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth I-Iinchman of Huff Creek, four sons, four daughters, forty-nine grandchildren, fifty-two great grandchildren and many other relatives including nephews, nieces and cousins, and a multitude of friends.

The section of Logan County where his boyhood days were spent was very sparsely settled. The mountains were covered with fine maiden timber and abounded in wild game from the bear down while the beautiful Guyan River did abound in fish.

He loved to fish and hunt and amidst these thrilling and exciting environment fishing and hunting did he grow up to strong manhood.

He followed for many years in his early days logging and running timber in the Guyandotte.

He early showed a disposition for business. Starting first in cattle business. He borrowed his first $75 from a Mr. Lawson and proceeded to Kentucky to buy cattle. He made such great success in the trading business that he often made trips to northeast Kentucky, and in visiting this community he met with Margaret L. Auxier, the daughter of Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier, to whom he was married May 2, 1855 by Rev. Littlelton. He at once brought his bride to Rum Creek where they spent a very beautiful, happy and fruitful life until February 26, 1917 when she departed over the river, there to wait a little while until Dow might follow his Master in suffering as his Master, and after the close of the night to join her in the beautiful City of God, where they may live in true happiness forever and forever.

He developed a very strong constitution in his younger days, having thereby escaped death many times. He was mashed six times by logs and his escape was so narrow at one time that he was only saved by knot on a log which raised it over him. He fell at one time thirty-two feet and broke two of his ribs.

His early hardships and exposure told on him in his declining years and brought much suffering in the last months of his life.

He took lagrippe on December 1, 1915, recovered from this to a great extent and was afflicted again in November, 1916 and took to his bed and from then on until his death had been confined to his bed not able to do anything and suffered very much, having to be ministered unto night and day until Tuesday, May 29, at 12:10 p. m., when peaceful repose came to his soul and it took its flight from the afflicted body of clay to join his companion on the other shore.

Remove not the old landmarks.
He was a pioneer settler, a good citizen, loyal to his convictions, honest and truthful, a friend to all and especially to the friendless and poor. He was a merchant for many years but never learned to say no to those who desired credit. He was not covetous in his character, stating many times that he only desired enough to live on.

His home was a shelter for the travel-
ers or the unfortunate.

He not only cared for his own children but reared and cared for grandchildren as well as others.

His father was a Methodist preacher and he became a member of the M. E. Church, South, in 1848, joining under Rev. Wood, the first preacher sent to this circuit. He seemed always to be interested in the process of the church. He was steward for many years and when he could not raise the preacher’s salary he would pay it himself and his home was always the home of the preacher.

He held many political offices, being at one time commissioner of school land. He disposed of much school land in this section to great advantage to both state and purchaser.

He was a captain in the Confederate Army. Elected three times to represent Logan County in the Legislature, once at Whelling in 1882, Charleston in 1892 and 1900.

In his illness he made statements that he was satisfied, waiting and ready to go, the sooner the better. On one occasion when we were about to pray he was asked if we might pray and he answered, “Yes, you ought to pray more.”

In his declining years he would go to the shop a few hundred yards from the house where he was heard to pray and as he became more feeble he would retire to the coal house to pray, and when too feeble to go there he would pray on the back porch and when confined to his bed, he prayed there and died in that condition. His last conscious words were, “Lord save us.”

“Nobly thy course is run Splendor is round it Bravely thy fight is won Victory crowned it.”

“In thy warefore of heaven His crown old and hoary Toward like the summer sun Shrouded in glory. Just away.”

I cannot and will not say that he is dead. He is just away with a cheery smile and a wave of the hand.

He has wandered into an unknown land. Think of him faring on as dear in the love there as the love of here.

U. S. G. Allen.

When I was a little girl starting off to school my mother, just for fun, I guess, told us if any one asked us who we were to tell them we were Chambers, Southern Methodists and Democrats. One day we were coming home for dinner and met a stranger. He asked us whose children we were so I told him what Mother said.

In 1901, the last time our father was elected to the Legislature, he was then seventy-four years old. He represented Logan and Mingo.

He was one of only seventeen Democrats elected that term. They put themselves under the leadership of John D. Alderson.

Dad said in one of his letters home he had had bad luck. He said someone stole his overcoat, gloves, pipe and tobacco from the capitol but there were only seventeen Democrats there.

Our father, when he was a candidate, would canvas the county on horseback and sometimes over on the Mingo side he would happen in at some baptist association, and that was a good place to talk politics or swap horses.

He always said what he thought, let it hit whom it may.

Our parents raised us under a high standard of living, morally and religiously. Taught us to be honest, virtuous, respect the laws of the land, loyal to higher powers and to love and obey and respect them and the rights of others.

Train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Spare the rod and spoil the child. Our mother never failed to use the rod in her training. Dad never spanked very much but when spoke to we knew to move.

Do whatever your hands find to do and without grumbling.

Learn early to give, learn to pray. Go into all the world and teach all nations.

Remove not the old ancient landmarks.

These were her favorite sayings through her life.

The 14th chapter of St. John was
her favorite Bible chapter.

"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me."

She taught the boys to plow in the garden and to run a straight row.

Our home was a home for the preacher, teacher and traveler.

Agnes, Cora and L. D. Chambers, Jr., are the only three living members of L. D. Chambers Sr. family. They have a host of relatives living in Logan County and other Counties.

When we finished school at the mouth of Rum Creek I guess I went longer then any of the other children. I started to school when I was six years old, and quit when I was past twenty-on. At that time we were studying such courses as Bookkeeping, Civic Government, State and National History, Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic. The free school term lasted six months. Subscription Schools began when the public school term ended for those who were able to pay.

Present Homestead and Living members of the Family.

In 1883 Lorenza Dow Chambers, Sr., built six rooms of the present home and moved into the new house November, 1883. In 1897 he added six more rooms extending out from the back of the house.

Cora and Agnes Chambers, having never married, are still living in the homestead.

They still live up to the old tradition of welcoming the preacher, teacher, friends, and relatives. Hardly a day passes that someone doesn't visit them.

Agnes and Cora have been members of the Methodist Church since 1895, having been received into the church and were baptised by Rev. J. S. Lemon, Pastor and F. J. McInister, Presiding Elder.

Several of the Chambers hold political jobs in the county today and take great interest in the progress of our county.

E. W. Chambers from England, organized the first Independant Odd Fellows Lodge in America in 1806. He went back to England to get more information, the war of 1812 came up and he did not return.

Information given by J. F. Butcher.

We have a long line of soldiers in the Chambers family.

Four great-grandfathers in the Revolutionary War.


In the Civil War:

Capt. L. D. Chambers, our father, and others.

Spanish American War:

Lee Chambers, nephew of L. D. Chambers, served seven years in the Philippines.

First World War:

Grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Chambers: Frank Chambers, W. W. Cartwright, James Cartwright, Edward Butcher, and Alfred Scaggs. All served overseas and all returned home.

World War II:


Grandsons:

Alva Chambers and Robert L. Chambers.

Robert L. Chambers, 29, son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Chambers of Dabney, died May 8, 1946 aboard the troopship Sea Fiddler during his return to the United States from Europe. He enlisted in the army in October, 1943 and was sent overseas in December, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Vaughan Chambers, and two children, Dow and Sally, in addition to his parents and several brothers and sisters.

This is information from the War department concerning the service of Robert L. Chambers.

War Department
The Adjutant Generals Office
Records Administration Center
In reply refer to
Agr 8 DC. 201 Robert L. Chambers
19, December, '46
Miss Cora Chambers, Dehue, W. Va.

Dear Miss Chambers:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information relative to the military service of your nephew. The records show that Robert L. Chambers, Army serial number 35776559, was inducted in the Military service 28, October, 1943 at Huntington, W. Va. and was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps the same day. He reported for active duty 18, November, 1943 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky and received training at Fort Eustis, Virginia and Camp Stewart, Georgia. He left the United States for overseas service 10, December, 1944, arriving in Scotland 17, December, 1944. Normandy, France 1, March, 1945, Belgium 5, March 1945, Germany 8, March 1945.

Private Chambers died May 8, 1946, at sea aboard the SS Sea Fiddler, Position 43° 30’ Nc 32° 35’ W. Enroute from Le Havre, France to New York, N. Y. Permit me to extend my sympathy in the loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Carle,
Colonel ACD
Commanding.

21 March 1947

Dear Miss Chambers:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information concerning the military service of your nephew. The records show that Robert L. Chambers Army Serial number 35776449 served with Battery D. 542nd antiair Craft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, which was under jurisdiction of the 15th Army.

He was authorized two Bronze Service Stars for participation in the Rhine-land and Central Europe Campaigns.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Carle
Colonel A. G. D.
Commanding.

MEMORIAL

In greatful memory of Private Robert L. Chambers who died in the service of his country. In the American Area, May 8, 1946. He stands in the unbroken line of Patriots who have dared to die, that freedom might live and grow, and increase its blessings.

Freedom lives and through it He lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men.

Harry Truman
President of United States of America

S-Sgt. R. H. Nisbet,
Missing over year, is reported Dead.
Mr. and Mrs. William Nisbet of Dehue were notified last week that their son, Staff Sergeant Richard H. Nisbet, radio-gunner in the Army Air Corps, was killed March 7, 1944.

The War Department had previously reported the serviceman as missing in action and he was thought to be a prisoner of the enemy.

The notification said that Nisbet was on a B-17 Flying Fortress, and departed from Eldigwell, England, on a mission to Erkner, Germany, March 6, 1944.

The plane crashed twenty miles south of Berlin and two parachutes were seen by accompanying Fortress crewmen. Hope had prevailed in the family until they received a letter from the second parachutist's mother last month.

Nisbet has one brother, James William, and two sisters, Mrs. Osie Cozmyk and Mrs. Scott Bobbitt.

Pfc. Fred C. Scaggs, 20, the son of Chief of Police and Mrs. A. D. Scaggs of Logan, was killed in action in France on December 10, 1944. He enlisted in the Army on March 22, 1943 and went overseas in June, 1944. Pfc. Scaggs, a graduate of Logan High School, served with the 104th Infantry Regiment of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army.

Dabney Sergeant, Member of 101st, Is Back Home.

Othio Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cartwright of Dabney, a former staff sergeant with the 327th Glider Regiment of the 101 Airborne Division is another Logan County unsung hero who has returned to civilian life.

The modest young man tells of the surrounding of his group at Bastogne when the regiment, which was attached to the first allied airborne Army in Germany, was cut off for seven days.
When the German Major demanded their surrender and the American General McAulif sent back the now famous answer of "Nuts."

Cartright says that his platoon sergeant, Ozwell Butler, was with the group when the demand came in and he heard Colonel Harber say "Nuts" when the general read the ultimatum.

During the seven days Otho said there was a shortage of Ammunition, food, medical supplies and dry or clean clothes, but that even experiencing these privations made all the men want to stick to their jobs and "I was sure glad we didn't surrender."

I would have hated to give up, Cartwright said. We would have been there yet.

The Dabney man holds the ETO Ribbon with four campaign ribbons and one invasion arrowhead; the Good Conduct Ribbon; the Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit Citation.

He was in the invasion of Normandy and the following battles: Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

After reinforcements came to Bastogne the 327th went by truck to the 7th Army front at Swaghouser, Germany, where they fought for three weeks after which they came back to France.

The division was fighting in Gmond, Germany when peace was declared, but they didn't stop to celebrate until they reached Berchtesgaden.

Cartwright wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in Holland when the glider in which he was a passenger crashed. He has many souvenirs but his most prized one is a metal ashtray made with carvings showing the Bastogne experience. Cartwright is now living at Dabney and is married and has one son.

For Our Young Folks, My Grand Nephews Here At Home:
Marvin Morrison, Leonard Morrison, Louie Morrison, Grady Cole Morrison, Jim Bob Morrison, Glenn Chambers, Dow Chambers and David Wall.

BACK TO GRAN'PA'S

I'm goin' back to gran'pa's,
I won't come back no more
To hear remarks about my feet
A-muddin' up the floor.

They's too much said about my clothes
The scoldin's never done —
I'm goin' back to gran'pa's,
Where a boy kin have some fun.

I dug up half his garden
A-gettin' worms for bait;
He said he used to like it
When I laid abed so late;
He said that pie was good for boys
An' candy made 'em grow;
Ef I can't go back to gran'pa's
I'll turn pirate fust you know.

He let me take his shotgun
An' loaded it fer me;
The cats they hid out in barn,
The hens flew up a tree;
I had a circus in the yard
With twenty other boys —
I'm goin' back down to gran'pa's
Where they ain't afraid of noise.

He didn't make me comb my hair
But once or twice a week;
He wasn't watchin out fer words
I hadn't orter speak;
He told me stories 'bout the war,
An' Injuns shot out west;
Oh, I'm goin down to gran'pa's,
Fer he knows what boys like best.

He even run a race with me,
But had to stop an' cough;
He rode my bicycle and laughed
Bec'us' he tumbled off;
He knew the early apple trees
Around within a mile.
Oh, gran'pa was a dandy.
An' was in it all the while.

I bet you gran'pa's lonesome,
I don't care what you say
I seen him kinder cryin'
When you took me away.
When you talk to me of heaven,
Where all the good folks go,
I guess I'll go to gran'pa's,
An' we'll have good times, I know.