HISTORY of the CURREY FAMILY

of

WEST VIRGINIA

By

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of the Currey Reunion
Dedication

To all Curreys of our families and especially to the members of the Currey Reunion, in memory of those who have gone before, and for the encouragement and inspiration of those who are now living, to the end that the living may hold sacred the family name and by noble deeds and uprightness of character and life make the name honored and respected everywhere. To these ends this history is dedicated.

TRUMAN BARTON LAWLER.
THE AUTHOR

TRUMAN BARTON LAWLER


Rev. Truman B. Lawler, son of Angeline Currey Lawler and Mortimer J. Lawler, was elected historian of the Currey family in 1916 and held the position until his death. During these years he was ever alert for material relating to the family or pictures of members of the family. It was his earnest endeavor to have each member of the family represented by a picture and a history. It was also his intention to use every picture sent to him. It is to be regretted that some pictures furnished are not in this book, because they were not of a quality that could be reproduced by the printer.

A history of Rev. Lawler's family appears later in this book. He was graduated from Fairmont Normal School in 1900, attended West Virginia University and Crozer Seminary. He was known throughout his ministry as a "church builder" and built churches during his pastorate at St. Albans, Shinnston, Barrackville and Lumberport. The church was remodeled during his stay at Fairview. Funds were raised to build a new church at Northfork while he was there, but the war interfered. It was his happy privilege to preach the first sermon in Northfork's new church on Easter Sunday of this year. His first pastorate was at the Palatine Baptist Church in Fairmont, now known as the Baptist Temple.

Rev. Lawler was loyal to his God, his country, and his family. A minister friend of his who conducted his funeral appropriately used the text: "A prince and a great man has this day fallen in Israel."

HEBER H. CURREY,
President of the Currey Reunion.

June 22, 1950.
Rev. Truman Barton Lawler
Editor
Presidents of the Currey Reunion

Ralph Currey
Third President

Heber H. Currey
Present President
The Currey Reunion

This picture was taken at Goodhope, Harrison County, West Virginia, at the home of Thaddeus Currey the second year of the Reunion.
VALEDICTORY

The Currey Reunion was organized July 4, 1916. From that date I have been the historian of the Currey Family. I was elected by the unanimous vote of those then present. The term of office was not named and there has been no election of historian since 1916, and I have served the reunion to the best of my ability these thirty-two years.

You have been very helpful to me in preparing this history. While it demanded much time and effort to prepare this history, it has been a pleasant task. It has been a renewing of acquaintances of many friends of other days that I had not seen for a long time. I received scores of letters from members of the families composing this reunion. All seemed anxious to assist me in this work. These letters have greatly touched me. The added notes at the close of the letters have been greatly appreciated. One says, “I would like to see you again.” Another says, “I would like to hear you preach again.” Another says, “I wish you could visit us again some time.” Still another says, “We have never forgotten you. We often talk about you.” We wish for you and your family good health and the best of everything.” These are only a few of the many kind expressions that have come from friends worth having.

There has been an element of sadness in connection with this task. It has been my painful duty, as your historian, to record the deaths in your families. Many have gone into the Great Beyond. Many, many times I have written the dates of births and the dates of deaths. Many times, in preparing this history, I have been reminded of the fact that “It is appointed unto men once to die.” But we believe in another life that is far better than this, where death never comes and where we shall never say good-bye. I pray to our Heavenly Father to send the Comforter to all whose loved ones have gone on, and may He sanctify their sorrow and finally bring them to the Heavenly home to join that Reunion of all who love God.

I am very thankful that my life has been spared to complete this history. I am now in my seventy-fifth year. Seventy-five years is a long time. I have personally known many about whom I have written. Some have gone to school with me and some have gone to school to me when I was a school teacher. Many have been in my congregations during my forty-two years in the Christian ministry. I have married many couples and baptized hundreds of people and often I have stood by the open graves and endeavored to speak words of comfort.

I realize that the sands of time for me are about run out. I now say farewell to you all. We may never see each other again in this world. I hope and pray that we may all meet again in Heaven. I commend you to the grace of God who is able to keep that which we have committed to Him. I bid you all good-bye, which means, God be with you.

TRUMAN BARTON LAWLER.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HISTORICAL SOURCES

For thirty years I have been gathering material for this history. Most of the members of this family I have known personally. I have attended twenty-eight sessions of the Currey Reunion. Two years during World War II the reunion did not meet on account of the difficulty of travel.

This long acquaintance with the family has been very helpful to me in writing this history. I have written many letters to members of the family for information. The response has been wonderful. This I appreciate greatly.

Aside from my own knowledge of the family, I have received a great deal of information from others. The principal source of information has been family records. I think I have the records of most of the members of the family. I have tried to name all the Curreys in this history, but I am sure in this I have failed. But I have named most of the heads of families.

Some who were members of this family changed their names when they married. We have tried to give their present names, and the persons married into the family have been adopted into the family. They belong to the Currey Reunion and many of their pictures are given in this history.

Many of the pictures used in this history are my own that I have been accumulating through the years. A considerable number have been loaned to me by members of the family for this history.

I had access to an English library through the courtesy of a Scotchman who was educated in England. This library had much to say about the Curries, Curreys, and Currys. I am indebted to this friend for the library and much of the history of the origin of the family and their contribution to society.

I wish to acknowledge the contributions of the following members of the family: President Heber H. Currey who typed most of this history for me and made other contributions.

Mrs. A. A. Bailey who gave history and pictures.
Lemon Currey, history and pictures.
Gordon B. Currey, history and pictures.
Guy Currey — Sam Currey's war record.
A. J. Currey, picture and history.
Mrs. Lawrence DeMoss,
Carl L. Currey, father's history and life of Dr. William Columbus Currey.
Dawn Smith, history.
Delbert Currey, family history.
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Clarence Currey.
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Many others made contributions. There are so many of them that I cannot mention them all here, but I desire to thank all who in any way assisted in this work.

I wish to express my appreciation of the financial support given me in this work. Without this support this history could not have been published. The expense of printing has been paid out of subscriptions for the history. I hope and pray that it may prove a good investment and an inspiration to a great multitude of people.

COPY OF CHARTER OF CURREY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

State of West Virginia
Certificate of Incorporation

I, Houston G. Young, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that an agreement duly acknowledged and accompanied by the proper affidavits, has been this day delivered to me, which agreement is in the words and figures following:

I. The undersigned agree to become a corporation by the name of The Currey Cemetery and Memorial Association.

II. The principal place of business of said corporation shall be located at No. 327 Adams street, in the city of Fairmont, in the county of Marion, and the State of West Virginia.

III. The object and purpose for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

The principal purpose of this association shall be to keep in good condition all cemeteries and burying places, where members of the Currey family and their connections are buried or shall be buried, to own land for such purposes, to erect monuments, or publish memorials in the way of Family History.

IV. The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

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<td>Fairmont, W. Va.</td>
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<td>T. B. Lawler</td>
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V. This corporation is to continue perpetually.

VI. To care for the orphan children of the Currey Family and also the aged and infirm, to educate worthy young people in said family.

The capital of said corporation shall be Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars and shall be received through selling of stock, by gifts and bequests. This corporation is not to be for profit, but purely a charitable institution.
The stockholders shall elect directors who shall annually elect officers.
Given under our hands this 5th day of October, 1922.

Thad Currey
F. J. Smith
T. B. Lawler
E. C. Currey
W. J. Currey

Wherefore, The corporators named in the said Agreement and who
have signed the same, and their successors and assigns, are hereby
declared to be from this date
Perpetually

a Corporation by the name and for the purpose set forth in said agree-
ment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State at the City
of Charleston, this ninth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-
two.

Houston G. Young,
Secretary of State.

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THE NAME CURREY

The Family of Currey is traced back to Scotland. Generally, they
spelled the name "Currie" in Scotland. We find some record of the
name in the thirteenth century. Sir Walter de Currey swore allegiance
to King Edward the First of England in 1296. He is thought by many
to have been the ancestor of the Currie, or Currey family in England.
Let us remember that in Scotland the family spelled the name Currie,
in Ireland they spelled it Currey, and in England they came to spell it
"Curry." Some of our people have left off the "e" in spelling the name,
but our family should spell it with an "e" in it, for that is the Irish name
and we are of Irish descent.

One William Currie of England is said to have been a prominent
citizen in the sixteenth century. There was a banker by the name of
William Currie in London in 1753. It is not known whether "Curries"
or "Curreys" or "Currys" were the first to come to America, but it is
generally believed that this family in whatever way they spell the name
are of a common ancestry.

The first time that we find the name in America was in 1652. That
was John and he spelled the name with an "e." In 1730 Rev. David
Currie came from Scotland and settled in Virginia. Robert Curry of
Ireland settled in Pennsylvania about 1730. Dr. James Currie, a nephew
of the James Currey who was the historical editor of the poetry of
Robert Burns, came to North Carolina and later to Virginia. There are
many people by the name of Currey or Curry in America today. They
can be found in every state in the Union. They have made a great name
for their integrity, loyalty and leadership. They were here in Revolu-
tionary days. Ensign John Currey and Lieut. Ross Currey, Joseph Currie, and Captain James Currey are the most prominent. They have distinguished themselves all over America as educators, legislators, judges, physicians, ministers and in every trade and especially tillers of the soil. They have cleared the land, built homes, and have always been loyal to every good cause. It has been said of the Curreys, “They are honest and dependable, and will always pay their debts.” Many theories have been given for the origin of the name. Some say that the first place of residence gave them their name. The Saxon name “Corrie” meant “the hollow side of a hill.” Others say they got their name from their trade, that they were curriers, dressers of skins and tanners. But there may be some other ways that they got their names. The word “Curry” has been defined as “a powder composed of cayenne pepper, coriander, ginger, tumeric and other strong spices.” Some of the family characteristics may be seen in that definition. The Curreys do have some temper, but they are never quarrelsome. They will fight if they are pushed too hard. But they have a good family record. They are free from all criminal tendencies. They are industrious and law-abiding.

We have seen that in this country the Curreys were on the ground early. I believe that my great, great-grandfather was in the Revolutionary War. His name was John Currey. My great-grandfather’s name was Jonathan Currey, and my grandfather’s name was John B. Currey. The Curreys had some great experiences during the Civil War. My father, Mortimore Johnson Lawler, was a boy twelve or thirteen years old at the beginning of that war. I have heard him tell many of those experiences. I will mention only a few of them.

The Curreys were stirred up over the conduct of the so-called Home Guards. A Mr. Coffman was taken from his home and placed on a stump and shot to death. This caused the Curreys to arm themselves and go to the woods to defend themselves. One day my grandfather, Jehu Lawler, and one of my uncles, came in to grandfather’s for a load of provisions. They placed my father on guard above the house while they were there. He said the first thing he knew the road was blue with soldiers. They saw him run to the house and they ran to a bank above the house and the whole company shot at grandfather and uncle as they ran to the woods. Uncle caught a foot on a green brier and fell. A soldier cried, “There is one Rebel less.” But he was not hit and they made it to the woods safely. A Currey and a neighbor were hid on a big rock near grandfather’s house near the bend of the road. They were armed with long muzzle-loaded rifles and they were good shots, so they decided to give the soldiers something to attract their attention. So they fired into the company of soldiers. There was great excitement among the soldiers. Some one saw the captain of that company of soldiers years later. He had a hole in one ear. When asked how he got that mark, he said, “I got that in the Currey settlement during the war.”

The soldiers often made raids in the Currey settlement for provisions and horses. They always visited my great-grandfather’s house when they were on those raids. Great-Grandmother, “Aunt Nancy,” as most people called her, usually had plenty of homemade sausage and maple sugar. The soldiers would make “Aunt Nancy” fry sausage and they
would eat maple sugar. But they never paid for any of it. We boys, years after the war, in passing the home of one of the Home Guards, would yell out: (calling his name) "The ornery old booger. He stole Aunt Nancy's sausage and sugar." Great-grandfather was at home one day when the soldiers came. He crawled under the house and hid. He said he could see their eyes shining as they were looking for him, but they did not see him and he escaped.

Those were trying days for the Curreys. The history of those old days would make a large book—too large for this history. I am telling only a few of my father's experiences. So I will tell only one more. On one of those raids by the soldiers from Philippi, they came to Jonathan Currey's and made Aunt Nancy get their dinner. Some of them had been down to grandfather's home and had taken a two-year-old colt and a dun mare belonging to a neighbor. They decided the colt was too young for service. They sent word down to grandfather to come and get the colt. My father was glad to go for he claimed the colt. When he came for the colt and started away, the dun mare reared up and broke the halter and started to follow the colt. The thought of saving the dun mare spurred my father into action. Instead of going home with the colt, he rode it back into a deep hollow and tied it up. The mare followed and he tied her up too. He walked back home and saw that the soldiers were gone. He was always glad to tell how he saved the dun mare.

The Currey family has a great family reunion which at first met on each Fourth of July at the Harmony Grove Baptist Church in Taylor County. Since there were so many Curreys living in Harrison County, it was decided to alternate Harmony Grove with Goodhope in Harrison County. Some years later it was decided to hold the reunion on Sunday, the Sunday nearest the first of September, and the meeting place to be Harmony Grove. The reunion was organized July 4, 1916. Thad Currey was elected the first president. He was re-elected annually and served 11 years, until his death in 1927. E. C. Currey was elected the second president September, 1927, and he served in that office until his death in 1944, or 17 years. During World War II our beloved president died. Vice President Ralph Currey then became president and was elected president for one year in 1946. He was so busy doing college work for his Master's Degree that he asked to be relieved from the duties of president. Then at the 1947 meeting of the reunion, Mr. Heber H. Currey, of Fairmont, was elected president. He is proving to be very efficient in the work. He has typed most of the copy for this history.

Connected with this reunion is an incorporated body which is perhaps something new. This organization is called, "The Currey Cemetery and Memorial Association." This association is incorporated under the laws of the State of West Virginia, with a capital of $10,000. The purpose of this association is to care for cemeteries where members of the family are buried, to own land for burial purposes, to erect memorials and monuments, and publish family history, and promote the general welfare of the family.

The Curreys who compose this reunion are the descendants of four brothers whose names were James, Jonathan, Israel and John. We think their father was named John and was a soldier in the Revolu-
tionary War. These four brothers were born in Fouquoir County, Virginia. They came to what is now Taylor County, West Virginia. Many of their descendants remain in Taylor County at the present time, but many of them live in Harrison and Marion Counties. Some have gone to others states.

One of these four brothers, James Currey, was born in Fouquoir County, Virginia, in 1782. He came to what is now West Virginia when he was a young man and settled on the Northwestern Pike between Pruntytown and Bridgeport. At his house was a station or division of the stage coach system. He was first married to Nellie Finley. They had a family of children, namely, John, Sarah, Nellie, Mary, Nancy and James H. John married Mary Mason. He lived at Webster, Taylor County, and was called Webster John to distinguish him from other John Curreys. Their children were James, Harrison, Thomas, Columbus, Jefferson, Elizabeth and Prudence. Harrison was a preacher, a Baptist minister. Elizabeth married a Hustead. Prudence married a Mr. Willhide and they resided at Grafton. Sarah married Seth Goodwin. Their children were David, Frances, William, Rose and Nancy Ellen. Nellie married Benjamin Currey. Their children were Nancy, Adaline, Prudence, Jehu, Patsy, Elihu and Lora. Mary married James P. Currey. They had one son, Floyd. Nancy never married. James Currey married Mary Maddox. Their children were Jefferson, Dr. W. L. Y. Currey, Kerby and Breckenridge.

After the death of his first wife, this James Currey who settled on the Northwestern Pike was married the second time to Nancy Batson. Their children were Nathan (known as Little Nate), Harriet Ann, Milton, Martha J., Elizabeth Adaline, Melville, Fenton L., and Samantha Caroline.

There were six sisters to the four brothers who were the ancestors of the Curreys of this reunion. They married and of course changed their names and lost their names as Curreys. But their descendants are no doubt throughout West Virginia and perhaps in other states. We know little about them but would like to know where they are and their present names, occupations, residence, etc. The names of these six sisters were Margaret C., Anne C., Catherine, Nancy C., Rebecca C. and Sally. Margaret married a Garrett. Nancy married a Greathouse. Rebecca married a Primm. Anne married a Plummer. Catherine married John Goodwin, and Sally married John Finley. Sally had a daughter who married Bailey Knight. Israel Currey, brother of Jonathan Currey, had a family. Their names were Ham, Sam, Emily, Tarlton and Bird.

John Currey, one of four brothers who first settled here, soon moved on to Iowa. He was a farmer. He raised 10,000 bushels of wheat one year. He had a family but we do not know anything about them. It would be better to say that the Curreys here were descendants of three brothers instead of four.
CENSUS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, VIRGINIA—1850

July 22, 1850:

Currey, Benjamin (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 33 years.
- Cleanor
- Adaline
- John
- Nancy

Currey, Mary, born in Virginia. Age 26 years.
- Sarah

September 18, 1850:

Currey, Israel (chair maker) born in Virginia. Age 57 years.
- Frances
- Jasper
- Margaret
- Tarlton
- Hampton
- Samuel

August 24, 1850:

Currey, James (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 68 years.
- Nancy
- James
- Nathan
- Harriet
- Milton
- Martha
- Melville
- Fenton
- Samantha

July 6, 1850:

Currey, James J. (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 23 years.
- Lydia
- Joseph

August 11, 1850:

Currey, James P. (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 36 years.
- George
- Joseph
- William
- Bryan
- Mary

Currey, John (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 36 years.
- Mary
- James
- Lydia
- Rosana
- Elizabeth
- Prudy
Thomas Henson
John

June 29, 1850:
Currey, John B. (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 27 years.
Mary
Mortimore
Edwin
Nathan
Francis (Frank)
Perry
William
Angeline
Jonathan

July 22, 1850:
Currey, Jonathan (laborer) born in Virginia. Age 24 years.
Malinda
Martha

August 11, 1850:
Nancy
Israel
Emery
Cornelius
Currey, Lafayette (laborer) born in Virginia. Age 31 years.
Susan
Susan
Frances
Theodore

July 6, 1850:
Currey, Michael (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 22 years.
Sarah

September
Currey, Rachel born in Virginia. Age 28 years.
Elizabeth
Malissa

Census of Barbour County, Virginia, 1850
Currey, John (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 54 years.
Elizabeth
James
Robert W.
Amanda M.
John
Joseph
CENSUS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, 1850

Lawler, Joseph B. (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 41 years.
Sarah " " " 28 "
John " " " 18 "
Nimrod " " " 13 "
Henry " " " 11 months.

Lawler, Willis (farmer) born in Virginia. Age 76 years.
Jane " " " 61 "
Eleanor " " " 40 "
Hannah " " " 32 "
Willis " " " 19 "
Leander " " " 13 "
Jane " " " 10 "

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JOHN B. CURREY

John B. Currey was a son of Jonathan Currey and Nancy Mason Currey. His father, Jonathan Currey, was one of four brothers who came from Virginia to what is now Taylor County, West Virginia. He settled near the North Western Pike between Pruntytown and Bridgeport. But there were no towns there at that time. He and his boys cleared the land and raised their crops. The principal crop was corn. I visited the old homestead when I was a young man. The corn cribs were still standing. They were built of logs, as were all of their buildings. He raised a large number of horses and fed much of the corn to the horses. They traveled on horseback and he aimed to have a horse for each member of the family. It was his rule to give a horse, saddle and bridle to each child, and a feather bed when they got married. His first marriage was to Mary Knight. To this union eight children were born. Their names were: Edwin, Nathan, Frank, Perry, Angeline, Marine, Jonathan and Harriett.

After the death of his first wife he married Permelia Finley. They had seven children. They were Clinton, Thaddeus, Thomas, Louisa, Sarah Ellen, Charles and Elmore. His second wife was a widow and had three children. The stepchildren were Jackson Finley, Margaret Jane Finley, and Nancy Jane Finley. That made eighteen children counting the stepchildren. Charles, who was the next to the youngest child, died at about twenty-one years. All of the other seventeen married and raised families. It will be our task and good pleasure to follow with the history of these families.
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Currey
The Patriarchs of the Currey Family

Back row left to right: Marine, Jonathan (Daunt), Thaddeus, Sarah Ellen (Hall), Elmore.

Front row, left to right: Edwin, Nathan, Frank, Perry and Angeline (Lawler).
Front row, left to right, Frank and Edwin Currey. Back row, left to right, Perry and Marine Currey. All sons of John B. Currey. Al Currey, son of Frank, stands at right.

EDWIN CURREY

Edwin Currey, the oldest son of John B. and Mary Currey, was born in Taylor County, West Virginia, January 17, 1837. He was married to Prudence Currey March 14, 1878. To this union two children were born, one son and a daughter, viz.: Winfield Scott and Lela Myrtle. The son passed away June 24, 1900. Edwin Currey died June 13, 1924, aged 87 years, 4 months and 26 days. He was the oldest of a family of seventeen children. He had twenty-two nieces and thirty-six nephews.

He was a good, honorable man of high character, and of a kind and winning disposition. He made friends always wherever he went. He was greatly missed in the home and in the community.

Left to right: Lulu Bell Ryan, Myrtle Currey, daughter and only descendent of Edwin and Prudence Currey; A. J. and Laura Bell Currey; Mary Currey (deceased), wife of Thaddeus Currey; Birdie Currey, wife of Clyde Currey.
NATHAN CURREY

Nathan Currey, son of John B. Currey, was born October 14, 1838, near the North Western Pike, not far from what was later known as the George Reynolds farm. He was often called "Big Nate" to distinguish him from another Nate Currey who was known as "Little Nate".

His first marriage was to Patience Provance. To this union two children were born, viz.: Edward Jones, born January 7, 1863, and Arelious Lee, born February 7, 1864.

Edward Jones, usually called "Jona", was a stone mason, carpenter and builder. He was considered a good workman and an honorable citizen. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Alice Tucker, daughter of John Tucker, who lived at the head of Turkey Run in what is now Boothscreek, in Taylor County, West Virginia. They had one son, William J. Currey, who lived near Shinnston, West Virginia. (Now deceased.) Jona's second wife was Martha M. (Sissie) Brown, a much loved woman by all who knew her.

Arelious Lee Currey was born in February, 1864. He volunteered in the Spanish-American War, but the war ended soon after he joined the army and his service was short. He was chief of police at Monongah. He went west a good many years ago and lived to be past 81 years old. He died April 21, 1944, in a hospital in California. He was never married. His body was brought back and laid to rest in the Harmony Grove Cemetery. His sister says of him: "He was a man in all of his dealings, and a good Democrat."

Nathan Currey's second wife was Susan Provance. She was born February 6, 1845, and died April 13, 1917. They had a large family of children, viz.: Mary Inis, William Cread, George A., Diora B., Viola P., Bertie M., John B., Thomas Sidney and Myrtle.

1. Mary Inis Currey was born August 22, 1868. She married William Tucker. They had two sons and one daughter, viz.: Berlice C. Tucker, Bernice O. Tucker, and Dolice Tucker. She is now deceased.

2. William Cread Currey was born April 18, 1870. After leaving the farm he became a miner and worked most of the time at Monongah. He spent several years at hard work in the mines. He saved his money and bought a farm in Arkansas. He married Nora Nixon. They have two girls and two boys. The girls' names are Mary and Martha, and the boys' names are Paul Davis and Justus.

3. George A. Currey was born April 19, 1872, and died September 20, 1884.

4. Diora B. Currey was born March 2, 1874. She is still in the old Currey home and makes a home for her two brothers.

5. Viola P. Currey was born November 10, 1876, and died May 23, 1933.


7. John B. Currey was born April 11, 1880. He died during the year of 1949.

8. Sidney Currey was born November 17, 1882. At home.

9. Myrtle Currey was born September 17, 1884. She married Fred Klepful. Fred did valiant service in World War I. They have three children living and one dead. Loraine died when young. Those living
are Fred Junior, Susan and Luretta. Fred, Junior, served in World War II for three years. He was in the Medical Corps. He made a good record. He says he had some hard times and some good times.


Nathan Currey was a successful farmer and business man. He was a hard worker. One of his daughters says of him, "He raised a large family and worked hard to raise them. He worked on the farm in the summer and raised his crops and when winter came on, he and his friend, Fenton L. Currey, would go back to the timber business. They would cut a big tree, his friend would score it and my father would hew it off and they would have a nice stick of timber."

The timber business was a good business in those early days. The timber was hewn and drawn to the mouth of Lost Run and rafted and run down the Tygart Valley River on to the Monongahela River, and on to Rice's Landing in Pennsylvania where it was sold.

Nathan Currey made a living for his family on the farm and saved much of the money that he made in the timber business, until he came to be thought of as a well to do man. He was interested in politics and took a lively interest in elections. He was a Democrat and a Baptist. He was an active member of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church. I used to enjoy very much going to his house, and being with his family. We lived about a half mile apart on the Fairmont and Beverly Pike, now Route 250. He was an uncle of mine, my mother's brother. He was always kind to me and I was glad to call him Uncle Nate.

John B. Currey and his family moved from Taylor County to Kincheloe Creek in Harrison County. They all settled in that community. They bought land that had to be cleared. They cleared the land and built homes. They were successful farmers. Most of them got some oil and gas wells with the oil and gas development that came to that section so that they came to be in good financial circumstances. Marine settled at the head of the stream. Then came Edwin with a good farm.

FRANK CURREY

Frank Currey was a son of John B. Currey and Mary Knight Currey. He married Frances Currey, daughter of Lafayette Currey. They lived on a farm in Harrison County. They had eight children, whose names were: Lewis Pendleton, John Irving, Mary Eveline, Cordelia Ann, Ai Johnson, William Clyde, Lillian Pearl, and Maudie (deceased). Frank Currey died Sept. 14, 1921. He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He was a good man and had a good and respectable family, all of which he could justly be proud.

1. Lewis Pendleton has been married three times. His first wife was Dona Day. They had one child that died when quite young. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Smith. After her death he married Flora Woolford. They live near Fairmont.

2. John Irving married Ella Richards. They had five children. Their names were: Arden (deceased), Nora, Glenn (deceased), Ruby and Fred. Nora married Sam Morrison. They had several children. We do not have their names. John Irving Currey died in 1937.

3. Mary Eveline married James Lohr. They had four children, two
of which were deceased in infancy. Carl is also deceased. Clarence Truman is the only one of the family that is living.


5. Ai Johnson Currey married Laura Bell. He was employed in the office of the Hope Natural Gas Company in Clarksburg. He has retired and lives in Clarksburg. He is a good citizen and a member of the Clarksburg Baptist Church. For many years he has been an adult teacher in the Bible School of the Clarksburg Church.

6. William Clyde Currey was born January 18, 1882. He married Birdie Cunningham. They had three children: Hazel, Wayman, and Darrell.

   (1) Hazel married Orlan C. Fowler, Principal at the Norwood School. They live in Goff Plaza, Clarksburg. They have a son, Billy, five years old.

   (2) Wayman married Helma West. They have a son, Virgil Arthur, age four years. Wayman works for the National Carbon Company. They live at Maple Lake.

   (3) Darrell married Lovernia Lough. They have a daughter named Vancy Grace, one and a half years old. Darrell works for the Hope Natural Gas Company. They live in Bridgeport, W. Va.

7. Lillian Pearl married Herman Cunningham. They had seven children, viz.: Violet, Viola, Wilson, Lester, George, Geraldine and Robert.

Lillian's children:

   (1) Violet married Jud Jenkins. They have five children.

   (2) Viola married a Mr. Barr. They have no children.

   (3) Wilson married Beatrice Nicholas. They have three children.

   (4) Lester married Fern Bee. They have four children.

   (5) George married Nellie Welch. They have two children.

   (6) Geraldine married Vangy Hollar. They have two children.

   (7) Robert is single.

We are sorry we do not have the names of these children.

8. Maudie is deceased.
William Clyde Currey, son of Frank and Frances Currey, was born January 18, 1882, on Stutler's Fork of Kincheloe Creek. He was one of a family of eight children. He taught school twenty-three terms, some of which were summer terms. He entered the ministry in 1915, and was pastor of the following churches: Mt. Carmel, Center Branch, McIntire Fork, First Church of Wallace, Bridgeport Baptist Church, Sardis, Hepzibah, and Harmony Grove.

He was sick several years before his death. He died at Bridgeport April 20, 1934, aged 52 years, 3 months and 2 days. He married Birdie Cunningham. To this union three children were born, viz.: Hazel, Wayman and Darrell. The children all are married and each has one child. Hazel married Oran C. Fowler, Principal of Norwood School. Their son Billy is six years old. Wayman married Thelma West. He is employed by the National Carbon Company. They have a son four years old whose name is Virgil Arthur. Darrel married Lovern Lough. They live in Bridgeport and have a daughter Nancy Grace, age 2 years. He is employed by the Hope Natural Gas Company.

Mrs. Currey married A. D. Morris after Clyde's death. They live in Clarksburg.

Clyde was a successful school teacher. He realized that God had called him into the ministry so he gave up teaching and yielded to the call of God. He was evangelistic in spirit. He was a good pastor. He was a forceful speaker and was well liked by all of his church people.
PERRY CURREY

Perry Currey was a son of John B. Currey. He was born and reared in Taylor County, West Virginia. He was married twice. His first marriage was to Rebecca Sheets. Perry settled at his father's home below Edwin. Frank settled nearby. They were all industrious and good, honest citizens. They had six children: Grover C., Florence, William Brooks, Stella Ann, John Earl, and Ruth.

1. Grover C. Currey married Alda Wagner. They had one child. His name was Edward Harold. Grover died when he was a young man.

2. Florence Currey married Waitman T. Smith. They had ten children. They were as follows: Mildred, Minnie, Fred, Freda, Lee (deceased), Roy, Don, Doyle, Wayne and Eugene.
   (1) Mildred married Jason Hoff. They had four children. Three of them were Betty, Billy, and Jimmie. The name of one we do not have.
   (2) Minnie married Virgil Wilson. They had two children whose names we do not have.
   (3) Fred married Ethel Morford. They had four or five children whose names we do not have.
   (4) Freda married Cloyd Roberts. They had one child whose name we do not have.
   (5) Roy is married. We do not have the name of his wife.
   (6) Don married Dorothy Miller. They had two children.
   (7) Doyle married a Miss Brown. They had one child.
   (8) Wayne married Frances Tripp. They had one child.
   (9) Eugene is single.


4. Stella Ann married Burlie Yates. They had four children. They were Virginia, William Thad, Mary Katharine and Betty Jean. Stella died March 22, 1938.

Stella's children:
   (1) Virginia married Kenneth Stuart. They have four girls: Martha Ann, Sharon, Sara Sue and Mary K.
   (2) Mary Katharine married Dick Billingsley. They have one son, Barry.
   (3) Betty Jean married Eugene Walker. They have one child, Barbara Jean.
   (4) Billy is single and works in Detroit.

5. John Earl married Hazel Freeman. They have one child, John Robert. They live in Fairbanks, La.

6. Ruth Currey (single).

Second marriage.

After the death of his first wife, Perry Currey married Rulina Brown. They had four children, viz.: Bertha, Worthy, Harlan and Carlton. Harlan and Carlton were twins.
1. Bertha Currey married Abe Coffindaffer. They had one child, Bobby Lynne Coffindaffer. Mr. Coffindaffer is deceased.

2. Worthy Currey married Sally Arbogast. They have two children, Donald Lee and Mary Lou.

3. Harlan married Pearl Francis. They had three children, James, Sherley, and Eugene.


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Children of Perry and Rulina Currey

Left to right, seated: Bertha Currey Coffindaffer, Ruth Currey, Stella Yates (deceased 1938), Florence Smith. Standing, left to right: Carleton Currey (deceased 1949), Grover Currey (deceased), Worthy Currey, W. B. ("Bill") Currey, John Earl Currey (deceased 1948), Harleton Currey.
Carleton Currey
son of
Perry and Rutina Currey
(Deceased April 21, 1949)

John Robert Currey
son of
John Earl and Hazel Freeman Currey
of Fairbanks, La.
Angeline Currey was a daughter of John B. and Mary Knight Currey. She was born on January 19, 1845, in what is now Taylor County, West Virginia. She married Mortimer Johnson Lawler, son of Jehu and Katherine Currey Lawler, on October 9, 1873. They had two sons, Truman Barton Lawler and William Alonzo Lawler.

1. Truman Barton Lawler was born on January 16, 1875. He married Zanie Scranage on February 16, 1898. Two sons were born to them on May 12, 1903. Zanie died when the boys were born. The twins' names are Romulus Ward Lawler and Rommeo Alonzo Lawler.
   (1) Romulus Ward Lawler married Wanda Hardt, of Detroit. They have a daughter, Judith Loraine Lawler. They live in Detroit, Mich.
   (2) Rommeo Alonzo married Mary Laws. They have a daughter, Betty Ann Lawler. They live in Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

2. William Alonzo Lawler married Maymie Harr of Fairmont. He is a realtor. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Currey Cemetery and Memorial Association, and was one of the incorporators of that body.
William Alonzo Lawler
Realtor
Fairmont, W. Va.
President of the
Currey Cemetery and Memorial Association

Mrs. W. A. Lawler
in her Flower Garden
at
Fairmont, W. Va.
ZANIE SCRANAGE LAWLER, WIFE OF
TRUMAN BARTON LAWLER.

She died May 12, 1903. She was a true wife. Like the woman in the Bible, "She hath done what she could." She helped me to get an education, and was interested in my success. She thought I would enter the ministry and told me so. It encouraged me to make the decision after she went away.

It was a beautiful morning in May.

The sun shone brightly, the birds were singing, the flowers were blooming. Two angels came to our house that morning. One was the angel of life and brought twin boys, the other was the angel of death and took the new mother away. This was a tragedy of my life. I felt that I was ruined. My ideals had all been wrong. I could do nothing better than leave it all with the Heavenly Father. This I did and He gave me grace and faith to trust Him in the darkest hour of my life and I promised to give Him my life in the ministry. Since then He has led me forty-five years as a preacher and has blessed every step of the way. I wish to use a little poem by Thomas W. Fessenden as a tribute to her character and life. The poem is entitled: "The Mother Artist."

"You painted no Madonnas
On chapel walls in Rome,
But with a touch diviner
You lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems
That critics counted art:
But with a nobler vision,
You lived them in your heart.

You built no cathedrals
That centuries applaud:
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedrals God."
Romulus Ward Lawler
Detroit, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Romulus Lawler
and daughter, Judy

Mr. and Mrs. Rommeo Alonzo Lawler
Du Bois, Pennsylvania

Betty Ann Lawler
In Memorium

After writing my valedictory and saying good-bye to all the members of the reunion, I have had to say good-bye to my dear wife. I have known for many months that the end was coming. I have prayed that I might live to take care of her and bring to her every comfort within my ability. I am glad my prayer has been granted.

On the evening of June 28th she quietly went to sleep to wake no more in this world. She was a good wife and a good homemaker. She came into my home when my mother was old and my boys needed the love that she was able to give them. We had mother in our home for several years during the closing days of her life. She did for mother all she could in the days of her affliction. Mother died in our home at Lumberport and we took her to the old home church and buried her beside my father. I had prayed that I might outlive mother to see that she had every needed care in her last days. Again my prayer was answered. My wife did everything that she could do for mother and that was a great comfort to me. She loved the boys and did all she could to give them the home life and the love they needed.

She was a good minister's wife and won many souls to Christ. She was interested in the work of the church and was a great help and inspiration to me. She was for all the thirty-eight years of our married life an interested member of my congregation. She seemed to get help and inspiration from my sermons and would often speak to me about the help she received from them. This was all a great help to me.

We had one daughter that was everything good that a daughter could be and a son-in-law who has been very kind to us in giving us a home through all the days of her illness. For this I am very thankful.

We miss her greatly but we would not bring her back to a suffering world if we could. We trust that our loss is her eternal gain.

"There's always tomorrow, with its promise of better things. Let us then think of death as but one tomorrow, filled with infinite promise and fulfillment."—Helen Keller.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Almighty God, Fount of all life, Thou art our refuge and strength. Thou art our help in trouble. Enable us, we pray Thee, to put our trust in Thee, that we may obtain comfort, and find grace to help in this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
BEULAH L. HASH AND SONS

Beulah Lawler Hash, daughter of Alice Frum and Truman B. Lawler, was born at St. Albans, West Virginia, October 22, 1911. She is a graduate of Lumberport High School and of West Virginia University with an A.B. degree in 1933. She taught in the Lumberport High School. On January 7, 1933, she married John Wythe Hash. They have two sons, John Lawler, born March 12, 1940, and Richard Donald, born January 20, 1942. While in the University she belonged to Alpha Xi Delta, national social sorority and Mortar Board, national honorary for senior college women. She now resides in Charleston where she is a member of the board of directors of Travelers’ Aid, vice-president of the board of the Kanawha Cancer Society, and president of the Auxiliary to the Kanawha Medical Society.

DR. JOHN W. HASH

John Wythe Hash was born September 6, 1908, at Pageton, W. Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hash, of Marion, Virginia. He graduated from the Elk-horn (W. Va.) High School in 1927. He received an A.B. degree from West Virginia University in 1931, a B.S. in Medicine in 1937, and an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, Va., in 1939. At the University he was a member of the Varsity baseball team for four years, winning a letter each year. He entered the Army October 25, 1942, and served with the 234th General Hospital in India for 28 months. He was given an honorable discharge from the Army March 14, 1946, with the rank of Major. He now practices medicine in Charleston. He is a member of Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity, the West Virginia State Medical Association, and is secretary of the Kanawha Medical Society.
WILLIAM MARINE CURREY

William Marine Currey, son of John B. Currey, was born in Taylor County, now in West Virginia, May 29, 1846. He married Virginia Elder. They had two children, Hayward and Essie. Hayward Currey was born February 11, 1888.

1. Hayward married Elva Coffindaffer. They have four children, viz.: Ralph Currey, William Beauregard, Emma Josephine and Eugene Rex.

   (1) Ralph Currey married Mary McGee. They have two children, Ralph Bryan and Russell Lee Currey. Ralph Currey is a teacher in Stonewall Jackson High School. He served one year as President of the Currey Reunion. Mrs. Currey is also a teacher, at Clendenin. They live at Clendenin. They both belong to the Clendenin Baptist Church.

   (2) William Beauregard married Virginia Robinson. They have one child, Anna Lee Currey. They live at Clarksburg.

   (3) Emma Josephine married Dwight Smith. They have three children: Russell Smith, Fred Smith, and Emma Lou Smith. They live at Morgantown.

   (4) Eugene Rex was a soldier in World War II. He married Ernestine Smith. They have a daughter, Judith Ann. He was in the army two years, and served one year in Japan.

2. Essie Currey married B. E. Simons. They have three children:

   (1) Oris Simons, (2) Carl Simons, (3) Kenneth Simons. They belong to the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Marine's wife, who was Virginia Elder, died January 30, 1893. He married Mrs. Emma Hudkins for his second wife June 6, 1895. She is a good woman and helped to make a good home for the family. She recently died at the age of 90. Marine Currey died February 6, 1930. He was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Hayward Currey lives on Kincheloe Creek. He has a good farm and is a good farmer. He runs a dairy and drives a Harrison County school bus. His wife is a good helper, or perhaps we had better say, she is a good farmer and a good homemaker, and Hayward helps her. Their children are all married and have homes of their own. Mr. and Mrs. Currey are members of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.
Children of Hayward T. and Elva Coffindaffer Currey
Eugene, Emma Currey Smith, William and Ralph.

Ralph B. Currey
Mary McGee Currey
wife of
Ralph B. Currey

Hayward and Elva
Currey

Bryan Currey, II
son of
Mrs. Ralph B. Currey

William B. Currey
son of
Hayward T. Currey

Russell Lee Currey
son of
Ralph B. and Mary McGee Currey

Hayward T. and Elva Currey
Jonathan Currey, commonly called "Daunt," was a son of John B. Currey and Mary Knight Currey. He married Alice Harr. They had two children, Belle Currey and Howard Currey. Jonathan Currey was a farmer and lived near Kincheloe, West Virginia. He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He was thrown from a horse and killed Nov. 17, 1917. Mrs. Alice Currey died July 13, 1907.
HOWARD L. CURREY AND FAMILY

Howard L. Currey is a son of Jonathan and Alice Harr Currey. He married Ada Simons March 4, 1900. He is a retired school teacher, having taught in Harrison County schools for 44 years.

To this marriage the following children were born:

1. Roxie Currey
2. Harl O. Currey
3. Wayne Currey
4. Thelma Currey
5. Arnett Currey (deceased)
6. Brennie Dee Currey
7. Ernestine Currey

1. Roxie Currey married Art U. Caynor. Their children are:
   (b) Helen Marie Caynor, married to Robert Joseph Hannafey, June 16, 1946.
   (c) Glenna Lee Caynor, at home.

2. Harl O. Currey married Zella Freeman and have two children.
   (a) Eloise, graduated from Bowling Green Business College.
   (b) Lewis, employed by Monongahela Power Company.

3. Wayne Currey married Sadie Burnside and have two children.
   (a) Jane Ann.
   (b) John Wayne, employed by Monongahela Power Company.

4. Thelma Currey married Virgil Caynor and have three children.
   (a) Raymond.
   (b) Robert Keith.
   (c) Patricia Ann, employed by Monongahela Power Company.

5. Arnett Currey, deceased.

6. Brennie Dee Currey married Ethel Hitt. Brennie Dee Currey was in service 42 months—18 months in European Theater. Entered combat in France July, 1944. Wounded August 6, 1944. Was flown back to England by plane and was promoted to Staff Sergeant at time he was wounded. He received an honorable discharge with a pension of $87.00 per month and returned to Clarksburg, W. Va., where he resumed his former position with City Lines, Inc.


Corp. Brennie Dee Currey
son of
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Currey

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BELLE CURREY BAILEY

Ora Belle Currey was born September 18, 1874. On October 13, 1895, she married A. A. Bailey. (Born October 6, 1867). They have four children. They are: Locksie Bailey, Alice Jemima Bailey, Delma Bailey, and Bernard Bailey.

1. Locksie Bailey was born July, 1896. She married Curtis Boner June 20, 1914. Their children are:
   1. Frena Boner, born June 27, 1915.
   2. Benjamin Franklin Boner was born June 26, 1918. He died in 1919.
   3. Charles Bailey was born December 14, 1920. He served in World War II in the Navy in the Pacific. He was wounded twice, once while in the Pacific by shrapnel and once on the California Coast. He is now well and employed by the Hope Gas Company. He married Mary Ann Richter of North Dakota, May 8, 1945. They have a daughter, Mary Sue.
   4. Frena Joe Boner was a wave in the Navy. She married Robert E. Begg, September 6, 1946. He was also in the navy. They now live in California.

Locksie Bailey Boner married J. R. Helmick, June 26, 1926. He was in the first World War and served in France. To this union were born three children.
   1. Patricia Ann Helmick, born June 25, 1927. She married Lynn E. Dass, who was also in the navy. They have one daughter, Machelle Lynn Dass.
   2. Sally Lue Helmick was born November 2, 1933. She is a student in Bristol High School.

2. Alice Bailey married Marshall C. Frashure, October, 1919. He was in World War I. He is now bookkeeper for the Hope Gas Company in Parkersburg. Their children are:
   1. Evelyn Frashure, born July 31, 1920. She is a teacher. She married Carl William Moyer. He was a pilot in World War II. There are four Moyer children. They are Jada Lynn Moyer, born December 31, 1942. Michael Moyer, born in Texas. He died in infancy. William was born in September, 1947. They now live in Bremen, Ohio.
   2. Betty Jean Frashure, born June 2, 1923, was graduated from White Cross Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She went to Tokyo, Japan, as an Army nurse July 6, 1944, as a member of the 42nd General Hospital. She returned to the States in 1945. She is now a student at Ohio University, Athens.
   3. Maybelle Frashure was born February 10, 1925. She was graduated from high school and business college. She is a bookkeeper for the Hope Gas Company in Clarksburg.
   4. Sue Ann Frashure was born July 27, 1933. She is a student at Bridgeport High School.
   5. Alice Jane Frashure will graduate from high school this year.

3. Delma Bailey married C. L. Smith, August 1, 1930. She was a Harrison County teacher. Mr. Smith is an engineer for the Chesapeake
Telephone Company. They have one son, Clarence Lee Smith, born July 1, 1935. He is now a student at Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg.


Bernard Bailey was married the second time September 13, 1942, to Louise Wilson. He is superintendent for the Murphy Construction Company and builds roads. His headquarters are at Morgantown and he resides at Jackson's Mill.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Begg

1st Lt. Betty J. Frashure
daughter of
M. C. and Alice Bailey Frashure

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wm. Mayer
Mrs. Mayer is the former Evelyn Frashure
He was 1st Lt. in Air Corps

Frena Jo. Boner

On left—O. L. Helmick, Signalman
Thomas A. Helmick, Boatsman
sons of
J. R. and Locksie Helmick
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bailey on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Oct. 13, 1945
HARRIETT CURREY

Harriett Currey was a daughter of John B. Currey and Mary Knight Currey. She married John Hudkins. They had three children, viz.: Ola, Jackson and Emma.

1. Ola married a Mr. Riddle. They had a family of children whose names we do not have.
2. Jackson married May Maxon. They have two children, Ova and Hayward. Ova married Iva Peterson. The Petersons have two boys. Hayward is married.
3. Emma married a Mr. Maxon. They live in Ohio.

CLINTON CURREY

Clinton Currey, son of John B. Currey, was born in what is now Taylor County, West Virginia, November 22, 1856. He went from West Virginia to Nebraska in the spring of 1880. He was married to Maggie Morphet January 29, 1884, at Lincoln, Nebraska. He farmed in the Lincoln vicinity for seven years, after which he moved to Thayer County two and a half miles from Belvidere, Nebraska. He died sometime during 1949. To this union were born three children, Ira, Frank, and Helen. Mrs. Currey passed away October 1, 1911. They had also eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Ira Currey, Clinton Currey's son, married Fern Denning. They have five children. (1), Margaret, who married Alvin Paul. They farm near Davenport, Nebraska. They have two sons, Larry and Richard. (2), Bessie married Paul Harmon. They live in Belvidere, Nebraska, and have one son, Melvin. (3), Myron married Maxine Pepperl. They farm near Belvidere and have two children, Peggy Ann and Teddy. (4), Clinton married Phyllis Brunio. Clinton served as Chief Gunner's Mate in the navy aboard the U. S. S. Ranger for six years. He now works for the U. S. Soil Conservation at Neligh, Nebraska. They have one daughter, Candis. (5), Gladys married Roy Johnson. They live at Acme, Washington. They have one son, Gary. Gladys worked for the United States Civil Service at the Bruning Army Air Base and at the Santa Ana, Calif., Army Air Base. Roy Johnson was in the Army Air Corps and completed 22 missions over Germany as a gunner. At the present time he does trucking in Belvidere.

Frank Currey married Lulu Harris. To this union were born three children. (1), Bonnie Belle, who married Phil Brown, who was a Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol during the war. They farm near Hebron, Nebraska. They have five children, Carole, Karen, Gary, Larry and Linda. (2), Phyllis married T. B. Ames. She served as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corps in Germany during the war. "Bill" T. B. served as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces where he was a pilot of fighter planes. Phyllis and "Bill" were married while in Germany in the service. They now live in White Plains, New York. (3), Norman goes to high school in Belvidere.

Helen Currey married Renna Stairs. They have no children. They farm near Bruning, Nebraska.
Clinton Currey and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Currey
THADDEUS CURREY

Thaddeus Currey was the first president of the Currey Reunion. He was the chief promoter of the idea of organizing a reunion. It was his hope that such an organization would inspire the young people of the family to uphold the traditions of the family and to achieve greater things in the future. He believed that the Curreys generally did not know enough about the family whose name they bore, and they needed to know the history of the family in order to appreciate their accomplishments. The Curreys are noted for their honesty, industry, courage, leadership and good citizenship.

Thaddeus Currey was not only the first president of the Currey Reunion but was chosen every year until his death, and he did much for the promotion of the organization. He was born May 13, 1859, and died February 18, 1927. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Carmel Church in Harrison County and was a faithful member. He served as deacon of the church for about 35 years, and he discharged the duties of that office in an efficient and faithful manner.

He was married to Mary J. Bell March 9, 1882. They had no children of their own, but they took into their home Lloyd Batton and gave him every comfort until his death at 17 years. Later they took their little niece Stella Currey, whose mother, Mrs. Perry Currey, died when Stella was very young, and gave her the comforts of their home until she was married and had a home of her own. Mrs. Currey died during the year 1949.

Thad Currey was loved by all who knew him. He was a good man and had much ability. He was a good husband, a devoted friend, a faithful churchman, and truly an exemplary citizen. He was buried in the beautiful cemetery at Goodhope. The preacher said at his funeral, "The stone that marks his resting place should be inscribed with the words, 'Truly here lies a great man.'"
THOMAS CURREY

Thomas Currey was a son of John B. Currey and Permelia Findley Currey. He married Molly Beckwith. They had two children, Cleveland and Jennie. Mollie Beckwith Currey was a native of Nebraska. Thomas went to Nebraska from West Virginia when he was a young man and there he found his wife, as did Clinton, his older brother. He moved from Nebraska to Texas. He died in Texas. The two children, Cleveland and Jennie, live in Texas.
LOUISA CURREY GILES

Louisa Currey was a daughter of John B. Currey and Permelia Findley Currey. She married George Giles. They had four children, viz.: Leurenna, Reubin, Emma, and Sylvanus (deceased early in life). Mr. and Mrs. Giles are deceased.

1. Leurenna married Henry Dalton. Both are deceased. Their home was at Spencer.

2. Reubin lives at Pleasanton, Nebraska. He is a United Brethren minister. He is married and has a family. A daughter, Marjorie, is married and lives in California.

3. Emma married Charles Thompson. She is deceased. They had a family of children, two of whom were Thelma and Mary Elizabeth.
SARAH ELLEN CURREY

Sarah Ellen Currey was a daughter of John B. Currey and Permelia Findley Currey. She married James Hall. They had seven children. They were Nathan, Emma, Worthy, Harvey, Clarice, Oma and Fred. Sarah Ellen Currey Hall died May 7, 1939.

2. Emma married Floyd Hall. They had nine children. Their names are Gertrude, Bertha, Ava, James, William (deceased), Charles, Evelyn, Imogene and Helen.
3. Worthy married Dessie Funk.
4. Harvey married Marie Peterson.
5. Clarice is deceased.
6. Oma is a teacher in the Central Junior High School at Clarksburg, W. Va.
7. Fred married Vonnie Griffith. They are the parents of three children whose names are Dickie, Jimmie and Pamela.

ELMORE CURREY

Elmore Currey was the youngest son of John B. Currey. He married Ola Simons. They had nine children. They were Delbert, Ira, Oma, Oris, Oral, Harley, Marple, Garnet, and Nellie. Elmore died January 30, 1917. He was about 50 years old.

Elmore Currey’s children:
1. Delbert (single).
2. Ira (married).
3. Oma married Marshall Kesterson. They had two children.
4. Oris (married).
5. Oral (married).
6. Harley (deceased).
7. Marple (married).
8. Garnet married a Mr. Kennedy.
9. Nellie married a Mr. Moore. They have several children.

JOHN B. CURREY’S STEPCHILDREN

When John B. Currey married Permelia Garrett Findley, she was a widow with three children. These children came into the Currey family and were treated as members of the family. They were obedient and respectful and were loved by all the other members of the family. Their names were Jackson Findley, Margaret Jane Findley, and Nancy Jane Findley.

1. Jackson Findley married Loretta Sinclair. They had ten children.
   (1) Will married a Miss Leonard from Monongah.
   (2) James married Della Bell. Their children were Arley, Stanley, Loretta and Anna.
(3) Clinton married Amelia Miller. They had a large family.
(4) Wait died of typhoid fever when he was a young man.
(5) Diora married Lawrence Hall. They had a family.
(6) Hattie married James Cunningham. They had a family.
(7) Lulu married Bland Courtney. They had no children. Both
are deceased.
(8) Drusilla married James Coffindaffer. They had a family.
(9) Ida died in childhood.
(10) Zada married Lloyd Knight. Their children were: Clint, Delmo,
Della and Ruby.

2. Margaret Jane Findley married Willis Knight. They had three children whose names were Samuel, Arthur and Porter.

(1) Sam, as he was commonly called, married Mary Tucker, daughter of Lemon Tucker. Their children were Alta, Lilly, Carl and Emmet. Emmet had a family. Both boys, Carl and Emmet, are deceased.
(2) Sam Knight and Arthur Knight are deceased. Margaret Jane
and Willis Knight are also deceased.

3. Nancy Jane Findley married John Knight. They had two children, Charles and Willie. Willie died when he was a young man. Charles Knight married Ella Haggerty. He is also deceased.

John B. Currey died January 31, 1892, aged 79 years. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and was a good Christian man. He availed himself of the opportunities that his day afforded for church-going. As I have said before, they traveled on horseback. It was one of my mother's pleasant memories that he took them all to church. I have heard her tell how they would all start to church on horseback and grandfather would say, "Jog along, children, or we will all be late to church," and then they would apply their switches and they would go into a gallop and make the dust or the mud fly and make a noise like distant thunder. They would arrive at church in time for the beginning of the service. Their family made a good impression on all the others by their large addition to the congregation and their interest in what was going on. It was like reenforcement of a company of soldiers to a regiment hard at battle. Those were not the "horse and buggy days". There were no buggies, but they could all ride horses. My mother was a good horseback rider and it was her delight to enter a race against the best of them. She always kept a good saddle and rode horses until late in life.

CHARLES ERWIN KNIGHT'S FAMILY

Charles Knight is in the Currey family because of the marriage of his grandmother Permelia Findley to John B. Currey for his second wife. She was a widow and had three children when she married John B. Currey. These three children were Jackson Findley, Margaret Jane Findley, and Nancy Jane Findley. They came into John B. Currey’s family and became his stepchildren. Nancy Jane Findley married John
Knight. John Knight was the father of Charles Knight. Charles Knight died Dec. 9, 1943.

Charles Erwin Knight was born May 27, 1873. He married Ella Frances Haggerty Aug. 24, 1899. She was born April 17, 1880. Died March 16, 1941. They had the following named children: Lizzie Jane Knight, Lela Edna Knight, John Barton Knight, Mary Martha Knight, Evelyn Virginia Knight, Leannah Knight and Ruby Leah Knight.

1. Lizzie Jane Knight was born Aug. 6, 1900. She never married. Her address is Wilsonburg, W. Va., R.F.D. 1, Box 10.

2. Lela Edna Knight was born Oct. 8, 1903. She married Mason Howard Fittro Dec. 26, 1925. They have two children—Carl Lynne Fittro, born July 17, 1928, and Donald Lee Fittro, born Feb. 22, 1932. Their address is Wilsonburg, W. Va., R.F.D. 1, Box 10.

3. John Barton Knight was born July 6, 1906. He died May 2, 1908.

4. Mary Martha Knight was born July 16, 1914. She married Herman Null Oct. 2, 1931. They have five children.
   (1) Betty Sharon Null, born July 10, 1932.
   (2) Patricia Ann Null, born July 30, 1934.
   (4) George Perry Null, born Feb. 22, 1941.

5. Evelyn Virginia Knight was born May 13, 1918. She married Cecil Omar White July 10, 1938. They have three children—
   (1) Nancy Sue White, born March 6, 1940.
   (2) Terry Omar White, II, born July 2, 1942.
   (3) James Edward White, born Aug. 30, 1944. Their address is Park, W. Va.

6. Leannah Knight was born July 15, 1909. She married Curtis Lee Kirkpatrick Aug. 4, 1946. Their address is Box 25, Pierre, S. D.

7. Ruby Leah Knight was born June 24, 1912. She married Albert Eugene Ray, II, July 9, 1932. They have four children—
   (1) Edward Eugene Ray, born June 4, 1933.
   (2) Ronald George Ray, born Jan. 6, 1935.
Harriett Ann Currey Smith, daughter of James and Nancy Batson Currey, was born September 25, 1830. She married Marseen Smith.

Their family consisted of the following sons and daughters: John W. Smith, Josephas, Daniel Price, Francis Marion, Robert B., Mary Alice, Martha Ann and Miriam Jane.

1. John W. Smith, born April 2, 1856, married Mary Ice. She was born August 12, 1858. They were married December 14, 1882. Their children were:

   (1) Alta Ann was born January 31, 1884. She is a teacher in the city schools of Houston, Texas.
   (2) Ancil M. was born April 26, 1886. He married Helen Foley. They live at Detroit, Mich. They have a daughter, Margaret Smith, who lives in Denver, Colo.
   (3) Cleveland B. was born December 2, 1887. He died July 27, 1927. He married Flossie Cunningham, who died in February, 1937. They have one son, Eugene Smith, who lives in Fairmont.
   (4) Dawn Smith was born January 23, 1891. She is a teacher in Fairmont City Schools. She received an A. B. degree from Fairmont Teachers' College in 1940.
   (5) C. J. Smith, born February 7, 1893. Residence Tulsa, Okla. He received his B. S. degree from Valparaiso, Ind. His children are John Smith, Dorothy Smith, Charles Smith, and James W. Smith.
   (6) John W. and Lesley B. Smith, twins, born August 9, 1895. John lives in Detroit. Lesley lives in Huntington. His children are Marjorie, Ned and John.

2. Flavius Josephas wrote his name F. J. Smith. He married Mary Alice Meredith. His children were Herbert L., Paul M., Flavius Fay, Robert G., Harriett Ann and Margaret Ruth.

   The grandchildren were Mary Virginia Smith, daughter of Herbert Smith; L. Joan, Mary Jo and Paul, Jr., children of Paul Smith; and Eleanor, daughter of Robert Smith.


4. F. Marion Smith married Fannie M. Murray. Their children were Roy M., Marion, Walter and Francis Davis Smith. F. Marion Smith lives in Washington, D. C. Marion married a Mrs. Stewart. They have a son Robert. He lives in Florida.

5. Robert B. Smith married Maud Calvert. Their children are Alma and Miriam. Alma married Carl Nelson. They have one child whose name is Robert Nelson. Miriam married Paul Geiser. They have two sons, Robert and Donald, and a daughter, Pauline.


7. Martha (deceased). She died when she was a young woman.

8. Miriam Jane Smith, youngest daughter of Marseen and Harriet Anne Currey Smith, was born and reared at the Smith home near
Boothsville, W. Va. She was a teacher in the public schools until she united in marriage with A. J. Rice. They were married March 16, 1910. They have one child, Elizabeth Anne Rice, who is a teacher in the Fairmont City Schools.

The Rice family has lived in Fairmont since 1915. Andrew J. Rice departed this life January 28, 1946. He was an employee of the Consolidation Coal Company for fifty years.

FENTON L. CURREY

Fenton L. Currey was born in 1847. He was a son of James Currey who was one of four brothers from whom the Curreys of our reunion descended. This James Currey was married twice. The first marriage was to Nellie Finley. They had six children. After the death of his first wife he married Nancy Batson. They had nine children. Thus we see that Fenton Currey was one of fifteen children in this family.

Fenton Currey married Palmira Riley. Their children were Carroll, Clarence, Erna, Mina, Lee, Lon, Lovie and Forest. He lived in Taylor County. He lived on a farm on what is now State Route 250 near McGee. He was a good citizen and great Christian. He was for many years a leading member of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church. He was devoted to his church and was very able in prayer. His prayers seemed to go straight up to heaven and bring the blessings down. I wish we could hear prayers like those today. He died Sept. 22, 1913, at the age of seventy years and two days. His wife died on her eighty-third birthday, January 25, 1930.

“They climbed the steep ascent of heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain;
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.”

CARROLL CURREY

Carroll Currey was a son of Fenton L. Currey and Palmira Riley Currey. He was born November 25, 1869, and died December 12, 1933. He married Martha Maude Fleming January 26, 1899. She was born in 1879 and died December 14, 1915.

They had six children, viz.: Kenneth Clarence, Helen Virginia, Adrain Millicent, Ava Myra, Darius Bryan, and Herford Gray.

Kenneth Clarence married Carrie I. Brown. They have two children, Shirley and Jean. Shirley married Richard Dollison. They have a daughter, Carolyn Dixie.

Helen married Frank Sanderbeck. They have a son, Frank, Jr. Frank Jr. married Martha Berry. They have a daughter, Carol Ann.

Adrian Millicent and James McDaniel have four children, Mary Jane McDaniel, Donald, Joan and James.

Ava Myra married Fred Cogar. They have a son Carroll. Carroll married Jaqueline Bagshaw. They have a son named Phillip Thomas Bagshaw.

Herford Gray married Mary Fleming. They have two children, Phillip and Judy.
Carroll Currey had, according to this report, ten grandchildren three great-grandchildren.

He went to Monongah when he was a young man and grew up with the town. He was a good business man and had the confidence of the people. He was connected with the First National Bank of Monongah for many years and had other business connections.

CLARENCE CURREY

Clarence Currey was born in Taylor County, West Virginia, August 25, 1871. He was a son of Fenton L. and Palmyra Riley Currey. He was educated in the common schools. He is a member in good standing in the following societies: Knights of Pythias, Elks, Masons, including 32d Degree.

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

He was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, West Virginia, April 1, 1917, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of W. S. Black. He was elected Circuit Clerk in November of 1918 to fill out the term of Mr. Black. He was elected Circuit Clerk in November, 1932, for a full term of six years. In November, 1938, he was reelected for another full term of six years.

OTHER OFFICES HELD

He served as Deputy Sheriff of Marion County. He served as Town Sergeant at the Town of Monongah, and as a member of the Town Council of Monongah. He has a number of business connections in the county. He has been President of the First National Bank of Monongah since 1934. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Monongah Drug Company. He went to Monongah from Taylor County in the early development of the coal industry and made good in business and as a citizen of the town. He was successful in politics and made an excellent Clerk of the Circuit Court, and served his town in a very creditable manner. He is a Democrat, as were all his forebears.

C. LEE CURREY

C. Lee Currey was born in Taylor County, West Virginia, near McGee, in Booths creek District, February 22, 1878. He departed this life June 17, 1945.

He was a son of Fenton L. and Palmyra Riley Currey. He was a brother of the late Carroll and Clarence Currey, of Monongah. He married Miss Susie Hall, daughter of John L. and Ella Martin Hall. A daughter, Gladys Ella Currey, was born in 1906. She is a member of the West Fork Baptist Church of Monongah, a graduate of the Monongah High School, and Fairmont State College. She married Harris Reed December 18, 1925. He was a son of Arthur and Nela Taylor Reed. He is a member of the West Fork Baptist Church. By trade he is an engineer. A daughter was born to them January 12, 1934. Her name is Mary Lee Reed. She is a member of the Methodist Church of Monongah. She is an
eighth grade student and a member of the West Monongah High School Band. She has been a member of the Band for two years.

Lee Currey was a devout Christian for years before his death. He was always faithful to his church. He served as church treasurer, trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and deacon. By trade Lee was a machinist. During the first World War he was Assistant Superintendent of the electric power house at Hutchinson. He was always ambitious, and very, very honest. He was a devoted husband and father. He was laid to rest in the Janes Memorial Church Cemetery June 20, 1945.

LEONIDAS CURREY

Leonidas Currey, son of Fenton and Palmyra Riley Currey, was born in Taylor County, West Virginia. He married Nora McDonough. They had no Children. He was an employee of the Hutchinson Coal Company in the office force. He died at the age of forty-four years. He was a member of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church and never moved his membership. He was an excellent young man of the highest character. He was held in highest esteem by his employers and by a large number of friends.

MINA CURREY

Mina Currey, a daughter of Fenton L. and Palmyra Riley Currey, lives in Fairmont. She says of herself: “I am a dressmaker and live in Fairmont. I serve the public and like it. I have enjoyed life just helping others.”

She was born and reared in Taylor County, West Virginia, near McGee. She attended Sunday School and church at Harmony Grove Church and there became a Christian. Many of the Curreys were converted at Harmony Grove. When she came to Fairmont she brought her church letter to the First Baptist Church. This she calls her church home. She is a faithful member and is highly regarded by the membership. She has always enjoyed church services and the fellowship of Christian people. She is held in high regards by all who know her.

Lovie Currey married Hugh Riley. They had two children, a son and a daughter. The son, Noel Riley, is an undertaker at Shinnston. Deceased during 1950. The daughter, Elster, married Bruce Daniels. They live in Youngstown, Ohio. They have five children.


Lon Currey married Nora McDonough. They had no children. He died at the age of forty-four years. He was an employee of the Hutchinson Coal Company’s office force for several years.

Forest Currey married Howard Scranage. They had one son, Robert Burman, who has two sons. They live in Hattiesburg, Tenn. Forest died in 1916 at the age of twenty-four years.

SAMANTHA CURREY SCRANAGE

Samantha Caroline Currey, daughter of James Currey and Nancy Batson Currey, was born July 26, 1847, and died in 1898. She married
Alex Scranage. Their children were Laura, Lyda, Orval, Otto, Emma, Zanie, Icy Pearl, Hubert and Scott.

1. Laura—First marriage was to Grant Freeman. They had one daughter, Ethel. Ethel married Clare Tower. Laura was married the second time to a Mr. Courtney. They had twin sons, Ansel Courtney and Denzil Courtney. She was married the third time to Jerry Philipps.

2. Lyda was born in 1871, and died in 1889.

3. Orval Scranage married Minnie Lawler, daughter of Judson and Della Lawler. They have one son, Kenneth. Kenneth married Ethel McDaniel.


(Editor's note: Since writing the above, Gladys May Scranage Meadows died. Otto and family and her husband have our sympathy.)

OTTO SCRANAGE'S FAMILY

(1) Gladys May married A. C. Meadows. They live at Madison, W. Va. Education: Pruntytown grades, Grafton High School, 1918; Fairmont Teachers College, 1918-19; West Virginia University, B.S. H. E., 1924. Positions held: Teacher, Long Run, Taylor County, 1919-1920; Home Demonstration Agent, Fayette County, 1924-1928; District Home Demonstration Agent, 1928-1930; Morris Harvey College, one year Dean of Women; Home Demonstration Agent, Grant and Pendleton Counties; State Girls' 4-H Club Agent, 1934-1940, Morgantown; County 4-H Club Agent, Boone County, 1941-1947. Married Friday, October 13, 1940, to Evert C. Meadows.

(2) Pearl Married Robert Savage. They have two children, Patricia and Robert.

(3) Helen married John Chlystun. They had one child, Winona. Helen died June 20, 1938.

(4) Avis married Russell Lambert. They have three children, Janice, Robert and Joan.

(5) Ethel married Clyde Henderson. They have three children, Marjorie, Janet and Nancy.

(6) John is single. He was 4-H Club Agent in Kanawha County. He recently resigned and is now in the West.

(7) Robert died June 7, 1934, at the age of 14 years.

Myrtle Evans Scranage, Otto Scranage's wife, died May 22, 1938. He married the second time, October 7, 1939. His second wife was Mary Evans, daughter of John S. Evans, as was his first wife, Myrtle Evans.

5. Emma married Walter Tucker. They had three children, Naoma, Madge and Alta. They are all married and have families. Emma died a few years ago.

6. Zanie Scranage married Truman B. Lawler. They had twin boys, Romulus Ward and Rommeo Alonzo. Zanie died when the twins were born, May 12, 1903.

7. Icy Pearl married Ira Shaver. They had two sons, Robert and Eugene. Ira Shaver died, and Icy Pearl married Dorsey Brown. Icy Pearl Brown died recently.

8. Hubert Scranage never married. He lives in Detroit.

NATHAN CURREY
1829 - 1891

(Contributed by Carl L. Currey)

Nathan Currey—Little Nate Currey as he was called—was the Demos­thenes of his generation in the Harmony Grove community of Taylor County, at least in the political arena which he loved so well, and later in life he became a pillar of strength in the Harmony Grove Baptist Church.

He was a son of James and Nancy Batson Currey, his father being one of four brothers who crossed the Allegheny mountains from Virginia and settled at Pleasant Hill in Booth's Creek district, Taylor county. Nathan was born in 1829. He managed to attend three or four subscription schools as a boy and learned to read and write. He also mastered the rudiments of simple arithmetic and a smattering of history and geography. While this was the sum total of his educational advantages, his was a keen and inquiring mind and he turned to the one book in his home—the Bible—for instruction and inspiration. He steeped himself with the majestic and moving language of the Scriptures and could quote innumerable passages from Holy Writ.

Nathan Currey figured in an episode which is worthy of mention, not to portray his greatness—for he had his weaknesses—but to picture the strong feeling and passions at the close of the Civil War. He was selected to present the cause of ex-Confederate soldiers and numerous other persons in sympathy with Southern aims, threatened with disfranchisement by a registration board—the court of last resort—at Pruntytown in 1866, and while no printed record was ever made of his efforts upon that occasion, his address, for impassioned eloquence, older citizens maintained, equaled almost the speech of Patrick Henry in the old church at Richmond when he hurled his thunderbolts against the English throne.

It must be remembered that when the Confederate soldiers laid down their arms and returned to their homes in West Virginia, they were confronted by laws which denied them the right of suffrage. Notwithstanding the Constitution extended the right of suffrage to all male citizens, the first general election laws passed in 1863 provided for the election of supervisors who were authorized to require from all whose eligibility to vote was in doubt, an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of West Virginia. In some of the counties this law was enforced. In others it could not be enforced.

The legislature passed the voter's test act (February, 1865), requiring from all voters an oath that they had neither voluntarily borne arms against the United States, nor aided those who had engaged in armed hostility against the United States. The test oath was opposed on the ground that in many cases it operated against persons who had accepted the results of the war and claimed full recognition as citizens under President Lincoln's amnesty proclamations. Feeling was bitter and arguments and fights were daily occurrences. Adherents of the Federal government naturally felt that those who had taken up arms against their common country, and those who had aided indirectly the cause
of the Confederate States, had lost their rights as citizens, and could not be trusted to participate in formulating policies of government.

The legislature of 1866, upon recommendation of Governor Boreman, passed a registration law authorizing the governor to appoint in each county a registration board composed of three citizens who were given power to designate township registrars and to act as a court of last appeal in all election and voting contests.

It was before this tribunal that a large number of citizens of Taylor County came to the court house in Pruntytown in 1866 resisting disfranchisement. There were members of the Poe families in numbers; the Curreys and the Cochran families were conspicuous; members of the Davisson, the Bartlett and the Tucker families, with a generous scattering of others—about two hundred fifty persons, it is related—who had either served in the armies of the Confederacy or whose sympathies had been with the Lost Cause and who, by reason of such offense, either would not or could not take the test oath.

These people had massed at the court house in such numbers because the registration board, Dame Rumor said, was about to enforce the law and disfranchise all ex-Confederate soldiers as well as leaders in sympathy with the Lost Cause.

Scheme Hatched to Pack Meeting.

Jonathan Currey, uncrowned chieftain of the Currey clan, who lived on the Fairmont pike west of the present village of McGee, brought large numbers of men from the western end of the county; Jonathan Poe, known far and near as Uncle Jonathan, an intrepid, courageous, resourceful fighter, led a contingent of citizens from the eastern districts, for these two outstanding leaders had previously arranged to pack the meeting and intimidate by presence of numbers, if they could, action of the registration board.

Reuben Davisson, sheriff of Taylor County at the outbreak of the Civil War, and who at this time lived on the Webster pike, was delegated to bring a large unit from his section of the county, and he was there early in the day with a contingent of picked men, some of whom had laughed at danger and flirted with death upon a hundred battlefields of the war, and all of whom were looking either for a frolic or a fight.

Board Cowed by Large Numbers on Hand.

It has been related that the registration board, the personnel of which is not remembered, was nonplussed as the almost endless chain of men filed into the court room where the meeting was to be held, and members of that body held hurried consultation with attorneys at the bar. However, the crowd appeared orderly and in exuberant spirit, and it was decided to proceed with the business of the meeting—the business being disfranchisement of citizens.

Spokesman Pleads for Disfranchisement.

A spokesman called the attention of the court to the laws as enacted by the State and recited that Confederate soldiers having taken up arms against their country could not by the very nature of such action be
called good citizens. He also stressed the fact that they had resisted by force the very existence of the newly created State of West Virginia, and declared with vigor that they should be deprived of citizenship.

**Sympathizers Should Be Kicked Out Too.**

The speaker indicated that furthermore there were scores of men in Taylor county, who, for obvious reasons, did not engage in active warfare against their country but who aided, whenever and wherever they could, the Rebel army and its cause. He argued eloquently that these men were just as guilty of treason against their country as those who took up arms to destroy the government of our fathers, and that they deserved to be disfranchised and forever precluded from participation in governmental affairs.

**Nathan Currey Speaks—His Address a Masterpiece.**

"Honorable members of the court and sovereign citizens of West Virginia:"

Nathan Currey was on his feet, his voice resonant and clear as the silver notes of heroic bugles.

"I desire the privilege of addressing the honorable court for a few minutes in rebuttal of arguments to which you have just listened in which the distinguished gentleman prayed that certain citizens of Taylor County be disfranchised and stripped of the sacred rights of citizenship. "We come to you, not in a spirit of anger or of arrogance, but in a spirit of good will and peace; not in a spirit of holding out our hands for alms, but in a spirit of asking for what we conceive to be even-handed justice to citizens of a state."

"If the court please, I am remindful of the fact that all of these men, together with many others in what is now the domain of West Virginia, either cast their fortunes with the Confederate States in active warfare, or aided and abetted, when opportunity arose, the defenders of the Lost Cause. Soldiers of the Confederacy attempted, it is true, to establish a government of their own, without restraint of National authority, and the battlefields from Gettysburg to Chickamauga, from Manasses to Shilo, from the Wilderness to Lookout Mountain, attest the valor with which they proved their loyalty to the mother commonwealth."

"Steeped in the traditions of old Virginia, the sovereignty of the state was a priceless thing, and our offense, if offense it may be called, was not that we loved the Union less but that we loved Virginia more."

**Slavery Not the Cause—State Rights vs. Federal Supremacy.**

"This part of Virginia, as you know, cared little about slavery. The cause of the war was anterior to the anti-slavery question, and in the final analysis revolved itself around and entwined itself about the perplexing question of the sovereignty of state and the supremacy of the nation. The doctrine of the sovereignty of the state was by no means a fitful fancy manufactured for the passing hour. It was woven into the warp and woof of Southern philosophy and was as fixed as the Northern Star. It was taught in her public schools and proclaimed boldly from her pulpits. It was inherited from a long line of Revolutionary ancestors who had fought to make this country free."

**Eminent Defenders Stood Guard.**

"The doctrine found powerful and earnest champions at the inception of the Republic, who, zealously guarding the sovereignty of the several
commonwealths, caused to be written into the Articles of Confederation of 1781, over against the declaration of a 'perpetual union', the reservation that

'each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence; and every power, jurisdiction and right which is not... expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled'.

"Patrick Henry and James Madison were its strongest defenders. It was defended by the trenchant pen of Thomas Jefferson in the Kentucky Resolutions of 1798. It was defended by Justice Chase in a decision from the bench of the United States Supreme Court in 1796 when he said in substance that he regarded the United colonies in a collective capacity as independent states, but that each of them was a sovereign and independent state.

"So by proclamation and by interpretation the prerogative of the state to handle internal problems became the axioms of Southern philosophy, defended by all and opposed by none. That principle was not yielded until the South lay in waste; many of her cities were in ashes; her colonial estates, the glory of ancestral pride, were in ruins; the flower of her manhood had entered upon the last long sleep, and untold millions had been poured into the mills of war with lavish hand.

Peace Came at Last to Cheer Hearts—Accept Verdict.

"But it was finally yielded by reason of superior strength and might, and peace has come to cheer the hearts of men all over the land; to lighten the burden and ease the heartache of wives and mothers, and to bring to laughing lips of childhood joys they had not known before. We have accepted that verdict, and come to you in peace asking that our sacred rights of citizenship be held inviolate and protected from the clap-trap of designing politicians, intent on gaining political advantage at any price—even the destruction of inalienable rights granted under the terms of the Constitution. We maintain these rights, as I have said, under the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and finally under the Amnesty Proclamation of President Lincoln who, upon another occasion, you will remember, told the world that he loved the South so much he would never let it go.

"Would you be less generous than he?

"While General Ulysses S. Grant demanded terms of unconditional surrender at Appomattox, he was magnanimous in victory, even suggesting that Confederate soldiers with horses take them to their farms to begin anew the pursuits of husbandry. General Grant recognized that the war was over; he realized that the South in good faith had stacked its arms.

"Would you be less magnanimous than he?

If Not Citizens, What Are We?

"If we are to be stripped of citizenship, then what are we? Chattel slaves? If not citizens, will we be required to pay taxes for the support of the government? If so, then I remind you that taxation without representation is tyranny, and that a war was waged against the English throne over this very question. A war was not only waged, but it was gloriously won."

Men Start Demonstration; Fight Narrowly Averted.

At this point in the preoration of the old gladiator, Reuben Davisson, carried away with the fervor of the moment and the eloquence of the speaker, leaped to his feet and shouted: "You tell them, Nate! If they want to fight, we'll fight here and now!"

This interruption by the impetuous Davisson resulted in much con-
fusion, it has been declared. Men in droves leaped to their feet, gave
the old Rebel yell and advanced menacingly toward the bar of justice
where sat members of the registration board, scared out of their wits
at the hostile attitude of a large portion of the audience, and it was not
until Jonathan Currey arose and pleaded with the body to proceed with
the meeting in decorous manner that order was restored.

Currey Continues His Argument.

"It might have profited Governor Boreman had he read these pages
of history and pondered them well"—Currey was continuing his argu­
ment—"before reaching his final decision to disfranchise twenty thou­
sand citizens of the State purely for selfish ends and political advantage.
Or can it be that Governor Boreman and his satellites in Taylor county
have been reading history and tremble in alarm as they behold the
humiliating handwriting upon the wall, foretelling disintegration of
political power and utter rout in a not distant day, as Belshazzar beheld
the mysterious writing by the finger of God upon the plaster of a palace
wall in Babylon twenty centuries ago?

"If free men are to be denied a voice in the government of our fathers,
while the Negro race is entrusted with the ballot, it were better had
we hurried to the hills of West Augusta and fought till, the last man
had expired, as Washington had in mind had his tattered forces failed
at Yorktown against the might of England's wrath. It were better had
we let future historians liken the Civil War to Thermopylae's last gla­
orious stand than to have them write the agonizing story of these trying
days across the American sky in terms of ignomy, injustice and scorn.

"If you would deny us the rights of free men and condemn us to
peonage in a free land, then I thunder my protest with all the force at
my command, and I hope its echo will be heard around the world.

"Preserve to us the rights of citizenship under the Stars and Stripes,
as it is your prerogative to do, and we shall be grateful till the end of
our days. Take away these rights, and I say to you in all candor and
in all kindness, without any feeling of malice or without any intention
to threaten or coerce, that I will not be responsible for the results of
such action. Yours will be the responsibility for the tragedy—not mine."

As the old warrior closed his classic speech of which the foregoing
is only a part and is largely reconstructed from sentences gleaned here
and there, enthusiasm was at a high pitch. It is told that for one breath­
less moment the silence of death hung in the old court house room, then
wave upon wave of applause swept the stately building and reverberated
along its corridors.

According to the late George Batson, of Pruntytown, who as a small
boy attended the historic gathering (against his father's orders, too, by
the way) and who recalled late in life much of the proceedings of the
meeting, members of the board, taken unaware as they were by the
large number of adherents of the Lost Cause, and subdued by the im­
passioned address of Nathan Currey, evidently sensed that in gridiron
parlance they had lost the ball. They no doubt deemed it exceedingly
unwise, according to Batson's version, in view of the hostile temper of
the crowd, to go ahead with disfranchisement proceedings.

Mr. Batson said that after a brief conference with his fellows, a mem­
ber of the board formally announced the meeting was adjourned and
that the trio made a hasty exit from the building, leaving the question
of disfranchisement of citizens in a state of status quo, and the citizens
assembled in undisputed possession of their constitutional rights.
James Philander Currey
JAMES PHILANDER CURREY
1855 - 1924

(Contributed by Carl L. Currey)

One of five sons born to Nathan and Elizabeth (Dunham) Currey, he first saw the light of day at the family homestead on the Northwestern Turnpike, Taylor County, on February 26, 1855.

In late life he recalled the movement of troops East and West over this historic highway during the Civil War. He said that both Union and Confederate soldiers stopped frequently at their home for water, and sometimes fed their horses nearby. He related that his father, a pronounced Southern sympathizer, always made Confederate troops welcome and shared with them anything he had, but would make himself scarce when Union soldiers were in the community.

As a boy James attended the district schools and helped his father on the farm. And it was amid these surroundings that he grew to manhood's morning, and decided to follow farming as a livelihood. In 1879 he married Miss Frances M. Ryan and became a farmer in his own right, which pursuit he followed for many years, until failing health forced retirement.

Two children were born to the union; a daughter who died in infancy, and a son, Carl, who holds a lucrative position with the Crucible Steel Company, and resides in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Mrs. Currey died in 1886. Two years later James was united in marriage to Elizabeth Sturm, and took up farming on Plummer Run. His health failed about 1900, and he subsequently located in Grafton where Carl was engaged in the banking business. As the son's fortunes advanced and more engaging employment offered, the family moved again, first to Clarksburg and later to Parsons. It was there that Mr. Currey died, on January 7, 1924. There, in the upper stretches of the beautiful Cheat Valley skirted on either side by misty mountains, his soul winged its way across the borderland separating the two eternities.

James Currey coveted neither place nor power nor position. He cared nothing for the plaudit of the world. He was indifferent to the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome. He coveted the most enduring and precious gift of all, and commonplace, unlettered, plodding farmer that he was, he undertook to so live his days that when he came down to the journey's end he might

"Wrap the drapery of his couch about him,
And lie down to pleasant dreams."

JED D. CURREY AND FAMILY

Jed D. Currey was born June 22, 1858, in Booths creek District, Taylor County, near Boothsville. He lived in Taylor County all of his life. He was known to his many friends as "Hack" or "Hacker". He was the son of Nathan and Elizabeth Dunham Currey. They had five sons: Dr. W. C. Currey, Jed D., James P., Daniel Jefferson and Enoch, all of whom are dead. Jed D. Currey married Comfort Clevenger in December,
1888, and they had three daughters: Georgië L. Currey, Jessie Currey and Frankie Currey.

1. Georgië L. Currey, born Nov. 28, 1889, married Geo. W. Drainer Jan. 5th, 1915. They had one daughter, Barbara Drainer, three sons, William Currey Drainer, Geo. Drainer, Jr., and Nathan A. Drainer. Barbara Drainer, a graduate of Fairmont State Teachers College, A. B. degree, Trophagen School of Design in New York City, Master's degree in Fine Arts, Columbia University, and now an art instructor in Grafton.

William Currey Drainer, a graduate of Fairmont State College, A. B. degree, West Virginia University, Master's degree, and now a school principal in Taylor County. He served four years in the U. S. Air Force.

Geo., Jr. Drainer served four years in the U. S. Army Air Force and now is a student in Fairmont College.

Nathan A. Drainer served two and one-half years in the U. S. Army Air Force and now a student in Fairmont State College.

Jed D. Currey died May 27, 1944. Mrs. Currey is still living at the age of 83, but has not been well for some time. She lives with her daughter, Georgië Currey Drainer. Jed D. Currey was a farmer, a trader and stockman. He was a good citizen, and a kind and devoted husband and father. He was a Democrat and a member of the Hepzibah Baptist Church in Taylor County. He is buried at the Harmony Grove Cemetery.

2. Jessie, the second daughter, passed away in May, 1919.

3. Frankie, the third daughter, married Delbert W. Bunner Nov. 2, 1918. They live at Washington, Pa. Mr. Bunner has worked for the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company for thirty years. The Bunners have five children. They are Roland Harold Bunner, Robert Currey Bunner, Betty Jane Bunner, Max Everett Bunner, and Delbert Dale Bunner.

(1) Roland Harold Bunner was born Dec. 1, 1919. He attended school in Washington, Pa. He went into the Hazel-Atlas Company's plant before he went into the service of his country. He served in World War II 38 months in the European theater. He came from service with great honors and took his old job back as machine operator. He was discharged from the army Aug. 31, 1945.

(2) Robert Currey Bunner was born March 12, 1922. He attended Washington High School. He graduated from California State College—a machine shop course. He is in the Hazel-Atlas plant as a machine operator. He was married Jan. 24, 1944, to Rachel Stone. They have a daughter, Toni Lee, age 3 years.

(3) Betty Jane Bunner graduated from Washington High School in January, 1946. She is now a sales clerk in a store in Washington, Pa.

(4) Max Everett Bunner was born Aug. 21, 1926. He graduated from Washington High School in June, 1947. He served two years in the Pacific theatre in World War II. He now works at the Hazel-Atlas plant in Washington, Pa.

(5) Delbert Dale Bunner was born in Washington, Pa. He graduated from Washington High School in June, 1947. He now works for the J. C. Penny Company store, where he is manager of one of the departments.

These were all born at Pruntytown, W. Va., and lived there until April, 1932. The family then moved to Washington, Pa.
Rev. T. B. Lawler, Fairmont, W. Va.,
Charleston, W. Va.
April 12, 1948.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter of a few days ago, and I hasten to reply. Should have written you sooner, but neglected to do so.

Daniel Jefferson Currey, son of Nathan, Currey, Sr., and Elizabeth Dunham Currey, was born May 2, 1864 (being the fourth son in a family of five boys), in Taylor County, West Virginia, in what was known as Meadland community, some seven or eight miles west of Grafton, W. Va. I stayed on the farm until 17 years of age, then went to school at Flemington, to what was known then as West Virginia College, for two years. Then, at the age of 19, I taught my first school, and followed teaching for five or six years. Not liking school teaching very well, I gave it up and turned to the railroad for a livelihood. I attended a telegraph school at Oberlin, O., in the spring of 1889, and got my first position at Philippi with what was then known as the G. & G. R. R., afterward taken over by the B. & O. R. R. I still remained with the B. & O. as agent and operator. My whole stay in Philippi was about 10 years. On December 24, 1891, in the M. E. Church of Philippi, I was married to Mary E. McCoy of that place. To this union there was born to us one daughter, Neva B. Currey (more concerning her later). From Philippi I went out on the main line, working up and down the Wheeling Division for about two years. Then I took the agency at Ellenboro for two years, then to Meadowbrook on the M. R. Division for one year; then finally drifting to Fairmont, where I have been for over 40 years. My wife died September 26, 1919. I worked for the B. & O. about 40 years, and was retired in 1930, having reached the age of retirement, and have been taking it rather easy ever since.

My recollection of the early generation of Curreys is, they were of the pioneer type. The men were generally tall, spare and rugged, suitable to do their bit in hewing out homes for themselves and families in a wilderness of a country of their own choosing. They were generally farmers and teamsters, honest, upright and industrious, holding their own with any other clan or neighbors with whom they came in contact. They were generally religious, leaning to the Baptist faith. I, myself, joined the Baptist Church at old Harmony Grove when I was 16 years old, moving my letter to the Baptist Church at Philippi when I settled there, and later when I came to Fairmont moved my letter to the First Baptist Church at that point, where I have been a member for over 40 years.

We are sending you a picture of four generations of my family, which speaks for itself.

I wish you all the success in the world in getting out the history of the Currey Family, and I trust that you may be fully reimbursed for your time and trouble.

All are well at this time, and I hope you and yours are the same.

I am most respectfully yours,

D. J. Currey,
727 Walnut Avenue,
Fairmont, W. Va.
D. J. Currey
Neva Currey Arnett, daughter; Rose Mary Robey, granddaughter;
Roberta Gay Robey, great granddaughter.
D. J. (JEFF) CURREY FAMILY (CONTINUED).

Neva Belle Currey Arnett was born at Philippi on October 29, 1892. With her parents she moved to Fairmont in 1903, and attended Fairmont schools. She graduated from Fairmont High School in 1912. She then attended Fairmont State Normal School, graduating in 1914. She taught four years in the Fairmont schools. In 1918 she was married to Harold Ivanhoe Arnett. One daughter, Rose Mary Arnett, was born to them.

For two years Neva C. Arnett has taught Religious Education in the Fairmont City Schools. She lives at home with her father, D. J. Currey. She has been a member of the First Methodist Church for 35 years. Her mother was a Methodist.

Rose Mary Arnett married Robert B. Robey December 5, 1942. They are now living in Bellflower, Ill., where Robert Robey is pastor of the Methodist Church. They have two children, Roberta, age 4, and Roger, age 1.

DR. WILLIAM COLUMBUS CURREY
1853 - 1939

William Columbus, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Dunham) Currey, was born at the family homestead on the old Northwestern Turnpike (now U. S. Route 50) in Taylor county, June 19, 1853.

As a boy Columbus (he was called "Lum" for short in those days) helped his father at honest, grimy toil upon the farm. There was planting to be done and crops to be gathered, and a multitude of chores that beckoned daily, to which a growing boy could turn his hand.

Naturally intelligent and with a consuming passion for knowledge, Columbus was a diligent student, and fitted himself as a young man to teach school. He taught several schools in his home community and had the reputation of being one of the outstanding young teachers of the county. Old records disclose that he taught the Harmony Grove school in 1875. Ulysses S. Grant was president at the time and the nation was broken and bleeding from the cruel ravages of war.

Had Columbus chosen, he easily could have confined his efforts to the schoolroom and lived his days as a pedagogue with conspicuous and outstanding honors, and in that field alone his name would have lived in memory. But he had no intention of spending his days as a teacher. A bigger field of action beckoned, and firm in the conviction that there were things of major importance he could do out in the great throbbing world, he set about to follow his star of destiny.

Choosing the medical profession as his quest in life, he borrowed great bulky books and studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Warder, prominent physician of Pruntytown, during some of the years he was engaged in teaching, and as testimony of his diligence, he was given credit for 18 months' schooling for the work he had done under the distinguished old doctor, when he entered the University of Maryland school of medicine to pursue his studies.

In 1877 he located at Astor, Taylor county, and practiced his pro-
Dr. William C. Currey
fession for two years, winning and holding friends and meeting with pronounced success, and incidentally, and of paramount importance, getting sufficient money together to enable him to complete his schooling.

Upon leaving college in 1881, with a diploma as his treasured possession, he located in Flemington, taking over the practice of Dr. T. I. Elliott, a prominent physician, who was retiring because of his advanced years, and it was in Flemington that Dr. Currey shaped his life to the service of humanity over a period of almost sixty years.

In 1882 he married Miss Asenath Nancy Howell, a cultured, gracious lady whose understanding and charm admirably fitted her to adorn the home and further the ambitions of a rising young doctor.

To this union four children were born. Mabel, (Mrs. Roy E. Utterback), a graduate of Grafton high school, resides in Parkersburg. Her husband is a passenger conductor on one of the Baltimore & Ohio's streamline trains operating between Cincinnati and Baltimore.

Tracy Allen, a son, is a pharmacist by profession and located at Thomas, in Tucker county. Tracy as a young man graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with signal honors. He saw active overseas service in World War I and bears the enviable distinction of having been with Whittlesey's "Lost Battalion."

Cut off and surrounded by the enemy in the Argonne Forest, France, on October 2, 1918, this gallant military unit won undying glory and fadeless fame, and wrote a blazing chapter of heroic courage and sublime daring that in the annals of American valor will never die. With scant supply of ammunition and with practically no food, completely encompassed and outnumbered twenty to one, they withstood withering fire for five harrowing days and nights, refusing to surrender to the Hun. When the 307th Infantry pushed through and relieved them on October 7th, soldiers of the old battling battalion were hungry, exhausted, with numbers dead and wounded, but with indomitable fighting spirit that would not yield.

In 1924 Tracy married Miss Virginia Witten, a brilliant, cultured woman who teaches in high school. They have no children.

Lena, a daughter, passed to the empire of the dead in 1900, in the blush of tender young womanhood.

Percy Howell, another son, chose law as his vocation, receiving his degree from Georgetown University. He located in Barthlesville, Oklahoma, where he practiced his profession about one year. Equipped for the stern actualities of life, even beyond his fellows, and moving onward toward the zenith of his maturing power, with no visible cloud upon the horizon of his hopes, he was cut down by the Grim Reaper, with icy hand that never tires and sickle keen that never turns its edge, in the dread influenza epidemic of 1918, and his sun set while it was yet day.

Mrs. Currey died on March 23, 1931, following a brief illness.

Dr. Currey, as has been stated, practiced his profession in the Flemington section for almost sixty years. During a long and busy career
the night was never too dark, the roads too long, or the storms too great to deter him from his mission of healing and the alleviation of racking pain. He grappled with the Dark Angel in cottages of the poor without thought of personal reward except the satisfaction of a task well done. He gloried, as any other consecrated physician must, in routing the hideous spectre of death and in wooing back to wasted cheeks the bloom of health once more.

Despite a busy and strenuous career, Dr. Currey nevertheless found the time and deemed it a proud privilege to lay up treasures for himself over yonder beyond the sky-line of human ambition, where the wild winds never blow loudly and where eternal sunshine reigns. He was an active member of the Baptist church of his town, and superintendent of Sunday School for 26 years, retiring from active service in the Master's vineyard in the winter of a grand old age because of enfeebled health.

This writer recalls two stories that in his advanced years he loved to tell. One was concerning a Union soldier thrown from his horse near Dr. Currey's ancestral home and seriously injured, during the Civil War. His mother hovered over the injured man for weeks nursing him back to health.

"And when my father reminded her upon occasion," the venerable doctor would relate, "that she was foolish to make herself sick caring for the comforts of a Yankee," she invariably replied: "Poor boy! He has a mother waiting and praying for his safe return from this cruel war." One could not fail to detect the tenderness that throbbed in Dr. Currey's voice when he spoke of his mother.

The other story relates to an incident during the practice of his profession.

Jack McDonell, a mine foreman, was critically ill and realized the evening of life was darkening into the gloom of death. Jack was as Irish as the streets of Dublin, widely known and popular in the community. In religious faith he was a devout Catholic. Toward the end, when the doctor made his daily visits, Jack requested that he read God's Word to him, and the doctor would read, over and over again from day to day, the precious promises of the Master.

"On one of my visits," Dr. Currey would relate with a vibrant warmth in his voice, "I told the desperately stricken man I could see no difference in his Bible and mine."

"Very little difference, doctor," Jack replied. "My Bible has a little more in it than yours, that's all. But after all, you know it is not the reading of a Bible that saves a man; membership in a church does not save a human soul. Ye must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!"

Dr. Currey's entire life may be summed up in the words concerning one of God's gallant messengers in the long ago: "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith." He closed his weary eyes in the forgetfulness of sleep and went to his rich reward on March 25, 1939.

Carl Currey,
East Liverpool, Ohio.
E. C. CURREY

Enoch Carson Currey, born in Taylor County, November 1, 1872, died March 28, 1944, in Fairmont, W. Va. He was a son of Nathan Currey. Upon the death of his parents in his early boyhood, he made his home with his brother, Dr. W. C. Currey, in Flemington, W. Va. He was educated in the public schools of that community, also the West Virginia College at Flemington, and Mountain State Business College, at Parkersburg, W. Va.

At the age of seventeen years Mr. Currey taught his first school, and after six years devoted to the teaching profession, he took a position as chief clerk with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in the Maintenance of Ways department, and in this capacity he worked in Grafton, Baltimore and Parkersburg.

In the year of 1910 Mr. Currey took a position in Fairmont with the Hutchinson Coal Company. He was secretary and treasurer of the company, in which capacity he served until his death in 1944. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the Fairmont Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Currey married Miss Lena Lucas, of Grafton, W. Va., in 1900, and she passed away in 1930. To this union were born two children, Carson Lucas Currey and Mildred Lillian Currey.

On April 9, 1932, he married Miss Ethel Lurana L. Bailey, of Parkersburg, W. Va. No children from this union.

Mr. Currey was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairmont. He served as clerk of the church for a period of 25 years. He was president of the Currey Family Reunion for 17 years, which office he held at the time of his death.

His hobby was athletics, especially football and basketball. He was a loyal supporter of East Fairmont teams, and the West Virginia University team.

CARSON LUCAS CURREY

Carson Lucas Currey was born March 18, 1901, in Grafton, W. Va. He attended Kiski preparatory school in Saltsburg, Pa., the Bliss Electrical School in Washington, D. C. He has been associated with the newspaper distributing business for 15 years. He married Helen Louise Chapell June 8, 1922. No children. They reside in Corpus Christi, Texas.

MILDRED LILLIAN CURREY

Mildred Lillian Currey was born Dec. 20, 1905, in Relay, Md. Graduated from East Fairmont High School in 1923, Fairmont State College with an A.B. degree in 1927. Attended West Virginia University. Taught mathematics in East Fairmont High School. Married Hollis H. Powell June 8, 1928. One child was born to this union, De Lena Ann Powell, April 24, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Powell reside in Fairmont, W. Va.
SILAS CURREY

Silas Currey was a son of Jonathan and Nancy Mason Currey. The other members of the family were Sarah “Sally” Linn, John B. Currey, Emory K. Currey, Catherine Currey Lawler, James P. Currey, Benjamin Currey, Cornelius H. Currey, Thomas Currey and Israel Currey.

Silas Currey was married twice. The children were Jasper (better known as Jess), Jefferson, Thomas, Nancy and Susan.

1. Jasper Currey, better known as “Jess”, was a son of Silas Currey. He married Nancy Jane Clayton. To this union eight children were born, whose names were as follows: Mabel, Martha, Lemon, Rosa, Brooks and Arthur. Two died in infancy. They were Gertrude and Delores. Mabel and Martha are also deceased.

   (1) Mabel Currey married Bill Martin. To them were born seven children: Two daughters, Ellen and Viola, and five sons, Bill, Gerald, Howard, John and Martin.

   (2) Martha Currey married Frank Smith. They had four children; three daughters, Lillian, Alma and Eunice, and one son, Glen.

   (3) Rosa Currey married (Link) Lincoln Hughes. To them eight children were born; four daughters, Garnet, Gail, Hope, Juanita, and four sons, Herbert, Harold, Delbert, and Lincoln, Jr.

   (4) Brooks Currey married Lizzie Keefer. To them were born four children, two sons, Kenneth and Malcon, and two daughters, Eleanor and Lucille.

   (5) Arthur Currey married Ersel Hostutler. To them were born six children; one son, Arthur, Jr., and five daughters, Ruth, Kathyleen, Jean, Clara Lee, and Norma.

Jasper Currey died in 1935, in his eighty-second year. Mrs. Jasper Currey died August 3, 1946, aged 91 years. They belonged to the Burton Baptist Church and were good Christians.

2. Jefferson Currey was born Jan. 8, 1861. He died March 11, 1936. His wife was Florence Findley, born April 12, 1876, died Jan. 8, 1929. They had two children, Celba, and Winifred. Winifred is the only one living of this family. She lives in Washington, D. C. Celba Bryan, born July 22, 1896, died in World War I of influenza at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1918.

3. Thomas Currey lived at Burton, W. Va. He has been dead about thirty-eight years. He had three sons, Clarence, of Burton, Oscar, of Altoona, Pa., and Herman, the youngest boy, who died in World War I.

4. Nancy Currey married James Woodward. They had two sons, Howard and Frank. Howard married Alice Campbell. They had no children. Frank is deceased. We have no information regarding his family.

5. Susan Currey married Daniel Kester. Mr. and Mrs. Kester are both deceased. Mr. Kester has been dead thirty-six years. Mrs. Kester died June 25, 1941. She was 81 years old.

   The children living are Walter Kester, Lonnie Kester, Martin Kester and Carson Kester. All reside at R.F.D. No. 2, Grafton, W. Va. The
other children are Myrtle Zumbro, of Grafton, Herman Kester, of Shinnston, and Ethel Kester Carder, of R.F.D. No. 1, Grafton.

Silas Currey was married the second time. We have very little information regarding this part of his family. We do not know who his second wife was. But we have been given the names of five children that belonged to the family. They were:

1. Sidney.
2. Dora, who married Wayne Arble.
5. Mary, who married Steve Maine.

We regret that we have so little information regarding this part of Silas Currey’s family.

LEMON CURREY

Lemon Currey is a son of Jasper Currey, better known as “Jess”, and a grandson of Silas Currey, and a great-grandson of Jonathan Currey. He married Mary Minor in 1909. To this union nine children came to bless, all of whom their parents are proud to own. They have seven daughters and two sons. The daughters are named Frances Beatrice, Helen Bernard, Naomi Pauline, Nancy Ellen, Sylvia Flora, Florence Mae, and Lillie Wilma. The two boys are Ester Melvin and Carson Wylda. A fine family that all the Curreys will be glad to own. Be sure to see the picture of the seven sisters.

1. Helen Bernard Currey married Kenneth Rose. They have five children:
   (1) Francis Lee Rose, son, age 17.
   (2) Zetta Marlene Rose, age 8.
   (3) Bernard Zane Rose, son, age 15.
   (4) Nellie Joan Rose, age 12.
   (5) Letha Mae Rose, age 10.

2. Naomi Pauline Currey married Forest Davis. They have one son, Erville Davis, 11 years old. She was married the second time to Jim Taylor.

3. Nancy Ellen Currey married Spencer Wade. They have three children:
   (1) Wilma Kay Wade, age 5.
   (2) Benny Wade, age 3.
   (3) Susie Lynn Wade, age 18 months.


6. Carson Wylda Currey married Ethel Pendergast. They have two daughters:
   (1) Mary Elizabeth, age 9.
   (2) Betty Ann, age 4.

7. Ester Melvin Currey married Marie Garrison. They have one son, Leroy, age 6.

8. Francis is still single and is at home.

Catharine Currey Lawler  
Wife of Jehu Lawler
John A. Springer and Family

Mrs. Springer was, before her marriage, Eveline Lawler, granddaughter of Jonathan and Nancy Currey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Currey

On their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Seven daughters of Lemon and Mary Currey
Left to right: Frances, Helen, Naomi, Ellen, Sylvia, Florence and Lillie.

Florence and Sylvia Currey
"The Blue Bonnet Girls"
Daughters of Lemon Currey
JUDSON B. LAWLER'S FAMILY

Judson B. Lawler was a son of Katherine Currey Lawler and Jehu H. Lawler. His mother was a daughter of Jonathan Currey. He married Della Coffman in 1877. He died May 29, 1926. His wife died July 29, 1926.

They had the following children:

1. Minnie Lawler was born July 7, 1880. She married Orval Scranage December 25, 1905. They had two children, Kenneth and Monard. Monard is deceased. Kenneth married Ethel McDaniel. They have five children whose names are Irene, Ward, Marvin, Ronald and Charles.

2. Bell Lawler was born October 3, 1881. She married Lee Goodwin. She died August 2, 1947. They had three children, Opal Goodwin (McCue), Edna Goodwin (Cooper), Madge Goodwin (Davis). Madge died several years ago. The McCues had two children, Janet McCue and Jack McCue. The Coopers had a son, Larry Cooper. The Davises had three children, Betty Davis, Ruth Davis, Kathryn Davis and John Davis, Jr. Bell Lawler Goodwin belonged to the Harmony, Grove Baptist Church and was buried in the cemetery nearby.

3. Jay Lawler was born May 28, 1886. He married Mabel Riley. They have seven children, viz.: Dennis, Alta, Kathleen, Flossie, Gladys, Alice and Virginia. Jay Lawler has nine grandchildren.

4. Alma Lawler was born June 29, 1889. She married Ben Anderson. They have two children, Jean and Jack. The Andersons reside at Shinnston, W. Va.

5. Bert, Haddie and Flossie are deceased.

NANCY EVELINE LAWLER SPRINGER

Nancy Eveline Lawler was a daughter of Catherine Currey Lawler and Jehu H. Lawler. Catherine Currey was a daughter of Jonathan Currey and Nancy Mason Currey who were early settlers in Taylor County. They came from Fouquar County, Virginia, to what is now West Virginia. Jonathan Currey is one of the four brothers from whom all the Curreys of our reunion descended. Jonathan Currey had a large family and most of his children had large families also. Nancy Eveline Lawler was born October 4, 1860. She married John Allen Springer who was born May 11, 1857. He was a son of Alpheus and Mary Griffith Springer. He died May 24, 1947. Mrs. Nancy Eveline Springer died June 9, 1941. They had a family of seven daughters and one son. These are the daughters:

Ada Florence Springer,
Edyth Mae Springer,
Lulu Inez Springer,
Oma Pearl Springer,
Osa Catherine Springer,
Mary Mildred Springer,
Evelyn Harriet Springer.
Cecil D. Springer is the son.
This is a great family in many ways. They are all high school and college graduates. There are thirteen school teachers in the family, counting the in-laws and grandchildren. This means about 75 years of teaching service. And there are other teachers in the making in quite a number of schools and colleges.

1. Adah Florence Springer was born November 11, 1886. She is a member of the Methodist Church. She graduated from Flemington High School and Salem College, Normal Department. She has taught school 33 years. Twenty-five of the 33 years were in the Alta Vista School in Clarksburg.

2. Edyth Mae Springer was born January 2, 1889. She married Ernest Leon Findley, son of John Flavius Findley. They were married August 29, 1909. She is a graduate of the Flemington High School. She taught school two years. She is a member of a Baptist Church. Mr. Findley is a graduate of Flemington High School and of the Mountain State Business College. He taught school one year. He is a farmer by trade. They have a fine family which we delight to mention individually. Ernest Leon Findley recently died.

   (1) Thelma Maxine Findley, born July 12, 1911. She married Carl R. Cain June 10, 1934. They have two children, Edwina May Cain, born August 13, 1935, and Donalyn Sue Cain, born April 20, 1938.


   (3) Paul Martin Findley, born November 6, 1914. He married Helen Marie Haught. They have one child, Sharon Hope Findley, born April 25, 1946.

   (4) Nelda Mae Findley, born August 26, 1916. She married Perry F. Hardman December 6, 1945. They have a son, David Hardman, born January 17, 1947.


   (6) Ada Maudella Findley, born March 5, 1923.

   (7) William Roland Findley, born August 23, 1925.

3. Lulu Inez Springer was born December 30, 1890. She married Carl Mason Chenoweth May 26, 1912. She is a graduate of Flemington High School and Salem College, A. B. Degree. She is a teacher in Taylor County Schools. She is a member of the Methodist Church. She has two daughters, Evelyn Roberta Chenoweth, born June 13, 1913. She is also a graduate in voice. She is music supervisor of Taylor County Schools. She is a member of the Methodist Church. The second daughter is Helen Rolena Chenoweth. She was born December 20, 1915. She is a graduate of Flemington High School, West Virginia University, B. S., S. H. and H. E., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Masters in H. E. Occupation, Assistant State Supervisor of Home Economics, Charleston, W. Va. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority and a member of the Methodist Church.

4. Oma Pearl Springer was born March 4, 1892. She married Earl
McCarty June 3, 1922. Oma is a graduate of Flemington High School and Salem College, Standard Normal, 1915. Mr. McCarty is a graduate of Clarksburg High School and Salem College, Standard Normal, 1914. They have three children: A son, John Robert McCarty, born September 8, 1923. A daughter, Helen Jean, born April 24, 1935, and another son, Max Earl, born April 20, 1937. John R. McCarty, a son, is a graduate of the Lumberport High School, 1941. He served three years in the European theatre of World War II from 1943 to 1946. He married Julia Florine McKain August 23, 1946. He is now employed by the Carnation Milk Company of Clarksburg. His wife, Julia Florine McCarty, is a telephone operator for the Clarksburg Telephone Company. Mr. Earl McCarty is employed by the National Carbon Company of Clarksburg. The church preference of the McCartys is Methodist Protestant.

5. Osa Catherine Springer was born August 2, 1898. She married Harry C. Keith November 29, 1921. Their children are James Allen Keith, born September 29, 1922, June Marie Keith, born June 12, 1924, Nancy Jean Keith, born November 9, 1926. Osa Springer Keith is a graduate of Flemington High School, Wesleyan College, Normal Department. She taught school three years. She is a Baptist.

James Allen Keith, born September 29, 1922. He is a graduate of Flora High School, Flora, Illinois. He joined the U. S. Army and received a commission as First Lieutenant. He belongs to the First Army Reserve. He graduated from the University of Illinois in June, 1948. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. He married Mary Lee Griffin of Kilgore, Texas, July 14, 1945. They have one child, Sandra Lee Keith, born April 12, 1946.

6. Mary Mildred Springer was born Nov. 9, 1901. She married James Fielding Edwards June 30, 1925. Mildred is a Baptist. She is a graduate of the Flemington High School and Salem College, Normal Department. She taught four years. Mr. Edwards is a Baptist. He is a graduate of Versailles High School, Versailles, Ky. His occupation is that of power shovel operator. They have a daughter and a son, as follows:

(1) Nancy Ware Edwards is a Baptist. She is a graduate of the Shinnston High School, Class of 1944, and Potomac State College, 1946. She is a member of Sigma Epsilon Chi Sorority. She graduated from West Virginia University in June, 1948.

(2) James Fielding Edwards, II, is a Baptist. He is a graduate of Shinnston High School, 1947, and is a freshman at West Virginia University. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

7. Evelyn Harriet Springer was born Sept. 11, 1904. She married Charles W. Bailey Aug. 16, 1929. Evelyn Springer Bailey is a Methodist. She is a graduate of Salem Academy, Normal Department of Salem College. She taught school ten years. She is a member of Eastern Star. Her husband, Charles W. Bailey, is a graduate of Flemington High School. He attended West Virginia University, is a 32d Degree Mason, and his occupation is coal buyer for the B. & O. Railroad.

8. Cecil D. Springer, the only son in the family, was born May 5, 1895. He married Flora D. Lawson Aug. 16, 1925. He is a graduate of
the Flemington High School, two years in West Virginia Wesleyan College, and two years in the Navy. He taught school two years. He has been a rural mail carrier 26 years. Flora D. Lawson Springer taught school two years in Taylor County. She was employed by the Flemington Bank four years. Lois Belle Springer is a daughter, born Jan. 31, 1934. She is a student in Flemington High School. Wilma Davis Springer was born April 29, 1924. She was legally adopted by Cecil D. Springer and wife in October, 1930. She is a graduate of the Flemington High School. She married William Donaldson May 11, 1946. All of the family are members of the Flemington Methodist Church.

VIOLA MAY LAWLER

Viola May Lawler, daughter of Katherine Currey Lawler and Jehu H. Lawler, was born May 23, 1867. Her mother was a daughter of Jonathan Currey. May married Samuel J. Tucker Feb. 16, 1893. She died June 23, 1920, and was buried at Harmony Grove Cemetery. They had seven children, viz.: Virgie Ann Tucker, Josie Blanche Tucker, John Jennings Tucker, Hazel Dell Tucker, Alton Brooks Tucker, Hershel Waitman Tucker, and Mavah Kathryn Tucker.

1. Virgie Tucker was born Feb. 20, 1894. She married Earl Tucker June 27, 1915. Earl Tucker died Sept. 16, 1921. They had two children:
   (1) Roberta May Tucker. She married Clyde Hartley Aug. 22, 1935. They have no children.
   (2) Helen Irene Tucker. She married Fay Vincent Dec. 3, 1940. They have one child, Diane Fay Vincent.

2. Josie Blanche Tucker was born Feb. 6, 1896. She married Smith Janes Aug. 21, 1922. They have one child, Robert Wade Janes. He married Mary Louise Klein. They have one child, Robert Wade Janes, Jr. The Smith Janes' residence is Williamsport, Pa.

3. John Jennings Tucker was born Nov. 26, 1898. He married Macel Morrow Oct. 20, 1920. They had seven children. They were:
   (1) Kyle Tucker, married Roberta Sullivan. They have one child, Mavah Belle.
   (2) Joan Tucker, married Oane Bush. They have one child, Oane Kelly Bush.
   (3) Martha Tucker, married James Johnson. They have one son, James Thomas.
   (4) Arrabelle Tucker—not married.
   (5) Jack Tucker—not married.
   (6) John Paul, deceased.
   (7) Samuel Osborne, deceased.


4. Hazel Tucker was born July 17, 1901. She married Earl Moore in 1934. She died Sept. 3, 1938. She was buried at Wyatt, W. Va. They had one daughter, Norata Mae.

5. Alton Brooks Tucker was born June 21, 1904. He married Jessie C. Cooper.

7. Mavah Tucker was born June 10, 1910. She married Edwin Shriver Oct. 25, 1930. They reside at Grafton, W. Va. They have six children. They are Mary Jo Shriver, Kathryn Louise, James Edwin, Samuel Spencer, Terry Randell, and Peggy Ann.

MILTON CURREY

Milton Currey, son of James Currey and Nancy Batson Currey, was born Sept. 20, 1833. He married Mary Vincent. Their children were Della, Mattie, Vilona, and Ida (deceased).

He married the second time—Manerva Vincent. They had no children.

Milton Currey was a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was in the Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, Company A. He was a sergeant. His captain was John Righter, under Colonel Thompson, of Fairmont, in Gen. William L. Jackson's Brigade. He was wounded at the battle of Bull Town in the fall of 1863. He was in the battle of Winchester, Cedar Creek and Martinsburg. He died May 26, 1915. He belonged to the Harmony Grove Baptist Church, and was a very faithful member.

Della married Isaac H. Harr. She was born Oct. 6, 1857, and died August 23, 1947. Isaac H. Harr was born June 1, 1856, and died July 24, 1936. They had two children: Truman and Bertha. Truman was born Dec. 11, 1884, and died Jan. 12, 1914. Bertha was born Nov. 24, 1879.

Bertha married Arthur Currey, son of Sam Currey. Arthur Currey was born Sept. 10, 1872, and died April 6, 1936.

VILONA CURREY HUSTEAD

Vilona Currey was a daughter of Milton Currey and Mary Elizabeth Vincent Currey, who were married November 6, 1856. She married W. A. Hustead, who was at that time teacher in the Sand Hill School. They had two children, Hayward Fleming Hustead, born July 7, 1891, and Ivy Ina Hustead, born January 17, 1894. Ivy is a teacher in the Fairmont High School. Hayward and Ivy live with their mother at 1112 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, W. Va.

IVY INA HUSTEAD

Ivy Ina Hustead was a daughter of W. A. Hustead and Vilona Currey Hustead, and a granddaughter of Milton Currey. She was born at Sand Hill, in Taylor County, West Virginia. The Husteads moved to Fairmont when her father became a teacher on the East Side. She attended the East Side High School, where she graduated. She began teaching in September, 1912, after graduating from the Fairmont State Normal School. She taught seven years in Thomas C. Miller Elementary School.
in Fairmont before going to the West Virginia University. She has an A. B. degree from the West Virginia University, 1922, an M. A. degree from Columbia University, 1929. Miss Hustead began teaching in Fairmont High School in September, 1922, as a teacher of mathematics, and is still in the Fairmont Senior High School, where she has been Guidance Counselor since September, 1944.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF SAMUEL T. CURREY’S CIVIL WAR RECORD.

(Contributed by his son, Guy Currey)

When Virginia seceded from the Union, a company of volunteers was organized at Pruntytown, and in April, 1861, Sam, Ham and Melville Currey enlisted in this company. The officers of the company were Capt. Hansbrough and First Lieutenant Kimball. One division of Virginia soldiers under the command of Col. George A. Porterfield was dispatched into the Valley of the Monongahela to recruit soldiers in the northern part of what is now West Virginia. He concentrated his Virginia troops and his new recruits (about one thousand) at Grafton, Taylor County. So the company, under Capt. Hansbrough from Pruntytown, became a unit of the Army of Col. Porterfield. Col. Porterfield was forced to withdraw from Grafton by a superior force of Union troops marching from Wheeling under Col. Kelley. Porterfield decided to make a stand against the Union forces at Philippi.

So Samuel T. Currey saw service at Grafton and Philippi, where the Confederates were routed and retreated to Huttonsville, and on to Beverly. The Virginia government blamed Porterfield for this defeat, so he was superseded by Col. Robert S. Garnett.

While they were at Beverly, Mell Currey died of typhoid fever and they buried him on a hill above Beverly. (After the war, Fenton Currey, Mell’s brother, and Ham Currey and others, went to Beverly and took Mell’s body up and brought it back and buried it in the Oldside Baptist Cemetery). Early in July, 1861, Gen. McClellan sent four thousand men under Gen. Thomas Morris from Philippi to attack Garnett’s force at Belington. Garnett was forced to abandon his position without a fight and retreated east into Tucker County. Gen. Morris followed with his Union troops and forced Garnett to give battle at Corrick’s Ford in Tucker County. Garnett was killed and the Confederates were defeated.

The Hansborough Company, retreating from Western Virginia, across mountains into Highland County, Va., near Monterey, was incorporated into Wm. L. Jackson’s cavalry. His cavalry was composed of the 19th and 20th Virginia regiments and Col. Dumis’ Battalion. Hampton, James and Samuel Currey, brothers, also Milton, Bail, and Elmore Currey, belonged to Company A, 19th regiment. Captain of Company A was John Righter. First Lieutenant John Anderson, Second Lieutenant Rice Welch, Third Lieutenant Samuel Vincent, who was killed while at home. He was followed by John Coffman as Third Lieutenant. Fourth Lieutenant was Tom Vincent. Hampton Currey was elected as
orderly sergeant and at times he drilled the company. The command of the 19th regiment was Col. Thompson, of Fairmont.

Along about April, 1863, Gen. Emboden started on his famous raid into Western Virginia with Gen. Wm. L. Jackson's cavalry in coordination. We marched along the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike, passing across the Allegheny and Cheat mountains, and descending upon Beverly, which was occupied by Union troops. We charged their encampment and drove the enemy out, and a number of prisoners taken, also a quantity of supplies. The main part of the Union army retreated along the road leading toward Buckhannon and Philippi. The next day we took up the line of march by the way of Buckhannon, expecting Federal opposition, but in this we were very much disappointed. At this town we were joined by a portion of Gen. William E. Jones' cavalry. Continuing the march our forces entered Weston where we encamped for a few days. The Union forces everywhere retreated before us and concentrated at Clarksburg and West Union. During our stay at Weston, being on guard duty, I remember Rev. Clawson, the great Methodist preacher, coming and talking to me while on duty. He went along with our army for a time. He was a fiery speaker. While he was holding a meeting at Bridgeport he said, "I am going to clean out ten acres of hell while in town," so the story goes. During our short stay at Weston the road from Jane Lew and Clarksburg was guarded. A corporal and Eleck Scranage and Bent Stevens were detailed to guard the road. This was the last time I saw them while in the army. Our paths diverged. Jackson's cavalry continued to scout about and make short raids into enemy territory until early in fall when the Battle of Bulltown was fought. This was a hot little fight. Back of the Union encampment was a blockhouse. The Confederates had planned to attack them at daybreak. Two commands were to attack at once. One was to make a circuit, and come in and cut the Union forces off from the blockhouse. The other one was to attack in front. Major Kesler was directing the frontal movement of the Confederates. He arrived before the enemy's encampment while it was still dark. The Union sentinel discovered them and fired, and wounded one of the men. This aroused the camp and we could hear them loading their guns by the ring of the iron ramrods, as they sent the charge home. Under orders of Major Kesler they charged and the enemy fell back up the slope to the blockhouse, fighting as they went. The Confederates advanced almost to the walls of the blockhouse. Then they had to make hasty retreat. When they got back out of range, just about daybreak, the other command came around on the appointed time ready to carry out her part of the plan. But the fight was over and the Confederates were repulsed. When they gathered up the dead and wounded they found that Company A of the 19th regiment had lost two killed and five wounded. The two killed were Elmore Currey and Razz Merritt. They buried them near where they fell. Milton Currey was so badly wounded he couldn't get away without help. He had been hit by three balls, one in the forearm, one through the leaders of his ankle, one through his thigh. He said he would rather die while being carried off, than to be left and taken prisoner. So they made a litter and put him on it, and the following men took turns at carrying it: Ethan Tucker, West Leon-
ard, Meel Bennett, Bail Currey and myself (Samuel Currey). As they were leaving with him they had to pass in view of the blockhouse, and Union men fired on them. Though they didn't injure anyone, the bullets zipped through the twigs over their heads. They carried him during the day, but the next day placed him on a horse and at the end of the second day they were back in safe territory. During the time they were taking him back he never complained or even groaned. Jackson had to retreat, but he held the enemy back long enough for the wounded to get back to a hospital in Virginia. Milton got well and went back into the army.

After the battle of Bulltown, Hamton and Samuel Currey entered Lee's army in the Valley of Virginia. Now they were in Company A, 31st Virginia Regiment and Stonewall Brigade. At this time the commander of Company A was Math Carpenter, Second Lieutenant from Taylor County. Col. Huffman, of Clarksburg, was commander of the 31st Regiment. He also commanded Stonewall Brigade which was composed of 31st, 49th, 52d and 58th Virginia Regiments. Stonewall Brigade and two North Carolina Brigades formed the Division commanded by Maj. Gen. Ramsue. This Division was part of Lieut. Gen. Erwell's corps. Next higher officer was Gen. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army. We were encamped on the Rappahannock River. Later on Lee's army marched south and crossed the Rappadan River and fortified at Mines Run by falling trees towards the enemy and away from the old mines, where we had our position. Then the limbs were cut off with a slope which brought them to a sharp point. This was called Abbott's fortification. While here Gen. Lee got the news that Gen. Mead had crossed the Rappahannock River and was trying to flank him and get south of his position. Lee immediately went out in front of the fortification to give battle to the enemy before he had time to flank him. The forces met in front of Mines Run in an all day battle. The gauge of battle varied during the day, but at evening Lee fell back into his fortification. There we waited for Mead to attack. For two or three days, there was no sign of an advance, so Lee sallied out to give battle, but Mead fell back north across the Rappadan River and into winter quarters. Lee also went into winter quarters south of this river. Later that winter our division one morning was ordered out to take up the march immediately. While we were getting in line of march, Johnson's Division of Lee's Army passed down the river by us on the double quick march. We were ordered also to double quick step in hot haste after them. We didn't know what we were going to face, but we knew it was something pressing.

Lee had stationed a picket guard on a ridge overlooking Meade's side of the river, and they had warned the main force of Lee's army that the Union forces were crossing the ford. When we attacked the enemy it was dark, but we could see by flash of gun and cannon. The battle lasted about three hours, when the Union forces gave way and started back across the ford. Lee's forces took several prisoners before they could get back across the river. This was the fight at Morton's Ford. While we were in winter quarters, the Union forces on the north side of the river, and we on the south side, each side waiting apparently for
the other side to attack, there were many unusual incidents I could relate.

After the fight at Mines Run, occurred the battle of the Wilderness. South and east of the Rappadan River is a region covered with a scraggy growth of oak and pine and some big timber. This is known as the Wilderness. General Grant being in command of the Union forces at this time, crossed the Rappadan River into the Wilderness and came in contact with Lee's forces on May 4, 1864. A pike ran through this part of the Wilderness, and both armies seemed to be in line across this road facing each other. The fighting seemed to be confined to the center of the lines. Our brigade and Gordon's brigade were in reserve just behind Lee's line of battle. In the fiercest of the engagement our two brigades were called into action. As we advanced along the road the wounded were pouring back by the way of the pike in such numbers that at times it was almost choked with men making all kinds of noises imaginable, some cursing, some praying. The din of men, guns and cannons was fearful. This was what tried your nerves. After you got into the battle it was not nearly so trying.

We went into action on the left flank of Lee's line, where the Union forces were trying to turn his flank. Our sharpshooters were able with the rest, to hold the enemy back till dark, while ours and Gordon's brigade threw up breast-works in front of the Union's line. The next morning, the 5th of May, our works were charged by Gen. Hancock's famous corps. It was an inspiring sight to see them coming on in such fine military style and precision as if they were only on parade. We received orders not to fire until we could see the eagle on the belts of the enemy. At the proper distance we fired point blank at oncoming foe, with not as much as a bush to intervene. When the smoke raised there was a sorry sight of the dead and wounded, and the living in disorder. But they were not turned back by any means, only delayed until they could reform their ranks, and come on again, another splendid show in the same steady way. The delay had given us time to reload our guns and we were ready for them, and gave them the same kind of reception as before. They kept this up, charging and reforming their lines, for one hour and forty minutes, according to one of our officers. When we were first attacked each one of our soldiers had forty rounds of ammunition, but we used all of this and had been given a second supply, and we were using this, when they retreated without an enemy having put his foot within our fortification. While they were charging and being repulsed, we would call to them to come on for we were glad to see them. We hadn't seen them since Mines Run and Morton Ford. The men would laugh and joke in the face of death and the fearful destruction they had wrought. When the enemy returned to his own fortifications, it looked like half of the original number was left on the field. When we had time to look around us we saw a line of Georgian soldiers behind us, waiting to reinforce us if we had needed help. Also Lieut. Gen. Erwell and staff, with Gen. Hays, whose command was next to ours. There was a lull in fighting until evening. During this time it had been arranged that at sundown when the word attention was given by Major Cooper, that a body of about two hundred sharpshooters, previously selected from each company of two brigades, should mount
our works and capture or kill the enemy's sharpshooters. Ham and I were selected from our company. When at the set time, the command "Attention" was given by our leader, Major Cooper, we rose up to mount our works. For some unknown reason, Rye Tucker arose too, though he was not one of those selected to charge. He was just in front of Ham, and as they got to their feet, a bullet from a sharpshooter's gun entered his body and he fell back dead against Ham, who placed his arm around him and laid him down. We charged those sharpshooters so quickly and with such good effect that they threw up their hands and passed back through our lines as prisoners. As we sharpshooters went on toward the enemy we were followed by our own command, also Gen. Hays' brigade, who rushed the Union lines, while Gordon's brigade turned the right wing of Gen. Hancock's corps, while we charged the front with a "Rebel yell." The surprise was so complete, that we routed them out of their works and captured between 1500 and 2000 men; so our officers said. Also one of their Major Generals, Seymour, of New York. It is said, Erwell told Seymour if he would give him his parole, he would let him have the freedom of the Confederate's lines. Seymour said his government didn't recognize parolments. Erwell asked if he would give him his word of honor not to escape. He said, "I will not give it." Then Erwell gave orders to a squad to take Maj. Gen. Seymour and treat him as a common prisoner. We suffered a considerable loss, the 25th Virginia regiment was nearly half killed, wounded and captured. Col. Huffman of our brigade had a horse shot from under him, but he went on into the fight, for he knew no fear. Ham got hit twice during the battle. A spent ball struck him on the knee cap and bruised it. His knee swelled until he had difficulty in walking. Another ball gave him a slight scalp wound. His knee caused him to be laid up and prevented him from taking part in the battle of Spottsylvania. The main army of each side seemed to be moving southeast, not very far apart, no doubt concentrating their troops for the battle of Spottsylvania. We knew very little about the movement of the whole army. All we knew was that the next morning, May 6th, our brigade and others were marching south over the very grounds we had charged over the very day before. There lay the dead, both Union and Confederate, by the hundreds, in all kinds of positions imaginable. And to make it more terrible, the woods were on fire, and the smoke almost suffocated us at times.

So, unknowingly, we were on our way to take part in the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, which started on the 8th of May and lasted off and on until the 18th of May. On the 8th of May, as we (our brigade) neared the right end of Lee's lines, we could hear the roar of guns telling us there was another engagement before us. On the 9th we took up our position on the right end of the line of engagement. Gordon's brigade was on our left. Our two brigades were in reserve behind the main line to support it if the enemy should break through. On the 10th of May our brigade was ordered to march along back of the battle line to the left end, so if there should be a break in the line we could reinforce it. As we went along the line, the enemy was using their artillery to bombard Lee's line in a very energetic way. Several times that day as we marched along we were halted and ordered to lie

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down. While the cannonading was the heaviest, we reached the left end of the line, and became the target of a battery of cannon on a ridge. It was a very interesting time for a little while. The shells seemed to be going over our heads and bursting in the air. Finally we got to the foot of the hill, where we formed a line of battle. This threw us out of range of the cannons. On the morning of the 11th of May the enemy broke through our line and Gordon's brigade rushed to the breach and drove the enemy back and took some prisoners. On the 12th of May the general fight took place. The enemy charged us at four o'clock, just at dawn. It was Hancock's corps that charged. Johnson's division held the right end of our line, and when the enemy charged Johnson surrendered and was taken prisoner with all of his men that didn't retreat to the rear. It was in a strip of woods where the enemy broke through. Huffman, our commander, ordered our brigade to march to this spot to support Johnson's men. We were marching end ways, two abreast, when we came to the woods. We could hear firing in the woods, but Huffman thought it was some of our men feeling their way. So he led us into the woods endways right into the enemy. Huffman's horse was shot, three of our company were wounded. Our brigade roundabout faced and retreated. As we left the woods we met Gordon's brigade coming to our support. There was also Lee and Erwell. They wanted to know what was the matter with our brigade. Huffman told Lee he ran the brigade endways into the enemy. Lee said the fight must be won, that he would lead the corps of Huffman and Gordon's brigades. Gordon told him to get back out of danger and he would lead the charge. Gordon formed the two brigades into line of battle on a little hill facing the woods. As we charged down the enemy was just coming out of the woods and opened fire on us. One of our company, Highly by name, was killed. The enemy retreated very stubbornly, but finally we drove them back to his breastworks where he made a stubborn stand. But we finally dislodged him from his works. The dead in those works lay in every position you could place a body. As our two brigades crossed their works we could feel the swish of hot air around us caused by the bullets. We drove the enemy back until we lined up with the main line of our army. Just about this time a piece of shell hit me on the left hip and it turned me completely around. My hip was badly bruised. I was sent to Richmond Hospital. I was back in the army on July 22, 1864. Ham got back in the army on the 14th of May from the hospital. He was in the rest of the battle of Spottsylvania, which ended the 18th of May, 1864. Lee retreated to Richmond and fortified, but was forced to surrender, on April 9th, 1865. The soldiers were disbanded. I came home and took up civilian life.

Samuel T. Currey.
Four Generations of Curreys
Samuel T. Currey, Gordon B. Currey, Claude R. Currey;
Carl R. Currey and Paul Currey.

Guy D. Currey
son of
Arthur and Bertha Harr Currey.
Paul E. Currey
grandson of
Gordon Currey

Claude R. Currey
son of
Gordon Currey

Herbert H. Currey
son of
Arthur Currey

Dean and Elton Currey
grandsons of
Gordon Currey
Benjamin Currey was a son of Jonathan Currey. Jonathan Currey married Nancy Mason. It has been said of her that she was the best woman that ever lived in Boothscreek District. She was a midwife and doctor with all kinds of herbs for medicine, which in most cases, gave relief, and in many cases effected a cure. She was also a good nurse and would go to the help of the sick the darkest night and through the worst weather to give help to those who need help. There were few doctors in those days and it was hard to get over poor roads and go long distances. Such women as Aunt Nancy were a great blessing to the people of many communities.

Benjamin Currey was one of a family of ten children, whose names were Sarah, Sally, John B., Emory K. Currey, Silas, Catherine, James P., Cornelius, Thomas and Israel.

He was first married to Nellie Currey. At her decease he married Julia Riley for his second wife. They had four children, Rufus, Barbara, Harrison Judson, and Delbert.

1. Rufus married Alice Tucker. They had four children.
   (1) Emma Currey, not married.
   (2) Dorsey Currey married Nancy Smith. They have three children: Carroll Currey, Madilee and Norma Lou Currey.
   (3) Leo Currey married Mary Dodd.
   (4) Earl, not married.

2. Barbara Currey (deceased), married Bruce Wiseman, (deceased). They had seven children.
   (1) Roy (deceased), Goldie (deceased), Dennis (deceased).
   (4) Gladys Wiseman, not married.
   (6) Hazel Wiseman married Carl Rutherford. They have seven children: Madeline Rutherford married Cleve Brown, and they have two sons, Arthur and Levi Brown. The other six children of Hazel Wiseman and Carl Rutherford are Dorothy, Jack, Roy, Victor, Clarence and James.
   (7) Blanche Wiseman married Ralph Hawkins. They have two children: Eileen Hawkins and Ralph Duane Hawkins.

3. Harrison Judson Currey married Effie Humphrey. They had three children:
   (1) Naomi, married Ralph Reger.
   (2) Ellis, not married.
   (3) Claude, married Madeline Meredith. They had one son, James Currey.

4. Delbert Currey married Alice May Rinehart. They had nine children:
   (1) Bonnie (deceased).
   (2) Noel, married Garnetta Westmorland.
   (3) Edna married John Crim. They had two children, Alice Blanche Crim, Karen Ruth Crim (deceased).

(5) Seyward married Mamie McIntire. They have four children: Alice Currey, Harold Currey, Sandy and Randy are twins.

(6) Ward (deceased).

(7) Erma married Brooks Harbert. They have a son, Randall Harbert.

(8) Nina married Orval Simmons. They have four children: Carolyn Simmons, Kenneth Simmons, Janice Simmons and Raymond Simmons.

(9) Ruth married Milford Messman.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Currey have nine children and sixteen grandchildren. They had a son and two sons-in-law in World War II. The son, Noel Currey, did not go overseas. His sons-in-law, Milford Messman and Brooks Harbert, did overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Currey live at Shinnston, W. Va., and are members of the Shinnston Baptist Church. They are good citizens of whom all the Curreys may well be proud.

SAMUEL CURREY

Samuel Currey, son of Israel Currey, was born in 1840. He married Adaline Currey, daughter of Benjamin Currey. They were married in 1870.

He was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He served there about three years. He was wounded once by a piece of shell but soon recovered. His next oldest brother, Hampton Currey, was with him in that war. Their father, Israel Currey, was a soldier in the war against the English in 1812. His widow was given a quarter section of land in Indiana for his services.

Samuel Currey and Adaline Currey had six children. Two died young. Four boys grew to manhood and three are still living. They were:

1. Gordon Currey, born December 13, 1870. He and Zanie E. Riley, daughter of W. C. Riley, were married April 15, 1896. To them were born five children, viz: Claude R. Currey, Ivan D. Currey, Mark L. Currey, Ross W. Currey, and Alpha A. Currey.

GRANDSONS OF GORDON CURREY

Grandsons of Gordon Currey who were in the service of the United States in World War II:

1. Dean Currey, son of Mark Currey, was petty officer first class. He served on a scout plane on east coast from Maine to Florida. He now lives at Fairmont. He married Letha Poe.

2. Elton Currey, son of Mark Currey, was a petty officer second class. He was sent to the Philippines where he remained until he was honorably discharged.
3. Carl R. Currey was trained in Florida where he ran a towboat for the planes. He towed the target for the planes.

4. Paul joined the cavalry and was on border patrol between Texas and Mexico for a time. Later his regiment was shipped to Australia where he served for some time. They invaded an island and he was wounded. He was in a hospital for a few weeks and was transferred to the Engineers’ Corps. He was a corporal when the war closed.

5. Francis Currey, son of Ross Currey, was in the navy and was an engineer on a landing barge. He got his barge to the shore of France and when he pulled out from the shore a shell hit the boat and he got hit by thirteen pieces of shell. One piece went through his leg. They sent him to a hospital where he spent two months, and then returned to active duty. His youngest boy, about 17, David Currey, is in the navy at the present time.


Arthur Currey had eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Denzel served 38 months in the U. S. Army, and 33 months were served in the Pacific. Herbert served 39 months in the U. S. Army, and 27 months were served in the European theatre.

MILITARY HISTORY OF DENZEL G. CURREY, SON OF ARTHUR AND BERTHA HARR CURREY.

He was inducted September 28, 1942, at Fort Hayes, Ohio. He was sent to New Mexico for training with the 842nd Engineers. He was moved from New Mexico to California and from California he sailed to Australia.

The 842nd Engineers built our ports at Port Morsbie, New Guinea, and Dutch New Guinea, Layte, Philippines and Okinawa.

MILITARY HISTORY OF HERBERT H. CURREY, SON OF MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR CURREY.

Herbert H. Currey was inducted into service August 24, 1942, at Fort Hayes, Ohio. He went to Camp Pickett for basic training. He was placed in the 36th General Hospital and continued in hospital service throughout the war. He saw service in Algiers, North Africa, in Italy and France. He sailed for home from France on November 15, 1945, and landed at Boston, Mass., November 24, 1945.

BUTLER CURREY

Butler Currey, son of Samuel T. and Adaline Currey, was born June 28, 1883, in Booths creek District, Taylor County, West Virginia. He has
resided all his life in the Harmony Grove community. He taught school for a number of years, and works on a farm. He is a member of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church, and has been Sunday School teacher and Sunday School superintendent. He is a Democrat. He never married, but stayed at home and cared for his Aunt Patsy L. Currey, and his father, until they died. He lives alone near the Harmony Grove Church, and is respected by all who know him.

GUY B. CURREY

Guy B. Currey, son of Samuel T. and Adaline Currey, was born July 25, 1877, in Booths creek District, Taylor County, W. Va. He was educated in the public schools, and taught two terms of school in Taylor County. He is a Democrat. He joined the Harmony Grove Baptist Church, and was baptised May 16, 1914, with fifteen other candidates, by Rev. L. T. Harvey. On December 24, 1915, he married Olga Claudine Harvey (born February 3, 1892). She is a daughter of George W. and Rosemary Harvey, of Preston County, south of Fellowsville. They moved to Bridgeport, Harrison County, May 26, 1916. They have two children living. Paul Bartlett Currey, a Methodist minister, now at Ashley, Indiana, was born October 15, 1916. Lillian Mae Currey, born June 20, 1918, a member of the Bridgeport Baptist Church, is now working in Clarksburg. Rosemary Currey, born January 21, 1926, died six months later. Eve Mae Currey, daughter of Lillian Mae Currey, born September 8, 1936, lives with her grandfather and grandmother Currey, and is in the sixth grade in the Bridgeport grade school.

PAUL BARTLETT CURREY

Paul Bartlett Currey, son of Guy B. and Olga Claudine Harvey Currey, was born at Bridgeport, W. Va., October 15, 1916. He is a graduate of the Bridgeport High School, a senior at Wesleyan College, and a student at Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois, where he will receive a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. At present he is serving his first pastoral charge at the Ashley-Barkers Chapel Methodist Churches, Ashley, Indiana.

He volunteered for army service December 8, 1941, and was sworn in January 1, 1942, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. He was soon moved on to Fort Dix, N. J., then on to Drew Field, Florida, and on to San Francisco, where he embarked for overseas duty May 26, 1942. He received the rank of staff sergeant February 15, 1943. Later he served in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He often conducted religious services at places where he was stationed. He returned to the United States October 14, 1945, and was discharged October 23, 1945, at Camp Atterbury, Indianapolis, Ind. He was married to Thelma Birdie Stansberry August 3, 1946. They are now the proud parents of Judith Beverly Currey.
Emory K. Currey
and daughters
Ida and Vallie
Walter A. Wood and Family
Bernice D. Wood, wife, is granddaughter of Emory K. Currey
Mr. and Mrs. Hyson Devers
Mrs. Devers was Myrtle B. Currey, daughter of Emory K. Currey.

Anna Currey
daughter of
Emory K. Currey
Hershel Walls, Lester Walls and Raymond Walls, veterans of World War II. Grandsons of Alfred Currey
Eldon J. Mays and wife
Grandson of Emory Currey

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Currey
Wanita Walls Butera
granddaughter of
Alfred Currey

George Mouser
son of
Vallie Currey Mouser
Grandson of Emory Currey

Joyce Walls
granddaughter of
Alfred Currey
Emory Knotts Currey was a son of Jonathan Currey, who was one of the first settlers on Currey Ridge. Emory K. Currey was born April 3, 1834, and died in 1908. He was married twice. His first marriage was to Virginia Hughes. To this union fifteen children were born. Several died in early childhood of diphtheria and other diseases. Those reaching maturity and marriage are as follows:

1. John Porter Currey (known throughout his life as "Port"), was born February 3, 1865, near Valley Falls, Taylor County, West Virginia. Died November 8, 1943. He was a son of Emery K. Currey and Virginia Hughes Currey. He spent his entire life close to the soil, and through study and experience became somewhat of an authority in his community on horticultural products. He was a man of outstanding character, and for more than twenty years was teacher of an adult Bible class at the Janes Memorial Methodist Church, near Currey Ridge, and near his residence on Route 250 in Taylor County.

Nellie Currey Vincent, daughter of John Porter Currey and Lucretia Robinson Currey, was born near Currey Ridge, Taylor County, West Virginia, August 8, 1889. Her husband, Clarence Vincent, is deceased. Resides at Route 1, Watson, West Virginia. Mother of two daughters; Rosaline Vincent, wife of Oliver H. Kuhn, and Kathleen Vincent, wife of Ralph W. Linn. She has two granddaughters: Wanda Marie Kuhn, and Sue Ann Linn.

Lucretia Robinson Currey, born August 29, 1869. Died November 7, 1944. They were the parents of four children: Nellie Currey Vincent, Heber H. Currey, Mattie Currey Goodwin, deceased, and Ercil E. Currey.

Heber H. Currey, born February 13, 1892, near Currey Ridge, Taylor County, W. Va. Graduate of Tappan public school; went to Broadus College at Philippi, Fairmont State Normal, and taught school three terms. Graduate of commercial and shorthand courses at Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg. Married Bessie Withers, of Grafton, in 1916. Two daughters: Gladys Currey (now wife of Forrest E. Justis), and Willa Jean Currey. During World War I, served in office of Auditor for War Department, Washington, D. C.; worked for a coal corporation until bankruptcy of the firm, after which he was employed by the State of West Virginia as court reporter, at Charleston. Since April, 1937, he has been employed as secretary to Hon. Harry E. Watkins, United States District Judge for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia, with headquarters at Fairmont. Mason. Methodist. Likes to travel, hunt and fish. His top pleasure is entertaining his granddaughter, Susan Charlene Justis, age two and one-half years.

Willa Jean Currey, daughter of Heber H. and Bessie Withers Currey, was born at Fairmont, West Virginia, on September 2, 1921. Graduate of West Fairmont High School and Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg. Employed by the United States Government, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Parkersburg, since 1942. Favorite diversion or avocation is leadership and training in the National Organization of Girl Scouts.

Gladys Currey Justis, daughter of Heber H. Currey and Bessie Withers
Currey, was born at Grafton, W. Va., on December 15, 1917. Graduated from Charleston High School in 1935, and Fairmont State College in 1939. Taught science in high schools of Marion County and in Annapolis, Md. Married Forrest E. Justis in 1941. Mr. Justis served as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy in World War II. He is now a teacher in mathematics at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. One child, Susan Charlene Justis, was born March 28, 1947.

ERCIL E. CURREY AND HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY


James Manning P. Currey, born December 22, 1928, at Watson, Route I, W. Va. Son of Ercil E. Currey and Shearle Ice Currey. Attended Fairmont West High. Employed by Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., at Fairmont, since August, 1946, and is now assistant produce manager.


2. Alfred Currey was born Feb. 17, 1871. He married Nora Nuzum. Seven children were born to this union. Their names are Lena, Wiley, Maud, Ellis (deceased), Charles, Walter (deceased), and Harold. Alfred Currey is a merchant, and he and Mrs. Currey live at R.F.D. No. 1, Watson, W. Va., on Route No. 250.

3. Lewis J. Currey was a son of Emory K. Currey and Virginia Hughes Currey. He was born February 25, 1867, and died July 26, 1940. He married Eva Holt March 5, 1899. They had four children, viz.: Herman H. Currey, Donley D. Currey, Nola May Currey and Mildred Currey.

(1) Herman H. Currey was born December 22, 1900, near McGee, Taylor County, West Virginia. At about ten years of age his parents with their family moved to Phoenix, Ariz., then to Oklahoma, and finally settled near Russellville, Ark. Herman graduated at the Rus-
sellville High School in 1919, and entered the U. S. Military Academy that same year. He later entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, graduated in 1922, and remained in the U. S. Coast Guard as a commissioned officer until November 1, 1946, when he retired with the rank of Commander, having served his country in the Coast Guard for a period of 24 years. During his service he was engineer officer of various vessels of the Coast Guard, and for several years was head of the engineering design section where they designed Diesel electric ice breakers, turbo-electric cutters, and lighthouse tenders. He is author of various papers on propeller design and on maneuvering tests of Coast Guard vessels. He is a member of the Society of Naval Engineers, Society of Naval Architects, and Marine Engineers, and of the Institution of Naval Architects. His first marriage was to Ethel C. Byrne in 1927 at Philadelphia. They had a daughter, Evelyn Ann Currey, born March 24, 1928. His wife Ethel died at New London, Conn., shortly after the baby's birth. Herman was married the second time to Margaret F. Cook, of Morristown, N. J., in 1930, at New York. They have two daughters, Frances Lewise Currey, born June 24, 1931, at Wilmington, N. C, and Margaret Jean Currey, born October 4, 1936, at Washington, D. C. Herman is now retired and lives near Inverness, Florida.

(2) Donley D. Currey married Iva Amanda Spears, May 11, 1929.

(3) Nola May Currey married John D. Bruce Nov. 18, 1923. They have four children, Mary Evelyn Bruce, born Sept. 29, 1924, Billie Joe Bruce, born Sept. 8, 1928, Bobby Ethridge Bruce, born Dec. 19, 1930, and Helen Ruth Bruce, born Aug. 29, 1934.

(4) Mildred Currey married Delbert I. Rush, Oct. 3, 1928. They were divorced.

4. Cinda Ellen married John Dodd. To this union six children were born, viz.: Leona, Ray, Ogle, Claudia, Eva and Mary.

5. Anna Currey married Allison Walters of North Carolina. To this union three children were born, viz.: Colvin, Mae Weling and Angela. They are all married and live in North Carolina.


7 and 8. Eliza and Elijah were twins. Eliza died many years ago.

9. Elijah is living at Hammond, W. Va. His first wife was Phoebe Haney. To this union two boys were born, viz.: Arthur B. and Ray P. Currey. His first wife died when Ray was born. He married for his second wife Lola Taylor. She had one daughter, Ethel. She died when Ethel was about 12 years old. He then married Velma Martin. They have a daughter whose name is Maxine. Elijah died recently.

EMORY K. CURREY’S FAMILY (CONTINUED). SECOND MARRIAGE. VALLIE CURREY MOUSER FLEMING.

Vallie M. Currey was a daughter of Emory K. Currey and Luverna Williamson Currey. She married George Mouser. They had three children—Mary, Wilma and George.
1. Mary married John H. Newlon. They have had seven children. One daughter, Margaret, died Feb. 17, 1947. Other children were John W. Newlon, Carl Jesse Newlon, Marie Newlon, Shirley Newlon and Lindy Lou Newlon.

2. Wilma Mouser married William Carlyle. They have three children, viz.: Junior Carlyle, Charles Carlyle and Lucille Carlyle.

3. George Mouser married Violet Mitchell. They have one daughter, Sandra Sue Mouser. George graduated from Philippi High School in 1942. He then entered the West Virginia University at Morgantown. From there he entered the U. S. Army May 3, 1943. He was sent to Camp Grant, Ill., a medical camp. After three months he was sent to school at Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver, Colo., and graduated from there as a surgical technician. From there he was sent to Framington, Mass., to Cushing Hospital. From there he was sent overseas with the 184th General Hospital. He spent 18 months in England, several months in Belgium and France. On Dec. 24th he was given an honorable discharge at Fort Meade, Md. He is now a student at the University at Morgantown to complete the course he was taking before he entered the army.

Mrs. Mouser, after the death of Mr. Mouser, married Jesse L. Fleming, of West Union, Ohio. They have no children. They live near the Grafton, W. Va., dam. Their post office is Moatsville, W. Va., Route 3. They live on a farm.

Emory K. Currey's second marriage was to Luverna Williamson. There were six children born to this union, viz.: Myrtle B. Currey, Ida Currey, Rosalie Currey, Vallie Currey, Sterling Martin Currey and Clyde Currey.

1. Myrtle B. Currey was born January 12, 1871. She married Hyson Devers. They resided at Thornton, W. Va. She died October 17, 1944.


   (a) John B. Wood was born May 12, 1928. He is a high school graduate. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force May, 1946. He served for three years, and is now on Guam Island in the Pacific.

   (b) W. H. Donald Wood was born February 1, 1931. He is now in third year high school.

   (c) Bernard V. Wood was born Feb. 18, 1933. He is in the second year high school.

   (d) M. Vivian Wood was born Oct. 4, 1935.

   (e) Alice Marlene Wood was born March 11, 1941.

   (f) Robert W. Wood was born Feb. 7, 1943.

2. Evelyn M. Devers, daughter of Myrtle B. Currey Devers, married Russell M. Turner. They have four children. Their names are:

   (a) Glen Russell Turner, born Sept. 12, 1934.

   (b) Jerry Wayne Turner, born July 7, 1940.

   (c) Noble Hartsell Turner, born July 2, 1944.

   (d) Wendel Blaire Turner, born Nov. 6, 1946.
2. Ida Currey married John L. Boyles. They resided at Thornton, W. Va. They had six children. One died in infancy. Arnold died in a C. C. Camp in 1934. Hazel Boyles, a daughter, married Bernard Hooten. They live in Baltimore. They have two daughters. Leora Boyles married Lloyd Weller and they have a family. They reside at Shenandoah Junction. Doris Boyles married Hartzel Weller, and they have a family. They reside at Great Cacapon, W. Va. Hallie Boyles married Lawrence DeMoss and they reside at Great Cacapon. They have one son and twin daughters.

3. Rosalie Currey, born May 12, 1892, married Ira E. Mays, of Thornton, W. Va., April 12, 1917, and went to Detroit to live. They have four children. They are Clyde N. Mays, Dolores E. Mays, William E. Mays, and Eldon J. Mays.

   (1) Clyde N. Mays was born Feb. 24, 1919. He married Dorothy Shinpoch, of Detroit, Jan. 6, 1941, and works for the Packard Motor Company.

   (2) Dolores E. Mays was born Oct. 12, 1920. She married Sherman D. Copps Jan. 10, 1945. She graduated from Wayne University and taught school in Detroit for four years.

   (3) William was married to Lois McKenzie of Detroit, June 6, 1941. He is assistant manager in an A. & P. food store.

   (4) Eldon J. Mays was in the service from March 19, 1943, until September 25, 1945. He was promoted to corporal Nov. 17, 1943. He went overseas July 14, 1944, on the Queen Elizabeth, and served in the Infantry under General George Patton. He landed in England, went to France in August, and to Germany in November. He served with the 331st Infantry, and participated in the Battle of Normandy, Battle of Central France, Battle of Germany, and the Battle of the Rhine. He was seriously wounded in Germany on Dec. 10, 1944, and was hospitalized in England and the United States until Sept. 25, 1946, when he was honorably discharged. He received the Purple Heart March 1, 1945. He received also the Silver Star medal, European Theater of Operations ribbon, two Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct ribbon. He married Zelma Williamson of McComb, Miss., Feb. 6, 1945, while in the U. S. Army. They live in Battle Creek, Mich., and he is taking an apprenticeship in typesetting.

4. Vallie married William Jennings. They had two girls, Mary and Wilma. William Jennings died of typhoid fever. Vallie then married George Mouser. They had a son, George, Jr. He is now deceased. Mr. Mouser died of pneumonia and Vallie married Jesse Fleming, of Grafton. They now live at Moatsville, W. Va. Her son George was in World War II, in the Medical Corps.

5. Sterling Martin Currey died at an early age.

6. Clyde D. Currey (now deceased), son of Emory K. Currey and Luverna Currey, was born Sept. 21, 1897. He was born on Currey Ridge, Taylor County. He married Anna Chevront, of Palestine, Wirt County, W. Va., Nov. 6, 1921. To this union five children were born. Their names are as follows: Helen Rosalie, Wilma Janette, Anna Pauline, Marjorie Louverna and Hyson Dennis.
(1) Helen Rosalie was born Aug. 7, 1922, and died on the same date.

(2) Wilma Janette Currey was born Aug. 28, 1923. She graduated from the Wirt County High School. She joined the Cadet Nurses and trained in the St. Joseph Hospital, where she graduated June 29, 1946. She married Clyde Emerson McClung, of Roane County, W. Va., on the 5th of April, 1947. She is working in Dr. Depue’s Hospital at Spencer, W. Va.

(3) Anna Pauline Currey was born Dec. 27, 1926. She graduated from the Wirt County High School. She attended Mountain State Business College in Parkersburg. She has been clerking in Sears Roebuck Store in Parkersburg for the last three years.

(4) Marjorie Louverna Currey was born March 27, 1931. She is in the third year of high school.

(5) Hyson Dennis Currey was born Nov. 4, 1934. He is in the seventh grade in school.

Clyde Currey lives at Palestine, W. Va.

LETTER FROM MRS. LAWRENCE DeMOSS

I am a granddaughter of Emory Currey. My mother was Ida Belle Currey. She was born in September, 1888. She married John L. Boyles on February 22, 1908. She was the mother of six children. They were as follows:

Hazel Louise, born November 26, 1908.
Hallie Belle, born February 21, 1910.
Vallie Leora, born March 15, 1915.
Doris Grace, born January 24, 1925.

Hazel Louise married Bernard Hooton March 20, 1930.
Hallie Belle married Lawrence DeMoss June 2, 1929.
Vallie Leora married Lloyd Weller December 23, 1930.
Doris Grace married Hartzel Weller July 5, 1940.

As I am Mrs. Lawrence (Hallie Belle) I will write what I can of my family. We have three children

William Edward, born January 5, 1932.
Twins, Ramona Lee and Leona Mae, born February 16, 1934.

My mother, Ida Belle Currey Boyles, died February 14, 1932.

My father, John L. Boyles, died in 1936. They and my brother are buried at Harmony Grove near my mother’s home.
Bessie Withers Currey
wife of
Heber H. Currey

Willa Jean Currey
daughter of
Heber and Bessie Currey
Leonard Currey was born near McGee, Taylor County, West Virginia, November 23, 1866. He was a son of the late Jehu Currey and Ellen Vincent Currey. A daughter, Virginia Currey, is deceased.

Leonard Currey was a member of a large family. Several are deceased. There are surviving one sister, Mrs. Mary Knight, of Monongah, and five brothers: Will Currey of Currey Ridge, Taylor County, Grover C. Currey, of Fairmont, Wade Currey, Superintendent of Marion County Home, Lawrence Currey, of Boothsville, and Kidwell Currey, of Akron, Ohio.

He was active in church work. He was a member of the Harmony Grove Baptist Church in Taylor County, and was superintendent of the Viola Sunday School, having served in that capacity for ten years. He was active in school management, and at one time was a member of the Marion County Board of Education. Also of Taylor County Board of Education. He raised a large and respectable family. They are all good citizens. Two of his sons served in World War I and one served in World War II. Eight of his grandsons served in World War II. Two sons-in-law served in World War I. He was a good Christian man. He was honest and upright in all his dealings. His life is an inspiration not only to his children, but to all who knew him.

Mrs. Currey was Irene Jones, of Pruntytown. She was a good woman, a kind neighbor, a devoted mother and a true wife. One of her daughters says of her: “My mother died on January 7, 1940. She was buried at Harmony Grove. She belonged to the Pruntytown Baptist Church. She was the most patient, generous and sympathetic person I ever knew. She was liked by every one who knew her. She never complained about anything, liked company and was always doing something for someone. A preacher once said of her: ‘She was like an angel.’ He visited her often in the home as her pastor.” He died at his home at Viola, Marion County, West Virginia, April 6, 1947. He is survived by ten children: Repha, of Huntington, West Virginia; Braxie Sergent, of Viola; Warren J. Currey, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Madge Gabbert, of Morgantown; Mrs. Opal Shaffer, of Morgantown; Mrs. Elva Summers, of Morgantown; Mrs. Mae Mandley, of Gainesville, Florida; Mrs. Ruth Layman, of Montana, West Virginia; Paul, of Fairmont; and Virgil, of New York City. A daughter, Virginia, is deceased.


Four grandchildren are deceased, viz: Ellen Alberta Layman, Robert Newton Sergent, Dorene Emily Gabbert, and Warren Newton Shaffer.

There are five living great-grandchildren, viz: Karen Lee Gabbert,

Two sons of Leonard Currey served in World War I. Repha and Warren Currey served during the first World War, entered at the beginning and went through. Repha was in the Marines and served as a guard of ammunition at Hengham, Mass. Warren was in the Army. He spent some time in France.

Leonard Currey had two sons-in-law in the service. One was wounded in France but came home in fine shape. The other never went over. One son, Paul Currey, served in World War II. He served twenty months in Italy.

Eight of his grandsons served in World War II. They sustained a great record of service and honor and all returned safe and sound to gladden the hearts of a very deserving family. We may say that thirteen of his family went forth to do battle with the enemies of their country. This is a wonderful record. There is no other family in our reunion that has such a record. The very remarkable thing about it all is that they all survived the dangers of the worst war in history. There is no doubt but that the prayers of their father and mother, brothers and sisters, and other loved ones went up to the Heavenly Father for the safety and return of all the boys. “He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor.” Prov. 11:27.

LEONARD CURREY'S CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES


2. Braxie Currey married Grover Sergent, March 27, 1921.
   (1) One son, Robert Newton Sergent, who died June 5, 1933.
   (2) David R. Sergent, born December 4, 1923, married Helen Fields November 4, 1946.
   (3) Samuel G. Sergent, born July 15, 1926.
   (4) Charles W. Sergent, born March 27, 1930.


4. Cleona Madge Currey, married Joseph E. Gabbert, September 18, 1917. They have three children.
   (1) Leonard Creed Gabbert, born November 11, 1919. Married Ann Alpri. They have a daughter, Karen Lee Gabbert.
   (2) Bonita B. Gabbert, born April 17, 1930.
   (3) Dorine Emily is deceased.

5. Opal L. Currey married Jesse E. Shafer, December 22, 1917. They have seven children.
   (1) Jesse Elden Shafer, Jr.
   (2) Warren Newton Shafer, deceased.
   (3) Marjorie Lorena Shafer. She married McKinley Gidley. They have one son, Ronnie Gidley.
(4) Ralph Quenton, married Barbara Buckhannon.
(5) Mary Edith, married Philip N. Lockheart.
(6) Arlen Glen.
(7) Hentor Dale.

   (1) Charles Ray, born September 14, 1926.
   (2) Ronald Fay, born March 29, 1931.

7. Leah May, married Mollard Street in 1922. They have four children. Mollard Street died in 1936. Mrs. Street then married Henry Mandley. He adopted the children. They are (1) Paul Edward; (2) Grover Kenneth. He married Ann Brag. They have no children. (3) Mabel Irene. (4) Betty Lucille Street Mandley married Raymond DeMarco. They have one child, Portia Mae DeMarco, born October 15, 1947.

8. Nina Ruth, born February 26, 1907. She married John Layman January 29, 1924. They have seven children.
   (1) Dorothy Mae Layman. She married Paul Swiger.
   (2) Albert Layman.
   (3) James Edward Layman.
   (4) Robert Layman.
   (5) Richard Leonard Layman.
   (6) Phylis Jean Layman.
   (7) Bonnie Lou Layman.
   (8) Ellen Alberta, deceased.


11. Virginia, born and died in 1914.

Dorothy Mae Layman married Paul Swiger. They have three children: Karen Sue, Judith Ann and Paul, Jr.

LEONARD CURREY’S GRANDSONS
IN WORLD WAR II

Samuel Sergent spent over two years in the Navy at Navy Pier, Chicago, and Hastings, Neb. David Sergent was in the Air Corps four years. He spent twenty-nine months in India as gunner’s engineer on a plane flying the Himalaya Mountains carrying fuel to China.

Pvt. Ralph E. Shafer entered service August 13, 1943. He received basic training at Camp Haan, California. He sailed from New York July 25, 1944. He served in Belgium, France and Germany. He was in the Belgium Bulge. He was honorably discharged January 24, 1946.

Pvt. 1st class Melvin L. Currey was a radio operator in U. S. Signal Corps in World War II. He is a son of Repha E. Currey, of 2407 8th Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., and a grandson of Leonard Currey. He married Hazel I. Fetty November 27, 1940.

Albert Layman was in the Navy during World War II from July 27,
1944 to June 18, 1946. He served on Guam and on Manus Islands. His mother was Nina Ruth Currey who married John Layman. He was another one of Leonard Currey’s grandsons to fight for his country.

St. Sgt. Jesse E. Shaffer entered service June 18, 1941, at Ft. Thomas, Ky. He took infantry basic training at Camp Walters, Texas, joined Sight Seeing Sixth Division. He sailed from Los Angeles, California, September 23, 1943. He participated in Papauan Campaigns in New Guinea, then the Dutch New Guinea Campaign, the Luzon Island Campaign in the Philippines, where the Sixth Division established a record of continuous 219 days in combat. He was honorably discharged November 14, 1945.

Grover Kenneth Mandley, of Akron, Ohio, joined the U. S. Navy September 22, 1943, at Akron, Ohio. He went to California and went aboard the Air Craft Carrier Saratoga on December 14, 1943. He served in the Pacific two years, which included the Marshall Islands, Enieutok Islands. He was in Sidney, Australia, and Ceylon, India, in 1944, and at Emojeina in February, 1945, in the U. S. Navy 5th Fleet. He was honorably discharged December 14, 1945. After the war ended he came home with a bar with five stars for battles in which he served.

Leonard Creed Gabbert, son of Madge Currey Gabbert and Joseph E. Gabbert, and grandson of Leonard Currey, was born November 11, 1919. He was inducted into service February 10, 1945. He had five weeks’ boot training in the Great Lakes Naval Training School, and five weeks’ Advance Training at Naval Training Center at Davisville, R. I. He was shipped overseas May 17, 1945, to serve on Guam. There he served until he was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Md., on April 5, 1946. His rank was Watertender Third Class on the C. B’s.

He received Pacific Theatre Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon and Victory Medal.

He married Ann Alfiere. They have one child, a girl named Karen Lee. One child is deceased, a boy, whose name was Jimmie Carl. Leonard Creed Gabbert lives at Morgantown, West Virginia.

MARY CURREY KNIGHT

Mary Currey was born near McGee, Taylor County, W. Va. She was a daughter of Jehu Currey and Ellen Vincent Currey. She was a sister to Leonard Currey, deceased, Curtis Currey, deceased, Odus Currey, deceased, Will Currey of Grafton, R. F. D. 4, Fred Currey, deceased, Wade H. Currey, of Fairmont, W. Va., Grace Currey Seese, deceased, Grover Currey, of Fairmont, Kidwell L. Currey, of Akron, Ohio, and Lawrence Currey, of Bridgeport, Taylor County. Mary Currey married John Knight, of McGee, Taylor County, W. Va. He is now deceased. She lives at Monongah, W. Va. They have one daughter, Mary Ellen. She received her education at Monongah. She was married to Kenneth McVicker, of Grafton, W. Va., who is in the United States Navy, where he has served nine years. He served in World War II in England in thirteen major campaigns and received the Presidential Citation along with many other ribbons.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Currey

Leonard Currey and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Currey

Leonard Currey
and his father, Jehu Currey
Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Currey
on their
50th Wedding Anniversary

Corp. Roland H. Bunner

George C. Mouser
son of
Vallie Currey Mouser
and
George Mouser

Francis S. Currey
Jeannette, Pa.
Son of Ross Currey

David L. Currey
Jeannette, Pa.
Son of Ross Currey
Grandsons of Leonard Currey
HISTORY OF JOSEPH MARSHALL CURREY'S FAMILY

Joseph Marshall Currey was a son of James P. Currey and Jessie Coberly Currey. He was born in October, 1850. His wife was Augusta Newbrough. They were married in October, 1873. He had the following brothers and sisters: William G. Currey, Gideon, Melville and one sister, Marie. He had a half brother, Floyd.


1. William Asby was born September 20, 1874. He attended the Fairmont Normal several terms and became a teacher. Later he became a merchant in Fairmont where he continued until his death February 17, 1948. He married Margaret Curley whom he met in the Normal School. She died several years ago. There are two daughters: Margaret Helen Currey Burdick, of Logan, and Mary Jane Currey of Fairmont. There is a son Joseph at home. He has a brother James who lives at the old home in Taylor County. Margaret Helen Currey was graduated from St. Peter's High School and received her A. B. degree at Fairmont State College. She held membership in the Kappa Delta Pi, National Honorary Education Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Rho Latin Fraternity. While at college she was active in student council activities and a member of the staff of "The Columus"; also student body photographer for two years. For more than two years she has been instructor in Latin in the Logan High School. She was married to Mr. Warren Burdick of Logan, April 7, 1948. Mr. Burdick served in the United States Army for four years. He is a graduate of the Horton High School of New York, and the International School for Barbers, Indianapolis, Ind. He is located in Logan. We welcome him into the Currey fraternity.

2. James Currey was born December 23, 1875, in Taylor County, West Virginia. He married Allie M. Smallwood March 11, 1902. They reside at the old home in Taylor County on Route 250. They are farmers and good citizens. They had one son Dennis Cecil who was born March 14, 1903, and died on the same date.

3. Annie Currey was born June 18, 1877. She married William Seese March 7, 1907. They had a daughter Elta S. Seese who married Darrell Sayre July 7, 1938. Annie died in April, 1933.

HISTORY OF GIDEON CURREY'S FAMILY

Gideon Currey was a son of James P. Currey and Jessie Coberly Currey. He was born October 24, 1847, and died September 14, 1937. His residence was near McGee, Taylor County, W. Va. He was a farmer and a most excellent citizen, and a member of Harmony Grove Baptist Church. He had a sister, Mary Currey, who died in childhood. He had three brothers, Melvin, Joseph Marshall and William G. Currey. He married Alcinda Wiseman March 12, 1879. They had two children, Minor B. Currey and Icie Currey.

1. Minor B. Currey was born near Tappan, Taylor County, W. Va., April 16, 1880. He married Ora Lee Riley July 27, 1910. They had five
children: Clark Currey, Russell Currey, Wilma Currey (Lindsey), Cinda Lee Currey (Post), Kathryn Currey McCullough. His grandchildren are:

(1) Richard Robert, Jimmie and Nancy, children of Russell Currey.
(2) Karen Clark, child of Clark Currey.
(3) Brenda, Wayne and Donna Lee, children of Cinda Lee Post.
(4) Gary Lindsey, child of Wilma Currey Lindsey. Mrs. Lindsey is deceased.

Minor Currey and family were members of the Shinnston Baptist Church. Minor was a carpenter by trade. He died July 17, 1943. His residence was at Shinnston, W. Va.

2. Icie Currey was born January 25, 1882. She married Bruce Smallwood who died April 25, 1931. Their children are Darl, Dail and Delbert.

CARL L. CURREY

A son of James and Frances Ryan Currey, Carl was born October 22, 1880, on a farm in Taylor County near the Hepzibah Baptist Church.

Attended the district schools and two or three summer normals, notably among which was within the classic walls of the old West Virginia College, Flemington, where he sat at the feet of the eminent J. Clark Cather. Summer normals were a vogue in pedagogy in those by-gone days. Attended Broaddus College which at that time was located in Clarksburg; Mountain State Business College, Parkersburg. As a young man turned to the avocation of teaching. Entered the banking profession and while so employed purchased, by chance, a weekly newspaper, The Grafton Leader.

The fascination of making the news the “manna of the day” bound him to journalism with hoops of steel for a number of years and his zest for the game sent him to Columbia University in order to learn more about the technique of the craft. However, receiving a flattering inducement, he went back to banking again and by unflagging industry went on to the cashiership of the Tucker County Bank.

During Carl’s leisure moments, however, it was always said of him that he could be found either loafing around a newspaper plant or engrossed in the magic of weaving a story for a magazine. He ran up the white flag in 1926, surrendered to the lure of journalism and purchased a newspaper, The Tucker Democrat, and expressed a wish to spend the remainder of his days amid the clatter of typewriters and the smell of printer’s ink. The blight of the Hoover panic put him out of business. He worked on several New York and Washington papers. In 1931 he became city editor of the Grafton Sentinel, and held the post for several years.

Since the beginning of World War II Carl has held a responsible position with the Midland plant of the Crucible Steel Company. He is a Baptist in religious faith and active in Sunday School, having taught a Bible class for many years. He is married and resides in the pottery city of East Liverpool, Ohio. His wife was the former Miss Mabel Booth of Belington. They have two children, Annabel Lee, 16, a senior in high school, and Nathan Booth Currey, 13.
Has he forsaken his love for newspaper work? Well, he disclosed recently that possibly before the next full moon, he might be writing headlines for pulsating, throbbing news as it pours over the teletype, or at a city desk weaving the warp and woof of a newspaper. "Moreover," he said, "the great American epic has never yet been written, and as Josephus and Gibbon have been gathered to the ashes of their fathers, I suppose it's up to me."

LETTER FROM EVERETT EARL CURREY, PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

My great grandfather was James P. Currey. His children were:

William G. Currey,
Benjamin G. Currey,
Joseph M. Currey,
George Melvin Currey.

My grandfather was George Melvin Currey. His children were:

Ella Currey,
Sarah Currey,
Ida Currey,
Ora Currey,
Nora Currey,
Martin Luther Currey,
Walter Currey,
Oather Currey,
Vitalis Currey,
Hugh Currey.

My father was Martin Luther Currey, born August 19, 1866. His children were:

James Thurman Currey, born October 12, 1888.
Everett Earl Currey, born April 26, 1890.
Nellie May Currey, born March 22, 1892.
Audra Jane Currey, born May 17, 1894.
Odbert Currey, born May 17, 1894. Twins.
Bessie Currey, born June 1, 1898.
Truman Barton Currey, born October 22, 1900.
Wayne Currey, born January 31, 1905.
Denzil Currey, born June 18, 1908.

My father married Melvina Norris in 1887.

James Thurman Currey married Grace Riley. To them were born three children:

Kenneth lives in Fairmont.
Camden lives at Buffalo, N. Y.
Naoma lives at Point Pleasant.

Everett Earl Currey married Ethel J. Stewart. To them were born three children Alice Evelyn Currey, Allen E. Currey, one died in infancy. Mrs. Currey died May 29, 1947.

Everett Earl Currey was married the second time to Lela V. Hany, a widow, the daughter of Rosco C. Smith.
I now live at 419 Ann St., Parkersburg. My son Allen is studying medicine at Morgantown.

My father, Martin Luther Currey, died in 1911. My mother died July 1, 1944.

Odbert Currey died June 20, 1894.

Nellie May Currey died January 22, 1899.

Truman B. Currey, deceased. Do not have date.

Wayne Currey died April 3, 1938.

J. Thurman Currey died May 19, 1947.

Audra Currey married Lyda Mauler for her first husband. They had several children. She married C. J. Shingleton after the death of her first husband. They have one daughter, Lila Jean.

Bessie Currey married Smith McElroy. To them were born two girls and one boy. The girls were Veva McElroy, 520 Pierpont Avenue, Fairmont; Louise Carr, Shinnston.

Evelyn Currey, daughter of Everett Currey, married Donald McHenry. They have one daughter, Donna Jean.

WADE H. CURRY AND FAMILY

Wade H. Curry, son of Jehu and Ellen Vincent Curry, of Grafton, Route No. 4, was born January 9, 1873. He married Wyona Cooper January 29, 1898. To them were born ten children, as follows:

1. Dulcie, who married O. W. Radford in 1923. They live in Fairmont. Mr. Radford is a mechanic for the city. They have one son, Carl W., who is now serving in the U. S. Army in Japan.

2. Dencie, who married E. Fay Brown in 1923. They have no children. They supervise the Marion County Childrens’ Shelter, at Fairmont. Their good work in the care and rehabilitation of the homeless children of Marion County is meeting with the highest approval of the churches of Fairmont, and the public in general.

3. Gladys, who married L. D. Shelton in 1926. Mr. Shelton is manager of the Home Dairy in Fairmont. They have three children. One son, James Lee, served three years in the Navy in the Pacific. He is now going to school under the G. I. Bill of Rights, taking up refrigeration.

4. Delmas C., who was inducted into the Army May 15, 1943. Delmas was killed in action on the Anzio Beach Head February 5, 1944. His body is being brought back for burial at Harmony Grove Cemetery.

5. Theo, who married Charles L. Parsons, a foreman at the Owens Illinois Glass Plant, Fairmont. They have one son, Gene, who also works for Owens Illinois Glass Company.

6. Beatrice, who married J. B. White in 1933. Mr. White is a clerk for the B. and O. Railroad Company, Fairmont. They have two sons.

7. Lettie Lee, who married James Lee Straight. Mr. Straight is an
industrial engineer for the Follansbee Steel Co., Follansbee, W. Va. They have one son.

8. John R., who married the former Evelyn Douglas, who is now deceased. They had three children. John is at present employed by the Kurt Lumber Co., Akron, Ohio.

9. Glen C. (Bill), who married the former Gwen Martin, of Akron, Ohio. They have two children. Glen was inducted into the Army March 28, 1942. He served with the Engineers Division. He was taken prisoner by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. Glen was a prisoner for four months and was released on V-E Day. He was awarded the purple heart, four bronze stars, good conduct medal, and distinguished unit citation. He was separated from the Army October 5, 1945. He is now employed by the Mohawk Rubber Co., Akron, O.

10. Jack, who married the former Wanda Hoffman, of Fairmont. They have one child. Jack was inducted into the Army February 10, 1943. He served with the Army Air Force in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Air offensive in Europe. He was awarded the silver star, one bronze star, good conduct medal, distinguished unit badge, and purple heart. He was separated from the Army October 21, 1945. Jack is now manager of a store in Akron, O.

Wade H. Curry and Mrs. Curry supervise the Marion County Farm, Route No. 3, Fairmont, W. Va. They have been supervisors of the farm for the past five years. The County Commissioners of Marion County, and all who have visited the farm, are highly pleased with the improved conditions on the farm and with the wonderful care and supervision of the home for the aged. Mr. and Mrs. Curry have proved that the greatest happiness in life comes through serving others.

JONA CURREY


Jona and family belong to the Simpson Creek Baptist Church at Bridgeport, W. Va. They reside at Bridgeport.

REV. MARLIN B. CURREY

Rev. Marlin B. Currey, son of Emmett Russell Currey and Nannie Beaver Currey, was born at Pickaway, Monroe County, W. Va. He graduated from the Union High School at Union, W. Va.; attended the Greenbrier Military School at Lewisburg, and received the B. A. degree from Davis Elkins College, and the B. S. degree from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. He is a Presbyterian minister and is now the
pastor of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church at Burlington, North Carolina. He served as Chaplain in the army of World War II. He married Eula May Dickerson and has three children: Thomas Russell, age 15; Nancy Carolyn, age 11; and Mary Marlin.

WILLIAM EARL CURREY

William Earl Currey, son of Earl Roy Currey and grandson of Daniel Currey lives in Charleston and is the owner of the West Side Bicycle Shop. His father is deceased. He has five sisters. He says he is proud of his name, especially the spelling with an “e” in it.
**LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE CURREY FAMILY**

NOTE: These names are taken from two or three old lists of names, and there should be certain corrections made in the future, as further information is received.

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Fourteen members of the Currey Family died during the year 1948-1949, according to the report by W. A. Lawler, on obituaries. They were:

John Barton Currey          Zana Currey
Elijah Currey               Clinton Currey
Willie Currey               Mrs. F. J. Smith
Othar Currey                James Hoff
Gordon B. Currey            Myrtle Zumbro
Jonathan Earl Currey        Emma Hudkins Currey
Carlton Currey              Jane Currey
HONOR ROLL

Celba Currey—Died of influenza World War I.
David Sergent
Leonard Creed Gabbert
Samuel Sergent
Eldon Shafer
Albert Layman
Grover Kenneth Mandley
Melvin L. Currey
Ralph Shaver
Paul E. Currey
David L. Currey
Francis S. Currey
Dean Currey
Elton Currey
Claude R. Currey
Roland H. Bunner
George C. Mouser
John Carl Mauler
Leo Boyd Mauler
Barnell Mauler
Charles Bailey
Freno Joe Boner—Wave.
J. R. Helmick—World War I.
Lynn E. Dass
Alice Bailey Frazure—Army Nurse
Robert E. Begg
Betty J. Frazure—Nurse in General Hospital, Tokyo.

Herman Currey—Died in World War I.
Herman Currey—Died in World War I.
William Currey Drainer—Four years in Air Force.
George Drainer, Jr.—Four years in Air Force.
Nathan A. Drainer—2½ years in Air Force.
Ronald Harold Bunner—Army 38 months in European theatre.
Max Everett Bunner—Pacific, World War II.
Noel Currey
Milford Messman
Brooks Harbert
Brennie Dee Currey
Tracy Allen Currey
Charles Bailey Boner
Major John Wythe Hash—36 months in India.
Eugene Rex Currey
Carl R. Currey
Herschall Walls
Lester Walls
Raymond Walls
Joseph E. Gabbert
Paul Bartlett Currey
Denzel Currey
Herbert Currey
Phyllis Currey—Army nurse.
T. B. Ames