ON THE WATERS OF THE ELK:

THE MOLLOHAN FAMILY IN CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA

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The Mountaineer. This statue is located on the lawn of the state capitol building in Charleston West Virginia. Designed by artist Henry K. Bush-Brown to honor the pioneer settlers of the state, Eli "Rimfire" and Ellis Hamrick served as models for the figure. See page 163.

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History has changed.
Pop is gone.

Those were the first words I wrote for this volume. I scrawled them on the first blank page of a notebook I had purchased in Gassaway, West Virginia. The date was January 13, 1992 and the Pop I wrote about was my cousin, Stephen Johnson Mollohan. The final words spoken by the minister over Pop's casket at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery earlier that afternoon were still fresh in my mind.

Until the moment of his death at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 1992 when I wanted to hear about my family's history I needed only to ask him a few questions and he would tell me stories of the old days.

Pop was born on March 7, 1898. He remembered the steam locomotives, and the great stands of timber. He could tell stories about the old timers, and about walking great distances to attend church services or a school social. I could recall my grandmother's voice even if I had never met her, only by asking Pop. He could quote many remarks she had made and through his memories my young ears heard the essence of her speech. From his memories I could drive the team to the orchard to haul in apples, or help my grandfather cut wood for the evening fire.

At his passing I realized that a door was closing on an old familiar world, a place I knew intimately if only through the sound of Pop's voice. Only then did I feel an urgency to put the material I had been collecting over the years into some order so that others might also enjoy a glimpse into that room called the past.
This volume is dedicated to my mother, Winnie Brown Mollohan, who has collected information about her family since she was a small child. Thankfully she listened closely when her parents spoke of their relatives, and those remarks have provided clues for tracing parts of the family tree.

And to George Marvin Mollohan, who encouraged me to work at putting together a family history. He has shared information and memories with me over the years. Whenever I would grow tired of my task, Marvin could be expected to visit and to inquire how work was going on my family history.

And to Hero Boggs Mollohan, for his remark after I told him that I had no plans for writing a family history. "I just like to know," I said. "There's is no point in runnin' around collectin' all this stuff, if you aren't gonna write a book," he said. Hero, I miss you.

And to John Mollohan who assured me that I was capable of taking on the task of sorting out the confusing mass of information I had collected from area courthouses on the George Mollohan-Mary Dodrill family. After talking with him I finally realized how the family history should take shape.

And to Roger Dollison, whose history of the George Mollohan-Mary Dodrill family was essential in sorting out the names and dates I had collected from courthouse records. The history he has complied on the Mollohan family is wonderfully detailed.

And to Ronald Hardway, President of the Webster County Historical Society, for his assistance in completing the Margaret Mollohan Cogar history. Mr. Hardway is the great-grandson of Margaret through her son, John.

And finally to my great-grandfather, Bernard Mollohan, who kept a few notes about the family among his papers. When I found the obituary for Charles Mollohan in his desk, I knew that I had all the information I needed to put together a fair family history.

By "fair family history" I mean that I have put together enough information that hopefully most Mollohans can locate their ancestors somewhere on the family tree. To trace down every member, to search for every old record would lead only to more research and never to any compiling of data that others might read and study and critique. So I am also indebted to Dr. Stanley Anderson for his advise, "At some point you have to stop researching and start writing."
The Elk River is born in the high ridges of the Alleghenies, rising from the stones of the earth near Edray, West Virginia, in Pocahontas County. The small stream flows to the east for a tiny distance then turns to the north, flowing into Randolph County near Blue Springs. Now it turns to the west and enters Webster County near Bergoo and rushes on down to Webster Springs. At Webster Springs the waters of the Main Elk River join with the Back Fork or Left Fork of the Elk. The Back Fork of the Elk rises near Whitman Knob in Randolph County. The waters of the combined rivers turn north again below the town of Webster Springs and moves past Diana then turn west, entering Braxton County near the towns of Curtis and Centralia. After entering Braxton County the Elk increases it’s size when it is joined by the waters of the Holly River. Broad and slower moving now as it flows on a more gentle terrain, the river moves past Sutton, Gassaway and Frametown. Near Glendon in Braxton County the Elk enlarges itself once again, when it is joined by the waters of the Birch River. Next, it turns to the southwest and passes Strange Creek, then Duck, and enters Clay County near the town of Ira. The Elk passes Dundon and Clay, Hartland and Dorfee, a quiet sleepy river now. Once more it bends to the north, and then to the northwest, to enter Kanawha County at Queen Shoals. From this point the river turns to the southwest and flows past the villages of Blue Creek and Pinch to join the Great Kawawha River west of Charleston. The combined volume of these two rivers flow to the northwest, through Putnam and Mason Counties to empty into the Ohio River.

The Elk River and it’s tributaries, the Back Fork, the Holly and the Birch rivers, provide 1,536 miles of watershed in central West Virginia. The Elk River’s total length is 172.1 miles. It begins at an elevation of 4,730 and drops 1,240 in it’s 42 mile course through Webster County alone.

Along the shores of this river there came, during the early years of the 19th century, pioneer individuals seeking land for homes. They were looking for land to grow crops, searching for land that would provide a good source of hunting and fishing.
The heavy timber growths and the fertile soil along the Elk and its tributaries provided all of these things in abundance. In time villages and towns grew and flourished along the river. The county seat of each county where the Elk flows is within a very short distance of the river.

Among those pioneers who first claimed land along the sparkling waters of the Elk and her tributaries were members of the Mollohan family. Today many members of this large family live along the waters of the Elk. Their names can be found in the county records of Braxton, Clay, and Webster Counties, and their efforts have contributed to the growth of Central West Virginia.

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According to historian William C. Dodrill, one of the first permanent white settlers in the area that was to become Nicholas and Webster Counties was William E. Dodrill. He settled on Birch River, near what is now the Webster-Nicholas County line, during 1799. In his family history, Heritage of a Pioneer, Charles Tunis Dodrill reports that family tradition indicates William E. Dodrill was an Englishman, perhaps from Liverpool, England or eastern Virginia. In one version of the story he was a soldier in Cornwallis' Army. There are stories that Dodrill was with Cornwallis when his forces surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown. According to this family legend Dodrill had been a tailor before the war, and he returned to that work after the strife ended.

Charles Tunnis Dodrill quotes another family story in which William Dodrill came up out of North Carolina into Western Virginia, and was never a soldier in the British Army. Whatever his origins, his travels took him to what is now Bath County, Virginia. He came to the plantation of George and Mary Lewis, which lay along the Cowpasture River. Here he came in contact with men who had traveled beyond the mountains and seen the fertile lands, tall timber and excellent hunting. They told of all the riches waiting there for the men and women who were brave enough to go and take possession of this bounty in the face of Indian attacks, nearly impassable terrain, and the hazards of a life lived in the open.

Dodrill also met Rebecca Lewis Daugherty, the daughter of George Lewis. Rebecca was already a veteran of the perils of life in the wilderness. She had lost her young husband in an Indian attack while he was helping to defend a fort on the frontier. Also she had spent time in the frontier home of her
brother in the mountains near what is now Lewisburg, West Virginia. Dodrill eventually married Rebecca in 1782 and they appropriately spent their honeymoon at the home of her brother, Benjamin. During the first two years of their married life "English Bill", as Dodrill was known, and Rebecca lived on her father’s plantation. Here their first two children were born. The second child, Mary, was born in 1784.

General Andrew Lewis led the Lewisburg militia against the Indians at the Battle of Point Pleasant. This skirmish would become known as the first battle of the American Revolutionary War. General Lewis was given land along the Great Kanawha River, in compensation for his military service, and he apparently sold partials of the property to potential settlers. With the assistance of George Lewis, William and Rebecca obtained a piece of property in the Point Pleasant settlement. In 1784 they took their small family and traveled over the rugged Allegheny Mountains to their new home by the Ohio River.

According to Charles Tunis Dodrill an interesting event occurred a year after William and Rebecca moved to the settlement near Point Pleasant. Daniel Boone, noted frontiersman famous for his efforts to settle Kentucky, now joined the settlers at the mouth of the Great Kanawha River. William became friends with Boone and they spent time hunting and scouting together. Many settlers came into the area and eventually there were enough settlers to form Kanawha County. Daniel Boone was elected by the members of the new county to represent them as a delegate in the General Assembly of Virginia. It is said that when Boone began his journey to Richmond for the spring convention of the Assembly, (probably about 1790) William Dodrill traveled with him. On this journey Dodrill brought Rebecca and the children back to the home of George Lewis on the Cowpasture River in Bath County.

The growing numbers of settlers along the Ohio River had angered the Indians and they were increasing their attacks against the white settlers. William had already moved his family to Clendenin’s fort near the mouth of the Elk River to safeguard them from Indian attacks. While Boone returned to the settlement in the new Kanawha County, William remained with his family at the Lewis plantation. The family stayed in Bath County for another seven years. Their daughter, Martha, was born about 1791 while the family was living on the plantation. That section of Bath county was probably still a part of Greenbrier County at the time of her birth.

William and Rebecca worked to take care of their growing family but they still dreamed of the lands beyond the mountains. Finally in the autumn of 1797 they packed their household goods to return to the settlement by the Ohio River. It is supposed they started their journey with the intention of returning to the settlement, but on the way they changed their plans, and changed the destiny of their children and grandchildren for generations to come. Why did they change their plans? Did they still fear the Indians attacks that had abated in the years since they had
left the Ohio settlement? Did they have the distaste for seeing a neighbor's chimney smoke, as Daniel Boone has been quoted as giving as a reason for always moving deeper into the wilderness? Did sickness befall a member of the family, forcing them to cut short their journey? Perhaps winter weather set in early that year, impeding their travel. Their change of plans was probably based on several of these reasons. At any rate instead of returning to the settlement along the Ohio River the Dodrills turned to the North, finally arriving at a location near Gilboa in present day Nicholas County. After living there for two years the Dodrills again packed their household goods and moved once more, arriving this time at the mouth of Skyles Creek where it joins with the Birch River near Boggs near present day Webster County. At long last they were home. They lived out the remainder of their lives at this location and are buried in a cemetery nearby.

William and Rebecca had eight children: George, Mary, William, Martha, John, Nancy, James, and the youngest, Rebecca, who was born at their last home.

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Personal interview with Ronald Hardway, President of the Webster County Historical Society. 1994.

Mr. Hardway notes that Rebecca Lewis Daugherty’s father was Hezekiah Lewis.
Where in all of their travels did the Dodrills meet a young Irish immigrant and his Welsh wife? Did they meet at the settlement at the mouth of the Kanawha, or were they neighbors in Bath County? Perhaps they did not know each other until the two families were living near each other in the wilds of Central West Virginia.

Family tradition holds that George John Mollohan came from Ireland to Virginia in 1770. He married Miss Nancy Hank Jones of Wales. Apparently the couple lived in what is now Bath County, Virginia or in Greenbrier County. They were the parents of five children: John, Elizabeth or Rebecca, George Jr., James, and Margaret.

By considering the ages of these children as listed in the 1850 census of Braxton County we can make a guess as to when they were born. John Mollohan is listed as being 75 years old in the 1850 census, which would indicate that he was born in 1775 or five years after his father is said to have arrived in this country from Ireland. The second child was probably Elizabeth. She is listed as being 68 years of age in 1850 so she was born about 1782. This date leaves a gap of seven years between the date of her birth and that of her older brother, John. There is a possibility that other children might have been born during
those seven years which did not survive infancy, or who did not
settle in Central West Virginia. The records leave some
confusion about the age of George Mollohan Jr. He is listed as
being 68 years of age in the 1850 census, which would make him
the same age as Elizabeth. To further confuse the issue, George
Jr. is listed as being 72 years old in the 1860 census of Braxton
County. This would make him the same age as his younger brother,
James. We must assume that George Jr. was born sometime between
1782 and 1788. The fourth child of George and Nancy Mollohan was
James. In one set of notes I have seen his name given as William
James. He was 62 years old in 1850 so he would have been born
about 1788. The youngest child was a daughter, Margaret, born
about 1793, making her 57 seven years old when the 1850 census of
Braxton County was taken.

George and Nancy Mollohan brought their family to the Birch
River area in 1805. At the time of their move to Birch River
John would have been about 31, Elizabeth 24, George Jr. also
about 24, James 18, and Margaret 13. Therefore at the time of
the move to the wilderness three of George and Nancy's children
would have been young adults.

George and Nancy are said to have settled near the Dodrills
on Birch River near Boggs. Later, they sold that property and
moved to the Holly River. Their youngest son, James, owned
considerable property on the waters of the Holly. George and
Nancy's elder son John was probably living down river from James
at the time, and so a move to the Holly River area would have
also placed them closer to him at a time when he might have
needed their help.

George and Nancy Mollohan lived out the final years of their
lives in the home they had made for themselves in the wilderness.
They knew the pleasure of living near their children and
grandchildren. There is no record of when or how Nancy died but
legend claims that George Mollohan became lost in the wilderness
while traveling from his home on Holly River to the home of his
son, George Jr., on the Elk River below the present town of
Sutton. The elder Mollohan was very old by this time and his
eyesight was failing. His horse may have strayed from the trail
or Mr. Mollohan may have become confused. Perhaps he became ill
and unable to continue his journey. In some versions of the
story his saddle and gloves were reported to have been found
hanging in a tree. His body was never recovered.

It is not known if Nancy survived her husband. She may have
been deceased at that time and George was living with his
children, staying a short time with each one. This might explain
why he was traveling alone to his son's home at the time of his
disappearance. No traditional burial site for Nancy has been
passed down through family stories of the long ago past. She
might have been buried in the Holly River area, where it is said
that she and her husband spent their last years of married life,
or she may have been buried at Twistville near the home of her
son, George Jr.

Legal records in Central West Virginia do not disclose the
name of John Mollohan's wife. There is some suggestion that John Mollohan, son of George and Nancy Mollohan, was married twice. If so then the names of these women have not been passed down in any of the records. Elizabeth Mollohan married Josiah Brown. George Mollohan Jr. married Mary Dodrill, daughter of William E. and Rebecca Dodrill. James married Martha Dodrill, daughter of William E. and Rebecca Dodrill. Margaret married Jacob Cogar, son of Peter Cogar.

We might surmise from this information that John and Elizabeth were probably already married or had formed romantic attachments before the family moved to Birch River. George Jr., James, and Margaret married members of families who had settled near them along the Elk River.

There are a few stray details about the Mollohan family which do not fit the standard explanation of one man arriving in Virginia, marrying a young lady, then traveling to the frontier to create a new home for himself and his children. Records show that a Patrick Molohan of Maryland served in the Revolutionary War. If George, or John Mollohan as he is sometimes called, came to this country from Ireland in 1770 he would have arrived before the Revolutionary War. He may have traveled in the company of a relative, a father, a brother or a cousin, who later fought and perhaps died in the American War for Independence. There is also a record of a John Mollehon who entered the service from Virginia. He applied for his pension sometime prior to January 13, 1835. The decision on his application was that John Mollohan had lived in Greenbrier County, but was too young to have served in the Revolutionary War.

In Heritage of a Pioneer Charles Tunis Dodrill cites a 1797 court record which names George Mollohan as guardian of John Mollohan, infant, in a suit which lists George and Nancy Williams as plaintiffs and John Mollohan, infant, as defendant. In 1797 George and Nancy's own son, John, would have been about twenty years old, too old to be considered an infant by the court. Who then is this infant, John? Could he have been the elder John's child and left motherless by the untimely death of John's wife? If this were so, then the Williams might have been the child's maternal grandparents and were suing for custody of the child. The court might have given the child over to the care of George and Nancy Mollohan, his paternal grandparents. If that were the case, then apparently this child did not live to adulthood for he is not mentioned in any of the county records which I have viewed.

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The Family of John Mollohan,
Eldest Child of George and Nancy Mollohan

Information about John Mollohan and his descendents is very slight, to say the least. In fact for some time it was assumed that John Mollohan had left no descendents. The family tradition was that all of his family had died of one of the communicable illness, like typhoid fever or diphtheria, which could quickly ravage families and entire communities back at that time. Of course there may have been some truth to that story. Perhaps John did lose a young wife and some children because of illness. When George Mollohan was named guardian of the infant, John Mollohan, the elder John would have been about twenty two years old. He might easily have been a young widower who felt he could not properly care for the child and allowed his parents to take on that responsibility.

When George and Nancy Mollohan moved to Birch River, John was about thirty years of age. He had probably married again by this time. His son, James F. Mollohan would have been born in 1806 in Nicholas County, the year after George and Nancy moved there. George G. Mollohan was probably also the son of John Mollohan. Records show that John also had a daughter named Eleanor.

The 1810 Census of Randolph County also lists a Samuel Mollohan along with George G. Mollohan. This Samuel might have been another son of John Mollohan or it might be simply an error in the record. No Samuel Mollohan of that age is mentioned anywhere else in the early records of Central West Virginia.

Early records of land grants show that John Mollohan received a grant of 100 acres of land on the Stillhouse Run in 1835. John Mollohan is also mentioned by name in the survey for the formation of Nicholas County, which was founded in 1818. The survey refers to property claimed by John Mollohan and laying between the Little Kanawha River and the Elk River. The survey also mentions Hackers Lick which would be present day Hacker Valley. The term "claimed" would suggest that he had not received any legal title to the property at the time of the survey, but was locally considered to be the owner.

James F. Mollohan recieved a grant of 140 acres on Holly Creek in the year 1835. George G. Mollohan also recieved 140 acres on Holly Creek in 1835.

The 1850 census of Braxton County lists James F. Mollohan as being 45 years of age and his wife, Nancy, being 42 years of age.
Their children are Elizabeth 21, Edward B. 20, Vanburen 16, Almira 12, Layfaett 9, Josiah 7, Susan 5, Mary 2, and Moriah M., is listed as being one month old. James F. Mollohan died in Braxton County, Virginia, on August 29th 1854 of consumption at the age of 48 years, 4 months and 4 days. The death was reported by Elizabeth Mollohan. During his lifetime James F. Mollohan was active in his community. Courthouse records show that he helped with appraisements, or in any way possible when any of his neighbors in the Caress area of Braxton County died. This man was probably sadly missed by his neighbors when he died at a young age.

His wife, Nancy, was left alone with ten children to raise. After her husband's death she took her children and moved away from Braxton County, possibly moving first to the State of Kentucky and then to Ohio. Nancy died in Ohio in 1892 when she was eighty years old.

Elizabeth Mollohan, the eldest child of James F. and Nancy Mollohan married Charles Riffle, the son of Francis and Elizabeth Riffle, in Braxton County, Virginia, on July 20, 1855 when she was 17 years old and he was 18. In the courthouse record of the marriage the name of the wife of James F. Mollohan is given as Elizabeth. This may have been an honest mistake since the name Elizabeth had already appeared twice in the record.

George G. Mollohan, the other son of John Mollohan, must have also died rather young, probably about 1848. The 1850 census of Braxton County lists Milly Mollohan as being 30 years of age. Her children are: David age 12, John 10, Andrew 8, Rebecca E. 6, America Ann 4 and Mary V. age 2.

The Braxton County records show that on November 15, 1860, Elizabeth Mollohan, the daughter of George and Milly Mollohan married Rich Dean, the son of William and Nancy Dean of Lewis County. The groom was 22 years old and the bride was 17. This Elizabeth was probably the Rebecca E. Mollohan listed as being six years old in the 1850 census.

Records at the Braxton County Courthouse show that Milly Mollohan gave birth to a son, Ellis C. Mollohan on November 11, 1854. No father was listed on his birth record. His name appears again in the records. Ollie VanKirk of Burnsville died at the age of 44 on June 21, 1939 from drowning. Ollie was born on July 21, 1893 and her parents were listed as Elis Mollohan and Anna Dr Vaugn. The 1880 census of Braxton County, West Virginia lists E. C. Mollohan, age 24 and single as the head of a household and a laborer. Living with him are Milly Mollohan, age 70 and a widow, Almerine Conrad, age 22, listed as a servant, Elizabeth Mollohan, age 37 and a housekeeper, and Mary Mollohan, age 12.

The name Rachel Mollohan appears on a couple of occasions in the Braxton County Records. The 1860 Census of Braxton County listed a household with George W. Cutlip age 23 as the head of household and includes Rachel Mollohan age 60, Sarah Cutlip age 9, William Siets age 5, and two other Siets children, one age 5 and the other listed as one month old. A death record for a Mary
A. Siers lists her as being born in Nicholas County to Rachel Mollohan. No father is listed on the death record. Mary, the wife of James Siers, died on January 6, 1861 after giving birth to a stillborn daughter on January 5, 1861. Mary was thirty years old at the time of her death. Rachel was probably the widow of John Mollohan, but if that were true, why is she not listed as living in his home in the 1850 census? No death record could be found for Rachel Mollohan, either in Braxton or Nicholas County.

In the 1850 census of Braxton County John Mollohan is listed as being 75 years of age. Living with him is ten year old Esther Mollohan who is listed as his daughter and 15 year old Rosanna Cogar. Rosanna is probably the daughter of John’s sister, Margaret Mollohan Cogar, and is living in the home as a companion to Esther.

Two years later, at the age of 77, John Mollohan passed away. There is no death record for him at the courthouse but there is a record of the settlement of his estate.

The record is as follows:

On August 20, 1854 Thomas Sallisbury, William Davis and John Morrison appraised the property of John Mollohan. The property included:

one bay horse
one muley cow with bell
one red cow
one calf
one rifle gun
one grind stone
one old saddle
one shovel plow
one grubbing hoe
one large kettle
one draw knife
one five qt. augus
one inch augus
one Hansaw
one old asce
one Coopers inshove
one frow
one shaving Glap and razor
one flat iron
one flax hackle
one oven and bails
one old spinning wheel
one pair of stirrups
one small lot of staves, supposed to be 2 or 3,000
one iron square
one foot adds
one 1/2 inch augur
one pair of old green spectacles
one pair of clear same
one old churn cooler, bridle bits etc.
one small box and contents
one old coffee mill
one small jug
one Brier sythe
one pair of horse hames and chains
2 books Dons Life and an old Bible
one bottle and one old coffee pot
one cooler and some old delph
one pair scipons
one overcoat (purchased by Milly Mollohan)
one bed and bedding
one three gallon cag
one piece of log chain
one pair of old saddle pockets
one sythe ring and neb
one lot of sheep running in the woods
of 6 or 8 head
one jointer plain
one sow and two shoats running in the woods
one patch of corn destroyed by hogs
one weeding hoe
one old bridle

total $152.37 1/2

Amounts of notes and accounts due the estate:
one obligation on S. Stephenson dated 7-7-1852
one note on Nancy Davis and William Davis 1-21-1853
one note on James F. Mollohan 7-18-1842
subject to the credits to wit: $5.00, and $3.50,
and $1.50. 7-1-1844, and $3.50, 8-26-1848.
one due bill on John Morrison due 8-22-1848
one note on Thomas Sallisbuy due 9-15-1850,
an amount of act. on Thomas Sallisbury of $21.00 and paid
Berne Duffy Co. as Security of said Sallisbury to A. N. with
interest from 11, Oct. 1849. Amount of account on same for
lumber to build an 80 ft. boat.
one note on Joseph Hannah dated 23, April 1830 given on
demand with an endorsement at bottom to be paid when
convenient. Subject to the following credits: $15.00
paid, April 23rd, 1830, and $20.00 paid April 1831.
one account on David Perkins
one account on George W. Butcher
one account on Paul Hoover
one account on Charles Perkins
one account on Simon Prince

C. Mollohan curator of
John Mollohan Deceased

Braxton County Court, March 3, 1853. The sale Bill of
the personal estate of John Mollohan deceased was presented to the
court, examined and ordered to be recorded.
Teste Jno P. Byrne
Clerk

Records also show that William H. Mollohan was appointed
guardian of Eleanor Mollohan, infant child of John Mollohan
deceased. The court paid the sum of $99.39 from the settlement
of the estate to Mr. Mollohan for her care.
The C. Mollohan who was named curator for John Mollohan was
probably his nephew, Charles. The William H. Mollohan who was
appointed guardian of Eleanor was a brother to Charles. William
H. and Charles were the sons of James Mollohan.

On August 6, 1858 Esther Mollohan married Jobez Dillion. He
was twenty years of age and she was eighteen. The records of
Braxton County include these entries: Ruhamy Matheny, age 60,
died February 6, 1903. She was the child of Javis Dillon and
Ellen Mollohan. Also on January 16, 1957 John Lonely Dillion,
age 75, passed away. He was born on October 30, 1881, the son of
Jarvis Dillon and a Mollohan.

There is one other record from Braxton County which might be
linked to John Mollohan. On July 3, 1888 a William Mollohan died
in Braxton County at the age of 96. He would have been born
about 1792 when John Mollohan was about seventeen years old.
William might have been John’s son, perhaps even the infant child
for whom George Mollohan gained custody in 1897. William might
also have been another child of George and Nancy Mollohan and
therefore a brother to John. There are no clues to indicate
which of these two possibilities might be the correct one. There
is no listing of the names of his parents or the name of his
spouse.

These are the few scant details which exist concerning John
Mollohan, the eldest child of George and Nancy Mollohan. He
probably married in Bath County or Greenbrier County before he
came to Central West Virginia. Some of his children proceeded
him in death. James F. Mollohan survived his father by only two
years. Only Eleanor lived on in the area after her father’s
death. Many of his grandchildren traveled on to the west,
farther into the wilderness. These few details are all that can
be pieced together about John’s life in Central West Virginia.
Family tradition suggests that John Mollohan is probably buried
somewhere in the Brock Run-Newville area of Braxton County.
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Records and research obtained from M. E. McCarty Jr. Mr. McCarty believes himself to be a descendent of James F. Mollohan through James’ daughter, Mary.

Interview with Elmer and Winnie Mollohan

Interview with George Marvin Mollohan.

Since putting this book together, I have seen a copy of the marriage certificate of John and Rachel Mollohan. There is no explanation as to why Rachel is not living in the home at the time of the 1850 census. She might have been separated or divorced from her husband at that time.
The Family of Elizabeth (Rebecca) Mollohan, Second Child of George and Nancy Mollohan

Elizabeth Mollohan was probably about twenty three years of age when her parents moved to Birch River in 1805. She was probably born in Greenbrier County. Elizabeth Mollohan, or Rebecca as she is called in the census records, married Josiah Brown in Greenbrier County at about the time her family moved into the wilderness of Central West Virginia.

Josiah was possibly the son of Joseph and Hannah M’Affety Brown who lived in Bath County, Virginia on the Bull Pasture River. George and Nancy’s son-in-law, Josiah Brown, is almost as elusive as John Mollohan in the county records of Central West Virginia. His name appears on the 1810 census record of Virginia as living in Ohio County. He is a difficult individual to trace because he is often referred to as Joseph Brown and as there was indeed a Joseph Brown living in the area, one is never sure if the person being referred to is in fact, Joseph or Josiah. In the History of Braxton County Josiah is listed correctly as the father of one of his daughters, Hannah, and referred in the record of the other, Rachel, as Joseph Brown.

Josiah is supposed to have settled first near Hacker Valley. There is supposed to be a Brown’s Run named for him but careful search of maps of the area have not yielded the location of Brown’s Run. He then moved to the Left Fork of Holly River or at least bought property there. Josiah sold this property to his brother-in-law, James Mollohan, and moved on the mountain near Replete. That area is now called Brown’s Mountain in his honor.

Josiah and Elizabeth were the parents of at least six children. They were John, Hannah, George, Rachel, Jeremiah, and Joseph.

Josiah Brown died sometime before the census of 1850 for Elizabeth, or "Becky", is listed as the head of the household. She appears again in the census of 1860 and then she disappears. Josiah and Elizabeth are probably buried in un-marked graves in the Brown Cemetery on Brown’s Mountain. The Brown Cemetery is rather large for the area where it is located, containing about forty graves, most of them unmarked.
Wesley J. Brown with his mother, Louisa (Schrader) Brown and his sister, Deborah. See page 44.
John P. Brown, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown, married Melinda McBain the daughter of William McBain on August 1, 1843 in Braxton County. Christian Bickle signed in lieu of parent when she married, noting that he had cared for her since she was a young child.

In the 1850 census of Braxton County John is listed as 39 years of age and Malinda is listed as being 29 years old. Their children include Wesley who was 15, Rachel 13, and Harriet age 10.

Hannah Brown, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown, married Lewis Cutlip on August 2, 1837. She was born in 1814. Lewis was born in 1811 and died on February 1884. In the 1850 census of Braxton County Lewis is 38 years old and Hannah is 36. Their children are James F. who was 12 in 1850, Harrison age 10, Sinnett J. 8, John W. 5, Henry H. 3, Mary M. 3 and Almira who was one year old at the time of the census.

James F. Cutlip married Virginia Johnson on February 10, 1859 in Braxton County when he was 20 and she was 19.

Elizabeth Cutlip married William D. Robinson. She died on November 2, 1878 at the age of 26. Elizabeth was born about 1852, two years after the census was taken.

Lewis Cutlip is buried in the Low Gap Cemetery near Marpleton in Webster County.

George Brown, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown, married Elizabeth Lough in Braxton County on August 3, 1841. In the 1850 census George is reported to be 34 years of age and Elizabeth is 37. There might be some discrepancy with those ages for in the census of 1860 George is 50 and Elizabeth is 42, then in 1870 George is listed as being 53 while Elizabeth is 49.

George and Elizabeth were supposed to have lived on England Run in Braxton County. Their first child, a son, is listed in the 1850 census as Juanfonandes, age 6. Their second child is Alexsander, age 5, and their third child is Elunso (Probably Alonzo) age 4, and their fourth child is Zackary, age 2.

In the 1860 census Juanfonandes is absent, Alexander is 15, Alonzo 13, Zackary 12, John 19, Daniel 7, Joan 18, and Rachel is three.

In the 1870 census Alexander is 25 years old, Alonzo is not
listed, Zackary is 22, John is 19, Daniel is 16, Joan is not listed, Rachel is 12 and Adam Brown is 9 years old.

The Joan listed in the 1860 census was probably a relative who was visiting the home at the time, and the census taker might have thought she was a daughter. In fact George and Elizabeth were the parents of only one daughter and that was Rachel.

The first born child of George and Elizabeth was a special child. Juanfonandes was born severely handicapped. Just exactly what his disabilities might have been were not handed down in family stories but he was not expected to live long. People at that time had a fear of things which they could not understand, and they could of course not understand the terrible affliction of a birth defect. They considered such a child as carrying the mark of the Devil or to be unclean. Even today, with all of our understanding of genes and DNA, we still do not understand why some children must bear this awful burden. Therefore we should have some understanding for a community which refused to allow Juanfonandes to be buried in any of the local cemeteries. George Brown to reported to have reacted to this discrimination by announcing that he would start his own cemetery. Marvin Mollohan has visited this cemetery. He says there are several graves there but no markers.

Alexander Selkirt Brown was the second child of George and Elizabeth Brown. He was born on March 7, 1845. When he was a young lad of sixteen the Civil War began. His father, George, left their home in Braxton County and went away to join the Confederate Army. The coming of the Civil War had an impact in every home in the counties of Nicholas, Webster, and Braxton, just as it did in every home throughout the North and the South. Every person had to decide which side he was on and to take a stand for or against the cause of States' Rights. After carefully consideration Alexsander came to a decision. Alexander slipped away from his home and went to join his father in the Confederate Army. Military records show that George Brown suffered from arthritis, and that shortly after Alexander joined his unit, the father was discharged from the Confederate Army because of bad health.

Alexsander served as a drummer boy when he first joined his father's unit and eventually he served as a scout for the group. His grandchildren could remember a few of the stories he told about his experience with Army life. Once his unit was marching along a road and one of the soldiers noticed some bee hives in a yard. "Hey, Kirt," he said for the soldiers called Alexsander, Kirt, "Why don't you pick up that bee hive." Of course Alexander was young enough to eagerly follow this suggestion. He climbed over the fence, picked up the bee hive, then sit it back down without receiving a sting from the insects.

On another occasion Alexsander was sent out on a scouting mission, probably to find food for the horses. Night come upon him before he could return to camp, so he laid down beside a log and fell asleep. Some time later he was awakened by some
activity nearby. When he opened his eyes he saw that a panther was carefully covering his body with leaves. He lay very still, probably paralyzed with fright until the animal was satisfied with it’s task and went away into the wood. When the panther withdrew Alexander got up, took his gun, and climbed a nearby tree. He waited there and soon the panther returned, this time accompanied by her young cub. Apparently she had decided Alexander would make a nice meal for her young one. Alexander shot both the mother and her cub.

He told another story of being on a scouting trip during the winter. Again he could not return to camp before nightfall and so he cut down a pine tree and crawled into it’s branches to stay warm during the night. When he awoke next morning the pine tree was covered with snow.

These were a few of the stories he told to delight his grandchildren in later years. The historic facts about the unit with which Alexander served paint a very grim picture of his experiences in the Civil War. George and Alexander Brown were members of the 17th Virginia Cavalry, both serving in Company B. The 17th Virginia Cavalry saw action at Gettysburg in July of 1863 and served as a part of the rear guard for Lee’s Army as they moved out of Pennsylvania and back into Virginia. In 1864 the 17th took an active part in Lee’s plan to draw Federal troops away from Richmond by making small attacks on the area around Washington D.C. As the Cavalry were on horseback they could move quickly, destroying bridges, and attacking train lines, then riding quickly away to attack the enemy from another direction. They also served as the eyes and ears of their commander and the infantry. The 17th Virginia Cavalry was also involved in attacks in the Shenandoah Valley in the spring of 1865, and as a result they were on hand at Appomattox in April of 1865 when Lee surrendered to Grant. Supposedly when the commander of the 17th, John McCausland, realized what was happening he took his troops and slipped through the Federal lines, after which the men made their way back to their homes. As a result months would pass before the men of the 17th took the oath of citizenship and again became a part of the Union. The last man from the 17th to be killed in the Civil War was Captain Edward G. Smith of Company B who was shot as the group was slipping through the lines to get away from Appomattox.

Two books have been published which tell in detail about the activities of the 17th Virginia Cavalry and have been a source of the information appearing here, Wildcat Cavalry by John H. Dawson, a new book by Mike Pauly entitled Unreconstructed Rebel. A roster for the troops of the 17th are included in Wildcat Cavalry which shows that George Brown enlisted August 20, 1862 and was discharged on October 11, 1863. He took the oath in November of 1863 when he was 48 years old. A. S. Brown enlisted on August 25, 1862. He was present later in the war by no parole was found for him.

Alexander suffered from a stiff knee for the rest of his life, a result of an infection settling into an injury he
received when he fell on a bridge during the war. For the rest of his life Alexander would despise Republicans.

Alexander returned to his parents' home on England Run in Braxton County and lived with them for several years after the war. Then on July 4, 1878 at the age of 33 he married the daughter of a neighbor, 20 year Mary Elizabeth Ware. She was the daughter of George Washington Ware and Lucretia Parker Long. George Washington Ware was the son of Harvey and Mary Ware. Lucretia was probably the daughter of Jacob Long.

Alexander and Lizzie became the parents of six sons, James Albert, born April 30, 1879; George; William Homer, born July 13, 1883; Harrison Harvey, born November 1887; Wesley; and Hayward Howard. Harvey and Wesley both died in infancy.

When James Albert was about ten years old he and his brother, George, were exposed to the rubella virus, or "got a chance for the little measles". Lizzie was expecting another child and so the boys were sent to board with a neighbor until they broke out with the measles or until all chance of their becoming sick had passed. Thirty days, the usual incubation period for the disease, went by and neither boy showed any symptoms of the measles. On the thirty first day Alexander brought the boys home to help hoe the corn field. At noon time the boys went to the house and sit on the steps, still being careful to avoid their mother. One can understand how Lizzie might have felt the separation from her children was more serious than any possibility that she might contract German measles, a disease which can be disastrous for expectant mothers and their unborn children. On that day James Albert was breaking out with the measles. The family believed that Lizzie contracted the disease from him there on the porch when she handed a plate of food to a little boy who was probably hot and sweating from a morning spent working in the field under a bright sun. Lizzie and her unborn child died, probably around June of 1890, after she contracted German measles.

Now Alexander was faced with the task of raising four motherless boys. He took care of his family by working on his own farm and on neighboring farms. Tragedy came again when his son, George, received a head injury in a fight and developed severe problems. He became uncontrollable. He would climb the tall trees in the yard of their home, despite their warnings and pleas for him not to do so. He also began to suffer from seizures. Finally the family could not care for him at home any longer. He was sent to a home in Huntington where he later died.

Homer was the first of the three remaining sons to marry. He wed Malissa Drucillia Roby, daughter of Luther and Cindy Ware Roby. They became the parents of fourteen children.

Alexander owned a small farm on the Ridge in northeastern Braxton County. He received an offer to trade farms with Cooper King, who owned a small parcel of land on Holly River below the Mount Zion Church near Wheeler in Webster County. Alexander accepted this offer and he moved to Webster County with his children and grandchildren.
Alexander married again, this time to a widow living in Wheeler, Jane Anderson Cutright. Jane was the daughter of George Lewis and Sarah Snyder Anderson. She was married to Alvin Cutright and had one child, Anna Cutright. Anna Cutright later married James Wilson. Alexander and Jane shared some happy years before her death in 1910. Jane was buried with her first husband in the George Anderson cemetery at Wheeler.

James Albert, the eldest son of Alexander and Lizzie, was still unmarried when the family moved to Webster County. He was keeping company with Miss Ella Mollohan and was engaged to marry her. For some reason the engagement was broken off. Albert's son, Harry, said that they broke up because of a rather silly incident. They were racing their horses on a muddy road and Ella fell into a puddle, becoming covered with mud. The young lady's dignity was severely damaged when Albert laughed at her appearance. She promptly informed his that the engagement was off. However time passed and her temper cooled. One again the couple became engaged.

Then Albert was called to serve on the jury of the Webster County court in Webster Springs. Back at that time the large hotel and the salt sulphur springs in Webster Springs drew tourists from up and down the eastern sea board. Sometimes court would be held on the wide porch of the hotel when the court room became hot during the summer term. The jurors would go to the dining room of the hotel for their meals when the court was in session. During this particular session of court Albert went to the hotel one day for a meal and there he noticed a pretty young waitress. He talked with her during his stay at Webster Springs and sometime after his return home he broke off his engagement to Ella Mollohan for the second and last time. On April 25, 1906 James Albert Brown married the young waitress, Bertha Dora Wilson. She was the daughter of James and Isabel Wilson. Albert and Bertha made their home on property across the Holly River from the home of Homer and Liss. Albert and Bertha became the parents of six children.

Alexander lived his final years with his younger son, Homer, and often made the walk across the river and down through the field to visit with his older son. His grandson, Harry, told about Alexander suddenly appearing at the bridge and catching him in some childish antics that he really should not have been doing. Those were fine times for the Brown family. Thirteen children in one home and five in the other. They played along the river, picked berries on the hillside, climbed the steep road to the church, and climbed higher still to the little Beulah schoolhouse on the hill. One by one the children grew up, married, and moved away from the two little farms by the river. Years later they would arrange a annual reunion in June to get together just one more time and talk about all those good ole days.

Alexander's youngest son, Hayward Howard, was also still unmarried when the family moved from Braxton County. Older members of the Wheeler community still remember him as a handsome
polite young man who traveled between his new home in Webster County and the old home in Braxton County. Hayward enjoyed whiskey and he liked to play cards. He was involved in a card game at Marpleton which ended in a dispute. He is supposed to have struck Fent Cutlip with a poker. Frightened by this episode, he decided to join the Army to avoid any possible prosecution for the incident.

Events in the greater world were swiftly occurring which would change life in the valleys of Central West Virginia. World War I, called the Great War at that time, was nearing it’s end. Hayward joined the Army and was sent to South Carolina for his basic training. When the soldiers came back home from Europe they brought with them a flu which quickly spread across the country, killing thousands of people. Hayward contracted the flu and in his weaken state developed tuberculosis. He died at the training camp at Greenville, South Carolina, on August 3, 1919. He is buried there in Greenville.

The death of his youngest son was a heartbreak which the old soldier did not live to see. Alexander also developed tuberculosis and died at the home of his son, Homer, on March 18, 1918. Brown Helmick, the local undertaker, made his coffin and when the body was placed inside the lid would not close. Alexander had suffered from a stiff knee all of his life after the fall when he was a soldier in the 17th Virginia. Mr. Helmick told Albert and Homer that he would have to break the leg in order to fit the lid on the casket. They flatly refused to allow that. Finally the undertaker was able to close the casket.

When Alexander was prepared for burial, his sons penned on his coat all the metals he had received from the war. His first wife was buried in Braxton County with their two babies. His second wife was buried with her first husband. Alexander told his sons to bury him beside his little grandson, Albert Lawrence, in the Radabaugh Cemetery. He would lie there in a grave marked only by a field stone until his great-great-grandson, Charles Duke Jr. would complete enough research on his military career to obtain a military marker for him in the 1980’s.

For his small granddaughter, Winnie, who was five years old at the time, he would always be remembered as the first dead person she ever saw. She recalls that her mother took her and her younger sister, Ruby, into the room where Alexander was laid out on a table. She whispered to her mother, "Why have they got them pennies on Grandad’s eyes?" It was a remark that would probably have amused the old soldier.
THE DESCENDENTS OF ALEXANDER SELKIRT BROWN
THROUGH HIS SURVIVING SONS,
ALBERT AND HOMER.

James Albert Brown, born April 30, 1879. Married Bertha Dora Wilson on April 24, 1906. She was born on March 14, 1889.

Their children were:


Issue:


      ii. Johnny Ray Miller

   b. Kimberly Sue. Born December 5, 1960. She is married to Michael Frances Curtis.

      i. Michelle Curtis

   c. Jason Dean.


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ii. Rebecca Simko
iii. Shanna Simko

   i. Robert R. C. Senile

   i. Thaddeus Van Dyne
   ii. Lauren Reed

   i. Candice Rachelle Dye
   ii. Dustin Dean Dye


a. Beverly Lynn was born on January 25, 1958. She is married and has a daughter.
   i. Alys Horne

b. Barbara Jill was born on August 15, 1962. She is married and has two children.
   i. John Meszaros
   ii. Lauren Meszaros

c. Bonnie Sue is married to Robert Smith.
   Stepchildren: Heather and Robert.
   She now has baby Mary.


   Stepchildren: Sandra and Debbie.


b. Joyce Diane married Tony West.
   i. Zachary West
   ii. Travis West
   iii. Justin West (twin to Travis)


   ii. Jennifer

   i. Mark Edward


a. Douglas Allen. Born October 23, 1963. He and his wife, Sherry, have one child:
   i. Daniel


The Ellisons live at Chester, West Virginia.

York state. He served in the United States Army. Joe and Susan have a daughter, Bonnie.

2. Lawrence Albert Brown. Born March 10, 1909 at the Albert Brown homeplace at Wheeler, WV. Died November 3, 1910. His mother said that she was getting Lawrence and Harry ready for bed one night and they were jumping on the bed as young children love to do. Lawrence fell off the bed, suffering a hard fall, and she thought that he was never the same afterwards. He became ill. His brother, Harry, described some of the treatments which the child received from the well-meaning adults and he may have died from the treatments as much as from any injury or illness. At that time it was thought that giving an ill child large physics would help rid it's body of sickness. If fact this treatment de-hydrated the child's body and often led to more serious complications.

3. Mona Lea Brown. Born March 26, 1910 at the Albert Brown homeplace. Mona left Wheeler and went to Clarksburg to work. While there she met and married on February 29, 1936, Thomas Darrell Patterson. He was born October 22, 1910. He became the much beloved 'Uncle Tom' to both his own and Mona's nieces and nephews. Mona and Tom lived at Clarksburg, but soon their adventurous spirit took them to California where they lived for awhile. At some point they divorced and then remarried. In later life they settled at Hamilton, Ohio where they operated a gun shop until their retirement. Tom had been married before he met Mona. He died of cancer of the liver on February 22, 1979. Mona was pronounced dead in her home in Hamilton, Ohio, on July 12, 1993. They are buried at Parkersburg, WV. Parkersburg was Tom's hometown. No issue.

My favorite memory of Uncle Tom is of riding beside him in the car on the way to Decoration Day at the Radabaugh Cemetery and having him sing Rambin Rose to me. Uncle Tom was a favorite of all his nieces and nephews. There are at least five children named Thomas in honor of him in his wife's family. Tom had one daughter by his previous marriage.


5. Winnie Marie Brown. My mother was born at the Albert Brown homeplace on May 27, 1913. She married Elmer Austin Mollohan on June 2, 1929. Her six children are listed under the
6. Ruby Elaine Brown. Born March 30, 1915 at the Albert Brown homeplace at Wheeler, WV. She married William Taft Duke. They lived in the Hacker Valley area for several years. Taft carried the mail into Pickens. Eventually they moved to Grafton, Ohio with their family. Taft worked for General Motors until his retirement. He died on January 31, 1993 and is buried in the Nesbett Cemetery in Grafton, Ohio. Ruby died on September 7, 1993. She is buried beside her husband and two of their sons.


   a. Katherine. She is married to Jerry Gift.
      i. Trevor
      ii. Travis
   b. Pamela
   c. Paul Jr.

Issue from second marriage to Barbara:
   d. Dawn

No issue from third marriage to Sandy. Paul died in October 1983, from complications after surgery for injuries he received in an auto accident. He is buried in Grafton, Ohio.

D. Earl Thomas Duke. Born at Pickens. He and his wife, Genny (Houston), have two children.
      He and his wife, Lori have two children.
      i. Jorden Thomas Duke
      ii. Jarred Robert Duke

E. Rose Marie Duke. Born at Pickens. She and her husband, Earl Squires, son of Mildred and Lester Squires, have six children.

a. William. He is divorced from Judy Rider. They have two children.
   i. Jacinda
   ii. Billy

b. Dwight is married to Sandy Schall.

c. Elaine is married to Steve. She has two children from a former marriage.
   i. Nicole Logan
   ii. Janelle Logan

d. Martin and his wife, Arlene Naylor, have one child.
   i. Martin Jr.

e. Lee Albert is married to Cristy Lynn Deyarmin.
   i. Kyle Lee Squires

f. Carl Thomas
   i. Michael Thomas

F. Robert Duke. He was born at Pickens and died in Grafton Ohio in 1964 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He was twenty one years old. He is buried in Grafton, Ohio.

G. Charles Lester Duke. Born at Pickens, WV. He and his wife, Linda, daughter of Andrew and Betty Ingrassia Fedak, have four children.


Bertha Dora Wilson died on April 13, 1929, having suffered for several years from a chronic heart disorder. She was buried on the following day, beside her son, Lawrence Albert in the Radabaugh Cemetery at Wheeler. James Albert died in 1936 as a result of throat cancer. He was buried on the last day of September in the Radabaugh Cemetery beside his wife, Bertha. I should point out that their graves are backward to the traditional way couples are buried. The wife is usually placed on the husband’s left. However when Alexander’s grave was dug next to Lawrence Albert, it was placed on the wrong side. When Bertha died she was placed on the baby’s left. Therefore when Albert died, he had to be placed on Bertha’s left.

William Homer Brown, married Malissa Durcilla Roby.

Their children were:

1. Vada May Brown. Born August 19, 1904 in Braxton County. She married John Casto on October 23, 1923. He was born September 18, 1900, the son of Jefferson and Mary Vith Casto. They made their home at Wheeler, WV until they became too elderly and ill to care for themselves, and then they went to the nursing home in Richwood.

   Issue:


         i. Jennifer Ann


i. Leslie Diane


   i. Jennifer Ann
   ii. John William


   i. Douglas Michael
   ii. Joseph Merle


   i. Juliet Nicole. Born in Germany.


   i. April Dawn
   ii. Shanna Nicole


5. Margie Albertine Casto. Born January 20, 1935. She married Hale Jorden, the son of Ora and Myrtle Fisher Jorden who was born on September 22, 1929. They were divorced on November 30, 1977.


c. Michael Keith Jorden.


   a. Kevin Dean
   b. Kenneth Ray

      i. Jamie
      ii. Dustin


2. Alton Andrew Brown. Born March 17, 1906. Alton married Retta Anderson, daughter of Floyd and Milly Kelly Anderson. She was born September 26, 1906. They were married May 25, 1925.

      i. Jennifer
      i. Paula Michalle


3. Infant son who died young.

4. Floyd Luther "June" Brown. Born December 24, 1908. In a family of brown eyed Browns "June" and his sister, Vada, had blue eyes like their grandfather, Alexander. "June" married Rose Elizabeth Filius, who was born on June 22, 1916. She is now deceased.


3. Infant son who died young.

5. Opal Parsey Brown. Born February 12, 1911. She was the first child born to Homer and Liss after they moved to Webster County. She was born at Panther Lick. In June of 1932 she was married to Berlin I. Duelley. He was born July 12, 1902 and passed away on December 24, 1957. Opal was married a second time to an Atkins. She later married Earl Raymond Davis on November 7, 1974. He was born November 27, 1906.
   1. Kenneth Edward Duelley. He married Sharon Austin.
      a. David Duelley
      b. Douglas Duelley
   2. Masel June Duelley. She married Charles McCoy
   a. Cheryl
   b. Christopher
   a. Don II
   b. Jeff
7. Roger Douglas Duelley. Born September 14, 1943. He and his wife, Mabel, have two children.
   a. Jenny
   b. Suzanna
   a. Cassandra Duelley
   b. Garry Gene Duelley
   c. Craig Duelley
9. Larry Gene Duelley.

6. Camdem Hugh Brown. Born April 8, 1913. He married Katherine Amanda Ketterman on November 26, 1936. She was born June 18, 1915. After Homer Brown passed away Malissa often visited Cam and Katherine. Meeting Katherine every year was always one of my favorite moments of the Brown Reunion. The reunion has never been the same for me since her death.


8. Edward Thurmand Brown. Born March 26, 1917. He married Macel Collins, daughter of William and Verna Ware Collins on September 6, 1940. Macel was born on July 15, 1923. Edward is now deceased.

   a. Hayward Paul Lucky Jr.
   b. Christopher Allen Lucky

2. Loretta Jean Brown, born 1943.


9. Nellie Jane Brown. Born May 7, 1919. She married Harold Duelley, a step-son of her sister, Opal. They were divorced. Her second marriage was to a Simmons. He is deceased.
   b. Jo Ann Duelley. Born February 12, 1943. Married Patrick Cassidy in December of 1962. He was born December 12, 1937. She has children by a previous marriage.

      i. Kyle
      i. Jimmy Gorden Blackburn
      ii. Terri Lee Blackburn.

After Media’s death, Don Anderson married a second time, to Jewell Hall. They are the parents of two children: Jeffery Chon
and Chonda Jo.


a. Jimmy Brown

b. Ross Grant Brown


Ricki married a second time to Colleen Kane on July 18, 1979 in Niles, Ohio.

b. Denise Gloria Brown Born December 1, 1955. Married Larry Knipper. They are now divorced.
   i. Christine Jean Knipper.

   a. Donnie
   b. Gerry Lynn
   c. Thomas
   d. Vivian
   e. Theresa. Died young.

The third child of George Brown and Elizabeth Lough, Alonzo, was born about 1847. In his book, The History of Braxton County, John D. Sutton relates a story on page 189 about Alonzo Brown and other soldiers of the Confederate Army. He ends the story by saying that each man survived the war and, later lived in Braxton County. I could find no official records concerning Alonzo in the Braxton County Courthouse. In a letter which Howard Prince wrote to my mother about the family, he did not mention Alonzo.
The fourth child of George Brown and Elizabeth Lough, Zachary, was born about 1848. The Braxton County Marriage Records include an entry for Zachariah Brown, age 23, and Ruhama R. Dean, age 26, who were married in 1872. I could find no other records concerning Zachary or Zachariah in Braxton County. Howard Prince said that Zackary married a Gillispie and had two daughters, Lizzie and Emma.


The sixth child of George Brown and Elizabeth Lough, Daniel H., was born March 5, 1854. His birth record was found in the Braxton County courthouse. Daniel married Lovey Fisher. They were the parents of six children. Daniel met with an untimely death as the result of a gunshot wound. Supposedly his body was found by a log in the woods and his gun was beside him. He might have accidently shot himself or he might have been shot by another hunter. After his death Lovey married a Singleton.

The children of Daniel Brown and Lovey Fisher were:

   a. Bessie--Art Brown
   b. Buster--Vera Simmons
   c. Blossom--Tom Snyder, Taylor Claypool
   d. Austin--Laveila Cutlip
   e. Pete--Gearldine Mace
   f. Dick--Lorene Hyer
      Roy--Glenneth Roby
   g. Rondal--Hilda H. Sander
      Dr. Ilene Matclack
      David m&d
      Barbara Unger
      Phillip--Married a Faircloth, and then a Bartles
      Robin
      Mark m&d Queenie Clutter
      Cliford Ray--married a Parson
      Jeffery--married a Faircloth
1. Roy

   Gearldine, others

3. Coo Bird Brown. Married George Gibson. George Gibson was postmaster at Replete, and a store keeper there for many years. His daughter, Nellie Gibson Fisher was the last postmaster at the Replete post office.
   b. Lawerance Gibson. Married Edith Life.
   Lawerance is now deceased.
   "Jenk" was killed by a falling tree while working in the woods.
   e. Edith Gibson. First husband, Walter Moats. Second husband, Frank Altman. Edith is now deceased.
   g. Arretta Gibson. Married Everett Robinson Jr. "Junior". As my first grade school teacher, Arretta taught me to read. She was the last teacher at Saffles' Retreat School, on Brown's Mountain near Replete.


   Sis, Cora, Teddy, Homer, Tommy, Johnny, Coonie.

Lovey Fisher Brown and her second husband, Mint, Singleton had one daughter, Merle. Merle married Ernie Prince.

The seventh child of George Brown and Elizabeth Lough, and only daughter, Rachel, was born about 1858. She married Stephen Prince. Her son, Howard, wrote a letter to my mother in March of 1961, in which he named his uncles, to whom they were married and the names of their children. In this letter he also states that he was two years old when his grandmother, Elizabeth Lough Brown died. He gave his own age as 74 in 1961. Howard Prince was living at Lost Creek, West Virginia when he wrote the letter to
my mother. I found no official records for Rachel in Braxton County.

Issue:

A. Gertrude

B. Roxie married a Shiftbird. She had four boys and one girl.

C. Howard. First wife, Myrtle Fornash. They had two children. His second wife was Lucy Davison.

D. Ethel married a Bird. Four children.

E. Elmer

F. Luther. Had four children.

G. Mona married a Lowther. Two children.


The eighth and youngest child of George and Elizabeth Lough Brown was Adam. Judging from the age listed for him in the census he was born about 1861, making him about sixteen years younger than Alexander. Local custom holds that Adam Brown was a stone mason. When Bernard Mollohan was building his home on the Left Fork of Holly River Adam cut stone and built the chimneys in the house. Howard Prince said that Adam married Viola Haggerty and their children were Nora, Alice, Lucy, Orna, Vincent, George, and Robert. I found no official records for Adam.

Rachel Brown, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown, married Samuel Cutlip. The 1850 census records lists Samuel as being 29 years old, and Rachel as 30. Their children were Francina age 9, Elizabeth 7, William 5, and Jasper N. one year old.
Joseph Brown, the son of Josish and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown married Louisa Schrader.

A. Jonas. Married Nancy Gillespie.
B. Marcellus. Married
C. Harmon. Married Harriet Fornash.
   b. Oliver Brown. Married Minnie Schrader
   c. Amanda Brown
   e. Elias Brown. Married Rebecca McCord, the daughter of Charles and Lucy Cowger McCord.

D. Salina. Married Jim Jorden
E. Deborah. Never married.
My mother has been collecting information about her family for a number of years. In the 1950's she asked Joseph Wesley Brown for any details he could recall about his parents. "Wess", as he was called, took care of his mother until her death and then lived alone for a time. Finally he stayed in the home of Lawrence Ware and later with Edward and Kesley Boggs. He was not a talkative man. My mother tells of my brother walking home with him one day. They met on the path and my brother said, "Hello, Wess." He replied, "How do, boy." They walked together for about a mile until their ways parted. "I'll see you later, Wess." "So long, boy." That was the extent of their conversation.

In 1958 Wess wrote the following letter to my mother. I have included parts of the letter here, leaving out one paragraph. Apparently Wess’s father lost the family farm because of debt. This loss was one Wess never forgot and in the letter he makes some remarks about the loss of the property which are not in keeping with the rest of the letter.

Replete, W. Va
September 25th (1958)

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Mollohan
Holly W. Va.

You sent some word up to me by Burlen D. Robinson for me to write you and let you know how old that old weaving loom was, and about the Browns. I don't know too much about neither one. I recollect about my mother having the loom when I was a very young boy, only about four or five years old, and about Mother weaving cloth on it. She had a little home made basket, held about a half a gallon or a little more to the best of my recollection. Made by George Wilson who married one of my father's sisters. The little basket hung on the left hand side of the top bar which held the loom together. She used a little spinning wheel to fill her weaving spools which was cut in lengths about four inches long. Grewed in a rich ground in a very small bush, had a piece in it similar to a elder which was easy shaved out of it. The fliers was taken out of the spinning wheel and a small rod whittled out with whirl placed on the back end of the rod with a grove turned in it for the band to run in. The rod was placed in where the fliers run and the front end of the rod gradually sloped off rather sharp and the yarn was placed on the quills with the fingers to fill them even.

Uncle Jerry Brown and Joseph Brown, my father, made the weaving loom which is down in the mill loft. I don't know anything about the date the loom was made, but as a guess I suppose it was made near about 1850 as my father and mother was united in married life, December 26, 1850, and when we was fixin' to go to Colorado in February 1902 the loom was sold or give to
Mary A. Mollohan. If there is a small spinning wheel there with a patch fitted in the out edge of the rim where the band runs in, I let the Riffle gun go off in the house and shot the rim of the spinning wheel and it was made by George Wilson, and his initials will be underneath of it but I don't know the date it was made. It may be dated underneath of it.

I will now try to give you a brief sketch of the Browns so far as I know and understand. Lawerence Ware often told me I couldn't tell what I knewed and I think he is about right about it.

There was two men come over here from Scotland, I never learned the date but it must have been in 1790 some and one of them never got married and lived a single life all his days here on Earth, and the other man settled down in married life and raised a large family of boys and when they grewed up they just scattered here there and yonder every which way. My grandfather's name was just a single name, Josiah Brown. I never knewed given names of the two men which come here from Scotland but the one that got married I think married a Mollohan or it may have been Josiah Brown that married a Mollohan. Josiah Brown moved about Hacker Valley. There is a run on yon side of the river just about a mile I think below the bridge by the name of Brown Run. I suppose Josiah Brown must have lived on it and in or about the year 1820 he moved down on the river where you and Elmer now lives and made a entry on a 1,000 acres of land.

Josiah Brown, my grandfather, raised four boys that I am sure of and I think three or four girls. To that I am sure of. One of the girls married Lewis Cutlip. He went by the name of Budge Cutlip. And the other girl married George Wilson, that didn't raise no heirs. The boys' names was one George--one John--one Joseph--one Jerry--and I believe one Josiah Brown, but I am not sure about it. George raised one girl, her name was Rachel and five boys--John, and Zac, and Dan, and Adam, and Alex. I don't know which was the oldest, I think Adam (was) the youngest. I think Alex Brown Married a Ware, a sister to Bill Ware, Lawerence Ware's father. I don't know just how many kids Alex raised. I knowed Albert and Homer and Hayward.

Several years back one of Adam Brown's sons was at my house around a-makin' a abstract of the Brown generation. He was calculating on having a book of the Brown generation printed. If you locate Adam's son that was figuring on having a book printed you surely ought to get the full details of the Browns. Burly Brown, one of Dan Brown's sons, lives at Corley W. Va., in about fifty yards of the post office.

My father was just given a single name when he was born, Joseph Brown. Of course his name and birth would be recorded in Nicholas County. And on account of his father and some of his brothers' names comensing with the letter J of the alphabet, Joseph Brown added the letter D of the alphabet to distinguish his mail from his father and brothers. And that is only his legal and lawful name in all of his business. Joseph Brown.
In the same envelope which contains the letter from Wess, my mother also keeps a newspaper clipping. She cut it from a 1967 issue of the Webster Echo. It reads as follows:

Joseph Wesley Brown, 95, dies from exposure

After a two-day search, the body of Joseph Wesley Brown, 95, was found this morning (Wednesday) at eight o'clock near Daly Flats by an ADC worker who was traveling along State Route 20 when he noticed the body on the bank above the road. It is understood he had died from exposure. Mr. Brown was last seen around two o'clock Christmas afternoon along the road when he had apparently gone for a walk. He had lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boggs of Miller Mountain for the past nine years and, according to a spokesman, would sometimes walk across the hill to his old home not too far distant. When he did not return Monday afternoon, Sheriff Hatton, county officials, the Webster Springs Volunteer Fire Department, State Road workers and neighbors and friends began a search for the missing man. They searched Christmas afternoon and night and all day Tuesday, and according to Sheriff Hatton, the Fire Departmentmen even drained the pond on the Boggs farm, thinking perhaps Mr. Brown might have fallen into the icy water. It was this morning (Wednesday) at eight o'clock that an ADC worker noticed the body at the upper side of the road at Daly Flats, according to Sheriff Hatton, about one mile from the Boggs home.

Mr. Brown was a lumberman and farmer and a lifelong resident of Webster Springs. He is survived by three nephews and one niece. They are Earl and Coy Jorden of Fairmont, Charles Jordan of St. Petersburg, Florida and Mrs. Dessie Eagle of Fairmont.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete as we go to press.

And this small clipping is also included:

Funeral services for Joseph Wesley Brown, 95, of Webster Springs, Route 2, who died of exposure December 25, 1967, were conducted by the Rev. Minter Lynch at the Chestnut Grove Methodist Church at Replete, December 29 at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Robinson Cemetery there.
Some time before his death Wess had asked Mrs. Edward Boggs to give his Bible to my mother. He told her he had written some information inside for my mother. A few years later when I was packing my bags to go off to college my mother suddenly announced that she was going to let me take Wess's Bible with me. When I got on the bus in Charleston WV that black Bible was tucked safely away in my suitcase. In the lower corner of the front cover was written in gold the words Joseph W. Brown.

My friends at Berea College would ask, "Who is Joseph Brown?" I would reply, "He was a friend of my mother's." "Oh?" they would reply. "He was real old," I would say. Indeed he was old. The year that I started college would have been his one hundred and first birthday. I carried Wess's Bible to several classes during my years at Berea. On several occasions a friend would knock on my door late at night and ask, "Can I use your Bible? It has a nice concordances."

Now the Bible lays in a drawer of my desk and many times when I am searching for a pen or for papers my fingers touch the black cover. I like to open it and look inside. There is Wess's handwriting, unsteady because of his advanced age, are the words of the last message he sent to my mother concerning family history. These words are written inside:

J. W. Brown's Book
Was Born December 11, 1872

Joseph Brown, my father was born April 10th 1823.
Loneza R. Brown (Schrader) his wife was born Jan. 31st 1831.

Jeremiah Brown, son of Josish and Elizabeth Mollohan Brown married Sarah. Her last name is given as McCord in some places and Wilson in others. They were the parents of several children.

A. Henry J. Brown. According to records found in the Braxton County courthouse he was born in June of 1853 and died on September 15, 1865 at the age of 12 years, two months and 21 days.


C. Daw Brown. Married Delia Simmons. She is buried in the Marpleton Cemetery.


2. McKinley Jackson "Ken" Brown. Born on August 10, 1893. Married Ginny Easter (so named because she was born on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1899.)
Crowe, daughter of Hardy Crowe. Hardy Crowe came from Nova Scotia Canada to Central West Virginia at about the turn of the century to work in the timber industry. He married Rosey Perrine, the daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth "Betty" Brown Perrine. They were the parents of Mary who married Byran MacElwain and died in childbirth, Ginny Easter, Cecil who married Goldie Life, Jake never married, Purchell who died young, Vada who married Edward Jenkins "Jenk" Gibson, John who married Leota Hamrick, and Nettie who married Lloyd Gregory. Ken and Ginny began their married life August 23, 1916 in Marpleton with a ceremony performed by Preacher Stump. They were the parents of 10 children. Later in life they moved to Brown's Mountain near Replete. Ken died on April 9, 1986. Ginny died on February 16, 1992. They are buried in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

   i. Montie James Brown Jr.
   ii. Darrell Brown
   iii. Oscar Brown (twin to Darrell)
       Died young.


   i. Ray. Married Florence Mollohan, daughter of John and Delta Knicely Mollohan. Ray and Florence are the parents of five children.
   ii. Tom. Married Patty Gibson. They are now divorced. They have one daughter, Paula.
   iii. Phyllis. Married Forest Anderson. They have one daughter, Pamela.
   iv. Patricia. Died young.
   v. James. Married Lorraine Garvin
   vi. William. Married Susan
Mollohan, daughter of Hank Jr. and Angelea Mollohan. They have one son, William.


i. Michael Gum
ii. Karen Gum
iii. Sharon (twin to Karen) Gum
iv. Joe Brown (Father, Harry Brown) (Died young)
v. Kenneth Merle Gum

Second husband, Hampton Sears. He is now deceased.

vi. Chester Sears

Third husband, Lemuel "Junior" Hamrick. No issue.


i. Mildred


i. Randal Gene
ii. Charles

g. Hobert Lee Brown. Born March 22, 1931. Married Bertha Pickens "Hob" died on November 18, 1955 when the airplane on which he was traveling crashed while attempting to land in Seattle, Washington. Hob was returning home from the war in Korea when the accident occurred.

i. Micheal
ii. Richard


i. Christinia
ii. Julie
iii. Erica

   i. Wendy Casteel
   ii. Carrie Casteel
   iii. Guthrie Cogar

   i. Amy Bickel

d. Marsha Bickel. First husband, Lonnie Lake.
   i. Angie Lake
   ii. Ronald Thomas Lake

      i. Robert.
         Second wife, Sharon Prichard. No issue.

      i. Jason
      ii. Clayton

      i. Adam
      ii. Dustin

      i. Byran
      ii. Logan Mariah

   e. Kenneth Gerald "Kenny" Brown. Married Tammy Ware.
i. Asaha Adele Brown
f. Katrina Brown.


3. James Luther. Married Mat Knicely. They were the parents of several children.

D. McKinley Brown, the son of Jeremiah and Sarah Brown, married Darkus Perrine. McKinley and his wife, Darkus, did not have any children. When Daw Brown’s wife died at a young age McKinley and Darkus took care of his three young sons. McKinley was known as "Old Ken" and his nephew, McKinley Jackson, was known as "Young Ken". "Young Ken" said that he was about two years old when his mother died. My father often told a story of how Darkus Brown never said the word "picture". She called a picture a "likness".

E. Nancy M. Brown, the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah, married James F. Gillespie, the son of Martha J. and Miner Gillespie on May 18, 1871 when he was 18 and she was 23. Their marriage is recorded in the Braxton County courthouse. They had several children.

F. Mary Jane Brown. Born March 8, 1859. Died September 23, 1865 at the age of six years, six months and fifteen days. Her death is recorded in the Braxton County courthouse.

G. George Brown, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Brown, married Emma Ware. Their children were: Vernie who married Samuel Cutlip and Effie who married Ira Bright.

Vernie’s children were: Ralph, Raymond, Scotty, George, Wilbert, Argel, and one daughter, Eddie.

Effie Melinda’s children were: Elzie, B. A. (Bloomer), Gorden, Creed, Nellie (Mrs. Warren Knicely), Kermit, Boyce, Van, and Betty Jean (Mrs. Arthur Helmick). Three children, Clarence, Melinda, and Emma, died young. Ira Bright had three children by a previous marriage, Ray, Pearl, and a daughter who died young.

The records in the Braxton County courthouse also included a marriage record for Aaron A. Brown, the son of Jerry and Sarah, to Jane Westfall, the daughter of W. D. and Harriet Westfall, on May 18, 1871 when he was nineteen and she was eighteen. Aaron
was probably also a son of Jeremiah and Sarah.

Jeremiah and Sarah are buried in the Marpleton Cemetery in Braxton County.

There is some local legends to the effect that Josiah and Elizabeth had another son named Charlie but this information is highly uncertain.

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Records and research obtained from Ruth Higgins. Ms. Higgins is a descendent of Elizabeth Mollohan Brown through her son, Joseph.

Interview with Dr. Stanley J. Anderson.

Interview with Ms. Nellie Gibson Fisher.

Interview with Rondal Cogar.
Interview with Osie Brown Skeens and Malinda Brown Hall.
Interview with Harry Brown.
Interview with Basil and Donna Gibson Brown.
Interview with Linda Fedak Duke.
Interview with Charles Duke Jr.
Interview with Rex and Deloris House Brown.
Interview with Ray and Pearl Brown Jorden.
Interview with Mary Brown Myers.
Interviews with several members of the Homer and Albert Brown families at the annual Brown Family Reunion, June 1981.
Interview with Elmer and Winnie Brown Mollohan.
Interview with Laco and Juanita Brown Mollohan.
Interview with McKinley and Ginny Crowe Brown.
Interview with Elden H. and Delores (Cogar) Bright.
Interview with Jean Moats Bright.
Personal letters to Winnie Brown Mollohan from Howard Prince.
Personal letters to Winnie Brown Mollohan from Joseph Wesley Brown.

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The Family of George Mollohan Jr.
Third Child of George and Nancy Mollohan

Documents from the past indicate that George Mollohan Jr. was about 23 years old, and near in age to his sister, Elizabeth Rebecca, when his family came into the mountains. Family stories do not indicate whether he had met the daughter of neighbor William Dodrill in Bath County, Virginia; or if he met her at the new settlement. George Mollohan Jr. married Mary Dodrill, the daughter of William and Rebecca Lewis Dodrill. They settled on the Elk River in Braxton County and later moved to the Birch River area, also in Braxton County.

The 1810 census indicates that George Jr. and his father were living in Kanawha County. At that time Kanawha County included parts of what would later become Braxton County. Early records show that George Mollohan received a grant of land in the amount of 150 acres on the Elk River in 1826. In 1832 George Mollohan received a grant for land located on Mill Creek.

George Mollohan Jr. was known as an avid hunter. William C. Dodrill tells in his book, Moccasin Tracks and Other Imprints, a wonderfully chilling story of how George Jr. followed a wounded bear into a cave only to have the cornered animal turn and attack him. The bear ripped large pieces of skin from his body. His brother-in-law, Joshua Stephenson, who was his hunting partner on that day, brought neighbors to carrying him home but there was little hope that he would survive the attack. However he grew stronger over the winter and by spring he was able to return to the bear’s cave and retrieve the rifle which his neighbors had left there in their haste to get him home. Clearly George Jr. was a man tough enough to endure the hardships of frontier life.

He and his wife, Mary, were the parents of eight children: Rebecca, Nancy, Nathan, Malinda, William, Miriam, Arthur, and Anson.

Family stories indicated that George Sr., who was at an advanced age, became lost while traveling from the home of his son, James, to the home of his son, George Jr. He was thought to be lost somewhere in the hills between Sutton and Birch River. Each time I hear this story I always think of how horrified the two sons would have been, and how both families must have diligently searched the hillsides, trying to find the old man. His loss must have been a dreadful sorrow to them.
George Mollohan, founder of the Mollohan family, Scotch Irish descent. Born in England, came to the United States 1770. Married Nancy Hanks Jones, native of Wales. Martha Dodrill married James Mollohan and her sister Mary Dodrill married George Mollohan, Jr. July 1, 1805 in Charleston, W.Va. All Mollohans are descendants of these two brothers and sisters. Nathan Mollohan was the son of George, Jr. and Mary Dodrill.

George Mollohan, Jr. and his wife Mary Dodrill. Their home was at Twistleville on the Leatherwood Road. They died during the Civil War. It is not known where they are buried. That's where his son Nathan Mollohan grew up. After his marriage he moved to Servia, Va. around 1850. They had a daughter, Delilah Ann, born 1836, died 1850. The rest of Nathan's family are listed below.

Nathan and Mary home at Servia, W. Va.

MARY V. BOGGS MOLLOHAN 1812 - March 1893

MARY DODRILL Born 1786

NATHAN CURTIS MOLLOHAN 2/9/1812 - 2/8/1879

Nathan and Mary home at Servia, W. Va.

WILLIAM MARTIN MOLLOHAN 11/27/1834 - 2/14/1914

ELLIOIT MOLLOHAN 4/4/1838 - 4/22/1874

CAREY ELLSWORTH MOLLOHAN 11/22/1839 - 11/11/1901

BENTON MOLLOHAN 3/20/1841 - 5/8/1932

ANNIS BAXTAR MOLLOHAN 7/13/1842 - 10/4/1921

PERRY ROBERT MOLLOHAN 8/13/1848 - 11/1/1898

CORTZ MOLLOHAN 8/21/1848 - 4/12/1930

MARY JERUSHIA MOLLOHAN 12/1/1851 - 2/3/1941

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The 1850 Census of Braxton County lists George Jr. as being 68 years of age, Mary as 67, and Anson as 20 years of age. In the 1860 Census George Jr. appears as living alone and he is 72 years old.

George Mollohan Jr.'s will was recorded at the courthouse in Braxton County, and reads as follows:

In the name of God amen I George Mollohan of the county of Braxton and state of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing the certainty of Death do through the mercies of Almighty God make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner:

To wit in the first place I have given all my children when they married and left me all land and property as near equal as I could with exception of Miriam Boggs and she took money instead of land

2nd I give my daughter Rebecca Hamrick $300.00 I also give my son Nathan $300.00 My son William $300.00 My daughter Malinda $300.00 My daughter Miriam $300.00 My son Arthur $300.00 also my son Anson $300.00 I also desire that my daughter Nancy be paid $300.00 if I do not pay her in my lifetime. The rest if any I desire to be equally divided amongst my above named children

3rd the land I own lying adjoining Anson Mollohan George Keener and John Given If I do not dispose of said land during my lifetime I desire my executor hereafter named to sell said tract and divide the proceed as above designated

4th I desire that my executor should sell all my property if any I have and divide the same equally amongst my children with the exception of my daughter Miriam and her after paying $8.00 that she received more than the rest

Lastly I do nominate Nathan Mollohan and John Given to be executors of this my last Will and Testament in which I have

George Mollohan

Test
James Boggs
Theodore Given

Braxton County Court March Term 1861
The last will and Testament of George Mollohan deceased was this day presented in open court and proven by James A. Boggs one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified for farther proof.

Test C. E. Singleton, clerk

Braxton County Court March Term 1861
This last will and testament of George Mollohan deceased was on this day further proved by the oath of Theodore Given, a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be admitted to record

Test C. E. Singleton, clerk

(NOTE: All punctuation and paragraphs within the body of the will are my own. The will was copied as one paragraph with no punctuation. I guessed at the spelling of some words and left out one word which I could not decipher.)

There is no information available as to where George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan are buried. The most informed guess would be somewhere in the Birch River area, but the location of their final resting place has been forgotten.

Rebecca Mollohan, the daughter of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married Peter Hamrick, the son of Benjamin and Nancy Hamrick. Their marriage, on February 1, 1825, is recorded in the courthouse in Nicholas County. Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that Peter died on March 19, 1855 at the age of 63 years, 8 months, and 16 days from consumption.

Their children:
Benjamin Hamrick who married Sarah Fulks.
George Hamrick who married Caroline McCoy.
Mary (Polly) Hamrick who married Washington Pierson.
Nancy Hamrick who married Henry Barnett.
Jane Hamrick who married Arthur Dodrill.
Rachael Hamrick who married Franklin Dodrill, a brother to Arthur.
Susan Hamrick who married Burton Pierson.
Martha Hamrick who married Jonathan Duffield.
Lucinda Hamrick who married Jasper Pierson.
Henry Hamrick who married Sarah J. Duffield.

Records in Braxton County show that a Susan Pierson, the daughter of Peter Hamrick and a Mollohan died on December 20, 1923 at the age of 84. She was born on September 24, 1839.

Nancy Mollohan, the daughter of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, was born in Nicholas County. She married Lemaster Boggs who was born in Craig Co., Virginia. Their marriage is recorded in the Nicholas County courthouse but there is no date included. They were probably married about 1826.

Their children were: Clendenin, Henderson, Nathan, Mary, Louisa, Albert, Martha, Smith, George, Melissa, Taylor, and Martin.
Nathan
William Martin
Annis Baxter

Nathan Mollohan, the son of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan was born in February, 1812 and passed away on February 8, 1875. He married Nancy Boggs. She was born on May 21, 1812 and died on May 28, 1895.

Nathan and Nancy were the parents of ten children: William Martin, Nathan Curtis, Annis, Delila Ann, Elliot, Carry Ellsworth, Benton, Perry, Cortez, and Mary Jerusha.

The 1850 Census of Braxton County shows the household of Nathan Mollohan as including Nathan, age 38; Nancy, age 38; Martin, age 16; Elliot, age 13; Carry, age 10; Benton, age 8; Annis, age 7; Perry, age 5; and Curt, age 2. In the 1860 Census Nathan is 48, Nancy 48, Carry 21, Benton 19. The 1860 Census also show an Adrianne, age 18; Cortez, age 12; Mary, age 9; and Ann Boggs, age 76, living in the home.

Adrianne’s name does not appear again in any records. Adrianne might have been an attempt to spell Annis' name. The Ann Boggs, age 76, living in the home in 1860 was probably Nancy Boggs Mollohan's mother.

Nathan and Nancy are buried in a cemetery on the R. Nottingham Farm in Braxton County.

William Martin Mollohan, the eldest son of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan is known as Martin in the county records. He married Rebecca Boggs. Records for the births and deaths of his children appear in both Braxton and Clay counties, and he had descendants living in both counties. Martin and Rebecca are probably buried on the Bub Mollohan farm in Braxton County. The children of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan include:

1. Sarah Mollohan. Born March 28, 1857. Died in 1907. Married John Chapman on November 3, 1876 in Clay County. He was born in 1852 and died in 1923. Sarah and John are buried on the Bub Mollohan farm in Braxton County. Braxton County records show that Rebecca Jane Rollyson of Servia died on December 29, 1937 at the age of 57. She was born on January 14, 1880, the daughter of J. B. Chapman and Sarah Mollohan. Other children included Mary who was older than Rebecca, Benton, Julia, Luther, John, Myrtle, Belle, Gilbert, Lizzie, and Vera. One child died young.


3. Annis B. Mollohan. Born in 1863. Married Caroline Upton. She was born in 1869 and died in 1922. They are buried on the R. Nottingham farm in Braxton County. They were both born in Clay County.
Issue:
A. William Byrne Mollohan. Born February 17, 1887 to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan. Married Osie B. McCoy, the daughter of Benton T. McCoy, on May 8, 1906 when he was 19 and she was 16. Byrne Mollohan died on March 5, 1955 at the age of 68.

1. Sylvan Mollohan. Married Crystal G. Holston, the daughter of Charles and Bertha Holston. Crystal died on June 7, 1986 at the age of 75 in Braxton County.

They were the parents of:

A. Michael Arthur Mollohan. On September 16, 1946 he married Helen Lea Friend, the daughter of O. B. And Nellie Friend in Braxton County.

Michael served in the United States Navey during World War II.

Issue:


iii. Brenda Sue Mollohan. Born September 9, 1950 in Braxton County. Married Alonzo Wayne Carder on December 23, 1966 in Braxton County. He was the son of Earl and Mary Widener Carder.

Byrl Van Reed on October 15, 1970 in Braxton County. He was the son of Sebird and Mary Lou Reed.

v. Steven Patrick Mollohan (Source: Roger Dollison Genealogy)

B. Edsel Clyde Mollohan. Married Vivianne Diane Hefner.

Issue:

1. Edsel Clyde Mollohan II. Born February 15, 1954 in Braxton County.


2. Macel Clara Mollohan. Born in Clay County on June 18, 1910. Married Charles Clyde Case in Braxton County on March 121, 1931. Records indicate that the wedding took place at the home of Sylvan Mollohan, at Duck, West Virginia.


Issue:

A. Vivan Doloris Mollohan. Born at Ira, in Clay County, West Virginia.

B. Deanna Jean Mollohan. Born in Clay County on March 3, 1938,
Nathan William Martin
Annis Baxter

when her father was 24 and her mother was 20.

The Roger Dollison Genealogy includes four other children for Eithel Benton and Hilma Given Mollohan:

C. Linda Joyce Mollohan.
D. David Paul Mollohan.
E. Rebecca Lynn Mollohan.
F. Daniel Ray Mollohan.

William Byrne had two more children: Anna and Lawrence.

B. Nathan Curtis Mollohan. Braxton County records show that Nathan Curtis was born on December 11, 1888 to Anise and Caroline Upton Mollohan. On March 25, 1908 he married Lillie Gertrude Boggs in Clay County. Nathan Curtis Mollohan died in Braxton County on August 14, 1967.

Issue:
1. Dorothy Mae Mollohan. Married Preston McCracken. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

2. Edna Marie Mollohan (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


Issue:
a. Orville Carrie Mollohan. Married Phyllis Ann James, the daughter of Spencer and Grace James in Braxton County on June 21, 1959.

Issue:
i. Carrie Sue Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on February 14, 1960.


b. Larry Monroe Mollohan. Married Helen Marie Cummings, the daughter of Ray and Clara Cummings in Braxton County.

c. George Payton Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

d. Richard Clark Mollohan. Married Fannie Louise Duffield in Braxton County on August 11, 1962. She was the daughter of Fred and Mary Duffield.

Issue:

i. Pamela Louise Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 14, 1963. Pamela married Wayne Gaylon Shafer, the son of Tom and Alta Rose Sparks Shafer in Clay County on October 18, 1987.


Roger Dollison’s Genealogy includes two other children.

iv. Christoper Martin Mollohan.

v. Jeffery Mollohan.

e. Charles Ivan Mollohan Jr. Born on February 1, 1945. On September 2, 1972 in Braxton County he married Brenda Sue Postalwait, the daughter of Carl J. and Eva Jean Stump Postalwait. She was born on March 19, 1949.


Milford Mollohan served in the United States Army.

Issue:

i. Patricia Elaine Mollohan. Born October 9, 1967 in Braxton County.

The Roger Dollison Genealogy lists three other children.

ii. Timothy Lee Mollohan.


iv. Elizabeth Darlie Mollohan was born in Nicholas County on December 20, 1975. At the time of her birth her parents were living in Duck, West Virginia.

Nathan William Martin
Annis Baxter

4. Dennis Overton Mollohan. Married Hallie Pearl Mollohan, the daughter of Donnie and Dona Tanner Mollohan, in Clay County on January 30, 1935.

a. Annie Lea Mollohan. Married Paul Thomas Foster, the son of William Thomas and Alice Forster, on April 30, 1956 in Clay County.


a. Brantly Mollohan. Born in Clay County on April 7, 1937. At the time of his birth his father was 20 years old and his mother was 16 years of age. Married Margorie Lou Jarrell.

Issue:

   Roger Dollison’s Genealogy includes two other children

   ii. Kimberly Sue Mollohan.

   iii. Clyde Elliott Mollohan.

   Brantly Mollohan married a second time to Elizabeth Ruth Miller on May 15, 1975 in Braxton County. Elizabeth was the daughter of Fred and Opal Brown Stanley.

Bradly Mollohan Jr. married Kimberly Ann Watkins on November 15, 1986 in Braxton County. Kimberly was the daughter of Buddy Lee and Bernice Gae Fulks Watkins.

c. Carol Sue Mollohan. Born in Clay County on June 19, 1948. When she was born her father was 24 and her mother was 21. The records show that her parents had three other children at the time of her birth. Despite that note Carol Sue is usually listed as the third child in her family.

d. Phyllis Jean Mollohan. (From Roger Dollison Genealogy)

e. Don Curtis Mollohan. Born on April 13, 1948 in Braxton County. (Mother listed as Madge Burnside.)

f. Elnora Mollohan. (From Roger Dollison Genealogy)

g. Arthur Dean Mollohan. Born in Kanawha County on May 25, 1959. Married Michelle Lynn Watkins, the daughter of Davis and Mary Long Watkins, on June 30, 1990 in Braxton County.

6. Eva Rosaline Mollohan. (From Roger Dollison Genealogy)


a. Glenna Carol Mollohan. Married Toney Allen Butler, the son of Thurman Sears and Mabel Butler,
b. Sandra Kay Mollohan. Married David Wayne Westfall, the son of Brantly and Inez Cadle Westfall on March 27, 1965 in Clay County.

c. Retha Faye Mollohan. Married Billy Clyde Hicks, the son of Benjamin Clyde and Lula Lenora Boggs Hicks, in Clay County on December 31, 1967.

i. John Darian. Born in Braxton County on April 21, 1968.

d. Dorsey Wayne Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

e. Sharon Ann Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

f. Loretta Lynn Mollohan. Married David Allen Nicholas, the son of Carl and Gladys Wallace Nicholas, in Clay County on December 4, 1971.


10. Imogene Ann Mollohan. In Clay County on October 2, 1947 Imogene married Lawrence E. Carpenter, the son of Charles and Emma Carpenter.

11. Ira Anise Mollohan. In Braxton County on December 24, 1954 he married Elva Louise Slaughter, the daughter of W. G. and Dollie B. Slaughter.
Issue:

a. Deborah Susan Mollohan.
(From Roger Dolllison Genealogy)


e. Christina Deanna Mollohan.
(From Roger Dollison Genealogy)

3. Lanty W. Mollohan. Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that Lanty was born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan on February 26, 1890. He died on March 16, 1891 at the age of one year and 20 days from fever.

4. James Harry Mollohan. Born in 1892. Married Prudence "Prudy" Young. According to the Clay County courthouse records James Harry Mollohan, the son of A. B. and Caroline Upton Mollohan met an untimely death. On July 7, 1927 at the age of 35 years, 11 months and 2 days he died by drowning in the Elk River. N. C. Mollohan gave the information regarding his death. James Harry Mollohan is buried on the R. Nottingham farm in Braxton County. The History Of Clay County includes an entry about Mr. Mollohan's death and the fact that his widow was left with ten children to raise. She took her children to Morgantown, W. Va. where there were more employment opportunities. However the book states that Mr. Mollohan's name was Annis Byrne Mollohan. That is a contradiction to the county records. I have
Nathan decided to include here the names of the children as they occur in the Roger Dollison Martin Genealogy and county records. The entry in The Annis History of Clay County contains further Baxter information about the family.

**Issue:**


2. Dica Emma Mollohan. Born in Clay County on June 20, 1913.


5. Oscar Clifford Mollohan.


7. Thelma Fern Mollohan.

8. Lorene Gae Mollohan.


10. James Harry Mollohan Jr. Born in Clay County on March 1, 1928, eight months after the death of his father.

5. Fredrick Scott Mollohan was born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan in Braxton County on August 18, 1894. According to Roger Dollison’s Genealogy he died when he was about 2 years old.

6. Lula Mary Mollohan was born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan on September 16, 1896 in Braxton County.
M. S. Mollohan was born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan in Braxton County on February 6, 1898. According to Roger Dollison’s Genealogy this was Martin Spencer Mollohan. He died when he was about a month old.

Oscar Clifford Mollohan was born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan on June 1, 1899 in Braxton County. He married Alta Lou Delaney, the daughter of Anthony and Louizia Freeland Delaney, on June 26, 1920 in Braxton County. At the time of their marriage he was 21 years old and she was 19 years of age. Alta was born on October 26, 1900 and died on May 20, 1987 when she was 86 years of age.

Issue:

1. Starling Caroline Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 14, 1921.

   a. Charles Mollohan. (From Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   f. Dottie Lou Mollohan. (From Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Charles married a second time to Vesta Irene Moore in Braxton County on November 8, 1974. She was the
Nathan daughter of Shirley and Clara E.
William Martin Oxier Richardson.
Annis Baxter

3. Mabel Louise Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on February 27, 1927. In Braxton County on April 17, 1946 she married Gale Lee Stout, the son of Grover and Grace Stout. Their son, David Lee Stout, died in an vehicle accident in Braxton County on October 5, 1963. He was born on April 5, 1948.

4. Wavaline Mollohan. Married Leland Hall, the son of Otman and Clara Hall on August 19, 1946 in Braxton County.

9. Un-named child born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan in Braxton County November 1901. Died of whooping cough when it was 21 days old.

10. Ella Fay Mollohan. Born to Annis and Caroline Upton Mollohan on October 12, 1909 in Braxton County. Married Bitler Cart on December 23, 1925 in Braxton County. They were married at the home of W. T. Diggins in Sutton.

According to Roger Dollison’s Genealogy Annis B. Mollohan married again to Maggie Elizabeth Upton Watkins. He then married a third time to Jo Ann Ross.

Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that Anise B. Mollohan died on September 2, 1946 at Servia at the age of 83. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage. His parents are listed as Martin Mollohan and Rebecca Boggs. In the settlement of his estate his family is listed as: Joan Mollohan of Servia, wife; Byrne Mollohan of Coalburg, W. Va., son; N. C. Mollohan of Hallburg, W. Va, son; Lula Fulks of Accokee, Maryland, daughter; Clifford Mollohan of Servia, W. Va., son; Georgia Cox of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter; Darlee Nottingham of Servia, WV, daughter; Ella Fay Carte of Servia, W. Va, daughter.
Nathan
William Martin
Herbert Camden

4. Herbert Camden Mollohan, the son of Martin and
   Rebecca Boggs Mollohan, was born on October 18, 1864
   and died on September 14, 1951. He is buried on the
   R. Nottingham farm in Braxton County. Herbert
   Camden Mollohan married Evelyn O'Brion in Clay
   County on May 10, 1887.

   Issue:

   1. Lakey Mollohan. Married James Cadle in Clay
      County on June 7, 1903.

   2. Okey Mollohan. Born in Clay County on April
      25, 1888. According to the Roger Dollison
      Genealogy this child died as an infant.

   3. Omar Mollohan.
      According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy
      this child died as an infant.

   4. Cuchea Mollohan. Died in Braxton County on
      October 8, 1891 at the age of 2 years, and 14
      days of diphtheria.

   5. Otie Elmer Mollohan. Born in Clay County. He
      married Malinda Green who was also born in Clay
      County.

      Issue:

      a. Irene Mollohan. Married Willie Boggs on
         November 25, 1938 in Clay County.

      b. Cassie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on
         January 5, 1919. Married Thurman Burnside
         in Clay County on November 29, 1936.

      c. Georgia Mollohan.
         (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

      d. Camden Otis Mollohan. In Clay County on
         March 29, 1946 he married Nettie Sears, the
         daughter of Mart and Gay Sears.

         Issue:

         i. Hubert Mollohan.
            (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
ii. Bernard Lee Mollohan. Born in Clay County on December 14, 1948. At the time of his birth his father was 25 and his mother was 20. They were the parents of one other child.

e. Elsie Marie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County. On June 7, 1946 when she was 21 years old she married Hoy Darrell Johnson in Clay County. He was the son of Ray and Elsie Johnson.

f. Gruder Elmer Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

g. Joseph Eithal Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   Died young.

h. Glada Lou Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

i. Raymond Mollohan. Born January 25, 1933. On January 5, 1955 in Calhoun County he married Maysel Hicks. She was born on March 16, 1936. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 18. The groom was living in Akron, Ohio at the time of the marriage.

j. Pearlie Alice Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   Died young.

k. Robert Carroll Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

l. Eugene Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

m. Ada Catherine Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

n. Russell Don Mollohan. Born in Clay County on November 18, 1943. When he was born his father was 45 and his mother was 45. They were the parents of 12 living children and 2 deceased.

On April 9, 1904 Herbert Camden Mollohan married Minnie Mollohan in Braxton County. Minnie Mollohan was the widow of Nathan French Mollohan, the brother of Hubert Camden Mollohan.
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At the time of her marriage to Hubert Camden Mollohan he was 39 and she was 26. The date of the marriage is listed as April 1904 but it is entered into the county records on November 25, 1903 so I am uncertain as to which date is correct. Apparently the couple had no children.

On March 8, 1906 in Braxton County Herbert Camden Mollohan married for a third time, to Minnie May Upton.

Issue:


Issue:

a. John J. Mollohan. Born July 23, 1934 in Clay County. On October 20, 1962 when he was 28 years old he married 26 year old Bessie Bragg in Braxton County. She was the daughter of Harry and Vena Bragg.

On September 12, 1981 he married again, this time to Bonnie Faye Canter, the daughter of James E. and Dorothy Mae Dancey. The marriage took place in Braxton County.

7. Fred Homer Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on February 8, 1909. On December 21, 1926 in Clay County he married Radie E. Sirk. Webster County records show that Fred Homer Mollohan died there on October 15, 1976. He was born on February 8, 1909 in Braxton County. He was buried in the Sirk Cemetery. His daughter, Mary Lou Mollohan, gave the information regarding his death. His mother was listed as Minnie Upton Mollohan.

Issue:

a. Mary Lou Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

b. Ruby Helen Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Nathan d. Glen Mollohan. On December 23, 1954 in Braxton County he married Loretta Hope Reeder, the daughter of Harold and Zella Herbert Reeder. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 16.

Issue:


ii. Jeffery Allen Mollohan. Born October 2, 1959. On July 12, 1986 in Braxton county he married Rebecca Sue Richardson, the daughter of Johnny and Carol M. McDivitt Richardson.

8. Female child born on October 19, 1910 in Braxton County. Died young.

9. Orpha Mildred Mollohan. Born to Herbert Camden and Minnie Upton Mollohan on September 13, 1911 in Braxton County. Married Jack E. McCracken on December 31, 1931 in Braxton County when he was 25 and she was 21.


(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
According to records in the Braxton County courthouse he served in the United States Army.


13. Ivan Leland Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 13, 1919. Married Helen Louise Hall in Clay County on April 15, 1937.

Issue:

i. Larry Martin Mollohan. Born in Clay County on May 30, 1938 when his father was 18 years of age and his mother 16.


iii. Constance Jean Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

vi. Mira Nadine Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

viii. Steven Dow Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

14. Lantz Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

15. Clyde Mollohan. Married Anna Jean Bee, the daughter of Ray and Vina Bee in Clay County on May 22, 1946.

16. Lantie E. Mollohan. Married Betty Lou Jarvis, the daughter of Sidney and Macel Jarvis in Braxton County on December 22, 1954. Lantie E. Mollohan served in the United States Army.

17. Laura Mollohan. Married William R. Douglas in Braxton County on October 25, 1948 when he was 23 years of age and she was 20.
5. According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy a female child was born to Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan which died un-named.

6. William Martin Mollohan Jr., the son of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan Married Louisa Roena Wilson in Clay County on February 16, 1888. He was born on November 28, 1834 and died on February 14, 1914. Louisa was born on November 3, 1840 and died on April 5, 1907. They are buried on the Bub Mollohan farm in Braxton County.

Issue:


Issue.


b. Thurman Mollohan. Born on October 17, 1914 in Clay County. On June 16, 1935 in Clay County he married Myrtle Ruth Metz, the daughter of Roscoe Metz.

Issue:

i. Phyllis Ann Mollohan. Born in Clay County on February 8, 1937. At the time of her birth her father was 26 years old and her mother was 21.

ii. Sarah Frances Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

iii. Kenneth Allen Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

iv. Joseph Keith Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
v. Michael Steven Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

c. Ernest Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 10, 1893.

d. Rusha Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on August 2, 1895.

e. Kyle Mollohan. On October 5, 1918 in Braxton County he married Amy Susan Dolly Sargent. At the time of the marriage he was 21 years of age and she was 21 years of age.

Issue:
   i. Laurie Estell Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on November 11, 1919.

ii. Orville Kyle Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

f. Della Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on August 18, 1899.

g. Bernard Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 20, 1901. In Braxton County on August 7, 1920 the 19 year old Bernard married 20 year old Edith Sargent.

   Issue:
   i. Eugene Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   ii. Marvin Bernard Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   iii. Juanita Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   iv. Madge Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


   vi. Leah Mollohan. In Clay County on June 21, 1947 she married Grant Ross, the son of Grant and Alma Ross.
vii. Ileane Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

viii. Betty Lou Mollohan. Married Gorden Vale Nutter, the son of Doy and Maysel Given Nutter, in Clay County on April 7, 1950.

ix. Franklin Mollohan.
(According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died as an infant.)

h. Elizabeth Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 20, 1903.


Issue:

i. Mabel Irene Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on March 19, 1928. On October 6, 1945 in Braxton County she married Clayton Jehugh Crislip, the son of Aubrey and Easter Crislip.

ii. Bessie Lillian Mollohan. Married Wayland Boyd Hamric, the son of Okie and Ina Hamric, in Braxton County on January 27, 1946.

iii. Delores Rae Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


v. Carolyn Mae Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 7, 1944. On July 4, 1963 in Braxton County she married James Leon Cummings, the son of Harley and Clara Cummings.
Nathan
William Martin
William Martin Jr

j. Dola Icie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 25, 1908.
k. Erman Bual Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on July 4, 1911.
l. Denver Eugene Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

7. Jerusha Mollohan, the daughter of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan, married John McCoy in Braxton County on April 4, 1859 when he was 23 years of age and she was 19. They were married at the home of Martin Mollohan with William A. Moore officiating at the ceremony.

Their children were: William, Mary Esta, and Rebecca.
8. Fredrick Mollohan, the son of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan was born on February 23, 1872. He died on July 11, 1963. His wife Elizabeth Mollohan, the daughter of S. N. and Elizabeth Chapman Rollyson, was born on May 13, 1876. She died of diabetes on April 28, 1945 at Servia. Fredrick and Elizabeth are buried on the Bub Mollohan farm on Braxton County.

Fredrick and Elizabeth were married at Servia on September 16, 1899 when he was 27 and she was 23. Their marriage is recorded in Braxton County.

Issue:


3. French Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 20, 1904.

4. Lewis Archie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 26, 1906.


Three of these brothers served in the military during World War II. French and William served in the Army. Ancel served in the Air Service Group of the United States Army.

9. Lizzie Mollohan, the daughter of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan, was born in Clay County on April 21, 1874. She married Carey Ellsworth Mollohan, the son of Elloit and Mary Boggs Mollohan.
10. Nathan French Mollohan, the son of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan, married Minnie Gilispie in Clay County on May 3, 1899. He died of consumption in Braxton County on September 21, 1901 at the age of 22.

Issue:

1. Ofie Earl Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Delia Ann Mollohan, the second child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, never married.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Elliott Mollohan, the third child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, married Mary Bing on March 14, 1858 when he was 20 years of age and she was 18. In some of the county records Mary’s maiden name is listed as Boggs.

On April 4, 1874 Elliott died by drowning in the Elk River. He was 37 years old at the time of his death. Mary died on April 4, 1912 at the age of 72 from La Gripp. She was living at Servia at the time of her death. Mollie Mollohan reported the death.

After Elliott’s death James A. Boggs was named as the guardian of Mary’s infant children. Samuel Fox was the administrator of the estate. Records in Braxton County also show that Elliott Mollohan had been named the guardian of John H. Mollohan, the child of Arthur Mollohan.

Issue:

1. Mary Susan Mollohan, the daughter of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan, was born January 11, 1859 in Braxton County. On April 15, 1875 in Braxton County she married James M. Hanna. At the time of the marriage she was 16 years old and he was 24.
2. Jerusha Ann Mollohan, the daughter of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan, was born September 17, 1860 in Braxton County. On May 24, 1877 she married Job McCoy from Johnson County, Missouri in Braxton County.

3. Ursula J. Mollohan. On January 14, 1881 she married M. F. McMorrow in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage she was 17 years old and he was 20.

4. Delila Ann Mollohan. On July 12, 1882 she married O. E. McCray in Braxton County. She died at the age of 88 in Braxton County on May 7, 1951. At the time of her death she was known as Delila McMorrow.


   Issue:


      Issue:

      i. Crystal Jane Mollohan.
         (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


         Issue:

         1. Male child. Born in Clay County on February 18, 1940.


iii. Erma Mollohan. Married Orval Jackson, the son of Luther and Cara Jackson, on December 24, 1937 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 21.

iv. Thomas Earl Mollohan. Born May 19, 1918 in Braxton County. Died December 7, 1918 in Braxton County.

v. Jewel Mollohan. In Braxton County on September 24, 1934 she married Masol Rose. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 16.

On December 24, 1940 in Clay County Jewel Mollohan married a second time to Paul P’Simer.

vi. Coy Lee Mollohan. He married Billie Lou Hickman, the daughter of Carl and Thelma Hickman, in Clay County.

Issue:

2. Linda Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


ix. Elizabeth Mollohan.
   (From the ROger Dollison Genealogy)


xii. William E. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 22, 1933.
On November 29, 1893 Carey Ellsworth Mollohan married a second time, to Lizzie Mollohan, the daughter of Martin and Rebecca Boggs Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 27 and she was 19. They were married in Braxton County.

Issue:

b. Alice Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

c. Wesley Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on July 7, 1895.
   (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy Wesley died young.)

d. Charlie Mollohan.
   (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy Charlie died young)

e. John Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on July 15, 1899. Married Edna McCroskey in Nicholas County.

   Issue:


f. Delphia Mollohan. Married Jennings R. Blake in Nicholas County on October 31, 1923. At the time of the marriage she was 21 and he was 26.

g. Carrie Elizabeth Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

h. Franklin Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 10, 1907. Married Lillie B. Ward in Nicholas County on May 17, 1934. At the time of the marriage he was 25 and she was 22.

After the death of her husband Lillie Ward Mollohan married Oscar Lee Faulkner in Nicholas County.

   Issue:

   1. James Franklin Mollohan. Born in Nicholas
Nathan Elliott Cary Ellsworth

County on April 5, 1939. On December 17, 1966 in Nicholas County he married Sara Jane Hobart, the daughter of Harry and Edna Lathrop Hobart. At the time of the marriage he was 27 and she was 21.

Issue:

i. Leo P. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on April 14, 1910. Died young.


k. Fredrick Paul Mollohan. Born in Braxton County. On December 25, 1937 in Nicholas County he married Louise Brown, the daughter of Ovid Brown from Curtin in Webster County. At the time of the marriage she was 23 and he was 23.

Issue:
  2. Stephen Paul Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Carey Ellsworth Mollohan, the son of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan, died in Nicholas County on December 2, 1952. He was born on April 30, 1866. He is buried in the Richwood Cemetery in Nicholas County.

Carey Ellsworth Mollohan was known in Braxton County as Preacher Gruder Mollohan. He could not read so he memorized the Bible so well that he knew if any passage was mis-read.
Edward Jenkins Mollohan, the son of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan, was born March 5, 1868. He died at the age of 73 on December 12, 1941 and, if I interpret the county records correctly, he died from drowning as did his father. On December 25, 1886 he married Susan Iowa Mollohan, the daughter of John Peyton Byrne and Lucretia McLaughlin Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 21 years of age and she was 17. In the official records Edward is listed as a farmer living at Servia.

Issue:

a. Ernest Lee Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 18, 1887.

Issue:


2. Holmes Sylvester Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

b. Mary Mollohan. Married Augustus G. Frame on September 3, 1900 in Braxton County at the home of E. A. Frame.

c. Peyton Mollohan. Married Pina Macel Ramsey on Braxton County on May 14, 1911. County records show them living at Lower Sleuth. Pina was born on September 20, 1892. She died on March 6, 1974 of a cerebral hemorrhage. Her parents were William and Amanda Dobbins Ramsey.

Issue:

1. Mabel Lee Mollohan. On April 20 19-- in Braxton County she married 22 year old Alva Midcap. He was the son of Lenza and Alice Midcap. She was also 22 at the time of the marriage.

2. Hazel Cleo Mollohan. Married Frances Isaac McCauly in Braxton County on September 15, 1939. He was the son of P. J. and Maggie Kelly. At the time of the marriage he was 19 and she was 18.
Nathan
Elliott
Edward Jenkins

   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


6. Peyton Mollohan Jr. Born in Braxton County on September 13, 1930.

7. William Elliot Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 18, 1931. (Mother listed as Stella King)

   d. Asa Mollohan. (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died young.)

   e. Earl Mollohan. (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died young.)


      Issue:
      1. Donald Forest. Born in Braxton County on October 23, 1924.

      There are other children.

   g. Katie Ellen Mollohan. Born in Braxton County in December of 1897.

   h. Dewey M. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 30, 1899.

   i. James Mollohan. Born June 16, 1902 in Braxton County.

   j. Maggie Mollohan. Married Curt Canfield on February 19, 1922 in Braxton County.
Nathan
Elliott
Edward Jenkins


Issue:

He married a second time to Margaret L. Rhodes.

Issue:
   i. Wilma Lea Mollohan.
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


There are two more daughters:

1. Macel Mollohan. In Braxton County on February 11, 1927 she married Spencer Dulaney. At the time of the marriage she was 19 years of age and he was 21.

m. Carl Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 23, 1910. On March 8, 1930 in Clay County he married Irene Argabrtie.

Issue:


Issue:

Edward Jenkins

n. Thurl Mollohan.  
   (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died young.)

7. Nathan Hedrick Mollohan, the son of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan married Mary Bell Fulks in Braxton County on April 8, 1893. At the time of the marriage he was 23 and she was 20 years old.

**Issue:**

a. Ernest Dwight Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 12, 1894. On December 25, 1916 at Gassaway in Braxton County he married Jessie M. Rollyson. At the time of the marriage he was 23 and she was 23 years old age.


**Issue:**

i. Wallace Odbert Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

ii. Orval Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 2, 1921.

c. Ocic Gay Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


e. Carey Ellsworth Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

f. Eva Blanche Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

g. Opal Icie Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

h. James Edward Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on March 5, 1909.

i. Claude Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 12, 1911.

k. Irene Mabel Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 26, 1913. In Braxton County on August 30, 1933 she married Gilbert Wright.
Nathan
Elliott
Nathan Hedrick

m. Irma Marie Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

8. Elizabeth Mollohan, the daughter of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan died on February 1, 1877 at the age of 4 years and 8 days from Diphtheria.

9. Lydia Margaret Mollohan, the daughter of Elliott and Mary Bing Mollohan, was born in Braxton County on August 11, 1874. (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died young)
Nathan Carey Ellsworth

Carey Ellsworth Mollohan, the fourth child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, married Clarinda Huffman. They were married in Gilmer County on August 20, 1863. J. M. Cain was the minister who presided at the wedding. At the time of the marriage Carey Ellsworth was 22 and Clarinda was 21.

Issue:

1. Josephine Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

2. Losa Ann Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 6, 1865.

3. Jerusha Ruth Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

4. Camden Daniel Mollohan. Born in Gilmer County on in September of 1870. Married Nettie, the daughter of M. B. and Zeruah Kennedy Stump. Camden died on October 21 1933 at the age of 66 years 1 month and 12 days. At the time of death his occupation was given as farmer. He died in Gilmer County. Nettie Mollohan died in Gilmer County on October 10, 1955 at the age of 80. June M. Bell reported the death.

Issue:

a. Orlan B. Mollohan. Born in Gilmer County on October 9, 1899.

b. Tressa G. Mollohan. Born in Gilmer County on July 14, 1902.

c. Herbert E. Mollohan. Born April 26, 1905 in Gilmer County.

d. Louise Mollohan. Born August 29, 1908 in Gilmer County.

e. June Mollohan. Born in Gilmer County on February 24, 1910. She married Jesse Edwin Bell Jr., the son of Jesse and Mae Bell in Gilmer County on November 1, 1947. They were both 37 years old at the time of the marriage.

On August 28, 1895 in Braxton County, Carey Ellsworth Mollohan married a second time, to Caroline Cunningham. At the time of the marriage he was 55 and she was 55. He was living in Gilmer County at the time of the marriage.

He died in Gilmer County on November 11, 1901 of Dropsey. He
Nathan Carey Ellsworth
was listed as being 61 years old at the time of death.

A copy of Carey Ellsworth Mollohan's will is filed in the County Clerk's office in Gilmer County. The document is not written in stiff legal phrases, but in everyday language as if Carey Ellsworth were actually speaking.

August 3, 1901

This is my last request. If I should die suddenly I want C. D. Mollohan to take control of all my business, that is to say, my personal property, debts, and amounts, everything about the house except the store. I want Caroline to have it and anything else that she might want. I want the said C. D. Mollohan to settle up my business and keep at least one hundred dollars to fix him up with two cows and some other things that I haven't paid him for. I want him to settle our burial expenses out of anything raised on the farm. If Caroline should outlive me Josie and Darlie Mollohan will be just as much bound to help support her as Camden as she holds her dowery in all the lands I owned. Written under my own hand.

Carey Mollohan

Entered: November 14, 1901
Benton Mollohan, the fifth child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, married Elizabeth Mary McMorrow, the daughter of Job and Jane McCoy McMorrow, in Braxton County on March 18, 1867. At the time of the marriage he was 26 years of age and she was 17 years old. Elizabeth was born on December 17, 1848. She died at the age of 77 on October 5, 1925 of urea poisoning. In official records Benton Mollohan is listed as a merchant, living in Glendon.

**Issue:**

1. **male Mollohan.** Born August 8, 1868 in Braxton County. Died August 9, 1868 in Braxton County.

2. **French Mollohan.** Married Mary E. J. Chapman in Webster County on October 10, 1900. At the time of the marriage he was 25 and she was 21. French Mollohan died in Braxton County on June 14, 1933 at the age of 64.

   **Issue:**
   a. **Bessie Mollohan.** Born February 2, 1902 in Braxton County.
   b. **Clara Mollohan.**
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

3. **Jane Mollohan.** Died in Braxton County on September 14, 1922 at the age of 51. Records show that she suffered from Bright's Disease.

4. **Raymond Mollohan.** Born January 25, 1872. Died on August 10, 1872 in Braxton County. Cause of death was listed as drowning.

5. **Anderson Fleet Mollohan.** Born in Braxton County on March 7, 1873.

6. **Annie Gertrude Mollohan.** Born on October 20, 1874. In Braxton County on June 8, 1902 she married Abel C. James. At the time of the marriage he was 25 and she was 25.

7. **Edward Camden Mollohan.**
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

8. **Rosa E. U. Mollohan.** Born in Braxton County on July 7, 1878. Married John N. Jones in Braxton County on May 10, 1909. At the time of the marriage he was 39 and she was 29.
(According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy this child died young)

10. Job Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 19, 1887. In Clay County on March 10, 1900 he married Della Mary Hall.

   Issue:
   a. Spencer Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 4, 1905.

11. Viola Mollohan.  
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy. According to that source she died as a young child)

12. Thurmond Roy Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 16, 1886. On February 25, 19-- when he was 29 he married 19 year old Hallie Almira Hill in Braxton County. Blange Hill gave the information about the marriage. Thurmond Roy is listed as a farmer living at Servia.

   Issue:

       Issue:

   b. Orval Robert Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 30, 1921.

   c. George Dana Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 10, 1923.

   d. Mary Jean Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 25, 1926.

   e. Betty Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 4, 1931.
Nathan
Benton
Thurmond Roy


g. Evelyn Joan Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 24, 1936. Married Francis Schiavone, the son of Michael and Lucretia Schiavone, in Braxton County on June 22, 1957.

Anise B. Mollohan, the sixth child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, has many descendants living in Clay County. Isobel Burkhammer was the mother of his first four children.

1. Mary Jerusha. Married R. F. Hall in Clay County on September 18, 1891.

2. Perry Mollohan. On February 7, 1900 in Clay County he married Lela C. Hamrick. In some of the county records Perry is listed as a farmer living at Nebo. Records in Clay County show that Perry was born on March 11, 1874. He died at the age of 46 years, 6 months, and 5 days from corsinomia. His mother is listed as Isabel Burkhammer.

Issue:
      Issue:
         Perry Mollohan.


      Oscar married Myrtle McCracken in Clay County on December 22, 1927. He married a third time to Gertrude Naylor.


   d. Ira Jillson Mollohan. Married Alma Marie Postalwait. They were the parents of nine children. Their son, Albert Foster, was born in Calhoun County on March 18, 1934. Lela Mollohan reported the child's birth.

   e. Ernest Mollohan. In Clay County on February 27, 1927 he married Chessie Tucker.

      Issue:
ii. Margaret Evelyn Mollohan. Born in Clay County on April 24, 1925. At the time of her birth her father was 26 and her mother was 25 years of age.

Nathan f. Scott Mollohan. Born in Clay County on May 18, 1911. On February 3, 1929 in Clay County he married Hester Tucker. His birth was also listed in Calhoun County.

Issue:

i. Mildred Marie Mollohan. Born in Clay County on June 15, 1929. At the time of her birth her father was 18 years of age.

ii. Gerald Whitney Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison genealogy)


g. Vera E. Mollohan. In Clay County on March 22, 1931 she married Spencer Conley.

h. Charles Edward Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


j. Bertha June Mollohan. Born September 23, 1921. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

k. Perry Delmar Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

3. Savina Mollohan. She married James Curtis Samples in Clay County on August 13, 1891.


Anise B. Mollohan married Sarah Tanner in Clay County on April 15, 1882. Sarah died on August 9, 1894 of consumption. She was 26 years old when she died. Sarah Tanner is the mother of the next six of Anise B. Mollohan’s children.

Isobel Burkhammer, the mother of the first four children, later married Alex West.
5. William Anderson Mollohan. Married Myrtle Postalwait in Calhoun County on December 20, 1906. At the time of the marriage he was 23 and she was 17. David Hicks was the minister. County records show that William lived at Widen and was a coal miner.

Issue:
   a. Russell
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   b. Hattie
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   c. Luvele Denver. Born May 19, 1943 in Calhoun County. The county assessor reported her death to the Calhoun County Clerks's office. She died of spinal menigitis on November 11, 1915. She was 2 years, 6 months and 15 days old.
   d. Darrell or Dearl. Born at Stension in Calhoun County on June 18, 1916. Died on February 13, 1916 when he was 25 days old.
   e. Holly or Helsie. Born in Calhoun County on June 18, 1916.
   f. Vernon
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   g. Vallie
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   h. Jimmy
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   i. Violet. Married Money Murphy, the son of Joseph and Josie Ellen Murphy, in Calhoun County on May 30, 1944. At the time of the marriage he was 18 and she was 20. The marriage record shows that she was born in Clay County.


8. John D. Mollohan. On April 24, 1909 in Clay County he married Della Ellison. County records show that he was a carpenter living at Nebo.

Issue:
   c. Julius Mollohan. Married Evie Deel. She was from Calhoun County.
      i. Danny Ray. Still born on October 1, 1941.
      ii. Phyllis
      iii. Judith
      Issue:
      i. Emerson Mollohan Jr.
      ii. Linda Faye Mollohan. Born in Clay County on April 8, 1949. At the time of her birth her father was 31 years old and her mother was 24. Her father is listed as a coal miner living at Ivydale. Married Thomas C. Praesel.
         Issue:
            A. John David Mollohan II.

Issue:
1. Jerry Edgar Starcher.


h. Opal Pauline Mollohan. Born in Clay County on August 4, 1930. Lived only a few days.


Issue:
2. Susan Jean Mollohan.

Later Donald married Laura Waneta Riley in Braxton County on July 21, 1989. Waneta was the daughter of Henry Clay and Gladys Marie Ball Boggs.


Issue:
1. Terri
2. Tammy
Lanty P. Mollohan. Born on July 20, 1892. Married Maud Rogers in Clay County on June 7, 1911. At the time of this writing Lanty Mollohan is 102 years old. I have been informed that Lanty passed away during the summer of 1995 at the age of 103.

Issue:

a. Mabel Mollohan. Born on June 10, 1912 in Calhoun County. Married Ray Postalwait, the son of I. F. and Bell Postalwait, in Calhoun County on December 24, 1932. At the time of the marriage both were 21 years old.

b. Gertrude Mollohan. Married Commodore McCume, the son of G. L. McCume on Calhoun County on December 6, 1936. At the time of the marriage he was 28 and she was 22.


e. Hallie Mollohan. Married Ray Cunningham in Calhoun County. At the time of the marriage he was 24 and she was 21. Ray was the son of Curtis and Sophia Cunningham.


g. John Lynn Mollohan. Died young.

h. Arnold Ronzel Mollohan. Married Bonnie Board. Their son Denzil Arnold was born in Calhoun County on January 11, 1953. They were the parents of four other children: Thelma, Doris, Michael, and Connie.

i. Frances Berdeen Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County on April 29, 1929. Died in Calhoun County on December 28, 1931 at the age of two years and eight months. At the time of her death Lanty and Maud had lost two other young children.

j. Bonnie Lee Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County on February 2, 1933. Married Paige Downs, the son of Harley and Emma Downs, on August 4, 1951 in Calhoun County.

Issue:
      (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
      (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   c. Ray Mollohan. Died in Clay County on February 22, 1924 at the age of 8 months and 2 days.
   d. Nelson Foster Mollohan. Married Pebble Bee, the daughter of Roy and Vina Bee in Clay County on April 7, 1944.
   e. Amie Gay Mollohan. Married Dorsey Roland Mollohan, the son of Nathan Curtis and Lillie Boggs Mollohan, on April 7, 1944 in Clay County.
      (According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   f. Ira Shelton Mollohan.
   g. Mary Freda Mollohan.
      Issue:
         2. Mark Edward Mollohan. Married Kathy Sue Cunningham, the daughter of William and Ruby Ferreebee Cunningham in Clay County on October 16, 1982.
         3. Tina Mollohan.
            (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

After the death of Sarah Tanner Mollohan Anise B. Mollohan married a second time, to Nannie Ellison. They married on May 3, 1907 in Clay County.

Anise B. Mollohan was a miller and a farmer who owned a large amount of property in Clay County. Before he married Nannie he had a new house built for her. Anise died in Clay County in 1921.
Nathan Perry

Perry Mollohan, the seventh child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan, married Rebecca Boone in Braxton County on November 23, 1865. At the time of the marriage he was 20 and she was 16.

Issue:
1. Arminta Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County on May 25, 1867. Married Edward C. Knotts, the son of Absolom Knotts, in Calhoun County on January 4, 1883. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 15 years 7 months old. Children: Ella, Harley, Losie, Absolom, French, Esther, Howard, Fanny, Lizzie, Fletcher, Lester, Perry, and Roscoe. French, Ester, Howard, Fanny, Lizzie, Fletcher, and Lester died when they were young children.


3. Okey Mollohan. Married Ursula Rollyson in Braxton County on October 9, 1890 when he was 19 years of age and she was 16. William Rollyson gave the information about the marriage.

Issue:
   a. Rebecca G. Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County on October 5, 1891.
   c. Edward Calvert Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County on December 25, 1896.
   d. Amos Mollohan. Born February 1, 1898 in Calhoun County. This child is not listed in the Roger Dollison Genealogy.
   e. Everett Mollohan.
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   f. Charles Mollohan.
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
4. Robert Perry Mollohan. Married Edith Witt in Calhoun County on January 12, 1903. C. H. Dowell was the minister who preformed the service. They were married at the home of the bride. At the time of the marriage he was 24 and she was 21. Perry was a merchant in Calhoun County.

Issue:

a. Alva Ernest Mollohan. Born on November 16, 1903 in Minnora, Calhoun County. At the time of his birth his mother was 22 years old. He married Elizabeth Stump in Calhoun County on April 20, 1928. She was the daughter of Ira Stump. The service was preformed by G. G. Wadsworth, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Ellenboro.

Issue:

i. Caroline Cristine Mollohan. Stillborn in Grantsville, Calhoun County, on April 19, 1929.


iii. Jane Alice Mollohan. Born in Calhoun County
Nathan Perry
Robert on October 1, 1936. At the age of 21 she married 25 year old Thomas Van Horn, the son of Pearl and Leavy Van Horn, on December 6, 1931 in Calhoun County.

iv. Paul Mollohan.


c. Robert Mollohan. Born at Minnora in Calhoun County on September 18, 1909. Married Helen Holt, the daughter of Abraham Lincoln and Cora Shock Holt.

Issue:

i. Robert Holt Mollohan.

Issue:

1. Sally
2. Patricia

ii. Kathryn Mollohan, Married Dennis Richard Moats.

Issue:

1. Debra
2. Richard

iii. Alan Bowlby Mollohan. Married Barbara Whiting, the daughter of Andrew E. and Barbara Dowd on August 8, 1976 in Gilmer County. He was born in Fairmont and she was born in Glenville.

Alan Mollohan serves as United States Congressman from the First Congressional District of West Virginia. His father, Robert H. Mollohan also served in that capacity before Alan was elected to the office.

Issue:

1. Alan
2. Robert
3. Andrew
4. Karl
5. Mary
Nathan Cortez

Cortez Mollohan, eighth child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs Mollohan married Mary E. Hamrick in Braxton County on April 16, 1876 when he was 21 years of age and she was also 21.

Issue:
1. Essa Mollohan. Died in Braxton County March of 1877 at the age of 2 months.
2. Winnie S. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on February 12, 1878.
3. Warder Mollohan. Married Irma Mae Reip, the daughter of Ira G. Reip in Calhoun County on July 8, 1913. He was born in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 33 and she was 21.
4. Lake E. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on November 25, 1882. Married Perry C. Ramsey in Braxton County on June 15, 1912 when he was 32 and she was 30. They were married at the Braxton Hotel in Sutton.
5. Grover C. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 12, 1884.

Mary E. Hamrick Mollohan died on April 28, 1888 in Braxton. Her parents were listed as George and Caroline Hamrick.

Cortez Mollohan married again, to Sarah Fulks, in Braxton County on February 20, 1890. William M. Mollohan gave the information about the marriage. Cortez is listed as being 40 years of age at the time of the marriage and Sarah is listed as being 50 years of age. There is some mistake because S. E. Mollohan is listed as the mother of two children born to Cortez.

7. Lilly Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 30, 1890.
8. Alice Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on August 7, 1892.
Nathan Cortez

S. E. Mollohan died on September 24, 1893 at the age of 28 in Braxton County. Cause of death is listed as cancer. Her death was reported by her husband, Cortez Mollohan.

There are reports in Clay County that some members of the Cortez Mollohan family moved west after the Civil War.

Mary Jerusha Mollohan, the ninth child of Nathan and Nancy Boggs, married William Anderson Duffield.

Jerusha's children were: Ocie, Annetta, Curtis, Ettie, Elsie, Scott, Thurman, Ursley, Addie, and Bina.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Melinda Mollohan, the fourth child of George and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married John Given. The 1850 census of Braxton County shows their household containing in addition to themselves: Melinda, age 17; Mary J., age 14; Glorvinia, age 11; Adoline, age 9; Roena, age 6; Benton, age 6; and Amanda, age 3.

Roger Dollison does not list Melinda. He gives the names of two younger children: Reynolds and Rebecca. They were born after the 1850 census.
William
Arthur

William Mollohan, the fifth child of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married Elizabeth Boggs. William died on May 13, 1854 at the age of 37 years 9 months and 3 days. He was suffering from a kidney complaint.

Caroline Mollohan, the first child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married David Chenoweth in Braxton County on August 25, 1856. At the time of the marriage he was 24 and she was 19. His parents are listed as Robert and Edith Chenoweth.

Arthur Mollohan, the second child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Elizabeth Rogers. Arthur was killed in the Civil War.

Issue:

1. Sarah Jane Mollohan. Married C. L. Ryan in Braxton County on November 17, 1878. At the time of the marriage he was 33 and she was 21.

2. Susanna Mollohan.

3. Caroline Mollohan. Married Robert Rader on May 24, 1877 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 27 and she was 17.

Melissa Mollohan, the third child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Francis M. Gibson in Clay County on November 1, 1860. Melissa died in Braxton County on August 9, 1902 when she was 62 years old. Cause of death is listed as Flux.

Almira Mollohan, the fourth child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Allen Stump, the son of Absolm and Kesiah Stump, in Calhoun County on December 24, 1870.
William
John Peyton Byrne

John Peyton Byrne Mollohan, the fifth child of William and Elizabeth Mollohan, married Lucretia McLaughlin in Clay County on August 1, 1865.

Issue:

1. Elizabeth J. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on January 4, 1867. Married A. A. Cutlip on December 21, 1887 in Braxton County when he was 24 and she was 20.


3. Lydia S. Mollohan.


5. Samuel Mollohan. Married Myrtle Carpenter in Clay County on September 17, 1913. Later married Lou J. Duffield, the daughter of John and Susan Riffle Duffield. She died at Big Bend in Calhoun County on November 29, 1955 at the age of 85 years, 2 months and 25 days. She was listed as being a widow at the time of her death.

6. Byrne Mollohan. Died at Big Bend in Calhoun County on May 19, 1967. He was a timberman and a farmer. He died of a sudden heat attack.

7. Branty Mollohan. Born in Webster County on August 15, 1900. His parents are listed as living at Camden. He died at Big Bend in Calhoun County on November 18, 1966 at the age of 66. He was listed as being a merchant and a farmer. He died of a sudden heart attack.


9. Anna L. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on June 5, 1907. Married Clyde Frame, a resident of Harrison County, on May 13, 1926 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage she was 22 and he was 34.
William
William Worth

Iowa Mollohan, the sixth child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Thomas J. Frame in Braxton County on September 1, 1869. At the time of the marriage he was 26 and she was 22.

William Worth, the seventh child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Lydia Beale in Braxton County on April 13, 1872. She was the daughter of David and Sarah Beale. Lydia Beale Mollohan died on July 27, 1873 in Braxton County.

Issue:


After Lydia’s death William married again. On October 26, 1874 in Braxton County he married Matilda Boone. At the time of the marriage he was 23 and she was 21.

2. Lydia Mollohan. Married Phillip L. Chapman on April 5, 1895 in Braxton County.


5. Augustus Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on November 11, 1884. Married Jane Siers in Braxton County on October 11, 1913 when he was 26 years of age and she was 21. Chaney Boone and John Siers gave the information about the marriage.

On October 21, 1920 in Clay County Augustus married again, to Sarah Sears. Jane was the mother of his two eldest children.

Issue:

a. Eula Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

b. Chessie Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
c. Troy Mollohan. On December 1, 1945 in Clay County he married Madaline Dawson, the daughter of Raymond and Alice Dawson.

Issue:

i. Troy Wilbert Mollohan. Born in Clay County on October 14, 1946.


iii. Karen Mollohan. Married George Raymond Miller, the son of Samuel Almond and Dorothy Mae Dun Miller in Clay County on February 14, 1970.


d. Letha Mollohan. Married Holly Cunningham on November 26, 1943 in Clay County.

e. Junior Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

6. Lee Mollohan. Born December 4, 1884. Married Dora Siers in Clay County on November 20, 1907. He lived at Floe in Clay County. He died in the hospital at Grantsville in Calhoun County on March 24, 1975. He was a retired farmer. His mother was listed as Emma Boone.

Issue:


Issue:

i. Betty Lou Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

ii. Billy Lee Mollohan. Born in Clay County on October 14, 1938. On January 20, 1974 in Clay County he married Anna Jean Tanner, the daughter of Roy Burnside and Ella Copen Tanner. He married a second time to June
William Worth Mollohan died on July 10, 1893 at the age of 43. He is listed as living in Birch District. The cause of death was consumption. The death was reported by his father-in-law.
William
Charles May

Charles May Mollohan, the eighth child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married Jane Catherine Corley on September 13, 1873 in Braxton County when he was 21 and she was 17.

Issue:
1. Allen S. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on November 1, 1874. Married Minnie Butcher on March 17, 1897 in Braxton County at the home of Milton Butcher. At the time of the marriage he was 22 years of age and she was 23.

2. Mary Elizabeth Mollohan. Married Thomas J. Boggs on April 10, 1898 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 27 and she was 21. The site of this wedding is interesting. The county records show that the couple was "married in public highway".

3. Edison William Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

4. Rebecca Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 18, 1883.

5. Anna C. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 17, 1885.

6. Charles Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on September 22, 1888. The records in Braxton County show that Charles N. Mollohan died at the age of 20 years, 3 months and 23 days at Missoula, Montana on December 25, 1908. He was a U. S. soldier and the cause of death was not known. Charles Mollohan married Lenora Woods in Clay County on June 10, 1907.

7. Irene Mollohan.
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Mary Jane Mollohan, the ninth child of William and Elizabeth Boggs Mollohan, married James C. Boone, the son of Robert and Polly Boone, in Braxton County on September 9, 1872. At the time of the marriage he was 21 and she was 18.
Marian Mollohan, the sixth child of George Jr and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married Nathan Boggs.
Their children were: Lucinda, Nancy, Westley, Martha, John, Clayton, and Scintilla

Arthur
William Harrison

Arthur Mollohan, the seventh child of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married Suanna Reip, the daughter of Peter and Barbara Reip.
Arthur Mollohan died of Typhoid Fever on October 5, 1860 at the age of 43. He was living in Braxton County at the time of his death. The record states that he was born in Nicholas County.
Susanna died in Clay County on September 24, 1877 at the age of 58. She was suffering from consumption. Her brother, Peter, reported her death.

Sarah Jane Mollohan, the first child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, married Alfred Frame.
(According to the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

William Harrison Mollohan, the second child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, married Harriett Edna Boggs, the daughter of Benjamin and Virginia Boggs in Braxton County on January 2, 1870. At the time of the marriage he was 25 years old and she was 18. William H. Mollohan was born on December 26, 1845. He died of Nephrites on July 26, 1923 at the age of 77. Records show that he was living near Frametown at the time of his death.
William Harrison Mollohan served in the 17th Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War. He was promoted to Sergeant in Company I.
Issue:
1. Susan Jane Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on May 16, 1870. Married Curtis W. Skidmore in Braxton County on June 3, 1894. At the time of the marriage he was 30 and she was 23.

2. Benjamin Abel Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on April 14, 1874. Married Mary S. Keener on March 24, 1897 in Braxton County at the home of Mrs. Keener. At the time of the marriage he was 22 and she was 22.
   Issue:
   a. Henry Byrne Mollohan. Married Ina Frame in Braxton County on May 29, 1918 when he was 21 years old and she was 19.
b. Ralph Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on February 24, 1900.


4. Henry Byrne Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 4, 1879. Died by drowning on August 26, 1897 in Braxton County. He was 18 years old at the time of his death and unmarried.

5. Ollie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on August 16, 1882. Married John Edward Hopkins in Braxton County on April 10, 1910 at the home of William Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 36 years of age and she was 27.

6. Jessie Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 4, 1884. Married R. Price Frame in Braxton County on October 35, 1910 at the home of William Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 34 years of age and she was 29.

Delila Ann Mollohan, the third child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, died in Braxton County on July 20, 1872 at the age of 25 from consumption. Her husband is listed as William N. Boggs.

George Riley Mollohan, the fourth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, married Rebecca J. Fox, daughter of Samuel and Susan Fox on November 14, 1870 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage she was 18 years of age and he was 21.
Arthur
John Henry

Virginia Mollohan, the fifth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, was born on July 22, 1854 in Braxton County. Married William M. Tinney, the son of Ansil P. and Emsey Tinney on April 26, 1869 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 23 years of age and she was 15. Martha Virginia Tinny died on May 28, 1874 in Braxton County at the age of 19 years, 10 months and 6 days. Consumption was listed as the cause of death.

Ada Mollohan, the sixth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, was born in Braxton County on October 15, 1856. Married William M. Tenny on June 8, 1876. At the time of the marriage he was 30 years of age and she was 30 years of age.

Barbara Rebecca Mollohan, the seventh child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, was born on November 25, 1859 in Braxton County. Died in Braxton County on June 15, 1874 at the age of 15 years, 6 months and 20 days from Scrofola.

Peter D. Mollohan was the eighth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan. Married Anna Jansen. Sons: Earl, Lester, and Clifford.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

John Henry Mollohan, the eighth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, married Ruhama E. Keener in Braxton County on June 15, 1881 when he was 18 and she was 15 years old. When Arthur Mollohan died Samuel Fox was appointed the guardian of John H. Mollohan. Samuel would have been the father-in-law of John’s brother, George Riley.

Issue:


2. Myrta L. Mollohan. Married Fredrick A. Long in Braxton County on November 22, 1910 when he was 31 years of age and she was 25.
Arthur
John Henry

3. Ina A. Mollohan. Born on June 30, 1887. Married James M. Hefner on September 22, 1904 at the home of J. H. Mollohan in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 29 years old and she was 17.

4. Earle T. Mollohan. Born on March 20, 1889. On July 14, 1910 in Braxton County he married Zoe V. Bender at the home of Henry Bender. At the time of the marriage he was 21 years old and she was 20.


8. Edward B. Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on April 22, 1895. Died in Braxton County on October 28, 1895 at the age of 6 months and 8 days of lung fever.

   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

10. Roland P. Mollohan. Died in Braxton County on September 7, 1956. He was listed as living in Frametown and his widow's name was given as Ethel.

11. L. Fay Mollohan. Married G. G. Duffield on July 10, 1924 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 20 years old and she was 22.

    (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

Thomas Grant Mollohan, the ninth child of Arthur and Susanna Reip Mollohan, was born in Braxton County on October 4, 1865.
Anson

Anson Mollohan, the eighth child of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan, married Susanna Riffle some time after 1850. The 1850 Census of Braxton County shows Anson to be 20 years old and living with his parents.

Anson served in Company I of the 17th Virginia Cavalry during the Civil. He was wounded in the foot at Port Republic in 1864. The marriage of Anson and Susanna gave George Jr. and Mary two daughters-in-law named Susanna or Susannah. Arthur’s wife was Susanna Reip and Anson’s wife was Susanna Riffle. Perhaps in part to avoid any confusion Susanna Riffle Mollohan is usually called Annie in many of the county records.

Annie’s father was Martin Riffle. Annie died on July 6, 1882 at the age of 51 years, 3 months and 17 days. Cause of death was listed as brain fever.

Anson and Annie were the parents of 14 children.

Ruhama Jane Mollohan, the first child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, was born in Braxton County on July 10, 1853. She married William W. Walker, the son of Joel and Lucinda Walker of Greenbrier County on February 26, 1872 or 1873. At the time of the marriage he was 24 years old.

Mary M. Mollohan, the second child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, was born on September 20, 1854 in Braxton County. She married Samuel E. Duffield in Braxton County on May 24, 1877. At the time of the marriage he was 28 years of age and she was 23.

Sarah Mollohan, the third child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, was born on August 27, 1855 in Braxton County. On September 22, 1881 in Braxton County she married Henderson Hoover when she was 23 years old and he was 24.

The fourth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, a boy, died on June 3, 1857 when he was 17 days old.
Homer Holt Mollohan, the fifth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, was born on May 17, 1857. He was a twin to the child who died on June 3, 1857. Homer married Julia Ann Reip.

Issue:

1. Osie Mollohan. On January 1, 1904 she married James P. Frame at the home of W. W. Mollohan in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage she was 19 years old and he was 22.

2. Daisy Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 4, 1885. Married Neil Skidmore in Webster County on November 21, 1904. At the time of the marriage he was 23 years old and she was 19.

The story is told that Dr. Sylvester P. Allen was called to the home of Neil and Daisy Mollohan Skidmore in Webster Springs to deliver Daisy of a child. While he was delivering Daisy of twins the Skidmore home caught on fire. The mother could not be moved so the neighbors put out the fire while the doctor continued delivering the babies. Those babies, Hubert Skidmore and Hobert Skidmore grew up to become two of the foremost writers who can claim West Virginia as their birthplace.

Hubert wrote: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes, Heaven Came So Near, River Rising, Hawk's Nest, Hill Lawyer, and Hill Doctor. Hill Doctor was a story about the man who had delivered Hubert and his brother that day in the burning house.

3. Estelle Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on August 4, 1888. Married Hugh McLaughlin in Braxton County on May 4, 1912 when he was 21 years old and she was 21 years old.

4. Mamie Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

5. Gailey Mollohan. He was born in Braxton County on March 20, 1896.

6. Lakie Mollohan. Born on August 5, 1897 in Braxton County. He died in Braxton County on September 9, 1898, at the age of 1 year, 1 month and 4 days, of Brain Disease.


8. Infant girl.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
Luther Haymond Mollohan, the sixth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, was born on January 5, 1860. He died of arteriosclerosis on April 21, 1947 in Braxton County. Luther married Elizabeth Ada Pierson on May 28, 1882 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage she was 17 years old and he was 21. Elizabeth was born on November 10, 1866 and died at Frametown on June 26, 1955, at the age of 88. Her father is listed as Burton Pierson.

Issue:

   
   Issue:
   a. Carl Mollohan.  
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   b. Ruth Mollohan.  
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   c. Howard Mollohan.  
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
   d. James Doyle Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on October 26, 1919.
   e. William Lanta Jr. Born in Braxton County on January 25, 1921. On June 28, 1942 in Braxton County he married Virginia L. Moyers, the daughter of W. W. and Daisy Moyers. At the time of the marriage he was 27 years old and she was 18.
      Issue:
      i. Sandra Lou Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on November 2, 1942. Married Robert James Watson, the son of Frank and Juanita Watson in Braxton County on June 9, 1962.
   g. Infant girl. Born in Braxton County on August 31, 1926. The records show that she was born at 7 to 7 1/2 months of term and that she lived only a few hours.
Anson
Luther Haymond
William Lanta

h. Elizabeth Ada Mollohan. Born on December 15, 1928. Married Charles Fredrick Stump, the son of Henry and Dee Stump, on August 22, 1949 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 19 and she was 19.

i. Infant boy.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

j. Robert Edwin Mollohan. Born May 19, 1932 in Braxton County. Died on July 20, 1933 in Braxton County. Cause of death was listed as cerebral spinal fever.


2. Samantha Alice Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on December 30, 1884. Married William E. Given on August 25, 1902 in Braxton County at the home of Luther Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 19 and she was 18.

3. Harry Bland Mollohan. Born June 10, 1887 in Braxton County. Married Celia Ann Shaver on September 1, 1907 in Braxton County. At the time of the marriage he was 20 and she was 18. Celia was born on August 15, 1889 and died in Braxton County on May 20, 1973. She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Pierson Shaver.

Issue:

a. Paul Hampton Mollohan.
(From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


4. James Ernest Mollohan. Born October 11, 1889 in Braxton County. Married Mattie Clifton in Braxton County on August 11, 1912. At the time of the marriage he was 23 and she was 21. James Ernest Mollohan died on May 18, 1946 at the age of 57 from a probable heart attack.
5. Susan Anna Mollohan. Born in Braxton County on January 7, 1892.

6. Herbert Camden Mollohan. Born on October 7, 1895 in Braxton County. Married Perdie Tinnel, the daughter of Joseph and Madora Hanna Tinnel at the home of the bride in Nicholas County on May 27, 1920.

Herbert died in Braxton County on January 18, 1960. Perdie died in Braxton County on January 21, 1977 at the age of 82.

Issue:

a. James Forest Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on November 7, 1920. Married Vida Lee Facemire in Nicholas County on December 18, 1948. She was the daughter of Ernest and Arminta Facemire. Record of birth also in Webster County.

b. Charles Herman Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on August 14, 1923. Record of birth also in Webster County.

c. Merideth Lee Mollohan. He was born in Nicholas County on November 22, 1925.

d. Joseph Mollohan.

e. Eloise Mollohan. Born on January 24, 1929. Died on August 27, 1973 from metastatic Carcinoma of the brain. She was 44 years old. She was buried in the Mollohan Cemetery at Birch River in Webster County. Record of birth also in Webster County.

f. Mary Janette Mollohan. Born on May 20, 1930 in Nicholas County. Died at Fenwick at the age of 4 months and 15 days.

g. Anna Lee Mollohan. Married Delbert Burlon Facemire, the son of Winfield Facemire at Summersville in Nicholas County on November 29, 1969.

h. Franklin Mollohan. Died from choking.
Anson
Luther Haymond

7. Ina Lucille Mollohan married J. Roy Dean in Braxton County on October 3, 1899 at the home of L. H. Mollohan. At the time of the marriage he was 26 years old and she was 19. They were married at the home of L. H. Mollohan.

8. Earl Quinton Mollohan.


10. Lloyd Cecil Mollohan.

Anson
Martin

Martin Mollohan, the eighth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Martha Barnett in Braxton County on November 20, 1884 when he was 23 years old and she was 22.

Issue:


2. Lula E. Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on September 7, 1897.

There is little information available on William Mollohan, the ninth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan.
Curtis Mollohan, the tenth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Glorvian Pierson on August 22, 1888 in Braxton County. Anson Mollohan gave the information about the marriage. Curtis Mollohan was born on January 28, 1866 and died in Nicholas County on April 19, 1937. He is buried in the Walker Cemetery near Harold in Nicholas County.

**Issue:**


   **Issue:**
   
   a. Beulah Marie Mollohan. 
   (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)

   b. Edith Arlene Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on November 28, 1917. Married Orvel Frame Jr. in Nicholas County on December 23, 1938. At the time of the marriage she was 21 years old and he was 21.

   c. Lorrine Ella Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on December 10, 1920.

   d. Herold Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on January 11, 1925. Married Lonora Grace Willard, the daughter of Stanley and Gertrude Willard in Nicholas County on August 7, 1943.

      **Issue:**
      
      (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)


   **Issue:**
   
   1. Jason Allen Mollohan.
iii. Jackie Lee Mollohan. Married Lynn Kay Mullins in Nicholas County on July 27, 1968. She was the daughter of Edwin and Wanda Ellis Mullins. Married again in Braxton County on November 9, 1974 to Mattie C. Harper. She was the daughter of Harold and Maude Singleton Brown.

e. Rose Marie Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on March 12, 1931.

2. Dwight Mollohan. Born August 11, 1896. Died on April 4, 1974 in Braxton County of Broncho-pneumonia. He was 78 years old when he died. Married Hattie Tinnell on June 23, 1925 in Nicholas County. She was born on July 5, 1901. She died on July 17, 1961 in Nicholas County. Her parents were Joseph and Madora Hanna Tinnel.

Issue:

a. Charles Leonard Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on November 25, 1927. Married Evelena Kelly who was born in Clay County.

Issue:

i. Joseph Leonard Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on April 4, 1946. Married Barbara Sue Coffman, the daughter of Guy and Opal Coffman in Braxton County on September 14, 1963.

Issue:


Joseph Mollohan married a second time, to Elizabeth Sue Herron, the daughter of Ernest and Pauline Utt Herron, in Braxton County on June 28, 1968.


b. Mary Louise Mollohan. Married Robert Herold Rose, the son of Fred and Cora Rose, on October 30, 1948.

c. Anna Belle Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on July 8, 1930. Married Marshall Keith Bragg on December 22, 1952 in Nicholas County. He was the son of Guy Bragg.


e. Dana Gale Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on October 20, 1934 in Nicholas County. Married Brenda Mae Carte, the daughter of Ira and Marie Keener Carte, in Nicholas County on November 14, 1959. He married a second time, to Ella Mae Wood, the daughter of Arley and Isephenene Keener Wood in Nicholas County on July 6, 1968.

f. Glenn Dale Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on February 14, 1939.

g. Shirley Lou Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on November 22, 1940. Married James Burton Samples, the son of Russell and Clara Samples on December 20, 1958 in Braxton County.

Anson
Curtis

4. Ira Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on April 2, 1901. Married Alma Brune Dodrill, the daughter of Samuel and Ella Wilson Dodrill. She was born on March 23, 1897. Ira Mollohan died on January 6, 1979. She died on June 18, 1980. They are buried in the Walker Cemetery on Keener Ridge. No issue.

Anson
Jettis

Jettis Mollohan, the eleventh child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Nancy Elizabeth Tinnel on December 19, 1892 in Nicholas County.

Issue:

1. Exie Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on October 27, 1893. Died in Nicholas County on May 1, 1905.
2. Ethel Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on October 2, 1895.
3. Bertha M. Mollohan. Married Lee S. Fitzwater, the son of Henry Fitzwater, in Nicholas County on December 24, 1916 at Summersville.
5. Clara Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
6. Thelma Louise Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on February 23, 1912. On August 9, 1936 in Nicholas County she married Harry Roop. At the time of the marriage he was 25 and she was 24 years of age.
7. Russell Dale Mollohan. (From the Roger Dollison Genealogy)
Anson

Elizabeth Belle Mollohan, the twelfth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Jorden P. Brown at the home of Luther Mollohan in Braxton County on October 2, 1893. At the time of the marriage he was 21 years old and she was 20.

Anson

Okey

Okey Mollohan, the thirteenth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Dora Baughman in Webster County on November 9, 1899. He was 24 and she was 19 at the time of the marriage.

Issue:


2. Lemon Mollohan. Born in Webster County on October 5, 1903.


Issue:

a. Infant boy. Born in Webster County on November 14, 1929.

Spurgeon Mollohan married again to Ruth Funkhouser on December 11, 1934 in Webster County. At the time of the marriage he was 39 and she was 26.

b. Mary Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on January 2, 1936.


4. Genevieve Mollohan. Born in Webster County on August 5, 1909. Married Clyde Whaling on September 12, 1926 in Webster County. He was 20 and she was 18 at the time of the marriage.

Genevieve married again on June 6, 1930, to Herbert D.
Anson
Okey

Thacker from Elkton. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia.


Egbert served in the United States Navy during World War II.


Okey Mollohan later married Jennie Foster in Webster County on July 23, 1918. At the time of the marriage he was 44 years old and she was 27. Okey was reported to be living at Skyles.

Jennie was also living at Skyles. She was born in 1891 in Pennsylvania. Her father was S. C. Rodebaugh. Jennie died in Webster County on October 20, 1918.

Okey Mollohan died in Nicholas County on March 8, 1949 at the age of 75. Eskin Mollohan reported the death. The record shows that Okey was born in Braxton County.
Anson
John

John Mollohan, the fourteenth child of Anson and Annie Riffle Mollohan, married Josaphine "Josie" Baughman on January 16, 1902 in Webster County. At the time of the marriage he was 25 years old and she was 18.

Issue:


2. Lloyd Mollohan.


4. Loyal Mollohan. Born in Nicholas County on March 12, 1922. In Nicholas County on October 3, 1942 he married Viola Mary Maul, the daughter of Albert and Louisa Maul. At the time of the marriage he was 20 years old and she was 24.

Loyal Mollohan served in the United States Army during World War II.

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elder George Mollohan. In this version of the story the father is lost between the Big and Little Birch Rivers. In other tellings of the tale he is lost between the Birch and the Elk Rivers. The basic story is that Mr. Mollohan was traveling from the home of his son, James, on the left fork of Holly River, to the home of his son, George Jr. in the Birch River. Such a journey would have taken several days. He probably stopped to visit or to stay overnight with friends and relatives who lived along the route he was traveling. Someone must have seen him pass through the settlement at Sutton, perhaps even spoke with him. If he had not been seen there, then the family could not be so certain that he was lost beyond Sutton. Mr. Davis states that Mr. Mollohan’s saddle blanket and gloves were found hanging in a tree. In some versions of the story it is his saddle that is found. Some item of his must have been found there, which convinced the family he had been in the area. I have driven across the mountain from Sutton to Little Birch many time and I always think of Grandfather George. When one is on top of the mountain above Sutton, one can look North toward I-79 and Lewis County or turn to the South and back toward Webster County. If someone became confused as to direction up on that ridge, they could very quickly wander far afield from the proper pathway.

News Leader, Section Two, page one. September 17, 1980. Published by Leader Publishing Co., Richwood WV. I believe this article on the Skidmore twins was written by Jim Comstock. Neil Skidmore was working in Webster Springs as a teamster when the twins were born. The family later moved to Clarksburg, WV and later to Elmira, NY. According to a newspaper article which Ronald Hardway shared with me, Hubert Skidmore died in a house fire in 1946. The article lists his brothers and sister: Hobart (twin to Hubert), Cebert, William, and Lula (Mrs. Ralph Davis) Skidmore. At the time of Hubert’s death several members of the family were living in Elmira, New York. The article was published in a Webster County newspaper.

County courthouse records from the County Clerk’s office in: Clay, Braxton, Webster, Nicholas, Calhoun, Lewis, Upshur, and Gilmer counties.

County history books, published by the local historical society of Nicholas and Clay Counties.

Personal interviews with:

Emerson Mollohan
John Mollohan
Donald and Waneta Boggs Mollohan
Wavileen Mollohan Starcher
Ted and Marlene Cooper Potsanik

Marlene, Wavileen, Emerson, Donald, and John are decedents of George Jr. through his son, Nathan, and grandson Anise. Donald Mollohan visited the family cemetery and gathered some information for me. He states that his two little sisters are buried there and according to the headstones they are Opal and Pauline. According to the county records in Clay County the little girls are Opal Pauline and Geneva.

Roger Dollison
Roger is a decedent of George Jr through his son, Nathan, and grandson Elliott. He has completed extensive research on the Mollohan family and has generously allowed me to use parts of his research here. I have been most dependent on his work for the names of the children of the Mollohan daughters.

Perry Mollohan
Perry has provided information about the family of his father, Oscar Roy Mollohan. He states he was 18 months old when his mother died. His grandmother, Lela Hamrick Mollohan took him and his brother into her home. The brother died two months later. Lela carried form him until her death when he was eleven years old.

Virginia Carr
Virginia is a decedent of George Jr. through his son, William, and grandson, Arthur. She told me many interesting stories about the Mollohans, none of which I have repeated in this book.

James H. Mollohan
James provided information for this section and also for the section on John Mollohan. He generously gave permission for me to use the pictures of the Nathan Mollohan family for this volume. The picture was put together by his brother, Spencer Mollohan, who is now deceased. See pages 66 and 67.
Back row: Lena Dell Mollohan (Mrs. Alonza McClain) and Ella Pearl Mollohan (Mrs. Lawrence Faust).
Front row: George Bernard Mollohan and Mary A. (Strong) Mollohan.

Mary's husband, Bernard Mollohan, purchased a part of the old James Mollohan property for her when the land was sold after the death of Adam Mollohan. See page 142.
The Family of James Mollohan
Fourth Child of George and Nancy Mollohan

James Mollohan was about seventeen years of age when he moved with his family to Central West Virginia. Martha, the daughter of neighboring William and Rebecca Doddrit was about sixteen years of age at this time. In a few years the couple married and started their own home on a twenty five acre tract of land on the Back Fork of the Elk River above Webster Springs. Being the children of pioneers, they soon turned their faces to the wilderness again, moving to the Back Fork of the Holly River in Northern Webster County.

On this property which James had bought from his brother-in-law, Joisah Brown, there was an excellent millseat. Soon he constructed a log mill and dam on the site. This mill served the community until the entire structure was washed away in a flood during the 1850's. James was too old to consider rebuilding and the mill seat stood vacant at his death. In addition to being a miller, he was also a farmer and a shoemaker.

James and Mattie's home was on property known as the Old Mollohan place. The house set in the bottom some 100 feet from where the public road enters or crosses what is known as Hamrick Hollow. In later years the base of the chimney was all that was left of the site. By now even that is probably gone.

In the 1860 census of Webster County James is listed as being 73 years of age, Martha is 71 and their son, Adam, is 34. James Mollohan's will was signed on June 11, 1861.

When he was old and ill, James asked his family to load him into the sled and take him for a drive through the field near his home. During that drive he pointed out the place where he wanted to be buried, on a bluff overlooking the waters of the Holly at a point where it makes a sharp bend toward the north on it's way to join the Elk River at Holly. A few weeks later James died.

According to the family Bible he had been born on June 11, 1787.

Back at that time a coffin could not be purchased at a funeral home or even at a store. The family or the neighbors of the deceased were responsible for cutting timber, sawing the lumber and making the casket. They also washed and dressed the body, then placed it in the casket for burial. Usually there was some time to make these preparations, as a person might linger in illness a few days before dying. Such was the case with James.
When he reached an advanced age he ordered the harvesting of trees from his property and had them sawed into enough lumber to make caskets for himself and Martha. Many of their neighbors knew he had done this before his death.

After James died a man was killed on Brake Mountain above Old Lick Run by the soldiers during the Civil War and the community was in chaos. Someone went to Martha and asked if she would loan the bereaved family the lumber James had put aside for her casket, promising to saw more lumber to replace it. She agreed and so in effect she loaned out her coffin. After the family of the murdered man had come to terms with their shock and grief, they sawed out more lumber and returned it to her.

According to the family Bible Martha was born October 1, 1789 in Greenbriar County. According to the notes collected by her grandson, Bernard Mollohan, she died on April 9, 1872.

This couple was revered by their children and grandchildren. Their great-grandchildren referred to them as "Grandad Jimmy" and "Grandma Mattie". In the 1980's, nearly one hundred years after their deaths, my brother's in-laws came to Northern Webster County for a visit. They stopped along the highway, asking for directions to his home. When they stopped to ask one elderly man the way to the home of James Mollohan, he replied with all seriousness, "I can tell you how to get there, but I must tell you, he's been dead for some years." The memory of gentle folk lives long.

This copy of James Mollohan's will was founded among the papers of his grandson, Bernard Mollohan.

I, James Mollohan of the county of Webster and State of West Virginia, being now old but of sound mind and reason do hereby make my last will and testament. 1st I will and bequeath that after my death that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid. 2nd I will and bequeath to Charles Mollohan, my son, one dollar, to George D. Mollohan one dollar, to Arnold Mollohan one dollar, to Francena Lough my daughter now the wife of James Lough one dollar, to Rebecca Hamrick my daughter, now the wife of Adam G. Hamrick one dollar, to William H. Mollohan one dollar. 3rd That after my death that all my personal property and real estate be sold on such credit as my executor or the court of my county may decree or think best, that bond with approved security be required of my said executor or administrator and a bond with security shall be required by my said executor or administrator of the purchases of my personal and real estate and further that my said executor or administrator shall also reserve a lien on my said real estate for the purchase money. I further will that whatever amount of money may arise from the sale of my said property personal and real that is shall be put on interest by my executor or administrator by my executor or administrator taking bond with approved security for the same and that the interest be paid yearly and administered for the support of my wife and son, Adam Mollohan who is not capable of providing and taking care of
himself. 5th and after the death of my wife the said yearly interest be paid for the maintainance of my son Adam Mollohan during his natural life. And I further will and direct that the said court do appoint a suitable person as guardian of my said son Adam Mollohan who will manifest a parent's care and watchfullness over him that he may be kindly treated and humanly cared for. 6th I farther will and direct that the guardian of my said son Adam Mollohan do get Arnold Mollohan my son to take the said Adam Mollohan and take care of him but if he fails to get the said Arnold Mollohan to take care of him then to get any other one of my children to take care of him except William H. Mollohan my son, and thereby direct and warn the said guardian of my son Adam Mollohan against putting him with the said William H. Mollohan as I have my fears of his being kindly treated owing to the high temper or passion of the said William H. Mollohan being the reason why I direct the said guardian not to put or suffer my son Adam to be placed in his hands. 7th I further will and direct that after the death of the said Adam Mollohan, my said son, that the principal meaning the whole amount of money that may belong to my estate be paid over to whichever one of my children may keep the said Adam Mollohan or to their heirs executors or administrators after the death of the said Adam Mollohan as above stated, and not until after his death, and that he shall have the right to the same free from any claim from any one of my other heirs whatsoever in witness whereof I hereunto make my mark to my name here unto subscribed and affixed my seal having the same read tome and duly considered of it on this 19th day of June 1861.

James x Mollohan SEAL

Acknowledged and subscribed in the presents of Leonard J. Brake, Martha Jane Boggs, C. Mollohan, and George D. Mollohan.

State of West Virginia Webster County-to wit, November 11th 1867. This day personally appeared before me Joseph G. Dodril Recorder in and for said county, George D. Mollohan and Martha Jane Boggs whose names is signed to the foregoing will and made oath that the said will was the said will they had witnessed and that it was the will and testament of James Mollohan deceased to the best of their knowledge.

Test Joseph G. Dodril
Recorder of Webster County W. Va.
As indicated in the will, James and Martha were the parents of seven children: Charles, George D., Francena, William, Adam, Rebecca, and Arnold.

Charles Mollohan, the son of James and Martha Doddrill Mollohan is named many times in the early records of Braxton County. He often served as an appraiser of property or as an administrator of an estate. In The History of Braxton County John D. Sutton states that Charles once served as sheriff of Braxton County, and also as a justice of the peace. The records he left show him to have been an active and caring member of his community. His wife was Elizabeth Robinson.

The 1850 census of Braxton County lists Charles with his wife, Elizabeth, both being 37 seven years of age, his daughter Ruhama age 17, Luther age 15, Martha age 13, Helen age 11, Wesley age nine, Cyrus age 7, Morgan age 5, and Mary J. age 3. There is some indication that another infant, a son, died and was buried near the Morrison Church in Braxton County.

On January 5, 1855 Ruhama Mollohan, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Mollohan married Jepe Skidmore, the son of Sam and Elizabeth Skidmore.

Like his parents before him, Charles was the descendent of pioneers and sometime during the 1850’s he decided to take his family and move west. Today’s young students of history find the idea amusing that the state of Ohio would be considered "the West" but in the 1850’s much of that area was still only sparsely settled. Charles moved with his family to an area near Gallipolis, Ohio.

It should be noted that several members of the Mollohan family went West at about this time. There is no evidence to suggest that any of them made a conscious effort to make the journey together, but certainly the knowledge that there was family already in an area would encourage other members to move there. At about the time that Charles and his family disappear from the census, the daughters-in-law of John Mollohan also disappear. They may have traveled together, or they might have all made the decision to move on at about the same time.

Charles and his family lived in Ohio for several years and then he turned his face to the west again. This time he moved his family to Kansas, and there he lived to an advanced age. For much of his life he was a respected member of any community of which he was a part.

The following items were clipped from a Kansas newspaper and saved among the papers of Bernard Mollohan, Charles’ nephew.

Marion Kansas Friday, June 22, 1888
Death of Mrs. Chas. Mollohan

At about nine o’clock last Sunday morning, death came to the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Mollohan, wife of our revered friend,
Mrs. Charles Mollohan. She had been a great sufferer for twenty years or more, and for three years had been confined to her bed, a helpless invalid. She bore her afflictions with wonderful patience, however, and was ever cheerful and uncomplaining.

The deceased was born in Pendleton county, West Virginia, Oct. 25, 1810 and was in her seventy-eighth year at the time of her death. She was married to her now bereaved husband Feb 21, 1833. Ten children blessed the union, four boys and six girls. Seven children share with the lonely husband and father this great loss, three children having preceded the mother to the spirit world.

Mrs. Mollohan had been a devoted member of the Methodist church for forty-odd years, and died in the triumphs of the Christian's blessed faith. Mrs. Mollohan was in many respects a remarkable woman. She possessed an indomitable will power, strong convictions, firmness yet evenness and sweetness of character which made her a "helpmeet" indeed to her husband, and a blessed influence for good to her children. The strength and beauty of her character was conspicuously illustrated in the patience and cheerfulness with which she bore her long and painful illness. She retained her reason until the last, and lost her speech only a few minutes before her spirit took its flight.

A large number of relatives, neighbors and friends gathered at the farm residence, two miles south of Marion, Monday afternoon, listened to a brief but impressive service led by Rev. Mr. Exyeart, and then followed the remains to the Highland Cemetery. A memorial service in honor of this good woman will be held at some future time, of which due notice will be given.

Last week we announced that an eventful life was nearing its earthly end. At about midnight on Friday, August 15, (1890?) the spirit of our revered friend, Mr. Charles Mollohan, took its flight.

The death of a man so ripe in years and so rich in experience should enlist the pen of some one better equipped than we with data from which to do justice to his memory.

The deceased was born in Kanawha county, Virginia, Nov. 11, 1810, and therefore lacked but a brief period of adding a decade to the "three score and ten" allotted to men. He was a member of
the Methodist church over sixty years, and a local preacher more than half a century. For the benefit of the children, the family removed to Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1855, and came from there to Kansas in 1872. Mr. Mollohan came out here, however, himself, a dozen years prior to that time and with that rare judgment which characterized him in all things, selected large tracts of the choicest Cottonwood Valley lands. On the 17th of June, 1888, he suffered the greatest loss of his life, the death of his aged and devoted wife, with whom he had held sweet communion for fifty-five years. Since then he has been gradually loosening his hold upon earth. Seven children survive him, namely, Wesley Mollohan and Rubana Squires, of Virginia, Morgan Mollohan, Cyrus Mollohan, Martha Bartelle, Mary Coble and Maggie Robinson, all of this county.

Father Mollohan was no ordinary man. He possessed a mentality which enabled him to grasp great principles and see through the sophistries of error. He could have held his own in the United States Senate, or in any other forum. He was rich in experiences and reminiscences, and the writer has often listened with delight and profit as he recalled the interesting events of the history he had helped make. He held tenaciously to his views. No considerations of petty policy ever swerved him and he maintained his position with an ability always admirable though with a warmth which sometimes caused him to be misunderstood. His mental contests, however, left no bitterness in his soul. He treasured no grudges. He was too big for that.

Physically as well as mentally Mr. Mollohan was a fine type of manhood, large of frame and strong of muscle. He maintained to the end an appearance of vigor and activity remarkable for one of his age. And yet this strong, vigorous, aggressive, indomitable, courageous character had a heart as tender as a woman's. There was a touch of pathos in his nature which we have often seen respond with tears to the promptings of his sympathetic spirit, proving the truth of the poet's statement that

"The bravest are the tenderest"

Mr. Mollohan was one of the most thorough men we ever saw in all that he undertook to do. He exhausted all the elements of success in his undertakings. He spared no pains, shirked no labor, and esteemed no element of success too little to deserve his attention. Let young men learn from his life that this was the basis of his, as it is of all success. Among his many good deeds was the education and support of a young native of India, whom he had never seen, but who is fitting himself for gospel work among his people. He has taken Mr. Mollohan's name, and not long ago we saw a beautiful, pathetic letter he wrote to his Marion benefactor. What a star that boy may be in father Mollohan's crown of rejoicing!

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Earp, who paid a high tribute to the character of the dead and addressing many words of
wisdom to the living. The services were memorial of Mrs.
Mollohan, also, whose funeral sermon had never been preached, it
having been the design of her husband to have his old friend,
Bishop Newman, to deliver a discourse in her memory at an early
day. There were probably a thousand people present. And the
cortege to the grave was one of the largest arrays of vehicles
seen here for years.

Father Mollohan is gone! His children will sadly miss his
guiding counsel and ever wise advice. The old settlers will miss
one of their rapidly diminishing number. The community will miss
a conspicuous figure and a representative citizen. The church
will miss one of its strongest pillars. And the writer, with
vivid memory of many acts of kindness and words of wise counsel
and good cheer, will miss one whom he was always proud to count
his friend.

"As in the Heavens the urns divine
Of golden light forever shine;
Though clouds may darken,
Storms may rage,
They still shine on from age to age.
So through the ocean tide of years,
The memory of the just appears;
So, through the tempest and the gloom,
The good man’s virtues light the tomb."

Jepe Skidmore, the son-in-law of Charles Mollohan died and
Ruhama married again, this time to Norman Squires. She
apparently lived most of her life in Braxton County.

Wesley Mollohan, the son of Charles and Elizabeth, was born
in Braxton County in 1841. He was educated in Gallia County,
Ohio and the Gallipolis Ohio Academy. Later he studied law under
Judge Simeon Nash in Galipolis, Ohio. When he began his law
career he came to Charleston, West Virginia and opened his
office. In 1902 he was elected President of the State Bar
Association. He married Mary E. Donnelly of Warren, Ohio and
they were the parents of five daughters. John Byrne’s book, The
Tale of the Elk contains several wonderful stories about Wesley
Mollohan. Apparently he was a man with a tongue and wit both
quick and sharp. He died in Kansas in 1911.
George Doddril Mollohan, the son of James Mollohan and Martha Doddril was born December 12, 1815, according to the family Bible. His first wife was Diana Bickel, the daughter of George and Mary Skidmore Bickel. Diana was born in Nicholas County on October 29, 1815. George Bickel was said to be the second white settler in Braxton County after Jeremiah and Elizabeth Carpenter. George D. and Diana were the parents of eight children: Bernard, Naomi, Harrison, Hester, William, Willis, Mariah, and Martha. George D. Mollohan was for the most part a farmer. There is a note in The History of Braxton County and Central West Virginia that he helped survey for a road in the area of eastern Braxton County where he lived.

Bernard Mollohan, the eldest son of George D. and Diana Bickel, was born in Braxton County on November 14, 1836. He moved to the Webster Springs area and began his working life as a school teacher. At some point he learned the skill of surveying land, perhaps from his father, or maybe from someone at his new home in Webster County. When a plan was drawn up to create Webster County, Bernard Mollohan was selected to serve on the team of surveyors who would survey the boundary lines. After the county was formed and officials were elected, Bernard Mollohan was named county surveyor, an office he held for many years. He also surveyed the streets in the newly created county seat of Addison and he surveyed many of the early school lots in the Webster Springs area.

While he was busy with all of these duties he also worked in the construction business with his brother, Harrison. They were said to have built the first courthouse in Webster County. The courthouse was destroyed by fire in June of 1888. When all the county records were destroyed in the fire, Bernard took his field notes to the courthouse and himself entered in the books all the information he had about the ownership of land in the county.

Bernard and Harrison also built watermills. They built a mill on the Back Fork of the Elk about two miles above the town of Addison. Bernard lived there with his family and operated the mill. He served for a time as postmaster at the Webster Springs
On June 28, 1860 Bernard married Mary Angelia Strong, the daughter of William Fulton and Julia Ann Risk Strong. William and Julia Strong were the parents of seven children, Diana F., Christiann Martina, Jane K., an infant who died young, Esther Amelia, Mary Angelia, and Roxey Ann. William Strong and his family were borned in Bath County Virginia. He left Virginia and came to Webster County because he had been accused of killing a black man in the tense days following the Civil War. Apparently his wife was already dead at that time. Mary Angelia Strong Mollohan was born on June 18, 1844. She was sixteen years old when she married Bernard.

When the estate of his grandfather, James Mollohan, was settled, Bernard purchased the property on the Left Fork of Holly River from his Uncle Charles for his wife, Mary. About this time Bernard was postmaster at Webster Springs. He is said to have traded positions with Benjamin Conrad who was postmaster at Mount Plesant in Northern Webster County. The two men traded jobs and properties. Mr. Conrad took over the mill on the Back Fork of the Elk and Mr. Mollohan moved to Mount Plesant. There was some concern that the name Mount Plesant sounded too much like the name of another post office in West Virginia and so while Bernard Mollohan was postmaster there, the name was changed to Replete and he is credited by some as having come up with that name.

After they purchased the James Mollohan property on Holly River, they built a log cabin near the site of the old mill seat, which had been left vacant when James Mollohan’s mill washed away. Again Bernard and Harrison set about constructing another mill. After the mill was built they began constructing a house. These buildings are still in existence, the only remaining examples of their work. Bernard and Mary lived out their final years on the farm by the river. Bernard died on October 17, 1899. Mary died on September 11, 1902, on a Thursday evening at 5:55 pm. They are buried on the George D. Mollohan farm in Braxton County in the family cemetery.

Annelisa Rebecca Mollohan, the eldest child of Bernard and Mary Mollohan was born on August 20, 1861. She died on September 26, 1865 after contracting diphtheria.

Frances Ellen Mollohan, the second child of Bernard and Mary Mollohan was born on April 11, 1864. She died on October 3, 1865 after contracting diphtheria. She and her older sister were buried near Bergoo in Webster County on property that was once owned by William Strong.

William Harrison Mollohan, the third child of Bernard and
Mary Mollohan was born on July 8, 1866. For much of his life William worked in the timber industry. He married Frances Jordan on July 4, 1887. Estaline was born on April 25, 1869, the daughter of Marshall Jordan. William died on March 3, 1939. Estaline died on June 5, 1961. They are buried at the Odd Fellow Cemetery at Diana, West Virginia.

Issue:

1. Richard Brewster Mollohan. Born July 31, 1887. His first wife was Rosa L. Dilly.

   Their eldest child, a girl, died in infancy.


   B. Ruth Mollohan. Born in Braxton County June 8, 1921. She died when she was about five years old.


   D. Arden Lee Mollohan. He was born November 11, 1927. His first wife was Julia Deem and they had one son, Gregory, who was adopted by his stepfather. Arden’s second wife, Mary K. Ward, lost her first husband in the Koran War.

      1. Charles Richards
      2. Rose Richards

         a. Michael
         b. Alecia


         a. Zachary

After the death of Rosa L. Dilly Richard married Blanche Eddy.

1. Virginia Mollohan
2. Dana Richard Mollohan II
3. Linda Mollohan

F. Dorothy L. Mollohan (twin to Dana). Married Basil Ray Heater.

1. David

G. Betty Mollohan. Married Lewis Consegli.

Richard Mollohan died on March 4, 1954.

2. Arden Burl Mollohan. Born January 1, 1892 in Webster County. His first wife was Arzenna L. Cowger, the daughter of Wesley and Melanie Anderson Cowger. She is buried in the Ware Cemetery on Cowger Hill near Hacker Valley in Webster County.

A. Ova Harland Mollohan. Ova moved to Culver Indiana. He was married Mable Lucille Pritt on October 24, 1940 in Webster County when he was 24 and she was 22. Her parents were William and Dorothy Pritt.

1. Terry.

2. Brenda Lou

Perhaps others.

After the death of his first wife Burl married Minnie Groff on October 9, 1927 in Braxton County when he was 33 and she was 24.


Minnie Groff Mollohan was died of tuberculosis. She might have given the illness to her children and also to
her husband.
After her death Burl married Mabel Cogar on November 30, 1930 in Webster County. Mabel was the daughter of Zack and Maud Cogar.

D. Mary Nell Mollohan. Born in March of 1932 in Webster County. She is living near Beckley.

E. William Bernard Mollohan. Born July 8, 1933. On March 26, 1956 he married Betty Jo Gregory, the daughter of Fred and Bertha Gregory in Webster County. Betty was born on October 7, 1936.

   b. Samantha Bradly Mollohan

F. Patricia Catherine Mollohan. Born March 3, 1935 in Webster County. She died there on September 28, 1936.

Arden Burl Mollohan died of tuberculosis, probably contacted from his wife, Minnie Groff Mollohan. After his death his widow, Mable Mollohan, married Opha Cogar, the son of Earnest and Sarah Cogar on October 13, 1938. He was 33 years old and she was 26.

December 24, 1915 she married Clyde Dale Williams, the son of Cornellis and Flora Bankhead Williams when he was 36 and she was 25. Clyde’s first wife, Emma Conrad, had died from thypoid fever which she had contracted after a flood in Dorrtown. Clyde had two children by this marriage, Phyllis and Earl.

A. Willard Ray Williams. Died young.


1. Irene
2. Lucille
3. Arthur Dale who died at the age of nine.


1. Frankie
2. Barbara
3. Arletta
4. Helen

D. Lucille Williams.

1. Jeanie Williams
2. Michael "Dusty" Hansumaker

E. Calvin Williams. Married Cleo Garvin.

1. Kathy


1. Ronnie
2. Linda

4. Norah Belle Mollohan. Born September 2, 1895. Married Robert or Amos Carpenter. I found a marriage record in Clay County West Virginina which
I believe was theirs. My mother verified this by saying she had away heard that William and Estaline did not want Norah to marry Mr. Carpenter and so the couple eloped.

B. infant girl, not named.
C. Gerald Carpenter. Married Pearline.
D. Michael Carpenter. Lives in Georgia.
E. Patty Carpenter.
G. Myrtle Carpenter. Married Bob McIe.

Norah Mollohan Carpenter died in 1992 at the age of 96.

5. Stephen Johnson Mollohan. He was born March 7, 1898. On June 20, 1928 he married Hazel Marie Green, daughter of Andy and Sarah Wilson Green. Hazel was born on November 28, 1910. Steven worked for most of his life in the timber industry. Hazel was a homemaker.

A. Carl Augusta Mollohan. "Tootie". Born November 4, 1931 in Braxton County. Died April 12, 1934 near Diana in Webster County.

B. Steven Paul Mollohan. Born December 31, 1933 in Webster County. He married Goldie, a resident of Brandywine, Maryland. Paul died on February 6, 1966 in Vietnam. He was the first soldier from Webster County to be killed in action during the Vietnam conflict.

1. Steven Paul Mollohan
2. Jeffery Carl Mollohan
3. Susan Mollohan
   a. Waylon
   b. Jessica
After Paul's death Goldie married again. She and her second husband, Jerry Black have a child, David. Goldie lost her second husband in an armed service related death.

C. Bertha June Mollohan. Born February 6, 1936 near Diana in Webster County. Married Delbert Lane Casto, son of John and Vada Brown Casto on May 14, 1954. Their children are listed in the section on Rebecca Elizabeth Brown's family in this volume.


      i. Melissa
      ii. Matthew
      iii. Emily


      i. Jessica

Hazel Mollohan passed away in March of 1985. After the death of his wife Steven lived with his children and then in the Holbrook nursing home near Buckhannon, West Virginia. I visited him there on December 31, 1991. We talked about our fishing trips, and then about the old days when the railroads still ran through the country. Then on January 10, 1992 he passed away with children and grandchildren at his bedside. He was ninety three years, nine months, 26 days old. After his funeral on January 13, 1992 I began to seriously work at putting together my research about the Mollohan family.

6. Julia Mollohan, the youngest child of William and Estaline Mollohan was born on February 8, 1906 in Webster County. County records show that she was
married on December 16, 1925, but she says that the
year was 1926. Her husband, Homer Alexander Ware
was 30 at the time of the marriage and she was 20.
They were married some thirty seven years and then
Homer passed away. The Wares lived at Diana in
Webster County.

A. Carlton "Bud" Ware. First wife, Ina Gum.
Second wife, Paula Jean Shepard. Third wife,
Pauline House.

1. Thomas Carlton Ware.
2. Rebecca Lynn Ware.

B. Lena Mae "Tommy" Ware. Married Willard Brown.

   Married Robert Stalpman
   i. Robert George II
   ii. Julia Caterine

2. Sharon Kay "Billy" Brown. Born August 6,
   1951. Married Kevin Clowesley.
   i. Sarah Ann
   ii. Trevor Ray

   Married Thomas Jacobs,
   i. Thomas Edward
   ii. Christopher Allen

   First wife Debborah Ryan. Divorced.
   i. Kevin Michael
   ii. Jason Allen
   Second wife, Rebebecca Orris,
   iii. Daniel Willard

Married Bryan Forsyth.

i. Ashley Nicole

ii. Erin Alexsandria (Twin to Ashley)

C. Paul Allen Ware. Married Karen Lutton.

1. Paul Allen Ware II. Killed by train.


Annie Susan Mollohan, the fourth child of Bernard and Mary Strong Mollohan was born January 24, 1868. According to the family Bible she married Bernard Baxter Herron on Sunday, June 11, 1893. After her parents purchased the property on Holly River they turned over the position of postmaster at Replete to Annie and Bernard. They ran the post office for a time and then moved to the Cleveland post office in Northern Webster County. Bernard Herron was the son of Archebald J. and Thedora Elizabeth Probst Herron. He was born on March 20, 1858 and died April 3, 1940. Annie, who in her early life was a school teacher at Marpleton, died January 19, 1958 at ninety years of age.


C. Grace Marguerite Herron. Born September 25, 1909. First husband, Lawrence Berry. Lawrence died of injuries he received during World War II. Second husband, Gordon Mustoe. After her parents retired from the post office at Cleveland, Grace took over and ran the post office until her own retirement in the seventies.

Martha Jane Mollohan, the fifth child of Bernard and Mary
Strong Mollohan, was born November 22, 1871. She died at their home on the Backfork of Elk at Webster Springs on August 10, 1875 on a Tuesday morning about 7 o’clock. She was buried near Bergoo with her sisters, Annelisa and Frances.

My grandfather, George Bernard Mollohan, the sixth child of Bernard and Mary Mollohan Strong, was born December 3, 1873. He told my mother that he was twenty one years old when the family moved from Replete to the James Mollohan farm. He told her how they moved the honeybee hives by wrapping each hive in a blanket and tying the blanket to a pole. A rider would grasp each end of the pole and it was carried between two horses.

A. My grandfather’s first child, Wilbert Poling Mollohan was born in the tiny community of Poling near Wheeler in Webster County on April 11, 1901. His mother was Betty Arbogast. Betty later married Ballard Anderson. Wilbert was given over to the care of his mother’s brother, who treated the child cruelly. In an attempt to get out of the home Wilbert ran away and joined the Army. He was a member of the horse cavalry at Fort Apache in Arizona. He was working in the camp bakery when the discovery was made that he was much too young to be in the Army. He was sent back home to his uncle but home life did not improve. He ran away to the Army again and this time he remained there. He was a veteran of World War I. After serving in the Army Wilbert worked as an engineer, helping to lay water lines in Flagstaff, Arizona. Wilbert was married in Braxton County, on April 25, 1928 to Hallie Dale Malcomb, daughter of Adam Vernon Malcomb and Louiza Stevenson Helmick. She was born on December 23, 1904 near Greenhill in Braxton County. At the time of their marriage he was 27 and she was 23. They made their home in the Webster Springs area.

1. Dale Gladwell Mollohan. Born July 27, 1928. His grandmother, Betty Arbogast Anderson died only a few hours before he was born. At the time of his birth his parents were living on Backfork near Webster Springs. Dale passed away on August 24, 1930.

Violet Pugh McCoy. She was born July 4, 1940.
Glenn was killed near Gallplois, Ohio in a tractor trailer accident on March 8, 1964.

   i. Jessica

After the death of her husband Hilda Mollohan married John Wesley Roberts Sr on March 25, 1966 in Webster County.

      First husband, Ralph Johnson. Divorced.
   B. Gregory Ralph Johnson. Born May 1962. He and his wife, Shelly, have three children.
      i. John Glen
      ii. James
      iii. Gary Lee
      Second husband, John Zigler. Deceased.


5. Dorothy Jean Mollohan. Born March 24, 1944 in Upshur County. Her birth record in the Upshur County courthouse shows that her father, Wilbert, was 43 years old at the time of her birth and employed by the West Pen Co. as an engineer. On December 7, 1969 Dottie married William John Stemple, the son of Fritz J and Betty Wilbur Stemple. He was born November 29, 1932. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Wilbert Mollohan died on June 1983, of a massive stroke. Hallie Malcomb Mollohan died in July of 1989. They are buried in the Miller Cemetery on the Backfork of the Elk beside their son, Glenn.

George Bernard Mollohan married Rebecca Bertha Pugh on December 8, 1901 when he was 28 and she was 20. Her parents were Eakin and Roena Cowger Pugh. Bertha was born on December 1, 1881. The couple lived their entire married life on the old James Mollohan farm on the Left Fork of Holly River.

B. Elmer Austin Mollohan. Born March 14, 1903. On June 2, 1929 he married Winnie Marie Brown, the daughter of James Albert and Bertha Wilson Brown. They also lived their entire married life on the old James Mollohan farm. Winnie was born May 27, 1913.

A. Dana Bernard Mollohan. Born at home February 14, 1930. The day he was born was the first day it snowed that winter. Dana joined the United States Navy and is a veteran of the Korean War. On December 11, 1954 he married Gwendoline Ruth Helmick, the daughter of Cly and Mabel Collins Helmick. At the time of their marriage he was 23 and she was 20.


   i. Kalyn Ruth

   ii. Sarah Lynn

i. Robert Joseph Capo III  
ii. Victoria Leigh Capo


Gwendaline Ruth Mollohan died on June 19, 1988. She is buried at the Radabaugh Cemetery near Wheeler in Webster County.

B. Laco Creed Mollohan. Born December 2, 1932. Laco served for twenty years with the United States Navy. On March 2, 1956 he married Juanita Fern Brown, the daughter of McKinley and Genny Crow Brown. She was born November 21, 1931.

1. Jeffery Creed Mollohan. Born October 31, 1957 at Buckhannon in Upshur County. On September 8, 1979 he married Nancy Lee Cutlip, the daughter of Wilber Leroy and Margie Lou Carpenter Cutlip at Hacker Valley in Webster County.
   
i. Chadwick Justin Mollohan. Born in Upshur County, West Virginia.

ii. Courtney Renee Mollohan. Born in Upshur County, West Virginia.


A. Leilani Louise Mollohan. Born in Webster Springs, West Virginia on July 12, 1969. She is married to Tracy Myers, who’s family lives in Ohio.
   
i. Courtney Elizabeth Myers.

ii. Cameron Tyler

D. James Eakin Mollohan. Born at home March 16,
1939. James was named for his great-grandfather, Eakin Pugh. It should be pointed out that Eakin’s name is spelled A-k-i-n in many of the books published by Dr. Stanley Anderson. This is an incorrect spelling. The family of Bernard Pugh, Eakin’s youngest son, have legal papers, such as deeds belonging to Mr. Pugh and they say that his name was spelled E-a-k-i-n on those forms. Also Bertha Pugh Mollohan was still living when James was named and she would have known the correct spelling of her father’s name.


i. Audrea Marie Galati. Born in Ohio.

Judy is now married to Clifford C. Albrecht.

ii. Aarron Michael Albrecht.


i. Timothy James Mollohan

ii. Adam Crawford Mollohan


i. Samuel Anglo Monastra III

ii. Allyssa Kate Monastra

D. Samantha Jane Mollohan. Born in Ohio on August 15, 1967. On January 20, 1990 she married Bryan Patterson, son of Robert and
Elaine Patterson.

i. Robert James Patterson

E. Thomas Richard Mollohan. Born in Ohio on September 8, 1968. He and Elizabeth Benedum have two children.

i. Amber Nicole

ii. Thomas Arthur


E. Clark Thomas Mollohan. Born at home on May 3, 1945. He served in the United States Army and was in Vietnam. On August 9, 1982 he married Sandra Lynn Tanner, daughter of George and Roxanne Weese Tanner.


i. Adam Ray Anderson. Born in Upshur County, West Virginia.


F. Bertha Marie Mollohan. I was born on August 13, 1955 at the City Hospital in Sutton, West Virginia.

Elmer Austin Mollohan died on November 5, 1992 at the nursing home in Cowen, West Virginia. He is buried in the Radabaugh Cemetery near Wheeler in Webster County.

D. Kenneth Clive Mollohan. Born at home on November 6, 1909. On June 5, 1932 he married Iva Belle Kraft in Braxton County. At the time of the wedding she was 18 and he was 22. She was the daughter of William and Victoria Belle Davis Kraft.


      i. Emily Renee Stanley. Born March 17, 1988

2. Stella Jean Mollohan. Born December 16 1935 in Webster County. She is married to Richard Dean Brubaker. Dean was born on December 30, 1930.


   B. Larry Dean Brubaker. Born August 15, 1957 in Ohio.

3. Ina Belle Mollohan. Born September 4, 1938. She was married to Virgil Dale Frank, son of Howard Morton and Nadine Palmer Frank. They are now divorced.


   B. Nicole Lee Mollohan. Born in Ohio on December 8, 1969.

   Don's second wife was Donna Hopho. They are now divorced.

5. Carol Sue Mollohan. Born in Webster County on October 18, 1943. On April 4, 1961 she married Daniel Earl Dunn, son of John Gilbert and Marie Van Derwyst Dunn.


   B. Mark Anthony Dunn. Born September 19, 1964 in Ohio. On May 3, 1986 he married Maria Martha Martinez. They are now divorced.


   Kenneth Clive divorced Iva Mollohan. She is now deceased.

   On August 9, 1960 Kenneth C. Mollohan married Stella Dever, daughter of John and Millie Simmons in Webster County. She was born on July 24, 1914. Kenneth Clive Mollohan died of cancer in January 1993. He is buried in Ohio.

Bertha Pugh Mollohan died on July 6, 1942. George Bernard
Mollohan died on March 6, 1950 in the City Hospital in Sutton, West Virginia. They are buried beside their daughter, Sylvia, in the Robinson Cemetery in Braxton County.

An infant child, the seventh child of Bernard and Mary Stong Mollohan, was born between George and Ella. Possibly stillborn.

Ella Pearl Mollohan, the eighth child of Bernard and Mary Strong Mollohan, was born on December 18, 1880. Ella was twice engaged to my grandfather, James Albert Brown before he married Bertha Wilson. On September 21, 1910 Ella married Lawrence Bailey Faust who was born in 1921. They were both 29 years old at the time of their marriage. Lawrence worked on the railroad and died in an accident when his children were still quite young.

A. Ova Kendall Faust was born on August 19, 1911. He married Hazel Stonestreet. Ova died on January 29, 1954.

1. Victoria Susan Faust Acuff
2. Lois Susan Faust Asbury
3. Gary Kendall Faust
4. Bernard Earl Faust
5. Rosemarie Faust Mastares

B. Bernard Audrew Faust. Born December 26, 1912. He served in the United States Army and was a veteran of World War II. He married Doris Naomi Kelly, a native of Texas on June 5, 1919. Bernard Audrew died in July of 1995.


   1. Marie Faust Rohan
   2. Barbara Faust
   3. Carol Faust
   4. Lawrence John Faust. Died Young.
   5. Lawrence John Faust II

Ella Mollohan Faust lived most of her married life in Fairmont, West Virginia. She died on January 22, 1968, having lived the last years of her life in the home of her son, Bernard Audrew. Ella and her husband are buried at Fairmont.

Lena Dell Mollohan, the ninth child of Bernard and Mary Strong Mollohan was born on December 20, 1882. In our back yard there stands a huge holly tree. Aunt Lena told my mother that she could remember, as a young child, running down to the boat landing to meet her father when he returned home and he had the seedling of that tree. He had brought it as a gift for her. He had also brought trees for his wife and for Ella, but Lena had forgotten what happened to those trees.

On June 11, 1919 Lena married Alonza Leonidas McClain in Webster County. Lon was born in Lewis County, one of twelve children of James W. and Ella Toms McClain. At the time of their marriage he was 35 and she was 33. Lon McClain was born on June
15, 1884. Lon worked in the timber industry. He also apparently had no fear of heights. He replaced the shingle roof on the Mollohan mill with metal roofing and he topped several tall trees on the old James Mollohan farm.

Lena and Lon were divorced. Alonzo McClain was murdered in Webster Springs, West Virginia on October 25, 1945. He is buried in the McCutcheon Cemetery near Ireland in Lewis County. Several members of his family are buried there.

A. Pauline Genevieve McClain. Born October 14, 1920 in Braxton County. She married George Walter Dickson, the son of Leo W. and Nellie Rae Clendenin Dickson, on January 1, 1949 in Kanawha County. George was born on August 13, 1924. He died on November 6, 1973.

B. Maxine McClain. Born November 3, 1921. Died December 2, 1921. Records in Braxton County show that she died of tonsillitis.

Lena Mollohan McClain passed away on May 18, 1968. She is buried with her daughter, Maxine, and her son-in-law, George Dickson, at the Robinson Cemetery in Braxton County.

The tenth child of Bernard and Mary Storng Mollohan, a son, was born in July of 1884 and also died in that month.

Bernard Mollohan contracted typhoid fever in 1899. He died on October 17, 1899. Mary Angelia Stong Mollohan died on September 11, 1902 on a Thursday evening at about 5:55 pm. They are buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm in Braxton County. Bernard Mollohan's son, George, and his grandson, Elmer, followed in his footsteps as surveyors of land.

Naomi Mollohan, the second child of George D. and Diana Bickel Mollohan, was born on November 9, 1838. In 1856 she was married to Benjamin Hamrick, the son of Will and Jane Hamrick. They lived in Webster County.
A. Arnold Hamrick. Married Angeline Dodrill.

B. Adam Hamrick. Married Melvina Miller.

C. Isaac Hamrick. Married Sarah Davis.

D. William Hamrick. "Bearskin Bill". First wife, Kate Hambrick. Second wife, Elizabeth Baldwin.


F. Eli Hamrick. "Rimfire" Married Zella Cogar. Eli was born on March 28, 1868 and died on April 1, 1945. Eli "Rimfire" Hamrick and his brother, Ellis, posed for the statue of the mountaineer which was to be placed on the lawn of the state capitol to honor the early settlers of West Virginia. James W. Wooddell suggested "Rimfire" to the sculptor, Henry K. Bush-Brown as the West Virginian best suited to serve as a model. The statue was unveiled on December 10, 1912. Records show that "Rimfire's" mother, Naomi, made a special "wamus" or coat with fringe like those which the early pioneers wore for the brothers to wear when they posed for the statue.

G. Ellis Hamrick. Married Chambers Dodrill.


J. Mariah Hamrick. Married Chambers Dodrill.


L. Rebecca Hamrick. Married Cameron Beale.

M. Jane Hamrick. Married Nathan Hamrick.

Naomi Mollohan Hamrick and her husband are buried in a cemetery in Webster Springs along with their son "Rimfire". Naomi died on October 23, 1917. Kelly Ben was born in 1834 and died in 1906. Buried in the same cemetery is Addison McLaggin, for whom the town of Addison is named.
Harrison Mollohan, the third child of George D. and Diana Bickel Mollohan was born on June 30, 1840. Harrison served in Company F, 10th WV Infantry Volunteers, a Union division. He was wounded at Cedar Creek on October 11, 1864, and wounded in the leg at Hatcher's Run on March 31, 1865.

After the war he returned to Braxton County. He had a construction business with his brother, Bernard. Harrison was a postmaster, a surveyor, a preacher and a justice of the Peace. After helping Bernard build his mill on Holly River, he built a mill on Laurel Creek in Braxton County. In his later life he served as post master at Caress, and also operated a mill there. On October 6, 1859 he married Sarah Jane Baxter.

   Children: Guy, Russell, Erine, Minnie (Linger), Della (Knicely).


C. Charles Everett Mollohan. Born May 25, 1866. Charles married Sarah Eliza Greathouse on October 10, 1895 when she was 29 and he was 29. Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that C. E. Mollohan, son-in-law, reported the death of Lydia Greathouse and that Sarah Mollohan, daughter, reported the death of A. Greathouse. When Sarah died on August 31, 1955 at the age of 87 her parents were listed as Asa Greathouse and Liddie E. Queen.


   1. Anita Zane Mollohan. Born December 31, 1918. Married Oscar Groff on November 16, 1935 when he was 18 and she was 16. They were married at the home of the bride.

      A son, Jimmie Groff, died on December 11, 1942 after a premature birth.

3. Betty Jo Mollohan. Married Charles W. Humphreys on October 19, 1946 when he was 25 and she was 21. His parents were C. E. and Leona Humphreys.


The records of Cameron K. Mollohan and his first wife are located in the Braxton County Courthouse. The children are listed as a part of the settlement of the estate of Lucille E. Mollohan.

Records in the Webster County courthouse show that C. K. Mollohan was married in that county to Elise Arbogast on August 30, 1941 when he was 41 and she was 32. His parents are listed as C. E. and Sarah Mollohan and his place of birth is given as Lewisburg, WV. Elsie’s parents were French and Tina Arbogast.


Charles Everett Mollohan, the only surviving son of Harrison and Sarah Jane Mollohan died on August 12, 1935 at Heaters, WV.

D. Mary Esaline Mollohan, the fourth child of Harrison and Sarah Jane Mollohan was born on October 28, 1868. On April 26, 1894 she married Hazel W. Gum when he was 29 and she was 25.

Children: Aaron, Oliver, Lawrance, Wert, Wesley, Edna, Effie, and Florence.

E. Cara Allis Mollohan was born on January 14, 1871. On October 12, 1893 she married George W. Blagg when he was 22 and she was 21. They were married at the home of Harrison Mollohan.

Children: Viara, Buzz, George, and a fourth child.

F. Francena Susan Mollohan. Born November 10, 1873. Married Beldon F. Dennison on August 4, 1897 when she was 23 and he was 21.


G. Dianah Lydia Mollohan. Born May 9, 1880. Married
Charles E. Squires on January 1, 1907 when she was 23 and he was 35. On March 1, 1919 she died as a result of infection after miscarriage. She was 38 years old. Her parents are listed as Harrison and Sarah J. Mollohan. The couple had no other children.

H. Minnie Marton Mollohan. Born May 20, 1885. Minnie married Tom Barnsgrove. The couple ran a hotel in Charleston for many years. They had no children.

I. Emma Grant Mollohan. Born January 19, 1886. Married Coy Kerns on April 22, 1908 when he was 20 and she was 21. The couple had no children.

Sarah Jane Baxter Mollohan died on May 9, 1907 and was buried in the High Knob Cemetery.

Harrison married Hattie B. Stuart on June 16, 1909. They later divorced. On November 24, 1914 when he was 74 and she was 67 Harrison married Elvina J. Blair. This marriage also ended in divorce.

Harrison Mollohan died on August 10, 1925 and was buried in the High Knob Cemetery in Braxton County.

William Mollohan, the fourth child of George D. and Diana Bickle, was born on March 20, 1842. On December 10, 1869 when he was 26 and she 21, William married Julia Harper. Julia was the daughter of William and Louisa Harper.

1. George Washington Mollohan. Born September 1867. While his birth record lists his middle name as Washington other records show that his correct name was Wesley. Indeed he was known to his friends and neighbors as Wesley Mollohan. He married Addina Ann McCray. He died on July 4, 1950 at the age of 80. His wife died on January 17, 1851.

2. Willy Waitman Mollohan. Born July 12, 1871. Apparently he went west at a young age. No further records about him exist in Braxton County.

3. Amanda Virginia Mollohan. Born January 28, 1873. On November 25, 1891 she married Jesse Shaver Ross when he was 18 and she was 21.


After William's death Julia Harper Mollohan married John G Gillespie on June 24, 1900. At the time of their marriage he was 67 and she was 52.

Hester Mollohan, the fifth child of George D. and Diana Bickle Mollohan was born on November 6, 1844. On December 14, 1865 she married William Berry. He was born in 1841. William Berry was killed by a falling tree. He and their infant son are buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm.

After the death of her first husband, Hester married Andy Hickman.

Willis Mollohan the sixth child of George D. and Diana Bickle Mollohan was born on September 3, 1847. On March 10, 1870 he married Martha Anne Pickens, who was born on September 25, 1943.

   Married Frank Skidmore on April 20, 1893 when he was 27 and she was 21.

   Married William E. Marple at the home of Willis Mollohan on June 11, 1902. He was 26 and she was 25.

Martha Anne Pickens Mollohan died on April 23, 1908 at the age of 66 with complications related to gallstones.

Willis Mollohan married a second time. On February 15, 1911 he married Lucinda Singleton. At the time of their marriage he was 63 and she was 33. Lucinda was a widow with a son, Stanley.

3. John Willis Mollohan. Born October 8, 1914. On November 15, 1935 he married Delta Knicely, the daughter of Charlie E. and Mary Bliegh Knicely. At the time of their marriage she was 23 and he was 21.
   Delta was born on April 3, 1912.
      Married Rollins Milton Wilson on December 20, 1956. He was the son of Cyril and Dorothy Wilson.
1. Keith
2. Melaine


1. Tonya Leigh


1. Timothy Kirk


1. Kevin
2. Sherlia
3. Kay
4. Michelle
5. Joan


John Willis Mollohan was killed in a coal mining accident on April 8, 1950. Scott Knicely reported the death. Willis Mollohan died on December 3, 1918 at the age of 72. He is buried in the High Knob cemetery in Braxton County.

Mariah Mollohan, the seventh child of George D. and Diana Bickle Mollohan was born on January 29, 1850. She died on October 18, 1852 and is buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm in Braxton County. Mariah was the first person buried in this cemetery.
Martha Mollohan, the eighth child of George D. and Diana Bickle Mollohan was born on December 4, 1851. Her mother died when she was a young child and the Civil War was disrupting daily life during her childhood. On April 13, 1872 when she was 20 years old she married George Jasper Harper who was also 20 years old. He was the son of William and Eliza Harper. In a small cemetery along side the road at Caress in Braxton County there are several tombstones marking the graves of small children. Those were the children of George and Martha Mollohan Harper. They are:


Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that another child of George and Mary Harper died at the age of 76 year, on January 17, 1949. There were other children who also grew to adulthood.

Diana Bickel Mollohan died of measles on January 30, 1854. Her youngest daughter, Martha, was two years old. Diana was buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Molohan farm in Braxton County.

On July 15, 1855 George D. Mollohan married a second time to Permelia Alkire, the daughter of David and Rachel Alkire. He was 39 at the time of the marriage and she was 36. Permelia was born in Lewis County. This marriage ended in divorce. There is a story in the family that Permelia tried to kill George D. with an axe before she left the farm for the last time. George D. and Permelia were the parents of two daughters:

Infant daughter Mollohan. Born and Died May 20, 1860.

Both children are buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm.

At about this time the Civil War began. Both John D. Sutton and Samspoon Miller tell a story in their history books of how George D. Mollohan was captured by a band of Confederate soldiers while having dinner with a neighbor, and was taken to Virginia where he was held in a prison camp until the end of the war.

After George D. returned home to Braxton County he married for a third time. On January 12, 1871 he married Susan Foster Weikirt. At the time of the marriage he was 55 and she was 28. Susan was a widow. Her first husband was killed in the explosion aboard the Sultana.

The boat was traveling up the Mississippi River, bring home Federal soldiers who had been in Southern prisons during the war. Seven miles upriver from Memphis all five boilers on the boat blew up at once. 1,999 people were killed in the explosion. Among those dead was John Weikirt. John and Susan had one daughter, Christina, who married a Bright. She was called "Aunt Tine" by her young nieces and nephews.

Iowa Margart Mollohan, the first child of George D. and Susan Foster Weikirt Mollohan, was born December 1, 1871. She died August 31, 1872. Iowa is buried in the family cemetery.

Helena Mollohan, the second child of George D. and Susan Foster Weikirt Mollohan, was born November 28, 1873. She died of a cold on December 2, 1875. Helena is buried in the family cemetery.

Madama Muriel Mollohan, the third child of George D. and Susan Foster Weikirt Mollohan, was born December 4, 1875. On May 3, 1899 when she was 23 years old Madama married W. Scott Hanner. At the time of the marriage he was 49 years old. They were the parents of three daughter: Grace, Susie, and Opal. Madama died May 8, 1904. She and her husband are buried in the family cemetery.

George Mollohan, the fourth child of George D. and Susan Foster Weikirt Mollohan was born September 9, 1878. On April 6, 1907
he married Iva Daisy Lewis. Her parents were Newton and Laura Marple Lewis.

1. Bessie Mollohan. Born February 3, 1908. Married J. Boyd Lowther on July 6, 1927 when he was 21 and she was 19. They had two sons: Glen and Bob. Boyd Lowther died at about 30 years of age from cancer.


3. Mary Blanche Mollohan. Born October 2, 1912. Married Moody Gregory on January 1, 1935 when he was 28 and she was 22. Their children were: Regina, Joe, Richard, Duane, Neil, and Kenneth.


5. Paul Mollohan. Born December 6, 1917. On June 20, 1947 he married Nellie G. King. At the time of the marriage he was 29 and she was 32. Paul Mollohan served in the United States Army during World War II. Their son, Gerald Thomas Mollohan, died in a motorcycle accident at Weston when he was 18 years old. They also have a daughter, Paula Ann.


7. Warren Garland Mollohan. Born September 1922. Suffered from polio when he was about a year old. Died in September of 1930. He is buried in the family cemetery.

8. Laura Carol Mollohan. Born May 24, 1924. On January 26, 1946 she married Carl C. Bosely when he was 28 and she was 21. His parents were Walter and Maggie Bosely. Their children are: Gary, Karen, Brenda, David, Kathy, Marylin, and Carl.

Blanche Mollohan, the fifth child of George D. and Susan Foster Weikirt Mollohan, was born April 1, 1881. On January 6, 1906 she married R. Lee Tonkins. At the time of the marriage he was 33 and she was 24. Blanche died on October 12, 1917. She and her husband are buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm in Braxton County.
1. Susan Tonkins. Married Russ Johnson. They were the parents of ten children. Their youngest son, Kenneth Reed Johnson, was born December 17, 1944 and died March 3, 1993.


Jasher Mollohan, the sixth child of George D. and Susan Foster Wiekirt Mollohan, was born May 18, 1883 in Braxton County. As a young man he worked in the lumber industry and injured his back while cutting timber. He suffered from epileptic seizures after the accident. He died in the hospital at Spencer on October 24, 1910. He is buried in the family cemetery on the George D. Mollohan farm in Braxton County. Jasher never married.

Lucius Mollohan, the seventh child of George D. and Susan Foster Wiekirt Mollohan, was born June 10, 1886 in Braxton County. On May 13, 1909 he married Eva T. Knicely, the daughter of Norman M. and Lucinda Knicely at the home of Norman Knicely. Lucius Mollohan died in Braxton County on Febrary 3, 1959. He was 72 years old.

1. Genevieve Mollohan. Born December 2, 1910. Married Byron Kraft on April 26, 1931. At the time of their marriage they were both 20 years old. They were the parents of several children.


3. Arnold Mollohan. Born January 1, 1916 at Caress in Braxton County. Served in the United States Army during World War II. Married Hazel Grace Lake Helmick, the daughter of Luther and Nancy Plyman Lake on November 6, 1970. Hazel was born on September 18, 1910. At the time of their marriage he was 54 and she was 60 years old. Arnold is now deceased.

4. Mabel L. Mollohan. Married Paul Gregory, the son of J. V. and Dora L Gregory, on June 14, 1945 when they both were 23 years old.
George Dodrill Mollohan died on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1895 at 5:30 pm. At the time of his death his youngest child, Lucius, was nine years old. He was the father of many children, eight with his wife, Diana Bickel, two with his wife, Permelia Alkire, and seven with his wife, Susan Foster Weikirt. After his death his widow, Susan, was named guardian of the minor children, George, Blanch, Jasher, and Lucius. She lived out the rest of her days on the family farm in Caress, Braxton County. She died on November 30, 1918 and is buried beside her husband in the family cemetery.

The family farm is now owned by her grandson, George Marvin Mollohan.

Francena Mollohan, the child of James and Martha Dodrill Mollohan, married James Lough. James was born on April 2, 1813 and died October 3, 1888. Francena died on April 8, 1806.

The children:

Washington Lough. Born November 29, 1840. Was lost somewhere during the old war (Civil War).

Mary Lough. Born February 14, 1843. Married Isaac Ware.

Thomas M. Lough. Born January 9, 1848. According to records in the Braxton County Courthouse he married Frances Skidmore, the daughter of Isaac and Lucinda Skidmore on April 5, 1870, when he was 23 and she was 23.

Christopher C. Lough. Born April 8, 1851. Died September 2, 1924. According to records in the Braxton County Courthouse Christopher Lough married Elizabeth Skidmore, the daughter of James and Emsey Skidmore on November 16, 1872. According to courthouse records Christopher Lough, divorced Elizabeth. He later married A. Cool on March 15, 1883 when he was 33 and she was 33.


William Mollohan, the child of James and Martha Dodrill Mollohan, married Malinda Lough. They were the parents of seven children: Mary Jane, Martha Ann, Samuel, Charles, Felix, Dennis, and Estaline Hettie.

William Mollohan was a preacher. Among the lists of marriages recorded in the Braxton County Courthouse his name, either William H. or W. H. Mollohan, is entered many times as the minister preforming the ceremony. In the book Mosscin Tracks and other Imprints, William Dodrill states that William Mollohan served as a justice of the Peace in the newly formed Webster County. I have seen one official notice, a post card which he mailed to a certain individual, asking that person to appear before him at his home near Diana in Webster County. The date of the summons was early April of 1861.

April 1861 marked the beginning of the Civil War. Family stories state that Malinda Lough Mollohan was a stanch Rebel and insisted that her husband take an active part in the war. She is supposed to have told him that she would rather be a brave man’s widow than a coward’s wife. For whatever reason, either the strong encouragement of his wife or because of his own beliefs, William H. Mollohan helped to raise a company of men for service in the Confederate Army.

On the 13th day of December in 1861 members of the Fifty Second Virginia Volunteers, the Thirty-First Virginia and The Twelfth Georgia Volunteers met the enemy in battle at Camp Alleghany in what is now eastern West Virginia. In that battle Captain William H. Mollohan, while leading his men into battle, fell mortally wounded. He is buried there near the site of the battle.

Mary Jane Mollohan, the eldest child of William and Malinda Lough Mollohan was born December 20, 1849. She married Robert L. McCray, who was born March 27, 1844. Mary Jane died of senility at the age of 79 on May 11, 1928, according to records in the Braxton County Courthouse. Her husband died on June 16, 1927.


A. Mary Flossie McCray.
B. Oval Orr McCray. Married Ruth Hopkins.

C. Nathan Clark McCray.

D. Ruhama Grace McCray. Grace married Elben Robinson. They were the parents of four daughters, Nelva, Ersla, Mona, and Kelsey.

Martha Ann Mollohan, the second child of William and Malinda Lough Mollohan, was born in 1851. She married Issac Walter Cool.


4. Virgie Belle Cool. Married George Jackson who served for many years as the Circuit Clerk of the Court of Webster County.

Samuel Mollohan, the son of William H. and Malinda Lough Mollohan was born in 1853. He married Virginia McCray, the daughter of Thomas L. and Elizabeth J. Stone McCray. The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia lists their children as Edna M. Born on May 4, 1879 and Emma I. born on January 27, 1881. However the 1900 Census of Lewis County gives a different listing of the family.


3. Minter C. Mollohan. The only son was born in April of 1885.


At the time of the census Samuel and Virgina had been married twenty-two years. They were the parents of seven children, six living and one dead. He was listed as being born in September of 1852 and she in May of 1857.
Charles E. Mollohan, the son of William H. and Malinda Lough Mollohan was born on November 22, 1854. He died on November 16, 1858 from croup at the age of 3 years 11 months and 21 days. He is buried at the homeplace on Brown's Mountain on the border of Webster and Braxton counties.

There is another child buried in this cemetery, Nathan G. Mollohan. He may also be a child of William H. and Malinda Mollohan. His birthdate is listed as 1852. He died on December 12, 1852. Both of these children have tombstones.

Felix H. Mollohan, the son of William H. and Malinda Lough Mollohan married Nancy Elizabeth Droddy. They lived on what was called Old Lick Run in Webster County.

1. Oka J. Mollohan. Born in Webster County on June 10, 1889.

2. Wilkie E. Mollohan. Born October 30, 1891. On June 6, 1920 he married Mabel Conley in Nicholas County when he was 28 years old and she was 24. She was the daughter of James and Hattie Isenhart Conley. Mabel was born on October 9, 1895 and died on December 18, 1980. She is buried in the Richwood Cemetery. This information was gained from records in the courthouse in Nicholas County.
   a. Yvonne Mollohan. Born April 14, 1921. Married Blair Chamberlain, the son of W. I. and Bessie Chamberlain on December 20, 1953. At the time of their marriage he was 30 and she was 32. Their marriage is recorded in the Nicholas County Courthouse.
   b. Willadean Mollohan. Born July 20, 1923. Married Hugh Webb, the son of Add and Dora Webb on June 7, 1946 when he was 27 and she was 22. Their marriage is recorded in the Nicholas County courthouse.


Also records in Webster County show that Felix Mollohan gave the information when Gertie M. Mollohan married James Fenton "Fent" Cutlip on September 25, 1904. At the time of the marriage Gertie was 17 and Fent was 21. He was born on April 17, 1883 and died on December 10, 1918. He is buried at Marpleton in Braxton County.

Felix Mollohan moved to the Richwood area with his family and apparently died there.

Dennis Mollohan, the son of William H. and Malinda Lough Mollohan, married his first wife, Tobitha Alice Cutlip, on September 28, 1882 when he was 23 and she was 14.

1. Harrison W. Mollohan. Born January 17, 1883. Married Elizabeth Phares who was born in 1893. They were divorced. Harrison was known in the Marpleton area as a dentist, a handyman, and a doctor of animals. He died on August 17, 1966. He is buried near his mother in the Marpleton cemetery in Braxton County.
   1. Arthur Mollohan.

2. Hank J. Mollohan. Born September 30, 1886. On July 16, 1906 he married Bertha Boggs when he was 20 and she was 23. Bertha was born on January 8, 1882 and died October 18, 1909. She is buried in the Marpleton Cemetery in Braxton County.
   2. Hero Boggs Mollohan. Born July 30, 1908. On April 17, 1946 he married Elizabeth Louise Angstrom, the daughter of Carl and Mary Angstrom of Ohio. At the time of the marriage he was 37 and she was 35. Hero served in the United States Army during World War II. He died in a car accident on March 13, 1982. He was buried in the cemetery at Marpleton in Braxton County. Elizabeth died on April 21, 1994.
         i. Matthew
         ii. Mary Catherine
Married Michael Joe Quinn, the son of Ralph H. and Gladys Louise Quinn, on November 24, 1973.

a. Patricia

After the death of his first wife Hank Mollohan married Anna Caroline Hutchinson on September 11, 1911.


1. William Noyes Kinder Jr.


Married William David Lunceford, son of Victor and Frances Brown Lunceford. He was born October 1, 1947.


Robert is now married to Shelia Holiday.


   a. Salmineo Sanchez.
   b. Linda Sanchez.
   c. Joseph Sanchez.


After the death of Alice, Dennis P. Mollohan married Julia A. Miller on January 22, 1891. At the time of the marriage he was 28 and she was 17.


There are reports that Dennis was married a third time, to a Miss Cool. I could not find any records of this marriage.

The following newspaper clipping was found in Bernard Mollohan’s desk.

Dennis P. Mollohan
Passes away at Weston

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Dennis P. Mollohan, 65, died Wednesday evening of last week in the St. Mary’s hospital in Clarksburg following a two week illness of complications. Mr. Mollohan was born in Braxton County and had been an employee of the Weston State Hospital for the past fourteen years. Eight years ago he was married to Ida Black, who survives him as does the following children: H. J. Mollohan of Holly; Harrison Mollohan of Hacker Valley, and Virgil Mollohan of Trenton, Mich.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Chipps undertaking establishment on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock with the Rev. Howard Anderson, pastor of the Weston Methodist Episcopal church, in charge. Interment was made in the Machelah cemetery.

Estaline Hattie Mollohan, the child of William and Melinda Lough Mollohan, married Samuel Bowges.

Adam Mollohan, the child of James and Martha Dodrill Mollohan, was born a special child. His mental abilities were so impaired that he required constant care all of his life. The 1860 census of Webster County shows James Mollohan as 73 years old, his wife, Martha as 71, and their son, Adam as 34 years of age.

James Mollohan stated in his will that his property would go, after the death of Martha, to the child who would care for Adam. He also stated that he did not want his son, William, to take on the care of Adam, because William did not have the patient personality that was needed to properly care for his brother. James stated in the will that he wished for his son, Arnold, to care for Adam. Sadly by the time James had died those were only empty clauses. Both William and Arnold had lost their lives in the Civil War. Adam remained on the farm by the waters of the Holly with his mother, Martha. After Martha’s death her son, Charles, sent someone from Kansas back to West Virginia to get Adam. He left the hills of home and journeyed to Kansas to live out the rest of his days. For taking Adam, Charles received his father’s property in West Virginia. It was sold in public auction at the courthouse door and purchased by Bernard Mollohan for his wife, Mary.

According to family tradition, because of his mental retardation, Adam was a glutton. If he was not carefully watched, he would eat and eat and eat. Apparently he got into a milk house in Kansas and drank a large quantity of milk. The story is that he died from overeating. He is buried in Kansas.
Rebecca Mollohan, the child of James and Martha Dodrill Mollohan, was born in 1827 and died in 1862. She married Adam G. Hamrick, the son of William Hamrick. Rebecca’s husband was a nephew to Peter Hamrick, who married Rebecca Mollohan, the daughter of George Jr. and Mary Dodrill Mollohan.

Issue:

Martha Jane Hamrick. Married Franklin Hamrick.


Susan Hamrick. Married Moore Hamrick.

Luverna Hamrick. Married Adam Hinkle Hamrick.


After Rebecca’s death, Adam married again and had other children.

Arnold Mollohan, the child of James and Martha Dodrill, married Susan M. Jordan. In some places Susan’s maiden name is given as Propst. Propst may have been the maiden name of her mother.

At the age of 34 Arnold joined the Union Army at Buchanan, West Virginia on April 4, 1864. He served as a corporal in Company M, 3rd West Virginia Cavalry. Arnold was wounded near Lynchburg, Virginia on June 18, 1864 and died in a hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio on July 9, 1864.

Their children:

A. James Marshall Mollohan. Married Mary B. Biter,

Issue:

Arnold B. Mollohan

T. Kerr Mollohan

Richard Mollohan

Winford Mollohan
Mrytle Mollohan
Lottie Mollohan
B. Emily Mollohan.

After the death of her husband, Susan Jorden Mollohan moved to first to Illinois and later to Kansas with her children. She married again, to Samuel Kerr. After the death of her second husband she lived in the home of her son, James M. Mollohan.

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Personal Interviews with the following people:
Hero and Elizabeth (Angstrom) Mollohan
Karen Mollohan Skidmore
Steven and Hazel (Green) Mollohan
Elmer and Winnie (Brown) Mollohan
Hank Jr. and Angela (Withrow) Mollohan
Susan Mollohan Lunceford
Hallie (Malcomb) Mollohan
William and Dorothy (Mollohan) Stemple
Frances Bickel Pullin

David E. Anderson

David provided information from notes which Lena Pearl (Herron) Anderson had written about the family.

George Marvin Mollohan

Marvin has provide an enormous amount of information about the family.

Hester Mollohan
Wilkie Dennison
Gorden Dennison
Carol Dennison Copenhaver
Mabel Dennison Berry
Edith Mollohan Kinder

Edith Kinder wrote a family history of the Mollohans which was helpful in my research.

Pauline McClain Dickson
Dr. Stanley Anderson

Dr. Anderson provided information on early post offices in Webster County.

Denise Williams.

Denise is a descendent of Arnold Mollohan through his grandson, Winford.
Margaret Mollohan was about thirteen years of age when her family moved from Virginia to the west. Her marriage to Jacob Cogar is one of the earliest on record in the Nicholas County courthouse. The couple lived for much of their married life in what is now Braxton County. They appear in the census there until the time of their deaths.

Jacob Cogar was the fourth son of Peter and Mary McElwain Cogar. Jacob’s father, Peter, was said to be a veteran of the war of 1812. Jacob and Margaret probably lived in the Salt Lick area of Braxton County, and were, neighbors of Margaret’s brother, John.

Jacob and Margaret were the parents of seven children: Mary (Polly), Elizabeth, John R., Nancy, James M., Rosanna, and Francena.

The 1850 census of Braxton County lists the household of Jacob Cogar as consisting of Jacob age 60, Margaret age 57, Polly age 30, Francena age 15 and Caroline age 9. Polly and Francena are daughters of Jacob Cogar but there is no information as to whom Caroline might be. At nine years of age she is not quite old enough to be another daughter. She might be a grandchild or a niece who is staying with the family. If she is a daughter, there are no other records to be found concerning her.

The 1850 census also shows John Mollohan living in the same vicinity as the Cogars. Living in that home at this time are John Mollohan age 75, Ellender Mollohan age 10, and Rosanna Cogar age 15. Some researchers have suggested that this Rosanna is John Mollohan’s granddaughter, but she is probably Margaret’s daughter. She is probably staying in the home as company for ten year old Ellender or Eleanor. Rosanna is listed as being fifteen years of age, the same as her sister, Francena. This was probably a mistake in recording her age because ten years later, in 1860 she is thirty years old.

Jacob Cogar also ages in a strange way over the years. In 1850 he is 60 and Margaret is 57. In 1860 he is 77 and Margaret is 70. In 1870 Jacob is 83 and his wife is 78. In the 1880 census of Braxton County Jacob Cogar is 102 years of age. Evidently keeping careful track of one’s age was not of great importance when one was daily meeting the task of surviving in the wilderness. The fact remains that both Margaret and Jacob lived
to a fine old age. If we accept the fact that Jacob was 60 years old in 1850 then he would have been 90 years old in 1880. If Margaret was 57 in 1850, she would have been 77 in 1870. That is a long time to survive the harsh elements of frontier life.

Records in the Braxton County courthouse show that Margaret died about December 9th in 1876 at the age of 88. Her death was due to an unknown cause. The records also show that Jacob Cogar died on September 9, 1881 and his age at the time of death is given as 106. The cause of death was old age. He was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, the son of Peter and Mary Cogar. In the record under spouse this comment was entered: "was married but wife died". Rosanna Gibson, the daughter of Jacob Cogar, gave the information regarding the circumstances of his death. Jacob Cogar is said to be buried in the Weese Cemetery in Braxton County. Margaret is probably buried with him.

Mary M. (Polly) Cogar, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar was married in Braxton County on March 2, 1854 to Simeon T. Davis. At the time of the marriage she was 24 and he was 22.

Elizabeth, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar, married Lafayette Phillips.

Nancy, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar, married Tubel Cain Cogar. Tubel was probably the son of one of Jacob Cogar's brothers. In the 1860 Census of Braxton County Tubal Coagar is listing as being 41 years of age, Nancy 36, Lourana 19, Marsellus 11, Melville 7, Harman 5, and Margaret 3. In the 1870 Census Tubal Cogar is 53, Nancy 46, Marsellus 21, Melville 17, Harman 15, and Margaret 12. In 1880 Tubel is 61, Nancy 56, Melville 27, Manda who is probably Melville’s wife is 25, and Margaret is 22 years old. At this time there are two grandchildren living in the household, Edminson and Columbia, who are probably the children of Melville Cogar.

Marriage records from Braxton County show that Melville Cogar married Amanda E. Harper on September 20, 1874 when he was 21 and she was 18.

Rosanna, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar married Elijah Squires Gibson on April 24, 1849. They were the parents of at least seven children. Harrison Gibson; Frenchman Gibson, born August 31, 1854; Johnson Gibson, born June 15, 1857; Charles, born June 7, 1860; Amy, born June 16, 1862; Robert Lee,
born February 16, 1868 and Stonewall Jackson, born March 27, 1871. From the names of some of the children we can assume that the Gibson household held with the Southern Cause during the Civil War.

Elijah and Rosanna may have had another child for the 1880 Census of Braxton County list the household of A. S. Gibson, age 30, and including Sarepta, age 30; Georgia, age 6; Rosanna, age 4; Sarah J., age 1; and Jacob Cogar, age 102. Jacob is identified as being the grandfather. Apparently after the death of Margaret, Jacob’s children and grandchildren took care of him until his death in 1881. A. S. Gibson was probably Rosanna’s son, Asbury. The 1860 Census of Braxton County shows the household of Elijah Gibson as including: Elijah, age 30; Rosanna, age 30; Asbury, age 11; Ansel, age 8; Frenchman, age 6; Jonson, age 3, and Sarah who is about three months old. In 1870 the household includes Elijah, age 45; Rosanna, age 39; Asbury, age 20; Frenchman, age 16; Jonson, age 13; Sarah, age 10; Jane, age 7; Amy, age 5, and Robert E., age 2. In 1880 the household includes Elijah, age 56; Rosanna, age 50; Jonson, age 23; Amy, age 15; Robert E., age 12 and Stonewall Jackson, who is 9 years old.

Stonewall Jackson Gibson, Harrison Gibson, and probably also Ansel Gibson, died as young children.

Francena Cogar, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar, was the mother of several children. In the 1860 Census of Braxton County Francena is listed as living with her parents, Jacob and Margaret. Included in the household are James W. who is 4 years old; Charles who is 2 years old; and Mary E. who is about two months old. In 1870 Francena appears in the Census as the head of her own household. Members of the household include Francena, age 35; James W., age 12; Mary E., age 10; Araminta, age 7; Lucy A., age 6; Temperance, age 3; and Margaret C. who is about five months old. In 1880 Francena’s household include herself, age 45; Charles, age 22; Araminta, age 17; Lucy A., age 15; Temperance, age 12; Margaret C., age 10; Jacob, age 8; and Benjamin, age 1. Birth records in the Braxton County courthouse show that Mary Elizabeth Cogar was born to Francena on May 4, 1860. Lucy Ann was born on February 3, 1865. Margaret Cogar was born to Francena on December 13, 1869. The courthouse record list Margaret’s father as Elijah Gibson. George Washington Cogar was born to Francena on March 23, 1875. Francena’s son, James W., Cogar died on December 20, 1859 from croup at the age of 4 years, 25 days. At some point in her later life Francena married Willard Williams.

John N. Cogar, the son of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar, married Mary Gregory, the daughter of Adam and Rebecca Dodrill Gregory. They lived all of their married life near the Gauly River in Webster County. They were the parents of thirteen children: Rebecca who married Marion Miller; Adam who married Betty Painter; Andrew Currence who married Malinda Barbe; Jorden, who died young; Isaac who married Frances Lake; James who married
Jane Hammons; Henry, who died young; Martha, who died young; H. Wise, who married Phoebe Wolverton; Albert J., who married Isabelle Miller; John M., who died young; J. Morgan, who married Francena Miller; and Laura, who never married.

James Cogar, the son of Jacob and Margaret Mollohan Cogar, also moved to what is now Webster County. He married Elizabeth Hamrick, the daughter of William and Jeanette Gregory Hamrick. They lived near John and Mary Cogar on the Gauley River. They were the parents of six children: Melcena who married Thomas Hamrick; Margaret Jane, who married Marion Miller; David, who married Nancy Gregory; Martha, who married Homer Davis; Naomi, who married George W. Gregory; and William, who married Margaret Payne.

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One of my favorite tales about the past is a story which my grandfather, George Mollohan, once shared with my mother. He said that when he was a little boy and the family lived on the hill near Replete, that my mother's grandfather, Alexander Brown, had been hired to work on the farm one day. Alexander was going to bring his wife, Lizzie, and the baby, James Albert with him. Grandad knew that a busy day was planned and all of the adults would be working so the task of watching baby James Albert would fall to him. In an effort to get out of the job of baby sitting he decided to hide. His mother had hung the bed quilts over the banisters of the front porch to air and so he went out onto the porch and crawled under the quilts to conceal himself.

Of course his mother was probably not so easily fooled and I expect that he was soon discovered and firmly called from his hiding place. It is a lovely image and of all the days of my family's history I wish that I could visit that house on that day. I would like to watch my grandfathers, George and Albert, a toddler and a young boy playing in the yard and hear their happy laughter. I want to wander into the kitchen and listen to Mary and Lizzie talk as they work. Maybe from their conversation I could hear the answers to all the questions I still have after all of my research. I would like to follow my great-grandfather, Alexander, through the field as he goes to build fence, watch that distinguished profile as he works intently at his task. How wonder to hear and know the sounds of their voices.

As I come to the end of my narrative about the Mollohan family I keep thinking of that scene. I think of Mary and Lizzie working together, and perhaps sitting side by side on the porch in the cool of the evening. As then evening shadows deepen, they talk quietly together of their children, of the community, of the events of the day. All too soon the time come for saying goodbye. It is the end of another day on Brown's Mountain.
I want to close this volume with two quotes. One is from Gurder Mollohan. After suffering a terrible personal disaster he decided to "mend his ways" and he became a minister. He was known in Braxton County for his extensive knowledge of the Bible. He had gained this only from hearing the Word read aloud, because he never learned to read. After visiting the home of a member of his flock, he would pause in the doorway as he was leaving and give this blessing:

"May the white dove of Peace rest on this home."

I would also like to close with the words of "Rimfire" Hamrick, taken from the book, Rimfire, compiled by Harry P. Sturm and H. G. Rhawn. Rimfire wrote these words in 1931 when he was hospitalized in Clarksburg for 23 days with a leg fracture. He was thinking of his home in Webster County.

"We keep on thinking better days and we remember the pleasant days had along the brooks and rivers and in the mountains tops with friends and companions. My memory of them will linger in my mind until I pass over on that beautiful shore where we shall know even as we are known."
Alexsander Selkirt Brown with his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Ware) Brown and their eldest son, James Albert. Photo was taken at the back of the old Lough Church near Caress in Braxton County.
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