The Michael Gray Family
of
Berkeley and Morgan Counties, Virginia
(Now West Virginia)
and
Fayette and Greene Counties, Ohio

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Dedicated to the memory of those Gray family members who sacrificed and braved the frontier to bring the Gray family to Ohio. To John Walker Gray who always answered the many questions. To George Rhea Gray who helped considerably with information, pictures and documents; and after his death the continued help of his wife Margaret and son George L. Gray. To Mabelle Gray for continuing to answer questions whenever a call was made. And to each and every family member who sent pictures and data to make this book a tribute to all.

And to those most recently called to heaven:
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Jane Paxson Gray
George I. Nienaber
Helen Gray Pitstick
George Roger Stauffer

Yesterday is History.
Tomorrow is a Mystery.
Today is a Gift,
That’s why we call it The Present.

-Author Unknown
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Preface

Thomas Wolfe once said, "you can never go home again."

Fortunately, we have found an alternative—one that provides a sense of identity and continuity with the Gray family and our ancestors. In this search for ancestors, the migration movement from Europe to America has captivated us. We have tried to understand and share some of the religious, political and economic issues that caused the great migration from Scotland, England and Ireland to the New World.

Our visits to the lower Shenandoah Valley and southeast Pennsylvania took on a new dimension as we visited courthouses, historical societies and talked with innumerable people who are searching and writing local histories—about towns and counties and the early settlers who made these communities come alive.

My interests in genealogical research have been stimulated and abetted by my niece, Lynn Warren. Prior to my retirement in 1981, Lynn shared the family ancestor charts and told how all consuming this avocation can be. We have had many discussions as we extended our ancestor search beyond brothers Philip and Michael (Jr.) Gray who were the first of our direct family to migrate from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to Greene and Fayette Counties in Ohio.

We have worked together to research, collect and write this history of the Gray family. I have concentrated on history and the migrations from Europe to the American Colonies and later across the Allegheny Mountains. Lynn has researched and collected the data for all the family groups and charts.

We sincerely hope this will be an interesting and vital record for all the descendants of Michael Gray.

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Section I

Numbering and presenting this Gray genealogy became a small project of its own. Our family has two ancestral lines of one progenitor that intermarry in the fourth and fifth generation. As the book progressed and took on a totally different approach than we originally planned, presentation became a delicate task from the standpoint of keeping numbers in sequence. The many years of research on this Gray line has produced voluminous material, much related to lateral sibling lines. In presenting the book in a “generational” format, frequently there were “extra” individuals or families that needed to be presented in order to show the lengths we have gone to in researching this family. It also presents those connections for the future, as others hopefully use this book in an effort to trace their family of Grays.

After presenting our material on our earliest progenitor, Michael Gray, you will find two chapters pertaining to the next generation of the two direct lines. These are titled “The Second Generation,” plus the individual’s name. Succeeding chapters are similarly titled “The Third Generation,” etc. Bear in mind, there are two direct lines from Michael Gray, the progenitor of this family. Within each chapter, that particular family is discussed in detail, except for the individual who carries the line to the next generation. Although he is listed with the family, his data and life story are presented in his own chapter.

After the immediate family is shown in detail in each chapter, you may find “Generation Two (Three, etc.).” This section presents the data collected on the lateral lines of sibling descendants. Frequently, these additional families are included because the direct ancestor lived with that family at some point on the census records. Always, these families are presented within the generational framework with Michael Gray as the progenitor; however, because they are not within the direct line of descent, they are included in the chapter where there is commonness to our direct line.

The NGS Quarterly System of numbering was used. For those who do not understand the term of “numbering,” briefly it means assigning three types of numbers to each individual. One uniquely identifies the individual, a superscripted number indicates the generation into which that person falls from the progenitor and one denotes birth order (roman numerals) within the individual’s nuclear family.\(^1\)

Section II

Section II presents a scrapbook of the sibling families of Joel Urban\(^4\) Gray (George W., Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)) and his wife Ionia\(^5\) Gray (Smith Michael,\(^4\) Sarah Jane,\(^5\) Michael Jr.,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)) Gray, including the living generations of descendant families of Michael\(^1\) Gray. For that reason, Section II is presented in family order, without any numbering system. For privacy purposes, only current marriages are given on family group sheets unless children of previous marriages are involved. In an effort to identify these more complex families, family group sheets may indicate “father” and “mother” instead of “husband” and “wife.” Family group sheets were submitted by family members and assumed to be accurate information. Except where noted, each family submitted their own synopsis for publication.

\(^1\) National Genealogy Society Quarterly, Vol. 79, #3, September 1991. (Published by the Society, Arlington, Va.)
Michael Gray Family
Number Chart

This listing shows the individual numbers assigned
to each person.

1. Michael Gray
   2 George Gray
   3 Elizabeth Gray
   4 Mary Gray
   5 Sarah Gray
   6 Susannah Gray
   7 Michael Gray, Jr.
   8 Philip Gray
   9 Jacob Gray
   10 Rosannah Gray

2. George Gray
   11 William Gray
   12 Mary Gray
   13 Elizabeth Gray
   14 Susannah Gray
   15 George Gray, Jr.

3. Elizabeth Gray (Peter Whisner)
   16 Jacob Whisner
   17 Sarah Whisner
   18 Susan Whisner
   19 Samuel Whisner
   20 Peter Whisner
   21 Michael Whisner
   22 George Whisner

4. Mary Gray (Michael Creamer)
   23 William Creamer
   24 Simeon Creamer
   25 Michael Creamer
   26 Rosannah Creamer
   27 George Creamer
   28 Mary Creamer
   29 Jacob Creamer
   30 Philip Creamer
   31 Wesley Creamer
   32 Susannah Creamer
   33 Christian Crum Creamer
   34 Isaac Creamer

5. Sarah Gray
   35 Scynthia Gray (Samuel Neff)

6. Susannah Gray (George V. Grove)
   36 Jacob Grove
   37 Sarah Grove

7. Michael Gray, Jr.
   38 Matilda Gray
   39 Edward Gray
   40 Mary Gray
   41 Elizabeth Gray
   42 Michael Gray
   43 Christena Gray
   44 Martha Gray
   45 Sarah Jane Gray
   46 Eleanor Gray
   47 Jacob Monroe Gray

8. Philip Gray
   48 George Washington Gray
   49 Mary Ann Gray
   50 John Jefferson Gray
   51 Rosanna Gray
   52 Susanna Gray
   53 Michael Gray
   54 Martha S. Gray
   55 Unidentified child
   56 John Wesley Gray

9. Jacob Gray
   57 Michael Gray

10. Rosannah Gray (Garret Vannorsdall)
    58 William Vannorsdall
    59 James Riley Vannorsdall
    60 Sarah A. Vannorsdall

12. Mary Gray (Jonathan Compton)
    61 Peter Compton
    62 William Compton
    63 George Compton
    64 Rosannah Compton
    65 Ezekiel Compton
    66 Sarah Ann Compton
    67 Matilda Compton
    68 Margaret Jane Compton

14. Susannah Gray (Thomas Tritapoe)
    69 Jane Frances Tritapoe
    70 James K. P. Tritapoe
    71 George P. V. Tritapoe
    72 John L. T. Tritapoe
    73 Margaret Tritapoe

15. George Gray, Jr.
    74 Mathias Gray
    75 Emeline E. Gray
    76 Rebecca J. Gray
    77 Sarah C. Gray
    78 Rosanna Gray
Edward Gray
79 Lavenia Z. Gray
80 Thomas B. Gray
81 Charles Wallace Gray
82 Elizabeth M. Gray
83 Merit Webster Gray
84 Fred Leslie Gray
85 Harry W. Gray
86 Mariah May Gray
87 Laura E. Gray
88 Loawiski D. Gray

Martha Gray (John Carr)
89 Mary F. Carr
90 Lavinia M. Carr
91 Lyman Alonzo Carr
92 Elizabeth Carr
93 Malissa A. or Alice M. Carr
94 Harrietta Carr
95 Kate L. Carr

Sarah Jane Gray (Jackson Deck)
96 Smith Michael Gray
97 John W. Deck
98 Henry Deck
99 David Deck
100 Sarah Deck
101 Elizabeth Deck
102 Frances Deck

Jacob Monroe Gray
103 Christopher Darius Gray
104 Olly May Gray
105 Anna Gray

George Washington Gray
106 Joel Urban Gray
107 Mary Ann Gray
108 Rosa Rebecca Gray
109 John Houston Gray

Mary Ann Gray (William Henry)
110 John W. Henry
111 Sarah Henry
112 George P. Henry
113 Mary Matilda Henry
114 Albert Jonathan Henry
115 David R. Henry
116 Emily F. Henry

John Jefferson Gray
117 Virginia Gray
118 Theodore Gray
119 Oliver Gray
120 Alice Gray
121 Ella Gray

Michael Gray
122 Jefferson Algren Gray
123 Emanuel Gray
124 Robert Gray
125 Richard S. Gray
126 Oliver Gray
127 Charles Gray
128 Annie Gray

Martha S. Gray
129 John W. Gray-Compton

Smith Michael Gray
130 Martin L. Gray
131 Ionia E. Gray

Joel Urban Gray (Ionia E. Gray #131)
132 John Walker Gray
133 Maude Marie Gray
134 Sarah May Gray
135 George Rhea Gray
136 Jesse Richard Gray
137 Ruth Winona Gray
138 Mabelle Alberta Gray

Rosa Rebecca Gray (Lawson S. O'Day)
139 Infant Daughter O'Day
140 Mary Elaine O'Day
141 Infant Son O'Day

Theodore Gray
142 Ward Henry Gray
143 George Jefferson Gray

Jefferson Algren Gray
144 Etta E. Gray
145 Walter Gray
146 Orville J. Gray
147 Ida May Gray
148 Korah Michael Gray
149 Minnie Gray
150 Edward Guel Gray
151 Raymond Gray
152 Bertha Gray
153 Everett Arthur Gray
154 Ella Gray
155 Carl Gray
156 Ellis Gray

Martin L. Gray
157 Harry L. Gray
158 Carey E. Gray
159 Loren Luther Gray
160 Robert V. or Vernon R. Gray
161 Elsie Gray
162 Arthur Clarence Gray
163 Alta G. Gray
164 Doris Gray

Ionia E. Gray (See #106-Joel Urban Gray)
MICHAEL GRAY

SIX GENERATION DESCENDANT DROP CHART

MICHAEL GRAY Sr.
(CA 1750 - BEF Jun 1829)
? SMITH
(BEF 1765 - BEF 1820)

MICHAEL GRAY Jr.
(CA 1786 - 13 Nov 1849)
FRANCES SMITH
(- BEF Jan 1839)

SARAH JANE GRAY
(24 Jul 1828 - dec.)

PHILIP GRAY
(Oct 1790 - 12 Oct 1870)
MARY HUNT
(- BEF 1816)

GEORGE WASHINGTON GRAY
(3 Jan 1814 - 4 Jun 1909)
SARAH BAUGHAN
(7 Jun 1826 - 4 Dec 1894)

MICHAEL SMITH GRAY
(2 Apr 1847 - 25 Aug 1933)
MARGARET ELISABETH MACKEY
(25 Mar 1848 - 29 Jun 1923)

JOEL URBAN GRAY
(21 Feb 1864 - 9 Feb 1949)
IONIA ELVA GRAY
(26 Sep 1869 - 27 Oct 1952)

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(26 Sep 1869 - 27 Oct 1952)

JOHN WALKER GRAY
(24 Jan 1893 - 15 Sep 1993)

MAUDE MARIE GRAY
(16 Jun 1895 - 07 May 1982)

SARAH MAY GRAY
(28 Jan 1898 - 16 Sep 1985)

GEORGE RHEA GRAY
(23 Oct 1900 - 28 Jun 1983)

JESSIE RICHARD GRAY
(30 Aug 1904 - 26 Oct 1988)

RUTH WINONA GRAY
(06 Feb 1907 - 15 Jun 1980)

MABELLE ALBERTA GRAY
(3 Jan 1910 - )
The family name of Gray is thought to be an adaptation of the name "Croy" and comes from France. The family migrated into Scotland and England about the time William the Conqueror came to England (1066). The Scotch family is an Anglo-Norman stock and has been settled in Perthshire since about 1300. The family possesses the Lordship of Gray and the family crest is a Lion Couchant. A clan map of Scotland shows the "Gray" clan in an area on the east coast of Scotland, immediately north of the Firth of Toy.

In the seventeenth century, the religious differences between the English and Scots led to a century of fighting. The English dominated the religious life and this led to the migration, some forced, of many Scots to Northern Ireland. The "Gray" families were so numerous that the town of Londonderry was almost a family settlement. Other Scots migrated directly to America. At the same time, some English "Grays" were also migrating to the Colonies.

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Religious persecution and poor economic opportunities were the major reasons for individuals to migrate. The English government and the trading companies were eager to populate the new colonies to protect land claims and to profit from trade. As soon as the first colonies in Massachusetts and Virginia were established, the flow of people from England started.

Possibly the first Gray to come to America was John Gray, a pensioner who lost his arm during service in the British Navy. He came from England to Massachusetts early in the 17th century. He had six sons: John, Joseph, George, Isaac, and two others.3

Also, in the early 17th century, the first Grays came from England into Tidewater Virginia. Volume III of Genealogies of Virginia Families records William Gray and wife Elizabeth in a Rappahannock County Deed Book transferring land to Captain William Gray in 1656 and additional land in 1666.4 Many other Grays came from England to settle in the Tidewater areas prior to 1700.5

The King and the Governor of Virginia were very generous with land grants. The King made or authorized the grants to get money, to pay debts, or to reward his friends and supporters. One of the early recipients was Lord Fairfax who received a grant in the "northern neck" of Virginia, covering thousands of acres. Since the area west of the Tidewater had not been explored, let alone surveyed, the ownership of land bordering the upper Potomac was immediately in dispute.

In 1745, the Fairfax family received a clear title to the area commonly called the "Northern Neck of Virginia." Prior to this date, the western boundaries were in dispute (Lower Shenandoah Valley which included Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan and five other counties extending west to the Allegheny Mountains). Notwithstanding the dispute,

settlers came to the old Berkeley County area as early as 1730. Some of these early settlers came directly from Scotland, other Scotch-Irish came down from Pennsylvania and smaller numbers of Germans, Dutch and Irish. There were several Gray families among these first settlers.

Beginning about 1720 and continuing until the Revolution in 1776, there was a heavy migration of Scotch-Irish to America. Many of these settlers entered through Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. The policy of the colonial governments was to interpose these newcomers between the established colonists and the Indian frontier. Probably the largest number of Scotch-Irish came through lower Pennsylvania where they spread westward to settle in the Susquehanna Valley. Later, many moved westward toward the Ohio Valley and southwest through the Shenandoah Valley and into the Carolinas. In the first half of the nineteenth century, the Scotch-Irish formed almost the entire population of what is now West Virginia.\(^6\)

One of the early settlers to arrive in old Berkeley County was another William Gray. In 1730 he received an original grant from King George II. Exact time of his arrival in America is unknown, but the most likely time frame was 1745 to 1760. He settled near Shepherdstown in old Berkeley County. His nephews, David and John Gray, arrived from Scotland in 1765 and settled nearby.\(^7\) Later, five of David and John’s brothers and sisters came to settle in the same general area. Their father John, was a brother to William and Hugh. William did not leave a will and thus far no record of children or land disposition has been found.

Hugh Gray, William’s brother, also settled near Shepherdstown and at the time of his death mentioned his wife Alice, sons William and James, daughters Salley, Alice and Jane and his brother William in his will. He also mentioned his friend Thomas Rutherford.\(^8\)

Only one other Gray is listed as an early arrival in Berkeley County. Jonathan Gray is listed as a Revolutionary ancestor, non-military, by Anne Waller Reddy.\(^9\) No other data about him or his family has been located.

The first Scotch-Irish in Pennsylvania settled in the Susquehanna Valley in the early eighteenth century. One of the first settlements in Paxtang Township, Chester County, included a John Gray who came from County Antrim, Ulster, in 1717.\(^10\) He was born

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\(^{7}\) American Historical Society, History of West Virginia Old and New and West Virginia Biography. Vol. II, pp. 376-377. (By a special staff of writers.)

\(^{8}\) Will of Hugh Gray, Berkeley County Will Book I, p. 446. Court Clerk, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

\(^{9}\) Anne Waller Reddy, Compiler, West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors. (Whose services were non-military and whose names, therefore, do not appear in Revolutionary indexes of soldiers and sailors.) An Index from Manuscript Public Claims of the Revolutionary War in the Virginia State Library, 1930.

in 1698 in Ulster, died in 1785 and is buried in the graveyard of the Paxtang Presbyterian Church. He acquired 228 acres of land, east of Harrisburg near Lawnton. In 1730, a Captain John Gray married Susan Armstrong, who was born in 1700 and died in October 1750. Their known children were George, Joseph and William. In 1753, Captain John Gray married Hannah Stevenson Semple, the widow of George Semple. Hannah was born in 1711 and died in November 1781. The known children of John and Hannah were John, Robert and Hannah.\footnote{Mathias Wilson McAlarney, History of the Sesqui-Centennial of Paxtang Church, September 18, 1890, pp. 306-334.}

Another early Pennsylvania reference to a Gray family is included in Engle's Notes & Queries which reads:

\begin{quote}
\textit{Michael Gray, of Donegal, d. Nov. 1784, leaving a wife Mary and children:}

1. William  
2. Janet m. Porter  
3. Nelly  
4. Joseph  
5. Rachel\footnote{Engle, Notes and Queries, p. 261.}
\end{quote}

No connections to this Michael Gray or his descendants have been found.

The Charter of Maryland granted on 20 June 1632 to Cecilius Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, established a proprietary form of government. This meant that Lord Baltimore owned all the land; however, it was of little value without someone to live on it and work the land. As incentive to settlement, he proclaimed in 1633 the first of his several "Conditions for Plantation." Under the terms, he offered certain amounts of land to those who furnished their own transportation or who provided for the passage of others. New conditions were issued from time to time, but except for a gradual reduction in the quantity of land offered, they remained basically the same until 1680 when the practice of free land in Maryland was discontinued.

During the period of 1633 to 1680, hundreds of settlers came to Maryland, many of them entering through the port of Baltimore. During this period there were 38 people with the surname of Gray and 20 with the surname of Grey. Of the 58 people, 16 were women. The most common first names were Elizabeth - 3, Hannah - 3, Mary - 3, John - 10, William - 6, James - 3, Francis - 3. There were no middle names or initials.

The names of immigrants have been compiled from records of land patents maintained in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland. It is interesting to note that there were no "Michael Grays," however, a Hannah Grey is listed as "transported by her father in 1675, daughter of Michael."
Settlement of the Lower Shenandoah Valley

For the first 100 years after the discovery of Virginia, the settlers remained near the Chesapeake Bay and the lower parts of the James, Rappahannock and Roanoke Rivers. As more settlers arrived, they pressed westward along these rivers toward the Blue Ridge.

In 1716, Governor Spotswood blazed a trail across the Blue Ridge Mountains into the Shenandoah Valley. The Governor and the Colonists believed that it was important to populate this region as soon as possible to strengthen the colony; the greater number of white settlers, the better chance of coping successfully with the Indians. Also, the ultimate clash with the French seemed probable. Movement of settlers beyond the Blue Ridge and the Alleghenies would preempt these large and strategic areas for the British.

Winchester, Virginia, in Frederick County, is the oldest city west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Originally, it was named Fredericktown, but in 1752 the name was changed to Winchester in honor of an ancient English capital. James Wood built the Frederick County courthouse in 1745-1751. George Washington spent a lot of time in Winchester during the period between 1748-1758. He was employed first as a surveyor by Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, initially an area of more than two million acres and later expanded to include approximately five million acres.

Settlers coming down the great wagon road from Pennsylvania originally settled Frederick County, set off in 1738 from Orange County. The first settlers came in 1732 under the leadership of Joist Hite who settled at Bartonsville, six miles south of Winchester. Quakers came about the same time and built Hopewell Meeting House near Clearbrook. The original was built in 1735, probably of log. The first settlers were primarily Palatinate Germans with a mixture of Scotch-Irish, English-Irish, Welsh and Huguenot.

To the north of Winchester, extending about 30 miles to the Potomac and bordered on the east by the Shenandoah River, is an area that subsequently was split off from Frederick County in 1772 and called Berkeley County. Morgan Morgan is believed to have been the first permanent white settler in 1726. In 1735, he acquired a Kings Patent for
1000 acres west of Bunker Hill and his properties became known as Morgantown (not to be confused with the current town of Morgantown, West Virginia).

The early settlers in this part of Berkeley County centered on Mill Creek (from Gerrardstown east and southeast to Opequon Creek, which now divides Berkeley and Jefferson Counties). Many of the mills on Mill Creek were grist mills; however, there were other types as well. One of these was the Gray Saw Mill. John Gray, who came to America in 1765 from Scotland, owned the land along the creek where the sawmill was located. He was educated as a civil engineer at St. Andrews College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and did extensive surveying of frontier lands in Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Berkeley County, Virginia
about 1771
(Drawn by C. Gray)

The Governor and Council of Virginia were very generous with land grants. Many of these grants were quickly subdivided to attract settlers. Some were sold or transferred to others who carried out the leader's role in organizing and managing a new settlement. For example, on June 17, 1730, Isaac Vanmeter was "given leases to take

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14 History of West Virginia Old and New and West Virginia Biography, p. 376-77.
up a tract of 10,000 acres west of Opequon Creek." On August 5, 1731, he and his brother John sold their "Orders of Council" to Joist Hite, who was mentioned earlier as the leader of the first settlers in Frederick County. Among the first to receive the King's Patents for land in this area were Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan in 1733, the Vanmeter land in 1735, and Morgan Morgan in 1735.\textsuperscript{15}

The "Orders of Council" and Kings Patents for this area were limited because of the ownership controversy with Lord Fairfax. The Proprietary inherited by Lord Fairfax was thought to be limited to about two million acres in the northern neck of what is now the state of Virginia. Lord Fairfax claimed that his patents extended westward beyond the Shenandoah and encompassed several counties of what is now West Virginia. The controversy between Lord Fairfax and the Governors of Virginia waged for several years and was finally adjudicated in England.

In 1745, the English courts decided in favor of Lord Fairfax's claims for the extension of the Proprietary. Seven land grants made by Charles II during his exile had been acquired by Lord Culpeper in the 1680s and through the marriage of Culpeper's daughter, went to the Fairfax’s as the two million acre Proprietary in the Northern Neck of Virginia (west and south of the Potomac and north of the Rappahannock). As the Proprietors, the Fairfax’s collected the quit-rents (taxes) on the land which in other sections of Virginia went to the Crown (through the administration of the Governor and Council, all appointed by the Crown). Grants made by the Virginia government prior to 1746 were validated. With these few exceptions, Fairfax controlled the entire northern neck of Virginia plus a belt of territory extending mostly westward across much of northern Virginia and over the mountains into several fringe counties of what is now West Virginia.\textsuperscript{16}

From about 1735 to 1775, new ethnic groups of settlers, new religions and new lifestyles were introduced into Virginia. This was the initial period of the arrival of the Scotch-Irish that began in 1611 when King James began populating Ulster with colonists from Scotland and England. It was common in Ulster to refer to Presbyterians as "Scotch," to Roman Catholics as "Irish" and members of the English church as "Protestants." The mixture, during three generations before the big migration to America in the 18th century, produced the term "Scotch-Irish" who were primarily Lowland Scotch Presbyterians. Additionally, some Lowland Scots migrated direct to America after an epidemic of persecution of the Presbyterians by the English church. By the time of the Revolution, about one-sixth of all population in the colonies were Scotch-Irish and about one-third of Virginia was Scotch-Irish.

Initially, the Indians were friendly with the settlers, but by 1750, they became increasingly hostile. After Braddock’s defeat in 1755, the frontier area was at the mercy of marauding

\textsuperscript{15} "Col. Morgan Morgan, His Land, Family and their Homes," \textit{The Berkeley Journal}. Issue 6, pp. 44-77.

Indians who were supplied and encouraged by the French who used Ft. Duquesne (Pittsburgh) as a major control point. The settlers were scattered throughout the lower Shenandoah, Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, living on small farms, dependent on each other for protection.

During the French and Indian War (1755-1763), the Indians made many incursions into these settlements, killing and taking women and children captives. The Colonial Militias (Virginia and Pennsylvania) were inadequate and the British government was slow in providing troops and supplies for the campaign to drive the Indians back and to take Ft. Duquesne and the forts on the Great Lakes from the Indian nations. This was finally achieved in 1763; however, Chief Pontiac and his allies held out in Detroit and continued the harassment of all white traders and refused to release white prisoners as agreed in the treaty that ended the French and Indian War.

Finally, Colonel Bouquet gave Chief Pontiac two weeks to deliver prisoners or he would destroy all Indian encampments in the Ohio Territory. This demand was made in November 1764 at Coshocton, Ohio, where Colonel Bouquet met with the leaders of the Wyandotes, Shawnees and Delawares. This demand was prerequisite to a peace treaty the Indians were seeking. After one week, 110 liberated prisoners were taken back to Ft. Pitt. By November 18, 200 more prisoners were returned. These rescued captives were then delivered under military guard to their homes in the east. The Indian threat to the Colonies was ended.

The first towns in the Lower Shenandoah were Winchester, Charles Town, Martinsburg, Gerrardstown and Berkeley Springs, initially called "Bath." Frederick County was formed in 1734 and Berkeley in 1772. Morgan County was formed in 1820 from parts of Berkeley and Hampshire Counties. Jefferson County was formed in 1801 from parts of Berkeley. Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan were included in the new state of West Virginia, which was formed during the Civil War.

**Virginia Counties**

*1821-1830*

(Drawn by L. Warren)
While the first settlers were from diverse ethnic and religious groups, they had many characteristics in common. A high percentage were literate, deeply religious and profoundly dedicated to the ideals of freedom. They quickly established schools, churches and local governments with the town and county as the reference.

In the northwestern part of what is now Morgan County, West Virginia, were the famous warm springs. Long before the white settlers arrived, the Indians who believed the springs provided curative powers had frequented these springs. They brought their aged and infirm from great distances; during the summer, the valley and hillsides were covered with Indian encampments. About 1745, the first settlers came to appreciate the warm springs and began to mingle with the Indians. George Washington, as a young surveyor for Lord Fairfax, visited the springs in 1748. A major road north and west used by many military expeditions during the French and Indian War passes near the springs and thus it drew a large number of visitors. In October 1776, the town of Bath was established at the springs. After Berkeley County was formed, this town became known as Berkeley Springs.

Initially, the transportation routes followed the rivers, the Potomac and its many tributaries flowing from the west and north. Since these tributaries did not breach the Appalachians, overland routes to the Ohio tributaries were developed. The Forbes Road, entirely within Pennsylvania was constructed in 1758. Another road followed General Braddock's route to the west, connecting the Potomac and the Monongahela watersheds. This served a military purpose as well as the interests of the large land companies that held title to large tracts that extended all the way to the Ohio River. This road served as a major route to the Pittsburgh area. Later known as the "National Road," it was extended to Wheeling in 1817, then Columbus, and much later to Indianapolis, Springfield and St. Louis. This became a major route for the settlers that moved west after the Revolution and as cheap land became available west of the Ohio River in the Northwest Territory, which was first surveyed in 1786. Within a few years, there were settlements at Cincinnati (1788), Gallipolis (1790), Manchester (1791), a second settlement at Chillicothe (1796) and Cleveland (1796). In 1820, Congress reduced the price of land from $2.00 per acre to $1.25 to make the area even more attractive.

Americans were not then, nor are they now, a stationary people. Only a few families remained in the ancestral home through several generations. As the lower Shenandoah filled with settlers, the lure of cheap land in less crowded areas attracted many to look westward.

The earliest known Gray of our family to move westward was Mary Gray Creamer (Michael) and her husband Michael Creamer. They arrived in Ohio about 1810 with other members of the Creamer family. Mary’s sisters, Rosannah Vannorsdall with

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17 R. S. Dills, Compiler, History of Fayette County together with historic notes on the Northwest, and the state of Ohio; gleaned from early authors, old maps and manuscripts, private and official correspondence and all other authentic source. (Tucson, Arizona: W. C. Cox, 1974) p. 248.
her husband Garret Vannorsdall and Susannah Grove with her husband George Grove, both arrived in Ohio by 1830.\(^{18}\) Her brother Michael Gray, Jr. followed with his family in 1836.\(^{19}\)

The family story portrays the three sons of Philip\(^2\) Gray (Michael\(^1\)), George W., John Jefferson and Michael, (one version says four sons) as walking to Ohio from West Virginia and arriving with just their belongings wrapped in a red handkerchief. George W. arrived in Fayette County, Ohio, about 1848 and John Jefferson purchased land there in 1849.\(^{20}\) Their brother Michael married in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1850 and arrived in Ohio during the Civil War. The possibility remains that they could have all walked to Ohio about 1848 and Michael may have returned to Virginia. Their father Philip is documented to be in Ohio in 1855\(^{21}\) but may have returned to Virginia before settling in Ohio. If there was a fourth brother, it could have been Peter Gray who is discussed beginning on page 364.

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\(^{18}\) Both families are shown in 1830 census records of Ohio, Fayette County, Jefferson Twp. George Grove is on page 299, Garret Vannorsdall is on page 304.

\(^{19}\) R. S. Dills, History of Fayette County together with historic notes on the Northwest and the state of Ohio gleaned from early authors, old maps and manuscripts, private and official correspondence and all other authentic sources. p. 660-661.

\(^{20}\) Fayette County Genealogical Society, History of Fayette County, Ohio, 1984; p. 132.

\(^{21}\) Land Books (by year), Morgan Co., W. Va: (Tax Book) Probate Court, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.
The earliest known ancestor of the Greene County, Ohio, Gray family is Michael Gray who lived in what is now Morgan County, West Virginia. He and his family lived on a farm along Warm Springs Road, about three miles south of Berkeley Springs. (At the time, this land fell in Berkeley County, Virginia, and some times he was taxed in Hampshire County, Virginia.) His wife has not been identified with a given name, but it appears her surname could have been Smith, likely a daughter of William Smith and his wife Cysly (variously spelled Sysly and Cisley). The land books of old Berkeley County record the transfer of 185 acres to Michael for 25 shillings sterling on 21 April 1778. (This land is now located in Morgan County, West Virginia.) The seller was William Smith, likely Michael's father-in-law. For that reason, we address this family, which were pioneers in the area.

William Smith and his wife Cysly came from Germany, through New York and Pennsylvania, to the Sleepy Creek area of what is now known as Smith's Crossroads in Morgan County. The exact date of arrival is uncertain but was between 1730 and 1750. While Smith initially settled in the area without benefit of formalized land ownership, he subsequently obtained title to the land. From 1760 to 1770 he obtained Fairfax Titles to more than 1600 acres of land extending southeastward from Berkeley Springs to Smith's Crossroads and beyond. His land disposals in 1778 and 1782 were to sons Solomon and William, Jr. Also, there were transfers to Andrew Brouse, Michael Gray, Jacob Fleece, Jesse Rose and George Dyche, all thought to be sons-in-law of the Smith's.

The William Smith family is probably best detailed by the following article that appeared in The Morgan Messenger in June 1981. Fred T. Newbraugh’s “Warm Springs Echoes” column was dedicated to material chronicling the family as researched by Donald and Barbara Brundage. (Donald is a descendant of William and Cysly’s daughter Elizabeth who married Andrew Brouse.)

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22 Berkeley County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, p. 544. Court Clerk, Martinsburg, West Virginia.
The following story is about Indians, Smiths, Fleeces, Greys and others who were first settlers of Smith Cross Roads. Donald, and Barbara Brundridge 2532 Glenwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43610 have been frequent visitors to Morgan County tracing their roots. This is an excellent historical research paper and I know of nothing I can add to it.

THE SMITH FAMILY OF SMITH CROSSROAD, W. VA.

by Donald and Barbara Brundridge

According to David Hunter Strother's journal for January 18, 1870, "I talked with Elias Smith concerning the history of the region. He says their family...came here from German through New York and Pennsylvania, with others in 1730."

In Strother's Centennial address for Berkeley Springs in 1876 it is stated that among the earliest white families in this region were the Smiths of Sleepy Creek.

William Smith, Sr., and wife, Sysley, apparently came in the 1730s, or at least in the early 1740s to Sleepy Creek in the vicinity of the present Smith Crossroads, presently in Morgan County, West Virginia, and settled without benefit of formalized land ownership.

His first Fairfax titles were obtained in 1760, a rectangular 400 acres centered on the present Smith Crossroads, and another 400 acres at the very headwaters of Sleepy Creek straddling the present Virginia-West Virginia boundary. From 1766 to 1770 he acquired four more properties to the north of the Crossroads, 1232 acres in all, or a total of 162 acres, running from one third mile south of Smith Crossroads to a point about ¼ mile south of State Route 28 and ¼ mile east of the east edge of Greenway Cemetery. All these "deeds" are recorded in Frederick County.

At present we have evidence for six children of William and Sysley, born in the period 1740 or shortly before until 1761. Two were sons, Solomon and William, Jr. (b. ca. 1761), the youngest child. There were at least four daughters.

Three of the daughters were taken captive by the Delawares at the beginning of the French and Indian War. I have found two sources for this. In Strother's Centennial Speech of 1876, he states that three aunts of the then living David and Elias Smith were captured, carried to Ft. Duquesne and thence to central Ohio. From there they were taken to Canada and exchanged in 1763 after an absence of eight years. Descendants still living in Morgan County (1876) include Fleeces, Greys and Wisners. For the second source, a grandson of Elisabeth Smith states in "The History of the Lower Scioto Valley" (1884) that he had a grandmother who was a captive of the Indians in Ohio for eight years, an adopted daughter of an old squaw. She was freed by the Bouquet expedition in 1764.

This last statement is verified in Colonel Bouquet's orderly book, missing for 192 years, discovered among General Gage's papers purchased by the W. L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan (1956 discovery). Among the 81 Virginia captives released at Coshocton by the Delaware villages in October and early November, 1764, No. 2 on the list is Elizabeth Smith, No. 3 is Hannah Smith, No. 4 is Hannah's infant son (presumably fathered by an Indian).
Fort Pitt, Dec'r ye 1st, 1764.

Received of Colonel Bouquet the above mentioned Eighty-one Captives and the necessaries as against their names, respectively, 53 shirts, 49 pair leggins, 63 pairs of ShoePacks and 39 blankets. Asher Clayton, Lt. Col. 2nd B., Pa. Regt."

Apparently Elizabeth and Hannah returned home in December, 1764. The other sister may have traveled by way of French Canada.

The most probable date of capture was the period of April 16-20, 1756. The frontier had been relatively quiet after Braddock's defeat in 1755 until then. On April 16 and 17, the Shawnees and Delawares attacked numerous places on the frontier from New River, Va. to eastern Pennsylvania. Some hundreds of men, women and children were killed. The captives were numerous. Along the South Branch of the Potomac at Franklin, Moorefield, and Romney, the Opequon between Martinsburg and Winchester, and the whole Cacapon Valley, former home of Killbuck, operated raiding parties of all sizes. At Ft. Edwards near Capon Bridge, Captain Mercer led a sortie of about 100 men after a group of French led Indians who had raided Edwards mill and left a trail of flour towards Bloomery. Mercer and his men rushed into an ambush. He and the greater part of his men were killed. Earlier that day Daniel Morgan of later Revolutionary War fame and a companion had ridden into Ft. Edwards with powder and shot from Ft. Ashby. Leaving before the sortie, they reached seven miles on the return trip when they were ambushed by seven horse-mounted Indians. The companion was killed and Morgan was shot through the shoulder. Fortunately, six Indians stopped to scalp the companion and only one rode immediately after Morgan. He eventually outran them back to Ft. Edwards. When news of the Mercer massacre reached George Washington that night at Winchester, he sent the messenger on to Williamsburg (a four day trip), stating that as far as he knew he had no more than 20 men at his disposal to defend the Virginia frontier. Luckily, the most acute attacks dwindled until by May 20, he was sent a limited amount of help. It is a wonder that the Sleepy Creek residents were not wiped out completely.

Solomon Smith's birth date is unknown but since he was credited with 526 acres in the 1774-1778 Rent Rolls of Berkeley County he probably was born before 1750.

Solomon Smith's birth date is unknown but since he was credited with 526 acres in the 1774-1778 Rent Rolls of Berkeley County he probably was born before 1750. When his parents deeded 122 acres to him in 1778 across Sleepy Creek from Smith Crossroads they speak of "our beloved son". Solomon died in 1821. He left no will nor any named heirs but an estate appraisal in October, 1821, exists with a later sale and executor's accounting. Known children were: Anna Smith (b. ca. 1772) who married Philip Clover, Jr. (d. 1843); William Smith who married Nancy Maxwell; and a Jacob Smith. This William Smith died about 1818, living in the upper Sleepy Creek valley on the Frederick County side. He left a Frederick County will naming heirs.

Elizabeth Smith married Andrew Brouse on May 18, 1768. Their family is discussed elsewhere.

Susannah Smith, a younger daughter, married (ca. 1781) Jesse Rose (1760-1852). They secured 123 acres of land in 1782 from her father and raised their family there until 1802, when Jesse sold out and moved with his brother Jonathan to the first surveyed lands in the Western Reserve near the present Poland, Ohio. Susannah was not an Indian captive.

Of the two other Smith daughters who were Indian captives, one married Michael Gray and the other married Jacob Fleece. These wife's names I have not been able to pin down, though presumably one was Hannah.

Michael Gray secured land from William Smith and Sysley in 1778, his wife supposedly one of the Indian captives. Their children were: Mary Gray (1776- ) m. Michael Creamer (1778-1840); Sarah Gray (1779-1863) died in Fayette Co., Ohio, her daughter, Scynthia Neff Gray; Elizabeth Gray m. Peter Wissner; Susannah Gray (1784-1865) m. George V. Grove (1785-1831); Mich-
Michael Gray, Jr. (ca. 1785-1849) m. in 1827 Frances Smith, dau. of Richard Smith, possibly a son of Solomon; Philip Gray (1789-1870) m. Elizabeth Smith (1790-1868) his cousin, dau. of Wm. Smith, Jr.; Jacob Gray (ca. 1794-1857) m. Nancy Capler (1810- ) in 1832; George Gray (?) m. Hannah (?); Roseannah Gray (1795-1858) m. Garret Vanorsdall (1801-1876). Michael Creamer went to Fayette Co., Ohio about 1810, Groves and Vanorsdalls followed ca. 1820. Michael Gray, Jr., came there in 1836. To be bearing children until 1795, Michael Gray, Sr’s. wife could scarcely have been born much before 1750 and must not have been very old when captured.

Jacob Fleece bought 162 acres of land adjacent to Michael Gray from Wm. Smith, Sr., in 1782. He died about May, 1798, leaving no will. Appraisers were Philip Clover, Jr., and nephew Adam Brouse. On June 28, 1798, William Smith, Jr., their uncle, was appointed guardian for Sarah and John Fleece, minor children. Named heirs in 1809 were: Rebecca, married Jan. 3, 1798, to Daniel Hayes; Enoch Hayes; Elizabeth, m. to John Moberly; Mary m. David McFann; Sarah m. William Smith not Solomon’s son; John Fleece (b. Mar. 17, 1783-d. Jan. 15, 1847) m. Mary Flinn or Flynn. John Fleece is buried in a farm cemetery, labeled Duckwall Family Cemetery in the “Graveyard History of Morgan County” (1980).

William Smith, Jr., (1761-1847) was a colorful character of western Berkeley County until it became Morgan County in 1820. He acquired the label of “Burgess Billy” by being a candidate for the legislative body of Virginia in almost every election from the late 1780s until 1820. He always lost until about 1820, when he finally won. But before he could take his seat, Morgan County was formed. It was decided that a new election was needed. This Billy lost by a narrow margin. Aler says that Billy was “deeply impressed by the incapacity of the people to select competent and proper agents to serve them.” He never ran again.

His first land was acquired from his father in 1782 when he came of age, the part of the original 1760 tract where Smith, Sr., had raised his family, the portion north of the Crossroads and Sleepy Creek. At that time he also acquired the 400 acre property at the headwaters of Sleepy Creek lying on the Frederick County-Hampshire County boundary. When his sister, Elizabeth Brouse, and her son, Lewis, left for Ohio in 1818, he bought the land on the northeast edge of Wolf Hill that Andrew Brouse had secured from William Smith, Sr., in 1778. This became the site of the Smith family cemetery a few hundred feet up Wolf Hill from Smith Crossroads. William was a confirmed land dealer, buying and selling throughout his life time.

In the 1780s Billy married Mary Maxwell who died in 1825. Their children were: Elizabeth (1790-1868) m. her cousin Philip Gray (1789-1870); David (ca. 1790-1880) m. Charlotte (?-1887); Jacob (1794-1869); Phoebe (1798-1884); Elias (1800-1882); Mary Ann (1804-1882). Of these, only Elizabeth and David married and had children. David had two sons and five daughters; Elizabeth Gray had at least three sons and one daughter. The other four Smith children at the time of the 1850 census were living as a family unit. The house still standing by Smith Crossroads at the foot of Wolf Hill was bequeathed by Jacob Smith to his sister Phoebe in 1869. In 1884 she willed it to James Hockenberry (1848-19--), a son of Georgeetta Clover and nephew of Mary Ann Clover and her husband, Hugh Smith (1805-?), all four being descendants of Solomon Smith. James Hockenberry lived there until his death in the earlier part of this century.

Syseley Smith presumably died between 1778 and 1782, since she signed deeds in 1778 but not in 1782. Wm. Smith, Sr., died sometime after 1782. The site of their graves is unknown.
Another researcher of the Smith and Brouse families, Mrs. Gwen (Norman) Brouse, supplied a slightly different version of the Indian capture of the Smith family. These three paragraphs of her article, shown below, entitled “Settlers of 1760—John Andrew Brouse/Brauss—Elizabeth Smith” appeared on page 72 of Morgan County, West Virginia and Its People, published by the Historical and Genealogical Society of Morgan County, West Virginia, Berkeley Springs 25411. I was unable to interview Mrs. Brouse for her source on this subject. She resides in a convalescent home in California.

The whereabouts of John Andrew Brauss from his arrival about 1738 until the 1760’s are unknown until he appeared in Warm Springs, Va. in ill health at the home of Wm. Smith, Jr. He soon met William’s sister, Elizabeth, daughter of William Smith, Sr. who had migrated from England about 1730.

John and Elizabeth were married in April 1768 and located at Sleepy Creek, Frederick County, Va. on Lord Fairfax land.

In earlier years (about 1748) the Wm. Smith family, consisting of his wife and 5 daughters (Elizabeth, age 10, Mary, Rachael, Sarah, and a baby girl) were captured by Indians. The 2 Smith boys, Solomon and William, Jr. were not listed as being captured. Six years later, after a peace treaty was signed, all the Smiths were found except Rachael and the baby.
The following is a copy of an article by William S. Ewing that appeared in the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, Volume 39, Fall 1956, pages 187-188 and 192-193. It depicts the release of Indian captives by Colonel Bouquet in 1764. The Smith daughters appear to be a part of this release. Only List C, Females from Pennsylvania [sic], which includes the Smith names, is shown here.

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INDIAN CAPTIVES RELEASED BY COLONEL BOUQUET

WILLIAM S. EWING

Although an autograph draft of the letter from Colonel Henry Bouquet to General Thomas Gage dated Fort Pitt, November 30, 1764, has been known for some time,¹ the inclosures accompanying the letter giving the names of the captives rescued by the Bouquet expedition to the Muskingum River, are not found with the draft. They are with the actual letter that went to Gage,² and are now in the Gage Papers at the Clements Library, University of Michigan.

After defeating the Indians near Bushy Run on August 6, 1763, Colonel Bouquet was able to relieve the besieged garrison at Fort Pitt and spent the winter there. The settlers on the Pennsylvania and Virginia frontier, however, were still plagued with Indian atrocities and capture. As part of General Gage’s plan for bringing peace to the frontier following Pontiac’s uprising, Colonel Bouquet was ordered to march with a force of British regulars, Pennsylvania provincials, and Virginia volunteers, through the wilderness to the Muskingum River. To complete the plan, Colonel John Bradstreet was directed to go with his force toDetroit. Bradstreet unfortunately concluded improper treaties with the Delawares and Shawnees, and it was only due to Bouquet’s good judgment and firmness in dealing with these nations, that the expedition led by him proved a success.

As a condition of the peace with the Ohio Indians, Bouquet demanded the release of prisoners held by the Delawares and Shawnees. By the Articles of Agreement concluded in November 1764,¹ the chieftains of these nations agreed to cease hostilities against all British subjects, to collect and deliver to Bouquet’s forces, all English prisoners, deserters, Frenchmen, Negroes, and any other White people living among them, and finally to appoint deputies from each Indian tribe authorized to treat for peace for their respective nations with Sir William Johnson, Crown Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Northern Department.

¹ Dr. William S. Ewing is Curator of Manuscripts at the Clements Library, University of Michigan.—Ed.
² A Bouquet to Gage, November 30, 1764. Gage Papers, Clements Library, University of Michigan.
Bouquet has generally been credited with releasing approximately 200 prisoners. The accompanying lists from the Gage Papers designated lists A, B, C, and D, account for 194 captives delivered by the Delaware* to Colonel Bouquet’s forces in October and November of 1764. List E from the British Museum Additional Manuscripts, contains 12 names not included in lists A-D.

The Shawnees were not as prompt in complying with the Articles of Agreement as the Delaware*. However, they turned over 9 captives on January 5, 1765, and 44 additional captives on May 10, 1765. These lists, also found in the Gage Papers, are designated lists F and G.

Note that Hannah Smith appears to be listed twice, #3 and #30, or there were two "Hannah Smiths."
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Fort Pitt Dec' y^1 1764.

Received of Colonel Bouquet the above mentioned Eighty one Captives and the Necessaries as against their Names respectively, being in the whole fifty three Shirts, forty nine pair of Legging, Sixty three pair of Shoe Packs, and thirty nine Blankets.

Asher Clayton Lt Co^o
2^e B. P^o Reg't.

Indorsed:
Colonel Clayton's Receipt for Eighty One Captives, & their Necessaries, sent down from Fort Pitt to the Inhabitants — December the 1^st 1764

Also included in this group is "Rachel," with no surname, #45. Rachel was a name attributed to a Smith captive daughter by Mrs. Gwen Brouse (see page 17).
Twenty years of research has produced no significant information to take us any further in our ancestral line than the life of Michael Gray, Sr. There are no specific clues to his parentage or siblings; for that matter, no clues to any direct ancestor have been found. None of the ‘easy’ routes exist such as a will or probate records, pictures, bible records or cemetery inscriptions. It is still unknown whether Michael was the first of our line of Grays to come to America.

The name Michael does not seem to be very common among the Gray families in Virginia, except in this particular family. It does not appear in other families researched in the Pennsylvania area either. Yet, for two generations and somewhat into the third in this family, Michael, was a very prominent name.

Michael's birth place and parents remain unknown at this time. He may have been related to some of the other Gray families that settled in the area. Another possibility is that he migrated from Pennsylvania with the general migration of the Scotch-Irish that started in the 1740s and extended until the Revolution and is related to some of the Gray families that settled along the Susquehanna River. A third possibility is that he came directly from Scotland or England.

The search for Michael Gray's birthplace and parents produced only three other Michael Grays.

1. The Delaware Archives lists a “Michal” Gray in Military and Naval Records Vol. II as a "Non-Enroller" in Captain Pierce's District, dated 7 March 1778. No additional information has been found on this Michael.

2. There was a Michael Gray and family that lived in Donegal, Pennsylvania, who died in November 1784, leaving a wife and five children, none of them known to have been named Michael. (See page 5.)

3. Passengers to America lists a Michael Gray with this notation: age 25, a farmer from London, arriving in Maryland on the Ship Jane in 1775. There is a further notation covering all passengers: "All the people are going to settle abroad and by agreement with the Captain are to pay him so much for their passage to Maryland on their arrival, but if they cannot, then the Captain is to dispose of them for a number of years to defray the expenses of their passage." A search of records in Maryland did not uncover any other data on this Michael Gray. His services could have been sold to defray passage expense, or he could have moved westward immediately after arrival.

The first reference found on Michael Gray in the Virginia area is in the Shepherdstown Community about 1772. Three other Gray's appear in the area at that time--David, Hugh and John.

The next reference to Michael can be found in a deed made in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), dated 20 April 1778 between William Smith and Michael Gray, both of Berkeley County and State of Virginia. William Smith conveyed to Michael Gray, by deed of lease and release, for "twenty pounds sterling," 185 acres of land, originally part of a tract of land granted by patent to William Smith in 1760. (This area became Morgan County, Virginia, in 1820 and West Virginia in 1863.)

At the same time, William Smith sold 126 acres of land to Frederick Duckwall and 143 acres to Andrew Brouse. These transactions were for "twenty pounds sterling." Additionally, William Smith granted 126 acres of land to "my loving son, Solomon Smith." George Dyche also purchased land from William Smith on 21 April 1778 for fifty pounds Pennsylvania currency. Two deeds by lease and release in 1782 between Smith and Jacob Fleece and Smith and Jesse Rose were recorded also. Fleece purchased 162 acres of land and Rose purchased 123 acres. Researchers of the Smith family feel that this dispersal of his land by William Smith was, in part, to his sons-in-law in the case of Gray, Fleece, Brouse, Dyche and Rose. (See The William Smith Family starting on page 13.)

Other deeds in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), show Michael Gray purchased more land in the area. Michael Gray appears in 1820 tax records showing he owned "206 A. above Bath along the ridge 3 m. s. of Bath." Assessment value was

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28 Berkeley County, West Virginia, Deeds Volume 4, pp. 544-545, Division of Archives and History, Cultural Center, Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
29 Ibid., pp. 537-544.
30 Ibid., Volume 5, pp. 739-742.
$2.50 per acre for a total value of $515. Tax was 65 cents with additional amounts of 46 cents for an adjoining 147 acres and 58 cents for 185 acres adjoining. Notations in 1822 show that Philip Gray and George Gray were to pay part of that year’s tax. Thereafter, Philip pays the taxes on the 147 acres and George on the 185-acre tract.\[31\]

Early deeds in Berkeley and Frederick Counties, Virginia, offer no clues to any family relationship of Michael. In Hampshire County, other Grays appearing are Friend Gray as early as 1774 and Isaac by 1775. Personal Property Tax Lists for Hampshire County, 1782-1814, show Friend Gray as well as William Smith Sr., and other families which will eventually cross the Michael Gray threshold: Vannorsdall, Casler, Grove and Richard Smith.

The Smith family is definitely intertwined with the Gray family. If Michael Gray married a daughter of William Smith, it remains to be proven; no primary source has been found. A record of marriage between a Smith daughter and Michael Gray has not been found. No deed recorded in the transfer of land between William Smith and Michael Gray includes the phrase “and wife,” nor does it name a wife.

One other reference to Michael Gray’s wife is made in the Centennial Address delivered by David H. Strother on 4 July 1876 at Bath (now Berkeley Springs), West Virginia. The Smith’s are mentioned early in the speech regarding the earliest settlers in the area, specifically mentioning their living high up on Sleepy Creek above other settlers. In further references he mentions the Indian incursions into the area and the captivity of three young girls, aunts of fellow-citizens David and Elias Smith. He states their descendants still reside in the county among the Fleeces, Greys [sic], and Wisners [sic].\[32\] The statement would seem to imply that direct descendants of these ladies exist within these families, making one of the women likely to be Michael Gray’s wife. Questions arise then as to her name, as mentioned earlier in the William Smith Family on page 13. Did he accidentally substitute the name of Wisner for Brouse or is there more to this story than has been uncovered?

Another reference to the Smith family being captured by the Indians is written in the papers of another Smith researcher and referred to in The History of the Lower Scioto Valley, Ohio.\[33\] The story on David Samson, son of David and Sarah Brouse Samson, refers to his grandmother (Elizabeth Smith Brouse) being held prisoner by the Indians for eight years.

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31 Morgan County, West Virginia, Land Tax Books (By year). County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.
The census records confirm Michael’s existence. Early Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), tax lists dated 1774-1781 show Michael with 185 acres of land. Obviously, this is the land mentioned previously that he purchased in 1778 from William Smith. The same time frame shows Hugh Gray with 407 acres. (Individual years are not shown separately.) The 1782 list shows Michael and also includes other Grays, namely John, Hugh and William. The 1783 tax lists of Hampshire County, Virginia, show Michael listed with three horses and eight cattle. The 1802 tax list of Berkeley County shows Michael with 170 acres of land.

The 1810 federal census records offer the first clues to more of Michael’s family. It includes one male 10-16, one male 16-26, one male 45 and over. Females included one 10-16, two 16-26, and one female 45 and over. By the 1820 federal census, Michael’s family consisted of one male 16-26 and one over 45 along with one female 16-26. Looking at the two census records, 1810 and 1820, it appears that Michael’s wife died during that period of time. Similarly, only one other male, other than what appears to be Michael, resides in the household.

Will and Probate Records

Although no will or probate records have been found for Michael Gray, his death can be established in 1829, before June, when deeds appear in the Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), records between the “legatees of Michael Gray” and other family members. Legatees of Michael Gray are listed as “George Gray and Hannah his wife, Michael Gray and Frances, his wife, Philip Gray and Jane, his wife, Peter Wisner and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Gray, Michael Creamer and Mary his wife late Mary Gray, George Groves and Susannah, his wife late Susannah Gray, Garrot Vanorsdoll [sic] and Roseannah [sic] his wife late Roseannah Gray and Sarah Gray and Jacob Gray.” Thus it appears that Michael and his wife had nine children living at the time of his death in 1829. Michael’s land holdings were distributed to his sons: Jacob, 206 acres, Michael Jr. and George each 92.5 acres and Philip, 147 acres.

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36 Grove, *Reconstructed Census*.
39 Morgan County, West Virginia, Deed Book 2, pp. 128-143. County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.
Religion

The religious preference of the Gray family cannot be pinpointed in these early years in Virginia. The family has not appeared as members in any particular church record and no bible records are known to exist from this time frame. Matthias Rizer, a Methodist circuit rider, performed several of the Gray marriages. Rizer founded the Oakland United Methodist Church on the West Branch of Sleepy Creek, near Phoenixville. German families from Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, originally settled Phoenixville, Virginia. It is stated he ministered in English and German.

A check of Quaker records did not show any records for this family.

Military

No records exist to link Michael to military service in the Revolutionary War in Virginia. He is not listed in Abercrombie and Slatten’s Index to the Virginia Revolutionary “Publick” Claims, County Booklets. A personal search of The National Archives in Washington D.C. has not produced any record of service by Michael Gray.

He is not listed in Gwathmey’s Register. He is not included in West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors by Reddy. However, Hugh, John, Jonathan and William Gray are all shown from Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), in this index of public claims.

Michael is recorded in Shepherdstown about 1772 (see page 22), so it is possible he was living in Virginia during the Revolutionary War period. He may have contributed with public claims that were lost or were not recorded.

On the other hand, Michael may have served from another state. The records for Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey have been searched. Only the state of Delaware gives any sign of a Michael Gray. In the Delaware Archives, a Michal [sic] Gray and William Gray are listed in the militia lists. However, they appear on the ‘non-enroller’ list of Captain Pierce's District, which is indicated to be fifty years of

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40 Marriage records and returns of Matthias Rizer, Preacher of the Gospel, Film 1219 (A & M) Morgan County, West Virginia and Regional History Collection, Colson Hall, West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506.
41 Compiled by the Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County West Virginia and It’s People, (n.d.), p. 51.
43 Anne Waller Reddy, West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors, (An Index from Manuscript Public Claims of the Revolutionary War in the Virginia State Library, 1930) p. 34.
age and upwards in 1778. This would seem unlikely to be the same Michael Gray who died in Morgan County, West Virginia, in 1829. On the other hand, in studying the Delaware record, the column in which Michal appears does not have a heading. Prior to that is a statement of the men being non-enrollers and the explanation as to that meaning. If Michal was in the group of ages twenty-one and upwards, this could be our Michael Gray of Berkeley and Morgan County.

One other reference has been found by another researcher in his quest to document his branch of the Michael Gray family. His ancestor Oliver Gray of Miami County, Ohio, a great-grandson to Michael Gray, Sr., is mentioned in a biographical sketch which refers to Oliver’s father, Michael Gray (Philip, Michael), “came of Revolutionary ancestry.”

Education

There are no records that indicate any formal education of Michael Gray and his children. In the deeds recorded as settlement of Michael’s estate in 1829, his sons Michael Jr., Philip and Jacob signed their names. George signed with his mark, as did all the daughters.

46 Berkeley County Deed Book 2, p. 139.
Family

1. Michael Gray was born about 1750-1757 in an unknown location and died in 1829, before June, in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). His wife may have been a daughter of William and Cysly Smith from whom Michael purchased land in 1778. Although Michael’s name appears in records of Berkeley, Hampshire and Morgan County, he likely lived in the same location much of the time, particularly after 1778 and only the county boundaries changed. Thus his children are all thought to have been born in Berkeley County, Virginia. This area of Berkeley County is now Morgan County, West Virginia.

Michael had the following known children. A more thorough discussion of each child follows.

+ 2 i. George Gray, born circa 1775, Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and likely died there between 1850 and 1860. This area would have been Morgan County, Virginia, between 1850-1860. His wife’s name was Hannah, however, her surname remains unknown.

+ 3 ii. Elizabeth Gray, born 8 June 1778, Berkeley County; died there between 1850-1860 although this area would be Morgan County at that time. Elizabeth was probably married to Peter Whisner about 1800.

+ 4 iii. Mary Gray, born circa 1778-1780 probably in Berkeley County. She died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 1 May 1865. Mary married Michael Creamer, probably in Berkeley County about 1799.

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47 Considering his purchase of land in 1778 from William Smith, Michael could have been born no later than 1757. Ages and birth years for his first known child, George, vary considerably but could be as early as 1770. A range of years is given for Michael’s birth for this reason.


50 Since birth records were not kept at this time in history and no bible records have survived for this family, birth dates are hard to pinpoint. Where possible they have been calculated from headstone information, which in and of itself is not always accurate and reliable. It does however, give us some idea to work with. Census records narrow ages down to some degree, but again are not entirely accurate.

51 George’s birth year is calculated mainly from census records. A thorough discussion can be found on page 31.

52 Morgan County Deed Book 2, pp. 128-143. George and wife Hannah are listed as legatees of Michael Gray.

53 This date was given by another researcher without a source. Confirmation has not been located. Census records for she and her husband do support a birth in that time range. See page 34-35.

54 Census and tax records confirm the death of Elizabeth and her husband in this time frame. Census also was used to establish a marriage date from the birth of four children by 1810. See page 34-35.

55 Birth year is calculated from tombstone inscription and census records. Her age varies in records; thus only a range of time for her birth is given. See next footnote for tombstone and death date.

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+ 5 iv. Sarah Gray, born circa 1779 likely in Berkeley County and probably died in Fayette County, Ohio, 31 December 1863. No marriage record has been found for Sarah in Virginia or Ohio.

+ 6 v. Susannah Gray, born 17 March 1784 likely in Berkeley County; died 17 April 1865 likely in Fayette County, Ohio. Susannah married George Grove on 27 May 1819 in Berkeley County.

+ 7 vi. Michael Gray, Jr., born circa 1786, Berkeley County and died at the age of 63 on 13 November 1849 as his tombstone states. Michael married Elizabeth Casler on 4 February 1816 in Berkeley County and Frances Smith on 2 March 1827.

+ 8 vii. Philip Gray was born about October 1790 in Berkeley County. He died in Greene County, Ohio, on 12 October 1870. Philip’s first wife, Mary Hunt, is thought to be the mother of our ancestor, but no record of this marriage has been found. It is thought to have occurred about 1812-1813. Philip’s second marriage was to Jane Hunt, supposedly a sister of his first wife, documented in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 4 February 1816. Assuming the death of his second wife, Philip married for the third time to Elizabeth Smith Unger, daughter of William Smith, Jr. on 11 August 1832 in Morgan County. (Assuming Philip’s mother to be the daughter of William Smith, Sr., he and Elizabeth would be first cousins.)

+ 9 viii. Jacob Gray, born 16 May 1793 probably in Berkeley County and died 8 February 1857 in Morgan County. Jacob married twice. His first wife was Rebecca Smith whom he married on 1 June 1824 in Morgan County. His second marriage was to Nancy Casler on 24 December 1832 in Morgan County.

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57 Tombstone in the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Ohio, indicates the burial of a Sarah Gray died Dec. 31, 1863, aged 84 years. Birth is calculated from this date.

58 Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 467. Birth year is calculated from death date.


60 Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 967.


62 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1820-1841, p. 67.

63 Family Papers received from Sarah Gray Bales (Joel Urban, George, Philip, Michael). These papers were “family group sheets” showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray’s family along with the families of Philip’s children. No source material is given. Furnished to L. Warren, this compiler, in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers.

64 Death Certificate, Greene County, Ohio, Philip Gray, 12 October 1870, recorded 20 July 1871. Age listed as 79. Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio.

65 SGB Family papers.

66 Marriage date calculated from birth date given for first child in the SGB Family Papers.


68 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1820-1841, p. 148.

69 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History of Morgan County (VA) W. VA, p. 103. Birth date calculated from tombstone information.

70 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1820-1841, p. 41.

71 Ibid., p. 153.
Rosannah Gray, born 24 May 1795 in Berkeley County. She died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 5 December 1858. Rosannah married Garret Vannorsdall in Morgan County on 21 December 1825.

Due to the fact that the identity of Michael’s wife is unknown, it becomes very hard to identify the family with any certainty. Life on the frontier must have presented much more important matters than documenting their family. It is very likely that Michael and/or his wife could neither read nor write. The overview of the family indicates that by 1780 at least four children were born. Information on Elizabeth and Mary is so scant, it is very difficult to tell if these children could have been twins, or if our birth date calculations are incorrect. Twins do appear in the next generation. (See Philip Gray, page 77.) Only two children can be pinpointed in the decade of 1780–1790. Likely, we have some unidentified children who died in infancy and who remain unidentified, and/or the birth years for the first four children may be more spaced than what we show. Three more children appear in 1790, 1793 and 1795. Overall this would make a childbearing period of 20 years for this woman.

The 1810 census lists a female 45 years and upward, likely Michael’s wife. This would indicate she was born before 1765. If Michael’s wife was the Hannah Smith released with an infant by the Indians in 1764, her childbearing years span approximately 1763 to 1795. This thirty-two year span is possible given a young age in 1763, but is it probable?

No death or burial records have been found for Michael or his wife.

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72 Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 967. Rosannah’s listing in the Vannorsdall Cemetery gives her death as 5 December 1858, aged 63 y., 6m., 12 d. Birth date is calculated from this information.
73 Morgan County Film 1219, Colson Library, West Virginia University. (“A return of marriages sillibrated [sic] by me. Matthias Riser, Preacher of the Gospel.”)
Generation Two

2. George\(^2\) Gray (Michael\(^1\)) was born about 1775 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and likely died there between 1850 and 1860.\(^{74}\) (In 1850–1860 this area would be Morgan County, Virginia.) At the time of his father’s death in 1829, George’s wife was Hannah,\(^{75}\) parents unknown. No other spouse is known to exist. George and Hannah were probably married by 1800 although no marriage record has been found.

11 i. William\(^1\) Gray was born about 1800 most likely in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He took his own life by hanging in July 1876; his age was listed as 76.\(^{76}\) Judging his birth year as 1800 based on this death record is also consistent with possibilities presented with the census records of his father through 1840, provided he is living with his parents during that time. An unidentified female is also included in the 1840 census of William’s parents, and would be of an age to be a wife of William. (See page 32.) This is only speculation and nothing has been found to further this option. In 1850, a William Gray appears at age 50 with the Henry Davis family, listed as a laborer. A notation on the census states “claims no residence.”\(^{77}\) Obviously, homelessness as we know it entering the 21\(^{st}\) century, is not a new phenomenon. William has not been located on the 1860 census, but appears in 1870 with his sister, Mary Compton. Here he is listed as 66 years of age, making him born in 1804, and a possible scenario.\(^{78}\)

+ 12 ii. Mary Gray was born 15 April 1802 probably in Berkeley County.\(^{79}\) Her death in Morgan County, West Virginia, is documented on 11 April 1875.\(^{80}\) She likely married Jonathan Compton about 1825,\(^{81}\) although no documentation has been found.

+ 13 iii. Elizabeth, born possibly 1803-1805 or 1810-1820 in Berkeley County. She married John Herrman on 1 June 1844.\(^{82}\) See a further discussion of Elizabeth’s birth and parentage on page 32.

\(^{74}\) George’s birth and death years are largely calculated from census records. The 1850 census records show him living with Thomas and Susanna Tritapoe, likely his daughter and son-in-law, where he lists his birthplace as Berkeley County. 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Va., District 42, Thomas “Tritapo,” Dwelling/Family 3/3, p. 89.

\(^{75}\) Morgan County Deed Book 2, pp. 128-143. George and wife Hannah are listed as legatees of Michael Gray.

\(^{76}\) Morgan County Death Records, Vol. 1, pp. 31-32.

\(^{77}\) 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, District 42, Henry Davis, p. 89B, Dwelling/Family #15/15.

\(^{78}\) Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County West Virginia 1870 Census, (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411), p.24.

\(^{79}\) Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History, p. 78. Age at death on 11 April 1875 is 72 yrs, 11 mos, 26 days.

\(^{80}\) Morgan County Death Records, Vol. 1, pp. 27-28. Her parents are listed as George and Hannah Gray. Birth year is calculated from tombstone inscription.

\(^{81}\) Marriage is assumed after thorough research of Mary’s family, including census reports, burial records and death records of her children, which include parents’ names as Mary and Jonathan Compton. Marriage year is judged from birth of first known child.

\(^{82}\) Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1841-1850, p. 80.
Susannah Gray was born about May 1809 in Berkeley County. Her tombstone information gives just the month and year of her birth along with her death date, 2 August 1898. Her tombstone indicates wife of Thomas (Tritapoe), although no record of a marriage has been found. George Gray, Susannah’s father, is living in the Tritapoe household on the 1850 census.

George Gray, Jr. was born about 1822 in Morgan County and died there on 8 December 1898. George married Sarah Batt on 24 December 1851 in Morgan County.

A minimal amount of data has been found regarding George Gray (Michael). Listed as being a legatee in Michael Gray’s deeds, one other important fact links him as a child of Michael. The will of his brother, Jacob Gray (Michael), specifically makes a bequest to his brother George. (See page 44-46.) His wife, Hannah, is named in the deeds dispersing Michael Gray’s land in 1829. Hannah appears to have died between 1840 and 1850 when she no longer appears on the census with George.

Birth and Death Dates

The census records are helpful. George’s birth year is established solely on census record data including the 1850 Morgan County census. Living with his assumed daughter and son-in-law, Susan(nah) and Thomas Tritapoe, George’s age is listed as 80. (Note: Tritapoe is spelled variously in many records. We will use this spelling.) This is logically consistent with each ten-year progression in the census record. However, from 1810 to 1820, George moves from the 26-45 age group to the over 45 category in 1820. Likely his age is somewhat inflated in 1850. We must keep in mind it is an unknown who supplied the information on all census records. Using all of this information, we have placed George’s birth year as about 1775.

George does not appear after 1850 on the census records and his death is assumed between 1850 and 1860. Settlement accounts of his brother Jacob’s will in 1857 and 1858 do not show any disbursement to George. The bequest indicated that no cash was to be given to George, just articles of clothing or “necessaries.” However, Jacob did not write his will until 5 February 1857 just days prior to his death. Surely, George was still living at that date but may have died by 1860.
Children

Working somewhat in reverse by using the death records of Morgan County and locating children of George and Hannah, the ages of the deceased can be used to estimate and interpret some of the data on the census records. The family likely included at least three other children who may have died in childhood or who remain unidentified.

The 1810, 1820 and 1830 census records for George Gray are shown below:

| Year | Male 0-10 yrs | Male 10-16 yrs | Male 16-26 yrs | Male 26-45 yrs | Male 45 and up | Male 50-60 yrs | Female 0-10 yrs | Female 10-15 yrs | Female 15-20 yrs | Female 20-30 yrs | Female 26-45 yrs | Female 30-40 yrs | Female 40-50 yrs | Female 45 and up | Female 50-60 yrs |
|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1810 | 1             | 1             |               | 1             |               |               | 3             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| 1820 | 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             |               |               | 3             | 2             | 1             | 1             |               |               |               |               |               |
| 1830 | 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             |               |               | 1             | 1             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |

Provided this is George and Hannah Gray in all three instances, and at this point we have no reason not to make this assumption, the family consisted of two male children and six female children by 1820, with an additional male child by 1830. William and Mary are proven children of George. Susannah had George living in her household in 1850 and it appears she would be his daughter although no records found to date prove it. George, Jr., is also thought to be a child of George and Hannah, although no document has been found for proof. Many land transactions are recorded in Morgan County between George Sr. and George Jr. and Thomas Tritapoe. Court documents found in archived records in Morgantown, West Virginia, show the three frequently linked together in business dealings.

Elizabeth may be the name of one additional female and we have listed her as a child, possibly born between 1803-1805 or 1810-1820. The lone record linking her to George and Hannah is her marriage bond in Morgan County in 1844. George Gray signs with his mark. If Elizabeth were born between 1803-1805, she would be 39-41 years of age at the time of this marriage. An 1850 census record for John Harman [sic]

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89 1810 U.S. Census, Berkeley County, Virginia. George Gray, p. 571.
1820 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, George Gray, p. 16A.
90 Civil court documents housed at Colson Hall, West Virginia University Library, Morgan County files.
91 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1841-1850, p. 80.
age 45 and Elizabeth, 42, (no other family members) has been located in Morgan County. This could be Elizabeth Gray, making her born about 1802-1803.\(^{92}\)

John does not appear in the 1860 index, but Elizabeth does, age 54, living with the Aaron Bechtol family. This information bears more research to try to establish if this is a child of George and Hannah Gray.

Thus, we have three unidentified children of George and Hannah Gray, females born between 1810 and 1820 if Elizabeth is born between 1800-1810, or one born between 1800-1810 and two between 1810-1820. Further study of this family may someday solve this mystery. Provided all males listed in all three censuses are children of George Gray and not other family members or farm laborers, the 1830 census leaves us with one unidentified male child for George and Hannah, born between 1810-1815.

The 1840 census records for George Gray are somewhat puzzling or questionable.\(^{93}\)

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Assuming the 60-70 year olds are George and Hannah, a new 0-5 year old male could be a child of the 20-30 year old female, who remains unidentified. This unidentified female could be a wife to son William who would be about 40 years old, or to the unidentified male age 20-30. If Elizabeth was born between 1810-1820, she would fall in this 20-30 year age bracket and this could be her, as the marriage to John Herrman did not occur until 1844. George Jr., if born in 1822, would be the male 15-20 years of age. Without names on the early census records and any other documents to identify George and Hannah’s family, all is speculation.

In Jacob\(^2\) Gray’s (Michael\(^1\)) will he mentions a nephew named Peter Gray.\(^{94}\) A copy can be see on page 44-46. Peter does not appear in either of the other known families of Jacob’s (and George’s) brothers, namely Philip and Michael, Jr. Thus, Peter could be the unidentified male of this family.

The graves of George and Hannah have not been located. Other researchers have worked on descendants of this line, particularly the George, Jr. line.

\(^{92}\) Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850* (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia 25411), John Harman, p. 6.

\(^{93}\) 1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, West Virginia, George Gray, p. 192.

\(^{94}\) Morgan County Will Book 3, pp. 35-36.
3. **Elizabeth² Gray** (Michael¹) is listed as born on 8 June 1778 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), by another researcher; however, no record has been found to verify this date. (See footnote regarding Elizabeth’s birth on page 27.) Census records support her birth year in that range of time. Elizabeth’s death likely occurred in Morgan County after 1850 but prior to her husband’s death in 1857.⁹⁵ No marriage record has been found for Elizabeth and Peter Whisner, however, it probably occurred by 1800.⁹⁶ (The surname of Whisner is frequently shown as Wisner. Although the family appears to have used the spelling Whisner, we have shown the name otherwise as it appears in indicated records.)

16  i. Jacob³ Whisner, born about 1801 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia)⁹⁷ and died there about 1884. Probate records indicate his wife to be “Margaret” although a marriage record has not been found. Children included on the census and probate records include sons Samuel, Hiram and Peter and a daughter Ann.⁹⁸

17  ii. Sarah Whisner, born 5 November 1802, Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia); died 31 January 1874. Sarah’s death record identifies her parents as Peter and Elizabeth.⁹⁹ The marriage bond in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia) records her marriage to John Compton on 10 November 1830.¹⁰⁰ The 1850 census shows the family with four sons, George, Andrew, Peter and William.¹⁰¹ John and Sarah Whisner Compton are buried in the Great Cacapon Cemetery.¹⁰²

18  iii. Susan Whisner, died 23 April 1868, age 65 years, 5 months in Morgan County. Unmarried.¹⁰³ This would place her birth in December 1802, a month after sister Sarah, above. The 1810 census for Peter Whisner does show 2 female children in the age bracket of 0-10.¹⁰⁴ Susan appears on the 1850 census with her parents and is listed as 33 years old,¹⁰⁵ which makes her birth year 1817. This is not upheld by the 1820 census records of her father which shows no female child in the age bracket of 0-10. The 1860 census

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⁹⁵ Morgan County Account Settlements, LDS Film #0588676. Peter Whisner Sr. Administrator was Peter Whisner, Jr.
⁹⁶ Morgan County Deed Book 2, pp. 128-143. Elizabeth is listed as Elizabeth Wisner, late Gray, and wife of Peter Wisner. Census records and her children’s records would substantiate this time frame.
⁹⁷ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850; p. 5. (Same publication for 1860, p. 41.) Birth year is calculated from his age given on the 1850 and 1860 Morgan County census records.
⁹⁸ LDS Film #0464967, Item 3, Morgan County Wills, Inventories, Etc. (no page number shown.) Date of probate 18 March 1884.
⁹⁹ Morgan County Register of Deaths, Vol. I, 1865-1903; p. 25-26, line 34. Birth calculated from information on death record.
¹⁰⁰ Morgan County Bonds of Marriage, 1820-1841, #114.
¹⁰¹ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850, p. 3.
¹⁰² Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History, p. 19.
¹⁰⁵ 1850 U.S. Census; Morgan County, Va., Peter Wisner, District 42, Dwelling/Family 68/68, p. 93. (KY Archives film M432-962.)
lists Susan as 55 years old, making her born in 1805, which is possible by the 1810 census mentioned above. Certainly we have some discrepancy in her age. An overall look at the census and known children of this couple would place the most likely time of her birth between 1803 and 1807. Her sister-in-law Rebecca Whisner, wife of Peter, reported Susan’s death. Her death record listed Peter and Elizabeth Whisner as her parents. It is unknown where she is buried.

19 iv. Samuel Whisner, born 27 September 1808, Berkeley County. He married Elizabeth Newbraugh 23 October 1832 in Morgan County. Samuel and Elizabeth appear in the 1850 census of Morgan County with six children including Isaac, Peter, Almira, Levy, Maria, and Syrus, one household from his parents.

20 v. Peter Whisner, Jr. born 8 November 1811 probably in Berkeley County, and died 15 March 1876 in Morgan County, West Virginia. His marriage to Rebecca Margaret Fleece is recorded with the marriage bond on 8 November 1837. The bond is signed by Peter Whisner and John Fleece, his mark, likely Rebecca’s father. Peter and Rebecca are noted on the 1860 Morgan County census with one son and six daughters.

21 vi. Michael Whisner was born about 1815 as he is shown on the 1850 census at age 35. He is listed as a tailor [sic]. No marriage record has been found for Michael. No other family members were shown on the 1850 census and he does not appear on the 1860 Morgan County census. However, court records in 1869 indicate the heirs of Michael Whisner include William, Mary and Lucy J. Whisner, with Samuel Whisner as guardian. Settlements of the estate of Peter Whisner, Sr. in 1869 also include the “heirs of Michael Whisner.” Michael and his wife appear to have both died by this time.

22 vii. George Whisner, born about 1822 in Morgan County. He is shown on the 1850 census with his parents, listed as age 28. No marriage or death record has been found. He is not included as an heir on his father’s estate papers. No additional information.

Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1860 (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia 25411), Susan W(h)isner, p. 53.
Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County West Virginia and It’s People, p. 231. (Information submitted by Hazel Whisner Hofe, source unknown. According to the article, she is a g-granddaughter of Samuel Whisner.)
Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1820-1841, # 151.
Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850 (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia 25411), Samuel W(h)isner, p. 9.
Morgan County Bonds of Marriage 1820-1841, p.224.
1860 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Va., Peter W(h)isner, Dwelling/Family 427/427, p. 393.
Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850; Michael Whisner, p. 4a.
Morgan County Chancery Order Book 1861-1885, p. 114.
Morgan County Settlements 1865-1893. LDS Film 0588676.
Ibid.
According to early census records in 1810\(^{117}\) and 1820,\(^{118}\) the Whisner family probably had at least four children by 1810 and eleven children are shown in the household in 1820. We have only identified seven children; some may have died young.

Early land records of Morgan County in 1820 show Peter Whisner with 159 acres of land along the drains of Sleepy Creek, four miles south of Berkeley Springs. By 1860 it appears he had owned 147 acres on the Winchester Road and notations indicate taxes paid by the heirs, confirming Peter and Elizabeth had both died by this time.\(^{119}\) Their graves have not been located.

At least one other researcher is known to be working on the Whisner line. Except for some census work, very little else is known about the family.

4. Mary\(^2\) Gray (Michael\(^7\)) was born about 1778–1780 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and died 1 May 1865 probably in Fayette County, Ohio.\(^{120}\) Mary married Michael Creamer, son of George and Barbara (Clover) Creamer, about 1799; however, no marriage bond or record has been located. Michael was born 8 August 1769 and died 12 January 1840 according to his tombstone inscription. The Creamer family is known to be as follows:\(^{121}\)

\begin{itemize}
  \item[i.] William\(^2\) Creamer died in infancy. William and Simeon likely were twins.
  \item[ii.] Simeon Creamer married 1) Elizabeth Conner and 2) Anna Johnson. A notation in the bible of Wallace and Elizabeth Gray Creamer, written by an unknown person, states Simeon died 1 April 1865, aged 65 years 2 months and 5 days.\(^{122}\)
  \item[iii.] Michael Creamer
  \item[iv.] Rosannah Creamer
  \item[v.] George Creamer
  \item[vi.] Mary "Polly" Creamer
  \item[vii.] Jacob Creamer
\end{itemize}

\(^{117}\) 1810 U.S. Census, Berkeley County, Va., p. 261, Peter Wisner.
\(^{118}\) 1820 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Peter Wisner, p. 4A, National Archives Microfilm M33, Roll 141.
\(^{119}\) Morgan County Land Tax Books (1860).
\(^{120}\) Birth year is calculated from tombstone inscription and census records. Her age varies in records; thus only a range of time for her birth is given.
\(^{121}\) Smith, History of Jeffersonville, pp. 467-468. A large article on a Creamer reunion includes many dates and information on this large family. This reference lists Michael's birth date as 18 June 1778. Published records of his tombstone proclaim him "70 yrs...." Personally, it appears to me to read 76 yrs...." Michael's birth year requires more study. The article states that both Michael and Mary were born in Berkeley County and married there in 1799. No source is given. Information on children is taken from this source also. No further information on these children.
\(^{122}\) Mrs. Harry M. Rankin, compiler. Bible Records including newspaper clippings of obituaries found in the bibles of 138 pioneer families of Fayette County, Ohio. (No date) pp. 62-63.
The 1820 census of Michael Creamer of Fayette County, Ohio, shows one male and one female age 26-45. In addition there are thirteen other people listed. All may or may not be children of this couple.

Several marriages for the children of this family are recorded in Fayette County, Ohio. Some birth and death information has been obtained, but has not served to advance the GRAY research. Several researchers have done work on various lines of this family over the years. The 100th reunion of the pioneer family of George Creamer was held in the area in 1999.

Michael and Mary Gray Creamer are buried in the Creamer Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio. Mary’s stone has been repaired once. The inscriptions are becoming increasingly harder to read each year:

*Left,* Michael Creamer Died Jan. 12, 1840, Aged 76 yrs. 5 mo. and 4 ds.

*Right:* Mary wife of Michael Creamer Died May 1, 1865 (could possibly be 1863), Aged 85 yrs., 1 mo.

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123 1820 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Michael Creamer, p. 14A.

124 The Creamer Cemetery is located on the Creamer Road in Fayette County, Ohio, about 3 miles south of Jeffersonville. Creamer Road can be accessed from SR 41S out of Jeffersonville or US 35 between I-71 and Washington Court House.
5. **Sarah\(^2\) Gray** (Michael\(^1\)) was likely born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), about 1779. She is thought to be the Sarah Gray whose death is recorded on a tombstone in the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio, as 31 December 1863, age 84.\(^{125}\) Proof of this has not been obtained from a death record or probate record, although it is very likely. No marriage record has been located for Sarah either in Virginia or Ohio but she is known to have had one child, referred to with the surname of Gray in her brother Jacob’s will,\(^{126}\) shown on page 44-46.

35 i. Scynthia\(^3\) Gray was born about 1814 in Virginia, probably Berkeley County.\(^{127}\) She married Samuel Neff in Fayette County, Ohio, 25 February 1838.\(^{128}\)

Sarah appears on the 1850 census records with her daughter’s family, including husband Samuel Neff and their five children, Garrett, Sarahan, Edward, Richard and Timothy.\(^{129}\) By 1860 Scynthia’s husband is no longer with the family but Scynthia and Sarah are listed with four children, Garrett, Sarah, Edward and Timothy.\(^{130}\)

*Right:* This is the stone of Sarah Gray located in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio, in the “old” cemetery located near the center of town. Proof that this is Sarah\(^2\) Gray (Michael\(^1\)) of our family has not been found.

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126 Morgan County Will Book 3, pp. 35-36.
127 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Samuel Neff, Dwelling/Family 45/45, p. 3. FHL Film #444671. Birth year calculated from age given on census.
128 Fayette County Marriage Book B, p. 123, #1421.
129 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Samuel Neff, p. 3.
130 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Cynthia Neff, Dwelling/Family #2150/2148, p. 468.
Left: Betty Porter of Fairfield, Ohio, shared this picture of Scynthia Gray Neff, daughter of Sarah Gray. The face structure shows resemblance to Scynthia’s aunt, Rosannah Gray Vannorsdall, see page 51. No date or photographer markings are on the photo.

Right: Another burial in the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery, Sarah Ann Neff, who died 13 November 1864, at the age of 22 yrs. 11 mo. and 3 da., certainly matches the census records of Scynthia’s daughter, and of course would be Sarah Gray’s granddaughter. 131

6. **Susannah\(^2\) Gray** (Michael\(^1\)) was born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 17 April 1865. Using the death information from her tombstone inscription and printed records of the Vannorsdall Cemetery would put her birth date as 17 March 1784. 132 Susannah married **George V. Grove** on 27 May 1819 as evidenced by the marriage record in Berkeley County. 133 George and Susannah\(^2\) had two known children:

36 i. Jacob\(^3\) Grove, born about 1821-1825 in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). 134 Jacob married Nancy Jane Armstrong in Fayette County, Ohio, on 13 February 1849. 135

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132 Smith, *History of Jeffersonville*, p. 967. (Birth and death information.)
133 Berkeley County Marriage Records, 1781-1854, p. 30.
Sarah Grove, born about 1825 in Morgan County. Additional information below.

Susannah and her husband George are documented as legatees in the deeds of the Michael Gray estate in 1829. Their marriage record is an acceptable proof. Beyond that, we have a lot of variables.

**Birth Date**

Susannah’s birth information is calculated from her cemetery inscription information. Misreading the tombstone would produce incorrect information. Likewise, the source for the information on the tombstone may not have supplied accurate information. This is likely the case. Her son Jacob, with whom Susannah lived on the 1850 and 1860 census of Fayette County, Ohio, may have supplied the information, or even his wife. Much could be in error as we look at these census records. The 1850 Fayette County, Ohio, census shows Jacob age 29, with his wife Nancy, 18, an infant Susannah 7/12 (7 months) and Susannah Grove age 64. By 1860 the household has grown to five children and Susannah Grove is age 67. Thus the detail of Susannah’s age is not accurate in the later years of her life.

Trying to approach this problem from another angle, the 1820 census of Morgan County, Virginia, shows George Grove with one male age 26-45 and one female age 45 and up. This would indicate Susannah almost beyond childbearing years at the time of her marriage in 1819 if she were born in 1775 or before. Possibly the census is off one section and Susannah actually falls within the 26-45 year category. This would appear to be the case since by 1830, the Groves are in Fayette County, Ohio. Males include one 30-40 year old and a male child 5-10. Females include a 40-50 year old and one child 0-5. This seems to support the information given previously regarding Susannah’s age on the 1850 census where she is living with son Jacob Grove.

**Daughter, Sarah Grove**

The small female child on the 1830 census (0-5) we take to be Sarah Grove. The 1840 census indicates that George Grove has died, Susannah resides with a 20-30 year old male, likely son Jacob, and two other females, ages 15-20 and 20-30. She is listed herself as 50-60 years of age. Susannah’s age is somewhat validated again in this

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137 Morgan County Deed Book 2, p. 133.
138 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Jacob Grove; p. 2.
139 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Jacob Grove, p. 480.
140 1820 U.S. Census, Morgan County, George Grove, p. 5.
141 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, George Grove, p. 299.
142 1840 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Susannah Grove, p. 34.
age bracket. The female child has moved a ten-year space supposing she was five years old in 1830 and now 15 in 1840. The additional female 20-30 is unidentified.

However, additional information from cemetery records does not come close to this information and scenario. Records of the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio, show a Sarah Grove, daughter of G. V. and S. G. Grove died 10 April 1815, “19 y. 2 m. 23 ds.” This would be four years before George and Susannah were married. Every indication is that they were both still in Virginia in the year 1815. Additionally, using the information from George V. Grove’s tombstone, he died 9 April 1831, “35 y. 9 m. 22d.” His birth year would be 1795, hardly fathering a child in 1796, as Sarah’s tombstone information would indicate. Part of Sarah’s tombstone has been located and reread. Unfortunately, we can validate the date of April 10, but not the year. The top portion of the stone is broken off and missing. It does, however, show age as “19 yrs. 2 m. 23 ds.” The 1830 census supports the family as having a 5-10 year old male and 0-5 year old female, indicating this was not a twin birth; and if this is Sarah, she probably wasn’t born until 1825 or later. Another remote possibility exists in the fact that Sarah Grove could be a sibling to George V. Grove, their parents’ names coincidentally having the same initials as George and Susannah Grove.

**Vannorsdall Cemetery**

One other point needs to be examined. This cemetery located in Jefferson Township in Fayette County, Ohio, rests on the land once owned by Garret Vannorsdall, husband of Susannah’s sister Rosannah. The deed recorded in 1829 between Adam Harness and Garret Vannorsdall makes specific mention of the one-quarter acre, in the form of a square, burying ground. The burying ground is not mentioned in the deed in 1823 when Adam Harness took possession on the 112 acres from Peter Harness. However, the township records of the cemetery do show this burial in 1815 of Sarah Grove and one in 1822 for another child. The cemetery may or may not have existed in 1823 and this would tend to support a misreading of the stone information with Sarah’s death occurring possibly in 1845 instead of 1815. As mentioned previously, the 1840 census supports a female child age 15-20. In any case, we will leave Sarah

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144 Ibid.
145 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette County, George Grove, p. 299.
146 Fayette County, Ohio, Deed Book F, p. 52. Recorders Office, Washington Court House, Ohio.
147 Fayette County Deed Book D, p. 46.
148 Cemetery Roster of the Jefferson Township Trustees, Jeffersonville, Ohio. This data may not have been recorded at the time of event, but compiled at a later date according to the Jeffersonville Township Clerk, thus the source of death data is unknown.
149 1840 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Susannah Grove, p. 34.
listed as a child of George and Susannah, born about 1825, until further information is available.

George V. and Susannah Gray Grove rest in the Vannorsdall Cemetery. See page 52.

Right: George V. Grove’s tombstone found in the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio.

George V. Grove
Died
Jan. 9, 1834
Aged 35 Yrs.
9 mos. 22 ds.

The bottom of George V. Grove’s stone reads as follows:

Behold ye strangers passing by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so must you be
Prepare for death and follow me.

This stone whose dates match the published records of Sarah, daughter of G.V. and S.G. Grove, has this message on the bottom:

Let friends forbear to mourn and weep
While in this ground I sweetly sleep
A troublesome world I’ve left behind
A crown of Glory for to find.
7. **Michael**² Gray, Jr. (Michael¹) and his family were numbered in sequence with his siblings. The entire family appears beginning on page 57 since this is a direct line of descendancy.

8. **Philip**² Gray (Michael¹) and his family were numbered in sequence with his siblings. His entire story begins on page 77 for this direct line of descendancy.

9. **Jacob**² Gray (Michael¹) was born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 16 May 1793, calculated from tombstone information given at his death 8 February 1857 in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia).¹⁵⁰ His marriage to Rebecca Smith, daughter of Richard Smith, is documented in Morgan County on 1 June 1824.¹⁵¹ Rebecca may have died in childbirth or was likely deceased by 1829 when Jacob appears singularly, without a wife, in the deeds granted by the legatees of Michael¹ Gray’s estate. The only known child of this marriage was:

57 i. Michael² Gray, born probably 1825. Census records in 1830 show Jacob with a male child 5-10 years of age.¹⁵² By the 1840 census, the household had a male in the 15-20 year bracket.¹⁵³ He was mentioned as an heir in his Grandfather’s (Richard Smith) will made January 1839, proven in Morgan County on 27 January 1840.¹⁵⁴ Michael was not mentioned in his father’s very meticulous and lengthy will in February 1857 and does not appear in Morgan County census records in 1850. Michael likely died between 1840 and 1850.

Jacob married a second time 24 December 1832 in Morgan County to Nancy Casler,¹⁵⁵ daughter of John Casler.¹⁵⁶ There are no known children of this marriage. It should be pointed out that Nancy’s half-sister Elizabeth, also a daughter of John Casler and mentioned in his will, married Jacob’s brother Michael. Jacob’s first wife Rebecca and Michael’s second wife Frances, were both daughters of Richard Smith.

Although the 1850 census report lists Jacob as a farmer, he was certainly one of the most successful members of this family, having amassed real estate valued at $11,000 by that time.¹⁵⁷ Whether because of his financial stability in the community, or

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¹⁵⁰ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History, p. 103.
¹⁵¹ Morgan County Marriage Bonds 1820-1841, p. 41.
¹⁵² 1830 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Jacob Gray, p. 116.
¹⁵³ 1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Jacob Gray, p. 192.
¹⁵⁴ Morgan County Will Book 1, pp. 442-443.
¹⁵⁵ Morgan County Marriage Bonds 1820-1841, p. 153.
¹⁵⁶ Will of John Casler, dtd. 30 June 1847, proven in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), in 1854, August Term.
additional skills, he frequently appeared for or with various family members in court records in Morgan County. Civil court papers housed at West Virginia University in the Colson Library in Morgantown, West Virginia, show Jacob as his sister Susannah’s “agent” over a rent dispute in 1838.  

Jacob’s wishes at his demise were well presented in his will. A copy is included here to show the valuable family information that it includes. A transcription can be found in Appendix A.

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In the name of God Amen

I Jacob Gray of the County of Morgan

in the State of Virginia being weak in body but sound in mind and memory for which I trust I am truly thankful to my Father in Heaven and being desirous to make a disposition of such property as I have been permitted to accumulate in this world do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made if any such should after this will be produced although I am not conscious of the having written any such will. In the first place I direct all my just debts to be paid by my personal representatives in the manner more and with the limitations required by law for the protection of my estate. Secondly I direct my funeral expenses to be paid. Thirdly I bequeath unto Peter Gray my nephew who now lives with me the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to him on the first day of April next preceding my decease.

Fourthly I bequeath to Eliza Michael wife of Daniel Michael one hundred dollars to be paid twelve months after my decease. Fifthly I bequeath to Michael Gray son of my brother Philip Gray the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid twelve months after the sale of my personal estate by my personal representatives. Sixthly I bequeath to my sister Sarah Gray now in Ohio fifty dollars and also fifty dollars to her daughter Sophia Neff Gray to be paid twelve months after the sale of my personal estate by my personal representatives. Seventhly I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy the one third of all my personal estate after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses and costs attending the administration of my personal estate and in addition thereto I bequeath also to her two of my best cows to be selected by herself and the best bed, headboard and bedding also to be selected by herself and also my bureau and cupboard and all her pottery.

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158 Morgan County Civil Court Records Box 12A, File C. W.Va. University Colson Library, Archives.
Eighth:— I will and do devise to my beloved wife Nancy the farm or land wher
of I now reside for and during her natural lifetime, and with the residue or
any other person by, through or under her authority, to cut down or destroy any
of the timber now growing on Standing Theoran except such timber as may be
necessary for the use of the farm aforesaid and for fire purposes thereon.
Ninth:— After the death of my beloved wife aforesaid I direct and
it is my last will and desire that the farm aforesaid whereon I now reside
shall be sold by my personal representative who may at that time be acting
as such at public auction before the front door of the Court-house of Unit
County on some Court-day after at least one month notice of the time, place and
time of sale by advertisement in writing posted at the front door of the Court-
house of this County, and inserted in some convenient newspaper and the pro-
ceeds thereof shall be equally divided between Michael Gray, Jefferson Gray,
George Gray (three sons of my brother Philip) Edward Gray, son of Michael
Gray, Michael Gray, also son of Michael Gray and Jacob Greene son of Su-
ner Greene. The said Michael Gray, Jefferson Gray, George Gray, Ed-
ward Gray, Michael Gray and Jacob Greene are to share and王晓/id
the proceeds of said land which sold.— Tenth:— It is my will that
my wife shall have one third of my personal estate after the debt and
funeral expenses and costs of Administration are deducted and out of
the remaining two thirds of my personal estate the Legacies and bequests
of money hereinbefore made are to be paid if sufficient for that purpose,
and if not then there is to be an abatement proportionately among all the re-
ceiving Legates hereinbefore mentioned but the property Legate to my wife
are under no circumstances is abate or be deemed to her not are to be

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considered a part of the general legacy to her but in addition therein and even no circumstances are the legacies before said to be charged upon my lands either directly or indirectly neither at law nor in equity but if she same can not be paid without resorting to my lands they are not to be paid at all. If my personal estate shall be made there sufficient to pay my debts funeral expenses costs of administration and the pecuniary legacies below you made after giving my wife her one third thereof and also her specific legacies and there should turn out to be a residue it is my will and desire that my personal representative hereafter appointed shall retain the same in his hands for the following use and purpose any other than to give it to my beloved wife from time to time and as such seems it shall think necessary require or he shall furnish the same from time to time to my brother George Gray such articles of clothing or other necessaries as he shall think proper or he shall apply it to both of whom in the manner indicated in such proportions as he shall think proper but under no circumstances is he to give any portion thereof in money to my brother George — Addy — as he thinks best or as the executor hereafter appointed shall think proper. Samuel Whiting son of Jacob Whiting Executor of the will of my last will and testament. Signed with my name and sealed with my seal this fifth day of February 1857

Signed, sealed & acknowledged
by the presence of

R. R. Duckwall
George W. Hunter

Virginia, Morgan County Court, February 3, 1857. The last will and testament of Jacob Gray deceased was presented in court and proven by the oaths of George W. Hunter and J. R. Duckwall two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was admitted to probate and order to be recorded.

Test.

L. L. Allen (C. P. C.)
Jacob Gray's estate was not finalized until the October term of court in 1899. The letter below written to George Washington Gray (Philip, Michael) on 27 January 1897 by Samuel Whisner, executor of Jacob's estate, explains the lengthy time of selling Jacob's farm to settle the estate. (Samuel Whisner, son of Jacob Whisner, was Jacob Gray's great-nephew. See page 34.) The letter was found among the papers left by George Washington Gray at his homeplace and currently in the possession of L. Warren, compiler. (A transcription can be found in Appendix A.)

159 Morgan County Inventories and Settlements, Vol. 4, p. 112-114. FHL Film #588678.
out of the funds arising from the sale of the farm. This is out of hand of expenses of sale of farm.

I hope this will meet with your approval, if so please answer at your earliest convenience.

Hoping that you and your friends may be & enjoying good health & return.

Yours Very Respectfully.

[Signature]

P.S. Summer 18___

What would you do to erecting a tombstone at the grave of Junt? 186__ who was the first person at a church 1/4 miles from the Valley from where she lived. She died on the 18th day of last April, after a short illness, but her health had been very unsettled for some time previous to her end and was severe. [Signature]
After Jacob's death, Nancy Casler Gray married John Cooper on 26 April 1860. She obviously was well thought of by the Gray family as they sought to mark her grave as noted in the letter of Samuel Whisner presented in the previous pages. Her stone is shown here and stands in the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Morgan County, West Virginia.
10. **Rosannah\(^2\) Gray** (Michael\(^1\)) was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, (now West Virginia), on 24 May 1795.\(^{162}\) Rosannah died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 5 December 1858.\(^{163}\) Matthias Rizer performed the ceremony when Rosannah married **Garret Vannorsdall** on 21 December 1825 in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia).\(^{164}\) Garret, the son of Abraham and Abigail Johnston Vanorsdall [sic], was born 29 June 1801 and died 14 August 1876.\(^{165}\) The following are the only three known children of this marriage:

58 i. William\(^3\) Vannorsdall, born about 22 March 1829 probably in Fayette County, Ohio. His tombstone was located in the Vannorsdall Cemetery by Claire Fultz and relocated to the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. The inscription reads “Died July 10, 1831, aged 2 yrs, 3 mo., 13 ds.” The stone also states “son of G & R Vanorsdall.”\(^{166}\) See picture on next page.

59 ii. James Riley Vannorsdall, born 10 September 1831 likely in Fayette County),\(^{167}\) and died there 19 June 1919.\(^{168}\) He was married in Fayette County, Ohio, 2 September 1852 to Susanna Homey according to published records\(^{169}\) and on 4 September 1853 according to the bible records. Their bible lists a family of twelve children.\(^{170}\) James Riley was obviously a very progressive and enterprising individual and amassed 1600 acres of farmland in Fayette and Greene Counties during his lifetime.\(^{171}\)

60 iii. Sarah A. Vannorsdall, born about 1836 in Fayette County, married Jacob Gossard in Fayette County on 10 September 1854.\(^{172}\) The family moved on to Kempton, Indiana, and reared a family of sixteen children.\(^{173}\) No other information available.

Records of the Vannorsdall Cemetery, which is located on the land purchased by Garret and Rosannah in 1829, indicate that Rosannah was buried there in 1858. If

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163 Records of the Vannorsdall Cemetery supplied by the Jeffersonville Township Clerk, Jeffersonville, Ohio.
164 Morgan County Film 1219 (A & M), W.Va. University Colson Library.
166 Tombstone inscription in Old Jeffersonville Cemetery. Birth date calculated from tombstone data.
167 Bible record of J. R. Vannorsdall. Copy from bible records held in the Carneige Library, Washington Court House, Ohio. Garret and Rosannah were shown on the 1830 census of Fayette County, thus J. R. would likely have been born in Ohio.
168 *History of Fayette County, Ohio 1984*; (Published by the Fayette County Genealogical Society, Box 342, Washington Court House, OH 43160.) p. 256.
169 Fayette County Genealogical Society, *Fayette County Marriages (OH) 1831-1855*, p. 41 (Groom).
170 Bible record of J. R. Vannorsdall. Copy from bible records held in the Carneige Library, Washington Court House, Ohio.
172 Ibid., p. 42.
there was a marker, it is not visible at this time.\textsuperscript{174} In the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery, near the center of the village, stands a stone for “Garret and Rosannah Vannersdall.” Whether Garret was buried there in 1876 and this stone erected to honor both of them, or whether Rosannah may have been moved to this cemetery, remains a mystery. A visual check of this cemetery does not show any separate stone for Rosannah, however.

Other researchers continue to research this line and the Vannorsdall surname as well.

This picture of Garret and Rosannah Gray Vannorsdall was furnished by Claire Fultz of Washington Court House and Columbus, Ohio. He and his father before him, were avid researchers. Claire has recently passed away and his son now continues to maintain his genealogical records.

The marker that stands in the Old Jeffersonville Cemetery for “Garret and Rosannah Vannersdall” is shown at right. The stone for their son William sits to the left (facing the stone) and is shown below.

\textsuperscript{174} Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 967.
Below: This is recent picture of what exists of the Vannorsdall Cemetery. It lies abandoned in a field east of I-71 in Fayette County, Ohio. Sugar Creek runs near, as does the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad. All stones that have been located or identified (9) at some time have been in the lower right quadrant (photo taken facing nearly due east). The cemetery contains one-quarter acre with 48 lots marked off according to records housed at the Recorders Office, Fayette County Courthouse in Washington Court House, Ohio. In 1829 when the property was transferred to Garret and Rosannah, the cemetery was noted in the deed and was being used as a burying ground at that time. Additional research will be necessary to determine when the cemetery actually came into being.  

It is the hope of the compilers of this history that we can now turn our attention to restoration of this cemetery and the history of the Gray family it contains.

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\[175\] Fayette County, Ohio, Deed Book F, p. 52. Recorders Office, Washington Court House, Ohio.
12. **Mary**³ Gray (George,² Michael¹) born 15 April 1802, likely in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Mary’s death is recorded in Morgan County, West Virginia, on 16 April 1875 and George and Hannah Gray are noted as her parents.¹⁷⁶ Mary Gray was more visible in Morgan County. Census reports support Mary’s birth year between 1802-1803. Her death record lists an age of 70, which appears to differ by at least two years with the tombstone inscription and ages supported by census records. Although a marriage record has not been located, she likely married **Jonathan Compton** about 1825.¹⁷⁷ According to the 1850 census her family was as follows:¹⁷⁸

61 i. Peter Compton⁴ born about 1827, Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). No further information.

62 ii. William Compton, born about 1830, Morgan County. No further information.

63 iii. George Compton, born 13 May 1832, died 28 July 1892, probably in Morgan County.¹⁷⁹ No further information.

64 iv. Rosannah Compton, born about 1834, Morgan County. Believed to have married John Barker, she was probably the daughter who reported her mother’s death, listed as Rosa Barker, daughter. John Barker was listed as “niece’s husband” when he reported the death of William Gray, his wife’s uncle, in July 1876. (See page 30.) No further information.

65 v. Ezekiel Compton, born 13 December 1839, died 19 November 1866, likely all in Morgan County.¹⁸⁰

66 vi. Sarah Ann Compton, born about 1841, likely Morgan County. No further information.

67 vii. Matilda Compton, born about 1844, likely Morgan County. No further information.

68 viii. Margaret Jane Compton, born 30 September 1847, died 21 January 1877, likely Morgan County.¹⁸¹ Margaret does not appear on the 1850 census of Jonathan and Mary Gray Compton, but her tombstone inscription indicates daughter of J. & M. and is located on the family plot. She does appear on the

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¹⁷⁷ Marriage is assumed after thorough research of Mary’s family, including census reports, burial records, and death records of her children, which include parent’s names as Mary and Jonathan Compton. Marriage year is judged from birth of first known child.

¹⁷⁸ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, **Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850** (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411), Jonathan Compton, pp. 4-5. Children’s birth years are calculated using age from this 1850 census index except where documented separately.

¹⁷⁹ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, **Graveyard History**, p. 78. Birth date is calculated from tombstone inscription.

¹⁸⁰ Ibid.

¹⁸¹ Ibid.
Jonathan died in 1868 according to cemetery records, and Mary remained in Morgan County according to the 1870 census where she is shown with her children and brother, William.

She and other members of her family including her husband, sons Ezekiel and George and daughter Margaret J. are all buried in Woodrow Cemetery in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

14. **Susannah** Gray (George, Michael) born in May 1809 and died 2 August 1898 as shown in published records of tombstone inscriptions. No day of birth is listed, but the stone states “wife of Thomas.” No marriage record has been found to date, but it is likely that Susannah married Thomas Tritapoe between 1834 and 1840. Susannah and Thomas had the following children reported on the 1850 census:

- Jane Frances Tritapoe, born about 1840 in Morgan County, Virginia, (now West Virginia); died 8 October 1856, “dau. of T. & S.”
- James K. P. Tritapoe, born 8 February 1841; died 20 February 1841, likely Morgan County.
- George P. V. Tritapoe was born 13 November 1841 and died 3 April 1932, likely Morgan County. No further information.
- John L. T. Tritapoe, born 6 January 1845; died 19 September 1847, 2 yrs. 8 mos. 13 days, likely in Morgan County.
- Margaret born about 1847. Margaret is shown as 3 years old on the 1850 census record but does not appear on the 1860. There are no records showing a burial or tombstone for the child near other family graves, but it is assumed that she may have died at a young age.

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182 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1850*. Jonathan Compton, pp. 4-5. This information regarding Samuel was found just prior to publication. Since the child does not appear on subsequent census and likely died young, genealogical numbering was not changed. This may have been a twin birth and certainly needs more research, particularly for Compton interests.

183 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 78.


185 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 83. Death is also recorded in Morgan County Death Records Vol. 1, p. 83-84, Line 46.


187 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 83. Birth year is calculated from 1850 census where her age is listed as 10.

188 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 83.

189 Ibid.

190 Ibid.
Thomas is thought to have been married previously to Letitia Catlett, recorded 2 January 1833 in Morgan County. A child on the 1850 census, William age 16, living with Thomas and Susannah, was possibly a child of this marriage. This has not been researched beyond this possibility.

Thomas and Susannah, along with all of their children except Margaret, are buried and have tombstones marking their graves at Woodrow Cemetery in Berkeley Springs.

15. **George Gray** (George, Michael) offers the most records on this branch of the Gray family. However, his birth is not one of those records. George’s birth year, 1822, is noted from his death record. George died 8 December 1898 at Cacapon, Morgan County, West Virginia, reported by his son-in-law, W. J. Yost. His marriage to Sarah Batt on 24 December 1851 is documented in Morgan County marriage records. She was the daughter of Aaron and Liney Batt. Sarah died 25 April 1867 in Morgan County, West Virginia. George and Sarah’s family consisted of the following known children shown on the 1860 census report:

- 74 i. Mathias Gray, born about 1850-1852 in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Mathias married Emily F. Miller 19 February 1871. The marriage record of Mathias and Emily lists his age as 21 and his parents as George and Sarah Gray. This would place his birth before his parent’s marriage. The 1860 census for George and Sarah shows Mathias as 10 years old. Mathias and Emily are buried in the Woodrow Cemetery in Berkeley Springs.

- 75 ii. Emeline E. Gray born about 1853 in Morgan County and died there 18 June 1897. Married William Custer. The 1860 census lists her as 7 years old while her death certificate would place her birth in 1850.

- 76 iii. Rebecca J. Gray, born about 1856, Morgan County. Rebecca married R. S. Miller, 13 August 1871. The 1860 census lists Rebecca as 4 years old. No additional information.

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191 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Morgan County Marriage Records*, 1820-1865, p. 11, (2 January 1832).
193 Morgan County Marriage Records 1850-1865, p. 2.
196 Morgan County Marriages 1865-1903. pp. 10-11, line 223.
198 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 84.
199 Morgan County Register of Deaths Vol. I, 1865-1903, pp. 70-71, line 2 in 1897/1898. Record confirms parents’ and husband’s names.
200 Morgan County Marriage Records 1865-1903, pp.10-11. Confirms parents names and lists her age at 19. Mr. Custer was a widower from Illinois. The record is very hard to read but his age is listed as 37 or 57.
The Michael Gray Family

Sarah C. Gray, born about 1857 in Morgan County. She married William J. Yost in Morgan County on 24 December 1879. Sarah died in 1929 and is buried next to her husband at the Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Morgan County.

Rosanna Gray, born 8 June 1866; died 14 February 1867, Morgan County.

The graves of George and Sarah Gray have not been located. *The Graveyard History of Morgan County (Va.) W. Va.* makes reference on page 104 to a family plot of "Tyce" Gray on the Quarry Road on the old Bill Whisner farm. Supposedly there are 15 field stone marked graves. Since the name of "Tyce" is used as a nickname for "Mathias," this burial place could hold more Gray ancestors, particularly the George Gray family. A map in this book locates this burial ground within close vicinity of the Gray family lands south of Berkeley Springs. Again, this is for future research.

Other researchers have proceeded on the Mathias Gray branch of this family.

**Conclusions**

Michael and his family appears to have lived a very thrifty life, there being no evidence of any great wealth. He did own over 500 acres of land just south of Berkeley Springs, although its hilly, mountainous nature was hardly conducive for much farming.

Michael Gray appears to have lived nearly all his adult life in Morgan County, now in West Virginia. Every approach we have tried to identify his parentage, his wife's name and parentage or where he and his wife are buried, has been met with no answer and in fact, very few clues of where to search next. The family appears to have consisted of at least the nine children living at the time Michael died in 1829. The second and third generation data in this chapter is included to show the extent of research done particularly on those families who remained in the West Virginia area in an effort to locate more information. The intermarriages of Gray, Compton, Whisner, Creamer and Smith were extensive. Perhaps someday more information will come to light through the Gray surname or one of the other intermarried surnames that will open a new range of research for us. There is always new material available to be researched.

Six of the nine children went west to Ohio, obviously in search of a better life. All six died in Greene or Fayette County, Ohio. Only in the third generation did any of the families venture further west.

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201 Ibid., pp. 20-21.
202 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History,* p. 32.
203 Morgan County Register of Deaths; Line 16 (Listed by year). Birth and death years are given and parents' names.
Michael Gray, Jr. (Michael⁰) was born about 1786 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and died 13 November 1849 in Fayette County, Ohio, at the age of 63 as his tombstone states.²⁰⁴ Michael married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Casler (many variations of spelling including Kesler, Keslar, Capler), daughter of John Casler.²⁰⁵ They were married on 4 February 1816 in Berkeley County.²⁰⁶ No record of a birth date or death date has been found for Elizabeth.

Above: The record of Michael’s marriage to Elizabeth Kesler (Casler). Note the prior entry is Michael’s brother Philip, who married Jane Hunt on the same date, 4 February 1816.

²⁰⁵ Will of John Casler, dated 30 June 1847, proven in Morgan County, West Virginia, August Term, 1854. County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.
²⁰⁶ Berkeley County Marriage Records 1781-1854, p. 26, County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. “Marriage Record” states “date of marriage,” however, SGB Family Papers (see next footnote) show this marriage occurred on 11 April 1816.
Known children of Michael Gray, Jr. and Elizabeth Casler are:

38  i. Matilda Gray, born 17 February 1817 probably in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). She married John Howard on 3 September 1836 in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Matilda and her husband lived in Mahoning County, Ohio, at the time of her father's death in 1849 according to records in his probate package. Matilda Howard is believed to have died in Mahoning County on 24 January 1860, aged 43 years of puerperal fever (complications from childbirth). No further information.

39  ii. Edward Gray, born 9 October 1818 probably in Berkeley County; died 26 October 1883 in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. Edward married Rosaltha Berryman in Fayette County, Ohio, on 10 August 1848.

40  iii. Mary Gray, born 9 June 1820 likely in Morgan County. Mary married in Fayette County, Ohio, on 4 September 1845 to Rial B. Adams. The family was living in Mahaska County, Iowa, at the time of her father's death in 1849. No further information.

41  iv. Elizabeth Gray, born in Morgan County, 28 February 1822; died 18 January 1887 in Fayette County, Ohio. Elizabeth married Wallace Creamer on 6 April 1843 in Fayette County, Ohio.

42  v. Michael Gray, born in Morgan County, 18 July 1824. Michael is thought to have married Nancy Hogan 3 July 1851 in Fayette County, Ohio. No further information.

43  vi. Christena Gray, born 10 February 1826 in Morgan County. She married Frederick Duckwall 15 January 1848 in Morgan County. By 1860 they

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Family Papers received from Sarah Gray Bales (Joel Urban, George, Philip, Michael). These papers were “family group sheets” showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray’s family along with the families of Philip’s children. No source material is given. Furnished to L. Warren, this compiler, in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers. SGB Family Papers lists children and birth dates. These dates are used unless specifically noted otherwise. Births were not recorded as public record at this time. No bible records have been found to document any birth information. All children named in Michael’s will, see page 62.

Berkeley County Marriage Records 1781-1854, p. 206.
Fayette County Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette St., Washington Court House, Ohio 43160, Michael Gray, Probate File #385.
Morning Register, Youngstown, Ohio, 9 February 1860. E-mail message from Susan.K.McMahan@medermott.com to L. Warren, compiler, 25 August 1999.
Birth and death dates are both given on the tombstone shown on page 67. Birth date is the same as that given in the SGB Family Papers. Death date confirmed in probate records, Fayette County Records and Archives, Edward Gray, Probate File #4185 and Death Records Bk. 1-2, p. 65.
Obituary of Rosaltha Gray from unidentified newspaper found in the scrapbook of W. A. Paxson. L. Warren, compiler, has copy.
Fayette County Marriage Book C, p. 56, #2091.
Fayette County Probate File #385, Michael Gray.
Fayette County Death Records, Book 2, pp. 27-28.
Fayette County Marriage Book B, p. 217.
Fayette County Genealogical Society, Fayette County Marriage Records 1831-1855. (Published by the Society, PO Box 342, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160-0342), p. 17.
had settled in the Portland area of Jefferson County, Kentucky.219 Christena
died there on 25 May 1918; Frederick died there on 19 August 1912. Both
are buried in the Portland Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson County,
Kentucky.220 It appears from census records that they had one daughter,
Lillie B. born about 1865.221

Second Marriage

Michael’s second wife was Frances Smith, daughter of Richard Smith,222 whom he
married 2 March 1827 in Morgan County.223 The family of Michael2 Gray and Frances
was as follows:224

+ 44 vii. Martha3 Gray, born 28 June 1827 likely in Morgan County; died 3 March
1864 in Indiana.225 She married John H. Carr on 13 January 1848 in Fayette
County, Ohio.226

+ 45 viii. Sarah Jane Gray, born 24 July 1828 in Morgan County. It is unknown when
Sarah died. She married Jackson Deck on 4 April 1852 in Fayette County,
Ohio.227 See additional information on this direct line starting on page 107.

46 ix. Eleanor Gray, born 4 June 1830 probably in Morgan County. She married
Isaac Burns 25 May 1851 in Fayette County, Ohio.228 No further
information.

+ 47 x. Jacob Monroe Gray, born 3 December 1832 probably in Morgan County;
died in Fayette County, Ohio, 25 July 1903. Jacob married Jane Selsor in
Fayette County on 1 March 1860.229

218 Morgan County, West Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1841-1850, p. 171. County Clerk, Berkeley
Springs, West Virginia. (Marriage record actually shows 1847, but judging from it’s sequence, was
probably 1848. The index lists this marriage as 1848.
219 1860 US Census, Frederick Duckwall, Jefferson County, Kentucky, p. 568. Kentucky Historical
Society film #70-0109.
Frederick Duckwall, File #19992.
221 1870 US Census, Frederick Duckwall, Jefferson County, Kentucky, p. 593. KHS film 70-0166.
Mrs. Lillie B. Parsons was the informant on Frederick and Christena’s death certificates.
222 Morgan County, West Virginia, Will Book 1, pp. 442-443. County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West
Virginia.
223 Morgan County Marriage Bonds 1820-1841, p. 67. The SGB Family Papers place this marriage on
16 March 1827.
224 SGB Family Papers lists children and birth dates. These dates are used unless specifically noted
otherwise. Births were not recorded as public record at this time. No bible records have been found to
document any birth information.
225 White County, Indiana, Genealogical Society, White County, Indiana, Cemetery Records, Honey
Creek, Princeton and West Point Township, p. 91. These show Martha as wife of John Carr and aged 36
years, 8 months and 3 days at her death. This would make her birth on 30 June 1827. The 1850 census
shows Martha as 22 years old, making her birth year likely 1828. However, sibling Sarah is listed as
born in 1828 in the SGB Family papers. Martha’s birth in 1827 would be three months after her parents’
marriage. The birth date from the SGB Family Papers will be used until further clarification is found.
226 Fayette County Marriage Book C, p. 128.
227 Ibid., p. 265.
228 Ibid., p. 235, #2818.
Above: Michael’s marriage bond to Frances Smith is recorded in Morgan County, (now) West Virginia, Book 1, page 67.

Below: Jacob Gray, Michael’s brother, appeared and attested to Frances’s age. See transcription on page 372. It should be noted that Jacob and Michael married sisters. (See page 60.)

Michael, Jr. is said to have moved to Ohio in the fall of 1836, traveling the newly completed National Road.\textsuperscript{230} He settled in Fayette County, Ohio. It is unknown whether Michael’s wife Frances was alive and moved to Ohio or had died before 1836. Her death before January 1839 is documented by the will of Richard Smith, her father.\textsuperscript{231}

Michael appears to have acquired property in Fayette County, Highland County and Madison County according to papers filed at his death in 1849. His will specifically mentions property in Jeffersonville, Ohio, the property in Highland County and his “home place” of 200 acres. Specific bequests to his children totaled nearly $2000, a goodly sum by standards in 1849. Goods sold to settle the estate brought $646.06. Michael’s son, Edward, and his son-in-law, John H. Carr, husband of daughter Martha, served as administrators of Michael’s estate.\textsuperscript{232} Obviously, Michael’s quest for a better life in Ohio was rewarded.

One source exists in Fayette County, Ohio, which attributes Michael as a veteran of military service. This service surely occurred before Michael came to Ohio and may have been for the state of Virginia, likely the War of 1812.\textsuperscript{233} No other records have been found to substantiate this information.

Michael is buried in the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio. The locations of the graves of his wives are unknown.

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\textsuperscript{230} R. S. Dills, History of Fayette County 1881, (Dayton, Oh.: Odell & Mayer), pp. 660-661.
\textsuperscript{231} Morgan County Will Book I, pp. 442-443.
\textsuperscript{232} Fayette County Probate File 385, Michael Gray.
\textsuperscript{233} This book is a handwritten record of “Veterans Buried in Fayette County, Ohio” and can be found at the Carneige Library in Washington Court House, Ohio. No author or source is given for the material. (Veterans [entries] are numbered, however, pages are not.)
Michael’s will appears in court records at the Fayette County Records and Archives, Washington Court House, Ohio, Will Book 2, pages 419-420. Although proven and filed 20 November 1849, it does not appear in the Will Book until 20 December 1869. A statement on the probate copy of the will states it was not recorded because the fee had not been paid. The original handwritten will is in probate box #3177. It is written on both sides of very thin paper and does not copy well. Transcription of the will can be found in Appendix A, page 372.
The State of Ohio, Fayette County

We, Garret Vannorsdall, and Jacob Grove, being duly sworn in open court this 20th day of November AD 1849, depose and say that we were present at the execution of the last will and testament of Michael Gray, hereunto annexed that we saw the said testator subscribe said will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that the said testator, at the time of executing the same, was of full age, and of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint, at that we signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence, and in presence of each other.

(Signed) Garret Vannorsdall
Jacob Grove

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court November 20th
AD 1849 Samuel Milikan, Clerk
Fayette County, Ohio
June 16th, 1851. Received of John H. Bann, and Edward Gray, Administrators of Michael Gray deceased. Three hundred and twenty seven dollars. Michael Gray.

July 26th, 1853. Received of Edward Gray, & John W. Bann, Administrators of Michael Gray deceased. Two hundred and ninety five dollars, seventy dollars of this money was coming to me from my Grandfather Smith's estate.

Elizabeth Creamer.

Wallace Creamer.

October 21st, 1854. Received of Edward Gray & John W. Bann, Administrators of the estate of Michael Gray deceased. Eighty dollars short of my share, as willed by the will.

A. Dunkell.

M. Dunkell.

Above: Copies of the receipts signed by Michael’s son, Michael, and three of his daughters, Eleanor, Christena (C.) and Elizabeth, when they received portions of their father’s estate. Michael received $327 on 16 June 1851. Eleanor’s payment in 1853 included $70 from her Grandfather Smith’s estate. Elizabeth and Wallace Creamer received an additional $9.84 for witness fees. (Elizabeth’s signature seems to resemble Elisabeth, spelled with an s instead of a z but her tombstone and other records all indicate a spelling with z.) Daughter Sarah Jane’s receipt can be seen on page 109.
Above: This tombstone was found in the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio. Published records of burials in this cemetery show only one Michael—Michael Gray. Thus it is assumed that this is Michael Gray’s tombstone. The published records read “Michael Gray d. Nov. 13, 1849, aged about 63 yrs.” The stone depicts a man with hat in hand, sitting on perhaps a rock or log.

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234 Vannorsdall Cemetery Records available at the Jefferson Township House, Jeffersonville, Ohio, and at the Carneige Library in Washington Court House, Ohio.
Generation Three

39. Edward Gray (Michael, Michael') was born 9 October 1818 probably in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He died in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio, on 26 October 1883. Edward married Rosaltha Berryman, daughter of Thomas and Caroline, in Fayette County on 10 August 1848. Edward and his wife had a family of ten children including:

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<td>79</td>
<td>Lavenia Z. Gray</td>
<td>17 May 1849</td>
<td>8 January 1853</td>
<td>Birth and death dates are both given on the tombstone shown on page 67. Birth date is the same as that given in the SGB Family Papers. Death date confirmed at Fayette County Records and Archives, Probate File #4185 and Death Records Bk. 1-2, p. 65.</td>
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<td>80</td>
<td>Thomas B. Gray</td>
<td>15 March 1851</td>
<td>25 July 1861</td>
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<td>81</td>
<td>Charles Wallace Gray</td>
<td>4 May 1853</td>
<td>Fayette County, Ohio, and died there on 3 April 1906. He married in May 1882 to Alta Bales. Charles was educated at the Commercial College of Louisville, Kentucky, finishing there in 1873. He entered the mercantile business with his father.</td>
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<td>82</td>
<td>Elizabeth M. Gray</td>
<td>26 September 1878</td>
<td>No further information.</td>
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<td>Merit Webster Gray</td>
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<td>Fred Leslie Gray</td>
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<td>6 June 1859</td>
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<td>85</td>
<td>Harry W. Gray</td>
<td>21 April 1860</td>
<td>21 June 1939</td>
<td>Mariah May Gray born 9 August 1863; died 1 November 1892 (29y, 2m, 23d). Married A. C. Morrill 8 May 1886. No further information.</td>
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<td>Mariah May Gray</td>
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<td>Laura E. Gray</td>
<td>9 August 1863</td>
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235 Birth and death dates are both given on the tombstone shown on page 67. Birth date is the same as that given in the SGB Family Papers. Death date confirmed at Fayette County Records and Archives, Probate File #4185 and Death Records Bk. 1-2, p. 65.

236 Obituary from unidentified newspaper found in the scrapbook of W. A. Paxson. L. Warren, compiler, has copy.


238 Fayette County Probate File #4185. Edward’s probate file lists his six living children.

239 Information from tombstone inscription, see page 68, includes data on Lavenia and Thomas (next child #80).

240 Fayette County Probate File #6444, Charles W. Gray.

241 Portrait & Biographical Record of Fayette, Pickaway & Madison County, Ohio 1892: containing biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens, together with biographical and portraits of all the presidents of the United States. (Chicago: Chapman Bros.) p. 873.

242 Fayette County Marriage Book 3, p. 251.

243 Obituary found in bible of Sarah Baughan Gray. Unknown newspaper, but likely from Washington Court House or Greene County. Handwritten date says 15 February 1935. L. Warren, compiler has copy.

244 Information from tombstone inscription, see page 68.

245 Ibid.

246 Obituary of Harry Gray, unidentified newspaper from scrapbook of W.A. Paxson.

247 Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 1000.

248 Fayette County Marriage Book 4, p. 313.
Loawiski D. Gray married attorney Pope Gregg, 1 September 1910, in Fayette County, Ohio. No further information.

Arriving in Ohio in 1836 with his father, Edward set out for Highland County to examine the land. He returned, instead, and made his home in Fayette County, one mile southwest of Jeffersonville, purchasing land for $3.00 per acre. In later years he lived in Jeffersonville establishing a mercantile business, passed on to his sons. At the time of his death in 1883, six of his children were still living and resided in Fayette County, Ohio, Loa Gray, C. W. Gray, Lizzie M. Carpenter, Harry W. Gray, May M. [sic] and Laura E. Gray. At the time of Rosaltha’s death in 1909, only four children were living, Lizzie M. Carpenter, Laura E. Bendel, Harry W. and Loa Gray.

Left: Edward Gray’s tombstone stands in the Fairview Cemetery in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. Nearby in what appears to be adjoining lots, stones mark the grave of son Charles W. Gray and his wife Alta (facing the front of the stone, to the right). On the left side, a stone marks the grave of daughter May Morrill. Photographed by L. Warren, compiler in July 1999.

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249 Portrait & Biographical Record of Fayette, Pickaway, & Madison County, Ohio 1872, p. 873.
250 Fayette County Marriage Record Book 9, p. 140.
251 Dills, History of Fayette County, p. 661.
252 Fayette County Probate File 4185, Edward Gray.
253 Obituary from unknown newspaper. From the scrapbook of W. A. Paxson. L. Warren, compiler, has copy.
The back of Edward and Rosaltha’s monument shows the inscription for their four children who died young: Thomas B., Lavenia Z., Merit W., and Fred Leslie Gray.

41. **Elizabeth³ Gray** (Michael,² Michael¹) was born in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), 28 February 1822.²⁵⁴ Before her father went west to Ohio. She died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 18 January 1887.²⁵⁵ Her tombstone records this date.²⁵⁶ However, the family bible records record her death as “the 19th of January 1887 in the morning.”²⁵⁷ She married **Wallace Creamer**, son of David and Elizabeth Smith Creamer, on 6 April 1843 in Fayette County.²⁵⁸ The Creamer family also had ties to Morgan County (formerly Berkeley), where Wallace’s grandfather, George Creamer, lived and neighbored to Michael¹ Gray. The Creamers were also very early settlers coming into the Ohio area. Wallace Creamer and his wife Elizabeth were well thought of in the community as evidenced by the lengthy obituary and tribute done at the time of Wallace’s death in 1918.²⁵⁹

No children were born to this couple but they opened their home to other children. Michael Smith⁴ Gray (Sarah Jane,³ Michael,² Michael¹) son of Elizabeth’s sister Sarah Jane, made his home with the Creamers during a portion of his youthful years.²⁶⁰ Wallace provided in his will for a home for Michael Smith.²⁶¹ A niece of Elizabeth’s,

²⁵⁴ Creamer Bible Records, Carneige Library, Washington Court House, Ohio. pg. 62-63. (“In possession of Miss Mary Elizabeth Johnson, Washington Court House, Ohio, Published by William W. Harding, Phila. Pa.” No dates given.) SGB Family Papers gives the same birth date.
²⁵⁵ Fayette County Death Records, Book 2, pp. 27-28.
²⁵⁶ Smith, History of Jeffersonville, p. 969.
²⁵⁷ Creamer Bible Records.
²⁵⁸ Fayette County Marriage Book B, p. 217 #1840.
²⁵⁹ The Record Republican (Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio), 23 April 1918, p. 10.
²⁶⁰ Ibid.
²⁶¹ Fayette County Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette St., Washington CH, Oh., Will Book 7, p. 68. (Probate Box 8286).
Manie Gray, also made her home with the Creamers. Manie, or Mary, is thought to be the daughter of Peter and Rebecca Casler Gray. See Broken Branches, page 364.

Below: This copy of the will of Wallace Creamer shows in item two: “...to M. S. Gray (Michael Smith Gray) for and during his natural life the following real estate situated in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, Ohio, Beginning at a Walnut, Hickory and elm, Corner to David Creamer and in the East line of the original Survey, thence with David Creamer line and on said survey line No 1/2, poles to 2 elms and locust, Corner to David Creamer, thence N 89° E 104 poles to a line, Corner to George Creamer, thence S 63 1/2 poles to a

Item 2. I give devise and bequeath to M. S. Gray for

Item 3. I give devise and bequeath to M. S. Gray for

262 The Record Republican, p. 10.
Wallace and Elizabeth share this large monument in the Creamer Cemetery\(^{263}\) in Fayette County, Ohio.

Elizabeth  
Wife of  
Wallace Creamer  
Died  
Jan. 18, 1887  
Aged 64 Y 10 M 20D.

Wallace’s inscription only gives the years of his birth and death, 1819-1918.


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\(^{263}\) The Creamer Cemetery is located on the Creamer Road in Fayette County, Ohio, about 3 miles south of Jeffersonville. Creamer Road can be accessed from SR 41S out of Jeffersonville or from US 35 between I-71 and Washington Court House.
44. **Martha** Gray (Michael, Michael) was born 28 June 1827 presumably in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Her death appears to have occurred in White County, Indiana, on 3 March 1864 where she is buried in Dellinger Cemetery near Wolcott, Indiana, her tombstone bearing the information of 36 yrs, 8 mo, 3 dys. She is buried there with her husband **John H. Carr** whom she married in Fayette County, Ohio, 13 January 1848. John died on 2 June 1866, 45 yrs., 11mo., 25dys. John, along with his brother-in-law Edward Gray, served as administrators for the estate of Michael Gray, Jr., his father-in-law. Martha and John’s family included the following known children:

89 i. Mary F. Carr born about 1849 in Ohio, died 2 June 1870 in Fayette County, Ohio. Married Johnson W. Wright 25 June 1867.

90 ii. Lavinia M. Carr born about 1851 in Ohio. Shown living with sister Mary Wright on the 1870 census.

91 iii. Lyman Alonzo Carr, born 19 February 1852; died 10 December 1902. Buried in White County, Indiana, with his parents.


93 v. Malissa A. (Alice M.?) Carr born 10 February 1856 in Indiana; died 25 May 1864, 8 yrs., 3 mo., 15 dys. Buried with her parents.

94 vi. Harrietta Carr born about 1859 in Indiana. No further information.

95 vii. Kate L. Carr, born 3 March 1860 likely in Indiana; died 3 March 1864. Buried in Indiana with her parents.

Little research has been done on this family other than some basic census records.

45. **Sarah Jane** Gray (Michael, Michael) and her family are numbered in sequence with her siblings’ families. This direct line is shown in its entirety beginning on page 107.

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264 White County, Indiana Genealogical Society, White County, Indiana, Cemetery Records, Honey Creek, Princeton and West Point Township, p. 91. E-mail message from Trudy Johnson johnsn@carlnet.org to compiler dated 16 September 1997.

265 Fayette County Marriage Book C, p. 128.

266 White County, Indiana, Cemetery Records, p. 91.


268 Fayette County Death Records, Book 1, pp. 432-433.

269 Fayette County Marriage Records, Book 2, p. 26, #5085.

270 1870 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Johnson Wright, Dwelling/Family #13/13, pg. 451. FHL #552698.

271 White County, Indiana, Cemetery Records, p. 91. Alonzo Carr does appear on the 1870 census of Fayette County, Ohio with the McKillip family, Dwelling/Family #115/114, p. 458, FHL 552698.

272 White County, Indiana, Cemetery Records, p. 91.

273 Ibid. Records show the death of Alice M, assumed to be the child identified as Malissa A, age 5, on the 1860 census.

274 Ibid.
47. Jacob Monroe Gray (Michael, Michael) was born in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 3 December 1832, as recorded in his bible. He died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 25 July 1903 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Jeffersonville. Jacob married Jane Ann Selsor 1 March 1860. Jacob and Jane had the following family:

103 i. Christopher Darius Gray born in Fayette County, Ohio, on 14 February 1862. He died 22 February 1941 in Fayette County. Never married.

104 ii. Olly May Gray, born in Fayette County 7 February 1866; died there 23 February 1950. Never married.

105 iii. Anna Gray, born in Fayette County 13 October 1869; died there 12 February 1942. Never married.

Jacob served during the Civil War with Co. C, 168th Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, Infantry. His military package gives a physical description varying from 5 foot 8 inches to 5 foot 10 inches in height, blue eyes, light hair, and fair complexion. He mustered in on 12 May 1864 at Camp Dennison, Ohio and out on 8 September 1864 at Camp Dennison.

Jacob was a very successful farmer and amassed considerable land holdings and property mostly in Fayette and Greene Counties during his lifetime. When Olly (sometimes spelled Ollie) died in 1950, a lengthy list of cousins were the only heirs included with her estate papers. A specific bequest for $1000 was made to Ina (Ionia) Gray, a first cousin once removed and our direct line of descent. (See page 143.)

Right: Jacob M. Gray
Unknown date. L. Warren, compiler, has copy.


277 Family bible of Jacob M. and Jane S. Gray.

278 Death certificates on record at Fayette County, Ohio, Department of Health, Washington Court House, Ohio. Birth dates are confirmed on death record and match bible record. Copies in possession of L. Warren, compiler.

279 Fayette County Birth Book 1, p. 134-135.

280 National Archives Military pension records. Company Muster and Descriptive Roll, Jacob M. Gray, 2 May and 13 May 1864.
These pages from the bible of Jacob M. and Jane Selsor Gray record their marriage on 1 March 1860, the birth date of Jacob on 3 December 1832 and Jane on 25 July 1830 as well as the birth of their first two children, Christopher Darius, 14 February [sic] 1862 and Olly May, 7 February [sic] 1866.
Left: Olly Gray
Below: Anna Gray
Date of pictures unknown.
Photos in possession of
L. Warren, compiler.

Both pictures made by
R. D. Moyer, Photographer,
in Jeffersonville, Ohio.
This photo shows Olly, left, Anna, right, and Darius, seated, in front of their home on Rt. 734, between Jamestown and Jeffersonville. An unidentified boy stands in the background. Photo sent in by Mabelle Gray Axe.
Jacob and Jane Gray's monument stands in the Fairview Cemetery just outside Jeffersonville, Ohio. The three stones to the right are markers for the children, Olly, Anna and Darius. According to their death certificates, Anna and Olly were both cremated but memorialized by their stones on the family plot. Photo by L. Warren, compiler, in 1999.
The Second Generation

PHILIP GRAY

8. Philip² Gray (Michael¹) is thought to have been born about 1790 in Berkeley County, Virginia. He died 12 October 1870 at Jamestown, Greene County, Ohio. He married three times. His first marriage has not been documented in any court records found to date, but thought to be to Mary Hunt, parents unknown, about 1812-1813. Their family included only one known child:

+ 48 i. George Washington³ Gray, born 3 January 1814 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and migrated to Ohio about 1848. George settled first in Fayette County, Ohio, and then purchased land in Greene County, Ohio, where he remained till his death on 4 June 1909 in Jamestown, Greene County, Ohio. George is our direct line of descent and will be covered thoroughly beginning on page 111.

Philip’s second marriage was to Jane Hunt, supposedly a sister of his first wife, documented in Berkeley County on 4 February 1816. (See copy on page 57.) As with her sister, no records exist to confirm Jane’s birth or death date in Berkeley or Morgan Counties.

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281 Family Papers received from Sarah Gray Bales (Joel Urban, George, Philip, Michael). These papers were “family group sheets” showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray’s family along with the families of Philip’s children. No source material is given. Furnished to this compiler in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers. Morgan County was formed in 1820 from parts of Berkeley and Hampshire Counties. The property of his father fell within Berkeley County, and the children, including Philip, are all thought to have been born in Berkeley County. This area is now in Morgan County, West Virginia.

282 Greene County, Ohio, Probate Court File #120. Original file no longer available, but can be viewed via microfilm at the Greene County Library, Greene County Room, Xenia, Ohio.

283 SGB Family papers.

284 Ibid., Death record of George W. Gray, #29954, Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics, Columbus, Ohio, also confirms this birth date. The area where the family likely lived at this time is now part of Morgan County.

285 Ibid., Death record of George W. Gray.

286 Berkeley County, West Virginia Marriage Records 1781-1854, p. 26, Court Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.
The birth years of Philip’s children were calculated from a variety of sources. The family papers of Sarah Gray Bales give us a definite date, but no known source for her material. These are used unless specifically mentioned from another source. Census records were then taken into consideration to look at the family as a whole during the 1820-1840 period. Although ages are given beginning in the 1850 census, this information may not be totally accurate, given it is an unknown who supplied the information to the census taker. If you look closely at census records, ages tend to fluctuate some, rather than progress in ten-year increments. Thus, using all the information hopefully gives us the most accurate record of this family.

Philip’s and Jane’s family is known to include the following children:

+ 49 i. Mary Ann Gray, born 10 December 1816 probably in Berkeley County, Virginia, (now West Virginia); died 22 February 1881 in Morgan County. 287

287 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History of Morgan County, (VA) W VA. Published by the society. Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, p. 2.

+ 50 ii. John Jefferson Gray, born 11 June 1818 in Berkeley County; died 13 June 1900 in Fayette County, Ohio. 289 John married Elanor [sic] Creamer on 8 April 1852 in Fayette County. 290

51 iii. Rosanna Gray, (twin) born 13 May 1820 in Morgan County; died 3 January 1905 in Greene County, Ohio. 291 Rosanna married late in life, 19 September 1889, to John Earley of Fayette County, Ohio. 292 John died in Fayette County in 1899. 293 Newspaper accounts of Rosanna’s death in the Xenia Daily Gazette on 5 January 1905 include the notation she had been a resident of the county infirmary for four years, having suffered a “stroke of paralysis” just a month before her death. Infirmary records indicate she was admitted there 27 August 1901 and was an epileptic. 294 Rosanna is buried in the Old Jamestown Silvercreek Cemetery on the Gray family plot of her half-brother George W. Gray.

52 iv. Susanna Gray, (twin) born 13 May 1820 in Morgan County; died 4 September 1896 in Fayette County, Ohio. 295 Susanna married at age 38 on 30 March 1858 in Fayette County, Ohio, to Jeremiah Coil. 296

286 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History of Morgan County, (VA) W VA. Published by the society. Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, p. 2.

288 Morgan County, West Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1841-1850, p. 27. Court Clerk, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.


290 Fayette County, Ohio, Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette St., Washington Court House, Ohio 43160. Marriage Records, Book C, p. 266.

291 Greene County Library, Greene County Room, Xenia, Ohio. Obituary File. Unidentified newspaper article.

292 Fayette County Marriage Book 5, p. 106, #3020.

293 Greene County Probate Records, Greene County Library. Box 104, Roll 103, John W. Earley.

294 Greene County Infirmary Records, Wright State University, Special Collections, Dayton, Ohio. Collection 04-10, p. 212. P. 226, confirms death date as 3 January 1905. (One unidentified newspaper obituary notice says she died on 2 January (Monday). No death record has been found to date filed in county or state records.

295 Fayette County Records and Archives, Probate Box 4014.
Michael Gray, born 2 August 1822 probably in Morgan County; died 21 October 1904 in Vandalia, Montgomery County, Ohio. 297 Michael married Mary Elizabeth Michael in Morgan County on 8 March 1850. 298 Martha S. Gray, born 26 June 1824 in Morgan County. Martha married Henry Lanum 26 May 1854 in Morgan County. 299 Her death date is unknown.

Unidentified male child born possibly November 1829. The family papers of Sarah G. Bales indicate a child born in 1829, named Philip, “died very young.” 300 Other genealogical papers in the possession of Sarah’s brother George Rhea Gray indicate a child named Philip Westly Gray born 1 November 1829, with no additional information. 301 It is possible that Jane Gray died in childbirth or shortly after, as the 1830 census records show Philip still in Morgan County, but no female in the household that would appear to be the age of his wife, Jane. There is a male child on this census, age 0-5. 302 By the 1840 census, the youngest male child is in the 15-20 category, logically Michael born in 1822. 303 In any scenario, the child was not shown in probate papers for Philip when he died in 1870 (see page 81). Also see #56 below.

Assuming the death of his second wife, Philip married for the third time to Elizabeth Smith Unger on 11 August 1832 in Morgan County. 304 If Philip’s mother was a daughter of William Smith, Elizabeth would have been a first cousin to Philip. She was the daughter of William Smith, Jr. and his wife Mary Maxwell. Elizabeth died on 17 November 1868 in Morgan County, West Virginia. 305

John Wesley Gray. This information is contained in the family papers of Sarah G. Bales. Elizabeth would have been at or over the age of 40 when she married Philip. No additional information has ever been found on this child, if there was a child. This birth and the one above, #55, may be overlapping information. Also see page 99 for another reference to this name.

Military

Still lacking proof of the fact, Philip is shown as a military veteran in at least one book in Fayette County, Ohio, where he is buried. It shows him as having served in the

296 Ibid., Marriage Book 1, p. 198 ¼, #3761.
298 Morgan County Marriage Bonds 1841-1850, p. 205.
299 Morgan County Marriage Book 3, p. 2.
300 SGB Family papers.
301 Family papers of George R. Gray, copies in the possession of the writer. Original source unknown.
302 1830 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Philip Gray, p. 4A.
304 Morgan County Marriage Bonds 1841-1850, #148.
305 Morgan County Death Records, Vol. 1, 1865-1903, pp. 9-10. Elizabeth’s death record confirms her parents, husband, and her age of 80 is listed as “best information.” The death was reported by her brother, Elias.
War of 1812, but nothing yet substantiates this data.\textsuperscript{306} His age at the time would have made him very likely to serve.

\textbf{Land Purchases}

Philip's first land transaction appears to have been on 22 September 1818 when he purchased from his aunt, Elizabeth Brouse, (assuming Michael Gray's wife was a daughter of William Smith) and her son and his wife, Lewis and Mary Riner Brouse, for the sum of $400 a parcel of land containing 100 acres. Philip's wife's name is not included on the deed, although he was married to Jane Hunt in 1816. This land was three miles south of Berkeley Springs, “on big ridge, drains of Sleepy Creek” according to land record notes.\textsuperscript{307}

As mentioned in our discussion of Michael\textsuperscript{7} Gray, in 1822 Philip begins paying the tax on 147 acres of land in his father's name. By 1824 he holds title to 48 acres. In 1829, the heirs of Michael\textsuperscript{7} Gray convey the 147 acres to Philip.\textsuperscript{308} Michael and his wife Elizabeth sell this parcel on 21 October 1853 to David Kilgore for the sum of $500. On the same date they also sell the 48 acres to George Henry for $300.\textsuperscript{309}

\textbf{Migrating to Ohio}

Only notations in the land record books in Morgan County gives us the clue when Philip apparently left Virginia, and his wife, and migrated to Ohio where a large portion of his family had already settled. The 1850 census record shows Philip and Elizabeth in Morgan County with Michael, 26, and Rosan, 28. (With so many “Michael's” in the family, it is hard to be sure which Michael is living with Philip. First thoughts are that it would be his son; however, son Michael married in Morgan County in March of 1850 and the census was taken in September.\textsuperscript{310}) In 1855 the notation on the Land Record Book says Philip resides in Ohio; 1856-1858 he resided back in Morgan County. In 1860, he's back in Ohio and can be found in the census record of his son, John Jefferson, in Fayette County, Jasper Township. Philip is listed as 69 years old, born in Virginia with a personal estate value of $1200.\textsuperscript{311} Elizabeth is thought to be the “E. Gray, 67” listed on the census record of her brother, Jacob Smith,

\textsuperscript{306} This book is a handwritten record of “Veterans Buried in Fayette County, Ohio.” No author or source is given for the material. Veterans (entries) are numbered but pages are not.
\textsuperscript{307} Land Books (by year), Morgan County, W.Va. (Tax Book) Court Clerk, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.
\textsuperscript{308} Morgan County, West Virginia, Deed Book 2, pp. 139-142. Court Clerk, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.
\textsuperscript{309} Morgan County Deed Book 6, p. 173.
\textsuperscript{310} 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Philip Gray, 42\textsuperscript{nd} District, p. 101.
\textsuperscript{311} 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, J. J. Gray, Jasper Township, Dwelling/Family #2696/2708, p. 507. FHL #0803959.
in Morgan County, West Virginia.\textsuperscript{312} Although she is listed as “widow,” a case could be made that she was a widow by her first husband and maybe considered herself one when Philip went to Ohio. She is not thought to have gone with him as she was buried in the Smith Cemetery in Morgan County with other members of her family upon her death in 1868. Her tombstone reads Elizabeth Smith Gray, wife of Phillip [sic].\textsuperscript{313}

Philip has not been located on the 1870 census records in Ohio or West Virginia. He died in 1870, but in October, which was after the census was taken in Greene or Fayette Counties, Ohio. If he could be located on this census record, it might give some clues as to where his parents were born, since this data was asked for on the 1870 census. He was the only sibling living at the time of the 1870 census.

\textbf{Death and Burial}

Philip died in Greene County, Ohio. George W. Gray, his eldest son, served as administrator of his estate. Without a will, his estate was equally divided among his children. He was buried in Fayette County in the Vannorsdall Cemetery where his brother Michael and sisters Rosannah and Susannah were also interred. (See a picture of this cemetery on page 52.) The burial place of Mary and Jane, his first two wives, remains unknown. There are no known pictures of Philip.

\textit{Left:} Headstone of Philip Gray found at Vannorsdall Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio. \textit{Right:} Legal Notice appearing in the Xenia Torchlight of Philip Gray’s death, Probate Box 120, Greene County, Ohio.

\textsuperscript{312} 1860 U.S. Census, Morgan County, West Virginia, Jacob Smith, District 3, Dwelling/Family #396/396, p. 387B. \textsuperscript{313} Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History, p. 48.
The first genealogical research trip to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in June, 1981, was less than now desired. Traveling during the hot summer with my husband, mother and three young children, all with a limited combined genealogical knowledge, did produce this one "gem." The copy above was in an account book belonging to Elias Smith, Philip’s brother-in-law. The book is no longer in the probate office where it was in 1981. Whether it found the way to Charleston and was microfilmed with other records is unknown. It does document Philip working for Elias Smith in April 1854, for which he was paid $1.30.
100 GATHER AT
GRAY REUNION

Descendants of Phillip Gray
Meet For First Time In
Body Sunday

On last Sunday, June 9, 1928, the descendants, together with the
"in-laws" of Phillip Gray to the number of more than 100 gathered
at the home of John W. Gray, who resides on the Conner farm north
of Jamestown, in their first family reunion. The day was ideal after
a week’s rain and everything was
propitious for the occasion. The
original ancestor of this goodly
family came from Virginia, having
been born near Morgantown, Oc-
tober 12, 1790, died in Greene County,
Ohio, at the home of George Gray,
his son’s home October 12, 1870,
aged 90 years. He was married
three times, his first wife was
Mary Hunt, to them was born one
son, George W. Gray. His first
wife having died, he married her
sister Jane Hunt; by this marriage
he had six children: Mary Ann,
John, Jefferson, Rosanna and Sus-
annah, twins, Michael Gray,
Martha Gray and Phillip, Jr. He after-
ward married Elizabeth Smith, by
whom he had one son, Wesley
Gray.

George W. Gray, who was well
known in this community, having
lived to the age of 96 years, six
months and one day on a farm
south of Jamestown, left three
children: Urban Gray, Mary
Gray Paxson and Rosa O’Day all of
Jamestown, Ohio. He came to
Ohio in 1848 and died June 4, 1909.

His two half brothers, John Jeff-
erson Gray and Michael Gray
came to Ohio, in 1861, John Jeffer-
sion settled in Fayette County,
Ohio, and lived to a ripe old age
leaving Theodore Gray, Oliver
Gray, Virginia Gray, Alice Gray
and Ellen Gray, and Michael Gray,
his other half brother, settled in
Tippecanoe City, Ohio, and had
seven children: Albert, Man-
uel, Richard, Oliver, Charles, and
Rosanna, of whom only Oliver Gray
of Tippecanoe City survives. Those
who participated in this reunion
to the number of over 100 were the
descendants of Phillip Gray. They
consist of farmers, business men
manufacturers, nurserymen, school
teachers, artisans, mechanics and
professional men and women, and
surely are a credit to the various
communities in which they live.

They came from Dayton, Columbus,
Washington C. H., Xenia, Tippe-
cano, Troy and Springfield, Ohio,
and meeting at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. W. A. Paxson from
where they were piloted out to
the John Gray home by Fred Bales
and wife of Dayton, Ohio, each
automobile besides its load of pas-
sengers carried well filled baskets
filled with delicious viands which
were spread upon a table about
100 feet long beneath the beautiful
shade trees; and if the tables did
do not groan, the banqueters did after
partaking of the bountiful repast.

A short program was improptu-
ally given, short talks were made by
several of those present, and a per-
manent organization was formed by
the election of the usual parlia-
mentary officers of President, Mr.
H. H. Creviston Dayton, Ohio, Vice-
President, George Gray of Sabina,
Secretary, Mary Prill of Tippe-
cano City, Walter Gray, of Cass-
town, treasurer, and Sarah Break-
field and Dorotha Crone amuse-
ment committee for the ensuing
year. The time of the next meet-
ing was fixed for the fourth Sun-
day in June 1929 and the place,
the home of Mrs. Hannah Gray
near Pearson Station, Fayette Coun-
ty.

Oliver Gray of Tippecanoe City,
was the only surviving son of
Michael Gray present, Oliver Gray
of Washington C. H. was the
only surviving son of John Jeff-
erson, only surviving son, of George
W. Gray, present, while Mrs. Mary
Gray Paxson and Rosa O’Day were
the surviving daughters of George
W. Gray. The others were descend-
ants and "in-laws" of the three
brothers, sons of Phillip Gray the
common ancestor.

It was a day long to be remem-
bered and treasured in the minds
of those present, and they hope
that these reunions may be perpet-
uated by the younger members of
the family.

First Gray Reunion - 1928

Several family members have copies of this
article. Although the article states Philip was
born in "Morgantown," we have no proof. It
was likely "Morgan County" (Berkeley
County, at the time). See page 7. It is
unknown which newspaper it originally
appeared in, but most likely one in Greene
County, Ohio—the Xenia Evening Gazette or
Xenia Herald. Reunion pictures can be seen
in the Photo Album, page 345.
This leather wallet was among other Gray memorabilia found in the trunk of Ionia Gray Gray (see page 167). The wallet, measuring about 6 ¼ inches in length, contained many documents belonging to George W. Gray, Philip’s son. Closer inspection shows it originally belonged to Philip. The close-up of the center notepad shows this faint notation along the left edge (center photo):

"June 23, 1842 Philip Gray his pocket Book."

*Bottom photo*: On the right hand side, the top signature is faint and a line drawn through it, but it can still be seen clearly enough to compare to other known signatures of Philip Gray. (One such example is shown below, taken from the marriage record of Philip’s daughter Mary Ann, Morgan County, Virginia [now W. Va.] Bonds of Marriage 1841-1850, #27.)

[Signature: Philip Gray]
Generation Three

48. **George W. Gray** (Philip, Michael) and his family, our direct line, were numbered in sequence and appear in their own chapter beginning on page 111.

49. **Mary Ann Gray** (Philip, Michael) was born on 10 December 1816 in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and appears to have died there on 22 February 1881. A discrepancy in her birth date occurs if figuring her birth date from the headstone information of age at death, 62 yrs., 2 mo. and 12 days. This would make her birth on 20 December 1818. This would conflict with the birth record for her brother, John Jefferson Gray, on 11 June 1818. The exact listing of a birth date in the Sarah Gray Bales papers will continue to be our basis for information until a more precise record becomes available. Mary Ann’s marriage to **William Henry** is documented in Morgan County on 12 March 1842. The census records give us this look at their family:


111 ii. Sarah Henry, born in Morgan County about 1846. No further information.

112 iii. George P. Henry, born in Morgan County 17 May 1849 and died 13 October 1883 of dropsy. (Water retention by tissues that can be caused by heart or kidney disease or cirrhosis of the liver.) Unmarried. Farmer. No further information.

113 iv. Mary Matilda Henry, born in Morgan County about 1854. No further information.


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314 SGB Family Papers. The area where Mary Ann was likely born would now be Morgan County, W. Va.
315 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 2.
316 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1841-1850, p. 27.
317 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Graveyard History*, p. 48. (Birth and death dates.)
318 1870 U.S. Census, Morgan County, W. Va., Bath Township, William Henry, Dwelling/Family #37/37, p. 6. John W. is still shown on this census with his parents.
319 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, W. Va., 42nd District, William Henry, Dwelling/Family 308/308, p. 110. Sarah listed as 4 years old.
320 Morgan County Death Record Book 2, p. 43. Birth year is calculated from tombstone information given in the *Graveyard History*, p. 2 (34y, 4m, 7d). George appears on the 1850 census with his parents as a 2-year-old.
321 1870 U.S. Census, William Henry.
322 Ibid.
David R. Henry, born in Virginia 18 March 1863; died 7 December 1925. He married Laura (surname unknown). David and Laura are buried in Morgan County, West Virginia, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, along with many of their children.  

Emily F. born about 1879. Listed on the 1880 census as adopted. No further information.

Mary Ann and her husband William Henry remained in Morgan County when much of her family went west to Ohio. The 1880 census of Morgan County shows William as a farmer with real estate valued at $1000 and personal estate at $700. Mary Ann likely remained in contact with her father and/or her half-brother, George W. Gray, as pictures of her son John W. and his wife Elizabeth Smith are found among the affects of George W. Gray. The copy below shows her signature on the receipt for distribution of her father’s estate in 1872.

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Transcription:

Received of George W. Gray Admr. of the estate of Philip Gray decd Two hundred and three and 38/100 dol ($203.40) in part of my distrib ution share in said estate.

Sir John’s Run (Bath) Morgan County W. Va. Nov. 18th 1872

Attest Signed William Henry

Husband & wife both sign

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323 Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, Graveyard History, p. 5. David’s birth date is taken from the tombstone inscription. 1870 census records show him as 8 years old, placing his birth more likely in 1862.  

324 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan County, West Virginia, Bath District, William Henry, Dwelling/Family #81/81, p. 22A. FHL #1255409.
These photos were found in an album in the trunk of Ionia Gray (see page 167.) now at the home of George L. Gray. The pictures are labeled “Mrs. John W. Henry” and “John W. Henry.” No dates or additional information.

Below: This large monument marks the graves of John W. and Elizabeth Smith Henry in the abandoned Smith Cemetery at Smith’s Crossroads in Morgan County, West Virginia.
50. John Jefferson Gray (Philip, Michael) was born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), 11 June 1818. He died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 13 June 1900. John married Elanor Creamer, daughter of Joshua and Mahaly Creamer on 8 April 1852 in Fayette County, Ohio. Their family was as follows:

117 i. Virginia (Jennie) Gray was born in 1853 in Fayette County, Ohio, and married John M. Haines 8 January 1874. There were three children of this marriage, Orty, Ola, and Bess. No further information.

+ 118 ii. Theodore Gray was born 19 July 1856 in Fayette County and died there on 11 October 1926. He married Hannah Lamb.

119 iii. Oliver Gray was born 12 December 1858. His tombstone stands near his parents in the Creamer Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio, and he is assumed to have been buried there although the stone does not include a death date. He was alive in 1928 for the Gray Reunion. See page 83. No record of any marriage has been found. No further information.

120 iv. Alice Gray was born in 1861 likely in Fayette County and married there 23 October 1879 to Luther L. Sheeley. Their family included twelve children: Ora, Bertha, John, Alva, Raymond, Percy, George, Hubert, Phillip, Harry, Olive and Dorothy Sheeley. Many of this family remained in the Fayette and Greene Counties area of Ohio. There are some researchers actively working on this branch of the family.

121 v. Ella Gray, born about 1863, likely in Fayette County; married William Thornburg and settled in Hartford City, Indiana, where they lived at her father’s death. They had two daughters, Vivian and Blanche. No further information. (Ella does not appear on census reports in 1870, but a child named “Almeda” age 5 does appear. This may or may not be the same child.)

John Jefferson Gray settled in Jasper Township of Fayette County, Ohio, on 120 acres of land and lived in that area all his life, rearing his family alone after his wife’s death.

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326 Fayette County Genealogical Society, History of Fayette County, 1984, p. 132. (Submitted by the late Hazel Gray, wife of the gggrandson of J.J. Gray. Her husband Rollo farms the original farm purchased by John Jefferson Gray in 1849.)
327 Fayette County Marriage Book C, p. 266.
328 Fayette County Genealogical Society, History of Fayette County, 1984; p. 132. (Children birth, death, and marriage information taken from this source unless footnoted separately.)
329 Fayette County Marriage Book 2, p. 370.
330 Ohio Department of Heath, Vital Statistics, Columbus, Ohio. Vol. 5167, Certificate #61219. (Birth and death dates.)
331 Fayette County Marriage Book 4, p. 324.
332 Frank Allen, Editor, History of Fayette County, Ohio: her people, industries and institutions; with biographies, sketches of representative citizens and genealogical records of old families. (Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen, 1914), p. 703.
Philip Gray

in 1870. He apparently was a successful farmer. The newspaper notice of his death in The Fayette Republican on 21 June 1900 read as follows:

J. J. Gray died at the home of his son June 13th, after 6 months or more of severe suffering. Obsequies were held in the home by Eliaz [sic] Peele and wife, and interment was made in the Creamer cemetery, near Spring Grove. Mr. Gray was an octogenarian, having passed his 82nd milestone. His life was one of frugality and industry. It was exemplary in that he provided well for his family. He leaves five children—two boys and three girls—to mourn.

Note: John Jefferson probably died at the home of Theodore Gray. He is shown on the 1900 census in that household.

A sample of John Jefferson’s signature can be seen below and on page 92 where he declined to be the administrator of his sister Susanna’s estate.

J. J. and Elanor (Ellen), along with other members of the Gray and Creamer families, rest in the Creamer Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio. At least one other researcher has worked on this line and continues to pursue it.

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Transcription:

Duplicate

Received of George W. Gray, admr of Phillip Gray deceased two hundred dollars being in part of my distributive share of the estate of said decedent on settlement with Probate Court August 17th AD 1872

(Ge) John J. Gray

This receipt marked “duplicate” was found in the wallet shown on page 84. It records the payment made to John J. Gray in settlement of his father’s estate.

334 Fayette County Genealogical Society, History of Fayette County, Ohio, 1984; p. 132.
335 1900 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Theodore Gray, Jasper Township, p. 47A, Dwelling/Family #28/30.
Above: This tilted and shared headstone of John Jefferson and Elanor (Ellen) Gray in the Creamer Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio, reads:

John J. Gray  
Born  
June 11, 1818  
Died  
June 13, 1900.

Ellen Gray  
Born  
Aug. 21, 1830  
Died  
Aug. 20, 1870.

Right: The tombstone for the son of John J. and Elanor Creamer:

Oliver Gray  
Born  
Dec. 12, 1858.

No death date was ever inscribed on Oliver’s stone.
52. **Susanna** Gray, (Philip, Michael) a twin to Rosanna, was born 13 May 1820 according to the family papers passed down from Sarah Gray Bales. She died without a will, on 4 September 1896. Susanna married at age 38 on 30 March 1858 in Fayette County, Ohio, to Jeremiah Coil. Susanna apparently had no children of her own. Her probate papers in 1896 mention her twin sister Rosanna, brothers John Jefferson and Michael and several nieces and nephews, not all mentioned by given name. (See copy on next page.) Her brother John Jefferson (J. J.) declined administration of her estate. Susanna does not appear in any published records of Fayette County cemeteries or burials. It is unknown where Susanna is buried. Her husband is buried in the Coil Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio. If Susanna is buried there, there is no visible marker, nor is she shown on any burial or cemetery records for that county.

Susanna’s death was apparently sudden as evidenced by this article found in The Cyclone and The Fayette Republican dated 10 September 1896 (Jeffersonville News):

> While stopping at the Gray House, corner of Court and North Street, on last Friday night, Mrs. Susan Coil, widow of the late Jeremiah Coil, was stricken with death, September 4th 1896, aged seventy five years. Mrs. Coil had been feeling ill and came to see a doctor, but she grew worse so rapidly that medicine could do her no good.

(Susanna would have been born in 1821 based on this article.)

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This receipt found in the probate papers for Susanna Coil shows her funeral expenses for a casket and robe came to $88.25. (Probate Box 4014, Fayette County Records and Archives, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160.)

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336 Fayette County Probate Box 4014.
337 Fayette County Marriage Book I, p. 198 ½ #3761.
338 Fayette County Probate Box 4014.
Letters of Administration for Susanna’s estate names her heirs and values her real estate at about $800. The number of nieces and nephews with the surname of “Henry” matches the known family of her sister Mary Ann Gray Henry. (See page 85.) Her nephew Wesley Compton is discussed on pages 98-100. Her niece, Jane Compton, has not been identified. Her brother, John Jefferson (J. J.) declines as administrator of the estate.

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

The State of Ohio.

IN PROBATE COURT.

1. J. Gray, being duly sworn, says that Susanna Gray, a resident of the township of Jasper in said County, died on or about the 1st day of Sept. A. D. 1896,

leaving his widow, whose P. O. address is

and the following persons are only heirs at law:

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That above named are children of said decedent under 15 years of age at the time of his decease.

The undersigned asks to be appointed Administrator of the estate of said decedent, and on his oath aforesaid says, the amount of personal property will be about $800.00

And of real estate about $.

Total $800.00

Sworn to before me, and signed in my presence, this 5th day of Sept. A. D. 1896.

Probate Judge.

The undersigned, J. J. Gray, of the above named decedent, hereby declines the administration of her estate, and recommends the appointment of H. B. Lewis as administrator.
This Methodist Hymns Book was obviously Susanna’s (Susan). It was found in the trunk of Ionia Gray Gray. This small book only measures 3 ¼ inches by 5 1/8 inches. The page you see here is the back of the front cover and first page. The frontispiece of the book is missing. According to the 1860 census, Thomas Coil would have been Susanna’s stepson and continued to live in the household in the 1880 census; he was listed as a schoolteacher. Currently in the possession of this compiler, L. Warren.

339 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jasper Township, Jeremiah Coil, Dwelling/Family 2639/2757, p. 503. FHL Film #803959.
340 1880 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jasper Township, Jeremiah Coil, Dwelling/Family 308/310, p. 396.
The Michael Gray Family

53. Michael Gray (Philip, Michael) was born in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 2 August 1822. He married in Morgan County to Mary Elizabeth Michael on 8 March 1850. Michael died in Montgomery County, Ohio, on 21 October 1904. They migrated to Ohio at the time of the Civil War, bringing the following family:

+ 122 i. Jefferson Algren Gray was born 12 August 1850 likely in Morgan County, Virginia (now WV); died in Miami County, Ohio, 29 September 1907.

123 ii. Emanuel Gray was born in Virginia about 1854. No further information.

124 iii. Robert Gray, born in Virginia 12 August 1856; died 1 April 1910. No further information.

125 iv. Richard S. (Tate) Gray, born in Virginia about 1858; died in 1926. Married Lurena (surname unknown). He had a son named Frank.

126 v. Oliver Gray, born 11 October 1861 in Virginia; died in 1926. Married Ida May Coates on 8 February 1890 and had two children, Willie and Willis. No further information.

127 vi. Charles Gray was born in Morgan County, West Virginia, about 1863-1865. No further information.

128 vii. Annie Gray was born about 1867 in Morgan County, West Virginia. Annie may have gone by “Minnie,” and died before 1928. See page 83 where Oliver is the only surviving child in this family at the Gray reunion.

Michael supposedly walked to Ohio with his brothers George W. and John Jefferson, according to family stories in our branch of the family. However, he may have come to Ohio in the 1840s with them and then returned to West Virginia before 1850. Michael may be the “Michael” shown on the 1850 census with his father Philip in Morgan County, Virginia. A marriage bond appears in Morgan County dated 8 March 1850, but his wife does not appear on this census in Philip’s home.

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341 SGB Family Papers.
342 Morgan County Marriage Bonds, 1841-1850, p. 205.
344 1870 U.S. Census, Miami County, Ohio, Monroe Township, Michael Gray, Dwelling/Family 89/87. Birth years of children 2-7 are calculated from this census.
346 Tombstone Inscription, Miami County, Ohio, Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City, Ohio.
347 Ibid.
349 Ibid.
350 Tombstone inscription, Miami County, Ohio, Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City, Ohio.
351 Hover, Memoirs of the Miami Valley.
352 Tombstone inscription indicates 1863; census records put birth about 1865. The 1870 census record of Michael Gray shows Charles T. born in Virginia. The 1880 census indicates born in Ohio.
353 The 1870 census for Michael Gray shows Annie born in Virginia and three years old. The family is thought to have migrated to Ohio by this time. She does not appear on the 1880 census.
Michael’s obituary states he came to Miami County in 1860, keeping with family stories in that branch of the family tree which find him dissatisfied with the Civil War in Virginia. An article on his grandson Oliver Gray attributes Michael to serving with Confederate troops during the war. There are two entries on the index of Confederate soldiers in the state of Virginia that could be Michael Gray. These have not been checked any further.

Michael met an untimely death as reported in the Buckeye and the Dayton Daily News. Returning from Tippecanoe City, he was somehow thrown or fell under the wheels of his wagon loaded with coal. The wheels passed over his body, killing him within the hour. Although the certified copy of the death certificate received from Montgomery County, Ohio, gives a death date of 21 November 1904, this can hardly be true since the article appeared in the paper on 22 October 1904. His tombstone reads 21 October 1904. Michael and Mary are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio. Many other of their family members are buried in this cemetery.

Other researchers have an interest in and are actively working on this line. See Appendix B for those working on this branch of the family tree.


355 The Buckeye (Troy, Ohio) 27 October 1904, “Cowlesville” news. Unknown page number.
356 Hover, Memoirs of the Miami Valley, pp. 91-92.
357 Confederate Soldiers Index, Microfilm #382, Roll 22, West Virginia Archives, Charleston, WV. Entry M. D. Gray, Co. C, 3rd VA INF. and Michael Gray, Co. D, 89 VA Militia.
358 The Buckeye, 27 October 1904.
Right: This newspaper article telling of Michael Gray's death appeared in the Dayton Daily Journal 22 October 1904, page 1.

Below: This letter was among the probate papers of Philip Gray, File #120, Greene County, Ohio. (Transcription below.)

Tippecanoe City, Ohio
August 15, 1872

Mr. George W. Gray you will please pay the Barer
John J. Gray or order the
sum of two hundred dollars
as apart of my share of
the estate of Philip Gray
deceased and By so doing
you will oblige your friend
Michael Gray

and you will please take
Jefferson recete [sic] for the
amount you pay him
so you can hand it over
to me yours truly

Michael Gray

Tippecanoe City, Ohio
August 15, 1872

Mr. George W. Gray you will please pay the Barer
John J. Gray or order the
sum of two hundred dollars
as apart of my share [sic] of
the estate of Philip Gray
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so you can hand it over
to me yours truly

to George W. Gray
The Maple Hill Cemetery in Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio, where Michael and Mary Gray are buried.
54. **Martha^3 S. Gray** (Philip,^2 Michael^1) was born 26 June 1824, likely in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia). No marriage records exist to confirm a marriage, but the 1850 census records show Martha Gray, age 23, in Morgan County as head of household with John Gray, age 8, and a child named Ann Myers, age 4. (No additional information has ever been found regarding Ann Myers.)

John shown above may be the “J. W. Gray” (age 17) noted on the 1860 census record with John and Sarah Wismer Compton. (Sarah Compton and Martha Gray would be first cousins.) Martha’s whereabouts between 1850 and 1880 are unknown. However, in 1880 she is still, or reappears, in Morgan County. This time she has a son, John W. Compton, age 37, and she is listed as a widow, “Martha Lannen.” A marriage record

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*SGB Family Papers.*

^359^ 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Virginia, Martha Gray, 42nd District, p. 90. John is listed as “John Gray” on this census; later, he appears to use the surname “Compton.”

^360^ Morgan County Historical and Genealogical Society, *Morgan County (West) Virginia Census 1860,* (Berkeley Springs: By the Society, Box 52, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411) p. 2.

^361^ 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan County, West Virginia, John W. Compton, Cacapon, Dwelling/Family #20/20, p. 50.
exists in Morgan County Marriage Book 3, 1850-1865, dated 26 May 1854 between
Martha Gray and Henry Lanum. This is likely Philip’s daughter since Philip’s probate
records in 1870 list a daughter named Martha Lanum, but no husband, living in
Morgan County. (See page 81.) No record has been located showing a marriage
between Martha and a “Compton.”

John W. Gray

Pursuing clues on Martha’s assumed son, John W., a death record was found for a John
W. Compton recorded 30 June 1928, in Morgan County. The birth date of the
individual would be appropriate (27 June 1842) but no identifying information is given.
The deceased is a “county charge.” All other information regarding parents is listed as
unknown.363 The death certificate does list Mr. Compton as a widower and a marriage
d to Delilah A. Dickerhoof was registered in Morgan County 4 June 1898. Information
gleaned from it verifies a birthplace of Morgan County; however, his parents are listed
as “John & (blank).” Delilah’s parents are Andrew and Mary and she is listed as born
in Washington County, Maryland.364 Pushing a little further, the 1900 census record of
Morgan County, page 79A, shows John W. and his wife in Morgan County with an
infant son named George D. Compton. Delilah’s death is recorded in Morgan County
records on 24 April 1903.365 Tracking John and his son from 1903 till John’s death in
1928, and his son beyond that time, has not been completed.

Thus the 1880 census which records John W. Compton as Martha’s son is the only
record to date that indicates John Gray, age 8, on the 1850 census and John W.
Compton are possibly the same person. The administration papers filed in probate for
Martha’s sister, Susanna Gray Coil, in 1896, however, do list a nephew in “Great
Caypon, WVA” named Wesley Compton.366 This could be John W. Gray/Compton.
(See page 92.)

One other point should be pointed out. The name of “John Wesley” appears more than
once in this family under questionable circumstances. The first mention is a child of
Philip Gray and his third wife Elizabeth after their marriage in 1832. The Sarah Gray
Bales family papers attribute a son to this marriage, named “John Wesley,” however no
date is given for the birth. The only appearance of “John W. Gray” is on the 1850
census with Martha mentioned previously. She would have only been between 15-18
years of age when John W. was born, depending on which source for her birth year you
use.367 Additional research is needed to try to resolve these discrepancies.

363 Morgan County Deaths, Vol. 17 #8002. Microfilm available at Division of Archives and History,
Cultural Center, Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia.
364 Morgan County Marriages, 1865-1903, (by year), line 24.
365 Morgan County Deaths, Vol. 1, p. 93.
366 Fayette County Probate #4014, Susan Coil.
367 1850 U.S. Census, Martha Gray. This gives Martha’s age as 23, making her only 15 when John W.
was born. The SGB Family Papers show her born in 1824 making her 18 when John W. was born.
Conclusion

The consistency in ten year increments of the age of “John Gray” first shown in the 1850 census with Martha and the age of John W. Compton who is listed as her son in 1880 census records, tend to indicate this was her natural son, or she identified him as such, and they are the same person. If so, it would appear that the father of this child was not in the family picture in 1850. Whether there was a marriage between Martha and a “Compton” remains to be found. Since it appears John may be the “J. W. Gray” living with John and Sarah Compton in 1860, John may have taken the surname of “Compton” after that time. It is unknown if the niece identified as “Jane Compton” in Susanna Gray Coil’s (Martha’s sister) probate papers, is a sister to John and an unidentified child of Martha.

In 1872 when the estate of her father was settled, Martha likely lived at Orleans Crossroads in Morgan County. A receipt found among the papers left by George W. Gray, who served as administrator for their father’s estate, shows delivery of Martha’s share of Philip’s estate sent to her at that location. Another researcher, Sharon Banzhoff, has graciously helped to interpret this receipt and identify this locality. A copy of the receipt is shown below.

Martha’s death date is unknown although it obviously occurred after the 1880 census was taken. A death certificate or record has not been found. It is unknown where she died or where she is buried.

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Generation Four

118. Theodore Gray (John Jefferson, Philip, Michael) was born in Ohio, likely in Fayette County, 19 July 1856. He died 11 October 1926 and is buried in the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery (SR 729) in Fayette County, Ohio. He married Hannah Lamb on 21 February 1877 and they had two sons:

142 i. Ward Henry Gray was born 10 May 1879 in Fayette County, Ohio, and died there on 22 February 1962. He married Ella Shirk on 3 October 1901. Their son Fred Gray, born 12 July 1905; died in 1980. He and his wife Gladys Garringer also remained in Fayette County and all are buried in the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery. Many of their descendants remain in the area today.

143 ii. George Jefferson Gray was born 1 February 1881 in Fayette County; died in 1950. He married Nettie Ellen Moorman. George was a farmer, landowner and became president of the Sabina Bank in 1931, remaining as such until his death. Their children included Mary, Theo Thayne and George. Mary Doris Gray (1903-1980) married George F. Lamb and settled in Hamilton, Ohio, with their two sons; Theo Thayne Gray (1904-1950) married Mildred M. Conner, settled in Sabina having two daughters and one son; and George Carroll Gray (1920-1964) married Josephine Marie Harp and had a family of three daughters and two sons. This family, too, is buried at the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery.

It is interesting to note that the 1900 census shows Theodore in Jasper Township, Fayette County, Ohio, with his wife and two sons, his father John J. and Rosanna Gray Earley, his aunt.

Theodore and Hannah are buried at the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio, as well as several other members of their immediate family.

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369 Family data supplied by researcher/descendant Michael Peterson. Source unknown.
370 Fayette County Genealogical Society, Fayette County History, 1984; p. 132. Includes data on birth, death and marriage.
371 Obituary from unidentified newspaper, likely a Xenia newspaper. Greene County Library, Greene County Room, Obituary File.
372 Ibid.
373 Ibid.
374 Tombstone inscription, Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio.
375 Clinton County Genealogical Society, Clinton County Ohio, 1982. p. 131-132.
376 1900 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jasper Township, Theodore Gray, p. 47A.
Above: The headstone for Theodore and Hannah Lamb Gray, Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio. The markers for their sons, Ward H. and his wife Ella, and George J. and his wife Nettie, are below.
Theodore Gray's grandsons and their families are also buried at Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery. Below: Fred L. and his wife Gladys Gray. Middle: Thayne and his wife Mildred Conner Gray.

The family plot of the George Carroll Gray Family also located in the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery.
122. Jefferson Algren Gray (Michael, Philip, Michael) was born in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 12 August 1850 and died in Miami County, Ohio, 29 September 1907. He married Samantha Cordelia Winterstein in Miami County, 11 November 1877. They had two children:

144 i. Etta E. Gray was born in April 1880. Family members identify her as married to Harvey Creviston. No additional information.

145 ii. Walter Gray born about 1882; married Emma Knick. No additional information.

Records in Miami County show the death of Cordelia Gray on 15 August 1884, aged 23 years. It is unknown where she is buried.

Jefferson then married his wife’s sister, Mary Winterstein on 1 January 1885 and had eleven more children. According to the 1880 census in Miami County, Ohio, Mary was a servant in the household of Michael (Philip, Michael) and Mary Michael Gray. Other researchers and family members supplied information on these more current families. Most are not documented individually. The information is judged to be accurate from other sources: census reports, tombstone inscriptions and/or personal knowledge.

146 i. Orville J. Gray, 1886-1927.


151 vi. Raymond Gray

152 vii. Bertha Gray married Russ Harleman.

153 viii. Everett Arthur Gray (1900-1977) married Gladys Stark. A descendant of this family, Robert Stonerock, is actively researching this line.

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377 Miami County, Ohio, Probate Estate Record #13225, Vol. 7, #226. Probate Court, Troy, Ohio. Birth date is calculated from information in Death Records 1867-1908, Vol. 4, p. 86, age at death, 57y, 1m, 17d.

378 Miami County Marriage Book 1, p. 358. Probate Court, Troy, Ohio.

379 1880 U.S. Census, Miami County, Ohio, Monroe Township, Jefferson A. Gray, Dwelling/Family #9/9, p. 130. This child is listed as “Eddie A., born April, age 2/12 (2 months).”

379 Information on marriages supplied by family members, Eugene Woolery and Robert Stonerock. Unknown sources.

380 Miami County Death Records 1867-1908. Probate Court, Troy, Ohio.

382 Miami County Marriage Book 2, p. 292.

383 1880 U.S. Census, Miami County, Ohio, Michael Gray, Monroe Township, Dwelling/Family #145/150, p. 130.

384 Tombstone inscription, Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio.

385 Ibid.

386 Ibid.
Ella Gray married Lester McGalliard.
Carl Gray married 1) Helen Meller 2) Eunice Smock.
Ellis Gray married Gertrude Upton.

Jefferson A., his wife Mary, and many other family members are buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio.

*Right:* Jefferson A. Gray, in an undated photo but obviously as a young man. Photo shared by Robert Stonerock, Nashport, Ohio.

*Below:* J. A. and Mary O. Gray, Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio. Jefferson and Mary rest near his father and mother and several other family members.
Below: This photo was likely made in the fall of 1900. Jefferson A. and his wife Mary Winterstein Gray with their family, along with his father, Michael Gray are shown. Two small children in front are Minnie and Edward. Second row, l-r: Jefferson A. holding Bertha, Mary holding Everett, Michael holding Raymond and Orville kneeling in front of Korah. Back row: Walter, Ida, Etta and her husband Harvey Creviston holding their daughter Lena. Copy of photo supplied by Eugene Woolery.
The Third Generation

SARAH JANE GRAY

45. Sarah Jane Gray (Michael 2 Michael 1) was likely born in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 24 July 1828. 387 Her death date, place and burial are all unknowns. A record of any marriage prior to the birth of her first known son has not been found in Ohio or Virginia.

+ 96 i. Smith Michael 1 (or Michael Smith) Gray, born 2 April 1847 in Ohio 388; died in Fayette County, Ohio, on 25 August 1933. 389 He married Margaret Elizabeth Mackey on 4 July 1867 in Fayette County. 390 This direct line will be covered entirely beginning on page 143.

On 4 April 1852, Sarah married Jackson Deck in Fayette County, Ohio. 391 Papers filed in the probate records of her father were signed by her mark and labeled Sarah Jane Deck. 392 (See copy on page 109.) Sarah 3 and Jackson's family included the following known children. 393

97 i. John W. 1 Deck was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, about 5 February 1851. He died 5 January 1853 and was buried in the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County (lyr., 10 mo., 28 dys.). 394 The records indicate John to be the son of "J and S. J. Deck." Assuming this to be Jackson and Sarah Jane

387 Family Papers received from Sarah 3 Gray Bales (Joel Urban, 1 George, 1 Philip, 2 Michael 1). These papers were "family group sheets" showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray's family along with the families of Philip's children. No source material is given. Furnished to L. Warren, compiler, in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers.
388 Ibid.
390 Fayette County Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette Street, Washington Court House, Ohio; Marriage License & Return, Book 2, p. 27, #5088.
391 Fayette County Marriage Book ABC, p. 265.
392 Fayette County Records and Archives, Probate File 385.
393 1860 U. S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Twp., Jackson Deck, Dwelling/Family 1, p. 2903, #463. The children's birth years have been calculated from this census record, unless noted separately.
394 Cemetery Roster provided by Jefferson Township Trustees, Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio.
places this child’s birth before the recorded marriage date of the parents. No other records of a marriage for Jackson have been found.

98 ii. Henry Deck was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, about 1853. No further information.

99 iii. David Deck was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, about 1854. No further information.

100 iv. Sarah Deck was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, about 1856. No further information.

101 v. Elizabeth Deck was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, 9 December 1857. She died 1 August 1858 and is buried in the Vannorsdall Cemetery in Fayette County, 8 mo., 23 da. 395

102 vi. Frances Deck was likely born in Fayette County during the spring of 1860. No further information.

Sarah and Jackson, along with their four children, Henry 7, David 6, Sarah 4 and Frances 3/12 (3 months), appear on the 1860 Fayette County, Ohio, census records and have not been located after that time.

Deed Book S, page 736, dated 2 March 1859, in Fayette County, Ohio, contains an indenture showing Jackson leased 59 ½ acres for a term of five years from Juan Pizzinia, of Richmond, Virginia. Likewise, Jacob Deck leased an adjoining tract for the same period. Jacob may have been Jackson’s father according to the 1850 census. It shows Jackson (22) living with Jacob (47) and Sarah (45) Deck and apparently siblings named Edward (19), John (17), George (11), James (4) and Louisa J. (9). 396 Very few vital records have been found in the county for the surname of “Deck.” It appears very likely that the Deck family left the area, but no trace as to where they may have settled.

The sale bill of Michael2 Gray’s (Michael1) estate showing items sold, price, and who purchased them does not include Sarah Jane. Sarah’s siblings, Jacob, Edward, Michael and brothers-in-law, J. W. Carr and Wallace Creamer, all purchased multiple items from the estate. Again, this suggests the possibility that Sarah Jane and husband Jackson no longer resided in the state of Ohio, or at least in the immediate vicinity.

Very little else is known at this time about Sarah Jane. During an interview in 1978 with Sarah5 Gray Bales (Joel Urban,4 George W.,3 Philip,2 Michael1) she stated that Smith Michael Gray had a picture or drawing of his mother Sarah Jane. This picture has not been located among the descendant families of his daughter, Ionia. Perhaps some day it will be located among the families of his son, Martin. This would put a picture to this important part of our family history.

395 Cemetery Roster provided by Jefferson Township Trustees, Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio. (Includes birth data.)
396 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Jacob Deck, Dwelling/Family 250/250, p. 18B.
A copy of the receipt Sarah Jane Deck signed with her mark on 19 July 1853 for her portion of the estates of her father and Grandfather Smith. Fayette County Records and Archives, Probate Box 385, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON GRAY
1813 – 1909

SARAH BAUGHAN GRAY
1826 – 1894
This photograph of the Gray family was made about 1905 at the homeplace of George W. Gray on Sutton Road in Greene County, Ohio. L-R: John, Maude, Ionia holding Jessie Richard (Dick), and Urban beside her. The two smaller children in front are George R. and Sarah. George Washington Gray is seated in the wheelchair and beside him his daughters Mary and Rose, with her husband L. S. O’Day. Several copies exist of this picture among family members.

The picture on the previous page of George W. and Sarah Gray was among the memorabilia of John Walker and Mary (Moon) Gray now in possession of L. Warren, compiler. It is unknown when the photo was made, but possibly the 1880s.
The Third Generation

GEORGE WASHINGTON GRAY

48. George Washington\(^3\) Gray (Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)) was born 3 January 1814,\(^{397}\) probably in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), and migrated to Ohio about 1848. George settled first in Fayette County, Ohio. Here he married Sarah Baughan, daughter of Moses and Sarah Yowell Baughan\(^{398}\) on 22 March 1863.\(^{399}\) George and Sarah then purchased land in Greene County, Ohio, and moved to that area which remained their home until her death on 4 December 1894\(^{400}\) and his on 4 June 1909.\(^{401}\) George W.\(^3\) and Sarah had the following family:\(^{402}\)

+ 106 i. Joel Urban\(^4\) Gray, born 21 February 1864 in Greene County, Ohio; died 9 February 1949\(^{403}\) in Greene County. Married Ionia Elva Gray, 23 October 1892, in Fayette County.\(^{404}\) "Urb" and his wife, Ionia, both direct descendancy lines, are covered fully beginning on page 161.

+ 107 ii. Mary Ann Gray, born 12 December 1865\(^{405}\) in Greene County; died 5 April 1952 in Greene County. Married William A. Paxson, 10 October 1923.\(^{406}\)

397 Birth date is taken from family papers of Sarah G. Bales and death record of George W. Gray, #29954, Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics, Columbus, Ohio. These papers were “family group sheets” showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray’s family along with the families of Philip’s children. No source material is given. Furnished to this compiler in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers. Also, the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray substantiates this date. Mabelle Gray Axe, daughter of Joel Urban and Ionia Gray, supplied a copy of this record. It is unknown if the bible still exists, but has not been located among family members at this time. Hereafter referred to as “Family Record of Urban and Ionia Gray.”

398 Family Bible of Sarah Baughan Gray. The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments, Translated out of The Original Tongues; and with the former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, (New York: American Bible Society, 1851). In possession of the compiler.

399 Fayette County, Ohio, Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette St., Washington Court House, Ohio 43160. Certified copy of Marriage Record, #4410, Vol. 1, p. 520.

400 Greene County, Ohio, Death Record, Vol. 3, p. 65. Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio.

401 Death Certificate, George W. Gray, Ohio Certificate #29954.

402 Family Record of Urban and Ionia Gray.

403 Death Certificate, Joel Urban Gray, Certificate #251. (Department of Health, Xenia, Ohio.) Death certificate also confirms birth date. Birth date is also give in the Family Record of Urb and Ionia Gray.

404 Fayette County Records and Archives, Marriage Record, Vol. 5, p. 309. See additional information on Ionia beginning on page 145.
Rosa Rebecca Gray, born 28 March 1868 in Greene County; died 8 July 1945 in Greene County. Married Lawson S. O’Day on 31 May 1898. John Houston Gray, born 25 April 1869 in Greene County; died 29 July 1873 at the age of 4 years. John Houston is buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek-Cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio, on a lot with his parents and other family members. A “sample” of his burial clothes was kept by his mother and is now in possession of L. Warren, compiler. These were scraps of the fabric that she apparently used to make his burial clothing.

These two pictures show the homeplace of George Washington Gray on Sutton Road, Greene County, Ohio. The one on the left was taken at an undetermined time, possibly in the 1930s or 1940s. The picture on the right taken in 1998 shows the beginning of renovations being done by the current owners, David and Jenny Leslie. David is the son of David Leslie, foster child of “Dick” and Thelma Gray. Editors note: As a Gray descendant, we should all be very glad and proud of the accomplishments David and Jenny have made at the farm. See page 311.
Joel Urban Gray, possibly 1872-1874, age 8-10.

Rosa Rebecca Gray, possibly 1874-1876 age 6-8.

Mary Gray, possibly 1873-1875, age 8-10.

The pictures above were found in the trunk of Ionia Gray, now in the possession of George L. Gray. (See picture on page 167.)

*Right:* The headstone of John Houston Gray which stands in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery near his parents. No pictures are known to exist of this child.
This certificate shows the participation of Mary, Rosa and Urban "Grey" in the school band in 1874-1875. It is unknown what instruments they might have played. This, too, was found in Ionia’s trunk at the home of George L. Gray.

This picture of George W. Gray and his adult children may have been taken to mark his birthday party in 1908. The picture was found in Ionia’s trunk and the newspaper article was among those of W. A. Paxson which was also in the trunk.
George Washington Gray was the first of our direct line to live in and call Greene County, Ohio, his home. Although probably born near Berkeley Springs, Virginia, in what is now Morgan County, West Virginia, he grew up at a time when the Ohio lands were offered at a very low price and in 1848 migrated to Fayette County, Ohio. Shortly after his marriage to Sarah Baughan, they purchased property in Silvercreek Township, Greene County, at the intersection of Sutton and Plymouth Roads, and this farm became the "homeplace" for his family. It is believed that all four children were born in this house. This was their home until their deaths, Sarah in 1894 and George in 1909. (See pictures on page 114.) His three adult children owned land in the immediate area. In 1910, Urban Gray (George W., Philip, Michael) purchased his father's property for $10,372 in settlement of the estate. Urb's son Jessie R. (Dick) subsequently owned the farm. (See additional information on page 311.)

George left behind several glimpses of his life, many contained in the receipts and notes he kept in two leather "wallets" found in the trunk of his daughter-in-law, Ionia Gray (Smith Michael, Sarah Jane, Michael), who would also be his third cousin once removed due to the double line from the common progenitor, Michael Gray. George saved receipts from many different aspects of his life including the administration of his father's estate. One of the wallets belonged to his father, Philip Gray. (See picture on page 84.) The other wallet is shown below. The two small pockets visible on the front were for "Stamps" and "RR Tickets."

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413 Greene County, Ohio, General Warranty Deed from Samuel L. Blain to George W. Gray dated 6 February 1864. Deed included two tracts, one for 87± acres and one for 31± acres. Recorder's Office, Xenia, Ohio.
These are copies of some of the earliest receipts found in these wallets.

**Top:** Chattel tax (moveable personal property) in 1851, Fayette County, Ohio.

**Second:** Property Tax on 65 acres in Fayette County, Ohio, 1854.

**Third:** Chatel [sic] tax for 1855 in Fayette County, Ohio.

**Fourth:** Combined property and chattel tax for 1856 in Fayette County, Ohio.

**Fifth:** Railroad Tax for 1859, Fayette County, Ohio.
Land Purchases

As the second receipt on the previous page shows, George paid property tax in Fayette County, Ohio, on 65 acres in 1854. This may have been his first land purchase in Ohio, but a recorded deed has not been located in court records. However, his meticulous calculations for the transaction with Mr. Creamer are detailed on the next page. They, too, were found among the many papers in these wallets.

George purchased 56 acres in Fayette County on 10 August 1859 from Samuel Knowlton and his wife Julia Ann. The price was $1400.\textsuperscript{415} A copy of this deed can be seen on pages 122-125. A deed recorded in Fayette County in August 1863 conveys this property to William Davids for $1869.20.\textsuperscript{416}

George and Sarah apparently made their move to Greene County late in 1863 or early 1864. A deed is recorded there for two tracts from Samuel Blain and Harriet, his wife, dated 6 February 1864 for 31.25 acres of land on the south side of (now) Lewis Road near the intersection of Sutton Road and the 87+ acres of his homeplace on Sutton Road. This transaction was for $4743.60.\textsuperscript{417} Two acres of the 31-acre tract were sold to Joseph Seslar in 1867.\textsuperscript{418}

George and Sarah purchased an adjacent 40.13-acre tract in Silvercreek Township on Plymouth Road near Garringer Road in 1879.\textsuperscript{419} Papers in the possession of Mabelle Gray Axe (Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1}) show that George paid $1000 down, and Mr. Carpenter carried a mortgage for the remaining balance of $1809.10, due in two payments of $904.55.

\textbf{Above:} The 1866 tax receipt for the Jefferson Township property on Lewis Road, purchased by George and Sarah in 1864 from Samuel Blain.

\textsuperscript{415} Fayette County Deed Book S, p. 732. Original in possession of Mabelle Gray Axe, Dayton, Ohio.
\textsuperscript{416} Fayette County Deed Book U, pp. 260-261.
\textsuperscript{417} Greene County Deed Book 42, p. 132.
\textsuperscript{418} Greene County Deed Book 46, p. 144.
\textsuperscript{419} Greene County Deed Book, FHL #465376, pp. 432-433.
This map shows the location of the land that George W. Gray purchased in Greene County, Ohio. Below is the tax receipt for 1866 on the larger tract at the corner of Plymouth and Sutton Roads, known as the "homeplace."

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“Calculations of Land Trade Between Joshua Creamer & G. W. Gray,” folded in quarters and found within George’s wallet, details George’s meticulous calculations along with a torn receipt showing payment of his 1855 installment (bottom). No documentation for this transaction has been found in Fayette County.

First payment was made $25.44 + 44
2nd " " " " $243.70
3rd " " " " $232.60
4th " " " " $219.92
Total amount of 4 first payment $956.88
Total amount of payment 1st tip of payment $51.35
Total amount of payment 2nd tip of payment $951.81
69 Acres and 69 poles at 2407 $146.06

Exceed $43.81 first payment
65.93 $146.06
interest on same for 4 years 9 months $20.81
189.34
11.83
68.92
189.34
Amount Coming to Credit $109.40, Jan 27, 1859 $28.18


for valued receipt I promise to pay Joshua Creamer or order the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars with 7 per cent per annum
The next four pages are copies of the original deed for the property George W. bought from Samuel Knowlton on 10 August 1859. The land location and description is transcribed below the appropriate page.
Warranty Deed.

Know all Men by these Presents,

That I, Samuel Hiram Lin, of the County of Clinton and State of Illinois, in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars, paid by George W. Gray, of the County of Fayette, said State of Ohio,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby, grant, bargain, sell, and convey, to the said George W. Gray, his heirs and assigns forever,

The tract of land bounded and described as follows:
Beginning and two down hickories west corner to Wm. Craughen's Survey No. 877 where an elm bears S. 25° W 15 links, thence with the old line N. 42° 23' E. 107.40 poles crossing a branch at 106 poles, to a stone in said line, thence S. 42° 8' E. 83.25 poles crossing the branch at 106 poles, to a stake and elm, corner to John Bloomer; thence with Bloomer's line S. 42° 50' W. 112.84 poles to a stake in James Bohiers' line and corner to Williams; thence with Bohiers' line N. 38° 10' W. 82.60 poles to the beginning containing Fifty six acres, two roads and twenty three poles of land in Wm. Craughen's Survey No. 877 in Fayette County, Ohio.

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AND ALL THE ESTATE, TITLE AND INTEREST of the said Samuel Knowlton Grant
Julia Ann Knowlton, his wife

[Signature]

either in Law or in Equity, of, or
and to the said premises: Together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging:

To have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said George W. Gray

[Signature]

for ever. And the said, Samuel Knowlton,

[Signature]

go himself and his heirs, executors, and

administrators, hereby COVENANTS with the said George W. Gray,

[Signature]

this heirs and assigns, that

he is the true and lawful owner of the said premises, and has full power to convey the

same; and that the Title is conveyed, is CLEAR, FREE AND UNCUMBERED; and further, that he

will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same against all claims or claims of all persons whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Samuel Knowlton

[Signature]

and Julia Ann Knowlton, his wife,

[Signature]

who hereby release her right and capacity

of power in the said premises, have executed at their hands and seals on this the
day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty Five

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
WARRANTY DEED.

FROM
Sam'l Hamilton
and Wife

TO
George W. Gray

[Handwritten text on the right side of the page]
A copy of the survey for the 40.13-acre property on Plymouth Road is shown above. This page is among papers in the possession of Mabelle Gray Axe (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael).
George also kept his tax notice from the IRS in his wallet. Dated September 1866, his bill totaled $1.00 for his carriage. He had a 20-cent assessment ("notice") also. The bottom left corner gives George’s location, “near Blaintown.” This was the area at the intersection of Plymouth Road and Route 72.

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**Collector's Office,**

(District, State of __________)

South Carolina, 1866.

Mr. L. W. Gray

Mr. The United States, Sec.

(for internal revenue)

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Less Tax withheld...

Tax on the following articles, for the year ending May 1, 1867:

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<td>Plate</td>
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<td>Gold Watches</td>
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<td>Books</td>
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Penalty $0.00...

Total $1.00...

Received Payment,

J. S. Cottrell, Deputy
Collector.
Above: George subscribed to the local newspaper, The Torchlight, as evidenced by his receipt dated February 2, 1867, and running to August 7, 1867.

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Above: One of the many receipts George kept for his post office box rental is shown here. His bill for the three months of October 1 to December 31, 1895, was 15 cents.

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Above: This receipt for payment of his insurance bill in 1897 was also found. It appears to have been $16 for 3 years of Fire and Cyclone coverage of $800 each.
These two receipts were also found in George’s wallet. C. P. Luttrell is shown as a dealer in general merchandise according to a directory of Fayette County, Ohio. These obviously show George’s account record. On November 19, 1902, it appears George delivered nine dozen eggs @ .20 cents per dozen ($1.80), 29 lbs. of poultry @ .07 cents per lb. ($2.03) and 12 lbs. of butter @ .03 cents per lb. (.36 cents), plus the 50 cents marked disc, for a total credit of $4.69. Applied against his purchases (sale) of $2.19, it appears he allowed $1.50 to remain on the books to his credit.

The receipt for September 23, 1903, is a little harder to figure out. He paid by cash $7.83 and brought in a dozen and one-half of eggs @ .185 cents per dozen (.27 cents). The Total Am’t of Cr. shows $9.60, which could reflect a previous balance included or was added incorrectly. (With the disc it would amount to $8.60.) He obviously purchased $1.00 worth of goods and again allowed $8.60 to remain on the books to his credit. (Each receipt shows “disc” that could be for discount and on both receipts is 50 cents.)
Marriage

George W. Gray and Sarah Baughan were married in Fayette County, Ohio, and their license and return is shown below (Vol. 1, p. 520). Sarah, born 7 June 1828 according to her tombstone inscription and 7 June 1826 according to a Baughan family bible, was the daughter of Moses and Sarah Yowell Baughan. Her family came from Culpeper County, Virginia, in the early 1830s. Several lateral lines of her Baughan family still live in Fayette County, Ohio. Her parents and a brother, Joel, are buried in the Creamer Cemetery, Fayette County, Ohio.

421 Family Bible of Sarah Baughan Gray.
Obituary

The previous pages of pictures and documents were included not only to document the life of George W. Gray, but also to allow his descendants a glimpse of life in the 19th century. Below, his obituary perhaps best portrays his life and speaks for itself. (This obituary copy was found in the Baughan family bible. The original newspaper has not been identified, but was likely a Greene County publication.) George is laid to rest in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery with his wife and other family members nearby.

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George W. Gray, son of Philip and Mary Gray, was born in Morgan Co., Va., Jan. 3, 1814. He was the eldest of a family of eight children, all of whom have preceded him to that great beyond.

He departed this life June 4, 1909, aged 95 years, 5 months and 1 day.

He came from his native state to Ohio in April 1848, where he resided near Jeffersonville in Fayette Co., until March 22, 1863, when he was united in holy matrimony to Sarah Baughn, when they removed to Greene County.

To this union were born two sons and two daughters: Joel Urban, who resides on the home farm; Mary A., at home; Rasa B. O'Day, at Bowingville, O., and John H., who died in childhood. His wife died Dec. 10, 1894, leaving him to the care of his children.

The last eleven years of his life, he has been attended by his daughter, Mary A., who resided at home.

He was ever a kind husband, a loving father, ever administering to their care and support.

He was a man of sterling character, always dealing with his fellow men with the greatest care and honesty. No man can say he ever wronged him in word or deed. While a believer in the Gospel, he never united his belief with the church of God, which he often spoke of as should have been his duty to his Maker.

He received a fall about seven years ago, from which he never fully recovered. On Nov. 28, 1908, he was stricken with a dreaded ailment, but with medical skill and all that willing hands could do, he constantly grew worse. During his long illness, and although his suffering was most intense, he bore it without a murmur, never despairing at his seeming misfortune, but always looking and finally succumbing to God's will, looking upon the bright side of life, and not his own.

But our loss is the Maker's gain.

He leaves three children and six grandchildren, and a large concourse of friends to mourn his loss.

Funeral services were held at his late residence, Monday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Nixon, of the Jamestown Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Cosby of Milledgeville.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who aided us during our sickness and bereavement.

The Children.
This picture of George W. Gray at his funeral hung at the home of John W. Gray, his grandson, as attested to by many of John's children. John had a special fondness for his grandfather. The picture is 8 X 10 and in the possession of L. Warren, compiler.

George and Sarah's individual markers are shown below. They are to the right of the large Gray monument on the family plot, shown on the next page. A receipt in the possession of Mabelle Gray Axe from Dodds Monuments in Xenia, Ohio, shows the cost of the double marker, along with one for Rosanna Gray, George's half-sister, (which is on the next lot east) cost $150.00. It is dated "11/26/1909" and made out to Mary Gray, Administrator (George and Sarah's daughter).
This large monument marks the *Gray* family plot at the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery, Section S. George, his wife Sarah, and all four of their children and spouses and the O'Day infants, are buried at this location. Additionally, George’s half-sister, Rosanna, is buried there also. A color copy of this photo can be found at the front of this book. The inscription is fading, but appears to say:

*Dust, to its narrow house beneath,*
*Soul, to its place on high!*
*They who beheld thy look in death*
*No more may fear to die.*\(^{422}\)

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106. **Joel Urban⁴ Gray** (George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹) is the direct line of descent. His family is numbered in sequence and presented entirely in his own chapter. (See page 161.)

107. **Mary Ann⁴ Gray** (George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹) was born 12 December 1865⁴²³ in Greene County, Ohio, at the "homeplace" of her parents. She died 5 April 1952 in Jamestown, Greene County, at the age of 86.⁴²⁴ One gentleman courted Mary for many years, however, no marriage ensued. At the age of 57, on 10 October 1923, Mary married **William A. Paxson**, a local attorney who resided in Jamestown.⁴²⁵ They had no children although "Alf" or "Paxson," as he was affectionately called, had children from a previous marriage. He likely had a soft spot in his heart for history and perhaps genealogy. He wrote poetry and published a column in the local papers titled "Reminiscences." His scrapbooks of his columns and local affairs (marriages, obituaries, etc.) can be seen at the Greene County Library, Greene County Room, in Xenia, Ohio.

These pictures of Mary Gray Paxson and her husband William A. Paxson were among the many items found in Ionia’s trunk in the home of George L. Gray, Sabina, Ohio.

Mary Ann Gray was the second of three children born to George Washington and Sarah Baughan Gray at the home farm on Sutton Road near Jamestown, Ohio. Like

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⁴²³ Family Record of Urban and Ionia Gray. Same date given in SGB Family Papers. Date also same as listed on death certificate. See footnote below.
⁴²⁴ Death certificate, Mary Paxson, Ohio Certificate #24266.
the other children, she attended the one-room Pleasant Valley School near the farm. Early in her life she acquired and managed her own farm, the first of several she would acquire during her lifetime. When they were quite young, her niece and nephew, Sarah\(^5\) and John\(^5\) Gray, (Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)) made their home with Mary to assist in farming and housekeeping.

In 1914-15, Mary established her home in Jamestown, Ohio. She was a skilled seamstress and had a well-to-do clientele. She was a very active member of the Jamestown Baptist Church and a very prudent, competent manager of her farm properties.

Mary was always interested in the education of family members and assisted with loans to at least two family members who attended Cedarville College, Ruth\(^5\) Gray Stauffer (Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)) and Clarence\(^6\) Gray (John Walker,\(^5\) Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)).

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This home at 22 South Limestone Street in Jamestown was the home of Mary and Alf Paxson. No one in the family can identify with certainty who any of the individuals are. The gentleman at the gate may be William A. Paxson.
After Alf's death in 1933, Mary continued to live in Jamestown where she died in 1952. Mary is buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery on the lot with her parents and adjoining other family members. Alf is buried nearby with his first wife and his family members. Several family members shared a copy of Mary's obituary, from an unidentified newspaper.

**Obituaries**

MARY GRAY PAXON

Mary Gray Paxon was born December 12, 1865 and passed away on April 4, 1952 at the age of 86 years, 8 months, and 22 days. Mary Ann, the daughter of George and Sarah Deaughn Gray was born at the farm home on Sutton Road. She spent her youth in the Pleasant Valley community and resided in Jamestown during her adult life.

In 1922 she married Attorney W. A. Paxon who preceeded her in death in 1933.

During her entire life time she was an active member of the Church, holding membership in the Jamestown Baptist Church for the past seventy nine years.

Prior to 1952 she had only brief periods of illness, none of a serious nature. On January 16 of this year a fractured hip started her confinement at the Greene Memorial Hospital. After 8 weeks she was moved to the Lively Nursing Home here in Jamestown.

Mary Ann was of a family of four children, all of which preceeded her in death—a brother, John in 1873, a sister, Rose Rebecca, in 1945, and Urban in 1949.

She is survived by a sister-in-law Mrs. Urban Gray of Jamestown; four nieces—Mrs. Fred Bales of Dayton, Mrs. H. Earl Bales of Xenia, Mrs. Wayne Stauffer of Sabina, Mrs. Herbert A. Axe of Dayton; three nephews, John Gray of Mt. Sterling, George and Jesse R. Gray of Jamestown; and 19 great nieces and nephews. A close friend, Miss Nora Powers, had made her home with Mrs. Paxon for the last fifteen years.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and cards received during the illness and death of Mrs. Mary Paxon.

We especially thank Rev. L. A. Smith for his consoling words, the Powers Funeral Home for its efficient services and all others who participated in the service.

The Family

Mary's tombstone sits next to the stone of her aunt, Rosanna Gray Earley.
108. **Rosa Rebecca Gray** (George W., ³ Philip, ² Michael) was born in Greene County, Ohio, 28 March 1868.²²⁶ She died 8 July 1945 in Jamestown, Ohio.²²⁷ Rosa married **Lawson S. O’Day** on 31 May 1898 in Jamestown.²²⁸ L. S. O’Day was a postmaster at Jamestown at one time and also a teacher. Rosa and “L. S.” had three children as documented in their bible, who died as infants. All are buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery.²²⁹

| 139 | i.  | Infant daughter O’Day born and died 8 February 1900. |
| 140 | ii. | Mary Elaine⁵ O’Day born 12 April 1901; died 20 August 1901. |
| 141 | iii. | Infant son O’Day born and died 23 September 1903. |

Rosa was the second daughter born to George Washington and Sarah Baughan Gray. She followed the same education pattern as her two older siblings, Urban and Mary, by attending the nearby one room Pleasant Valley School and assisted with family housekeeping chores until her marriage.

*Below:* “Aunt Rose” as the family called her, was seriously injured later in life as these two articles show.³³⁰

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³²⁶ Family Record of Urban and Ionia Gray. Same date given in SGB Family Papers.
³²⁸ Greene County Marriage Records, Book 10, p. 455.
³³⁰ Newspaper articles in the scrapbook of W. A. Paxson, in possession of the compiler. One appears to be dated Jan. 20, 1934. The other had a heading of Feb. 7, 1935. The 1935 date may have been part of another article. Rose was obviously injured in January 1934 or 1935.
A copy of the marriage record in the bible of Rosa and L. S. O’Day. The bible is now in the possession of L. Warren, compiler.
Rosa and her husband L. S. O'Day were the parents of three children, each stillborn or living just a short while.

*Below:* a copy of the births and deaths as recorded in their bible.
Above: Rose and L. S. O’Day in an undated photo.

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Below: Rose and her brother Urban in an undated photo.
Above: The tombstone for Rose and L. S. O'Day in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery.

Below: This tombstone sits nearby in honor of their three infants.
Spring Grove Methodist Church

Parrott Station Road, Fayette County, Ohio.

This photo was taken in the late 1990s.

Ionia maintained her membership here from childhood until her death, according to her obituary on page 171.

The church remains in operation today with a membership in the 20s. Mother and I (Lynn Jones Warren and Mary Edith Gray Jones) took the opportunity to attend services there during Holy Week, 2000. Their small but welcoming membership held a wonderful service that evening, with a strong emphasis on music. It was very easy to close your eyes and envision Ionia attending services there.

The picture on the preceding page was supplied by George L. Gray. Date unknown.
The Fourth Generation

SMITH MICHAEL GRAY

96. Smith Michael⁴ Gray (Sarah Jane,³ Michael,² Michael¹) was likely born in Fayette County, Ohio, on 2 April 1847 and died there 25 August 1933.⁴³¹ He married Margaret Elisabeth Mackey, daughter of William and Nancy Montgomery Mackey, in Fayette County on 4 July 1867.⁴³² Margaret was born 25 March 1848 (in Ohio, county unknown) and died 29 June 1923 in Washington Court House, Ohio.⁴³³ Smith Michael⁴ and Margaret had two children:

+ 130 i. Martin L.⁵ Gray was born 24 April 1868 in Fayette County⁴³⁴ and died there 17 December 1945.⁴³⁵ He married Anna Elizabeth Buckwalter in Greene County, Ohio, on 21 February 1892.⁴³⁶

+ 131 ii. Ionia (Iona) Elva Gray was born 26 October 1869 in Fayette County,⁴³⁷ as recorded in probate records, and died in Greene County, Ohio, 27 October 1952.⁴³⁸ Ionia’s birth date is questionable. She listed her birth as 26 September 1869 in her bible⁴³⁹ and this date was listed on her father’s pension records.⁴⁴⁰ (See copy on page 151.) On another military record, her

⁴³² Fayette County, Ohio, Marriage License & Return, Book 2, p. 27, Fayette County Records and Archives, 201 S. Fayette Street, Washington Court House, Ohio. #5088.
⁴³³ Death Certificate, Margaret E. (Mackey) Gray, Ohio Certificate #1720. (Birth, death and parents information.)
⁴³⁴ Fayette County, Ohio, Birth Book 1, p. 134-135. Fayette County Records and Archives, Washington Court House, Ohio. (Also see pages 150-151 where Smith Michael Gray gives conflicting birth dates for both of his children.)
⁴³⁵ Death Certificate, Martin L. Gray, Ohio Certificate #363. Death certificate also substantiates birth date.
⁴³⁶ Greene County, Ohio Marriage Licenses and Returns, Vol. 9, pg. 478. Copy from Greene County Library, Xenia, Ohio.
⁴³⁷ Fayette County Birth Book 1, pp. 134-135.
⁴³⁸ Death Certificate, Ionia Gray, Ohio Certificate #300.
⁴³⁹ “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe.
⁴⁴⁰ National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray.
father listed her birth as 24 September 1870. (See copy on page 150.) The 1870 census for her father seems to substantiate the 1869 birth year and shows her to be 8/12 (8 months old) and born in September.\textsuperscript{441} The court record in Fayette County appears to indicate that the birth was recorded up to six months after the fact, on 1 June 1870, thus eliminating the possibility that her birth was in September of 1870. There is no precise method of determining whether Ionia was born in September or October. The spelling of her name seems to vary also. The recorded birth record and the pension records show \textit{Iona}. However, as early as 1 March 1889 she witnessed a deposition for her mother and signed her name \textit{Ionia}.\textsuperscript{442} Her headstone reads \textit{Ionia}. Hereafter, we will list her as \textit{Ionia} and the birth date of 26 September 1869 that she used. She married Joel Urban Gray, her second cousin, once removed. Their story begins on page 161.

Michael Smith Gray, seated, with his wife Margaret Mackey Gray standing behind him. This is thought to be the house that was willed to M. S. by Wallace Creamer. The boy standing with the horse is not positively identified. The photo was probably taken between 1900-1910.

\textsuperscript{441} 1870 U. S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township. Michael S. Gray, p. 469. Dwelling/Family #271/264. (Series M593, Roll 1199.)

\textsuperscript{442} National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray.
Name

Smith’s name tends to change over the years. Early records show him as “Smith Michael Gray” and some of his military records use this name. Pension papers were signed as “Michael Smith Gray.” (See copies in this chapter.) Later years he seemed to use Michael Smith Gray. Throughout this chapter, we used the version he appeared to use at that particular time.

Birth Date

Smith Michael’s birth date is another item of consideration. As recorded in the bible records of Wallace and Elizabeth Gray Creamer, he was born 2 April 1846 (provided the copy is typographically correct).\(^{443}\) It should be noted that the compiler of this history has not seen this bible and has no information on who entered these records in the bible. This bible was supposedly in the possession of Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Washington Court House, Ohio, date unknown. The data is listed in random order, not appearing chronologically. His death certificate states his birth as 2 April 1848.\(^{444}\) On his marriage license in Fayette County in 1924, he professes to be 75 years old on 2 April 1924, making his birth in 1849.\(^{445}\)

The Sarah Gray Bales papers give his birth as 1847.\(^{446}\) On his military pension application in 1915, Smith Michael lists his birth date as 2 April 1847. Lastly, the 1850 census listing of Wallace Creamer and his wife Elizabeth,\(^{447}\) known to have raised Smith Michael,\(^{448}\) lists the only child in the household as “Smith Homey, age 3.” Since the census data was collected in September of 1850, this would be the earliest recorded statement of this child’s age/birth year and therefore, we use 1847 as his birth year.

\(^{443}\) Creamer Bible Records, Carneige Library, Washington Court House, Ohio, pp. 62-63. ("In possession of Miss Mary Elizabeth Johnson, WCH, OH, Pub. by William W. Harding, Phila. Pa." No dates given.)

\(^{444}\) Death Certificate, Michael S. Gray.

\(^{445}\) Fayette County Marriage License & Return, Book 11, p. 393.

\(^{446}\) Family Papers received from Sarah\(^5\) Gray Bales (Joel Urban,\(^4\) George,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\)). These papers were "family group sheets" showing families of Michael Gray, Jr. by his two wives and Philip Gray’s family along with the families of Philip’s children. No source material is given. Furnished to L. Warren, this compiler in 1978. Hereafter referred to as SGB Family papers.

\(^{447}\) 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Wallace Creamer, Dwelling/Family 183/183, p. 13. FHL #444671.

\(^{448}\) National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray. Affidavit of Wallace Creamer, 1 March 1889. Wallace Creamer states “I raised M. S. Gray...He lived with us from the time he was two years old until he was married.”
Biological Father Possibilities

The identity of Smith Michael Gray’s father remains as much a mystery today as it did over 20 years ago when my grandfather, John Walker Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael) first described him to me as an “orphan.” No record of any marriage has been found for his mother, Sarah Jane, prior to this child’s birth. Likely he was a child born out of wedlock, and for whatever reasons, Sarah Jane elected to allow him to be raised by her half-sister Elizabeth and brother-in-law Wallace. The census data gives us a glimpse of the only known clue to Smith Michael’s father. His place on the 1850 census as a 3-year old named Smith Horney along with his mother, in the household of Wallace and Elizabeth Gray Creamer, may indicate his biological paternal surname to be Horney. There were some families with this surname in the immediate vicinity of Fayette County. Subsequent census always attributes the surname of Gray to Smith Michael. Reference to Smith in the Creamer Bible records and in the Sarah Gray Bales family papers simply list him as a son of Sarah Jane, but no mention of a father. If he knew the identity of his father, it never survived through the generations.

Wallace Creamer and W. J. Horney witnessed the military invalid pension application filed by Smith Michael on 21 February 1880. There was a William J. Horney in Fayette County in this time period along with various given names beginning with “J.” Clue or coincidence, it gives us something for further investigation.

Military

Michael Smith Gray served during the Civil War with the 168th OVI (Ohio Volunteer Infantry), Company D. He enlisted in May 1864 and served for 100 days. (Although the muster rolls show his name as “Smith Gray,” later documents show his name as Michael, M. S., or Michael S. Gray.) The 168th organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, proceeded to Covington, Kentucky, and embarked on the Covington-Lexington Railroad. Company B with 20 men from Company G was detached at Falmouth (Ky.) to guard the railroad bridge and at other points, companies were stationed to protect the road. On June 10th a detachment of 300 men occupied Cynthiana, Kentucky. On June 11th a large force of Rebel Cavalry moved against Cynthiana. The 168th lost seven men killed, 18 wounded and 280 captured. Michael obviously was part of the detachment

449 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Wallace Creamer.
450 National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray, “Declaration for an Original Invalid Pension,” filed 21 February 1880.
to Cynthiana as evidenced by the records in his military pension papers available from the National Archives.\footnote{National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray.}

Michael Smith’s pension papers show that he contracted measles while enlisted and was sent home for a brief time in May or June, 1864. Rejoining the troops, obviously in a less than healthy state, he was part of the contingent to Cynthiana where it was considerably hot and also raining. “Claimant was taken prisoner, as also was this affiant (A. H. Janes) and they laid out in a pasture field the first night and all took cold and the next day while on retreat to get away from Genl. Burbridge, they were marched as fast as they could go and were forced right through the Licking River which was waist deep. That during the afternoon they were paroled, and went back to Cincinnati except claimant and perhaps a dozen others who came on home with Captain Parrett.” Thereafter, claimant, Michael Smith Gray, complained of problems with his eyes.\footnote{Ibid., Deposition of Lt. A. H. Janes, dated 29 November 1886 for case #352252.}

\textbf{Medical Information}

Medical reports filed with Michael’s military papers show he did have surgery in Cincinnati for removal of his right eye on 21 August 1895 and lost considerable vision in the left. Some papers show the loss could have been due to glaucoma. His hearing seemed to be considerably affected also. This does give us a look at the person from a medical standpoint and a physical standpoint also, as he’s listed as 5’ 4” tall, fair complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair.\footnote{National Archives Military/Pension Record, Michael Smith Gray.}

\textbf{Second Marriage}

After his wife’s death in 1923, Michael Smith married \textbf{Jerusha Pennington} on 16 December 1924 in Fayette County.\footnote{Fayette County Marriage License and Return, Book 11, p. 393.} After his death in 1933, Jerusha moved to California.

\textit{Right:} Michael Smith with Jerusha at their home in Washington Court House. Date unknown. (Photo shared by Tom Bales.)
Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Commissioner.

[Address]

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife’s full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Yes. Margaret Elizabeth Gray Macky

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. Nov. 24, James Adams

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Probate at Fayette, O. C. Ohio

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. No.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Yes. Martin, L. Gray; June, L. Gray

Born March 23, 1868; Born Sept. 24, 1870

Date of reply, June 4, 1898.
Smith Michael Gray

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 12, 1915

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

MICHAEL S GRAY
JEFFERSONVILLE OHIO
34598 R R 2

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer: April 24, 1868.

The name of organization in which you served? Answer: Infantry.

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer: Jeffersonville, Ohio.

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer: Margaret Elizabeth Adams.

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: April 24, 1897, Jeffersonville, Ohio, married by Rev. Samuel Adams.

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer: Yes.

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer: No.

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer: No.

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or do they both reside separately? Answer: Yes.

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer: Michael S. Gray, born April 24, 1868, Lee, born September 26, 1869.

Date: [Signature] Michael S. Gray

Michael completed this form in 1915. It, too, was found in his military/pension file from the National Archives.
Michael Smith Gray died without a will and William S. Paxson served as administrator of the estate. His personal goods appraised for $188 as shown on page 154. Schedule A shown on the following page indicates the appraised value of Michael Smith’s personal property. Martin and Ionia, children of Michael Smith, filed exception to the inventory of the estate, as shown on page 156, for return of two feather beds included in the inventory. The beds belonged to their mother and the feathers were picked from the geese on the farm where the family lived over forty years prior; their mother died in one of these beds. The exception was overruled.\footnote{Fayette County Records and Archives, Michael Smith Gray, Probate File #11480.}

Michael’s obituary from an unidentified newspaper is shown below. He rests with his first wife, Margaret, in the Fairview Cemetery outside of Jeffersonville in section 5, lot 117, without a marker.
SCHEDULE A

PERSONAL GOODS AND CHATTELS
Genl Code, Sec. 10509-47

The following personal goods and chattels, belonging to the estate of the said decedent as exhibited to us, we appraise as follows:

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Personal Property, Schedule A, continued.

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<td>Dishes</td>
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Total appraised value of personal goods and chattels, etc. | $18.00

SCHEDULE B

MONEY

The following is an account of all moneys, whether in specie or bank bills, or other circulating medium, belonging to the deceased, which have come to the hands of the Executive Administrator.

N.B.—If there is no money, state, "No money of any kind."

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Total amount of money | $ None
This Schedule A shows all goods and chattels and real estate of Michael Smith Gray's estate. Schedule B shows administration expenses. W. S. Paxson served as Administrator. (Probate File #11480.)

**SCHEDULE A**

| Chattels as per inventory                      | $188.00 |
| Claim against Ohio State Bank                  | 12.06   |
| Real Estate:                                   | $200.06 |

| $1007.00 |

On August 19, 1933, said M. S. Gray transferred Lots #318, #389, #390 and #391 of the Washington Improvement's Company's Addition to the City of Washington, Fayette County, Ohio, to his wife, Jerusha Gray for her lifetime, with remainder in fee to M. L. Gray and Ione Gray. The administrator filed suit in the Common Pleas Court of Fayette County, Ohio, to set aside said deed. The deed was set aside and the property ordered sold to pay debts. The property was sold at public sale for $1007.00.

**SCHEDULE B**

| Elmer Klever, balance on funeral expense       | 97.50   |
| Dr. A. S. Stemler                              | 260.15  |
| Taxes                                         | 67.72   |
| W. S. Paxson, attorney fee & admr's compensation | 120.00 |
| Court Costs, land sale                        | 40.48   |
| Revenue stamps for deed                       | 1.50    |
| Albert Isen, taking deposition                | 10.00   |
| Court costs, on administration                | 20.00   |
| W. B. Hyer, premium on bond                   | .7.00   |

Total: $624.35
Below: a copy of the exception to the inventory as filed by Ionia (Ina) Gray and Martin (Martie L. Gray). (Probate File 11480)

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO.

In the matter of the estate of M. S. Gray, deceased. / EXCEPTIONS to the inventory of said estate.

Now comes Martie L. Gray and Ina Gray and represent to the court that they are children and heirs at law of the M. S. Gray, deceased; that among the property that was in the possession of M. S. Gray at the time of his death were two feather beds, which were included in the inventory filed herein and appraised by the appraisers as part of the estate of the said M. S. Gray, and that before the time fixed by the court for the hearing of said inventory the widow of the said M. S. Gray, deceased, Jerusha Gray sold and disposed of said feather beds.

That said feather beds, while they were in possession of said M. S. Gray, were the property of the said exceptors, Martie L. Gray and Ina Gray; that neither of them were advised as to the time and place that the appraisement was to be made by the appraisers, nor were they present or either of them when the appraisement was made and had no opportunity to give notice of their claim to the property in dispute; that by reason of the facts before stated said exceptors claim that they are entitled to file exceptions, and have their rights in the property claimed, determined, although they did not file exceptions within five days of the time fixed by the court for the hearing of said inventory.

Said exceptors therefore ask that the court make an order and finding that the said feather beds were not the property of the estate of said M. S. Gray, deceased and ought not be included in the inventory as part of his property, and order the inventory corrected and for any other relief that under the facts above stated they may be entitled.

[Signature]

Attorney for Exceptors
Margaret Mackey and Michael Smith Gray with their great-grandchildren. Margaret holding Clarence Gray, Helen Gray in the middle and Ernest Gray, standing in front of his gr-grandfather. The children are the three oldest of John W.3 (Joel Urban,4 [married to Ionia, daughter of Margaret and Michael Smith Gray, above], George,3 Philip,2 Michael1) and Mary Moon Gray. Picture probably taken about the spring of 1917.

Below: Margaret Mackey Gray on the left with her grandson John Gray and his wife Mary are shown with their children Ernie, Helen and Clarence. The gentleman in the cap is unidentified. This picture was also probably taken about the spring of 1917.

Both pictures in possession of L. Warren, compiler.
Generation Five

130. Martin L. Gray (Smith Michael, Sarah Jane, Michael, Michael) was born in Fayette County, Ohio, on 24 April 1868. Martin died in Washington Court House in Fayette County on 17 December 1945. He married Anna Elizabeth Buckwalter in Greene County, Ohio, 21 February 1892. Their family included the following children:


158 ii. Carey E. Gray, born 3 December 1893; living in Columbus, Ohio, 1957.

159 iii. Loren Luther Gray, born 30 May 1895; living in Pasadena, California, in 1957.


161 v. Elsie born 18 November 1900, Fayette County, Ohio; Died 17 September 1901 of “brain fever.”


164 viii. Doris Gray, born about 1911.

457 Fayette County Birth Book 1, pp. 134-135.
458 Death Certificate, Martin L. Gray, Ohio Certificate #363.
459 Greene County, Ohio Marriage Licenses and Returns, Vol. 9, pg. 478. Copy from Greene County Library, Xenia, Ohio.
460 Fayette County Birth Book 2, p. 135.
461 Obituary of Anna Buckwalter Gray (died 6 September 1957) from an unidentified newspaper; copy obtained at the Greene County Room, Greene County Library, Xenia, Ohio lists her surviving children and residences.
462 Fayette County Marriage Book 9, p. 468.
463 Fayette County Birth Book 2, p. 135. 1900 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Martin L. Gray. This census gives the birth month and year for the first four children. The census lists the birth month for Carey as September. However the record filed in birth records in Fayette County, Ohio, show the month as December.
464 Fayette County Birth Corrections Book 3, p. 418. Loren Luther Gray.
465 1900 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Martin L. Gray. Robert V. appears to be the child referred to as Vernon in the SGB Family Papers. The census lists him as Robert Lee.
466 Fayette County Marriage Book 12, p. 28. Record confirms the birth date.
467 Fayette County Birth Book 3, pp. 132-133.
468 Fayette County Death Record, Book 2, p. 71. (Age is listed as seven months, but according to birth recorded, see footnote above, Elsie would be ten months old at the time of her death.)
469 1910 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Martin L. Gray, Union Township, pp. 1-2. Arthur C. is shown on census as 7 years old. Birth, death and marriage dates supplied by granddaughter/researcher Julie Miller. According to Ms. Miller, her grandfather went by the name of Clarence Arthur instead of the reverse.
470 Fayette County Birth Book 3, p. 134.
471 Obituary of Anna B. Gray confirms Alta’s married name and residence in 1957.
Martin and his family lived in Washington Court House on Gibbs Avenue at the time of the 1910 and 1920 census. He lists his occupation/employer as a laborer at the creamery.  

This family remains to be researched thoroughly and perhaps will lead to new information on other members of the family. Julie Miller, gr-granddaughter of Martin, is researching this family.

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131. **Ionia E.** Gray (Smith Michael,² Sarah Jane,³ Michael,² Michael¹) is the direct female line of this family and her story will be told beginning on page 161.

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472 1920 U. S. Census, Fayette County, Martin L. Gray, Union Township, ED#148, Sheet 18, Line 96. Doris's birth year is calculated from her age of 9 on this census report.

473 Ibid.
Above: This early picture of the first four children of Urban and Ionia Gray was probably taken early to mid-1901. Rear: John Walker. Front, L-R: George R., Sarah M. and Maude M. Gray.

All seven Gray children of Urban and Ionia, with her peeking from the rear. Front, L-R, Ruth, Sarah, Mabelle, Maude. Back: Dick, George, Ionia, and John. The picture was probably taken in June 1923 when the family gathered for the funeral of Margaret Mackey Gray. Picture submitted by Tom and Donna Bales, Dayton, Ohio.
106. Joel Urban Gray (George, Philip, Michael) was born in Greene County, Ohio, 21 February 1864 and died there 9 February 1949. He married his second cousin once removed, Ionia Elva Gray (Smith Michael, Sarah Jane, Michael, Michael) on 23 October 1892, in Fayette County, Ohio. (See additional information on Ionia on page 145.) Urban, usually referred to as "Urb," and Ionia’s family included the following seven children:

+ 132 i. John Walker Gray, born 24 January 1893 most likely at the homeplace in Greene County and died 15 September 1993 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. See page 175. John was sometimes called "Jack."

+ 133 ii. Maude Marie Gray, born 16 June 1895 in Greene County, Ohio, and died 7 May 1982 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. See page 277. Maude was frequently called "Betty" by her siblings and family members.

+ 134 iii. Sarah May Gray, born 28 January 1898 in Greene County and died there 16 September 1985. See page 297. Sarah’s nickname was Sally.

+ 135 iv. George Rhea Gray, born 23 October 1900 in Greene County and died 28 June 1983 at his home in Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio. See page 303.
Jessie Richard Gray, born 30 August 1904 in Greene County and died there 26 October 1988. See page 309. Jessie Richard was known as “Dick.”

Ruth Winona Gray, born 6 February 1907 in Greene County and died 15 June 1980 in Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio. See page 315.

Mabelle Alberta Gray, born 3 January 1910 in Greene County. See page 333. Mabelle’s nickname is “Pee-Wee.” Mabelle resides in Beavercreek, Ohio.

_L-R:_ Mabelle, Ruth, Dick, George, Sarah, Maude, John, Ionia and Urb. This photo was made at the homeplace on Sutton Road in Greene County, Ohio, possibly in the late 1930s. Several family members have copies of this photo.

_Below:_ Another photo of Urb and Ionia’s family. This may have been taken about October 1942 which would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

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483 Death Certificate, Jessie Gray, Ohio Certificate #084580. Birth date is confirmed on the death certificate and in the Family Record of the bible belonging to Urban and Ionia Gray.

484 The Family Record from the bible shows 6 February 1907, the date that Ruth used as her birthday. Greene County Births Vol. 4, p. 67 show this birth on 15 February 1907.

485 Death Certificate, Ruth Winona Stauffer, Ohio Certificate #042393. The birth date of 6 February 1907 is confirmed on the death certificate.

486 Birth date is confirmed in the Family Record of the bible belonging to Urban and Ionia Gray. Also listed in Greene County Birth Corrections Book C, p. 119.
The marriage certificate of Urb and "Iona" was found rolled up in Ionia's trunk shown on page 167. At one time it obviously contained their pictures, and it is unknown which pictures those might have been. The trunk and certificate remain with George L. Gray.
The Gray family was firmly rooted in Greene County, Ohio, by the late 1800s and the roots did not spread very far until much later. The seven children of Urb and Ionia settled close to home and in adjoining or nearby counties.

Urb and Ionia each had a basic education, neither one graduating from high school. All of their children attended school at least through the sixth grade; Sarah, Ruth and Mabelle completed high school. Ruth went on to attend college.

The lifestyle of the Gray family was typical of many families of the late 19th and early 20th century. Emphasis and attention was primarily given to the basic needs of the immediate family, in this case, seven children to be clothed and fed. Most food was grown and preserved on the farm. Orchards and gardens provided fruits and vegetables. Preservation was a summer task for all—including the children. Pork and beef were cured in a smokehouse. Chickens, ducks and geese were delicacies, usually for Sunday dinner. Desserts consisted of pies, cakes and cookies, all baked in a wood-fired kitchen stove. Ionia was known for baking her pies on Saturday and lining the pantry shelves with the week’s assortment of pies. Any type of pie continues to be considered a staple to the Gray clan.

Left: A cupboard known to have come from the “homeplace” of the Gray’s on Sutton Road in Greene County, Ohio, and now in the possession of George L. Gray.  
Right: The children of Urb and Ionia Gray used this highchair. It was stored in the barn and offered to L. Warren, compiler, by George Rhea Gray when first starting this quest of family history. It has been refinished and re-caned. In fact, it won a “blue ribbon” at the county fair!
Ionia’s trunk stored many of the Gray treasures used in compiling this family history. George and Philip’s wallets were found here, Urb and Ionia’s marriage certificate and other family pictures and papers. It is unknown when or how Ionia acquired the trunk, now in the possession of George L. Gray.
Transportation was by horse drawn buggy and carriages until the 1930s. Farming was hard work, accomplished by horse drawn plows, discs and planters. Seed was harvested from the previous year’s crops; horse and cow manure provided the fertilizer to increase the crop yield per acre. Corn, wheat and oats were grown, much of it to feed the cattle and horses, hogs and sheep. Some would be sold to the grain elevator in Bowersville three miles distant or Jamestown at four miles in order to generate some cash flow.

Music played a roll in the lives of the Gray family also. Ionia received a pump organ as a birthday gift from her parents before her marriage. (See photo on page 308.) At least two of Urb and Ionia’s children, Ruth and George, were musically gifted. George played piano and organ, mandolin, French harp and a little guitar. Ruth enjoyed playing the piano.

Ionia was perhaps the “backbone” of this Gray family, always striving to see that her family was well cared for. She feared storms and believed in ghosts. Some stories exist that she still resides at the “homeplace.”

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This picture of Ionia and her daughters was probably taken in the mid-1920s.

L-R: Maude, Sarah, Mabelle, Ionia, and Ruth.

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The pictures shown on the following page are of the house on Plymouth Road, Greene County, Ohio, that played an important role in the Gray family. (This 40-acre tract is shown on page 120.) Urb and Ionia lived here in the early years of their marriage.

Top: The top picture was made in the fall of 1913. Urban sits in front.

Standing L-R: His daughter Maude, daughter-in-law Mary S. (Moon) holding her son Ernest born 13 August 1913 and John Walker Gray, her husband and Urb’s son. After their marriage in August 1912, John and Mary went to housekeeping in this home. The picture belongs to George L. Gray.

Bottom: Photo was taken in April 1999. Mrs. Jean Hartsock now owns the home.
Top: This photo of Ionia and her son George R. Gray and granddaughter Beverly Axe (now Gierow), daughter of Mabelle, was probably taken in the mid-1940s.

Bottom left: Ionia, probably early 1930s.

Bottom right: Ionia seated at her last birthday party in 1952. L-R: George, Jessie Richard (Dick), Ruth, Mabelle, Maude, Sarah and John.
"Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done.  
Now comes rest."

On September 28, 1869, near Parrett's Station in Fayette County, Ohio, a daughter, Ionia, came to bless the home of Michael and Margaret Mackey Gray. This home was shared with a brother, Martin, who preceded his sister in death. In young girlhood she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, and united with the Spring Grove Methodist Church, where she retained her membership until her death.

On October 23, 1892 she was united in marriage with Urban Gray, and together they travelled life's pathway for more than 66 years when, on February 9, 1949, the Death Angel visited their home and took Mr. Gray to his reward. To this union seven children, three sons and four daughters were born, all of whom are left to mourn the passing of a devoted mother. They are John of Mt. Sterling; Mr. Maude Bales of Dayton; Mrs. Sarah Bales of Xenia; George, who with his wife, Margaret, have lived in the home and tenderly cared for her during her declining years; Dick of Jamestown; Mrs Euth Stauffer of Sabina, and Mrs. Mabelle Axe of Knollwood.

For 60 years Mrs. Gray has lived in the same community having spent more than 40 years on the same farm. Hers was one of the most hospitable of homes where she lived to greet her friends and family.

On Monday evening, October 27, 1953, after an illness of short duration, her spirit was released from Its earthly home and she quietly and peacefully slipped away to that Better Land from which she had been experienced. The last illness was of short duration, he was aware of the presence of his wife; all seven of his children, and his" sister; as he entered a peaceful sleep. In addition to the immediate family he is survived by 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends throughout the community.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation are extended to friends and neighbors for their kindness, sympathy and lovely floral bouquets received during the passing of our husband and father, Urban Gray.

To Rev. Sewell and Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Carter and the Powers funeral home for their efficient service.

- Mrs. Urban, Gray, and Family

Above: These two obituaries for Ionia, left, and Urban on the right, were part of the family papers of Sarah Gray Bales and were published in unidentified newspapers.

Below: Urb and Ionia are buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery, near the lots of his father and mother. The Gray monument and O'Day stone can be seen in the background.
THE CHILDREN OF

JOEL URBAN and IONIA GRAY

The seven children of Urban and Ionia Gray in the 1940s. 
L-R: Mabelle, Ruth, Dick, George, Sarah, Maude, and John.
Section II presents a scrapbook of the sibling families of Joel Urban Gray (George W., Philip, Michael) and his wife Ionia Gray (Smith Michael, Sarah Jane, Michael Jr., Michael), including the living generations of descendant families of Michael Gray. For that reason, Section II is presented in family order, without any numbering system. For privacy purposes, only current marriages are given on family group sheets unless children of previous marriages are involved. In an effort to identify these more complex families, family group sheets may indicate “father” and “mother” instead of “husband” and “wife.” Family group sheets were submitted by family members and assumed to be accurate information. Except where noted, each family submitted their own synopsis for publication.
JOHN WALKER GRAY

1893 – 1993
This picture was made as John and Mary left to get their marriage license. Within the family it is known as the “buggy picture.” It is unknown who took the picture or the exact date it was made. Several family members have copies.

The picture on the previous page was among family pictures now in the possession of George L. Gray, Sabina, Ohio. John appears to be less than a year old, possibly 8-10 months old. His daughter, Mary Edith Jones, has a charcoal drawing of this same picture. It is unknown who took the picture or did the charcoal drawing.
132. John Walker Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael) sometimes referred to as “Jack,” was born 24 January 1893 in Greene County, Ohio, the first born of Urb and Ionia Gray. He attended the one-room school near his home for eight years and then, like most young men of his generation, began working full-time on the farm. On 1 August 1912, he married Mary Sophia Moon, born 7 June 1894, oldest child of Edgar and Emma Wilson Moon, who lived on a farm one mile north of Bowersville. Mary had completed high school at Bowersville, likely that summer before her marriage.

During the early years, John and Mary rented farmland, usually on an annual contract. In the mid-1930s, they moved near Mt. Sterling in Madison County where they rented a government farm. Five years later, they were able to purchase the 89-acre farm from the government. They continued to live on this farm until Mary's death on 17 March 1967. After his wife's death, John lived with their daughter Margaret and then Helen. In 1986, at the age of 93, he moved to the Deer Park Nursing Home in Cincinnati, Ohio. John died 15 September 1993. He was buried beside his wife Mary in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Prior to her marriage, Mary was a member of the Methodist Church in Bowersville where John and their first children became members. When they moved north of Jamestown, they joined the Friends (Quaker) church in Jamestown. In Mt. Sterling, they re-joined the Methodist Church. Mary was active in the Eastern Star.

John’s sister Mabelle shared this picture of him. Although of poor quality, he appears to be 8-10 years old.

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487 “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. No evidence of birth recorded in public records.
488 Marriage Record, Greene County, Ohio, Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio. Vol. 14, p. 376. E. W. Price officiated at the bride’s home.
489 Birth Record, Greene County, Ohio, Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio. Vol. 3, p. 123.
490 Death Certificate, John Walker Gray, Ohio Certificate #068819.
**JOHN WALKER GRAY**  
*(Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)*

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Mary's record of the birth of all ten children is shown in her bible, now in the possession of grandson Les Pitstick, Dayton, Ohio. A note in the bible, shown below, states it was presented to her in 1925, thus the data was not entered as each event occurred, except for possibly the birth of the last two children.
John and Mary were somewhat opposite personalities. "Yep" and "nope" were mainstays of John's conversation and he was rarely without his chewing tobacco. Mary was much more vocal and opinionated and likely to tell you so. But they worked together earning their living as farmers and rearing a family of ten children. They succeeded in seeing that all their children received a high school education, hardly an easy task with no extra money for paper, pencils and books. They endured the standard hardships of the times and then some, including the near loss of their daughter Eva in a fire and John's injury and near loss of his leg when the team of horses spooked and threw him, cutting his leg with the discs. (See page 186.)

During the 1940s, Mary served as a 4-H advisor. She ran the Creamery Station in Mt. Sterling in the 1950s and 1960s. Here she tested incoming cream from local farmers for the butterfat content.

John's less-than-secret love was the harness races. There was never a delay if someone suggested going to Scioto Downs or to Lexington (Ky.) for the annual races at the Red Mile. For many years, a week of vacation in Kentucky was highlighted by daily attendance at the Red Mile.

In the 1960s, John and Mary took on a new hobby, bowling. Both seemed to enjoy the sport and would take off to London to bowl a few games in the evening or on the weekend. They also bowled in a league with their daughter Margaret and her husband Guy.

In September 1986, Grandpa (John W. Gray) sent word that he would like to tell me about his life. As soon as possible, I made plans to go to the nursing home and interview him for this important information. Below is what he had to say on 5 October 1986.

Grandpa began by saying he started at Pleasant Valley School when he was six years old (1899). Herbert Stafford was his teacher. His teacher the second year was Cara Lee Pidgeon; third year-Allie Evans, whom Grandpa said was from Pleasant View; his fourth year teacher was Harley Pursinger who only taught one year; the fifth year was Ivy Hall; his sixth year teacher was Margaret Sheridan; seventh year was Katy Sheridan and the eighth year was Roscoe Turner. Mr. Turner taught for several years after Grandpa left school, according to Grandpa's recollection.

Grandpa said he lived with his grandpa, George W. 3 Gray (Philip, 2 Michael1), after about age ten. He spoke of his grandpa very affectionately and had great respect for him.

At age 16, Grandpa received a new buggy, new set of harness and a horse named Billy as a gift from his dad. He said his Dad told him if he found him at the local pool-hall in Jamestown (Hoopy Mauck's), he'd take the
buggy away. Grandpa said he had the buggy for three years—and his Dad never caught him at "Hoopy's."

Grandma (Mary Moon) was seventeen (actually only 16) and dating Orley McCauley when Grandpa first took notice. On 3 June 1910, grandma and grandpa had their first date—a buggy ride. On their third date, the horse named Billy, who was afraid of automobiles, startled and ran off with the buggy and upset them, throwing them in the ditch. But Grandpa expressed his confidence in winning Mary’s heart, because as he said “I had a buggy and Orley didn’t.” (Obviously he was right; after a courtship of two years, they were married in 1912.)

The note below, dated “June 27-(19)10,” may have been the first note that John wrote to Mary. It was found among mementos in her scrapbook, now in possession of L. Warren, compiler.
John wrote this note to Mary on 10 January 1911. Their romance had progressed as evidenced by his signature,

From Your Sweetheart JWG.

Jamestown, Ohio
Jan. 10-11

Hello Mary

Was talking to Opal this evening and she said you was invited to a party at her house Wednesday evening and that I was to come after you call me up and let me know whether you want me to come or not. If I am not at the house tell Sarah and she can tell me.

From Your Sweetheart JWG.

Miss Mary Moore
Jamestown
Ohio
P.H.S. No. 3

J. E. E. Moore
Mary sent John this postcard, found among the mementos in her scrapbook.

Although faint, Mary’s message reads:

Aug. 5, 1910
Hello John,

As I was well aware that you are looking for a gentle steed and I came across this one I thought I would send him over your way. I think he looks very gentle, kind and think it will be a good traveler. Hope you are feeling better by this time. Hoping you will buy this gentle steed for next Sunday night. I will close.

Your friend, Mary Moon

The card may well have been her response to the buggy accident on their third date.
John sent this card to Mary on her birthday dated June 7, 1911.
Grandpa continued his story on his life:

They went to housekeeping in the same house that his parents started in (see picture on page 169). At that time it was owned by grandpa’s “Aunt Mary” (Gray) Paxson (George W., Philip, Michael). Grandpa said he started with a blind horse and two colts. They lived there eighteen months and moved to the M. T. Ross farm in Blaintown. The following two years they lived and farmed for John Earley at Port William. The next move took them to Sabina where they stayed three years. Next he worked for James Thompson for four years in Fayette County, then back to Xenia on Union Road for a year. It was at this house that daughter Eva was burned. Next Grandpa worked for Harold Breakfield on a monthly basis for six months. The next eighteen months were spent on the Simon Little place and from there to the Connor farm for two years. Grandpa said that Grandma (Mary) worked at the cannery in Jamestown in the fall of the year about 1928. The next move was to Springfield on a dairy farm for one year. Grandpa classified that move as a disaster. He worked for “three old-maids,” milked thirteen cows and it was a dry year. Leaving there took him back to Greene County at Gladstone where he worked for Paul Blankenship for one year and the next year for Roy Spahr. The next move brought him almost full circle on Garringer Road where he stayed for three years, farming for his Aunt Mary. Two years at Cedarville and the final move in 1938 was made to Mt. Sterling where he rented for five years ($3 per acre/per year) from the government and then bought the nearly ninety acre farm for $6,725. His mortgage payments were $200 per year for forty years. Other farmers who rented this government land but did not stay were Marshall Green, Robert Henry and Russ Thompson. George Mossburger came and stayed according to Grandpa. The first year at Mt. Sterling, Grandpa said he received 40 cents a bushel for corn; pork was 3 cents a pound.
MATCHES SET FIRE TO BABY'S CLOTHES

Three-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray in Critical Condition.

XENIA, March 21.—Little hope is held for the recovery of Eva Marie Gray, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, residing on the Union road five miles from here, who was severely burned at the Gray home Wednesday.

The child was burned from her hips to her head when her clothes caught fire while she and several other children in the family were playing with matches in an upper room of their home.

The little girl has been unconscious since Wednesday.

These two articles from an unknown newspaper were found in the scrapbooks of W. A. Paxson.

Above: An article on March 21, 1923, regarding the injuries to John and Mary’s daughter, Eva.

Right: The Friends Church of Jamestown came to the aid of John and Mary during the time of his convalescence in 1928. They were forever grateful for this act of compassion.

FRIENDS AID INJURED MAN'S FARM WORK

On last Thursday, in pursuance of a preconcerted arrangement fostered by the pastor and members of the Friend’s Church of Jamestown, of which John Gray, of Ross township, and his family are members, over 50 of the members of that church, and neighbors’out in Ross township, knowing and realizing that John Gray, who was so badly injured about four weeks ago, by being run over by a disc cutter, when his team ran away, gathered at the home of Mr. Gray and proceeded to husk out and crib his entire crop of corn, about 1,400 bushels.

While the men were thus engaged, the good ladies were engaged in preparing a regular banquet for the kind-hearted men, and also in sewing on various garments for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of whom there are nine.

These women had been planning this charitable act for several days ahead and several brought their sewing machines, while others brought needles and thread and materials upon which they sewed and thus prepared a number of suitable garments for the family, while others were busy preparing the sumptuous dinner that was served, cafeteria style, to the hungry huskers.

Upon the whole, it was a pleasant day, and Mr. Gray, who was brought home from the hospital that day, was almost overcome with gratitude to his friends for their kindly help, and thus relieving his mind of worry over his unhusked corn crop, tears of gratitude streamed down his face.

One of his little girls said to him, “What’s the matter Daddy, your eyes is leaking?”

It was a day long to be remembered by those participating in it, as well as by Mr. Gray and his wife and family, who hereby desire to express their gratitude and sincere thanks for the kindness of their friends in thus relieving their minds of a former source of worry.—Contributed.
Above: This picture was probably made about 1923-1924. L-R: Helen, Grace, Mary Edith, Ernest, and Clarence. Father John is in the doorway.

Below: This picture made about 1925 shows John and Mary with their children. L-R: Hazel, Eva, Margaret, Mary Edith, Grace, Clarence, Helen and Ernie.

Bottom left: John and Mary, 1930s; Right: Jean and “Richie” about 1943.
Right: John and Mary with their first-born, Ernest, 1913.

Below left, l-r: Helen, Ernest holding Grace, and Clarence about 1918.

Below right, back row: Helen, Ernest, Clarence; Middle row: Eva, Mary Edith, Grace, Margaret; Front row: Hazel. Late 1925 or 1926.
The article below from an unidentified newspaper describes the government land program that enabled John and Mary to purchase their Mt. Sterling farm.

The picture in the barn lot at Mt. Sterling shows John with “Dick” and “Sam.”
L-R: Clarence, Hazel, Richard, Mary Edith, Helen, Jean (bride), Margaret, Ernest, Grace, Eva. The only known photo of all ten Gray children, 15 September 1945.

Above: John and Mary, 1962, their 50th Wedding Anniversary photo. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered for church, dinner and then a reception held at their Mt. Sterling home.

Left: John and Mary, 1945.
The ten Gray children shown above in high school photos. 
*Top row:* Ernest, Helen, and Clarence; *Middle row:* Grace, Mary Edith, Eva and Margaret; *Bottom row:* Hazel, Jean and Richard.
After Mary's death in 1967, John was a lonesome soul. After living with his daughters, Margaret in Mt. Sterling and then Helen in Hamilton, his health declined appreciably and he entered Deer Parke Nursing Home in Cincinnati in 1986. The photos below show his declining years.

Left: John at the Gray Reunion in 1984. 
Below: John was interviewed by local television personality Bob Braun not long after entering the nursing home in 1986. 
This photo was taken in 1998 at the entrance to the lane leading to John and Mary’s Mt. Sterling farm on Junk Road. The barn has fallen into disrepair. The field to the left was always kept for grazing, never put into crops, because Mary thought it looked nicer. The property line ran parallel along the fence row to the right of the driveway.

John and Mary are buried in Mt. Sterling, Madison County, Ohio, at Pleasant Cemetery. On an adjoining lot, their eldest son Ernest rests also.
The family group sheets for the sixth, seventh and eighth generations within the John Gray family follow, along with any synopsis that they submitted. They are grouped in the birth order of John’s children.

**ERNEST LEON**\(^6\) GRAY  
(John,\(^5\) Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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Father: JOHN WALKER GRAY  
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Ernest Gray was born August 13, 1913, the first child of John and Mary Gray. His first eight years of school were in a one-room school. He graduated from Ross Township High School, taking one year off between his junior and senior years to live with his Grandfather and Grandmother (Ed and Emma) Moon and assist them with the farming. After graduation in 1932, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corporation (CCC), a Federal program in the depression years, for young men. He earned $21 per month, $14 of which the government sent home to his parents. Ernest was assigned to an Idaho-Oregon camp and while there he met his future wife, Dorothy Leffler.

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\(^{491}\) Sixth, seventh and eighth generation from the progenitor Michael Gray (Sr.).  
\(^{492}\) Currently single adult children only appear on the family group sheet with their parents, except in the cases where they too have children.
Ernie and Dorothy had two sons, Gerald Dale and Gale Ray. After their divorce, Ernie and his sons returned to Ohio. Ernie married again in 1946 to Harriet Long Blizzard and had one daughter, Nancy, born after her father's death. (See page 205-212.)

In 1947, Ernest was severely burned when gasoline fumes ignited at the Pure Oil Station in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. He did not survive. After his death, his two sons eventually returned to Oregon to live with their mother. His second wife, Harriet, and daughter Nancy continued to live in Ohio.

Ernie was a "free-spirit" personality. Jovial, prankster, tease, and short-tempered are just a few of the adjectives one could use to describe him. He was known to have hitch-hiked cross-country, admittedly a safer mode of transportation at the time, more than once, his wife accompanying him on one trip.

Ernest is buried in Mt. Sterling, Madison County, Ohio, in the Pleasant Cemetery on a lot next to his parents. A Knights of Pythias flag adorns his grave.
Above: Ernest Leon Gray, about one-year old, in August 1914.
Top right: Dorothy and “Ernie.”
Right: Dorothy, Ernie and his father, John.
Below left: Gale Ray and Gerald Dale, probably taken late 1940 or early 1941.
Below right: Ernie, with his sons Dale and Gale, not long before his death in 1947.
GERALD DALE® GRAY
(Ernest, © John, § Joel Urban, A George W., § Philip, " Michael)

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Gerald Dale Gray was the oldest son of Ernest and Dorothy Gray. After his father's death, he returned to Oregon to make his home with his mother.

The Ashcraft and Gray families knew each other for many years. Dale and Betty attended elementary and high school together. Dale graduated in 1953 from Burns-Union High School, Burns, Oregon, and joined the Air Force. His military time was spent at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. While home on leave in the spring of 1956, he dated Betty Ashcraft and they were married that summer in Burns.

Dale enjoyed sports, particularly playing baseball and basketball. Tall and handsome with flirty blue eyes, he also was a good dancer and most popular with the local girls. His wife remembers him as soft-spoken, and as trivia, a 'lefty', as is his son.

Dale was fatally injured in an auto accident on 14 February 1959, in Hermiston, Oregon. He had been to visit his mother and was returning home. He is buried in the Burns Cemetery, Burns, Oregon (Lot 4, Block 179A, 1st Addition). With the help of Lois Taylor, a volunteer on the US Cemetery Photo Project website on the Internet, we now have a photo of the stone marking Dale's grave.
Below left: In this photo found among the pictures and mementos of John and Mary Gray, Dale's grandparents, he appears to be about 11-12 years of age. The other two photos are taken from yearbook pictures. A generous teacher and coach at Burns High School in Burns, Oregon, Terry Graham, was kind enough to take the time to dig through yearbooks and locate these two pictures.


GERALD DALE\textsuperscript{g} GRAY, JR.

(Gerald Dale,\textsuperscript{7} Ernest,\textsuperscript{6} John,\textsuperscript{5} Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1})

"Gerry" grew up in the household of his mother and her husband (now divorced), Russell Hovis, in Nampa, Idaho. He graduated from Nampa High School in 1975. At age fourteen, he went to live for a brief time with his Uncle Gale.

Having no memory of his father, Gerry's father figure was and is his stepfather, Russell Hovis. All memorabilia and pictures that were saved by his mother for him were stolen and therefore he was unable to contribute much in the way of pictures for this publication.

Gerry, like his father, was severely injured in an auto accident on 13 April 1980, in Boise, Idaho. At the time he was working as a carpenter and attending Boise State. He was engaged to be married. After many months of recovery and surgery, he was able to go on with his life, in spite of handicaps. He is currently living in Burns, Oregon, helping his aunt in her restaurant.

Betty Ashcraft Jenkins contributed the information on Dale and Gerry.
Left: Gerald Dale Gray, Jr. age 5; Right: this undated photo from Diane Davidson may have been a school picture from the period when “Gerry” lived with his Uncle Gale, about age 14. (See the next page for more information on Gale Gray and Diane Davidson.)

Below left: Gerry in 1980 just before his accident; Middle: Gerry in a recent photo. Right: Betty Ashcraft Jenkins.
Gales, sometimes called “Tuffy” as a child, and his brother returned to Oregon after their father’s death in 1947 where they continued to live with their mother, Dorothy. Gale attended Burns-Union High School and graduated in 1958. After joining the army, he served in Georgia and Washington State, but was assigned in Germany when his brother Dale was killed in 1959. After his discharge from the army, Gale returned to Oregon and worked at the Southwest Pine Plywood Mill at Albany for 17 years. Gale loved sports, playing football in high school and the army. He was asked to try out for the San Diego Chargers when he got out of the service.

In 1962, Gale married Jeanne Rotholtz, which included a ready-made family of four children: Dennis, Diane, Doug, and Dave. Gale adopted Doug and Dave, then nine and six years old and they continue to carry the Gray surname. Doug resides in Salem, Oregon and has three sons. Dave lives in Albany, Oregon, with his wife. Dennis Clemons, the eldest child entered the military about the time his mother married Gale and never knew Gale well. Diane Clemons Davidson, was not adopted but called Gale “Dad” even though she still had ties to her natural father. She lives in Salem and has one son. Probably because of his own love of sports, Gale actively supported his sons in their sport endeavors.

Jeanne and Gale belonged to the Eagles in Albany and Gale was quite active with the association. Although working full-time at the mill, he frequently moonlighted as a bartender at the Eagles and other local taverns.

Although the marriage ended in divorce in 1975, Jeanne and Diane wrote kindly of Gale. They noted him as a good provider, an honest, reliable man, blunt and to the point, funny, witty and loyal. Diane considered him intelligent and a good businessman, but somewhat short on patience. Although a large man, he was light on his feet and enjoyed dancing. Right: Gale and Jeanne, 1973.
On 14 February 1991, Gale married a schoolteacher named Betty Seale, originally from Mobile, Alabama. They lived in Ione, Oregon, where she is now mayor of the town of 1000 and owned a local cafe named Beechers. In September 1994, Gale was diagnosed with lung cancer. He died on 24 January 1995 in Ione. The large attendance at Gale’s memorial service was testament to his life and place in his community. Oddly enough, Gale made his first contact with his half-sister Nancy not too long before his death, but time was not long enough to allow him the trip back to Ohio to meet her.

Gale’s wife Betty continued to oversee the care for his mother, Dorothy, in her final years at a nursing home in Heppner, Oregon. Dorothy passed away in 1997.

Information contributed by Betty Gray and Diane Davidson.

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Above left: Gale Ray Gray, first grade.

Above right: 1956-57, a junior in high school.

Left: Gale in an undated photo contributed by Diane Davidson
Gale and Jeanne Gray and their family about the time of their marriage in 1962. *L-R*: Gale with Dave in front of him, Dennis, Diane and Jeanne with her arms around Doug.

*Below*: This photo was made about 1970. *L-R*: Dennis, Diane, Gale, Jeanne and Dave.
Below: Gale and Betty's wedding, 14 February 1991. Betty with her sons Les (left) and Mark Mathews (center), Gale and his mother, Dorothy Rugg.

Above: Dorothy, Rob Davidson (son of Diane Davidson), Gale, Diane and Betty.
Above: Gale was buried in the High View Cemetery, Ione, Oregon. Again, this picture was only possible with the help of another volunteer from the US Cemetery Photo Project website on the Internet, Patricia Neal. Gale’s obituary is shown below.

Gale R. Gray

IONE — Memorial service for Gale R. Gray will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Church of Christ in Ione.

Mr. Gray, 54, of Ione, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1995, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born July 25, 1940, at Orofino, Idaho, to Ernest and Dorothy Lefler Gray. He attended schools at Seneca, Hines, and Burns, graduating from Burns High School in 1958. He served with the U.S. Army for three years and was stationed in Germany, Georgia, and Washington state.

He was employed at Southwestern Pine Plywood Mill at Albany for 17 years then moved to Morrow County in 1979. He managed the Heppner Elks Lodge and was owner of the V and G Restaurant and Lounge in Lexington, and Beecher’s Restaurant and Lounge in Ione.


He was a member of Albany Eagles 803 for 28 years, Albany American Legion Post 10, Heppner Elks 358, Icabo and the Ione Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou, at the home; mother, Dorothy Rugg of Heppner; daughter, Diane Davidson, of Salem; sons, Doug Gray of Salem and David Gray of Albany; stepchildren, Mark Matthews of Ione, DeLoy Holmes of Auburn, Wash., and Les Matthews of Medical Lake, Wash.; and six grandchildren. His father, Ernest Gray, and a brother, Dale Gray, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Booster Club, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione Branch, P.O. Box 106, Ione, Ore. 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.
Ernie returned to Ohio with his sons after his divorce from Dorothy. His youngest sister Jean introduced him to a woman she worked with at Grant Hospital, Harriet Long Blizzard. They were married that summer. Harriet was barely four months pregnant when Ernie was killed in May the following year, 1947. Only a couple of brief encounters between Harriet and the Gray family occurred over the years and Nancy never knew any of her natural father’s family until she was contacted in regards to producing this history. Her story follows on the next page.

Ernest and Harriet Long Gray in an undated photo.
My name is Nancy Jane Harshbarger. I am the daughter of Ernest and Harriet Gray. My father, Ernie, died before I was born. I was born in Grant Hospital in Columbus Ohio, on October 19, 1947. My mother and I lived with my grandparents, Nellie and Elzie Long in Columbus for the first three years of my life.

My mother then married again for the third time. Her first husband, John Blizzard had died in his early twenties of a heart attack. My older sister, Georgeanne was born to Harriet and John. My mother then married Ernie and he died as result of burns he received when a vehicle he was working on caught on fire. James Tobias (Toby) Conway moved my mother and me to Bradford, Ohio. Toby adopted me when I was about 4 years old. Toby had been married and had a daughter Vicky. His first wife died from leukemia. Vicky lived with us for a short time and then returned to her mother's family to live.

Harriet and Toby had a son, James Tobias Conway, Jr. The result of all of this is that I have a stepsister, a half-sister and a half-brother from my mother. My father, Ernie had been married and had two sons Gale and Dale. This meant that I had two half brothers from my father.

I grew up in Bradford and attended both elementary and high school there. While in high school, I met my husband Eugene L. (Gene) Harshbarger. We were married on August 27, 1965. That was the summer between my Junior and Senior years of high school. I then went back and took enough classes to graduate.

Our first child, Amy was born on February 15, 1966. The next several years were dedicated almost exclusively to having babies and changing diapers. Christopher was born on January 29, 1968, Kenneth on October 18, 1969, and Beth on June 15, 1971. For the next couple of years I was a full time mom. Then it became apparent that I needed to expand my horizons.

I decided to take a college class at the local extension campus of Wright State University. That led to more classes and three years later, I graduated with honors from Wright State. This coincided with our youngest child, Beth, beginning first grade. I began teaching at Ansonia Elementary and the next year was able to get a position at Bradford. I then began work on my Masters degree and successfully completed that within the next two years.

I have always thought that my being home with our children was an important part of their eventual success. By teaching in the same school system, I was able to support all of their activities and was able to be home with them during the summers.
Gene and I have always believed in the value of education. We tried to instill this same sense of value into our children. Apparently, we were successful. Amy graduated from Ohio Northern University with a degree in Education and then went on to Western Michigan University to study sports medicine. She obtained her master's degree and passed the national certification examination to become a certified athletic trainer. She now teaches at Beavercreek High School in Beavercreek, Ohio, and is the athletic trainer for all of the sports activities.

Christopher also attended Ohio Northern University where he received his degree in Pharmacy. He is now a manager at Healthcare Pharmacy in Covington, Ohio. Ken attended the University of Dayton where he received his undergraduate degree in PreMed. He then went on to attend the Ohio State University School of Medicine where he received his degree in Medicine. Ken continued his education by completing his family practice residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Beth also graduated from the University of Dayton and is now teaching the multiple handicapped at Versailles High School.

Amy is a single mom with one daughter, Samantha. Chris is married to Sarah and they have one son. Ken is married to Debbie and they now have two sons, Mitchell and Andrew. Beth is married to Jeff Marshal and they have three daughters, Bailey, Hannah and Abbey.

Gene and I started our married life in a mobile home. We were fortunate to have parents who were very supportive, and even though times were difficult, we managed to survive and eventually prosper. We nurtured our relationships with our children and still enjoy a closeness that many do not share.

In the late seventies we purchased an old farmhouse which my father, Toby, owned and used as a rental. The two-year renovation of that place was a family project. The result has been a home that is still the central gathering place not only for our immediate family, but also our extended family as well.

As a family, we continue to be blessed and attribute that to our Christian faith. We have been sheltered from many adversities and have enjoyed many more good times than bad. Gene and I have a relationship based on both love and friendship. We do most things together and have a marriage that has survived against the odds. We have over the years, biked, run, and now golf together.

It has been a rather awesome experience to suddenly find, after fifty years, that I have a whole new set of relatives that I never knew. It is amazing that our values and interests are so much the same. Teaching seems to be a part of this family's calling. As mentioned earlier, not only me, but also both of my daughters are teachers. Family relationships are valued and nurtured. It is readily apparent that love abounds in this family.
I pray that these new relationships will continue to develop. We have already proven that, even though estranged for fifty years, the love of a family can be rekindled with but a small spark. This can produce emotions that can only be aroused by the love within a family. Just as the Prodigal Son was welcomed back with joy and celebration, so has the Gray family welcomed me. Thank you for caring enough to find me and for being the family that I always knew I was missing.

Left: Nancy as an infant.
Below: Nancy in a 1955-56 school photo.

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Below: Nancy Gray Conway in high school and on the right about 1976-77 with husband Gene Harshbarger and her children (l-r) Amy, Kenneth, Christopher, and Beth Ann.

Below: Nancy with her children Amy, Christopher, Kenneth and Beth Ann.
Left: Nancy and Gene in the fall of 1997. This picture was taken at their first meeting with the Gray family, including Richard Gray, Delton and Jean Gray Hill, Mary Edith Gray Jones and Lynn Jones Warren. It was an exciting and emotional evening for everyone.

Right: The following spring, 1998, Nancy, Gene, daughter Amy and granddaughter Samantha visited with her newly found Uncle Clarence in Naples, Florida. Another exciting visit for everyone.

AMY JO\textsuperscript{8} HARSHBARGER
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Right: Samantha Jane Harshbarger.
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Mitchell and Andrew, 1999.
Beth and Jeffery’s daughters are shown below.

*L-R*: Abbey, Bailey and Hannah.
HELEN LOUISE⁶ GRAY PITSTICK
(John⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴ George W.,³ Philip² Michael¹)

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After graduation from Ross Township High School (Greene County, Ohio) in 1933, I began a 28-year career at General Electric. During World War II, after a month of schooling at Wright Aeronautical Corporation, I worked in the factory in charge of the machines making small parts for the airplanes.

Since retirement, I have made porcelain dolls and porcelain Christmas ornaments. I have 110 dolls in my family room and as time permits, make what I can to sell. I'm happy to stay at home and don't travel too much. I do go to the Fraternal Order of Eagles meetings and conventions, where I have been a member for 43 years. I was Ohio state president in 1961-62 and have been ritual chairman for 30 years. Our work is for charity. I am a member of the Catholic Church here in Centerville, Ohio.

Jack graduated from Ross Township and went to work for a farmer. After a few years, he started working for Opkasit Dairy (later Borden's) in Evandale. He spent the rest of his working career in the dairy business, first milking cows, then driving the trucks and finally as supervisor over the delivery drivers. He was well liked by his supervisors and by those he supervised.

Most of our time was spent with our children and grandchildren, and now I help with the great-grandchildren. They have been a joy to us.

(Editor's note: Helen wrote her synopsis before her death in 1998. She and Jack are buried at Arlington Memorial Gardens in Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Family pictures are on the following page.)
Above: Helen Louise Gray, 1933.
Above right: Harold (Jack) and Helen, 1933.
Right: Helen and Jack, 1981.
Below: Helen and Jack’s two children about 1939-40, Janice Ann (Jan) and Leslie James (frequently called Jackie at this age).
Below right: Jackie and Jan, probably in the early 1950s.
LESLEY JAMES⁷ PITSTICK
(Helen⁶ Gray, John⁵, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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"Les" and Sharon lived in Cincinnati from 1957 to 1968 during the time Les worked for IBM and US Shoe. Since 1968 they have resided in Dayton as Les worked for Dayco, and since 1984 for the Iams Company. Les has been involved with the sales and marketing of Iams pet food throughout the world. This has afforded both of them the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the world. Sharon was a stay-at-home mom while John and Michele were home and then worked for NCR for several years after John and Michele left home. She retired from NCR in 1992. Les retired from Iams in March 1998, however, he continues to "finish" some projects for them. Their future plans are to continue to live in Dayton but spend the winter months on Siesta Key, Florida.

As the years went by, "Jackie" was more frequently called "Les." The picture on the left was made about 1947 in a "favorite reindeer sweater."

*Right:* Les at high school graduation in 1952, age 17.

Right: Michele and John about 1966-1967.

Michele Elaine Pitstick Massa
(Leslie Pitstick, Helen Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

**WIFE:** Michele Elaine Pitstick  
**Bir:** 10 Sep 1957  
**Mar:** 7 Jul 1979  
**Father:** Leslie James Pitstick  
**Mother:** Sharon Nadine Berg

**HUSBAND:** Tony Williams Massa  
**Bir:** 22 Jun 1956  
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**Father:** Arthur Edwin Massa  
**Mother:** Donna Fay Williams

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| 2        |
| **Name:** Joshua Tony Massa  
**Bir:** 27 Aug 1986  
**Kettering, Montgomery Co., OH** |

Michele (Pitstick) and Tony Massa have lived in Kettering since they were married in 1979. Michele graduated from Bowling Green State University and worked in banking for eight years before taking a three-year break to raise their two boys, Matthew and Joshua. She then taught pre-school for three years and enrolled in the University of Dayton in 1993 to complete her elementary teacher’s certification which she received in 1995. She is currently teaching second grade in the Kettering City Schools. Tony was employed as an automotive technician for twenty years before also returning to school at Sinclair Community College. He received his Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1999 and is currently employed at Valeo Technical Systems in Kettering as a Test Engineer. They enjoy golf, gardening and traveling adventures with their boys.

Pictures on the following page.
Michele and Tony at their wedding, 7 July 1979.


Matt 3, Josh 3 months November 1986.
JOHN LESLIE Pitstick

(Leslie Pitstick, Helen Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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John and Wendy Pitstick here! We've been married for 12 “happy” years and have two children, Victoria Pearl (“Tori” for short) and Jack Anthony.

We both moved to Sarasota from Dayton in 1980 and have been working at Gulfwind Marine, a family business, for 15 years. John is a Certified Boat Captain and Certified Marine Mechanic and Wendy works at the Corporate Business Office.

We are members of the Suncoast Offshore Racing Association and Cars & Rods of Sarasota. John loves to tinker on his 1955 red and white Chevy. We enjoy boating, motorcycling and dogs. We have a female Golden Retriever named Rockie—and are in the process of adopting another Golden/puppy named Ginger.

We enjoy mini vacations in the Florida Keys and the mountains of North Carolina. We also get up to Dayton to see family and friends each year. Someday we would like to drive “out west”!

Left: John and Wendy Whipp Pitstick
May 14, 1983.

Below: Wendy and John holding Tori,
1994.


I was born, raised and attended school in the Hamilton/Cincinnati area. After high school, I broadened my horizon as a stewardess, now referred to as “flight attendants,” for Delta Airlines. After two years, I traded my wings for marriage to Reed Parham, an Atlanta attorney. Although the marriage didn’t survive, I emerged from it with the two most important things in my life: my daughters Lezlee and Lorelei. I met and married Joel Brent, a salesman from Cleveland, while in LA and we raised the girls for 14 years. I worked as a legal secretary. When my father had back surgery in 1969, we returned to live in Hamilton. 1975 brought us back to California and I returned to school, obtaining a masters degree in Educational Psychology and Family Counseling from CSUN. I worked for the Los Angeles school district as a counselor until the girls left home and then went into real estate for the next 12 years. I formed my own company, jb realty, in 1990. As the real estate market dwindled and the earthquake in 1994 jolted me to attention, Jean (LeForge-Leach) convinced me to move to Florida and accept the position of Executive Officer for the Englewood Board of Realtors. Lezlee Parham received her degree in Psychology from Miami (Ohio) University and is living in Los Angeles near her sister. She worked for AT&T for five years, then branched off into office management. She marches to her own drum and is currently “trying to find herself.” She is single and presently back in school for a second degree—this time in computer science.
Lorelei Leslie is an actress working in Los Angeles. Latest film credits include “Pulp Fiction” and “Somebody to Love.” She has a son, Brent Leslie born January 3, 1988, the apple of his grandma’s eye. He attends a private school and is always top of his class—makes his grandma proud. Lorelei, too, is single.

I enjoy Florida and being close to the Leach and LeForge families, I miss my girls and grandson terribly but Florida is more economically sound.
After graduation from Ross Township High School in 1933, I enrolled at Cedarville College where I received my BS degree in Education. My teaching assignments were Pleasant Hill, Troy and Upper Arlington - all in Ohio. While at Troy, I met Jane Paxson who was also a teacher in the Troy schools.

Jane and I were married June 10, 1940, in the Methodist Church at Yellow Springs, Ohio, where Jane and her parents had lived for several years. Her only sister and two brothers also lived in the area. After our marriage, Jane lost her teaching position because married women were not retained. She soon accepted a position in the Education and Training Dept. at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and continued in other assignments for eighteen years.

In 1941, I started a brief career in the US Air Force, first as a civilian, then on active military duty. As a private I went to Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a 2LT. After World War II ended, I remained in the Air Force Reserve and was recalled to active duty during the Korean incident. After 20 years, active and reserve, I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Concurrent with the Air Force, I enrolled at Ohio State Graduate School where I earned an MBA degree, a good prerequisite for entry to the business world.

My experience in business and industry included General Electric at Cincinnati, Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, NY, and Kennecott Company in New York City. My last assignment was Vice-President and Special Assistant to the Chairman.

Jane and I made Naples, Florida, our retirement home. We were actively involved in various committee work of the First United Methodist Church and other volunteer activities. We are members of the Naples Country Club, where I have been active in the strategic and long range planning of the club.
Jane’s death in February 1997 left me alone and lonely. I busied myself with home projects that had been postponed during her illness and more involvement with my church. During the summer of 1998 while at my summer home in Highlands, North Carolina, I volunteered to help convert a large residence to a start-up Lutheran meeting house. On this project I met David and Mary Bergstresser who told me about their Aunt Rachel who also lived in Naples and only a short distance from my home. They said that we had similar backgrounds, values and common interests. Rachel and I had our first meeting on a park bench overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. After that we saw each other nearly every day. We were married 12 January 1999 in Jacksonville, Florida. Rachel’s son John performed our marriage ceremony. We live in my home in Naples and use Rachel’s home as an annex for the many visitors from our two large families. Rachel is the youngest of eleven children and of course I am third in the family often Gray children. Although I had no children from my first marriage, I now am a step-grandfather to five grandsons and one granddaughter from Rachel’s son and daughter, John and Margaret.

And of course, the research and preparation of the history and genealogy of the Gray family continues to be a major activity.
Left: Clarence and Jane Paxson Gray at their marriage, 10 June 1940.

Right: Jane and Clarence, Air Force Officer Candidate Graduation, 1943.

Left: Jane and Clarence Gray, 1981.
Rachel and Clarence on the park bench where they met in 1998.


*L-R:* Rachel's son John Hugus, Clarence, Rachel and her daughter Margaret Hugus Wolff.
After graduation from Silvercreek High School in Jamestown, Ohio, in 1935, I went to work at Friends Restaurant in Lockland, Ohio, for $7 per week—plus tips and meals when working. In 1936 I took a job with Richardson Company in the plant for 35 cents per hour—plus uniforms. In 1937 I was promoted to the shipping office and later to the front office.

Art and I were married in January of 1938. He was a supervisor at the plant. In the spring of 1940, I retired to become a mother, Harriet Lee arriving in August. The '40s were spent active in school and community work, serving as treasurer and president of the Mary Dill PTA.

In 1952 I returned to work at Emery Industries, working in the plant office with material control and daily production. I expanded my education with evening courses in accounting, auditing and management at the University of Cincinnati. Serving as a volunteer member of the credit union formed the basis for the upcoming years. By 1958, I was a full time treasurer and manager of the Emery Employees Federal Credit Union and active in the Cincinnati chapter of the Ohio Credit Union League. I remained active in the League until 1983, serving as president, secretary, serving on various committees and teaching evening classes for them.

I am a member of the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church and the Republican Party. As a member of the Northeast Women’s Republican Club, I have served as treasurer and auditor.

The 90s have me enjoying travel, sports and reading. I have also served as a board member and treasurer for our Tollgate Condominiums.

Arthur and Grace Cummins About 1938-1939.

Right: Harriet Lee Cummins, 1943.

Below left: Grace, 1960s.

Below right: Harriet, about 1945.
Harriet, the only child of Grace and Arthur Cummins, was born in Cincinnati in 1940. After graduation from Woodward High School, she attended Bowling Green University and the University of Cincinnati. After her marriage to William P. Gordon in 1960, they lived in Arlington, Virginia, where he was stationed with the Navy. Emalyn was born in Arlington in 1964. By 1967, when John was born, the family had moved to Connecticut. Harriet now resides in Massachusetts.

Bill Gordon graduated from Miami University (Ohio) in 1960, attended Northwestern University in 1961 for a Masters Degree in Political Science. After three years of Navy service, he worked for IBM for seven years and then for an insurance company for a brief period. He died at age 45 following a massive heart attack.
John Bradley Gordon, about 4 years.


John Gordon, Emalyn holding daughter Samantha and her husband Jim Lay, 1996. 
Right: Emalyn Lay and John Gordon, September 1999 at Piney Lake, Vail, Colorado.
EMALYN JEAN8GORDON LAY
(Harriet7 Cummins, Grace6 Gray, John5, Joel Urban,4 George W.,3 Philip,2 Michael1)

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I grew up in Simsbury, Connecticut, attended Simsbury High School and then on to Colgate University for college. I played varsity soccer at both schools and to this day I am still playing. In college, I majored in biology and a minor in fine arts. After college, I spent my first summer working on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, saving enough to go to Europe with a good friend of mine. After traveling for three and a half weeks, I came back to the Cape and began working for Filenes Department Store. Starting out on the sales floor, I eventually worked my way up to visual manager for the store. I worked for Filenes from November 1987 to October 1992.

While on the Cape, I met my future husband on a blind date. He had wintered in Vail, Colorado, before and loved it. He asked me if I had any desire to move, and I said "yes!" I had never been out west before so it was very exciting. We have lived here now for three years (1995). I started in retail out here but I am now an Admissions Representative at the Vail Valley Medical Center. I hope someday to go back to school and get my nursing degree. Since moving out here we have done so much camping and seen so much of the west that I know I won't be moving back east any time soon. I think our next move will be to California.

Right: Samantha Jean Lay
First Christmas, 1996.
Top left: John Gordon escorting his sister at her wedding, 16 April 1994.

Top right: The bride and groom, Emalyn and James Lay.

MARY EDITH\textsuperscript{6} GRAY JONES
(John\textsuperscript{5} Gray, Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1})

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After graduation from Cedarville High School in 1937, I entered Frederick’s Academy of Beauty Culture in Dayton, Ohio. In the spring of 1938 I went to work for Mabel Shurtie in Lockland, Ohio, having received my diploma from Frederick’s.

Marriage to William (Bill) Jones in February 1939 brought me to live in Dayton. Bill was a machinist and tool and die maker for General Motors. I owned my own beauty shop from 1939-1941 in Dayton.

Mary Lynn came along in September 1945 and after brief moves to Xenia, Ohio, and Pasadena, California, we settled back south of Dayton at Moraine City. Bill worked for Frigidaire and I worked for a time at the Dayton Journal-Herald newspaper.

1958 brought big changes. Bill started a new job with IBM in Lexington, Kentucky, which at the time was so...far from Dayton. What now takes a little over two hours to drive took well over four or five hours in 1958. Bill remained with IBM till his health failed and he passed away in 1976.

I entered another phase of my life at this time. Initially I worked part time for Lynn at her fabric shop, which filled some of the empty hours after Bill died. I became more active at Arlington Christian Church, the Darnell Bible Class and Lydia Christian Fellowship Group and as a volunteer for the Salvation Army Auxiliary and at a nursing home each month. I maintain my own home, enjoy doing my own yard and gardening in the summer months. And when the weather permits, I walk a couple of miles around the neighborhood for exercise.

As my granddaughters grew up I attended all the activities, sometimes filling in as “parent” when all three needed someone there. Now with three great-grandchildren, the activities are starting to pick up again and I’m sure I’ll be right there as much as possible.
Above left: Mary Edith Gray. Family frequently calls her "Edie," especially her nieces and nephews. Right: Mary Edith and William "Bill" Jones, 1939.


**MARY LYNN⁷ JONES WARREN**  
(Mary Edith⁶ Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

| WIFE: MARY LYNN JONES |  
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| bir: 25 Sep 1945      | Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH                         |
| mar: 15 May 1965      | Lexington, Fayette Co., KY                         |
| Father: WILLIAM ALFRED JONES |                                                       |
| Mother: MARY EDITH GRAY |                                                       |

| HUSBAND: WILLIAM ATEN WARREN |  
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| bir: 10 Apr 1943            | Endicott, Broome Co., NY                           |
| mar: 15 May 1965            | Lexington, Fayette Co., KY                         |
| Father: EBERT KEITH WARREN Sr. |                                                       |
| Mother: WILMA CAROLYN ATEN |                                                       |

**CHILDREN**

|   | Name: LEANNE CHRISTINE WARREN |  
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| F | bir: 12 Sep 1966              | Lexington, Fayette Co., KY                       |

|   | Name: CINDY LYNN WARREN       |  
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| F | bir: 18 Apr 1969              | Lexington, Fayette Co., KY                       |
|   | mar: 14 Jun 1991              | Versailles, Woodford Co., KY                     |
|   | to: KENNETH CLEO GREER        |                                                   |

|   | Name: JEANNA ASHLEE WARREN    |  
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| F | bir: 10 Jan 1973              | Lexington, Fayette Co., KY                       |
|   | mar: 30 Aug 1991              | Jellico, Campbell Co., TN                        |
|   | to: THOMAS MARTIN DENINGTON   |                                                   |

Although my early years were spent in Ohio, I now consider Kentucky to be “home.” After graduation from high school and a job at IBM where I met my husband, an IBM-New York transplant, I settled into married life in 1965. By the time Leanne and Cindy had come along in 1966 and 1969, Bill and I decided we wanted a little different environment for the children than what was offered in Lexington. So we settled in Versailles, a small rural town just west of Lexington. Woodford County is now “home” to the whole “Warren” clan.

Taking care of the girls and their activities was my full time job till the late 70’s when I opened my own fabric shop. It was at this time that I developed my interest in genealogy, particularly after my father died and I realized how small the “Jones” family was. After closing the fabric shop and another two years at IBM, I went back to work at Transylvania University as secretary to the Registrar, where I remained till 1992. During all this time, I would sneak in little trips to Ohio and West Virginia and New York and Pennsylvania working on genealogy whenever I could squeak out the time—and money.

Bill worked for 30 years at IBM in Lexington, starting in the data processing department and retiring as a Systems Analyst in 1993. He is currently working for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, doing the same computer things he did at IBM. Currently a Lieutenant Colonel, he has over 20 years with the Army Reserve. He served on the Woodford County School Board for 11 years. His newest love is the ‘57 Chevy he hopes to restore in his spare time.
I look forward to the day when I am not quite so busy—when is that?—and I can devote even more time to genealogy and traveling for research. I enjoy gardening and a new-found hobby, picture-scrapbooking, which I guess is really a first cousin to my interest in genealogy. It’s nice to have the girls close where we can see the grandchildren grow and be a part of their lives as well. (See pictures on next page.)

LEANNE CHRISTINE 8 WARREN
(M. Lynn 7 Jones, Mary E. 6 Gray, John, 5 Joel Urban, 4 George W., 3 Philip, 2 Michael)

Although I was born in Lexington, we moved to Versailles before I started school and I attended all my school years in Woodford County. In junior high and high school I participated in the folk dance program. The high school program was a part of the Danish-American Exchange and I spent three weeks during the summer of 1983 touring and dancing in Denmark and visiting Frankfurt, Germany. After graduation in 1984, I attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, where I received a BS in Accounting in 1989. During college I participated in Student Government, served as editor on the yearbook staff and was active in my sorority, Phi-Mu.

In October of 1989 I took a position as auditor with the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet in the Northern Kentucky office and transferred to the Lexington office the next year. The job required a considerable amount of travel, which I thoroughly enjoyed. It has taken me to Chicago, Dallas, New York City, San Diego, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and many others cities, large and small. Shortly after my 10-year anniversary with State Government, I was appointed to the Kentucky Workers’ Compensation Funding Commission. This position allows me to stay in auditing but with new challenges and more opportunities for advancement.

I recently purchased my first house in “downtown” Versailles. It is an older home that required a lot of work and remodeling. A contractor did the big ‘stuff’ and Mom, Grandma and I did the painting. Ashlee was our painting consultant, with her expertise from Sherwin-Williams, and helped paint, too. After three weeks of work and preparation, “moving” just one house down from where I rented, was a unique experience, some of which was accomplished via “little-red-wagon” on loan from nephew Billy. I still have many “fix-it” projects to do on the house.

Bo (the dog) is like a child—he requires a lot of his “mom’s” attention and affection. When I travel, he spends the week at “grandma’s” house. In my spare time I enjoy working in my yard and on the computer. During the fall and winter, UK basketball and the Dallas Cowboys football games are “must see” items. Come spring in Kentucky, we follow horse racing closely, particularly the prep races leading up to the Kentucky Derby and “Triple Crown” races. However, my all time favorite past time is spending time with my nieces and nephew, Adriana, Alaina and Billy. They call me “Ne-Ne,” since “Aunt Leanne” is a mouthful. Ne-Ne is always frazzled after a day with the kids, but loves every minute of it. (See pictures on page 238.)


Above rear: Leanne, Cindy and Lynn.
Front: Bill and Ashlee, 1983.


Leanne Christine Warren

Left, top to bottom: Leanne, 6 mo. (1967); high school senior, 1984; Leanne and "Bo," 1997.

Above: "Ne-Ne" holding niece Adriana Denington, with niece and nephew, Billy and Alaina Greer, 1998.

Below: Leanne’s "new" home, a one-story version of her gr-grandparents’ (John and Mary Gray) Mt. Sterling home.
CINDY LYNN* WARREN GREER
(M. Lynn° Jones, Mary E.° Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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Ken and I grew up very differently thus leaving people to wonder how we wound up together. I remember family vacations, spending the night with my grandparents, fighting and competing with my sisters, working in tobacco with dad and many trips to the cemeteries with mom and Nanny Jones. Mom, Nanny and we girls would pack up and head to Ohio for the weekend (and sometimes just for a day) - always getting as much in in the allotted time. I can't remember an instance that we didn't find time to visit Grandpa Jones’ grave and water the flowers; we would carry water from the pump at the back of the cemetery in anything that would hold more than a thimble full of water. We would also find or make the time to visit (great) Grandpa Gray. I have many fond memories that surround my childhood and family.

Ken however grew up in a very different surrounding, never knowing the man who walked out on him and his mother when he was about 16 months old. His mother remarried and had two more sons and a daughter. Unfortunately his mother was taken ill and died when he was nine years old. After her death he went to live with his mother’s parents, having no choice but to leave his brothers and sister. At 13 his grandma died and he came to live with his mother’s brother here in Versailles. He remained here until he graduated from high school and immediately joined the Marine Corp in 1982. He served in Okinawa, Lebanon and Grenada before being discharged in 1988.

I attended Georgetown College immediately after high school. A friend introduced Ken and I on 14 June 1989 and we have been together since. I transferred in August 1989 to Transylvania University in Lexington, allowing me to spend more time with him. We married two years from the day we met and following my graduation with a BA in child psychology. While I worked as a child care worker at Juvenile Detention
and in group homes and shelters on third shift, I drove a school bus during the day. This allowed me to work with kids in many ways. Ken is a master-certified mechanic by trade and been with the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government as a mechanic for the police department for 9 years. He also works at Contractors Warehouse as the Tool Rental Manager. He loves to work with his hands and has to be busy. When he finds free time he loves to tinker with his late-model racecar.

After Billy came along we decided it was more important for me to be at home so I left the Detention Center, but continued to drive a bus. Thirteen months later along came Alaina. Billy is 6 years old and all boy. His true loves are tearing apart anything and then fixing it like daddy. He loves dump trucks, cars and dirt. Anything his daddy or grandpa can do, he thinks he should be able to do as well. Billy loves summer and swimming. He is afraid of nothing in the pool or out of it. He just finished Early-5 kindergarten at Huntertown Elementary here in Versailles. He says that when he grows up he wants to be a fireman.

Alaina is Billy’s 5-year-old shadow and vice versa. She attended Bluegrass Head Start Preschool for the second year. This was their first major separation and they adjusted well. She is already looking forward to next year when she gets to attend Billy’s school. Alaina is all girl; she loves to sing and play dress up. She has learned to consult with Aunt Ne-Ne (Leanne) on the issues of fashion because it has never been my strong suit. Both of the kids love the computer and spending time with Cousin J (Addie) and the rest of the family.

I will teach at Woodford County Middle School in special education beginning in the fall of 2000 which allows me the freedom to be here as needed for the kids and off during the summers with them. Billy and Alaina help me in the garden, lawn and with chores. I have found my place being an old-fashioned mom. I raise and can much of our food, still hang the laundry on the lines and have taught myself how to crochet. As of late I have begun to help mom search the net for any information in the genealogy area.

As a family we are content to sit around in the pool or just doing nothing around the house. Ken’s free time is minimal so we try to enjoy the time when we all are together. We enjoy spending time with our extended family. This allows a family connection for both Ken and I at one time, seeing as his brother Tom is now married to Ashlee.

*Right:* Cindy and Ken with Billy and Alaina, Mother’s Day, 1996.
Above: Cindy Lynn Warren at 3 months, 3 years and high school graduation, 1987.

Left: Wedding day, 14 June 1991, Cindy and Ken Greer.

Below right: Billy and Alaina, Christmas 1998.

Above: Billy age 4, Alaina 3.
Below: Jeanna “Ashlee” Warren at 6 weeks, 3 years, and high school graduation, 1991.


Ashlee, Tom and Addie, April 1998.
JEANNA ASHLEE \^G WARRREN DENINGTON
(M. Lynn^7 Jones, Mary E.^6 Gray, John,^3 Joel Urban,^4 George W.,^3 Philip,^2 Michael^1)

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I was born and raised in Versailles and graduated from Woodford County High School in 1991. After high school, I graduated from Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, with a BA in Criminal Justice and Sociology. I graduated Summa Cum Laude and am a St. Thomas More Fellow. Having worked a brief time on my Masters degree in Criminal Justice at Eastern Kentucky University, I am currently employed by the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Lexington, Kentucky. Our court has “Team-Based-Management” and I am part of a Case Administration Team.

On August 30, 1991, I married Thomas Martin Denington from Cynthiana, Kentucky. Tom is a half-brother of Kenneth Greer...my sister Cindy’s husband. In 1988 Tom graduated from Harrison County High School in Cynthiana. Immediately following high school Tom joined the Navy and served for four years. He served during both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. He was in the Persian Gulf from August 1990 until April 1991. He brought home fascinating stories about the Middle Eastern culture and way-of-life. He is employed by the Kentucky Army National Guard and is a member of the HHB 138th FA BDE Kentucky National Guard.

In July 1996, we bought our first house, located in Midway, Kentucky. It is an older home with many years of repair ahead. We have slowly renovated...one room at a time and finished a baby nursery. Our first child was born on July 21st (1997) - just hours after moving the furniture into the nursery. Adriana Jeanna is our first human child...our other “children” include a supposed beagle named “Snoopy” and an overgrown pit bull baby named “Tootsie.” They are very fond and tolerant of their younger, less furry sister. The year 2000 finds us renovating another room for baby number two due in September. (Editor’s note: Anagail Leora Denington (Annie) was born 4 October 2000.)

Addie is a wonderful child and very easy-going. Even in the “Terrible-Twos” there are no signs of this changing. Most people comment on how much she looks like Tom and, frequently, Mom (Nanny) calls her “Thomasina!” (See pictures on previous page.)
### EVA MARIE Gray Ramsey

(John Gray, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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David and Eva began their married life in 1940, at Cedarville, Ohio, each with a high school education. David began farming with a team of horses given to him by his father. Eva cooked and kept house for the landowner. They began this work for the pay of $9 per week and stayed for three years. At the end of the three years they were receiving $12 per week. They soon began farming on the halves, sharing some work with David’s father.

They were both active church members. Over the years, David served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and was an active member of the Stewardship committee. Eva taught Sunday School for four and five year olds and was an active member of the Women’s Society and always a willing worker for church socials. Eva, on a few occasions worked outside the home. More often, she would sell eggs and chickens or sometimes cream. She also baby-sat children and was a very accurate bookkeeper for the farm records.

Their lives as farmer and homemaker have spanned over sixty years. They lived and farmed in four Ohio counties. They started out at Cedarville in Greene County and from there moved near Wilmington in Clinton County. They were in Clinton County on two different farms for some 15 years. It was during this time in 1964 that they bought their first farm south of Wilmington. Then they moved near Hillsboro in Highland County for about 6 years. From there they moved to Cynthiana in Pike County where for the first time they grew some tobacco, a very time consuming heavy labor crop. They left there to come back to Highland County near Hillsboro again and for the first time in some 40 years had no hogs to raise. They remain in Highland County still farming and keeping their own home. They raise a few cattle and make hay for winter-feed.
This picture of Eva Gray was taken at the Greene County (Ohio) Fairgrounds, probably late 1930s.

Marcia Jane Ramsey, about 1951.


Gary and Marcia Leigh.

Above left: Doug (left), Jonathan (right) Hurley at age 4.
Above right: Jon (left) and Doug (right), 1987.


MARcia Jane² Ramsey Leigh
(Eva⁶ Gray, John⁵, Joel Urban⁴, George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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See pictures on previous page.

I was born at home in Cedarville in Greene County, Ohio. We attended the Cedarville Presbyterian Church and Sunday School and I attended Cedarville School. In 1953, we moved to Clinton County, which I have called home since. I graduated from Wilmington City Schools in 1963 and attended Miami Jacobs Junior College with a diploma in clerical bookkeeping. At the age of thirteen, I became a member of the Chester Friends Meeting. I have served as Sunday School superintendent, treasurer and teacher at different times, as well as a member and presiding clerk of Ministry and Council. For family unity, I transferred my membership to Wilmington United Methodist in the mid-1990’s.

In 1964 I married David Hurley and our twin boys were born in 1969. In 1974 I joined the Chester Township Fire Department and Life Squad as a volunteer and became further trained as an EMT and Paramedic. I volunteered in this department for more than 15 years. During this period, I also served as a 4-H leader in Clinton County for nearly 10 years.

My working career began in Wilmington at the local Credit Bureau. Before the boys were born, I worked for the Clinton County Landmark facility and enjoyed the agriculture environment, having grown up on a farm. It was possible for me to be a full-time stay-home mom until the boys were five. In 1974, I went to work at Clinton
Memorial Hospital in the business office and then several doctors’ offices. In 1984, I worked for the Continental Manor Nursing Home in Blanchester, Ohio, and am currently Business Office Manager at Quaker Heights Nursing Home in Waynesville, Ohio. I’ve now spent some 20 years in the health care related fields.

In 1988, Gary and I were married. Gary, born 31 July 1939 in Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, is the son of Earl W. and Mary Margaret McIlwee Leigh. He was raised on a dairy farm near Ridgeway, Wisconsin. He was active in a family band from the age of five to twenty. He graduated as salutatorian in 1957 and attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He played guitar in local groups to earn college money. Gary has been a mechanical engineer for 36 years, 26 of those at Cincinnati Milacron. With Cincinnati Milacron he holds three patents.

Gary has been the primary parent of five children, two boys and three daughters. Together we have four granddaughters and two grandsons. Gary has been a member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church where he has served on numerous committees. He has also been active in the Jaycees, softball and volleyball. He is an AVID and LOYAL Green Bay Packers fan, and was in attendance at the well known “ice bowl.” Together we enjoy our family and traveling.

**JONATHAN DAVID⁶ HURLEY**
(Marcia⁷ Ramsey, Eva⁶ Gray, John⁵ Joel Urban⁴ George W.,³ Philip² Michael¹)

Jonathan is the oldest, born six minutes before his twin brother at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Ohio. He attended Clinton Massie Schools for 13 years and graduated in June 1987. After one year at Wright State University where he studied nursing, Jon entered the United States Army as a medic. He served four years active duty and four years reserve duty. His basic training was at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Other duty stations included Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Ft. Drum, New York, Germany and 18 months in Korea. He also served in the Gulf area, but not during the Gulf confrontation.

Jon returned to Wilmington after active duty and began a career at Clinton Memorial Hospital as an Emergency Room Technician and later Operating Room Technician after training at Wright Patterson. He is state certified as an OR TECH. In 1994, Jon married Angela Shields, who is an Emergency Room technician at Clinton Memorial Hospital. They reside in New Vienna, Ohio. (See picture on page 246.)

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DOUGLAS LEE⁸ HURLEY
(Marcia⁷ Ramsey, Eva⁶ Gray, John⁵, Joel Urban⁴, George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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Doug is the second born of my twin boys. He too attended Clinton Massie Schools and graduated in 1987. Doug entered the United States Army in the fall after graduation for eight years of active duty. His basic training was at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was transferred to Ft. Carson, Colorado, and except for one year in Korea, spent his enlistment there.


Left: Cody, 9 mo.
Below: Cody, September, 1999.
Right: Cory, September, 1999.
Guy and I started our married life together in Cincinnati (Wyoming), Ohio, in 1940. In 1944 we moved to Greene County with a five and half pound daughter, two and a half weeks old. We stayed in Greene County until 1959 and then moved to Madison County, Ohio. I went back to work when Jean was eight years old and worked until retirement in 1988. Guy took early retirement after back surgery in 1978.

We moved to Englewood, Florida, in 1989. Jean, Rodger and the grandchildren came to Florida at the same time.

We have been very fortunate to enjoy relatively good health since moving here, and are very fortunate to have our family so close. We spend many hours with our family and it has been a great pleasure to see the grandchildren grow up.
Wanda Jean LeForge about 1945-46.

"Jeannie" about age 5.

Guy, Jean and Margaret about 1963.

Margaret in 1993.

Margaret and Guy LeForge, 1995.
I am currently in my 31st year selling real estate. Rodger has owned and operated his own commercial cleaning business since 1992 and is very busy.

Scott attended Webber College, studying business. In 1997 he enlisted in the Air Force and has recently extended his enlistment. He and Heather married in 1999 and have lived at Beale Air Force Base in California. They were transferred to England at RAF Molesworth Air Base. He still has an interest in baseball.

Troy attends community college and helps his dad with the cleaning business. He has a strong interest in computers and continues working toward a future in that field.

Amy graduates in 2000. She’s a good student and plays on the golf team and is captain this year. She will attend St. Leo College and is interested in business administration.


Below: Jean and Rodger with (l-r) Troy, Scott and Amy.


Heather and Scott Leach, 1999.

Amy Leach, 1999.
Hazel Lee Gray
About 1938-1939.

Mary Louise Nienaber.

Mary Louise, Michael, Hazel, 1951.

George Michael Nienaber
About 5 yrs.

George and Hazel Nienaber, 29 July 1944.


George and Hazel Nienaber, 50th Wedding Anniversary
HAZEL LEE⁶ GRAY NIENABER  
(John⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴ George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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Hazel Lee was the sixth daughter and eighth child of John and Mary. She graduated from Mt. Sterling High School in Madison County, Ohio, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, was awarded the DAR good citizenship award and the American Legion Award as the most outstanding in History. After graduation, she accepted a position in Dayton at Third National Bank. A co-worker rented her a room. This co-worker, Bernice, became her sister-in-law in 1944, when Hazel married George I. Nienaber.

Hazel developed a seamstress business which enabled her to work from home, allowing her time with her children Mary Louise and George Michael. In the 1960’s, Hazel returned to Third National Bank where she worked for several more years. She was active in the Belmont Chapter of Eastern Star and also the Rainbow Girls, serving as an advisor to the Rainbow organization.

In 1992, Hazel entered Quaker Heights Nursing Home in Waynesville, Ohio. George and her family could no longer handle alone the care necessary for an Alzheimer’s patient.

George I. Nienaber worked nearly all his life for Sheffield Corporation/Bendix Gage as a toolmaker. He retired in 1975. He belonged to the Watervliet Optomist Club, was a Master Mason, belonged to the Milton Athletic Club where he served as Secretary-Treasurer for 17 years, a member of the Eagles and an associate member of the VFW. George and Hazel were members of the Belmont United Methodist Church. Before his death in July 1998, George had re-embraced his Catholic faith and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. (See pictures on previous page.)
GEORGE MICHAEL\(^7\) NIENABER
(Hazel\(^6\) Gray, John,\(^5\) Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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| M                               |                            |
| Name: MICHAEL MARTIN NIENABER   | Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH |
| bir: 12 Jun 1982                |                            |

I graduated from Patterson Co-op High School here in Dayton in 1969 and received my BS degree in education from Bowling Green University in 1973. In 1979 I completed my masters at the University of Dayton in education-administration. In August of 1999, I assumed the duties of Unit Principal at Fairmont (West) High School here in Kettering.

My wife Becky graduated from Sidney High School in 1969 and continued her education at Wright State University with a BS in education in 1993. She currently is a first grade teacher at the Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio.

Our children and their activities along with our work related responsibilities keep us busy. Becky enjoyed a work-related vacation trip to Ireland in the summer of 1998.

Mary Jean graduated in 1998 from Fairmont High School in Kettering. She has been very involved with many music endeavors during high school. She played flute in the Symphonic Band and served as head drum major with the marching band. Additionally, she served on the school newspaper staff as a feature writer and as business manager. Other activities included the National Honor Society, German Club and History Club. She spent the summer of '98 on a week tour with her church choir in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Boston and New York City. Mary is now a sophomore in Music Education at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, with a goal of becoming a band director at the high school level.

Michael, too, is involved in music activities at Fairmont High School. He plays clarinet in the Symphonic Band and plays tenor sax for the Marching Firebirds. He enjoys baseball in a summer league, where he is a pitcher and also plays first base. In 1999 he will be a field commander for the Marching Band.
George Michael Nienaber.

Rebecca Martin and Mike Nienaber, 18 March 1978.

Mary Jean, 1994.

Mary Jean, 1997.

Mike, 1993.

L-R: Becky, Mikey, Mary J. and Mike Easter, 1996.

Mikey, 1997.
Left: Emma “Jean” Gray, 1934.
Right: Cathy, John and Brad, 1959.

Jean and Delton Hill, 1946.

Wedding Day, 15 September 1946.

Delton and Jean with Cathy standing behind, Brad and John in front, 1961.

50 years later, 15 September 1996.

EMMA JEAN\textsuperscript{6} GRAY HILL
(John\textsuperscript{5} Gray, Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1})

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| 2 M Name: BRADLEY ROSS HILL | Columbus, Franklin Co., OH |
| bir: 9 Feb 1953 | Endwell, Broome Co., NY |
| mar: 14 Jun 1975 |                           |
| to: DEBRA GAY GROSE |

| 3 M Name: JOHN DELTON HILL | Poughkeepsie, NY |
| bir: 9 Jul 1957 | Rochester, Monroe Co., NY |
| mar: 8 Aug 1981 |                           |
| to: GAIL LYNN GEBHARDT |

(See pictures on previous page.)

Jean was born in Greene County and attended Ross, Jamestown and Cedarville centralized schools for the initial elementary school years. In 1937 her parents moved to Madison County near Mt. Sterling, Ohio, where she attended the remaining grades in a one room school, heated by a wood burning stove and out-door toilets. This novel educational experience left a lasting impression. A few years later the local school district closed the one-room schools and all of the students in the district attended the school in the village.

Jean attended the local high school (1939-43) where she met her future husband, Delton Ross Hill. Throughout their high school years, the country was gearing up for defense as a result of the Nazi party invading Europe. Following graduation in 1943, all of the young men in Mt. Sterling were in the process of volunteering or were drafted to strengthen our national power and defense.

In 1945, following the armistice and the return to a peace time economy, jobs, housing and higher education were available to a wider range of people. Women who had left the home to work in the war plants and other supportive positions during the war years were no longer needed in the workplace, and were expected to resume the role of full time mothers.
Jean and Delton were married in 1946 at the end of their freshman year at Ohio State University. Delton completed his studies there in the field of education (BS and MA). Jean postponed formal education on a full time basis while she intermingled classes in early childhood education with teaching preschool part time and the experiences of a full time mother. Cathy (June 3, 1950) and Brad (February 9, 1953) were both born while Jean and Delton lived in Worthington, Ohio, where Delton taught math and science in the public school.

The economic situation in the country improved rapidly and corporations quickly expanded their work force to keep pace with growth. Delton left public school teaching in 1952 to join IBM and teach in their training department in Columbus, Ohio. Later company moves took the family to Cincinnati and then east to New Jersey and Poughkeepsie, New York, where their third child, John Delton (July 9, 1957) was born. In 1959 the family moved to Endicott, New York, where they remained for the next 17 years.

The Endicott/Endwell area was heavily populated with Endicott Johnson Shoe and IBM employees and their families. The children went to school there and grew up with a mix of children representing many nationalities and cultures.

1976 saw John, the last child, leave the nest and join Cathy and Brad in their educational and occupational pursuits. Delton accepted a transfer to IBM HQ in the White Plains, New York, area to pursue different opportunities in the IBM Corp. While in the New York/Connecticut area, Jean completed her BA in education at Western Connecticut and MA in special education, with a concentration in Birth to Three, at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. She taught in the Newtown Public Schools in their Early Intervention Program for children 0-6.

Jean and Delton remained in Connecticut for 14 years. In 1985, IBM as well as corporations across the country, were experiencing the necessity to reduce the size of their workforce which made early retirement in 1987 feasible for Delton. In 1990 they returned to Ohio where they had initially established roots.
Bob and I live in Franklin County in Upper Arlington, a suburban city adjoining Columbus on the northwest side. We have resided here for almost fourteen years.

After 28 years, Bob retired from the Ohio Department of Human Services as a bureau chief where he was responsible for insurance claims processing. He had previously worked with the Ohio Department of Health (where we met) for 12 years.

I have been with the Ohio Department of Health for 24 years. In June 1999, I became the Chief of Personnel where I am responsible for recruitment, employment processing and benefits administration for 1300 employees statewide.

Bob and I enjoy cooking, perennial gardening, home restoration projects, listening to jazz and the blues and reading. We also enjoy vacationing in Florida, both the Keys and Anna Marie Island.

Bob’s retirement has allowed him the time to pursue a long-standing hobby of building and restoring cars. His current project is the restoration of a 1977 Corvette.

I turned an avocational interest in residential interior design into a part-time vocation about 13 years ago when I returned to interior design school to finish needed coursework. While currently my participation in this interest is limited by my first career, I hope to continue to nurture it until I can pursue it full time.

See pictures on the following page.
Left: Cathy Jo Hill, 1953.
Right: Cathy, 1968.

Left: Cathy and Robert Lewis, 27 June 1981.

Debbie and I met in ninth grade in Endwell, New York, and graduated in 1971. After one year apart at different colleges, we were together again at the State University of New York at Geneseo. We graduated in May 1975 and were married three weeks later.

A few years out of college, hairstyling took my attention and I have spent my professional career in teaching cosmetology or owning my own salon for the past 18 years.

Debbie completed her Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration and has served in that capacity at several colleges in upstate New York. She presently serves as Alumni Director at her alma mater. Debbie is an avid runner, averaging 5-6 days a week.

The spring of 1995 we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a trip to Germany to visit our high school exchange student and her family.

2000 finds us still in Geneseo, busy raising our two sons, Lee Delton and Evan Robert, whose middle names reflect their grandfathers’ first names. Lee will graduate this year and plans to attend The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. Evan will complete the 7th grade and is very interested in baseball.

See pictures on the following page.

Brad, 1966.

Debra Grose and Brad Hill
14 June 1975.

Debbie holding Evan Robert and

Lee, Brad, Evan and Debbie, 1997.


Evan, 1997.
JOHN DELTON HILL
(E. Jean Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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Left: John Delton, 3 mo.
Above: John, 1965.
Right: John about 1976.

I am the youngest of the three children of Delton and Jean Gray Hill. I was born in Poughkeepsie and went through high school in Endwell, New York. Soccer was my sport of choice. Watching my first high school game at Homer Brink Field, I was “hooked” at the age of 9. Upon graduation, I chose Geneseo State College, a part of the State University of New York system. I chose management science as my major, with a concentration in marketing.

While in college, I started working for restaurants, most notably, “Fridays,” a national chain. It was there I met Gail, who after one date agreed to become my wife and we were married in August of 1981. (She was the only one I asked to marry me!!)
Brandon, our first child, was born in Rochester, New York. Amanda, our second, was born in Schenectady, New York and Maggie, was born in Orlando, Florida.

Orlando, Florida represents the town in which we have resided as a family for the longest period of time (six years). Those six years were occupied by my advancement with the Walt Disney Company, starting as a restaurant manager and working my way to the Disney University as a specialist in internal and external training programs. We moved to Louisville, Ky., in June of 1995 as I had accepted the position of Vice President of Training with Papa John’s International, Inc. in November of 1994.

Gail and I prefer to locate ourselves in the community close to our school of choice for the children and equally close to our church of choice, Presbyterian, PCA. This criterion reflects our concerns for our children, starting with religious training and a quality and challenging education for them. With these preferences, I requested a move back to Orlando in July of 1997, which is where we currently reside.

I left Papa John’s International in April 1998, to venture into the consulting business with a colleague from Walt Disney World. Our new company, “Training Wheels, Inc.,” based in Orlando, offers services involved with the training and development of all ranges of employees. (trainwhls@aol.com)
I was born in Greene County, outside of Jamestown, on April 27, 1932. At the age of four, mom and dad moved to a farm four miles outside of Mt. Sterling. I spent all my school years in the Mt. Sterling school district and graduated in 1950.

On September 17, 1950, I married Betty Jean Gochenour in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. On January 3, 1951, I entered the U.S. Marine Corp. and spent much time on the sub "The Sea Lion." I was relieved from the service in June of 1952. My wife and I have five children, three girls and two boys: Sue (Gray) McClelland—June 18, 1952, Teresa Gray—March 13, 1954, Donna (Gray) Long—March 30, 1959, John Walker Gray II—July 10, 1961, and Harold Gray—November 9, 1964. In my 20s and 30s, most of my employment was in retail sales. On June 1, 1970, I became employed by the State of Ohio and worked in the Department of Agriculture in the Division of Weights and Measures. I have been a supervisor for this division for the past 20 years, traveling most of the time throughout the state of Ohio. When I went to work for the state we moved back to Mt. Sterling and still reside there.

In July 1999 I retired from the state, but plan to return to work at least part-time in 2000.

**SUE ELLEN GRAY** MCCLELLAND  
(J. Richard Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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Jon, Sue (Gray), Andrew and Jessica McClelland live in Madison County near London, Ohio, where they are very active in many church and community activities. Jon is an usher and is on the administrative board at the Mt. Sterling United Methodist Church. Sue sings in the choir, teaches Sunday School, is a member of the United Methodist Women, and is also on the administrative board of the church. She is a consecrated Diaconal Minister of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Andrew is an active member of Sunday School and of the Youth Fellowship. Jessica sings in the children's choir, is a Liturgical dancer, an acolyte, and also active in the Sunday School.

Professionally, Jon is an electrician with the General Motors Corporation where he has worked for the past 18 years after graduating from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. He is a captain on the Mt. Sterling Volunteer Fire Department where he has served for 25 years. He is also a volunteer on the Range Township Fire Department. He is chief of the Sterling Joint Ambulance District. Sue has a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in counseling. She is the department head of Madison County Hospital's Community Education and Prevention Department and has been in that position since 1986. Prior to that she was a public school teacher. For four years (1991-1995) she served on the Madison Plains School Board, one year as president.

Andrew graduated from Madison Plains Schools and Jessica is in eighth grade (99-00). Andrew enjoys playing on his school's golf team and enjoys playing tennis. He is attending Otterbein College. Jessica takes voice and piano lessons and ballet and jazz lessons. Both children enjoy school and do well in their studies.

As a family we enjoy our yearly vacation in North Carolina where we enjoy the beach, local attractions and just relax. Being so busy most of the time, this has become a place to truly do whatever we find restful. We look forward to a future of challenges and fun to share together.
Sue Ellen Gray, 1953.

Sue, 1970.

Sue and Jon McClelland 23 December 1978.

Jessica and Andrew about 1991.

Sue with Jessica and Andrew.

Jon, Jessica, Sue and Andrew, 1997.
TERESA LYNN GRAY
(J. Richard⁶, John⁵, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

I, Teresa Lynn Gray, daughter of John Richard and Betty Jean Gray, live in London, Madison County, Ohio. August 5, 1995, brought me a new roommate when I became a first-time dog owner of Cassie Sue.

With a bachelor's degree in music education and currently working on a master's degree in music education at Ohio State University, music fills my life. I've been a vocal music teacher for 12 years, teaching at Madison Plains Schools for 4 years, Columbus Public Schools for 7 years and at the present am employed as the middle and high school vocal music teacher in London Public Schools. Additionally, I am the Music Director at the First United Methodist Church in London, Ohio, where I am responsible for the chancel choir, two hand bell choirs, and a children's choir and also serve as youth advisor for both middlers and high school youth at the church. I sing professionally for weddings, parties, funerals and other special functions and in November, 1995, sang at Carneige Hall in New York with 250 other voices (fun!!!).

Loves of my life are my nieces and nephews!!!!
DONNA LEE Gray Long
(J. Richard Gray, John, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael

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Education: Mt. Healthy, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Graduated 1977 from Madison Plains High School


Hobbies: Coaching—basketball, volleyball, and softball and T-ball (girls). Playing: collegiate basketball; summer softball. (Pregnancy forced me to miss one season in 24 years.)

My other interests include anything the girls are involved in. Both play summer ball and are enrolled in gymnastic/cheerleading classes. Both are active in our church Caravan program.

My family ties are strong. Each of us—brothers/sisters/parents—has been through some tough times, but one constant has always been “each other.” You are never alone in our family. We spend and share the good times and the bad. Family traditions like birthdays and holidays are very important and spent together. Our ‘newest thing’ is our family vacation. We’ve all gone to Holden Beach, North Carolina, for several years and looking forward to many more.

The year 2000 finds us living in Hilliard, Ohio. Alex will complete the 6th grade, Haley is finishing her 4th year and Madison, now 5, is mastering the kindergarten arts!
Donna, 1976.  


Haley, Maddy, Donna and Alex, 1997.
JOHN WALKER\textsuperscript{7} GRAY II
(J. Richard,\textsuperscript{6} John,\textsuperscript{5} Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1})

I'm the fourth of five children, the oldest son of John and Betty Gray. I was named after my father's father.

I attended school in the Mt. Healthy School District for three years. The summer of 1970, we moved to Mt. Sterling, where I attended Madison Plains School District. From 1970 to 1980 were the most memorable years, as a young man. Outside my back door was a swimming pool, baseball field, basketball court, football field, and three tennis courts. As you can probably guess, most of my energy was spent playing sports. My two older sisters played sports but not with the same drive as my third sister. She basically taught me what the word competition means. My brother also competed with the same drive she did.

I attended Madison Plains High School from 1978 to 1980 where I was named all state honorable mention baseball pitcher. We were district champs my junior year in basketball and I was chosen MVP on the golf team my senior year. I received 8 varsity letters in 3 years and we were 3 times S.C.O.L. League champs and regional champs in baseball. By the end of my senior year, four pro baseball teams were interested in me. I was invited to the Reds tryout camp the summer of 1980.

Three days after my senior year, they found a tumor in my left breast. I was operated on a day later, which ended any possible chance of pitching pro baseball. This leads into what I'm doing today. In 1981, I was given the opportunity to learn how to teach tennis. The next 5 years were very tough on me and my mom and dad. There were a lot of times I worked two jobs just to keep my head above water, but I never gave up. As Head-Pro at Jefferson Golf and Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, I had over 180 students and enjoyed working with young children looking to learn how to play a sport that they can play for a lifetime. In April of 2000, I accepted a position as Head Tennis Pro and Co-Director at Wedgewood Golf and Country Club in Powell, Ohio. God has definitely blessed me; he is the one. P.T.L.
I grew up in Mt. Sterling and graduated from Madison Plains High School. I was very involved in sports, lettering in three, baseball, basketball, and golf. I received four letters for golf, three for baseball and two for basketball. I also served on the student council for three years.

I began working for the State of Ohio part-time in the summer of 1982 and after graduation went full time in 1983. I worked for the State of Ohio for nine years as a storekeeper in the Department of Health. I now am employed by Jim Balyeat, who owns several townhouses in Hilliard, Ohio. I started out doing lawn care and painting for him and now do all maintenance for about 130 units.

I was married in November of 1985 to Bridget Justice and we have two children, Nicholas and Justin. I married Mary Dering in October 1993 and our son, John Richard II, was born in September, 1997.

Mary was raised in Canton, Ohio, and graduated from Glenn Oak High School. She attended cosmetology school for nail technology.

Since being married, Mary and I take vacations with our family in Holden Beach, North Carolina.
Descendants of Urban and Ionia Gray


Harold, 1982.

MAUDE MARIE GRAY

1895 – 1982
Maude and Fred Bales
Wedding photo, September 1915.

Maude and Fred holding Tommy.
Denzil standing behind, 1927.

Maude Gray Bales, mid 1930s.

Denny, Maude and Tommy.

Photo on previous page is undated.
133. **Maude Marie**^5^ Gray (Joel Urban,^4^ George W.,^3^ Philip,^2^ Michael^1^), often called “Betty,” was born on 16 June 1895,^493^ the first daughter born to Urb and Ionia Gray. She attended Pleasant Valley, the one-room schoolhouse nearby, for only six years, then stayed home to help with farm chores and the younger children. Later she worked for a local family named “Hopkins,” both in their home and in their restaurant in Jamestown. It was through this connection that she met her future husband.

**Fred C. Bales** was a teacher at a one-room schoolhouse in Silver Creek Township when he married Maude on 16 August 1916. They resided in Jamestown, Ohio, for one year. He had taken the civil service examination for a position with the postal service and in 1917 they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he accepted a position. After only eight months in Pittsburgh, they returned to Dayton, Ohio, and rented a house on N. Terry Street. In 1919, they purchased a home at 356 Bolander Avenue in Dayton. Fred was now a railway mail clerk and worked on a train from Dayton to Chillicothe, Ohio, six days a week. In 1924, they purchased a new home at 1228 Holly Avenue. Fred continued with the postal service for 35 years. Following his retirement, he worked for the U.S. News and World Report at the McCall Publishing Company in Dayton.

Maude worked as family “homemaker.” She was a stay-at-home mom who lived a very happy, yet quiet life. She always showed an interest in the details of her family and friends, yet rarely revealed much about herself. She enjoyed her grandchildren and her gardens. For many years she nurtured a nice vegetable garden. During the early 1940s, she served as a volunteer at the Dayton Union Station, greeting arriving and departing service men.

Both Maude and Fred enjoyed trips to Michigan and Florida and fishing while on vacation. On nearby fishing trips, they enjoyed taking their grandsons along with them. They maintained their membership at the Ohmer Park United Methodist Church on

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^493^ Maude’s birth is confirmed in the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. Birth recorded in the Greene County, Ohio, Birth Book 3, p. 67. Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio.
Arbor Avenue in Dayton for over 50 years. Fred died at the Holly Avenue residence in 1965. Maude continued to reside there until her death on 7 May 1982.\textsuperscript{494}

Submitted by Denzil and Tom Bales.

MAUDE MARIE\textsuperscript{5} GRAY BALES
( Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W., \textsuperscript{3} Philip, \textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1} )

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\textbf{WIFE: MAUDE MARIE GRAY} & & & \\
\textbf{Father: JOEL URBAN GRAY} & \textbf{Mother: IONIA ELVA GRAY} & & \\
\textbf{HUSBAND: FRED CLINE BALES} & & & \\
\textbf{Father: SILAS RAPER BALES} & \textbf{Mother: LAURA CLINE} & & \\
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\textbf{Name:} & \textbf{Bir:} & \textbf{Mar:} & \textbf{Dea:} \\
\textbf{DENZIL EUGENE BALES} & 16 Jun 1895 & 16 Aug 1916 & 07 May 1982 \\
\textbf{ROBERTA HARMON WRIGHT} & & & \\
\textbf{THOMAS PAUL BALES} & 20 Feb 1917 & 12 Mar 1938 & 29 Sep 1965 \\
\textbf{DONNA BELLE MORGAN} & 5 Feb 1998 & & \\
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Maude and Fred are buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio.

\textsuperscript{494} Death Certificate, Maude M. Bales, Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics, Columbus, Ohio. Certificate #035772.
L-R: Tommy, Rinty the dog, Denny and Maude Bales. Probably taken in 1928-29.

Below: Denny and Tommy Bales
Right: Fred and Maude Bales.
Lower right photo taken in 1963.
Above: Denzil Eugene Bales in two undated photos. Left: probably 1918. Right: possibly a photo from high school in the middle 1930s.

Roberta, Denzil, and Judy.

Above: Denzil, Roberta and Teena, the dog in 1990.

Left: Roberta, Denzil and Judy in 1980.
The family group sheets for the sixth, seventh and eighth generations \(^{495}\) within the Maude Gray Bales family follow, along with any synopsis that they submitted.

**DENZIL EUGENE \(^6\) BALES**

(Maude\(^5\) Gray, Joel Urban\(^4\), George W., \(^3\) Philip, \(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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See pictures on previous page.

My wife Roberta Wright and I, Denzil Bales, were both graduates of Stivers High School in Dayton, Ohio.

I entered the postal service in Dayton in January 1937. In 1943, during World War II, I served in the U.S. Navy at the Fleet Post Office in Chicago and was later assigned to the Naval Intelligence Office there. Discharged December 8, 1945, I returned to the Dayton Post Office, serving in various assignments for the postal service. Named Postmaster of the Year for 1973, I retired in December of that year, my last assignment being Postmaster and area Postal Manager of 77 area post offices.

I have been an active bowler for 35 years and active in the Dayton Bowling Association. My highest series was 704 in February 1957.

\(^{495}\) Sixth, seventh and eighth generations from the progenitor Michael Gray (Sr.).
Roberta and I enjoyed traveling and numerous family vacations in Colorado and Alabama. Our travels were limited due to her illness and numerous operations prior to her passing in February 1992.

I am a 55-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite. I have been active in the Antioch Shrine for twenty years. I continue to travel to Florida, Alabama and South Carolina on golf packages, etc. and hope to enjoy my retirement years in just that manner.

*Editor's note:* Denny shared many pictures of all the Gray families and had written his synopsis before his untimely death in 1998.

*L-R:* Denzil with daughters Karen on the left and Judy on the right. Karen’s daughter, Cami, is in front. July 1997.
Judith and Ronald Wick live in Englewood, Ohio. The eldest daughter of Denzil and Roberta Bales, Judy is manager of Recruiting and Office Staffing at Express Personnel Services in Troy. She studied Human Resource Management and Personnel Business Administration at Edison State College and Sinclair Community College. She holds memberships in the National Association of Female Executives, Miami Valley Women in Networking and the Troy Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald (Ohio Ham License KB8WDJ) has spent 36 years in the printing business, presently at Printing Service Company in Dayton. He has spent 30 years on the Volunteer Fire Department, retiring as Captain of Randolph Township #5 and Instructor for the state of Ohio. He continues in the Graphic Arts Program at Sinclair to keep current in the printing and color separating industry.

Daughter Stephanie earned her undergraduate and masters degrees at Ohio University and has spent 6 years with the Dayton Public School System, as a speech/language pathologist. She loves children and animals, and is enjoying new baby Jillian to the utmost. Husband Ronnie Russell Hall, a Civil War buff, is in Advertising Sales for Amos Press, one of the large newspaper publishers in the Dayton to Sidney area. He too graduated from Sinclair College. Daughter Jillian, arriving 7 weeks early, came home on Christmas Eve. Quoting Grandma Judy “of course the smartest, most remarkable baby in the whole state of Ohio…the best gift her parents and grandparents could ever receive.”
Daughter Jennifer is a graduate of Ohio University in communications and Marketing. She is enjoying working in the accounting field with the new Electronic Data Interchange and is very devoted to her job at Iams, Inc. in Dayton. She is engaged to be married on 10 June 2000 to Mitchell James Robbins, a paramedic/firefighter in Kettering, Ohio.

Son Jonathan is living in Clifton, attending the University of Cincinnati while working full time at F.A.C.S. accounting office in Mason, Ohio. He enjoys participating in indoor soccer at the Cincinnati Sports Complex when his busy schedule permits.

**STEPHANIE ELAINE**⁸ WICK HALL  
(Judith⁷ Bales, Denzil,⁶ Maude⁵ Gray, Joel Urban,⁴ George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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Seated: Jonathan Wick, Denzil Bales, Stephanie Wick Hall with Jillian on her shoulders.  
After graduating from Ohio University, I headed west to Denver, Colorado. It was there I met my husband, Dennis Melville Snell, and we were married on December 23, 1978, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. We packed all our worldly possessions and moved to Mobile, Alabama, arriving on New Year’s Eve 1978. Nineteen years later, we are still residents of the Mobile area, residing in Daphne, Alabama, and have our own court reporting firm.

In 1986, our daughter, Cameron Nicole (Cami) was born. She is a beautiful young girl. She participates in many sports including basketball, volleyball, and golf (taking after her Dad’s great golf swing and her Mom’s hoped-for golf swing) as well as violin and flute lessons.
THE DENZIL BALES FAMILY

Denzil's 80th Birthday Celebration
February 1997

Back L-R: Ronnie Hall, Judy Bales Wick, Denzil, Karen Bales Snell, Dennis Snell.  
Front: Ron Wick, Cami Snell, Stephanie Wick Hall holding Jillian, Jennifer and Jonathan Wick.
See pictures on the following page.

After graduation from Stivers High School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1942, I entered the U.S. Marine Corps. Serving as a radar technician in a night fighter squadron, I participated in the invasion of Okinawa and occupation of Japan.

After the war, I worked in radio and television sales and service until 1972. I taught electronics in vocational high school through 1979. At that time, I established and ran Carolina Sailplanes, giving glider rides and teaching people to fly gliders at Little River, South Carolina (Myrtle Beach area) until retirement in 1989. I belong to the Quiet Birdmen, a fraternal organization of pilots, Caesar Creek Soaring Club, and the Soaring Society of America.

My wife, Donna Morgan, graduated from Roosevelt High School in Dayton in 1944. She completed her degree in education in 1965 from the University of Dayton and her masters degree in 1975 from Wright State University. She taught in the Dayton Public Schools until her retirement in 1990. Her favorite pastime is painting, mostly watercolors, but also does oils and pastels.
Tommy Bales, about 8-10 years old.

Tom and Donna's Wedding
26 October 1946.

Tom and Donna
50th Wedding Anniversary.
26 October 1996.
BARRY ALAN\(^7\) BALES
(Thomas\(^6\) Bales, Maude\(^5\) Gray, Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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Barry Bales retired from the Dayton Police Department as a Lieutenant in 1996, where he was instrumental in setting up the 911 systems communication software. He continues to work as a consultant for the City of Dayton Police Department. Sandy has been a secretary for the UD football coach for many years.

Michelle Bales is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a degree in photography. Her brother Bruce attended UD and is currently a fireman for the City of Dayton. He’s pursuing that degree again! His wife Yira will complete her associate degree in business in 2000 from the Sinclair Community College.

BRUCE MORGAN\(^8\) BALES
(Barry\(^7\) Bales, Thomas\(^6\), Maude\(^5\), Gray, Joel Urban,\(^4\), George W.,\(^3\), Philip,\(^2\), Michael\(^1\))

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The Barry Bales Family. *L-R: Michelle, Yira, Bruce, Barry and Sandra (Sandy).

**DANA MARK⁷ BALES**  
(Thomas⁶ Bales, Maude⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.,³ Philip², Michael¹)

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| **2** Name: MARK FEVERSTON BALES | DAYTON, MONTGOMERY CO., OH |
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| **bir:** 03 Jul 1982            |                             |

| **3** Name: LISA MARIE BALES    | DAYTON, MONTGOMERY CO., OH |
| **F**                           |                             |
| **bir:** 22 Nov 1984            |                             |

| **4** Name: ROSS ALLEN BALES    | DAYTON, MONTGOMERY CO., OH |
| **M**                           |                             |
| **bir:** 4 Dec 1996             |                             |

After graduating from Dayton (Ohio) Belmont High School in 1968, I studied for two years at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. Then I transferred to the University of the Americas in Cholula, Puebla Mexico, graduating with a Liberal Arts degree in 1972.
In 1979 I married Sharon Marie Feverston, also a native of the Dayton area. We had three healthy children in fairly rapid succession: Mary Elizabeth was born in April 1981, Mark Feverston in July 1982, and Lisa Marie was born in November 1984. By this time I was in advertising and direct marketing, a field I’ve really enjoyed.

In the spring of 1996 Sharon and I accompanied my brother Barry and his wife Sandy to the Memphis area where we met with a client and spent an evening at the casinos on the Mississippi River. Sharon and I had a great time. We were not only enjoying our very first trip without the kids, but we also managed to win at the casino. Nine months later our fourth child, Ross Allen, was born. We still occasionally refer to him as “oops,” but as many people predicted he really has brought a lot of joy into our lives.

I continue with my own small advertising company, NEO Communications. Sharon is a Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent at Centerville Schools in Ohio. Daughter Mary is a freshman at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, majoring in Business. Mary’s interests include acting (she is quite the actress!) and travel. Son Mark is a senior at Centerville High School and will attend the University of Dayton in the fall of 2000 on well-earned scholarships. He is a member of the National Honor Society and we anticipate a high school diploma with honors. Daughter Lisa is a freshman at CHS and along with a team of three other students recently won a $25,000 Implementation Grant from the Bayer Foundation and the National Science Foundation. They are to use the funds to implement an innovative new school bus door that would improve student safety. No, she doesn’t get to keep the money. The students flew to Chicago and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show in October 1999.
ANDREA LEE\(^7\) BALES DONOFRIO  
(Thomas\(^6\) Bales, Maude\(^5\) Gray, Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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<td>Mother: KATE DONOFRIO</td>
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Andrea, affectionately called Andi or Drey by family members and close friends, has completed her post-graduate degree in business and industrial counseling. She is an independent consultant and is associated with Wright State University at the Celina, Ohio, campus. Tim is a budget analyst for the Indiana Air National Guard. They will likely settle around the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, area.

BRADLEY WAYNE\(^7\) BALES  
(Thomas\(^6\) Bales, Maude\(^5\) Gray, Joel Urban,\(^4\) George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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After graduation in 1973 from Belmont High School in Dayton, Ohio, I attended Sinclair College and then New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where I graduated in 1979 with a BA in Education.

I married Erika Gannon of Middletown, Ohio, (via New York and Pennsylvania) in 1981. We moved to Texas in 1985 where I have been teaching middle school and coaching both school and club soccer and coaching an Olympic Development Team. My wife earned her AA degree from Miami University and is currently pursuing her BS degree while working for Delta Airlines.

In 1995, we were fortunate to spend a wonderful year living in a small town in Germany. There I assisted coaching state soccer teams at the Niedersachsicher Sportschue in Barsinghausen. I was able to obtain a German B license.

We have been blessed with three remarkable children: Brandon Wayne 17, Emily Morgan 13, and Benjamin Wade 10. Brandon is a senior at Haltom High School here in Fort Worth where he is an office holder in the National Honor Society and plays on the varsity soccer team. He is in the current edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and has been named as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. He will attend the University of South Carolina on full scholarship. Emily is a eighth grade honor student and participates in band, basketball and track. Benjamin is a fifth grade student who competes on highly competitive soccer, chess and basketball teams.
SARAH MAY GRAY

1898 – 1985
Sarah, shown here in Jamestown, with her father Urb (facing the camera) in the background; taken probably between 1910-1914. The other gentleman is unidentified. The photo was probably taken on Washington Street, east of the intersection of Limestone Street.

The picture on the previous page was among family pictures from George L. Gray, Sabina, Ohio.
134. Sarah May Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael) was born 28 January 1898 in Greene County, Ohio, and lived her entire life in Greene County, Ohio. The third child and second daughter of Urb and Ionia Gray, she too attended Pleasant Valley School. Her brother, George, and others often called her “Sally.” As a young girl, she and her brother, John, lived with their Aunt Mary (George W., Philip, Michael) helping with household chores.

Sarah worked in Jamestown for the L. S. Farquar’s Dry Goods. In 1919, she married her brother’s (George) employer, Harold Breakfield, of Jasper Township, Greene County, Ohio.

After her divorce from Harold, Sarah married H. Earl Bales in 1932. Earl worked for the Dayton Power and Light Company. They built their home on Sheridan Avenue in Xenia in 1945 and Sarah continued to live there after Earl died in 1974. Sarah died in 1985 at the Hospitality Nursing Home East in Xenia. She had no children from either marriage.

Sarah and Earl enjoyed traveling. Sarah was a member of Aldora Chapter 262, O.E.S. and an active member of the Jamestown Baptist Church.

496 Sarah’s birth on 27 January 1898 was recorded in the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. Her birth date is confirmed on her death certificate.
497 Greene County, Ohio, Marriage Record, Vol. 16, p. 67. 11 February 1919. Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio.
498 Greene County Marriage Record Vol. 19, p. 88; 10 September 1932.
SARAH MAYGRAY BALES
(Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

WIFE: SARAH MAY GRAY
  bir: 28 Jan 1898
  mar: 11 Feb 1919
  mar: 10 Sep 1932
  dea: 16 Sep 1985
Father: JOEL URBAN GRAY
Mother: IONIA ELVA GRAY
Other
husbands:
1919: HAROLD BREAKFIELD

HUSBAND: H. EARL BALES
  bir: 25 Sep 1888
  mar: 10 Sep 1932
  dea: 28 Mar 1974
Father: J. A. BALES
Mother: CORA CONKLIN

Below: Sarah and Earl are buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio.
Sarah May Gray

Probably in her teen years.

MARRIAGE PERFORMED
AT PARSONAGE HERE

In a quiet ceremony performed by Rev. Homer Hurst at the First Baptist Church parsonage here, Miss Sarah Gray, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Paxton, Jamestown, was united in marriage to Mr. H. Earl Bales, this city, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Immediately following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Bales left for Rochester, N. Y., and Ottawa, Canada, where they will spend a week. Upon their return they plan to reside in Xenia.

Mrs. Bales is a graduate of Jamestown High School and for several years was connected with various stores of the L. S. Farquhar Co. For the past three years she has been connected with the Jamestown Dry Goods Co., and the Ohio Sales Co. Mr. Bales is employed by the Dayton Power and Light Co., as gas foreman.

This article announcing the marriage of Sarah and Earl was found among the numerous articles in the scrapbook of W. A. Paxson.

Sarah M. Gray about 1930.

Earl and Sarah Bales.

Sarah at the 1984 Gray Reunion.
GEORGE RHEA GRAY

1900 – 1983
George and Margaret Sanders Gray, 1945.

Picture on preceding page: George R. Gray
About 1926.
135. **George Rhea** Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael) was the middle son and fourth child of “Urb” and Ionia Gray, born 23 October 1900. He lived at home helping his parents farm the “homeplace.” In 1945, George married Margaret E. Sanders and they continued to live and farm at the only home George had known. It was not until after both of his parents had passed on, Urb in 1949 and Ionia in 1952, that George and Margaret moved to Sabina in Clinton County to make their home. Their only child, George Leroy, was born in 1953.

George served 33 years on the Democratic Executive Committee in Silvercreek Township in Greene County. He enjoyed music and played several musical instruments including piano, organ, mandolin, french harp and some guitar.


*Left: Margaret, George and George Leroy, 31 January 1954.*

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501 Ibid., Ohio Certificate #046062.
GEORGE RHEA⁵ GRAY
( Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹ )

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<td>MARGARET ELIZABETH SANDERS</td>
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George and Margaret are buried in Jamestown, Ohio, in the new cemetery.
George Leroy Gray was born 9 November 1953 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. He graduated from East Clinton High School in Lees Creek, Ohio, and continued his education at Central State University at Wilberforce with a BA in Political Science and Economics and an AA in accounting from Southern State University.

George continues to reside and farm in Sabina on his parents’ farm.

*Top left: George L., 8 May 1954.

*Top right: George R., Margaret and George L., 1978.

*Bottom left: George L., high school graduation.

*Bottom right: Summer 1998.
Editor's Note: Much credit must be given to "Uncle George" for helping me "set" the family tree straight. I had always felt the two Gray lines must cross somewhere but had not found the connection. It was Uncle George who quickly gave me the information he had known all along. Early in my genealogy quest, he passed along the high chair that had served his generation of Gray children, which of course included my grandfather, John Walker Gray. (See picture on page 166.) To Aunt Margaret, I owe deep gratitude for allowing me to rummage through old pictures and boxes in the attic for clues to the Gray family. So many treasures I have found there, and she was generous enough to allow me to copy photographs and share information, as she knew it. With both his parents gone, George Leroy has continued to allow me to rummage through pictures and boxes and share information as he has been told over the years. Speaking for my daughters and myself, we will always be able to hear in our minds and hearts as Uncle George played the piano and organ for us on our visits. Lynn Warren
JESSIE RICHARD GRAY

1904 – 1988
Jessie Richard Gray, age unknown.  
Possibly taken about 18-24 months of age.  
Dick and Thelma Gray gave a copy to this compiler, L. Warren.

The picture on the preceding page of Jessie Richard "Dick" Gray was taken in front of Johnson's Grocery Store in Jamestown, Ohio, according to Mabelle Gray Axe. The picture was found among those kept in the trunk of his mother, Ionia, see page 167.  
30 May 1924.
136.  **Jessie Richard** Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael), usually called “Dick,” was the youngest son of Urb and Ionia Gray. He was born on 30 August 1904. Dick married the former Thelma Hughes, daughter of Wilbur and Ida Dell Bailey Hughes, on 29 October 1927, at the parsonage for the Jamestown Church of Christ. After his mother Ionia died in 1952, Dick and Thelma bought the “homeplace” and moved to the Sutton Road farm in Greene County originally belonging to his grandparents and then his parents.

Dick and Thelma fostered one son, David E. Leslie, when he came to live with them at the age of 13. David married Helen Durham in 1950 and had two sons, David Byron Leslie born 28 July 1953 and Douglas Richard Leslie born 9 February 1956. “Grandson” David now owns the “homeplace,” where he and his wife, the former Jenny Brewer, now live.

Dick farmed his entire life. Thelma enjoyed having dairy cows and chickens. They were both active in the Grange organization and their church, Jamestown Church of Christ. David and Jenny cared for both Dick and Thelma in their declining years until their deaths in 1988 and 1994, respectively.

David B. works for Bush Transportation Systems in Wilmington. In his spare time, he does automotive work and enjoys coaching his son, Nathan, in Little League baseball. Jenny is currently a homemaker. She enjoys gardening, canning, crafting and cooking. Their son Nathan is a sophomore at Greeneview High School and is involved in football, baseball, hockey and 4-H, taking hogs and chickens to the Greene County Fair.

David and Jenny are renovating the house and have made many improvements, including “gray” vinyl siding which gave the house a much improved outside

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502 Birth is confirmed in the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. Date is also confirmed on the death certificate. See next footnote.
appearance. Drainage tile was installed in the fields in the spring of 1997. A deck was built on the south side of the house in the fall of 1996, which will be extended around to the west side of the house eventually. Many more improvements are scheduled. See pictures on page 114.

Submitted by David and Jenny Leslie

**JESSIE RICHARD GRAY**

*(Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)*

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Jessie Richard (Dick) died 26 October 1988 and is buried along with his wife Thelma in the new Jamestown Cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio.

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Top: Dick and Thelma Gray, unknown dates, possibly a photo when they married in 1927 on the left and their 25th anniversary on the right.

Middle left: David E. Leslie

Above: Dick and Thelma's 50th wedding anniversary.

Left: Nathan (Nate) Leslie, 1997.
Above: These two pictures of Ruth Gray were shared by her sister Mabelle. Ruth must have been about 6-8 years old. (1913-1915)

Below left: This picture too was shared by Mabelle. Ruth appears to be about 16-18 years old.
Below right: Ruth in the 1940s.

Preceding page: Ruth was 16 years of age when this picture was taken in 1923. It is interesting to ponder who must have taken the picture, as evidenced by his shadow in the lower left-hand corner.
137. **Ruth Winona** Gray (Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael'), born 6 February 1907, was the sixth of the seven children born to Urban and Ionia Gray. After graduation from Jefferson Township High School, she attended Cedarville College, with the financial help of her Aunt Mary Paxson. She received a Teaching Certificate and taught at a one-room school for two years prior to her marriage to **Wayne Eugene Stauffer** on 12 May 1926.

Ruth and Wayne were the parents of five children, four boys and one girl. Ruth was a busy homemaker, always cooking, baking, canning and sewing. Her hobbies were reading, sewing and music. She loved to play the piano and passed on her love for music to and for her family. She and her brother George entertained at family gatherings with piano duets, sometimes with George playing the french harp. A special time was when Ruth and George could be coaxed into performing in Grandma’s parlor. Grandma’s (Ionia) old Victrola could also be wound up and played for this special occasion. (Editor’s note: Ionia’s Victrola was a gift from her daughter Mabelle.)

Ruth was an active worker at the Sabina Church of Christ. She taught a Beginners Sunday School Class for many years. She also was secretary for the Women’s Sunday School Class.

The Stauffers reared their five children in the Sabina area where Wayne was employed in the Melvin Stone Quarry and then by Mac Tool Company, where he retired. His hobbies were fishing, boating and woodworking.

Ruth died 15 June 1980 in Washington Court House, Ohio. She and Wayne are buried in the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio.

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504 Ruth’s birth is confirmed in the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. This record shows Ruth’s birth on 6 February 1907, the date that Ruth used as her birthday. Greene County, Ohio, Birth Records, Vol. 4, p. 67 show this birth on 15 February 1907.

# RUTH WINONAGRAY STAUFFER

(Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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Ruth and Wayne are buried at the Milledgeville-Plymouth Cemetery in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, Ohio.
Right: Wayne and Ruth Stauffer, 29 December 1956.

L-R Standing: Barbara, Warren, Janet, Ronnie, Judie, Irene, Bob, Emma and Roger. Ruth and Wayne are seated in front.

The family group sheets for the sixth and seventh generations within the Ruth Gray Stauffer family follow, along with any synopsis that they submitted. They are grouped in the birth order of Ruth’s children.

**WARREN EUGENE\(^6\) STAUFFER**  
(Ruth\(^5\) Gray, Joel Urban\(^4\), George W.,\(^3\) Philip,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\))

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| Mother: RUTH WINONA GRAY        |  
|  
| WIFE: JANET LEE FENNER          |  
| bir: 12 Apr 1927                | Sabina, Clinton Co., OH  
| mar: 22 Jul 1950                | Sabina, Clinton Co., OH  
| Father: EDWIN GUY FENNER        |  
| Mother: RUTH LUTTRELL SPARKS    |  
|  
| CHILDREN                        |  
| 1 M Name: GREGG WARREN STAUFFER |  
|     bir: 05 Jan 1953            | Washington CH, Fayette Co., OH  
|     mar: 23 Mar 1974            | Shaker Heights, OH  
|     to: LINDA RAE LEVINE        |  
|     mar: 28 Dec 1996            | Latonia, Kenton Co., KY  
|     to: HEIDI KATHLENE WAGNER   |  
| 2 M Name: MARK FENNER STAUFFER  |  
|     bir: 31 Jul 1957            | Washington CH, Fayette Co., OH  
|     mar: 19 Jul 1980            | Lebanon, Boone Co., IN  
|     to: NANCY RUTH RECHER       |  
| 3 F Name: LEE ANN STAUFFER      |  
|     mar: 16 Jun 1979            | Sabina, Clinton Co., OH  
|     to: MICHAEL ALAN GERBER     |  
| 4 M Name: BRUCE WEAD STAUFFER   |  
|     bir: 3 Mar 1963             | Washington CH, Fayette Co., OH  
|     mar: 18 Nov 1988            | Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH  
|     to: TERESA ANN ROGERS       |  

See pictures on the following page.

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\(^{506}\) Sixth and seventh generation from the progenitor Michael Gray (Sr.).

\(^{507}\) Single adult children only appear on the family group sheet with their parents, except in the cases where they too have children.
Warren E. Stauffer, 1945.

Warren and Janet Stauffer.

Warren and Janet, 1997.
L-R: Bruce, Lee Ann, Mark and Gregg
(Children of Warren and Janet Stauffer, 1997).

Warren and Janet’s grandchildren, March 1997.
L-R: Sam Stauffer, John Gerber, Scott, Jacob, Calvin and Kenny Stauffer,
Andrew Gerber, Frances Stauffer and Katie Gerber.
Missing are Gregg’s sons, Eric and Matthew.
GREGG WARREN⁷ STAUFFER
(Warren⁶ Stauffer, Ruth⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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MARK FENNER⁷ STAUFFER
(Warren⁶ Stauffer, Ruth⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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<td>3 M</td>
<td>Name: CALVIN RECHER STAUFFER</td>
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Mark and Nancy both graduated in 1979 from Miami (Ohio) University. Mark graduated with a BS in Business Administration, magna cum laude, is a CPA and partner with KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, an international CPA firm. Nancy also received a BS in Business Administration. Her hobby is sewing. Their daughter, Frances Grace, has shown an interest in dance, particularly ballet. They reside in Naperville, Illinois.
LEE ANN⁷ STAUFFER GERBER
(Warren⁶ Stauffer, Ruth⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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<td>3 Name: JOHN MICHAEL GERBER</td>
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BRUCE WEAD⁷ STAUFFER
(Warren⁶ Stauffer, Ruth⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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Bruce graduated in 1981 from East Clinton High School. Both he and Teresa attended Cincinnati Bible College. She graduated in 1983 with an Associate Degree in Christian Education and he followed in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministries. Bruce is currently serving as minister of the Leesburg Church of Christ in Leesburg, Ohio.
ROBERT GRAY\textsuperscript{6} STAUFFER  
(Ruth\textsuperscript{5} Gray, Joel Urban,\textsuperscript{4} George W.,\textsuperscript{3} Philip,\textsuperscript{2} Michael\textsuperscript{1})

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Born in Cedarville, the family had migrated to Clinton County and I graduated from Sabina High School in May 1946. In June, I enlisted in the US Army and was discharged in November 1947.

February 21, 1948, I married Irene Provost and we have just celebrated our golden wedding anniversary in 1998.

I have been retired from the London Ohio Correctional Institute since 1990, where I was a correctional officer. Irene, a graduate of Washington High School in 1945, has retired from Junk & Junk Attorney’s, where she was a legal secretary for 40 years. We are members of the Church of Christ.

We are enjoying our retirement and plan to travel even more. I’ve traveled every state of the US except Alaska. We’ve visited the Hawaiian Islands three times, and additional trips to Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England and Canada.
George Roger Stauffer, 1954.

Roger and Emma at their wedding, December 1956.

Roger and Emma’s children, Perry, Michelle and Amy, not long after Amy’s birth in June 1973.


Roger and Emma, 1990s.
GEORGE ROGER STAUFFER
(Ruth Gray, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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Editor's note: Emma included a note in December 1997 as we started gathering information for this history. She and Roger had had their share of health problems in the 1990s. Roger was battling a carcinoid tumor of the liver. Emma had surgery in August 1997 for a malignancy in the thyroid. Roger lost his battle with cancer in April 1998 and we sincerely hope that Emma is doing well.

Amy graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee, in May 1997, with a degree in education. She has returned to the Dayton area since her father's death and is employed by AK Steele Credit Union in Middletown.

Right: Amy at graduation, 1997.
PERRY NEAL⁷ STAUFFER
(G. Roger⁶ Stauffer, Ruth³ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.⁵, Philip², Michael¹)

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Left: Perry Stauffer, about 1997.

Below: Roger and Emma with grandchildren Kyle and Heather.
I, Barbara Jean Stauffer, graduated from Sabina High School and Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, with a major in Music Education. I retired in 1991 after teaching elementary music in Miamisburg, Ohio, for 30 years. I am enjoying life to its fullest.

I remain active in church work at the Miamisburg Church of Christ where I continue using my musical talents playing the piano, organ and singing.

An ardent sports fan, you can find me following the Reds, Buckeyes, Bengals, Miamisburg Vikings and the Tigers of Versailles (Ohio) where my brother Ron’s children attend school.

I feel abundantly blessed with a wonderful, caring family and friends.
Ron and Judie Stauffer and their family reside in Versailles, Ohio. Ron is Vice President of Insurance Marketing Associates - Phelan in Versailles, Ohio. Judie is a legal secretary in Greenville.

Janelle Elizabeth is a graduate of Versailles High School and a senior at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Her major is elementary education. Shari Ruth is a freshman at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, also thinking of elementary education as her major. She intends to play basketball. Kevin Dwayne is a sophomore at Versailles High School. Lynette Marie is in the 6th grade.

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Ronnie probably about 1953.  

Ronnie in the 1960s.
L-R: Kevin, Shari and Janelle. Lynette in front.

MABELLE ALBERTA GRAY

1910 – 2000
The picture on the previous page was Mabelle’s graduation picture taken at Xenia in April 1927. Her mother, Ionia, made her dress of pale green “crepe de chine.” The watch was a graduation present from her family, purchased in Jamestown at “Nelson’s.”
Mabelle and Herb


I attended Pleasant Valley School and graduated from Bowersville High School. Herb (Herbert A. Axe) and I started our married life in Dayton, Ohio, then moved to Beavercreek and remained there. I was a full-time housewife and spent 20 years as a part-time librarian here in Beavercreek.

We enjoyed a very close family life, the good and the bad days, but full of love and happiness.

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508 Mabelle’s birth on 3 January 1910 is confirmed in the “Family Record” from a bible that once belonged to Urban and Ionia Gray. No longer known to exist. Copy supplied by Mabelle Gray Axe. Birth also appears in Greene County, Ohio, Probate Court, Xenia, Ohio. Additions and Corrections Book C, #119.
# MABELLE ALBERTA GRAY AXE

(Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

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**CHILDREN**

Mabelle passed away on 24 November 2000 as our family history went to press. She had celebrated her 90th birthday on 3 January 2000.

*Left:* She and her husband Herb are buried in the Old Jamestown-Silvercreek Cemetery.
The family group sheets for the sixth and seventh generations within the Mabelle Gray Axe family follow, along with any synopsis that they submitted. They are grouped in the birth order of Mabelle’s children.

BEVERLY ANN AXE GIEROW
(Mabelle Gray, Joel Urban, George W., Philip, Michael)

I am the oldest daughter of Mabelle A. Gray and Herbert A. Axe. I graduated from Beavercreek High School in 1953 and went to work immediately at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. I married Herman P. Gierow whom I met at WPAFB where he was a Lieutenant in the Air Force. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University and has a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1961 our daughter Ann was born in Dayton, Ohio. In December 1962, Herman left the service and we moved to Huntsville, Alabama and he began a new career at NASA. What an exciting time it was to be working for the space program. We felt a sense of pride in all of NASA’s accomplishments and feel strongly about its benefits to the American people. In 1963, our son Paul was born in Huntsville. Both children graduated from Grissom High School. Ann attended Auburn University and after spending several years in retail sales is now self-employed as a freelance court reporter. Paul attended the University of South Alabama in Mobile, majored in mechanical engineering and is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He is employed at SRS, a small high tech company.

Paul and Ann are both married and have families of their own now. Paul has a son, Armin McLain, and a daughter Anna Kay; Ann has a daughter, Beverly Carolyn McMichael. Paul’s wife is an elementary school teacher and Ann’s husband is a city employee/part time court reporter.

Herman retired in May 1994 and that has given us more time to pursue our first love—antiques. We have collected American Brilliant Period Cut Glass for many years and that led us to our interest in other antiques. Eventually collectors become dealers, so for the past ten years I have had a small antique business. Ann and Scott also enjoy antiques so they help out quite a bit and have a wonderful collection of old lunch boxes. While we haven’t cruised or traveled abroad, we certainly have done our share of traveling to antique shows, flea markets, etc. hunting that elusive bargain. Our future plans include spending time with our children, grandchildren and counting our blessings each day.

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509 Sixth and seventh generation from the progenitor Michael Gray (Sr).
510 Single adult children only appear on the family group sheet with their parents, except in the cases where they too have children.
### BEVERLY ANN^6 AXE GIEROW
(Mabelle^5 Gray, Joel Urban^4, George W.,^3 Philip,^2 Michael^1)

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| **2** Name: PAUL ARMIN GIEROW |  |  |
| to: RHONDA KAY RANSBURGH |  | Huntsville, Madison Co., AL |

*Above: Ann, Beverly and Paul Gierow, 1993.*
ANN MARIE^7 GIEROW MCMICHAEL
(Beverly^6 Axe, Mabelle^5 Gray, Joel Urban,^4 George W., Philip,^2 Michael^1)

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Right: Ann and her husband Scott McMichael and their daughter Beverly Carolyn, April 1998.
### PAUL ARMIN⁷ GIEROW

(Beverly⁶ Axe, Mabelle⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.³, Philip², Michael¹)

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<td>Mother: BEVERLY ANN AXE</td>
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Top Right: Paul with his wife Rhonda in August 1997.

DONALD⁶ LEE AXE
(Mabelle⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴, George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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<td>Mother: MABELLE ALBERTA GRAY</td>
<td>Mother: JOAN ELIZABETH FOX</td>
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Father: HERBERT A. AXE
Mother: MABELLE ALBERTA GRAY

Married Jessica Winter Poe. DDS University of Illinois; 1973. Jessica is a member of the American Dental Association and Illinois Dental Association and has maintained her own practice since 1982 in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

We enjoy our home, both inside and out. We have spent a great deal of time developing a perennial garden, herb garden and vegetable gardens. We are doing some redecorating inside.

Jessica likes to grow orchids; collects sterling Christmas ornaments, Apple dinnerware and our sterling dinner pattern.

Don likes working in the yard and reading books.

We took our first cruise in 1995 and another one in 1996. We like traveling and hope to take our daughter to Europe when she enters into her teens. Our dream vacation is a trip to Australia and New Zealand, and we have hopes of doing that.
*Left:* Donald Axe and his sister Beverly, 1945.

*Below:* Mabelle with her son Donald and his family, wife Jessica and baby Alisha, 1986.

Don, Jessica and Alisha, 1995.
**SARAH JILL⁶ AXE BUNGER**
(Mabelle⁵ Gray, Joel Urban⁴ George W.,³ Philip,² Michael¹)

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<td>bir: 27 Feb 1944</td>
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<td>Father: CHARLES BUNGER</td>
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<td>Mother: LILLIAN CHESNEY BUNGER</td>
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Left: "Jill," unknown date. Probably 6-8 years old.

Brother and sister, Jill and Don, mid 1960s.

Larry Bunger. Larry is enjoying playing golf and reading in his retirement.
One of the best parts of writing this family history has been seeing all of the pictures that family members have sent to share. It was difficult not to use every one, but there were some limitations. Then there were pictures that were appropriate in more than one chapter. I have saved those for this final look at the Gray family.

Most pictures are identified entirely. The large foldout reunion photos are not. Perhaps you can identify other members. If so, please contact me with this information. Enjoy!

Maude Gray Bales is the women on the left in this picture. "Lucy" may be the name of the other woman. The photo, supplied by George L. Gray, was probably taken between 1910-1915.
This photo from George L. Gray includes Maude Gray (now Bales) standing. The woman seated on the left is identified as "Freda" and Sarah Gray (now Bales) is seated on the right. The two gentlemen are unidentified. According to Mabelle Gray Axe, Freda was one of the family members from Tipp City. Perhaps the gentlemen are cousins from that family also. The photo was probably made between 1912-1915.
L-R: Sarah Gray, Maude Gray and Freda.
This photo was found in Ionia’s trunk at the home of George L. Gray. It appears that this picture was taken a few years after the one on the previous page, as all three women appear somewhat older.
L-R, standing: Sarah Gray Bales, Ionia Gray Gray, Maude Gray Bales and Mabelle Gray (now Axe).

Seated: George R. Gray, "Dick" Gray and his wife Thelma. This photo was probably made about 1930.

The identity of many in this picture taken about 1925-1927 is uncertain.

Standing: Ruth Gray Stauffer, Ionia Gray Gray and the identity of the man is uncertain.

Middle row: Grace Gray (now Cummins), unidentified man, Dick Gray, Helen Gray (now Pitstick), and another unidentified man.

Seated in front: The first child (turned to the side) may be Hazel Gray (now Nienaber), Margaret Gray (now LeForge), Mary Edith Gray (now Jones), Eva Gray (now Ramsey), and the last child is unidentified.
L-R, rear: Eva, Margaret, Mary Edith and Hazel Gray, daughters of John W. Gray.  
Middle: Jean Gray, daughter of John W. Gray, and Tom Bales, son of Maude Gray Bales.  
The boy seated in front may be Warren Stauffer.

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This photo may have been made on the same day as the one above, judging by the scenery. They appear to have been made about 1929-1930.  
Below L-R:  
John W. Gray, Maude Gray Bales, Sarah Gray Bales, George R. and Jesse R. (Dick) Gray, Ruth Gray Stauffer and Mabelle Gray (now Axe).
This photo was made at a Gray reunion held in Xenia, Ohio, in 1981.

L-R, rear: Mabelle Gray Axe, George R. and Dick Gray,
Seated: Sarah Gray Bales, John W. Gray, and Maude Gray Bales.

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Below: “Uncle George” (George R. Gray) entertained at the reunion while Janelle Stauffer posed for the camera.
Above: John W. Gray, seated in the wheelchair, at the 1984 Gray reunion held in Xenia, Ohio. He is surrounded by eight of his ten children: 
L-R: Helen Pitstick, Eva Ramsey, Margaret LeForge, John Richard and Clarence Gray, Hazel Nienaber, Grace Cummins, and Mary Edith Jones. Clarence’s wife, Jane, looks on.

Below: Four of John W. Gray’s granddaughters, about 1950. (All born within 18 months of each other, we were like the “four” musketeers!)
L-R: Jean LeForge (now Leach), Mary Lynn Jones (now Warren), Mary Louise Nienaber and Marcia Ramsey (now Leigh).
Reunions of the Gray family were held yearly beginning in 1928 in Greene County, Ohio. It appears there were officers elected and some records were surely kept, but I have been unable to locate any existing copies of those records. The first reunion was held at the home of John W. Gray (see article on page 83).

Second Annual Reunion of
The Gray Family
Will Be Held at
Theodore Gray
7 Miles South of Jamestown, O.
on the Plymouth & Wash. Pike
Sunday, June 23, 1929.
Come
Mary E. Prill, Sec’y.

The second reunion was announced by one-cent-postcards calling for it to be held on 23 June 1929 at the home of Theodore Gray.

Below: This photo of several children was probably made at the first or second reunion. 
Back row l-r: Mary Edith, Eva and Margaret Gray. The other three are unidentified.
Front row: Second child from the left is Tom Bales. The others remain unidentified. Some likely are children of the Gray family from Tipp City.
This article regarding the 1935 Gray reunion was among the items in W. A. Paxson's scrapbook at the home of George L. Gray. Obviously, the reunion still had a large number of attendees (80).

The seventh annual Gray reunion was held at Ross Township school building, Sunday, with approximately 80 relatives attending.

At noon an elaborate basket dinner was served on the lawn. Following the dinner a short program was presented. A short business session was conducted and all officers were re-elected as follows: president, Fred Bales, of Dayton; vice-president, John Gray; secretary, Esther Creamer, of Xenia; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Creamer, of Xenia.

The remaining afternoon hours were engaged in an interesting ball game that provided merriment for everyone.

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bales and sons, Denzil and Tommie, and Bobbie Wright, of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray and family, of Sabina; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crone and family, Mrs. Alice Sheley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sheley, of Washington C. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creamer and daughter, Esther, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon, of Xenia; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Creamer and family, of Springfield; Harvey Crevisston and daughter, Lena, Mrs. Ida Wolery and son, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gray, of Troy; Cory Gray, of Tippecanoe; Prof. and Mrs. Lambert, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stauffer and family, of Sabina.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Gray and son, George; Mr. and Mrs. John Gray and family, Mrs. Mary Paxson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gray.
Front row, children on ground: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14,
5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15

Middle row on chairs: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
28, 29, 30

Standing in the rear: 50, 56, 42, 43, 46, 47, 49, 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 62, 64, 66, 71, 73
37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 58, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74

1. Paul Edgar Woolery
5. Mary Edith Gray (Jones)
7. Eva Gray (Ramsey)
8. Margaret Gray (LeForge)
9. ?Hazel Gray? (Nienaber)
11. ?Jean Gray? (Hill)
12. ?Helen Gray? (Pitstick)
15. Grace Gray (Cummins)
19. Ella Gray (McGalliard)
20. Bertha Gray (Harleman)
24. Oliver Gray (Tipp City)
25. Ida May Coates Gray

26. Urban Gray
27. Iona Gray
31. Mary Gray (Paxson)
32. W. A. Paxson
33. L. S. O'Day
34. Rosa Gray (O'Day)
47. Foster Woolery
48. Ida May Gray (Woolery)
51. Walter Gray
52. Jessie Richard (Dick) Gray
54. Etta Gray (Creviston)
66. John W. Gray

The first known Gray reunion was held in 1928 at the home of John Walker Gray on the Conner farm on Rogers Road in Greene County, Ohio. (See newspaper article on page 83.) We have only been able to identify a few of the attendees. Hopefully other members of the extended families will be able to give us the identity of some of the others.
Gray Reunion
June 28, 1936
Front row, children: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

2nd row, women seated: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35 (child), 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 (child) 33 (infant),
   43 47,
   42, 46,

3rd row, standing: 41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 (infant), 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 61, 63

Back row: 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74

12. ?John Richard Gray?
26. Mary Gray Paxson
38. Sarah Gray Bales
39. Mabelle Gray Axe
40. Child Mabelle is holding may be Beverly Axe
49. Fred Bales
56. Thelma Hughes Gray
57. Maude Gray Bales
58. ?Mary Moon Gray?
62. Urban Gray
64. Denzil Bales
69. John W. Gray
70. Jessie Richard (Dick) Gray
71. Herb Axe
And last but not least, a testament to John Walker Gray, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and his love of harness racing!! These photos were made at the Red Mile in Lexington, Kentucky, about 1980.

L-R: Ashlee Warren (now Denington), Lynn Jones Warren (compiler), Cindy Warren (now Greer), John W. Gray and his daughter Mary Edith Gray Jones.
As one searches for their genealogical family, invariably you come across individuals who seem to fall into the family, yet lack identifying information to place them accurately. This chapter is dedicated to the broken branches we have found over the years. Perhaps a reader will see this information and have the key to placing these unknown branches into our family tree or into theirs.

FRIEND GRAY

Friend Gray appears in the records of Hampshire County, West Virginia, at the same time Michael Gray appears. (See page 23.) As early as 1774, a deed was recorded in Hampshire County between Henry Batten and Friend Gray for 168 acres originally deeded to Batten in 1766 from Thomas Lord Fairfax. Subsequent deeds in Hampshire County identify Friend’s wife as “Sarah.” Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts 1788-1802 (edited by Vicki B. Horton, 1993) indicates action by “overseers of the poor do bind...Caleb Nice a poor orphan child to Friend Gray according to law.” This item on page 433 was dated 20 May 1799. Caleb (Gray) does appear on tax records after that time.

Friend has been identified as the son of John Gray and his wife, Susannah. Susannah’s will proven 19 May 1787 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, names Friend as her son. The name of Michael is not included among the names of her children mentioned in her will. To date, however, any connection of the Michael Gray family to Friend Gray and his family has not been proven.

\[^{511}\] Hampshire County Deed Book 4, p. 30-31. County Clerk, Romney, West Virginia.

\[^{512}\] Chester County Will Book 61, Vol. 8, p. 130. Chester County Archives, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Copy supplied by another researcher.
GEORGE GRAY

Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), records document the marriage of George Gray and Libby Burk on 11 August 1810. Records from the National Archives show that this George Gray served his country in the War of 1812 at two different intervals, one in 1813 and again in 1814 with a regiment at Martinsburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). Records indicate he was 62 years of age in 1850 and 84 years of age in 1871, therefore placing his year of birth about 1787-1788. His wife’s death is shown in the records to have occurred in 1866. At some point, George migrated to Ohio, possibly because he received bounty land for his service. He settled in Clark County, in an area called Vienna Crossroads. The Clark County (Ohio) Genealogical Society states that he appears on tax lists as early as 1818/1819.

George died in Clark County on 10 March 1873 according to copies of probate package A4570 furnished by the Clark County Historical Society. A copy of his will was included among these papers which mentions his children Sophia Guyton, Judy Ann McCoy, Margaret Ellen Kesler, Mary Pitman (wife of Ebenezer Pitman), Cyrus Gray (who is deceased) and his widow Elizabeth, John A. whom he names as executor, and Jackson Gray. No further research has been accomplished on this family, but there are no known connections to the family while in Ohio. If the families were related in earlier generations while still in Virginia, it still remains a mystery.

JOHN GRAY

John Gray was born 6 January 1764 at Mt. Vernon, Fairfax County, Virginia. His father is said to have been killed in the Revolution at the battle of White Plains. John migrated to Ohio in 1795 and settled in Noble County by 1829, where he died 29 March 1868. He outlived three wives: Nancy Dowell, Nancy Ragan, and Catharine (surname unknown). John has the distinction of being the last surviving pensioner of the Revolutionary War. Some accounts say “next to last.” Three children have been proven and accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), being, William born in 1788, Mary in 1796, and Isaac in 1798.

Information on John Gray has been gleaned from many sources, including DAR records, The Centinel of the North-Western Territory (Vol. 1, #10, October 1975) and an obituary found for him in a bible belonging to our branch of the GRAY family. It is this obituary that intrigues me.

The bible in which this obituary was found belonged to Sarah Baughan who married George Washington Gray in Fayette County, Ohio, in 1863. (See page 113.) The bible appears to have belonged to other Baughan family members at various times. Two

questions come to mind. First, was this a GRAY family member or relative and they kept the obituary in remembrance of him? Fayette and Noble counties are not in close proximity to each other and I wonder at the "chance" of them seeing this obituary unless it was furnished to them by another family member. However, John Gray’s obituary may have appeared in many newspapers due to his Revolutionary service. Secondly, another researcher has questioned the surname of third wife Catherine. Whatever her surname or family name might have been, she had three daughters who went by the surname of BOND. As any genealogist knows, there is hardly a name that can not or has not been spelled many ways over the years, particularly in the 1700s and 1800s. Baughan has been Boughan, Boughn, Bahn, among others, and could well have been BOND. Thus the connection to John Gray may have come from the female side of the family.

Nonetheless, John Gray remains an unknown and unidentified branch of our Gray history. More information can be obtained about this man on the Internet at http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~godwin/family/johngray/.

JOHN GRAY
of Springhill

John Gray of Springhill in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), wrote his will on 16 June 1816. A copy of this will was entered into the records of the Court of Common Pleas at Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio, having been proven in Virginia on 8 July 1816. Simultaneously, a copy of the will of Eleanor Crosson of Berkeley County, Virginia, is also filed in Clermont County. The court documents state the reason for this entry to be made is because they are "... appearing to relate to property within this State and this County whereupon on motion the Court admit the aforesaid wills to record agreeably to the Statute." 514

Many names and family relationships are mentioned in these two wills including John’s wife Jane Wilson, relict of William Baldwin now deceased, Hannah Gilbert, Betsy Gilbert, Laney Gilbert now Sherard, Jean Russell and husband John Russell, William Wilson and John’s children including Mary Ann, James William and John Edward. Also mentioned are the daughters of Samuel Ramsey’s sister or their heirs, John Bowen, a Negro girl named Nelly and John’s brothers William and James (Gray). Mr. Gray’s trusty friends William Wilson, his son Samuel Wilson and Hiram Henshaw are mentioned as executors.

At this time, I can see no parallel to this family line except the location of the land in Clermont County, Ohio, in relationship to the area where our earliest Gray’s settled, first in Highland County, then Fayette and Greene counties. John Gray of Springhill appears to have been a very wealthy man, much unlike our Gray family of Berkeley

514 Clermont County Will Book D, pp. 345-353. Probate Clerk, Batavia, Ohio.
and Morgan counties in Virginia (now West Virginia). The possibility exists of a lateral link in Virginia or their homeland to this family, however.

Eleanor Crosson apparently was an heir in John Gray’s will (see above) as she stipulates in her will that the one hundred acres of land being in Clermont County, Ohio, left to her in the will of John Gray, be given to her sister’s five children, namely, Edward, Mary, William, Thomas and Rachel Bell. Her father Edward Crosson and her Uncle Samuel Ramsey are mentioned. No connection to Eleanor is known.

**JOHN GRAY**

*of Fayette County, Ohio*

More than one John Gray lived in Fayette County, Ohio, but one in particular needs to be mentioned. This Mr. Gray was murdered in Concord Township on 29 October 1864! Two men were arrested and convicted of the crime. John Adams was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary and William G. W. Smith (born 15 April 1817) was hanged for his involvement in the crime. So once again we have the Smith and Gray names thrown into the same story. Additional information on these two men show they arrived in Fayette County from their home in Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia) and are married to sisters. Given the location of Hardy County on the southern boundary of Hampshire County, the relationship of these two men to our Gray and Smith families becomes more suspect.

Additional research will need to be done to establish any relationship to these two men.

**PETER GRAY**

The will of Jacob Gray (Michael) which mentions his nephew Peter Gray, who now lives with him (1857), was sufficient data in my mind to search for the identity of Peter Gray. Although Jacob’s will is very extensive and explicit in naming individuals (see copy on page 44-46), in this instance he only identified Peter as his nephew. In other instances Jacob identified his nephews not only by name but also by the term “son of.” This inconsistency could be due to many factors. It could be just an oversight. Jacob might have thought that identifying him as “living with me” was sufficient. Another option is that the term of “nephew” does not mean nephew as we use it today. However, his other references to nephew are backed by proof to be sons of his siblings. One other point is that Jacob may have considered no further explanation if there was only one nephew named Peter. The following records have been found to exist regarding “Peter Gray” of Morgan County, West Virginia.

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The 1850 census of Fayette County, Ohio, for Garret Vannorsdall includes a Peter Gray age 35, born in Virginia. Garret’s wife, Rosannah Gray, was a daughter of Michael Gray and sister to Jacob mentioned above, thus this Peter Gray could be a “nephew.” Considering knowledge and accuracy of the informant on the census report, this Peter Gray would have been born about 1815. Would he have returned to Virginia to be living with Jacob in 1857?

Several court documents exist in Morgan County records that are now housed at the Colson Library on the West Virginia University campus in Morgantown, West Virginia, regarding Peter Gray. Some are for debts owed ($13.52 in 1837) and for charges by the grand jury of assault and battery in 1845. Surely this Peter Gray would have had to have been over the age of 21 in 1837 (if these two charges are for the same Peter Gray), thus possibly the Peter born about 1815 in the preceding paragraph.

A Peter Gray and Rebecca Casler were married in Morgan County, Virginia (now West Virginia), on 15 April 1854. Rebecca was the daughter of John Casler and named in his will, and therefore a half-sister to Elizabeth and Nancy Casler, wives respectively of brothers Michael and Jacob Gray, both sons of Michael Gray. A Peter and Rebecca Gray appear on census records in Fayette County, Ohio, in 1860 with two small children. Peter is age 25 and Rebecca age 24, however, it says they were both born in Ohio.

Following events in Fayette County, Ohio, probate records exist there for Peter Gray in 1866. No mention is made of a wife so if this is the same Peter and Rebecca, it is assumed that Rebecca died before 1866. Guardianship of three children, Nathaniel aged 11 on June 25, 1866; Nancy Mariah Gray aged 9 years September AD 1866 and Mary Alice Gray aged 5 years May AD 1866, was originally awarded to J. W. Parrett. The age of Nathaniel would match the census records in 1860 for the Peter and Rebecca mentioned above. In 1870, Nathaniel is living with Jeremiah and Susan(na) Gray Coil in Jasper Township, Fayette County, Ohio. Depending on the identity of Peter’s father making Peter a nephew of Jacob (Michael Gray), Susanna would be an “aunt” or “cousin” to Nathaniel. No records on Nathaniel have been found after 1870.

516 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, Garrett Vanorsdall [sic], Family/Dwelling 40/40, p. 3. Family History Library Roll 444671.
517 Marriage Records of Morgan County, W. Va., 1850-1865, p. 3. County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.
518 Morgan County Court Records, August Term 1854. County Clerk, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.
519 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette County, Ohio, Jasper Township, Peter Gray, Family/Dwelling 2780/2793, p. 513. FHL roll #0803959.
520 Fayette Records and Archives Center, Probate Boxes 1809 and 1899, Washington Court House, Oh.
The male infant listed as age one on the census could be Nancy in regards to age, but not sex. A lengthy search of Nancy M. Gray, who is thought to have married George Haskett in 1879,\(^\text{523}\) turned up a death certificate for her in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. Her parents are listed as Peter Gray and Hannah Haskett. Although the informant on the death certificate was her daughter, the mother’s name appears to be inaccurate.

Mary Alice is thought to be the “niece” reared by Wallace and Elizabeth\(^3\) Gray Creamer,\(^\text{524}\) (Michael,\(^2\) Michael\(^1\) ) who later went by the name of Manie or Mamie. The lengthy and explicit obituary for Wallace Creamer in 1918 describes a niece of Mrs. Creamer who came to live with them when about four years of age. This would roughly match the 5-year-old girl mentioned in the guardianship record. Creamer bible records record Manie’s birth on 22 March 1861.\(^\text{525}\) “Manie” married Lewis Perrill in 1887 in Fayette County, Ohio,\(^\text{526}\) and died there on 6 June 1896, at age 35,\(^\text{527}\) which matches the guardianship record very closely. If “niece” carries the implication we give it today, this child of Peter Gray would have been the daughter of one of Elizabeth’s brothers, namely, Edward, Michael or Jacob M. Gray. It appears unlikely that this child was a child of Edward or Jacob M. as both resided within the county until their deaths and neither is known to have had a child of this age. The family of Elizabeth’s brother Michael, however, has not been followed beyond 1860, so this remains a possibility. He did have small children on the 1860 census in Fayette County, but his whereabouts after that time are unknown. Therefore, Peter could also have been a brother to Elizabeth, making him the son of Michael\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\) ) Gray and likely his first wife, Elizabeth Casler. (This scenario would make Rebecca a daughter-in-law to her own half-sister.)

One other record appears to support this last theory. Another researcher furnished a copy of a notecard from the files of Fred Newbraugh, a local historian and genealogist of Morgan County, West Virginia. It indicates a court action of some type between Jonathan Casler and others vs. Peter Gray, wife and others, dated September 1856. “The suit called for sale of land of John Casler deceased and distribute to his heirs—Heirs:—Peter Gray and Rebecca his wife, John Howard and Matilda his wife, Adams, and Mary his wife, Craine and Elizabeth his wife, Michael Gray, Frederick Duckwall and Tenah his wife, Amasa Casler, James Casler, John Casler,  

\(^{524}\) Washington Court House Record Republican, April 23, 1918, p. 10. (Obituary of Wallace Creamer.)  
\(^{525}\) Creamer Bible Records, Carneige Library, Washington Court House, Ohio, pp. 62-63. (“In possession of Miss Mary Elizabeth Johnson, WCH, Oh., Pub. by William W. Harding, Phila. Pa.” No dates given.)  
\(^{526}\) Marriage Records of Fayette County, Ohio, Vol. 4, p. 366.  
Milton Casler, Smith and Lydia his wife.” This list appears to name the children of Michael\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\)) Gray as listed in his will on page 62. (The name of “Craine” would likely be “Creamer,” Wallace and his wife Elizabeth Gray.) But one must question whether Peter is listed because he is the husband of Rebecca Casler or because he could be a child of Michael and Elizabeth Casler Gray.

No other records in the probate packages of Peter Gray who died in 1866 in Fayette County, Ohio, give any clues to his parentage. A sale bill still exists which shows Philip Gray and his son John Jefferson Gray both purchased items at the sale.

**PETER GRAY**

of Miami County, Ohio

Another Peter Gray exists among our Gray family records and is unidentified. In Miami County, Ohio, where Michael\(^3\) (Philip\(^2\), Michael\(^1\)) Gray settled, a Peter Gray lived and prospered also. A biography of him published in the History of Miami County published in 1880 sketches Peter on page 690. It states he was born in 1837 in Morgan County, West Virginia, married Josephine Byrkett and had three children, James P., John H., and Maggie E. His birth year of 1837 places him beyond the known families of George\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\)), Michael\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\)) or Philip\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\)) Gray, all brothers of Jacob Gray. Further research into this Peter Gray needs to be done to establish relationship, if any, to our family.

Thus far our research has exposed at least two and possibly three men by the name of Peter Gray. Additional study will be necessary to identify these individuals more specifically.

**RUTH GRAY BRANNON**

and her brother

**WILLIAM GRAY**

Ruth Gray Brannon, age 39, appears in Berkeley County, West Virginia, on the 1850 census with her husband Levi Brannon and ten children.\(^{528}\) The 1880 census shows Ruth and her brother William still living in Berkeley County, Ruth (widow) age 74 and William (single) 80. Both are shown as born in VA as well as their parents.\(^{529}\) Using the two census records, Ruth was born about 1806-1811 and William about 1800. Although Ruth could possibly be a child of George\(^2\) (Michael\(^1\)) Gray, it would be hard to explain two children in the family named William. (See page 30.) Her marriage, documented in records of Berkeley County, Virginia, on 4 June 1827 show the suretor


as Hannoms Gray, likely her father or brother, and again not a name familiar with our Gray family.  

No evidence exists at this time that Ruth and William are connected to our Michael Gray family, other than living in the same general area, which could mean that there is a lateral link somewhere.

**THOMAS GRAY**

Thomas Gray was also listed as a son of John and Susannah Gray of Chester County, Pennsylvania (see Friend Gray on page 361). At least one reference to a Thomas Gray is found in Hampshire County. On 19 August 1819, Fanny Gray, orphan of Thomas Gray, deceased, chose Alexander Poston as her guardian. She is “upwards of fourteen years of age.” No additional research has been done at this time.

**WILLIAM GRAY**

Fifty acres of Fairfax land was awarded to William Gray in 1799. Additional identification of this William has not been accomplished. He could have been a brother of Friend Gray, see page 361, considering there was a son named William mentioned in the mother’s will. 

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APPENDIX A

A transcription of some of the documents that did not copy well or were harder to read is included here for convenience.

Page 44-46: The will of Jacob Gray (Michael) is transcribed below.

In the name of God—Amen

I Jacob Gray of the County of Morgan, in the state of Virginia being weak in body but sound in mind and memory for which I trust I am duly thankful to my Father in Heaven, and being desirous to make a disposition of such property as I have been permitted to accumulate in this world, do make and publish this as and for my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made if any such should after my death be produced although I am not conscious of in having heretofore made any such will. In the first place, I direct all my just debts to be paid by my personal representative, in the manner mode and with the limitations required by law for the protection of my estate. Secondly, I direct my funeral expenses to be paid. Thirdly: I bequeath unto Peter Gray, my nephew who now lives with me the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to him on the first day of April next provided my death occur before that time otherwise to be paid to him on the first day of April next succeeding my decease. Fourthly: I bequeath to Eliza Michael wife of Daniel Michael one hundred dollars to be paid twelve months after my death. –Fifthly: I bequeath to Michael Gray, son of my brother Philip Gray, the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid twelve months after the sale of my personal estate by my personal representative. –Sixthly: I bequeath to my sister Sarah Gray now in Ohio fifty dollars and also fifty dollars to her daughter Scynthia Neff Gray [sic] to be paid twelve months after the sale of my personal estate by my personal representative. –Seventhly: I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy the one third of all my personal estate after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses and costs attending the administration of my personal estate, and in addition thereto I bequeath also to her two of my best cows to be selected by herself and the best bed, bedstead and bedding also to be selected by herself and also my bureau and cupboard; and all her poultry—

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Eightly: I will and devise to my beloved wife Nancy the farm or land where on I now reside for and during her natural lifetime; but neither she herself
or any other person by, through or under her authority is to cut down or destroy any
of the timber now growing or standing thereon except such timber as may be
necessary for the use of the farm aforesaid and for fire purposes thereon.

Ninethly: --After the death of my beloved wife aforesaid I direct and
it is my last will and desire that the farm aforesaid whereon I now reside
shall be sold by my personal representative who may at that time be acting
as such at public auction before the front door of the Court house of this
County on some Court-day after at least one month notice of the time, place and
terms of sale by advertisement in writing posted at the front door of the Court
house of this County and inserted in some convenient newspaper and the pro-
ceeds thereof shall be equally [sic] divided between Michael Gray, Jefferson Gray,
George Gray (three sons of my brother Philip) Edward Gray, son of Michael
Gray, Michael Gray, also son of Michael Gray, and, Jacob Grove son of sis-
ter Susan Grove. The said Michael Gray, Jefferson Gray, George Gray,
Edward Gray, Michael Gray and Jacob Grove are to share and share alike
in the proceeds of said land when sold. --Tenthly: --It is my will that
my wife shall have one third of my personal estate after the debts and
funeral expenses and costs of Administration are deducted and out of
the remaining two thirds of my personal estate the legacies, and bequests
of money here in before made are to be paid if sufficient [sic] for that purpose,
and if not there is to be an abatement proportionally among all the pecu-
iary legatees here in before mentioned; but the property legacies to my wife
are under no circumstances to abate or be denied to her nor are they to be (continued on next page)

considered a part of the general legacy to her but are in addition thereto and under
no circumstances are the legacies aforesaid to be charged upon my land either
directly or indirectly neither at law nor in equity but if the same can not
be paid without resorting to my land they are not not [sic] to be paid at all,
If my personal estate shall be more than sufficient [sic] to pay my debts, funeral
expenses, costs of administration and the pecuniary legacies hereinbefore [sic]
made after giving my wife her one third thereof and also her specific lega-
cies and there should turn out to be a residue, it is my will and desire that
my personal representative hereinafter appointed shall retain the same in
his hands for the following use and purpose and none other that is to say he shall
give it to my beloved wife from time to time and in such sums as he shall
think her necessities require or he shall furnish therewith from time to
time to my brother George Gray such articles of clothing or other necessaries
as he shall think proper or he shall apply it to both of them in the manner in-
dicated in such proportions as he shall think proper, but under no circumstances
is he to give any portion thereof in money to my brother George.—Lastly I
do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel Whisner son of Jacob Whisner Exec-
utor of this my last will & testament. Signed with my name and sealed
with my seal this fifth day of February 1857.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged

Jacob Gray (Seal)

In the presence of
J. S. Duckwall
George W. Hunter

Virginia, Morgan County Court February Term 1857

The last will and Testament of Jacob Gray deceased was presented in Court
and proven by the oaths of George W. Hunter and J. S. Duckwall two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, and was admitted to Probate and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

L. S. Allen, C. M. C.
Page 47-49: The transcription of the letter from Samuel Whisner to George Gray dated January 27, 1897 is shown below:

Great Cacapon, Morgan Co., W. Va.
Jany 27. 1897.

George Gray Esq.,
Jamestown, Ohio.

My dear Sir,

I write to inform you that
on the 5, day of Jany, 1897, I made sale
of the Uncle Jake Gray farm, it being
the third time it was offered at
public sale, for the sum of $726.00
One third cash and the residue in one and
two years from date.

I had hoped to get a better price,
but after due advertisement and having
several bidders present obtained
the above price.

Below you will find the amount
furnished by me to Aunt Nancy for
her comfort, and also her funeral
expenses, taxes for two years, and Doctors
bill, all of which I am expected to pay

(out of the funds arising from the sale of
the farm, this is out side of expenses
of sale of farm.

I hope this will meet with your
approval, if so please answer at
your earliest convenience.

Hoping that you and your friends
may be enjoying good health I
remain.

Yours Very Respectfully
Samuel Whisner
Executor

P.S.

What would you say to erecting a tomb-
stone to the grave of Aunt Nancy
who was the first person buried at a new
church 1-1/4 miles up the valley from
where she lived. She died on the 17,
day of last April, after a short
illness, but her health had been
very unsettled for some time previous
Her end was peace. S. W. Per Son
Page 60: Jacob Gray’s testament regarding the age of Frances Smith.

Morgan County, to wit,
I Charles Orrick deputy
Clerk of Morgan County do hereby certify, that
Jacob Gray, personally appeared before me on this day
and made oath that according to the best of his knowl
edge the within named Frances Smith who is about
to intermarry with his Brother Michael Gray is
over twenty one years of age.
Given under my hand this 2\textsuperscript{nd} day of
March 1827.
Char\textsuperscript{t} Orrick, DCMC

Page 62: The Will of Michael\textsuperscript{2} Gray (Michael\textsuperscript{1}).

Michael Gray, deceased

In the name of the Benevolent Father of All, I Michael Gray of the County of Fayette and State of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament.
1\textsuperscript{st} I devise and bequeath to my son Edward Gray and his heirs one house and lot No. 11 Eleven in the
town of
Jeffersonville in said county and state and four hundred dollars and one horse Beast.
2\textsuperscript{nd} I devise and bequeath to my son Michael Gray one thousand dollars out of the Highland farm
and one horse Beast.
3\textsuperscript{rd} I devise and bequeath to my son Jacob Gray the home place containing two hundred
acres and one horse.
4\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Matilda Howard one hundred dollars more than she has got.
5\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Elizabeth Creamer one hundred dollars more than she has got.
6\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Christeny Duckwall two hundred and twen-
ty five dollars.
7\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Mary Adams five dollars more than she has got.
8\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Martha Carr one hundred and fifty dollars more than she has got.
9\textsuperscript{th} I devise and give to my daughter Sarah J. Gray two hundred and twenty five dollars.
My chattel property is to be sold and all of my Debts paid and what is left is to be E
qually divided amongst all.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17\textsuperscript{th} day of Sep
tember 1849.
(Signed) Michael Gray
Page 126: Survey of the 40.13 acre property on Plymouth Road, Greene County, Ohio, deeded to George W. Gray from A. G. Carpenter.

G. W. Gray

Surveyed Feb. 3rd 1879 for A. G. Carpenter
Description. Being a part of Military Survey No. 3280. The part hereby described beginning at a Stone and Elm in the South line of Wm. Sesler and thence S 3½ E78.68 Rods to a stake in a small ditch. Thence S2 W12.40 Rods to a stone under a small bridge in a Ditch in the center of the county road from which a forked Elm bears S73 W62 ½ Links; Thence with the center of the county road S77.45 E63.54 Rods to a stone in the center of the road at the intersection of another road leading north and in Turners line; Thence with his line and the center of the road N3 E102.32 Rods to a point one link north of a stone as it now stands in the center of said road and corner to Wm. Sesler; Thence with his line N88 ¼ W 71.80 Rods to the beginning containing 40.13 acres.

L. Riddell
County Surveyor
Genealogy is about sharing and contact with others. In an effort to expand our Gray information and the lateral families of the Grays, I have included the names and contact information of other researchers who are working on these lines and given permission for me to do so. There are many others who have helped me in many different ways.

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For those interested in researching the John Gray family of Noble County, Ohio, the last—or next-to-last—survivor of the Revolution, a discussion group is available on the internet at john-gray-family@egroups.com.
FAREWELL

As I bring this part of our GRAY family history to a close, I hope everyone has found at least some small part that interested him or her. In high school, very few of us see the need of that history class; I know I did not. It did hold some intrigue for me though. After working in genealogy for the past 20 years, I have a new outlook on “history” and more importantly the history we are making for our own descendants.

I realize how ‘dry’ some of the previous chapters may be to someone who is not particularly interested in genealogy, as such. However, I hope you were able to set aside the blandness of genealogical numbering and perhaps the presentation style and see the people for what they gave us. I had only heard of a very few of the people portrayed in the previous chapters, yet today after all these years of research, they each have their own personality. Most families raised many children on meager circumstances, sometimes seeing their spouses and children dying to diseases we do not even think about any more. It was not uncommon to lose one or several of your children before they reached adulthood. Today, those circumstances create a major event in our lives. After the death of a spouse, it was most common for either sex to remarry and have a “second” family.

If you have ever driven through the mountains of West Virginia or visited the area around Berkeley Springs, try to remember the area. Think about trying to provide for a family in those foothills in the late 1700s and early 1800s. None of our forebearers had any training and are listed as farmers in all census reports. These pioneers wanted more and better chances for their families. They packed what few belongings they had into wagons and set out not knowing what was ahead, just the hope of a better tomorrow. At the time of Michael Gray’s death in 1829, only his sons Michael Jr., Philip and Jacob could write. His daughters signed all documents by their mark “X”. As you reach for the TV remote tonight, remember the sacrifices these people made to bring the Gray family to Ohio.
This index lists all people mentioned in this book. The book is entirely centered in the Morgan/Berkeley/Hampshire Counties area of Virginia and West Virginia where the Gray family is first known to have lived and in Fayette and Greene Counties, Ohio, where they migrated in the 1800s. For this reason, places are not indexed except for certain instances of recognition. Page numbers in bold indicate the primary sketch on a direct line ancestor, through the fifth generation of Michael. Photographs are listed separately under their own heading.

Women are cross-referenced under maiden names and all known married names. Unknown surnames and unknown maiden names are at the beginning below under the heading (-?-). Unknown given names appear as -?- without parentheses.

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