

Labon / Labron Wright (1817-1902)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1992

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Dear Mr. Long:

It was so nice of you to take the time to talk with me about our mutual family interests on the evening of March 22. As promised I am sending you a copy of the letter that I received from Mrs. Lula (Acton) Karraker on August 24, 1971. In it she states that her Grandfather was Laban Wright and that he was the son of William and Julia (Harris) Wright.

I am also sending copies of the information that I have on the Wright Family. Most of it was taken from census records, as you can see. Bessie (Acton) Rowe told me that Miles Wright moved back to Hardin County, Ky. after the Civil War. Bessie was a cousin of Lula Karraker, as well as, a cousin to my Grandmother, Willie (Turtham) Acton. Laban Wright bought the farm of my Great-great-great-Grandfather, Bartimeous Acton, who was the first Acton to settle in Ohio County, Ky. He bought his first piece of land in Ohio County in 1831.

I am also sending a chart of my direct lines, as well as, family group sheets on my direct line of the Wedding family. I hope this will help you with your search into the Wright-Wedding families. I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience if you can help me with the Wright and Midkiff Families. I would appreciate any information that you can share on these families. Do you know when William Wright came to Ohio County, Ky? Did he ever live in Hardin or LaRue Counties?

I must close for now. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
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12 June 1992

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Dear Ms. Acton:

Sorry it has taken me awhile to answer your letter. My desk is full of work I am behind on. Besides working fulltime at the Owensboro Library I am also working on compiling publications for the Society of Kentucky Pioneers ("Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy & Records').

Thank you for the information on the Wright & Wedding families. I have always intended to look into the Wright family more. Several of the descendants of Laban (have also seen "Labron") Wright (b. Jan.1817, d. after 1900) & Mary Elizabeth Collins were related to my family. Their granddaughter, Martisha Wright married William David Young, a brother to my great-grandfather. And a great-granddaughter, Katherine Wright (Laban - William T.- Labron Thomas - Katherine) married my great-uncle, Albert Long. William & Judia Harris Wright I believe came to Ohio County during the 1830's from Hardin County, KY. They are in the 1840 Ohio County census but are not there in 1830. There is a William Wright in the 1830 Hardin County, KY census, who I think is probably the William of Ohio County.

Enclosed is a family group sheet for the family of William Peyton & Polly Wedding Midkiff. I am working towards the goal of some day publishing a book on the Midkiff family, thus I ask that this data not be circulated to anyone else who has intentions of publishing it under their name (seems awful to ask this, but it has repeatedly happened that my work has appeared under someone else's name).

Bye for now and good luck in your research.

Yours truly,
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Laban / Labron Wright was born in January 1817 Hardin County, Ky. He married Frances Johnson, 12 October 1837 Hardin County, KY and Mary Elizabeth Collins (1828-1909) in Hardin County, KY on 20 September 1846. He is listed in the 1840 census of Hardin County, KY, 1850 census of Larue County, KY, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He moved to Ohio County, KY circa 1860.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 22 August 1902, p3: "Uncle Laban Wright, of Rosie, is very sick. Uncle Laban is ninety years old and his troubles are chiefly due to old age."

Laban Wright and his first wife, Frances Johnson, were the parents of – Alexander H. (1836-1921), Margaret Ellen (c1837-), Mary Elizabeth (1842-1917, single), and Rebecca Ann (1845-1920, wife of John Birks Hines). Laban and Mary Elizabeth Collins had eight children (two of whom were deceased in 1900) –William Thomas (1846-1932, husband of Henrietta Schroader), John Henry (1850-1935, husband of Mary Elizabeth Wedding and Nancy Delila Jamison), Jemima Jane ((1853-1912, wife of Henry Clay Dever), Arabella (1857-1902, wife of William Franklin Acton), Martha A. (1858-1924, single) and James Hillary (1859-1939, single).