

Family of Alexander Bevins & Nancy Ann Boucher

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Dear Ms. Koehr:

Enclosed is what I have found about James S. Bivens, born 9 May 1833. The 1883 History of Daviess County, Kentucky & the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. both report that he was born in Daviess County, Ky. In settlement papers of the estate of Barbara Shadwick dec' d he is named as one of her heirs. In Daviess County, KY deed book M, p437 the heirs of Barbara Shadwick, dec' d, sold 169 acres on Blackford Creek to Albert G. Yewell, on 22 Sep 1855, named among her heirs were: James S., Columbus & Margaret Bivens. In Daviess County in 1830 Barbara's daughter, Margaret Shadwick, had married Dudley Bevins. In the 1860 Daviess County census Dudley Bevins was listed near his son James S.

Dudley Bevins was born, about 1811, the marriage bond of his daughter, Martha (Daviess Co. KY Mar. Bk F, p203), reports that he was born in Madison County, Ky. His parents, Alexander Bevins & Ann Boucher were married in Madison County, KY in 1808. Between 1810 & 1820 Alexander Bevins moved to what is now Hancock County, KY, at the time it was part of Breckinridge County, KY. Dudley Bevins & his father, Alexander, are listed in the 1840 Hancock County, KY census and they appear together on an 1842 Hancock County mortgage record. Alexander Bevins is listed in the 1850 Hancock County, KY census & in the 1860 Hancock County, KY census his widow, Catherine May Bevins appears. Dudley Bevins was not found in the 1850 Hancock or Daviess censuses, records in the settlement of the estate of his mother-in-law, Barbara Shadwick in the early 1850's indicates his 3 children that were heirs of Barbara, were then non residents of Kentucky. By 1860 Dudley Bevins & his family had returned to Daviess County, KY, where on 11 March 1867 William Carr was appointed the administrator of the estate of Dudley Bevins, deceased.

James S. Bivens (also called "Robert") on 7 Feb 1898 sold land to his second wife, Nancy C. Bivens, Daviess County, KY deed book 67, p186. James S. & none of his four children were listed in the 1900 Daviess County, KY census; his wife, Nancy C. (they had no children) was enumerated in the Vanover Precinct in the 1900 Daviess census, she was listed as being a widow. During the 1890's the families of James S. Bivens' daughters, Maggie Overall & Fannie Wallace, left Daviess County, KY and moved to Craighead County, Arkansas. James S. Bivens when he

sold land in 1898 to his second wife may have then left Daviess County & joined his children. No administrator or estate records were recorded for James S. Bivens in Daviess County, KY. The records of Craighead County, Ark. should be checked for him. In Dec 1987 I did research for Freda Bateman, 4289 Verbena, Memphis, TN 38108, a granddaughter of Henry Wallace & Fannie Bivens (my work for her was on the Wallace side), copy of her letter is enclosed.

For the enclosed research I will request \$___. You requested 3 hours (at \$4.50). I did a couple of more hours over this but will charge only for the 3 hours, plus my copying & postage expenses. I believe I could uncover more on your Shadwick & Crabtree families. Thank you for contacting me.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long
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Alexander Bevins was born about 1774. According to the 1850 census he was born in North Carolina. In Madison County, KY on 15 November 1808 he married Nancy Ann Boucher. She was the daughter of William Boucher & Milly Faris and was born 1791-1794 in Madison County, KY. Her father signed consent for her marriage.

Alexander Bevins was enumerated in the 1810 census of Madison County, KY and in the 1820 of Breckinridge County, KY. In 1840 & 1850 he appears in the censuses of Hancock County, KY.

The 1850 census reports that Alexander Bevins was born about 1774 in North Carolina. His daughter, Harriet Ann Chappell, in the 1880 census reported that her father was born in NC and her mother in KY. Alexander first appears in the Madison County, KY tax lists in 1803. The first Bevins found in Madison's tax records was in the previous year when Leonard & Truman W. were listed. In the entry for Leonard three males over 21 were noted, one of who may have been Alexander. Also appearing in the Madison County records immediately after this were: Cotey, Valentine (also listed by nickname of "Felty", married Elizabeth Speer in 1803, bond on their marriage was by William Butcher), and Betsy (married James Cochran in 1808, bond was by Truman Bevins, the Cochran family lived in the same neighborhood as the Boucher & Faris families). The 1810 census of Madison County lists only two Bevins households - Truman & Alexander. Truman White Bevins was born about 1780; in Madison County he married Anna Moore in 1803. Truman is the only Bevins listed in the 1820 Madison County census. Truman married Ann Moore in that county on 7 April 1803. He died in Clay County, MO on 7 July 1851. One of Alexander's grandsons was christened "Truman".

Alexander Bevins was last recorded in the Madison County tax lists in 1816, the same year that his father-in-law, William Boucher, and brother-in-law, Robert Boucher, last appear. Most likely he accompanied them westward. By 1819 he was residing in Breckinridge County,

KY, where he is first found in the tax lists in 1819 (the tax book for the preceding year is missing). He was enumerated there in the 1820 census and in the tax lists through 1828. He lived in the area along Blackford Creek, in the western part of Breckinridge County that in 1829 became Hancock County. In the 1829-1850 Hancock County tax lists Alexander is listed with land along Blackford Creek, ranging from 140 to 750 acres. He is enumerated in the 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses of Hancock County.

Nancy Ann Boucher Bevins appears to have died between 1840-1844. She was living at the time of an 1837 deed. In that year Alexander Bevians, wife Anna, Dudley Bevians, wife Margaret, and William Bevians & wife jointly deeded property to Greenup Tucker. In Alexander Bevins' household in the 1840 census there is a female aged 40-50, who is probably his wife. In Hancock County on 12 September 1844 Alexander remarried. His bride, Mrs. Catherine May, was born about 1777. Alex is last listed in the Hancock County tax records in 1857. After his name, in that list, it is written "old and infirm". He was then about 83 years old. At that time he apparently was excused from paying the county taxes since a zero was entered in the tithables column.

The death of Alexander Bevins probably occurred during the years of 1857-1860. In the latter year he is not listed in the 1860 Hancock County census but his wife Mrs. Catherine Bevins is. She was then living in the home of Daniel & Phebe Boucher Colbert, a sister-in-law of Alexander Bevins. In 1860 Daniel Colbert was appointed caretaker for Mrs. Bevins, a pauper. The burial site of Alexander and Nancy Ann Bevins has not been located.

The 1810 through 1850 censuses suggest that Alexander Bevins & Nancy Ann Boucher may have had six children who lived to adulthood. Records were found that prove who five of these were. They are: Dudley (c1811-1867), William (c1814-1858/9), Harriet Ann (1822-1908), John Lee (1828-1910) & Jonas G. (c1830-after 1850). A sixth child is possibly George Alexander Bevins (c1825-), who appears in the 1848, 1849 & 1854 Hancock County tax lists. George married Orpha Evans in Daviess County, KY on 5 June 1848 and their household was enumerated twice in the 1860 Daviess County census. During the 1860's George's family left the Daviess-Hancock County area.

In the years of 1846, 1849 & 1850 Alexander Bevins deeded land to his children: Harriet A. Chappell, William, John L. & Jonas Bevins. The Hancock County deeds for these transfers state that they were his children. Jonas G. Bevins at the time of the 1850 Hancock County census was still living in the home of his father. He last appears in the Hancock tax lists in 1852 and is not found in the records of Hancock or Daviess Counties after that.

Dudley Bevins son of Alexander Bevins and Nancy Ann Boucher, was born about 1811. He bears the family name of his grandmother, Phebe Dudley Farms. On the marriage of Dudley's daughter, Martha, in 1861, it is recorded that her father was born in Madison County, KY. (Daviess County, KY marriage book F, p203). He married four times, to Margaret Shadwick (4

November 1830 Daviess County, KY), Martha Ann Harrison (25 November 1841 Hancock County, KY), Sarah Adaline Harrison (20 October 1846 Hancock County, KY) and Adaline Holmes (4 May 1856 McLean County, KY). In the 1840 Hancock County, KY census Dudley Bevins was listed as living in the town of Hawesville. Alexander and Dudley Bevin, on 17 January 1842, mortgaged property to Nicholas Board and others. Dudley could not be found in the 1850 Kentucky census. During the early 1850's he was a nonresident of Kentucky. By the time of the 1860 census he was living in the Vanover Precinct area of western Daviess County, KY, where he has many descendants. Dudley Bevins died in 1867. William Carr was appointed the administrator of the estate of Dudley Bivens, dec'd, in Daviess County on 11 March 1867 (Daviess County Administrator Bond book 4, p463). Dudley Bevins children included: James Stanley (also called Robert), Margaret Ann (wife of Abraham Bowers), John Columbus, Martha D. (wife of Thomas Abraham Crabtree), Wheeler H., John, Azro ("Bud"), Charles M., Ellinora ("Nora", wife of John A. Pinkston, James I. Overall, William Shaney & D. Oost), George L. & Hampton.

In 1840 Margaret, first wife of Dudley Bevins, died according to a family bible in the family of her sister, Catherine Shadwick Douthitt (see Kentucky Family Records, (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, Vol.1, p4, 1969). Margaret was born 1810-1815 in Nelson County, KY and was the daughter of Thomas Shadwick & Barbara Harrell. According to Daviess County, KY Deed book M, p437, Margaret was survived by three children, they were:

1. James Stanley Bevins was born 9 May 1833 in Daviess County, KY. Married Elizabeth Crabtree, 6 July 1856, Daviess County, KY and Mrs. Nancy Cansadia (Vanover) Crabtree, 4 September 1890, Daviess County, KY. He was also known by the name of "Robert" and was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. He was living in Daviess County, KY in 1898, but may have died in Craighead County, Arkansas, where several of his children resided.
2. Margaret Ann Bevins was born about 1836 in Daviess County, KY and married Abraham Bowers, 23 July 1856, Daviess County, KY. According to the Owensboro Weekly Messenger of 12 November 1879 she died 9 November 1879 in Daviess County, KY.
3. John Columbus Bevins was born about 1838 in Hancock County, KY, as was reported on his marriage record. He married Sarah Elizabeth Shadwick 7 May 1863, Daviess County, KY. He last appeared in the Daviess County, KY censuses in 1870. In 1900 he was living in Hancock County, KY.

Dudley Bevins' second wife, Martha Ann, was the daughter of Grove Harrison, and was born 1820-1828 in Nelson County, KY. She died 1844-1846. She had at least one child:

1. Martha D. Bevins was born 1 May 18145 in Daviess County KY and married Thomas Abraham Crabtree, 31 October 1861, Daviess County, KY. On 9 November 1929 she

died in Daviess County, KY and was buried at the Old Macedonia Cemetery in McLean County, KY.

Dudley Bevins' third wife, Sarah Adaline Harrison, was born about 1830. She died at the home of her son, Bud Bevins, near Panther, in Daviess County, KY, on 18 October 1920, and was buried in the Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Daviess County, KY. She had seven children:

1. Wheeler H. Bivins was born 14 August 1847 KY (his tombstone has born 1846 but his marriage bond and censuses indicate he was born in 1847). He married Louisa Davis, 24 December 1867 Daviess County, KY. He died 11 November 1913 and was buried at the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Daviess County, KY.
2. John Bevins was born about 1851 and died 1870-1920.
3. Azro "Bud" Bivens was born in February 1856 KY, married Lydia Shadwick, 21 February 1881, Daviess County, KY, died 9 October 1937 at Panther, Daviess County, Ky, and was buried Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Daviess County, KY.
4. Charles H. Bevins was born about 1859 and died 1870-1880.
5. Ellinora "Nora" Bevins was born about 1862 in Daviess County, KY. She married four times: John A. Pinkston, 1 August 1877 Daviess County, KY; James Isiah Overall, 27 January 1889 Daviess County, KY; William Shaney, 27 October 1892 Daviess County, KY; and D. Oost, 1900-1920. She died 24 March 1936 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried at the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Daviess County, KY.
6. George L. Bivens was born 25 December 1863 in Daviess County, KY, married Bettie Vanover, 12 February 1890 Daviess County, KY, died 15 January 1946 at Panther, Daviess County, KY, and was buried Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Daviess County, KY.
7. Hampton "Hamp" Bivens was born about 1867 in Daviess County, KY, married Luvena Pinkston, 15 January 1903, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, died 1 July 1933 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, and was buried at the Calhoun Cemetery, McLean County, KY.

William Bevins, son of Alexander Bevins & Nancy Ann Boucher, was born about 1814 Madison County, KY. In Hancock County, KY he married Susan Driskell, 29 November 1844. Susan the daughter of John Driskell & Nancy Thomas was born c1828 Mercer County, KY. He died between 1857-1860 in Hancock County, KY. He last appears in the Hancock County tax lists in 1858. In the following year that county's tax collector recorded an entry for "William Bivins' widow". Mrs. Susan Bevins married Richard Simmons in Hancock County 23 August 1860; by this marriage she had at least two children, Elizabeth (wife of James Isaiah Overall) & Curtis. Susan in 1878 was living in the Vanover area of Daviess County, KY, where the family of her brother-in-law, Dudley Bevins, had located several years earlier. Two of her children by her marriage to William Bevins and her two Simmons children continued to make this area their home. The three sons of William Bevins & Susan Driskell used the spelling of "Bivins". Their children were:

1. Truman Bivins was born 3 December 1846 in Hancock County, KY and married Sallie Potts, 3 April 1866, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He died 27 May 1928 Owensboro, KY and was buried at the Bethlehem Methodist Church in Daviess County, KY.
2. Edwin Hawes Bivins was born 7 March 1850 in Hancock County, KY. Married Belle W. Beauchamp, 16 June 1870, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, and Bettie Hale, 16 April 1891, Daviess County, KY. He died 5 June 1930 Hancock County, KY and was buried at the Roseville Cemetery in Hancock County, KY.
3. William S. Bivins was born 21 January 1855 Hancock County, KY. He married Lucy Crabtree, 13 April 1880 Daviess County, KY. Died 26 June 1916 Daviess County, KY and was buried St. Raphael Catholic Church, Daviess County, KY.
4. Susan Frances Bivins was born 21 April c1858 Hancock County, KY. She married Albert A. Crabtree, 22 May 1884 Daviess County, KY. Died 14 February 1947 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN and was buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, IN.

Harriet Ann Bevins daughter of Alexander Bevins & Mary Boucher was born 5/22 January 1822 Breckinridge County, KY and married Robert Wooden Chappell in Hancock County, KY on 25 January 1841. On her marriage bond it was written that her father, Alexander signed his consent. She died 17 November 1908. Her husband was the son of James W. Chappell & Elizabeth Stewart; he was born 3/13 June 1816 Jefferson County, KY and died 7 June 1885. Robert & Harriet were buried in the Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Utility, Hancock County, KY. See Chappell bible record published in the Forgotten Pathways, quarterly of Genealogical Society of Hancock County, Hawesville, KY, Winter 1985, Vol.1, No.3, pp.49-51. Their children were:

1. Clara Ann Chappell, born 12 October 1840 KY. She married Costin B. Shadwick, 27 January 1859 Daviess County, KY. She died 4 May 1892 and was buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Utility, Hancock County, KY.
2. Emiline Chappell, born 15 April 1814 KY and died 15 March 1844 KY.
3. Hardin Davis Chappell, born 23 December 1844 KY, married Mary Ann Barker, 25 April 1867 Daviess County, KY; Sarah Wells, 8 February 1894 Clay County, AR; and Rebecca Geraldine Owens, 18 September 1913 Clay County, AR. He died 13 May 1927 Palatka, Clay County, AR and was buried Blacks Cemetery, Clay County, AR.
4. Harvey Chappell, born 22 Nov 1846 KY and died 11 June 1848 KY.
5. Mary Emily Chappell, born 20 March 1849 Hancock County, KY, married Edmund W. Lambert, 5 Dec 1867 Daviess County, KY. She died 30 January 1930 Hancock County, KY and was buried Gatewood-Lambert Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.
6. Elizabeth Chappell, born 18 April 1851 KY and died 16 February 1868.
7. Sarah S. Chappell, born 4/5 June 1853 KY, married Lemuel T. Hall, 14 May 1876 Hancock County, KY. She died 6 January 1901 and was buried Roberts Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.

8. Rillar Harriet Chappell, born 8 September 1855 Daviess County, KY, married William Scifres, 15 Oct 1874 Spencer County, IN. She died 7 December 1936 Gatewood, Hancock County, KY and was buried Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Utility, Hancock County, KY.
9. John Columbus Chappell, born 12 Nov 1857 Daviess County, KY. He married twice, Ida Moorman, 14 December 1882 Hancock County, KY, and Hattie A. Rice, 25 December 1890 Hancock County, KY. He died 7 March 1931 Hancock County, KY and was buried Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
10. Amanda W. Chappell, born 3 October 1859 Daviess County, KY, married William Minor Stewart, 5 January 1886 Hancock County, KY. She died 6 December 1923 Daviess County, KY and was buried Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY.
11. Catherine Jackson Chappell, born 10 January 1862 KY, married William Head, 7 March 1878 Daviess County, KY. She died 7 April 1929 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.
12. Andy Johnson Chappell, born 7 January 1864, married Emily E. Swihart, 19 February 1885 Hancock County, KY. He died 22 June 1894 and was buried Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.

John Lee Bivens son of Alexander Bevins and Mary Boucher was born 24 December 1828 Breckinridge County, KY. He served in the Mexican War. His military outfit, Company F of the 4th KY Volunteer Infantry, included several soldiers from the Hancock County, KY area. He lived his entire life in Hancock County, KY except for a few years in Mississippi County, Arkansas during the 1850's. He married twice – Mary Jane Pedigo, 12 February 1850 Hancock County, KY and Lucinda Colbert, 11 October 1869 Hancock County, KY. Mary Jane Pedigo was the daughter of Levi E. Pedigo & Elizabeth E. Thomas; she was born c1827 Warren County, KY and died 1860-1869 and was buried at the Driskell Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. John Bevins died 19 January 1910 and was buried in the Poplar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, in Hancock County, KY.

Children of John L. Bivens & Mary Jane Pedigo were:

1. Henry born 23 October 1854, married Kate E. Boswell, 17 January 1884 Daviess County, KY. He died 3 October 1889 and was buried on the Boswell farm, Ray Road, Daviess County, KY.
2. Jane Thompson born 10 November 1856 Mississippi County, AR. She married Camden Riley Toler, her 2nd cousin, 25 March 1875 Hancock County, KY. She died 15 December 1933 Hancock County, KY and was buried Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
3. Harriett born 18 July 1858 Arkansas. She married William White, 24 January 1884. She died 15 September 1918 Hancock County, KY and was buried Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.
4. Jackson born c1861, died after 1880.

John L. Bivens and his second wife, Lucinda Colbert, were first cousins; she was the daughter of Daniel Colbert & Phebe Boucher; she was born 23 April 1843 Hancock County, KY and died 24 October 1876, buried Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY. Children of John L. Bivens & Lucinda Colbert were:

1. William born in February 1870 Hancock County, KY. He died 10 December 1874 and was buried at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.
2. Richard Lee born 5 April 1872 Hancock County, KY. He was murdered on 23 December 1900 in Warrensburg, Macon County, IL and was buried Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY. He was not married.
3. Sarah Jemima born 29 October 1873 Hancock County, KY. She married Claude Robert Holland, 5 October 1893 Thruston, Daviess County, KY. She died 9 April 1950 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
4. Clarence Leroy born 5 January 1876 Hancock County, KY. He married Bernice Mauzy Armstrong, 3 March 1913. He lived Dalton, IL, He died 6 April 1957 and was buried Mason Cemetery, Mason City, Mason County, IL.