

Bozarth Family Record

Compiled by Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., April 1999

The following was copied from the family records of the late Robert Ross Milne (1928-1991), of Owensboro, KY. Mr. Milne was a son of Colin Ross Milne (1882-1962) & Nina Corinne Whitehead (1900-1967), grandson of John William Whitehead (1864-1936) & Ovela Bozarth (1870-1939), great-grandson of James Hargus Bozarth (1841-1914) & Lucinda Frances Jones (1845-1921), 2nd great-grandson of Jonathan Bozarth (1815-1882) & Sally Jones (1820-1845), and 3rd great-grandson of John Bozarth (1785-c1868) & Charlotte Rose (1789-).

Family record in "The Holy Bible", published by Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co., 253 Market St., Philadelphia, PA, 1838:

Jonathan Bozarth & Sally Jones were married 24 April 1838.

Jonathan Bozarth was born April the 24th, 1815.

Sally Jones was born 23rd Nov. 1820.

Commodor R. Bozarth was born June 12th, 1839.

James H. Bozarth was born April the 22nd, 1841.

Malissa Bozarth was born the 25th February 1843.

John J. Bozarth was born the 15th Feb. 1845.

Jonathan Bozarth died 18 Dec. 1882.

Sally their mother deceased May 16th, 1845.

James H. Bozarth died May 12th, 1914.

Additional notes by Jerry Long:

Jonathan Bozarth (1815-1882) & Sally Jones were married in Daviess Co., KY, and are buried there in the Richardson Jones Cemetery, at Habit (see "Kentucky Family Records", Vol. 22, 1998, WCK:FRA, Owensboro, KY, pp26-28). Jonathan Bozarth moved back and forth between Ohio & Daviess Cos., KY and also for brief periods resided in Texas and Illinois. Jonathan married 2nd Mrs. Julia F. Kelley, 10Feb1846 Ohio Co., KY; born about 1816 she was the daughter of William Gillespie & Araminta Robinson; she married 1st John S. Kelley, 6Jan1841 Ohio Co., KY, she died after 1871. Jonathan Bozarth married 3rd Martha J. Comer, 16Apr1878 Ohio Co., KY. Martha J. Comer Bozarth, born 28Feb1828, died 28Jul1905, is buried at the Adaburg Baptist Church, Ohio Co., KY. According to the Hartford Herald of 3Jan1883 (Hartford, KY, p1) Jonathan Bozarth died on 18Dec1882 about 2 miles south of Haynesville, in Ohio County. At the time of his death he owned 60 acres in Ohio County.

Of Jonathan Bozarth's four children: Commodore Roy died 1839-1840 and John J. died childhood. His son, James Hargus Bozarth, died in Owensboro on 12May1914 & was buried there in Elmwood Cemetery. He was a major in the Confederate Army during the

Civil War (Co. A, 1st KY Calvary, "Orphans Brigade"). He married Lucinda Frances Jones, 20 Jan 1866 Daviess Co., KY, and they had 4 children - Sallie E., b. & d. 8 Aug 1868, Gilbert, b. 1Dec1873, d. 25Jul1874, & Charley, b. 23Jul1877, d. 20Aug1877, all three are buried at the Richardson Jones Cemetery; and Ovela, b. 23Jan1870, d. 24Jul1939, married John William Whitehead, 10Nov1892 Louisville, KY, she is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, in Owensboro, KY. Malissa Bozarth, daughter of Jonathan & Sally, married Pleasant John Martin, 7Nov1861 in Daviess Co., KY, where she died 20Dec1919 and was buried at the Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery. On her marriage bond it was written "The spirit of secession drove them from home to marry". Pleasant John Martin (28/29Aug1830-27Mar1912) was the son of Mansfield Martin & Susan Cox. P. J. & Malissa Martin were the parents of 11 children: Lucian Waverly (17Oct1862-8Jan 1927), Castella (15Feb 1864-5May1883), Albert D. (25Apr1866-10Oct1936), Nora Bell (23Jan1868-8Jul1944), Robert Edward (30May1870-6Jun1917), Ruth Ann (28Oct1872-1Mar1934), Charley (25Jan1875-4Mar1903), Sallie (15Feb1877-17Feb1894), George W. (18Feb1879-16Aug1928), Edward (16Jan1881-15Jul1931) & Wilbert E. (15Jul1883-18Aug1924).

The following record (undated) from the papers of Robert Ross Milne was sent to his great-grandfather, James H. Bozarth (1841-1914), by his uncle, Elijah King (1836-1895):

"James excuse me for not sending this sooner I had told the girls to do this and they forgot it and I done it my self. This is a true record of the family. Excuse my scribbling I am very nervous." - Elijah King

John Bozarth was born October 2nd 1785.
Charlotte Rose, his wife, was born Sept. the 16th 1789.
James Bozarth was born Sept. 24th 1809.
Pollie Bozarth was born Jan. 29th 1811.
Cassandra Bozarth was born Oct. 18th 1812.
Jonathan Bozarth was born April 24th 1815.
Thomas Bozarth was born Sept. 18th 1817.
Charlotte Bozarth was born Dec. 24th 1819.
Sarah Ann Bozarth was born Jan. 1st 1823.
Susan J. Bozarth was born Jan. 13th 1825.
John W. Bozarth was born April 6th 1827.
Mary Lanham second wife of John Bozarth.

Additional notes by Jerry Long:

John Bozarth, was born in Nelson Co., KY (then VA) on 2Oct1785, to Jonathan Bozarth (13Dec1754-14Sep1830) & Mary Hargis/Hargus (22Nov1761-11Jan1839). His father, a Revolutionary War soldier, was one of the first settlers of Grayson County, KY. He settled there by 1785. His residence prior to the formation of Grayson County had been part of Jefferson, Nelson, Hardin & Ohio Counties. Jonathan & Mary are buried in the Bozarth-Taylor Cemetery, near Leitchfield, KY. Their son, John, married Charlotte Rose, in Hardin Co., KY, on 9Mar1809. His wife was the daughter of Thomas Rose.

John at the time of his marriage was a resident of Ohio County. He lived in the eastern section that in 1810 became part of the new county of Grayson. In 1809 he was listed in the tax lists in Ohio County and in the following year he was enumerated in the 1810 census of Grayson County. About 1815 he moved to Daviess Co., KY. He appears in the first tax list of Daviess County in 1815. In that year Daviess was created out of Ohio County. John was not in the 1811-1814 Ohio County tax lists and thus must have newly moved to Daviess County about 1815. He was found in the Daviess tax books for every year between 1815-1825, except for 1820. John could not be located in the 1820 census, in Daviess County or elsewhere in the 1820 KY Census index. In 1825-1826 he located in the Bells Run area of Ohio County, where he was enumerated in the 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses.

John Bozarth married 2nd Mary Lanham, 14Dec1828 in Daviess Co., KY. She is believed to be the daughter of Richard Lanham (whose will was recorded in Ohio Co., KY in 1807) & Rachel. John Bozarth died between the dates of 2Oct1868 & 9Jun1870. On the prior date he was present at a family reunion. The following reference to this reunion was published in Richard Collins' 1874 History of Kentucky (Vol.I, p192):

Oct. 2 [1868] – The Owensboro Monitor records the re-union, at a dinner, not far from Hartford, Ohio co., of two brothers and a sister – Jerry Bozarth, aged 81 years, John Bozarth 83, and Mrs. Sally Shaw 85 – their united ages 249 years. Jerry and John have lived in two states, John has resided in six counties, and Jerry in five counties; and yet neither has lived or moved out of the county in which he was born. They lived in Kentucky when it was a portion of Virginia, and in Jefferson, Nelson, Hardin, Ohio, and other counties.

On 9Jun1870 E. H. Burton, John C. Westerfield, & Charles W. Hussey were appointed to appraise the estate of John Bozarth, deceased (Ohio Co., KY Estate file #144). In the 1870 census of Ohio County his wife, Mary, appears as a widow. Mary was born about 1799 VA and died 7Dec1873 Ohio Co., KY (journal of George W. Taylor, see Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy & Records, Vol.4, July 1982, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, p103). Elijah King was appointed administrator of her estate on 9Feb1874 (Ohio Co.,KY Administrator Bond Book 1870-1876, p261).

Of the 9 children of John Bozarth & Charlotte Rose, four are known to have remained in the Ohio-Daviess County area – Jonathan, Charlotte, Sarah Ann & Susan. Charlotte married 1st Benjamin McKinley, 20Apr1842 Ohio Co., KY & 2nd Moses Spencer, 3May1855 Ohio Co., KY. She died about 1857 and had at least 4 children, all by her 1st husband – Joseph Isaac (11Jul1844-17Jul1918), Alexander (b. c1845), Margaret E. (b. c1847) & Rachel Catherine (b. c1849, m. William H. Rummage, 1868 Ohio Co., KY). Sarah Ann Bozarth married a Johnson and died in Ohio Co., KY on 4Jun1854; 2 children – Josephine (b. c1853, m. John Ross) & Minerva (b. c1853, m. James M. Peak, 1870 Ohio Co., KY), survived her. Susan J. Bozarth, daughter of John & Charlotte, married 1st Randolph Simmons, 23May1844 Ohio Co., KY, by this marriage she had – John, Jesse & Hiram; she married 2nd William T. Sharp, 11Jul1853 Ohio Co., KY, they were the parents

of Joshua/Bud Sharp (27Jun1854-16Jun1939). Mrs. Susan J. Sharp died after the 1900 Ohio Co., KY census. John W. Bozarth (born 1827), son of John & Charlotte, prior to 1850 settled in Illinois. Becky Rippentrop (6950 Blomberg Road, Cherry Valley, IL 61016), a descendant of John W., said that it had been passed down in his family that he along with his brothers, Jim & Tom, came from the Bells Run area, of Ohio Co., KY and settled at Thompsonville, Franklin Co., IL, near Benton.

John Bozarth & his 2nd wife, Mary Lanham, had 8 children who survived to adulthood – Joseph N., Rachel, Mary, Sidney, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Thaddeus Constantine & Josephine J. Bozarth, all of whom were born in Ohio Co., KY. Joseph N. was born 7 Jan 1830 and married Elizabeth Neighbors, 15Feb1852 Ohio Co., KY. He moved to Saline Co., IL in 1853-54, where he died 10May1872, buried there in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Rachel Bozarth was born 22Oct1831 and married Richard Dudley Taylor, 19Dec1855 Ohio Co., KY. She died 26Mar1881 Ohio Co., KY, buried there in the Bells Run Baptist Church Cemetery. Mary/Molly Bozarth, a twin to Rachel, married John C. Neighbors, 18Apr1852 Ohio Co., KY. She moved to Saline Co., IL, where she died on 6Jun1899. Sidney Bozarth was born 31Dec1833. Married 1st Mary Elizabeth Rummage, 28Jun1858 Ohio Co., KY, & 2nd Senor Ann (Sharp) Chapman, 9May1899 Ohio Co., KY. Sidney died on 15Dec1912 in Webster Co., KY, where he was buried in the Lisman Cemetery (KY death cert. 1912-#32271). Rebecca Bozarth was born 13Jan1836 and married George W. Hinton, 15Aug1850 Ohio Co., KY. She died on 9Jun1900 and was buried at the Bells Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio Co., KY. Elizabeth Bozarth, was born about 1838. She was still single and residing with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bozarth, at the time of the 1870 Ohio County census; an 1878 suit involving the heirs of John Bozarth does not name her and she may have then been deceased, leaving no issue. Thaddeus C. Bozarth was born about 1839, and married Elizabeth Evaline Boyd, in1860 in Franklin Co., IL. He died in Franklin County on 3Oct1886. Josephine J. Bozarth, daughter of John & Mary, was born 2Jan1842 and married Elijah King, 2Feb1864 Ohio Co., KY. She died on 10Oct1899 and was buried at the Bells Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio Co., KY.

On 22Jan1878 a suit involving the heirs of John Bozarth, deceased, was filed in Ohio Co., KY (Elijah King vs. Thaddeus Bozarth et al, Ohio Co. Circuit Court suit #3777, WCK:FRA microfilm reel #35, frame #272). It was over the deposition of a tract of land, of about 100 acres, that John had owned at the time of his death. Of the 17 children of John Bozarth, by his marriages to Charlotte Rose & Mary Lanham, 12 were named as heirs in the suit. Those named were: Jonathan, Charlotte (dec'd), Sarah (dec'd), Susan J. (wife of W. T. Sharp), John, Joseph (dec'd), Rachel (Taylor), Molly (wife of John Neighbors), Sidney, Rebecca (wife of George Hinton), Thaddeus & Josephine (wife of Elijah King). Also named in the suit were 4 grandchildren – Joseph McKinley & Catharine Rummage, heirs of Charlotte, and Minerva wife of James Peak & Josephine wife of John Ross, heirs of Sarah.

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