

Rev. Jasper Bristow (c1786-1848)

Pioneer Minister of Daviess County, Ky.

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Jasper Bristow, son of William Bristow and Margaret Powell, was born about 1786 in Henry County, Virginia, in the area which in 1790/1 became Patrick County, Va. His father, of English descent, had settled in Henry County, Va. about 1782; he had previously resided in Loudoun County, Va. (tithable there in 1777-1779) and Frederick County, Va. (received a land lease there in 1779). William Bristow about 1767 married Margaret Powell.

Margaret Powell, mother of Jasper Bristow, was born about 1751 in Prince William County, Va. She was the daughter of William Powell & Eleanor Peyton. Margaret's great grandfather, Walter Powell (died 27 Nov. 1695, wife Margaret Berry), was an early settler of Somerset County, Md., where both Margaret's grandfather, William Powell (12 June 1673 - 1715, wife Elizabeth Lane), and father, William Powell, Jr. (c1700 - 1788, wife Eleanor Peyton), were born. William & Ellen Powell, Jr.'s children included: sons, Levin, William & Peyton, and daughters, Sarah Powell, Frances wife of William R. Elliott, and Margaret wife of William Bristow. The three sons were all officers in the American Revolution. Levin Powell, a Lt. Col., was a close associate of Gen. George Washington; he was born 1737, died 6 Aug. 1810 at Bedford, Pa., in 1765 he was married to Sarah Harrison. Among Levin Powell's descendants were numerous distinguished lawyers, legislators, Congressmen and military heroes. Margaret Powell Bristow's Peyton ancestry was also very illustrious and many annals have been written on their history; one sketch of the Peyton family was published in Virginia Genealogies, Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden (The Rare Book Shop, Washington, D.C., 1931). Powell and Peyton were frequently used in the names of the descendants of William Bristow & Margaret Powell. Their son, Jasper Bristow, named sons, William Powell and Wesley Peyton, and he had grandsons named James Peyton Bristow, Powell Karns and John Powell Johnson.

William Bristow, father of Jasper Bristow, died in 1792/3, while a resident of Patrick County, Va. His widow, Margaret, and their children, about 1798-1799 left Virginia and moved to Kentucky, where they settled in Adair County. At the time they came to Kentucky Adair County was still a part of Green County, Adair being formed from the latter in 1802. In the 1795, 1796 & 1797 tax lists of Green County, Ky. no Bristows are listed; the 1798 tax book for the county is missing; and in the 1799 tax list for Green County six Bristows are listed consecutively. They were James, Benjamin, William, Thomas, Levin & Payton Bristow, all sons of William Bristow and Margaret Powell. Four of the sons were shown as owning land on Prices Creek, a tributary of the Little Barren River, in what is now Adair County. In the first tax list of

Adair County, Ky. in 1802 three of the sons, Benjamin, Thomas & Levin, were listed. Margaret Powell Bristow subsequently removed with several of her children to Preble County, Ohio, while other children remained in Kentucky. Still later she went to Johnson County, Indiana where her death occurred. Records of the Mt. Pleasant Church in Johnson County, Ind. show that she died at the age of 82 on 27 Aug. 1833.

William Bristow & Margaret Powell's children included: Benjamin W., William, James, Thomas, Peyton, Henry, Levin, Jasper, Nancy and Margaret.

1. Benjamin Bristow was born about 1768 Va. In Franklin County, Va. he married Sarah Miles 17 Dec. 1789. He is first listed in the Green County, Ky. tax lists in 1799. On 28 Feb. 1799 he received a grant of 200 acres on Prices Creek in Green County. He is listed in the first tax list of Adair County, Ky. in 1802. He died in Adair County about 1805. His children were: Margaret, James, Miles, Hannah, Samuel, Sarah, William, Elizabeth, Nancy Ann and Telethia.

2. William Bristow was born 5 Feb. 1771 Va. In Franklin County, Va. he married Martha Beck 3 Oct. 1796. On 10 June 1799 he received a land grant of 200 acres on Indian Creek in Green County, Ky.; he is listed in the 1799 & 1800 tax lists of Green County, Ky. He moved to Cumberland County, Ky., where he died 18 Dec. 1834. His children were: Edward, Sarah, Peyton, William, Thomas, Clement, Susannah, Nancy, Margaret, James, John, Levin and Martha.

3. James Bristow was born about 1774 Loudoun County, Va. In 1799 listed in the tax list of Green County, Ky., when he was taxed on 100 acres on the east fork of the Little Barren River. In 1800 listed in the tax records of Woodford County, Ky. In Woodford County, Ky. he married Rebecca Jackson 3 March 1801. About 1804 moved to Shelby County, Ky., where he was listed in the 1810 & 1820 censuses. He died in Shelby County, Ky. during 1821-1823. Among his children was a daughter Martha.

4. Thomas Bristow was born about 1777 Loudoun County, Va. In 1799 was taxed on 100 acres on Prices Creek in Green County, Ky.; in the first tax list of Adair County, Ky. in 1802. He was married four times, the first three marriages were recorded in Adair County, Ky., they were to: Nancy Price 13 Nov. 1802, Elizabeth Sparks 6 Oct. 1806 & Lucy Mosby 20 Jan. 1808. His fourth wife was named Sarah. By 1820 he had moved to Preble County, Ohio, where he was still living at the time of the 1850 census. His children included William & Sarah.

5. Peyton Bristow was born 29 Aug. 1778 Va. In the 1799, 1800 & 1801 tax lists of Green County, Ky. he was taxed on 200 acres, surveyed & entered in his name, on Prices Creek. He later lived in Adair County, Ky., Preble County, Ohio, Johnson County, Ind. and Marion County, Ind. In Green County, Ky. married Mary Price 16 Nov. 1802 & died 10 Feb.. 1869 Marion County, Ind. His children were: William H.P., James, Lucy, Margaret, Sarah, Evans, Cornelius, Eliza E., Mary, Martha, Powell, Henry & Alfred Harrison. The latter was no doubt

named after Peyton Bristow's first cousin, Alfred Harrison Powell (son of Levin), a U.S. Congressman from Virginia in 1825-1827.

6. Henry Bristow was born about 1780? He married Peggy Patterson. In 1820 he was residing in Preble County, Ohio.

7. Levin Bristow was born 6 April 1783 Va. He was listed in the 1799 & 1800 tax lists Of Green County, Ky.; not yet being 21 the column male tithables over 21 was blank in these lists and a one was entered in the column males over 16. He is listed in first tax list of Adair County, Ky. in 1802. Along with brothers James & Jasper, he is listed in the 1806 Shelby County, Ky. tax list, in this record he was shown as owning 100 acres in Adair County. Shortly afterwards he returned to Adair County, Ky., listed there in the 1820 census. He married Nancy Irwyn and died in 1873. His children were: Ballard, Francis Marion, Juliann, Richard P. and Telethia.

8. Jasper Bristow was born about 1786 in Henry County, Va. From about 1806 until 1820 resided in Shelby County, Ky. In 1820-1821 moved to Daviess County, Ky., where he died 7 July 1848. He was a Baptist minister and married twice, to Clarissa Elliott 11 June 1807 Shelby County, Ky. and Mrs. Rachel (Barnhill) Cruse 20 May 1827 Daviess County, Ky. His children were: by his first wife, William Powell, Frances, Wesley Peyton, Eleanor, Eliza L. & Harriett, and by his second wife, Hannah Ann, Benjamin T., Jasper, Ansel Hall, Samuel Haynes, William M., Rachel Whittaker, Hiram and Richard Sultan.

9. Nancy Bristow was born about 1789 Va. She married Nathan Culver and died in Johnson County, Ind. on 2 Sept 1842.

10. Margaret Bristow was born about 1791. Patrick County, Va. In Adair County, Ky. she married James Atwood 10 Feb. 1810. They moved to the state of Ohio.

Jasper Bristow was born in the years of 1784-1786. He was about seven years old when his father died and about twelve when he came to Kentucky with his family. An older brother, James Bristow, moved to Shelby County, Ky. about 1804. Two years later the name of James Bristow is joined by that of his brothers, Levin & Jasper, in the 1806 tax list of Shelby County, Ky.; Jasper Bristow, as in several early records, was listed as "Gasper". In the listing for Jasper Bristow in the 1806 Shelby County tax list the column male tithables over 21 is blank while a one is entered in the column males over 16 & under 21. In the 1807 Shelby County tax list following the name of "Jasper Bristo" a one appears in the male tithables over 21 column. The 1806 & 1807 tax lists indicate that Jasper Bristow attained the age of 21 during 1807 and if so he would have been born in the year of 1786. In the 1810 Shelby County, Ky. census his age is listed as being in the age group of 16 to 26, thus born 1784-1794; the 1830 & 1840 Daviess County, Ky. censuses show him as being born in the decade of the 1780's.

In Shelby County, Ky. on 11 June 1807 Jasper Bristow married Clarissa Elliott, who was born between 1784-1794. She was his cousin, the daughter of William Elliott & Frances Powell,

and granddaughter of William Powell, Jr. & Eleanor Peyton. Her father died in Shelby County, Ky. in 1815 leaving children: William, Clarissa, John, Robert & Charles Elliott. The tax records of Shelby County indicate that Jasper Bristow resided there from about 1806 until 1820. He was last listed in the tax books there in 1820, when he was taxed on 100 acres on Elk Creek in Shelby County. In the 1810 & 1820 censuses of Shelby County his household was enumerated as follows:

1810 Shelby County, Ky. census, p.209:		
Jasper Bristoe	1 male 0-10	1 female 16-26
	1 male 16-26	

1820 Shelby County, Ky. census, p.134:		
Gasper Bristoe	1 male 0-10	3 females 0-10
	1 male 10-16	1 female 26-45
	1 male 26-45	

In 1820 or 1821 Jasper Bristow moved to Daviess County, Ky. In 1821 he was first listed in the Daviess County tax records. He settled in the southeastern area of Daviess. County, in the Masonville Precinct. During the 1820's many other families from Shelby County, Ky. moved to the same area of Daviess County, including the Kirk, Stout, Sharp, Dodson, King, Whitaker, Martin, Cottrell, Miller, Taylor and Shoemaker families, several of these were neighbors of the Bristows in both Shelby and Daviess Counties. The farm on which Jasper Bristow made his home was originally 375 acres. It was deeded to him by agents of the May, Bannister & Co. on 10 Jan. 1829. The Daviess County tax records show him first paying taxes on the land in 1824. His home was about 3/4 miles southeast of the Bethabara Baptist Church, located in the village of Habit. In leaving Habit on the south the Millers Mill Road travels down a hill into a flat area, this hill was formerly known as "Bristow hill" and the Jasper Bristow farm extended from the hill down to the intersection of the Millers Mill Road and the Old State Road (the latter on an 1867 plat of the farm was marked "Hinton Road").

In 1825 Jasper Bristow was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church at the Panther Creek Baptist Church, located in Ohio County, Ky. about seven miles from his home. He was ordained by the Rev. Ansel Hall (1775/1780 - 1841). Rev. Hall served as the first pastor of the Panther Creek Baptist Church in Ohio County, 1815-1840, the first pastor of the Bethabara Baptist Church in Daviess County, 1825-1827, and the third pastor of the Bell's Run Baptist Church in Ohio County, 1839-1840. Jasper Bristow named one of his sons, Ansel Hall Bristow, in 1834 in honor of his mentor. In the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (1883, p.58) under the heading of "Early Ministers" it is stated that "Jasper Bristow was an old fashioned Baptist preacher, on the hard-shell plan, a clever, good, and industrious citizen". Rev. Jasper Bristow served as the second pastor of the Bethabara Baptist Church in Daviess County in 1827-1828, and the second pastor of the Panther Creek Baptist Church in Ohio County in 1840. He also was

the founder of the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church in Ohio County in 1839 and of the Little Flock Baptist Church in Daviess County about 1847.

The Bethabara Baptist Church in Daviess County, Ky. was founded 5 Oct. 1825, in the same year Jasper Bristow was ordained into the ministry. Rev. Ansel Hall served as the church's first pastor. Upon his resignation in 1827 Jasper Bristow was called to the pastorate. At this time (from 1825 until 1832) the church held services in a log meeting house, constructed for all denominations, on the farm known as the D.A. Miller farm near Habit. In 1832 a church was built where the Bethabara (Habit) Cemetery is now, about 1/4 mile north of the present church (& Habit). The first burial in the Bethabara Church Cemetery was probably made in the same year, 1832; the oldest gravestone in the cemetery is for Bannister Hall (1783 - 1832).

Jasper Bristow served only about a year as the pastor of the Bethabara Baptist Church. In the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (1883, p.661) in a chapter on the Bethabara Church it is stated that "some trouble arose and Mr. Bristow resigned". The nature of the trouble is not cited. It may have been concerning the question of missions which arose as a divisive issue in the churches in which he was subsequently affiliated. He strongly held to the views of the Primitive (Hardshell) Baptists and opposed any missionary activity on the part of the church. His views and influence later lead to divisions in the Panther Creek and Bell's Run Churches.

After his resignation at Bethabara Jasper Bristow moved his membership to the Bell's Run Baptist Church in Ohio County, about five miles south of his home in Daviess County. This church had been founded in 1820 under the name of the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church, about 1834 its name was changed to Little Flock and in 1839 it took the name of Bell's Run. In 1839-1840 Jasper Bristow was a member at Bell's Run and for a while in 1840 he was pastor at Panther Creek. During this time the question of missions became a focal and hot issue in both churches, in both bodies the anti-missionary factions' spokesman was Jasper Bristow. In 1838 the Goshen Association, of which both churches were members, issued a pro mission stance. Jasper Bristow made several motions before the Bell's Run and Panther Creek Churches in opposition to this but the motions were voted down by the members and Rev. Ansel Hall came out in favor of the missionary enterprises. Jasper Bristow "finding all his wishes entirely disregarded, he took his hat, arose and said, 'All who believe as I do, follow me.' Several followed him, and they left the house" (History of Daviess County, Kentucky, 1883, p.830).

Rev. Bristow and his followers, who left the Bell's Run Church, founded a new church in 1839 about 2 ½ miles southwest of the parent church in Ohio County. Rev. Bristow named the church after Bell's Run original name "The United Baptist Church of Christ at Barnett's Creek" or "Barnett's Creek Baptist Church". The Bell's Run Church at this time changed its name from Little Flock to Bell's Run. In October 1840 a group left the Panther Creek Church over the same issue and they formed two churches at Pellville and Roseville in Hancock County, Ky. Jasper Bristow's followers, known as Bristowites, in 1843 formed an independent association, then consisting of the three churches which in 1839 & 1840 split off from the Panther Creek & Bell's

Run Churches. The Bristowites, in addition to their strong opposition to missionary work, also believed in the practice of feet washing and did not believe in paid ministry. About 1847 Rev. Jasper Bristow and Revs. James Sample and William Hendricks founded the Little Flock United Baptist Church in the southwestern area of Daviess County (Vanover Precinct), near the McLean County line. Rev. Hendricks was Jasper Bristow's son-in-law and Rev. Sample was the father-in-law of Jasper Bristow's son. During his last years Jasper Bristow returned his membership to the Bethabara Baptist Church near his home.

Clarissa Elliott, wife of Jasper Bristow, died following the 1820 census and before 20 May 1827. Since her family was residing in Daviess County most of this time, since about 1821, her death most likely occurred in Daviess County. In the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (1883, pp.668-9) in a biography of Jasper Bristow the following is written: "He married in Virginia, Clarissa Powell, and they had four children. The mother died in Oldham County, Ky." These lines are in error. He married Clarissa Elliott in Kentucky and they had at least six children. There is no evidence to suggest that Jasper Bristow ever resided in Oldham County, Ky. His second wife, Rachel Barnhill, was a native of that county, thus explaining the confusion when this biography was written 35 years after Jasper Bristow's death.

On 20 May 1827 Jasper Bristow married Mrs. Rachel Cruse. Born 15 Oct. about 1804 in Oldham County, Ky., she was the daughter of James Barnhill & Hannah Ann Boone. Her father born 18 Aug. 1780 N.C. died 8 Jan. 1825 Daviess County, Ky. Her mother, born 1 Nov. 1786 at Fort Boonesborough, Ky., died 28 Jan. 1862 and is buried in the Barnhill Cemetery near Philpot in Daviess County, Ky.; she was a great-niece of Daniel Boone [George.- Squire (1696-1765) married Sarah Morgan - Daniel Boone (1734-1820); George - George (1690-1753) married Deborah Howell - Josiah (1726-1814) married Hannah Hinton - Josiah Jr. (1758-1822) married Persis Henton - Hannah Ann Boone (1786-1862) married James Barnhill – Rachel Barnhill married Jasper Bristow].

Rachel Barnhill married first Thomas Cruse, a native of Virginia, about 1819; between 1822-1824 they came from Oldham County, Ky. to Daviess County, Ky. In Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., at a 3 day election held in August 1826, Thomas Cruse was shot and killed by Joseph Potts. In the biography of his son, James B. Cruse, in the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (1883, p.446), it is stated he "was murdered in August, 1828 by Joseph Potts, during the three days' election" and in the same book in the biography (p.807) of his other son, Zachariah Cruse, it is written that "Thomas Cruse was killed in Owensboro, Ky., in August 1824, by Joseph Potts, through a mistake, thinking he was another man. He was the first man killed in Owensboro." Both articles were wrong in regards to the year in which this occurred. Documents in the Daviess County Circuit Court suit #125, Zachariah Cruise vs. Jasper Bristow & wife, filed 26 Aug. 1842, indicate clearly that Thomas Cruse's death was in August 1826. This suit involving the settlement of Thomas Cruse's estate contains several original court documents, including: an appointment of Rachel Crews & John B. Hinton as administrators of the estate of Thomas Crews, deceased, on 14 Aug. 1826, an inventory & sale bill of the estate of Thomas

Cruse dated May 1827, and an appointment of Jasper Bristow as guardian for Zachariah Cruse on 14 Feb. 1831.

Thomas Cruse & Rachel Barnhill had three children: Zachariah, Elizabeth & James B. Cruse. Zachariah Cruse's monument at the Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. shows that he was born 11 Feb. 1822 & died 7 Oct. 1908. He was born in Oldham County, Ky., married Elizabeth Obenchain 22 Feb. 1844 Daviess County, Ky., and he was a farmer near Owensboro, Ky. Elizabeth Cruse married Stephen L. Hansford 23 May 1839 Daviess County, Ky., he died in 1850 and she married second James Hines 11 Jan. 1857 Daviess County, Ky. On the latter marriage she reported she was aged 30 and born Daviess County, Ky. She died between 1857-1860. James B. Cruse's monument at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. has the dates 29 Jan. 1826 - 14 April 1906. He was born in Daviess County, Ky., married twice, Elizabeth Ann Harrison 3 Sept. 1850 & Mildred King 9 Oct. 1855, both marriages were in Daviess County, and he was a merchant and public official in Owensboro, Ky.

Jasper & Rachel Bristow's family was listed as follows in the 1830 & 1840 censuses:

1830 Daviess County, Ky. census, p.196:

Jasper Bristow	2 males 0- 5	2 females 0- 5
	1 male 5-10	1 female 5-10
	1 male 15-20	2 female 10-15
	Male 40-50	1 female 20-30

1840 Daviess County, Ky. census, p.4:

Jasper Bristow	2 males 0- 5	1 female 10-15
	3 male 5-10	1 female 30-40
	1 male 15-20	
	1 male 50-60	

At the age of about 62 years Jasper Bristow died on 7 July 1848 in Daviess County, Ky. There is no record of where he was buried and no gravestone has been found. This writer is convinced, however, that he was buried in what several older members of the family referred to as the "Bristow Family Cemetery". This cemetery has been destroyed by time. It was located at the foot of Bristow (Huggins) Hill, about 3/4 miles S.E. of Habit and about four blocks distance east of the Millers Mill Road. It was on the back of what in recent years was known as the Gilbert Hines farm and is now owned by William E. Foster. This farm was traced back and found to be part of the original Jasper Bristow farm. About a hundred feet or so west of the cemetery spot is the old Bristow home site, the first brick building in Daviess County, which had been built by Jasper Bristow.

Jasper Bristow wrote his will on 1 June 1843 and it was recorded in July 1848 (Daviess County will book A-B, p.177). In the will he named four of his children by his first marriage, Eleanor Jones, Eliza L. Johnson, Frances Hendricks & Harriett Stout, the last two were deceased. He directed that 50 acres of his land was to be sold for their or their heirs benefit. The remainder

he left to his wife, Rachel, during her life, and to their children after her death. He named eight children by his second marriage, one other was born subsequent to his writing his will. One heir, James P. only child of his deceased son, Wesley P. Bristow, was not named or referred to in his will. On 8 Nov. 1848 the heirs of Jasper Bristow, including James P. Bristow, were named as plaintiffs in a suit brought against Robert Barnhill, the administrator of Jasper Bristow's estate, in which they contested the will (Daviness County Circuit Court suit #175). Their petition was overruled and the will was upheld.

In a suit involving the settlement of the estate of Jasper Bristow, Jr. copies of documents pertaining to the estate of Jasper Bristow, Sr. were also recorded. Jasper Bristow Sr.'s will, two land deeds (of 1829 & 1836), and inventory & appraisement bill of his estate were found in Daviness County Circuit Court suit #422, Jasper Bristow, Jr. heirs vs. his administrator (filed 21 July 1860). On 18 Oct. 1867 a deed of division of the lands of Jasper Bristow was recorded Daviness County deed book U, page 389. By agreement among his widow, Rachel, & their nine children, the remaining 287 ½ acres of Jasper Bristow's farm was divided into nine shares, for each of his children by Rachel, and was devised to them or their assignees. Hiram Bristow was the only one of these who continued to live on the farm. Rachel Barnhill Bristow, widow of Jasper Bristow, survived her husband by about 22 years. She continued to live on the Jasper Bristow farm, and was listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 Daviness County censuses. Her death occurred in 1870 or 1871.

Jasper Bristow & his first wife, Clarissa Elliott, had at least six children:

1. William Powell Bristow was born 1808-1810 Shelby County, Ky. and died 1820-1843 leaving no heirs. His name is from a listing of Jasper Bristow's children made in the early 1900's by Emmaa Dunn Mastin, a Daviness County, Ky. historian & a great-granddaughter of Jasper Bristow.

2. Frances Bristow was born 1810-1812 Shelby County, Ky. About 1827 she married Rev. William Hendricks, a Baptist minister. She died 1832-1836 Daviness County, Ky. They had four children: Catherine E., Eliza Jane, Clarissa Ann & John.

3. Wesley Peyton Bristow was born 25 April 1814 Shelby County, Ky. In Daviness County, Ky. on 10 March 1836 he married Elizabeth Sample. He died 15 Sept. 1838 Daviness County, Ky. They had one child: James Peyton.

4. Eleanor Bristow was born 15 March 1816 Shelby County, Ky. She married William Watson Jones 19 Jan. 1836 Daviness County, Ky. She died 4 Jan. 1876 and was buried in the Richardson Jones Cemetery, about 1 mile west of Habit, Daviness County, Ky. They had seven children: Milton E., Nancy Ann, Clinton P., William Watson, James R., Sarah E. & Mary A. Nancy Ann Jones married James Harrison Cook & they were the great-grandparents of U.S. Congressman & former Kentucky Governor, Wendell Hampton Ford (1924-2015).

5. Eliza L. Bristow was born 2 April 1818 Shelby County, Ky. In Daviess County, Ky. on 1 Nov. 1836 she married William J. Johnson. On 15 June 1881 she died & was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. They had nine children: Elizabeth A., Nancy Ellen, Henrietta Jane, Harriet Jane, Lucy, William Henry, Martha, John Powell & George Washington; they also raised an adopted daughter, Martha Elizabeth Cruse

6. Harriett Bristow was born 1820-1825 Ky. Married Stinson (Tinson) Stout 5 June 1839 Daviess County, Ky. and she died 1841-1843 Daviess County, Ky. They had two children: John J. and William P.

Jasper Bristow and his second wife, Rachel Barnhill, had nine children:

7. Hannah Ann Bristow was born 10 April 1828 Daviess County, Ky. Married Christopher Karns 17 Sept. 1846 & died 31 July 1883 Daviess County, Ky. They had eight children: Jasper Bristow, Karen, Georgetta, John W., Narcissus D., Persis J., Florence & Powell.

8. Benjamin T. Bristow was born about 1829 Daviess County, Ky. Married Sarah Crawford 17 Sept. 1850 Daviess County, Ky. Moved to Illinois about 1856 & died after 1864. They had six children: Priscilla, James, William, Richard, Samuel S., & Rachel.

9. Jasper Bristow was born 12 April 1832 Daviess County, Ky. Married Nancy Jane Norris 3 Nov. 1853 Daviess County, Ky. He died 23 March 1858 & buried in the Bristow Family Cemetery, Habit, Daviess County, Ky. They had two children: Mary B. & Dozier Bennett.

10. Ansel Hall Bristow was born 23 May 1834 Daviess County, Ky. & died 9 March 1920 Owensboro, Ky. Married Armacinda Miles S Feb. 1856 Daviess County, Ky. & they had: John W., James W., Ansel Hall, Mary Alice, Christopher Columbus, Rachel Ann, Junius J. & Henry M. Ansel married 2nd Martha Ann Lanham 6 March 1882 Daviess County, Ky. & they had: Jennievie, Barbara May, Lucy Gipe, Katie, Bennie & Iris A.

11. Samuel Haynes Bristow was born June 1836 Daviess County, Ky. & died 11 March 1916 at Utica, Daviess County, Ky. Married Nannie Massey ca 1876 & they had: Zechariah Cruse, Ona Lee, Sallie Ann, Henry Thomas, Eliza Jane & Edmon. Samuel married 2nd Victoria Frances (Ashby) Bristow 20 Sept. 1896 Daviess County, Ky., they had no children.

12. William M. Bristow was born 11 Aug. 1838 Daviess County, Ky. & died 27 Nov. 1893 Daviess County, Ky. Married Theadocia Almira Karns 25 Oct. 1861 Daviess County, Ky., they had two children: Lovel Netter & William. Married 2nd Victoria Frances Ashby 7 March 1867 Daviess County, Ky. & they had: Rachel Belle, Aminia, Robert & Drucilla.

13. Rachel Whittaker Bristow was born 10 Nov. 1840 Daviess County, Ky. & died 7 Oct. 1840 Daviess County, Ky. Married Christopher Watkins 3 Sept. 1856 Daviess County, Ky. & they had: Elizabeth M., John William., Camilla A., Hyrum Sultan, Benjamin T., Samuel J., Perry Albert, Lycugus, Fannie Belle & Persis Jane.

14. Hiram Bristow was born 15 June 1842 Daviess County, Ky. & died 7 Nov. 1912 Daviess County, Ky. Married Manerva Kirk 20 Nov. 1865 Daviess County, Ky. & they had seven children: Ida Lee, Ella Belle, Mary Elizabeth, John N., Thomas Bunyan, Minnie Dell & Eva Jane.

15. Richard Sultan Bristow was born about 1847 Daviess County, Ky. & died in Jan. 1870 Daviess County, Ky. Married Mildred E. Hemingway 8 Nov. 1866 Daviess County, Ky. & had one son: Charles William.

Wesley Peyton Bristow (1814-1838)

Wesley Peyton Bristow, son of Jasper Bristow & Clarissa Elliott, was born 25 April 1814 in Shelby County, Ky. West P. Bristow preceded his father in death and he and his only child were not named in the will of Jasper Bristow in 1843. He was, however, named as an heir of Jasper Bristow in a suit filed in the Daviess County, Ky. Circuit Court, 8 Nov. 1848, suit #175, "Jasper Bristow's heirs vs. Jasper Bristow's administrator". In the suit the heirs of Jasper Bristow by his first wife, Clarissa Elliott, challenged the will of Jasper Bristow, their petition was apparently dropped since no court orders were recorded in the case file. The heirs named in the petition were as follows: "William J. Johnson and Eliza L. Johnson his wife, William W. Jones and Eleanor Jones his wife, Tinson Stout and John Stout & William Stout infants of said Tinson Stout & his late wife Harriett Stout dec'd, who sue by their next friend Tinson Stout, William Hendrix and the infant child: of said William Hendrix and Frances Hendrix now dec'd, viz. Clarissa Hendrix who sues by her next friend William Hendrix, Jeremiah Crabtree & Eliza Jane his wife, and Joseph Christian & Kitty E. Christian his wife, and James P. Bristow infant heir of West P. Bristow dec'd, who sues by William J. Johnson his next friend." The only other papers in the case file were summons issued to the following (who were to give testimony): Johnson Miller, Oliver Sparks, James Samples, Newton Miller, Dr. Samuel Haynes [note, a son of Jasper Bristow, was named after this doctor, who resided in the Habit neighborhood], William Crawford, Elisha Burton, Jeremiah Barnhill, Thomas Howard, George W. Triplett, Herndon Kelly, James Cruse, Joseph Barnhill, Fleming Miller, Richardson Jones, Stephen Hansford, Zachariah Cruse, James E. Sutton, Marcus McDaniel & James M. Rogers.

West P. Bristow was about seven years old when he moved to Daviess County, Ky. with his family. At the age of 22 in Daviess County, Ky. on 10 March 1836 he married Elizabeth Sample. They were married by his father, Rev. Jasper Bristow. Elizabeth Sample was born about 1820 in Ky., on the marriage of her son Philo Barbee in Breckinridge County, Ky. he reported that his mother was born in Daviess County, Ky. She was the daughter of Rev. James & Mary Sample (Sampel). Her father was a Baptist minister, along with Revs. Jasper Bristow & William Hendricks, he was a co-founder of the Little Flock United Baptist Church in Daviess County, Ky. about 1847. He was probably an early pastor of the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church in Ohio County, Ky., where he and his wife were buried. This church had been founded by Jasper Bristow in 1839. "James Sampell", age 63 (born Ky.) & wife Mary, age 53 (born Ky.) and five

children were listed in the 1850 Ohio County, Ky. census in the Bell's Run - Barnett's Creek section. His monument and that of his wife at the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County has the inscriptions: "James Sampel born 14 June 1790 died 14 Aug. 1851 aged 61 yrs. 2 ms., and Mary Sampel born 11 Jan. 1797 died 27 Jan. 1857."

The children of James & Mary Sample included:

1. George Sample was born about 1819 Ky. Married Elvira Stearman 5 March 1840 Daviess County, Ky., they were married by Jasper Bristow. In 1850 they were living Ohio County, Ky.

2. Elizabeth Sample was born about 1820 (?Daviess County) Ky. She married West P. Bristow 10 March 1836 Daviess County, Ky. and second Edward Barbee 25 Jan. 1842 Daviess County, Ky. In 1850 living Breckinridge County, Ky., died 1850-1857.

3. Thomas Sample was born about 1823 and in 1850 was living with parents in Ohio County, Ky.

4. James Hardin Sample was born 1827 Ky. In Daviess County, Ky. he married Sophia Eidson on 3 Nov. 1848, they were married by William Hendricks. In 1850 they were living Daviess County, Ky. and in 1860 in Hancock County, Ky. He died between 1860-1864. His wife married 2nd James G. Kennedy 26 Aug. 1864 Daviess County, Ky. & 3rd Daniel R. Galloway 1865-1870.

5. Malinda Evaline Sample married John T. Barbee 25 Nov. 1845 Daviess County, Ky., they were married by Jasper Bristow. In 1850 living Breckinridge County, Ky., died between 1855-1861.

6. John Calvin Sample was born about 1829 Ky. Married Mrs. Mary Jane (Early) Early 11 Dec. 1861 Hancock County, Ky. In 1850 living with parents in Ohio County, Ky., in 1860 living with brother James in Hancock County, Ky., in 1870 living Hancock County, Ky. (listed 9 households from nephew, James Peyton Bristow) and in 1880 living Daviess County, Ky.

7. Ellen Sample was born 24 Feb 1837 Ky. Married Hiram Chapman 18 Dec. 1852 Ohio County, Ky. Died 29 Dec. 1856 and was buried at the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky.

8. Joseph Sample was born about 1839 Ky. In 1850 living with parents in Ohio County, Ky.

9. Jefferson L. Sample was born about 1841 Ky. In 1850 living with parents in Ohio County, Ky.

Wesley Peyton Bristow died at the early age of 24 on 15 Sept. 1838 in Daviess County, Ky. On 12 Nov. 1838 James Sample was appointed the administrator of his estate. He may have

been buried in the Bristow family Cemetery on the farm of his father, Jasper Bristow, near Habit, in Daviess County, Ky. In the Daviess County, Ky. Circuit Court on 14 April 1841 a petition was filed by the heirs of West P. Bristow seeking a sale of 134 acres which West P. Bristow owned, suit #129. His heirs named in the suit were: "Elizabeth Bristow, his widow, & James P. Bristow, his only child".

Mrs. Elizabeth (Sample) Bristow, widow of West P. Bristow, in Daviess County, Ky. on 25 Jan. 1842 married Edward Barbee of Breckinridge County, Ky. He was born about 1810 in Breckinridge County, Ky. He had been previously married and his wife had died between 1838-1841; by this marriage he had a daughter, Mildred, who was born about 1839 Ky. and married Edward Hawhee 5 Jan. 1856 Breckinridge County, Ky. In 1850 the family of Edward & Elizabeth Barbee, including her son, James P. Bristow, were listed in the 1850 census of Breckinridge County, Ky.

1850 Breckinridge County, Ky. census, section II, #108:

Barbee, Edward	40 m	farmer \$200	Ky.
Eliza	29 f		Ky.
Mildred	11 f		Ky.
James	7 m		Ky.
Dillus	5 m		Ky.
Philo	2 m		Ky.
Mary	4/12 f		Ky.
Bristow, James P.	11 m		Ky.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Sample) Barbee died between 1850-1857. On 5 March 1857 her husband, Edward Barbee, married Mrs. Elizabeth (Young) Nix in Hancock County, Ky. Born about 1820 Ky., she had married John Nix in Hancock County, Ky. on 12 Sept. 1844. Edward Barbee and his third wife were listed in the 1860 Breckinridge County, Ky. census, living with him was his son, Philo Barbee and a stepson, Davis Nix. Two of his other children, Dillis & Mary Early, were living with his stepson, James P. Bristow, at the time of the 1860 Daviess County, Ky. census.

1860 Breckinridge County, Ky. census, p.561, #951:

Barbee, Edward	51 m		Ky.
Elizabeth	40 f		Ky.
Philo	12 m		Ky.
Nix, Davis	6 m		Ky.

1860 Daviess County, Ky. census, section I, #970:

Bristow, James P.	21 m		Ky.
Martha A.	18 f		Ky.
Charles	11/12 m		Ky.
Barbee, Mary	10 f		Ky.
Dallas	15 m		Ky.

Edward Barbee married again on 15 Oct. 1867 in Daviess County, Ky. to Mrs. B. T. Hendricks. On their marriage it was recorded that he was aged 50, it was his 4th marriage, he was born & resided Breckinridge County, Ky., parents were born Virginia; the bride was age 48, born Ky., resided Daviess County, Ky. and it was her third marriage. Edward Barbee gave consent on a marriage of his son in Breckinridge County in 1868, he was not listed in the 1870 Breckinridge County census and may have died 1868-1870. Edward Barbee by his third and fourth marriages did not have any children and by his second wife, Elizabeth Sample, he had at least four children:

1. James Barbee was born 1842 Ky. and died after 1850.

2. Dillis Barbee according to his marriage bond was born 29 March 1846 Ky. He married Nancy E. Falls 26 March 1866 Breckinridge County, Ky.

3. John Philo Barbee according to his marriage bond was born in October 1847 Ky. On his marriage he reported that his father was born Breckinridge County, Ky. and his mother was born Daviess County, Ky. In Breckinridge County, Ky. on 9 April 1868 he married Mary Frances Falls, Edward Barbee gave consent for his marriage. Philo Barbee was listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Breckinridge County, Ky.

4. Mary (? Laura) Barbee was born in 1850 Ky. Living with her parents at the time of the 1850 Breckinridge County, Ky. census, in 1860 living with her half-brother, James P. Bristow, in Daviess County, Ky., in 1870 a Laura Barbee, aged 20, was living with Philo Barbee in Breckinridge County, Ky.

James Peyton Bristow, only child of Wesley Peyton Bristow & Elizabeth Sample, was born 27 Oct. 1838 Daviess County, Ky. In Hancock County, Ky. on 31 Oct. 1858 he married Martha Amanda Brown, his stepfather & guardian, Edward Barbee, signed his consent for the marriage. In 1860 they were listed in the 1860 Daviess County, Ky. census and by 1870 were living in the Pellville District of Hancock County, Ky. James P. Bristow died on 6 March 1897 in Hancock County, Ky. and was buried at the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Hancock County, Ky. [Note: In a listing of this cemetery in the book Hancock County, Kentucky Cemeteries Volume 1, published by WCKFRA, 1974, p.20, the dates on his monument were erroneously reported, the gravestone was checked and the above is correct]. James P. Bristow was a farmer and a minister; both of his grandfathers, Jasper Bristow & James Sample, were Baptist ministers, and his father-in-law, William Brown, was a Methodist minister. James P. Bristow's wife, Martha Amanda, was born 25 Feb. 1843 Hancock County, Ky. to the union of William Brown & Frances Lyons. She married second John Allen Stevens on 4 Sept. 1905 Hancock County, Ky. She died on 2 Oct. 1923 in Hancock County, Ky. and was buried beside her husband, James P. Bristow.

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See also article on the "Bristow, Cemetery, Daviess County, Ky." by Jerry Long.