

The Maternal Family of Jesse & Frank James:

The Cole Family

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Jesse James (1847-1882)

Jesse and Frank James, the most notorious outlaws and possibly the most chronicled legends of the American West, had many ties to the state of Kentucky. Though not natives of Kentucky themselves both of their parents were and their families had long been residents of the bluegrass state. Their parents had left Kentucky in the summer of 1842 and settled near Kearney, Clay County, Missouri, where Frank & Jesse were born in 1843 & 1847, respectively. Their father, Rev. Robert Sallee James, a Baptist minister, was born in Logan County, KY on 7 July 1818; his parents, John James & Mary Poor, had married in that county in 1807. Zerelda E. Cole, the mother of the James brothers, was born in Woodford County, KY on 29 January 1825. The remainder of this paper outlines the Cole family in Kentucky.

Zerelda Cole James' great-grandparents, Richard Cole & Ann Hubbard, by 1785 had left Culpeper County, VA and settled on a farm near where Midway, Woodford County, KY is now. Richard Cole based on the age reported on his tombstone was born about 1729. He is believed to

be the son of John & Susanna Cole, whose wills were recorded in Culpeper County, VA in 1757 & 1761. John & Susanna had the following children: Richard & John Cole, Martha Reynolds (wife of William), Alice Morgan, Mary Ann, Judith, Susanna & Sara Ann.

Richard Cole in 1785 assisted Humphrey Marshall in surveying the site of Frankfort, KY. He had settled on a farm on the Leestown Road, between Lexington & Frankfort, about 14 miles west of the present community of Midway. This road for more than a half century after the organization of Woodford County (1789) was known as "Cole's Road". In the 1790 tax list of Woodford County were listed: Richard Cole, Sr., Richard Cole, Jr. & John Cole. In several sources it is written that Richard Cole, Sr. at his residence operated a tavern known as the "Black Horse Tavern". The tavern of this name was famous because of its popularity and the fact it was a frequent stopping place for many politicians & celebrities, such as Henry Clay. However, according to a Kentucky Historical Society Highway marker erected at the site of the famous "Black Horse Tavern", it is reported that Horatio Offutt established the tavern in 1802 and in 1812-1839 Richard Cole, Jr. operated a tavern there.

Ann Hubbard, wife of Richard Cole, died on 11 February 1795 at the age of 65. Her tombstone still stands in what remains of the Cole Family Cemetery, near Midway in Woodford County, KY. The Kentucky Historical Society has a listing of the cemetery made in 1922, prior to the removal of a fence surrounding the cemetery in World War II and the subsequent destruction of the other monuments in the cemetery. Richard Cole, Sr. remarried in Woodford County on 21 July 1795, to Emsey Margaret James (she was of no known relationship to the family of Jesse & Frank James). Richard Cole, Sr. & Jr. were enumerated next to each other in the 1810 census of Woodford County; in the household of Richard Sr. were listed a male & female over the age of 45 and he was reported to be the owner of 5 slaves. According to the tombstone that formerly stood in the Cole Cemetery Richard Cole (Sr.) died on 21 November 1814 at the age of 85. He wrote his will on 1 April 1805 and it was probated in Woodford County in December 1814. In his will he named his wife, Emsey; sons, Richard & Jesse Cole; daughter, Alice Lindsay; Anthony Lindsay & Jonathan Cropper (who were son-in-laws); & he referred to other children which he did not name (will book C, p.275).

Richard Cole & Ann Hubbard reared a family of nine children, they were: Betsey, Agnes, Lucy, John, Jesse, Sallie, Rachel, Alsey (Alice), & Richard, Jr. Richard Cole had no children by his second marriage.

Family of Richard Cole (c1729-1814) & Ann Hubbard (c1730-1795):

1. Betsey Cole, born 1750-1775, married ___ Snape/Swope?
2. Agnes Cole, born 1750-1775.

3. Lucy Cole, born 1750-1775, married Jonathan Cropper, 27 May 1794, Woodford County, KY. She died 1794-1796 leaving a daughter, who was raised by her sister, Alice Lindsay. Jonathan Cropper married Polly Foster in 1796, Scott County, KY.
4. John Cole, born 1750-1769, married Nancy Hines. Listed in 1790 Woodford County, KY tax list & 1800 tax list of Barren County, KY. Reportedly owned a tobacco warehouse on the Barren River.
5. Jesse Cole, born c1768 VA, married Nancy Sparks and 2nd ? Mrs. Elizabeth (Roberts) Hyatt. He lived in Ripley County, IN, where his will was recorded in 1857. He was the father of: Charles; Jeremiah, married Rebecca Young; Elizabeth, married Noah Ransdall; John (1801-1875), married Sarah H. Collier; Mary, married ___ Young; Jesse; Milly, married ___ Salyers; Nancy, married Hezekiah Evans; Elizabeth, married ___ Jones; Willia Washington; and Henry Clay.
6. Sallie Cole, born 1755-1765 VA, married Benjamin Graves 1770-1784. Benjamin Graves was listed in the 1790 & 1800 Woodford County, KY tax lists & in the 1810 Woodford County, KY Census. Ben & Sallie are probably the older couple enumerated in the household of their son, Nelson Graves, at the time of the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Woodford County, KY. According to the Graves Family Newsletter (1981) Benjamin Graves is a 4th great-grandson of Capt. Thomas Graves, who came from England and settled at Jamestown, VA in 1608; his line of descent being: Capt. Thomas - Thomas, born c1617 - Thomas, born c1639 - John, born 1670 - Thomas (1691-1768) - Rice (c1729-1814) - Benjamin (c1765-1846). Bettie Cummings Cook, C.G. of Evansville, IN, a descendant of Benjamin Graves & Sallie Cole, writes that Benjamin died at Midway, Woodford County, KY in 1846 & his wife, Sallie, about 1835 in Woodford County, KY. Their children included:
 - A. Horatio "Nelson", born c1783. His will was recorded in Woodford County, KY in 1853.
 - B. Richard C., born 7 December 1785 Woodford County, KY, married Nancy Ann Martin, 16 March 1818 Woodford County, KY; died 11 May 1860 Cass County, IL.
 - C. William W., born 1784-1794.
 - D. Betsey, born 1784-1800, married ___ Finlay (? Finnie).
 - E. Nancy, born 1784-1800, married ___ Johnson.
 - F. Thomas G., born 1790-1794, died Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - G. John Cole, born 14 July 1800 (?14 September) Woodford County, KY. Married Susannah McCoy, 19 August 1821, Woodford County, KY. About 1823 moved to

Daviess County, KY, along with his first cousin & brother-in-law, Richard Cole Jett. His wife, Susannah, died in Daviess County, KY on 4 January 1855. John C. Graves married 2nd Amanda M. Hawkins, 4 March 1866, Daviess County, KY, on his marriage record he reported that he was born in Woodford County, KY & his parents were born in VA. He died on 8 October 1880 and was buried on his farm near Philpot, Daviess County, KY. By his first marriage he had 8 children, they were:

a. Lucinda, born 1822 KY, married William E. Kirk, 1 December 1840 Daviess County, KY, died 1885 Ohio County, KY.

b. Benjamin N. Graves, born 26 August 1823 Daviess County, KY, married Rebecca Hines, 3 July 1851 Ohio County, KY, died 25 December 1893 Ohio County, KY, buried Graves Cemetery, near Bell's Run, Ohio County, KY.

c. Margaret A., born c1825 Daviess County, KY, married 1st James B. Miller, 10 March 1842 Daviess County, KY & 2nd Cornelius Walker, 12 January 1852 Daviess County, KY, died after 1893.

d. William, born May 1828 Daviess County, KY, married 1st Sarah E. Clark, 6 October 1859, Daviess County, KY & 2nd Mary E. Miller, 31 December 1863, Daviess County, KY; died 27 February 1908 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.

e. Thomas, born June 1829 Daviess County, KY, married Ann E. Conyers, 2 June 1869, Daviess County, KY, 1900 living Daviess County, KY.

f. Elizabeth, born 21 February 1831 Daviess County, KY, married William H. Bryant, 5 October 1858, Daviess County, KY; died 4 Nov 1902 & buried Karns Grove Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.

g. Harriet, born 15 March 1835 Daviess County, KY, married John Hines, 8 June 1858 Daviess County, KY; died 29 March 1876 & buried Graves Cemetery, near Bell's Run, Ohio County, KY.

h. a son died young

7. Rachel Cole, born 1760 VA, married William (Willa) Jett about 1784. He was born 1740-1755 in King George County, VA and was a great-great-grandson of the immigrant, Peter Jett, who came from England in 1663 and settled in Rappahannock County, VA. His line of descent from Peter is: William (married Elizabeth Hoskins Wood, daughter of Anthony Hoskins & Joyce Jones; died 1698 in Rappahannock County, VA) - John (born c1690 Rappahannock County, VA, died 1754 Westmoreland County, VA) - Peter (born c1717 Westmoreland County, VA, died 1784 King George County, VA, married Rebecca Bowen, daughter of Stephen Bowen & Susanna Pratt) - William. William Jett, a teacher

and an officer in the American Revolution, had been married previous to his marriage to Rachel Cole. By his former wife, who is unknown, he had four sons: Presley (married Sarah Matthews, 23 August 1798; died 1829-33 Oldham County, KY); James; Washington; & William D. (married Charlotte Vowles, 20 September 1803; died Oldham County, KY). William & Rachel Jett resided in Stafford County, VA and he died about 1810, probably in Stafford County, VA. His widow and all of his known children subsequently resided in Kentucky. Rachel Cole Jett died in 1840 at Jett, near Frankfort, in Franklin County, KY and was buried there in the Jett Cemetery. William Jett & Rachel Cole had three known children:

A. Richard Cole Jett, born 7 September 1785 Stafford County, VA, about 1809 he moved to Woodford County, KY and there married Lucy McCoy, 10 February 1811. The daughter of William McCoy, she was born 5 January 1794 VA & died 27 September 1823 Daviess County, KY. Her sister, Susanna McCoy, married Richard Q. Jett's first cousin, John Cole Graves. R. C. Jett & J. C. Graves moved to Daviess County, KY in 1822-23. R. C. Jett served as sheriff of Daviess County, KY in 1833-35 & 1838-39. In Daviess County, KY he married 2nd Susan T. Miller, 29 December 1823. In 1851 he moved to the Pellville neighborhood of Hancock County, KY, where he died 19 March 1862, his wife, Susan, died 12 May 1863 (the daughter of William & Katherine K. Miller, she was born 25 October 1801 in Caroline County, VA). R. C. & Susan T. Jett were buried in the Jett Cemetery in Hancock County, KY. Richard Cole Jett by his first marriage had 5 children & by his second 12 children, they were:

- a. Elizabeth, born 17 November 1811 Woodford County, KY, married James L. Estes, 11 February 1833 Daviess County, KY; died 1838 Daviess County, KY.
- b. William Herbert, born 12 August 1813 Gallatin County, KY, married Mary Ann Lumpkin Jones 4 December 1839, Daviess County, KY; died 11 February 1882.
- c. Harriett, born 3 October 1815 KY, married John Prince Miller, 16 March 1838 Daviess County, KY; died 23 November 1892.
- d. Jane, born 2 May 1818 KY, married Richard Vaughan, 4 January 1841 Daviess County, KY.
- e. John E., born 6 May 1821 KY, died 20 July 1824 Daviess County, KY.
- f. Mary B., born 20 October 1824 Daviess County, KY, died 31 October 1827 Daviess County, KY.
- g. Catherine, born & died 1825 Daviess County, KY.

h. Thomas Fisher, born 5 October 1826 Daviess County, KY, married Sylvania Catherine Beavin, 1 April 1858; died 23 March 1906 Pellville, Hancock County, KY, buried Pellville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

i. John Prince Miller, born 6 June 1828 Daviess County, KY, married Louisa (Daveiss) Blincoe Roberts, 30 September 1857, Hancock County, KY; died 2 August 1911 Lewisport, Hancock County, KY, buried Pellville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

j. Richard Lockhart, born 17 November 1829 Daviess County, KY, married Margaret Catherine Carter, 4 February 1858; died 25 January 1907 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, buried South Hampton Baptist Church, Daviess County, KY.

k. Mary Arminta, born 27 March 1831 Daviess County, KY, married Larkin M. Burnett, 15 January 1850 Daviess County, KY; died 30 September 1903 Ohio County, KY.

l. David W., born 1/4 April 1833 Daviess County, KY, married Mary E. Pate, 19 March 1873 Patesville, Hancock County, KY; died 28 April 1885, buried Jett Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

m. Sarah Tolliver Miller, born 5 September 1835 Daviess County, KY, married William Ellis Haynes, 24 December 1853 Hancock County, KY; died 15 May 1902 Ohio County, KY.

n. Thaddeus S., born 24 June 1837 Daviess County, KY, married Mary Elizabeth Willis, 29 February 1872 Ohio County, KY; died 1917 Ohio County, KY, buried Haynes Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

o. Joseph, born 1839 Daviess County, KY, married Amberillus Moseley, 21 January 1864 Daviess County, KY; 1885 lived Ohio County, KY.

p. Susan Frances, born 1 July 1841 Daviess County, KY; died 2 July 1851 Hancock County, KY; buried Jett Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

q. Ira Icilius, born 12 February 1844 Daviess County, KY; died 3 July 1866 Hancock County, KY, buried Jett Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

B. Thomas Jett, born 12 February 1787 Stafford County, VA, moved to Kentucky about 1812, married Elizabeth C. Swetnam, 15 December 1815 Scott County, KY. In 1822 settled at what is now Jett, Franklin County, KY, where he died on 18 July 1858 and was buried in the Jett Cemetery, Jett, Franklin County, KY. They were the parents of: George Hiram, married Lettie Finch; Elvira; Mary; Elizabeth Edwards; Thomas J., married Virginia Darnell; Louisa, married George Diuguid; William Willa, married 1st Fannie Gaines & 2nd Sarah Ellen Coleman (a daughter by his 2nd marriage, Ermina Jett Darnell,

was the author of several books, including Forks of Elkhorn Church); Sydney, married A. W. Cromwell; Virginia, married Edward Cromwell.

C. Elizabeth Jett, never married, died 21 July 1859 Franklin County, KY.

8. Ailsey (Alice) Cole, born 20 June 1769 VA, married Anthony Lindsay, Jr. in 1788. The son of Anthony Lindsay & Rachel Ann Dorsey, he was born in Maryland on 14 February 1767. His family came to Kentucky in 1784-1787 and settled near Frankfort. In 1790 Anthony Lindsay Sr. & Jr. built Lindsay's Station, located in what is now Scott County (formed from Woodford in 1792), about two miles from the present city of Stamping Ground. Anthony Jr.'s maternal ancestors included the Dorsey, Griffith, Howard, Maccubin, Greenberry, Hughes & Wyatt families of Maryland, all very early immigrants and noted families of that state (see Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland, Warfield). He is a descendant of Thomas Lindsay, who died at Huntingdon, England in 1608 and whose son, Edward, settled in Charles County, Maryland in 1632. From Thomas his line of descent is: Edward - Edmund (born 1624 England, married Elinoir) - Thomas (born c1665 Charles County, MD) - Anthony (born c1690, married Alice Tolson) - Anthony (born 1736 MD, married Rachel Ann Dorsey, daughter of Nicholas Dorsey & Sarah Griffith) - Anthony (born 1767). Anthony Lindsay (Sr.) & his wife, Rachel, died in 1808 & 1805, respectively, and were buried at Lindsay's Station, they were the parents of twelve children: Kate (married John Tolson Lindsay), John Charles (married Susanna Dowden), Sally (married Benjamin Cole), Nicholas (married Mary Quisenberry), Charles, Anthony (married Ailsey Cole), Rachel (married Daniel Applegate), Elizabeth (married Elisha Whitaker), Vachel (married Ann Quisenberry, great-grandparents of the noted poet, Vachel Lindsay), Lydia (married Jesse Whitaker & John McCrocklin), Lucy (married John Meeks), and Elisha (married Sarah Holmes). Ailsey Cole, wife of Anthony Lindsay, died on 7 July 1818 in Scott County, KY, her husband died 11 April 1831; they were buried in the Lindsay Cemetery in Scott County, KY. They were the parents of:

A. Jesse Cole Lindsay, born 28 September 1789 Woodford County, KY; married 1st Priscilla Ficklin, 12 April 1810 & 2nd Mrs. Endotia (Baker) Scruggs, 27 January 1831. He served as a general in the militia and died in Gallatin County, KY on 6 March 1875; his children were:

a. Richard T., born 5 March 1811, died 1880; married Anne Keene, Martha Holton & Caddie Williams.

b. Susannah, born 29 September 1812; married Mr. Armstrong.

c. Angeline, born 11 November 1814; married John Shuff.

d. Mary F., born 22 September 1816, died 1861; married James Graves.

- e. Elizabeth, born 30 September 1818, died 3 December 1818.
 - f. John Anthony, born 7 July 1820, died 14 February 1894; married Martha Ann Fielin.
 - g. Alice Ann, born 10 June 1822; married William Scanland.
 - h. James Hiram, born 10 March 1824, died 6 June 1897; married 1st Elizabeth Jackman, 24 July 1845, & 2nd Mrs. Maggie (Hopkins) Sebree.
 - 1. Lydia, born 6 November 1827; married Mr. Smith.
 - j. Noah, born 8 March 1830, died 21 March 1830.
 - k. Priscilla, born 9 November 1831, died 1915; married 1st John T. Fisher, 31 March 1853, & 2nd F. H. Gaines, 1882.
 - 1. Josephine, born 17 June 1837, died 1928; married 1st John O'Neal, 13 October 1861, & 2nd Sanford Wigginton.
 - m. Jesse William, born 10 March 1841, died October 1882; married Jenny Ferguson Tompkins.
- B. William Lindsay, born 20 June 1791 KY; married 1st Permelia Scruggs, c1816, & 2nd Mrs. Eveline Carpenter; died 17 October 1834 Carrollton, Carroll County, KY and was buried in the Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY. His children:
- a. William Buford, born 9 January 1819, died 7 March 1898; married Margaretta Sanders, 27 December 1843.
 - b. John S., born 27 December 1820, died March 1905; married Sallie Perry & Mattie Davis.
 - c. Anthony T., born 23 November 1822, died 3 March 1901.
 - d. James, born 1824, died after 1850 in Ark.
 - e. Richard, born December 1826; married Emma Norman.
 - f. Judith Elizabeth, born 1839, died 1904; married John J. Smith, 5 August 1850, & Mr. Deatherage.
- By 2nd marriage:
- g. Permelia
- C. Lucy Lindsay, born 6 October 1793 Scott County, KY; married Thomas Buford Scruggs, ca 1810; died 1834 in Owen County, KY. Children:

a. William Reeves, born 1811, died 1894; married Catherine Elliston.

b. Thomas.

c. John.

d. Martha.

e. Sarah.

f. Mary.

g. Nancy.

D. Richard Cole Lindsay, born 28 December 1795 Scott County, KY; married Juliette Herndon Bond; died 28 March 1882 MO. Children:

a. Edward, born c1820; married 1st Telitha J. Scruggs, 12 September 1839, 2nd Mrs. Mary Chapman, 21 January 1847, 3rd Mrs. Whitset, & 4th Mrs. Close.

b. Mary Elizabeth, married George White, 25 January 1839.

c. Cassandra, born 5 December 1823, died 27 September 1852, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY; married Adley W. Osburn.

d. Sarah Jane, born 5 November 1825, died 29 September 1845, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY; married John C. Scott.

e. David Herndon, died 1901; married Emma Hubbard & Lucy C. Nicholson.

f. Richard Preston, died June 1867 MO.

g. Harriet Ann, born 25 December 1831, died 16 April 1851, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY.

h. Juliette, married James B. Green, 1858.

i. John T., single, died 1864.

j. Susan Alice, married Abe Fry.

E. Greenbury Lindsay, born 19 February 1797 Scott County, KY; single; died 10 March 1814.

F. Ann Lindsay, born 13 June 1800 Scott County, KY; married Rev. A. D. Landrum; died 1860 Windsor, Henry County, MO. Children:

a. Reuben, lived California.

b. Mary, married Mr. Marton, lived Otterville, MO.

c. John, lived Otterville, MO.

d. Eliza, married Mr. Fisher.

G. Sallie Lindsay, born 15 April 1803 Scott County, KY; married 1st James Cole (first cousin), c1826, & 2nd Robert Thomason, c1839; 1839 lived Clay County, MO. See James Cole (born 1804) for children by 1st marriage; children by 2nd marriage: Bettie, Matt, Mims, Alice & another male.

H. Elizabeth Lindsay, born December 1805 Scott County, KY; married Obediah Calvert, October 1829, Scott County, KY; died 14 June 1878, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Scott County, KY. Children:

a. John Anthony.

b. Susan, married Mr. Wigginton.

c. Preston, married Anne Saylor.

d. Sarah Jane, born 17 February 1838, died 11 January 1870, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Scott County, KY; married Sanford Wigginton.

e. Alice, born 24 November 1839, died 11 March 1910, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Scott County, KY; married W. T. Burnett.

f. Mary E., married N. B. Mefford.

g. Martha, married Mr. Plummer.

h. Kate, married Mr. Hambrick.

i. William, married Mrs. Anne (Saylor) Calvert.

I. John Cole Lindsay, born 29 February 1808 Scott County, KY; married 1st Mariam B. Scott, c1835, 2nd Mary Jane Bond, 4 December 1854, & 3rd Catherine June Tompkins, 6 August 1858; died 13 January 1875/6 Carroll County, KY and buried in John C. Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY. In 1861-63 he served in the Kentucky House of Representatives. He had 7 children by his first marriage and 1 by his second, they were:

a. Benjamin Scott, a judge, married 1st Mary E. Conner & 2nd Helen Mary Lindsay.

b. Carter Blanton, born 1838, died 1898; married Florence Cox, 7 April 1862.

c. William Anthony, a doctor, born 1840, died 1904; married Nannie Brown.

- d. Mary Scott, single.
 - e. John Scott, born 28 April 1845, died 24 April 1883, buried John C. Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY; married Juliette Lindsay.
 - f. Kate T., born 1848, died 1883; married 1st John McClure, 24 September 1868, & 2nd N. C. Brown.
 - g. Eliza Jane, born 1833, died 21 September 1833, buried John C. Lindsay Cemetery, Carroll County, KY.
 - h. James Bond, born 1855, died 1946; married Annabel Lyons, 16 December 1884.
 - J. James Madison Lindsay, born 7 March 1810 Scott County, KY; married Mary Keene, c1833; died 19 August 1846 Scott County, KY; buried Lindsay Cemetery, Scott County, KY. Children:
 - a. Charles A., born 2 December 1835, died 31 October 1853, buried Lindsay Cemetery, Scott County, KY.
 - b. Fanny, born 17 Apr 1834?, died 18 June 1860; married William Darnaby; buried Stamping Ground Cemetery, Scott County, KY.
 - c. James William, married Jennie Dixon.
 - d. Samuel Keene, born 1838, died 1863 in Civil War (CSA).
 - e. Harriett Ann, born 10 December 1840, died 1 February 1907, buried Stamping Ground Cemetery, Scott County, KY; married Robert S. Sprake.
 - f. Robert Henry, died in Civil War (CSA).
 - g. Helen Mary, married Benjamin Scott Lindsay, lived Warsaw, KY.
 - h. Margery, born 1846, d. 14 July 1869, buried Stamping Ground Cemetery, Scott County, KY; married Robert S. Sprake.
 - K. Polly Lindsay, born 23 July 1813 Scott County, KY; married Charles Lindsay; died 23 March 1835.
9. Richard Cole, Jr., born 23 April 1763 VA, married Sally Yates, 1783-1787. His wife was born 1 October 1765. Served as a constable & a lieutenant of the militia in Woodford County, KY. Operated "Cole's Tavern" 1812-1839 at Nugent's Cross Roads in Woodford County, he was first licensed to operate the tavern on 12 December 1812 (Woodford County, KY deed book D, p.115), the tavern later became known as the Black Horse Tavern. He died on 9 July 1839 and his wife on 8 November 1836; they were buried in the Cole

Cemetery, near Midway, Woodford County, KY. His will was written on 12 July 1837 & was recorded in August 1839 (Woodford County., KY Will Book C, p.63 & L, p.171). Richard Cole & Sally Yates were the parents of:

A. William Yates Cole, born 16 September 1788 Woodford County, KY, died 19 June 1823, buried Cole Cemetery, Woodford County, KY.

B. Mary Cole, born c1791 Woodford County., KY, married Elijah Finnie, 18 July 1806 Woodford County, KY. Her husband died 1836-1850 and in 1850 she was living Scott County, KY. Her children included:

a. Richard, born c1819 KY, married Ann ___, 1850 lived Scott County, KY.

b. James, born c1826 KY, 1850 lived Scott County, KY.

c. George Washington, born c1830. KY, married Martha Ann Donovan.

d. Mary F., born c1831 KY, 1850 lived Scott County, KY.

e. (at least four other daughters).

C. Jesse Cole, born 21 May 1793 Woodford County, KY, died 3 August 1833, buried Cole Cemetery, Woodford County, KY. Had one child, Loyd Cole, out of wedlock by Fanny Beven.

D. Elizabeth Cole, born 1794-1800 Woodford County, KY, married Thomas Martin, 23 April 1814 Woodford County, KY. The son of Lewis & Frances Martin, he was born in Stafford County, VA in 1792 and died in 1884 in Woodford County, KY. Elizabeth died between 1840-1850 in Scott County, KY. Their children were:

a. Richard.

b. James W., married Eliza McCoy; died 1839 Woodford County, KY.

c. Sarah, married Greenberry Moore.

d. Mary, married John McKendrick.

e. Jesse, born 1823 Woodford County, KY; married Margaret Thornton, 1847; died 1904 Woodford County, KY. A son, Henry Lewis Martin, served 4 years in the Kentucky Senate.

f. Eliza, born c1829, married John Walston.

g. Paulina, born c1833, married Anthony Smith, 1853 Woodford County, KY; moved to St. Joseph, MO.

h. Cordelia, born c1835, married Alfred Conyer.

i. John H., born c1837.

E. Amos Cole, born February 1798 Woodford County, KY, was killed in a fight at the Cole Tavern, in Woodford County, KY on 12 May 1827, was buried in the Cole Cemetery, Woodford County, KY. Married and had a daughter, Sarah Ann.

F. Sally Cole, b. 1800-1810 Woodford County, KY, married Henry B. Lewis, 1828 Woodford County, KY; he was the son of Henry & Scytha Lewis. Their children:

a. Sarah E., married James A. Vaughan.

b. Alice.

c. Joseph.

d. Perline, married Mr. Thomas.

G. James Cole, born 8 September 1804 Woodford County, KY; married his cousin, Sallie Lindsay, c1822, she was the daughter of Anthony Lindsay & Alice Cole. He died 27 February 1827 and was buried in the Cole Cemetery, near Midway, Woodford County, KY. His widow married 2nd Robert Thomason, c1839, and moved to Clay County, MO. James Cole & Sallie Lindsay were the parents of two children:

a. Jesse Richard Cole, born 29 November 1826 Woodford County, KY; about 1839 moved with his mother & stepfather to Clay County, MO, there he married Louisa G. Maret, 23 December 1846. He died 16 November 1895 in Clay County, MO.

b. Zerelda E. Cole, born 29 January 1825 Woodford County, KY. Married Robert Sallee James, 28 December 1841 Stamping Ground, Scott County, KY. A Baptist minister, he was born in Logan County, KY to John James & Mary Poor. In 1842 Zerelda and her husband joined her mother in Clay County, MO. Robert S. James died in August 1850, while on a trip to Placerville, CA & was buried there. She married 2nd Benjamin Simms on 30 September 1852, he died shortly afterwards, and she married 3rd Dr. Reuben Samuel in September 1855. Zerelda Cole Samuel died on 10 October 1911 at Oklahoma City, OK. and was buried at the Kearney Cemetery, Kearney, Clay County, MO. To Robert S. James & Zerelda E. Cole four children were born:

1. Alexander Franklin (Frank) James, born 10 January 1843 Kearney, Clay County, MO; married Annie Ralston, 1874, Omaha, NE.; died 18 February 1915 Kearney, MO, and was buried at Kansas City, MO; had 1 child: Robert Franklin, born 6 February 1878, married May Sullivan & Mae Sanborn; lived Kearney, MO.

2. Robert James, born 19 July 1845 & d. 24 July 1845, Clay County, MO.

3. "Jesse" Woodson James, born 5 September 1847 Kearney, Clay County, MO; married his paternal cousin, Zerelda (Zee) Amanda Mimms, 24 April 1874 Kearney, Clay County, MO; he was assassinated by Robert Ford at St. Joseph, MO on 3 April 1882, was buried Kearney Cemetery, Clay County, MO. He had 4 children: Jesse Edward, born 31 August 1875 Nashville, TN, married Stella McGown, they had 4 daughters. A lawyer, he died 26 Mar 1951 Los Angeles, CA & was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in L.A. Gould & Montgomery, twins, born 1877 Nashville, TN, died 1877/8. Mary, born 17 July 1879, married Henry Barr & had 3 sons.

4. Susan Lavenia James, born 25 November 1849 Clay County, MO, married Allen H. Parmer, 4 November 1870; lived Sherman, DC and had 9 children.

Zerelda Cole and her 2nd husband had no children, by her 3rd husband, Reuben Samuel, she had four children:

1. Sarah Samuel, born 26 December 1858, married William A. Nicholson; died 14 July 1921.

2. John T. Samuel, born 26 December 1858, married Norma Lena Maret; died 1934.

3. Fanny Quantrill Samuel, born 18 October 1863, married Joe C. Hall; died 3 May 1922.

4. Archie Peyton Samuel, born 26 July 1866, died 26 January 1875 Kearney, MO.

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