

# The Dicken Pioneers of Kentucky

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Most if not all of the Dicken(s) families of Kentucky are descendants of Christopher Dicken and Sarah Pulliam of Spotsylvania and Culpeper Counties, Virginia. At least 15 children were born to this couple and of these at least 13 were early pioneers of Kentucky, most arriving between 1783-1786.

Christopher Dicken was born in the first third of the 18th century. He was a resident of Spotsylvania County, Va. by 1752. He may or may not be the same Christopher Dicken who had purchased land in Prince Edward County, Va. in 1750. Daniel Pruett & his wife Sarah sold to Christopher Dicken 200 acres in Spotsylvania County, Va. on 2 June 1752. In the deed both parties were identified as being residents of Spotsylvania County (Spotsylvania County, Va. Records, Crozier). By 1761 Christopher Dicken had moved to Culpeper County, Va. Recorded in Spotsylvania County, Va. was a deed whereby Christopher Dicken & wife Sarah "of Culpeper County, Va." on 6 April 1761 sold to Richard Tyler of Spotsylvania County the 200 acre tract in Spotsylvania County which he had purchased in 1752.

Christopher Dicken may have had a brother, Joseph Dicken. A Joseph Dicken was a witness on deeds dated 3 October 1766, 4 October 1766 & 9 October 1769, whereby members of the Graves family, who were residents of Culpeper County, sold lands in Spotsylvania County, Va. (Spotsylvania County, Va. Records, Crozier). John Graves, born 10 December 1712, died 1766 Spotsylvania County, Va., married Susan Dicken 22 November 1732; Joseph Dicken appeared on deeds pertaining to his estate as a witness.

In the 1783 tax list of Culpeper County, Va. three Dicken are listed: Benjamin, Richard & Joseph. The first two are sons of Christopher Dicken, deceased. Joseph Dicken, son of Christopher, in 1783, would have been 19 years old. The Joseph Dicken in the 1783 tax list may be the Joseph who appeared on the 1766 & 1769 deeds. Joseph Dicken may be the father of Frances & Ann Dicken, who married in Culpeper County, Va and who do not appear to be children of Christopher Dicken. Frances Dicken married Thomas Bohannon on 14 October 1789 and Ann Dicken married Adam Yager on 9 October 1792.

Christopher Dicken about 1750-1755 married Sarah Pulliam of Spotsylvania County, Va. The daughter of Thomas Pulliam & Winifred Holladay, she was born between 1730-1743. Her father was living in Spotsylvania County by 1734. Thomas Pulliam, a resident of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania County, Va., wrote his will on 17 April 1758 and it was recorded on 6 June 1758. In his will he named as children: James, Thomas, Benjamin, Winifred, Susannah, Elizabeth, Agnes & Mary Pulliam, Anna wife of David Sandige, and Sarah wife of Christopher

Dickin. Witnesses to his will were Joseph & Benjamin Holloday (Spotsylvania County, Va. Records, Crozier). Winifred wife of Thomas Pulliam is named as a daughter by John Holladay in his will, written on 4 November 1742 & recorded in Spotsylvania County, Va. will book A, p. 346 on 7 December 1742. John Holladay & his wife, Elizabeth, lived on a plantation known as "Bellefonte" in Spotsylvania County, they had located in the county in 1702. He served as a Captain of the Virginia Rangers in Spotsylvania County and served as a justice of the peace. In his will John Holladay named as his children: William, John, Daniel, Joseph & Benjamin Holladay, Elizabeth wife of Pattison Pulliam, Winifred wife of Thomas Pulliam, Sarah wife of James Rollings Jr. & Susanna Holladay. See article on the Holladay family in Virginia Genealogies, by Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, The Rare Book Shop, Washington, D.C., 1931, pp.357-359.

Christopher Dicken on 21 August 1778 wrote his will and on 21 September 1778 it was recorded in Culpeper County, Va. will book B. In his will he named eight of his children: Richard, Benjamin, William, Christopher, Sarah, Winnefred Dicken, Betty Burdine & Susanna Render. He appointed as his executors, Henry Lewis and sons, Richard & Benjamin Dicken. In an abstract of his will in Culpeper County, Virginia, by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 1964, p.25, it is written that he directed that the rest of his estate was to be divided "amongst all my other fifteen children". The word "other" is ambiguous and probably should read amongst all my fifteen children. In Culpeper County on 20 March 1780 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Christopher Dicken, dec'd, was recorded, and on 17 April 1780 a sale bill of his estate was recorded. Sarah Pulliam, wife of Christopher Dicken, was not named in her husband's will. She had probably died in the preceding year, in the Revolutionary War pension application of her son, Joseph Dicken (Campbell County, Ky., 1832), he stated that "in 1777 both of his parents departed this life" (the will of his father indicates that the year should have been 1778).

Christopher Dicken & Sarah Pulliam were parents of the following 15 children:

1. Susannah Dicken was born about 1752 in Va. In the book, Renders and Their Relatives, by Pearl O. Smith (Weeks Publishers, 1965, p16), it is stated that Joshua Render II about 1770 "married Susanne Dicken, one of 15 children of Christopher Dicken, who died in Culpeper County, Va. in 1778". Joshua & Susan Render died in Wilkes County, Georgia. He died at the age of 76 on 19 September 1818 and she died on 1 June 1821 at the age of 70.

2. Richard Dicken was born 1750-1762 in Va. He was listed in the 1783 tax list of Culpeper County, Va. He may be the Richard Dicken who was listed in the 1800 tax list of Boone County, Ky., in the same record a Henry Dicken was also listed.

3. Benjamin Dicken was born 1750-1762 in Va. He was listed in the 1783 tax list of Culpeper County, Va. He purchased 500 acres on Sinking Creek in Montgomery County, Ky. on 8 July 1799 (this tract had been patented in the name of George Row, the Row family had also been residents of Culpeper County, Va., and had intermarried with the Render family). On the

same date of this purchase Benjamin's brother, John, also purchased land. Benjamin & John Dicken are listed in the 1799 tax list of Lincoln County, Ky., Benjamin was shown as owning 500 acres on Sinking Creek in Montgomery County, Ky. In the 1801, 1802 & 1803 tax lists of Garrard County, Ky. Benjamin Dicken was listed and in the 1804 Garrard tax list Rhoda Dicken paid taxes for Benjamin Dicken, deceased. In all four lists they were listed as being taxed on the 500 acres in Montgomery County, Ky. In Garrard County, Ky. will book A. page 195 the will of Benjamin Dickens was recorded. He wrote it on 19 April 1804 and it was probated in June 1804. In his will he referred to his wife and named the following children: Jenny (under 16), Susannah, and the three smallest children by his first wife (Fanny, Jenny & Sally) were to be cared for by Mary & Elizabeth Fisher.

4. William Dicken was born 1750-1760 in Va. Between 1770-1778 he married Delilah Sampson, a daughter of John & Mary Sampson of Culpeper County, Va. John Sampson "of Bromfield Parish, Culpeper County, Va." wrote his will on 18 June 1778 and it was recorded on 20 July 1778 (Culpeper County, Virginia, Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 1964, p.24). John's widow, Mary, died 1824 in Madison County, Va. John & Mary Sampson had twelve children: Elizabeth married Lewis Render by 1778 & in 1813 she was living in Madison County, Va. Bathsheba married Reuben Clark by 1778 & in 1809 she was living in Madison County, Va. Ann married Reginald Burdyne by 1778 & she was living in 1828. Delilah married William Dicken by 1778, in 1820 she was living Washington County, Ky. & she was still living, in 1832. Lucy married Aaron Berry by 1778 & she was living in 1832. Frances married Elisha Berry by 1778 and she died between 1778-1828. William in 1791 was living Culpeper County, Va. & he died before 1828. Joseph in 1829 was living in Rockingham County, Va. & he was still living in 1830. Thomas in 1811 was living in Orange County, Va. & he died before 1828. Rhoda married Martin Barnes on 25 January 1787 in Culpeper County, Va., she married second Robert Garnett 1825-1827 & she died after 1830. Jemima married John Hughes by 1778 & in 1832 she was a nonresident of Virginia. Mary married William Hughes by 1778 & in 1832 she was a nonresident of Virginia. See abstracts of court suits involving the estate of John Sampson in the book, Culpeper County, Virginia, Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 1964, pp.118-120, 122-123, 127-128.

In Culpeper County, Va. on 19 June 1786 William Dicken along with John Sampson & Andrew Glassell made an inventory & appraisement of the estate of John Burdyne., dec'd (he was the brother-in-law of William Dicken). By 1789 William Dicken had moved to Kentucky, where he settled in what was then Nelson County & in the area which in 1792 became Washington County, Ky. William Dicken was listed in the 1789-1791 tax lists of Nelson County and in the 1792-1815 tax lists of Washington County, Ky. and was enumerated in the 1810 census of Washington County, Ky. In March 1793 he served on the first grand jury of Washington County. William Dicken died in 1815 or 1816, in the 1815 Washington County tax book he was shown as paying taxes on 170 acres on Cartwrights Creek and in the following year his son, Thomas, was listed as being the "administrator" of the same tract.

The children of William Dicken & Delilah Sampson included: Susannah married John Hammett 22 December 1794 Washington County, Ky. Elizabeth married William Wright 29 April 1801 Washington County, Ky. Thomas born about 1784 in Culpeper County, Va. married his cousin, Agnes Burdine (daughter of John Burdyne & Elizabeth Dicken) 4 August 1804 Washington County, Ky. Thomas lived in the part of Washington County, Ky. which in 1834 became the new county of Marion, he died between 1837-1840, he is listed in the 1837 Marion County tax list and his widow appears in the 1840 tax list & census of Green County, Ky. Jemmiah married Thomas Edwards 12 February 1804 Washington County, Ky. Fanny married Silas Chamberlain 26 March 1807 Washington County, Ky. Folly married John Edwards 8 January 1809 Washington County, Ky.

5. Elizabeth (Betty) Dicken was born 1750-1762 in Va. Between 1770-1778 she married John Burdyne, a son of Richard Burdyne of Orange & Culpeper Counties, Va. In Orange County, Va. deed book 3, pp.117-121, a lease & release on 216 acres on Robinson River was recorded on 21-22 March 1738(1739) by Robert Tanner to Richard Burdyn, both were residents of Orange County (Orange County, Va. Deed Books, 1735-1743, Dorman, 1961). In Orange County, Va. Richard Burdyne appeared as a witness on the will of Henry Frederick Phierpack on 27 February 1745 and in the same county he witnessed the will of William Carpenter on 4 October 1745. On 2 July 1761 Richard Burdyne wrote his will and it was recorded in Culpeper County, Va. on 15 October 1761. The following abstract of his will was in the book, Genealogical and Historical Notes on Culpeper County, Virginia, Raleigh Travers Green, Culpeper, Va., 19001 p.47: Wife Catherine; "leaves to his son Reginald, a tract of land on the west side of the 'ragged' Mountain, adjoining the lands of Dick and Bogle, to his son, Samuel, land adjoining Jno. and Martin Nalle, Wm. and Francis Gaines, and Capt. Wm. Brown; his two daughters, Hannah and Barbara,. married Shotwell and Grissom; to his son, Nathaniel, a tract of land on the north branch of the Rappahannock river, adjoining lands of Geo. Wm. Fairfax Esq., Capt. Robert Green, Capt. Cave and Edward Herndon; to his son, Jno., land on the north side of Robinson river, adjoining lands of Alexander and Daniel Campbell, and Jas. Hurt; he directs that a cow and a calf be given to each of his sons on the day of their marriage". In the 1783 tax list of Culpeper County, Va. John Burdyne and his brother, Reginald, were listed. Reginald Burdyne married Ann Sampson, a daughter of John & Mary Sampson, and a sister of Delilah Sampson, the wife of William Dicken.

John Burdyne "of Bromfield Parish, Culpeper County, Va." on 28 March 1786 wrote his will and it was recorded in April 1786. He left all of his estate to his wife, Betty, including land in "Cantuckey" bought of John Dicken, known as Cartwright tract. At her death it was to be divided equally among their eight children: Benjamin, Susanner, Catherine, Sarah, Betty, Amos, Nancy & Agnes, all of whom were minors. By his will he also left money in trust to William Chapman for the support of his mother, Catherine Burdyne. Executors were his wife, Betty Burdyne, and his brother-in-laws, John & Joseph Dicken (Culpeper County, Virginia, Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 1964, p.61). Apparently very soon after the death of her husband, Betty Burdyne

& her children, came to Kentucky. In the 1786 tax list of Nelson County (Ky.) Betty Burdyne, as well as her brothers, Ephraim & Joseph Dicken, were listed. She settled on a 300 acre tract on Cartwrights Creek, which in 1792 became part of Washington County, Ky. Recorded in Nelson County, Ky. deed book 31 p.104, is a deed whereby James Phillip on 8 June 1789 transferred to "Betty Burdyne & her children" as directed by the will of John Burdyne, 300 acres on Cartwrights Creek adjoining Sary Phillip. In the first tax list of Washington County, Ky. in 1792 Betty Burdyne was shown as being taxed on 300 acres, 2 blacks, 5 horses & 10 cattle. She was enumerated as a household head in the 1810 census of Washington County, but was not listed in the subsequent censuses of Washington County.

The eight children of John Burdyne & Elizabeth Dicken were: Benjamin was born 1770-1784 & in 1805 was living Washington County, Ky. Susannah was born 1770-1784 Va. & married George Bringle 1 January 1793 in Washington County, Ky., he was listed in the 1810 Washington County, Ky. census. Catharine was born 1770-1786 Va. & married John Chamberlain 28 May 1804 Washington County, Ky. Sarah was born 1770-1786 Va. & died after 1786. Elizabeth (Betty) was born 1770-1786 Va. & married Christian Fetter 13 July 1801 Washington County, Ky. Amos was born 1770-1784 Va., married Jenny Davidson 1 December 1803 Washington County, Ky., & in 1810 was living Washington County, Ky. Nancy was born 1770-1786 Va. & married William Smith 3 October 1805 Washington County, Ky. Agnes was born 1784-1786 Culpeper County, Va., she married Thomas Dicken, son of William Dicken & Delilah Sampson, on 4 August 1804 Washington Cbuntyr Ky. Thomas & Agnes Dicken lived in the region of Washington County which became part of Marion County, Ky. in 1834. Between 1837-1840 her husband died & during the same period she moved to Green County, Ky., to that section. which in 1848 became part of Taylor County, Ky. Agnes Dicken was listed in the 1840 census of Green County, Ky. & in the 1850 census of Taylor County, Ky. A record of the death of Agnes Burdyne Dicken was recorded in the vital statistics of Marion County, Ky., her death record indicated she died of flux in that county on 14 August 1853, at the age of 68, she was a widow & was born in Culpeper County, Va.

6. John Dicken according to his Revolutionary War pension application was born on 16 April 1759 in Culpeper County, Va., on the head waters of the Robinson River at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains and he lived there until the Revolutionary War. On his pension application filed in Green County, Ky. on 21 January 1833 and on the pension application of his brother, Ephraim Dicken, filed in Monroe County, Ky. in 1832, John Dicken gave detailed description of his several tours of duty in the Revolution. He first served under Capt. Gabriel Slaughter in Culpeper County, Va. from the latter part of 1778 until July 1779. In the fall of 1779 he removed to Kentucky and in the spring of 1780 returned to Culpeper County, Va. He volunteered in the summer of 1780 for a tour of duty in the Carolinas under Gen. Stephens, in which he was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. In October 1781, after the surrender of Cornwallis he returned to Culpeper County, Va. In 1784 he removed to Kentucky and resided there continuously thereafter. In 1786 he served as a lieutenant for four months under Gen. Clark

in his campaign against the Shawnee Indians. In 1786 John Dicken was listed in the tax list of Mercer County, Ky. He was located in the following tax records: 1789-1791 Nelson County, Ky.; 1792 Washington County, Ky. (shown as owning 500 acres); and the 1796-1804 Lincoln County, Ky. On 8 July 1799 John Dicken purchased three tracts of land: 58 acres on Clarks Creek in Lincoln County, Ky., 800 acres on Harrods Creek in Jefferson County, Ky. & 500 acres on Green River in Ohio County, Ky. The later tract John Dicken "of Lincoln County, Ky." on 5 August 1800 sold to Charles Travis for 200 pounds (Ohio County, Ky. deed book A, p.96), this same tract in 1810 became the property of John's brother, Christopher Dicken, it was located on the Green River in what is now Mclean County, Ky. and included Part of the present town of Calhoun. This tract had been part of a 1500 acre tract patented in the name of John Dicken & Walter Baker. At the time of the 1810 census John Dicken was still a resident of Lincoln County, Ky. In 1821-1822 he moved to Green County, Ky. In that county he married Mrs. Mary (Cook) McCubbin, the widow of James McCubbin, on 17 January 1825. She had married James McCubbin in Rockingham County, N.C. on 29 December 1784 and he died in Green County, Ky. in 1824. John Dicken was listed in the 1822-1841 tax lists of Green County, Ky. and was enumerated in the 1830 & 1840 censuses of Green County. In the pension application of his widow, Mary, she testified that he died on 13 June 1841 in Green County & that they had no children. Following his death Mary Dicken was listed in the Green County, Ky. tax books and was taxed on 100 acres on Green River. A record of Mary Dicken's death was recorded in the Green County, Ky. vital statistics, she died at Campbellsville on 27 February 1858, at the age of 92, her father's name was listed as James Cook.

7. Ephraim Dicken was born in 1762 in Culpeper County, Va. On 4 December 1832 he applied for a Revolutionary War pension in Monroe County, Ky. In his application he declared that he was 70 years old and was drafted in January or February 1781 in Culpeper County, Va. He served as a militiaman under Capt. Henry Toles & Major John Graves. He was later attached to a company under Col. Willis and marched to Hot Water where they met a scouting party of the enemy with whom they had an engagement in which he was wounded with a sword and taken prisoner and was exchanged. He served six months in Col. Willis' regiment under Capt. Stewart and was at the battle at Green Spring. In September 1781 he joined for another term when he substituted for his brother-in-law, John Burdine and served in Capt. Armsted White's company under Gen. Edward Stephens and was at siege at Yorktown, when Cornwallis surrendered. By 1786 Ephraim Dicken had moved to Kentucky, in that year he was listed in the Nelson County, Ky. tax list. He also appeared in the Nelson County tax records in 1789 & 1793. In Nelson County he married Anne Peake on 19 Dec 1789. Ephraim Dicken was enumerated in the 1810 census of Cumberland County, Ky. and in the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Monroe County, Ky. On 6 March 1833 he testified to the Revolutionary War service, of his brother, John Dicken. On 15 April 1833 Ephraim Dicken was granted a pension for his service in the Revolution and died after that date. Of his children were: Mary F. married William Kidwell & Hannah (1800-1867 Barren County, Ky.) married William Oldham.

8. Joseph Dicken was born 23 March 1764 in Culpeper County, Va. He reported this on his Revolutionary War pension application, filed in Campbell County, Ky. on 27 August 1832. In the same record he stated that in 1777 both of his parents departed this life and he was placed under an overseer until he entered the army in June 1779. At that time he joined the company of his uncle, Capt. Fisher Rice, in Culpeper County, Va.; Capt. Rice was married to Agnes Pulliam, a sister of Joseph's mother, Sarah Pulliam Dicken. He at this time had volunteered as a substitute for his brother-in-law, Joshua Render, who had been drafted. In September or Oct 1779 he entered the company of Capt. Mark Finks as a substitute for his brother-in-law, John Burdyne. In August or September of 1780 he volunteered in the company of Capt. Elijah Kirtley. In February or March 1781 he was drafted into the company of Capt. Fisher Rice. This company was under the command of Gen. Muhlenburgh & they were chased by the British commander Tarleton to Petersburg & to Richmond, Va. They met with Generals Von Steuben, Lafayette & Anthony Wayne & was in a skirmish near Jamestown. In the company of Capt. Armistead White he was at the siege of Yorktown in October 1781. About the middle of November 1781 he returned to Culpeper County, Va. By 1786 Joseph Dicken had moved to Kentucky, in that year he and his brother, Ephraim Dicken & sister Betty Burdyne, were listed in a list of tithables in Nelson County, Ky. By 1788 he was living in Mercer County, Ky. In Mercer County on 21 January 1788 he married Mary Jane Sutton, a daughter of Robert Sutton & Ann Lindsay. On 23 February 1790 in Mercer County Joseph Dicken was appointed guardian of Daniel, Winniford & Lott Dicken, orphans of Christopher Dicken, deceased. On his bond securities were William Kennedy, John Lillard & Robert Sutton (Mercer County, Ky. order book 1, p.471). In the extant early tax books for Mercer County Joseph Dicken was found in the years of 1794, 1795 & 1796, in the latter he was listed as owning 292 acres on Wells (12 Mile) Creek in Campbell County, Ky. About 1798-1799 Joseph Dicken, his brother Charles, who had also been residing in Mercer & who had married Joseph's wife's sister, and several relatives of his wife's family, including the Blagrove, Kennedy & Anderson families, all moved to the 12 Mile Creek area of Campbell County, Ky. Joseph's father-in-law, Robert Sutton, of Charlotte County, Va. on 14 August 1782 had received a warrant of 1168 ½ acres on Wells (12 Mile) Creek, located just north of Persimmon Grove in what became Campbell County in 1795. Robert Sutton by 1787 moved to Mercer County, Ky., where he died in January 1795; his widow, Ann, married Henry Blagrove on 2 November 1797. In the 1800 tax list of Campbell County Joseph Dicken was shown as owning 300 acres on Wells Creek. Upon his application for a pension in 1832 he was placed upon the pension roll and on 24 July 1833 he requested that the payment be transferred from Lexington to Cincinnati, Ky., stating that he was very old & infirm & it was through greater difficulty that he could go to Lexington, a distance of above 70 miles, than to Cincinnati, which was about 15 miles from his home in Campbell County. At the age of 87 he died on 4 January 1848 in Campbell County, Ky. at the home of his daughter Nancy (Ann) Kerchival, to whom he willed his pension money, his wife having preceded him in death. His heirs were named in Campbell County, Ky. order book 5 and deed book T & X. The children of Joseph Dicken & Mary Jane Sutton were: Charles, born 1800, died 1863 Campbell County, Ky. & married Mary

Cherry. Ann married James Kerchival. Joseph W., born 1804 & married his cousin, Sarah Pulliam Dicken, daughter of Charles Dicken & Margaret Sutton. Levi, born about 1806 & married Martha Acklin. Simeon, born about 1811 & married Elizabeth Herndon. Mary Jane married James M. Stevens. Henry B. And Margaret married James Stevens White 7 April 1828. For further information see article published in the newspaper, The Falmouth Outlook, Falmouth, Ky., Friday, 21 July 1978.

9. Daniel Dicken was born 1769-1771 in Virginia. In Culpeper County, Va. will book B on 15 November 1779 was recorded an account of Benjamin Dicken as a guardian of Daniel & Isaac Dicken. In Mercer County, Ky. on 23 February 1790 Joseph Dicken was appointed guardian for Daniel (Mercer County order book 1, p.471), this suggests that Daniel was born subsequent to 1769. Daniel Dicken died single in 1791-1792. His will was recorded in Mercer County, Ky. will book 1, p.74 on 26 February 1792. In his will he named three younger siblings: Charles, Winneford & Lot Dicken. Executors of his will were "friends", Christopher & Isaac Dicken, and witnesses were: William & Joseph Dicken & William Batton.

10. Charles Dicken was born 22 June 1772 in Virginia. An account of his guardian was recorded 15 November 1779 in Culpeper County, Va. will book B. In Mercer County, Ky. on 24 Dec 1793 he married Margaret Sutton, a daughter of Robert Sutton & Ann Lindsay, & a sister of the wife of his brother, Joseph Dicken. In the extant tax lists of Mercer County, Ky. Charles was found in 1794, 1795 & 1797; in the latter he was taxed on 292 acres on Wells Creek in Campbell County, Ky. In the 1800 tax list of Campbell County he was taxed on the same tract of 292 acres on 12 Mile Creek. The 1801 Campbell County tax list shows him with 211 acres & in 1802 Margaret Dicken was shown as paying taxes on 211 acres on Brush Creek. Charles Dicken died in 1803, he wrote his will on 20 December 1802 & it was recorded in Campbell County, Ky. will book A, p.71, in May 1803. In his will he named his wife, Margaret & children: Robert Sutton Dicken, James Blaggrave Dicken, Ann Gentry Dicken, & Sarah Pulliam Dicken. Executors were, his wife, Margaret, Henry Blaggrave (his wife's stepfather) & Joseph Dicken (his brother), and witnesses were, Lot Dicken (his brother), Mary Dicken (his sister-in-law) & Ann Blaggrave (his mother-in-law). His children on 15 August 1803 were placed under the guardianship of his brother, Joseph Dicken. His daughter, Sarah Pulliam, married Joseph's son, Joseph W. Dicken. On 4 July 1803, Margaret Sutton Dicken, widow of Charles Dicken, married William Gosney. She died in March 1856 at the age of 80 in Campbell County, Ky.

11. Isaac Dicken was born 1762-1775 in Va. On 15 November 1779 Benjamin Dicken filed a report as the guardian of Isaac Dicken, recorded in Culpeper County, Va. will book B. Isaac was appointed as one of the executors of the estate of Daniel Dicken by Daniel's will recorded in Mercer County, Ky. on 28 February 1792. Isaac was listed in the 1796 & 1797 tax lists of Mercer County, Ky. and in the 1801 tax list of Lincoln County, Ky. In a published index for the 1810 & 1820 censuses of Kentucky no Isaac Dicken is listed as a household head.



12. Christopher Dicken was born 1765-1775 in Va. In 1778 Christopher, "a minor" was named in the will of his father. In Culpeper County, Va. will book B on 19 March 1782 was recorded a guardianship account of Christopher Dicken with his brother Richard Dicken. In Culpeper County, Va. on 14 July 1792 Christopher Dicken married Mary Pulliam, probably his cousin. Shortly afterwards he probably moved to Mercer County, Ky., where several of his brothers were residing & where he was appointed an executor of the estate of his brother, Daniel, on 28 February 1792. In the 1794-1797 Mercer County tax lists he was not listed. About 1798 he moved to Warren County, Ky. & settled in the part which in the next year became Barren County, Ky. On 9 April 1798 Edward. Rice & wife Sarah sold to Christopher Dicken 100 acres on Green River (Warren County, KY. deed book 1A, p.26). One of the witnesses was Joseph Pulliam, who was probably a relative, the grantor may also have been related, if he was a son of Christopher's uncle & aunt, Foster & Agnes Pulliam Rice. Christopher Dicken was listed in the tax records of Barren County, Ky. from 1799 through 1809, during most of these years he was shown with 3 tracts of a total of 330 acres on the Green River.

In 1810 Christopher Dicken moved to "the Long Falls of the Green River", the site of the present town of Calhoun (formerly called Rhodesville & Vienna), the county seat of Mclean County, Ky. At this time the area was in Ohio County, Ky., in 1815 it became Daviess County, Ky. & in 1854 it became Mclean County, Ky. Christopher Dicken settled on 500 acres on Green River at the Long Falls, it was part of 1500 acre survey patented in the name of John Dicken & Walter Baker. On 8 July 1799 John Dicken acquired full ownership of the 500 acres & on 5 August 1800 sold it to Charles Travis (Ohio County, Ky. deed book A. p.96). James Jordan acquired title to the 500 acres as a result of a circuit court suit (Ohio County, Ky. deed book AA, p.298) and on the same date he got title, 12 November 1810, he sold it to Christopher Dicken (Ohio County, Ky. deed book AA, p.297). In the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (c.1883, pp.56-57) the following reference was made to Christopher Dicken: "Among the early settlers of north Mclean County (then in Daviess) was Anthony Thompson, a strict constructionist of law, especially of Sabbath laws. He held that no one should labor on Sunday. In his vicinity one Saturday afternoon there arrived one Christopher Dickin, who had fallen heir to a survey of 400 acres, covering the site where Vienna stood, besides another tract of 1,000 acres in the vicinity. Mr. D. was moving from Virginia to take possession of the property, with his family and several negroes. On Sunday morning they finished their journey, and Thompson had Dickin arrested for violating Sunday law; and this prosecution became only the first of a long series of lawsuits and of an unending enmity between the men. On another occasion Mr. D. was building a house, and Saturday night caught him, with the structure uncovered. The next thy he commenced to work on the building, and Thompson commenced lawing him again. These prosecutions, of course, led to a permanent enmity between the two men and their families."

Christopher Dicken was listed in the 1810 census of Ohio County, Ky., at that time he was shown as owning 8 slaves, and he appeared in the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Daviess County, Ky. On 29 September 18,25 John Dicken "of Green County, Ky." sold another 250 acres of the

1500 acres survey to his brother, Christopher Dicken, adjoining the 500 acres of the same survey on which Christopher Dicken was then living (Daviness County, Ky. deed book C, p.223). Christopher Dicken sold the same to Sylvester Elder of Washington County, Ky. on 24 March 1828 (Daviness County deed book c, p.5); Elder's wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Thomas Dicken & Agnes Burdine and a great-niece of Christopher Dicken. Christopher Dicken died in 1833, on 12 August 1833 in Daviness County, Ky. John Calhoun was appointed administrator of the estate of Christopher Dicken, deceased. A deed of the following year indicates he made a will, however, the first two will books of Daviness County, including wills recorded prior to 1867, have been lost. The widow of Christopher, Mary, died in 1838; in Daviness County on 13 August 1838 Benjamin Dicken was appointed administrator of Polly Dicken, dec'd. The heirs of Christopher Dicken were listed in Daviness County deed books: D, p.352 & I, p.517.

The children of Christopher Dicken & Mary Pulliam were: Sarah, born 1792-1793, married 1st James Pearson 21 August 1809 Barren County, Ky. (children - Wesley Pearson, Polly wife of Alfred Acres & Elizabeth wife of Wesley Chamberlain) & married 2nd Morton Harris 1812-1834 (children - Reuben, Lucy, Elitha, Sarah, Charles, William & Nancy Jane). Robert, born ca 1794 Ky., married Elizabeth Chamberlin 23 May 1816 Ohio County, Ky., 1850 lived Daviness County, Ky. Daniel, born 1792-1800 & died 1820-1847 (children - William, Minerva, Susan & Christopher). Lucy, born ca 1797 Ky., married Joseph Riggs 10 March 1818 Daviness County, Ky., 1850 lived Daviness County, Ky. Benjamin, born ca 1802 Ky., married Lucinda White 31 May 1824 Daviness County, Ky., 1860 lived Daviness County, Ky. William, born 1800-1804 Ky., married Mary Lovelace 20 April 1828 Muhlenberg County, Ky., died 1847 Daviness County, Ky. And Christopher born 1800-1804 Ky., operated a mill at Calhoun, Ky., died single 31 Dec. 1847 Daviness County, Ky.

13. Sarah Dicken was born 1760-1776 in Va. In Nelson County, Ky. she married Thomas Huie (? spelling, may be Hughes, Hume) on 17 July 1790.

14. Winnifred Dicken was born 1769-1777 in Va. In Mercer County, Ky. on 23 February 1790 Joseph Dicken was appointed her guardian (Mercer County order book 1, p.471), also in the Mercer County will of her brother, Daniel Dicken, in 1792 she was named. In Nelson County, Ky. on 18 August 1791 she married Jacob Saltsman.

15. Lot Dicken was born about 1778 in Va. In Mercer County, Ky. on 23 February 1790 Joseph Dicken was appointed his guardian; he was named in the will of Daniel Dicken recorded in Mercer County, Ky. in 1792; in 1797 he was listed in the Lincoln County, Ky. tax list; he appeared as a witness on the will of Charles Dicken recorded in Campbell County, Ky. in 1803. He probably never married & continued to live in Campbell County, he was listed in the 1850 census of Campbell County, at which time he was listed as being 70 years old, born Va., a laborer & was living with Joseph & Eliza Parker, who do not appear to be related since they were both natives of Penn.

Addenda: John Graves, born 10 December 1712, died 1766 Spotsylvania County, Va., married Susan Dicken 22 November 1732; Joseph Dicken appeared on deeds pertaining 'to his estate as a witness.

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## **Family of Thomas Dicken & Agnes Burdine**

Thomas Dicken, the son of William Dicken & Delilah Sampson, was born about 1784. His parents came from Culpeper County, Virginia to Kentucky by 1789. About 1789 they settled on Cartwrights Creek in what was then Nelson County, in the area which in 1792 became part of Washington County, Ky. and in 1834 Marion County, Ky. Thomas Dicken was first listed in the Washington County, Ky. tax lists in 1805. This suggests that he attained the age of 21 in 1805, which is supported by the fact that on August 4th of the previous year (1804) his father had to sign his consent for Thomas to marry, indicating that on that date Thomas was not yet 21.

Thomas Dicken on 4 August 1804 married Agnes Burdine, his cousin. Their marriage is recorded in Washington County, Ky. marriage book 1, page 60. On their marriage bond it is written that consent by William Dicken father of the groom was written on August 3, witnesses who signed their names to his consent were William Wright & John Hammett, who were both brothers-in-law of Thomas. Consent by Betty Burdyne, mother of the bride, was also written on August 3 and witnessed by Josias Edwards & John Hammett. John Hammett was surety on the marriage bond. Agnes Burdine (spelled Burdyne in Virginia records) was born in 1784-1786 in Culpeper County, Va. She was the daughter of John Burdyne & Elizabeth Dicken. Her mother and Thomas Dicken's father, William, were brother and sister.

The first year in which Thomas Dicken is shown as paying taxes on any land in Washington County, Ky. is in 1816. In that years tax list it was recorded that he was acting "as administrator" of 170 acres on Cartwrights Creek. In the previous year his father, William Dicken, had paid taxes on the same 170 acres. From about 1820 Thomas Dicken is shown as owning a farm of 56 acres on Cartwrights Creek.

Thomas Dicken and his family were listed in the 1810, 1820 & 1830 censuses of Washington County, Ky., his household was enumerated as follows:

1810 Washington County, Ky. census. p.325:

Thomas Dicken	2 males 0-10	2 females 0-10
	1 male 16-26	1 female 16-26

1820 Washington County, Ky. census, p.69:

Thomas Dickin	4 males 0-10	3 females 0-10
	1 male 10-16	1 female 10-16
	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45

1830 Washington County, Ky. census, p.168:

Thomas Dicken	1 male 0- 5	2 females 5-10
	1 male 5-10	1 female 15-20
	1 male 10-15	1 female 50-60
	1 male 15-20	
	1 male 20-30	
	1 male 40-50	

In 1810 Thomas' father, William, was the only other Dicken appearing in the Washington County census. In 1820 & 1830 Thomas was the only Dicken listed in the censuses of Washington County. Thomas Dicken last appeared in the Washington County tax records in 1833. In 1834 Marion County was formed from Washington County. In the 1834 tax list of Marion County Thomas Dicken is shown as being taxed on the same 56 acres on Cartwrights Creek which he had been previously listed with in the Washington County records. In the following years of 1835, 1836 & 1837 he is also shown as being taxed on the 56 acres in Marion County. The Marion County tax books of 1838 & 1839 are missing, in 1840 and in subsequent years Thomas Dicken is not listed again in the Marion County tax records.

Thomas Dicken died between 1837-1840. In 1837 he was living in Marion County, Ky., appearing in the tax records there in that year. In 1840 his widow, Agnes Dicken, is listed as a head of a household in the census of Green County, Ky. She and several of her children, including sons, Thomas, Felix & Simeon Dicken, her daughter Mahala Rogers & her family, and members of the family of her daughter, Susannah Luck, had left Marion County and moved to the area of Green County which in 1848 became Taylor County. Taylor County adjoins Marion County on the southwest. Agnes Dicken appears in the 1840 tax list of Green County, the tax lists for the previous two years for Green County are missing, and in 1837 and before she, nor her husband Thomas, are listed there. When she removed to Green County one other Dicken family was residing there, that of her husband's uncle, John Dicken. His residence was in a different part of the county; after Taylor County was cut from Green his home remained in Green County. The following Dicken families were listed in the 1840 Green County census:

1840 Green County, Ky. census:

p.188 Thomas Dickin	1 male 30-40	1 female 0- 5
		1 female 15-20
p.206 Agnes Dickin	1 male 0- 5	1 female 5-10
	1 male 10-15	1 female 10-15
	1 male 15-20	1 female 15-20
		2 female 20-30
		1 female 50-60

p.206	Felix Dickin	1 male 20-30	2 females 0- 5 1 female 20-30
p.213	John Dickin	1 male 80-90	1 female 15-20 1 female 70-80

Agnes Dicken is listed in the 1840-1848 tax lists for Green County, Ky. During the same period her sons, Thomas, Felix & Simeon are also listed in various years. Thomas Dicken is the only one shown as owning land in Green County during this time. He owned a farm of about 240 acres on Robinsons Creek. During 1848 Taylor County was formed from Green County and Agnes Dicken and several members of her family were enumerated in the 1850 census of Taylor County.

1850 Taylor County, Ky. census:

p.158	#118	Rogers, Allen	45	m	farmer, R.E.\$1500	Ky.
		Mahala	31	f		Ky.
		Samantha	7	f		Ky.
		Nancy	6	f		Ky.
		Mary	5	f		Ky.
		Susan	2	f		Ky.
		Elliot	6/12	m		Ky.
p.166	#244	Dicken, Thomas	38	m		Ky.
		A. E.	27	f		Ky.
		N. E.	11	f		Ky.
		Mariet	9	m		Ky.
		Verdamon	7	m		Ky.
p.166	#250	Dicken, Simeon	29	m	farmer	Ky.
		Mary	25	f		Ky.
		Thomas	4	m		Ky.
		Delila	3	f		Ky.
		John	1	m		Ky.
		Agnes	68	f		Va.
		Luck, Julia A.	22	f		Ky.
		G. W.	20	m		Ky.
		S. E.	16	f		Ky.

When Agnes Dicken and several of her children moved to Green (Taylor) County, Ky. several other children, including William Dicken, Perry Dicken, Elizabeth Elder, & Delila Cheif, continued to reside in Marion County, Ky. Agnes Dicken, widow of Thomas Dicken, died in Marion County, Ky. on 14 August 1853. A record of her death was recorded in the vital statistics of Marion County. In a transcription of the original record it was written that she died of flux, was age 68, a widow, born Culpeper County, Va, parents John E. Bemarid (the latter surname may be a misinterpretation of the handwriting on the original).

The census records suggest that Thomas Dicken & Agnes Burdine may have had as many as 15 children, the following nine have been identified:

1. Elizabeth Dicken was born 18 January 1807 in Washington (later Marion) County, Ky. In Washington County, Ky. on 29 November 1823 she married Sylvester Elder. They lived in Marion County, Ky. In the 1850 census of Marion County they were listed as living in the home of their daughter, Marietta Able, her husband Austin Able was a merchant in Lebanon, Ky. Elizabeth Elder died at Lebanon in Marion County, Ky. on 26 July 1873 and was buried at St. Augustine's Catholic Church Cemetery in Lebanon, Ky. Their children were: Marietta, born c1828 & married John Austin Able about 1847; Emma born c1829; Eliza Jane born c1831; Thomas A. born c 1831; Anna Ellen born c1832; & Susan Agnes born 24 November 1833 & married William E. Russell 14 November 1854 Marion County, Ky. Information on Elizabeth Elder and her family is from the books: Maryland Elder Family and Kin, by Sister Louise Donnelly, 1975 and Kentucky Catholic Pioneers & Their Descendants (Rolling Fork Settlement, Marion County, Ky.), by Gerald Thompson.
2. William Dicken was born 1805-1809 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. By 1830 is listed in the tax records of Washington County and in the early tax lists for Marion County. In the 1840 Marion County, Ky. census he is the only Dicken household listed, he was residing by himself and was aged 30-40. He was not listed in the 1850 censuses of Marion or Taylor Counties, Ky.
3. Susannah Dicken married Samuel Luck on 6 November 1827 in Washington County, Ky. On their marriage bond consent was signed by her father, Thomas Dicken. Samuel nor Susannah Luck are listed in the indexes for the 1840 or 1850 censuses of Kentucky. She may have died between 1833-1850. In 1850 three Luck children, Julia A. born c1828, a boy G. W. born c1830 & a girl S. E. born c1834, were living with Simeon Dicken & his mother Agnes Dicken in Taylor County, Ky. The Luck children may be the minor children who were listed in the home of Agnes Dicken at the time of the 1840 Green County, Ky. census.
4. Thomas Dicken was born about 1812 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. He is listed in the 1840 census and 1840-1848 tax lists of Green County, Ky. Thomas Dicken, his wife & three children were listed in the 1850 census of Taylor County, Ky. His age was listed as 38 and the ages of his children suggest he was married about 1838.
5. Felix Dicken was born about 1813 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. He is listed in the 1834, 1836 & 1837 tax lists of Marion County, Ky. and in the 1840 & 1841 (both times immediately next to Agnes Dicken) tax lists of Green County, Ky. He is listed in the 1840 census of Green County, Ky., he was aged 20-30 and with him were a female aged 20-30 and two females aged under five. In 1841, the last year he

appeared in the Green County tax records, he was shown as owning 100 acres in Casey & Adair Counties, Ky., he may have removed to one or the other county.

6. Perry Dicken was born about 1815 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. The marriage bonds of two of his children: William & Margaret, recorded in Daviess County, Ky. report that he was born in Marion County, which at the time was Washington County. About 1839 he married Elizabeth Lanham, also a native of the Marion County area, she was born about 1812. They were probably married in Marion County, where the early records were destroyed when the courthouse was burned during the Civil War. Perry Dicken was first listed in the Marion County tax lists in 1837. For about the next twenty years he was a resident of Marion County. He is not listed as a household head in the 1840 Marion County census but he was a resident there at the time, appearing in the tax list for the same year there. He may have been enumerated in the household of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Lanham, with whom he was living in 1850. In the 1840 Marion County census (p.331) Elizabeth Lanham, aged 60-70, is shown with a male & female aged 20-30, and three children, a boy & girl aged 5-10 and a boy aged under 5. Perry Dicken's wife, Elizabeth's maiden name is identified as Lanham on a Marion County birth record for their daughter, Susannah, born in 1854. Perry Dicken is listed in the Marion County tax lists through 1856, the county's 1857 tax book is missing, and in the 1858 and subsequent tax lists there he is not listed. During 1857-1859 Perry Dicken moved his family to Daviess County, Ky., where he made his home near the community of St. Joseph in the Curdsville Precinct. He is first listed in the Daviess County tax records in 1859, in that year he was taxed on 75 acres on the Green River watercourse. He is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Daviess County, Ky. On 3 April 1890 Perry Dicken died at St. Joseph in Daviess County, Ky. The following notice of his death was published in the Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. newspaper: Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 4 April 1890, page 1, "Mr. Perry Dickens died yesterday at St. Joseph of old age. He was 75 years old." On 4 June 1889 he wrote his will and it was recorded in Daviess County will book D, page 282, on 16 June 1890. In it he named his children: William Dicken, Thomas Osborne Dicken, Mary Elizabeth Goatee, Margaret Ellen Hodgskins, Eliza Ann Stalling, John Maguire Dicken and Susan Victoria Wedding; at least one other child, a daughter Nancy, had died prior to 1889. He appointed his son, William, as his administrator and on 17 September 1891 L. T. Mullican was appointed as the administrator of his estate. It is not known where Perry Dicken and his wife, Elizabeth Lanham, who had preceded him in death between 1860-1870, were buried. Several of their children, including William, Thomas & Eliza Ann, were buried in the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Cemetery, at St. Joseph, Daviess County, Ky. A book entitled "Death Register 1885-1962" was searched at the St. Alphonsus church for the name of Perry Dicken but was not found.

7. Mahala Dicken was born in 1818 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. In 1841 she married Allan Rogers. They resided a number of years in Taylor County, Ky., where they were listed in the 1850 census. They later moved to Hart County, Ky., where she died on 18 April 1884. They had eleven children: Samantha A. (Maupin), Nancy E. (Victor), Marietta (Owsley), Susan A. (married Thomas Hudgin 8 June 1879), Charles Elliot, William D., Thomas A., Edwin R., Elizabeth E. (Armour), Letitia and Martha. A biography of their son, Charles E. Rogers, was published in Kentucky: A History of the State, Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, c1886 (Hart County section, p.93). In this source it was stated that Mahala Dicken Rogers was the "daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Burdine) Dickens, the former a Virginian, of English descent, and the latter of German parentage."

Kentucky: A History of the State – “Charles E. Rogers was born in Taylor County, Ky., February 1, 1850. His father, Allan Rogers, was born in Lincoln County, Ky., October 3, 1804, and was twice married. His first wife was Miss Samantha Richardson, of Taylor County. His second marriage was with Mahala Dickens, daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Burdine) Dickens, the former a Virginian, of English descent, and the latter of German parentage. Mahala (Dickens) Rogers was born in Marion County in 1818; was married in 1841, and died April 18, 1884, leaving eleven children: Samantha A. (Maupin), Nancy E. (Victor), Marietta (Owsley), Susan A. (Hudgins), Charles E., William D., Thomas A., Edwin H., Elizabeth E. (Armour), Letitia and Martha. Allan Rogers in early life followed fiat-boating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers; later he engaged in the distillery business in Taylor County, Ky., and in later years gave his attention to farming and milling at Aetna Furnace, in Hart County. His death occurred on the 8th of February, 1882. He was a son of Lincoln J. Rogers, a Virginian fanner who came to Kentucky, where he remained for some years, and then moved to Montgomery County, Ill., where he died. The father of Lincoln J. Rogers was a native of Ireland and one of the early settlers of the colony of Virginia. Charles E. Rogers in his youth was employed in farming, milling and carpentering. After he was sixteen years of age he spent some time in school and obtained a good English education, and in 1844 he purchased a tract of land, on which was a flouring-mill, on Lynn Camp Creek, in Hart County. The mill has recently been rebuilt, and with its many improvements is perhaps the best in the county. July 24, 1884, was celebrated by his marriage with Martina Frances Robinson, of Taylor County, Ky. Her parents, John H. and Margaret (Wilson) Robinson, are Kentuckians and residents of Taylor County. Mr. Rogers is a Cumberland Presbyterian, while Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Roman Catholic faith. Mr. Rogers is a Republican, and takes a lively interest in politics in behalf of his party.”



8. Simeon Dicken was born about 1821 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. At the age of 21 he was first listed in the tax records of Green County, Ky. in 1842. He appeared in the Green County tax lists through 1848 and each time his name was listed immediately next to his mother, Agnes Dicken. He is listed in the 1850 census of Taylor County, Ky., in his household was his mother, Agnes. He married Mary, about 1845, in 1850 their children were listed as Thomas, born c1846; Della, born c1847; & John, born c1849. Kentucky: A History of the State, (Hart County), Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, c.1886:
  
9. Delila Dicken was born about 1823 in Washington (Marion) County, Ky. She married Franklin Chelf about 1843. They were listed in the 1850 census of Marion County, Ky. (p.407 # #165), she was listed as being 27 years old. Their children included: Simon, born c1846; William, born c1845; Amanda A., born 18 November 1853; H. E. (male), born 15 Ju\_ 1855; & James T., born 11 July 1857; birth records of the last three appeared in the vital statistics of Marion County, Ky. Delila Dicken Chelf and her family were not listed in the index for the 1860 census of Marion County.