

Hiram Linsey Early (1851-1912)

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Dear Mr. Early:

I believe I have developed some more leads on the Early family. I am fairly sure that your great-grandfather, George Early (born circa 1814 Ky.), was the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Early of Whitley County, Ky. What needs to be done now is a search of the records (will, probate, deed, etc.) of Whitley & Laurel Counties for some documented proof of this theory.

I developed the above theory by the following process. In the 1850 Laurel County, Ky. census George & Robert Early are listed near each other. The census record indicates both were born in Kentucky, George about 1814 and Robert about 1816. For lack of a better theory I assumed George & Robert were brothers and since they were born in Ky. they should be listed with their father in the 1820 Ky. census. Using the published computer index for the 1820 Ky. census I copied the data about every Early household listed. If George & Robert were brothers they would be enumerated in the age category of 0-10 and thus I checked for any household with at least two boys under the age of 10 in the 1820 census. Of the 16 Early families in the index only 3 of these had at least two boys under 10. They were: Leonard Early in Jessamine County (not shown in the 1830 census), Joseph Early in Mason County (still in Mason County in 1830), and Joseph Early in Whitley County (in Whitley County in 1830 & 1840). I then observed that Whitley County adjoined Laurel County on the south I decided that was the most likely place to look first. In the 1830 census of Whitley County within a few households of Joseph Early I found Alston Wiggins, the father-in-law of George Early of Laurel County. During the mid 1830's George Early & Alston Wiggins moved from Whitley County, apparently, a few miles north into Laurel County, where they were both listed in the 1840 census, the latter appeared as "Austin" Wiggins (but is shown to be Alston Wiggins by the Laurel County tax records).

Joseph Early, the probable father of George Early, was born between 1775-1780. He appears to have died in Whitley County, Ky. between the 1840 & 1850 censuses. In the 1850 Whitley County census two Elizabeth Earlys, one aged 67 & the other 63, both natives of Virginia, are listed. One of the Elizabeth's is probably the widow of Joseph and the other is likely

the wife of a Robert Early shown in the 1820, 1830 & 1840 censuses of Whitley County. Robert & Joseph maybe brothers, Robert was born 1770-1780 & died 1840-1850.

Joseph & Elizabeth Early appear to have married between 1800-1805. They may have married in Kentucky, the census records suggest they had a son born in KY. about 1805. In the 1850 Whitley County census are John G. Early, born ca 1805 Ky., and James H. Early, born ca 1809 Ky. Robert Early was not married until after 1810 and thus they were probably sons of Joseph. In the 1810 computer index for the Ky. census only one Joseph Early is listed and that was a Joseph in Mason County, this Joseph was still in Mason County in 1820 & 1830 and thus can not be the Joseph of Whitley County. This, however, does not mean that Joseph Early was not listed in the 1810 Ky. census - these computer indexes frequently omit and misinterpret names in the original census records, also Joseph may have been living in someone else's home and thus would not be listed by name in the 1810 census, the other two possibilities are that the census taker missed him or that he was not in Ky. at the time.

The earliest definite record, at present, for Joseph Early is the 1820 Whitley County, Ky. census. One of the best sources to trace him backwards from this date is the annual tax lists for Whitley County and for its parent county Knox County (Whitley County was formed from Knox County in 1818). These records unfortunately are not available in our library here. To do further research on the Early family I would have to travel to a larger resource center. I would suggest contacting a researcher in the Whitley-Laurel County area, who could check for the above names in the original records available in the courthouse and/or libraries there.

Alston Wiggins, the father of Elizabeth Early (wife of George), according to the 1830 Whitley County & 1840 Laurel County censuses was born between 1770-1785. He appears to have moved to Kentucky during the 1820's from the Carolinas. He may have come by way of Tennessee and possibly resided there for a time. He most likely hailed from North Carolina, where there were a large number of Wiggins families living at the time of the 1790, 1800, 1810 & 1820 censuses. The vital statistic records of laurel County, Ky. indicate that Alston Wiggins's wife was named "Mary". In Laurel County on 3 September 1858 a Bazama Adams, age 44, died, and on her death certificate her parents were listed as Alstin & Nary Wiggins (place of birth not given).

You mentioned you had a couple of books on Early families. Is there any mention of the Earlys of Whitley County, Ky.? Also would you please check to see if they have anything about the Enoch Early family of Ohio-Daviess-Hancock Counties area? Enoch Early was born about 1801 Ky., son of ?; died December 1867, and married Polly Cooney 6 September 1825 Daviess County, Ky. & Hulda J. Dunn 28 September 1838 Daviess County, Ky. Several of this family married relatives of mine and if you have anything about this family I would love to have copies.

I have included 74 pages showing what I have learned about the ancestry of your grandmother, Sophronia Morgan. One of the interesting items was that she was a third cousin to

the famous Jesse James. Also through her great-grandmother, Lydia Lindsay McCrocklin, she is a descendant of some of the earliest and most illustrious families of colonial Maryland, including the Dorsey, Griffith, Maccubin, Howard & Greenberry families, of whom many pages have been written. In compiling the enclosed research I spent in excess of 25 hours. I will charge for a total of 25 hours, which at the rate of \$4/hr. equals a total of \$__. I will let this total also include my copying expenses. I hope this is satisfactory. In the future if I get access to any Whitley-Laurel County records I will check for the Early-Wiggins names. Thank you for your patronage.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long
Owensboro, Ky.

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1820 Boone County, Ky. census:

p.14 Whitfield Earley 1 m. 010; 2 m. 10-16; 2 m. 16-26; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 10-16; 1 f. 26-45

1820 Caldwell County, Ky. census:

p.32 Joseph Early 1 m. 16-26
1 f. 16-26
p.35 Mathias Early 1 m. 10-16; 1 m. 16-26; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 10-16; 1 f. over 45
p.37 James Early 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 16-26
p.43 James Early 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 16-26
1 f. 16-26

1820 Casey County, Ky. census:

p.214 James Earaley 1 m. 16-26
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 16-26

1820 Clay County, Ky. census:

p.119 Thomas Early 1 m. 10-16; 1 m. 16-18; 1 m. 16-26; 1 m. over 45
2 f. 0-10; 1 f. over 45

1820 Fleming County, Ky. census:

p.33 David Early 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 16-18; 1 m. 16-26; 1 m. over 45
3 f. 0-10; 2 f. 10-16; 1 f. 16-26; 1 f. 26-45
p..36 John Earley 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 10-16; 1 f. 16-26

1820 Franklin County, Ky. census:

p.134 Daniel Early 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 16-26
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 10-16; 1 f. 16-26

1820 Jessamine County, Ky. census:

p.71 Leonard Earley 3 m. 0-10; 1 m. 10-16; 2 m. 16-26; 1 m. over 45
2 f. 10-16; 1 f. 16-26; 1 f. over 45

1820 Madison County, Ky. census:

p.110 James Early 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 16-18; 1 m. 16-26; 1 m. over 45
2 f. 0-10; 1 f. 26-45

1820 Mason County, Ky. census:

p.58 Will Early 1 m. over 45
1 f. over 45
p.74 Jos. Early 2 m. 0-10; 1 m. 16-18; 1 m. 16-26; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 26-45

1820 Whitley County, Ky. census:

p.111 Robert Earley 1 m. 0-10; 1 m. 26-45
2 f. 0-10; 1 f. 26-45
p.121 Joseph Earley 3 m. 0-10; 2 m. 10-16; 1 m. 26-45
1 f. 0-10; 1 f. 10-16; 1 f. 26-45

1830 Whitley County, Ky. census:

p.271 Robert Earley 1 m. 10-15; 1 m. 50-60
1 f. 5-10; 2 f. 15-20; 1 f. 40-50
p.271 James H. Earley 1 m. 20-30
p.274 John G. Earley 1 m. 0-5; 1 m. 15-20; 1 m. 20-30
1 f. 15-20; 1 f. 20-30
p.275 Joseph Earley 1 m. 0-5; 2 m. 5-10; 2 m. 10-15; 2 m. 15-20; 1 m. 50-60
1 f. 5-10; 1 f. 10-15; 1 f. 20-30; 1 f. 40-50
p.275 William P. Earley 1 m. 20-30

1840 Whitley County, Ky. census:

p.187 Joseph Early 1 m. 10-15; 2 m. 15-20; 1 m. 20-30; 1 m. 60-70
1 f. 15-20; 1 f. 20-30; 1 f. 50-60
p.190 James H. Early 2 m. 0-5; 1 m. 30-40
1 f. 20-30
p.191 Robert Early 1 m. 20-30; 1 m. 60-70
1 f. 15-20; 1 f. 20-30; 1 f. 50-60
p.199 John G. Early 1 m. 0-5; 1 m. 5-10; 1 m. 30-40
2 f. 5-10; 1 f. 30-40
p.210 Priscila Early 1 m. 10-15
1 f. 0-5; 1 f. 40-50

1850 Whitley County, Ky. census:

p. 389 #1 Early, Elisabeth 63 Va.; Mary 36 ?; Caroline 34 Ky.; Eliza Jane 26 Ky.
May, Frank 9 Ky.
Hanfield, John 18 Ky.
p.389b #9 Early, John G. 45 Ky.; Ellen 42 Ky.; Elisabeth 17 Ky.; Thomas 16 Ky.;

John 12 Ky.; Margaret 7 Ky.; Louisa 4 Ky.; Emiline 1 Ky.
Bird, Daniel 21 Va.

p.389b #11 Early, Elisabeth 67 Va.

p.402 #195 Early, G. L. 28 Ky.; Jane 24 Ky.; Hannah 9 Ky.; Elisabeth 8 Ky.

p.404 #218 Early, James H. 41 Ky.; Fanny 40 Ky.; John 15 Ky.; Ben 12 Ky.;
Juliann 10 Ky.; Hannah 8 Ky.; William 6 Ky.; Randolph 4 Ky.; Thomas 2
Ky.

1810 & 1820 Kentucky census index: no Alston Wiggins listed

1830 Whitley County, Ky. census:

p.274 Alston Wiggins 1 m. 10-15; 1 m. 15-20; 1 m. 50-60
2 f. 10-15; 1 f. 15-20; 1 f. 20-30; 1 f. 30-40

1840 Laurel County, Ky. census:

p.5 Morris Wiggins 1 m. 10-15; 1 m. 20-30; 1 m. 70-80
1 f. 20-30; 1 f. 30-40; 1 f. 50-60
p.8 Austin Wiggins 1 m. 50-60
1 f. 40-50

1850 Laurel County, Ky. census:

p.24 #231	Wiggins, John	31	m	farmer	Georgia
	Mary	25	f		Ky.
	Sarah	6	f		Ky.
	Margaret	4	f		Ky.
	Louisa	2	f		Ky.

p.44 #596 in household of John & Sally Loyd:

Wiggins, S. Ann	5	f		Ky.
John	2	m		Ky.

p.49 #649	Wiggins, Morris	63	m	farmer	N.C.
	Ann	56	f		N.C.
	John	26	m		Tenn.

p.49	Wiggins,	Priscilla	24	f	Tenn.
		M. Ann	9	f	Tenn.
		James	7	m	Tenn.

1840 & 1850 Whitley County, Ky. census: no Wiggins listed

Laurel County, Ky. Vital Statistics:

- Bazama Adams, age 44, died 3 September 1858 Laurel County, parents Alstin & Mary Wiggins.

- Elizabeth Early, died 23 September 1856 Laurel County, age 39, born South Carolina, parents Alston Wiggins.

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Dear Mr. Early:

I am still not convinced that George Early (b. c1814 Ky.) was not the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Early. The 1820, 1830 & 1840 censuses of Whitley County, Ky. suggest that Joseph Early may have had as many as 10 children. On the 1846 deed only three Earlys in addition to Joseph's widow Elizabeth signed. I suspect that this was not all the living children of Joseph. The others may have sold their interest, Or if there was a will the other children may not have been willed an interest in this particular tract of land. When this deed was made George & Robert Early were living in Laurel County, Ky., thus the deeds also need to be checked there. Did your researcher check all deed, will, probate, equity records in Whitley County and send you abstracts of all records found pertaining to the Early name. A systematic check of the Whitley County sources needs to be done, not just a search of one deed here & there. As many of the bits & pieces of the puzzle as can be needs to be assembled & put together so one can figure out the whole picture

As I reported earlier I can not do anymore research on the Early family in Whitley & Laurel Counties here in Owensboro. The only way I could would be to make a trip to the actual county seats or to the Kentucky Archives in Frankfort, Ky., where most of the county records are on microfilm. To make such a trip I would have to charge also for my travel, lodging & other expenses. For example, for a trip to do two full days of research I would have to charge in excess of \$200. I believe you should be able to find someone to do a thorough check of the Whitley/Laurel records for much less than this.

Thank you for your letter. Wish you success in discovering your Early ancestry.

Yours truly
Jerry Long
Owensboro, Ky.

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10 October 1988

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Dear Mr. Early:

Enclosed is my report on Hiram L. Early. In all I spent 8 hours of research time, this included checking the 1840-1850-1860 censuses & 1827-1840 tax lists of Laurel County, Ky. and various sources at the Ohio County & Daviess County courthouses & at the Owensboro Public Library. No will, administrator bond, or estate records were found for Hiram L. Early in Daviess County, Ky.

The 8 hours of research at the rate of \$__/hr. equals __, in addition to this I incurred a copying & travel expense of \$__, which makes a total of \$__ charge. I decided to go on and send what I found on the Early family before doing any work on the Morgan & Woodward lines. I believe I could find quite a lot of information on these families. I will wait for your reply to see if you are interested at present in having me research your Morgan & Woodward ancestors. Thank you for your request.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long
Owensboro, Ky.

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Hiram Linsey Early (1851-1912)

Hiram Linsey Early, son of George Early & Elizabeth Wiggins, was born 2 January 1851 in Laurel County, Kentucky, which is located in the south central part of the state. His father, George Early, was torn about 1814 in Kentucky and was first listed in the tax records of Laurel County between 1837-1840. The 1837-1839 tax books of Laurel County are missing and in the 1840 list George & Robert Early were listed. Robert Early was born about 1816 in Ky., his wife's name was Arthusa; Robert was probably a brother of George Early.

George Early about 1837 married Elizabeth Wiggins. His wife died in Laurel County, Ky. on 23 September 1856. A record of her death was recorded in the vital statistics of Laurel County kept by the state of Kentucky during the period of 1852-1861. On this record it was reported that she was married, age 39, born in South Carolina, and her father was listed as Alston Wiggins. George Early was still living in Laurel County, Ky. in 1875, he would have then been about 60 years old. In the 1875 tax list of Laurel County he was shown as owning 50 acres on the Big Laurel Creek.

The family of George Early was listed as follows in the 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Laurel County, Ky. -

Laurel County, Ky. tax lists:
1827-1829 no Early listed

1830 no tax book
 1831 no Early listed
 1832 no tax book
 1833 William Early (200 acres)
 1834 no tax book
 1835-1836 no Early listed
 1837-1839 no tax books
 1840 George Early (62 acres Wards Creek)
 Robert Early

1840 Laurel County, Ky. census, p.12

George Early 1 male 20-30 1 female 0- 5 1 female 20-30

1850 Laurel County, Ky. census, p.29 (#390) & p.33b (#456):

#390	Early, Robert	34	m	carpenter	real estate \$400	Ky.
	Arthusa	31	f			Ky.
	James	6	m			Ky.
	Nancy	4	f			Ky.
#456	Early, George	36	m	farmer	real estate \$150	Ky.
	Elizabeth	35	f			N.C.
	Mary	12	f			Ky.
	John	10	m			Ky.
	Robert	6	m			Ky.
	James	4	m			Ky.
	Henry	2	m			Ky.

1860 Laurel County, Ky. census, p.436:

#579-646	Blankenship, William	26	m	farmer		Va.
	Mary A.	21	f			Ky.
	Stephen	2	m			Ky.
	Levy	8/12	m			Ky.
Erley, George		45	m	farmer		Ky.
	Hiram	8	m			Ky.
	Franklin	7	m			Ky.
	William A.	17	m	farm laborer		Ky.
	James	13	m			Ky.
	Henry	11	m			Ky.
	John W.	21	m	farm laborer		Ky.
#582-649	Earley, William	28	m	farm laborer		Ky.
	Rachel	27	f			Ky.

The above census records indicate that the children of George Early & Elizabeth Wiggins were:

1. Mary A., born ca 1838 Ky., married William Blankenship about 1857, living in 1860.
2. John W., born ca 1840 Ky., living in Laurel County, Ky. in 1860.
3. Robert (? William A.), born ca 1844 Ky.

4. James, born ca 1846 Ky., living in Laurel County, Ky. in 1860.
5. Henry, born ca 1848 Ky., living in Laurel County, Ky. in 1875.
6. Hiram Linsey, born 2 January 1851 Laurel County, Ky.
7. Franklin. L., born ca 1852 Ky., living in Laurel County, Ky. in 1875.

Between 1860 & 1870 Hiram L. Early, son of George & Elizabeth, left Laurel County, Ky. and moved to Ohio County, Ky. In the 1870 census of Ohio County Hiram Early was shown as working on the farm of Ashford & Dollie Woodward, who resided northwest of the county seat Hartford & in the vicinity of Woodward's valley Baptist Church. The census listing appeared as follows:

1870 Ohio County, Ky. census, Bell's District, P.O. Buford, p.342:

#214	Woodward, Ashford	67 m		Ky.
	Dollie	66 f		Ky.
	Clayton L.	20 m	adopted	Ky.
	Elizabeth A.	18 f	adopted	Ky.
	Early, Hiram	19 m	works on farm	Ky.

In Ohio County, Ky. on 2 January 1872 Ashford Woodward, who Hiram Early was living with in 1870, was appointed the legal guardian for Hiram Early; recorded in Ohio County Guardian Bond Book 4, page 131. Two days later Hiram L. Early married Sophronia Morgan. His bride, born 20 December 1851 in Ohio County, Ky., was a daughter of William C. Morgan & Isabella Woodward, and a granddaughter of Ashford Woodward & Dolly McCrocklin, the same couple with whom Hiram Early had been living. Their marriage bond was recorded in Ohio County, Ky. Marriage Book R, pages 278-279. On their marriage record it was recorded that: They married in Ohio County at the residence of William C. Morgan by Rev. J. A. Shackelford, the bond was paid by Ashford Woodward; the groom was age 20, 1st marriage, farmer, residence Ohio County, Ky. born in Laurel County, Ky., & his parents were born in Ky.; the bride was age 20, 1st marriage, born & residence Ohio County, Ky., her parents were born in Ky. Sophronia Morgan was the daughter of William C. Morgan & Isabella M. Woodward; granddaughter of Thomas J. Morgan & Margaret Phegley and Ashford Woodward & Dollie D. McCrocklin; and great-granddaughter of John Woodward & Elizabeth Piles Drane and John McCrocklin & Lydia Lindsay.

During the 1880's Hiram L. Early and his family left Ohio County, Ky. and moved to Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., where they were listed in the 1900 census, the census listing appeared as follows:

1900 Daviess County, Ky. census, Lowertown Precinct, south of the Owensboro & Henderson Road, p.154, #40-45:

Early, Hiram M.	head Jan 1851 (49) m. 27 years; owns house	Ky.-Ms.-Ky.
Sophronie	wife Dec 1851 (49) m. 7 children-6 living	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Charles H.	son Jun 1879 (20) s.	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Florella	dau. Aug 1887 (12) s.	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Francis F. son Dec 1892 (7) s.

Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

1909 Owensboro, Ky. City Directory:

Early, Hiram L., carpenter, house 525 Poindexter Ave.

Ferdinand, beds 525 Poindexter Ave.

Flora, beds 525 Poindexter Ave.

Hiram L. Early & Sophronia Morgan were the parents of seven children: Antonia Maria (Ree), died at age of 12 on 27 September 1897 Owensboro, Ky. and buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro; Robert, living Oakland, Cal. in 1912; William, living in Louisville, Ky. in 1912; Della, married Harry Murphy in 1900, died & buried in Louisville, Ky.; Charles H., born June 1879, living in Owensboro, Ky. in 1912, he never married, died 1944 Ark., buried Mount Calm Cemetery, Viola, Futon County, Ark.; Florella/"Flora", born 19 August 1887, died single on 1 March 1910 Owensboro, Ky, and buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro; & Ferdinand Francis, "Frank", born 13 December 1892, living in Kankakee, Ill, in 1912, died 12 February 1973 Sturkie, Fulton County, Ark., buried Mount Calm Cemetery, Viola, Fulton County, Ark. Sophronia, wife of Hiram L. Early, died 26 November 1902 in Owensboro, Ky. She was survived by her husband and six children. Hiram L. Early was listed as a widower in the 1910 census of Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky.

Hiram L. Early died at the age of 61 on 15 September 1912. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Della Murphy, in Owensboro, Ky. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. The following obituary was published in the Owensboro Messenger, on Tuesday, 17 September 1912:

H. L. Early Dies At Parrish Avenue Home

H. L. Early, a well known contractor, died of a complication of diseases at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Murphy, on Parrish avenue at 4 O'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Early's death had been expected for some time, as he had been confined to his bed, for two months, and his condition has been regarded critical for more than two weeks.

The deceased had many friends in Owensboro, who are grieved to hear of his death. He is survived by the following children: Robert Early, of Oakland, Cal.; William Early, of Louisville; Ferdinand Early, of Kankakee, Ill.; Charles Early and 'Mrs. Harry Murphy, of Owensboro.

The funeral was conducted from the residence at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Rev. J. O. Smithson, pastor of the Frayser-avenue church, officiating. The interment was made in Elmwood Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: Robert Connelly, Thomas Doriot, C. O. Duffy, J. R. Johnson, Art Pirtle and Robert Barr.

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1850 Ohio County, Ky. census, #143:

Morgan, William C.	27	m	farmer	Ky.
Isabella	18	f		Ky.
Florilla	1	f		Ky.

1860 Ohio County, Ky. census, Bells District, P.O. Buford, #1208:

Morgan, William C.	38	m farmer - R.E.\$1120	Ky.
Isabell	28	f	Ky.
Arabella	11	f	Ky.
Seffronia	9	f	Ky.
Irell	6	f	Ky.
Emaline	4	f	Ky.
Lucy	1	f	Ky.

1870 Ohio County, Ky. census, Bells District, P.O. Buford, p.332, #48”

Morgan, William	48	f	Ky.
Isabella	39	f	Ky.
Seffronia	18	f	Ky.
Idel	16	f	Ky.
Emiline	14	f	Ky.
Lucy	11	f	Ky.
Ashford	9	m	Ky.
Thomas	5	m	Ky.
Warner	3	m	Ky.

1880 Ohio County, Ky. census, Buford Precinct, p.669:

#182	Morgan, William C.	51	farmer	Ky.-Va.-Pa
	Isabella M.	48	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Idel	25	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Emaline	24	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Lucy	21	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Ashford	19	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Thomas C.	16	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Warner S.	14	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
#183	Early, Hiram L.	27	laborer	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Saphronia	27	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Robert M.	8	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	William	5	son	Ky.-Ky.--Ky.
	Idel	2	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Owensboro Tri-Weekly Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 20 January 1885:
Della Morgan of Newville died the 18th aged 30.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 19 February 1888:

T. C. Morgan died at his home yesterday near Newville, age 23 and unmarried, buried at Green Briar Church.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 9 January 1892:

"Mr. William Morgan, of Newville, died yesterday morning of lung trouble. He was the father of Mr. Ashford Morgan, of this city, and a most estimable man. He will be buried today near Livia."

1900 Ohio County, Ky. census, p.300, #166-172:

Morgan, Isabell	head	Feb 1831 (69)	widow, 8 children-4living	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.	owns farm
Emiline	dau.	Mar1857 (43)	single	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.	
Charles W.	nephew	Nov 1861 (38)	single	Ky.-Ky.--Ky.	

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 22 February 1917:

Mrs. Isabelle Morgan

"Mrs. Isabelle Morgan, wife of the late William Morgan, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, at her home in the Maxwell neighborhood. Mrs. Morgan had she survived would have celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday today. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Mimes [sic], of Maxwell, and one son, Mr. Ashford Morgan, of this city. A sister, Mrs. Lucy Tanner, of Heflin, Ky., also survives her. The funeral will be conducted from Green Brier church, at 11 o'clock this morning. Burial will be made in the church cemetery."

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[Note: The death certificate of Isabella Morgan, died 21 February 1917, was recorded in McLean County, Ky. The farm of William & Isabella Morgan was located in Ohio County, Ky., near the village of Newville, whose name was later changed to Maxwell and where the three counties of Ohio, Daviess and McLean intersect. William & Isabella and their family were buried in Daviess County, at the Green Brier Baptist Church, located about two miles west of Maxwell and about nine miles southeast of Owensboro, Ky.]

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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 30 April 1939:

Ashford W. Morgan, 78, died at his home, 718 West 2nd, Saturday. He was survived by three sons, Stanley, of Dayton, Ohio, Crawford & Wilbur, both of Owensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Byron Miller, of Newcastle, Ind., & Miss Oattie Lee Morgan, of Owensboro; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Hines, of Maxwell, Ky.; and six grandchildren. Burial was at the Green Brier Church.

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On 29 October 1988 Jerry Long interviewed Wilbur A. Morgan, age 84, of Owensboro, Ky. (405 W.9th St., phone 683-4121). He did not remember his dad's birth date. He did have two old family bibles with family information recorded in them, but he has given them to his nieces, who both live out of state. He did not believe that his aunt, Lucy Morgan Hines, had any children.

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Ohio County, Ky. Will Book D, p.317:

Will of WILLIAM C. MORGAN, gives to beloved wife ISABEL N. MORGAN his home tract of land, 130 acres, with all the personal property, after just debts are paid, for her natural life and widowhood. If she marries, then she to have her legal dower. The remaining part of the estate to be 'then divided between his two children, ASHFORD W. MORGAN and EMILINE MORGAN, on condition that they pay to LUCY MORGAN COTTRELL \$100.00. If widow does not marry, the above named division is to take 'place at her death. Gives to daughter SUFFRONIA MORGAN EARLY a tract of land, in Ohio County on waters of Barnetts Creek, and she also is

to pay Lucy \$100.00. Appoints son A. W. Morgan as executor. November 18, 1891. James H. Bennett and William Smith, witnesses. Probated February Court 1892.