

## Ford Family – Fordsville, Ohio County, Ky.

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John Ford, an early settler of Shelby County, Ky., was a farmer of Scottish descent. About 1796 he came to Shelby County where he settled on Fox Run Creek. A Virginian by birth, he was born about 1728 to the marriage of Thomas Ford and Jane Melstead. His mother was a native of Wales and his father recorded his will in 1774 in Fairfax County, Virginia.

John Ford about 1750 married Rachel Spencer, the daughter of Nicholas Spencer and Rachel Brooks. Her grandfather, the illustrious Col. Nicholas Spencer, was a merchant, who before 1659 emigrated from England to Westmoreland County, Va., where he held many high ranking offices. Before 1663 he married Frances Mottrom, the daughter of John Mottrom, who had settled in York County, Va. by 1644 Col, Nicholas Spencer died 23 September 1689. In England his family had owned extensive estates, the family estate in Bedfordshire was called "Cople". Articles on the Spencer and Mottrom families, published in William and Mary Quarterly (Series I, Vol. 17, 1908-1909, pp53-57) and the Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. II, 1894-1895, pp32-34). The Virginia Historical Magazine article traced Col. Nicholas Spencer's ancestry in England back six generations to Robert Spencer. The ancestry of Rachel Spencer Ford is as follows:

Robert Spencer	-	Anne Peck
John Spencer	-	Anne Arnold
Thomas Spencer	-	Anne Bulkley (d/o Robert)
Robert Spencer	-	Rhose Cokain
Nicholas Spencer	-	Mary Elmes (d/o Thomas)
Nicholas Spencer	-	Mary Gostwick (d/o Edward)
Nicholas Spencer	-	Frances Mottrom (d/o John)
Nicholas Spencer	-	Rachel Brooks
John Ford	-	Rachel Spencer

John and Rachel Spencer Ford following their marriage resided for a number of years in Fairfax County, Va. Before the Revolution John Ford moved his family to South Carolina, where they lived in Spartanburg and Newberry Counties. At the time John Ford made the trip along the Wilderness Road into Kentucky he was in his sixties. His wife, Rachel, died before the family moved to Kentucky, and he had married a second time to Catherine Garace in South Carolina, John Ford died in Shelby County, Ky. in 1803.

To the marriage of John Ford and Rachel Spencer the following children were born:

1. John born about 1750, married Mary Cornell (?) and Rachel, died in 1836 in Daviess County, Ky.
2. William born: 25 January 1753 in Fairfax County, Va., married about 1778 Cassandra Ford, died in 1835 at Eminence in Henry County, Ky.
3. Elisha born 24 November 1757 in Fairfax County, Va., married Sarah O'Neill 9 March 1784 in Newberry County, S.C., died 29 September 1833 in Shelby County, Ky.
4. Samuel born 5 August 1761, married Elizabeth Yates.
5. Jane born 1760-1770, married Tobias Bright about 1786 in Spartanburg County, S.C., died 17 March 1817 in Shelby County, Ky.
6. Spencer born 1760-1770, married Susanna Bright 17 March 1796 in Shelby County, Ky., living at the time of the 1830 Shelby County, Ky. census,

John Ford by his second wife, Catherine Garace, had Edward, Ann and Linney. There may have been other children born to the two marriages of John Ford.

### **John Ford , Jr. (c1750-1836)** **Son of John Ford & Rachel Spencer**

John Ford, Jr., son of John Ford and Rachel Spencer., was born 1750-1760 in Virginia. He was married before 1790. According to information published in Kentucky Family Archives (Vol. 1, Kentucky Department of Libraries & Archives, Frankfort, Ky.) John Ford, Jr. married Mary Cornell. If this is correct John Ford was married twice, because at the time of his death his wife's name was Rachel. Rachel was born 1765-1770 and was the wife of John Ford, J., by at least 1810. Of the children of John Ford, Jr. only two were named in Rachel's will, they were his two youngest children, Spencer and Elizabeth (both born between 1809-1815). The reason for this could be that Rachel was his second wife.

John Ford, Jr., had settled in Shelby County, Ky. by 1797. In that year two John Fords were listed in the tax books of Shelby County. Other sources support the conclusion that they were John Ford and his son John, Jr., both were shown as owning land on Fox Run Creek, one having, 100 acres and the other 200. Also in the 1797 Shelby County tax records were listed Jesse, Hezekiah, Samuel, Spencer and William Ford; of these the last three were brothers of John, Jr., it is not known if the other two were related or not. In the preceding year four Fords were listed, John, Spencer, Jesse and Hezekiah, and in the 1794 and 1795 Shelby County tax lists only Hezekiah Ford appeared.

John Ford, Jr., was listed in the 1810, 1820, and 1830 censuses of Shelby County, Ky., the listings appeared as follows:

1810 Shelby County, Ky. census, p212

John Ford	3 males 0-10	1 female 0-10
	1 male 10-16	1 female 10-16
	2 males 16-26	1 female 26-45
	1 male over 45	

1820 Shelby County, Ky. census, p150

John Ford	2 males 10-16	1 female 0-10
	1 male 16-18	female 16-26
	1 male 16-26	1 female over 45
	1 male over 45	

1830 Shelby County, Ky. census, p260

John- Ford	1 male 15-20	1 female 15-20
	1 male 20-30	1 female 60-70
	1 male 70-80	

In the 1810 Shelby County census the following Ford households were also listed Robert S. (p204), Hezekiah (p213), Elisha (p213), John (p214, son of Elisha), William (p237), James (p237) and Edward (p242). In the 1820 Shelby County census John Ford, Jr. was immediately next to his brother, Spencer Ford, his son-in-law Nathaniel Prewitt, and several members of the Bright family (Albertus, Hopkins & Jephthah Brite). Enumerated immediately before John Ford in the 1830 Shelby County census was his son, Minor Ford, and immediately following John Ford was John W. Ford, who was probably also his son; John W. Ford was followed by Spencer Ford, brother of John Ford, Jr. A third son of John Ford, Sr. and Rachel Spencer, Elisha Ford, was also listed in the 1830 census of Shelby county.

About 1832-1833 John Ford, Jr., left Shelby County and moved to Daviess County, Ky. He is first listed in the Daviess County tax books in 1833, in the same list. Minor Ford (John, Jr.'s son) and William Ford (John, Jr.'s nephew, son of Elisha) also appear for the first time. About the same time John, Jr.'s nephew, John Ford, son of Elisha, arrived in the neighboring county of Ohio. They were all possibly members of the same group of travelers.

By the time John Ford, Jr. moved to Daviess County most of his children had left home and did not make the trip with him. Of the ten children named in his will only the four youngest, Minor, Covington, Spencer and Elizabeth appear in the records of Daviess County. John Ford after arriving in Daviess County settled on a farm of 170 acres on North Panther Creek, near the community of Boston, in south eastern part of the county, not far from the Daviess-Ohio County line.

John Ford, Jr. died in 1836. On 11 January 1836 his sons, Minor and Spencer Ford, were appointed administrators of his estates John Ford wrote his will on 31 March 1835 and it was recorded 12 January 1836 (Daviess County Will Book A-B, page 43). The farm on which he lived he gave to his son, Spencer Ford, who was "to take charge of my daughter, Elizabeth M.

Ford, who is not capable of taking care of herself." After his wife, Rachel's death he directed that the balance of his estate was to be sold and equally divided among his children – Charlotte Prewitt, John Ford, William Ford, Richard S. Ford, Mary Prewitt, Minor Ford, Covington Ford, Spencer Ford and Elizabeth M. Ford. He also gave one dollar to his grandson, John Ford, son of Samuel Ford, deceased. He appointed Minor and Spencer Ford his administrators. Witnesses to his will were William F. Mitchell, Creed Burton and William Ford.

In 1837 John Ford's widow, Rachel, appeared in the tax list of Daviess County, she was shown as paying taxes on 170 acres and four slaves. On 8 March 1838 Rachel Ford wrote her will and in November 1839 it was probated (Daviess County Will Book A-B, page 107). In her will she named only two children. She directed that her daughter, Elizabeth M. Ford, during her life was to live with her son, Spencer Ford. Subscribing witnesses were William Ford and Creed Burton.

John and Rachel Ford, Jr. were probably buried in the old Ford Cemetery (also referred to as the Bartlett-Evans Cemetery) along Highway 764 on the Bill Brey farm about one mile northeast of Whitesville, Daviess County, Ky. Their son, Spencer Ford, who died only a few years after his parents, was buried in this cemetery, and it is likely they would have been buried together.

John Ford, Jr.'s daughter, Charlotte, married Nathaniel Prewitt 11 May 1804 in Shelby County, Ky. His daughter, Mary, married John L. Prewitt 6 December 1818 in Shelby County, Ky. They as well as John Ford's sons, John, William, Samuel, and Richard S. apparently did not come, to Daviess County, since none are found in the counties census or tax records.

Covington Ford, son of John, is in the Daviess County tax lists from 1837 through 1840, After that he does not appear in the Daviess County records. In the index of the 1850 Kentucky census a Covington Ford was living in Fulton County, Ky. The unusualness of his name, age and names of his children suggest that he was John Ford's son. The census listing of his family appeared as follows:

1850 Fulton County, Ky. census, #532-534

Ford, Covington	50 m	Ky.
Elizabeth	29 f	N.C.
Jeptha	16 m	Ky.
Henry	14 m	Ky.
James	11 m	Ky.
William	8 m	Ky.
John	1 m	Ky.
Emily	1 f	Ky.
Simmons, Ramona	6 f	Ky.
Calvert	5 m	Ky.

Minor Ford, son of John, Jr., was born 1800-1804. He married Nancy Mitchell, 8 November 1825 Henry County, Ky. He appears in the tax records of Daviess County from 1833 through 1842; he was listed as owning a farm of 150 acres on Panther Creek. In the 1841 tax list one of the categories listed was children aged 7 to 17, in this column was marked four under Minor Ford's name. Minor Ford apparently moved elsewhere after 1842, since no further record of him or his family or found in Daviess County. In the index of the 1850 census of Kentucky no Minor Ford is listed.

Minor Ford was a minister of the Christian Church, also known as the Disciples of Christ. This denomination in May 1833 organized a church at the home of his brother, Spencer Ford, near the community of Boston in Daviess County. At that time the congregation consisted of Minor Ford and wife Nancy, Spencer Ford and wife Sallie, Sarah Ford, James Milton and wife Sallie, William Crawford and wife. For awhile they met in private homes or in the school. The first church building was erected at Boston and was called the "Antioch Church". The first pastor was Minor Ford, he served in that position for six years (probably from about 1836 to 1842). In 1855 the church moved from Boston, a short distance, to the newly created town of Whitesville, and it became the Whitesville Christian Church, which is still active there today. By the end of Rev. Minor Ford's pastorship the church had grown to a congregation of about 150, a remarkable growth from the small group of founding members in 1833, Rev. Ford was succeeded by Rev. Stephen G. Marshall in about 1841 or 1842. Rev. Marshall first came to the county in 1841 The end of Minor Ford's ministry at the Antioch Christian Church apparently coincided with his departure from Daviess County. In a published volume of Daviess County marriages Elder Minor Ford was identified as the celebrant of the following marriages:

William Morgan	to	Louisa Fuqua	13 March 1838
John P. Wells	to	Leona Morgan	27 May 1838
Joseph Fuqua	to	Eliza Jane Ford	31 May 1839
William W. Bartlett	to	Charlotte P. Ford	7 August 1839
William Pruett	to	Mary W. Ford	5 December 1839
Preston Welts	to	Sarah Brooks	24 March 1840
Joshua P. Nelson	to	Missouri Fuqua	9 August 1840
Isaac Day	to	Polina Rosenberry	10 January 1842
William H. Coomes	to	Sarah Lacklin	6 February 1842
Thomas Smith	to	Mary Sutton	11 March 1842

Elizabeth M. Ford, daughter of John, Jr. and Rachel, was born 1810-1810 in Shelby County, Ky. She was handicapped and unable to care for herself, Both her father and mother made provisions for her in their wills, indicating she was to be cared for by her brother, Spencer Ford. Spencer Ford died in 1843 and with his widow's family in the 1850 Daviess County census Elizabeth was not shown. Elizabeth had either died by then or had went to live with other members of the family living elsewhere.

Jesse Spencer Ford, son of John, Jr. and Rachel, was born about 1810 in Shelby County, Ky. In most records his name appeared as Spencer or Spence, but also was recorded as "Jesse S," He had an uncle named Spencer Ford and his grandmother was Rachel Spencer Ford, He married Sarah Helm 6 October 1833 in Shelby County. She was the daughter of John Helm and Joanna Harbourt and was born 1810-1815 in Shelby County, Ky.

Spencer and Sarah Helm Ford in 1832 or 1833, along with his parents and several brothers and a sister moved to Daviess County, Ky. By May of 1833 they were living in Daviess County. The History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p516) states that the Christian church in the Boston Precinct (formerly the Antioch Christian Church now the Whitesville Christian Church) was formed in May 1833 when several members met "at the house of Spencer Ford, in the northeastern part of the precinct, close to the Ohio County line". Among the nine founding members of the church were Spencer Ford and his wife Sallie, his brother, Minor Ford and his wife Nancy and Sarah. Ford. Before the congregation had a church building and a regular pastor the preaching was done by William Ford, a first cousin and neighbor of Spencer Ford, and by Samuel Helm, a Christian minister and brother-in-law of Spencer Ford. When the first church was erected at Boston the first pastor was Spencer Ford's brother, Minor Ford. Other early members of the church were the families of John. and Lucinda Helm and William and Zilphia Helm Bartlett, who were in-laws of Spencer Ford. After the church moved to Whitesville (1855) Spencer and Sarah Ford's son, Henry Clay Ford, served as pastor of the church during the early 1870's (he was pastor in 1872-1874 and possibly earlier). Many descendants of Spencer and Sarah Ford, even down to the present, have been members of the Christian church, including the churches at Whitesville, Pleasant Valley near Philpot in Daviess County, and at Taylorfield in Ohio County. Two Sons and several grandchildren of Spencer and Sarah Ford are buried at the later two churches, Jesse S. Ford, a son of Spencer and Sarah, was instrumental in the founding of the "Antioch Christian Church" at Taylorfield in Ohio County, which was named after the earlier church at Boston, in Daviess County.

When Spencer Ford moved to Daviess County he and other members of the family settled at Ford's Knob, about one mile northeast of Whitesville, just along the Ohio County line, At the time the town of Whitesville was not there, it was not laid out until 1844. The nearest settlement and post office to their home was at Boston. Boston, also called New Boston, is located on what is now Highway 54 (Leitchfield Road) between Philpot and Whitesville. At that time the Highway was an old Indian Road, which the early settlers traveled on and settled around, it was described in the History of Daviess County, Kentucky as the oldest road in the county having been an old buffalo trace. Boston, formerly Burtonville, was where one of the first settlers in the area, Bassett Burton, had built his home about 1810. On other farms in and around Whitesville and Boston settled members of the Helm, Bartlett, Wells families and other members of the Ford family, who all came from Shelby County, Ky. and were related to the Spencer Ford family. Many of these families married into the Burton and Ward families, who had come to the area before Daviess County was formed in 1815.

Spencer Ford was named in both the wills of his father, John Ford (1836) and of his mother, Rachel Ford (1839). Along with his brother, Minor Ford, he was named as administrator of his father's estate. Following the death of his parents Spencer Ford inherited their farm of 170 acres, before then he had owned no land. In the Daviess County tax records he is shown as first paying taxes on the 170 acres in 1839, the year following his mother's death. Spencer is shown as paying taxes on the same through 1842, in 1843 the name of his wife, Sarah, appears in the Daviess County tax list.

Jesse Spencer Ford died on 19 April 1843 in Daviess County, Ky. The date of his death was stated in his will recorded in December 1843 (Daviess County Will Book A-B., page 50). His will appears under the listing "the noncupative will of Jesse S. Ford". A noncupative will is one dictated by the testator just before death. The document was attested and sworn to by John Helm, his brother-in-law, and Haden Wells (Spencer Ford's first cousin, Nancy, daughter of Elisha Ford & Sarah O'Neill, married one Hayden Wells). The last will of Jesse S. Ford began with the following statement by the witnesses: "Memorandum that on the 18th day of April 1843 Jesse S. Ford of the county of Daviess being sick of the sickness where of he died on the next day did make and declare his last will & testament..." Spencer Ford directed that his property was to be left to his wife, his children were referred to in the will but were not named, in the Daviess County Administrator Bond Books it is recorded that Sarah Ford was appointed administratrix of "Spencer Ford, deceased" on 12 June 1843, bond was paid by John Helm. Later in the same year on 11 December Thomas Lewis was appointed administrator of "Jesse S. Ford".

Spencer Ford was buried on his farm in the old Ford Cemetery. He has a monument in the cemetery but the inscription on the stone is illegible. His monument is the oldest in the cemetery but his parents, John & Rachel Ford, Jr., were probably buried here before him, since the same farm had also been their home at the time of their deaths. The Ford Cemetery is located east of Highway 764 about one mile northeast of Whitesville, on what in recent years has been the Bill Brey farm. Lane off of 764 leads back to Bill Brey, Jr. home and cemetery is in field about one city block from his home. The farm during the 1900's has been owned successively by Manuel Thompson, Orville Allen Ralph, Jerome Mayfield, Palmer Aud, Bill Brey Sr. and Bill Brey Jr. A listing of the cemetery was published in the periodical Kentucky Genealogist (Vol.18, January-March 1976). This listing gives the name of the cemetery as the Bartlett-Evans Cemetery, but in older records the cemetery is called the "Ford Cemetery". In records compiled in the 1930's by Emma Dunn Mastin, a genealogist and historian, the cemetery is referred to as the Ford Cemetery. One of the last and possibly the last to be buried in the cemetery was Mary Ann Simmons Bartlett, wife of James A. Bartlett, who died on 31 December 1914. In her obituary In the Owensboro Messenger it was stated she was buried in the "Ford Cemetery"; no other monument in the cemetery bears a death date subsequent to her death. About all of the individuals buried in the cemetery were interrelated by marriage with the Helm family. Also buried here were: John Helm (1791-1868) and members of his family, and several children of William Bartlett & Zilphia Helm (1803-after1883), the later couple do not have monuments here

but they also probably rest here. John Helm and Zilphia Helm Bartlett were brother and sister to Sarah Helm Ford, wife of Spencer Ford.

Spencer Ford and Sarah Helm had four children, they were: William Samuel (born 12 August 1834), Mary C. (born about 1838), Jesse Spencer (born 14 December 1840) and Henry Clay (born 25 September 1843); all were born in Daviess County, Ky. Ford. Their children are proven by a land deed recorded in 1867 and by their marriage records on which their mother, Sarah Ford, signed her consent for each of them to marry. The sons of Spencer Ford are named in a land transaction recorded in Daviess County deed book U, page 17, on 8 April 1867 Sarah Ford, "the widow of Spencer Ford deceased", and William S. Ford & wife Helen P. and Jesse S. Ford & wife Polly Ann, both "sons of Spencer Ford sold to Henry Clay Ford, "another son of Spencer Ford dec'd", part of 100 acres on North Panther Creek, on which parties of first part now live and being the same deeded to Sarah Ford 6 March 1866 by Griffiths.

At the time of the 1850 Daviess County census the children of Spencer and Sarah (Helm) Ford were all living near their mother, but were not listed all in the same household even they were still minors. William and Henry Ford were living with their uncle. John Helm, who was listed three households from Sarah Ford. Jesse Ford was living with Robert and Mary Wells Roby, who were listed immediately before the household of Sarah Ford. Mary Ford was listed as living with her mother. In the 1860 Daviess County census, Jesse and Henry were still at home with their mother, the other two children had married by then and they and their families were listed in the census immediately following the home of their mother. When the 1870 Daviess County census was taken Sarah Ford was living with her son, William S., the families of her other two sons were living a short distance away, all were residing near Whitesville; by 1870 her daughter, Mary C. Woodside had died. The listings for the Spencer Ford family in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Daviess County appeared as follows:

1850 Daviess County, Ky. census:

#821	in the household of John (60) & Lucinda (54) Helm			
Ford, William	16	m		Ky.
H. C.	7	m		Ky.
#823	in the household of Robert (38) & Mary (29) Roby			
Ford, Jesse	9	m		Ky.
#824	Ford, Sarah	40	f	real estate \$2300
	Mary C.	12	f	Ky.

1860 Daviess County, Ky. census:

#729	Ford, Sarah	47	f		Ky.
				real estate \$3000/personal property \$2,000	
	Jesse S.	19	m		Ky.
	Henry C.	16	in		Ky.
#730	Woodside, Willis	30	m		Ky.
	Mary	21	f		Ky.
	Sallie	4	f		Ky.



	Matty	9/12	f	Ky.
#731	Ford, William	26	m	Ky.
		real estate \$1000 / personal property \$300		
	Helen	22	f	Ky.
	Ben A.	3	m	Ky.
	Ellen	2/12	f	Ky.
Sutton, Jane	12	f	Ky.	

1870 Daviess County, Ky. census, Boston Precinct, Post Office Whitesville, p.113:

#156	Ford, Henry C.	26	m	Ky.
	Martha	20	f	Ky.
	Ira	4	m	Ky.
	Ida	2	f	Ky.

Boston Precinct, Post Office Whitesville, p.115:

#193	Ford, Jessey S.	29	m	Ky.
	Polly Ann	26	f	Ky.
	Sallie P.	7	f	Ky.
	Ada	2	f	Ky.
	Charlott	2/12	f	Ky.
#194	Ford, William	35	m	Ky.
	Hellin	30	f	Ky.
	Benjamin	13	m	Ky.
	Cread	8	m	Ky.
	Elizabeth	5	f	Ky.
	Allice	2	f	Ky.
	Ford, Sarah	55	f	Ky.
	Woodside, Jane	10	f	Ky.

Town of Whitesville, p.117:

#8	Woodside, William	40	m	Ky.
	Sallie	14	f	Ky.
	Mattie	12	f	Ky.
	Nannie	6	f	Ky.

Sarah Helm Ford, wife of Spencer Ford, died following 1870. She was not listed in the 1880 Daviess County census and she was not living with either of her sons, William S. or Jesse S., who in 1880 were both living in Ohio County, Ky. She was buried in the Ford Cemetery.

William Samuel Ford, son of Spencer Ford & Sarah Helm, was born 12 August 1834 Daviess County, Ky. He married Helen Prudence Burton 12 October 1854 Daviess County, Ky.. On their marriage license it was recorded - Bond was paid on 9 October by George S. Helm, who "states that the mother of the young man above mentioned gave her consent to the issuing of the above license and that his father is dead." Groom was age 20 his first marriage, born Daviess County, Ky. Bride was age 18, her first marriage, born Daviess County, Ky. Marriage was performed by Rev. Joseph P. Ellis, a Baptist minister. (Daviess County vital statistics of 1852-1861 and Daviess County marriage book C, page 57). Helen Prudence (or Prudie) Burton, wife

of William Samuel Ford, was the daughter of Creed Burton and Mary Ward and was born 1 October 1835 in Daviess County, Ky.

William Samuel & Prudie Ford following their marriage resided near Whitesville in the same area where his parents and grandparents had lived. In the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (p22) W.S. Ford is shown on a plat of the Boston Precinct, he owned a 112 acre farm just north of Whitesville, bordering, the east side of the road that is now Highway 764. This farm was the same farm previously owned by his father and on which the Ford family cemetery is located. Between 1876-1880 he left this farm and moved several miles east across the county line into Ohio County. At the time of the 1880 Ohio County census his family was living in the Ellis Precinct, which is just east of the Whitesville area. The census listing appeared as follows:

1880 Ohio County, Ky. census, Ellis Precinct, p.655, #130:

Ford, William S.	45	farmer	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Helen P.	44	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Ben A.	22	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Virginia C.	17	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Ret J.	14	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Lula A.	11	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Willie E.	8	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Rhoda A.	6	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Samuel T,	3	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Robert	10/12	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Burton, Creed	71	father-in-law	Ky.-Va.-Va.
Jolly, Ida S.	17	boarder	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Brim, John	23	hired farm hand	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

William S. Ford later moved his family to the Adaburg community in Ohio County, Ky., where he purchased a 173 acre farm, in the same neighborhood where his brother Jesse S. Ford was living. They resided here until about 1896 when they moved back to Daviess County and bought a farm a short distance west of Philpot on the Leitchfield Road, just opposite where the Catholic (Resurrection) Cemetery is today. William S. and Helen Ford lived here their last years. They were listed in the 1900 census of Daviess County, and their household was recorded at follows:

1900 Daviess County, Ky. census, District 8, p.365, #128:

Ford, William S.	head	Aug1834 (65) married 44 yrs.	Ky,-Ky,-Ky.
Hellen P.	wife	Oct1835 (64) m. 12children-7living	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Pheoba H	dau.	Feb1882 (18) single	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Hines, Hellen P.	grdau.	Sep1892 (7) single	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

(W.S. Ford listed as a farmer & as owning a farm free of mortgage)

At the age of 73 William S. Ford died on 12 November 1907 and his wife, Helen, died on 19 June 1913, she was 77 years old. They were buried at the Pleasant Valley Christian Church

Cemetery about two miles north of Philpot. The following obituaries of William S. and Helen P. Ford were published in the Owensboro newspaper:

Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 13 November 1907:

Died of Pneumonia - W.S. Ford died of pneumonia at 11 o'clock Tuesday at his home at Philpot. He is survived by a wife and three children, Sam T., Robert and Mrs. G. A. Miller [sic – should be Weller]. He was seventy-three years old. The funeral will take place today at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger, Thursday, 14 November 1907:

After Brief Illness W. S. Ford Died of Pneumonia At His Home at Philpot – Mr. W. S. Ford, a prominent farmer of the Philpot neighborhood, died at his home Tuesday of pneumonia, after an illness of just two days. He was 73 years old and was one of the oldest and best known farmers in Daviess County. Mr. Ford was a farmer but at different times had run several large sawmills near Philpot. He is survived by a wife, two sons, and one daughter. He was the father of the late B. A. Ford, of this city. His funeral took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the church at Pleasant Valley, the services being conducted by Rev. R. H. Crossfield of Owensboro. The remains were buried at the cemetery at Pleasant Valley,

Owensboro Messenger, Saturday, 21 June 1913:

H. P. Ford Dies At Home At Philpot - Mrs. H. P. Ford a widely known and respected woman of the Philpot neighborhood, died at the family home on Thursday evening after a long illness of a complication of diseases. She was seventy years old and had been a resident of Daviess County practically all her life. She is survived by three children, R. G. and Sam Ford, of Philpot, and Mrs. Alice Weller of Philpot. The funeral was conducted from the Pleasant Valley Church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. M. G. Buckner, of Owensboro officiating. The interment was made in the Pleasant Grove Church burying grounds.

William Samuel Ford wrote his will on 11 August 1906 and it was recorded on 16 November 1907 (Daviess County Will Book E, page 596). In his will he named his wife, Helen P., and the following children and grandchildren: Daughter - Alice L. Weller; sons - Robert G. Ford & Samuel Tilden Ford; granddaughter - Pearl Deane Hines (daughter of Edna W. Hines, deceased); grandson - Benjamin Conway Ford; granddaughter - I.C.V. Ford; granddaughter - Helen Hines (daughter of Alonzo N. & Rhoda Ann Hines); grandsons - Estell Burton Hines, Harman Leslie Hines, & Arnold Graves Hines (sons of James T. & Virginia C. Hines); grandchildren Lawrence Arman Sapp, Joseph Vernie Sapp, Mary Helen Sapp, & William John Sapp (children of Henry Green & Rettie Jane Sapp).

Of the twelve children of William Samuel Ford and Helen P. Burton nine preceded their parents in death. Three of their children died in infancy, five daughters died in early womanhood

between the ages of 19 and 34, only two of their children lived past the age of 48. Their children weres Benjamin Allen, Virginia Creed, Jeretta Jane, Lula Alice, Willie Edna, Rhoda Ann, Samuel Tildon, Robert Greathouse, Pheobe H., Ellen (born 1860 and died before 1870), and two other children died in infancy.

1. Benjamin Allen (Ben) Ford was born 27 June 1857 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Malissa Apalonia Lake 10 April 1887 at Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. After marrying lived in Owensboro, Ky., at the time of his death resided at 410 St, Ann Street. He died in Owensboro on 8 May 1906. His wife was the daughter of Abraham Lake and Lucinda Smith, she was born in Marion County, Ky. on 15 December 1866 and died in Owensboro, Ky. on 19 June 1959. They were buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro and were the parents of two children:
  - a. I.C.W. Ford born 28 January 1888 Ohio County, Ky. Married Edgar A. Turley, resided in Owensboro, Ky. She died 9 January 1973 in Owensboro and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in that city.
  - b. Benjamin Conway Ford born about 1897 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. Never married and resided in Owensboro, Ky. Died 1 May 1980 in Owensboro and buried in Elmwood Cemetery.
2. Virginia Creed Ford was born 1 December 1862 in Daviess County, Ky. Married James Temple Hines in Ohio County, Ky. on 10 May 1883. They resided near Adaburg, in Ohio County. Her husband was the son of John H. Hines and Harriet Graves and was born 17 July 1860 in Ohio County, Ky. She died on 30 January 1894 and James T. Hines on 28 April 1905, they were buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery at Taylorfield in Ohio County, Ky. They had four children:
  - a. Eskel Burton Hines born in 19 October 1885 in Ohio County, Ky. Never married and died 13 July 1923 Ohio County, Ky. and was buried at the Antioch Cemetery in Ohio County.
  - b. Arnold Graves Hines born 21 October 1887 in Ohio County, Ky. Married Georgia Martin, 6 September 1911 Daviess County, Ky. Died at Ralph in Ohio County on 14 October 1924 and was buried at the Adaburg Cemetery in Ohio County.
  - c. Harmon Leslie Hines born 25 June 1891 in Ohio County, Ky. Married Addie Lee Burdette 29 January 1913 Spencer County, Ind. Died 13 February 1978 in Owensboro, Ky. and buried in Elmwood Cemetery in that city.
  - d. Helen H. Hines born 29 December 1892 in Ohio County, Ky. and died 20 September 1893 in Ohio County. Buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County.
3. Jeretta Jane (Retty) Ford was born 17 December 1865 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Henry Green Sapp on 9 November 1882 in: Ohio County, Ky. He was born 15 June 1860 in Marion County, Ky, and was the son of John T. Sapp and Mary E. Smith. They resided at Whitesville, Ky., where she died on 12 December 1900, her husband died on 16 January 1915 in Owensboro, Ky. They were buried in the St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery in Whitesville, Daviess County, Ky. (Henry Green Sapp married second, Geneive Bristow; they had two sons: Oral Hugh, born 11 April 1911, and Frances Henry,

who changed his name to Larry Flanagan, born 29 June 1915. Five children were born to Retty Ford Sapp:

- a. infant son born and died 30 September 1883.
  - b. Lawrence Armond Sapp born 13 July 1886 Ohio County, Ky. Married Ellen Generose Aud, 28 January 1908 Daviess County, Ky. Died 21 January 1967 in Greenville, Muhlenberg County, Ky. Buried in St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Whitesville, Ky.
  - c. Joseph Vernie Sapp born 12 December 1890 at Adaburg in Ohio County, Ky. Married Wilma Leigh Wright 9 February 1909 Daviess County, Ky. Died 14 January 1976 Owensboro, Ky. Buried Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky.
  - d. Mary Helen Sapp born 23 February 1893. Married Frederick Erastus Wright, 1 August 1910 Daviess County, Ky. Died 31 August 1984 Owensboro, Ky, Buried St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Whitesville, Ky,
  - e. William John Sapp born 8 December 1897. Died 25 December 1911 Daviess County, Ky. He shot himself with a gun which he had just received as a Christmas present. Buried St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Whitesville, Ky.
4. Lula "Alice" Ford was born 2 November 1868 in Daviess County, Ky. Married George Alexander Weller on 13 September 1888 in Ohio County, Ky. He was the son. of Jacob Weller and Matilda Hoover and was born in Ohio County, Ky. on 25 February 1867. They lived in Ohio County several years and shortly after 1900 moved to Daviess County, where they lived at Philpot across from the present site of the Catholic (Resurrection) Cemetery, in their later years they moved to Owensboro. She died in Owensboro on 30 July 1954 and her husband on 12 July 1945, they were buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro They had seven children:
- a. Nina Weller born 26 August 1889 Ohio County, Ky. Married William Nave. Died 7 August 1956 Owensboro, Ky. Buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro.
  - b. "Alma" Grady Weller born 9 June 1895. Married L. .E. (Earl) Gilmore. She resided in Owensboro, Ky.
  - c. Hathway Weller born 20 April 1898, Married William Tomey. Died 3 July 1981 Indianapolis, Ind., where she was buried.
  - d. Jacob "Hayward" Weller born 17 January 1902. Married Jessie Lee Holbrook. Died 2 June 1968 Owensboro, Ky. Buried Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro.
  - e. Helen Martyne Sapp born 20 May 1904. Never married, Lived in North Carolina.
  - f. G. A Weller, Jr. born 10 September 1907 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Jane Holbrook. Died 20 July 1969 Nashville, Tenn. Buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.
  - g. "Palmer" Ervin Weller born 30 November 1913 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Virginia Robinson. Lived in Denver, Colorado.
5. Willie Edna Ford was born 12 March 1872 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Gilbert Arthur Hines on 8 November 1893 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. He was the son of John H. Hines and Harriet Graves and was born 12 July 1873 in Ohio County, Ky. They resided in Daviess County. She died 31 July 1902 and was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery at Taylorfield in Ohio County, Ky. Gilbert Hines married 2<sup>nd</sup> Bernice Leone Hawkins and they has six children – Mary Edna, James Arthur, Chester

Marvin, Catherine Hortense, William Thomas and John Edward. Gilbert Hines died 31 January 1953 Owensboro, Ky. and was buried at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Daviess County, Ky. They had one daughter:

a. Pearl Dean Hines born 21 July 1900 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Armitt Newton McKinley. She died 3 May 1993 in Owensboro, Ky. and was buried at the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky.

6. Rhoda Ann Ford was born 19 May 1874 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Alonzo Nelson Hines on 27 September 1891 in Ohio County, Ky. He was the son of John H. Hines and Harriet Graves and was born 18 January 1863 in Ohio County, Ky. She died on 20 August 1893 and was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County, her husband died in 1896. they had one child:

a. Pruda Helen Hines born 22 September 1892 Daviess County, Ky. Married Henry J. Gordon. Resided in Owensboro, Ky. She died 10 December 1963 in Owensboro and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, She was raised by her grandparents, William S. and Helen P. Ford.

7. Samuel Tildon (Sam) Ford was born 26 August 1876 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Nannie Jane Ward on 2 February 1896 in Ohio County, Ky. She was born 10 March 1878 in Ohio County, Ky. and was the daughter of William Harvey Ward and Elizabeth Moseley. They lived near Philpot in Daviess County, where he owned a farm on the Pleasant Valley Road. He died on 16 September 1922 at Herbert in Ohio County, Ky. and his wife died in Owensboro on 8 June 1950. They were buried at the Pleasant Valley Christian Church Cemetery near Philpot in Daviess County, Ky. To them were born nine children:

a. Helen Elizabeth Ford born 28 August 1898. Married Roscoe Tichenor. Died 22 May 1935 Daviess County, Ky. Buried Pleasant Valley Christian Church Cemetery, Daviess County, Ky.

b. Edna Cleo Ford born 23 January 1899 Daviess County, Ky. Married John Henry Crutcher. Died 24 August 1971 Philpot, Daviess County, Ky. Buried Pleasant Valley Christian Church Cemetery, Daviess County, Ky.

c. Samuel G. Ford born 15 October 1900 Daviess County, Ky. Died 14 January 1901. Buried Antioch Christian Church Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky.

d. Katie Bee Ford born 4 April 1905 Daviess County, Ky. Married Wilsie Paul Hinds and Homer Howard. Died 30 July 1977 Owensboro, Ky. Buried Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, Ky.

e. William Harwood Ford born 13 August 1906 Daviess County, Ky. Married Benita Sapp. Died 16 April 1983 Flint, Michigan and was buried there.

f. Robert Tildon Ford born 29 September 1910 Daviess County, Ky. Married Belle Bertrum and Mildred (Helm) Hughes. He and his second wife were distant cousins, his great-grandmother Sarah (Helm) Ford was a sister to her great-great-grandfather John Helm; her great-grandfather was George Strauder Helm and her grandfather was John Helm. Robert T. Ford died 10 October 1984 and was buried in the Cates Cemetery at Whitesville, Ky.

g. Benjamin Allen (Ben) Ford born 20 December 1914 Daviess County, Ky. Married Mossie Adkisson. Lived Owensboro, Ky.

- h. Wilson Harris Ford born 12 January 1917 Daviess County, Ky. Married first Winifred Reeks and three other times. Died 13 December 1970 Kirkwood, Mo. Buried Pleasant Valley Christian Church Cemetery, Daviess County, Ky.
  - i. Samuel Carter Ford born 19 October 1922 Daviess County, Ky. Married Helen Christian. Lived Owensboro, Ky.
8. Robert Greathouse (Bob) Ford was born in 22 July 1879 in Daviess County, Ky. Married Katie B. Nave on 14 February. 1899 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. She was born 23 October 1881. They lived near Philpot until about 1926 when they moved to Akron, Ohio. On 29 April 1956 he died at Akron, Summit County, Ohio and was buried there in the Holy Cross Cemetery. His wife, Katie, died 23 August 1969 and was buried beside him. They had no children of their own but raised an adopted son, James William Ford (1 April 1908 - 22 March 1955).
  9. Pheobe H. Ford was born in February 1882 in Ohio County, Ky; Married Thomas E. Townsley between 8 April 1901 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Ind. They lived in Owensboro, Ky. She died of consumption 15 January 1905 Owensboro, Ky. and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. Her husband was born 5 September 1875 in Ohio County, Ky. and was the son of Joseph Aaron Townsley and Cordelia Bales. Thomas ran a grocery store on the corner of 5th & Leitchfield Road in Owensboro. He married second. Lula D. Tanner, she was an aunt of Wyndall Smith, who founded the Wyndall Supermarket chain in Owensboro. Tom Townsley had no children by either of his marriages, he died in Owensboro on 16 January 1963 and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in that city.

Mary C. Ford, daughter of Spencer Ford & Sarah Helm, was born about 1838 in Daviess County, Ky. She married Willis S. Woodside 22 February. 1855 Daviess County, Ky. On their marriage license it was recorded -. Bond was paid on 19 February by William S. Ford. "William S. Ford states that his mother Sarah Ford gave her consent to the issuing of the above license", sworn to on 19 February by William S. Ford, (Daviess county marriage book C, page 139). Mary died between 1863-1870, she has no monument in the Ford Cemetery, but more than likely she would have been buried there. Willis S. and Mary Ford Woodside had four daughters: Sallie G. born about 1856, Mattie born about 1858, Jane born about 1860 and Mattie born about 1864. All four girls were living at the time of the 1870 Daviess County census. Sallie G. Woodside married John W. Haynes on 13 April 1874, they were married at Whitesville by her uncle, Rev. Henry C. Ford. In 1880 she and her husband were living in Whitesville and living with their family was her father, Willis Woodside, the census listing, appeared as follows:

1880 Daviess County, Ky. census, town of Whitesville:

#295 Haynes, John W.	head	37	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Sallie G.	wife	24	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Robbie E.	son	5	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Rossie	son	1	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Woodside, Willis	father-in-law	50	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

The other three daughters of Willis and Mary Woodside did not marry in Daviess County and did not appear in the 1880 Daviess County census under the name of Woodside.

Jesse Spencer Ford, Jr. son of Spencer Ford & Sarah Helm, was born 14 December 1840 in Daviess County, Ky. He married Polly Ann Bartlett, 21 November 1861. On their marriage license it was recorded - Groom was age 20, his first marriage, a farmer, he and father born Daviess County, Ky., mother born Shelby County, Ky., Bride was age 18, first marriage, born Daviess County, Ky., parents born Shelby County, Ky. Married by Rev. Joseph P. Ellis at residence of William W. Bartlett, bond was paid by W.S. Woodside. "The clerk of the Daviess County court is hereby authorized by me to issue license for the marriage of my son Jesse Ford to Miss Polly Ann Bartlett, witness by hand this 20th November 1861, Sarah Ford, in the presence of H. C. Ford and W. S. Woodside" (Daviess County marriage book F, page 211). Polly Ann Bartlett was born 10 March 1844 in Daviess County and was a distant cousin to her husband. Her parents were William W. Bartlett and Charlotte P. Ford, her grandparents were William Ford and Jennie Jellus and her great-grandfather, Elisha Ford, was a brother to Spencer Ford's father John Ford Jr. In the early 1870's Jesse S. Ford and his family left Daviess County and moved over into Ohio County, where they made their home near Taylorfield and Adaburg, about ten miles south of Whitesville.

Jesse S. Ford died at the age of 58 on 20 October 1899 and his wife Polly Ann on 20 September 1902. They were buried in the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery at Taylorfield in Ohio County. The following article appeared in the Owensboro newspaper announcing the death of Jesse S. Ford.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 21 October 1899:

Jesse F. Ford, age sixty years, died at his home near Pleasant Ridge last week. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters, Mr. B. A. Ford, of Owensboro, is a nephew. Mr. Ford was a well-to-do and highly respected farmer. The funeral will occur from the Taylor Field Christian Church at 2 p.m. today.

Jesse Spencer Ford, Jr. and Folly Ann Bartlett had ten children, they were: Sallie, Ada, Mary Charlotte ("Lottie"), Nora, Henry Clay, Iba B. ("Grub"), Martha, Press, Mamie and one other child died in infancy.

1. Sallie born about 1862 in Daviess County, Ky. She had two children, Adie Ford, who married James Young and Lora Ford, who married Ernest Graves. Sallie married a Mr. Gray, they had no children. Sallie died before 1931.
2. Ada was born 30 March 1868 in Daviess County, Ky. Married William Albert Helm. She died 31 December 1921 and was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky. They had three children: Thomas, Obie and Jesse A., who died age 17.



3. Mary Lottie was born 18 May 1870 in Daviess County, Ky. Married James Leonard Sinnett. She died at Whitesville, Ky. 12 July 1941 and was buried, in the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville. They had two children: Ion K. and Connie May who married James Oswell Cook.
4. Nora was born 5 August 1874 in Ohio County, Ky. Married first Mysa Yates, they had three children: Clara E. born 20 February 1891, Alton born in August 1894 and another child died in infancy. Clara married Lonie C. McKinley and she died 1 February 1965, was buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. Nora married second Sanford M. Greer, they had a son, Stanley, who was born in 1908 and died 19 January 1981, he was buried at the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville, Ky.; his wife was Mae Watts. Nora Ford Greer died at Whitesville 5 May 1946 and was buried at the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville.
5. Henry Clay was born 24 January 1876 in Ohio County, Ky. Married Captola Midkiff, 16 March 1899 in Ohio County, Ky. Died 2 May 1969 at the age of 93 in Cookeville, Tenn., and was buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. He and his wife had one child, Hatha, born 24 February 1902, married John Taylor Skinner 3 Apr. 1926 at Whitesville, Ky., she is presently living in Cooke-yule, Tenn.
6. Iba B. (Grub) was born 10 September 1877 in Ohio County, Ky. Married Lou Ada Greer, 21 August 1901 Ohio County, Ky.; they had no children. He died 31 October 1942 Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. and was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky.
7. Martha was born in October 1879 in Ohio County, Ky. Married John S. Taylor 11 December 1900 in Ohio County, Ky. They had one daughter, Elvira, who married Henry Wagner, they lived in Owensboro, Ky. Martha died 25 March 1931 in Owensboro, Ky. and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, in Owensboro.
8. Press was born 13 December 1882 in Ohio County, Ky. Died at the age of 19 on 13 October 1902 and was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County.
9. Mamie was born 3 April 1885 in Ohio County, Ky. Married Powell C. Greer, 30 April 1903 Ohio County, Ky.; they had seven children: Marion Ford, Wilson B. married Ada Catherine Pate, Anna Elizabeth married Herbert E. Ambrose, Marjarine married Chester Taylor, three children, Lucille, Wayne and Olan died in infancy and were buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in Ohio County. Mamie Greer died 12 April 1972 Daviess County, Ky. and she was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.

Henry Clay Ford, son of Spencer and Sarah, was born 25 September 1843 in Daviess County, Ky. He married Martha Edna Wells 18 October 1863. On their marriage license was recorded - Groom age 20, first marriage, born Daviess County, Ky., parents born Shelby County, Ky. Bride age 14, first marriage, born Daviess County, Ky. Married at residence of brides father, L. B. Wells, who signed his consent. "To the clerk of the Daviess County court you will please issue license for my son H. C. Ford to marry Miss Marthy E. Wells", signed by Sarah Ford, attest W. S. Woodside and J. P. Ford. Married by Rev. Calvin Voyles, a Baptist minister

(Daviness County marriage book F). Martha Edna Wells was born 6 April 1849 in Daviness County to Littleberry Wells and Susan Ford, the later was a daughter of William Ford and Jennie Jellus, he was a first cousin to Spencer Ford. Henry C. Ford was a minister of the Christian Church. During the early 1870's he served as pastor of the Whitesville Christian Church, Sometime between 1874-1880 he left Daviness County, He later lived in Hopkins County, Ky. where he continued his ministry. He died 4 March 1924, his wife Martha had died on 14 February 1908. They were buried at the Union Cemetery at Nebo in Hopkins County, Ky. Buried by their parents in the some cemetery were the following three sons Ira (25 July 1866 - 25 July 1910), Little Harry (27 December 1876 -15 April 1903) and Herman (2 March 1888 - 9 June 1906). Henry C. and Martha Ford had at least one daughter, Ida, who was born about 1868, the names of their other children, if any, or not known.

### **William Ford (1753-1835)** **Son of John Ford & Rachel Spencer**

William Ford, son of John Ford and Rachel Spencer, was born 25 January 1753 in Fairfax County, Va, About 1778, while residing in South Carolina, he married Cassandra Ford of Maryland. At about the age of twelve her parents were killed by the Indians and she remained with her Indian captors for about ten days before being purchased and returned. William Ford was a surveyor and farmer.

After coming to Kentucky William Ford lived for a few years in Shelby County (appears in the tax records there in the years 1797-1799) before moving to Henry County, where he died in 1835. He served as a deacon of the Fox Run Baptist Church and as clerk of the Long Run Baptist Association. He was quite prominent among the pioneer Kentucky Baptists. A biography of William Ford and of his son, William W. Ford, was published in the book, History of Kentucky Baptists, by J. H. Spencer (Vol. I, Cincinnati, OH, 1885, pp290-291).

The children of William Ford and Cassandra Ford were:

1. James born 6 September 1779 Newberry County, S.C. Married Ursula Whitledge 16 December 1802. Died 15 March 1849 Christiansburg, Shelby County, Ky.
2. John W. born 18 February 1783 Newberry County, S.C. Married Lucretia Satterfield. Died 1840.
3. William W. born 18 May 1785 Newberry County, S.C. Married Elizabeth Metcalf 13 January 1806. Died 30 June 1841. Christiansburg, Shelby County, Ky. Baptist Minister.

4. Ann (Nancy) born 15 April 1787 S.C. Married Thomas King 24 December 1805. Died 10 October 1844 Eminence, Henry County, Ky.
  5. Linny married William Gray 22 December 1812.
  6. Polly married Mc. Moore 13 April 1809.
  7. Cassandra married James Harrell.
- (Above information on William Ford family was compiled by Mona Bosworth Lewis Brown and was published in Kentucky Family Archives (Vol. III, Kentucky Department of Libraries & Archives, Frankfort, Ky.)

### **Elisha Ford (1757-1833) son of John Ford & Rachel Spencer**

Elisha Ford, son of John Ford and Rachel Spencer, was born 24 November 1757. According to his own testimony given in his Revolutionary War Pension application he was born in Fairfax County, Virginia. At the time of his enlistment for service in 1776 he was a resident of Spartanburg County, S.C. He served eight years in the Revolution, taking part in several battles and was wounded.

In Newberry County, S.C. on 9 March 1784 Elisha Ford married Sarah O'Neill, She was the daughter of William O'Neill and Mary Frost, and was born 18 July 1764 in Frederick County, Va. Her father was born in 1740 and died. 5 November 1786 in Newberry County, S.C. He had married Mary, the daughter of John Frost, on 6 July 1761. He was the son of Hugh O'Neill and Anna Cox. Hugh O'Neill was born about 1700 in Ireland and died in Virginia, he was the son of Brian O'Neill.

Elisha Ford settled in Shelby County, Ky. about 1799, he first is listed in the tax records there in 1800. On 19 August 1833 in Shelby County he applied for a pension for his service in the Revolution. He died shortly afterwards on 29 September 1833 in Shelby County. His wife, Sarah, was granted a widow's pension on 10 September 1838. In the 1840 federal census Revolutionary War Pensioners or their widows were listed, at that time Elisha Ford's widow, Sarah, was shown as residing in the household of Oswell Herron in Shelby County. Her age was reported as 75 and the next family listed in the census was that of her daughter "Mary Brite".

Six children were born to Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, they were:

1. William born 26 April 1785.
2. John born 3 October 1787.
3. Nancy born 30 May 1789.
4. Mary born 18 December 1791 and died 30 May 1792.

5. Polly born 2 January 1795, her name also appears as Mary, Polly is frequently used as a nickname for the name Mary.
6. Sarah Neal born 16 September 1797.

William Ford, son of Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, was born 26 April 1785 in Newberry County, S.C. He married Jane (Jennie) Jellus in January of 1811, she was born about 1794 in Kentucky. About 1833 William and his brother, John, left Shelby County, Ky. and moved to Western Kentucky. William settled in the Boston-Whitesville section of Daviess County and John made his home a short distance away in the Fordsville area of Ohio County. William and Jane Ford were both living at the time of the 1860 Daviess County, Ky. census, but do not appear in the 1870 Daviess County census and may have died before then. They were possibly buried in the Ford Cemetery (also referred to as the Bartlett - Evans Cemetery) along Highway 764 about a mile northeast of Whitesville on the Bill Brey farm, where their son, Josephus Ford and several other Ford relatives were buried. In the book Kentucky Brights and Their Kin it was written that William and Jennie Ford had 24 children, 12 of whom died in infancy. Among their children, who grew to adulthood, were: Sarah N., Flavius Josephus, Ailsey, Eliza Jane, Mary W., Charlotte P., Susan, John B., Cassandra Ellen and James Presley:

1. Sarah N. was born 24 January 1812 in Ky. Married Beverly W. Boone 24 December 1840 Daviess County, Ky. They lived Daviess County. She died 7 December 1884 and was buried in the Karn's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Daviess County. Their children were: John W., Hester J., James M. and Mary R. Boone.
2. Flavius Josephus (Joseph) was born 17 August 1814 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Mary Jane Bartlett 31 July of 1842 in Daviess County, Ky. Lived on a farm about one mile north of Whitesville along Highway 764. He died 25 April 1890 and was buried in the Ford Cemetery in Daviess County (see the periodical Kentucky Genealogist (Vol. 18, Jan-Mar 1976). Their children were: Zelpha A., Mary, Sarah J. and Susan Ford.
3. Ailsey was born about 1816 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Lindsey Burton 18 June 1837 in Daviess County, Ky. They lived in Daviess County. She died after 1880. Their children were: Francis M., James L., Mary J., Julia A., Crittendon Taylor & Horace Burton.
4. Eliza Jane was born about 1817 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Joseph Fuqua 31 May 1838 in Daviess County, Ky. and in the same county she married second John Roberts on 25 October 1860, they had no children. She died following the 1880 Daviess County census and was buried in the Milton Cemetery near Whitesville in Daviess County. Eliza & Joseph Fuqua were the parents of: Charlotte Jane, Parthada Ellen, Richard S., Minerva Elizabeth, Nancy Catherine, Mary Jane and Joseph Albert Fuqua.
5. Mary W. married William Pruett 5 December 1839 in Daviess County, Ky. She either died young or left the Daviess County area. She does not appear in the 1850 or later censuses of Daviess County.

6. Charlotte P. was born 11 January 1821 in Shelby County, Ky. Married William Wilson Bartlett 7 August 1839 in Daviess County, Ky. During the 1860's they Left Daviess County and moved to Ohio County, Ky. where they lived in the Bartlett's Precinct near the community of Clear Run. She died 19 March 1901 and was buried in the Union Grove Cemetery in Ohio County, near Taffy. Their children were: William Samuel, Joseph T., Polly Ann, Benjamin F., Spencer J., Sarah E., James W., Dosier, George L., Henry C. and Cicero H. Bartlett.
7. Susan was born 15 June 1825 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Littleberry Wells 9 May 1843 in Daviess County, Ky. They resided near Whitesville in Daviess County. She died 25 April 1907 and was buried in the Cates Cemetery, in Whitesville, Ky. Their children were: Mary C., Martha E., Susan A. and Amanda E. Wells.
8. John B. was born about 1830 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Elizabeth Wells 30 August 1853 in Daviess County, Ky. In 1860 they were living Ohio County, Ky. He died between 1860-1870 and may have died during the Civil War. His two children, William and James were raised by his brother, Presley Ford.
9. Cassandra Ellen was born about 1831 in Kentucky Married Jasper Griffith 23 January 1851 in Daviess County, Ky. It is not known for certain but their children may have included Alsey and John Griffith. She married second Duncan M. Norris 12 January 1869 in Daviess County, Ky.; their children if any are not known. She died following the 1870 Daviess County, Ky. census.
10. James Presley was born 2 February 1836 in Daviess County, Icy, Married Sarah E. Sinnett 9 July 1867 in Daviess County. They lived near Whitesville, Ky. They had no children of their own but raised the two sons of his brother, John B. Ford.

John Ford, son of Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, was born 3 October 1787 in Newberry County, S.C. In Shelby County, Ky. on 28 June 1808 he married Nancy Garth. She was the daughter of David Garth and Sarah Sneed and was born 25 March 1789 in Virginia. John Ford was a soldier in the War of 1812. He fought with Gen. Harrison and was wounded at the Battle of Tippecanoe, one of his sons he named after his company commander, John Simpson. About 1833 he moved to Ohio County, Ky., where he made his home near the present town of Fordsville, which was named in honor of one of his sons.

John Ford died 21 September 1871 and his wife, Nancy, preceded him on 15 October 1865. They were buried in the Haynes-Ford Cemetery near Fordsville, in Ohio County, Ky. John Ford and Nancy Garth were the parents of twelve children; . Elisha Milstered, David G., John Simpson, Bijah O'Neal, Amanda M., Milton Sneed, Martha Susan, Sarah Frances, William H., Nancy Garth, Harvey Thomas and Mary E. Ford.

1. Elisha Milstered was born 25 June 1809 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Nancy F. Hardwick 9 August 1830 Franklin County, Ky. They lived in Ohio County, where he was a merchant and tobacconist. He served two terms, 1845 and 1848, in the Kentucky Legislature representing Ohio and Hancock Counties. He is listed as a tavern keeper in

the 1850 census of Ohio County, Ky. He died 12 November 1851 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. The town of Fordsville in northeastern Ohio County originally called Haynesville; a post office of that name was established there on 11 March 1837. It was renamed Fordsville on 20 January 1846 in honor of Elisha M. Ford; it is now the county's third largest town. Their children were: Elizabeth, John, Eliza, Ellen and James W. Ford.

2. David Garth was born in 1810 in Shelby County, Ky. About 1833 he married Emily Hardwick 14 October 1833 Shelby County, Ky.. They lived in Ohio County. He died 28 December 1855 Ohio County, Ky. Their children were: Garland H., Frances, Mary, Nancy, Martha S., Elisha, William and John Ford.
3. John Simpson was born 26 January 1813 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Nancy Haynes 5 March 1837 in Daviess County, Ky. In January 1839 he moved to Daviess County where he resided in the South Hampton neighborhood. He died 2 July 1879 and was buried in the South Hampton Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were; Nancy Jane, Emerine, Virginia B., Catherine, Elisha J. and Merritt C. Ford.
4. Bijah O'Neal was born in 1814 in Shelby County, Ky. and died before 1820.
5. Amanda K. was born about 1815 in Shelby County, Ky. Married John Scott Miles 12 November 1833 Shelby County, Ky. They lived in Ohio County, where she died in September 1869. Their children were; Sarah E., Martha Ann, Elisha M., John William, Mary Frances, David Edgar, Harvey V., Nancy E. and Amanda Miles.
6. Milton Sneed was born: 27 February 1818 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Susan Ann Jones 2 September 1846 in Daviess County, Ky. In 1846 he moved to Daviess County, where he owned a farm on the Barker Road (now Highway 1389), in the Yelvington Precinct about one mile east of Thruston. He died 10 April 1902 and was buried in the South Hampton Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were; John Gilbert, Angela, James N., William Thomas, Henry W. and Richard Hampton. A great-grandson of Milton S. Ford is Wendell Hampton Ford, who served as the 49th Governor of the state of Kentucky (1971-1974) and since 1974 has been a United States Senator, representing Kentucky in the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. Wendell H. Ford was the son of Ernest Milton Ford and Irene Schenk and was born 8 September 1924 in Owensboro, Ky. His grandparents were Richard Hampton Ford and Minerva E. Cook. Another grandson of the latter couple is Joe Ford, naturalist, founder and curator of the Owensboro Area Museum.
7. Martha Susan was born 13 October 1819 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Reuben Anderson Miller 18 February 1836 in Ohio County, Ky. They resided at Herbert in Ohio County. She died 11 September 1902 in Ohio County and was buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County. Their children were; Frances M., James Oliver, Mary J., John Simpson, Charlotte M., Edwin O., David H., Robert Milton, Nancy A. and Reuben A. Miller.

8. Sarah Frances was born about 1821 in Shelby County, Ky. Married William L. Witt 20 March 1845 in Ohio County, Ky. They lived in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, Ky., where he was a tailor. She died between 1860-1866. Their children were: Mary J., Alice G. and John W. Witt.
9. William H. was born 19 September 1824 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Elizabeth Whittinghill 9 December 1841 in Ohio County, Ky. They lived near Herbert in Ohio County. He died 19 January 1918 and was buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County. Their children were: James W., Mary Jane and Sarah E. Ford. A great-great granddaughter of William H. Ford, Ruby Jean Neel is the wife of U.S. Senator, Wendell H. Ford. She is the daughter of Hoover Neel and Edna Duncan, granddaughter of William Edward Duncan and Edna Ford, and great-granddaughter of James W. Ford and Margaret Metcalf.
10. Nancy Garth was born 8 January 1826 in Shelby County, Ky. (her monument has 1823 as the year of her birth but the census and her marriage record indicate she was born in 1826). She married William A. Bates 3 January 1867 in Ohio County, Ky. They lived near Fordsville, Ky. She died 25 October 1904 and was buried in the Haynes-Ford Cemetery in Ohio County. They had a daughter Nancy C. and possibly others.
11. Harvey Thomas was born 16 March 1829 in Shelby County, Ky. Married Nancy Huff 13 February 1855 in Ohio County, Ky. They lived near Fordsville, Ky. He died 23 March 1894 and was buried in the Haynes-Ford Cemetery in Ohio County. Their children were: Anna Eliza, Thomas Shelby, John William, Frank Wolford, Edward White, Charles E., Nancy Ellen, Sarah Carroll and Ambie Ford.
12. Mary E. was born 12 March 1831 in Shelby County, Ky. She married first William Quisenberry 23 May 1853 in Ohio County, Ky. They lived in Ohio County, Ky. Their children were: Thomas L., Willie B., Albert and Eddie Quisenberry. Mary E. Ford married second Edmund A. Truman 17 September 1870. They had a daughter, Nannie Grace Truman. Mary died 24 March 1891 and was buried in the Haynes-Ford Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky.

The following three biographies are for James W. Ford, John Ford and William Ford a grandson and two sons of John Ford & Nancy Garth. The first for James W. Ford , was published in the book, Kentucky History of the State (Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 1885):

JAMES W. FORD was born January 25, 1842, at Fordsville, Ohio Co., Ky., a son of Elisha M. and Nancy (Hardwick) Ford. Elisha M. is a native of Shelby County, Ky., where he was reared and educated; when a boy his father moved to Ohio County. His parents were natives of North Carolina, and were among the first settlers of Shelby County. Elisha M. was a tobacconist and farmer by occupation, and served his district two terms in the State legislature. He was a leading citizen, and took a prominent position in all local enterprises. His death occurred in 1851; his wife died in 1852. They were Baptists; he was a Mason. They were the parents of five children, two living: Mrs. Eliza Ogelvie, of Charleston, Mo., and James W. The latter was reared in this county until fourteen years of age, when he went to

Missouri to live with his sister. In company with four other boys he worked his way through to Pike's Peak in 1859. After his return from Missouri and Pike's Peak to Hartford, Ky., after an absence of about four years, he attended school until 1861, when he enlisted under Capt. Pendleton, in Company C, Ninth Kentucky Infantry (Confederate service), and served four years. "There were 140 enrolled in his company at its organization, and but twenty-six returned, and these bore forty-seven wounds." He enlisted as a private, was promoted to sergeant, later elected lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Baton Rouge, Murfreesboro, Vicksburg, Hartsville and in the Atlanta campaign, and never missed a battle of his regiment. Upon his return from the war he entered the drug business, at Hartford, in partnership with Mr. Taylor, whom he afterward bought out, and has since carried on the business himself, with the exception of a short term of partnership. He carries a large stock, is well located on the public square, and enjoys a flourishing trade. November 12, 1872, he married Miss Abbie E. Rowan, of Ohio County. They have one daughter, Jessie, ten years of age. Mrs. Ford is a Methodist.

The following biography was published in the book, Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (Leo McDonough & Co., 1876, p45):

JOHN S. FORD, an old settler of Daviess County, in the neighborhood of Southampton, was born In Shelby County, January twenty-sixth, 1813. His family came from South Carolina. His grandfather, Elisha Ford, lived in that State, and was an old Revolutionary soldier, serving throughout the entire war of the Revolution, taking part in several battles and being wounded many times. He emigrated to Kentucky about the year 1802, and brought with him Mr. Ford's father, who was then a boy twelve years of age. His father, John Ford, married Nancy, the daughter of David and Sarah Garth, about the year 1810. The Garth family was from Virginia. He settled down in Shelby County, and had a family of nine children, of whom John Simpson Ford, born in the year 1818, was the third. Mr. Ford was raised In Shelby County, where he lived till in his twenty second year. He then came to Ohio County. He lived here, at Fordsville, a small village which received its name from Mr. Ford's oldest brother, Elisha, who lived there for some years, kept a store, and afterward died at Hartford. March fifth, 1837, Mr. Ford was married to Nancy Haynes, of Daviess County, born March fifth, 1818, the daughter of William Haynes, an early pioneer who came to Darien County when the settlements were few in number. He was a resident of the County in those early days when he was accustomed to trade deer-skins and furs for salt, at Bullitt's Lick, and pack it on horses, bringing it by Indian paths and trails through the woods back to Daviess County. In January, 1839, Mr. Ford came to Daviess County, and settled on the farm he now owns. He has been occupied in farming, and has been a useful citizen. He and his wife have had six children. The oldest, Nancy Jane, married W.T. Horn, and lives in the same neighborhood. His second daughter is the wife of J. C. Horn, Virginia E. married W. H. Dawson, and Kate is the wife of J. E. Dawson, of Owensboro. Elisha J. and Merritt C. are living at home, the latter married to Rosa Williams. Mr. Ford owns



a farm of one hundred and seventy-four acres. He was a Whig in politics and is now a Democrat. He has been a member of the Baptist Church since the year 1821. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, a sergeant of a company raised in Shelby County. Mr. Ford received his name, John Simpson, in honor of the captain of the company in which his father served. His father died in Ohio County, in 1871.

The following biography was published in the book, Kentucky History of the State (Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, 1885):

WILLIAM FORD, Ohio County, was born in Shelby County, Ky., September 19, 1824. His parents were John and Nancy (Garth) Ford. The father was born in South Carolina, and at the age of ten years came with his father, Elisha Ford, and settled in Shelby County, Ky. The mother was a native of Rockingham County, Va. The grandfather, Elisha Ford, served eight years as a soldier in the war of Independence. There were of John Ford's family eleven children, six of whom are living: J. Harvey Ford, resides at Fordsville, Ohio County; Mrs. Reuben Miller, a widow, residing in Ellis Precinct; Mrs. Truman, of Fordsville, also a widow; William, our subject; Milton Ford, who resides in Daviess County, and Mrs. William Bates, of Breckinridge County. An elder brother, now deceased, was a resident of Fordsville, and gave his name to the town and precinct; his son, James Ford, is a successful business man of Hartford. The father, John Ford, settled in Ohio County, near Fordsville, in 1833, and died in 1870; his wife in 1865. William Ford was married, December 9, 1846, to Elizabeth Whittinghill, second child of J. C. Whittinghill. She was born in Daviess County in 1830, and received a fair education. Mr. Ford, at the age of twenty four years, purchased a farm in Ohio County, subsequently sold it, and purchased another, which he sold, and soon afterward removed to Illinois, where he remained five years and prospered greatly as a farmer; he then sold his property in Illinois, and returned to his native State and settled on a farm in Breckinridge County. Wishing to give his children the opportunities of receiving a good education, he removed to the city of Owensboro, and subsequently purchased the beautiful farm on which he now resides, in Ellis Precinct, Ohio County. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of three children: James W. married Maggie Metcalf, daughter of William Metcalf, Sr.; Mary Jane, the wife of Virgil Miller, is an accomplished scholar and teacher; Sallie E., also well educated, is a teacher of music. The family are life long members of the Baptist Church. Our subject, prior to the late war, was an old line Whig, since that time he has been a Democrat. He has been successful as a farmer; has taken a deep interest in the education of his children, all of whom are intelligent members of society. His home is one of the best in the precinct, and his farm of 107 acres of good land is well improved. A brother, Elisha, now deceased, represented the counties of Ohio and Hancock twice in the Kentucky State legislature.

Nancy Ford, daughter of Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, was born 30 May 1789 in South Carolina. She married Hayden Wells on 5 April 1804 in Shelby County, Ky. Their daughter,

Nancy Wells, married James H. Drane, A grandson, Emmett Wells, later lived, in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. Possibly other members of Hayden and Nancy Wells family also moved to Daviess County, where many members of the Ford and Wells families had moved, A Hayden Wells resided in Daviess County in 1843 he appeared as a witness on the will of Spencer Ford, a cousin to Nancy Ford Wells.

Polly Ford, daughter of Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, was born 2 January 1795 in South Carolina., She married Dennis Bright on 23 September 1812 in Shelby County, Ky. In the book, Kentucky Brights and Their Kin it is stated that Polly Ford married Hopkins Ford, which is a mistake, Her Husband, Dennis Bright, was a son of Hopkins Bright, and a grandson of Albertus Bright and Patience Hopkins. Dennis was born 1784-1790 in S.C. and died 1831-1840 in Shelby County, Ky. His widow, "Mary Brite", was listed in the 1840 Shelby County, Ky. census. A short time later she moved her family to Ohio County, Ky., where she lived in the Fordsville area near the family of her brother, John Ford. In 1860 Polly Ford Bright was shown as living with her son, Elisha F. Bright in Hancock County, Ky., near the Ohio County line. She does not appear in the 1870 census of either Ohio or Hancock Counties. Dennis Bright and Polly Ford's children were: Jesse, Elisha F., James C., John W. and Susan Bright. Census records suggest they may have had an older daughter, who either married or died between 1830-1840; a female born-1815-1820 was shown in their household in the 1820 and 1830 censuses.

1. Jesse Bright was born about 1819 in Shelby County, Ky. In Ohio County, Ky. he married Susan Garth on 21 June 1842. They lived in Ohio and Hancock Counties, Ky. He died 1858-1860. Their children were: Mildred, William G., Mary, John, Susan and Jesse Bright.
2. Elisha F. Bright was born about 1825. He married first Elizabeth Cooper about 1847 and second Narcissa Appleby 12 August 1862 in Ohio County, Ky. He lived in Hancock and Ohio Counties, Ky. and died after 1870. By his first wife he had; Amarillus, Oliver Perry, George William, Sarah Jane and Elijah P.; by his second marriage he had: Mirtle E., Ida M. Bright and two other daughters.
3. James C. Bright was born about 1829. He married Letitia A. Royal 20 May 1854 in Ohio County, Ky. She died in 1887 and was buried near her parents in the Friendship Cemetery in Ohio County, her name on her monument and in the Ohio County newspaper was given as Royal. James C. Bright does not appear in the 1860 Ohio County census.
4. John W. Bright was born 1830-1835. He was living in 1845. In 1850 he was not listed in the home of his mother in Ohio County, Ky. and may have died by then.
5. Susan Bright was born about 1832. She was living with her mother in 1850 but does not appear in the 1860 census or marriages of either Ohio or Hancock Counties, Ky., where other members of her family were living,

Sarah Neal Ford, daughter of Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill, was born 16 September 1797. On 20 October 1813 she married Henry M. Baskett in Shelby County, Ky.

**Jane Ford Bright (c1760-1817)**  
**Daughter of John Ford & Rachel Spencer**

Jane Ford, daughter of John Ford and Rachel Spencer, was born 1760-1770. About 1786 she married Tobias Bright. He was the son of Albertus Bright and Patience Hopkins, who were neighbors of the Ford family in South Carolina and later in Shelby County, Ky. Several of the children and grandchildren of Albertus and Patience Bright married into the Ford family (See Kentucky Brights and Their Kin, Including The Crabb, Drane, Ford, Hopkins, and King Families compiled by Georgie Hopkins Ford (Berkeley, Ca, 1929); a copy is found in the collection of the Filson Club Library in Louisville, Ky. Information on three of the children of John Ford and Rachel Spencer and their families was included in this book - on the families of Tobias Bright & wife Jane Ford, Spencer Ford & Susanna Bright, and Elisha Ford and Sarah O'Neill (their daughter, Polly, married Dennis Bright).

Tobias Bright died 13 September 1801 and his wife, Jane Ford Bright, died 17 March 1817, both died in Shelby County, Ky. They had five children:

1. Elizabeth born 8 May 1787 Spartanburg, S.C. Married Jonathan Jones 4 November 1803 Shelby County, Ky. Died 30 April 1862 Shelby County, Ky.
2. John Williams born 29 April 1791 Fayette County, Ky. Married first Miss McGuire and second Charlotte Maria Raddie 15 February 1838. Died 19 July 1880. He was a noted doctor and author. A biography of Dr. John W. Bright was published in The Biographical Encyclopaedia of Kentucky (J. M. Armstrong & Co., Cincinnati, 1878, p481).
3. Jephtha born 19 March 1793 Montgomery County, Ky. Married Elizabeth Emma Drane 13 February 1814 Shelby County, Ky. Died 19 February. 1870 Eminence, Henry County, Ky.
4. William born 9 July 1795 Montgomery County, Ky. Married Eleanor Crabb Drane 12 May 1818 Shelby County, Ky. Died 21 July 1859 Texas.
5. Nancy born 1797 and died 1817 Eminence, Henry County, Ky.

**Spencer Ford (c1765-after 1830)**  
**Son of John Ford & Rachel Spencer**

Spencer Ford, son of John Ford and Rachel Spencer, was born 1760-1770. In Shelby County, Ky, on 17 March 1796 he married Susanne Bright, the daughter of Albertus Bright and Patience

Hopkins. Spencer Ford was still living at the time of the 1830 Shelby County census. Spencer Ford and Susanna Bright's children were (from Kentucky Brights and Their Kin):

1. Cynthia born 3 August 1798. Married William Maddox.
2. Catherine born 6 May 1800. Married Jilson Yates 22 February 1821. Died 29 August 1883.
3. Preston born 25 March 1803. Married Ann O'Bannan.
4. Linny born 26 October 1805.
5. Berthia born 30 October 1808. Married Stephen Tillett Drane 21 May 1828.
6. Albert born 25 November 1811 Shelby County, Ky. Married first a Caroline Baskett 23 October 1837 Shelby County, Ky. and second Martha A.M. Austin 22 June 1852 Oldham County, Ky. Died 21 April 1865 Louisville, Ky.