

Family of James Frazier & Mary Boucher

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Dear Ms. Smith:

Your great-grandparents, William & Margaret, apparently spelled their name "Frasure", which is the way it appears on both of their grave markers. Enclosed is a copy of the death notice for William Frasure in the Owensboro, Ky. newspaper. The brief notice indicated he died of pneumonia on 5 March 1877 near Southampton, he was 42 years old. South Hampton (spelled as two words) is not a town but is the name of the neighborhood of the South Hampton Baptist Church, located on the South Hampton Road, a short distance south of Highway 144 and one mile southeast of Thruston. William Frasure was buried at the South Hampton Baptist Church Cemetery, where he has a monument. A page of a listing of this cemetery, from the book Daviess County, Ky. Cemeteries, Volume I (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, 1977, p47) is enclosed. This page has that he died on 5 March 1877 but erroneously lists his age as 21 years (regretfully these volumes have many errors).

At the time of William Frasure's death no official death records were kept by the state of Ky., official death certificates were not recorded in Ky. until 1911. William Frasure is not listed in the Daviess County, Ky. Will or Settlement book indexes. However, in Daviess County order book J, p.631, it was recorded that on 15 March 1877 N. B. Morris was appointed administrator for William Frazier, deceased (copy enclosed).

Margaret Frasure, the widow of William, did not remarry in Daviess County, Ky. In the 1900 Daviess County census and on; her grave monument her name appears as Frasure. In 1900 she was living with her son, John W. Frasure. She was listed as a widow, born May 1837 Indiana. Enclosed is a copy from the original census page. Margaret Erasure (28 May 1835 - 13 Sep 1902) was buried at the Yelvington Cemetery which is about five miles northeast of the South Hampton Baptist Church, where her husband, William, was buried. Also buried at the Yelvington Cemetery were her son, John W. Frasure (19 Jun 1866 - 13 Jul 1925) and his two wives, Katie C. & Jessie M.

Hope this helps out.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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22 April 1989

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Dear Ms. Smith:

In the Daviess County, Ky. marriages found two of the four children of William & Margaret Frasure, viz:

- Book X-p.637: J. W. Frasure to Katie Shobe 30 January 1890, at the residence of the bride's father, bond by Jacob Riddle.
- Book 11-p.250: Hollis Norrington to Amelia Frasure 214 January 1895, at Owensboro.

Did not find in the Daviess County marriages: Bell Frasure (born c1859), Victoria (born c1863) and John William Frasure's second marriage (to Jessie M., between 1900-1925).

Enclosed are copies of the obituaries of John W. Frasure (Owensboro Messenger, Saturday, 4 July 1925, note: he died on July 3 not July 13 as was printed in listing for Yelvington Cemetery previously sent, Mrs. Jessie N. Frasure (Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 17 Oct. 1944) and Amelia Frasure Norrington (Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 31 May 19149). In the obits of John W. Frasure or his sister, Amelia, names of surviving brothers or sisters were not given. Also enclosed is another page of the listing for Yelvington Cemetery from Daviess County, Ky. Cemetery, Volume I, showing Amelia Frasure & her husband Hollis Norrington (note: her birth year is listed here as 1878, but her obituary & the 1880 Daviess County census indicate she was born in 1875-1876).

Both John W. Frasure & Amelia Frasure Norrington were survived by children. One of their children or grandchildren may still be residing here in Daviess County. I would suggest contacting a local researcher who may be able to help you tract down some of the local descendants. Here at the Owensboro library we can only answer limited requests, usually only those we can answer in 15 minutes or so. A researcher you may want to contact is: Peggy Bastin, 1621 Brentwood Dr., Owensboro, Ky. 42301.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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Daviess County, Kentucky Tax Lists:

1815-1817	no Frazier listed
1818	Frazier, James
1819	Frazier, James

1820 Frasier, James
 1821 Frazier, James
 1822 Frazier, James
 1823 no Fraziers listed
 1824 Frashier, James
 1825 Fracheur, James
 1826 Fraser, Amos
 1827 Frasure, James
 1828 Frazer, James
 1829 Frazer, James
 1830 Frazier, James
 1831 Frasure, James
 1832 list is missing
 1833 Frazier, James
 1834-1837 no Fraziers listed
 1838 list is missing
 1839-1849 no Fraziers listed

1820 Daviess County, KY Census:

p.365 Frazer, James 1 male 0-10 2 females 0-10
 1 male 10-16 1 female 10-16
 1 male 16-26 1 female over 45
 1 male over 45

1830 Daviess County, KY Census:

p.194 Frasure, James 2 males 0-5 1 female 5-10
 3 " 5-10 1 If20-30
 1 " 30-40
 [note: in eastern part of county near Gatewood community]

In the following Daviess County, KY sources found no Fraziers listed: 1834-1852 Administrator Bonds; 1834-1850 Guardian Bonds; Order Book D (1837-1847) [Books A,B&C are missing] Order Book E (1847-1853); pre 1860 Circuit Court suits; 1840 census.

Hancock County, Kentucky Tax Lists;

1829-1831 no Fraziers listed
 1832 list is missing
 1833 no Fraziers listed
 1834 list is missing
 1835 Frazier, James
 1836-1849 no Fraziers listed
 1850 Frazier, William (over 21)
 1851 Fracher, Hiram

1852 Frazer, Hiram
 1853 Frazier, Hiram
 1854 no Fraziers listed
 1855 Frazier, Hiram
 1856 Frazier, Hiram
 1857 no Fraziers listed
 1858 no Fraziers listed
 1859 Frazier, Hiram
 1860 Frazier, Hiram

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The following is from the book, The Family of William Boucher and Milly Faris, by Jerry Long (McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 2002, pp.65-67):

Mary Boucher, daughter of William Boucher & Milly Faris, was born in Madison County, KY between 1794-1800. She married twice. She and John Bailey Gillum were married in Madison County, KY on 1 August 1826 and 2nd James Frazier, 31 August 1826 Daviess County, KY. Mary Frazier died during 1834 or 1835. She and her first husband's children spelled their name as Gillim. They were the parents of – Sarah Ann Gillim (married John Toler), James L. Gillim (married Elizabeth Newsom and Mrs. Rachel Jane Colbert Gillim), Hamilton Bailey Gillim (married Mrs. Middy Newsom Veach, America Kellam & Mrs. Margaret McCray Allen) and John T. Gillim (married Rachel Jane Colbert).

Mary Boucher and her second husband, James Frazier, were the parents of at least three children: William Pinkston, Mildred Jane (Milly) and Emily. A fourth child is probably Hiram D. Frazier, who was born between 1825-1829. Since, there is no indication that James Frazier was married prior to his marriage to Mary in Aug 1826, Hiram was probably born to their marriage. The two males under age 5 in James Frazier's household at the time of the 1830 census are probably Hiram and his brother, William P. Frazier. Unlike his baby sisters, Hiram, may have continued to live with his father. He may be one of the 3 males aged 10-15 listed in James Frazier's home in the 1840 Perry County, IN census. In Perry County in 1847 Hiram married Elizabeth Hall. In the 1850 Perry County census Hiram is listed immediately after the residence of Mrs. Rebecca Frazier, his stepmother. In 1851 Hiram is first listed in the tax lists of Hancock County, KY, where he is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses. When his sisters, Emily (1855) & Milly (1858) married, they were married at the residence of Hiram Frazier. Hiram D. Frazier died between 1870-1877. His children were: Polly Ann, James, Phoebe, John Wesley, Harriett, Samuel, George, Rebecca, Edward B. & Rosa. Edward B. Frazier in the 1900 Hancock County census was listed immediately next to his cousin, Camden R. Toler.⁹⁶

⁹⁶ Federal Censuses, Daviess Co., KY, 1830 p194, Perry Co., IN, 1840 p410, 1850 p364, Hancock Co., KY, 1860 p992, 1870 p208; Leistner, *Marriages of Perry County, Indiana, 1814-1852*, 163; Marriage Books 1B, p60 & 90, 3, p21[When daughter, Harriett, married in 1877, was married at home of Mrs. Frazier, suggesting that father, Hiram Frazier, may have then been deceased]; *Hancock County, Kentucky 1900 Federal Census* (Lewisport, KY: Genealogical Society of Hancock County, KY, 1992), 105.

William Pinkston Frazier, son of James Frazier & Mary Boucher, was born about 1828. His full name was recorded on the death certificate of his son, John William Frasure (1866-1925). At the time of the 1850 census of Hancock County, KY, he was listed as being aged 22 and was living in the home of his half-sister, Sally Ann Gillim Toler. William is last in the Hancock County tax books in 1850. During the 1850's he resided in Spencer County, IN. He was married there to Matilda Green in 1852 and to Margaret Harrison in 1857. His family was enumerated in the 1860 Spencer County census and in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Daviess County, KY.⁹⁷ In Daviess County he settled in the South Hampton neighborhood, where he died on 5 March 1877. On his monument in the South Hampton Baptist Church Cemetery his name is spelled Frasure, the same spelling used by his descendants.⁹⁸ On 15 March 1877 Norman B. Morris was appointed the administrator of the estate of William Frazier.⁹⁹ N. B. Morris was the husband of Rebecca Gillim, a daughter of James L. Gillim, half-brother to William. William P. Frazier by his first marriage had a son, Frederick, and by his second marriage his children were Elzora Bell (wife of Joseph Ruff Tilley), Victoria Martha (wife of John Henry Daniels), John William & Amelia (wife of Hollis Norrington). John William Frazier married Katie C. Shobe, a granddaughter of James L. Gillim & Elizabeth Newsom.

Mildred Jane (Milly) Frazier, daughter of James Frazier & Mary Boucher, was born in 1830 or 1831. In Hancock County, KY on 24 July 1850 she married George McCaslin. The minister, James E. Stone, wrote the following on their marriage record:

William Frazier made an oath before me that the lady is his sister, has no father, mother or guardian, is under the protection of John T. Gilliam, who consents to the marriage, that she has been acting for herself for some time past, and all his relations are willing to the match.¹⁰⁰

George & Milly J. McCaslin are listed under the surname of "Mack" in the 1850 Hancock County census, she was listed as being aged 19. Two children were born to Milly & George McCaslin, Mary Eliza & John William. Their father died during 1855-1856, he is last in the Hancock County tax lists in 1855. Milly, apparently destitute, was unable to care for the two children. William R. Duncan, on 22 June 1857, was appointed committee for Milly McCaslin, and Mary Eliza McCaslin, aged 6 years, a poor child, was bound to his care.¹⁰¹ Mrs. Milly Jane McCaslin married John Bell in Hancock County on 5 March 1858. They were married at the home of Hiram Frazier and one of the witnesses was James Wilson, who had married Milly's sister, Emily. John Bell appears in the 1860 Hancock County census but Milly could not be found. Her daughter, Mary Eliza McCaslin, was living in the home of William R. Duncan in 1860. In 1860 & 1870 censuses of Hancock County her son, John W. McCaslin, was shown in the home of Daniel & Phebe (Boucher) Colbert, who was his great-aunt.¹⁰² Daniel Colbert on 27

⁹⁷ Kentucky death certificate 1925-#16245; Federal Censuses, Hancock Co., KY 1850 p289, Daviess Co., KY 1870 p321, 1880 p337 & 1900 p345; Patmore & Manley, *1860 Spencer County, Indiana Federal Census*, 210; David J. Harrier, 536 Mascoutah Ave., Belleville, IN 62220, interview of 31 March 1997 & his Internet Web page (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Garden/5455/#myfamily>), reports his ancestor, William Pinkston Frazier, as being born on 17 Jan 1836.

⁹⁸ *Daviess County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Vol.I*, 47; *Owensboro Examiner*, 9 Mar 1877.

⁹⁹ Order Book J, p631, Daviess County Courthouse.

¹⁰⁰ Marriage Book 1B, p60, Hancock County Courthouse.

¹⁰¹ Order Book 5, p108, Hancock County Courthouse.

¹⁰² Hancock Co., KY Federal Censuses, 1850 p289, 1860 p986, 999 & 1000, 1870 p219.

Oct 1860 was appointed committee for Milly Bell and Mrs. Bevins, poor persons of the county and agreed to keep them for one year. The Hancock County court ordered that on 26 May 1862 Milly Bell, a poor person, has been supporting herself since last October and is thus ordered to no longer be under the care of the county.¹⁰³ She may be the Milly Bell who is listed as marrying John B. Campbell in Hancock County on 18 Aug 1868. Milly could not be found in the later census records for Hancock County. Her two children continued to make Hancock County their home. When her daughter, Mary Eliza McCaslin, married in Hancock County in 1876 it was recorded on her marriage that “her father has been dead 20 years and that her mother married again and is living in Indiana”.¹⁰⁴ Milly’s son, John William McCaslin married his cousin, Amanda Toler, daughter of John Toler & Sally Ann Gillim.

Emily Frazier, daughter of James Frazier & Mary Boucher, was born in 1834 or 1835. Her mother died shortly after her birth. In Hancock County Order Book 2 it is recorded that on 24 Aug 1835 the court

ordered that the sum of fifty dollars will be levied for and appropriated at the next court of claims to Alexander Bivins for his allowance for keeping Emily Frazier, infant orphan of James Frazier, for the term of one year from this date.¹⁰⁵

Emily J. Frazier, age 15, & William Frazier, aged 22, in the 1850 Hancock County census are listed in the home of John & Sally (Gillim) Toler. Emily married James Wilson in Hancock County on 16 March 1855. They were married at the home of Hiram Frazier. In the Hancock County Vital Statistics of 1852-1861 it is recorded that a son, Thomas S. Lowe Wilson, was born to Emily on 13 April 1857. In the same records Emily Wilson is shown as dying on 6 Aug 1857. She was listed as being aged 22, married, and was the daughter of “James & Mary Frazier”.¹⁰⁶

¹⁰³ Order Book 5, p476, 6, p160, Hancock County Courthouse.

¹⁰⁴ Mastin, *Mastin – Toler and Allied Families*, Toler section, unpagued.

¹⁰⁵ Order Book 2, p55, Hancock County Courthouse.

¹⁰⁶ Hancock Co., KY 1852-1861 Vital Statistics, 1857 births & 1857 deaths.