

French Cemetery

Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long, 1987

Cemetery sets back in field, on east side of Highway 231, immediately south of Pleasant Ridge. It is visible from the highway, but best route to the cemetery is from first lane to the east past Pleasant Ridge. The lane leads to the home of the late William H. "Bill" French (1913-1992) and by following remains of old roadway (behind his house) back to the north, one can walk across a field, from the roadway, about 50 feet to the back of the cemetery. Bill French in 1987 owned 100 acres of the original 600 acre farm acquired by the heirs of his great-grandfather, David French, in 1826. The cemetery is now on the Hewlett farm. Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, copied the cemetery on 13 October 1987.

Lindley, Dr. Horace S.	28 Jun 1825	17 May 1886
Cynthia M. (w/o Dr. Horace S. & d/o D.S. & Ann French)	20 Jan 1830	4 May 1885
 French, Ann Hudson (w/o D. S.)	 1802	 1884
French, David S. (our father; aged 68 y, 3 m, 16 d)		27 Sep 1867
Ann Hudson (consort of David S.; our mother; aged 82 years & 11 days)	6 Nov 1802	17 Nov 1884
W. L. (our brother; 3/o David S. & Ann H.; aged 20 y, 1 m, 7 d)	16 Aug 1842	23 Sep 1862
 French, W. H.	23 Oct 1823	5 Apr 1909
Amelia E.	15 Feb 1833	17 Feb 1913
 French, David Shively	24 Jun 1853	5 Jun 1943
 also buried here in unmarked graves:		
French, Margaret (Shively; wife of David French)	1770-1775	1866-1870
Pate, Lucy Ann (French) Pate (w/o Wm. H.)	ca 1834	22 Oct 1896
(Miss) Willie Pate (d/o Wm. H. & Lucy)	ca 1872	1893

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Owensboro Monitor, Owensboro, KY
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Remarkable Case of Longevity.

There lives in Ohio, our neighboring county, a Mrs. French, the mother of David and Samuel French, who, we believe, is the oldest person now living in the bounds of the State of Kentucky.— She was *one hundred and thirteen* years old last March. She is the daughter of the late Colonel Shively, of Jefferson county, in this State, where she was born. Mrs. French's general health is now excellent, but experiences much inconvenience in moving about, caused by the weight of so many years resting upon her. Her mental faculties are good, and says she remembers incidents that occurred a century back more minutely than occurrences now transpiring. May the good old lady "live a thousand years."

Ohio County News, Hartford, KY
5 June 1942:

**Grave of Margaret
French Is Decorated**

The grave of Mrs. Margaret French, daughter of the American Revolution, was decorated Memorial Day by Forrest P. Bell.

Mrs. French is buried in the Hewlett cemetery near Pleasant Ridge. She was a daughter of Christian Shively, who served with the American forces on the Pennsylvania line during the revolutionary war. She was married to David French in Louisville, in December, 1790.

The decoration was done through an arrangement with descendants who live in the Pleasant Ridge vicinity.

Margaret Shively, daughter of Revolutionary War veteran, Christian Shively, was born 1770-1775 Virginia; she married David French, 20 December 1790 in Jefferson County, Ky. He is listed in the 1810 census of Jefferson County, KY. He first appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1819. He died during 1819. An inventory of the estate of David French, deceased was made on 29 December 1819 (recorded Ohio County will book A, p231). His widow, Margaret, is listed as a head of a household in the 1820, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY, and 1830 census of Daviess County, KY. David French heirs purchased 600 acres of land on Panther Creek in Ohio County, KY on 13 September 1826 from the heirs of Thomas Barbour deceased; in exchange they transferred 100 acres on the Ohio River eight miles below Louisville (Ohio County deed book E, pp774-776). The deed listed David French's heirs as, widow, Margaret French, and children, Polly Hancock wife of John Hancock, Elizabeth Jones wife of Stephen Jones, Samuel French, David French, Margaret Hutson wife of William Hutson, George French, John French, Sarah Westerfield wife of James Westerfield, and Martha French.

Children of David French and Margaret Shively were:

1. Elizabeth French, born 1790-1794 KY, married Stephen Jones, 2 March 1813 Jefferson County, KY; died 22 December 1845 Jefferson County, KY. Children included – Sarah E. & Margaret Jane.
2. Polly French, born 1794-1800 KY, married John Hancock, 6 January 1813 Harrison County, IN; died December 1850 Indiana. Children – Daniel Wilson, David, John Bethel, Stephen A., Mary Helen, Thomas, William Marion, Jane E., Isaiah and Elizabeth.
3. Samuel S. French, born c1798 Jefferson County, KY; married Frances Hudson, (12 July 1806 – 4 December 1854), 29 August 1821 Ohio County, KY and Mary E. Barrett (14 April 1821 – 23 December 1882), 7 October 1857 Daviess County, KY; died 25 January 1873 Ohio County, KY. His first wife was buried in the Hudson Cemetery in Ohio County, KY and his second wife was buried at the St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Samuel & Frances were the parents of – David H. (25 September 1822 – 18 February 1860, married Mary Theresa Sears & Nancy Patton), Mary Elaine J. (4 October 1828 – 8 February 1898, married Thomas B. Bell), Thomas H. (8 June 1831 – 14 December 1896, married Malinda R. Sears & Rachael Read), Gailla Anne (16 November 1833 – 11 July 1853, single), and Samuel R. (4 November 1840 – 3 February 1913, married Sinah F. Dawson). Samuel & Mary were the parents of Frances J. (5 August 1858 – 1874/1879, married John Hogland) and Martha J. (c1861 – 2 October 1885, married John Hogland).
4. David Shively French, born 11 June 1799 Jefferson County, KY; married Margaret Ann Hudson, 20 December 1820 Ohio County, KY (daughter of Martin Hudson & Cynthia Newton, 6 November 1802 – 17 November 1884 Ohio County, KY. David & Margaret were buried French Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their children were – William Henry (23 October 1823 – 5 April 1909, married Amelia Elizabeth Davis), Mildred Elizabeth (5 January 1826 – 11 July 1891,

married William Lewellyn Hawkins), Daniel J. (c1828 – 19 November 1899, married Laura (Woodward) Stevens & Lucy E. (Woodward Tanner), Cynthia Margaret (20 January 1830 – 4 May 1885, married Dr. Horace Stewart Lindley), Lucy Ann (c1834 – 22 October 1896, married William H. Pate), Mary E. (3 September 1837 – 12 March 1892, married Gregory Johnson Davis), Sarah Jane (14 May 1839 – 5 June 1917, married Charles H. Lee), Warner Lewis (c1845 – 23 September 1862, single), and David Humphrey (18 July 1844 – 9 September 1926, married Susanna F. Harwood).

5. Margaret Ann French, born 30 October 1803 Jefferson County, KY; married William F. Hudson, 20 August 1821 Ohio County, KY (son of Martin Hudson & Cynthia Newton, c1795 – 31 January 1883). Margaret died 22 October 1875 she and her husband were buried Hudson Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. Children – John J. (c1826, married Mary M. Polly & Mary Henry), Mary E. 26 June c1827 – 24 August 1913, married John S. Spence & _- Howard), Cynthia M. (5 July 1828 – 14 July 1909, married Addison D. Howard), George L. (12 April 1832 0 17 December 1915, married Emisett Polly, Amelia Shaver & Elizabeth Shaver), Sarah A. (c1835 - , married Philip G. Spence), William (c1837 - , married Malvina Bolton), Susan M. (16 September 1838 – 16 October 1912, married Grandison L. Davis), Martin Samuel (20 April 1840 – 27 August 1924, married Mary E. Ficklin), Thomas (c1842 – after 1850) and America Frances (19 January 1843 – 27 September 1873, married Anthony Sale Higgs).
6. George French, born 1800-1809 KY; married Sarah Hudson, 6 December 1827 Ohio County, KY (daughter of Thomas Hudson & Susannah, 1 March 1807 – 9 May 1886, buried Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, McLean County, KY, she married 2nd John Douglas. George died in December 1841 Ohio County, KY. George & Sarah were the parents of – Frances Martha (30 October 1830 – 15 May 1917, married John Douglas Holbrook), George W. (1832 – 4 May 1902), Samuel Hudson (15 April 1835 – 1 July 1908, married Elizabeth Henry), Susan M. (15 July 1838 – 21 January 1896, married Elijah Crow Johnson) and Sallie Amanda (9 June 1841 – 12 February 1885, married Mark Howard Thorp).
7. Sarah J. French, born 1805 KY, married James B. Westerfield, 9 June 1824 Ohio County, KY (son of Cornelius Westerfield & Elizabeth Bruce, c1803 – 15 May 1861 Daviess County, KY. Died December 1880 Daviess County, KY. Children – George W. (c1825 – 1850/1860, married Orpha Oldham), William (4 January 1830 – c1872, married Elizabeth W. Early), Margaret Ann E. (c1832 – after 1882, married Joseph A. Nelson & James B. Rummage), David C. (26 January 1833 – 10 September 1902, married Martha Ann Early), Nancy Jane (c1836 – after 1880, married Henry Hemmings & Joseph A. Higdon), Amanda C. (c1839 – after 1861, married John T. Sutton), James Alexander (c1840 – 6 April 1862, married Mary Adeline Sutton), Mary Ellen (13 January 1844 – 13 July 1886, married Henry Vanmeter Royal), Daniel Stephen (22 March 1846 – 30 November 1935, married Sarah Ann Swearer, Matilda Jane (Sharp) Rummage & America E. (Lake) Sanderfur), Clinton Clay (6 April 1848 – 22 June 1892, married Malissa J.

Crabtree & Matilda Ann Lake), Sarah F. (1850 -1850/1860), and Julia A. (1854 – 29 November 1855).

8. John French, born c1810 KY, died 25 September 1879 Ohio County, KY, single. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 1 October 1879 – “Old Uncle John French, a man well known in the northwestern part of the county, died last Thursday. He was quite an old man and his death was caused as much by old age as any other thing.” Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #5368 names several of his siblings as his heirs (filed 27 November 1899, microfilm reel 51, frame 2097).

9. Martha Ann French, born c1811 KY, married Robert B. Moseley, 18 November 1830 Daviess County, KY; lived Ohio County, KY in 1880. Children – Margaret A. (27 August 1831 – 11 November 1905), married Alpheus Edwards Kirk), Mary Elizabeth (1833 – 11 November 1912, married James S. Lake, Eligah P. (24 May 1835 – 5 December 1901, married Nancy Jane Ralph), John R. (c1838 – 18 December 1863, married Susan A. Kirk), David (c1840 -), Martha J. (18 July 1842 – 5 December 1930, married Solomon A. Daniel), Nancy Ellen (31 October 1846 – 21 June 1929, married Zachariah N. King), America Frances (9 July 1849 – 10 October 1943, married Christopher Columbus Taylor) and William Weaver (18 April 1854 – 20 July 1930, married Rebecca Alice Lake & Rosie Belle Dodson).

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Kentucky Explorer magazine (Jackson, KY, February 1997, p89):

Shively

Shively, Ky., was named for my g.g.g. grandfather, Christian Shively, who owned a grist mill and tavern in Jefferson Co. On 5/22/1780, he bought 1,000 acres in Jefferson Co. on Manslick Rd., Bullitt Creek. His will was probated 216/1826. At the Shively Cemetery on Dixie Highway 4105, there is a large monument inscribed: "To the memory of Christian Shively, soldier of the American Revolution, born in Pennsylvania, settled on 1,000 acres in this section in 1780. He, his wife, Mary Bashore, and five generations of his family are buried in this cemetery."

Nicholas Hospital was built on the Shively land. His dau., Margaret (Peggy) Shively French, was my g.g.g. grandmother. The 10/3/1866 edition of the *Owensboro Monitor* carried a story about her being 113 years old. This story referred to her father as Col. Shively of Jefferson Co. The Filson Club has very little info, on the Shively family. I can't find a military record for Christian. Can anyone help me find any proof that he was in the Revolutionary War?

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