

Kelly – Bryan File

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.

e-mail from Jerry Long to Thomas E. Stephens [tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us] editor of the Kentucky Ancestors of the KY Historical Society, following the publication of an article on the Bryan family in the Autumn 1998 issue of the Kentucky Ancestors, 29 November 1998:

Mr. Stephens:

My name is Jerry Long. I work in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library, in Owensboro, KY. One of my interests is researching and documenting local cemeteries. I am currently working on an article on the old Kelly family cemetery. I read your article on the Bryan family just published in the "Kentucky Ancestors" with great interest.

The farm that Robert A. & Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan moved to in 1882 (p.6) is the farm of her parents and is the same farm on which the Kelly cemetery was located. Today only one monument remains in this burial plot - for William Postlewait, a brother-in-law of Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan. However, many others had been buried there. In fact, adjoining the family's plot at one time had been the County's pauper cemetery. The county reportedly later moved these to the County Poor Farm when it was established. The cemetery is located along Kelly Lane in the Trinity Hills Subdivision. I grew up in this subdivision and still live two blocks from the cemetery.

Are you related to Robert Abel Bryan (1830-1900) & Sarah Jane Kelly? Do you know of any living descendants of this couple who might have knowledge about the old Kelly family cemetery? In your research have you found anything on the family of Henry & Sarah (Bingham) Kelly?

The notes I had compiled on the family of Robert A. & Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan corresponds closely with what you reported in your article except for a couple of details. Their oldest child, Ida

Emmaline May, died on 3 March 1918 not 1919. An obituary for her appeared in the "Owensboro

Messenger" on 5 March 1918. I have a 10th child listed for the family - a son, Edward M. He died in infancy and reportedly has a monument by his parents at the Catholic Cemetery here in Owensboro. Two sources vary on his dates. One gives born 16 Jul 1862 & died 6 Jul 1862 (which is obviously in error somewhere) and the other gives born 13 Jul 1862 and died 6 Jul 1863. I need to go and check the monument in person. The 1910 Daviess County census reports that Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan was the mother of 10 children, 7 of whom were then living.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for the article on a Daviess County family!! Keep up the good work.

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e-mail from Tom E. Stephens to Jerry Long, 3 December 1998:

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you very much for your E-mail about the Bryan family.

I appreciate the details you provided. I'll try and find out more about some of the dates in question and perhaps run a correction in the next Kentucky Ancestors.

The article I wrote is taken mainly from the notes of Myrtie Orene Bryan, now deceased, who spent years researching the family. I've found her to be a very reliable researcher, though, like the rest of us, she made mistakes on occasion.

My wife is a great-great granddaughter of Robert Abell Bryan and Sarah Jane Kelly. Her grandmother still lives in Owensboro, but is not well at present. I will try to get some questions answered when we visit her at Christmastime.

I'll let you know what I find out.

Thanks again,

Tom Stephens

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e-mail from Tom Stephens to Jerry Long, 8 December 1998:

Mr. Long:

Myrtie Orene Bryan (b. 12 March 1897, Daviess County), a granddaughter of Robert Abell Bryan and Sarah Jane Kelly, did a lot of research on the family, which I have used as a source for the articles in Kentucky Ancestors.

I came across the following in her notes, which I thought you might find interesting: "When I was a child, we lived on what is now the 'Old Hartford Road,' on Kelly Lane on which, a short distance from the Hartford Road stood an old log house, occupied at that time by the Jasper Thomas and Ora (Dyson) Jones family, parents of Essie (Jones) Bidwell. That house was once the home of Henry and Sarah (Bingham) Kelly and their family, my grandmother, Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan's parents. The house was still there a few years ago when we, along with a cousin, visited a small Kelly cemetery, near the Kelly home, to get birthdates and death dates from the markers which remained there. Aunt Mary Lucinda (Kelly) Postlewaite and her husband, William C. Postlewaite, are interred in this family cemetery, but most of the markers are missing. This yesteryear house was well preserved a few years ago."

My wife and I are going to try to visit the cemetery in a few weeks, perhaps the Sunday after Christmas.

Tom Stephens

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Tom Stephens, 14 December 1998:

Mr. Stephens:

Thank you for your e-mail of Dec 8. The quote from Miss Myrtie Bryan was very interesting. It gave me several clues for further research. Are there any clues in her original papers that suggests when she wrote this reference to the Kelly cemetery? Did she write down any notes on the inscriptions found in the cemetery? Did she record any data on the family of Henry Kelly & Sarah Bingham?

This past weekend I decided to do some more work on the Kelly cemetery and followed up on some clues that I had found this past summer. One of these was to call Mrs. Frank (Helen Bryan) Medley of Owensboro, whose name and number I had written down earlier but had not gotten around to calling. When I made the call I did not realize that Mrs. Medley was your wife's grandmother. I talked briefly to her and she graciously answered several questions I had about the Kelly cemetery. I read her the passage by Myrtie Bryan that you sent. Mrs. Medley said she was the cousin who went with Myrtie & her sister, Elio, on that occasion. She thought they visited the cemetery in the early 1930's. At the time there were 1 or 2 monuments standing in the cemetery, one was a Postlewaite. Several other monuments were laying facedown and they could not read the names on them. The old Kelly log house was then still standing. She said the Bryans lived on another lane west of Kelly Lane, both lanes ran off of the Old Hartford Road. I wonder if this 2nd lane could be what is now 26th Street? Would you mind asking her this question when you see her? Also is the brick home (of Peter Cooper Bryan) on the Old Hartford Road near the GE plant, where Mrs. Medley was born, still standing?

Tomorrow morning I intend to visit the Catholic Cemetery on 9th Street and check the monuments in the Bryan lot. If I can be of any assistance when you visit the Kelly cemetery, please just give me a call. I would enjoy it. I can be reached at 684-6299

(home - 2906 Redford Dr., which runs off of Kelly Lane) or at 684-0211 (KY Room, Daviess County Public Library). The one monument in the cemetery is by a tree in the fenced in yard next to the house at 1701 Kelly Lane.

Any further assistance on the Kelly family or cemetery would be greatly appreciated. I intend to go on and write up an article about the cemetery after Christmas.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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e-mail from Tom Stephens to Jerry Long, 15 December 1998:

Dear Mr. Long:

Myrtie Bryan wrote about the cemetery in 1975. She didn't include any information about inscriptions, but did have information about the Kellys and Postlewaites. Unfortunately, I can't find it at the moment. (Her collection numbers perhaps 750 pages.) As soon as I do, I'll let you know.

I'll ask Mrs. Medley your questions when I see her.

I'll let you know when were going to be in town as the time gets closer.

I would be happy to consider anything you may write about the Kellys for publication in Kentucky Ancestors.

Thanks,

Tom Stephens

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e-mail from Tom Stephens to Jerry Long, 17 December 1998:

Dear Mr. Long:

I found the information about the Kellys, which might provide a few more clues:

Children of Henry Kelly and Sallie Bingham Thomas Bingham (b. 31 July 1825, d. "young"); Nancy Ann (b. 21 June 1828), who never married; Mary Lucinda (b. 1 February 1831, 16 September 1922, m. William C. Postlewaite), who married but had no children; Elizabeth Susan (b. 2 February 1833), who married John F. Jones in 1854; K. Frances (b. 1835); Sarah Jane (b. 4 November 1837, d. 18 February 1911); Samuel Dearing (b. 3 January 1840, d. ???); Martha Griffith (b. 20 July 1842), who never

married; Louisa Lewis (b. 7 December 1843), and William Henry (b. 23 October 1847), who married but had no children.

Mary Lucinda married William C. Postlewaite (b. 24 August 1818, d. 10 July 1888) on 5 April 1853. Myrtie Orene Bryan, a great niece (daughter of Robert Emmett Bryan and Mary Magdalene Hubbard) remembered her aunt as "a sweet older lady. ... When I was a child, the room facing Daviess Street (which is currently is used as an office) ,, was then used as a children's Sunday School class room. Miss Susie Hart was the teacher and also played the small "pump" organ. Several ladies, all dressed in long black dresses and wearing black bonnets, were seated in the class room and one of the ladies was Aunt Mary Lucinda (Kelly) Postlewaite. I don't remember her giving me special attention, but I thought she looked and acted like an angel." She was a member of Settle Memorial Methodist Church.

Sisters of Henry Kelly

1. Polly Kelly, who married David Leaman. Polly and David the parents of John Thomas and Lucinda. Lucinda married Steve Rogers. John Thomas married Elizabeth Galloway, a cousin. Their only child was Belle (d. 9 April 1931), who later lived at 528 Triplett Street in Owensboro.

2. Elizabeth Jane "Bettie" Kelly married ____ Galloway. Their children were Elizabeth "Eliza," who married her cousin John Thomas Leaman; William, who married but had no children; and Lucinda, who married Thomas Johnson.

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e-mail from Tom Stephens to Jerry Long, 23 December 1998:

Dear Mr. Long:

My wife and I are not going to be coming to Owensboro after all.

My wife's grandmother, Mrs. Medley, is coming to Louisville instead.

However, we've been able to borrow some old family photos, which I hope include a photo of Sarah Jane Kelly Bryan. I'll let you know how things go.

Tom Stephens

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Tom Stephens, 24 December 1998:

Mr. Stephens:

On Dec 15th I visited the Bryan family lot at the Catholic Cemetery (Mater Dolorosa) here in Owensboro. In a listing of the cemetery we have at the Owensboro library the following entry appears: Edward M. Bryan (son of Robert), b. 13 Jul 1862, d. 6 Jul 1863.

I found the child's small marker. It is immediately next to the monument for Robert A. & Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan. However, it is not their child. The marker clearly records that Edward M. is the son of "E. H. Bryan", the mother's initials looked like "J. A." In Daviess County, KY Edward H. Bryan married Frances A. Mitchell in 1859. I wonder if he could be a son of Barton & Catherine (Wathen) Bryan, whose monuments are in front of Edward M.'s grave?

Thanks for the data on the Kelly family that you sent. There were several dates that I had not found. On the 10 children of Henry & Sarah (Bingham) Kelly that Miss Myrtie Bryan lists I have the following additional information:

- #2. Nancy Ann, d. 16 April 1853, according to the 1852-61 Daviess Co., KY Vital Statistics. This record listed her as being 23 years old, died of consumption, born Daviess Co., parents - Henry & Sarah Kelly.
- #3. Mary Lucinda according to her death certificate (1922- #19595) was b. 2 Feb 1830 & d. 14 Sep 1922. Her monument at Elmwood cemetery has only the years 1831-1922.
- #4. Elizabeth Susan/ Betty married John F. Jones 13 Jul 1854 Daviess Co., she apparently died 1856-59, in the latter year her husband married her sister, Louisa.
- #5. Catherine Frances married Allen T. Coleman 23 Mar 1854 Daviess Co., her death certificate (1921-#27517) records that she d. 24 Dec 1921 in McCracken Co., KY, age 86, born "Davis" Co., KY, d/o Henry Kelly (b. VA), buried Oak Grove, Dec 25.
- #7. Samuel Dearing according to his death certificate (1911-#602) d.8 Jan 1911 Daviess Co., KY (in Stanley area), of consumption, farmer, divorced, born 9 Feb 1840 Daviess Co., age 70, son of Sam Kelly & Mary Bingham, buried St. Peter's Cemetery, at Stanley, Jan 9, informant was Samuel Tilden Jones [note: a nephew].
- #9. Louisa Lewis/ Lute married John F. Jones 12 May 1859 Daviess Co., she d. 16 Apr 1923 Daviess Co., buried South Hampton Baptist Church Cemetery.
10. William H. (?Henry), in the household of his father in the 1880 Daviess Co. census he was listed as "Hampton", age 45, son, single. The obituary of his sister Mary L. Postlewait in 1922 lists her as being survived by a brother, William Kelly, but his residence was not stated. He was not found in the 1900 or 1910 Daviess censuses.

Did Myrtie Bryan record any dates for Henry Kelly & Sarah Bingham? I have estimated that he was born about 1800 in Virginia. I first find him when he married in Daviess County. Records suggest that he died in 1880 and his wife between 1874-1880.

I still plan to do some research on the following:

- The two sisters (Polly Leaman & Bettie Galloway) that Myrtie Bryan lists.
- Check several Kelly Circuit suits at the Daviess County Courthouse.
- Try to pinpoint when the old Kelly home on Kelly Lane was torn down. The quote of Myrtie Bryan that you sent states that Essie (Jones) Bidwell had lived there. Mrs. Bidwell died here in 1975. She left 2 daughters, who I hope to interview.
- Name & location of lane off Old Hartford Road on which Robert A. & Sarah J. Bryan lived (a little north of Kelly Lane), may now be 26th Street.

Thanks for all of your help,
Jerry Long

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Aug 30, 2000 Phone call : From Tom Stephens, editor of the Kentucky Ancestors, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, (phone 877-444-7867, ext. 4435, e-mail tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us):

Mr. Stephens called to apologize for not running my article on the discovery of Allen County, KY marriages. He said it would shortly be ran. He also inquired about my article on the Kelly family cemetery that I had contacted him about a couple of years ago. I told him about my reasons for the delay and my hope to soon complete it.

e-mail from Jerry Long to Thomas E. Stephens (tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us), 29 April 2002:

Mr. Stephens:

My name is Jerry Long. Several years ago I contacted you about the Kelly Cemetery and family in Owensboro, KY. After working on an article about the cemetery for four years I have finally completed it. When we talked before you mentioned about the possibility of publishing it in the *Kentucky Ancestors*. I am now contacting you about that possibility.

A couple of factors may alter your decision to use it. One is its length. It is 23 pages and 24 if a map and plat are included. Also I suspect the casual reader might say "that it is bogged down with excessive detail" (it includes 163 footnotes). Some of my writing has received this criticism in the past. However, in its defense the article is not just a history of the cemetery but is also a history of the family and the local neighborhood. I tend to write from a genealogical perspective and try to include every and all related detail. I believe that each little detail adds up to a fuller picture. Also they provide greater proof of the facts and offer a foundation for future research. The minute seemingly irrelevant details sometimes in genealogy can eventually become very salient points.

If you feel that it is too long for the *Kentucky Ancestors* is there any way it might be considered for the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*? In addition to genealogical data I believe it does include a lot of historical facts that have not been previously published.

This week I can be reached in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library (phone 270-684-0211, ext. 5) - Tuesday (8-5), Wednesday (8-3:30), Thursday (12-9) or Friday (12-8). Or if you prefer by e-mail : J-long@prodigy.net

Thank you,
Jerry Long

e-mail from Thomas E. Stephens (tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us) to Jerry Long, 30 April 2002:

Jerry:

I'm still interested. Can you send it as an attachment?

Thanks,

Tom

e-mail from Jerry Long to Thomas E. Stephens (tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us), 30 April 2002:

Mr. Stephens:

I have attached the Kelly article. It is written in Microsoft Word. I am also sending two pictures (separately) that would greatly illustrate some of what I have talked about in the article. Do you think they could be reduced and inserted in an appropriate place in the article with a caption?

Please let me know if you can use it. Any comments would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Jerry Long

Caption:

Farm of Henry Kelly in lower right corner. From "*Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky.*" (c1876, p38).

Caption:

Plat of Kelly and Daviess County Pauper Cemetery. Daviess County Deed Book 30, page 586.

e-mail from Tom Stephens (tom.stephens@mail.state.ky.us) to Jerry Long, 1 May 2002:

Jerry:

I think you've done a fine job. I'd like to use the article in the next issue, which should be published in July. (I may run it over the next two issues.) The illustrations also look good.

By the way, my wife's grandmother, Mrs. Helen Bryan Medley, a granddaughter of Sarah Jane Kelly, is now in a nursing home in Owensboro.

Thanks very much,

Tom

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Mar 8, 1999 Phone call [Kelly – Bruner] : Helen Bryan Medley, 1420 Center St., Owensboro, KY 42301 (502-683-4091):

In working on an article about the Kelly Cemetery near my home I had called Mrs. Medley last Dec 14. Since then I discovered that we are 4th cousins twice removed through her grandmother, Magdaline (Bruner) Montgomery. I called her to ask about the birthdates of some of her aunts and uncles. She said her mother's bible had dates on them but she gave it to her brother, Gerald A. Bryan, who lives in Florida. She said she would call him and ask if he would make a xerox of those pages from the bible. She did not know the names of her grandmother's parents. I asked her if she had known the late Mary Barron, who married Conrad Hilton. A couple of nuns from Nazareth were recently at the Owensboro Library trying to find out where she had went to school. She said she had gone to elementary school with her at a school on the Veach Road, near where the Owensboro Country Club is now, the Barron farm was near there. She does not know where Mary went to high school. Mrs. Medley attended St. Frances Academy and she does not remember seeing her there. Mrs. Medley said the home where she grew up on the Old Hartford Road is still standing. It is a red brick with a porch, on the west side of the road, before getting to the new GE plant, apartment buildings have now been built behind it. She said going out the Old Hartford Road, past the Elmwood Cemetery, you came to Kelly Lane, where the home of her great-grandfather, Henry Kelly, was and where the Kelly Cemetery is. A short distance past it was the lane that went back to the home of her grandparents, Robert A. & Sarah J. (Kelly) Bryan.

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Mar 14, 1999 Phone call [Kelly] : To Mrs. Victor (Barbara) Hagman, 2627 Skillman Road, Hawesville, KY (502-927-6393):

Mrs. Hagman was a daughter of William Charles Frey & Mary Agnes Bryan, granddaughter of John Barton Bryan, & great-granddaughter of Robert A. Bryan & Sarah Jane Kelly. I called her to ask about the Kelly family, which I am currently working on. She said she did not think she has anything more on the Kellys other than what Thomas Stephens had recently published in the "Kentucky Ancestors". She said she would check to see if she had anything more and if so she would contact me.

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Sue Berry (ksberry@henderson.net), 2 March 2002:

This is Jerry Long from the Owensboro Library. I was wondering if you ever got a chance to talk to Mrs. Medley? I hope she is doing okay. If you haven't got a chance to visit her yet there is a question that I would like to get a clarification on.

Mrs. Medley said she was born in 1905 in a house on the west side of the Old Hartford Road opposite where Trinity Hills is today. She said it was still standing, she described it as a red brick with a porch. I am not sure which of the houses there she is talking about. I believe it is probably either 3024 or 3224 Old Hartford Road. Mrs. Medley continued: "To the north of her parents home the Kelly Lane ran back to the east off the Old Hartford Road. A little further west another lane ran back from the Old Hartford Road, parallel to the Kelly Lane. On this second lane stood the home of her Bryan grandparents, it was back about the same distance from the Old Hartford Road as the Kelly home. On this second lane a Feldpausch family also lived. Coming out the Old Hartford Road from town you came to the Kelly Lane first." I am now not certain if she meant that Robert A. & Sarah Jane (Kelly) Bryan lived on the same side of the Hartford Road as the Kelly Cemetery or on the opposite side. I had earlier thought that the Bryans lived on the same side of the Hartford Road as the Kellys. But from her description and the 1876 atlas map I am now thinking that it was on the west side. The 1876 atlas map shows the Kelly & Bryan farms and the house on the Bryan farm is plotted on the west side and the Feldpausch farm is behind the Bryans on the west side of the Hartford Road.

So my question(s) - Which of the houses on the west side of the Old Hartford Road was she born in? And where did the home of her grandparents, Robert A. & Sarah Jane Bryan (house in family group photo), stand in relation to the house where she was born.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

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Aug 30, 2000 Phone call : To Kentucky Legislative Research Library, Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY (502-564-8100):

Asked about locating initial petition filed by Daviess County to the KY Legislature concerning the "County Pauper Cemetery"; reference to which appear in the KY Acts in 1890. He said he would look into my question and call me back. About an hour later he called back and said that he had found a couple of references to the petition in the Journals of the Legislature. He promised to mail me copies of these references. He said that because of the volume of material the state does not keep the original loose papers to petitions that far back.

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Sep 1, 2000 Letter : From Legislative Research Commission, State Capitol, Frankfort, KY 40601-3486:

Sent 25 copies of pages from Legislative Journals showing that the case involving the Daviess County pauper cemetery was on the docket at various times in 1890. In none of the listings were any particulars about the case given.

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.net), 7 January 2000:

Perry:

Monday I was off from work and had just finished your request and was preparing to send it to you when Owensboro was hit by a tornado. My power was off until yesterday. The twister just missed my neighborhood. Its course passed through the area just three blocks away. There was no property damage in my neighborhood or in the area of the library but as you have probably heard there was extensive damage elsewhere in the city. At last report 111 homes were destroyed and about 1000 damaged. The property damage is in the millions. After seeing the devastation I cannot imagine how there were no fatalities. A short distance from my home the Elmwood Cemetery along the Old Hartford Road was hit and many trees were uprooted and some monuments damaged. I always liked driving through that area but now it looks so barren and bleak.

Today I helped our genealogy society (West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association) move their library and collection to another location. Their building was hit and the roof and two walls were knocked down. Many of their books were water damaged.

I have sent as an attachment a file showing what I have on the paternal ancestors of Carol Mae Pate. It took me several hours to get it together. I hope you are familiar with the numbering system in the type of ancestor chart that I used. If you don't understand it I will send an explanation.

I am currently working on an article for the "Kentucky Ancestors" periodical. It started out as an effort to find out about an old Kelly family cemetery located two blocks from my home. In researching the deeds for it I made an interesting discovery. Adjoining the cemetery there was an old Daviess County pauper's cemetery. Its existence has never been written about in any of the histories. In 1890 it seems the county wanted to sell the cemetery ground and purchased a new site on which to build a County Poor Farm & burial ground. To do so they had to petition the KY Legislature, who on 12 Feb 1890 passed an act granting them the right to sell the property ("Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Vol.I", 1890, p.236). Have you ever used any of the original files/petitions to the KY Legislature at the state library? I was wondering about how to go about checking for a file pertaining to this petition filed by the Daviess County Court. Any tips would be greatly appreciated.

Take care and best wishes,
Jerry Long

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e-mail from Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.com) to Jerry Long, 8 January 2000:

Jerry,

First, many, many thanks for all your efforts on behalf of Carol Pate Palmore. She will be very appreciative, and I will tell her that you spent several hours putting the genealogy together for her. If I had known you were going to spend so much time, I would have

been hesitant to ask. But I am not surprised, knowing the dedication you have to genealogical preservation.

Second, so sorry about all the tornado devastation in Owensboro. My Aunt Ruth Ann Harris lives at 400 Ford Avenue, and her electricity has been out for several days. My first cousin Cathy Martin (Mrs. Robert Martin) lives on Elizabeth Street across from Aunt Ruthie, and all of them moved in with somebody else until the electricity was reconnected. This reminds me very much of April 3, 1974, when a tornado hit Breckinridge County and nearly wiped Brandenburg off the face of the earth. I will never forget that horrible day when I was in sixth grade.

Third, I know how to research the Acts of the Kentucky General Assembly. The records are in the basement of the State Capitol in Frankfort. If you want, I will try to find the act you mentioned in your e-mail and mail a copy to you.

As always, it is great to hear from you, and please feel free to let me know of anything I can do for you.

Your friend,
Perry T. Ryan

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.com), 8 January 2000:

Perry,

If you could check to see if there is a file on the Daviess County pauper cemetery petition I would be very appreciative. If there is additional info regarding the Legislative Act to be found please let me pay the copy and postage charge. There is no hurry.

Thanks for your offer.
Bye for now,
Jerry Long

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.net), 19 September 2000:

Perry,

Could you please answer a quick question? It would be a great help. A brief answer of "yes", "no" or "I don't know" is perfectly sufficient.

I am trying to close out research on an article about the old Daviess County Pauper Cemetery. To do so I need to know if any old papers regarding an 1890 KY Act concerning the cemetery still exist or not. You earlier told me that you had used the records on the Acts of the Kentucky General Assembly that were stored in the basement

of the State Capitol in Frankfort. Have you ever seen any pre 1900 records on file there? A couple of weeks ago I called the Legislative Research Commission Library at the State Capitol and inquired about the 1890 Act. They called back to tell me they found references to it in the State Journals and Volumes of Acts (which I already had). They said that due to the tremendous volume the original loose files/petitions on the Acts are not kept. Do you know if the last statement is true or not? If not I would like to go there later this year to research but if it is true there would be no reason to do so. In my experience I have found many public officials who had little or no knowledge about the older less used records in their facilities.

I hope you and your family are doing well. Take care!

A cousin,

Jerry Long

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e-mail from Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.net) to Jerry Long, 19 September 2000:

Hi Jerry. Thanks for your E-mail. Here are my answers for you:

JERRY LONG wrote:

[Have you ever seen any pre 1900 records on file there?](#)

Yes, they are located in the State Law Library's basement room. Yes, so far as I know, all of the Acts of the General Assembly are there.

[A couple of weeks ago I called the Legislative Research Commission Library at the State Capitol and inquired about the 1890 Act. They called back to tell me they found references to it in the State Journals and Volumes of Acts \(which I already had\). They said that due to the tremendous volume the original loose files/petitions on the Acts are not kept. Do you know if the last statement is true or not?](#)

That is correct, the original bills for the Kentucky Acts were not kept. I doubt that the original bills (not files or petitions) would be much help to you because the Acts record the final votes taken on the final, amended version of the bills. Maybe I don't really understand why you would need these, but I doubt they would very helpful. Are you interested in obtaining a copy of the 1890 Act pertaining to the cemetery? If you need copies of anything, I can run over to the Capitol for you.

[If not I would like to go there later this year to research but if it is true there would be no reason to do so. In my experience I have found many public officials who had little or no knowledge about the older less used records in their facilities. All very true!](#)

I hope you and your family are doing well. Take care!

Yes, we are doing great! You can see some photos of your new cousin, Sarah Lindsey Ryan, at <http://www.geocities.com/sarahlindseyryan> A cousin, Jerry Long j-long@prodigy.net

Jerry, did you ever hear from Carol Palmore? I told her about your contributions to the "project." She seemed very appreciative. I am glad to get your new E-mail address. The old one came back as "undeliverable" a few weeks ago.

Perry

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e-mail from Jerry Long to Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.net), 21 September 2000:

Perry,

Thanks for your response. Not being familiar with the Kentucky Legislative records at the Capitol my questions probably sound a little confusing. I am trying to decide whether there are other records pertaining to this particular Act of 1890 that I could find if I went there. I have entries about the Act regarding the Daviess County Pauper Cemetery from the volumes "Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Vol.I" (1890); "Journal of the Regular Session of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky"; and "Journal of the Regular Session of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky". These show that the case was on the docket for certain dates and give the final decision. Do you think there is a possibility there are any other loose files (such as the initial petition as submitted by Daviess County) that would give any details or reasons for the petition. From what I have been told there are no more sources to be investigated at the Capitol. Based on your experience do you think there is any more to be found about this particular Act in the basement of the Capitol. If there is no more to be investigated there then I can begin writing my article about the Pauper Cemetery.

I checked out the pictures of Sarah Lindsey Ryan on the geocities site. She is really a cutie. She is definitely someone I can say I am proud to be related to.

Thanks for your time!

Jerry Long

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e-mail from Perry T. Ryan (ptryan@altavista.net) to Jerry Long, 22 September 2000:

Jerry,

Yes, you are correct. There are no loose papers besides the copies you already have. Maybe a local newspaper did a story on the activities of the General Assembly.

Perry

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Feb 25, 2002 Daviess County Circuit Court Office, Judicial Center, Main St. Owensboro, KY:

Room where the old county Circuit Court suits are stored is now kept locked. Have to make an appointment with Linda Richardson (687-7061), on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, to use room. Someone has to be with you. She went with me and I searched for one suit, A. C. Wood vs. City of Owensboro, 1895 (suit #1530). I found it but it did not involve the Daviess County Pauper Cemetery land. In the County Clerk's office at the courthouse checked for several marriages and deeds. Located an 1876 plat of the Daviess County Pauper Cemetery (deed book 30, p586).

e-mail from Jerry Long to Sherry Hosford (vetch10@aol.com), 9 April 2002:

Sherry:

This is your old Kentucky cousin - through the Hale family. How have you been doing? I am working on an article about a Kelly family cemetery near my home here in Owensboro. I have recently discovered a connection between the Kellys and Elizabeth (?Martwick), wife of John Galloway, Jr. (born c1777) of Henderson County, KY. They are in the 1810 through the 1850 censuses of Henderson County. This John was a brother to Zachariah, who some Internet sites suggest was your ancestor. My question is - do you know when John Jr. or his wife, Elizabeth died (both living in 1850)? Or do you know any of their children?

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

e-mail from Jerry Long to Robert Galloway (gally@alltel.net), 9 April 2002:

Mr. Galloway:

I saw your name on a Galloway family message board on the Internet.

I was wondering if you knew anything about John Galloway, Jr. (b. c1777), who I believe was a brother of your ancestor Zachariah Galloway (sons of John Sr., who died 1808 Henderson Co., KY). John, Jr. is in the 1810 through the 1850 censuses of Henderson Co., KY. He married Elizabeth in Ohio County, KY on 18 Feb 1806. Would you have a copy of this marriage? Each reference I have found to this marriage gives a different spelling of his wife, Elizabeth's name (Martwick, Matocks, Matocksin?). Consent for her marriage was supposed to have been signed by her mother, Nancy Kelly. Do you know when John Jr. or his wife, Elizabeth, died (both living in 1850)? Two children were still living with them at the time of the 1850 Henderson County census - Eliza J. b. c1833 & William F., b. c1834. Do you know the names of any of their other children?

Best wishes,
Jerry Long
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e-mail from Robert Galloway (gally@alltel.net) to Jerry Long, 9 April 2002:

Hi Jerry,

Sorry, but I don't have much information on them at all. William is the only child of them that I have on my records and the date of birth differs from what you have. I show a birth date for William of 1808. I do not have a date of death for any of them. I have not done any research at all on this particular John Galloway. (The records I have on him came from family group records from a lady in Henderson, Kentucky. (Again, I don't know this person's name since these records came to me secondhand.) The information I have on John Galloway, Jr. has not been verified by me so I cannot vouch for it's accuracy. I do have in my possession however a very informative article done on the John Galloway, Sr. family by Carmen Baxter crbaxter01@aol.com [**note – 2 page article printed**] of Arkansas whose ancestor was Pleasant Galloway, a brother of Zachariah and son of John, Sr. and Franky. John, Jr. is mentioned in the article but after reviewing it briefly I find no mention of John, Jr.'s wife, Elizabeth. I would be happy to send you this because it might have some information in it you would find interesting. It is included as an attachment. One more thing...there is a really knowledgeable lady in St. Louis, Sherry Hosford, vetch10@aol.com who knows far more about all this than I do. She has helped me out when I have run into something I didn't know the answer to. I don't think she would mind if I gave you her e-mail address in case you needed to ask her something about John, Jr. She might have just the info you are looking for.

Good luck,

Bob Galloway

e-mail from Sherry Hosford (vetch10@aol.com) to Jerry Long, 9 April 2002:

Hello Jerry,

Nice to hear from you. John Galloway, Jr. born abt. 1766 in Bedford county, VA, happens to be the one child of John Sr. and his wife Frankey, that I know next to nothing about. He was my Zachariah's older brother, but, I am not entirely certain that he was the John that married Elizabeth Martwick. Some people have told me that he never came to KY. Others feel he did move with his family but returned to Virginia.

I have no proof of either theory, so I hesitate to lean either way. Sorry I can't help you. I have lots of info on the rest of the 12 children.

Keep in touch,
Sherry Hosford