

# **Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin (1889-1973)**

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Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin (1889-1973), compiled by Jerry Long, 4 volumes, (1990), Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY, Library catalog # KR G Mast; 751 pages:

- Vol. 1 – Bristow, Barnhill, Powell, Dunn, Stinnett, Stearman, Early, Hardin Families, 459 pages
- Vol. 2 – Thomson and Bell Families, 166 pages
- Vol. 3 – Monroe and Barnhill Families, 26 pages
- Vol. 4 – Mastin, Toler and Allied Families, 100 pages

In addition to the four preceding volumes of the Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY also has the following books compiled by Emma Dunn Mastin:

- Daviess County, Kentucky Marriages, 1815-1865 (Hartford, KY: McDowell Publications, 1978, published by West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association of Owensboro, KY, catalog # KR 976.9864 Mast ).
- Ancestor's Honor Roll of General Evan Shelby Chapter, 1925-1930 (co-authored with Mary Hale Dean and Nancy Allen, catalog # KR 976.9 Mast).
- Genealogical Data, 1925-1931 (co-authored with Mary Hale Dean, catalog # KR 976.9 Mast).
- Purcell Family Date (1973, 31 pages, catalog # KR G Purc).

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The Bulletin, November 1973, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, McDowell Publications:

MRS. EMMA DUNN MASTIN 18 October 1589 - 24 October 1973

We are greatly saddened at the death this week of Mrs. Emma Dunn Mastin from a fall at her home 118 W. 4th Street, Owensboro. Her long time interest in genealogy began in 1918 and during the next 30-odd years she made many contributions, to the field. She served as Registrar in the local D.A.R. Chapter and compiled many records of area pioneer families. With Mrs. Mary Hill [sic, should be Hale] Deane she compiled several volumes (unpublished) of wills, graveyard, and lineage records which have been cited in manuals of how to do: genealogical research as good research material. She made contributions for the early volumes of published D.A.R. Cemetery and Bible Records Kentucky series. For many years she was Clerk Western District Federal Court and during this period she organized and filed the individual Marriage Bonds and Consent Slips, Daviess County, Kentucky. Quite a number of unrecorded marriages were located as a result. These Marriage Records were published in Kentucky Court and Other Records, Vol. 1 by Mrs. Wm. B. Ardery.

Mrs. Mastin lost her vision over 20 years ago, but she never lost her love for genealogy. Her never failing interest in genealogy was surpassed only by her never falling interest in people. She was always active, physically around her home and mentally with her keen memory. Those of us who knew her feel a very deep personal loss.

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Messenger & Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 25 October 1973, p2A:

MRS. EMMA DUNN MASTIN

Mrs. Emma Dunn Mastin, 84, of 118 W. 4th St., died late Wednesday at her residence after a short illness. Born October 18, 1889 in Daviess County, she was the daughter of the late John R. Dunn. A retired United States deputy clerk, she was a member, of Central Presbyterian Church and the General Evan Chapter, D.A.R. She was preceded in death by her husband. William T. Mastin in 1933.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Ollie J. Dinsen. Owensboro.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home with the Rev. William G. Walton. pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4p.m. today.

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History of Kentucky: The Blue Grass State, Vol.III, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago-Louisville, 1928, pp.66-68:

#### MRS. EMMA DUNN MASTIN

Mrs. Emma Dunn Mastin, a capable business woman, is in the employ of the United States government at Owensboro and represents old families of Kentucky, tracing her ancestry to the colonial period in American history. She was born October 18, 1889, her parents being John William and Aminia (Bristow) Dunn. Her brother, James Robert Dunn, entered the service of his country in 1918 and was stationed for a time at Fort McPherson but was transferred to Camp Jessup and went overseas in September, 1918, as a second lieutenant. After the close of the World war he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged with that rank. His sister, Ollie Jane, was graduated from the Owensboro high school and became a successful business woman. She married Ernest F. Dinsen, a civil engineer, formerly of Clinton, Illinois, and now a resident of West Allis, Wisconsin.

John William Dunn was born January 23, 1863, and passed away October 8, 1895, on his farm near Whitesville, Kentucky. He was an adherent of the democratic party and from October, 1877, until his death was an earnest, helpful member of the Whitesville Baptist church. His brother, James Wesley Dunn, married Miss Dollie Christian and they reside on their farm near Whitesville, it being a portion of the property purchased by his father in 1862. John William Dunn was a son of William N. and Eliza (Stinnett) Dunn. His father was a democrat and from 1877 until his demise was a faithful member of the Baptist church at Whitesville. He was born June 6, 1837, and died February 28, 1884, on his farm in Daviess county, Kentucky. His parents were William H. and Susan Ann (Dunnekee) Dunn. His father was a son of Newbald Dunn and was born in King and Queen county, Virginia, in 1801. He spent his boyhood on the homestead, which was situated near the Rappahannock river, and in 1828 came to Kentucky, settling in Montgomery county. He afterward moved to Daviess county and subsequently located in Ohio county. He was a large landowner and had many slaves. The latter part of his life was spent in Hancock county, Kentucky, and his demise occurred in 1858. His wife passed away May 7, 1867, and was laid to rest in the Hawesville cemetery beside the body of her husband.

Aminia (Bristow) Dunn was born February 5, 1870, near Philpot, Kentucky, and was married when a little more than eighteen years of age. When a young woman of

twenty-five she was left a widow with three children to provide for, the youngest being but five months old at the time of her husband's death. Possessing intelligence, ambition and energy, she was equal to the task and reared her family without assistance. She saved the little money that was left to her and through economy and good management accumulated more. She owns a comfortable home in Owensboro and is successfully conducting a rooming and boarding house. Her children have become useful members of society and a credit to her teaching. She is unselfish, sympathetic and kind-hearted, and these qualities have won her the respect and admiration of a wide circle of friends as well as the deep affection of her children.

Mrs. Dunn's father, William Bristow, was born August 11, 1842, in Daviess county, Kentucky, and died November 27, 1894, on his farm near Philpot. He was a Mason and served in the Home Guard during the Civil war. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church and his political support was given to the republican party. His first union was with Miss Almina Karn, by whom he had a son, Lovell Netter. His second wife, Victoria Frances (Ashby) Bristow, was born April 24, 1846, in Daviess county, and always resided within its borders, passing away February 18, 1910. She was the mother of four children: Robert Bristow, Mrs. Rachel Bell Bryant, Mrs. Drusilla Bristow, and Mrs. Aminia Dunn.

William Bristow was a son of the Rev. Jasper Bristow and his second wife, Rachel (Barnhill) (Cruse) Bristow. His father was a native of Virginia and passed away in Daviess county, Kentucky, in 1848. He was a pioneer Baptist preacher and missionary and one of the earliest ministers of the Bethabra church. His wife was born in Daviess county in 1808 and long survived him. She was called to her final rest in 1870, and the remains of both were interred in the family burying ground near Bethabra.

Mrs. Rachel Bristow was a daughter of James and Hannah (Boone) Barnhill, who were married in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1804. Her father was born August 18, 1780, in North Carolina, and became one of the large landowners of Daviess county, Kentucky, where he passed away on the 8th of January, 1825. He was a son of John Barnhill, who fought for American independence in the Revolutionary war. According to the traditions of the Barnhill family the emigrant ancestor was banished from Ireland for publishing a rebel paper and sought a home in the new world. He settled in Baltimore, Maryland, and a few months later was joined by his family. His wife brought with her the printing press and spent the remainder of her life in Baltimore, attaining the remarkable age of one hundred and three years. They were the parents of five children, all sons, and according to tradition one went to North Carolina, and his sons migrated to Kentucky. The second went to Loudoun county, Virginia, and his sons settled in Ohio. One located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and it is said that he was one of the ancestors of Theodore Roosevelt. Another remained in Maryland and his grandson entered the employ of the government, filling a position in the patent office at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Mastin believes that the son who moved to North Carolina was John Barnhill, the Continental soldier, and that he was the progenitor of the Daviess county branch of the family. Hannah (Boone) Barnhill was a daughter of Josiah Boone, Jr., and his first wife. Mrs. Barnhill's father was a son of Josiah and Hannah Boone and a grandson of George Boone, of Pennsylvania.

Victoria Frances Ashby was a daughter of Sanford and Rebecca (Bell) Ashby. Her father, who was born in 1808 and died in 1878, was a son of Obediah and Mary

(Figley) Ashby, of Shelby county, Kentucky. Mrs. Rebecca (Bell) Ashby, who was born in 1818 and passed away in 1889, was a daughter of Robert Thompson and Mary Ann (Monroe) Bell. Her father was born in 1792 and died in 1876. He enlisted in Ohio county, Kentucky, and fought in the War of 1812. His parents were Thomas Bell, Jr., and Judith (Thompson) Bell, the latter of whom was born in 1760 and died in 1823. Thomas Bell, Jr., who was born in 1754 and died in 1848, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and gallantly defended the interests of the colonists. He was a son of Thomas Bell, Sr., and Elizabeth (Weir or Ware) Bell, the latter of whom died in 1798. Her husband served in the Continental army and was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He was born in 1732 and died in 1792. The Bells emigrated from Ireland to England and thence to the United States, casting in their lot with the early settlers of Pennsylvania. They moved from that state to Virginia and subsequently lived in Woodford, Shelby and Ohio counties, Kentucky. Judith Thompson was a daughter of Anthony and Ann (Bibb) Thompson, the latter of whom died in 1798, and both passed away in Woodford county, Kentucky. While in Virginia, Anthony Thompson entered the service of his country and fought in the French and Indian war. He was born in 1732 and died in 1794. Mary Ann (Monroe) Bell was born in 1786 and died in 1810. Her father, John Monroe, served in the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of lieutenant in the Continental army. He was born in 1749 and died in 1837. His wife, Winifred (Berryman) Monroe, was born in 1767 and died in 1798. She was a daughter of William and Rebecca (Howells) Berryman, of Westmoreland county, Virginia, and her father also aided in winning American independence. He was born in 1713 and his demise occurred in 1784. His wife was born in 1720 and passed away in 1772.

In the acquirement of an education Miss Emma Dunn attended the public schools of Whitesville and Owensboro, and in 1906 she was graduated from the Owensboro Business College. She was a stenographer for the Payne Collecting Agency for a year and in 1907 entered the United States clerk's office at Owensboro in a similar capacity. Her ability soon won recognition, and in 1908 she was appointed deputy clerk. She has filled this responsible position for eighteen years and her long retention therein is conclusive proof of the quality of her service. During the World war she was a Red Cross worker, confining her activities to the clerical and knitting departments. She is affiliated with the Baptist church and exercises her right of franchise in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party. She belongs to the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of American Colonists and to General Evan Shelby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a charter member of the woman's auxiliary of the American Legion and is also identified with Acacia Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Having a strong, self-reliant nature and a keen intellect, she has achieved success in the business world and possesses those qualities and accomplishments which grace her sex.

On February 21, 1925, at Owensboro, Kentucky, Miss Dunn was united in marriage to William Thomas Mastin, who was born January 4, 1891, in Hancock county, this state. He is a federal prohibition agent and has been in charge of this district for a period of four years. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and in religious faith is a Methodist, while his political support is given to the republican party. On October 6, 1917, he enlisted in the United States army and went overseas soon afterward. He was sent to the front and participated in some of the most important battles of the World war.

He was wounded in the line of duty and was sent to a hospital for treatment. He remained in the service until April 18, 1919, and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He is a son of William Frank Mastin, who was born in Hancock county, Kentucky, in 1847 and is one of the venerable citizens of Owensboro. For a considerable time he engaged in teaching school and then entered the internal revenue service in the capacity of storekeeper-gauger, devoting many years to this line of work. He is a member of the Methodist church and an adherent of the republican party. His wife was born November 11, 1852, in Hancock county and passed away in 1900. She was a descendant of Captain William Hardin, a Kentucky pioneer and a noted Indian fighter. He was the founder of Hardinsburg, Kentucky, and a veteran of the Revolutionary war. Another ancestor of Mrs. W. F. Mastin was Charles Hansford, a Virginian, who also participated in the struggle for American independence. To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mastin were born six children: Charles L., who served in the Spanish-American war; Fred F.; Walter, also a veteran of that war; Lydia Olive; William Thomas; and James.

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**From Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin:**

Newbolt Dunn b. in King & Queen County, Va. near Rappahanock River,

ISSUE:

William H. Dunn b. 1801 in Virginia married Miss Susan Ann Dunnikee in Montgomery County, Ky. Wm. H. Dunn died March 1858 and his wife in 1867 May 7th. They are buried in the cemetery at Hawesville, Ky. and had markers at one time but none now.

ISSUE:

1. Hulda Ann Dunn died aged 50 years and was buried in Old Panther Creek cemetery in Ohio County, Ky. No marker. She married Enoch Early. She had 11 children and they are recorded under the Early family, page 2.
2. Wesley Dunn b. 1818 d. 1907 m. 1844 Sroxie Early and they had eight children:
  1. William Louis Ib 1846 m. Tillie Howell
  2. Susan Mildred b. 1848 d. 1903 m. James Stinnett.
  3. Christopher Columbus Dunn (a minister) (called Lum) b. Jan. 16, 1849 m. Feby. 11, 1875 to Susan Emiline Casey b June 5, 1858 d. Jan. 10, 1915 and they had four children: L. C. C. Jr. b. Deco 18, 1876 m. Etna Foster. 2. Moody b. Apr. 9, 1885 m. Fred Lewis. 3. Sanky b Sept, 12, 1888 m. James Guy end 4. an infant daughter b. Oct. 14, 1892.
  4. Kittie Gee Dunn b 1851 m James Skinner and had two children, Ed and Maggie Skinner.
  5. John Quincy Dunn, Jr. b 1852 m. Julia Ford and Ivy Buck.

6. Martha Jane Ingleton Dunn m. Marshal Skinner and had Cordie and Odie. She was called Maggie.
  7. Narcisaa Victoria Dunn m. Reuben Eddington and had Austin and Billie Eddington.
  8. James Marshal Dunn m Anne Harris and had Annie Dunn.
3. Elizabeth Dunn marries 1st Jack Harris and 2nd Lewis Stinnett, and had four children.
    1. Susan who married Moses Crabtree and had Emma, Betty, Frank and Simon and Nellie Crabtree.
    2. Jane Harris who married Henry Hanover and had Ada Hanover.
    3. Betsy Harris who married Dave Kelly and had Ford, Stanley Susie and Isabell Kelly.
    4. William Harris who married Tracy Hicks and had Jeff and Bandy Hicks.
4. John Quincy Dunn, Sr., married 1st Mary Ann Stinnett, b. Deco 14, 1830 d Oct. 2, 1862 and 2nd Mrs. Barnett, 3rd. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_Langley, Three or four children was born by the first marriage.
    1. Grit Dunn m. in Indiana to Susan\_\_
    2. Non Dunn m. Short Lewis
    3. Lafe Dunn m.
    4. John Billy Dunn m. Tiny Rogers and had three children - Chesley Dunn married Dot Burgess and had Euphula Lee, Emma Louise and Billy Dunn; Mary married Silas White and Mamie who m. J. A. Ferguson.
 I think the following are also children of J. Q, Dunn, Sr. but I am not certain.
    5. Louis Dunn m.\_.
    6. Susan Dunn m. Thomas Drury and he married second Tish Stinnett.
    7. Bell Dunn who married \_\_Cox.
5. Cleopatra Dunn m. James E. Barnett, and had six children:
    - 1 .Wm. Barnett, m. Annie Kowlde
    2. Jasper Barnett, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Barket
    3. Jane Barnett, m. Pete Thornton.
    4. Susan Barnett m. George Jackson
    - 5., Sarah Barnett m. John Nichols.
    6. Mary Barnett, m. \_\_\_\_ Humphrey
6. Artemesia Dunn m. Sullivan Dennis.
7. Harve Dunn d. at Glasgow, Ky. during Civil War on July 11 1863 while in service and was buried in Hawesville cemetery at Hawesville, Ky.
8. Francis Marion Dunn married Lizzie \_\_\_\_\_ and had five children:
    1. Robert never married
    2. William
    3. Gordon m. 1st. \_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Miss Miles of Stanley, Ky.
    4. Nellie Gee m. John Lynch



5. Addie married B. Phillips and died in 19\_\_ they had two bone Ivory and Albert Phillips.
9. William N. Dunn b. June 6, 1837 d. Feby. 28, 1884. married Nov. 11, 1856 to Eliza Jane Stinnett, b. Sept. 26, 1838 died Oct. 25, 1895. They bad sixteen children only three living to be grown.
1. Zack Dunn died aged 12 in 1884
  2. J. T. Dunn died aged 10 in 1884'
  3. N. P. Dunn died in infancy
  4. James I. Dunn died in infancy
  5. Annie Dunn died in infancy
  6. Thomas Dunn died in infancy
  7. James Wesley Dunn b. Feby. 1, 1858 and was married to Miss Harriett Jane (Dolly) Christian on June 24, 1885, and had born to them two children, Willie b. Apr. 29, 1886 died Oct. 12, 1896 and Anna May b. Sept. 15, 1887 m. Sept. 27, 1905 to Ivan B. Jones, b. Sept. 24, 1885 (Son of Wm. W. Jones and wife Anna Jones, in turn son of Wm. Watson Jones and Elenor Bristow in turn daughter of Rev. Jasper Bristow and his first wife and to them was born one child who died in infancy: J. W. Jones, born and died June 11, 1917,
  8. Mary Elizabeth Dunn b. Mo 16, 1861 died March 14, 1884.
  9. John William Dunn b. Jan. 23, 1863 died Oct. 1, 1895 married Aminia Bristow on 11th Oct. 1888, who was born Feby. 5, 1870 and to them was born three children. 1. Mary Emma Dunn b. Oct. 4, 1889 m. W. T. Mastin, 2. James Robert Dunn b. Oct. 4, 1892 m. Lois Walsh, 3. Ollie Jane Dunn b. Apr. 28, 1895 m B. F. Duncan.

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