

# **Thomas J. Morgan (1783-1844)**

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 2004

June 19, 2004

Mr. Jerry Long  
Kentucky Room  
Daviess Co. Public Library  
450 Griffith Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 42301

RE: Proof that Sarah Agnes Morgan was daughter of Thomas J. Morgan and Margaret (Peggy) Phegley.

Dear Jerry,

DAR has rejected my supplemental on a father and son because they will not accept the KY Family Records with no primary source listing for Sarah Agnes Morgan Little as daughter of Margaret Phegley. I used Kentucky Family Records Vol 8, pgs 87&88.

I know that Thomas Morgan died intestate around 1842. There are abstracts in Bobbie O'Bryan's collection but no name of children. There could be other names in the settlement record. There are records of Sarah's brother Thomas P. (Phegley) Morgan and James T. Little in land sales.

Sarah Agnes Morgan d 1868 McLean Co.; married James T Little in Daviess Co in 1834 (have record with father's name on it, there may be more with this record that mother did not get in records at Daviess County courthouse many years ago) Mrs. Cox; has many records on the Little family but no source listings. Bible records are abstracted. Mrs. Fleming's work on Onton has no source listings

I need a proof that lists Sarah Agnes's mother as Margaret (Peggy) Phegley

Proof is available of the Morgan and Phegley marriage and that Simon Fegley/Phegley is her father.

Let me know if you have time to help me resolve this. I would like to know your fee schedule.

Eric:

Yours truly,

Beverly Davis Hicklin

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Louisville, KY 40223-3336  
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E-mail from Jerry Long to Beverly Davis Hicklin, 23 June 2004:

Beverly:

Doesn't the DAR accept a family bible record? Mrs. Elizabeth Cox in 1967 copied a record of the family of Thomas & Margaret (Phegley) Morgan. It was then in the possession of Alexis M. Wright (of 142 Roger Powell Road, Onton, KY). Mr. Wright is now deceased (born 10 January 1898 and died 10 April 1981). This record listed the names and birth dates of the children of Thomas & Margaret. It also contained the marriages of several of their children including that of Agnes Morgan to James T. Little. It appears to me that the record leaves little doubt that Agnes was a daughter of Thomas & Margaret. This record was published in West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association's Kentucky Family Records (Vol. I, pp.15-16) and in their Kentucky Bible Records (Vol.3, 2002, p46-47).

Best wishes,  
Jerry Long

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E-mail from Beverly Davis Hicklin to Jerry Long, 23 June 2004:

Jerry, I have been ask to furnish material twice for this. I used KY family records Vol 8 and Vol 1. They kept telling me there was no references for the material. DAR does accept Bible records if you do not have the title page to the Bible and copy of the actual page. They seem to want primary source material. Most of the references to Margaret Morgan have Phegley like (Phegley) as not proven. I might try to send all of this material again. In KY Family records Vol XI pg 66 the preponderance of evidence would be that Margaret Phegley was Agnes Morgan's mother (John Morgan's marriage to Mary Edison.). Let me know how you feel about the Edison Family Data.

Thanks for the response. Mother Virginia is not walking very well at all; we are now very dependent on a cane and a knee brace.

Bev

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June 1, 1974

Mrs. Charles E. Craik  
418 Oxford Place  
Louisville, Ky. 140207

Dear Mrs. Craik,

Thank you for your recent letter which I enjoyed very much. Believe I can help with your problem. Mrs. John H. Mason was a daughter of Christopher Jackson-Catherine Rhoads. Catherine Rhoads was a daughter of Capt. Henry Rhoads, who with a brother Soloman Rhoads,, started a fort or station at Vienna (now Calhoun, Ky) on Green River ca.1784-88, Later Capt. Henry Rhoads moved across Green River into Muhlenberg CoKy where he died. He is prominently mentioned in Rothert's Hist. of Muhlenberg CoKy. About ten years ago I copied an old Rhoads cemetery in Muhlenberg CoKy.

Enclosed is some Jackson family material that I typed up for you. Also some Morgan material. These should at least "point" you in the right direction on your project. If you want, I would be willing to go over to Hartford to do research in the early Ohio CoKy records. But first, to save you time and money, suggest that you write Mr. C.W. Bennett, Paraiso Court, Salinas, Calif. 93901. The early Jacksons in OhioCoKy is one of his main interests and he has done extensive research on them, He retired from his employment severl years ago and is devoting alot of on genealogy. He belongs to our local research club, WCK:FRA. I subscribe to two Ohio County weekly newspapers, and last year I noticed a nice write-up about him in one of thes. It mentioned that he had spent several months doing research in early Ohio County records and was an active booster of the newly formed Ohio County Historical Society. They were having a fund drive to get it started, and Mr. Bennett sent them \$500, which I thought was very "sporting" of him. One of my local friends, Mrs. Pearl Koller, Rt.2, Philpot, Ky has been working on the early Jacksons in DaviessCoKy for quite a while, so I suggested that she write him and start a correspondance with him, as they could probably help each other. She accepted my suggestion, and she seems very inpressed with him. I met Mrs. Koller through the late Mrs. Ermna Dunn Mastin. After your letter came, I called Mrs. Koller and she confirmed my first reaction that your Eliza Jackson Mason belonged to Chris. Jackson-Catherine Rhoads.

Some five or six years years ago I spent a day at Hartford, Ky working on the Moorman-Eidson families for Mrs. Isabel McDaniel of Houston,Texas. I abstracted a long Jackson Heirs deed in Deed Book G, p.169, dtd 5Novl835, because 1 dau md a Moorman and another md an Eidson. Am fairly positive that Eliza & John H. Mason also were listed. This abstract is in my Eidson family file which I can't locate at the present time. Have looked "high and low" for it, but my "batchelor housekeeping" is not the best. You seem pressed for time, so will send what I have without it.

Believe I will charge you ten dollars for the time and effort I have put on your problem so far. Hope this is agreeable to you,

With best wishes.

Sincerely,  
M. J. Edgeworth

Morgan info abstracted for Mrs. Chas. E. Craik by M. J. Edgeworth, Owensboro, Ky.  
Ellen Morgan, bn 22Dec1809 md. 16Apr1833 DaviessCoKy Christopher Jackson Mason dau of:  
Thomas J. Morgan, bn 17Apr1783 Va, (or near Pittsburgh, Pa), d. 17Dec1844 Livia, Ky md.  
1400ct1805 ShelbyCoKy, Margaret (Martha) Phegley, bn NelsonCoKy d. 1Nov1865 (Prob.  
McLeanCoKy, son of John Morgan.

Another source, Mrs. Ruth Dragoo, 2526 Murphy, Joplin, Mo, reported to the Geneal. Clearing House, Box 326, Felton, Calif, that this Thomas Morgan was a son of Abel Morgan & &Susannah O' Donohue, who migrated from near Pittsburgh, Pa to ShelCoKy. That he md. 14Oct1805 ShelbyCoKy Martha Phegley.

Thomas Morgan was a farmer in the Utica-Buck Creek-Livia, Ky area tich is on Ohio-Daviess County line. The county line in this area was changed several times in the early 1800s. Daviess was created in 1815 from OhioCoKy. McLeanCoKy was created in 1854 mostly from Daviess & MuhlenbergCos, with a little from OhioCoKY. Buck Creek and Livia are now in McLeanCoK, but for many years there was a lot of confusion about exactly which county the Buck Creek-Livia area belonged.

In 1818 Thomas Morgan bought 100 acres in the Utica-Green Briar section from Littleton Howard, giving a note. In 1823 Littleton Howard brought suit in Daviess Circuit court to collect on this note.

There is probably a DAR line thru Margaret (Martha) Phegley which could be established, with further research. The late Mrs. Emma aDunn Mastin, DAR #154152 Was Registrar of the local DAR chapter for many years (Gen. Evan Shelby). She had 13 or 14 lines. One of her supplementals was a Phegley line (possible 1st name Wm.), whose dau. Mary Eliz. (Polly) Phegley, bn 1780, md. 1800 ShelbyCoKy Obadiah (Bedy) Ashby, bn 1775, d. ca1828. Obadiah (Bedy) Ashby was a son of AmRev Stephen Ashby, bn ca 1745, d. Dec1830 Caldwell CoKy. Stephen Ashby served in Washington CoPenna militia and migrated to ShelbCoKy, later to Christian & CaldwellCos. Ky. Part of this Ashby family captured by Indians enroute to Ky. Stephen Ashby's wife, Susannah Foot, d, ca1818, was held captive 7 years until released by Wayne's treaty with the Indians.

The late Mrs. Emma Dunn Mastin (1889-1973) was an old & close friend of mine. We worked on many family research projects together. For twenty or more years she was nearly totally blind, due to glaucoma. In the 1940s or 50s, she sent alot of her records to the State DAR headquarters, Duncan Tavern, Paris, Ky. Copies of her Phegley material might be located there.

Please refer to enclosed Morgan family record copied by Mrs. Edgar L, Cox, Rt.1, Utica, Ky, 42376. Mrs. Cox is an editor of our local family research group, the West Central Ky. Family Research Assoc (WCK:FRA). She is also Registrar of her DAB chap, Capt. Wm. Rowan, and another old friend of mine. She may have further Morgan family information. Would you like for me to cheek with her on this?

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## Morgan Cemetery

Source: Kentucky Room Vertical File (KRVF) – “Davies Co., KY: Cemeteries” at the Davies County Public Library, Owensboro, KY. Record Submitted by Mrs. Leaman Tanner. Location: On Leaman Tanner farm at 1865 East Harmon Ferry Road, Utica. From Hwy 431 at Livia about 4 miles toward Maxwell. Two monuments found (Thomas T. & Margaret Morgan):

Margaret, wife of Thomas T. Morgan, died Nov. 1, 1865 aged 72 years

Thomas T. Morgan, born in April 1783, died Dec. 17, 1844 aged 61 years 8 months

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Kentucky Family Records, Vol. 1, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, 1969, pp15-16:

### FAMILY RECORDS OF THOMAS J. MORGAN AND PHILLIP W. WRIGHT

Owned by a descendant, A. M. "Lex" Wright, Onton, Webster Co., Ky. The record framed, hangs on the wall at the Wright residence. Copied by Elizabeth S. Cox- 1967.

THOMAS J. MORGAN, born April 17, 1783 in Va., son of John Morgan, married Margaret Phegley, a native of Nelson Co., Ky.

#### Births of their children:

John Morgan born October 7, 1806  
Sally Morgan born March 8, 1808  
Ellen Morgan born December 22, 1809  
Agnes Morgan born November 5, 1811  
George Washington Morgan born Dec. 1, 1813  
Thomas Phegley Morgan August 4, 1816  
Phocian Morgan born December 5, 1818  
Emilene Moran born November 20, 1820  
William Morgan born April 4, 1822  
Warner Morgan born April 5, 1825  
Frances M, Morgan born January 24, 1827

#### Deaths

##### Parents

Thomas J. Morgan December 17, 1844  
Margaret Morgan November 1, 1865

##### Children

Agnes Little January 3, 1868  
Thomas P. Morgan May 5, 1895  
Emilene Hatfield July 1, 1843  
Frances Robertson Mar. 1, 1910

## Marriages

John Morgan to Mollie Eidson February 10 1834- Daviess Co., Ky.  
Sallie Morgan to Samuel R. Rogers July 1829- Daviess Co.,Ky.  
Ellen Morgan to C. J. Mason April 15,1835- Daviess Co., Ky.  
Agnes Morgan to James T. Little May 31, 1834- Daviess Co., Ky,  
Emilene Morgan to Elijah Hatfield May 29,1837- Ohio Co., Ky.  
Frances M. Morgan to Samuel B. Robertson January 8, 1852- McLean Co.,Ky.  
Thomas P. Morgan to Mrs. Amanda (Brown) Jordan July 18, 1858-McLean Co.Ky.

Amanda, wife of Thomas P. Morgan, born Sept.15, 1834 - died Sept. 20, 1892

## Children of Thomas P. and Amanda Morgan:

Walter H. Morgan born April 20, 1859  
Medorah Loyd Morgan born Oct.27, 1860 - died Dec.19, 1931  
Margaret Wilmuth Morgan born Sept.24.1862 - died Oct.24, 1862  
Victoria E. Morgan born Aug.20, 1864  
Ruth Omera Morgan born Oct.4, 1865  
Lucy A. Morgan born Sept.3, 1868 - died Sept. 14, 1889  
Thomas J. Morgan born Dec.7, 1869  
Henry Alexis Morgan born Aug.16, 1872 - died Jan.31, 1948  
Frances Ermine Morgan born Aug. 4, 1879 - died Feb. 19, 1956

William H. Jordan, son of Amanda Brown and 1st husband, William Jordan, was born August 1, 1855 - died August 2, 1936

## Marriages

Walter H. Morgan married Julia Fallis November 1, 1892  
Medorah Loyd Morgan married Phillip David Wright June 23,1878  
Victoria E. Morgan married Edward E. Hardin November 19,1890  
Ruth Omera Morgan married C. Edward Doulley March 11,1890  
Thomas J. Morgan married Laura D. Morgan June 21, 1893  
Henry Alexis Morgan married Cassie A. McGillery November 28, 1901  
Frances Ermine Morgan married Jacob V. Hilburn September 12, 1895  
William H. Jordan married Virginia Denhardt February 24, 1880

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## Additional notes on children of Thomas J. Morgan & Margaret Phegley by Jerry Long:

- John Morgan in 1850 he was living in Ohio County, KY.
- Sarah Morgan married Samuel Ray Rogers, 18 February 1829 Daviess County, KY; and died in 1855 at Fairfield, Wayne County, IL.
- Ellen Morgan married Christopher Jackson Mason, on her tombstone her birth is inscribed as 25 December 1811; died 4 July 1848 Spencer County, IN, buried Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Spencer County, IN.
- Agnes Morgan, wife of James T. Little, buried Oak Grove Methodist Church, McLean County, KY.

- George Washington Morgan married Martha A. Hayden, 4 September 1837 Daviess County, KY.
- Thomas Phegley Morgan buried Mt. Zion Methodist Church, McLean County, KY.
- Phocian Morgan married Elizabeth W. Pryor (31 August 1822 – 17 June 1866, buried Milton Taylor Cemetery, Ohio County, KY), 22 December 1842 Wilson County, TN and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hood (20 July 1831 – 4 January 1884, buried Old Riverview Cemetery, Morgantown, Butler County, KY), 5 July 1871 Butler County, KY.; ? married Melvina Belcher, 18 December 1884 Butler County, KY; in 1899 he was living Butler County, Ky.; children: Licurgus P. Morgan (26 November 1843 – 20 May 1864), Ferdinand P. Morgan (c1845 – after 1880), Salathiel D. Morgan (25 September 1847 – after 1891), Thomas R. Morgan (22 May 1849 – 19 August 1854), Nancy Ellen Morgan (13 November 1852 – 30 November 1881), Zelma E. Morgan Moore (11 April 1854 – 8 October 1905), John O. Morgan (c1856 – 1883), Quintuss Morgan (16 April 1858 – 5 July 1858) and William B. Morgan (c1859 – after 1870),
- William C. Morgan married Isabella M. Woodward (22 February 1831 – 21 February 1917) circa 1848; died 7 January 1892 Ohio County, KY, buried Greenbrier Baptist Church, Daviess County, KY; they were the parents of Florilla Morgan (2 February 1849 – 22 May 1870), Saffronia Morgan Early (1851 – 1900/1901), Idel Morgan (8 March 1854 – 18 January 1885), Emeline Morgan (16 March 1856 – 6 November 1901), Lucy Morgan Cottrell Hines (5 November 1858 – 10 March 1943), Ashford Woodward Morgan (c1861 – 29 April 1939), Thomas Chester Morgan (25 July 1864 – 18 February 1888) and Warner S. Morgan (14 April 1867 – 6 August 1889).
- Warner S. Morgan married Frances Martin, 22 November 1856 Daviess County, KY; died 24 August 1905; buried New Bethel Methodist Church, Ohio County, KY; on his tombstone his birth date is inscribed as 6 April 1825.
- Frances M. Morgan, wife of Samuel Booker Robertson, buried Mt. Liberty Baptist Church, McLean County, KY.

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1850 Ohio County, Ky. census, #143:

Morgan, William C.	27	m	farmer	Ky.
Isabella	18	f		Ky.
Florilla	1	f		Ky.

1860 Ohio County, Ky. census, Bells District, P.O. Buford, #1208:

Morgan, William C.	38	m	farmer - R.E.\$1120	Ky.
Isabell	28	f		Ky.
Arabella	11	f		Ky.
Seffronia	9	f		Ky.
Irell	6	f		Ky.
Emaline	4	f		Ky.
Lucy	1	f		Ky.

1870 Ohio County, Ky. census, Bells District, P.O. Buford, p.332, #48”

Morgan, William	48	f		Ky.
Isabella	39	f		Ky.

Seffronia	18	f	Ky.
Idel	16	f	Ky.
Emiline	14	f	Ky.
Lucy	11	f	Ky.
Ashford	9	m	Ky.
Thomas	5	m	Ky.
Warner	3	m	Ky.

1880 Ohio County, Ky. census, Buford Precinct, p.669:

#182	Morgan, William C.	51	farmer	Ky.-Va.-Pa
	Isabella M.	48	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Idel	25	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Emaline	24	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Lucy	21	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Ashford	19	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Thomas C.	16	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Warner S.	14	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
#183	Early, Hiram L.	27	laborer	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Saphronia	27	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	Robert M.	8	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
	William	5	son	Ky.-Ky.--Ky.
	Idel	2	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Owensboro Tri-Weekly Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 20 January 1885:  
Della Morgan of Newville died the 18th aged 30.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 19 February 1888:

T. C. Morgan died at his home yesterday near Newville, age 23 and unmarried, buried at Green Briar Church.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 9 January 1892:

"Mr. William Morgan, of Newville, died yesterday morning of lung trouble. He was the father of Mr. Ashford Morgan, of this city, and a most estimable man. He will be buried today near Livia."

1900 Ohio County, Ky. census, p.300, #166-172:

Morgan, Isabell	head	Feb 1831 (69)	widow, 8 children-4living	Ky.-Ky.-Ky. owns farm
Emiline	dau.	Mar1857 (43)	single	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Charles W.	nephew	Nov 1861 (38)	single	Ky.-Ky.--Ky.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 22 February 1917:

Mrs. Isabelle Morgan

"Mrs. Isabelle Morgan, wife of the late William Morgan, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, at her home in the Maxwell neighborhood. Mrs. Morgan had she survived would have celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday today. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Mimes [sic], of Maxwell, and one son, Mr. Ashford Morgan, of this city. A sister, Mrs. Lucy Tanner, of

Heflin, Ky., also survives her. The funeral will be conducted from Green Brier church, at 11 o'clock this morning. Burial will be made in the church cemetery."

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[Note: The death certificate of Isabella Morgan, died 21 February 1917, was recorded in McLean County, Ky. The farm of William & Isabella Morgan was located in Ohio County, Ky., near the village of Newville, whose name was later changed to Maxwell and where the three counties of Ohio, Daviess and McLean intersect. William & Isabella and their family were buried in Daviess County, at the Green Brier Baptist Church, located about two miles west of Maxwell and about nine miles southeast of Owensboro, Ky.]

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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 30 April 1939:

Ashford W. Morgan, 78, died at his home, 718 West 2nd, Saturday. He was survived by three sons, Stanley, of Dayton, Ohio, Crawford & Wilbur, both of Owensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Byron Miller, of Newcastle, Ind., & Miss Oattie Lee Morgan, of Owensboro; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Hines, of Mawxwell, Ky.; and six grandchildren. Burial was at the Green Brier Church.

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On 29 October 1988 Jerry Long interviewed Wilbur A. Morgan, age 84, of Owensboro, Ky. (405 W.9th St., phone 683-4121). He did not remember his dad's birth date. He did have two old family bibles with family information recorded in them, but he has given them to his nieces, who both live out of state. He did not believe that his aunt, Lucy Morgan Hines, had any children.

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Ohio County, Ky. Will Book D, p.317:

Will of WILLIAM C. MORGAN, gives to beloved wife ISABEL N. MORGAN his home tract of land, 130 acres, with all the personal property, after just debts are paid, for her natural life and widowhood. If she marries, then she to have her legal dower. The remaining part of the estate to be 'then divided between his two children, ASHFORD W. MORGAN and EMILINE MORGAN, on condition that they pay to LUCY MORGAN COTTRELL \$100.00. If widow does not marry, the above named division is to take 'place at her death. Gives to daughter SUFFRONIA MORGAN EARLY a tract of land, in Ohio County on waters of Barnetts Creek, and she also is to pay Lucy \$100.00. Appoints son A. W. Morgan as executor. November 18, 1891. James H. Bennett and William Smith, witnesses. Probated February Court 1892.

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Kentucky: A History of the State, J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, (McLean County section):

SAMUEL B. ROBERTSON, a leading farmer of McLean County, was born May 28, 1824, in Nelson County, Ky., and is the seventh of twelve children, seven of whom are now living, born to William N. and Amelia (Overton) Robertson, natives of Nelson and Washington Counties, respectively. His grandparents (Robertson) came from Virginia to Nelson County in a very early day. His grandfather, Overton, was born in Virginia and was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. Samuel B., (the subject) was reared on a farm. He

came with his parents to Daviess County, now McLean, in 1827, and lived with his parents until his marriage on December 24, 1846, to Mary J. Jackson, of McLean County; she was born in Ohio County, and is a daughter of George C. and Sarah (Landrum) Jackson. The fruit of this union is two children: George W., living, and James R., deceased. His wife died November 27, 1849, and he next married, January 8, 1852, Frances M. Morgan, of Daviess County, a daughter of Thomas T. and Margaret (Phegly) Morgan, natives of Virginia and Nelson County, Ky. Thomas T. Morgan was a son of John Morgan, who came from Virginia to Ohio County, Ky., in a very early day, and was killed by Indians about two years after his settlement in the county. Mr. Robertson has had born to him by his second marriage ten children, Mary T. (Bohannon), Horace L., Charles R., Virginia E., Warren K., Albert B., Margaret F. (Short), Susan E., Mizella M., and Edward G. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Baptist Church. After his marriage, Mr. Robertson located where he now resides (in 1846), on 113 acres of land; he at present owns 216 acres in good condition, and with a fine residence on it. He was a justice of the peace for about ten years; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat in politics.