

Michael Nave (1820-1865)

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Michael Nave was born 6 July 1820. In Washington County, Ky. on 18 December 1839 he married Sarah Frances Anderson, was born 6 December 1820. They were both natives of Jessamine County, Ky. Sarah was the daughter of William Anderson & Elizabeth Carleton; her father died in Washington County, Ky. in 1844.

Michael Nave was either a grandson or great-grandson of the immigrant Michael Nave. Michael Nave, the immigrant, according to the book, Kentucky: A History Of The State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885) was born in 1734 in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America about 1755, settled in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1816. The family name had earlier been spelled "Neff". Three of Michael's sons, Leonard, Peter and John Nave in the early years of the nineteenth century settled in Jessamine County, Ky.

Leonard Nave was born in 1768 in Juniata County, Penn. and died in 1842 in Jessamine County, Ky. His children were: John, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Jonathan, Joseph, Margaret and another daughter. Leonard Nave married Elizabeth Miller in Somerset County, Penn. and about 1793 moved to Kentucky. His son, Peter, born 1787, was called Dr. Peter, and in the records of Jessamine County was frequently referred to as Peter Jr. to distinguish him from his uncle "Peter Sr." Michael Nave, son of Leonard and Elizabeth, was born in 1794. about 1815 he moved to Montgomery County, Ohio where he settled near Dayton (note: One of the descendants of Michael, Anna Lou Arnett of 510 Church St., Lynn, Ind. 47355, ran a query in the July 1981 issue of the periodical Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records, Vol.3, #3, p.141, seeking information on the Nave family). Jonathan Nave, son of Leonard and Elizabeth, was born 14 February 1799 and died 21 November 1862 in Jessamine County, Ky., in 1829 he married Miranda Springer.

Peter Nave ("Sr.") was born 6 June 1770 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Gamfern, 4 March 1794 Wythe County, Va. At the time of the 1850 Jessamine County, Ky. census his age was reported as being 80; his wife, Mary, a native of Virginia, was born about 1775. For a number of years he resided in Virginia before moving to Jessamine County, Ky. between 1800 and 1808. He died in Jessamine County, Ky. on 22 September 1860 over 90 years of age. According to the book Kentucky: A History of the State, Battle, Perrin & Kniffin, 1885, his children were: Solomon (born 1795-1800 Va.), Jefferson (born c1808 Ky.), Jacob (born c1816 Ky.), Peter, David (died young), Michael, David G., Sally (Grow, born c1800 Va.), Polly (Lackey), Jemima (Johnson), Rachel (Dean) and Mahala (Ketrans). David G. Nave, son of Peter Sr., was born 24 April 1824 in Jessamine County, Ky. and died 13 April 1878 in Boyle County, Ky.; his wife was Melinda Collier.

John Nave was born prior to 1775. He may be the John Nave who was listed, in the 1800 tax list of Harrison County, Ky. He was listed 'in the 1820 census of Jessamine County, Ky. John Nave disappeared from the records of Jessamine County during the 1820's and either died during this time or moved elsewhere.

Michael Nave of Daviess County, Ky. was born in 1820. In the 1820 and 1821 tax lists of Jessamine County, Ky. six Naves, who were then aged 21, were listed: Peter Jr., Peter Sr., David, Solomon, Jonathan and John Nave. Of these Jonathan and John can be eliminated as the possible father of Michael. Jonathan (son of Leonard) was not married until 1829 and John had no children born after 1810. By 1830 David and Solomon (sons of Peter Sr.) had disappeared from the records of Jessamine County. They could have moved on and if so they would not likely be the father of Michael, who was born and reared in Jessamine County. It is also possible that David or Solomon may have died young in Jessamine County leaving children to be raised by other relatives. However, it appears most probable that Michael was either a son of Dr. Peter (s/o Leonard) or Peter Sr.

For about five years following their marriage Michael & Sarah Nave resided in Jessamine County, Ky. During the 1840's two Michael Naves attained the age of 21 and appeared for the first time in the tax lists of Jessamine County. One was the Michael born in 1820 and the other was born about 1823. The Michael born in 1820 first was listed in 1842. In 1844 the second Michael joined him in the Jessamine County tax list. In the 1844 tax list one Michael was listed as the son of Peter Nave, Sr. and the other, Michael George Nave, was reported to be the son of Dr. Peter Nave. In the 1820 census of Jessamine County, Ky. census there are two Peter Naves one appears to be over 45 and the other ages 26-45.

Several clues suggest that Peter Nave Sr.'s son, Michael, was the Michael born about 1823. If this is true the Michael Nave of Daviess County, Ky., who was born in 1820, may be the son of Dr. Peter Nave (born 1787 Pa.) and if so he would be a great-grandson of the immigrant Michael Nave. Dr. Peter Nave (son of Leonard) was born 12 August 1787 Pa., married Elizabeth Hoover 21 December 1813 Jessamine County, Ky.; and died 12 January 1863 Jessamine County, Ky.

Michael Nave (born 1820) was listed in the 1842, 1843 & 1844 tax lists of Jessamine County. During 1845-1846 he moved his family to Washington County, Ky. He appears in the 1846 thru the 1863 tax lists of Washington County. Michael and Sarah Nave's family were listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Washington County, Ky. the census taker recorded the following:

1850 Washington County, Ky. census, p.147b, #245:

Nave, Michael	30	m	farmer, R,E,\$800	Ky.
Sarah F.	29	f		Ky.
Mary E.	9	f		Ky.
William M.	7	m		Ky.
Martha T.	5	f		Ky.
Richard M.	1	m		Ky.
Anderson, Robert M.	14	m		Ky.

Catherine 18 f Ky.
 (note: the tax lists of Washington County indicate that Michael Nave was the guardian for the Anderson children)

1860 Washington County, Ky. census, p.118, P.O. Mackville, #175:

Nave, Michael	39	m	farmer, R,E.\$1440/P,P,\$494	Ky.
Sarah F.	39	f		Ky.
William M.	16	m		Ky.
Martha T	15	f		Ky.
Richard M.	11	m		Ky.
Luvinia T.	8	f		Ky.
Francis R	6	in		Ky.

While residing in Washington County the tax records indicate that-Michael Nave owned land on Little Beech Creek. Michael Nave last appeared in the tax records of Washington County in 1863. By November of 1864 his family was residing in Daviess County, Ky. When they came to Daviess County another family of Naves were already living in the county. The family of George Nave (born ca1778 Md.) lived in the southeastern part of the county in the Boston Precinct near the town of Whitesville. Michael Nave settled in the southwestern section of the county in the Vanover Precinct in the vicinity of the community of Panther.

About ten weeks before the end of the Civil War Michael Nave died on 27 January 1865 at the age of 44. His wife, Sarah F. survived him by 25 years and died on 21 February 1890 at the age of 69. They were buried in the cemetery at the Glenville Methodist Church in Daviess County, Ky. The church is no longer standing but was located on the west side of Highway 81 (Owensboro - Calhoun Road), opposite the Glenville Baptist Church on the east side. Both the Glenville Baptist & Methodist Cemeteries were also called the Union Hill Cemetery.

The following listings for members of Michael and Sarah Nave's family appeared in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Daviess County:

1870 Daviess County, Ky. census:

Murray Precinct, P.O. Owensboro, p.236, #189

Nave, Richard M,	21	m		Ky.
Mary	17	f		Ky.
Sarah E.	3/12	f		Ky.

Vánover Precinct, P.O. West Louisville, p.346, #178
 in household of George & Margaret Ririck

Nave, William M.	27	m		Ky.
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Vanover Precinct, P.O. West Louisville, p.347, #187

Nave, Sarah F.	49	f		Ky.
Robert	16	m		Ky.

1880 Daviess County, Ky. census:

Murray Precinct, p.17, #154

Nave, Sarah	58	f		Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
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Robert	27	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Richard	32	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Vanover Precinct, p.29, #6			
Nave, William	37	m	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

The children of Michael and Sarah F. Nave were: Mary E., William M, Martha Thomas, Richard M., Louvinea T. (? Trivenie), and Robert Francis. Mary E. Nave was born 25 June 1841 Jessamine County, Ky. She listed as being 9 years old in the 1850 census of Washington County, Ky. She was not living with her parents at the time of the 1860 Washington County census. She married James D. Dean, 23 September 1856 Washington County, Ky. She died 7 June 1912 Dallas, TX and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She was survived by two brothers and two sisters. The 1910 census reported she was the mother of five children all of whom were then deceased.

William M. Nave was born 4 November 1842 in Jessamine County, Ky. He was known by the nickname of 'Bud'. He never married. He worked as a fisherman and lived in a houseboat, In Daviess County, Ky. on 31 December 1922 he died and was buried with his parents at the. Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery.

Martha Thomas ('Marthy') Nave was born 15 January 1845 in Jessamine County, Ky. In Daviess County, Ky. she married James K. Burdett on 10 November 1864, They were married at the residence of Michael Nave. On her marriage bond she reported that she was born in Jessamine County, Ky. They resided in the Vanover Precinct in Daviess County. Following her husband's death in 1881 she was married to William Timberlin in Owensboro, Ky. on 15 March 1888. Martha Nave Burdette died on 5 April 1931 at the home of her daughter, Laura Gabe, in Henderson, Henderson County, Ky. She was buried at the Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery in Daviess County beside her husband, James K. Burdette. James K. and Martha T. Nave Burdette had seven children: Forrest Lee, Lillie Martha, Edward C., Laura, Mary S., Cora Blanche and Martha Jane Bettie. Forrest Lee married Victorena Conrad, Lillie Martha married William David Ralph, Edward died at the age of 15. Laura married Pat Gabe, Mary married Tell Sherman Conrad and Bettie married Tell S. Conrad following the death other sister Mary.

Richard M. ('Dick') Nave was born 21 February 1849 in Washington County, Ky. His obituary stated he moved to Daviess County when he was 12 years old. He married twice. He married first Mary B. York in Daviess County, Ky. on 30 May 1869. She was born about 1853 in Ky. In Daviess County, Ky. he married second Mrs. Mary Jane (Wilson) Embry Embry on 10 September 1891. For a number of years he ran a grocery store at Tuck, on Highway 554 in Daviess County. In later years he resided in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., where he died at his home at 403 E. 20th St. on 20 July 1926. He was 77 years old and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro. His second wife, Mary J., was also buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery, she was born 28 October 1852 and died 15 August 1920. Richard M. Nave had one daughter, Elizabeth, by his first wife, and no children by his second marriage, Elizabeth Nave married a Rauleu and when her father died she was living in Evansville, Indiana.

Louvinea (or Lavinia) T. Nave was born 31 April 1851 in Washington County, Ky. On her marriage bond in Daviess County, Ky. and in the book, History of Daviess County,

Kentucky, it was recorded that she was born in Washington County, Ky. She married Pious Hamilton Burdette 13 November 1866 at the home of her mother in Daviess County, Ky. A native of Bullitt County, Ky. he was a brother of James K. Burdett who had married Louvinea's sister, Martha. The families of Pious H. Burdette and James K. Burdette resided on adjoining farms along the north edge of the Vanover Precinct in Daviess County, near Highway 554 and the community of Tuck, and about three miles west of Mrs. Sarah F. Naves' residence near Pettit.

In the 1883 History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing, Co., Chicago, p.838) the following biography Of Pious H. Burdette was published:

P. H. Burdett was born in Bullitt County, Ky., January 16, 1842, and came to Daviess County when sixteen years of age. He rented land and farmed until 1867, when he bought sixty-eight acres in Vanover Precinct. November 13, 1876 (sic - should be 1866), he married Lavinia Nave, a native of Washington County, Ky., born May 31, 1851. They have three children - Wordam, Elvora and Iora. Mr. Burdett has his life insured in the Louisville Life Insurance Company for \$2,000. He is: one of Daviess County's most enterprising farmers.

Louvinea Nave Burdette died at the age of 72 at her home near Tuck on 2 May 1923. Pious H. Burdette died 22 May 1922. She and her husband were buried at the Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery in Daviess County, Ky.

Nine children were born to Pious H. and Louvinea T. Nave Burdette, they were: Samuel (died at age of 1), Payton H. (died at age of 4 months), Mary E. (died at age of 20 months), Wordam Sterling, Alvora B., Violey F. (died at the age of 14 months), Iora, Pious Woodford and Tilford Grover. Wordam S. married Ruth Katie Veach, Alvora never married, Iora married William Albert ('Bob') Brown, Pious W. married Lula Read Fulkerson and Iva L. (Pittman) Richardson, and Tilford G. married Anna Myrtle Hutchason and Mildred Catherine (Faith) Hutchason.

Robert Francis ('R. F.') Nave was born 21 August. 1853 in Washington County, Ky. He married first Lucy H. Jarboe on 22 September 1881 in Daviess County, Ky. She was the daughter of Edwin R. and Caroline Jarboe, who were neighbors of Mrs. Sarah F. Nave near Pettit. R. F. Nave married second Nannie Veach on 14 October 1890 in Daviess County, Ky. He resided at Pettit in Daviess County, where he served as postmaster. He died 24 November 1895 at the age of 42 and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. His widow, Nannie, on 4 March 1897 married Jordan Cummings Chism in Daviess County, Ky. Robert F. Nave had one child by each of his marriages, Both were living, in 1895, His son, Frank Dean Nave, born to him and his second wife, Nannie Veach, was born in September 1892 and in 1900 was living in Daviess County, Ky. in the home of his mother and stepfather and died 4 October 1952 Daviess County, Ky. The following obituary was published in the Owensboro newspaper following the death of Robert F. Nave:

Owensboro Daily Inquirer, Monday, 25 November 1895 p.1:

Death of Mr. R. F. Nave

Mr. R. F. Nave, the postmaster at Petit, died of typhoid fever at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral services took place at the family residence, at 11 o'clock today, and were conducted by Rev. Cashman, interment at Elmwood at 3 o'clock today. Mr. Nave was 42 years old, and leaves a wife and two children. He was well known and highly respected citizen, a consistent member of the Methodist church and his death is deplored.

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Kentucky: A History of the State, J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 5th ed., 1887, Jessamine County section:

MICHAEL NAVE (or NEFF) was born in 1734 in Wurtemberg, Germany, and immigrated to this country about 1755, settled in Juniata County, Penn., and died in 1816. His son, Leonard Nave, was born in Juniata County, Penn., in 1768, and removed to Estill County, Ky., about 1790. He was a blacksmith by trade, and subsequently carried on the business in Lexington. He had two sons: Dr. Peter Nave and Jonathan Nave. Later in life Leonard removed to Jessamine and lived with his son Dr. Peter Nave, and was engaged in business at that place. He died in 1842 at the home of his son, Peter. Leonard had four sons: John, Dr. Peter, Michael (who settled in the neighborhood of Dayton) and Jonathan; four daughters: Mrs. Corman (of Jessamine County, Ky.), Mrs. Peter Hoover (of Jessamine County, Ky.), Mrs. John Dickerson (of Indiana) and Elizabeth Woodward. Jonathan Nave was born February 14, 1799, and was also a blacksmith. He settled in Jessamine County, about two miles from Nicholasville on the Lexington Pike. He purchased a farm where his son Jacob A. Nave now resides, engaged in the business of blacksmithing and continued in the business until about twelve years before his death, November 21, 1862. In 1829 he married Miranda Springer, of Kentucky, who was born in 1803 and died October 1, 1882. They had seven children: John L. Nave, who now resided in Pulaski County, was the first child. Jacob A. Nave, the second child, was born in 1832, and was reared on the old homestead where he still resides. At the death of his father he entered into partnership with his mother in managing the farm until her death, in 1882, when his brother James associated himself with him, and they are now engaged in working two farms, which contain 325 acres, and they are also extensively engaged in raising stock of various kinds, paying special attention to Shorthorn stock. He is a progressive man, and a gentlemen of genial manners. Huldah J. Nave, the third child, was born August 16, 1833, was reared on the homestead, and, November 23, 1854, married Samuel H. Arnett, a native of Jessamine County, who died September 16, 1869. By this marriage Mrs. Arnett had four children: Millard F., Maggie (Mrs. William Lowen), Samuel and Virginia. Mrs. Arnett resides upon her farm containing 100 acres, which adjoins her brother Jacob's, and which is managed by her son, Millard F. Amanda M. Nave, the fourth child, married Merritt S. Barkley, resides in Sherman, Tex., and has three living children: John, Charles and Miranda. James M. Nave was the fifth child, born January 30, 1837, on the homestead. He has always been engaged in farming and is now associated with his brother, Jacob A., and resides upon one of the farms owned by himself and brother, situated about a half miles west of his brother's residence. He was married, May 4, 1875, to Miss Judith Rice, daughter of Squire James Rice, of Madison County, Ky. She died August 13, 1877, and October 7, 1879, he married Miss Nannie Randolph, daughter of Moses Randolph of Fayette County. She died October 16, 1881. James M. Nave is a member of the Christian Church. Michael H. Nave, the sixth child, was born March 20, 1839. He was reared

on the old homestead and in 1872, purchased his present home, containing 375 acres, which is located about one mile and a half east of the homestead. He was married, in 1869, to Miss Mattie Harbaugh, of Jessamine County. He has six living children: Jesse B., Ida M., Moses L., Sallie B., Jennie June and William Harvey. Virginia Nave, the seventh child, was born July 3, 1842, and married Robert Duncan in 1864. To this union have been born five children: Maggie F., Robert J., Elizabeth H., Miranda S. and Mary Emma. The grandfather, Jacob Springer, was of Swedish descent and a native of Maryland. He came to Jessamine County about 1790 and died June 21, 1852. His mother was Christina Anderson, a native of Delaware. His wife was Sophy Rice of Jessamine County.