

Lorenzo D. Overall (c1836-1868)

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Lorenzo D. Overall was born about 1836 in Tennessee. He was reported as having been born in Tennessee on the 1860 Daviess County, Ky. census, on a Daviess County, Ky. birth record of a daughter born in 1861, and in the listing for his son, William A. Overall, in the 1880 Daviess County, Ky. census. He was probably named in honor of the noted pioneer minister, Lorenzo Dow. In several records his name appeared as L. D. Overall.

In the 1860 Daviess County, Ky. census Lorenzo Overall was living the Vanover Precinct area, his age was listed as 24 and as having been born in Tennessee. In the 1850 Daviess County census a Ranzley Overall, age 14, born Tenn., was listed in the same vicinity; he was shown as residing with the family of Henry Vanover, for whom the Vanover Precinct was named. No other Overalls were shown in the 1850 Daviess County census, or in the 1820, 1830 or 1840 censuses of the same place. The age, place of birth, the residence of this boy in 1850 suggests it may be Lorenzo D. Overall. Also in 1850 in the household immediately after the home in which Ranzley Overall was listed, was Spicy Vanover, the future wife of Lorenzo D. Overall. If the two are the same, Lorenzo D. Overall, may have been raised by Henry Vanover and accompanied him from Tennessee to Daviess County, Ky. when Henry Vanover & his family made the trip in 1844.

According to his tombstone at the Old Brushy Fork Baptist Church Cemetery in Daviess County and an obituary in the Owensboro, Ky. newspaper Henry Vanover was born 30 August 1806 in Botetourt County, Va. Shortly after his birth his family moved to Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Ky. He later lived in Tennessee (there by 1826) for a number of years before moving to Daviess County, Ky. in 1844. Although in his 50's he served in the Union Army (17th Ky. Infantry) during the Civil War. He died in the Vanover Precinct of Daviess County on 15 May 1880. He was survived by 9 children, all by his first wife, Abigail (married ca 1825); in Daviess County he married second Mrs. Martha C. Merrell on 27 September 1864. Henry Vanover was enumerated in the 1830 census of Smith County, Tenn., also living in the same county at the time was an Abraham Overall (born 1770-1780). In the 1820 census of Smith County, Tenn, were listed two Overall households, that of Abram & Elizabeth.

Lorenzo D. Overall may be related to the family of Baxter Davis & Mary Edmundson Webb, early pioneers of Daviess County, Ky. Two of the daughters of this couple married Overall men. Amelia Hopkins Davis married Nathaniel Nace Overall on 17 September 1818 and Rachael Webb Davis married James G. Overall on 26 October 1837, both marriages were recorded in Daviess County, Ky. but neither couple continued to reside there. Nathaniel Nace Overall following his marriage resided in Rutherford County, Ten. In the 1820 census of Rutherford County, Tenn. Nathaniel along with Isaac, Jacob, John, John & Robert Overall were

listed. In the 1830 census of the same county Nathan, Abram, Nace, Robert & Isaac H. Overall were listed as heads of households. A son of Nathaniel Nace Overall & Amelia H. Davis, was probably Baxter Davis Overall, who married Martha A. Kerby in Rutherford County, Tenn. in 1842. About 5 miles west of Murfreesboro, Tenn., the county seat of Rutherford County, on Highway 99, is located the small town of "Overall", Tenn. Baxter Davis was born in Virginia 3 November 1773, he and his wife, Mary Edmundson Webb, came from North Carolina to Daviess County, Ky. about 1804-1809. Baxter Davis died in Daviess County on 11 October 1839. His father, W. Baxter Davis was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., married Amelia Hopkins before 1765 in Albemarle County, Va. and moved to Henderson County, Ky. about 1800, where he died in 1823.

In Daviess County, Ky. on 11 October 1853 Lorenzo D. Overall married Spicy Malinda Vanover. Their marriage was recorded in Daviess County marriage books A-page 257 & B-page 135, the first was a record of the minister's return & the latter was the marriage bond. The couple's names were recorded as Lorenzo Overall & Miss S. Malinda Vanover. Their bond & license was issued on 7 October and according to a marriage return by Rev. William Hendrix, a Baptist minister, they were married on 11 October. In Book A- page 257 the following was recorded: "This is to certify that on the 11th day of October 1853 the rite of marriage were legally solemnized by me between Lorenzo Overall and Miss S. Malinda Vanover at the house of Jas. Vanover in the county of Daviess in the presence of Allen Crabtree & Enoch Johnston;" (signed by) Elder Wm. Hendrix.

Spicy Malinda Vanover was born about 1836 in either Kentucky or Tennessee, both states are given in various records as the place of her birth. Kentucky was reported in the 1850 & 1880 Daviess County, Ky. censuses following her name; on the Daviess County marriage of her daughter, Malinda, in 1871; & in the listing for her son, William Overall, in the 1880 Daviess County census. Tennessee was given as her birth place: on the 1860 Daviess County census following her name, and on an 1861 Daviess County birth record of a daughter. She was the daughter of Thomas Vanover, who was born about 1800 in Virginia; she was probably a niece of the Henry Vanover mentioned earlier. In Daviess County, Ky. on 14 October 1850 Henry Vanover was appointed the administrator of the estate of Thomas Vanover, deceased. Thomas, Henry, Samuel, James & William Vanover; who appear in the early Daviess County, Ky. records, were probably sons of Henry Vanover, Sr., who was born about 1775 in Virginia and was listed in the 1850 census of Daviess County, Ky. Spicy Vanover, aged 16, was shown in the home of Thomas Vanover, a millwright (age 49) in the 1850 Daviess County census.

In 1860 the family of Lorenzo Overall was the only Overall family enumerated in the Daviess County, Ky. census, his household was listed as follows:

<u>1860 Daviess County, Ky. census</u>			
#469	Overall, Lorenzo	24	m Tenn.

Spicy	24	f	Tenn.
William	6	m	Ky.
Malinda	4	m	Ky.
James	2	m	Ky.

Lorenzo D. Overall died in 1868. On 12 October 1868 Spicy Malinda Overall was appointed administratrix of his estate, recorded in Daviess County, Ky. administrator bond book 5 page 55 (her name appeared as S. M. Overall, the fact that the word administratrix was used indicates it was a woman, security on the bond was by Henry Vanover). Lorenzo Overall left no will and no deeds by him appear in the Daviess County deed books. On 3 November 1866 S. V. Overall was appointed administrator of George W. Vanover, dec'd (Daviess County order book H page 309), this may have been Spicy Vanover Overall and the George W. Vanover may have been her younger brother, George, listed as age 4 in the 1850 Daviess County census.

In the 1870 Daviess County census no Overalls were listed. Mrs. Spicy Malinda Overall & her children may have been missed by the census taker, in 1868 they were in Daviess County and when her daughter, Malinda, married in Daviess County in 1871, it was recorded that she resided in Daviess County.

Between 1871-1880 Mrs. Spicy M. Overall married Levi D. Minton on 24 December 1873 in Henderson County, Ky. In the 1880 Daviess County census she was listed as Spicer Minton, immediately following the household of her son, William Overall; and when her daughter, Matilda Overall, married in 1884 the bride's mother "Spicy M. Minton" signed her consent for the marriage. Spicy M. Minton married a third time on 26 April 1884 (marriage book S, p.385). She and Thomas Jefferson Vanover were married at the Daviess County Courthouse in Owensboro, My. by E. G. Adams, a justice of the peace. Bond on their marriage was by her son, James Isiah Overall. The only Overall family listed in the 1880 Daviess County census was that of William Overall, a son of Lorenzo & Spicy; his household & that of his mother was listed as follows:

1880 Daviess County, My. census, Vanover Precinct, page 18

#11	In household of John & Mary Brown:			
	Minton, Levy	65	farm laborer	S.C.-S.C.-S.C.
#12	Overall, William	25	farmer	Ky.- Tn.- Ky.
	Magie	20	wife	Ky.- Ky.- Ky.
	Elmore	2	son	Ky.- Ky.- Ky.
	Stanley	3/12 Feb.	son	Ky.- Ky.- Ky.
#13	Minton, Spicer	47	mother	Ky.- Tn.- Ky.
	Matilda	13	daughter	Ky.- Ky.- Ky.
	Levy	3	son	Ky.- Ky.- Ky.

Lorenzo D. Overall & Spicy Malinda Vanover had at least five children: William Asbury, Malina, James Isiah, Mollie (? Sally Mary) & Matilda. Spicy by her second marriage to Levi Minton had a son, Levy Minton (born c1876).

William Asbury Overall was born 12 September 1854 Daviess County, Ky. On 6 February 1877 he married Margaret C. Bivens. With their marriage record, Daviess County marriage book O page 370, the following consent note was filed: "Owensboro, Daviess Co. Ky., Mr. County Clerk please grant William A. Overall licens to marry my daughter Maggie Bivens this February the 5th 1877', signed James S. Bivens & witnessed by Robert Wall. Margaret C. Bivens, the daughter of James S. ("Robert") Bivens & Elizabeth ("Bettie") Crabtree, was born 18 June 1859, Daviess County, Ky. Her father had served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. William & Maggie Overall were listed in the 1880 census of Daviess County.

William A. Overall purchased 25 acres from H. W. Scott on 2 October 1882 (Daviess County deed book 41, p.26) and on 20 July 1885 he bought another 25 acres from Beverly Childress. The two tracts adjoined and were located about 13 miles southwest of Owensboro, My., little south of the present site of the Windy Hollow Lake, Miller's Lake, the Windy Hollow Road, & the Mt. Zion Church, in the Vanover Precinct. The two tracts had been part of an 186 acre tract shown as being owned by Beverly Childers on a plat map of the Vanover Precinct in the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. Childers had sold the first tract of 25 acres to Scott in 1880. The 50 acres was the eastern part of the Childress tract, and on the east it was bounded by the farm of James S. Bivens, father-in-law of William A. Overall. On 21 October 1890 W. A. Overall & his wife Maggie sold the two 25 acre tracts to John L. Goodwin (Daviess County deed book 53, p.528). In the deed it was stated they were to give possession of the land on 25 December 1890. About this time William A. Overall & his family moved from Daviess County. William A. Overall died at the age of 86 on 21 May 1941 at Lake City, Arkansas. His wife, Maggie Bivens, died at the age of 82 on 3 April 1942. Both were buried at the Woods Chapel Cemetery, Lake City, Craighead County, Arkansas.

Malinda Overall was born about 1856 in Daviess County, Ky.; in the 1860 Daviess County census she was listed as being age 4. In Daviess County she married W. J. Baker on 12 October 1871 (marriage book L, p.67). According to her marriage record she was married at the widow Overall's; the groom was age 23, resided Daviess County, born in Illinois, his parents born Tenn.; and the bride was age 16, resided Daviess County, she & her parents were born Ky. W. J. or Malinda Baker were not found in the 1880 census of Daviess County, Ky.

James Isiah Overall according to the Daviess County, Ky. vital statistics of 1852-1861, was born in February 1859 in Daviess County. His parents on this record were listed as L. D. Overall & S. Vanover. James I. Overall married three times in Daviess County, Ky. He married first Bettie Simmons 2 May 1878 (marriage book P, p.226) second Frances (Fannie) Crabtree 5 March 1882, & third Mrs. Ellinora (Bivens) Pinkston 27 January 1889 (marriage book R1, p.599). His second wife, Fannie Crabtree, born about 1866, was the daughter of George Washington Crabtree & Nancy Cansadia Vanover. Mrs. Fannie Overall, wife of James I., died on 18 January 1888 in the Vanover Precinct of Daviess County, Ky. James Overall's third wife, Ellinora ("Nora") Bivens, born about 1863, was the daughter of Mrs. Adaline Bivens. Nora Bivens married first John A. Pinkston 1 August 1877 in Daviess County (marriage book O,

p.564). Mrs. Nora Overall was married for the third time when she married William Schaney on 27 October 1892 (Daviness County marriage book 2 p.203). James Isiah Overall had either died between 23 August 1892 & his wife's remarriage on 27 October 1892 or they had been separated. No estate or administrator records for him were found in the Daviness County records; he may possibly have left Daviness County as most of his family had.

On 23 August 1892 J. I. Overall made a motion to the Daviness County court that his son, Elmer Overall a minor under the age of 14, should be placed under the guardianship of George W. Vanover, which was so ordered (Daviness County order book Q, p.41). James I. Overall & his second wife, Fannie Crabtree, had a daughter, Alma Overall, born in October 1885, who at the time of the 1900 Daviness County census was living with her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy C. Bivens; Alma was the only Overall listed in the 1900 Daviness census. Alma's grandparents were George Washington Crabtree & Nancy Cansadia Vanover. George W. Crabtree (28 February 1828 - 8 August 1877, has a monument in the old Brushy Fork Baptist Church Cemetery in the Vanover Precinct of Daviness County, Ky. Many of the Vanover, Crabtree & Bivens families were buried in this old cemetery, no Overall monuments were listed in a published listing of the cemetery. Nancy Cansadia Vanover, was born in Tenn., in April 1841 to the marriage of Samuel & Rebecca Vanover, she married George W. Crabtree in Daviness County, Ky. on 1 August 1857 and married second James S. Bivens 4 September 1890 in Daviness County (marriage book Y, p.235). She was listed as a widow in the 1900 Daviness County census (Vanover Precinct, p. 261, #80), she died following 1902. Alma Overall married S. M. Jennings on 5 March 1902 "at the widow Bivens" in Daviness County (marriage book 10, p.356).

Mollie Overall was born 1860-1866 in Daviness County, Ky. Part of her name may have been Sarah, in the Daviness County vital statistics of 1852-1861 a birth record of a Sarah Overall was recorded. In this record Sarah Overall, the daughter of L. D. Overall (born Tenn.) & Spicy Vanover (born Tenn.), was shown as having been born in February 1861 in Daviness County. In Daviness County marriage book Q, p.192 a marriage bond was executed for Nicholas Brown & Mollie Overall, in this record no marriage return was recorded, in some cases this was because the couple applied for their marriage in one county but were married in another county, also it may be that the marriage was never finalized. Nicholas or Mollie Brown (or Overall) were not found in the 1880 Daviness County, Ky. census.

Matilda Overall was born about 1867 in Daviness County, Ky. In the 1880 Daviness County census Matilda, age 13, was listed with her mother, Mrs. Spicy Minton. In Daviness County on 28 February 1884 she married Charles Coakley (marriage book S, p.335). With their marriage record was found the following consent slip: "This is to surfy that i orda the Co. cleark to ishure marg. lisen for Matilda Overall and Charley Cokley too marry", signed by Spicy M. Minton her mother, witnessed by M. S. & J. R. Williams.

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Dear Ms. Koehr:

Enclosed is my research report on the Overall family. I went a little over the five hours of research you requested but I will charge for 5 hours of research time plus my copying expenses, which equals a total of \$25.00. Would you please send what information you have about your grandparents, William Asbury Overall & Margaret C. Bivens (their birthdates, residences, death dates, places of death, & cemetery were buried)? I would like to add this to my notes on the Overall family. I believe the possible connection to the Baxter Davis family & to the Overalls of Rutherford County, Tenn., referred to in the report, should be investigated further in your future research. Here in Owensboro we have few Tennessee records and thus, unless I travel to a larger research center, I would be unable to learn more about the Tennessee background of the Overalls. If you would like I could try to find more out about your Bivens & Vanover ancestors here in Daviess County, Ky.

Thank you for contacting me. Good Luck in your research.

Yours truly,
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