

Meredith Purcell

(c1825-after 1880)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1995-1996

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Dear Sir:

My wife Laura and I met you while doing some research in the Kentucky Room at the Library where you are employed. At that time you indicated that you would help with any additional info I might require for a fee of \$5 per hour. I am hopeful that you are still interested and have included a short list of things that I am in need of and I think you will be able to provide. Please include a photocopy of the obit or book page when able.

I have included a first hour deposit with an additional \$2 for photocopies.

In Addition I am sending a death certificate for my great grandfather John Purcell. On this certificate his son Allison states that a Meridith Purcell from Jefferson Co. would be my great grandfather. The problem is that I cannot find a Meridith on any 1840, 1850 or 1860 census in Jefferson Co; or any other Co. in Ky. I did however find a Meridith on a 1880 soundex census of Barren Co. Ky. This Meridith, age 55, was of the right age but had apparently remarried a younger woman, Mary age 5, who has children with the last name of Hare. Quite frankly I do not know how to proceed from here and would appreciate any help you could provide.

Sincerely,
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1 July 1995

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Dear Mr. Purcell:

Enclosed are copies of the 5 marriages you requested and 5 of the 6 obituaries on your list. No obit was published for Nellie H. Basham in the Owensboro Messenger. According to the Kentucky Death Index 1911-1986 she died on 6 July 1922 in Daviess County at the age of 29 and in a listing of the Providence Methodist Church, near Philpot, in Daviess County, appears "Nellie H. Basham, b. 1892, d. 1922".

On your list of births I found three of them so far and a possible source for 7 of the others. Ozetta Morris was born 22 December 1927 in Hancock County, KY, the Kentucky Register of Births 1911-1969 lists her mother's maiden name as Rose Ethel McBrayer - the father's name is not listed in this index for Kentucky's birth certificates. Hubert Greenlee is a second cousin to my father and in 1982 I talked to his widow, Pearl. She said that her husband was born in Ohio County, KY near Clear Run on 9 August 1918 to Elisha L. Greenlee & Mary Alice Travis (her mother was a Long), he died in Owensboro on 4 November 1979 and was buried at the Providence Methodist Church in Daviess County, KY. Hubert Greenlee married Pearl Harris Purcell in Owensboro on 12 November 1942, their daughter, Brenda J. was born in Daviess County on 2 January 1947.

The births of Ettie Baughn Purcell and her children I did not currently get because I had already went over the 1 hour of research time you requested. Their births were not readily available from the Kentucky Register of Births - they did not start to continuously record births in Kentucky until 1911. They were born prior to this. However, enclosed is an obituary for Emmett Purcell, who died 24 January 1995, and his obituary lists several survivors from whom the data may be obtained. He has a brother, Rex Purcell, who lives at 1224 W. 11th St., Owensboro, KY 42301 (phone 502-683-3292) and Emmett Purcell's widow, Claudia's phone is 502-729-4531. If you would like I can call them and see what they know.

I attempted to locate the court action involving Allison Purcell and Samuel Basham, 1931 #15365. It does not appear in the Daviess County Circuit Court suits - the case files for the period of 1931 are in the number sequence of 3800. Where did you obtain this number and reference?

Bye for now and thank you for your patronage.

Yours truly,
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7-10-95

Dear Mr. Long:

I was delighted to hear from you and happy that you can help with my research I did not mean to restrain you by only sending the five dollars, that was simply a good faith deposit.

Please continue in your endeavors on my behalf and bill me for your time If this method is not satisfactory please let me know how you wish to handle it.

I have one new name to add for a birth date Ann Lee Purcell for whom I estimate a date in 1913 from her marriage license mothers name Lillie V Basham.

I would like for you to make the initial calls to Rex Purcell and Claudia Purcell mentioned in your letter. If you then think I should make a follow up call let me know.

As to the court action involving Allison Purcell the number you may require (4310) is in the margin of the property deed that I have sent hope this helps.

Also I was hoping that you would have mentioned something on my Meredith Purcell problem Please keep him in mind as I have hit a blank wall on his origins.

Thank you,
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I need obituaries for

Sam Lewis Purcell d:5-8-1990 in a car accident (may be separate news story also)
Frank Purcell d:10-7-1979
Nellie H. Basham d ?-?-1922
James Ford d:9-10-1917
Eliza J. Ford d:12-13-1929
Samuel James Basham d:8-10-1982

I need birthdates for

Hubert Greenlee b: 1918 Ohio Co, D: 11-4-79 Daviess Co, also his child
Brenda Greenlee Daviess Co
Mary Hoheimerb 1896, md 10-11-16
Ettie Baughn b:3-1878 d:5-18-54, md 7-21-1898
Ozetta Morris b: 1928 Hancock Co
Children of Allison Purcell and Ettie Baughn
Lucille Purcell
Katie Purcell b:9-1899
Emmett Purcell b:1902
Earnest Purcell b: 1906
Irene Purcell b: 1909
Rex Purcell b: 1910

I need copy of marriage license for

David Lewis Purcell & Antonia Victoria Philips book 138 pg 241, 1968
Earnest Purcell & Julia Barnett book 59 pg 22, 1926

Allison Purcell & Dora Lee Tucker book 121 pgl00, 1960
Maritine Purcell & Ernie Davis book 92 pg 215, 1939
Pearl h. Purcell & Hubert Greenlee book 97 pg 71, 1942

Also there was a court action between Allison Purcell and Samuel Basham in October of 1931 #15365. Could you obtain a copy of this action?

This will be all for now. Please send bill for additional hours and cost of photocopies

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20 July 1995

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Dear Mr. Purcell:

Enclosed are copies (19 pages) of the file of Daviess County, KY Circuit Court suit #3727, Allison Pursell et al vs. Samuel Basham, et al. It took about an hour of searching before I found it. I checked the Register of Kentucky Births 1911-1969 and did not find Ann Lee Purcell (born ca 1913, mother Lillie V. Basham) listed.

Concerning the family of Allison & Ettie (Baughn) Purcell I called Mrs. Emmett (Claudia) Purcell and Mrs. Rex (Agnes) Purcell, both of Owensboro. The husband of the latter is hard of hearing and I did not talk to him directly. I spoke to his wife, Agnes, twice, and she was very helpful. In between our conversations she spoke both to her husband and his sister, Lena Purcell Cox, of Henderson, KY. They knew of no bible or written records on the family and could not remember the birthdates of their other siblings. I, however, checked several other sources and was able to fill in several additional dates. Enclosed is a family group sheet showing what I found on Allison & Ettie's family. I regret not asking how you would be related to them. The family members I spoke to asked how you were all related but I could not tell them. Which of the children of John A. Purcell & Julia Ann Ford do you descend from? For that child do you have a family group sheet you could share with me?

While checking for data on Allison Purcell's family I also tried to fill in what I could on his parents' family. Enclosed is a family group chart for John A. & Julia A. Purcell. I filled it out in hopes of locating some other clues on John A. Purcell's place of birth and also on the chance that I might come up with something that you did not yet have. If you can make any corrections or additions to this I would appreciate having them.

I have some good news! I located John A. Purcell with his father, Meredith, in 1860 & 1870. Meredith Purcell was born about 1825 in Kentucky. He is listed in the 1860 census of Wayne County, KY (p383) and in the 1870 census of Metcalfe County, KY (p21), copies of the original listings are enclosed. I am certain that he is the same Meredith that you found in the 1880 Barren County, KY census (would you please send the page #) - his age matches perfectly and Metcalfe and Barren are adjoining counties. By 1858 Meredith married Parthena Neal. In some birth records recorded for Wayne County, KY during 1852-1861 it is listed that Mary Erman Percell was born on Beaver Creek in Wayne County on 28 March 1858 to Meredith Percell & Parthena Neal. Parthena was born in Tennessee about 1825. She appears to have died between 1870-1880 and her husband married Mrs. Mary Hare.

The 1860 & 1870 censuses suggest that John A. Purcell was born in 1851 or 1852 and not in 1849 as recorded in later sources. I have found when birth years vary from one record to another that generally the older records are more accurate. I found no proof of John A.'s mother. The marriage(s) of Meredith Purcell need to be located. I checked published listings for the following Kentucky counties: Jefferson, Bullitt, Wayne, Nelson, Hardin, Washington, Daviess & Ohio and found no Meredith listed. We have a six volume set of Tennessee marriages and no Meredith appears in those. Since his wife, Parthena, was born in Tennessee it would appear likely that he would have married somewhere in the neighborhood of the Kentucky-Tennessee state line - the three counties where Meredith is known to have resided where all in this southern Kentucky region. The ages of the children in Meredith's home in 1860 suggest he may have first married about 1843. In the published indexes to the 1850 censuses of KY & TN I could locate no Meredith Purcell under any spelling of the name. From this and an additional index to the 1850 Jefferson County, KY census I checked all Purcells listed and found no one that could have been Meredith. Our Jefferson County, KY tax lists go up only to 1840 and thus I could not use this source to see if a Meredith Purcell was living there circa 1850. There is also a Jefferson County, TN - it is possible this is what Allison Purcell intended to report on his father's death certificate?

In the 1870 Metcalfe County, KY census Meredith Purcell is listed by the initials of "M. W." It is possible that part of his name was William., I checked the 1868-1875 annual tax lists of Metcalfe County and found only a William Purcell, who showed up in 1873 & 1874, he owned no land.

At least one of the brothers of John A. Purcell may have also located in Daviess County, KY. In the 1860 census a William P., born ca 1848, is enumerated in the household of Meredith Purcell and the surety on the marriage of John A. Purcell in Daviess County in 1873 was by William P. Purcell. In going thru the Daviess County marriages I saw were a William Pleasant Purcell had a son, Paul Hardin, who was born in Daviess County about 1890.

Since you obtained a copy of the death certificate of John A. Purcell (1929) did you also get one for his wife, Julia Ann Ford? I have worked on several local Ford families (including that of Wendell H. Ford, ex KY Governor & current US Senator from KY) and Julia Ann does not appear to fit into any of those.

In all I spent 8 hours of research time. For this time plus copies and postage I will request a total of \$48.00 [8 hrs. x \$5.00; 4 microfilm copies at .20 each; 2 xerox copies at .10 each; 19 courthouse copies at .25 each]. Bye for now.

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7-30-1995

Dear Mr. Long:

I am sure that you have been in the research business long enough to know how exciting it was for me to receive your last letter and discover that there was proof of y linkage with Meridith Purcell. It was fantastic . Also the info from the court case cleans up the mystery of what happened to the family farm. Late I would like to pursue the Allison and Ettie Purcell line down to the present and I will send family sheets on what I already know and let you work on them a bit. But for now I would like for you to send me a copy of the following marriages that you have mentioned in you last letter – 1904 Arthur Purcell & Matilda Raymon bk 13 pg 146, 1904 Rastus Purcell & Ophelia Barnett bk 14 pg 104, 1914 Paul Purcell & Beulah Samples bk 24 og 31.

I would also like to pursue your thinking that the William Purcell residing in Daviess Co. might be a brother to John A. Purcell. I am enclosing a very poor copy of a 1880 census that not only shows a W. P. Purcell it shows what might be another brother, R. P. Purcell the ages seem about right. In another area on the same subject I see a marriage listing for a W. P. Purcell & Mary C. Howard bk O pg 560, 1877. Also a marriage in a 1884 listing for Robert Purcell & Sarah Clark bk S pg 487. If you think these are my Purcells copy the marriages for me. Also in the court case you just sent me it was mentioned that the farm was three miles northeast of Philpot on a Boetler Rd. Do you have a map or other means of pinpointing the farm that could be copied for me? As a side not I would like to mention that some time ago before I knew that my Purcells were in Barren Co. I made a notation on a piece of scrap paper that reads “Barren Co. tax list of 1872 John Persall land – 8, watercourse beaver cr. Value 80”. Maybe John A. Purcell briefly owned land there.

I am sending the family sheets that you requested showing my relationship to my grandfather John Preston Purcell but my printer ribbon is giving out and their quality is poor. Also I have included a 1880 soundex copy for Meridith Purcell. The death cert. for Julia Purcell is all that I have on the Ford family. If you could add to this it would be welcome. If there is any other info that you can use please ask. I am more than happy to share.

Ps: A friend of mine, Robert “Buddy” Wekel mentioned that someone from the library had done a book on the Wekel surname. Could that have been you? Also how is the library M__age problem progressing?

Warm regards,
Tony Purcell

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30 September 1995

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Dear Mr. Purcell:

I hope you have not given up on hearing from me. It has really been a hectic two months.

I have had some success in learning more about the Purcell and Neal families. The Neal family moved from Tennessee during the late 1820's and settled in Wayne County, KY, in the area that became Clinton County in 1836. Meredith Purcell and members of the Neal family were enumerated in the 1850 Clinton County, KY census - he was not listed in the published index to the census. In Meredith's home was an Edith Purcell, who possibly was his mother. Meredith's wife, Parthenia, is probably the daughter of a Thomas Neal, who was born in Tennessee about 1806. By 1858 Meredith had moved to the adjoining county of Wayne, where he was listed in the 1860 census; he resided along Beaver Creek not far from the Clinton County line. Meredith Purcell was born in Kentucky about 1825. In the 1830 Kentucky census index Purcells (of various spelling variations) were listed in 13 counties. If I had to presently pick one as the prior home of Meredith Purcell I would single out Nelson County, where a family of Merediths lived; however, Monroe County (the home of an Edward Pursel in 1830) was the nearest to Clinton & Barren Counties.

Enclosed are family group sheets for the families of Meredith Purcell & Parthenia Neal and their sons, William Pleasant Purcell & Robert Perry Purcell. Supporting sources are included. Conversations with Patty Coburn, Rex Purcell & Lillian Clatterbuck, descendants of Robert Perry Purcell, John Ananias Purcell & William Pleasant Purcell, respectively, helped to prove that the three Purcells were brothers. Rex Purcell, age 86 (1 224 W. 11th St, Owensboro, KY 42301, phone 502-683-3292), remembered the name of one of his grandfather's brothers - Perry Purcell; he also said that Lillian Clatterbuck's father, Paul Hardin Purcell, was a first cousin to his dad (Allison), he however could not recall his name. Mrs. Clatterbuck (1205 W. 11th St, Owensboro, KY 42301, phone 502-684-4929) knew that her grandparents were William Purcell & Mary Howard, but did not know when they died or where they were buried. On July 29th Patty Coburn (1204 E. 2nd St, Mt. Vernon, IN) briefly visited the Owensboro library. She was looking for information on her great-grandparents, Robert Perry Purcell & Sarah Ann Clark. After the death of Robert P. his wife and children moved to Mt. Vernon, IN. On his wife's second marriage it was recorded that her husband had died on 25 January 1906. I checked the Owensboro newspapers following this date but found no notice of his death. Possibly the date is off a little, since Perry Purcell is listed in the 1907 Owensboro City Directory, in the next issue, in 1909 his wife is listed as a widow.

Since I did not get a set number of hours of research time I will charge for 10 hours (even though it was several hours over this). Including my expenses I will request a total of \$63.00. (10 hours

of research at \$5.50/hr. = 55.00; 18 microfilm copies at .20/copy = 3.60; 30 xerox copies at .10/copy = 3.00; postage = 1.40; total = \$63.00).

If you have any questions on any of the enclosed information please feel free to ask for a clarification. Thank you for your patronage.

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10-10-1995

Dear Mr. Long:

It was good to hear from you. I did not give up on you as I know that you have other responsibilities. But I must admit I opened your letter with great anticipation.

I had a hunch that William Pleasant and Robert Perry were connected to my John A. Purcell. Your family group sheets on them with all their children listed closes a lot of holes for me. Of course it also opens up a lot more trails to pursue later.

As to following Meredith Purcell back into Nelson Co. please continue if you can. I had a few sheets on Nelson Co. marriages that I have included. The one showing a John Purcell married to a Mary Brown may have some connection to the Hetta Brown living in Meredith's household in the 1850 Clinton Co. census. Also I have an article that describes a Nelson Co. family of Purcells. It has no value now but may be of use in the future.

Well happy hunting. And thank you for all your hard work and persistence.

Sincerely,
Tony Purcell

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2-25-1996

Dear Mr. Long:

It has been awhile since I touched base with you I hope this correspondence finds you well and prosperous. I intend to be in the Owensboro area on the 5th and 6th of April, Easter weekend, visiting relatives. I hope to be able to visit the library also and will hopefully see you there.

I have found Meredith W. Persell on tax list of Wayne Co. Ky on film from the AGLL #v20-84. In 1851 it says he was in Wayne co and in 1852 it states he was in Clinton Co. I have not found him yet in years prior to 1851 or after 1852. More importantly I found the marriage cert: for Meredith and Mary Ann Hare his second wife. I am forwarding a copy to you along with a copy of my notes on Meredith so that you understand where I currently stand on my research.

I may not have made it clear before but you are authorized to continue any research for me in this area that you have time for. Please update me in ten hour increments plus out of pocket cost in order for me to keep some control of my expenditures.

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18 April 1996

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Dear Mr. Purcell:

Here are the copies from Daviess County, KY Circuit Court suit #629. It was quite a surprise. It did not involve the loss of land due to delinquent taxes as we had anticipated. I rechecked for any other possible suit and found none.

The suit was a petition for a divorce filed by Parthena Purcell against her husband, Meredith Purcell, on 28 October 1872. In the initial petition it is stated that they were married on 30 May 1845, and two children were still living with her - a son and a daughter (age 13), they were probably Robert & Emily. The entire file consisted, of the 7 enclosed pages. It appears that the suit was never finalized or at least not in Daviess County. The last order in the suit was that 9 named individuals were to be issued summons directing them to be in Owensboro on 14 November 1873 to deliver depositions in the case. There are no subsequent papers or orders after this. Apparently the summons were never issued and the depositions never taken, if they had been they should have been included in the file. The suit may have been dropped (or transferred elsewhere) due to: the plaintiff withdrew the petition, or suit was ended by the death of the plaintiff, or the parties moved elsewhere (Meredith Purcell was in the 1872 & 1873 Daviess County tax lists but not afterwards).

For the enclosed copies and my time I will request a total of \$5.00. Bye for now.

Yours truly,
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Hi Jerry:

I was very pleased to receive your recent envelope. The documents enclosed answered several of my questions as to the date of marriage for Meredith and Parthena and whether or not she had traveled to Daviess Co. The content of Parthena's deposition makes me think that possibly Meredith could have possibly committed a criminal act against her and I wonder if there was documents to that effect?

I am sending along a page from the Purcell family Ass. newsletter that states that Lewis Purcell and Patience Marsh did not have any children. The author later states that she has a family bible with Patience having died in Daviess Co. None of this is proof positive of course but I thought you could add it to my file for future reference.

Also earlier you stated a interest in the Fords of Kentucky, so I am sending a article from same publication as above. You probably are already aware of the Ford - Purcell connection but in the event you are not this may be of interest.

Thank you for your promptness in sending the court paper. I have enclosed a check for five dollars as you requested.

Warm Regards
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1850 Clinton County, KY census:

p.155

4-4	Neal, Thomas	44	m	TN
	Mary	45	f	KY
	James	20	m	KY
	Robert	18	m	KY
	Anderson	16	m	KY
	Plesant	14	m	KY
	Syrena	11	f	KY

	Francis	8	f		KY
	Elizabeth	7	f		KY
	Caroline	S	f		KY
	Taylor	1	m		KY
	Neal, Oliver P.	7	m		KY
	Syney	4	m		KY
p.156					
22-22	Neal, Obediah	50	m	farmer	TN
	Elizabeth	48	f		KY
	Malinda	21	f		KY
	William	20	m		KY
	Mary A.	18	f		KY
	Elizabeth J.	15	f		KY
	Parthenia	12	f		KY
	Emberson	10	m		KY
	Rosena	8	f		KY
	Aaron	6	m		KY
p.176					
295-295	Neal, William	23	m	laborer	TN
	Perthena L.	20	f		NC
296-296	Purcell, Merida	24	m	laborer	KY
	Perthena	24	f		KY
	William P.	2	m		KY
	Thomas S.	8/12	m		KY
	Brown, Hetta	64	f		NC
	John	20	m		KY
	Purcell, Edith H.	40	f		KY
	Mary E.	17	f		KY

[note: all Neal or Purcell listed; Purcells above do not appear in published index to the 1850 Kentucky census]

1840 Clinton County, KY census:

Neal, Qbediah p. 342

1840 Wayne County, KY census:

Neal, Thomas p. 153

1830 Wayne County, KY census:

Neal, Jesse p. 229

Neal, Mary p. 230

Neal, Obediah p. 231

Neal, Thomas p. 231

[note: Clinton County formed in 1836 from Cumberland & Wayne Counties. in published indexes to the 1840 & 1830 Kentucky censuses no Purcell, including its various spelling variations, were listed in Clinton or Wayne Counties]

1860 Wayne County, KY census, post office Mill Springs, p.383:

1034-1020	Percell, Meridith	34	m	farm laborer	KY
	Perthena	34	f		TN
	James O.	17	m		KY
	Lydia Ann	13	f		KY
	William P.	12	m		KY
	Thomas T.	9	m		KY
	John A.	8	m		KY
	Francis M.	6	m		KY
	Robert P.	5	m		KY
	Mary E.	2	m		KY
	Emily F.	8/12	f		KY

1870 Metcalfe County, KY census, Edmonton Precinct, p.21:

138-139	Pursell, M. W.	45	m	farm laborer	KY
	Parthenia	45	f		TN
	T. T.	20	m		KY
	John A.	17	m		KY
	F. M.	15	m		KY
	Robert P.	14	m		KY
	Emily F.	10	f		KY

1880 Barren County, KY census, Cave City District, p.66:

103-104	Purcell, Meridith	55	m	laborer	KY-KY-KY
	Mary	35	f	wife	KY-KY-KY
	Hare, John	16	m	son	KY-KY-KY
	Netty A.	10	f	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Hare, Ann	85	f	mother-widowed	KY-KY-KY

1880 Daviess County, KY census:

Lowertown Precinct (p113 of published book of census; near the west city limits of Owensboro)

2-	Purcell, W. P.	32	m		KY-KY-KY
	Mary	23	f	wife	KY-KY-KY
	Sadilda	2	f	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Maggie	5/12	f	daughter	KY-KY-KY
3,,	Purcell, R. P.	25	m		KY-KY-KY
	Sarah	24	f	wife	KY-VA-VA
	J. W.	3	m	son	KY-KY-KY
	Jinkins, William	14	m	laborer	IN-IN-IN

Uppertown Precinct (p192 of published book of census)

	Pursell, John	28	m		KY-KY-VA
	Julia	28	f	wife	KY-KY-KY
	Alison	3	m	son	KY-KY-KY
	Press	11/12	m	son	KY-KY-KY

(note: Thomas T. & Francis M. Purcell, sons of Meredith Purcell & Parthenia Neal, not listed)

Daviess County, KY Marriage Book O, pages 560-561:

W. P. Pursell to Miss Mary C. Howard 22 July 1877 at residence of Acy Howard, bond by James H. Erwin. Consent note signed by bride's father, A. S. Howard. (note: 1870 Daviess County, KY census, p.340, Vanover Precinct, post office West Louisville, Mary C. Howard, age 13, in home of Asa & Margaret Howard; Asa Howard married Margaret Crabtree 14 July 1853 Daviess County, KY)

1900 Daviess County, KY census:

Lowertown Precinct, p.169

75	Hale, Joseph		Apr 1876	married 2 yrs.	KY-GA-KY	[nee Purcell]
	Ora	wife	Feb1881	1 child 1 living)	KY-KY-KY	
	Mary A.	dau.	Apr1899		KY-KY-KY	
85	Ranberger, John		Apr 1878	married 6 years	KY-KY-KY	
	Maggie	wife	May1879	3 children 3 living	KY-KY-KY	[nee Purcell]
	Willie	son	May 1896		KY-KY-KY	
	Leslie	son	Oct 1897		KY-KY-KY	
	Conda	dau.	Apr1900		KY-KY-KY	

Murray Precinct, post office Pettit, p234

71 in household of Daniel & Jennie Ranburger - Martina, born May 1892, daughter - two households from - KY-GA-KY

80	Hale, ? Cedric		Mar 1875	married 5 years	KY-GA-KY	
	Carilda	wife	May 1878	2 children 1 living	KY-KY-KY	[nee Purcell]
	Jasper	son	May 1898		KY-KY-KY	

Vanover Precinct, p.277

55	Norris, Frank		Feb 1856		KY-KY-KY	
	John	brother	Jan 1844	married 6 years	KY-KY-KY	
	Mary		Apr 1857	9 children 7 living	KY-KY-KY	[nee Howard]
	John		Apr 1896		KY-KY-KY	
	Emma		Aug 1899		KY-KY-KY	

1910 Daviess County, KY census:

Murray Precinct, p.115

103-107	Hales, Joe	37	married 12 years, farm laborer	KY-KY-KY	
	Ora	28	wife, 5 children 3 living	KY-KY-KY	
	Minnie G.	8	daughter	KY-KY-KY	
	Leona	5	daughter	KY-KY-KY	
	Joseph R.	2	son	KY-KY-KY	
	Howard, Assa	78	grandfather, widowed	KY-KY-KY	

Murray Precinct, post:office Pettit, p.129

64-64	Hale, Andrew	39	married 14 years, sawmill laborer	KY-KY-GA	
	Cerilda	32	wife, 3 children 3 living	KY-GA-KY	[nee Purcell]

	Jasper	12	son	KY-KY-KY
	Luther	5	son	KY-KY-KY
	Elizabeth	3	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Howard, Acy	79	grandfather	KY-KY-KY
Lowertown Precinct, p.219				
9-9	Ranberger, John	38	married 16 years, farm laborer	KY-KY-KY
	Maggie	30	wife, 7 children 7 living	KY-KY-KY [nee Purcell]
	Willie	14	son	KY-KY-KY
	Leslie	12	son	KY-KY-KY
	Corda	10	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	John	7	son	KY-KY-KY
	Robert	5	son	KY-KY-KY
	Sarah	3	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Daniel	9/12	son	KY-KY-KY

[note: Did not find in the 1910 Daviess County census John J. & Mary C. (Howard-Purcell) Norris, Robert H. or Paul Hardin Purcell, the latter two were also not located in the 1900 Daviess County census]

1920 Daviess County, KY census:

Owensboro, 822 West 12th Street, p.180

147-160	Pursell, Robert	31	hogshead cooper	IN-KY-KY
	Eva	28	wife	KY-KY-KY [nee Shaw]
	Mary	10	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Norris, Mary	62	mother-in-law, widowed	KY-KY-KY [nee Howard]

Lowertown Precinct, Zogelmann Lane, p.31 [Rome neighborhood]

123-125	Purcell, Hardin	30	farmer	KY-IN-IN
	Mary T.	27	wife	KY-KY-KY
	Daniel	8	son	KY-KY-KY
	Louise	5	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Virginia	4	daughter	KY-KY-KY
	Robert	1	son	KY-KY-KY

[note: Did not find John H. & Maggie Purcell Ranburger, Andrew & Cerilda Purcell Hale, or Joseph & Ora Purcell Hale]

Daviess County, KY marriages:

Book 4-p 34 John Ranburgher to Parthenia M. Pursell 15 March 1894 at William Pursell's, bond by W. P. Pursell, witnesses Mr. & Mrs. William Pursell. [note: William P. Purcell apparently died soon after this, his wife, Mary C., remarried 17 months later]

Book 4-p350 Jack Hale to Zerilda Purcell 4 June 1895, bond by Mary Purcell.

Book 4-p367 John J. Norris to Mary C. Pursell 10 August 1895.

Book 6-p 64 Joe Hale to Zippora Purcell 10 January 1898 at Pettit, witnesses John & Maggie Ranburger, Zerilda Hale & Bettie Ryan.

Book 21-p84 ½ Harden Pursell to Mary Thna Ranbargar 16 September 1911 at residence of Rev. H. E. Smith, bond by J. E. Hales.

Book 100-p150 Paul Hardin Purcell to Ola Tooley 6 January 1945. Groom age 54, divorced, born Daviess County, KY, residence Owensboro, parents William Pleasant Purcell & Mary H. Howard.

Book 119-p295 Paul Hardin Purcell to Mrs. Lelia (Vanover) Rhinburger 26 September 1958 at Owensboro. Groom age 68, divorced, born & residence Daviess County, KY, parents William Purcell & Mary Howard.

(note: William P. Purcell does not appear in the following Daviess County, KY records: Wills, Administrator Bonds, Circuit Court suits (divorce/equity)

Daviess County, KY Marriage Book S-page 487:

Robert Pursell to Sarah Clark 4 September 1884 at residence of William Clark, witnesses W. S. Clark & G. W. Clark. [note: Sarah apparently was previously the wife of Robert Perry Purcell, their first child, William, having been born, circa 1876; possibly they had been separated subsequent to the 1880 Daviess County census, when she was listed as his wife, however no divorce suit had been filed in Daviess County between them]

1900 Henderson County, KY census, Reed Precinct, p.12:

221-224 Purcell, Perry.	head	Jul 1843 (56) m	21 years, farm laborer	KY-KY-KY
	Sarah	wife	Jun 1855 (44) m 7 children 7 living	KY-KY-KY
	Annie	dau.	Aug 1880 (19) wd 2 children 2 living'	KY-KY-KY
	William	son	Jul 1876 (23) s	KY-KY-KY
	Mollie	dau.	Apr 1883 (17) s	KY-KY-KY
	Bettie	dau.	Dec 1884 (15) s	KY-KY-KY
	Mary	dau.	Oct 1888 (11) s	KY-KY-KY
	Ellis	son	Nov 1889 (10) s	KY-KY-KY
	Della	dau.	Feb 1893 (7) s	KY-KY-KY
	Kate	grdau.	Ju1 1897 (2) s	KY-KY-KY
	Marion	grson	Sep 1899 (8/12) s	KY-KY-KY

Owensboro, KY City Directories:

1907 Purcell, Perry (wife Sarah), laborer, residence 16 Dublin Av.

1909 Pursell, Sarah (widow), residence 14 Dublin Lane

Pursell, Ellis, stemmer, beds 14 Dublin Lane

Pursell, Merritt, stemmer,, beds 14 Dublin Lane

[Sarah, widow of Robert Perry Purcell, or any of their sons, were not listed in the 1897-98, 1899-1900, 1901-02, 1905, 1911-12, 1914 or 1918 Owensboro City Directories; Robert Perry Purcell not listed in the Daviess County, KY Administrator Bonds]

1910 Daviess County, KY census, Owensboro, 602 Vine Street, p.284:

291-292 Purcell, Sarah	head	53 wd 7 children 6 living	KY-KY-KY
		tobacco stemmer, rents house	
	Della	dau. 18 single	KY-KY-KY

[note: William, Meredith Wilson or Ellis, sons of Robert Perry & Sarah Purcell, were not found listed in Daviess County]

Henderson County, KY Marriage Book 26, page 218:

Robert Purcell to Annie Purcell 11 July 1896 at Reed. Bond by bride's father, R. P. Purcell. Groom age 22, residence Daviess County, KY, born Barren County, KY, father born Nelson County, KY. Bride age 16, born Daviess County, KY, father born Clinton County, KY, mother born Meade County, KY.

Daviess County, KY Marriages:

Book 10-p319 Louis Jupin to Annie Purcell 31 January 1902 at Owensboro, bond by Sara Purcell.

Book 19-p38 Ellis Purcell to Jamie Bacon 16 October 1909 at Owensboro, bond by J. C. Harl.

Book 20-p78 Perry McGrew to Della Pursell 14 October 1910 at bride's mother, bond by Ellis Pursell.

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Meredith Purcell was born circa 1825 Clinton County, KY. Married Parthena Neal, 30 May 1845; she was born c1825 Tennessee. They are listed in the 1860 census of Wayne County, KY and 1870 census of Metcalfe County, KY. In Daviess County, KY on 28 October 1872 Parthena sued Meredith Purcell for a divorce. Meredith Purcell married second Mary Ann Hair, 26 January 1879 in Wayne County, KY. He and Mary are listed in the 1880 census of Barren County, KY.

Meredith Purcell & Parthena Neal were the parents of:

1. William Pleasant Purcell, born c1848 Clinton County, KY; married Mary C. Howard, 22 July 1877 Daviess County, KY; died 1894-1895 ?Daviess County, KY. His children – Cerilda (Hale, 1878-before 1940), Parthenia Margaret (Ranburger, 1879-1950), Zapora (Hale, 1882-1950s), Robert H. (Persell, 1888-1959), Paul Hardin (1890-1961) and two others died young.
2. Thomas T. Purcell, born c1850 Clinton County, KY; died after 1870.
3. John Ananias Purcell, born 14 March 1851 Clinton County, KY; married Julia Ann Ford, 4 December 1873 Daviess County, KY; died 25 January 1929 Daviess County, KY; buried Providence Methodist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. His children – Edward Allison (1878-1966), John Preston (1880-1938), Arthur Chester (1881-1955), Arastus P. (1883-1970), Paul (1885-1957), Maggie (Barnett, 1888-1973) and Nellie Helen (Basham, 1892-1922).
4. Francis M. Purcell, born c1854 KY; died after 1870.
5. Robert Perry Purcell, born c1855 Clinton County, KY; married Sarah Ann Clark, ?c1875 and 4 September 1884 Daviess County, KY; died 25 January 1906 ?Daviess County, KY. His children – J. William (1876-), Martha Ann (1880-), Mollie (1883-), Sarah Elizabeth (Canary, 1884-), Meredith Wilson (1888-1944), Ellis (1889-1914) and Ellen Della (1893-1973).

6. Mary Erman Purcell, born 28 March 1858 Wayne County, KY; died 1860-1870.
7. Emily F. Purcell, born c1859 KY; died after 1870.