

Purdy Family of Daviess County, Ky.

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Milford Allen Purdy was born 22 August 1822 in the vicinity of Lebanon, Ky., in what is now Marion County and at that time a part of Washington County. He was the son of Henry Purdy and Ann Scarborough Stayton. Henry Purdy was born in Maryland and came with his parents at an early age to Kentucky. He married three times. First to Nancy Smith, 14 March 1793, second to Ann Scarborough Stayton, 15 December 1803, and third to Sarah Handley, 28 December 1826, all three marriages were recorded in Washington County, Ky. To these three marriages were born twenty-one children. Henry Purdy was a farmer and died in Marion County on 20 February 1836.

Milford Allen Purdy's grandfather, John Purdy, in 1780, twelve years before Kentucky statehood, had settled in the territory of what was then Jefferson County, Virginia, which in 1785 became Nelson County, Virginia, and in 1792 Nelson County, Kentucky. John Purdy brought his family from Maryland by way of Red Stone Old Fort, Pennsylvania, then down the Ohio River on flat boats.

A biography of William Thompson Purdy, born 25 October 1823, son of John S. Purdy (1798-1972) and Lydia Kirk, and grandson of Henry Purdy appeared in Kentucky: A History Of The State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin and G. C. Kniffin, 1885):

“John S. Purdy was born in Nelson County in 1798... He was a son of Henry Purdy, a native of Maryland, who came early to Kentucky and located in what is now Marion County. He was a farmer and followed that vocation up to the year of his death... Henry Purdy was thrice married. His first wife's name was Smith and she was a Virginian; his second wife was a Miss Scarbour Staten, and the third a Miss Hanley. To these three marriages were born twenty-one children...”

The date of death of Henry Purdy, 20 February 1836 was recorded in a bible of the Faulkner family of Marion County, Ky., which was published in the Kentucky Ancestors, quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol. 2, #2, October 1966, pp59-60. The bible record was contributed by Mrs. Glenn Burchett of Louisville, Ky. She was a great-great-granddaughter of Henry Purdy. Her great-grandmother, Louisa D. Purdy was born 22 October 1807 and died 8 February 1875, she married first on 18 January 1827 Joseph England (he had first married Louisa's sister, Rachel Purdy, who was born 22 February 1798 and died 1822-1826); Louisa married second Gilbert Faulkner on 17 May 1842.

Milford Allen Purdy on 23 November 1848 married Sarah Ann Fogle in Lebanon, Marion County, Ky. Sarah (called "Sally") Fogle was born about the year 1822 in Lebanon, Ky.

to Robert H. Fogle and Rachel Shuttlesworth. Within the year after their marriage they left Lebanon and moved to Daviess County, Ky. which became their permanent home.

Milford A and Sally Purdy came to Daviess County with her father, Robert Fogle, his wife Sarah Newbolt Fogle, and Sally's sisters, Rachel Jane Fogle and Maria Catherine Fogle. They most likely made the trip during the summer months of 1849. For at least half of 1849 they resided in Marion County, both the Purdy and Fogle families appeared in the tax records of Marion County for that year and in 1850 in Daviess County. By the date of 4 October 1849 they had arrived in Daviess County for on that date Milford A. and Sally Purdy's first child, Susan Isabelle "Belle" was born in Owensboro, Ky. on 31 October 1849. Robert H. Fogle, then a resident of Daviess County, purchased a 178 acre farm, located about two miles southeast of Owensboro. It would now be within the city limits of Owensboro, and included the present site of Elmwood Cemetery along Breckenridge Street and the Old Hartford Road,

At the time of the 1850 Daviess County census M. A. Purdy was residing several miles east of the Fogle farm, in Upper Town Precinct in the area along the Hardinsburg Road (Highway 144) and in the vicinity of the present community of Thruston. The 1850 census listing for the Purdy family is as follows:

1850 Daviess County census, district 1, #196

Purdy, M. A.	28	m	farmer	Ky.
Sarah A.	28	f		Ky.
Sarah I.	1	f		Ky.

In 1850 M. A. Purdy owned one horse and one slave and was assessed by the tax collector as having taxable property of a total value of \$410. During the 1850's four more children were born to Milford A. and Sally Purdy, they were: Johanah Adele, born 11 February 1851 and died at the age of seven months on 19 September 1851; Wilson Emmett, born 29 September 1852; Clinton Extine, born 5 May 1855; and James A., born and died on 7 February 1858.

On 11 August 1856 M. A. Purdy was appointed guardian for Mary F. Walston, a minor, age 14, bond was by Robert H. Fogle. Mary F. Walston may have been related to the Purdys, she was also a native of Marion County, Ky. having been born there about 1842. At the time of the 1850 Daviess County census she was living with her mother, Margaret Walston, who was then a widow and age 42. In 1850 the Walstons were near neighbors of Robert H. Fogle. Mary E. Walston was living with the Purdy family at the time of the 1860 census, she married Henderson R. Yeager in Daviess County on 6 February 1862.

By 1860 the Purdy family was living in the area of the Robert H. Fogle farm. In the 1860 Daviess County census they were enumerated immediately following Robert Fogle. Most likely they lived on the Fogle farm, since at that time they owned no property of their own. On 11 February 1860 Fortunatus "Allen" Purdy was born to M. A. and Sally, according to his obituary

he was born near the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds was immediately west of Elmwood Cemetery (then the Fogle farm). The Daviess County fairgrounds encompassed the area now bounded by the present streets of 18th Street (on the north), Triplett Street (on the west), Old Hartford Road (on the south), and Breckenridge Street (on the east).

The 1860 census listing for the Purdy and Fogle families is as follows:

1860 Daviess County census, page 786,

#974	Fogle, Robert H.	72	m	farmer	Md.
					(real estate \$8900, personal property \$7000)
	Rachael J.	23	f		Ky.
#975	Purdy, M. A.	37	m	farmer	Ky.
					(real estate 0, personal property \$1500)
	Sarah A.	36	f		Ky.
	Susan I.	10	f		Ky.
	Wilson E.	8	m		Ky.
	Clinton	5	m		Ky.
	Allen	6/12	m		Ky.
	Walston, Mary E.	18	f		Ky.

In 1860 M. A. Purdy owned one horse and three slaves and his property was assessed at a total value of \$1550 in the Daviess County tax records. The seventh and final child of Milford Allen Purdy and Sarah Ann Fogle was born 18 October 1863 and was named Clay Elliott Purdy.

In November of 1867 Robert Fogle sold his farm near Owensboro. Shortly before that he had left Daviess County and returned to his former home of Marion County. During his remaining years he moved back and forth between the two counties, spending time with the families of his children in both places. In the years immediately following the Civil War he divided his estate among his children. On the 20 August 1870 Robert Fogle, then a resident of Marion County, recorded a deed in Daviess County whereby he transferred to his daughter, Sally Ann Purdy, wife of Milford A. Purdy of Daviess County, 50 acres of land as an advancement to her for \$1800 (Daviess County deed book X, page 181). The farm was located 7 miles west of Owensboro, in Oakford Precinct near Grissom's Landing, about 3/4 mile from the Ohio River. Three months before on 27 May he had purchased the farm from Samuel S. and Susan N. Watkins for \$800 (Daviess County deed book X, p52). Samuel S. Watkins was a doctor and resided in the city of Owensboro, the 50 acres was part of 193 acre tract he owned along the Ohio River. No doubt Robert Fogle purchased this property with the intention of giving it to his daughter, Sally Purdy, as her share from his estate.

At the time of the 1870 Daviess County census M. A. and Sally Purdy were living at Grissom's Landing, not far from the lard recently purchased by Robert Fogle. They were listed in the census immediately after Thomas J. Monarch, who lived at and operated a distillery at Grissom's Landing. Grissom's Landing once a prospering community like many other small towns has long since disappeared. It was located at a point on the Ohio River, nine miles below

Owensboro, and was named after Alfred Grissom, who came there in 1856. The 1883 History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-state Publishing Company, Chicago, p759) states that "The Eagle Distillery is located here, and is owned by T. J. Monarch. It is the finest distillery in Daviess County. There are at present two stores, a hotel. Post office, and U.S. Express Company agency." The 1870 census listing for the Purdy family is as follows (note Milford A. Purdy's name was misspelled "Michael A.")

1870 Daviess County census, Oakford Precinct,
Post Office Grissom's Landing, page 249, #74.

Purdy, Michael A.	48	m	farm laborer	Ky.
Sallie A.	48	f		Ky.
Susan I.	20	f		Ky.
Wilson E.	16	m		Ky.
Clinton E.	14	m		Ky.
Fortunitus A.	10	m		Ky.
Clay E.	7	m		Ky.

In August following the 1870 census enumeration the Purdy's received the 50 acre farm from Robert Fogle, and at about that time they moved to live there. The 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (Leo McDonough & Co., p43) shows the Purdy farm in a plat map of the Oakford Precinct. Their neighbors on the west were Peter W. and Elizabeth Smith and on the east Thomas J. and Hannah Childers, The property to the north, between them and the River (123 acres) and to the south (20 acres) was still owned by Dr. Samuel S. Watkins.

Sarah Ann Fogle Purdy, wife of Milford Allen Purdy, died 26 October 1876 at the age of about 54. She was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro on the property once owned by her father. M. A. and Sally's son, Clinton Extine, died as a young man, 5 November 1876 (or 1870), he was born 5 May 1855. Of Sarah's seven children four were surviving, Belle, Wilson E., Allen and Clay E., and at the time of their mother's death none were yet married.

Following the death of his wife Milford Allen Purdy remarried on 4 September 1877 to Mrs. Sallie E. Allen, widow of Robert Allen. Sallie Allen was born January 1834 in the state of Indiana. Children by her first marriage were: Susan T. (born c1860 married John W. Farmer), Annie W. (born c1865 (married __Suttels), and Mack (?McCright) Allen (born 1873 (married Mattie Davis).

Susan Iasbelle (Belle) Purdy, daughter of Milford & Sarah, on 10 April 1877 married Frank A. Bradshaw. Her brother, Wilson Emmett Purdy, on 5 November 1878 married Ella E. Sheffer. Both marriages were performed at the Oakford Church. The Purdy family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Belle was married by Rev. Thomas C. Fallen, and Wilson E. by Rev. J. C. Brandon, both ministers of the M. F. Church, South.

At the time of the 1880 Daviess County census the three sons of M. A. and Sally Purdy were still living on the farm near Grissom's Landing, and their daughter, Belle Bradshaw, was

also residing in the Oakford Precinct. Milford A. Purdy and his wife, Sallie Allen, were not found in the 1880 Daviess County census.

1880 Daviess County census, Oakford Precinct

p.540	Purdy, Emmett	28	head	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Ella	21	wife	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Allen	21	brother	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Clay	16	brother	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Shaffer, Kate	16	sister-in-law	Ky. Ky. Ky.
p.547	Bradshaw, Frank	35	head	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Bell	30	wife.	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	Sallie	33	sister	Ky. Ky. Ky.
	James	2	adopted son	Ky. Ky. Ky.

Milford Allen Purdy on 10 June 1882 sold to his son Wilson Emmett Purdy for \$100 his 1/5th interest in 50 acres conveyed to his wife, Sally Ann, by Robert Fogle 20 August 1870 (Daviess County deed hook 38, page 327). Thomas J. and Eliza J. Monarch sold to Sallie Purdy, wife of M. A., on 13 December 1886, 10 acres for \$148, near Grissom's Landing (part of 145 acre tract of T.J. Monarch shown on 1876 plat map of Oakford Precinct. The farm was located along Lower River Road near where it turns south from the river (at former location of Grissom's Landing) and runs back to Stanley. At this time Stanley was not there. It was not until the construction of the Louisville, St Louis and Texas Railway between Henderson and West Point, Ky. in 1889 that the town grew up around it.

In 1890 M. A. Purdy paid taxes on the 10 acre farm, he owned one horse, and raised a crop of 200 bushels of corn on his farm. His real and personal property was assessed at a value of \$125.

At the time of the 1900 Daviess census Milford A. and Sallie Allen Purdy were living a short distance from Stanley on their 10 acre farm. Mac Allen, son of Sallie Allen Purdy, was renting on the adjoining, farm which was owned by Mrs. Julia Davis, widow of Dr. Thomas H. Davis, who was residing on the same farm. Mrs. Julie Davis was the mother of Mac Allen's wife, Mattie, and also of Clay E. Purdy's (son of Milford) wife, Villa. The census abstract is as follows:

1900 Daviess County census, District #3, p182, #213:

Purdy, Milford A.	Head	Aug1822 (77)	m. 28yrs.	Ky. Pa .Md.
	Salle wife	Jan1834 (66)	m. 4ch-2liv	Ind. Ky. Ky.
Suttels, Annie W.	stepdau.	Oct1864 (35)	wd.	Ky. Ky. Ind.
	Myrtie B. stepgr.dau.	Oct1887 (12)	s.	Ind. Ind. Ky.

At the age of 80 Milford Allen Purdy died 10 July 1903 at his farm near Stanley. He was buried beside his wife, Sarah Ann Fogle Purdy, in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. The following article appeared in the Owensboro newspaper.

Owensboro Messenger, Saturday, 11 July 190, p5:

Milford Purdy Dead - Well Known Citizen Dies at His Home at Stanley - Milford A. Purdy died of a complication of diseases at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home near Stanley. He had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Purdy was over seventy years old and has lived in this county for many years. He has lived at the place at which he died for over twenty years. He was a highly respected man and leaves a family of well known people. The children surviving him are Mrs. Frank Bradshaw, Messrs. Allen, Harry and Emmet Purdy. Mr. Purdy was a member of the Owensboro lodge of Masons. The Interment will be at 9:15 o'clock this morning at Elmwood cemetery, the services being conducted by the Masonic lodge.

Susan Isabelle (Belle) Purdy was born 4 October 1849 in Owensboro, Ky., the oldest child of Milford and Sally Fogle Purdy. She married Frank A. Bradshaw 10 April 1877, his first wife, Terressa Galloway, died 31 December 1875 at the age of 24. He was born 6 January 1846 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Ky., the son of William A. and Fannie Bradshaw. His parents came to Daviess County when he was six weeks old. They owned a farm about five miles west of the Purdy farm, near the intersection of Laketown Road and Steamboat Road northwest of Stanley.

Frank and Belle Bradshaw had two children. Bettie Bell was born February 1880 and died at the age of four months on 21 June 1880. Lora was born 13 May 1882 and died 3 September 1936, at the age of 54. Lora was buried at Elmwood Cemetery and was not married.

In the 1900 Daviess County census Frank Bradshaw was living with the family of his brother-in-law, Harry Purdy, he was listed as a farm laborer. Belle Bradshaw was not found in the census. In 1910 the following listing appeared in the Daviess census:

1910 Daviess County census, District #3, Roost Road, p.41b

Bradshaw, Francis	head	64	m2	33 yrs	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Belle	wife	60	ml	2ch. 1 living	Ky.Ky.Ky.

For most of their married life they lived in the vicinity of Stanley. In their later years they moved into Owensboro and resided 20 Maple Street. Frank Bradshaw died 20 October 1924 at the age of 78 and Belle died 22 February 1935 at the age of 85. Both were buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. The following articles appeared in the local newspapers:

Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, Wednesday, 25 February 1880:

Grissom's Landing Items - Born to the wife of T. [sic] A. Bradshaw, a girl.

Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, Wednesday, 30 June 1880:

Bradshaw - Died on June 21st 1880, of brainfever at the age of four months Bettie Bell Bradshaw daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bradshaw.

Owensboro Messenger & Examiner, Wednesday, 24 May 1882:

Born: Bradshaw - To the wife of F. A. Bradshaw, May 13, a 10 pound girl.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 1 November 1922:

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fair, Mrs. R. B. Riley and daughter, Miss Emily Fair, and McDowell A. Fogle, of Hartford, spent Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. Frank Bradshaw, and Mr. Bradshaw, of rear Stanley, Daviess County. The trip was made by motor car and proved most delightful to the guests, true Kentucky hospitality being exemplified in the entertainment of the day. [ed. Note - McDowell A. Fogle was a son of Jesse Edwin Fogle, grandson of McDowell Fogle, and great-grandson of Robert H. Fogle. Jesse E. Fogle was a first cousin of Belle Purdy Bradshaw. W. M. Fair's mother was a sister of Jesse E. Fogle and a daughter of McDowell Fogle.]

Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 21 October 1924, p8:

Frank A. Bradshaw died at 8 o'clock Monday night at his home, 20 Maple Street. Mr. Bradshaw was born January 6, 1846, in Shelbyville, Ky. He was brought to Daviess County when six weeks old by his parents. He was married April 10, 1877, to Belle Purdy, who still survives. To this union were born two children. The first died in infancy. The other survives, Lora Bradshaw Vessels, and one sister, Mrs. Kate L. Newman, Stanley. Funeral services will be at the Frayser Ave M.E. church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. B. F. Wilson, assisted by the pastor. The honorary pallbearers will be, Messrs. Jake Shiveley, N. G. Stanley, Sam Saur, William Layman, Fred Russell, Lee Mitchell. The active pallbearers will be Milford Purdy, Charlie Purdy, Emmet Purdy, Ray Purdy, Robert Purdy, Harve Hix.

Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Sunday, 24 February 1935, p2:

Mrs. Belle Purdy Bradshaw, 85 years old, widow of F.A. Bradshaw, died at her home, 20 Maple street, at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Lora Bradshaw, of Owensboro, and one brother, Harry Purdy, of Stanley.

Mrs. Bradshaw was born in Owensboro October 4, 1849, being a daughter of the late Milford and Sallie Fogle Purdy. She was married to Mr. Bradshaw April 10, 1877. She had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star for twenty-eight years, having been a past matron of the Stanley chapter, and at the time of her death was a member of Acacia chapter, No. 46. Mrs. Bradshaw had been a member of the Stanley Methodist church for the last sixty-five years.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Third Street Methodist church at 10 o'clock Monday morning by the Rev. I. W. Napier, pastor, and the Rev. J. S. Vanada, pastor of the Stanley Methodist church. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be as follows: Honorary, Dr. R. E. Morrison, Jeff Ray, Sam Sauer, Charles Saalwaechter, J. Harvey Hix, W. A. Galloway; active, Milford, Charles, Emmett and Ray Purdy, Sam Coleman and John McClary.

Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 4 September 1936:

Miss Lora Bradshaw, 54, died at 6:30 A.M. Thursday at the Western Kentucky State hospital, Hopkinsville. The body was returned to Owensboro this afternoon and was taken to the James H. Davis funeral home where it will remain until 10 A.M. today when funeral, services will be conducted by the Rev. J. S. Vanada. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery. An uncle, Harry Purdy, of Stanley, survives her. Pallbearers will be Milford, Charles, Emmett, and Ray Purdy, Sam Coleman and J. H. Hix.

The following biography of Wilson Emmett Purdy appeared in the book, History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, section on Oakford Precinct, p.775):

W. E. Purdy was born in Daviess County, Ky., Sept. 29, 1852. He received his early education in this county and attended St. Mary's College, Marion County, eighteen months. He owns fifty acres of good land half a mile southeast of Grissom's Landing. He was elected Constable of Oakford Precinct in 1880, and is the present, incumbent. He has his life insured for \$2,000 in the National Insurance Company. He was married Nov. 5, 1878, to Ella Sheffer, a native of Union County, Ky., born Sept. 28, 1859. They have one child -William McFarland, born March 7, 1882. Mr. Purdy is a member of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Purdy of the Baptist.

At the time the above was written W. E. Purdy was still living on the 50 acre farm given to his mother, Sarah Fogle Purdy, by her father, Robert Fogle, in 1870. After his mother's death in 1876, the farm was owned by her five heirs: husband, Milford A. Purdy, and children Belle Bradshaw, Wilson E., Allen, and Clay E. Purdy. Wilson Emmett Purdy purchased the shares of his father, sister Belle and brother Allen. On 10 March 1886 he sold his 4/5 interest in the farm, for \$1100, to his brother, Clay E. Purdy (Daviess County deed book 44, page 115).

The following are the listings of Wilson Emmett Purdy's family in the 1900 and 1910 Daviess County censuses:

1900 Daviess County census, Mag. Dist. 2, p.145, #180

Purdy, Wilson Emmet	Head	Sep 1852(47) m. 22 yrs.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Eliza F.	wife	Sep 1859 (40) m. 12ch.6liv	Ky.Ky.Ky.
William M.	son	Mar 1882 (18) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Milford	son	Feb 1886 (14) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Sally K.	dau	Aug 1888 (11) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Mary L.	dau	Dec 1891(8) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Charles E.	son	Jan 1894 (6) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Emmet L.	son	Jun 1896 (3) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Allan	bro	Feb 1859 (40) s.	Ky.Ky.Ky.

(Wilson Emmet Purdylisted as farmer, rents farm, and Allan Purdy as farm laborer).

1910 Daviess County census, Owensboro, 802 E3rd, p.127, #133

Residing in household of June and Agnes Elder:

Purdy, William	Head	28	married 1 - 2 yrs.	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Blanche	wife	26	married 1 - 0 children	Ky.Ky.Ky.

Mag. District 1, p.289:

Purdy, Ellen	Head	50	widowed - 14 ch. 8 living	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Milford	son	24	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Sallie R.	dau	21	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Charlie E.	son	16	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Emmet	son	14	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Robert	son	9	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Ray	son	6	single	Ky.Ky.Ky.

Wilson Emmett Purdy died 30 January 1904 at the age of 51. He died at his home on the S. R. Ewing farm opposite Enterprise, Ind. on the Ohio River. His wife, Ella E. Sheffer Purdy after his death married Joseph L. Brown, she died on 14 March 1927 in Owensboro. W. E. & Ella Purdy were buried at the Scherer Cemetery in Stanley. The following notice of the death of Wilson Emmett Purdy appeared in the Owensboro newspaper.

Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 31 January 1904:

DEATH OF EMMETT PURDY - Dies at His Home Below Owensboro of Cancer of the Stomach - Emmett Purdy, whose home was six miles below Owensboro, died last night at 8 o'clock of cancer of the stomach, at the age of fifty years. The deceased had been ill for some time, but was not confined to his bed until three weeks ago. He had been a resident of the neighborhood in which he died for about twenty-five years and was a highly respected citizen. He leaves a wife and eight children. The funeral will be held from the Baptist church at Stanley tomorrow at 12 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Dawson will, preach the funeral sermon.

In all Wilson Emmett and. Ella Sheffer Purdy had fourteen children born to their union, six dying at birth or in infancy, and William McFarland, Milford, Sarah (Sally), Mary Lillian (Lilly), Charles Edward, Emmett Lafayette, Robert, and John McRay (Ray).

William McFarland Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born rear Stanley 6 April 1882. He married Blanche E. Roby 10 May 1908 at Owensboro. He was employed by a furniture company as a salesman. In the year of 1917 he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, then living at 1326 William H. Taft Road. On Christmas day 1942 while making Christmas deliveries for the firm with which he was associated he died of a heart attack, at the age of 60. He was buried in Cincinnati, his home of the last twenty-five years, he had no children,

Milford Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born 21 February 1886. At an early age moved to Owensboro where he lived all his life. He became a well known Owensboro business

man. He organized the Purdy Furniture Company about 1923, at 200 East Second Street in downtown Owensboro. Four years later he acquired the building next door at 202 East 2nd, needed due to the increase in business. At that time it was one of the largest furniture stores in Western Kentucky. He was also vice-president of Purdy Shoe Store. He took a leading part in the civic and fraternal life of Owensboro and Daviess County. In 1953 he was named grand commander of the Kentucky Knights Templar Grand Commandery. He was also a director of the Kentucky Chapter of Boys Clubs, Inc., and took an active interest in the welfare of the youth of this area. Was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Owensboro Commandery of Knights Templar, and Owensboro BPO Elks No.144, F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge No.130. He died 24 June 1965 at the home of his nephew, Dr. James E. Nix, 114 East 24th St. in Owensboro. He was age 79 and had never been married, he was buried Rose Hill Cemetery.

Sarah Catherine (Sallye) Purdy, daughter of Emmett & Ella, was born 6 August 1888. She married Wesley B. Tucker and soon after their marriage they made their home at Bellevue, Ohio. They had two daughters Catherine and Lois Ray. Sally Purdy Tucker died 7 February 1982 at Hilliard, Franklin County, Oh. She was survived by her husband and four daughters. She was brought back to Owensboro and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mary Lillian (Lilly) Purdy, daughter of Emmett & Ella, was born 17 December 1891. On 29 April 1908 she married James Harvey Hix, they were married in Owensboro. They resided in Owensboro, for many years at 104 Orchard St. She was a member of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church. Her husband, Harvey Hix, died 12 September 1965, and she died 11 August 1976 at National Health Enterprises, Inc., Owensboro. They were buried Rose Hill Cemetery. They had one son, Dr. James Edward Hix, and one grandson, Dr. James Edward Hix, Jr., a college professor, presently at Greenville, N.C.

Charles (Charlie) Edward Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born 6 January 1894. He married twice, first, Ada Katherine Smith on 24 April 1923 in Owensboro, and second, Marie Verbaas on 8 July 1935 in Owensboro. For twenty-five years he owned and operated Purdy's Shoe Store in downtown Owensboro. Prior to that he was manager of Merit Shoe Store here for ten years. A member of Third St. Methodist Church and a trustee of its official board. A veteran of World War I and member of the American Legion. He died at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Owensboro at 9:30 p.m. on 12 February 1961, at the age of 67. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery. He had three sons, Charles E., Jr., now living Peru, Ind., Clifford and David, both of Owensboro.

Emmett Lafayette Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born 18 June 1896, and married Thelma Rea Linsz, 3 September 1918, in Owensboro. He was a salesman for S. W. Anderson Company of Owensboro. A member of Third Baptist Church. At the age of 79 he died in Owensboro at Our Lady Of Mercy Hospital, he resided at 112 West 22nd St. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery. He had three children: Margaret who married Sam Barker and is now living

Houston, Texas, Emmett L., Jr. of Owensboro, and Janice who married Bernard C. Strawn and is also presently residing in Owensboro.

Achsah Q. Purdy, daughter of Emmett & Ella, was born 4 August 1898 and died 1 December 1898. She was buried with her parents at the Scherer Cemetery, in Stanley, Daviess County, Ky.

Robert Milton Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born 6 March 1901. He married Irma Frances Keeley, 26 April 1922 in Boonville, Warrick County, Ind. In 1924 he was residing in Owensboro but shortly afterwards disappeared. No word of his fate was ever received by his family and he was never heard from again. He & Irma had four daughters: Margaret Jean, Joyce, Jewel and Frances Ann, who continued to live in Owensboro. Two of his daughters, Joyce Wall and Jean Smith are living Owensboro. Irma Keeley Purdy (1897-1985) later married Karl Richard Lossie.

John McRay (Ray) Purdy, son of Emmett & Ella, was born 22 October 1903 and married Helen Gillette, 27 January 1925, in Owensboro. He was a church, civic and fraternal leader and general manager of the Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Company of Owensboro. He started his printer career with the Hardin Printing County in 1919, and in 1931 became connected with the Greenwell-Chisoim Printing Company, as part owner and general manager. An active member of Settle Memorial Methodist Church, where he had served as a member of the board of Stewards since 1928, and had been a member of the board of the Gospel Mission since 1930. He took an active part in Boy Scout work and had been a member of the Western Kentucky Area Council Boy Scouts since 1932. He was also a member of Owensboro Lodge 130, F. & A.M., Knights Templar, Elks and Moose Lodges. He was a member of the Owensboro Lions Club, and its president in 1944-45. He took an active part up until his death in the annual Lions Club charity horse show. He had been active in all Red Cross and Boy Scout drives for the last twenty years of his life. He managed the Kentucky State Fair Horse Show in 1944. He died at the early age of 46 as the result of a heart attack he suffered at his home on the Leitchfield Road, Owensboro Rural Route 2, at 4:15 on 30 September 1950. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro. He had three children, John McRay (Ray) Jr.. now of Fort Knox, Ky., William Emmett, a veterinarian of Owensboro, and Robert, an Owensboro policeman.

Fortunatus 'Allen' Purdy was born 11 February 1860 in Owensboro to Milford Allen Purdy and Sarah Ann Fogle, He never married. He was employed as a farmer. For several years he resided with the family of his brother, Wilson Emmett Purdy, in his last years he lived with his sister, Belle Bradshaw. He died 15 January 1914 at the age of 53 and was buried in the Scherer Cemetery at Stanley near his brother, W. E. Purdy. The following article appeared in the Owensboro newspaper announcing his death.

Owensboro Messenger, Friday, 16 January 1914, p3:

ALLEN PURDY DIES - Well Known Local Character Passes Away at Home of Sister - Allen Purdy, a resident of Stanley, died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank A. Bradshaw, after a lingering, illness of tuberculosis. The deceased had been in declining health for the last year and his death was not unexpected. He was born February 11, 1860, near the fair grounds and had lived in Owensboro and Daviess County all his life. He never married, and one brother, Harry Purdy, of Grissom's Landing, and one sister survive him. Mrs. Ella Purdy of Owensboro is a sister-in-law. Funeral services will be conducted from the residence of his sister by Rev. G. W. Deane, pastor of the Stanley Methodist church. The interment will be made in the Scherer burying grounds.

Clay Elliott Purdy, the youngest child of Milford Allen Purdy and Sarah Ann Fogle, was born 18 October 1863. He was known by the nickname of "Harry". On 20 July 1892 he married Savilla (Villa) Rice Davis, she was a daughter of Dr. Thomas H. Davis and Julia Catherine Fullenwider and was born in Louisville, Ky. on 13 April 1873.

After his marriage he continued to live on the 50 acre farm located on Lower River Road about 1/2 mile southeast of Grissom's Landing, which had been given, by his grandfather, Robert Fogle, to his mother in 1870. On 10 March 1886 he had purchased the other 4/5 share in the farm which his brother, Wilson Emmett Purdy, had acquired by buying the share of their father, Milford A. Purdy, sister Belle, and brother Allen Purdy. In 1890 the 50 acre farm was assessed at a value of \$600. At that time he owned two mules, six hogs, and his real and personal property was evaluated at \$690 by the Daviess County tax collector. On 12 December 1898 Harry Purdy purchased a second farm of 37.7 acres on Worthington Road, he paid \$1743.50 to Eli Cox. He added to the farm on Worthington Road by purchasing 13.8 acres near it, from C. C. Gabbert in 1911 for \$1159.50. He continued to reside on his original farm near Grissom's Landing.,

Listings for Harry and Villa Purdy in the 1900 and 1910 Daviess County censuses are as follows:

1900 Daviess County census, Mag. District #3, p.189, #353

Purdy, Harry	head	Oct 1863 (36)	m	7 years	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Villez	wife	Apr 1875 (25)	m	1 child-1 living	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Erman L.	dau	1894 (6)	s		Ky.Ky.Ky.
Dean, Gus	boarder	Mar 1884 (16)	s		Ky.Ky.Ky.
Scott, Bryant	boarder	Dec 1880 (19)	s		Ky.Ky.Ky.
Bradshaw, Frank	boarder	Jan 1846 (54)	m	25 years	Ky.Ky.Ky.

1910 Daviess County census, Mag. District #3, River Road, p.43b, #44

Purdy, Clay E.	head	47	md.1	18 years	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Villa	wife	37	md.1	1 child-1 living	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Lee	dau	16	s		Ky.Ky.Ky.
Adams, Willie	laborer	15	s	negro	Ky.Ky.Ky.

Harry Purdy died on his farm near Stanley on 22 February 1942 at the age of 78. On 29 August 1932 he wrote a will by which he directed that upon his death his two farms were to be his wife's during her life, and his remaining estate upon her death to be equally divided between his two daughters. The will was recorded 3 March 1942 (Daviess County will book I, page 395). His wife died 28 January 1950 in Owensboro, she was age 76. Both were buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro.

Harry and Villa Davis Purdy had two daughters, Ermine Lee born 29 March 1894 and Alta Mae born 20 March 1911. Ermine Lee married William Joseph Foster, 3 June 1918, at Stanley. Mr. Foster was a native of Ohio County, Ky., the son of Joseph and Bettie Foster. After their marriage they lived at Stanley. They had two children, Bettie Lee and William Joseph, Jr., both presently residing in the Stanley community. Alta Mae married George Paul Manusos, 1 June 1937, at Owensboro. George P. Manusos was born 19 February 1910 in Chicago, Ill., a son of Peter George Manusos and Marika D. Verde, both natives of Greece. George P. and Alta Mae Purdy Manusos had one son, George Paul; Jr., born 4 November 1940 in Owensboro, now a resident of Battle Creek, Mich.

The following articles on Harry and Villa Purdy appeared in the Owensboro newspapers:

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Tuesday, 22 July 1902:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purdy celebrated their wedding anniversary with a tin wedding at their home at Griffith Saturday night. There was a number of friends in attendance,

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Tuesday, 24 May 1910:

Harry Purdy, of the Stanley neighborhood, has lost a number of horses in the past year. A short time ago he lost a fine mare valued at several hundred dollars. On Saturday a team owned by him ran away and one of the horses was badly injured and had to be killed. The horse was valued at \$250 by Mr. Purdy.

Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 24 February 1942:

Harry Purdy, Farmer, Is Dead

Harry Purdy, 78, died at 7:15 p.m., Sunday at his farm home near Grissom's Landing in the Stanley community, where he had lived 73 years. He was a son of the late Milford T. [sic] and Sally Ann Fogle Purdy. He was a charter member of the Methodist church and the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges at Stanley, and a member of the Owensboro Commandery, Knights Templar.

Survivors are the widow, the former Miss Villa Davis; two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Foster, of the Stanley community, and Mrs. George Manusos, Henderson, and three grandchildren, Betty Lee and W. J. Foster, Jr., and George Paul Manusos.

Funeral service will be held at the Stanley Methodist church at 2 p.m. today by the Revs. Ivan Allen, former pastor, and I. P. Crenshaw, pastor. The

body will remain at the Glenn funeral home until time for removal to the church. A Masonic burial ceremony will be held at the grave in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: active, William Purdy, Cincinnati, Milford Purdy, Charles Purdy, Ray Purdy, and Emmett Purdy, Owensboro, and Robert Allen, Boonville, Ind., all nephews; honorary, M. E. Coleman, Julius Sauer, G. A. Jett, John Cheatham, Ben Birkshire and R. B. Flaherty.

Owensboro Messenger, Sunday, 29 January 1950:

Mrs. Harry E. Purdy, 76, Dies At Hospital Here

Mrs. Harry E. Purdy, 76, well known resident of the Stanley section, where she resided for the last 61 years, died at the Owensboro-Daviess County hospital at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, following a five months illness

Mrs. Purdy was born in Louisville, April 13, 1873, and moved to Daviess County when she was 15 years old. She was a member of the Stanley Methodist church, Eastern Star and White Shrine. Her husband passed away February 22, 1942.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Foster, of Stanley, Mrs. George Manusos, Battle Creek, Mich., three grandchildren, Mrs. J. R. Strode and W. J. Foster, Jr., of Stanley, George Paul Manusos, Battle Creek, Mich., one great-grandchild, one sister, Mrs. Mack Allen, Boonville, Ind., one brother, R. C. Davis, Owensboro.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Stanley Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. D. R. Gant, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Ira P. Crenshaw. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers: Monarch Cox, M. B. Rice, Robert Allen, M.W. Birk, Foster Truett and Presly Sauer.

The body is at the Delbert J. Glenn Funeral home.

Family of Thomas H. & Julia (Fullenwider) Davis

Thomas Hamilton Davis was born 9 August 1845 in Bullitt County, Ky., the son of Robert Davis and Martha Ann Smith. Robert Davis born c1798 in Ky., the son of Thomas and Susannah Davis. Robert Davis died 6 June 1871 in Bullitt County, Ky. He was married 21 April 1831 in Hardin County, Ky., to Martha Ann Smith, daughter of Noah Smith, she was born in Ky. c1813.

Thomas H. Davis married 23 December 1867 Julia Catherine Fullenwider in Meade County, Ky. She was a native of Meade County, Ky., born 1 October 1849, a daughter of Peter Rice Fullenwider and Nancy Hardin. He appears with his parents in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Bullitt County, Ky.

Thomas H. Davis was a medical doctor and practiced his profession in Bullitt, Jefferson and Daviess Counties, Ky. For the first five years after their marriage he continued to reside in his native county. His first child, Robert Clayton, was born there 24 August 1869. In 1873 he went to Louisville, Ky., where on 13 April of that year a daughter, Savilla Rice, was born. In 1874 he returned to Bullitt County and after 1875 again went to Louisville, there his third and last child, Martha E., was born 29 December 1876. In the 1880 census he was listed as living in Louisville; he was reported to be a medical student. In 1881 he received a degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. During the 1880's he went back to Bullitt County, where he was residing in 1887.

In 1888 the family of Thomas H. Julia Davis moved to Daviess County, Ky. Members of the Hardin family relatives of Mrs. Davis's mother, Nancy Hardin Fullenwider, resided in Daviess County. Mention of the Daviess visiting relatives in Daviess County was made in the Owensboro newspaper, Owensboro Daily Messenger, Friday, 1 February 1887: "Dr. T. H. Davis and wife, of Bullitt County, are visiting relatives, in the city."

After moving to Daviess County they located near Stanley. They were near neighbors of the Purdy family. T. H. and Julia Davis's daughter, Villa, married Harry Purdy on 20 July 1892 at the Davis residence. Two years later their daughter, Nettie Davis, married Mack Allen 3 November 1894 at the Davis home.

On 1 April 1891 William McFarland sold to T. H. and Julia Davis, 1/3 interest, and to Robert C. Davis, 2/3 interest, in 120 acres for \$4320. The farm was along Lower River Road (French Island Road) near its intersection with the Laketown Road, about one mile south of the Ohio River. It was bounded by the property of Herschel Grissom on the west and James Childers on the east. The land was part of the 150 acre tract owned by D. McParla shown on an 1876 plat map of Oakford Precinct (Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky.). On 11 May 1896 the Davises sold 60 acres of the farm to T. J. Richards for \$1800.

The listings of the Davis family in the 1900 and 1910 Daviess County censuses are:

1900 Daviess County census, District #3, p.181b, #212

Allen, Mac	head	Jun 1873 (26) m	5 years	Ind.Ky.Ky.
Mattie	wife	___ 1878 (21) m	2ch-2living	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Robert	son	Feb 1896 (4) s		Ky.Ind..Ky.
Catherine	dau	Aug 1898 (1) s		Ky.Ind.Ky.
Davis, Julia C.	m-i-l	Nov 1850 (49) m	35 yrs, 3ch-3liv	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Robert C.	b-i-l	Aug 1869 (30)s		Ky.Ky.Ky.

1910 Daviess County census, District #3, French Island Road p.41. #5

Davis, Robert C.	head	40	md.1	5 yrs	Ky. Ky.Ky.
Bessie	wife	23	md.1	1 child-1 living	Ky.Ky.Ky.
Quendolyn	dau	3	s		Ky.Ky.Ky.
Julia C.	mother	58	wd.		Ky.Ky.Ky.

Dr. Thomas H. Davis died 2 October, 1916 Boonville, Warrick County, Ind. at the home of his daughter, Mattie Allen. Shortly after her husband's death, Julia Davis, on 20 October 1916 wrote her will. In it she directed that her farm near Stanley was to be used to pay her doctor bill, funeral expenses, and for tombstones. She appointed her son, Robert C. Davis, and son-in-laws, Harry Purdy and Mack Allen, joint administrators of her estate. She died at the age of 80 on 21 July 1930 at the home of her daughter, Mattie Allen, in Boonville, Ind. On 28 July 1930 her will was recorded in Daviess County (will book H, page 202). Thomas H. and Julia Davis were buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. They were survived by their three children and ten grandchildren. The following obituaries for them appeared in the Owensboro newspapers.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Friday, 6 October 1916:

Dr. T. H. Davis, seventy-one, formerly a resident of Stanley but more recently of Lewisport, died Monday night at the home of his son-in-law, Mack Allen, in Boonville, Ind., as a result of dropsy. Dr. Davis is well known in this county as a practitioner, having spent more than fifty years of his life here. His remains were brought to Owensboro Wednesday and the funeral conducted at Elmwood cemetery.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Tuesday, 22 July 1930:

Mrs. T. H. Davis – Mrs. Julia Fullenwider Davis, 80 years old, widow of the late Dr. T. H. Davis, of the Stanley section of Daviess County, died at 3:50 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mack Allen, in Boonville, Ind., where she had been living for some time. Surviving are one son, Robert C. Davis, Owensboro; two daughters, Mrs. Mack Allen, Boonville, Mrs. Harry E. Purdy, Stanley; also ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Walnut Street Baptist church, this city, with burial following in Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Harry E. Purdy, Mack Allen, Robert Allen, W. J. Foster, John Russell and Ben Berkshire.

Thomas Hamilton Davis & Julia Catherine Fullenwider were the parents of three children: Robert (Bob) Clayton Davis, born 24 August 1869 Bullitt County, Ky.; Savilla (Villa) Rice Davis, born 13 April 1873 Louisville, Ky.; and Martha (Mattie) Eleanor Davis, born 29 December 1877 Louisville, Ky.

Robert Clayton Davis on 27 March 1904 married Bessie Lee Willett in Meade County, Ky. He was a carpenter – contractor. He died at his home in Owensboro 20 August 1951 at the age of 81, his wife died 25 April 1974 at the age of 89. They had three daughters: Gwendolyn married W. L. Speaks; Louise married I. P. Stoughton; and Mrs. Georgiana Stone. The following obituaries of Robert C. and Bessie Willett Davis appeared in the Owensboro newspapers:

Owensboro Messenger, Tuesday, 21 August 1951:

R. C. "Bob" Davis, 81, retired carpenter contractor, died at his home 1124 W. 3rd St., at 9:55 p.m. Monday, following a four weeks illness.

Mr. Davis was born in Bullitt County, August 24, 1869, and had lived in Daviess County since 1887. He was a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, and served for many years as a deacon. Three years ago he moved his letter to the Eaton Memorial Baptist Church.

He was married to Miss Besse Lee Willett, of Brandenburg, Meade County, on March 21, 1904. His wife, three daughters, Mrs. Gwendolyn Speaks, West Palm Beach, Fla., Mrs. Georgiana. Stone, Owensboro, Mrs. Louise Stoughton, Los Angeles, Calif., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Allen, Boonville, Ind., survive.

The body was taken to the James H. Davis Funeral Home, 1001 Frederica St.

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, Friday, 26 April 1974:

Mrs. R. C. (Bessie) Davis, 89, of 1124 W. 3rd St., died yesterday at Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital. Born in Meade County, Ky., the daughter of the late Richard Harrison and Artie Mm King Willett, she was a member of Eaton Memorial Baptist Church. Her husband, R. C. Davis, died in 1951.

Surviving are three daughters, Frs. Georgianna Stone, Owensboro, Mrs. W. L. (Gwendolyn) Speaks, Indialantic, Fla., and Mrs. I. R. (Louise) Stoughton, Los Angeles, Calif., seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. The body is at James H. Davis Funeral Home where friends may call after 6 p.m. Saturday.

Martha (Mattie) Eleanor Davis, daughter of Thomas H. & Julia C., married Mack Allen, 3 November 1894 Daviess County, Ky. The family of Mack & Mattie Allen left the Stanley area of Daviess County between 1908 and 1910 and moved to Boonville, Warrick County, Ind., which became their permanent home. They were the parents of Robert Hamilton, born 2 February 1895; Katherine, born 27 August 1898; Harry, born 22 November 1905, died before 1910 Martha Louise, born 11 February 1908, died 23 October 1910; Ruth, born 1912; Anna Lee, born 25 December 1913; Mary Jane, born 10 October 1917; and at least one other, who died infancy during 1900-1910. On 17 December 1936 Mattie E. Allen and her husband Mack Allen sold to Mrs. Villa Purdy and W. J. Foster for \$1.00 their 1/3 interest in the 84 acre farm near Stanley, willed by Julia Davis to her three children. Mattie Davis Allen died 28 April 1970 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Ind. and was buried at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Warrick County, Ind. Her husband, Mack Allen was born 30 June 1873 Spencer County, Ind., died 15 June 1943 and was buried at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Ind.