

# Riney Family Book Notice

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Kentucky Room: Local History & Genealogy  
450 Griffith Avenue  
Owensboro, KY 40506

Attention: Mr. Jerry Long

Dear Mr. Long:

Mrs. Florence Thompson Lovejoy suggested I write you and let you know of the forthcoming publication as announced in the book flyer (3 copies are enclosed).

I grew up in Owensboro and return to Kentucky each year for a reunion of our branch of the Riney family. I had the good fortune of working with Mrs. Lovejoy in tracing the early history of my four grandparents with the four mentioned surnames.

Although you may not be interested in obtaining a copy for the Kentucky Room, perhaps some of the genealogical researchers that visit the library may be interested in one of the four pioneer families mentioned in the title. I would appreciate your posting a copy of the flyer in the Kentucky Room and informing any such individual of the forthcoming publication. The subject book will be available before July 1, 1997.

The pre-publication price of \$28 just covers the actual book production costs plus postage and handling fees charged by McDowell Publications.

For practical reasons, I was not able to include all of the data I have gathered on the most recent generations for the Riney, Blandford, Mulligan and O'Daniel families. Enough has been included, I believe, that Kentucky descendants of pioneers with these surnames will be-able to trace back his/her roots to ancestors in Maryland and Kentucky.

Again, thanks for helping spread the word of the book's availability.

Sincerely,  
Thomas David Riney

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Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 1 July 1997:

## New book traces roots of Daviess family trees

### Messenger-Inquirer

A Daviess County native, Thomas David Riney, has written a new book tracing the genealogy of several families of the West Louisville community.

The book is called "Riney, Blandford, Mulligan and O'Daniel Families of Maryland and Kentucky" and is the result of a two-year project by Riney to trace the early roots of these local families. Patriarch Publications has announced the forthcoming publication of the book, which presents an integrated historical and genealogical treatment.

Many Catholic families who live in that area of the county are descendants of pioneer ancestors who immigrated from England and Ireland before the American Revolution. After the war, some of the families migrated from Maryland to settle land in what was then known as the Kentucky Territory of Virginia. Following the Civil War, members of later generations moved west from counties in central Kentucky to West Louisville.

"The project has given me a better appreciation of the struggles of our ancestors," Riney said. "Reviewing their trials and difficulties makes me better appreciate the much more comfortable lives that we now enjoy as a result of their sacrifices."

Riney lives in California. He graduated from St. Frances Academy in Owensboro in 1946, the University of Dayton in 1950 and re-

ceived a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1954.

He is one of 11 children born in Daviess County to Thomas Leon and Irmine Mulligan Riney. His siblings residing in Daviess County include Mary Louise Mudd and the Rev. C. Philip Riney of Owensboro and Sister Mary Leon of Mount St. Joseph Convent, Maple Mount.

Riney gratefully acknowledges that he benefited enormously from the genealogical research conducted for many years by Florence Thompson Lovejoy of Owensboro.

Riney's new book outlines the political, religious, social and economic conditions that existed at the time the immigrants left England and Ireland for Lord Baltimore's Maryland Colony. It follows their settlement in Maryland and the later migration of their descendants to central and western Kentucky.

Genealogies of the four families are illustrated by numerous family trees, archival records and old photographs. Descendant trees include the Native American Kittamaquind and European pioneer ancestors with surnames of Brent, Edelen, Hagan, Hamilton, Abell, Spalding, Cole, Medley and Hayden. A large percentage of Catholic family surnames familiar to Daviess County residents are also found on the ancestral trees of the four families in the book's titles.

The book is available by calling Mary Pendleton of Patriarch Publications at (619) 454-7724.