

Family of Charles Roseberry, Jr. & Nancy Thurston

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In Fayette County, Kentucky on 22 September 1803 Charles Roseberry, Jr. married Nancy Thurston. Charles Roseberry, a native of Virginia, was born 24 August 1779. His parents, Charles Roseberry, Sr. and Nancy Myers, about 1803 brought their family to Kentucky and settled in Bath County. Charles Roseberry, Sr. was born about 1757 and died in Bath County, Ky. in 1814 or 1815. Charles, Sr.'s father, Jonathan Roseberry, of Scotch-Irish descent, was a native of Twickenham, England, came to Bethlehem, Pa. in 1743; and after coming to America married Ann Wayne. Jonathan became steward and accountant of the Mission on Broadhead's Creek in 1755. He became superintendent at Sinn's Inn at Bethlehem. After Jonathan's death his widow, Ann, moved to Berkeley County, Va.

Charles Roseberry, Sr.'s wife, Nancy Myers, was of German descent. Nancy Thurston, wife of Charles Roseberry, Jr., was born 1 January 1784 in Virginia and was living in Bath County, Ky. in 1820. She was the daughter of Ezekiel Thurston & Christiana Talbot. Ezekiel Thurston was born c1760; his will was probated in Jefferson County, Ky. on 6 October 1834. Nancy was a granddaughter of Seth & Mary Thurston and of Charles & Drusilla (Gwin) Talbot.

In the early years of the 19th century members of the Roseberry family resided in the region east of Lexington, Ky., in: the counties of Bath, Bourbon and Montgomery. Charles Roseberry, Jr. & Sr. were listed in the 1810 census of Montgomery County, Ky.; their households were listed as follows:

1810 Montgomery County, Ky. census:

p361	Charles Rosebrough	1 male 0-10	1 female 0-10
		1 male 26-45	1 female 16-26
p383	Charles Rosebrough	1 male 10-16	1 female 0-10
		3 males 16-26	2 females 10-16
		1 male 26-45	1 female 16-26
		1 male over45	1 female over45

Between 1810 and 1813 Charles & Nancy Thurston Roseberry, Jr. moved their family to Shelby County, Ky., where they lived for about twenty years. Charles Roseberry appeared for the first time in the Shelby County tax lists in 1813. He is listed in the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Shelby County, the census-taker recorded his residence as follows;

1820 Shelby County, Ky. census:

p169	Charles Roseberry	1 male 10-16	2 females 0-10
		1 male 26-45	1 female 10-16
			1 female 16-26

1 female 26-45

1830 Shelby County, Ky. census:

P245	Charles Rosberry	1 male 20-30	1 female 0-5
		1 male 50-60	1 female 10-15
			2 female 15-20
			1 female 40-50

Around 1834 Charles Roseberry and his family moved again. About that time they left Shelby County, Ky. and moved to Hardin County, Ky, The 1831 through 1834 tax books of Shelby County are missing, for at least part of that time Charles Roseberry and his family were still living there, since two of his children were married there in 1831 and 1832. In Shelby County his son, William Harvey Roseberry married Mary Ann Wise on 5 May 1831, and his daughter, Meekee Roseberry married Fielding B. Cook on 5/8 November 1832. By the time of the 1835 Shelby County tax list Charles Roseberry was no longer listed in the tax records there. During the time that Charles Roseberry lived in Shelby County he apparently never owned any land there since he was never shown as being taxed on any land holdings.

Charles Roseberry made Hardin County, Ky. his home for about five years. He first appeared in the Hardin County tax lists in 1835 and was last listed in the year 1840 His son, William H.. Roseberry, was first listed there it 1834 and also was last listed in 1840. The Hardin County tax lists show that Charles Roseberry during the time he lived there owned 125 acres on Otter Creek and his son, William H., owned a 1/2 acre lot in the town of West Point. Charles Roseberry was not listed as a head of a household in the 1840 census of Hardin County, the 1840 tax list of Hardin County indicates he was residing there during that year. Charles Roseberry's son, William H. Roseberry, and his son-in-law, Hardin Ditto, were listed in the 1840 Hardin County census. Their households were listed as follows:

1840 Hardin County, Ky. census:

p58	Hardin Ditto	1 male 0- 5	1 female 0- 5
		1 male 30-40	2 females 20-30
		1 male 60-70	1 female 50-60
p61	W. H. Roseberry	1 male 0- 5	1 female 0- 5
		1 male 10-15	2 females 5-10
		1 male 15-20	1 female 20-30
		1 male 30-40	

In 1840 Charles Roseberry would have been 60 years old and most likely he is the male aged 60-70 living in the household of his son-in-law, Hardin Ditto, and the female aged 50-60 living in the same residence probably Nancy Thurston Roseberry, who would have then been aged 56. While residing in Hardin County, Ky. Charles and Nancy Roseberry's daughter, Frances married Hardin Ditto on 17 February 1836 in Hardin County.

Hardin County. Ky. tax lists:

1830	no Roseberry listed	
1831	tax book missing	
1832	tax book missing	
1833	no Roseberry listed	
1834	William H. Roseberry	(½ acre West Point)
1835	Charles Roseberry	(125 acres Otter Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	(½ acre West Point)
1836	Charles Roseberry	(125 acres Otter Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	
1837	Charles Roseberry	(125 acres Otter Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	
1838	tax book missing	
1839	Charles Roseberry	(125 acres Otter Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	
1840	Charles Roseberry	(123 acres Otter Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	
1841	no Roseberry listed	
1842	no Roseberry listed	

On 9 October 1840 Charles Roseberry contracted to purchase 117 acres in Daviess County, Ky. from Covington Ford. Either shortly before or soon after this date he left Hardin County, Ky. and moved to Daviess County, Ky., where he settled on the 117 acre farm near the present town of Whitesville. He was first in the Daviess County tax lists in 1841. In the 1841-1843 Daviess County tax lists he is shown as paying taxes on 120 acres on Panther Creek. No deed for this land was recorded in Daviess County in 1840 when Charles Roseberry made his initial agreement to buy the land from Covington Ford. He subsequently was unable to complete the terms of the purchase and on 16 May 1842 he filed a suit in the Daviess County Circuit Court against Covington Ford seeking to recover \$300, the part of the purchase price he had already paid. By that time Ford was no longer a resident of Daviess County and the court ordered the tract of land to be sold in order that Roseberry could get his money back. In 1847 Finley W. Wall, a commissioner for the court, sold the land at an auction, at which time Charles Roseberry was the highest bidder and a deed for the land was then recorded transferring it to him (Daviess County deed book H, p466). On 3 January 1849 Charles Roseberry and his wife, Nancy, sold this same farm to Henry Alvey for \$600 (Daviess County deed book L, p90).

Daviess County, Ky tax lists:

1840	no Roseberry listed	
1841	Charles Roseberry	(120 acres Panther Creek)
1842	Charles Roseberry	
1843	Charles Roseberry	(120 acres Panther Creek)
	William H. Roseberry	
1844	Charles Roseberry	
1845	Charles Roseberry	
	William H. Roseberry	(1 town lot)
1846	Charles Roseberry	

	William H. Roseberry	
1847	Charles Roseberry	(100 acres)
1848	Charles Roseberry	
1849	Charles Roseberry	
1850	no Roseberry listed	
1851	no Roseberry listed	
1852	tax book missing	
1853	Charles Roseberry	
1854	Charles Roseberry	
1855	Charles Roseberry	
1856	Charles Roseberry	
1857	Charles Roseberry	
1858	no Roseberry listed	
1859	no Roseberry listed	
1860	no Roseberry listed	

During the year of 1849 Charles and Nancy Roseberry moved from Daviess County, a short distance to the adjoining county of Ohio. Their new home in Ohio County was near the town of Fordsville, about ten miles from their former home in Daviess County. On 3 January 1849 when they sold their farm in Daviess County the deed indicated that they were then still residents of Daviess County. Sometime within the next few months they left and went to Ohio County. Charles Roseberry was listed in both the 1849 tax list of Daviess and Ohio County, suggesting he spent part of the year in both places. In the 1850 Ohio County census they were listed at their new home, the census record appeared as follows:

1850 Ohio County, Ky. census, p91, District 2, 13 September, #549:
 Roseberry, Charles 70 m farmer, real estate \$600 Va.
 Nancy 65 f Va.

The 1850 Ohio County tax list shows that Charles Roseberry was taxed on 200 acres on Adams Fork both for the years 1849 and 1850, the 1850 census listed this land as being valued at \$600. Evidently the transaction for this land was never completed since no deed of buying or selling it was recorded in either Ohio or Daviess County. In the 1851 and later tax lists of Ohio County he is not listed, as owning any land. Charles Roseberry was listed in tax lists of Ohio County for the five years of 1849-1852. By 1853 he had returned to Daviess County. He was listed in the Daviess County tax lists of 1853 through 1857 during that-time he was not shown owning any land.

Ohio County, Ky. tax lists:
 1840 tax book missing
 1841 tax book is missing
 1842 no Roseberry listed
 1843 no Roseberry listed
 1844 no Roseberry listed
 1845 no Roseberry listed

1846	no Roseberry listed	
1847	no Roseberry listed	
1848	no Roseberry listed	
1849	Charles Roseberry	
1850	Charles Roseberry	(200 acres Adams Fork also paid taxes on same for year of 1849)
1851	Charles Roseberry	
1852	Charles Roseberry	
1853	tax book missing	
1854	tax book missing	
1855	tax book missing	
1856	tax book missing	
1857	no Roseberry listed	
1858	tax book missing:	
1859	no Roseberry listed	
1860	no Roseberry listed	

After Charles and Nancy Roseberry returned to Daviess County about 1853 they most likely lived with the family of their daughter, Paulina Day, about a mile northeast of the town of Whitesville. Charles Roseberry last appeared in the Daviess County tax lists in 1857, he was then aged 77. He died sometime between 1857 and the 1860 Daviess County census. When the 1860 Daviess County census was taken Nancy Roseberry was living with her daughter, Paulina Day, and she was then a widow. In the wills, administrator bonds and estate papers (inventories, sale bills & settlements) of both Daviess and Ohio County the name of Charles Roseberry did not appear. During the period, of 1852-1861 the state of Kentucky kept some vital statistics, in the deaths recorded for Daviess and Ohio County the death of Charles Roseberry was not recorded, these records were by no means complete, none for the year of 1859 were recorded. In three published volumes of Daviess cemeteries and six for Ohio County no Roseberrys were listed. The public cemetery (Cates Cemetery) in Whitesville, a short distance from where the Day family lived, had been started by the late 1850's. One of the grandchildren of Charles and Nancy Roseberry, William T. Day, was buried there in 1864 and it appears likely that they would also have been buried there.

Census records suggest that Charles Roseberry and Nancy Thurston may have had five children, one of these has not been identified and proven to be a child. Living in their household at the time of the 1810 and 1820 censuses was a girl born about 1804 who may have been their daughter. Charles and Nancy Roseberry are known to be the parents of William Harvey, Meekee Elsa, Paulina T. and Frances Jane Roseberry.

William Harvey Roseberry was born 11 August 1808 in Kentucky. In- Shelby County, Ky. on 5 May 1831 he married MaryAnn Wise. About 1834 he moved to Hardin County, Ky., where he was listed in the 1834-1840 tax lists and 1840 census of Hardin County, We resided about four years in Daviess County, Ky., appearing it that counties tax books in 1843, 1845 & 1846. At the time of the 1850 census he was living in Shelby County, Ky. Between 1852 and

1860 he moved to Jackson County, Indiana, where his family was listed in the 1860 census. William H. Roseberry died following 1860. His wife, Mary Ann, died 30 September 1865, she was born 31 May 1810. They had seven children: Cordelia F, Thersey Ann, William W, Ellen, Charles F., Mary A. and Harvey:

1. Cordelia F. was born 19 March 1832 Ky. and died 29 June 1893 Shelby County, Ky. married Samuel Goodwin Adams 7 July 1853 Shelby County, Ky.
2. Thersey Ann was born 18 May 1834 Ky. and married Martin Snooks 5 January 1852 Shelby County, Ky.
3. William W. was born 8 May 1837 Ky., his will was probated 21 July 1869 Jackson County, Ind., married Sarah Woods 5 September 1860 Jackson County, Ind.
4. Ellen was born 3 March 1839 Ky. and died 11 December 1841 Ky.
5. Charles F. was born 7 May 1845 Ky. and was shot and killed in a robbery in 1868 in Jackson County, Ind.
6. Mary Ellen was born 20 June 1848 Ky. and married John W. Richards 10 December 1865 Jackson County, Ind.
7. Harvey was born 12 August 1852 Ky.

Meekee Elsa Roseberry, daughter of Charles Roseberry, Jr. & Nancy Thurston, was born 15 August 1810 in Shelby County, Ky. On 8 December 1832 she married Fielding Beasley Cook in Shelby County, Ky. They moved to Illinois. Two children were born to them - William Harvey & Fannie Cook. William Harvey Cook was born 27 March 1834 in Shelby County, Ky. He was a doctor receiving a medical degree in 1867 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. He married Elizabeth Frances Robinson, 4 September 1856 Putnam County, Ind. and they were the parents of Charles Edwin, Ella Josephine, Melville Thurston and William Roscoe Cook. Dr. Cook died 28 January 1920 Coffeen, Montgomery County, Il. A biography of Dr. William H. Cook was published in the book, Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery and Bond Counties, Illinois (Chicago, Chapman Bros., 1892, pp272-275).

Paulina T. Roseberry, daughter of Charles Roseberry, Jr. & Nancy Thurston, was born about 1812, according to the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p530) she was born in Bourbon County, Ky., About 15 months after her family removed to Daviess County she was married there to Isaac E. Day. Bond for their marriage was paid on 10 January 1842 and they were married three days later on the 13th by Elder Minor Ford. Rev. Ford at the time was the pastor of the Antioch Christian Church at Boston in Daviess County. After their marriage they lived on a farm about a mile northeast of Whitesville in Daviess County, Their farm is shown on the plat map in the Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (Leo McDonough & Co., 1876, p23). Isaac and Paulina Day's family were recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Daviess County:

1850 Daviess County, Ky. census, #835:

Day, Isaac C. 35 m farmer, real estate \$450 Ky.

Pauline	38 f	Ky.
Eliza A.	7 f	Ky.
William T.	5 m	Ky.

1860 Daviess County, Ky. census, p.753, #753:

Day, Isaac E.	45 m	farmer	Ky.
		real estate \$2200/personal property \$1000	
Palinia	48 f		Ky.
Eliza R.	16 f		Ky.
William T.	14 m		Ky.
Roseberry, Nancy	77 f		Va.

1870 Daviess County, Ky. census:

p115, Boston Precinct, Post Office Whitesville, #185:

Day, Isaac	55 m		Ky.
Paulina	54 f		Ky.
Eliza Ann	24 f		Ky.
Melton, John	9 m	deaf & dumb	Ky.

p.119, Boston Precinct, Post Office Whitesville, #33

Cates, Webster	33 m	plasterer	Ky.
Eliza Ann	26 f		Ky.
William	5 m		Ky.
Susan	3 f		Ky.
Isaac	1 m		Ky.

1880 Daviess County, Ky. census:

Boston Precinct,	p.2,	#8	
Day, Isaac	65 m	farmer	Ky.-Va.-Va.
Paulina	62 f	wife	Ky.-Va.-Va.
Maggie	16 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

The following biography of Isaac E. Day appeared in the book History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p530):

Isaac E. Day, born Sept. 10, 1815, in Grayson County, Ky., is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Brooks) Day, natives of Virginia. His parents came to Kentucky with a family of six children, and settled first in what is now Hardin County, and two or three years later went to Grayson County, where his father died, at the age of eighty-four years, and his mother a few years later, at about the same age. There was a family of seventeen children, twelve sons and five daughters; two pairs of twins - two sons and two daughters. Isaac E. was next to the youngest and one of the twin sons. In the spring of 1839 he came to Daviess County and settled in Boston Precinct, first working a few months on the farm of Creed Burton, and then clerking in his store in Boston. During the summer of 1841 he went to Knottsville and assisted in opening a store there, returning to Boston in the fall.

He was appointed Constable by the County Court, serving two years. He bought a farm of 105 acres in Boston Precinct, afterward increasing it to 130 acres, where he still lives. Jan. 13, 1842, he married Paulina T. Roseberry a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and a daughter of Charles Roseberry. They have had three children—Eliza Ann, married Webster Cate and resides near Henderson, Ky.; a son died at the age of nineteen years, and one died in infancy. They have reared two adopted children, only one now living.

Issac E. Day died 1 November 1887, he has a monument in the Day family plot in the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville, Ky. The following obituary was published in the Owensboro, Ky. newspaper:

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Saturday, 5 November 1887:

Death - Of Isaac E. Day- Mr. Isaac E. Day, of Whitesville, died Thursday night, of dropsy of the heart. He was in this city Wednesday, apparently in perfect health, and showed no signs of illness until a very short time before his death. He was born in Grayson County September 10, 1815, and had been a citizen of this county since 1839. He was at every period of his life a man of the most energetic temperament and intimately connected with the material progress of his section for forty years past. He married Paulina Roseberry, a daughter of Charles Roseberry, of Ohio County, in 1842. She is still living, as is their only daughter, Mrs. Webster Cate, of Henderson County, Mr. Day's remains were buried yesterday at Whitesville.

Paulina Roseberry Day, the widow of Isaac E. Day, on 15 December 1889 married W. T. Overton in Daviess County, Ky. She was then about 76 years old. She died 4 January 1892. She does not have a monument by her husband, Isaac E. Day, in the Cates Cemetery, but most likely she would have been buried there. It is possible that her parents, Charles and Nancy Roseberry, are also buried in the Day family plot in the Cates Cemetery without any grave markers.

To the marriage of Isaac E. Day and Paulina T. Roseberry three children were born: Eliza Ann, William T. and another child died in infancy. William T. Day was born 5 May 1844 in Daviess County, Ky., and died 22 February 1864, he was buried at the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville, Ky., he was not married. Eliza Ann Day was born in 1843 in Daviess County, Ky. On 23 December 1862 in Daviess County she married Webster Cate (also appears as Cates). He was born 2 August 1836 in Rochester, New York, he served on the first board of trustees of the town of Whitesville and was constable there in 1872. It is possible the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville may have been named for him.

Webster Cate died 11 May 1921 Henderson, Henderson County, Ky, where he was buried in Fernwood Cemetery. Eliza Ann (Day) Cate died in 1904 and was buried in the Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, Ky. Their children included;

1. George William (Willie) Cates born 30 September 1864 and died 5 September 1872, buried in the Cates Cemetery at Whitesville; in a journal kept by George Warren Taylor of Bell's Run in Ohio County he wrote that Willie Kates, little son of W. Kates of Whitesville, 7 years old was thrown from a horse & killed 5 September 1872.
2. Susan Paulina Cate born 8 February 1867, married ___ Floyd & Cater Woodson Forman, and died 28 February 1947 and was buried Midkiff Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky.
3. James Isaac Cate born 8 August 1868, married Nannie, and died 4 September 1928 and buried Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Ky.
4. Emma J. Cates born 19 December 1872 and died 21 December 1872, buried in the Cates Cemetery at Whitesvill.
5. Emmitt Webster Cate born 1873 and died 1905, buried Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Ky.
6. Bain Cate born 8 October 1877, married Myrtle Burns, and died 24 December 1964 Kalispell, Flathead, Montana.
7. Dovey?, a daughter 1879-1880 and died young..

Frances Roseberry was born about 1815 in Shelby County, Ky. On 17 February 1836 she married Hardin Truman Ditto in Hardin County, Ky. Hardin Ditto was the son of Henry Ditto, Jr. & Elizabeth M. Truman and was born c1808 and died after 1880. About 1856 they moved to Ohio County, Ky., where they lived until about 1876 when they moved to Daviess County, Ky. Hardin and Frances Ditto were both living at the time of the 1880 Daviess County census. They were not listed in the 1900 Daviess County census. The following members of the Ditto family were listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio and Daviess County:

1860 Ohio County, Ky. census, Ellis District, P.O. Fordsville, #222

Ditto, Hardin	51 m farmer	Ky.
	real estate \$1500/personal property \$2155	
Francis	45 f	Ky.
Josephin	14 f	Ky.
Trueman	12 m	Ky.
Franklin	10 m	Ky.
Susan	7 f	Ky.
Charles	5 m	Ky.

1860 Daviess County, Ky. census, p808, Boston Precinct

Ditto, John	22 m	Ky.
Martha	21 f	Ky.
William Lee	3/12 m	Ky.

1870 Ohio County, Ky. census, p441, Ellis District, P.O., Whitesville

Ditto, Hardin	62 m	Ky.
Frances	55 f	Ky.
Truman	22 m	Ky.
Franklin	20 m	Ky.

Susan	16 f	Ky.
Charles	14 m	Ky.

1870 Daviess County, Ky. census, p113, Boston Precinct.

Ditto, John W.	33 m	Ky.
Martha	32 f	Ky.
William	10 m	Ky.
Mary	8 f	Ky.
Laura	5 f	Ky.
Sarah	3 f	Ky.
Mattie	5/12 f	Ky.

1880 Daviess County, Ky. census:

Knottsville Precinct, p13, #108

Ditto, Truman	33 m		Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Manda	29 f	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Ida	7 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Voly	6 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Oliver	3 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Mary	10/12 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Knottsville Precinct, p45, #396

Ditto, Hardin	72 m		Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Francis	65 f	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Charles	24 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Ellen	3 f	grandson	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Boston Precinct, p10, #77

Ditto, John W.	42 m		Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Martha	40 f	wife	Ky.-N.C.-Ky.
William	20 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Laurah	15 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Sarah	13 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Mattie	9 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Rollis	4 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

Boston Precinct, p.28, #235

Ditto, Frank	29 m		Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Francis	22 f	wife	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Roberta	6 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Tyna	5 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
Dora F.	2 f	daughter	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.
James B.	8/12 m	son	Ky.-Ky.-Ky.

The children of Hardin Ditto and Frances Roseberry were:

1. John William Ditto born 2 August 1837, married Martha Ann Evans 12 June 1859 Daviess County, Ky., died 7 November 1895.
2. Julia A. Ditto born c1840, married Richard T. Goode, in 1880 she was living Ohio County, Ky.

3. Frances Josephine Ditto born February 1847, married John Nikles Willian 3 December 1867 Daviess County, Ky., and died 1909 Missouri.
4. Hardin Truman Ditto born 12 January 1848, married Almerinda Evans 17 November 1870 Daviess County, Ky., died June 1910 New Madrid County, Mo.
5. James Franklin Ditto born July 1850 Frances Frances Teresa Hamilton 2 April 1873 Daviess County, Ky., and died 25 April 1899 Mississippi County, Mo.
6. Susan Elizabeth Ditto born 18 February 1854 married Thomas Momen Bruner 24 March 1873 Daviess County, Ky., and 23 March 1914 Shelby County, Mo.
7. Charles W. Ditto born about 1855, married Elizabeth M. Neighbors 4 March 1888 Henderson County, Ky., and died 1889-1900.