

William Sharp

Born 1760-1770

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1987

October 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Long,

I promised to send to you the information which I have compiled on Jesse W. Sharp, my great grandfather. I do hope you are able to understand the enclosed material.

Jesse W. Sharp was borned in Breckenridge County in 1924 or 1926 [should be 1824 or 1826]. We know of one sister, Senor A. Sharp She married James Boyd in June, 1842, a George Dodson, Sr. in April 1948 [should be 1848], a Dr. George Chapman, Sr. in March, 1879 and a Sidney Borzarth in May, 1899 Her son, John Boyd, married Mary Frances Waltrip, the daughter of Susan Ann (Hoover) Waltrip.

Jesse W. Sharp and A. Elizabeth Smith was married June 20, 1852 in Ohio County. Their children were:

Cloah Sharp, borned 01/29/1858; married to ? Wade
Sallie Sharp borned 4/11/1860; never married
Mary (Molly) Sharp borned 11/04/1864; married Dan McIntyre
Lottie Sharp borned 01/04/1869; married George Leisure
Issac Sharp Borned 6/29/1871; married Zalen ?
David L. Sharp borned 3/25/1873; married Edmona Hoover, (my grandparents)
S. D. Sharp borned 9/29/1875; never married

Jesse W. Sharp was a veteran of the Civil War.

My mother also remembers a Cousin Fleming Sharp, who lived in the Hartford area. She addressed him as Cousin Fleming.

Jesse W. Sharp sold land to Allen and Margaret King in October 1852. The area was called Slover Run. I located this information in a Deed Book in Hartford.

I am also sending you some information on Elizabeth Smith's family. Perhaps you can find a clue from that side of the family.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mrs. O'Hare:

Here is my report on the Sharp family. I have been able to make some interesting discoveries. As you know genealogy never comes to a final stopping point. There are always more leads and records that can be checked. I believe I have done a thorough search of the sources at the Ohio and Daviess County courthouses and of the local sources at the Owensboro Library. However, because of the unavailability of the original records of Shelby, Henry and Spencer Counties, Ky. here I was unable to research them, I believe a search of these sources could lead to other discoveries and leads on the Sharp family.

In researching and writing this report I believe I have went beyond your request and for that I hope you understand. I am very interested in the older families of Ohio County and when researching them I usually get carried away and try to compile as complete a history as I can. When I do this I charge for only part of my time, I will request payment for 25 hours of research time (at \$4/hr) or \$100, which I believe is the maximum of research time you mentioned in our conversation. I hope you find this fair. Many researchers would have sent a copy of the document that proved a lineage and a single page of explanation, along with a bill equivalent to my charge.

I would appreciate any comments, criticisms, corrections, etc. on the report. Can you or your mother add to any of the data on the chart of the family of Jesse W. Sharp and Elizabeth Smith? Your mother had a second cousin, Albert Sharp (son of Newton Thomas Sharp), who married Dolly Travis a cousin of my grandfather; can she remember ever hearing of him? In the future if you make any new discoveries please keep me in mind. I will now continue to keep an eye open for the family names which I learned in writing this. Thank you for contacting me and bye for now.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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November 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for the report on Jesse Sharp. You accomplished in a month what I was unable to do in eight years. It seems incredible.

Mother was delighted but I haven't taken her the report. I hope to this week-end.

I asked her about Albert Sharp and Dolly Travis but she doesn't recall the names. Sometimes she can recall people and events, if she concentrates on the information. I will keep trying and, if she has a memory break-through, I will send you the information.

I am enclosing a check for your services. It is for a few dollars more than agreed upon, perhaps it will cover some of your office expense.

I appreciate the time and effort you spent on this report. My grandmother, Mona Hoover Sharp, often told me that any job worth doing is worth doing well. Perhaps your grandmother had the same principles as mine and taught you the same.

Yours truly,
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William Sharp was born between 1760-1770. He married Deborah Allen in Frederick County, Virginia on 9 November 1785. During the 1790's William Sharp and his family were among the first residents at Fort Hartford, in what is now Ohio County, Kentucky. One clue suggests that he may have come from Pennsylvania. A daughter, Anne King, born 18 April 1787 was reported in the 1850 Ohio County, Ky. census to have been born in Pennsylvania.

Several of the children of William Sharp were born in the Fort at Hartford, Ky. In the book Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days, a collection of writings by Harrison D. Taylor (Louisville, KY, 1926, p13), the following reference is made to William Sharp's son, William T. Sharp, having been born at Hartford:

A pet squaw was for some time living with the white families in Hartford, and was guilty of a most singular freak. The late William Sharpe, of Owensboro, was said to have been the first male child born in Hartford, and this squaw showed the greatest attachment for him, fondling and caressing him at every opportunity. About the time that he was beginning to walk he was missed, and the whole town was alarmed. His parents were in hopeless agony. For some cause the squaw was suspected and closely watched. She was finally found with young Sharpe concealed in the woods, where she seemed to have provided everything in her power for his comfort and safety.

The author of this passage, Harrison D. Taylor (1802-889), was a noted Hartford lawyer, who wrote several articles, many based' on firsthand accounts, about the pioneer history of Ohio County. Many off the articles were originally written and published in 1857 in the Shield, an Owensboro, Ky. newspaper. During, his lifetime two William Sharps appear in the records of Owensboro, Ky. One William Sharp operated a dry goods store, William Sharp & Co., on Frederica Street in Owensboro. He was born about 1824. According to the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (Leo McDonough & Co., p29) he was a native of Scotland and came to Daviess County in 1858. The other was William T. Sharp, a son of the William Sharp born 1760-1770. William T. Sharp was a noted citizen of Owensboro during the first half of the nineteenth century. He was a member of the state legislature, a Daviess County jailer and operated a livery stable in Owensboro. He died in Owensboro in 1850. The 1815 and 1816 tax lists of Shelby County, Ky. indicate that William T. Sharp was born about 1794: or 1795, the 1810 and 1820 censuses of Shelby, County, Ky. show that he was born in the decade of 1794-1804.

William T. Sharp, born about 1794-1795, was no doubt born at Fort Hartford, Hardin County, Ky., now Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. Tax records show that his father, William Sharp, was residing in the territory at the time. Also Harrison D. Taylor was a contemporary of William T. Sharp., and both having been active in the politics of the region were most likely well acquainted and the story related by Mr. Taylor was probably, related to him by William T. Sharp, himself, or one of his family.

The claim that William T. Sharp was "the first male child born in Hartford" appears unlikely, since a settlement was there before 1790. The exact date that the fort at Hartford was built is not known, the land there was first surveyed in 1782. Confusion is also created by the close proximity of two stations near the present site of Hartford, both apparently existing by 1790. Barnett's Station located about two miles east of the site of Hartford, was established in 1783. The Fort at Hartford appears to have been built between 1782 and 1788; in a deed recorded (Nelson, County) in 1788 a land location was given as seven miles from Hartford town. The Fort at Hartford would thus seem to have been built at least six years prior to the birth of William T. Sharp, and if so, it does not seem likely that he would have been the first child born there in that amount of time.

William Sharp probably resided at Hartford as early as 1792. Ohio County was formed in 1798 from Hardin County, Ky. Hardin County had been created in 1792 from Nelson County, which was created from Jefferson County in 1784. The first available tax list for Nelson County, Ky. is 1792. In that year there were three lists for different areas of Nelson County, The name of William Sharp appeared on the same list as Joseph Barnett Christopher Jackson, Robert Moseley, Henry Rhoades. Mathias Shultz. William Smothers and other early pioneers of Ohio County. The first tax fist of Hardin County, 1793, does not exist. In the 1794 and 1795 Hardin County tax lists William Sharp was listed, land holdings, if any, were not shown in these lists.

Nelson County, Ky tax lists:

1792 William Sharp
1793 no Sharps listed
1795 no Sharps listed

Hardin County, Ky. tax lists:

1793 no tax list
1794 William Sharp
1795 William Sharp
1796 no Sharps listed
1797 William Sharp (150 acres Rough Creek, patented in the name of Joseph Barnett)
1798 no tax book
1799 no Sharps listed
1800 no Sharps listed

In the 1797 tax book of Hardin County, Ky. William Sharp was shown as paying taxes on 150 acres on Rough Creek, surveyed and patented by Joseph Barnett. Rough Creek runs through Ohio County; and Hartford is situated along its banks. Joseph Barnett (1734-1796) was the founder of Barnett's Station near Hartford. He was a deputy surveyor and made early entries and surveys of lands lying in the neighborhood of Hartford, in the present counties of Ohio and Daviess. His Jefferson County entries (in which Ohio County was then a part) totaled 155,370 acres, and the early records of Nelson and Hardin Counties are full of land transactions in which he was a party. At the time of his death he owned 27,984 acres. He sold a great many of these lands, only executing bonds for their conveyance. Joseph Barnett died in November 1796 without making a will, leaving only minors as his heirs. Since no one had the power to convey, the courts appointed a commission of Stephen Cleaver, Harrison Taylor, and Henry Rhoads, who were authorized to sell and convey, and to settle up his estate. In the early records of Hardin and Ohio Counties are recorded many documents regarding the estate of Joseph Barnett. In Hardin County Will Book A, in 1797 is recorded an account of monies claimed by Stephen Cleaver for his services in the administration of Joseph Barnett's estate. Among the entries in this account is 1 pound, 11 shillings & 1 pence claimed by Cleaver for laying off 150 acres for William Sharp on 31 August 1797 from the lands of Joseph Barnett, deceased (note: At the same time he also laid off lands for Robert Allen and the heirs of John Allen; William Sharp named his oldest son, born about 1788 John Allen Sharp). If a deed of conveyance for this land was recorded at this time it would have been made in Hardin County.

William Sharp does not appear to have kept all of the 150 acre tract on Rough Creek long. By 1799 he had left Hartford and Ohio County and moved to eastern Kentucky; in 1801 he was shown as owning only 3 3/4 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County. He either soon sold some of the tract or had lost title to it through litigations involving the Joseph Barnett estate. When Joseph Barnett's heirs became of age, they brought suit for and recovered most of the lands owned by their father at the time of his death, charging that the estate had been mismanaged and wasted away by the commission. As a result of the court's reversal many who had bought and paid for these lands, and had spent long years improving them, lost their homes and land. It is possible, William Sharp, was among this number, and, if so, it may have been a factor in his departure from Ohio County between 1797 and 1799. For a description of the problems of early land titles in Ohio County see Harrison D. Taylor's Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days, Chapter IX "Joseph Barnett and Ignatius Pigman and Their Land Troubles" and Chapter X "Early Land Titles".

The official records of the new county of Ohio began on the date of 1 July 1799. Following this date no land deeds were recorded by William Sharp in Ohio County. If a deed was recorded by him selling the 150 acres or part of it, it would have to have been in Hardin County between 31 August 1797 and 1 July 1799. William Sharp may have continued to own (or retain some claim to) part of this same tract as late as 1824. In the 1801 and 1802 tax lists of Henry County, Ky. he was shown as owning 3 & 3/4 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County, surveyed and patented in the name of Joseph Barnett. In the 1823 and 1824 tax lists of Daviess County, Ky. William Sharp was taxed on 25 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County, surveyed and patented in' the name of Joseph Barnett. In the various tax lists between 1802 & 1823 and after 1824 in which William Sharp was found no lands in Ohio County were shown. In the records of Daviess and Ohio Counties no record of him buying or selling land is recorded, which could be explained if his title to the land had been dissipated in the actions of the court.

The 1798 tax book of Hardin County is missing. In the first two tax lists of Ohio County in 1799 end 1800 no Sharps are listed. William Sharp between 1797 and 1799 had left Ohio County and moved to Henry County, Ky. In the first tax list of Henry County in 1800 William Sharp was listed. Henry County was formed in 1800 from Shelby County, Ky. In the 1799 tax list of Shelby County is listed a William Sharp, who was not in the Shelby County tax list the following year and who was not there in the earlier tax lists. He is probably the some William Sharp who had earlier been at Fort Hartford in Ohio County and was in Henry County upon its formation in 1800.

William Sharp is listed for the five years of 1800-1804 in the tax records of Henry County, Ky., he was the only Sharp listed there in those years. In the 1801 and 1802 lists he was taxed on 3 & 3/4 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County, in the 1802-1804 lists he was taxed on 240 acres in Henry County, in the 1803-1804 lists he was also taxed on two other tracts in Henry County, one of 72 acres on Bullskin Creek and another of 193 acres or Drennon's Creek. In 1804 William Sharp's daughter, Anne, was married to Thomas King in Henry County. In the 1805-1811 tax lists of Henry County no Sharps were listed.

Between 1804 & 1806 William Sharp and his family, including members of the King family, left Henry County and moved south into the adjoining county of Shelby. In the 1806 tax list of Shelby County William Sharp appeared and was shown as owning 193 acres in Henry County on Drennon's Creek. After moving to Shelby County he may have first lived at or near Shelbyville. On the tombstone of his son, Robert P. Sharp, it was inscribed that he was born at Shelbyville, Ky. in- 1807. About 1810 William Sharp acquired a 50 acre farm in Shelby County along the waters of Plum Creek, which runs about seven miles southwest of Shelbyville. Most of Plum Creek today is located in Spencer County, Ky., which was formed in 1824 from Shelby County.

Shelby County, Ky, tax lists: (other Sharps listed):

1793-1797	no William Sharp listed
1798	tax list is missing
1799	William Sharp
1800-1801	no William Sharp listed

Henry County, Ky., tax lists:

- 1800 William Sharp
- 1801 William Sharp (3 & 3/4 a. Ohio Co. Rough Cr., surveyed & patented by Barnett)
- 1802 William Sharp (3 & 3/4 a. Ohio Co. Rough Cr. And 240 a. Henry County)
- 1803 William Sharp (193 a., 72 a. & 240 a. Henry County)
- 1804 William Sharp (193 a. D. Cr., 72 a. Bullskin & 240 a. Henry Co.)
- 1805-1811 no Sharps listed

Shelby County, Ky. tax lists (other Sharps listed):

- 1805 no William Sharp listed
- 1806 William Sharp (193 a. Henry County, Drennon's Creek)
- 1807 William Sharp (193 a. Henry County)
- 1808 William Sharp (193 a.)
- 1809 William Sharp (193 a. Henry County)
- 1810 tax list is missing
- 1811 William Sharp (193 a. Henry County & 50 a. Shelby County)
- 1812 no William Sharp listed
- 1813 William Sharp (193 a. & 50 a.)

In the 1793-1810 tax lists of Shelby County in addition to William Sharp eleven other Sharps were listed: On Jephtha (Guist) Cr. - John (b. pre 1765); on Clear Cr. - George (b. pre 1765), Benjamin (b. pre 1765), Luke (b. c1785) & Micajah (b. c1786); on Long Run Cr. - John, (b. pre 1780); also listed were Anthony (b. pre 1773), Adam (b. pre 1775), Armstard (b. pre 1787), another William (b. pre 1782) and a third John (b. c1788). The last John Sharp was probably William's son, John Allen Sharp. William Sharp was one of seven Sharp households listed in the 1810 census of Shelby County, the following listing was made for William Sharp:

1810 Shelby County, Ky. census, p.215, #6:

William Sharp	2 males 0-10	2 females 0-10
	2 males 10-16	1 female 10-16
	1 male 16-26	1 female 16-26
	1 male over 45	1 female 26-45

William Sharp paid taxes in Shelby County on the 193 acres he owned in Henry County from 1806 through 1813. Starting in 1811 he also paid taxes on 50 acres on Plum Creek in Shelby County. William Sharp (Sr.) disappeared from the Shelby County tax lists in the years 1814-1820. However, during this time members of his family were apparently residing in Shelby County, since three of his children were married there in the years of 1815, 1817 & 1818, and two of his sons, William T. and David. N., were listed in the Shelby County tax lists during that time. His son, William T., was first listed in 1815, as "William Junior", the list indicated that he was not yet 21, the following year he was listed as being 21.

William Sharp's wife, Deborah Sharp, was listed in the early records of Shelby and Spencer Counties. William's children, John Allen Sharp, William T. Sharp and Anne King all named: daughters, Deborah, and several grandchildren were also named Deborah; If Deborah was William Sharp's wife they apparently in their later years did not live together.

Deborah Sharp was listed as a head of a household in the 1820 census of Shelby County. William Sharp was still living in 1820 but was not listed as a household head in Shelby County. His son, William T., was listed. The four members of Deborah Sharp's household in 1820 match with the ages of the children of William Sharp, who were not yet married and who would have most likely been still living at home, they are David N. (b. 1797), George Washington (b. c1804), Robert P. (b. 1807) and Cynthia (b. 1804-10). The listings for Deborah and William T. Sharp appeared as follows (note: the age category 16-18 in the 1820 census was counted also in the age grouping 16-26):

1820 Shelby County, Ky. census:

p.137 #26	Deborah Sharp	1 male 10-16	1 female 10-156
		1 male 16-18	1 female over 45
		2 males 16-26	
p.139 #36)	William T. Sharp	1 male 0-10	1 female 0-10
		1 male 16-26	1 female 16-26

In the 1819, 1820, 1822 & 1823 Shelby County tax lists Deborah Sharp was listed, each time she was grouped together with David N. and William T. Sharp. During these years she was shown as owning 25 acres on Plum Creek and William T. (Jr.) Sharp was also listed with 25 acres on Plum Creek, it is possible that this was the same 50 acres that William Sharp Sr. was earlier shown as owning. Deborah Sharp was not listed in the 1821 Shelby County tax list, but however, listed consecutively were William Sharp (25 a. Plum Cr.), William T. Sharp (25 a. Plum Cr.) and David N. Sharp. The first William may be William Sr., who had been absent from the Shelby County tax lists for the preceding seven years. In the following year Deborah Sharp reappears with the 25 acres on Plum Creek and the other William disappeared.

In 1822 or 1823 William Sharp, Sr. left, Shelby County and moved: to Daviess County, Ky. Deborah Sharp continued to reside on Plum Creek in Shelby County. In 1824 the Plum Creek section became part of the new county of Spencer. In the 1824-1834 tax lists of Spencer County Deborah Sharp was listed as paying taxes on 25 acres on Plum Creek. She was listed in the 1830 Spencer County census, listed immediately after her was the household of a John Adams. Cynthia a daughter of William Sharp, married a John Adams and continued to reside in the Shelby County area, where she was living in 1846. If Deborah Sharp was not William Sharp's wife they were no doubt somehow closely related. The deed and estate records of Shelby, Spencer and Henry Counties may provide evidence on their relationship. The following appeared for Deborah Sharp's home in 1830:

1830 Spencer County, Ky. census:

p.332 #2	Deborah Sharp		1 female 5-10
			1 female 10-15
			1 female 30-40
			1 female 60-70
p.332 #3)	John Adams	1 male 0-5	1 female 0- 5
		1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30

The first Sharp to appear in the tax lists of Daviess County, Ky. was William Sharp in 1823. In the following year were listed William Sharp, Sr. (25 a. Ohio County on Rough Creek & 50 a. Shelby County on Plum Creek) and William Sharp. In the 1825 Daviess tax list listed consecutively were William T. Sharp, Washington Sharp & William Sharp (25 a. Ohio County on Rough Creek). William Sharp, Sr. in the 1826 and following Daviess tax lists is not shown as owning any land. In the Daviess County deed books no deed was recorded by William Sharp whereby he bought or sold any land.

William Sharp, Sr. is not listed as a head of a household in the 1830 Daviess County census. He is, however, listed in that years Daviess County tax list and it appears likely that he was the mile aged 60-70 residing in the household of William T. Sharp, who was then about 35. Besides William T. Sharp two other Sharp households were enumerated in the 1830 Daviess County, Ky. census. Rachel Sharp, the widow of John Allen Sharp, was listed two households from her brother-in-law, William T. Sharp. In a different area of the county was listed Manaen W. Sharp. He lived on Buck Creek which now lies in McLean County, Ky.

William Sharp, Sr. last appeared in the Daviess County tax lists in 1835. He would have then been aged 65 to 75 and may have died about that time. No estate papers, administrator bond or settlements were found in the Daviess County records; the first two will books (pre 1850) of Daviess County were burned.

The 1830 Daviess County census indicates that members of the William Sharp family were living in the Habit - Masonville area of the county, in the area just north of the Ohio County line. About the same time that William Sharp moved to Daviess County members of the King, Dodson and Martin families also made the trip from Shelby County and settled in the same area of Daviess County and also in the Bell's Run - Pleasant Ridge neighborhood just across the Daviess - Ohio County line. The four families were all neighbors along Plum Creek in Shelby County and were interrelated by marriage.

The families of Eli & Chloe (Oldham) Dodson, Thomas & Anne (Sharp) King and several children of Thomas King by his first wife, including the family of Joseph H. & Elizabeth (King) Martin in 1822-1823 moved to the Daviess - Ohio County area. In the 1820 census of Shelby County, Ky. William T. Sharp was listed ten households from the family of Eli Dodson, five from Thomas King and six from Joseph H. Martin. In the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p.695) in the biography of Thomas D. Martin , a son of Joseph H. & Elizabeth (King) Martin, it is stated that: "He was born on Plum Creek, in Shelby County, Ky., June 27, 1819... when four years old, in 1823, came with his parents to Daviess County, Ky., settling in the timber near Bethabara church" (which is at Habit about 8miles south of Owensboro). Also in the some book in the biography of Thomas K. King (p.686), a son of Thomas & Betsy (Cooper) King, born 1 August1798, it is stated that he lived with his father until he was 17 or 18 and then lived on the farm of his brother-in-law (who would have to have been Joseph H. Martin since Elizabeth was the only one of his sisters then married) "until 1822 or 1823, when he came with his two sisters - Sarah King, who married Elijah Dodson, and Nancy King to Daviess County, in 1825 he bought a 150 acre farm "a half a mile north of Bethabara.". The family of Eli & Chloe (Oldham) Dodson had moved to Daviess

County by 18 July 1823, the date on which their son, Elijah Dodson married Sarah King in Daviess County.

George Washington Sharp, a son of William Sharp, was born about 1804. He was first listed in the Daviess County, Ky. tax books in 1825, his name immediately preceded that of William Sharp, Sr. He disappeared from the Daviess tax lists the next year and did not reappear until 1833. He was not listed in the 1830 Daviess County census but appeared in the 1840 Daviess County census, when he was listed as living alone. Sometime during 1840-1843 he was married to Mildred P. ___.

1830 Daviess Countv, Ky. census:

p.196 #4	Rachel Sharp	1 male 0-5	1 female 5-10
		1 male 5-10	1 female 10-15
		2 males 10-15	1 female 30-40
p. 196 #6	William T. Sharp	1 male 0-5	1 female 0-5
		2 males 10-15	1 female 5-10
		1 male 15-20	1 female 10-15
		1 male 20-30	1 female 30-40
		1 male 30-40	
		1 male 60-70	
p205	Manaen W. Sharp	1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30

1840 Daviess County, Ky. census:

p.24	Robert P. Sharp	2 males 0-5	2 females 20-30
		1 male 30-40	
p.25 #3	George W. Sharp	1 male 30-40	
p.25 #6	William T. Sharp	1 male 5-10	1 female 5-10
		1 male 10-15	1 female 15-20
		1 male 20-30	1 female 40-50
		1 male 40-50	

1850 Daviess county, Ky. census:

98	Sharp, Orpha	52	f		Ky.
	Frances S.	19	f		Ky.
	John R.	15	m		Ky.
	Wright, Eliza W.	25	f		Ky.
120	Fletcher, Woodson	32	m	carpenter	Va.
	Chloe A.	28	f		Ky.
	Elizabeth	10	f		Ky.
	George	4	m		Ky.
695	Sharp, Robert P.	39	m	farmer, RE\$3000	Ky.
	Frances G.	36	f		Va.
	Slaughter, Medora A.	15	f		Ky.
	George W.	14	m		Ky.

	Snead, James F.	10	m		Ky.
748	Sharp, Eli D.	31	m	farmer	Ky.
	Chloe	25	f		Ky.
	Burton, Allen B.	27	m	farmer	Ky.
	Fuqua, John M.	29	m	cooper	Ky.

Daviess County, Ky. tax lists:

1815-1822	no Sharp listed
1823	William Sharp
1824	William Sharp Sr. (25 a. Ohio County, Rough Creek & 50 a. Shelby County, Plum. Creek); William Sharp
1825	William T. Sharp; Washington Sharp; William Sharp (25 a. Ohio County, Rough Creek)
1826	William T. Sharp; William Sharp
1827	William T. Sharp (150 a., Daviess County, Panther Creek); William Sharp
1828	W. M. Sharp (100 a. B. Creek); William Sharp, Sr.; William Sharp, Jr. (150 a. Panther Creek); Rachel Sharp
1829	W. M. Sharp; William Sharp, Sr.; William Sharp, Jr. (150 & 126 a.)
1830	Manaan W. Sharp (100 a. Buck Creek); William Sharp; William T. Sharp (150 a. Panther Creek); Robert Sharp
1831	Robert P. Sharp; William Sharp Sr.; William Sharp (17 a. Ohio River); Manaan W. Sharp
1832	tax book is missing
1833	William T. Sharp; Manaan W. Sharp (100 a. Buck Creek); Washington Sharp; William Sharp; Robert Sharp (300 a. Ohio River)
1834	William Sharp, Sr.; Washington Sharp; Robert Sharp; William Sharp, Jr.; William T. Sharp; Thompson Sharp; Manaan W. Sharp (100 a. Buck Creek)
1835	Robert P. Sharp; William T. Sharp; William T. Sharp, Jr.; William Sharp, Sr.; W. M. Sharp (100 a. Buck Creek)
1836	Washington Sharp; W. T. Sharp, Jr.; Robert P. Sharp
1837	Robert P. Sharp; William Sharp; G. W. Sharp
1838	tax book is missing
1839	Robert Sharp; William Sharp, Jr.; William T. Sharp; G. W. Sharp
1840	William T. Sharp (317 a. Yellow Creek); Robert P. Sharp (2 a. Ohio River)

George Washington Sharp died in Daviess County in the early part of 1844, between January 30 and the end of March. His brother, William T. Sharp, was appointed the administrator of his estate in March, 1844 (Daviess County Order Book D, p.435). His widow, Mrs. Mildred Sharp, married Warner Crow on 8 April 1846 in Daviess County, she had no children by either marriage. Warner Crow was sheriff of Daviess County in 1829-1831, represented the county in the state legislature in 1820, 1839&. 1842-1843 and at the time of his death, on 25 February 1866 was police magistrate of Owensboro.

On 16 September 1846 Madison Williams filed a suit in the Daviess County Circuit Court against the heirs of George W. Sharp, deceased (the suit was filed as case #174). Madison

Williams, an Owensboro doctor, sought to obtain \$61.75 owed him for medical services to George W. Sharp between 11 November 1842 through 30 January 1844. Dr. Madison Williams died a short time after initiating the suit (between 11 September 1844 and December 1844) and his administrator, George W. Triplett, carried on the suit in behalf of his estate. According to the Williams' petition George W. Sharp died in Daviess County intestate and at the time of his death owned a house and lot in the town of Owensboro. George W. Sharp on 7 May 1841 paid Thomas W. Watkins \$100 for 3/8 acres near Frederica Street in Owensboro, it was part off lot #2, as designated on a plat map of Owensboro recorded Deed Book A, p.63 (lot #2 was along the banks of the Ohio River near the foot of St. Elizabeth Street), the deed was recorded Daviess County.. Deed Book F, p.491. Dr. Williams requested that this lot be sold by George W. Sharp's heirs so that the debt could be paid.

George W. Sharp died leaving no children and his only heirs were his widow and his brothers and sisters. His heirs as listed in the suit were: his widow Mildred, who has since married Warner Crow; his brothers & sisters, who are William T. Sharp, Robert P. Sharp, David N. Sharp, Polly Johnson formerly Sharp, Cynthia who married John Adams, Susan who married Moses Hopwood, and Anna King; also named in the suit were the children of Allen Sharp, deceased, another brother of George W. Sharp, who died leaving the following children - William Sharp, Isaac Sharp, John Sharp, Allen Sharp, Jesse Sharp, Debby who married Andy Smith, and Senor Ann Boyd, late Sharp, a widow.

Summons were issued on 16 September 1846 to the heirs announcing the hearing of the case on 1 October 1846. One of the summons was issued to the sheriff of Ohio County to deliver to Anne King and the above named children of Allen Sharp, deceased, indicating that they were then residents of Ohio County. Another summons was issued to the sheriff of Shelby County, Ky., who signed that he delivered it to David N. Sharp, Polly Johnson,, John Adams and Cynthia Adams on 2 October 1846. On 17 May 1847 the last four named heirs signed a statement agreeing to the sale of the lot formerly owned by their brother, George W. Sharp. On the same date the other heirs signed a document also agreeing to the sale. All of the heirs named in the original petition, excepting Susan wife of Moses Hopwood, signed the agreement, she was not again mentioned in the suit, she may have either died or possibly could not be located, on 25 May 1847 the Daviess County Circuit Court ordered the lot to be sold and on 14 February 1848 the lot was auctioned at the courthouse door in Owensboro and Warner Crow was the highest bidder at \$100. The heirs of George W. Sharp cosigned a deed on 14 July 1848 confirming the sale of the lot to Warner Crow and the deed was recorded in' Daviess County Deed book I, p.374.

David N. Sharp, Polly Johnson, Susan Hopwood and Cynthia Adams did not come to the Daviess County area with other members of the Sharp family. According to the Williams-Sharp suit a summons was issued and delivered by the sheriff of Shelby County, Ky. on 2 October 1846 to David N. Sharp, Polly Johnson and Cynthia Adams, which suggests that they were residing there. The three also cosigned an agreement that was filed in Daviess County on 17 May 1847 which would also suggest they lived in the same general area.

David Newton Sharp first appeared in the Shelby County, Ky. tax' lists in 1819. He was not listed in the 1820 or 1830 index for the Shelby County census. "D. N. Sharp" appeared in the 1840 Shelby County census, listed in his were one male aged 30-40 and one female aged 20-30.

He is listed in the 1850 census of Shelby County, Ky. He was a doctor. He has a large gravestone in the Grove Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Ky.; it indicates he was born in 1797 and died on 26 November 1857. He married Paulina Glass, 11 March 1838 Shelby County, Ky.; she was the daughter of Samuel Glass & Mary McCormick. Paulina was born 19 April 1807 & died 10 August 1859. David Newton Sharp & Paulina Glass were the parents of – Mary Jane (born 6 December 1840, died 21 May 1921 Houston, Harris County, TX, married Walker B. Allen), David (born 1 June 1842, died 12 November 1914 Richmond, Madison County, Ky., married Virginia McKenny), Samuel G. (died infancy), Mildred (born 2 December 1845, died 31 October 1862, married Cyrus Reid), Kate R. (born 12 May 1847, died 18 February 1915 Shelby County, Ky., married John S. Shannon) and Robert (died infancy).

Polly Sharp married David Johnston in Shelby County, Ky. on 30 March 1817. In the 1820 and 1830 census of Shelby County two David Johnsons were listed in each census. In the 1840 and 1850 census index no David or Mary/Polly Johnson was found in Shelby County. In the 1846 Daviess County Circuit Court suit Polly (signed Mary) Johnson was not listed along with her husband and apparently was a widow at the time.

Susan Sharp married Moses Hopwood in Shelby County, Ky. on 9 April 1818. Moses Hopwood was listed in the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Shelby County. Moses or Susan Hopwood could not be found in the 1840 or 1850 Kentucky census index. In the 1846 suit Susan Hopwood wife of Moses Hopwood was named in the initial petition but was not named in the summons issued in the case and did not sign the final agreement by the heirs of George W. Sharp. She may have possibly died or could not be located, as frequently was the case when heirs had moved out of state.

Cynthia Sharp's marriage to John Adams was not found in the marriages of Shelby County, Ky. She may have possibly married in Spencer County Ky., where a John Adams was the next door neighbor of Deborah Sharp at the time of the 1830 census. John Adams was listed in the Spencer County tax lists through 1837, No John Adams was found in Shelby or Spencer County in the 1840 or 1850 Kentucky census index.

On Robert P. Sharp's tombstone at the Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. it is inscribed that he was born 1807 in Shelbyville, Ky., came to Owensboro in 1830 and died 14 January 1879. He apparently did not come to Daviess County with his father, William Sharp and other members of the family when they came in 1822-1823. Robert P. Sharp first appeared in the Daviess County tax records in 1830. He was not listed as a head of a household in the 1830 Daviess County census and may have been the male aged 20-30 listed in the household of his brother, William T. Sharp. In Daviess County on 3 May 1832 Robert P. Sharp married Frances Graham Tapscott. On his wife's monument at Elmwood Cemetery it was written that she was born 1812 in Culpeper County, Va., came to Owensboro in 1820 and died 24 June 1885. Robert P. Sharp and his wife had no children of their own but raised Medora Ann and George W. Slaughter, orphans of William G. & Ann C. (Tapscott) Slaughter.

Robert P. Sharp owned a lot in Owensboro, Ky. In the 1850 Daviess County census his occupation was listed as that of a farmer. In the 1854 election for the sheriff of Daviess County he was the Democrat candidate. The Whig candidate, Joseph G. Harrison won in a close race, R.

P. Sharp won, a majority of the county's precincts but he lost the election in the Knottsville Precinct, Harrison's home district, where, he received only 54; votes to Harrison's 249.

William T. Sharp was born about 1795 at Fort Hartford, Ky, In Shelby County, Ky. on 2 February 1815 he married Orpha Dodson, the daughter of Eli & Chloe (Oldham) Dodson. William T. Sharp first appeared in the Shelby County tax lists in 1815, when he was listed as "William Sharp Junior". In the 1815 tax list in the column white male tithables over 21 no mark was entered following his name, which would indicate that he had not yet reached the age of 21, in the following year it was indicated that he was 21 (note: If in 1815 he was not yet 21 his parents may, have filed consent for his marriage in that year). William T. Sharp was listed in the 1820 Shelby County census. In the Shelby County tax lists from 1819 through 1822 he was shown as paying taxes on 25 acres on Plum: Creek.

In 1822-1823 William T. Sharp moved to Daviess County, Ky. On 30 August 1827 he purchased 150 acres on Panther Creek in Daviess County, he later purchased a lot in the town of Owensboro, where he resided. He is listed in the 1830 and 1840 Daviess County censuses. In 1834 William T. Sharp represented Daviess County in the Kentucky State Legislature (History of Daviess County, Kentucky, 1883, p.107). In the same book (p.336) it is written that the second livery stable in Owensboro "was kept by William Sharp, jailer at the time in 1846, where the First National Bank Building now stands"(1883).

On 28 January 1850 William T. Sharp died, his date of death was recorded in the History of Daviess County (1883, p.410, referred to as "Captain Sharp"). He wrote his will on 25 January 1850 and it was probated in February 1850. The original will book in which his will was recorded having been destroyed it was re-recorded in June 1867 in Daviess County Will Book A-B, p.200. In his will he named his wife, Orpha, children, Eli D. Sharp, John Sharp, Chloe Ann Fletcher, Eliza Wright, Frances Sharp and deceased daughter, Deborah Vittitow, and brother, Robert P. Sharp, who he appointed administrator of his estate. Robert P. Sharp was appointed his administrator on 11 February 1850. In Daviess County Order Book E, p.260 it is recorded that at a court on 11 February 1850 Mrs. Orpha Sharp was appointed jailer in place of William T. ASharp, deceased, security by Robert P. Sharp & Phillip Triplett. The children of William T. Sharp were also named in several equity suits heard in the Daviess County Circuit Court (case #'s 282, 429 & 533). In the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Orpha Sharp, the widow of William T. Sharp, was shown on a map of Owensboro as owning a lot on the southeast corner of Triplett and 6th Streets. Just down the street her brother-in-law, Robert P. Sharp, owned the lot at the corner of Triplett and McFarland (now 9th St.), where the Wendell Foster Center is now. Orpha (Dodson) Sharp has a monument in Owensboro's Elmwood Cemetery, she was born 5 November 1797 and died 24 June 1879; she was born in Shelby County, Ky. and died in Owensboro, Ky..

The children of William T. & Orpha (Dodson) Sharp were:

1. Deborah P. Sharp born 1815-1818, married Thomas H. Vittitow, 15 January 1831 in Daviess County, Ky. She died between 1840-1845 in Daviess County, Ky. She was survived by three children: William (b. c1832), John (b. c1838) and Mildred (b. c1840).

2. Eli D. Sharp born 3 May 1819, married his cousin Chloe Dodson 8 October 1843 in Daviess County, Ky., they had no children. He died near Buford in Ohio County on 25 October 1896 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro.
3. Chloe Ann Sharp born 11 November 1821, married Woodson Fletcher, 20 November 1837 in Breckinridge County, Ky. She died in Daviess County on 27 September 1879 and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Their children were: Elizabeth (b. c1840), George (b. 1846), Charles (b. 1856), Nettie F. (b. 1860 and Thomas J. (b. 1863).
4. Eliza W. Sharp born 20 July 1825 Daviess County, Ky., married Edward Wright, 17 September 1847 in Daviess County, Ky. She had no children. She died 1 March 1914 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky. in Daviess County, Ky.
5. Frances S. Sharp born about 1833 Daviess County, Ky., married James Thornton 28 November 1867 in Daviess County, Ky. Their children were: Minnie E. (b. c1870) and Younger (b. c1873). In 1880 they were living in Daviess County, Ky.
6. John R. Sharp born about 1835 Daviess County, Ky., married Mary E. Jones, 14 February 1861 in Daviess County, Ky. They had two children: Millie L (b. c1862) and Mary Emma (b. 1864), who were raised by their grandmother, Letha Jones, the widow of Jesse Jones. John R. Sharp died in Daviess County on 10 April 1873 (History of Daviess County, Kentucky (1883, p.424).

Anne Sharp, daughter of William Sharp, was born 18 April 1787, according to the 1850 Ohio County, Ky. census she was born in Pennsylvania. She married Thomas King in Henry County, Ky. on 24 April 1804. He was born 10 April 1769 in Virginia. His father, Smith King, the son of Robert and Mary King, was born about 1743 and died in Kentucky about 1827. Thomas King married first Elizabeth Cotton in Nelson County, Ky. on 27 May 1788. She was the daughter of John & Susannah (Smith) Cotton, and died between 1802-1804. By this marriage Thomas King had seven children: Sarah (b. 4 February 1789), John (b. 23 August 1792), Nancy (b. 22 September 1794), Smith (b. 18 August 1796), Thomas K. (b. 1 August 1798), Robert (b. 2 September 1800) and Elizabeth (b. 24 July 1802).

After his first marriage Thomas King resided in Gallatin County, Ky. for a number of years. Shortly, after his marriage to Anne Sharp they moved to Shelby County, KY., where he was listed in the 1810 and 1820 censuses. During the early 1820's they moved to Ohio County, Ky., where they made their home near the communities of Buford and Pleasant Ridge. Osborn King, a brother of Thomas, also moved to Ohio County about the same time; he was born 7 March 1775 and was married to Elizabeth Crump. At Least five of Thomas King's children by his first marriage settled in the Daviess - Ohio County area. Sarah King married Elijah Dodson 18 July 1823 in Daviess County, Ky., she died in Ohio County on 31 December 1870. Nancy King never married and lived with various relatives in Daviess and Ohio Counties, at the age of 93 she died in Ohio County in January 1888 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. Smith King was living in Daviess County in 1850. Thomas K. King and his wife Lieucetta Cooper lived in Daviess: County near Habit, where he died 1 September 1846 and was

buried in the Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery at Habit. Elizabeth King married Joseph M. Martin in Shelby County on 17 September 1818, they moved to Daviess County about 1823, she died at her home near Habit on 3 May 1890 and was buried at the Bethabara Cemetery.

Thomas King was listed in the 1830 census of Ohio County, Ky. He died 5 June 1836. His wife, Anne, was listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Ohio County. Anne (Sharp) King died at the age of 69 on 5 August 1856. She was buried beside her husband in the family cemetery on their farm near Buford in Ohio County, The cemetery is now known as the Dodson Cemetery, it is located about two miles southeast of Pleasant Ridge. Near the Mount Cannel Baptist Church on Highway 231 turn east onto the Maple Lake Road, come to a T, cemetery is located straight ahead across a field, on top of a knob. Twenty-nine monuments were found in the cemetery and many other unmarked graves, the oldest monument is that of Thomas King, 1836, and the most recent is inscribed 1918. Most of the burials in the cemetery were related to the King, Dodson and Sharp families. The farm on which the cemetery is located is now owned by Ellis Patton. The: King schoolhouse site was about a mile out the road to the left of the T, the road used to go to Bell's Run but is now cut off by the Green River Parkway.

Thomas King and Anne Sharp's children were:

1. Deborah King born about 1805 married George Dodson, 7 December 1828 in Ohio County, Ky. She died between 1839-1842.
2. Osborn King born between 1800-1810; one Osborn King in 1839 was County Court Clerk of Ohio County, Ky.; ?married Melvina Dawson, 8 October 1829 Daviess County, Ky.
3. Allen King born in June 1811 married Margaret Cooper, 28 July 1839 Nelson County, Ky. In 1900 he was living in Ohio County, Ky. He died 26 April 1906 Ohio County, Ky. and was buried at the Bethabara Baptist Church in Daviess County, Ky.
4. Mary Ann King born 13 March 1817 married Lewis Dodson, 22 December 1842 Ohio County, Ky.. She died 10 August 1843 and was buried in the Dodson Cemetery in Ohio County, Ky.
5. Newton King born in 1823 married Judith Ann Fitts, 6 April 1842 in Daviess County, Ky. He died in November 1862.
6. Washington Winchester King born 4 February 1824 married Sallie Ann Ambrose, 26 December 1849 Ohio County, Ky. Lived in McLean County, Ky., where he was buried in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, at Beech Grove, he died on 28 May 1902.
7. Greenup King born about 1827. At the time of the 1860 Ohio County, Ky. census he was living with his brother, Allen, in the census it was indicated that he was an idiot.

John Allen Sharp, son of William Sharp, was born about 1788. William Sharp is known to have had five sons, of these John Allen was the oldest. At the time of the 1810 Shelby County,

Ky. census there were five males under 26 living in the home of William Sharp, the oldest of these aged 16 to 26 was probably John Allen Sharp. In the Shelby County tax lists before 1810 there were two older John Sharp's, who were born before 1780 and who were landowners. In the 1809 Shelby tax list a third John Sharp, who owned no land, appeared for the first time. He may have been John Allen Sharp and if he had just attained the age of 21 in that year, he would have been born about 1788.

About 1812-1813 John Allen Sharp moved to Breckinridge County, Ky. He first appeared in the tax lists there in 1813 (parts of the 1812-tax list are illegible). Soon after arriving in Breckinridge County he and Rachel Whitaker were married there on 8 March 1813. She was born about 1791 in Kentucky and is almost certainly the daughter of Isaac Whitaker, who moved to Breckinridge County from Shelby County about the same time as John Allen Sharp and who was a near neighbor to him after arriving in Breckinridge County.

Isaac Whitaker was born in Baltimore County, Maryland between 1740-1755. He was the son of Rev. John Whitaker and Mary McComas. John Whitaker was born 2 July 1722 in Baltimore County, Md., his parents were Charles Whitaker, born 10 October 1693 & died 3 October 1739, and Mary, died 30 August 1739, they were married 30 January 1718. John Whitaker, the father of Charles, immigrated to America in 1677, settling in Baltimore County, Maryland, where he owned a plantation called Whitacres (White Acres) Ridge."

Isaac Whitaker's father, John Whitaker, was one of the earliest Baptist ministers in Kentucky, coming to the dark and bloody ground about 1777 or 1778. He settled first at Beargrass Station (Louisville) and later moved to near the present site of Shelbyville, in Shelby County. John Whitaker wrote his will 13 February 1797 and it was recorded in Shelby County in March 1798. He and his wife, Mary McComas, were married about 1741. She was born 8 May 1725 in Maryland and died in 1802 in Shelby County, Ky. Her parents were Alexander McComas, born 14 September 1692 & died 1760 Baltimore County, Md. and Elizabeth Day, died about 1726, they were married 17 November 1713. Her grandfather, Daniel McComas immigrated to Maryland in 1618 and died 1699 in Baltimore County, Md., his wife was named Elizabeth.

Rev. John Whitaker (1722-1798) and Mary McComas had seven sons and one daughter: Charles, John, Abraham, Isaac, Jesse, Aquilla, Elijah and Hannah. John Whitaker, Jr., while clearing land on his farm near where Shelbyville, Ky. is now, was killed by Indians in June 1783 (Draper Manuscripts). Aquilla Whitaker in November 1792 was one of three men appointed to lay off a road from where it had been agreed that Shelbyville was to be located, and the "Falls of the Ohio" where Louisville now is. The road laid off by them is now the State pike between the two cities. Documentation and early history of the Whitaker family can be found in the manuscripts: The Whitaker Family of Baltimore County, Maryland 1677-1767 by Beaumont W. Whitaker (copy at the Shelby County Library, Shelbyville, Ky.) and Whitaker Manuscript by J.E.S. King (copy at the Kentucky Historical Society Library, Frankfort, Ky.).

Isaac Whitaker, son of John & Mary (McComas) Whitaker, is believed to be the same Isaac who married Rosena Taylor in Nelson County, Ky. on 9 April 1789. In the records of Breckinridge County, Ky. his wife's name is identified as "Lenor". Isaac Whitaker at the time of

the 1810 Shelby County, Ky. census was listed immediately next to Mrs. Lydia McCrocklin. She was his sister-in-law, being the widow of his brother, Jesse Whitaker, who was born 1752 in Baltimore County, Md. and died 1800 in Shelby County, Ky. She was the daughter of Anthony Lindsay and Rachel Ann Dorsey, in Shelby County she married second John McCrocklin on 18 February 1804. About 1816 Mrs. Lydia (Lindsay) Whitaker McCrocklin and her family moved to the Bell's Run section of Ohio County, Ky. Her children were later neighbors of their cousin, Mrs. Rachel (Whitaker) Sharp and her family, when they moved to the same area of Ohio County in the 1830's. Isaac Whitaker named one of his sons after his brother, Jesse Whitaker, John Allen Sharp and Rachel Whitaker named sons Isaac and Jesse W., probably after her father and brother. Isaac Whitaker was listed in the 1820 Breckinridge County, Ky. census but was not found there in the 1830 census. The following listings were made of his household in the 1810 and 1820 censuses:

1810 Shelby County Ky, census, p.206:

Isaac Whitaker	3 males 0-10	1 female 0-10
	1 male 10-16	1 female 10-16
	2 males 16-26	1 female 16-26
	1 male over45	1 female 26-45

1820 Breckinridge County, Ky. census, p.299:

Isaac Whitaker	1 male 10-16	2 females 0-10
	1 male 16-18	1 female 10-16
	1 male 16-26	1 female 16-26
	1 male over45	1 female over45

In Breckinridge County, Ky. Court Minute Book 2 (1813-1818), p.127, at a court held on 21 August 1815 the following road order was recorded:

On the motion and application of Elijah Ashcraft praying that viewers be appointed to view a part of the road leading from the mouth of Sinking Creek to Elizabethtown where it passes through his land. Ordered that Stephen Martin, Isaac Whitaker, Absolam Carr and John Allen Sharp, or any three of them, being duly sworn, do view the present way and the way proposed and make report to our next court.

In Breckinridge County, Ky. Court Minute Book 3 (1818-1823), p.319, at a court held on 16 September 1822, Jeremiah Kendal was appointed administrator of Sylvester Russel, deceased, Jesse Whitaker was one of the securities on his bond. At the same time William Marshall, William S. Allen, Isaac Whitaker and John A. Sharp or any three of them were sworn to appraise and report upon the estate of Sylvester Russel, dec'd.

John Allen Sharp was listed in the Breckinridge County tax lists from 1813 through 1825, he is never shown as owning any land. In the tax records he was listed as "John A. Sharp", in the 1820 Breckinridge County census he was also listed as John A. Sharp. In the 1820 census he was shown as being aged 26-45, his wife was in the same age category. Living with them were four children under age ten, three boys and one girl. They were probably John Allen and Rachel's

children, William T. (b. c1811), Isaac H. (b. c1817), and Deborah (b. c1818); if the other boy was their son he would have had to have died at a young age.

Another Sharp family also lived in Breckinridge County, Ky. at the same time John Allen Sharp's family lived there but do not appear to be related, Samuel Sharp came to Breckinridge County from North Carolina about 1819. He was born about 1747 and was a Revolutionary War veteran, having served in the North Carolina militia, On 21 August 1833 he was granted a pension, he died before 1840. His son, Isham Sharp, was born about 1801 and died in Breckinridge County about 1854. All of the Sharps listed in the 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses of Breckinridge County were of Isham Sharp's family,

John Allen Sharp died between 1825 and 1828. In 1825 he last appeared in the Breckinridge County tax books. In 1828 his widow, Mrs. Rachel Sharp, was listed in the tax records of Daviess County, Ky. for the first time. He may have died in either Breckinridge or Daviess County, No will, administration or estate records in either county has been found. In the biography of a grandson of John Allen Sharp in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State, (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885), it is stated that "Samuel F. Sharp, Ohio County, was born April 4, 1843, in Daviess County, Ky., and is a son of William P. and Nancy (Shoemaker) Sharp. William T. came with his father, Allen Sharp, to Daviess County, Ky., from Breckinridge County, Ky." If John "Allen" Sharp came to Daviess County he apparently died very soon after arriving since his name never appears in the tax lists of Daviess County, It is also possible that he died in Breckinridge County and his widow then went to live near her husband's family in Daviess County.

Mrs. Rachel (Whitaker) Sharp was listed in the 1830 census of Daviess County, Ky. She was living near her brother-in-law, William T. Sharp, they were enumerated only, two households apart. The names of the neighboring families suggest they were living in the Habit neighborhood of Daviess County. Rachel Sharp after 1828 did not appear again in the Daviess County tax lists. However, she apparently resided there for a few years after that since she was listed there in the 1830 census. William T. Sharp, son of John Allen, was living in Daviess County when he came of age and was listed in the Daviess County tax lists during the years of 1834-1837.

About 1837 or 1838 Rachel Sharp and her children moved to Ohio County, Ky. She and John Allen Sharp's oldest son, William T., both appeared for the first in the tax lists of Ohio County in 1838. They made their home in the Bell's Run neighborhood, near where her sister-in-law, Anne (Sharp) King, and her family were living. At the time they went to Ohio County another Sharp family was already residing in the county, no relationship between them is known. Charles P. Sharp and his family lived in the vicinity of Ralph and Magan Station in Ohio County. He was born about 1802 in Nelson County, Ky., came to Ohio County about 1834, and died in Ohio County on 22 June 1852, At Ralph's also resided the family of William and Nancy (Sharp) Ralph. Mrs. Ralph was born 5 December 1791 in Kentucky, married William Ralph on 9 February 1815 in Henry County, Ky., and died in Ohio County on 10 October 1878. She may or may not be related to the William Sharp family who had earlier resided in Henry County, Ky. for a few years (ca1799-1804).

In the deed books of Daviess and Ohio Counties Rachel Sharp was never shown as buying or selling any land. Rachel Sharp and her children were listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Ohio County. All of the Sharp's in these censuses were members of the family of either John Allen Sharp or of Charles P. Sharp. At the time of the 1850 Ohio County census Rachel Sharp was reported to be 59 years old, her youngest son, Jesse W. Sharp., was living with her.

Mrs. Rachel Sharp was not listed in the 1860 or 1870 censuses of Ohio County. In 1860 three of her children resided in Ohio County and three others were living in McLean County, Ky. She possibly may have been missed by the census taker while she was visiting among her children.

Rachel (Whitaker) Sharp died 7 August 1870, over forty years following the death of her husband, John Allen Sharp. The date of her death was recorded in a memorandum book kept by George Warren Taylor (1841.1914), who resided at Bells Run in Ohio County and who recorded many deaths of people in that section of the county (see Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records, Vol. 4, No. 3, July 1982, McDowell Publications, Utica, Ky., p104). No grave marker for her has been found. She may have been buried at the Dodson, Cemetery, rear Buford, where many relatives were buried, or at the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery.

The children of John Allen Sharp and Rachel Whitaker were named in records recorded in Daviess County, Ky., involving the settlement of the estate of his brother, George Washington Sharp; Daviess County Circuit Court Suit #174 (filed 16 September 1846) and Daviess County Deed Book 1, p.374 (recorded 14 July 1848). Their children who were named in the suit and signed the deed were: William T. Sharp (signed as "Jr." to distinguish him from his uncle of the same name), Isaac Sharp, John Sharp, Deborah Smith wife of Anderson Smith, Senor Ann Boyd a widow, Allen Sharp and Jesse Sharp, The same seven children were named in an equity suit filed in the Ohio County Circuit Court. On 15 June 1871 the heirs of Rachel Sharp, deceased, filed a suit against Senor A. Dodson, seeking to reclaim monies alleged owed by the plaintiff to the estate. On 19 August 1870, twelve days following the death of Rachel Sharp, her children signed an agreement whereby they (unofficially) selected Moses Chapman to settle her estate, at the same time Senor A. Dodson agreed to pay money which she owed her mother at the time of her death. In a deposition of Mrs. Senor A. Dodson taken at Hartford on 25 April 1872 she stated that: "Rachel Sharp had seven children at the time of her death, five of whom were living, viz: William T. Sharp, Deborah Smith, John W. Sharp, S. A. Dodson, Jesse W. Sharp; Isaac H. Sharp is dead and his children now living are as follows - Matilda Jane Rummage who married Dan Rummage & Winchester Sharp; and Allen Sharp is also dead and the following are his children - Sena Sharp, Rachel F. Sharp, David A. Sharp, James J. Sharp, George W. Sharp." Other papers in the suit indicated that the infant, George Sharp, lived with his uncle William T. Sharp, and the infant James J. Sharp, lived with his uncle Jesse W. Sharp. The court was informed at the November 1874 term of the death of Deborah Smith, one of the plaintiffs in the suit, her heirs were then entered in the records as plaintiffs, they were: Jane Frazier, Robert Smith and Andrew Smith, Jr. The case was continued through the November 1882 term. The suit was filed as case #3570 and the file is in the records room of the Ohio County Circuit Court office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky. and is also at the Owensboro, Ky. Library on microfilm (roll # 33 of the Ohio County Circuit Court Records, case #3570 begins at frame #558) .

The children of John Allen Sharp and Rachel Whitaker were:

1. William T. Sharp was born in May 1811 according to the 1900 Ohio County, Ky. census. The year of his birth in records varies from 1810 to 1813. In the Ohio County censuses of 1850 his age was reported to be 40, in 1860 as 50, in 1870 as 57 and in 1880 as 69. The year of 1811 is also indicated on an Ohio County vital statistic record of his marriage in 1853, when his age was given as 42. On the same record he stated that he was born in Shelby County, Ky., on the marriages of several of his children in Ohio County they said their father was born in Breckinridge County, Ky. He appeared for the first time in the Daviess County tax records in 1834, which if he had first reached the age of 21 in that year would indicate his birth to have been about 1813. If he was born in Shelby County and before 1813 that would be prior to the marriage date of 9 March 1813 reported in Cook's marriages of Breckinridge County, Ky. for John Allen Sharp to Rachel Whitaker (Breckinridge County, Kentucky Records, Vol. 1, Michael L. & Bettie A. Cummings Cook, Evansville, IN, Cook Publications, 1977, pp.203 & 210; note: the original source was not checked & should be). It is possible that John Allen Sharp was married, before coming to Breckinridge County, Ky. in about 1813. One John Sharp was married in Shelby County, Ky. on 17 January 1808 to Onay Thompson. In the 1834 Daviess County tax list a Thompson Sharp was listed, he has not been identified and his name was found in no other record; he cannot be William T. Sharp since he also appears elsewhere in the same list. At the time of the 1820 census an unidentified male, born 1810-1820 was living in the household of John Allen Sharp. If Thompson Sharp was a son of John Allen, he would have to have been deceased by 1846 when John Allen Sharp's children were named in a Daviess County Circuit Court suit. In the Ohio County Circuit Court suit #3570 William T. Sharp was named as a child of Rachel Sharp by his sister, Senor Ann Dodson. William T. Sharp married Nancy Shoemaker in Ohio County, Ky. on 23 June 1831. Consent for his marriage was given by Mrs. Rachel Sharp. After their marriage they resided in Daviess County for several years. About 1838 he went to Ohio County, where he was listed in the 1840 census. Shortly after 1840 he moved back to Daviess County, where he stayed until the later part of decade. By 1850 he again returned to Ohio County, where he lived for the remainder of his life, His wife died about 1852 and he was remarried on 11 July 1853 in Ohio County to Mrs. Susan J. (Bozarth) Simmons, the widow of Randolph Simmons, William T. Sharp died in Ohio County on 23 July 1900. He was probably buried in the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery, near where he lived and where several of his children were buried. Children by his first marriage were: Elizabeth A. (c1836, married William B. Ambrose), Price Allen (17 December 1836 – 19 November 1913, married Mary), Isaac (1839 – 9 August 1906, married Margaret Ann Wilhite), Deborah (c1841, married George Washington Smith), Samuel Fleming (4 April 1843 – 6 April 1910, married Susan Jane Hardesty), , Cynthia Mary (4 March 1846 – 15 March 1890, married Joseph McKinley), Newton Thomas (18 October 1848 – 18 August 1930, married Elizabeth Catherine Rummage), William (1852 – 11 January 1853) and possibly one other daughter (?Rachel). By his second marriage he had a son, Joshua (27 June 1854 – 16 June 1939, married Sarah E. Hudson), who always went by the name of Bud Sharp. William T. Sharp raised a nephew, George Sharp, the orphan of Allen Sharp.

2. Isaac H. Sharp was born about 1817. On the marriage bond of his daughter in Ohio County she stated that her father was born in Breckinridge County, Ky. He first appeared in the tax records in 1839 in Ohio County. The same year on October 18 in Ohio County he married. Susanne Oldham. The Oldham family had come to the Ohio County area from Shelby County, Ky. about the same time members of the Sharp, King, Dodson and Martin families did. Isaac Sharp was listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Ohio County. He died between 1850 and 1860, may have died in McLean County, Ky. His children were - John Allen (c1841 – 1860/1871), Jesse W. (c1845 – 1860/1871), Matilda Jane (19 November 1847 – 7 December 1917, married Daniel David Rummage & Stephen Westerfield) and Winchester (Win", 19 November 1849 0 4 July 1892, married Emily France). His three sons were listed in the 1860 McLean County, Ky. census, Jesse was living with his uncle Jesse W. Sharp, John Allen and Win (listed as Elhanon W.) were living with their uncle and aunt, Anderson & Debby (Sharp) Smith.

3. Deborah Sharp was born about 1818 in Breckinridge County, Ky. On 13 November 1842 in Ohio County, Ky. she married Anderson Smith, bond on their marriage was by her brother, Isaac Sharp. They were listed in the 1850 Ohio County census, and in the 1860 and 1870 censuses they were in McLean County, Ky. According to papers in the circuit court suit of Rachel Sharp's heirs in Ohio County Deborah Sharp Smith died between 1871-1874; in 1871 it was stated she was residing in Indiana and at the November 1874 court it was reported she had died. In 1872 when her son, Robert W., married in Ohio County, his residence was given as being in Indiana. Records in the same suit indicate that her son, Andrew, died between 1877-1880, he had resided in McLean County, Ky. Anderson Smith and Deborah Sharp's children were - Serena Jane (c1843, married William A. Fraser), Robert W. (c1845, married Eliza A. Chapman), Rachel (c1847 – 1850/1860) and Andrew (c1853 – 1877/1880).

4. John W. Sharp was born about 1820 in Breckinridge County, Ky. He married Laurinda Fallon in Ohio County, Ky. on 25 May 1848. The daughter of Edmund & Sarah Fallon, she was born c1831. They were listed in the 1850, 1860, 1810 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County He was living in 1886 and probably died before 1900. Their children were - Newton Allen (24 November 1849 – 3 July 1928, married Mary Martha Brown & Eliza J. Heavrin Coots), Edmond F. (c1854 - ?22 May 1875), Senor A. (c1856, married James Z. Gray), Squire W. (c1859 – 1860/1870), Sarah F. (c1862), John W. (c1864, married Martha A. Baker), William T. (c1867, married Mary Hester Gaither), Mary Laurenda (10 January 1870 – 15 February 1937, married a Harris) and Hannah D. (7 July 1876 – 2 November 1943, married Alonzo C. Bryant).

5. Senor Ann Sharp was born 15 May 1822 in Breckinridge County, Ky. On her grave stone her year of birth is given as 1820, but census and marriage records consistently indicate her birth to be about 1822. She married four times and lived all of her married life in Ohio County, Ky. In Ohio County on 26 June 1842 she married James Boyd, bond for their marriage was by her brother, John W. Sharp. James Boyd died three years after their marriage. They had two children - John W. (2 May 1843, married Mary Frances Waltrip) and James A. Boyd (c1844). On 26 April 1848 in Ohio County Senor Ann married George Dodson. A son of Eli Dodson and Chloe Oldham, he was born 4 July 1805 in

Shelby County, Ky. He had been married two previous times. His first wife, Deborah King, a daughter of Thomas King and Anne Sharp, was a first cousin of Senor Ann Sharp. George Dodson and Deborah King were married in Ohio County on 7 December 1828. They had five sons Winchester D. (9 September 1829 – 28 October 1856, married Melissa J. Ambrose & Lucy E. Ambrose), John (15 April 1831 – 8 February 1917, married Melvina King & Cordelia Ambrose), Eli (9 January 1837 – 15 February 1916, married Deborah Martin), George (9 January 1837 – 8 November 1912, married Sarah E. Milton & Elizabeth Frances Richeson) and Newton (10 August 1839 – 4 March 1876). George Dodson married second Cythiana Hudson on 19 March 1843 in Ohio County, she died before 1847 and left no surviving children, George Dodson died 30 July 1865 and was buried in the Dodson Cemetery, near Buford in Ohio County. George and Senor Ann (Sharp) Dodson had six children – Deborah (c1849 – 1850/1860), Rachel F. (July 1853, married Samuel G. Rhoads), Chloe Ann (c1856 – 1860/1867), Jesse B. (15 July 1857 – 22 May 1927, married Frances H. Ward & Iva Patton Keown), Rosa Belle (30 October 1861 – 15 March 1938, married William W. Moseley) and one other child died in infancy. The heirs of George Dodson were named in the Ohio County Circuit Court suit of John W. Johnson vs. the heirs of George Dodson, case #2016, filed 18 September 1867. Mrs. Senor Ann (Sharp) Dodson married third Dr. George W. Chapman in Ohio County on 13 March 1879, they were probably second cousins, their grandfathers, Isaac and Jesse Whitaker being brothers. Her fourth marriage was to Sidney Bozarth on 9 May 1899 in Ohio County. She died on 13 July 1910 and was buried at the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County.

6. Newton "Allen" Sharp was born about 1824 in Breckinridge County, Ky. He married first Martha M. Miles in Daviess County, Ky. on 28 March 1850 they were listed in the 1850 Ohio County census. Martha was the daughter of Samuel C. Miles & Margaret Culbertson. On 13 September 1851 Newton Allen married 2nd Mrs. Martha (Wall) Smith in Daviess County. In 1860 they were listed in the census of McLean County, Ky. The daughter of David Wall & Frances Newman she was previously married to William C. Smith. Newton Allen Sharp died in 1867, a sale bill of his estate was recorded in Ohio County in May 1867, among the purchasers was his wife, Martha. He is probably the Allen Sharp, who was a Civil War veteran of Co. A of the 26th Ky. Infantry, U.S.A., that has a government monument (no dates) in the Dodson Cemetery in Ohio County, Allen Sharp and Martha Wall's children were - Martha L. (14 October 1852 – 1870/1871), Senor Ann (5 February 1854, married William Thomas Shockley), Rachel F. (25 February 1858, married William H. Sandefur), David Allen (c1859), James J. (c1862) and George N. (20 December 1865 – 2 June 1893, married Bettie Church). In 1870 Martha L. was living in Daviess County with John S. & Lavinia (Wall) Vanover, Senor Ann was living in McLean County with Allen & Elizabeth (Wall) Tucker, James was living in Ohio County with Jesse W. & Elizabeth (Smith) Sharp and George was living in Ohio County with William T. & Susan (Bozarth) Sharp.
7. Jesse W. Sharp was born about December 1825 in Breckinridge County, Ky. The year of his birth varies from 1824 to 1826 in various records. His age was given in the 1850 census as 24, in 1860 as 33, in 1870 as 45, in 1880 as 53 and in 1900 as December 1824, On his Civil War pension papers he reported that he was born in Breckinridge County,

Ky. On 20 June 1852 he married Amelia "Elizabeth" Smith in Ohio County; . On a record of their marriage in the vital statistics of Ohio County recorded by the state during the 1850's his age was reported as 26. If his birth month was December, this record and the 1850 census would indicate his birth as being in December 1825 (these earlier records would seem to be more reliable than later ones). In 1850 he was living with his mother, Rachel Sharp, in Ohio County. In 1860 he was listed in the McLean County, Ky. census, his cousin, Washington King and his family, were close neighbors. During the Civil War he served in the Union Army with the 12th Ky. Calvary. In 1870, 1880 & 1900 he was in the censuses of Ohio County. In the early 1900's he and his wife moved to Owensboro, Ky., where he died on 10 June 1910. He was buried at the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County. His wife, Amelia Elizabeth Smith, was the daughter of David Leaman Smith & Delilah Mills; she was born in September 1836 Ohio County, Ky. and died 29 June 1913, Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky.; she was buried with her husband. Jesse W. and Elizabeth (Smith) Sharp had eleven children: John F. (c1857 – 1860/1870), Cloah Ann (29 January 1858 – 21 July 1923, married Edmond C. Wade), Sallie (11 April 1860 – 22 September 1905, single), Jesse W. (c1864 – 23 November 1887), Mary Elizabeth (4 September c1866 – 5 April 1943, married Dan C. McIntyre), Charlotte (4 January 1869 – 23 June 1946, married George C. Leisure & Robert L. Veteto), Isaac Harrison (29 June 1871 – 8 March 1952, married Zalen and Eula Maggie Stallings), David Leamon (25 March 1873 – 16 January 1914, married Edmona Garrison Hoover), Senor D. ("Dee", 29 September 1875 – 13 November 1960, married Dillis Solomon Bennett), Susan (c1879 – 13 February 1898) and one other child died in infancy.