

Joseph Staples (c1777-after 1860)

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Dear Mr. Hutchins:

I have completed the five hours of research we talked about. I decided to spend all of the time on the Staples family in order to get that line back as far as possible. The concentrated effort allowed me to cover more of the major local source records and I believe has produced some interesting discoveries.

I discovered back to your 3rd great-grandfather, Joseph Staples (see enclosed ancestor chart and family group sheets). Joseph was born in Virginia about 1777. Data on the births of children suggest that he brought his family to Kentucky between 1810-1812. Joseph Staples was enumerated in the 1830 census of Oldham County, KY and in the 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Trimble County, KY. Trimble County is located on the Ohio River between Louisville & Cincinnati, it was formed in 1837 from parts of Gallatin, Henry & Oldham Counties. Joseph's first wife appears to have died during the 1840's. Census records suggest they may have had about 9 children - 5 sons & 4 daughters. The sons were: Samuel A. (born c1808 VA), Nicholas (c1810 VA, Joseph S. (c1812 KY), William (1814 KY) & John (c1823 KY). Joseph Sr. and sons, Samuel & John, in 1860 were living in Trimble County, but the other three sons had moved to western Kentucky. Nicholas, Joseph Jr. & William lived variously in the neighboring counties of Daviess, Hancock, Ohio, Breckinridge & Grayson and all Staples found in these counties appear to be their descendants.

William Staples, born 1814, son of Joseph, in 1850 & 1870 was listed in the censuses of Hancock County, KY and in 1860 in Grayson County. He married Eliza Ann Gossett in Ohio County in 1840, Polly Corley in Hancock County in 1844, he may have also been married to Winney &/or Susan, after 1850. Joseph S. Staples, Jr., born ca 1812, married Emeline Fuqua in Ohio County, KY in 1839. She was a first cousin to the famous Western frontiersman, Kit Carson (their mothers Charlotte Robinson Fuqua and Rebecca Robinson Carson were sisters). Joseph, Jr. in 1850 was living with his father in Trimble County, KY, in 1860 he was in Daviess County, KY and his wife, Emeline, was listed as a widow in the 1870 Daviess County, KY census.

Nicholas Staples, your great-great-grandfather, was born about 1810 in Virginia and around 1834 married Nancy. In the 1840 Thimble County, KY census Nicholas is listed immediately after the

household of his father, Joseph Staples. Nicholas & Nancy in 1850 were listed in the census of Ohio County, KY and in 1860 in Hancock County, KY. Nicholas (died 8 November 1870?) and Nancy (died 1 May 1881?) are buried in the Newton Cemetery in Breckinridge County, KY, a short distance from the Hancock County line. Only their death dates and ages were recorded on their monuments. Apparently their gravestones are difficult to read - in three separate listings of the cemetery three different interpretations were given for both of their monuments. I picked the one I thought was most consistent with other records (copy enclosed) - I found no other sources that could verify Nicholas & Nancy's death dates. Nicholas & Nancy Staples had at least 8 children - Joseph, Isaac Newton, James, Willis, Elisha, John William, Albert, Mary & P W. S. (male).

John William Staples, your great-grandfather, was born about 1846. In the 1850 & 1860 censuses he was listed in the home of his parents, Nicholas & Nancy. In 1870 John and a younger brother, Albert, were listed as working in a sawmill and were residents of the home of James S. Hill (who conducted a sawmill) in the census of Daviess County, KY, a few households away was an older brother, Joseph Staples (1835-1878). In 1871 John William Staples married Jane A. Tuttle in Breckinridge County, KY. In 1880 they were listed in the Daviess County, KY census. The newspaper The Owensboro Messenger reported that John Staples died in Daviess County on 10 November 1895 at his home at Worthington Station. The latter was a train station that was located at or near what is now Newman - about 2 miles west of Stanley. The newspaper did not report where he was buried. More than likely he was buried in the Scherer Cemetery at Stanley in Daviess County - he has no monument there but a child of John W. & Jane (James died 1882) does have one there.

Jane Tuttle Staples, widow of John William Staples, was listed in the 1900 census of Ohio County, KY (Ellis Precinct). She was listed after Thomas Staples, born 1864 - he was a son of her husband's brother, Isaac Newton Staples. The census listed Jane as having had 11 children but only 4 were then living. In her home were listed four children - Joe, Willie H., Frank M. & Lora M. Your grandparents, William Henry Staples and Nola F. Chancellor were married at Hartford in Ohio County, KY on 18 December 1907. Their marriage record (copy enclosed) reported that they were both then residents of Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. In the 1910 census of Ohio County, KY I could not find William Henry Staples or his mother listed.

For the five hours of research (at \$5.50/hr.), plus copying and postage expenses, I will request a total of \$31.00, less \$25.00 received leaves a balance of \$6.00 due. Thank you for contacting me. I will be glad to investigate the Chancellor and/or Tuttle families if you want me to. If so, please state how many hours you would like me to work on it. Good luck in your research.

Yours truly,
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Additional notes:

Samuel A. Staples, son of Joseph Sr., was born c1808 VA; on 22 December 1835 in Oldham County, KY he married Susan Kemp; he was living Trimble County, KY in 1880. Children included – Francis M., James F., Charlotte T., Samuel N., Virginia, L. H., John, Catherine, Judah and Caroline.

Joseph S. Staples, son of Joseph Sr., was born c1812 KY; married Emeline Fuqua, 30 September 1839 Ohio County, KY; died 1864-1870. Children included – Lucretia (1840-1913, married William Hyatt), Parthenia (c1842, married John C. Gipson), Mary Jane (c1844, married James W. Cox & E. L. Quesnell), Julia Catherine (c1846, married Chesterfield Cox), Nicholas Harrison (1849-1895, married Gertrude Bodine), John F. (1852-1921, married Mary E.) and Lauretta (c1854).

William Staples, son of Joseph Sr., was born 24 September 1814 Trimble County, KY; married Eliza Ann Gossett, 5 October 1840 Ohio County, KY, 2nd Polly Corley, 13 August 1844 Hancock County, KY and 3rd Susan; he died 11 December 1883 Ohio County, KY; buried John B. Haynes Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His obituary in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 2 January 1844) stated he was born near Bedford in Trimble County and came to Ohio County in 1843. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was survived his wife, 5 sons & 6 daughters. Children included – Elizabeth, George W., Bryant, Humphrey, Lucy J. & Ashsah.

John Staples, son of Joseph Sr., was born c1823 KY; married Eliza Jane Jeffries, 11 March 1852 Trimble County, KY; lived Trimble County, KY in 1860. He died 31 January 1907, buried Bedford Cemetery, Trimble County, KY. They had 9 children, 6 of whom were living in 1900. Children included – Melvina, Sanford B., Lucy E., Laura J., John, Mary and Conneden.

Nicholas Staples, son of Joseph Sr., was born c1810 VA; married Nancy Barrett, 1 January 1833 Oldham County, KY; died 8 November 1870; his wife, Nancy, died 1 May 1881, they were buried Newton Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Children included – Joseph (1835-1878, married Sarah Cheatham), Isaac Newton (1839-1891, married Mary Newton), James (c1840, married Nancy Anderson), Willis (c1843-1918), Elisha (c1845, married Margaret J. Beard), John William (c1846-1895, married Jane A. Tuttle), Albert (c1847), Mary C. (1850) and W. S. (c1852, son).