

Heirs of Cornelius Westerfield (1782-1852)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1991

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Dear Jerry,

Helen Westerfield Woollard recently mentioned a court case which she thought was in Ohio County in which a Mrs. Ward was suing Caroline Westerfield, daughter of Alexander Westerfield who was killed in the Baffle of Shiloh and the heirs of Cornelius Westerfield. She said this case mentions David as a son of Cornelius, which you probably remember is an assumption of mine in search of the documentation.

She also thought it was court case 15_ (1500 and something, she couldn't read her Xerox) and was in the 1880s. The Wards apparently operated the Westerfield Distillery.

I don't know whether you would have the time to check the Ohio and perhaps Daviess County court records for this, but I would appreciate it if you do find the time. I would happily either pay or make a contribution to the library in return for the service. I'm sorry the case reference is not more specific.

On another subject, I hope to soon put together what I have learned of the Clarks, going back through James Albin Clark, Wilford Clark, Albin Clark, Wildred Clark, and Richard Clark. I'm thinking it may be 4-10 pages long, single spaced. I only have one loose end, if you can believe it, after five years of nothing but loose ends. However, I'd like to submit the write up simultaneously to WCKFRA and perhaps the Nelson County or state genealogical publications. How would you and WCKFRA feel about that? I owe you folks a lot, but also feel the information needs publicizing over in Nelson and Breckenridge areas too. I've never seen anything on this family.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,
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Dear Ms. Flaherty:

I checked the cross index to the circuit court suits of Ohio County, KY and I could not find a suit involving a Mrs. Ward vs. Caroline Westerfield. I went on and checked other Westerfield suits to see if there was one that involved the heirs of Cornelius Westerfield, Sr. Enclosed are three pages showing the initial petition filed in the suit of Simmons & Megill vs. the heirs of Cornelius Westerfield. Your ancestor, David Westerfield, is listed as one of the defendants in the suit. The suit, #1454 (on microfilm reel 11 of WCK: FRA's microfilm of the Ohio County Circuit Court files) was filed on 17 January 1853.

Yes, WCK:FRA, indeed would like to publish your article on the Clark family. If you have any other interesting items on our area please keep Kentucky Family Records in mind. Again thank you for your contributions to the Kentucky Room of the Owensboro Library. Bye for now.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1454, abstract:

Petition in equity – plaintiffs, Simmons & Megill (?McGill) versus defendants – Joel Westerfield, Isaac Westerfield, Cornelius Westerfield, David Westerfield, Alexander Westerfield, Wesley Mosley & Nancy Moseley his wife, William Nelson & Elizabeth Nelson his wife, Daniel Burk & Sarah Burk his wife, Elijah Moseley & Jane Moseley his wife, William Westerfield a non resident, children of George Westerfield deceased (William, George Ann & Juliet wife of John Shively). Filed 17 January 1853. The plaintiffs state they have two executions against the defendant, Joel H. Westerfield, for monies owed that are due. The defendant, Joel H. Westerfield, has an interest in the estate of Cornelius Westerfield, deceased,

which consists of a tract of land in Ohio County containing 100 acres and two negroes (boy Jim and a woman), which by his will was willed to his widow, Elizabeth, and at her death to be divided between their heirs. Said Joel H. Westerfield is entitled to 1/11th of the estate, since he has no property from which the debt can be paid, they request that an attachment be placed on his share in the estate.