

Edwards General Baptist Church (Voyles) Cemetery Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long

On Highway 62 east of Beaver Dam turn north onto the Old Bethel Church Road go about two miles and just past the Hamlin Chapel Road on the right is the remains of an old road (Voyles Cemetery Road). Down road about three fourths of a mile where road forks take one on the left. On an embankment on the left in edge of woods is the cemetery. In six obituaries of individuals buried here their place of burial was given as Edwards Cemetery or Edwards Church and on seven death certificates it was given as Edwards Cemetery or just Edwards.

The obituary of Mrs. Levi (Lucy Filback) Voyles (1875-1945) in the Ohio County News (Hartford, KY, 23 March 1945 p1) it was stated "she was a member of the Edwards General Baptist church since she was 26 years of age... Interment was in the church cemetery."

Ohio County News, Hartford, KY

Friday, 23 March 1945 p1

Mrs. Lucy Voyles, 69, Expires March 16

Mrs. Lucy Voyles, 69, died March 16, at her home in the Edwards community, on Beaver Dam Route three.

She was born May 10, 1876, a daughter of the late Andy and Mary Young Filback and was married to Levy Voyles March 18, 1896, who survives. She was a member of the Edwards General Baptist church since she was 26 years of age.

Survivors besides her husband are four children, Johnie Voyles, of Hartford; Frank Voyles, of Elizabethtown; Mrs. Sarah Johnston, of Beaver Dam and Mrs. Flora Dockery, of near Hartford, fifteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one brother, Andy Filback; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Nix and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p. m. March 18 at the Edwards General Baptist church, with the Rev. Alford Beasley, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The Edwards General Baptist Church, once stood here but burned in the late 1940's (Ohio County, Kentucky Cemetery Records, Volume I (Ohio County Historical Society, Hartford, KY, McDowell Publications, 1981, p167). The building was a small country church and after it was built the roof of the building swayed in the middle and many old timers referred to the church and cemetery as the "Old Swayback." In the vicinity of the church and cemetery there was an Edwards schoolhouse, where members of the families buried here attended school.

The cemetery in recent years has also been referred to as the Voyles Cemetery. The only obituary or death certificate found that referred to the Voyles name was the death certificate of Alexander P. Minton (1861-1922) that recorded that he was buried at the "Levy Voyles place." On a 1979 map of Ohio County the road leading from the Bethel Church Road back to the cemetery is labeled "Voyles Cemetery Road." Levi Voyles (1874-1950) is listed with his widowed mother in the 1880 census of Hancock County, KY. He is the son of Vardaman Voyles (c1825-1878) & Margaret Ann Corley, who were married in Hancock County, KY on 17 November 1872. He was the grandson of Thomas Voyles (c1794-1860) & Elizabeth Boling. The latter couple were buried in another Voyles Cemetery in the northeastern area of Ohio County; they were buried on their farm in the Herbert neighborhood near the Hancock County line (see Hancock County, Kentucky When It Was Frontier Country, Volume 1 by Oswald Jett (Utica, KY, McDowell Publications, 1986, p274).

Inscriptions in the cemetery were copied by Jerry Long on 27 April 1993:

Filback, Andy Mary E. [Andy s/o Phillip Filback & Sophie Brashear; h/o Mary Elizabeth Young, died 20 July 1934, d/o Martin V. Young & Narcissus Angel]	19 Sep 1850 18 May 1853	12 Apr 1922
Johnson, Everett [born 17 Oct 1903, died 4 Mar 1970; s/o William Taylor Johnson & Mary Emma Minton]	1903	1970
Johnson, Sarah E. [Sarah Elizabeth Voyles, d/o Levi Vardaman Voyles & Louella Elizabeth Filback; born 5 Jan 1911, died 10 Aug 1966; w/o William Lindsey & Everett Johnson]	1911	1986
Minton, Clifford [s/o Clyde E. Minton & Addie Cora Ford]	4 Feb 1916	5 Apr 1935
Minton, Rev. A. P. Minton [Alexander P. s/o Nehemiah Minton & Rebecca K. Davis]	31 Mar 1861	9 Feb 1922
Voyles, James Kenneth	1925	1926

[s/o John David Voyles & Josie May Johnson]

Voyles, John D.	13 Feb 1898	19 May 1971
Josie M.	20 Jul 1905	27 Aug 1984
[John David s/o Levi Vardaman Voyles & Louella Elizabeth Filback; h/o Josie May Johnson, d/o E. Thomas Johnson & Barbara Ellen Fulton]		

Voyles, Levi	11 Dec 1874	22 Mar 1950
Lucy	10 May 1875	15 Mar 1945
[Levi Vardaman s/o Vardaman Voyles & Margaret Ann Corley; h/o Louella Elizabeth 'Lucy' Filback]		

Voyles, Norma Jean	1930	1930
[d/o John David Voyles & Josie May Johnson; birth & death certificate lists as "Mary", born & died 10 Aug 1930]		

Voyles, Odell Allen	1933	1946
[s/o John David Voyles & Josie May Johnson; born 15 Aug 1933, died 21 May 1946]		

About 10 other graves marked with rocks, several with initials – L. D., A. M., A. B.

Also buried here in unmarked graves:

Minton, Margaret Magnolia Hurt	1 Feb 1866	16 Mar 1937
[w/o William T. Minton; d/o Berry Hurt & Margaret Jane Stogner]		

Minton, William T.	19 Dec 1860	8 Apr 1942
[s/o Anderson Minton & Sarah Huff]		

Stewart, John T. (age 49)		15 Jun 1935
[born 28 Feb 1886, s/; Richard Stewart & Mary Sorrells, h/o Artie Elizabeth Schroader]		

Voyles, Alford Baker	1910-1925	1910-1925
[s/o Levi Vardaman Voyles & Louella Elizabeth Filback]		

Voyles, James Preston	23 May 1900	26 Jun 1930
[s/o Levi Vardaman Voyles & Louella Elizabeth Filback]		



Andy & Mary (Young) Filback; married in Hancock County, KY, 4 October 1872 and moved to Ohio County, KY during 1891-1895.

Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 17 August 1973 p7



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Pictured above are Frank Voyles, age six months, his father and mother, Levi and Louella Voyles. The picture was taken in 1907 on Schroader's Floating Studio.

Andy Filback was born 19 September 1850 in the state of Ohio. He was the son of Phillip Filback & Sophie Brashear. His father was a native of Nassau, Germany and arrived in the US at the port of New Orleans in 1849 and in Jefferson County, KY on 13 September 1854 he made a declaration of his intention to become a US citizen. Phillip Filback married Mary Ann Schroader, 3 January 1867 in Hancock County, KY; she was the daughter of Frederick Schroader of Ohio County, KY, she married 1st William Preston, 14 January 1840 Ohio County, KY and 2nd James Burnett, 18 April 1861 Hancock County, KY. Phillip died 24 February 1898.

Andy married Mary Elizabeth Young, 4 October 1872 in Hancock County, KY. She was the daughter of Martin V. Young & Narcissus Angel and was born 18 May 1853 Hancock County, KY. On his marriage license and the 1880 Hancock County census his name was spelled Philback. Andy & Mary moved to Ohio County, KY during 1891-1895. Where he died on 12 April 1922 and Mary on 20 July 1934. Andy had a sister, Wilhelmina Filback (August 1852 – 17 February 1923, who married George A. Schroader, 24 November 1868 Hancock County, KY and who also moved to Ohio County, where she is buried in the Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Andy & Mary Filback lost several children in infancy, their children that survived to adulthood were:

1. Phillip Filback, born 21 September 1873 Hancock County, KY; married Cinderilla Jane Kessinger, 29 December 1895 Ohio County, KY; she was the daughter of Peter Kessinger & Amanda A. Schroader. He died 12 February 1910 Ohio County, KY; he & his wife were buried Schroader Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their children: Harry M. (1896-1957, married Myrtle Elizabeth Leisure), Harland (1903-1952, single), Elizabeth (1910-1995, married William Earl Schroader) and a child died infancy.
2. Louella Elizabeth Filback, 'Lucy', born 10 May 1875 Hancock County, KY; married Levi Vardaman Voyles (11 December 1874 Hancock County, KY – 22 March 1950 Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY, son of Vardaman Voyles & Margaret Ann Corley), 18 March 1897 Ohio County, KY. She died 15 March 1945 Ohio County, KY; she & her husband were buried Edwards General Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their children: John David (1898-1971, married Josie May Johnson), James Preston (1900-1930, single), Noah (c1901-1901), Frank B. (1906-1974, married Emma Ethel Houston, Katie Dell Craft & Lillie Pearl Hatfield), Sarah Elizabeth (1911-1986, married William Lindsey & Everett Johnson), Alford Baker (died infancy) and Flora May (1916-1993, married Adrian M. Dockery).
3. John David Filback, born 13 September 1880 Breckinridge County, KY; married Archie Palestine Ziegler (1889 – 23 August 1915, daughter of Benjamin F. Ziegler & Synthia A. Stewart), 17 May 1906 Ohio County, KY and Nellie Lee Bryant (6 January 1895 – 7 July 1963, daughter of Alonzo Crow Bryant & Hannah Deliliah Sharp), 19 January 1915 Ohio County, KY; Nellie married 2nd Raymond Doss, 25 April 1939 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. John D. Filback died 28 March 1938 Taylor Mines, Ohio County, KY; buried Old Bethel Methodist Church, Ohio County, KY. His children: Flossie Mildred (1908-1968, married Ernest Probus), Madeline (1919-1999, married Robert Lee Minton), Gladys (1927- , married Robert J. Watkins & Clyde Hornback) and Sadie (1916-1916).

4. Andrew Harrison Filback, born 8 August 1888 Hancock County, KY; married Meck Marie Bryant (1 April 1897 – 26 April 1986, daughter of Alonzo Crow Bryant & Hannah Deliliah Sharp), 3 July 1918 Ohio County, KY. He died 18 August 1961 Ohio County, KY and he and his wife were buried Fairview Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their children: Jesse Thomas (1919-1988, married Nella Zine Chinn & Vera C. Evans), Katie Marie (1922-1961, married Vertis Zibbie Arnold), Laura Ellen (1925-2011, married Nelson B. Evans), Edward B. (1929-1986, married Reba Louise Evans), Lucille (1931- , married Hubert C. Stewart), Harry Donald (1934-2001, married Mary Ellen Evans) and Jo Ann (1938-2006, married Donald Marason & Wendell Johnston).

5. Sarah Elizabeth Filback, born 16 November 1891 Hancock County, KY; married John Thomas Nix (30 November 1890 – disappeared 2 February 1981, son of John Nix & Mary Catherine Cash), 1 July 1914 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She died 23 February 1979 Rolla, Phelps County, MO; buried Carr Masonic Cemetery, Cook Station, Crawford County, MO. Their children: Gurley (1915-1915), Clarence (1916-1917), Lucille (1918-1918), Oscar Thomas (1920-1925), Clifton, (1925-1988, married Catherine Ruth Fish, Etta Catherine Nicewaner & Elizabeth Carmen Koebbe) and Kenneth Ray (1929-1996, married Wanda Gwen Phelps & Delsie Whitfield).

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EDWARDS SCHOOL, 1934-1935--Miss Etta Black was the teacher of the group, according to Mrs Verna Nelson, 123 E. Walnut St., Hartford, who furnished the picture. Shown are, front row, left to right: Aloton Tatum, Kenneth Nix, Prudine Vance, Charles Vance, Orville Vance, Thelma Ragland, J. W. Ragland, Opal Nix, Raymond Filback, Katherine Nelson,

Wilda Black, Lorine Voyles; second row: Miss Etta Black, teacher, Eptil Nelson, Lucille Filback, Dickie Tatum, Marguerite Black, Dickie Alsup, O'Donald Hoover, Junior Nix, Harvey B. Nix, Palmer Nelson, Sylvia Vance, Clifton Nix; Third row: Avenell Voyles, Clarence Vance, Floyd Austin, Elbert Filback, Irrine Alsup, Onis Rains, Needa Alsup, Tootsie Black, Ernest Vance, G. W. Black, Clifford Rains.

Ohio County Kentucky School Records, 1909-1913, Volume 1 (Ohio County Genealogical Society, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 2004, pp444-445):

EDWARDS School, 1911-1912

Parent / Guardian	Student	Birthdate
J. E. & Margret Gray	Ruth Gray	Sept. 8, 1897
	Earnest Gray	Sept. 11, 1899
	Allen Gray	Oct. 1, 1902
	Steven Gray	Jan. 8, 1904
Thos. & Nancy Ashford C.A. & Ella Bryant	Flora Ashford (line through it)	May 30, 1891
	Fores Bryant	Jan. 4, 1897
	Maudie Bryant	May 20, 1900
M. & Mattie Minton	Odie B. Minton	Apr. 5, 1892
	Claudie Minton	July 24, 1893
W.V. & Ida Duke	Artie Duke	Dec. 13, 1891
	Evert Duke	Mar. 11, 1897
	Walter Duke	Mar. 4, 1899
	Cora Duke	Feb. 14, 1893
A.T. & Sarah Duke	Joseph Duke	Oct. 1, 1896
	Henry Duke	Aug. 1, 1898
	Robert Webster	June 14, 1898
L. M. & Zillie Webster	Zula Webster	July 19, 1900
	Sampson Nix	June 28, 1898
John & Mary Nix L. P. & Lucy Voils	Jonnie Voils	Feb. 13, 1898
	Jimmie Voils	May 23, 1903
	Charley Beasley	June 4, 1905
A. J. & Gertie Beasley Thos. & Jane Vance	Thomas Vance	Nov. 12, 1897
	Estil Spinks	Sept. 9, 1892
E. H. & Lucy Spinks J. P. & Bertha Crowder	Arther Crowder	July 17, 1898
	Marie Crowder	July 17, 1900
	Byren Crowder	Sept. 17, 1904
	Stella Hines	June 20, 1893
R. C. & Laura Hines	Batrice Hines	Oct. 24, 1895
	Jessie Hines	Feb. 24, 1895
	Essie Autry	Feb. 1, 1892
San & Poda Autry	Nora Autry	June 21, 1894
	Hobert Autry	Mar. 18, 1897
	Ellis Tweddell Hines	June 13, 1902
J. H. & Artula Tweddell L. P. & Effie Dabney	Wavy Dabney	Oct. 16, 1905
	Tomie Dabney	Mar. 3, 1892
Jau & Josaphine Dabney	Frona Dabney	Mar. 20, 1895
	Ella Dabney	Nov. 28, 1897
	Marie Hurt	Nov. 8, 1901
J. L. & Bessie Hurt Arlando & Laura Hurt	Katie Hurt	June 30, 1899

J. H. & Mary Long	Alva Long	Mar. 4, 1905
O. T. Duke	Ernest Duke	June 1892
Albert Austin	Beulah Austin	May 2, 1899
	Loyd Austin	July 2, 1903

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Parent / Guardian	Student	Birthdate
Irene Vance	Thomas Vance	Nov. 12, 1896
Iay Miller	Maggie Miller	Dec. 12, 1895
	Arvel Miller	June 3, 1900
	Vernice Miller	May 2, 1904
	Ramon Ashford	Sept. 18 1905
Andy Filback	Harrie Filback	Nov. 6, 1897
L. P. Dabney	Wavy Dabney	Oct. 16, 1903
	Jessie Dabney	Dec. 27. 1905
J. W. Dabney	Ella Dabney	Nov. 26, 1897
Gerty Spinks	Charley Beasley	June 4, 1904
J. H. Long	Benny Long	Feb. 10, 1898
C. A. Bryant	Faras Bryant	Jan. 4, 1897
	Maudie Bryant	May 12,1900
M. Minton	Claudie Minton	July 24, 1893
	Flauid Lynch	Aug. 13, 1899
M. L. Leisure	Arvin Leisure	Feb. 6, 1894
	Walter Leisure	May 2, 1896
	Mirtle Leisure	July 19, 1 899
	Harlin Leisure	Feb. 12, 1902
	Mable Leisure	June 14, 1904
L. M. Webester	Robert Webster	June 14,1898
	Jula Webster	July 19, 1900
G. W. Hohimer	Eddie Hohimer	Mar. 15, 1900
J. R. Tweddlell	Ellis Hines	June 13, 1902
John Nix	Sampson Nix	June 28, 1895
D. Hurt	Marie Hurt	Nov. 8, 1901
	Dona Hurt	Aug. 18, 1905
Margaret Hurt	Katie Hurt	June 30, 1899
J. Z. Gray	Addie Gray	Mar. 5, 1898
	Ruth Gray	Sept. 9, 1899
	Earnest Gray	Sept. 8, 1900
	Alin Gray	Oct. 1, 1902
	Steven Gray	Feb. 8, 1904
R. Join Laws	Luvenia V. Laws	Apr. 28, 1894
	Lucile Laws	Sept. 21, 1896
	Arthur Laws	June 17, 1902
	Minerva Laws	May 7, 1905

Thomas Tatum	Richard Tatum	Feb.20, 1902
Levi Voiles	John Tatum	Feb. 13, 1898
	James Tatum	May23, 1902

[Benny Long listed (page 6) is this writer's grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Long (1898-1972) son of John Howard Long & Margaret Priscilla Taylor]