

William Pate Cemetery

Hancock County, KY

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c.2022

Cemetery was visited and copied by Jerry Long on 10 March 1980. It is two miles east of Patesville. At Patesville, KY turn east off of Highway 144 onto Highway 1700. About .6 of a mile turn left into gravel lane (Sweet Road). Drive to end of lane. The Hancock – Breckinridge County line is about one-half mile to the east. At the time of my visit to the cemetery it was on the Marvin L. Blan (1940-) farm. The cemetery has been plowed over. The original site of the cemetery was a few feet to the left of where the lane ends at a fence. All that remains, piled near fence row under a tree, are two monuments, both laying down, and several square hand hewn stones that had formed a wall around the graves of William & Nancy Pate. The monument of Nancy is laying over the top of William's.



William Pate Cemetery marked in red

The two monuments found in the cemetery had the following inscriptions:

William Pate died 10 Jan 1853 aged 77 yrs., 10 ms. & 1 day

Nancy Pate (consort of Wm.) died 22 Nov 1850 aged about 71 yrs.



Picture from 75th anniversary edition of the Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, July 1968

A picture of the gravestone of William Pate published in the 75th anniversary edition of the Hancock Clarion (Hawesville, KY) in July 1968 shows that it was at that time still standing erect in the family cemetery; the picture's caption noted that the family graveyard was on property then owned by Harvey Smith (1924-1989).

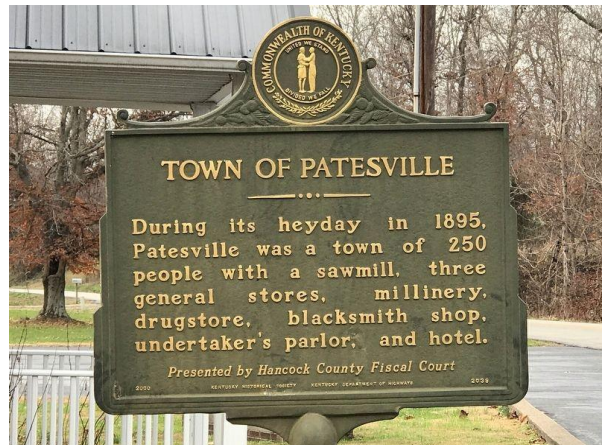
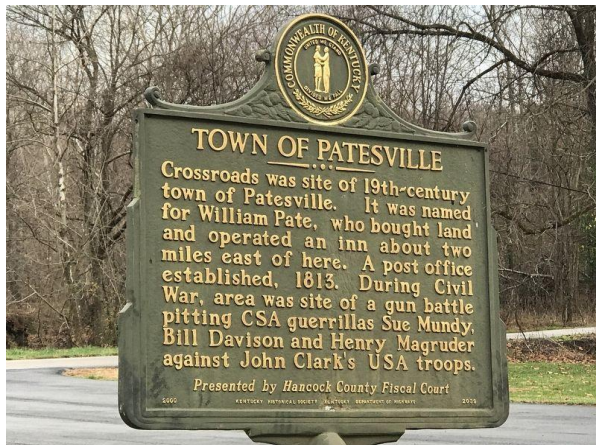




Pictures taken by Jerry Long on 10 March 1980

The town of Patesville was named for William Pate (1775-1853), who came to Breckinridge County, KY from Virginia during 1805-1806 and soon afterwards made his home at the site of the cemetery. A short distance south of the cemetery was William Pate's home & inn. The inn known as Pate's Station served as a stage station on the Yellow Banks-Hardinsburg Road. Folklore reports claim that the family of Abraham Lincoln allegedly stayed at the Pate Inn on one of their trips to or from Indiana. William Pate in his time owned an extensive estate that included over 1,200 acres and several slaves. On a hill east of the cemetery was a slave cemetery; no inscribed monuments could be found there. Originally the gravel road here was part

of the Yellow Banks-Hardinsburg Road. In earlier times this road was the main thoroughfare through Hancock County. Pate's Station was situated 25 miles east of Yellow Banks (Owensboro) and more than 40 miles west of Hardinsburg. Coming from Owensboro the Hardinsburg Road essentially followed the route of what is now Highway 144 until it reached Patesville. At Patesville where 144 takes a sharp turn to the north, the former Hardinsburg Road continued east onto what is now Highway 1700 before turning northeast onto the lane that went past the William Pate home and inn. At the end of the gravel lane there are still traces past the cemetery of the continuation of the old roadway.



Kentucky Historical Highway marker dedicated at Patesville on 7 April 2000



Main Street in Patesville about 1900. From Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Sesqui-Centennial Edition, 6 September 1979

Several early histories of Patesville erroneously state that it was named for “**William Minor Pate**”. The names of William Pate (1775-1853), and his son, Minor E. Pate (1808-1875), were mistakenly combined. When the town received its name Minor E. Pate, named for an uncle, Minor Pate (born 1780-1784), was still a young child of about five years. This mistake has been perpetuated repeatedly, including in the standard textbook, Kentucky Place Names, by Robert M. Rennick (Lexington, KY. University Press of Kentucky, 1984, p227). The book contained the following entry:

Patesville... This crossroads settlement, a thriving trade center in the late 19th cent. Is on KY 144, 7 ½ mi s of Hawesville. It was named for its founder, William Minor Pate (1775-1853), who by 1803 had est an inn he called Pate’s Station here. Postal service initiated by Pate on Oct 19, 1812, ended in late 1966.

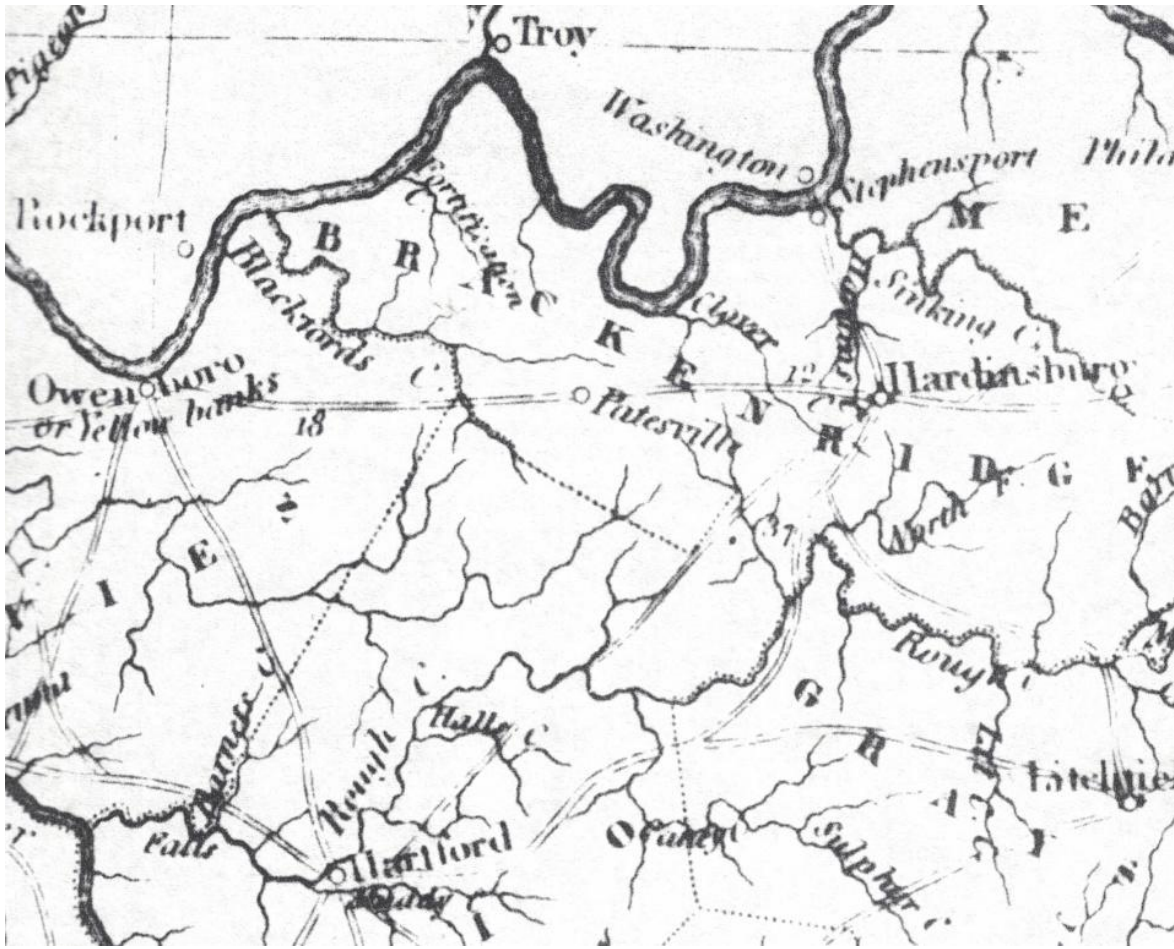
This entry contained several errors – the name of the town’s founder, his date of settlement (was during 1805-1806) and the date the Patesville post office was discontinued (1969 not 1966). Mr. Rennick cited two sources for his entry – The articles, “Patesville: Once a Way Station” and “Patesville Post Office Was One of State’s Oldest”, both by Lillie M. Pulliam (1893-1983), that were published in the Hancock Clarion 75th anniversary ed. (Hawesville, KY, July 1968). I interviewed Miss Pulliam on 28 December 1981. She was appointed postmaster of Patesville and served the community in that capacity for 45 years (1921-1966). She was recognized as the town’s unofficial mayor and historian. The Patesville post office was discontinued on 26 December 1969. Miss Pulliam also in the article, “Patesville Is One Of Oldest Towns In The County” (Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY 60th Anniversary Edition, 2 July 1953 also mistakenly reported that Patesville “was named for Minor Pate”. The mistake on the name of the founder of Patesville has since been embedded and printed repeatedly. Even when the town’s Kentucky Historical Highway Marker was dedicated this mistake was perpetuated (“New historical marker recalls Patesville’s past”, Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 13 April 2000 p1). This glaring mistake is also prominently displayed on the Internet site, Findagrave.com and in the family trees on Ancestry.com.

The late Dorothy Arbura Watkins (1930-2003), wrote a genealogy column, “Climb Your Family Tree”, for the newspaper, Hancock Clarion, at Hawesville, KY during 1968-2003. In her column published on 6 May 1971 she wrote:

Please let me set the record straight once more here. Because of the importance these two men played in Patesville early history. William Pate and Miner Pate were two different persons, William Pate was born 1775 in Virginia. He married Nancy, born 1780 in Virginia. They owned land in Breckinridge (later Hancock County) east of Patesville. They are buried there 1851 and 1853. Miner E. Pate was their son, born in 1809. They are the ones that lived west of Patesville and sold the land to Samuel Baker.

In the Breckinridge County, KY annual tax lists William Pate is first listed in 1806 and is first shown as being tax on land holdings in 1811. In “Kentucky Post Offices, 1794-1819” located at the Kentucky Historical Society Library in Frankfort, KY William Pate first appears on a list dated 1 April 1813 as being the post master of Patesville within Breckinridge County, KY. The same is recorded in “Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group 28, Records of Appointments of Postmasters, 1789-1818 (General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C., 1961). The 1815 Breckinridge County tax list

records that he had a tavern license. Patesville is the first post office established in what is now Hancock County, KY. On an 1818 and 1827 maps of Kentucky within the territory that became Hancock County in 1829 the only post office shown is Patesville. The post office at Hawesville, the county seat of Hancock County, was not established until 29 October 1829.



Patesville on this 1827 map of Kentucky is shown as the only post office within the area that became Hancock County in 1829.

William Pate was born 9 March 1775 in southwest Virginia. He was the son of Jeremiah & Mary Pate; his father appears in the 1770 tax list of Botetourt County, VA and his will was recorded in that county in 1797. William was the grandson of Edward Pate (will 1767 Bedford County, VA) & Martha Tinsley and a great-grandson of Jeremiah Pate, of New Kent County, VA, who was murdered by Tuscarora Indians on 14 October 1707 (see Pate message board, Ancestry.com, entry by Robert Grant on 22 March 2017). William Pate had siblings – Edward (married Mary Crawford), John (married Jeanette Crawford), Judith (married cousin Benjamin Allen Pate), Jeremiah, Jr. (married Elizabeth Withers), Minor (married Nancy Smith & Margaret Brickey), Mary (married William Compton), Nathan (single), Rhoda (married John Smith) and Amelia (married James Johnson/Johnston). William Pate married Nancy A. Compton in Montgomery County, VA – their marriage bond gives a date of 2 September 1797 and a marriage return gives a wedding date of 11 September 1798.

K NOW all Men by these Presents, that we *William Pate & Matthew Compton*
 are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor of Virginia for
 the time being and his successors, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty
 dollars current lawful money; to the payment whereof well and truly to be
 made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators by these
 presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this *22* day of *Sept*
 1797

THE condition of this obligation is such, that whereas the above bound *William Pate*
 hath this day obtained a License for his marriage with *Nancey Compton*
 now if there should be no ~~leg~~ lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then this ob-
 ligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Teste.
W. Taylor

William Pate SEAL.
Matthew Compton SEAL.

This I shall Certify that William Pate and Nancey Compton were Lawfully Married on the 11th of September 1798 by me Jacob Peck

Nancy A., daughter of Matthew Compton & Theodosia Earle, was born c1773 Virginia. Several of her siblings also came to the Breckinridge County, KY area including a brother, William Compton (c1775-1844), who married William Pate's sister, Mary, in 1797 in Botetourt County, VA. Several neighbors and interrelated families, including members of the Crawford, Mason, and Board families also came to Breckinridge County.

William Pate is listed in the following Breckinridge County, KY records:

- On 21 July 1806 William Pate served on a grand jury in Breckinridge County, KY (Breckinridge County Court Records Book 1, 1803-1810, p309); earliest reference found for him in Breckinridge County
- tax lists of 1806-1828
- on 15 February 1807 William Pate, and wife, Nancy of Breckinridge County, KY transferred to John Pate, of Botetourt County, VA their interest in two tracts, of land, of 176 & 300 acres in Botetourt County, VA, that had been vested in his father, Jeremiah Pate, and inherited by his sons, William, Jeremiah, Minor & Nathan Pate (Breckinridge County Deed Book B, p326)
- in 1809 purchased 100 acres on Clover Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book B, p420)

- in 1809 purchased 165 acres on Rough Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book B, p427)
- in 1809 purchased 389 acres on Clover Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book B, p441)
- in 1809 purchased lot in town of Hardinsburg (Breckinridge County Deed Book B, p483)
- 1810 federal census
- in 1814 purchased lot in town of Hardinsburg (Breckinridge County Deed Book C, p280)
- on 16 January 1815 “William Pate came into court for leave to keep a tavern at his house in this county” and a license was issued accordingly (Breckinridge County Court Minute Book 2 1813-1818, p95)
- in 1818 purchased lot in town of Hardinsburg (Breckinridge County Deed Book D, p290)
- 1820 federal census; lists 3 children (1 male & 2 females) in his household; and also reported that he owned 20 slaves
- in 1818 sold lot in town of Hardinsburg (Breckinridge County Deed Book E, p77)
- in 1820 purchased 240 acres in New Madrid County, Missouri (Breckinridge County Deed Book E, p219)
- in 1822 purchased 100 acres on Clover Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book F, p88)
- in 1822 purchased 700 acres on Panther Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book F, p150)
- in 1824 William Pate served on bond whereby Edward Pate was appointed committee for Nathan Pate, who had been declared a lunatic and who was possessed of land in Virginia (Breckinridge County Order Book 6, p332)
- in 1826 sold 196 acres on Panther Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book G, p414)
- in 1826 purchased land on Clover Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book G, p480)
- in 1826 sold 196 acres on Panther Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book G, p414)
- in 1826 in suit of William Pate vs. William Crawford, plaintiff ordered to recover debt of \$201.64 & cost (Breckinridge County Order Book 7, p179)
- in 1827 sold 100 acres on Clover Creek (Breckinridge County Deed Book H, p165)

William Pate is listed in the following Hancock County, KY records:

- 1829-1852 tax lists; in 1829 he was taxed on 6 tracts of land – 365 acres on Clover Creek in Hancock County (tract he lived on), 257 acres on Blackford Creek in Hancock County, 260 acres on Clover Creek in Breckinridge County, 504 acres on Panther Creek, 100 acres on Clover Creek in Breckinridge County, and house & lot in town of Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County; he was also taxed on 26 slaves and 10 horses; total property value \$7,826.00, the highest evaluation listed in Hancock County
- in 1829 purchased 42 acres on Indian Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 1, p136)
- in 1830 William Pate, Ephraim Lyons, Cornelius Snider and Elisha Johnston, or any three, were ordered to view & mark a road the nearest & best way from William Pate’s horse mill to Hawesville (Hancock County Order Book 1, 1829-1834, p35)
- 1830 federal census, listed with 15 slaves
- in 1830 sold 50 acres on Panther Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 1, p139)
- in 1831 William Pate produced in court a commission appointing him a justice of the peace in Hancock County (Hancock County Order Book 1, 1829-1834, p120)
- in 1831 sold 100 acres on Panther Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 1, p140)
- in 1833 William Pate tendered his resignation as justice of the peace (Hancock County Order Book 1, 1829-1834, p188)
- in 1834 sold 60 acres on Panther Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 1, p226)
- in 1840 sold 56 acres on Sugar Camp Branch (Hancock County Deed Book 2, p391)
- in 1840 sold 82 acres on Sugar Camp Branch (Hancock County Deed Book 2, p392)

- in 1840 purchased 300 acres on Honey Locust Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 2, p429)
- in 1840 purchased 300 acres on Panther Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 2, p430)
- 1840 federal census, listed with 11 slaves
- in 1843 sold 42 acres on Indian Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 3, p278)
- in 1846 sold 300 acres on Honey Locust Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 3, p470)
- 1850 federal census, William Pate (75, born VA, farmer) and Nancy (70, born VA)
- 1850 slave schedule, 14 slaves, 6 males & 8 females ranging in ages from 1 to 30
- in 1852 sold 244 acres on Panther Creek (Hancock County Deed Book 5, p293)
- 28 March 1853 will was recorded (Hancock County Will Book 3, p12), viz:

I, William Pate of Hancock county in the state of Kentucky being weak and feeble but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament.

1st after my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Nancy Pate during her natural life the possession and profit of the farm on which I now live, also so much of my Panther Creek tract that remains unsold at my death and the following named slaves Towit Aasau, Louicy and Laura to serve her during her life all my other slaves my executor will hire out annually until the death of my wife and so much of the hire that is necessary to her comfortable support to be applied in the way. The residue if any to be equally divided between my son Minor E, my daughter Rhoda A and my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann.

2nd I bequeath to my daughter. Rhoda A. Wagoner at the death of her mother the Panther Creek tract of land to her and her heirs by her two last husbands to wit Edward Chapeze and William Wagoner.

3rd I give to my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann at the death of their grandmother the tract of land which I now reside on being 365 acres.

4th I bequeath to my grand daughter Mary M McDonnell at the death of her grand mother my negro girl Sarah

5th All the residue of my estate both real and personal I leave to be equally divided between my son Minor E., my daughter Rhoda A and my four grand daughters by my daughter Virginia Ann. I request that my son Minor E. Pate to be the executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby nominate him for that purpose.

In testimony whereof I have hereonto subscribed my name this the 11 of February 1848

William Pate

Witnesses - Henry Paul & Elias Lyons

Minor E. Pate, was appointed executor of the estate of his father, William Pate, deceased. In August 1857 to settle the estate Minor filed a suit against the other heirs in the Hancock County Circuit Court. The heirs were listed as– Minor E. Pate; Rhoda A. Wagner [sic - Waggoner], Rhoda Wagner’s children by her last two husbands, Edmund Chapin & William Wagner – Ezra Chapin & Susan Chapin; and children of Virginia McDonald – Mary M. McDonald, Camilla May, Artemesia May & Rebecca May.

William Pate and Nancy Compton had three children, who survived to maturity – Minor Earl, Rhoda A. and Virginia Ann.

Minor Earl Pate, son of William Pate and Nancy Compton, was born 10 October 1808 Breckinridge County, KY. His middle name is spelled variously as Earl, Earle, Erle. He was named for an uncle, Minor Pate (born 1780-1784), and his maternal grandmother, Theodosia

Earle. Minor is listed in the Hancock County, KY 1840, 1850, 1860 & 1870 federal censuses and in the 1831-1873 tax lists. He married Rebecca H. May, 13 March 1834 Daviess County, KY. Rebecca, daughter of John Wray May & Sarah Waters, was born 15 July 1811 in Nelson County, KY. Rebecca's parents and the first two children of Minor & Rebecca, William Minor Pate and Virginia Ann Pate have monuments in the May Cemetery, near Ensor, in Daviess County, KY. Also buried in the May Cemetery, were William & Nancy (Compton) Pate's daughter, Virginia Ann Pate May, and her daughters, Camilla, Artemesia & Rebecca May.

In 1832 Minor E. Pate purchased two tracts of land on Blackford Creek in Hancock County, 126 acres & 1458 ½ acres (Hancock County Deed Book 1, pp118-119). His land was west of his father's farm on Clover Creek. Minor's residence was on the west edge of Patesville along the southside of the Hardinsburg Road (now Highway 144). In 1839 he was appointed surveyor of the county (Hancock County Order Book 2, p222). In 1848 and 1851 he donated the land for the Bethlehem Baptist Church and cemetery two miles west of Patesville (Hancock County Deed Books 4 p26 & 5 p161). Rev. Carter Jerrel Kelley (1810-1880), an early pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, in a memoir wrote:

"Brother Miner E. Pate, who although a Cumberland Presbyterian, ever manifested as much zeal for the prosperity of the church as any member of the body and his constant labors of love were greatly blessed to the conversion of his children who became Baptists and with his entire consent. I have no doubt, if not, his dissatisfaction was never expressed in word or deed." (Record of Carter Jerrel Kelley, p99)

Off of his farm Minor Pate also donated land for the Baker Cemetery, located behind the Sam Baker house just west of Patesville; the earliest graves there date from the 1860's. He was appointed postmaster of Patesville in 1865. On 13 December 1872 Minor & Rebecca Pate sold to James Miller 1111 acres in Hancock County for \$4,300 and 800 acres in Kansas (Hancock County Deed Book 16 p375). The obituary of Samuel Jolly Baker (1838-1931 in the Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 27 March 1931 p1) states he moved to the Minor Pate farm near Patesville in 1874. Luther Clark Luckett (1912-1999), a great-grandson of Samuel J. Baker, in an interview said that the Baker house that sits abandoned today on the north side of Highway 144 on the west edge of Patesville was built by Sam Baker about 1916. The Minor Pate house was across the road from the Baker house and it burned about 1894.

After selling their farm in Hancock County Minor & Rebecca Pate removed to Lawrence County, Arkansas, where their daughter, Viola, and son-in-law, David W. Ream had located. Minor & Rebecca's deaths occurred in Lawrence County, AR on 5 December 1875 and 12 December 1875, respectively. Fred Mershon Lightfoot (1928-), of Oro Valley, AZ, in 2005 sent this writer copies of the family record pages from the bible of his great-great-grandparents, Minor E. Pate & Rebecca May. The following was recorded on the bible's pages:

Page 1 - Marriages

Minor E. Pate and Rebecca May were married March the 13th 1834

Dr. N. L. Lightfoot and Miss Emma M. Pate were married July 29th 1856 by the Rev. James Taylor

Eldred E. Pate and Sallie Martin were married Sept. 1st 1863

D. M. Ream & Viola Pate married October 8th 1867 by the Rev. A. F. Dadisman

Page 2 - Births

Minor E. Pate was born October the 10th 1808
Rebecca H. Pate was born July 15th 1811
William M. Pate was born 23rd January A.D. 1835
Virginia Ann Pate was born 14th June A.D. 1836
Emily M. Pate was born 18th September 1838
Eldrid E. Pate was born 27th October A.D. 1840
Mary E. Pate was born 10th March A.D. 1843
Sarah D. Pate was born December 27th 1846
Viola Pate was born January 14th A.D. 1850

Page 3 – Deaths

William M. Pate died 18th October 1842, aged 7 years 8 months and 25 days
Virginia A. Pate died at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning the 6th of Oct. A.D. 1850, aged 14 years 3 months and 22 days, she made a profession of religion on the 10th day of Nov. A.D. 1849 & gave full assurance that she was prepared and willing to depart and be with Christ her savior.
Nancy A. Pate (my mother) died the 22nd Nov. 1850 aged about 71 years
William Pate Snr. Died the 10th day of January A.D. 1853, aged 77 years, 10 months and 1 day
Minor E. Pate died in Lawrence County, Ark. Dec 5, 1875
Rebecca H. Pate died at the same place Dec. 12, 1875

Page 4 – Births

Mary Monroe McDonald was born in the month of February A.D. 1838 (The above is as near her age as we can ascertain, the record having been lost, July 4th 1849)
Walt E. Lightfoot was born July 24th 1857
Anna May Lightfoot was born February 26th 1859
Mary Belle Lightfoot was born April 8th 1861
John Wray May died 2 January 1857 aged 84 years



Minor Earl Pate (1808-1875)

Minor E. Pate & Rebecca H. May were the parents of seven children:

- William Minor Pate, born 23 January 1835 and died 18 October 1842; buried May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY.
- Virginia Ann Pate, born 14 June 1836 and died 6 October 1850; buried May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY.
- Emma M. Pate, 18 September 1838 Hancock County, KY and died 11 September 1870 Hancock County, KY; buried Baker Cemetery, Patesville, Hancock County, KY. She married Dr. Nathaniel Lander Lightfoot, 29 July 1856 Patesville, Hancock County, KY. Nathaniel, son of Phillip Lightfoot & Adah Lander, was born 25 December 1823 Breckinridge County, KY. He served as a major in the Medical Corps of the Union Army during the Civil War with the rank of major. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Hancock Co., KY and in the 1880 Henderson County, KY census. In the book, Historical Atlas of Henderson & Union Counties, KY (c1880, p29) it is reported that "N. L. Lightfoot was born in Breckinridge Co., KY and came to Henderson County in 1872, he was a physician and owned 400 acres, post office at Hebbardsville." He died in Henderson County, KY on 25 January 1889, where he was buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Hebbardsville. N. L. Lightfoot & Emma Pate had 6 children – Eldred Walter (1857-1868, died age 10), Ann Mae (1859-1878, died single at age 19), Mary Belle (1861-1868, died age 6), Alma (1865-1932, married Thomas B. Crawley), Leonard H. (1866-) & Frank (1869-1950, married Martha B. Gormley & Nina Wayland).
- Eldred Earl Pate, born 21 October 1840 Hancock County, KY. In 1862 elected clerk of the Circuit & County courts in Hancock County serving until 1866. He was admitted to the bar and was twice elected County Attorney of Hancock County. In 1874 he gave up his law practice to become a Methodist minister. He served in that capacity in many communities throughout western Kentucky. He married Sallie B. Martin, 1 September 1863 Hancock County, KY and they were divorced 29 March 1872 Hancock County, KY. Sallie, daughter of John C. Martin, was born c1846 Ohio and died 1872-1900. Eldred Pate married Emma P. Thomas, 19 February 1877 Hancock County, KY. Emma, daughter of Doctor S. Thomas & Margaret Holmes, was born 5 May 1845 KY and died 25 February 1904 Smith Mills, Henderson County, KY. Eldred E. Pate died 12 May 1917 Madisonville, Hopkins County, KY. He & Emma were buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Eldred & Emma had 4 children – Eldred Thomas (1878-1956, married Elizabeth F. Bailey), Walter Morehead (1880-1962, married Susan Madden), Marvin Earl (1881-1950, married Anna Lula Woolfolk & Ruth McNeil) & Karl Simms (1883-1949, married Margaret McKelligott).

Minutes of Louisville Conference of Methodist Church, 1917, p59:

ELDRED EARL PATE

Was born October 27, 1840, at Paintsville, Hancock county, Ky. His parents were Minor E. and Rebecca H. Pate, who were Cumberland Presbyterians.

He was converted under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Ellis at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, near his father's home, and was baptized by Rev. Amos Daddisman in 1858. He was received into the church at Hawesville, Ky., by E. R. Harrison.

After attending the common schools, he attended the college at Greenville, Ky., under the Presidency of Hon. Edward Rumsey, the deepest impression on his character being made by Edward Rumsey and James K. and Wm. K. Patterson.

The school which he was attending was broken up by the war at the close of his fourth year, therefore he did not receive his diploma, but completed the full classic course. The degree of Ph. D. was afterwards conferred on him by the Hartford College. After leaving school he went into the Federal army as captain of infantry.

He was called to preach when a boy, but resisted the call until the year 1874, practicing law until that time and filling the offices of Circuit and County Court Clerk for one term and County Attorney for one term. He was a candidate for Congress and in a vigorous canvass in which he would surely have been elected he abandoned the race when it was nearly won and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church.

He was licensed to preach on July 19, 1874, at Hawesville, Ky., by J. M. Lawson, and admitted on trial in the Louisville Conference, October, 1874, at Princeton, Ky. He was admitted into full connection in October, 1876, at Louisville, Ky.; ordained deacon October 8, 1876, at Louisville, Ky., by Bishop W. M. Wightman, and ordained an elder October 6, 1878 at Cadiz, Ky. by Bishop George F. Pierce.

He filled appointments at Trenton, Shepherdsville, Caseyville, Franklin Station, Smithland Station, Eddyville, Cadiz, LaFayette, Bardstown, Jeffersontown, Hartford, Hardinsburg, Brandenburg, Slaughterville, Morganfield Circuit and Smith Mills. He spent four years each at LaFayette, Hartford and Slaughterville, three years at Eddyville and two years each at Smithland, Bardstown and Morganfield Circuit.

He was married on February 17, 1877, to Miss Emma Thomas, daughter of D. S. and Margaret Holmes Thomas. To them were born four children, Eldred Thomas, Walter Morehead, Marvin Earle and Karl Simms.

Bro. Pate was intellectually above the average type of preacher. The chemicals that entered into his makeup were well selected, and well distributed. There was a strong element of iron in him and plenty of gray matter in his brain, so that he was really both an intelligent and virile preacher. He did not touch his text with the tips of his fingers but gripped it firmly and handled it sincerely. He could not be accused of using the Word of God deceitfully at any time. He was a manly man in his associations with others and dealt with them on high points of reciprocal courtesy and brotherly love. He disliked all shams and pretense and cant in religion. To him the religion of Jesus Christ was the greatest verity and power in his personal experience and life.

His preaching was plain and logical, strong and experimental. He stood always by the cardinal truths of Christianity as if he really felt that these truths were unchangeable and eternal. He had a broad conception of the meaning of the Christian religion and the reach of the Gospel. There was no discount therefore to be found at any point in his character or ministry. His work in and out of the pulpit proved to be abiding and efficient.

The writer has personally been associated with him as Presiding Elder and had opportunity to get close to him, and on these occasions of close fellowship, found him a man of deep spirituality and genuine consecration to his work. He greatly desired to make the most out of his life, and in his effort to accomplish this end he sometimes had to fight against what seemed to be

contending convictions, hence the admixture of the secular professional life with the after commitment of himself to the life of a preacher.

To show that his spirit really moved in the higher realm of invisible and eternal things, we have this record at an incident which he left with us:

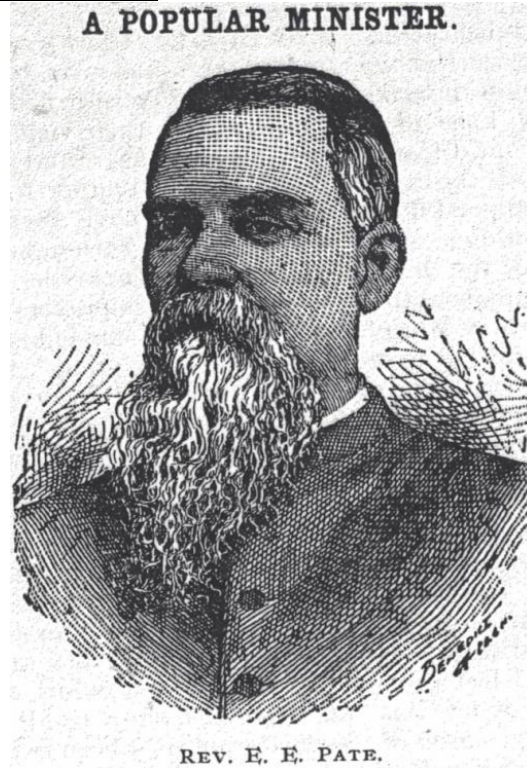
"In 1885 in December, I was stricken with typhoid fever and very soon was unconscious, at least of this world, but, though six weeks in that condition, I was conscious of my own being and of God's presence and that He was pleased with my life. A clear proof to me of immortality and the Divine existence."

Bro. B. P. Orr, who knew him well, has written a very satisfactory outline of his character, and one that can be trusted as not only from his heart, but as accurate as the strokes of love would naturally make.

Bro. Pate passed away at the home of his son Marvin at Madisonville. He died as he lived, with a simple, strong faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour and a hope that grew brighter towards the last, until the full orb'd glory of the spirit world dawned upon him and the limitations of mere earthly love were expanded into that love that abides forever in the Kingdom of God on high.

John Lewis.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 5 October 1892 p3:



- Mary Elizabeth Pate, 'Bee', born 10 March 1843 Hancock County, KY. She married David W. Jett, 21 March 1873 Patesville, Hancock County, KY. David, son of Richard Cole Jett & Susan Tolliver Miller, was born 4 April 1833 Daviess County, KY and died 28 April 1884 Pellville, Hancock County, KY. Mary died 22 October 1879 Hancock County, KY. David & Mary were buried Jett Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. They had one child – Rudd C., born 8 December 1873 & died 19 September 1874; buried Jett Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 29 October 1879 p3:

—DIED—At Pellville, Hancock county, Ky., October 22, 1879, of pulmonary disease, Mrs. David Jett. Deceased was the youngest daughter of Minor Pate. She has been in failing health for some 18 months.

- Sarah D. Pate, born 26 December 1846 Hancock County, KY and died 2 March 1919 Henderson County, KY; buried Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Henderson County, KY. She married her brother-in-law, Dr. Nathaniel Lander Lightfoot, 15 February 1872 Patesville, Hancock County, KY. N. L. Lightfoot & Sarah D. Pate had 5 children – Emma P. (1873-1898, died single), W. Earle (1875-1876, died infancy), Ewing Hart (1877-1926, died single), Leroy Lander (1880-1968, married Freddie Jones) & Ewart Hoyt (1886-1950, married Lillian Coates Diffenbacher).
- Viola Pate, born 14 January 1850 Hancock County, KY. She married David Wesley Ream, 8 October 1867 Patesville, Hancock County, KY. David, son of Michael Ream & Jamima Henderson, was born 24 August 1838 Jacksonville, Morgan County, IL Viola Ream died 13 November 1898 (obituary published in the Oswego Independent, Oswego, KS, 18 November 1898, p2) and David Ream died 18 March 1923 Parsons, Labette County, KS. Viola and David were buried Labette Cemetery, Labette, Labette County, KS. They had 3 children – Dr. Frederick Kent (1869-1942, married Mary Ellen Herdman, Pearl Earle & Juanita Lenoir Green), Jesse (1870- died childhood) & Beulah M. (1873-1938, single).

Rhoda A Pate, daughter of William Pate and Nancy Compton, was born 1810 Breckinridge County, KY. She married three times. She married Vecissimus Strong Chapin, 1826-1828. Vecissimus, son of Lucius Chapin & Susan Rousseau, was born 6 March 1802 Mason County, KY; his father was a Revolutionary War veteran. Vecissimus first appears in the Breckinridge County, KY tax lists in 1828 and is listed there in the 1830 census. He was then taxed on 526 acres on Hites Run during 1828-1835. He died on 13 June 1835 and has a monument in the Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Rhoda (Pate) Chapin married his brother, Calvin Edward Chapin, 1835-1838. Calvin was born 14 June 1800 Mason County, KY and is listed in the 1840 Breckinridge County, KY census. Calvin died 1842-1844 Breckinridge County, KY. Rhoda (Pate) Chapin married 3rd William Waggoner, 4 September 1844 Breckinridge County, KY. William, son of David Waggoner & Rebecca, was born c1785 Bedford County, VA and died 20 July 1859 Breckinridge County, KY. Rhoda (Pate) Waggoner died 18 July 1869. William & Rhoda Waggoner were buried Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Rhoda's monument is next to the gravestone of her first husband, Vecissimus Chapin.

Rhoda A. Pate by her first husband, Vecissimus Strong Chapin, had 3 children; by her second husband, Charles Edward Chapin, had 2 children; and by her third husband, William Waggoner, she had 1 child. Her children were:

- William Philander Chapin, born c1828 Breckinridge County, KY. He married Lucy Ahl (c1829-1902), 22 October 1846 Breckinridge County, KY. Lucy, daughter of Alexander

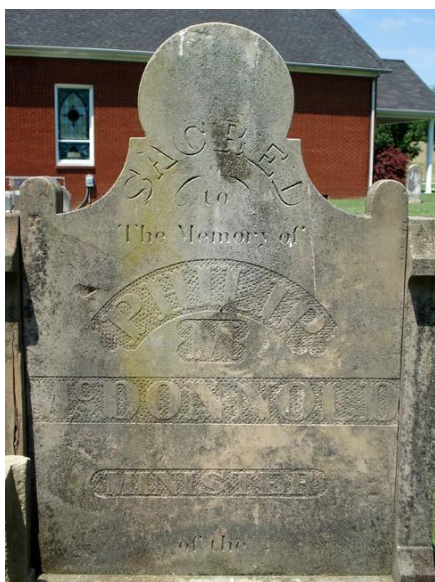
Ahl & Nancy Shrewsbury, was born c1829 Breckinridge County, KY and died 16 July 1902 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He died 15 September 1897 Daviess County, KY. His body was found in the Ohio River and it was believed he was murdered. He & Lucy were buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Children – Amanda Ann (1847-1914, married Thomas Jefferson Butler), Rhoda M. (1849-1928, single), Mary Alice (married Silas Hawkins) & Nathaniel A. (1859-1919, married Lula Bell Kirk).

- Cephas E. Chapin, born 4 October 1830 Breckinridge County, KY. He married Lucinda C. Waggoner, 29 May 1853 Breckinridge County, KY, Lucinda, daughter of Benjamin Waggoner & Malina Winchell, was born 2 October 1835 Breckinridge County, KY and died 6 December 1860. Cephas Chapin married Lucinda's sister, Sarah R. Waggoner, 5 September 1861 Breckinridge County, KY. Sarah was born 7 December 1836 Breckinridge County, KY and died 18 July 1874. Cephas Chapin died 18 March 1910 Hites Run, Breckinridge County, KY, where he was buried with his two wives at the Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Children – William Benjamin (1855-1888, married Mary Hawkins, child (1857-1857), child (1858-1858), Susan Alice (1862-1930, married Frank Logan Walker), David Eli (1864-1939, married Addie Hawkins), Viola (1866-1952, married Charles Albert Compton), Charles Ezra (1868-1912, married Judith Hawkins), Orie Amanda (1870-1949, married Joseph Gorby), Lula E. (1872-1948, married Richard L. Hawkins) & Eliza (1874-1874).
- James E. Chapin, born 24 August 1832 Breckinridge County, KY. He married Elizabeth Ann Pate, 26 December 1858 Breckinridge County, KY; they were 2nd cousin. Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah J. Pate & Summerville Parish, was born 5 May 1833 Washington County, IN and died 4 April 1883 Breckinridge County, KY. James E. Chapin married 2nd Malissa (Compton) Howard (1842-1914), 1 October 1885 Breckinridge County, KY, they were 2nd cousins. Judith Malissa, daughter of Jeremiah Dabney Compton & Nancy Withers Judson Ball, was born 29 December 1842 Breckinridge County, KY and died 31 October 1914 Breckinridge County, KY; Malissa also married John W. Howard, 1865, and James D. Meador, 1910. James E. died 27 June 1902; he and his two wives were buried Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Children by Elizabeth – Charles E. (1859-1868), Lucius Vecissimus (1862-1937, married Josephine Tinius), Eunice L. (1864-1943, married Lewis Levi Waggoner), Myrtie A. (1870-1947, married Archie Leighton Howard). James E. & Malissa had one child – James Edward (1886-1957, married Mary Evalena Waggoner).
- Benjamin Ezra Chapin, born c1838 Breckinridge County, KY. He married Nancy Ann Bryant, 17 May 1871 Breckinridge County, KY. Nancy, daughter of John Bryant & Charlotte Claycomb, was born 28 November 1847 Perry County, IN and died 22 April 1888 and was buried Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Benjamin Chapin married Elizabeth Jane Burch, 10 February 1896 Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of Henly Burch & Nancy E. Matthews, was born 17 August 1930 Breckinridge County, KY and died 10 March 1911 Breckinridge County, KY, where she was buried in the Cloverport Cemetery; Elizabeth also married Ebenezer Godsy, c1846, Thomas C. Sechrist, 1863, & Nathaniel L. Jennings, 1870. Children of Benjamin E. & Nancy Chapin – Calvin E. (1872-1875), Samuel (1874-1884), Cora (1876-1955, married Benjamin F. Houchen, _ Berman & Charles May), James Owen

(1879-1964, married Lilly May Worley), Zilpah (1881-1965, married Frank J. Allen & Albert Cartwright Yeiser) & Charles William (1882-1956, married Cecile T. Spradlin).

- Susan E. Chapin, born 10 March 1842 Breckinridge County, KY. She married William Henry Hawkins, 20 December 1860 Breckinridge County, KY. William, son of Richard Hawkins & Letitia B. Tate, was born 2 October 1837 Breckinridge County, KY. Susan died 14 August 1878 Breckinridge County, KY, where she was buried in the Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery. W. H. Hawkins married 2nd Lydia Louise Cashman, 4 November 1885 Union Star, Breckinridge County, KY. William H. Hawkins in 1905 moved from Hites Run to Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where he died 28 October 1916. His body was found in the Ohio River and coroner ruled he died of accidental drowning. He & Lydia were buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Children of William H. Hawkins & Susan – Winfield E. (1861-1865), Beatrice (1864-1865), Capitola (1869-1879), Susan (c1864-after 1880), Forest Webster (1873-1926, married Anna Laura Wood), Idella (1876-1879) & Bernice (1878-1878). William H. & Lydia had 7 children – Hubert Lee, Helen Blinn, Emma Eugenia, Roy Commodore, Ralph Ivan, Maude Ailine & Joseph Cashman.
- Rebecca A. Waggoner. daughter of William Waggoner & Rhoda A. Pate, was born 1844 and died in July 1851; buried Chapin – Hites Run Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY.

Virginia Ann Pate, daughter of William Pate and Nancy Compton, was born 16 June 1818 Breckinridge County, KY. She married twice. In Hancock County, KY she married Rev. Philip Monroe McDonnold on 19 October 1836. Philip was born 16 November 1815 Logan County, KY. His parents, Phillip McDonnold & Mary Baker Ewing, were married in Logan County, KY on 23 November 1814. Phillip M. was the grandson of Robert Ewing & Jane McLean. The Ewing & McLean families produced many noted Kentucky lawyers, doctors and soldiers. Philip M.'s great-uncle, (Judge) Alney McLean (1779-1841), a hero of the War of 1812, was a noted Judge and McLean County, KY was named in his honor. Philip M. McDonnold, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, died 21 August 1837 and was buried Freedom Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY.



Freedom Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY

In Hancock County, KY Minor E. Pate on 25 September 1837 was appointed administrator of the estate of his brother-in-law, Phillip M. McDonald, deceased; whose widow, Virginia A., had relinquished her right of administration (Hancock County, KY Order Book 2, p142). Virginia Ann Pate and Philip M. McDonnold / McDonald had one child:

- Mary Monroe McDonald, 'Molly', born 19 February 1838 KY. On 22 February 1858 James M. May (her stepfather) was appointed guardian of Mary McDonald, infant heir of Virginia May, deceased, security on bond was Nathaniel L. Lightfoot (Hancock County, KY Order Book 5 p168). Mary married Zalmon Tousey, 15 February 1866 Hancock County, KY; they were married at the residence of her uncle, Minor E. Pate. Zalmon, son of Thomas Tousey & Lydia Percival, was born 30 June 1825 Boone County, KY and died 18 February 1886 Levy County, FL; he was buried Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville, Alachua County, FL. Zalmon married 1st Mahala P. Ayres, 10 February 1848 Jefferson County, IN; their children – Mary Ellen, Edward A., Thomas Cressie, James, Anna P. & Oliver Clay. Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 12 September 1902 p6 – “Pellville: Mrs. Tausey and daughter of Florida, and Mrs. Dr. Lightfoot, of Hebbardsville, are visiting at Mrs. Artee Berry’s.” Mary M. (McDonald) Tousey died 12 October 1920 Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, where she was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery. Children of Mary M. McDonald & Zalmon Tousey – Virginia M. (1866-1954, married James Simeon Willis), Lydia Percival (1869-1961, married William Thomas Hubbard), George Ewing (1872-1888), Elvira Haines (1874-1888) & Dwight Newcombe (1878-1965, single).

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 20 October 1920 p3:

MRS. MARY M. TOUSEY
 News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Mary McDonald Tousey, which occurred at her home near Jacksonville, Florida, Tuesday. She was born in Daviess county 82 years ago, but left here about 30 years ago. She was reared in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, and was the step-daughter of James M. May, who has been dead for some years. Surviving her in this county is one sister, Mrs. Artie Berry, who was the aunt of Mrs. Herbert Dawson, Jeff Berry, Estill Berry, James L. Berry, of this county. Burial was in Florida.

Virginia Ann Pate, daughter of William Pate and Nancy Compton, married second James Morrison May, 24 December 1839 Hancock County, KY. James was a brother of Virginia's sister-in-law, Rebecca H. Pate. James, the son of John Wray May & Sarah Waters, was born 27 December 1815 Nelson County, KY.

History of Daviess County, Kentucky, Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, pp620-621, Knottsville Precinct:

JAMES M. MAY, born in Nelson County, Ky., Dec. 27, 1815, is a son of John W. May, a native of Virginia, who brought his family to Daviess County in 1820, and settled in Knottsville Precinct. Mr. May is the only one left of a family of twelve children. His father kept a tavern in an early day on the place where our subject now

lives which is ten miles east of Owensboro, on the Hardinsburg road. He has been married three times and is the father of six children. He is a member of the Baptist church and the Masonic fraternity.

Virginia Ann Pate McDonald died 6 July 1846 and was buried at the May Cemetery, near Ensor, in Daviess County, KY.



Virginia Pate (1818-1846), wife of James M. May (1815-1888)
May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY

James Morrison May married 2nd Mary Andres Triplett (1828-1854), 3 April 1849 Daviess County, KY; daughter of George W. Triplett & Amelia A. Head; she was buried the May Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. James M. & Mary A. were the parents of – Alice Amelia (1850-1878, married Henry B. Head), George Triplett (1851-1939, married Mary Ida Wells, Indiana Williams & Jacye Amelia Hardin Carlton) & Sarah Triplett (1853-1939, married John Lucian Higdon). James M. May married 3rd Mrs. Charles (Catherine Smith) Abell, 21 October 1863 Jefferson County, KY. James M. May died 14 March 1888 Daviess County, KY, where he was buried in the May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 16 March 1888 p4 – “Mr. Jas. May, who was reported ill, died Wednesday night at his home four miles east of the city. He was 73 years old.”

Virginia Ann Pate and James Morrison May had three children, who lived to maturity:

- Camilla Lansdale May, born 8 August 1840 KY. She married Levi Smith, 15 October 1868 Daviess County, KY. Levi, son of Michael Smith & Sarah Scott, was born 2 November 1823 KY and came to Hancock County, KY with his father in 1839. Levi married first Virginia Blincoe, 14 May 1850 Hancock County, KY. Children of Levi & Virginia were – Belle (1852-1925, married George H. Madden), Sarah (1855-1855),

William (1856-after 1880) & Walter (1858-after 1880). Camilla May Smith died 23 December 1888 Whitesville, Daviess County, KY and she was buried May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY. Messenger & Examiner, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 27 December 1888 p4 – “Mrs. Levi Smith died at Whitesville Sunday afternoon, of cerebral rheumatism. She was 50 years old and was a most estimable lady.” Camilla (May) Smith left no surviving children. Levi Smith died 18 June 1910 and was buried Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

- Artemesia May, ‘Artie’, born 24 June 1843 Daviess County, KY. She married Jefferson Lafayette Berry, 24 December 1867 Daviess County, KY. Jeff, son of Jesse Berry & Nancy Skinner, was born 1 October 1824 Madison County, VA. He came to Kentucky about 1827 and made his home in Daviess County, KY in 1837. Jeff died 19 April 1878 Daviess County, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 24 April 1878 p2 – “Knottsville Letter: Mr. Jeff Berry, a well known and much esteemed citizen, died on the 19th inst. (Good Friday).” Artie (May) Berry died 14 February 1930 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She & Jeff Berry were buried May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY.

History of Daviess County, Kentucky, Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, pp607-608, Knottsville Precinct:



Jefferson L. Berry, late of Knottsville Precinct, was born in Madison County, Va., Oct. 1, 1824, and came to Kentucky with his father, Jesse Berry, when two years of age, and a few years later to Daviess County. He was reared on a farm and educated in the early subscription schools. He was married Dec. 24, 1867, to Artie May, daughter of James M. May, of this precinct. Four children were born to them—May, James, Estill and Jefferson. Mr. Berry owned 200 acres of good land five miles southeast of Knottsville, and was engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was a member of the Baptist church and belonged to the Masonic fraternity. He died April 18, 1878. At one time Mr. Berry's postoffice address was Hancock County, his children attended school in Ohio County, and he resided in Daviess County.

Artemesia May & Jefferson L. Berry had 4 children – May (1870-1954, married W. Herbert Dawson), James Jesse (1872-1955, married Addie Electra Bruner), Estill Dawson (1874-1959, married Gertrude Mae Hunter) & Jefferson Lafayette, Jr. (1876-1951, married Ida Grey Bruner).

- Rebecca May, daughter of James Morrison May & Virginia Ann Pate, was born 6 June 1845 Daviess County, KY. She never married and died of cancer 7 November 1909 at her home in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried May Cemetery, near Ensor, Daviess County, KY.