

2017 Log

Jan 17 e-mail [Dicken] : From Beverly Przybylski (beverlyp9@comcast.net):

Hello Jerry, Several years ago you wrote an article titled, *The Dicken Pioneers of Kentucky*. Your article helped me a great deal at the time as I used it to find many documents to fill in the holes of my lineage. I'm hoping that you may have since taken the lines further. I'm particularly interested in the descendants of William DICKEN and Delilah SAMPSON through their son, Thomas DICKEN. I'm trying to find documentation that one of the daughters of Thomas DICKEN who married Agnes BURDYNE/BURDINE was Delilah DICKEN who later married Franklin CHELF. Do you have any documentation? Or can you advise where I might look or who to contact? As you probably know, Thomas probably died in Marion Co, KY and Agnes did. The court records for the time period in Marion Co are destroyed. There is no hope of finding a will or land records. I've been able to find documentation to prove three of their children: Susannah, Mahala and Simeon. I've looked in Green Co which is where they were likely living when Frank CHELF and Delilah DICKEN married in 1842, but I've also checked Washington Co. Again, Marion Co marriage records are not available. If I can't find something to prove Delilah is their daughter I'm trying to find proof that she is the sibling of a child who is proven. Can you provide any help? Thank you so much for reading my email and I look forward to your reply. Beverly Przybylski

Jan 18 e-mail [Dicken] : To Beverly Przybylski (beverlyp9@comcast.net):

I am sorry to report that I am not a Dicken family descendant. In 1988 when I did the article on the Dicken Pioneers of Kentucky I was working as a professional genealogist. The research was done for Jennifer Kay (Dickens) Ligon, who was born here in Daviess County, KY in 1957; she is great-great-granddaughter of Perry Dicken (c1815-1890). I checked for current contact info for here – it appears her most recent address is 29 Jenni Jill Loop, Warrensburg, NY 12885. During my research I found no document that proved the children of Thomas Dicken & Agnes Burdine. The list of children I proposed was essentially based on proximity and early census & tax records of Marion, Washington & Green Counties, KY. Sorry I could provide the documentation you were seeking. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 18 e-mail [Dicken] : From Beverly Przybylski (beverlyp9@comcast.net):

Thank you so much for responding, Jerry. At least you've provided me with another thread to follow. I will reach out to Jennifer. Regards – Bev

Feb 9 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : From Gary Adams (garysoft@aol.com), Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee, Owensboro, KY:

Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee (GCAC): I talked to Fiscal Court Clerk Jenni Warren regarding the court's recognition of Emily Holloway's service to the advisory committee that is planned for the April 20 Fiscal Court meeting. Warren has a framed recognition certificate prepared to present to her. However, Warren said that Fiscal Court will not be creating a committee position of Advisor Emerita for Holloway. Our committee can certainly recognize Holloway as a special advisor who can attend meetings and put in her two cents as she pleases, even after she has resigned. After all, it is a public body holding a public meeting. Anyone can speak. But, Holloway, whose term does not expire until 04/19/2019 has to resign formally before Mr. Long can be appointed to the committee. Warren said we could invite Mr. Long to attend and participate in the meetings. But he cannot vote until he is officially appointed to the committee by Fiscal Court. I plan to invite Mr. Long to our May 2, 2017, meeting. Gary A. Adams, AICP, GCAC Action Secretary

Jenni: After our Tuesday Greenwood committee meeting, Commissioner Koger told me that you want us to submit our meeting minutes only at the end of the year in December. I will continue to notify you of our agendas prior to the quarterly meeting, unless otherwise advised. Sr. Sharon Sullivan wrote a draft of the proposed recognition of Emily Holloway as Advisor Emerita to the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee, which you should already have. My understanding is that this will be presented to Holloway at the April 20, 2017 Fiscal Court meeting, after which Holloway will be able to attend our meetings as she desires, but will not be an acting member. Jerry Long has expressed interest in serving on the Greenwood committee in Holloway's stead, fulfilling her remaining term. Here is his contact information... Jerry Long, 2906 Redford Dr, Owensboro, KY 42303, 270-684-6299, j-long@prodigy.net. Gary A. Adams, AICP, GCAC Acting Secretary, garysoft@aol.com, 270-315-0763
[also sent to Sr. Sharon Sullivan sharon.sullivan@maplemount.org Wesley Acton wacton4094@aol.com Mike Koger mkoger@daviessky]

Mar 13 Phone call [McCulloch] : From Gary Silverstein (gary42238@att.net):

Leslie McCarty at the Daviess County Public Library gave him my name saying I may have some suggestions. He is researching the Ancestry of Cyrus Weir McCulloch (1816-1862), who was born in Christian County, KY and was hanged in Missouri during the Civil War. He was the father of John W. McCulloch, who operated the Green River Distillery in Owensboro, KY. Several family trees on Ancestry.com report that he was the son of James McCulloch, of Christian County, KY and grandson of Alexander McCulloch. Mr. Silverstein is seeking proof of his ancestry. I suggested searching for the McCulloch surname in any early records of Christian County, in particular any estate, tax and will records.

Mar 16 County Clerk's Office, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro: KY:

Spent three hours abstracting 47 marriage records (Long & Gratzter descendants).

Mar 28 e-mail [Mason] : From Cindi McNabb (footloose@olypen.com):

Hi Jerry Long; Quite a while back (2005), we corresponded about your Jennet Mason and if she was part of my John Mason line. I imagine by now, you have found some interesting

information to confirm it TRUE. My name was Cindi Meyer at the time, and now it is Cindi McNabb. I certainly hope to hear good news about your findings. Cindi McNabb, 222 Buck Loop Rd, Sequim, WA 98382, PS are you still working at the Kentucky Room?

Mar 29 e-mail [Mason] : To Cindi McNabb (footloose@olypen.com):

Cindi: I am sorry to report that I have not done any additional research on the Masons since we corresponded. I retired from the Kentucky Room after 28 years in February 2016. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 31 Contact [Greenwood Cemetery] : Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

I spent three hours documenting additional burials at Owensboro's Greenwood Cemetery. Copied twelve obituaries.

Apr 4 Letter [Greenwood Cemetery] : To Emily Holloway, 3514 Christie Place, Owensboro, KY 42301:

Sent her a copy of 19 additions (including 3 veterans) to the burials at Greenwood Cemetery.

Apr 5 Phone call : From Bud Smith, Louisville, KY (bud-smith.com):

Mr. Smith is one of chairmen for the Maryland to Kentucky Catholic Reunion. He called to invite me to attend the bi-annual reunion at Brescia University on June 22-25. I had helped him and his wife, Jane Hagan Smith, on her research in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. Mr. Smith gave me a detailed description of the speakers and activities at this year's reunion.

Apr 9 Greenwood Cemetery, 1821 Leitchfield Road, Owensboro, KY:

I stopped at cemetery to check names on veteran's monument. The original monument had the names of 85 veterans (64 marked & 21 unmarked) that I had provided the Greenwood Cemetery Restoration Committee in March 2007. The 2nd list of 15 additional names I provided in June 2011 was placed on a separate smaller monument erected next to the original monument. Currently there are 100 veterans etched on the two monuments. I have discovered four additional names not on the monuments – William Henry Hoskins, Paul Jefferson, Bush M. Jefferson & William Earl Owen.

Apr 12 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : From From Gary Adams (garysoft@aol.com), Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee, Owensboro, KY:

Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee: This is a reminder that Mrs. Emily Holloway, long-time leader of the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee will be recognized by a proclamation to be presented by Daviess County Fiscal Court at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 5:00 PM in the Fiscal Courtroom at the Courthouse. It is planned as the first item of business on the agenda. The proclamation will recognize Holloway for her many years of passionate service to the citizens of Daviess County in the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the Greenwood Cemetery. We hope to see you there. Gary A. Adams, AICP, GCAC Acting Secretary, 270-315-0763

Apr 25 e-mail [Ancestry DNA] : To AncestryDNA@Ancestry.com :

I ordered an Ancestry DNA kit. Order #167994267. Kit \$79.00 plus shipping \$9.95 total \$88.95. It will take 7-8 weeks for delivery.

Apr 25 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Mitchell, After talking to you I noticed that mom has an appointment with Dr. Shamaï at 9:45 A.M. on Thursday May 4th (I called and confirmed). I can take her - no problem. I don't think this will interfere with our appointment with Kim Tipton at 2:00 P.M. that day. I have attached a summary of some of mom's duties while she volunteered at the hospital. I made this summary to put with the scrapbook I organized for her. The book is in the bottom drawer of the corner dresser in her room. She said it would be okay for you to take it home and bring it back at your convenience. Have a good day! Jerry. P.S. - I have put together several other notebooks on the family - including ones on dad, your family, myself, our Long grandparents, aunts & uncles, great-aunts & uncles, etc. It seems like you have looked at some of these but not all. If you have any idle time and are interested at looking at any of these please let me know. If you would rather not that is fine. Having worked at the library I realize some people are interested in family history and others are bored to death by it.

May 1 Letter [Ancestry DNA] : From AncestryDNA@Ancestry.com :

DNA kit from Ancestry.com arrived. Activated account at ancestrydna.com/activate. Mailed on May 2.

May 3 County Clerk's Office, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro: KY:

Spent three hours abstracting 29 marriage records (Long descendants).

May 12 County Clerk's office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, KY:

Spent six hours abstraction 90 marriages.

May 20 e-mail [Long] : To Ruth McCormick (rmccormich@riversideca.gov), Riverside History Resource Center, Riverside, CA:

Ruth: Do you have access to any newspapers for Riverside County (CA)? If you do, could someone search for a couple of obituaries for two relatives? I was trying to track any family of Theodore Reece Long, who died in Indio, CA on 11 October 1969 and of Alice Mary Long, who died in Riverside County on 26 May 1979. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time, Jerry Long j-long@prodigy.net

May 22 e-mail [Long] : From Ruth McCormick (rmccormich@riversideca.gov), Riverside History Resource Center, Riverside, CA:

Hello: In a long page that will be listed below are various options for obtaining an obituary for the Riverside area. The newspaper that is mentioned: the Press-Enterprise does cover most of Riverside County including Indio. I noted that the Social Security Death Index list for Theodore Long listed, Indio/Chiriaco Summit. The Indio Public Library part of the Riverside County Library system MAY have the Indio Daily News. Chiriaco Summit is a very small desert community, I'm not aware of any local newspapers there. The website for the Riverside County Library System is: <http://rivlib.info/riverside-county-library->

system/ and you might try the Ask the Librarian portion. Otherwise you would still have the options listed below for www.gsor.org, or obtaining the Press-Enterprise on microfilm if your local library has a microfilm machine. Ruth McCormick, Library Associate/Local History, Riverside Public Library

Jun 6 County Clerk's office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, KY:

Spent 8 hours abstracting 128 marriages of Long family descendants.

Jun 7 e-mail [Ancestry DNA] : From AncestryDNA@Ancestry.com :

Received DNA report.

Jun 30 County Clerk's office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 10 marriages of Long family descendants.

Jun 30 Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY:

I visited the new genealogy annex at the library. Talked to Rebecca Benningfield. She has worked at the library for four years. We formerly worked for McDowell Publications. I looked through their book collection.

Jul 13 Contact [Long] : Connie Schroader, Dieterle Dr., Owensboro, KY, phone 270-316-4357:

A couple of weeks ago, Joyce Schroader, a nurse insurance representative visited my home to interview me for a long term care insurance application I had submitted. In telling her about how I got involved in genealogy I mentioned Hell's Neck in Ohio County, KY. She said that was where her family was also from. In asking about her family I realized she was related to both of my Long grandparents, Ben & Anna Mae Long. Through my grandfather she was my 2nd cousin once removed. Her great-grandmother, Verdie (Long) Schroader was a sister to my grandfather. Through my grandmother she was also my 4th cousin. Her 2nd great-grandfather, Thomas Ashford, was a brother of my 2nd great-grandfather, Joe Ashford. I showed Joyce my scrapbooks on the Long – Schroader families. Her dad, Connie Schroader, is living in Owensboro. I said I would like to talk to him. Today he visited at my home for about 90 minutes. For over 40 years he lived in Louisville before returning to Owensboro. While in Louisville he married his 2nd wife, Cheryl Craig, at the Jefferson County Courthouse, in Louisville. After they married they discovered they were distantly related (3rd cousins). Cheryl's mother was a Long. He and Cheryl had a son, Christopher Schroader, who recently died from drugs in the Nashville, TN area. In growing up he was close to his 1st cousins, Chares Eddie & Carl Ray Schroader. He told me some of the facts surrounding Carl Ray Schroader's murder here in Owensboro. The girl friend that shot him had been stealing clothes from several stores. The police in building a case against her threatened to have Carl Ray's parole from prison revoked unless he gave testimony against her. He gave testimony and she received about a year sentence in jail. After getting out she looked him up and made out like all was forgiven. After passing out drunk in a hotel room with her she got her revenge by shooting him to death. I gave him several pages on his family and asked if he would give them to his daughter, Joyce.

Aug 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Jerry, do you know what book this lady is asking about? I do not. Helen Should I direct her to the genealogy annex at the library? I don't know what books she's referring to. On 8/1/17, 9:22 AM, "Celeste Happeny" <cmhappeney@gmail.com> wrote: Here's the question: I would like to know if the settlement book B (1863 1871) is still available in Ohio County? I am not talking about the settlement index book. Settlement books A, C, and D have been microfilmed by the LDS church but book B is not available. And I thought that the historical society might know. I greatly appreciate any help you are able to provide. Thank you so much, Maggie

Aug 2 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The settlement books the last time I saw them where in the little basement room below where the deeds & marriage books are kept in the Ohio County Clerk's office. Years ago I checked over the books and records stored there. In my notes I do not have any references that I ever checked settlement book B. I seem to recall that one of the early settlements books could not be found there. However, the catalog of microfilmed sources at the Kentucky State Archives suggests that it does exist. Microfilm reel #494982 contains Ohio County settlement volumes A-B (1855-1871). Also the original loose settlement & inventory documents (recorded prior to being re-recorded into the books) were filed in the Estate bundles stored in the rows of metal drawers above the books in the deed records room. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 13 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I added the following note to the abstract for Curdis Barrow: [note: obituary gives his name as Curtis; however, his name is recorded as Curdis on his birth certificate, US Social Security Death Index and tombstone]. I have attached a Word document that lists a summary of my wok projects. I prepared it as a finding aide while I was working in the Kentucky Room. It contains several references to Ohio County sources and families. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Sep 15 County Clerk's Office, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro: KY:

Spent an hour checking for several marriages; abstracted five.

Sep 27 Phone call [Long] : To Mrs. Wendell R. (Francis Louise Sparrow) Hawkins, Louisville, KY, 502-423-7255:

She is my 3rd cousin once removed. She did not know where her great-great-grandparents, Moses & Mary (Burrus) Travis, where buried at. She does not have the family papers of her father and does not know if he wrote anything about the Travis family. She has been gone from Anderson County for over 50 years and knows little about her mother's side of the family.

Sep 27 Phone call [Long] : To Janet (Bouchard) Wright, 6414 Rivers End Dr., Louisville, KY 40258 (502-933-0748):

Her phone number has been disconnected.

Sep 27 Phone call [Long] : Charles J. Bouchard, III, 4513 Swako Ln, Louisville, KY 40216 (502-367-9452):

Mr. Bouchard's half-sister, Janet (Bouchard) Wright, is now in a nursing home and suffers from Alzheimer's. He does not know about her sister, Angela Bramer. Mr. Bouchard's middle name is Joseph.

Sep 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

A nephew contacted Veterans Museum re donating an item which had belonged to his uncle. In discussing Mr Norris biography, he stated Mr Norris was a former Ohio County judge. I have not confirmed or disproved that statement. He said the family kidded him about holding the office as a Democrat in a Republican county. Do you have any information on George Norris? Thank you, Helen

Sep 29 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The info on George A. Norris' (1893-1967) on his Find A Grave entry is correct. He is listed in the 1900, 1910, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Ohio County. He resided in the Deanfield – Fordsville neighborhood. He later moved to Owensboro, where he is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery. He married Mary Alma Howard and they had one son, Chester Barrett Norris. The 1930 census reports that George was working as an oil field pumper and the 1940 census gives his occupation as a farmer. On 21 September 1927 Ohio County Judge-Executive James Louis Patton was shot in his office at the Ohio County Courthouse by James Johnston and died a few hours later at the Owensboro hospital (see "Ohio County News", 23 September 1927 p1 and "Fogle's Papers" by McDowell A. Fogle, p135). George A. Norris was appointed on 25 September 1927 by Kentucky Governor William J. Fields to complete Judge Patton's term. In the following November 6th election George Norris (Democrat) ran against Rufus Dowell (Republican) for the office of County Judge and was defeated. Have a good day, Jerry

Sep 29 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thank you so much. Helen

Nov 3 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I worked with folks at Ohio County Genealogy Fair this evening at Ohio County Library genealogy annex. Met Mr Harold Gordon, he said you had helped him greatly over the years working on McKinley family. He said he has James & William McKinley as sons of Little John McKinley 1728-1779. Also suspects there was a sibling Samuel McKinley 1760-1810. Suspect I will find too many Samuel McKinleys of same time to be sure. Helen

Nov 28 e-mail to Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com):

Brian today I was able to learn that your grandfather, Albert Rivette, had a half-brother, Palmer Braaten (your great-uncle). In 1994 when I did the book on your mother's family I decided to stick to your grandmother Rivette's family because they lived locally and I could travel to the Indiana counties where they had resided for several generations. In 1994 the main way to do research out of your region was by corresponding or traveling to the area where the family had lived. Little genealogical resources were available on the Internet in those ancient times!

Albert Phillip Rivette was born 1 September 1917 Manvel, Grand Forks County, ND and died 11 September 1980 Owensboro, KY. He served as a sergeant in the Army during World War II (7 July 1941 – 16 Dec 1945). During his service he was stationed for a time at Camp Breckinridge in Morganfield, Kentucky. While in Western Kentucky he met Mary Margaret ‘Monnie’ Yeand of Owensboro, KY. They were married on 25 May 1944 in Owensboro. At the time of his marriage he was a resident of Todd County, MN. He is listed in the 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Todd County.

Albert was the son of Phillip Rivette & Martha Sophia Leseth. Phillip Rivette was born 23 April 1878 Montreal, Canada (his parents were also natives of Canada) and he died 7 October 1956 Stearns County, MN. He immigrated to the US in 1883. He was a farmer and owned his own farm in Todd County, MN. He married Mrs. Martha S. (Leseth) Braaten 28 March 1917 in Grand Forks County, ND; they were both then residents of Manvel, ND, he was 39 and she 32. Listed in his home in the 1920 census were two Brattan (sic) stepchildren, who were born in North Dakota.

Phillip Rivette & Martha Leseth were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They had five children – Albert, Ronald Nelson (born 16 September 1919, died 15 November 1983 Chicago, Cook County, IL), Lavina Eleanor (born 4 April 1922, died 6 August 1984 Hennepin County, MN, married Gunner Olson), Rosella Josephine (born 28 October 1925, died 5 July 2002 Chicago, Cook County, IL, married Robert Harrison) and Melvin Gaynard (born 1 January 1931, died 29 September 2012 MN); all were born in Todd County, MN except for Albert. Between 1917-1919 Phillip & Martha moved their family from Grand Forks County, ND to Todd County, MN.

Albert Rivette’s mother, Martha Sophia Leseth, was born 22 April 1885 Winneshiek County, Iowa and died 10 March 1965 Stearns County, MN. She is listed in the 1900 census of Winneshiek County, IA with her parents, Peter E. Leseth (born 1853 Norway, immigrated 1867) & Ellen Thompson (born 1857 Norway, immigrated 1877, married 17 years). Peter & Ellen were buried in the Hesper Lutheran Cemetery in Winneshiek County, IA. Peter’s name was originally Peder Esten Estensen and he arrived in Canada in June 1867 on the ship Neptunus. A family tree on Ancestry.com takes Martha Leseth’s family back to her great-great-grandparents, who were residents of Holtaalen, Norway.

Martha Leseth married first Gustav Martin Braaten on 22 April 1908 in Grand Forks County, ND and they are listed together in the 1910 census of Grand Forks County, ND. Gustav was born 1878 Norway and died 6 June 1912. They had two children – Gertina Irene Braaten (born 14 February 1909 Grand Forks County, ND) & Palmer Melfred Braaten (born 13 December 1910 Manvel, ND, died 31 January 1997 Osakis, Douglas County, MN).

On Phillip Rivette’s marriage license in 1917 his name appears as Teofille Rivett (see attached copy). In the 1915 North Dakota State Census Teofille Rivett (aged 20-60) and Ellen Rivett (aged over 60) are listed as residents of Walsh County (adjoins Grand Forks County on the north). In the 1885 North Dakota State Census Teofille’s family was living in Grand Forks County. In the latter census he is listed as being the son of Ellen Rivett (age 40, widowed). Ellen and her parents were born in Canada. In Ellen’s home in 1885 were listed four children – Frederick (14), Michael (12), Theafile (7) & Adelina (4); all were born in Canada. Ellen Rivett appears in the 1900 census of Grand Forks County, ND, 1910 census of Walsh County, ND and 1920 census of Grand Forks County, ND. The 1910 census reported that Ellen immigrated to the US in 1883 and was the mother of 7 children, two of whom were then deceased.

Living with Ellen Rivett in 1910 & 1920 was a daughter, Adeline Roach. Adeline Marceline Roach, reported on her naturalization record that she was born on 6 August 1880 Sheenboro, Quebec, Canada and arrived in the US at Port Huron, Michigan in the fall of 1883. Adeline died 11 February 1966 in Whitman County, WA. An Ancestry.com family tree of Adeline's family reports her parents as Narcisse Venance Nelson Rivett & Ellen Arcand.

Teafille Rivet is enumerated in the 1900 census of Solway, Beltrami County, MN. He was reported to be single and was working as a day laborer. Living in the next residence was his brother, Frederick Rivet (born December 1870 Canada). Frederick Nelson Rivette on his naturalization papers reported that he was born 28 December 1870 at Palmerston, Ontario, Canada and arrived in the US on the Grand Trunk Railway at Port Huron, Michigan on 10 January 1883. Frederick died 21 September 1960 at Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, ID, where he is buried in the St. Thomas Cemetery. His death certificate reported his parents as Nelson V. Rivette & Ellen Arcand.

Ancestry.com family files report that Narcisse Venance Nelson Rivett was born 19 June 1840 Montebello, Papineau, Quebec, Canada and married Helene Ellen Arcand on 31 October 1864 Perth, Ontario, Canada. Ellen Arcand was born 15 July 1845 Kemptville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada and died 30 March 1925 Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, ND; she was buried at the St. Vincent Cemetery, Manvel, Grand Forks County, ND. She was the daughter of Pierre 'Peter' Arcand (born 18 June 1814 Montreal, Quebec, Canada & died 1851 Canada) and Marie Agathe Gerbeault dit Bellegarde (born 18 October 1818 Louiseville, Quebec, Canada), who were married 17 October 1841 Quebec, Canada. In a Thoe family tree on Ancestry.com many ancestors of Marie Agathe Gerbeault dit Bellegarde are traced back to the 1500's.

I really enjoyed seeing you all last Friday. I got a charge out of your family history inquiry.

--- Jerry Long

P.S. I am extremely proud of you, your sisters, and your children!!!

Nov 30 e-mail from Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com):

Thank you, Jerry! This was really helpful and interesting. I am also going to pass it along to the people that reached out to me through Ancestry. They said they have very little info about Palmer, so I'm certain they will appreciate it. It was great to see you! Brian Long (859)552-4816

Dec 9 Phone call [Gratzer] : To Michael Gratzer, Evansville, IN 1-812-303-2385:

Asked about uncle Bernard Gratzer. He said he has adjusted to being in the rest home and has made friends there. I told him my mother has asked about him many times and would like to send him a greeting. He said his mailing address is – Columbia Health Care, 621 W. Columbia St., Evansville, IN 47710 (phone 812-428-5678).

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Jan 8 e-mail [DNA report] : To Tracey Johnson & K.T. (Frank Taylor):

I recently did an Ancestry.com DNA report. We were listed as being closely related. I am very curious about our connection. My immediate family lines resided in Daviess, Ohio & Hancock Counties in Kentucky and Perry County in Indiana. My closest family lines are : Long, Gratzner, Young, Paulin, Angel, Firestine, Angel, McCallister, Dixon, Taylor, Pate, Midkiff, Burrus, Morgan, Franklin, Hale, Bruner, Snider, Conder, Ashford, Watson, Wilson, Albin and Bratcher. Are you related to any of these families? Best wishes, Jerry Long (j-long@prodigy.net)

Jan 10 e-mail [Kelly Cemetery] : From Nicholas Smith (pumpkinhead_oc@yahoo.com):

Jerry, My name is Nicholas Smith. I was given you email by Larry Browns mother. I have a question you may be able to help me with. I am looking at buying a house on Kelly Lane. There is a tombstone or grave marker in the back yard. She had told Larry that she thought there were a couple cemeteries on Kelly Lane in the past and you had written about them. The address is 1701 Kelly Lane. I am just wondering if I can find out wether it is just the one tombstone or if there are more there. I can't make out the name but right below it you can make out "AUG 1811". Any help you can give me would be appreciated. Thanks in advance. Nicholas Smith, (270)302-4446

Jan 11 e-mail [Kelly Cemetery] : From Nicholas Smith (pumpkinhead_oc@yahoo.com):

This is the location of two cemeteries – the Kelly Family Cemetery and the Daviess County Pauper Cemetery. I reside in Trinity Hills and when my family moved here in 1965 only one gravestone remained in the cemetery. I did research on the property and published an article, "Visit to Cemetery at 1701 Kelly Lane in Owensboro Leads to Discovery of County Pauper Cemetery" in the periodical Kentucky Family Records, Vol. 27, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 2003), 1-25. Copies of the periodical can be found in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. I formerly worked in the Kentucky Room for 27 years. Jerry Long, Phone 270-684-6299

Jan 20 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Anna Sue Aker in paper 9-3-1990 says died Owensboro, could not find in Kentucky death certificate index, trying to verify if Aker or Akers. So now trying to decide where she died.

Jan 21 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The last name is misspelled! It should be Baker. See following obit: Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 3 September 1990, p3C - Miss Anna Sue Baker, 83, of 711 Bolivar St., Owensboro, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 1990, at Hermitage Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Ohio County, was retired from General Electric Co., and was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include two nephews, William E. Baker of Pembroke, Mass., and Harold Nix of Owensboro; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday at James H. Davis Funeral Home. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home. Note: Elmwood Cemetery burial records show that Anna S. Baker was buried there on 4 September 1990. She was the daughter of William H. Baker & JoAnna Huff; she was born 27 January 1907 and died 1 September 1990 Owensboro, KY. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 21 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thank you.

Feb 4 e-mail [DNA report] : To L. S. (4th cousin):

My Ancestry.com DNA report shows that we are related some way. I would love to learn how we are cousins? Do have any family lines that lived in Kentucky and Indiana? Best wishes, Jerry Long (j-long@prodigy.net)

Feb 14 Contact : Daviess County Clerk, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 28 marriage records.

Feb 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

J Gordon Quisenberry (4-30-2002) and wife Nellie Mae Massie Quisenberry (1-17-2015) obits say buried Quisenberry Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky. That is the Johnston Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky. Helen

Feb 23 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

In the DCPL obit index there are five individuals who were listed as being interred at the Quisenberry Cemetery in Ohio County. In the cemetery field I changed the entries to Quisenberry (Johnston) Cemetery, Narrows, Ohio County, KY. In this way possibly others will realize the two names refer to the same cemetery. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 27 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Observation you have in obit index last names of StClair and St.Clair, makes searching difficult, I need all the help I can get.

Feb 28 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

There are surnames that have multiple spellings. I have seen were even siblings used different spellings of their surname. Thus one variation is not necessarily the CORRECT spelling. Our general rule was to go with the spelling used in the obituary itself unless it was different from what was the spelling used by that person or family. Jerry Long

Mar 2 Contact: Heartford House, 2914 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY:

On this Friday morning at 3:40 a.m. my mother, Mabel J. (Gratzer) Long, passed away. She had entered the Hospice facility on February 2. The previous afternoon at about 3:00 p.m. my brother and I received a phone call from the staff there that they believed her death was imminent. It had been almost three years since she left her home of 50 years. She resided 22 months at the Carmel Home Rest Home and 13 months at the Hermitage Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Mar 3 e-mail : To Rev. Jerry Riney (jerry.riney@pastoral.org), St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, KY:

Father: My name is Jerry Long. I am a member of St. Stephen's parish. My mother, Mabel J. Long, passed away on Friday morning at the Heartford House in Owensboro, where she had been a patient for one month. Father Jamie, as well as priests & Eucharistic ministers

from Blessed Mother parish, her religious home parish, visited her there, and at the Hermitage & Carmel Home over the past three years. She has been listed on St. Stephen's "Sick Friends / Relatives" and "Pray For Our Parishioners in Nursing Homes" listings for some time. Since the rectory office is currently closed I am writing to ask if you would please direct this message to the proper path to see that her name is removed from the sick relatives listing and possibly be added to "Praying For The Deceased" listing. Thank you for your service. Bless you! Jerry Long

Mar 3 e-mail : From Rev. Jerry Riney (jerry.riney@pastoral.org), St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, KY:

Dear Jerry, First of all, I want to offer you separately on the death of your dear mother, Mable. Regardless circumstances, it's usually difficult to let go of a parent. May she rest In Peace eternally. Yes, we will remove her name from prayer list. You/your family may also want to have Masses prayed for her in her memory. Since my parents died recently, I have found that to be a very consoling opportunity. How are you doing? When is the funeral? If Fr Jamie or Sr Jeannette or I can help out in anyway, please let us now. Much peace, Fr Jerry

Mar 3 e-mail : To Rev. Jerry Riney (jerry.riney@pastoral.org), St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, KY:

Father, Thank you for your response. Her funeral is on Monday at 12 noon at Blessed Mother Church. Visitation will be at the church from 9 to 11:30 A.M. on Monday. Our family will request masses in her memory at both St. Stephen and Blessed Mother. Please have a great weekend!! Jerry Long

Mar 3 e-mail : From Rev. Jerry Riney (jerry.riney@pastoral.org), St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, We would be honored to celebrate Masses at St. Stephen in memory of your mother ! Much peace, Fr. Jerry

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Mar 3 Phone call [Gratzner] : To Michael Gratzner, Evansville, IN, 812-303-2485:

Called to tell him about the death of my mother. He said he would tell his dad, Bernard, about his sister's passing.

Mar 5 Contact [Taylor] : Glenn Taylor, Sr. & Jr., Glenn Funeral Home, Owensboro, KY:

At the funeral of my mother I talked to Glenn Taylor, Sr., of Glenn Funeral Home. His son, Glenn, Jr., was the home's agent who assisted with her funeral arrangements. I told him that my great-grandmother was a Taylor from the Adaburg – Bells Run area of Ohio County, KY and was related to his family. The following day I gave him a copy of an

article I had published on the Taylor family and a diagram showing his line of descent from John Peyton Taylor (c1765-1849).

Mar 5 e-mail : From Christy Long Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com), Danville, KY:

Hey Jerry, Taylor's email is whitsell@harvard.college.edu. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you and to share some of the things he's been doing. The service was lovely today, you did a wonderful job putting together photos and a tribute to her volunteer work. Sorry I missed telling you goodbye, realized that after I had left. Take care and be sure to spend time with Dad, you two can be good for each other and help each other fill the void from your mother's absence. He's not always the best at showing his feelings, but he cares about you and I think he wants to have a close relationship. And I know Martha is always up for visiting, so just let them know if you want to get together! Take care, I hope you find time to do lots for yourself, after caring for a loved one for an extended time it's really important to take care of yourself! Love, Christy

Mar 7 e-mail : To Christy Long Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com), Danville, KY:

Thanks for sending Taylor's e-mail. I also regret not departing with a hearty goodbye and hug. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how proud my mother and I are of you. She many times told me how she regretted not being able to be more demonstrative of her feelings for you. A long standing trait in the Long's side of the family is that they tended to be very reserved. And regretfully left unsaid and expressed what was in their heart. My parents demonstrated by their actions they would go 110 percent for us but they never were able to put in words or in a more tangible way what they felt. Understanding their background I have been able to forgive them for this. I believe that Linda and your dad did an absolutely **amazing** job in raising you guys. And you and your siblings and spouses have in turn duplicated that gold medal performance! Love, Jerry

Mar 7 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

James H Raymond obit index for 4-17-1917 death certificate and findagrave Rayman. Also, where his parents are buried (Ralph Cemetery) as Raymond there is another person without D. And Elizabeth Raymond, James mom, her obit is without the D. Prettier day today than I thought it would be. Helen

Mar 7 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

This is another example of a surname having multiple spellings. There are numerous such examples. In such instances we tried to stick to the original source - which is what we are reporting. Only in instances where a name was so disguised that it would interfere with identifying that person did we make a correction. If it was a "legitimate" variation of that name we did not believe it needed to be corrected. Members of the Rayman - Raymond family intermarried with my relatives and different members of the family actually did use both spellings. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Mar 9 Letter [Long] : To Elton C. Long, Fr. Jamie Dennis, Gary & Mary Lisa Tunget, Shelia Heflin, Jarrod & Leslie McCarty, Billy Thomas, Cecilia Fulton and Charlene Fulton:

I sent announcements and thank you cards for their expressions of sympathy in the passing of my mother. Mitchell & Martha sent cards of appreciation to their acquaintances.

Mar 9 e-mail : From Mitchell C. Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Have read the obituary info you posted on the DCP Library database. Quite impressive. Thanks, for your efforts. Mitch

Mar 12 Letter : To Mr. & Mrs. Elton C. Long, P.O. Box 72, Cheney, KS 67025-0072:

Sent a copy of funeral card and obituary of my mother.

Mar 12 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Brenda Rusher obit of 4-25-2011 says buried New Hope Baptist Church, Fordsville, Ohio County, Ky. Is that a valid cemetery???

Mar 12 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

We have three people in the Owensboro Obituary Index who are reported to be buried at the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Fordsville – Brenda Rusher (2011), James S. Huff (2014) and Jimmie McGrew (2016). I called the Geary Funeral Home in Fordsville and they said the New Hope Church was built about 10 years ago just outside of Fordsville and 5 or 6 years ago began making burials at their adjoining cemetery.

Mar 12 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thank you so much over and over. That makes 2 cemeteries in Ohio County added to findagrave this week. Helen

Mar 13 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

What was the other cemetery? I did not see it mentioned in the March 2018 Owensboro obituaries. Have a good day, Jerry

Mar 13 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

My unclear wording. Had seen 3 obits for family from Rosine buried in Clark Cemetery in recent years. They were placed in an old Clark Cemetery near Fordsville on findagrave. Really doubt the two are the same. Carol Kaye lives in Fordsville area, and had photographed the Fordsville location. Asked her to follow up and (likely) create a Clark Family Cemetery near Rosine, etc. I enjoy how quick things come back, today there was obit of a lady from New Hope, however she is being buried in Fordsville Cemetery. Have a good day, I am going to Owensboro to purchase flooring for use in Ohio County Museum, then to see Moma at Dogwood Retreat, assisted living near Hartford. I go there daily, she is doing well. Helen

Mar 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

We mapped Mt Carmel Cemetery last year in the hot summertime. Otis James Foreman is listed as buried there maybe. One of those someone heard/thought they were burying his

ashes there, obit of 5-17-2002. No records as to buying lot or whatever. His obit mentions his sister Tina Mae Ralph, her obit in 8-26-2005 says buried Taylorfield Cemetery, Ohio County, Ky. I do not know where this one is. So question (1) Taylorfield issue. Interesting that when I go to answer one question, it uncovers another one. Helen

Mar 15 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Tina Mae (Foreman) Ralph (1910-2005) was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery in northeastern Ohio County a short distance from Adaburg (see WCK:FRA's Ohio County, KY Cemeteries, Vol. I, p14). The long abandoned Antioch Christian Church stood adjacent to this cemetery until the early 1980's when it caved-in and was cleared away. This cemetery was located at what in olden days was known as Taylorfield or Old Taylor Fields and the church in the old newspapers was sometimes referred to as the Taylorfield Cemetery. Not much more than the church and a general store was ever located there. It was named for John Peyton Taylor (c1765-1847), who settled there. My great-grandmother was a Taylor and was born near here and most of the families buried here were related to me. About a city block distance from the cemetery is the Patton family cemetery, where the long time community doctor, Dr. John W. Patton (1835-1908) was buried. The obituaries of Tina's brother, Ora James Foreman, in the Owensboro, Henderson & Evansville newspapers did not state where his burial was to be at. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Mar 15 Phone call [Long] : From Elton C. Long, P.O. Box 72, Cheney, KS 67025-0072:

I received a phone call from my uncle, who gave his condolences upon the death of my mother. We talked for about 20 minutes.

Mar 18 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

There is Forest Grove Cemetery, Browder, Muhlenberg Co., Ky and Forest Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Ennis, Muhlenberg Co., Ky on findagrave. Obits of James Douglas 8-26-2014 and Betty Howard Douglas 12-3-1993 in obit index say Forest Grove Baptist Church. His obit states he is from Browder. How do you know which is correct when choosing index location? Or is this a findagrave mixup and there is only one cemetery? Helen

Mar 18 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I am pretty sure that the Forest Grove Cemetery at Browder and the Forest Grove Baptist Church Cemetery at Ennis are one and the same. The Forest Grove Baptist Church is on Highway 70 about 2 miles east of Highway 431 and Browder, a little further east on Highway 70 is Ennis. The church and cemetery is almost exactly half way between the communities of Browder and Ennis. It is a tossup which is more correct to identify where the cemetery is at. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 21 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I just read your mother's writeup in obit index. Such a tribute. Hope someone steps in to provide such an example for others to follow, she set a high standard. Life is a journey and parts of it we do not anticipate. Treasure each day, do our best. Days of snow and days

of daffodils. Days of feeling loss and days of treasuring memories. My heartfelt condolence to you. Helen McKeown

Mar 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thank you so much for your message. Have a great day, Jerry

Apr 15 Phone call [Greenwood Cemetery] : To Emily Holloway, Owensboro, KY (270-683-7391):

Her phone has been disconnected.

Apr 15 Phone call [Greenwood Cemetery] : To Wesley Acton, Pleasant Ridge, KY (270-275-4511):

I informed him about my discovering 36 additional burials at Greenwood Cemetery. Recently the Internet site Newspapers.com has added the Owensboro newspapers down to 2009. Over the last couple of weeks I have searched the papers for any Greenwood burial not yet documented. Among the recent discoveries are 4 veterans, including one Civil War soldier. Mr. Acton said that Emily Holloway left Owensboro about a month ago to go live with her son. He gave me his e-mail address to send the 2018 additions to.

Apr 15 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : Tom Wesley Acton (wacton4094@aol.com):

Mr. Acton I have attached a file with the 2017 & 2018 additions to Greenwood Cemetery. If you cannot open the Word file just let me know and I will mail you a paper copy. Best wishes, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

May 30 Contact : Daviess County Clerk, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 18 marriage records of Long family descendants.

Jun 1 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Would you please check a form in the Owensboro Obituary Index. Recently I had to download a huge new Microsoft update (1803) and since I have been having issues with editing the obit database. Today I added an abstract for Acastino Damarland (5/29/2018) and cannot get it to display the form when I click on the name in the search result list. Could you just type in the last name Damarlane and click on the one name that comes up and see if it will go to the form? Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Name comes up but does not go to form/entry. Internal server error. Helen

Jun 2 e-mail : To Leslie McCarty (lmccarty@deplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Leslie, I hope you are doing okay. I have a small favor to ask. I was wondering if you would give me a call (270-684-6299) when you have a free moment? Have a good day! Jerry Long. P.S. - Thanks again to you and Jarrod for attending my mother's funeral.

June 2 Phone call : From Leslie McCarty (270-684-0211), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Explained to Leslie an issue with editing the library's "Owensboro Obituary Index". She said she will report the problem to Brian Lashbrook, who will investigate it. She said she would like to see me to continue editing and adding to the database.

Jun 2 e-mail : To Leslie McCarty (lmccarty@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

On May 24, 2018 I began to receive "Internal Server Error" messages when attempting to edit forms in the Owensboro Obituary Index. When trying to correct or add to a previously added form this popup came up most of the time, however, there were some instances when it did not. When I attempted several times to do the edit the corrected form was finally successfully added and the edited form could be retrieved successfully. On Friday, June 2, I added a completely new form for Acastino Damarland. I received the message, "Internal Server Error", multiple times before the form was finally added to the database. When I did a search for his name to recall the corrected form it showed in the results hit list but when you clicked on the name the "Internal Server Error" page came up. Also when you called up the list of all recorded forms for the month of May 2018 you could not navigate through the list and when you clicked on any name in the list the "Internal Server Error" page came up. In any other search of any given month and year (for example April 2018) you could navigate from form to form in the search results list. I first thought the issue could be localized to my computer. After the issue with the Damarlane form I contacted two people to search for the form "Acastino Damarland" on their computers. They also could get the form to display in the hits list but when they clicked on the name they also got the "Internal Server Error" page. Thus it does not appear to be a problem localized to my computer but is an issue with the database itself.

Jun 4 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Have Stevens descendants coming from Arizona in July for cemetery tour. One question she asked that I have not found answer, Henry Leslie Stevens 1855-1919 living in Ohio County 1870, 1880 census, married living in Daviess Co in 1884 Maxwell/Newville community. In 1900 they were in McLean Co., Illinois. When did they move there? I did not find land sales in Ohio County so could be in Daviess or even McLean Co., Ky for that matter. Helen

Jun 5 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I checked a notebook of items from the Ohio County newspapers I noted while compiling the obituary index books. The notebook contains miscellaneous items that give detailed info on an individual or family - such as births, marriages outside of the county, and other historical details. I found no notes that I had made on Henry Leslie Stevens. I also did not have any info on his move in my Stevens family vertical file. Sorry I don't have anything that would help. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jun 17 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

In the 1981 Shown/Schaun book on page 7 there is reference to Ohio County tax records for 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815. Then in your 1983 Early Settlers of Ohio County, Kentucky 1799-1840 you do not utilize these. Where might the

ones from Schaun book be located or did they disappear prior to your book soon after. If I go looking where do I start? Helen

Jun 17 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Microfilm of the tax lists you listed are in the Kentucky Room at the Owensboro library. For my book instead of referencing circa 40 years of tax lists (1799-1840) I only used the list for 1799, 1800, 1811, 1820, 1830 & 1839. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 19 e-mail : From Gavin Richardson (grichard@uu.edu):

Hi Jerry, I am a descendant of William Boucher and would like to buy your Boucher-Faris book. What would the price be including shipping to Tennessee? Regards, Gavin Richardson

Jun 19 e-mail : To Gavin Richardson (grichard@uu.edu):

I no longer have any remaining copies. Sorry! Jerry Long

Jun 19 e-mail : From Gavin Richardson (grichard@uu.edu):

Well that's too bad. I've written a 96 pp. unpublished booklet about the Richardsons of the Blackford Creek area and your book was helpful. I consulted a copy in the DCPL. I'm a ggg grandson of Jonus Richardson, who married William Boucher's daughter Phebe. If you have any interest in the Richardsons of Blackford Creek, I can send you a PDF. But it's a large file. About 8 MB. All the best to you, Gavin Richardson

Jun 17 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I likely have known and forgotten, I asked the most experienced at County Court Clerk office this morning and she is like me. So now time to ask you for answer to following question. Thanks much, Helen. From: Clay <hamish@rosecrag.com> Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 To: Helen McKeown <helen@imckeown.com> Subject: RE: 3rd email with documents need citation for Wallace book. Hi Helen, On many deeds in Ohio county, below the deed itself, is written a disclosure by the county court clerk certifying the authenticity of the makers of the document. Immediately above this paragraph is a line that says: Kentucky Ohio County sct (or set, or something like that). Do you know what these letters are what and what they stand for? Thanks, Clay Patterson, BCG Certified Genealogist, Decatur, TX

Jun 17 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Sct usually written beside a county name that most often occurs in legal proceedings and instruments. It is an abbreviation for the Latin word "scilicet" (to wit), meaning "in particular" or "namely". Legal terminology to indicate in this particular place. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 27 Contact : Daviess County Clerk, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 3 hours abstracting 23 marriages (11 Gratzer & 123 Long family descendants).

Jun 29 e-mail : To Alicia Harrington (aharrington@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Alicia: I am very sorry to bother you. I know how busy you are. I am contacting you because I am having an issue with accessing the library's Online Resources. The library's site says if there is an issue with Log-in contact the library. My deep regrets in losing access to these databases are forcing me to pester you. I am a frequent user of several of the online resources – Newsbank, ProQuest, KY Virtual Library. Starting a week or so ago when I went to the Log-in and clicked on NewsBank I would get a page with the following message - "This site is not secure: This might mean that someone's trying to fool you or steal any info you send to the server. You should close this site immediately." After logging in I would get to the page that lists the Online Resources but get the above page when I click on any database and when you click on the Details link nothing comes up. I went to Computer Dave's shop and logged in on one of his computers and got the same message. He was not sure what the problem is but said it possibly could be an issue with the site's security certificate. But since the library's staff is not aware of any problems the public is experiencing in accessing the Online Resources this must not be the issue. If others are not having an issue it must be a problem on my end. Using different search engines (Google Chrome & Internet Explorer) I get the same message. I also changed my user name and pin number. I thought about asking another library user to see if they can successfully access the databases but have not. About a month ago Microsoft had a major update and since that time I have experienced two or three issues that I did not have previously. I would greatly appreciate any feedback on the issue I am having. A library patron, Jerry Long

Jul 3 Phone call : From Alicia Harrington, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

She said everyone not just me is receiving the error message on the library's Online Resources" page. She said to would report the issue to Brian Laskbrook the library's IT head.

Jul 11 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello Jerry! How are you! I hope you are well. I haven't seen you in a while. How is retirement going? I hope you still have this e-mail address. I was hoping to ask you a couple of quick questions if that is okay. If you would, please reply so I know this e-mail address is still valid. I hope to hear from you soon! Thanks! Scott

Jul 11 e-mail : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, Yes, I still have the same e-mail. I am spending a lot of time working on family history. The DCP Library is also allowing me to continue to edit and proof read the online Owensboro Obituary Index. I hope all is well with your family! Jerry Long

Jul 11 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

That's fantastic! I've been digging a lot into my Geary/Gary (on my mother's side) and Henning (on my father's side) lines lately. First question. I believe I know the answer to

this question. On census records, usually the people listed next to each other are neighbors, correct? Was it always that way? Like before 1850? Also, I have a possibly ancestor that I'm trying to connect to a larger family. I've used tax lists to do a lot of research. I've never worked with property documents. One guy pops up in 1841 with land. I thought there might be a document that shows a transfer of land from a father or relative who lived in Daviess County previously. How do I do that or where do I go to do that? Courthouse only or would the library have resources to help with that? If it's easier to explain by phone, I'm okay with a call. I don't mind talking. Whatever is easiest or more convenient for you. 270-684-4008

Jul 11 Phone call : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us), 270-684-4008:

I made several suggestions on his research on his ancestor, John W. Henning (1850-1900).

Jul 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit in paper of 3-12-2013 for Ulah Mae (Mofield) Lamm 142191721 says preceded in death by her twin Beulah Lamm, thought perhaps that was Mofield. I do not know just seem unique. And there on findagrave is her sister Beulah Mofield 1930-1932. We will clean Duke Cemetery off Combs Bridge Road on 8-3. Hope it is cooler by then, owner plans to install new fence after our work. It is not visible from the road. Helen

Jul 14 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I made the correction. Thanks! Jerry Long

Jul 16 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello, Jerry. I tried to do some searching on the grantor/grantee index on microfilm. I found nothing on John Henning, but he owned land in Daviess County. If he isn't there, does it mean he inherited the land? Would that be in the order books instead? There were a lot of Hennings, but the only one I found was David Hennon (should have been Henning). Also, is there much information in a deed itself? I found some grants between Marcus McDonald/McDonnall and William and Nancy. Would it just be about boundary lines and such? It wouldn't mention kinship, would it? Thank you for any help you can give. Scott

Jul 16 e-mail : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, Documents pertaining to the ownership of land were not recorded in the county's order books. Sometimes ownership is shown by wills, estate settlements, and in some cases payment for a land purchase was never provided and thus a deed finalizing the transfer was not required. Also sometimes a deed of ownership was never filed at the courthouse even though the owner had a viable copy proving ownership. The majority of deeds list only the buyer and seller and outline a detailed description of the land. However, in a few cases when ownership is being contested a deed can be a gem for genealogists. The contestants have to submit their claim to the county's circuit court which renders a decision on ownership. In these cases sometimes many family relationships can be delineated in a deed that is warranted to clarify ownership. On my Pate - Crawford line in Ohio County a deed recorded in 1853 outlined the descendants over 3-generations of Samuel Crawford (who had died in 1821) due to the fact that the majority of his children had died by that time. The index to the Daviess County Circuit Court suits is in the Circuit Court's office in the

southeast corner on the 4th floor of the Judicial Building. There is also a microfilm copy of the index in the Kentucky Room at the library. The actual bundled packets of the original case files about a decade ago were sent to the Kentucky State Archives in Frankfort. The Circuit Judge believed they contained “confidential and sensitive” information. Because of the sheer volume of these records they have never been microfilmed and thus are not available anywhere else. I regretted this decision immensely. I used to use these records extensively and made many discoveries in them. I always thought they were the “heart” of any courthouse and are the most valuable resource stored there. A lot of history of any county can be discovered in the county’s Circuit Court files. These records can still be accessed either by correspondence (after obtaining an index suit # from the index) or visiting the Archives but the process is far more tedious and time consuming. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Jul 17 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Thank you so much for the information. So, it's possible if there are 5 to 10 Henning men with land and only one shows up on the grantor/grantee lists, the fathers may have just passed on the land and divided it up among them without recording it at the courthouse? I'll double check wills at some point to see if there's anything there. When I last looked, I may have only looked for wills connect to John Henning. There may be more there than just Frank. Thanks! Scott

Aug 15 Phone call [Long] : To Nadine Feehan Gasparas, Monee, IL, 708-534-5102:

Her great-grandfather, Thomas Hence Tindall (1863-1926) was a 1st cousin to my grandfather, Benjamin F. Long. I asked her about a sister and a brother, of her mother, Elsie Tindall Feehan, who I have not been able to find what happened to them. Her mother’s sister, Stella, married a Bob, could not remember his last name, she had a daughter, Geraldine Frank; Stella died on Nadine’s birthday, November 29 over 54 years ago. Her mother’s brother, John Tindall, they called ‘Jack’, he married Alice, who is still living; she believes he had children. Mrs. Gasparas’s brother, Joe Feehan, who known more about Jack. She will ask Joe about Jack and call me back. Her uncle Everett Tindall they called ‘Eddie’.

Aug 15 Phone call [Long] : From Joseph B. Feehan, Manteno, IL, 815-468-1844:

Upon his sister’s request he called me to tell me about his mother’s siblings. His mother was Elsie Aline Tindall. Her brother, Jack Tindall, died about 3 or 4 years ago, worked as a policeman and for Alcoa Aluminum, after retiring moved to Hendersonville, NC; married Alice H., she is still living at Hendersonville, NC; they had a son and a daughter, Margaret, whose husband died about two years ago. Mr. Feehan’s aunt, Stella Tindall, married Jerry Kondelik, they had a daughter, Geraldine, who lived in Missouri; Stella divorced and married a second time and they lived in Alaska; she died many years ago. Mr. Feehan and his two siblings were born in Chicago, IL.

Aug 16 Phone call [Long] : To Alice Hochgraber Tindall, Hendersonville, NC, 828-697-6918:

Her husband, John Norman Tindall (1929-2016) was my 3rd cousin. She did not know her sister-in-law, Stella Tindall Kondelik, 2nd husband’s name or when or where she died;

she had one child, Geraldine Kondelik, who lived in Missouri. Mrs. Tindall's mother's middle name was Bertha. She and John Tindall, had two children, Patricia & Michael, who were both born in Chicago, IL.

Sep 6 Contact : Ronald C. Tipton, Owensboro, KY, 270-570-1730:

Mr. Tipton called about small apartment size refrigerator I had for sale on Craig's List. I recognized his name. I contacted him while working at the Daviess County Public Library. In 2015 he allowed us to display his Ames auto for the Daviess County Memorabilia Day. While he was at my home I showed him my collection on history and genealogy. He was interested in the original 1913 photo of F. A. Ames & his employees in front of his auto factory at 3rd & St. Elizabeth in Owensboro (5-foot x 1-foot). Frederic Ames 'Tag' Triplett gave me the photo in 1987 when I was doing research on the F. A. Ames Company for Robert Anderson of Sun Windows, Inc. I sold the photo to Mr. Tipton for \$50.00 and he gave me \$35.00 for the refrigerator. In discussing genealogy I told him that his uncle, Willard Tipton, married Marena Travis, a 2nd cousin of my dad.

Jul 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Hello Jerry, My guess to answer this is Rough Creek. Purely a guess, have you come across Moseley's Landing?? Helen

Jul 14 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I do not know. I don't remember ever running across a previous mention of Mosley's Landing. It would likely be either along Rough Creek (River) or Green River - the only larger navigable bodies of water in the county. To me the most logical spot would be in the Bend about 2 miles above Hartford. This would be the point on Rough Creek that is nearest the Wallace homestead. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 24 Contact : Gary & Mary Lisa Tunget, Gary's Fleur-De-Lis Flower Shop, 2219 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY:

Purchased a Peace Lily plant for the funeral of my uncle, Bernard Gratzler (\$48.76). Gary is a registrar for the local SAR chapter. We discussed about filing an application.

Sep 26 Contact [Gratzler] : James H. Davis Funeral Home, 3009 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301:

Attended the funeral of my uncle, Bernard Gratzler. Talked to his sons, Mike & Chris Gratzler and his former wife, Dorothy Kelly Weimer. I met Mike Gratzler's sons, Frank & Oliver Gratzler, who will be 7 years old on 1 October 2011.

Oct 2 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Owensboro Messenger 7-18-1908. Murder Case Continued. Poplar Hill, Ky., July 14— The trial of Rufus Taylor, charged with the wilful murder of J H Carman of Douglas, was continued until the next term of court. Did not see anything in obit index. Do you think this is James Henry Carman b 1876 married Rachel Baldwin 1879-1963 buried Oak Hill in Livermore??? The family history only says died about 1908. Was Douglas a McLean County community?? Helen

Oct 4 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

This is James Harlan Carman, who lived and died in Casey County, KY. See attached item from the newspaper, "Adair County News", Columbia, KY (10 June 1908 p1). Other than the citation you have from the "Owensboro Messenger" I found no other references to his death in the Owensboro newspapers. James H. Carman, age 31, appears in the 1900 census of Casey County, KY. His gravestone in the Salyers Cemetery in Casey County, KY shows that he was born 2 September 1868 and died 29 May 1908. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Oct 8 Contact : Daviess County Clerk, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 36 marriage records of Long family descendants.

Oct 20 e-mail [Gratzer] : From Tracey Gill Johnson:

I'm so sorry for not seeing your message until now. I'm definitely related...lol! I have your book that I purchased from you, through my mom, Helen Christine Gratzer Gill...many decades ago. I was just reading it again a couple of days ago..."The Roots of Josephine Gratzer Long. I hope this message finds you well. I would love to continue communicating with you.

Oct 21 e-mail [Gratzer] : To Tracey Gill Johnson:

Tracey, In looking at my notes I see that it was on 6 October 1980 that we met. I cannot believe it has been 38 years!! I am still doing genealogy research. In fact after we met I went on to work 3 years for a genealogy-historical book publisher, 3 years as a professional genealogist, and 28 years in the Kentucky Room, history-genealogy department of the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. I was very fortunate to find a job that was also my passion. My mother, Mabel Gratzer Long, first cousin of your mother, passed away 2 March 2018. Her brother, Bernard Gratzer, the last of my grandparents' family, also died this year (September 20). Would you have a copy of an obituary for your mother that you could share a copy of? I found one on the Internet for your father. Do you have any old pictures of your grandparents, Albert & Cora Gratzer? I have 4 that include Albert Gratzer. I would enjoy hearing from you. Your 2nd cousin, Jerry Long j-long@prodigy.net

Nov 19 Contact : Daviess County Clerk, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 27 marriage records.

Dec 7 Phone call : From Leslie McCarty (270-684-0211), Kentucky Room Director, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Leslie called me to ask about an Ohio County, KY cemetery. Family sources state that Ebenezer Evans, who lived in the Magan area of Ohio County died in 1903 and was buried at the Big Springs Cemetery. I was not familiar with a cemetery of that name in Ohio County. I told her I would do some checking to see if I could find anything. I congratulated Leslie on her recent election as Daviess County Clerk. She was elected on 6 November 2018 and will replace David Osborne, who is retiring after being in the position for many years. She said she will assume the office on December 20. She will give up her current position as director of the library's Kentucky Room. A new director will be announced within the next couple of weeks. Leslie had worked at the library for 15 years. She will continue with her Messenger-Inquirer column on historical items from the Owensboro

newspapers of 100 & 50 years ago. She will also continue with her work on the annual Voices of Elmwood.

Dec 8 e-mail : To Leslie McCarty (lmccarty@deplibrary.org), Kentucky Room Director, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Leslie, I checked over my pages on the Evans family and could not find any conclusive proof of the cemetery location of where Ebenezer Evans was buried. In the book, "The James O. Evans Family" (by Martha Evans, 2005, p105) it does state that he was buried at the Big Springs Cemetery in Ohio County, KY but gives no other explanation. In searching the Owensboro and Ohio County newspapers I found no one that was buried in what was labeled the "Big Springs Cemetery".

I did find that there was a community named Big Springs in Ohio County in the area between Magan and the Daviess County line. In the Owensboro papers in the early 1900's there regularly was a community column labeled "Big Springs". The names mentioned were consistently of the Magan-Ralph-Adaburg vicinity of Ohio County. In an item in the Owensboro Messenger on 3 May 1894 it states that the New Panther Creek Baptist Church was organized on Tuesday at Big Springs, a mission point in Ohio County about five miles south of Whitesville (see attached citation). This church is almost on the Ohio-Daviess line. I have never been there but an aerial view of the church shows no adjoining cemetery.

Sorry I could not find something more definite. I wish you success in your new endeavors!!!

Jerry Long - P.S. – It was great working with you.

Dec 10 e-mail : From Leslie McCarty (lmccarty@dcplibrary.org), Kentucky Room Director, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, Thank you so much for looking for this information! I appreciate you taking the time to do this for me. I have forwarded the information to the Ohio County Public Library. Thank you for your warm wishes! It is hard to believe that I will not be working at the library anymore! Come visit me at the courthouse! Leslie - I enjoyed working with you too. I miss your knowledge and wisdom.

Dec 21 e-mail [Long] : To Gail Hershenson Woodmere Cemetery Research, Detroit, MI (<http://woodmerecemeteryresearch.com>):

Asked if Coda Casteel (1892-1943) is in the Woodmeere Cemetery records.

Dec 21 e-mail [Long] : From Gail Hershenson Woodmere Cemetery Research, Detroit, MI (<http://woodmerecemeteryresearch.com>):

Good afternoon, I do not find Coda Casteel in the records. Best wishes in your family search. Best regards, Gail Hershenson

Dec 21 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Is Panther Creek Cemetery in Ohio County or Daviess County? John Wilson Barnett obit of 12-19-1999 says buried Panther Creek Church, Ohio County but he is buried in Roseville Cemetery, Hancock Co., Ky , looks like maybe confused location of funeral and location of burial??? Hester Burdette obit of 9-20-2017 says Ohio County for Panther Creek.

Willis Burdette obit of 1-24-1993 says Ohio County for Panther Creek' However, findagrave says Daviess County and NOTE: When the lines were drawn between Ohio Co. and Daviess Co. they were done so that the intersection where this Church and Cemetery are located stayed in Daviess Co. The county line is right to the north and west of this church and cemetery. Going north on Herbert Road, cemetery is on right hand side and church on left. Fenced and well taken care of. Thanks, Helen. Looking at original 5 Ohio County Cemetery books, no Panther Creek listed.

Dec 22 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The county location of Old Panther Creek Baptist Church is confused by the fact that is on or extremely near the intersection of several counties (in this case Daviess, Hancock & Ohio). This is true of several cemeteries, in some cases the church is in one county and its adjoining cemetery is in another – for example Newton Springs Baptist Church. In the case of the Old Panther Creek Baptist Church it is more confusing because there have been four different church locations over the years some of which were in Daviess and others in Ohio County.

Historical sketches of the church traditionally attribute its location to Ohio County. Noted Baptist historian, Rev. Wendell H. Rone in his A History of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky (1943, p218) notes – “This Church is located in Ohio County but has held membership in Association in three other counties.” Historian Oswald Jett published an article, “History of the Old Panther Creek Church” in the Kentucky Family Records published by West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association (1993, Vol. 17, pp33-37). He drew a map showing the four locations of the Old Panther Creek Baptist Church. The current church he shows as being in Ohio County a very short distance southeast of the intersection of Daviess, Hancock & Ohio Counties.

A transcription of the gravestones at the Old Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery is listed on pages 1-9 of Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume I, published by West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association in 1975. Official Kentucky Highway maps clearly show the Old Panther Creek Church as being in Ohio County (see 1979 edition, et al).

I will continue to record the Old Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery as being in Ohio County.

Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I had already worked on Newton Springs, so familiar with what you say. Thanks, Helen

Dec 26 e-mail [Long] : To Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Christy, I have been trying to put all of my pictures into albums. I like to organize things! I have attached two pictures I was not sure who was who. I believe one is yourself and the other Heather. Do you recognize the pictures? It was fantastic seeing you all on Christmas Eve. I can't believe I have such special people as my relatives. Best wishes and love during the NEW YEAR! Jerry

Dec 26 e-mail [Long] : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Hey Jerry, I remember these pictures, the first one is Heather (the chubbier one, he he) and the second one is me! It's great that you're organizing them. It's crazy to think about all the things within our family now! We have one at Harvard and one in Africa now and two little ones who are full of personality. The grandchildren are so bright and are such good kids. We have raised a good family! I don't remember if you're on Facebook but be sure to find Taylor on there if you haven't already so you can see his posts from his overseas travels. Email me anytime to stay in touch! Love, Christy

Dec 31 e-mail : From McLean County Museum (mcleancomuseum@att.net):

It's time to pay 2019 Museum Membership Dues. As in the years before, dues are \$20.00. Please make check payable to McLean County Museum and mail to PO Box 291 Calhoun, Kentucky 42327. Sorry but due to printing cost and lack of interest, we will not be publishing the Kentucky Family Records in 2019. If you are a Life Member, there is no Membership charge, however, we would truly appreciate a donation to our Building Fund. Thanks to you, our new building is up but needs to be finished on the inside. Judy Rightmyer

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Jan 8 e-mail : From Christina Clary (cclary@dcplibrary.org), Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Good morning Jerry, I hope you are doing well! I am writing on behalf of the author/historian Rick Ashby. He came into the Kentucky Room looking for research on the Morrison Coal Mines in Ohio County. They were apparently a front company that was active during the 1920s. I know that you have done an extensive amount of research into that county. Mr. Ashby asked if I could give you his contact information in case you had anything on it. His email address is rashby944@gmail.com. Thanks, Christina Clary

Jan 9 e-mail : To Christina Clary (cclary@dcplibrary.org), Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Christina: I have copies of eight newspaper items that refer to the Morrison Coal Company at Centertown that I will forward to Mr. Ashby. One of the three primary stockholders in this firm, John Reason Collins (1859-1934) is one of my Ohio County relatives and I have collected some data on him. He reportedly became a millionaire. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Jan 9 e-mail : To Rick Ashby (rashby944@gmail.com):

Rick: My name is Jerry Long. Christina Clary of the Daviess County Library passed your request to me. I have attached eight newspaper items that contain references to the Morrison Coal Company. In 1923 the Morrison Coal Company purchased two tracts (400 acres) at Centertown in Ohio County. The firm operated two strip mines there. In 1924 the Morrison Coal Company and several other coal firms were merged into the Great Western Coal Company. The three stockholders in the Morrison Coal Company were John R. Collins, Rowan Holbrook & C. G. Kershaw. John Reason Collins (1859-1934), one of the Morrison Coal Company stockholders, was a native of Ohio County, KY and is one of my Ohio County relatives. His grandfather, John R. Midkiff, had served as a town marshal of Hartford, KY and was a first cousin of the legendary Kit Carson. I have collected some data on John R. Collins. He began his career in the coal industry in the mines at Render in Ohio County. Later he was transferred to the Central Coal and Iron Company in Central City, KY. In 1893 he was placed in charge of this company's office in Memphis, TN. In 1897 he organized the Southern Coal Company. At his death the Southern Coal Company maintained 10 offices from Chicago to New Orleans. In his later years he split his time between Memphis and Chicago. At his death he was reported to be a millionaire. Good luck in your research! Jerry Long [Received no reply]

Jan 19 e-mail [Long] : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us), Lexington, KY:

Hi Jerry, I hope you are doing well! We just wanted to give you an update on Claire's reading per your Christmas present to her. She had already read 3 books on the list: Charlotte's Web, Anne of Green Gables, The Giver. After Christmas, she read the copy of To Kill a Mockingbird that you gave her. She and I just finished reading Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Book 1) together. She chose The Call of the Wild as a Book Study at school, so is in the process of reading that, and we just checked out Little Women from our library to read together. So: 5 complete, reading another, and another lined up ready to go. She already has some others picked out on the list that she's interested in, as well. Thanks so much for the gift and for encouraging her to read! Have a great weekend! Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, (859) 885-3085 [On Christmas Eve 2018 I gave my great-niece, Claire Blandford, a gift of two books ("To Kill A Mockingbird" and "Becoming by Michelle Obama), list of 100 most popular books from PBS's 2018 Great American Read contest, and a challenge. I showed her a list of the 10 books on the list that I had read. I told her if she read one more than that I would give her \$100.]

Jan 20 e-mail [Long] : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us), Lexington, KY:

Heather, I am thrilled that Claire took my challenge seriously. You all have made some fantastic choices. I think this may be the best gift idea that I have ever had. Reading is a gift that keeps on giving and has so many rewards. Please let me know when Clair completes the challenge. Last night we had about 2-3 inches of snow and it is now 20 degrees. The side streets are going to be pretty slick due to the freezing rain we had before it turned to snow. Definitely the worst conditions we've had this winter. It is supposed to warm back up to the mid 40's in two or three days so the snow shouldn't last long. I am not complaining because we have had it much worse. In comparison to the 2009 Ice Storm

today is like a vacation in Florida. Have a great day! Jerry Long. P.S. – Give Evie, Claire & Joey an extra hug!!

Jan 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Cercie Berkley obit of 1-29-1990 says buried Berkley Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky. His dad and brother are buried Landrum Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky and I assume that is where he is buried as there is no Berkley Cemetery in the county. Eloise (Berkley) McStoots obit of 3-3-1998 same logic, sister of Cercie above. Let me know what you find on these two. Thanks, Helen

Jan 22 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The Berkley Cemetery is the same as the Landrum Cemetery a short distance from Olaton. In the early 80's I visited the late Jesse & Edna Berkley, of Horse Branch, a couple of times. They said that this cemetery in recent years has become referred to as the Berkley Family Cemetery since members of that family intermarried with the Landrum family and no one of the Landrum name has been buried there for many years. In the Owensboro obit database we have three entries for the "Berkley Cemetery". I will change them to the Berkley - Landrum Cemetery". Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 24 e-mail [Long]: From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us), Lexington, KY:

I definitely think it was an awesome gift! I always think you give good gifts, though. Claire still has a baby doll bed that you gave her years ago that she still uses with her American Girl dolls and will eventually pass down to Evelyn! We'll update you on her progress as she completes more books. We started Little Women but it's definitely a slower read than Harry Potter. It may take us a while to get through! The weather here is a mess lately, too. My school district is actually closed today and tomorrow due to illness. Attendance has been so bad due to flu and other illnesses that they've shut us down to do some deep cleaning of the buildings and allow everyone a long weekend to get well. Stay warm!! Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, (859) 885-3085

Jan 25 e-mail [Davis] : From OurfamilypastNpresent (Ancestry.com):

Hi there, Family lore says that my hubby's great-grandfather was born a Davis, however in his early youth he was given to another family to raise. He then took their last name. The g-grandfather was born in northern Kentucky on the border of Indiana. I see that you and my hubby have a strong link via DNA, but your Davis family on Ancestry is pretty small with Mary being the most recent ancestor. I was told that there was no formal adoption, so searching adoption records (even if they were available) is almost impossible. Any thoughts on all this? Thanks!

Jan 25 e-mail [Firestine] : To OurfamilypastNpresent (Ancestry.com):

My Davis line was in Hardin County, KY. I know very little on this line. In looking at trees and shared trees administered by OurfamilypastNpresent on Ancestry.com there was a group of 6 trees. I am guessing that one of these could be you. If so we are fairly closely related. Do you have any Firestine, Paulin or Gratzner relatives? Jerry Long

Jan 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Have read obits of Mrs W V Crow 1885, Lydia Crowe 1890, Wesley Crowe 1894, Tabitha (Henry) Crow all near Newville. Is that the community near intersection of Daviess, Ohio and McLean Counties? Any idea where any of them are buried? Thanks, Helen

Jan 29 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Yes, Newville is near the point where the three counties come together. Some members of the Crow - Crowe family in this neighborhood are buried at the Green Brier Baptist Church (Daviess County) and the New Bethel Methodist Church (Ohio County). Tabitha Henry Crow (30 Jan 1855 – 6 Jun 1884), wife of James W. Crow, has a gravestone at Green Brier. Two wives of W. V. Crow (Lucy & Mary) have gravestones at New Bethel. I have heard that several gravestones at New Bethel that were broken were disposed of. It is also possible there was a Crow family cemetery in this neighborhood. The death notice of Lydia Crowe in 1890 states she was buried in family graveyard at her home. However, I have never seen or heard of a Crow cemetery in this area. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jan 29 e-mail [Firestine] : To OurfamilypastNpresent (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Yes, we have Firestine, Paulin and Gratzner in our line. Some of the trees you see online are those I made for other lines - mostly distant. My main tree is not on Ancestry. I use Legacy software and it's not online. How are you connected to these lines? It would be interesting to try to investigate your Davis line a little further to see if it might lead us to John Goodson, born Davis. Maybe we can collaborate on this? I have an email address that it might be easier to communicate via. ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com. Thanks for getting back to me. Take care!

Jan 30 e-mail [Firestine] : To OurfamilypastNpresent (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

My father's 3rd great-grandmother was Mary (Davis) Bruner, born ca 1798 KY and died 5 November 1851 Hancock County, KY. She was the daughter of Thomas Davis & Ruth Vanmeter, who were married in Hardin County, KY on 17 September 1797. Thomas was born circa 1775 and died about 1816 Hardin County, KY. Others have claimed that he was the son of Allen & Ann Davis. Other than the marriage of Thomas Davis I have no other documentation on him. My grandmother was Mabel (Paulin) Gratzner (1900-1938). She was the daughter of Cornelius Paulin & Elizabeth Feirstein / Firestine (1869-1947) of Cannelton, Perry County, IN. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Carmelree Tarrence obit of 8-26-2016 tombstone Tarrance. William Earl Tarrence obit of 11-7-1994 tombstone Tarrance

Feb 1 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The original obituaries have the spelling of Tarrence. The spelling of Tarrence also appears on the birth certificate of William E. I am reluctant to change what the family submits unless it is totally wrong. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 6 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I was out of town and am just catching up on emails. Well, yes! We do have those names in our tree. I have many on Find a Grave. Since my tree is no online, perhaps you can take a look at these memorials and maybe we can make a connection? <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125847321/john-goodson> Are you on Facebook? We have a private Firestine genealogy group where we have shared some info and photos there. It might be even easier to chat by phone about all this. If you send your phone number, I can call you in the next few days. Take care, Connie

Feb 6 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie, Frank Feirstein / Firestine, Jr. (1900-1985) is a first cousin to my grandmother, Mabel (Paulin) Gratzner (1900-1938). His father Frank Firestine (1864-1950) is a brother to my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Louise (Firestine) Paulin (1869-1947). My great-grandparents are John Valentine Feirstein & Catherine Gratzner. I refer to Facebook but have never posted a page. My phone is 270-684-6299. I especially am interested in any old family pictures. Do you know of any pictures of Frank Firestine (1864-1950) or of his sons? Thanks for your reply, Jerry Long

Feb 8 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Oh my goodness, I have alot to talk to you about Jerry! Is it ok if I call you in the morning? Saturday? Thanks! Connie

Feb 8 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

That would be great! I have been doing family research since 1979 and you will be the first contact I have made with a member of the family of Frank Firestine, Sr., a brother of my great-grandmother. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Feb 9 Phone call [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Her husband, Terry Allan Firestine is my 3rd cousin. His great-grandfather, Frank Firestine (1864-1950) is a brother of my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Louise Firestine Paulin (1869-1947). She has a picture that she believes is Frank Firestine but she is not certain. We discussed the Firestine family for about 20 minutes. She will call back tomorrow evening to compare notes.

Feb 10 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie, I have attached a picture of my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Louise Feirstein Paulin. She was the daughter of John Valentine Feuerstein & Catherine Gratzner. She was born 18 May 1869 Cannelton Perry County, IN, died 21 August 1947 Cannelton Perry County, IN, where she was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. She married Cornelius Lucas Paulin, 28 May 1897 St. Michael's Catholic Church, Cannelton, IN. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Feb 10 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

1. Jerry, Thank you so much for the beautiful photo! I must apologize that I did not call you tonight. It was a long day at work today and I came home, did a little housework, ate and just sat down to relax. Would tomorrow work for you? I work from 4 to 8 tomorrow, but

can call you during the day. I'll send a few photos that I have scanned to you. I have many more to scan. Take care, Connie

2. Hi Jerry, Here are a few photos of Frank "Babe" Firestine born 18 Dec 1900 in Indiana, died 6 April 1985 in Detroit, Wayne County, MI. Connie [2 pictures attached]
3. Here's a photo of John William Firestine. Sorry for the poor quality. This is a photo of a photo I took when I met John's granddaughter, Melissa Firestone and she brought some photos with her. I didn't have my computer or scanner with me. John William Firestine - son of Frank Firestine and Eliza Murray. Oldest brother of George Bradford Firestine and Frank "Babe" Firestine. John was born in Cannelton, Perry, IN on 1 July 1897, died in Avon, Loraine, OH on 14 April 1980. Connie [1 picture attached]

Feb 10 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
Connie, Yes, I will be free tomorrow. Call anytime you have a moment. Thanks for the pictures, Jerry Long

Feb 11 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
Hi Jerry, I'm sending along some vital records for your files. I'll send many more, but I have to scan them. These are some I found on Ancestry or already had them scanned. Let me know if you have any questions. Take care, Connie

Feb 11 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
Connie, I have attached four death certificates. They are for Frank Firestine's (1864-1950) mother Catherine Gratzner Feirstein Roeder) and his three sisters (Catherine Feirstein Paulin, Elizabeth Louise Feirstein Paulin and Anna Feirstein). Have a good day! Jerry Long

Feb 13 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
Lake Cemetery is real near Mt Moriah Cemetery in Mt Moriah Community. Mary Ann Evans obit of 9-16-2004 and Claude Evans obit of 2-5-2017 both state in obit index buried in Mt Moriah Cemetery. Mr. Evans actual obit says buried in Mt Moriah not Mt Moriah Cemetery. Mr. Evans parents are buried in Lake Cemetery and according to findagrave Mr. & Mrs Evans are also buried in Lake Cemetery. I can just imagine one of us will drive to Mt Moriah to settle this. Helen

Feb 14 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
The two cemeteries are across the road from each other just a few feet apart. Since the two cemeteries are so near most people would assume they are both part of the Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery. I believe we need to stay with what the family reported for the obituaries. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Feb 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
When an obit prints Mt Moriah (community) your index enters it as Mt Moriah Cemetery, perhaps a pause I kept looking to see if it was one funeral home issue, did not get far with that. Thanks much, Helen

Feb 14 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I reviewed all the obit abstracts that said they were buried at Mt. Moriah in Ohio County. I compared each to the Ohio County Cemetery books and Find A Grave. If this did not prove that they were actually buried in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery I changed the entry by removing "Mt. Moriah Cemetery" from the Cemetery column and added "Mt. Moriah" to the place name fields. I changed the entry for the following Margaret Bohannon (1992), Claude Evans (1942), Claude Evans (2017), Mary Ann Evans (2004), Michael Scott Evans (2018), Ella Mae Garrett (2013), Ralph Garrett (2002) and Donna Gillim (2006). Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

No one will ever recognize all the work you have done. Thank you. Helen

Feb 15 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thanks for all of the work you have done!! Have a good day, Jerry Long

Feb 18 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie, I was hoping to hear from you again. I was hoping to hear about your work as a librarian. What library department(s) have you worked in? I worked in the Kentucky Room (history - genealogy special collections) of the Daviess County Public Library for 28 years. I had used the room extensively for the prior decade while I worked as a professional genealogist and for McDowell Publications (a history-genealogy publisher). I have attached a file outlining some of my work. Please write or call again, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Feb 22 e-mail [Long] : To Karen Gibson Fleming (wikitree.com):

Karen, Clarence Elmer Long, who married Hallie Elizabeth Turner, was a first cousin of my grandfather. Do you know of any pictures of him or could you share any contact information for any of his grandchildren? Hallie Elizabeth Turner Long married Ishmael Gibson during 1930-1931. Do you their marriage date or place? Jerry Long

Feb 22 e-mail [Long] : From Karen Gibson Fleming (gene.seeker@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Thanks for contacting me about Clarence Long. I don't have any pictures of him. I have met his son Luther once, but he has now passed away, and I am not in touch with his grandchildren. I am related through Hallie and her second husband, Ishmael Gibson. It is also interesting that you ask about the Turner/Gibson marriage record. I have not been able to find one, and I have started thinking that it was a common law marriage. It's a bit weird because I think they were catholic so you'd think they would have officially married. But I can't find it. I wish I could be of more help to you. I will be happy to keep in touch in case i learn anything. Karen F.

Feb 23 e-mail [Long] : To Karen Gibson Fleming (gene.seeker@gmail.com):

Karen, Thanks for replying to my e-mail. Have you checked Shawneetown, Gallatin County, IL marriages to see if Ishmael & Hallie married there? A lot of people from Western Kentucky and who lived along the river went there in earlier times. Good luck in your research, Jerry Long

Feb 23 e-mail [Long] : From Karen Gibson Fleming (gene.seeker@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Yes. I couldn't find the marriage in Shawneetown either. I can't find it on Ancestry or Family Search, and my dad does not know when his parents were married. He doesn't remember a lot of stuff, though. One thing he said one time was that they officially married in the late 1950s for some reason, but I haven't found that either. All the best, Karen F.

Feb 23 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Finally, I'm able to get a few minutes to send some things to you. I'll try to send them in families in hopes that it keeps them all straight for you. This is my father-in-law, Earnest Edward Firestine and his son Daniel. I have not scanned my mother-in-laws death cert yet. When I get that done, I'll send it to you. Take care, Connie [Sent 10 e-mails with 28 attached Firestine documents.] (2). Agnes was the daughter of Frank Firestine / Feirstein and Nannie Goodson. She married Donald Gregg 1924-1983. His father was also named Donald Gregg. Their son Kenneth just passed away in 2017 and although I sent for his death cert, the only thing South Carolina will send someone who is not immediate family was verification of his death date. I put as much info as I could gather from his family in Ken's Find a Grave memorial. (3). George and Gertrude had two daughters: Dorothy, Frances (I'm sending for this death cert in Texas). George and Ethel were parents of: George Bradford Firestine Jr. (need to send for his death cert) who married Donna Papenfus (death cert attached). Charles Firestine (I need to send for his death cert). Joseph Firestine married Shelia ?? (both still alive). Marion married Andrew Joseph Pennazoli (Marion is still alive, but Andrew passed away). Donna gave me a bunch of photos to scan a few years ago, They are not with me right now, but I will send them later. Follow the Frank Firestine Find a Grave link I sent to get more info on these people. (4). Frank is the son of Frank and Nannie (Goodson) Firestine / Feirstein. He was married to Virginia Addington from 1951 to 1963. They had two children together: Janet married Larry Sabin and they are both still alive; Michael married Colleen ?? but they are divorced and both still alive; baby boy Firestine that died shortly after birth. He was not named. (5). John and Agnes had one son born - John Owen Firestine, but later he changed his legal name to Firestone. John married Jesse Margaret Stout (I need to send for Jesse's death cert). John and Jesse had five children. It was tough finding them, but I finally found them in northern Ohio. I'm connected on Facebook with their two daughters: Margaret Firestine who married Warren Ostergard. Warren passed away in 2015. I don;t have his death cert (South Carolina has tough rules). Melissa Firestone who is the single mom of Margaret (unknown last name - long story). Margaret is a special needs adult now. There are three sons, but I don;t have their names with me. Stay tuned. As an interesting side note, Margaret and Warren are parents to a kinda famous son - Warren Ostergard. They also have other children, but I don't have that info with me right now. Stay tuned. (6). This is a sad one Jerry. Betty and Sam had three children and seemed to have a nice life living in the suburbs. Sam was a musician who made a good living playing in nightclubs. That wasn't so good for the marriage being away at night all the time and combined with the fact that Betty along with

most of her siblings and others in this family were/are alcoholics, the marriage ended and their children entered into troubled lives. All three children died as adults, but never made it to old age. Betty eventually entered and stayed in sobriety. Sam went on his way and lived a much more comfortable life due to income being much more than Betty's. Betty moved down south to be closer to her children and died there. Rick and Nancy both had children. I think Charles "Chuck" may have had one child, but I don't know anything about him/her. Rick's ex-wife and mother of his two sons Ryan and Anthony was Patricia Couwlier. She just passed away in 2018 - very tragically. (7). Joanne was the youngest of Frank (1900) and Nannie's children. She and Duane had two children together: Debbie, Duane, Jr. Debbie married (forgot his first name, last name) and they had two children. A girl (forgot her name) and a boy who was tragically killed in an auto accident. I have his death cert, but forgot to scan it. (8). Another sad story of Dave and Sue and Dave's child and mother of his child. One I will explain when we talk on the phone, David had a daughter with another woman (after Sue passed away) and both the mother of the child and the child were murdered (after David passed away). They have still not found the person responsible. I have their death certs, but forgot to scan them. (9). Here's Frank's death cert. I don;t have Nannie's or Mary's death certs scanned yet. (10). Here are Frank's and Eliza's death certs

Feb 24 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Willie Mae Ingleheart Cofield obit of 8-31-1997, she was last wife of Claudis Ingleheart whose first wife was Carrie Baggarly that we spoke of earlier this week. I do not know where this Ingleheart stuff is coming from. Helen

Feb 24 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The original obit has the correct spelling of Ingleheart. I checked all Ingleheart / Inglehart in the fields for deceased names, survivors and comments. I found 12 other instances where the obits had the correct spelling of Ingleheart or Inglehart but the misspelling Ingleheart / Inglehart was entered. Why I don't know. I am amazed at the mistakes my fellow compatriots made. I made corrections to correspond to the original obits. Thanks for catching this one, Jerry Long

Feb 26 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie, I have attached three files that list the notes I have on the families of the three sons of Frank Firestine & Eliza Murray. I would appreciate any corrections or additions. Many thanks for all of the great documents that you scanned and sent. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to do that. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Feb 26 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

By the way, I forgot to mention the photo with the woman is his second wife, Mary Eva "Evie" Goodson, the sister of his first wife Nannie Goodson. (2). Jerry, here's my MIL's death cert. (3). Jerry, Here's Nannie's and Evie's death certs. Nannie was Frank's 1st wife

and her sister, Evie, his 2nd wife. (4). Jerry, Here is Agnes' and Don's baby daughter, Sharon's death cert [Sent 4 e-mails with 4 attached Firestine documents.]

Feb 27 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
You're welcome Jerry! More to come. Just need some time to get things scanned. Photos, documents. I'll look over your notes and get back to you if I see anything that needs to be changed. I'm really glad to have connected with someone from another side of the Firestine family! Take care, Connie. (2). One more thing! You are amazing! I just quickly glanced over the descendants of Frank and WOW! You found alot of people! The Gregg side of the family has been a little iffy. One of Agnes' daughters, Shirley Gregg Carlisle, has been very mean about providing any info. I've been able to connect with her brother Ken's daughters, but Shirley says she wants nothing to do with genealogy. She is my hubby's 1st cousin and lives just a few miles from us, but the last time my hubby saw her, was when they were young children. She scares me! Kinda mean. Shirley's niece by marriage, Susan Gregg-Davis, has been very helpful. And so was Susan's adoptive mother, before she passed. I guess, Don Gregg (married to Agnes) was pretty volatile and Shirley says she does not have good memories of her childhood. Sadly, Don was a hemophiliac and the disease was passed on through his daughters to two of his grandsons who passed away from the disease. I'll read more and get to back to you. By the way, did you get on Facebook? Take care, Connie

Feb 27 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
Thanks again for all of the original documents. I refer to Facebook but I don't have a page or post entries. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Mar 2 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):
Jerry, I reading through your notes, I do have some corrections for you. Stay tuned. Connie

Mar 2 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
Dwight David Brown 8-22-2009, George W Brown 4-16-2012, James T Brown 10-30-2004 all listed as Brown Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky and are buried in Heavrin Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky. I think we are dealing with one funeral home. Helen

Mar 3 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
I am very familiar with this cemetery. My grandparent's farm formerly was a short distance behind this cemetery. The cemetery started out as the Heavrin family cemetery. No members of that family have been buried there for generations. In more recent times members of the Brown family were buried there. Everyone locally knows it as the Brown Cemetery. If you asked about the Heavrin Cemetery very few in the area would know what you were talking about. Both names are correct. In the Ohio County Historical Society cemetery volumes it is listed twice - as the Brown Cemetery (Vol. 1, p39) and as the Heavrin Cemetery (Vol. 2, p39). Many cemeteries have multiple names over the years. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Mar 3 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thank you for verifying that for me, I will get notations made on findagrave. We had 8 deer here at the house this morning, guess they were having early breakfast before the predicted snow. Helen

Mar 9 Phone call [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie called and we talked about two hours. Her husband, Terry Firestine, and all of his siblings were born in Detroit, MI. Connie was the daughter of Constantino Romano & Esther Kramm. Her husband's sister, Susan Marie, was born 25 May 1959, she had 4 children by 3 men; she had – Christina Elizabeth Miles, born 12 Jan 1978 by Dino Manos (not married, Dino was born 28 Aug 1958 Detroit, MI & died 2 Jan 2016 Detroit, MI, Christina assumed her stepfather's name, she married Ryan Lightfoot, born 27 Nov 1978, and they had 2 children – Tate, born 20 Nov 1999 & Kara, born 23 Sep 2002), Susan married Raymond Aubery Miles (he was born May 7, divorced), they had 2 sons – Raymond Aubery Miles, born 13 March 1980 & Matthew, born 29 Sept 1981 (married Shannon Morany, born 24 Oct 1981); Susan Firestine married 2nd John Ball (son of John Ball), they had 1 child – Jenna Ball, born 27 May 1994. Kathleen Firestine (sister of Terry) married Thomas Wykowski, 29 Aug 1986 Warren, McComb County, MI. and they had – Melissa, born 4 Aug 1994. Steven Douglas Firestine (brother to Terry) and Shirleen had 1 child – Stephanie Leona, born 29 Jan 2000. Edward Andrew Firestine (brother of Terry) married Tiffany A. Abuvahara, 2005 MI. Linda Lou Firestein, daughter of Frank Firestein & Mary Goodson, was born 26 Nov 1944 Detroit, MI, she married 3 times, 1st James Cobb (divorced), they had Sherry, born Jan 4, married a Polan, and Brenda, born 22 Jan 1968, married a Vaitkevicius, they had Lindsey & Eric; Susan Firestein married 2nd Raymond Lee Rees, born 22 Dec 1940, died 17 April 2013 MI (they divorced, he later married Juanita), they had a son, Raymond L. Rees, born 21 June 1974. Robert Martin Feirstein (son of Frank, Jr.) married Jaqueline, 20 March 1976 & divorced 28 Feb 1998; they had – Robert Martin, Jr., born 1976 Detroit, MI, Samantha Lee, born 1 Dec 1982 Detroit, MI & Christopher Dean, born 25 July 1984 Detroit, MI. Mary Elizabeth Firestein (daughter of Frank Jr.) married Robert James Reiterman, 16 Feb 1980, he was born 27 Sep 1950, son of George Reiterman & Marie Meeks; they had – Robert James Jr., born 13 June 1980 Detroit, MI & Jennifer Lynn, born 8 Sep 1983 Detroit, MI; Mary Elizabeth Firestein also had a son, Glen Donovan Firestein, born 6 April 1975 by David Higdon (they were not married). Connie also mailed three pictures. She is planning to visit in the are during the last week of this July.

Mar 10 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine, Ray, MI (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

I sent a FTM genealogy report on the descendants of Frank Firestine (1864-1950); without notes.

Apr 3 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Well, I am totally unfamiliar with the lynching referenced below. The museum is closed today, so I can call later in week to get specific date, etc. Do you have any information on this? Thanks, Helen. PS We are cleaning Tunnel Hill Cemetery at Echols on Friday 4-26. fyi, Tom Hayden (legally hung) is buried there. You are very welcome to join us.

From: David Johnston <OCJudge@OhioCountyKY.gov> Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 3:28 PM. To: Helen McKeown <helen@imckeown.com> Subject: FW: Lynching Memorialum. Helen: Are you familiar with this story.

From: Johnathon Bailey [<mailto:jbailey30@murraystate.edu>]. Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 2:15 PM. To: David Johnston. Subject: Lynching Memorial. Mr Johnston, My name is Johnathon Bailey and I am currently a graduate student at Murray State University. I grew up in Ohio County and my parents still currently reside in Beaver Dam. Over spring break I took part in a school trip to Montgomery Alabama where I visited the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. This is a memorial for African Americans who lost their lives to lynching. The memorial consists of stone pillars with every county where a documented lynching occurred. In our county, Frank Stevens, lost his life to lynching in 1901 and to my knowledge there is no memorial to this in the county. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice creates two of every stone slab for the counties that a lynching occurred in to display it. Would it be possibly to buy the duplicate stone slab they created so that it can be displayed in our county as a memorial? -Johnathon Bailey

Apr 3 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

No notice of the lynching of a Frank Stevens appeared in the 1901 newspapers of Hartford, Owensboro or Louisville. However, there were some syndicated items that were circulated to other newspapers. I found two published articles that appeared in the “Charlotte News” (Charlotte, NC on 21 August 1901, see attachment of Frank Stevens 1) and in the “Scranton Republican” (Scranton, PA on 22 August 1901, see attachment of Frank Stevens 2). Both articles were received from Nashville, TN and stated that Frank Stevens, a Negro, was lynched by a mob on 20 August 1901 for assaulting a woman. The two articles vary in other particulars. The Charlotte article states that the report was received from Rock Fork, KY, the lynching occurred at Echales near there, and the assault victim was Mrs. Mary C. Day. The Scranton article states the report was received from Rockport, KY, the lynching occurred at Rehales near there, and the assault victim was Mrs. Mary C. Ray. The articles taken together do suggest the event may have occurred at Echols near Rockport in Kentucky.

I am skeptical of the veracity of the reports. Reasons for this skepticism are that it was not reported in the Kentucky newspapers. Items of violence such as murders and lynchings were particularly popular items for newspapers and it is unlikely they would have missed just a blatant event. In the Owensboro newspapers between 1866-1919 there were 101 reports of deaths by lynching or hanging; of these 73 of these were noted to be Negroes. Also none of the participants, Frank Stevens, Henry Clayton, Mrs. Mary C. Ray or Mrs. Mary C. Day mentioned in the reports could be identified as being residents of Ohio County, KY in the Federal Census taken one year earlier – there was a Mrs. Mary C. Day in the 1900 Ohio County census but she was in an area far removed from Echols. Another factor to consider is the propensity of newspapers to print inaccurate and false reports during this period. Today we question all of the “False News” in the media but it is nothing comparable to this earlier period. To believe the report of the lynching of Frank Stevens in Ohio County I need at least one other shred of evidence.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Apr 6 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Were you able to find anything else about the lynching of Frank Stevens? Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Apr 6 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

No. Another person called to tell me about ‘lynching’ of Felix Pool. I did find the Hartford Herald article telling the Owensboro paper of Pool being alive and well and not shot as previously reported. Felt that helped substantiate the lack of validity of Frank Stevens article. Fake news being standard instead of exception is a sad state of affairs. Helen McKeown

Apr 26 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Frederick Nance Lewis 1887-1961 married 2-22-1917 Moody (Dunn) Lewis 1886-1958, buried Rosehill Elmwood. Her parents not listed on marriage license, his were. She listed as born in Daviess County. Her death certificate lists her dad as Columbus. Found her in 1910 census living with sister and brother in law, James & Sankey Grey. She was named for Rev Dwight Moody. Question is who are her parents, etc. Had a good genealogy fair at Ohio County Library Annex this evening. A lady returned from a visit 2 years ago to show me progress she had made. Her ancestor was born with one name in 1933, got new birth certificate in 1952 with another name, another dad and same mom. Worked at cleaning Tunnel Hill Cemetery at Echols this morning, the black cemetery. Will have to work one more day on it, likely in two weeks. Perfect weather day. Helen

Apr 27 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Moody Dunn Lewis (1886-1956) was the daughter of Rev. Christopher Columbus Dunn (1849-1927) & Sarah Emeline/Emma Casey (1858-1915). Her parents married in Daviess County, KY on 11 February 1875. They are listed in the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY; at that time they had one child – Christopher Columbus Dunn, Jr. The latter was born 18 December 1876 and died 10 April 1943 Butler County, MO; his death certificate lists his parents as Christopher Columbus Dunn & Emma Casey. Columbus, Emma & Moody Dunn are listed at the same residence in the 1907 Owensboro City Directory. Moody’s mother, Susan Emeline Dunn, died 16 January 1915 in Owensboro; her death certificate gave her parents as Perry Casey & Caroline Myers and stated she was buried at the Old Panther Creek Cemetery; her obituary reported her survivors as her husband, C. C. Dunn, a son, and two daughters, Mrs. Ira D. Guy & Moody Dunn. Moody’s father was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro according to his death certificate and obituary; no gravestones were found for his or his wife. His obituary in the Owensboro Messenger mistakenly identified his as Rev. T. C. Dunn. While I worked at the Owensboro library one of the things I tried to do was copy and organize papers of various local historians / genealogists. One of these works put into bound books was “The Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin (1889-1973)” - a 3 volume set. I have copied and attached two pages on the Dunn family from Volume 1 (I had to do the first page in two shots). Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 27 e-mail [Long]: From Heather Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Hi Jerry, We received the check you sent Claire for the Reading Challenge. Thank you so much! She was beyond excited to receive it!! Shortly after Christmas break, she was given several book reports and reading assignments for school. Since she has been doing so

much assigned reading this semester, she has not been able to read as much from the list. She did finish Call of the Wild (and I think there was another she chose for a school assignment, but I can't remember which right now...), so I believe she has 7 complete. I told her we will cash the check and hold the money for her until she has completed all 11. Luckily, with summer coming up, she will have more time. And seeing the money will be even a stronger motivation! Thank you so much! We will let you know when she finishes and which books she has chosen to read. I hope you are doing well and enjoying the Spring. We hope to make it to Owensboro some over the summer and hopefully we'll see you then! [Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, \(859\) 885-3085](mailto:Heather.Blandford@ncc.edu)

May 1 Letter [Greenwood Cemetery] : From Wesley Acton, 3931 State Route 764, Utica, KY 42376-9326, phone 270-275-4511:

Mr. Acton asked if I had any additions to my list of burials at Owensboro's Greenwood Cemetery. I called and told him that I did not have any new additions for this year's Memorial Day service. When they release the 1966 Kentucky death certificates for public viewing I will check them for any Greenwood burials. Since the Owensboro obituaries have been checked for burials there will probably not be many more additions to our current list of burials.

May 2 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit for Gladys Sue Lyons paper 3-31-2014 says mom maiden name is Mattox. If you could put a comment, it is Maddox. And first name is Leva not Levi. Thank you. Helen

May 2 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I will add a note about her mother's maiden name. However, I find her mother's first name as both Leva & Levi. They are variations of the same name such as Jane & Janie or William & Willie.

May 2 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I agree and totally understand. Knew Mattox could cause a problem for future researchers. Harry D Tinsley room 24 moved to Hartford Nursing Home on Tuesday. His sister, Grace Minor, is there as well room 64. Helen

May 27 e-mail : To editor of "Messenger-Inquirer", Owensboro, KY:

The Burton family name was mistakenly identified as Burdon in the article, "Scout restores 1820s log cabin" in Monday's edition. Creed Burton was born 30 January 1809 in Ohio County, KY and died in Daviess County on 27 September 1898. He was the son of Bassett Burton & Polly Carter and married Mary Ward in Daviess County on 25 December 1834. He was buried in the Burton family cemetery near Whitesville. See - Daviess County marriage book A page 67, obituary in the "Owensboro Inquirer", 30 September 1898 p1 and 1883 "History of Daviess County, Kentucky, p527. - Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY [in May 29th issue, p1B, the following was printed: "Correction - A story on Page B1 Monday about scouts restoring a 1820s log cabin in Whitesville misidentified the last name of the cabin's original owners, the Burton family."]

May 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

At Mt Carmel are buried Everett L 'Todd' Massie 1871-1953 and his 2 children Helen Beulah (Massey) Moseley 1900-1986 and Louis Massie 1905-1958. Wife of Everett Massie is Lula Virginia (Mitchell) Massie/Massey died pre 1910. Her great grand daughter contacted me as to where is she buried? I looked at obits, burials and came up with nothing. Do you have any information on this lady? Thank you, Helen McKeown

May 29 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The 1900 & 1910 Ohio County censuses show the Everett L. 'Todd' Massie family living in the Bell's Run neighborhood. George Warren Taylor (1841-1914), of the Bell's Run community kept a memorandum book in which he recorded deaths in his neighborhood. One of the entries was "Mr. Tod Massie's wife departed this life March 15, 1905." This is Lula Virginia (Mitchell) Massie. Her death date is interestingly one day after the birth of her son, Louis V. Massie. I could find no death notice in the local newspapers and could find no proof of where she was buried. I would guess she was buried at the Bell's Run Baptist Church, where other members of the Massie family have grave markers. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Jun 12 Phone call [Paulin] : To Patricia Paulin Rearden, Hawesville, KY (270-927-6863):

Mrs. Rearden's grandfather, Joseph Paulin, was a brother to my great-grandfather, Cornelius Paulin. Her husband, Carl Rearden, is also my 3rd cousin once removed thru the Hale family. On three occasions I talked to her mother, Velma Paulin (1979, 1983 & 1984). Velma said she had a wedding picture of her husband's parents, Joe & Mary Kunz Paulin. She said she would look for it but I failed to every check back with her about the picture. Mrs. Rearden, said she said she does not have any of her mother's old pictures. Her brother, Charles Paulin, borrowed the pictures years ago from his mother and never returned them. He died years ago and she doesn't know what happened to the pictures.

Jul 25 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit of Donald Cooper of 12-12-2016 lists son Donald Cooper b 1-15-1954. The wife & mother Shirley Cooper obit of 6-12-2018 does not mention a son. I think he is still living. Helen

Jul 25 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I checked the original obituary of Shirley Moseley Cooper (2018) and it makes no mention, living or deceased, of a son, Donald. The son does not appear in the 2016-2018 obits and thus appears to still be living. In the Kentucky Birth Index Donald is listed as a child of Shirley (Moseley) Cooper. I cannot say why he was not named in her obituary. It may be an oversight. There were, however, no subsequent corrections. Since there possibly could be extenuating circumstances we are not aware of I think we should leave the abstract as is. If someone in the immediate family said he was mistakenly omitted then we could add an editorial note to the abstract. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Jul 25 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I agree. He was a handicapped child, fyi. Yesterday when I went by Ohio County Museum there was a large old teddy bear on top of two totes. In one of the totes were Rev Morris

Snell notebooks recording 1533 marriages and 257 funerals in his career. I am making a list of funerals where I cannot find a burial. So far 2 of 17 have death certificates. Rev Snell was grandfather of Donald Morris Cooper 2016. Beautiful weather, Helen

Aug 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Working on family tree for Jimmy Reno grandson of Herbert 1899-1932 & Pearl (Gregory) Miller. Family history has Herbert dying while wife pregnant with Doris b 10-12-1932, so 1932, burying at Coleman Cemetery, Muhlenberg Co., Ky . (1)Could not find death certificate. (2)Muhlenberg County Genealogy Library does not have local newspaper for that year. They looked at Coleman Cemetery book and found 2 of his children in unmarked graves. I did not ask for those names. They wanted to verify death date and burial location. I doubt funeral home would have been used, just my thought. Helen

Aug 15 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Sorry but all I could determine was that Herbert Miller died between 1932 & 1940. I checked the Kentucky death certificates multiple ways (by last name, first name, year, etc.). I also searched the Owensboro newspapers and family resources on Ancestry.com. Sometimes people just simply fell thru the cracks. My grandmother died in a hospital in 1938 and there was no death certificate recorded. I went through every certificate for that county and year. I began copying deaths in the Ohio County newspapers in anticipation of finding my great-great-grandmother America Long's death between 1900-1903 and never did. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 1 e-mail [Paulin] : To John M. McLeod, Ancestry.com contact link:

My name is Jerry Long. We are 4th cousins through the Paulin family. I would be very interested in contacting you. I have been researching since 1979. Of the 6 siblings of my great-great-grandfather Paulin I have been able to contact descendants of all but your great-great-grandmother, Virginia Paulin. Phone 270-684-6299. E-mail j-long@prodigy.net

Sep 6 e-mail [Paulin] : To Center for Local & Global History, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH (clgh@cpl.org):

I requested scans of three obituaries – Cecilia (Luttringer) Richards (1866-1927, Alfred Bernard Richards (1960-1934) and Anthony Bernard Richards (1894-1955).

Sep 6 e-mail [Paulin] : From Center for Local & Global History, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH (clgh@cpl.org):

Sent scans of three obituaries. [On Sep 9 - Sep 12 requested & received copies of obituaries of Teresa Richards McNamara (1901-1990); Angela Richards Leis (1908-1994), Anthony J. Leis (1910-2000); Michael J. McNamara (1897-1989), Donald B. Richards (1928-1987; James E. Richards (1928-1990) & Jean L Murphy Richards (1926-1979.)

Sep 15 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit for Ruby Fuller 12-14-1997 (age 71) obit wife of Joseph Fuller 4-14-2005 obit, his obit lists son Robert Lee Fuller, hers does not. Just real odd. Helen

Sep 15 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

This is one that I think we should leave as it is. Birth certificate and obituary of Robert Lee Fuller (1941-2006) indicate he was a son of Joseph Harold Fuller (1925-2005)'s brother, Robert Paul Fuller (1908-1995), who married Mary Lorena Bellow (1912-1945). Records show that Joseph Harold Fuller & Ruby Smith married in 1947 and had four children – Harold Louis (1947-1961), Bonita 'Bonnie' (1952-), Joyce (1959-) & James E. (1959-). Robert Lee Fuller is named as a son in the obituary of his uncle, Harold, why I can't say. Possibly Robert Lee since his mother died when he was three he was partially raised by his uncle, Harold. The family did write it that way so I think it should remain that way. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 15 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

James Earl Martin obit of 3-9-1994 his wife is Judy Tanner Martin, but obit index changed it to Judy Turner Martin, even went on to specify that her parents last name was Tanner

Sep 15 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The abstract was wrong. The obituary has that James Earl Martin's wife was Judy "Tanner". You caught another error! I continued to be amazed at how many errors my fellow employees made and continue to make. When I retired I realized this and it is why I requested that I be allowed to continue to edit and add to the database. I would estimate that in my retirement I have made at least a thousand corrections. About every third or fourth new addition contains some error or omission. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Sep 15 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I totally agree, thanks for your help. I have a distant cousin in state of Washington, when she died they sent me her obit, it included a sister I had never heard of. When I asked, they said, "Oh, she was like a sister". So now we know obits not always correct, tombstones not always correct, marriage licenses not always correct, death certificates not always correct, birth certificates not always correct. Pretty soon we are back to flipping a coin. Beautiful day, Helen

Sep 18 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Robert Lee obit for 1-29-2019 list deceased sister as Myrtle Frances 'Parthy' Shelton, bro Gary, bro Bill So look for her 1-22-1997 obit for Frances 'Parthy' (Lee) Shelton there is no match whatsoever. Helen

Sep 19 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The abstract for Parthy Lee Shelton has the wrong survivors and comments listed. The survivors and comments were for the next listed obit in that newspaper issue. They should have been for Addie Lorene Smith, who was not listed at all in the database. I will correct the two forms later today when the library staff is not adding to the database. Thanks! Jerry Long

Sep 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Do you think it would be appropriate on findagrave to build Crowe Cemetery, Newville, Ohio Co., Ky. In it would be John Wesley Crowe, Mary Delila (Dexter) Crowe, Lydia (Riley) Crowe, Joshua A Crowe (from Crow Cemetery in Fordsville). I kept hoping to find that New Bethel or such was on the John Wesley Crowe family property. Helen

Sep 23 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

If you are convinced they are all buried there I think it would be a good idea. On Find A Grave I have frequently seen where someone is reported to be in a cemetery even though a gravestone has not been found. In several family cemetery listings I have done for cemeteries where members of my family are buried I have reported several burials there in unmarked graves. Have a good day! Jerry Long

Oct 10 e-mail [Paulin] : To Thomas Wordeman (Ancestry.com messaging):

My name is Jerry Long. I have been researching the Paulin family since 1979. Your family tree on Ancestry.com shows that you have done a lot of work on the family. I am a 4th cousin to your wife. My great-great-grandfather, Eugene Paulin, was a brother of her great-great-grandfather, Gothard Paulin. I have some questions I would like to ask you. Please contact - Jerry Long (j-long@prodigy.net)

Oct 17 e-mail [Paulin] : From Thomas Wordeman (twordeman@hotmail.com):

Hello, I hope we can answer your questions. We have been to Perry County, Indiana many times looking into the Paulin family. Thomas and Mary Wordeman

Oct 19 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Virgil Lee Rearden obit of 7-15-2000 says buried Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County. That does not exist. Then I have a file that wants to have him in Cates Cemetery, Daviess Co., Ky. Who knows? Is St Mary's Cemetery at Whitesville same as St Mary of the Woods Cemetery? see obit for Mary Ruth Boarman of 6-21-2008. Helen

Oct 20 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The July 15, 16 & 17, 2000 issues of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer state that Virgil Lee Rearden was buried at the Old Panther Creek Baptist Church at Herbert. Other members of his family were also buried here – including his wife Mary Ida Hines (1922-2013) and his grandparents, William Henry Rearden & Mahala Elizabeth Chamberlain (see Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries Volume I (WCK:FRA, 1975, p9). Old Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery is in the northern part of Ohio County about four miles east of Whitesville. It is near the point where the counties of Ohio, Daviess & Hancock join. I am not sure why this cemetery on Find A Grave is identified as being at Whitesville in Daviess County. The complete name of the Catholic church at Whitesville is St. Mary of the Woods. The church's cemetery is referred to both as St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery. The latter seems to be more common in obituaries. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 20 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thanks much

Nov 19 e-mail : To Brian Lashbrook (blashbrook@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Could you please tell me if the library's "Online Resources" are currently working? When I type in the username and password (pin #) I had been using I can log into "MY Account"

but when I click on "Online Resources" I get a box that says the username or password was incorrect. Thanks for your time! Jerry

Nov 19 e-mail : From Brian Lashbrook (blashbrook@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, Thanks for bringing this to our attention. Online Resources is accessible again. Please let me know if you have any further issues logging in. Thanks! Brian

Nov 19 e-mail : To Brian Lashbrook (blashbrook@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

I was able to access "Online Resources". Thanks for your reply. It was great working with you! Jerry Long

Nov 20 e-mail : From Brian Lashbrook (blashbrook@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

I was great working with you, Jerry! I hope all is well.

Dec 17e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Etehl Mae Weedman obit on 5-11-1990 should be Ethel. We placed 500 wreaths from Wreaths Across America in Ohio County this year. Merry Christmas, Helen

Dec 17e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Thanks! Hope you have a happy Christmas and New Year, Jerry Long

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Jan 4 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Do you know anyone that uses this pay site? MyHeritage.com. If you do I'd like to now if their info is good and is it worth the price. They might have some info on my mystery woman Sarah Dianah Leach Wooley. Charles A. Leach

Jan 5 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

I have wondered about this site also. I have not yet subscribed to it. I have previously thought that the majority of what they offer is also available on Ancestry.com or familysearch.org. - Jerry Long

Jan 5 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Hi, Jerry. I just grabbed your email address from Helen. I apologize in advance for sending this email but I'm stumped. I'm working on a problem that you probably won't have any interest in but I'll throw it out there - just in case you might have some info. If you have no interest just delete - I understand there are better things to do.

William B. Leach (1764-1853) first married Sarah Elizabeth Barnes (probably while they were still in MD) and they had a bunch of kids. She died fairly young, maybe 1812ish, and William B. next married Diannah (Atherton) Howard (1775-1834), the former wife of Robert Howard; William B. & Diannah married in 1815 and they had at least one child, William Howard Leach. All of the above is pretty well agreed upon by most researchers.

William B. died in Ohio County in 1853 and left a Will that was probated. In his Will he gives property to the following (keep in mind that all parents don't give all children property when they die):

Joseph Leach – Note: This is Joseph M. Leach 1795-1864; not sure if he married but some evidence his wife was named Altha S. or Antha Miller & they were married 4 May 1819; probably twin of James S.

John Leach – Note: This is John W. Leach 1802-1859 who married Nancy Borah 21 Dec 1825

Talbott Leach – Note: This is Talbott Leach 1811-1887 who married Margarette E. Austin 25 Mar 1839

William Leach – Note: This is William C. Leach 1791-1863 who married (1) Polly Ann Iler and (2) Nancy Leach and (3) Mary Ann Crowe

Ellen Leach – Note: This is Ellen Leach (known as Nellie and Mary Ellen) 1805-1874 who married John B. Hocker 26 Nov 1834

Polly (Leach) Peak – Note: This is Mary Leach 1794-1870 who married Hezekiah Peak/Peake 13 Apr 1816

Nancy Leach – Note: *Mystery to me.* She must be single and was alive in 1844. Named as “daughter” so can't be Nancy, the second wife of William C.; couldn't be a nick-name for a known daughter because all other daughters married at time he wrote this Will (1844).

Sally Iler – Note: This is Sarah Leach 1800-1870 who married John Tolbert Iler 24 Sep 1818

Miranda (Leach) Cox – Note: This is Susannah Miranda Leach 1807-1859 who married Thomas Jefferson Cox 24 Dec 1829

[I think he also had a son named James S. Leach, twin of Joseph, 1795-1868 that married Rebecca Raley but not named as an heir so I could be wrong about James S. being a son; or perhaps William B. just left him out of the Will for some reason]

The Will also names as a heir his step-daughter, Susan Howard, who was the daughter of his then wife, Diannah Howard. In addition to the Will there is a lawsuit filed after William B.'s death by the Heirs of a neighbor, a Mr. Harris. The issue in the lawsuit concerns real property and all of the known Heirs of William B. are named as defendants. The result of the lawsuit was a Commissioner's Deed which named all or many of the heirs of William B. Those named in the lawsuit are: Joseph Leach, Talbot Leach, John Leach, William H. Leach, Mary Peake, John Hocker & wife Ellen Hocker, Thomas Cox and wife Miranda Cox, John T. Iler & wife Sarah Iler, William C. Leach, Dianah Wooley & husband Richard Wooley, John Leach, William Leach, Leonard Leach, Joseph Leach, -and Lucinda & husband Ewen Morris (Lucinda is a daughter of William C. Leach), Elijah Crow (unknown connection), Caroline Crow (unknown connection), Elizabeth Gentry, Lucinda Gentry, infants of deceased daughter of Wm C. Leach, Sarah Belle Leach, who married James Gentry), Nancy Gentry, Joseph Gentry.

In the Commissioner's Deed the heirs named are: Joseph Leach, Tolbert Leach, John Leach, William H. Leach, Mary Peake, John Hocker & Ellen Hocker, Thomas J. Cox and Miranda Cox, John Iler & Sarah Iler, William C. Leach, Diana Wooley, Rebecca Wooley, John Leach, William Leach, Leonard Leach, and Joseph Leach.

So whereas the lawsuit threw a wide net, even naming grandchildren, the Deed is closer to the actual heirs, as I know them. Legally it does not make sense to me that any second and third-generation descendants (of William B.) were named as heirs in the lawsuit, such as the Gentry infants or children of William C. Leach.

Fifteen people, plus some spouses, are named in the Deed. I am assuming that the legal system was loose in those days and mistakes were made. I know that when lawyers are trying to "clear title" to real property they tend to go overboard and get everyone available to sign. I do not think the last four named in the Deed are children of William B., rather they are children of his son, William C. and William C. is still alive so he is the proper Heir, not his children. Anyway, that's not the problem that bothers me.

My research says that William B. had the following children - with year of birth: William C. Leach 1791, Mary Leach Peake (widow of Hezekiah Peake) 1794, Joseph M. Leach 1795 (twins), James S. Leach 1795 (twins), Sarah Leach Iler (wife of John T. Iler) 1800, John W. Leach 1802, Ellen Leach Hocker (wife of John Hocker) 1805, Susan Miranda Leach Cox (wife of Thomas Cox 1897, Talbot Leach 1811, William Howard Leach 1817. Note: I leave out Nancy because I can't confirm her but since she is named a daughter in his Will I should include her.

Anyway, when you study all of that there are some problems/questions:

1. Who is the Nancy Leach mentioned in the Will as a daughter? The Will was signed in 1844 so we can assume she was living at that time and that she was unmarried. Perhaps she died before he died as she is not mentioned in the lawsuit. Perhaps she was a second child of his second marriage. In any event I cannot find a Nancy Leach that died between 1844 and 1853/54.
2. Who is Diana/Diannah Wooley and why is she listed as an heir in the lawsuit. I find an Ohio County marriage record for Richard Wooley and Sarah Leach dated 8 Nov 1832 which is also recorded as Richard Wooley and Diana Leach. On Findagrave I find Diana Wooley born 15 May 1816 and died 15 May 1858 in McLean County. She and Richard had ten children - one of which was named William B. (after her father?). I cannot find a Sarah or Diana or Sarah Diana Leach born in 1816. Of course she might have been married to a Leach before she married Richard Wooley but that is very unlikely because she was (apparently) on 16 years of age when she married Richard Wooley. So the question is - who were her parents? If William B. is her father why wasn't she mentioned in his Will? Perhaps she was adopted or perhaps she was the daughter of a sibling of William B., or another close relative, and he raised her. All pre-1850 so the census records don't help.

Sorry to bother you with this, but I'm running out of ideas and thought you may know something that would help. Hope you have a great 2020. Charles A. Leach

Jan 7 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Charles,

I am sorry to report that I don't have or know of any sources that might help. It appears that you have already checked the sources that I would recommend – Circuit Court suits, wills and deeds. A couple of thoughts - Have you checked the Estate file boxes at the Ohio County Courthouse? The last time I was at the courthouse they were stored in the middle room of the County Clerk's

office on the south wall in the file drawers above the deed books. Sometimes there are some bits of info in the packets that were not included in the will or settlement books. Also stored in the file drawers on the north wall of the same room are the original loose marriage documents – if you haven't already you might check these for any additional notes such as permission slips.

Thanks for publishing your “Ohio County, Kentucky History” blog. I have enjoyed many articles that crisscrossed with my Ohio County family lines. I have fantasized about the possibility of having a site where I could upload some of my files – such as my 3 volumes of Ohio County, Kentucky Obituary Indexes and over 200 articles that I have published in various periodicals or books. At this point I am pretty ignorant about how this might be accomplished.

I wish you success in unraveling some of your Leach family mysteries. I have many of these unsolved and frustrating puzzles. If I think of anything that might help I will gladly pass it on.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Jan 7 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Jerry: Thanks for the kind words about my blog. I am a real amateur but I enjoy digging up material and posting it (sharing). I was born in Grayson County, my mother's family, but my father's family was from Ohio County.

I stumbled upon Google's free blog site and was able to teach myself how to construct a site (using their templates) and just started posting stuff I had saved when I was searching for my family tree. It has been fun and I have met a lot of nice people. I'm 80, soon be 81, and I'm not sure how long I can continue with my blog; hopefully a few more years. I'm sure you could easily create your own site - and it's totally free. You first need a Google account but all you have to do is create a Google email address and that's also free. You don't have to use it. Google owns something called blogspot.com and that's what I use. Take a look at this web page: <https://support.google.com/blogger/answer/1623800?hl=en> also look at this site: <https://www.shoutmeloud.com/how-to-start-a-free-blog-using-blogspot-com.html>

I do not have ads on my blog because I don't get enough hits to earn any money and my objective was not money. One cool thing about a blog is that you can see date about how many people view it and where they come from. Here is a clip of my data from today: Page views yesterday 150, Page views last month 4,110, Page views all time 218,579.....

I am awed by your books, articles and other accomplishments. Quite impressive. If you decide to not start your own blog please consider sending files to me and I'll post them giving you full credit. I would love to do that. You might have noticed that Janice Brown has sent me a lot of her research to post - her reasoning is that it is a way to perpetuate it for future generations.

Thanks for the tips about the files at the Courthouse. I live in Nashville and I don't get to Hartford very often but I'll certainly look at those files the next trip I make.

If there is ever anything I can help you with please don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully, Charles Leach

Jan 9 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Charles,

Thanks for the insight into your blog. I was impressed by your stats. Your views for last month are in the same neighborhood as the monthly statistics for the Daviess County Library's site "Owensboro Area Obituary Index" (<http://obits.dcpilibrary.org>). When I started working at the library in 1989 we were compiling a typed hard copy index to the obituaries in the Owensboro newspapers. A couple of years later we began entering the data into digital format. On 27 January 2006 the database was added to the library's website. I designed the format and search capabilities of the database. I specialized in going through the pre-1920 newspapers and abstracting the data and the other staff entered the current obits. When I retired in 2016 the library agreed to allow me to continue proof reading the current entries by the staff and add "See also" items to the database. I am glad that they allowed me to do this. If they hadn't I believe the quality of the database would have been compromised. It seems that no other employee is quite as obsessed with accuracy and consistency as I am. In my retirement I believe I have made well over a thousand corrections and omissions to the current entries as well as abstracting numerous historical items ("See also" articles, such as those added to the entries for Bill Froehlich, Nicky Hayden, John Jeremiah McRaith, Robert E. Green, etc., etc.). Helen McKeown has also sent me at least a hundred corrections. I don't recall a correction to any entry I had originally added to the database.

In my retirement I have spent innumerable hours entering data into two Family Tree Maker files – paternal has circa 26,000 individuals and the maternal has circa 27,000. I have added biographical notes to the "More About" forms to almost all of these individuals and some of the older generations have several pages of biography. The paternal file consists of the descendants of my Long great-great-grandparents. It does not include all of my other paternal ancestral lines – such as the Ashford, Young, Watson, Bratcher, Wilson, Albin, Bruce, Taylor, Pate & Midkiff lines of Ohio County, KY. I have now realized I have collected so much on these families I could never enter the data into an electronic file.

I recently saw that when I published my 3-volume set of Ohio County, KY Obituary indexes you were the first to buy a set. Thanks! And thanks for sending the blogger sites – I will study them.

I have attached an article I wrote about the John Peyton Taylor family of Ohio County, KY. I offer it for your blog consideration. It may be too long. Please don't feel obligated to use it.
Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 9 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Jerry, the article is perfect for my blog. I might break it into two parts but I am grateful that you sent it. This will probably help many people in their searches. I'll post part one Saturday morning and part two next Wed. Let me know if I can help you with your own blog. Or if you want to publish more papers/articles via my blog I will be delighted. Many thanks. CL

Jan 14 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Brian Lashbrook, Daviess County Library IT Manager (blachbrook@dcpilibrary.org) & Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcpilibrary.org):

Brian:

I have longed resisted asking you about the problem that the "Owensboro Area Obituary Index" is experiencing. I know you are extremely busy and have faced some daunting and time consuming issues. However, I thought I would now ask about the problem and express a couple of observations.

I have some concern and invested interest in the database. In my 27 years at the library I spent enumerable hours on building the database. The library has spent a considerable investment of time and resources in making the database a go to site. When I retired management permitted me to continue editing and adding to the database. They agreed it would be beneficial for both me and the public. In recent years I have been adding “See also” articles to the abstracts of numerous individuals in the database. Any current newspaper article that contains biographical data of an individual such as a history of a business I abstract and add to that person’s form (see Nicky Hayden, John Jeremiah McRaith, Bill Froehlich, Waitman Taylor, Abraham Owen, J.D.’s Restaurant, Deloris’ Café, Rollin Pin Pastry, Murphy Appliance, Modern Welding, Old Hickory, Moonlite, etc., etc.).

On 19 November 2019 I first noticed an issue with searching the database. After a few searches I would get an error message that stated the page could not be reached (“took too long to respond... connection timed out”). This happened on both the public and administration levels of the database. After waiting a little I could reconnect. The persistent connection issue I first thought was due to an issue with my computer. Last month I called Savannah and she informed me that it was an issue that everyone was experiencing not just me. She said that Red Pixel was aware of the problem and is working on resolving it.

The usage of what had been the library’s most used online resource is down about 20% in the past three months. The frequency of the database’s connection loss seems to have become more frequent over time. Initially it seemed that one could accomplish a series of four or five searches before connection was lost. Now it seems to occur after every one or two searches. Almost all of the time when connection is lost the wait period for successfully reconnecting is about five minutes anything less doesn’t seem to be enough time. Due to the frequency and wait period it takes twice as long or more to get the same task accomplished. One person I correspond with who has been a frequent user of the database says she has now given up on using it.

Several years ago there was a period when numerous error messages were received. It was determined that the server on which the database was stored had grown too small to accommodate it. When the database was transferred to a larger server the error messages disappeared. I mention this due to the fact that the library staff and I have added a large volume of data in the past four years. Many of the “See also” abstracts I have added to the database are several hundred words long. Could the increasing size of the database now be the issue? A Google search of the key words “took too long to respond... connection timed out” states – “This complexity means that technical issues are a given, and finding the problem may not always be easy. If your Web browsers are telling you that a server is taking too long to respond, this could be the result of a variety of problems either on your end or the website's server.” If it is not an issue with a specific receiving computer wouldn’t it be a server issue?

The URL for the database contains a warning (**!Not secure** – obits.dcplibrary.org). I am not sure if this has always appeared on the site or has recently arrived.

My long winded point is the question – Is there any hope of resolving the connection problem of the “Owensboro Area Obituary Index.”?

Thanks for your time, Jerry Long

Jan 15 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Hello Jerry, I have spoken with Brian and he says he has been in contact with Red Pixel about the issue numerous times. They say they can't find anything wrong with the database. Their only suggestion has been to upgrade the website. I believe Brian will try contacting them again with the info you have given us and see if their answer changes. I can let you know what they want to do. Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Jan 15 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, Thanks for your response. It's hard to believe that Red Pixel cannot see that there is some problem. I would appreciate any updates. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jan 16 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, This morning I used the obit database for over half an hour and found that there is a vast improvement! It only failed to make a connection one time. Apparently Red Pixel did something. That's great. If you happened to hear what was done I would appreciate hearing what it was. Have a great day, Jerry Long

Jan 16 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Charles, Thanks for publishing my Taylor article on your Ohio County blog. I am glad to see that attention to a couple of flagrant errors is now out there for others to see!! Is it difficult to make a correction to how the article appears? At the end of the article you added – Source: Jerry Taylor, of Owensboro, KY. Keep up the good work! Jerry Long

Jan 16 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Jerry: oops, sorry about that. I just fixed it. The blog is easy to edit so if there are other mistakes let me know and I can fix them. I did have a little trouble with the formatting of your doc in a few places; that happens often as I just copy and paste into the blog, and if the original doc had some special formatting I bring that into the blog - sometimes I can fix that easy and sometimes it is almost impossible. I can type directly into the blog but the blog word processing software is not as sophisticated as Word, etc. so sometimes they don't like each other. Send more docs if you want. By the way, on a personal note I'm working on a roadblock and you might have some info to help. Pls DO NOT invest more than 5 mins on this because it's not that important. Grace Clarinida Bogard (1857 Meade Co - 1908 Daviess Co) and Isaac Gardner (bef 1850 ? - Bef 1900 ?) had three children and one was my grandmother: (1) Lucy Ellen Gardner, my grandmother (1883-1971), (2) Cordelia Mae Gardner (1889-1997) and (3) Gertrude Mae Gardner (1894-1953). I think all three children were born in Meade or Daviess. I have tons of info on the first two children but I'm having trouble with the third child and her husband, whom I think is Charles E. Wilson. I think husband died first, probably 1947, and then Gertrude died 22 Aug 1953 in Waukegan, Lake County, IL but I'm wondering if there is anything about her in the files at the Daviess Co Library. This is not important enough to spend any time on. Charles

Jan 17 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Charles, I am sorry but I was not able to find but a couple items about Gertrude Mae Gardner / Wilson (1894-1953). I did find the following items in the Owensboro newspapers: Owensboro Messenger, 19 June 1912, p5: "Miss Gertrude Gardner, of Virginia, Ill., passed through Owensboro, en route to Beaver Dam, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. H. L. Leach." Owensboro Messenger, 12 December 1915, p5B: "Miss Gertrude Gardner, of Fort Madison, Iowa, is a guest for the next several weeks of her sister, Mrs. Elisha Brown and other relatives." I was unable to find her in any of the federal censuses. She possible could be a Gertrude Gardner (age 23, single, born KY, post office clerk), who is listed as a lodger in the home of George & Josephine Portrez in the 1920 census of Chicago, Cook County, IL. I will try to think of other possible sources to check. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jan 17 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Thanks ,but please don't devote any more time to her. I will work those clues. I sort of think her husband worked for the railroad so maybe that's why they moved so much. Let me know if I can do anything to help you. CL

Jan 27 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Jerry: I have decided that the marriage to Wilson is suspect. I base that on an obit I found of Wilson's son, Robert, who was born 1 Feb 1916, and that conflicts with the Dec 1915 article you sent me. So I am limiting my search to her maiden name for the time being. I also noticed that a Gertrude Mae Gardner is shown in the 1940 census as an inmate in the Central State Hospital (for the Insane) and she was born abt 1896, KY; white, single. A death certificate shows that Gertrude Gardner died 9 December 1946 Jefferson County, KY at the Central State Hospital and was buried there; she was born 1886 KY, single, and had been a resident of Covington, KY.

Jan 27 e-mail : To Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

Charles, This may be a Gertrude 'Gertie' M. Gardner, who was born in Feb 1886 and resided in Kenton County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 Kenton County censuses report that she was the daughter of William P. & Effie Gardner. Gertrude M. Gardner appears in the 1906-1918 city directories of Covington, KY. It appears likely that she is the same Gertrude M. who appears in the censuses of the Central State Hospital in the 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jan 27 e-mail : From Charles Leach (charlesleach@comcast.net):

I think you're correct on that. Thks

Jan 27 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Hello, I just wanted to let you know that i had to change the password for the admin account on the obit index. Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883.

Jan 28 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Thanks for letting me know about the change. I really appreciate you all allowing me to continue adding "See also" article abstracts to the obit database. I enjoy doing it. Since I retired any daily M-I articles that give some historical data I have been abstracting the vital facts - such as the article in today's issue about the James L. Stinnett house at Whitesville. In the last few years I have added abstracts of several hundred articles. I only make the additions in hours that the library is not open. It was great working with you ! Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Jan 27 Contact [Final Will] : Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:

Met with Sam Lee, attorney, to inquire about drawing up a final will and (financial & medical) power of attorney documents.

Jan 31 e-mail [Final Will]: From Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:

Jerry- Attached are drafts of your Will and POA. Please review and send me any questions or changes. Look forward to hearing from you. Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500

Jan 31 e-mail : To Mitchell C. Long, Jr. (mitchlong48@hotmail.com), Owensboro, KY:

Mitchell, Brian graciously consented to be my secondary executor and power of attorney. Based on our discussion Sam Lee has proposed the attached Will and Power of Attorney instruments. Could I please request your counsel - opinion on their veracity and appropriateness? Your business and legalese expertise and comprehension is far more insightful than mine. Mr. Lee said that the proposed "Power of Attorney" doc would serve as both the "durable health care power of attorney" and the "durable financial power of attorney". I have previously filed a Living Will with my primary physician, Patrick B. Gipe, and with the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. If you would rather not venture an opinion that is fine. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 31 e-mail : From Mitchell C. Long, Jr. (mitchlong48@hotmail.com), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, I've reviewed both documents. I see no issues with either of them. They are thorough and clearly written. I don't have any questions or suggestions. After they are signed would you, please, provide me electronic copies of them and, also, your Living Will directive. Thanks, Mitch

Feb 1 e-mail [Final Will] : To Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:

Samuel: I see no issues with either of the instruments. They are thorough and clearly written. I believe they will achieve my goals. What is our next step? I am free at your convenience. Jerry Long

- Feb 3 e-mail [Final Will] :** From Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:
Let's set up a time for you to come in and execute all the documents. Wednesday would be good if that works for you. Anytime after 9:30. Samuel B. Lee
- Feb 3 e-mail [Final Will] :** To Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:
Would 9:30 a.m. Wednesday be okay? - Jerry Long
- Feb 3 e-mail [Final Will] :** From Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:
That works. See you then. Samuel B. Lee
- Feb 5 Contact [Final Will] :** Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:
Signed and notarized final will and power of attorney. I received original copies of the two documents and additional two copies of each. Sam Lee will keep a copy on file. Same day I mailed payment for services (\$250.00).
- Feb 5 e-mail [Final Will] :** From Samuel B. Lee, THACKER, HODSKINS, & KNIGHT, LLP, 209 W. 4th Street, PO Box 39, Owensboro, KY 42302, Phone: (270) 926-4500:
Hi Jerry, Attached is a copy of your Will and Power of Attorney. Please let us know if you need anything else. Thanks! Bobbie Miller
- Feb 5 e-mail :** To Mitchell C. Long, Jr. (mitchlong48@hotmail.com), Owensboro, KY:
Mitchell, I have attached copies of will, power of attorney and living will. Jerry; (2)
Mitchell, I have attached some additional documents pertaining to my estate. Original documents that I have sent are in file folder labeled "Estate File" in small 2-drawer file cabinet in my bedroom and on jump drive on 2nd shelf of bookcase to the right of my computer desk. Sam Lee also kept copies on file of the will and power of attorney. Have a good day, Jerry
- Feb 5 e-mail :** From Mitchell C. Long, Jr. (mitchlong48@hotmail.com), Owensboro, KY:
I've copied to my hard drive. Thanks, for the update. Mitch
- Feb 7 e-mail :** From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):
Hi Jerry,
I hope things are going well for you! We've been busy with the girls' school schedules and Claire's dance schedule. Her team's first competition is next weekend, so she's been spending a lot of time at the studio. I had a vascular procedure done at the beginning of January and wasn't allowed to exercise for 4 weeks. The doctor just released me to exercise, so I'm hoping to pick my running back up and keeping my fingers crossed that it won't take too long to work my way back up to at least 3 miles.
I've attached some pictures I thought you may find interesting. A friend has been busy going through her mom's old things. Her mom saved lots of very cool stuff--everything from trinkets to newspapers to tickets for the World Trade Center, etc, etc. One

of the things her mom had was a tiny box that they'd never been able to open. Her mom had it for years and years and likely had picked it up at a flea market or similar sale. They were recently able to open it and found the first 2 attached papers inside. The third attachment is a transcription of the letter found in the box. She has no idea where her mom got the box, but it does not belong in their family. They'd love to figure out who the person referenced in the letter and article is so they can return it to the rightful family. They are thinking there's not enough information in the papers, but I thought I'd send it your way in case you have any tips or ideas on how they could go about learning more. Mostly, I just thought it was interesting and thought you may, too!!

Have a great weekend!

Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary , (859) 885-3085

Feb 8 e-mail : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Heather,

The typed sheet is part of an article that was published in the newspaper, "Baltimore Sun", Baltimore, MD, on 13 September 1873, p4 (see attached copy – in two parts, top and bottom). The article was about the celebration surrounding the 59th anniversary of the Battle of North Point. The Battle of North Point was fought on September 12, 1814, between General John Stricker's Maryland Militia and a British force led by Major General Robert Ross. Although the Americans retreated, they were able to do so in good order having inflicted significant casualties on the British, killing one of the commanders of the invading force, significantly demoralizing the troops under his command and leaving some of his units lost among woods and swampy creeks, with others in confusion. This combination prompted British colonel Arthur Brooke to delay his advance against Baltimore, buying valuable time to properly prepare for the defense of the city as Stricker retreated back to the main defenses to bolster the existing force. The engagement was a part of the larger Battle of Baltimore, an American victory in the War of 1812.

The newspaper article contains a listing of the "Old Defenders" who participated in the Battle of North Point and the anniversary celebration. One of the participants hi-lighted is Dr. Samuel B. Martin. Dr. Samuel Blair Martin was born on 14 May 1785 in Baltimore, MD; died on 21 Dec 1875 in Baltimore, MD and was buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, MD. His obituary ("Baltimore Sun", Wednesday, December 22, 1875) stated: "Dr. Samuel B. Martin, the oldest physician in Baltimore, died yesterday at his residence, number 133 East Pratt Street in the 91st year of his age. Dr. Martin had lived and practiced his profession for many years in the house where he died and but few residents of East Baltimore were better known or stood higher in public esteem. He was the surgeon of the Baltimore Association of Old Defenders and served with distinction at the battle of North Point. Dr. Martin was regular in his attendance at the annual gathering of the Old Defenders on the 12th of September until the infirmities of age prevented. He had been confined to his house for some time past. Dr. Martin was of the old school of Baltimore physicians, and was a successful practitioner before many now well known medical gentlemen were students."

Dr. Martin married Ruth Dorsey Hawkins and they had nine children. On the Internet there are multiple family trees by various descendants of Dr. Martin – Ancestry.com has 37 trees that outline data on some of his descendants. With some effort one could possibly make contact with a direct descendant of Dr. Martin.

The other two sheets you sent are of a poetic verse – one an aged-yellowed copy of the original handwritten verse and the other sheet is an attempt to translate the hard to decipher original verse. The verse is not signed and I can see no evident connection to the Dr. Martin hi-lighted in

the 1873 newspaper article. Without knowing the author of the verse or something about its origin it would be difficult to place a sentimental value or heighten significance to the verse.

Thanks for sending the items! Reviewing them was like old times at the library. We had many similar puzzles.

I hope Claire has a successful dance recital. Sorry to hear about your health issue. Hopefully you can soon get back to where you were.

I hope you all have avoided the flu that is now widespread. The local schools were closed Thursday and Friday due to low attendance and the hospital has restricted visitation.

I am still running. Last year I ran on 256 days and so far this year I have run on 27 out of 38 days. I only go a mile or two. I am at a point where my hip is not hurting like it was a couple of years ago and I don't want to overdo it. The shorten runs I believe are less stressful and don't deplete my energy as much. The outdoor excursions are enjoyable. I have made it my mission to help beautify the greenbelt by picking up a garbage piece or two and taking it to the next receptacle on every outing. The only problem with this is that the parks department is not keeping the garbage receptacles emptied.

I have attached a couple of pictures. Do you know who this guy is? Just earlier this week I discovered the confirmation picture. When I took the other picture out of a 8x10 glass frame the second picture was concealed behind it.

Proud of you guys! Love,
Jerry

Feb 8 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit for John Wilson Barnett 12-19-1999 paper says buried Panther Creek. Findagrave has him in Roseville Cemetery, Hancock Co., Ky with tombstone pictured. Helen

Feb 8 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I am not sure about this one. The Obituary of John Wilson Barnett (1999) does say he was to be buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The obituaries of both of his parents, John Thomas (1979) & Bernice (1978) say that they were also buried in the same cemetery. His wife, Lena (1977) does not have an obituary in the Owensboro or Ohio County newspapers. However, she died Louisville, and the "Courier-Journal" did have an obituary for her. Like the other three obituaries it states she was to be buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Cemetery. It seems a little unlikely that all four obituaries are wrong. I need a little more proof before making a correction or notation here. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Feb 8 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Understand, I was confused by it as well. Helen

Feb 13 e-mail : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Heather, Did you receive the two e-mails I sent? I thought that since they had attachments your school's e-mail program might have rejected them. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Feb 13 e-mail : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Yes, I received them. So sorry I haven't responded yet!! The work week hit and I was drowning in emails! Thank you so much for all the info! I can't believe you were able

to find all that information so quickly. I have forwarded it on to my friend and am waiting to hear back from her, but I know she will be excited to have some information! It's great that you are picking up the trash on the GreenBelt. Every little bit helps and will make it even more enjoyable for the next person. I love the pictures you sent of Dad. He was a cute kid, and I love seeing pictures of him when he was younger! Thanks, again, for all the information and for your quick response. Keep in touch!! Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary , (859) 885-3085

Feb 28 e-mail [Paulin] : From William Baird (wbaird721@aol.com):

Hi all, I am excited to release my newest project, which is a change for me. This is a pure historical work, instead of historical fiction, and as always, the learning and research process involved in a project like this is the most enjoyable part for me. As an independent author, publicity options are limited so the hope is that friends of friends of friends may find the work. If you see a public posting on social media about my book, and feel comfortable using your social media to share my post with you contacts, I would be grateful. I hope you are all well. Bill

Announcing the release of Andersonville: An American Tragedy, in both paperback and Kindle formats. While the name Andersonville is often vaguely recognized, the full scope of the tragedy that unfolded in 1864/65 is unknown to most people. Andersonville: An American Tragedy brings the specifics and stories of the Civil War prison camp to the average reader. The camp existed for only 14 months, but claimed the lives of over 13,000 young men. What exactly happened? Who were the men locked up in that camp? What caused the incredible number of deaths? Who was at fault and what can result from cheap and easy words of war being uttered without thought to the consequences? It is an honor to tell the story of the brave men of Andersonville prison, and to bring to light an important part of our common history. [amazon.com/author/williambaird](https://www.amazon.com/author/williambaird)

Mar 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Obit index Charles Swift issue of paper. 12-28-1993, date of death 12-26-1994

Mar 1 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

This one is correct. Charles Swift's date of death was 26 December 1993. Thanks for keeping an eye out for mistakes. You certainly have been a great help!! Have a good day, Jerry Long

Mar 19 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Anna Frances (Barnes) Smith d 3-17-2020. Sandra Catherine Wilson obit of 8-6-2005. Sandra's children, last name of Gilstrap, are same as Anna's grandchildren. For some reason I just am not connecting them up well. Helen

Mar 19 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Jess Dudley Smith (22 Jul 1923 – 12 Sep 1969) married Anna Frances Barnes, 23 Dec 1948 at Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. They had two children – Debra Jane Smith (born

1 Aug 1953 Owensboro, KY and Edward Franklin Smith (born 1 Oct 1955 Owensboro, KY & died 8 Jan 2015 Beaver Dam, KY. Ed's obituary listed his survivors as his son, Nathan Smith, mother, Anna Frances, and sister, Debra Gillstrap. Debra Jane Smith married Patrick Tor Gillstrap (born 28 Apr 1952), 25 October 1980 Ohio County, KY. They had two children – Megan Jackson Gillstrap (1982) & Meredith Frances Gillstrap (1982). Patrick T. Gillstrap (born 28 Apr 1952) previously married Sandra Catherine Wilson, 4 March 1972 Trousdale County, TN and they were divorced 5 Jan 1979 Ohio County, KY. By Sandra he had four children – Sonnett Catherine (1973), Natalie Rose (1974), Sara Nicole (1976) & Nary Rachel (1977). Thus – of the seven grandchildren listed in the obituary of Anna Frances Barnes Smith three are (blood) grandchildren (Nathan, Megan & Meredith) and the other four are step-grandchildren. Take care, Jerry Long

Mar 26 Phone call : From Gary Tunget, 2125 Locust St., Owensboro, KY (270-926-9990):

Gary called to tell me that Harry D. Tinsley, Ohio County historian, died last night. When I began researching local family history in 1979 I contacted Mr. Tinsley. He was a unique character. A farmer he published a book, "History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky" in 1953, and wrote a genealogy column, "Lineage Lines", for the "Ohio County Times" newspaper for over 20 years. He had a vast knowledge of the history of Ohio County and its families. He had an interest in history since a young boy. In 1937 he gave a talk at the dedication of a memorial marker for Revolutionary War soldier, Jesse Ashby, at Centertown. He transcribed many of the counties cemeteries and had access to the old newspapers of Ohio County. He visited the county courthouse frequently and assisted whoever was there. Many sought him out to learn about their families or the history of the county. He remembered many family stories and with his death a tremendous wealth of knowledge is lost. In 1978 Robert M. Rennick, author of "Kentucky Place Names" (1984) interviewed Mr. Tinsley for his book. Several hours of his interview can be found as part of the Robert M. Rennick Oral History Collection at the Morehead State University (on the internet at <https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/>, in 6 parts).

Mar 28 e-mail : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY (270-926-9990):

Gary,

Robert M. Rennick, author of "Kentucky Place Names" (1984) interviewed Harry D. for his book on 25 August 1978. The interview was conducted at Harry D.'s home. I downloaded the files from the Morehead State University's Web site where Rennick's oral history tapes are stored:

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/do/search/?q=corporate_author%3A%22Ohio%20County%2C%20Kentucky%22&start=0&context=7186373

The interview is approximately four hours long. It is divided into 6 separate files. I first planned to e-mail each of the 6 files to you by attaching each to a separate e-mail. However, when I tried this my e-mail program (Yahoo) said the attachment exceeded the size limit. At this point to hear the files you will have to go to the above Web page and hit the download button for each of the 6 files. Each download will take several minutes (about 10 on my computer). The downloads will be stored in the "Downloads" folder on your

computer. After downloading you can move them to another folder or save them to a jump drive. If it were not for the current virus situation I would get a jump external drive, save the files to it and bring it to you.

On the downloaded files when you double click on each of the files your computer should give you an option of what program on your computer that you want to open the file with. On my computer I selected VLC Media Player. If your computer does not have this program it should have Windows Media Player. If your computer does not open it automatically after double clicking on it I would right click once on the file and look for “open with” and select a media player program.

The interview was conducted almost exactly one year prior to my beginning my family history odyssey and my first visit to the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. After beginning my adventure I selected one contact persons from each of the three primary counties where my family was located to assist in my search. In Ohio County, KY I selected - Harry D. Tinsley; in Hancock County, KY - Dorothy Watkins; and in Perry County, IN - Doris Leistner. Over a quarter of a century I contacted Harry D. numerous times and we talked family history and compared notes for hours on end. He was my time machine into the past. He was truly a unique character.

Keep safe! Jerry Long

Mar 31 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello Jerry! I hope you are well in the midst of all the craziness going on! We here in the Norris household are thankful for Spring Break! Teaching school online is a lot harder than the teaching my wife and I normally do in person! I have a question or two for you if you do not mind. First, I recently came across a marriage certificate in Daviess County and one in Gallatin County, Illinois only a day apart with the names of the same people and same ages and info. Was there a time when you had to get a certificate in 2 different states to get married? This was in 1856. Also, do you remember which years in the 1850's they did vital statistics for births and deaths in Daviess County (possibly Kentucky)? Thank you, and I hope you are doing well! Scott Norris

Apr 1 e-mail : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott,

It would be highly unusual that a marriage license would have been recorded for the same couple in two different counties (let alone two different states) a day apart. The only scenario I can think were this would be possible is where a couple applied in one county and a license was denied due to them not fulfilling the requirements (such as that state's age requirements). Age requirements varied from state to state. Here in Kentucky if the groom was under 21 or the bride under 18 their legal guardian was required to provide consent in person or by a witnessed written statement. Many Kentuckians who were not of age went across the river to Rockport, IN or other destinations where their requirements were more lenient and they took your word if you said you were of legal age. One of the frequent destinations for such marriage “elopements” was Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois. Other popular destinations were Jeffersontown, IN and Springfield, TN.

Let's say a couple went to the Daviess County Courthouse to get a marriage license. One of the couple or both were under age and did not have consent. When they did not fulfill the requirements the license application would be voided. Sometimes the voided

marriage application was entered into the actual marriage volumes with the word “voided” written somewhere on the document or on the back. After the couple could not obtain a license here the following day they could go to Shawneetown, IL where they were granted a license to marry. They then could go on and marry in Shawneetown or here in Daviess County or wherever they wanted to. It is possible for a couple to get their license in one county and marry in a different county or different state. I have seen this many times. This possibility has caused a lot of confusion and conflicts in reporting marriages in many family trees. Many like to record the actual location where the marriage was performed. However, I like to record the place where the official document (license) is found. This then assists other researchers in finding the official record.

Another possibility is that in the case you were speaking of one of the sources for the two reported “marriage licenses” may be mistaken. In many family trees I have seen errors on the marriage location due to one mistakenly assuming they married where they were residing. I have one ancestral couple, who resided in Grayson County, KY, where the courthouse burned and destroyed all of their records. For years I assumed their marriage would never be found and many recorded that they were married in Grayson County. However, one day I was researching at the Perry County Courthouse in Cannelton, IN and opened a marriage book and there was this couple’s 1832 marriage record.

There were some vital statistics (births, deaths & marriages) recorded for Daviess County, KY on the state level during the years of 1852-1861. When they embarked upon the Civil War this endeavor was abandoned. These records are available on Ancestry.com in databases labeled – Kentucky Birth Records, 1847-1911, Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1965, and Kentucky Marriage Records 1852-1914. They are also available on microfilm at many public repositories such as the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library.

It was great hearing from you. The way things are now it is good to have any contact with the human family.

I pray that your family and you remain safe!! Jerry Long

Apr 2 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Thank you so much for your response. It makes total sense, and I very much appreciate it. I was doing some research on Family Search and stumbled across something unexpected. I was trying to find information on Mary H. Norris, daughter of Joseph Norris, son of Moses Norris. I came across marriage records from both Daviess County, Kentucky and Gallatin County, Illinois for a Mary P. Norris who married Thomas C. Blanford in 1856. The Blanford name sounded very familiar. In the Moses Norris family Bible, there were 2 people with the last name of Blanford whom I could never figure out. Mary P. Blanford and John C. Blanford. I knew they were most likely mother and son because the Bible states that he was born in January of 1858 and she died in May of 1858. Now I've found a record outside that Bible that she is indeed a Norris. I just don't know for sure whose daughter she is. I can find no other record unless there is something in Vital Statistics that Family Search cannot find. After sifting through numerous Thomas Blanford / Blandfords, I think I found him. There is a Thomas C. Blanford who married a Malina Burdette in Hancock County in 1868. It states that it is his 2nd marriage. He's the right age.

But there is no record of a John C. Blanford with him. So he might have died and was not recorded in the Bible. He and his second wife moved back to Daviess County and died here. So maybe when all this craziness is over, I can get over to the library and use the Ancestry subscription there to access the Vital Statistics for Kentucky during that period. My other Vital Statistics question was about what might be a transcription error. I could never nail down the exact year of birth for my great great grandfather's sister Louvenia Norris Cecil. I was excited to find a record of the year! But I found a record that I believe was split between 2 people. It may be an error that occurred when transcribing from the original document, or the original document could have been off a column. I've seen it in an original document before. Kentucky Births and Christenings, 1839-1960 lists Lavenia Norris as born 3/23/1856 in Daviess County, Kentucky with father Robert Norris, but mistakenly says the mother is Lucy M. Berry when it was actually Elizabeth Edwards. Another document lists a William Norris born 3/23/1856 in Daviess County, Kentucky, with the father N.B. Norris and mother Elizabeth Edwards. I'm thinking this mother must be Lucy Berry. Anyway, one day I'll figure it out. It is good to hear from you, Jerry, and yes, human contact is so important during this time. I am thankful for my health and provision now, but I'll be even more thankful when all of this is over! Take care and thank you again for helping me once again! Like you have so many times before! God bless you!
Scott

Apr 7 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Willodean (Whitmer) Carlisle Cleaver obit of 10-13-2007 says her son Milton died before her and says his wife Regenia died before her, she actually died 3-6-2017. Maybe you can make sense of this one. Hope you are healthy, such trying times for all. My husband's 80 year old sister in law who resided at Masonic Home in Louisville died of the Coronavirus last Saturday. Helen

Apr 7 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The original obituary of Willodean Cleaver does say she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Regenia Carlisle. I will add a note to the obituary abstract that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Milton H. (Regenia Ann Nally) Carlisle died on 6 March 2017. I pray that you remain safe. Jerry Long

Apr 24 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

We cleaned this cemetery in 2016, did not locate this tombstone. Gary Tunget was even there for a good part of the day. I suggested to Charles & Monta to search near the grave of the son & wife in same cemetery. Do you have any memory of where to look? Helen
From: Charles Vanover <kcvanover@gmail.com> **Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 10:54 PM **To:** Helen McKeown <helen@imckeown.com> **Subject:** Midkiff Cemetery:
Helen, This is Charles' wife Monta. I found a headstone picture of my 4Great-Grandfather on Ancestry (James G Midkiff 1803-1872). Find A Grave has him buried in the Midkiff Cemetery, (Beech Valley Road) Ohio County along with his wife Elizabeth Taylor Midkiff (1800-1878). Charles and I have been out there twice, the last time this past Monday

4/20/2020. We have never found either stone. I included the picture he has posted on Ancestry. I messaged the person who put the stone on Ancestry and here is his response "I don't have my book with me, but I think I got the photo from a distant cousin who worked in the genealogy section of the county library. We were there several years ago if it is located on a corner of a dirt road and highway, and all grown up. And many headstones lying on the ground. Kicked around quite awhile and don't think we found it either. The library guy had extensive research with a lot on, I think, it was the Robertson family, James' wife, whose sister was the mother of Kit Carson. The librarian's name is Jerry Long (email of j-long@prodigy.net). Do You have and information or suggestions for me? Thank You, Monta Vanover

Apr 24 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The picture of James Midkiff's monument in the "Cap" (Midkiff) Cemetery that you attached to your email is the one I took on my first visit to the cemetery on 30 April 1980. At that time it was broken into two pieces and was laying flat on the ground. In the almost 40 years since it may be covered over. Using a prodding rod in the ground may strike it if it is now hidden. Doing this I have unearthed monuments of two of my relatives. Also it is possible someone has taken the monument. I have run into instances where this has occurred. The following are some examples of this – one person took a broken monument in hopes of one day repairing it, another took an obelisk monument flipped it over stuck the pointed end in the ground and used the flat end as a yard flower pot holder, another took a monument to use it as a marker for their horse, another used a monument as a stepping stone in front of their porch and yet another took the monument of an ancestor because it was their ancestor. On my visit to the Cap (Midkiff) Cemetery I did not draw a plat of the location of each marked grave. Thus I cannot say the exact location of the grave of James Midkiff (1803-1872). I never located a grave marker for James' wife, Elizabeth (Taylor) Midkiff (1800-1878). Relatives reported her, however, to be buried there. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 24 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Is it okay to put the picture you made of James Midkiff monument on findagrave?

Apr 24 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

That is okay!

Apr 30 e-mail : From Lou Hornung (lhornung@sbcglobal.net):

Dear Mr. Long, Received a book from you, years ago, that has proven to be a goldmine. The families of interest are Weikel, Kraft, and Hochgesang. Eckerle is also of interest. Barbara Eckerle had married Othmar Kraft in Pfaffenweiler, Baden. They had a set of twins that did not survive and a son Henry, who immigrated with his parents to Jasper, Indiana. In Indiana they had a son Joseph, who married John Weikel's daughter as you have recorded. My purposes for writing you for your wonderful book and to ask if anymore copies could possibly be available. That would be terrific!! I hope that all is well with you and that you are keeping the virus away. My wife Jo Ann and I have quarantined ourselves. After five weeks we picked up groceries curb-side. We have plenty to do but are getting bored with it. Lou Hornung

May 4 e-mail : From Lou Hornung (lhornung@sbcglobal.net):

I am sorry but I no longer have any copies of the Weikel book. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 8 e-mail [Young] : From Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Jerry, thanks for helping me with Sarah A Miller. I need help in finding death date for Hannah Jane Nix Lynch. Born 22 Dec 1850. Died about 1897, I can't find for sure. Married to John W Lynch. Hannah was born in Hancock co Ky. Any help would be appreciated. I have been picking Helen McKeowns' brain. Thanks Earl Jones

Jun 8 e-mail [Young] : To Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Earl, I had previously done some research on Hannah Jane Nix, who was born 22 December 1858 in Hancock County, KY to John Nix & Margaret Ann Young. Margaret was a 1st cousin of my great-great-grandfather, Nathaniel Young . I did not discover Hannah Jane's complete date of death, but I did learn that her death occurred in Hancock County, KY in 1895. In the newspaper, "Breckenridge News", Cloverport, KY, issue of Wednesday, 5 June 1895, p.5, appeared this brief reference – "Mrs. John Lynch, living near Patesville, died last week of consumption." Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 8 e-mail [Young] : From Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Hannah Jane Nix Lynch was my great grandmother, do you know where she was buried? I was told that she was buried in Bethel Cemetery in Horton. When Hannah died, my great grandfather John Lynch married her sister Julia. I would like to talk with you sometime. Thanks Earl

Jun 8 e-mail [Young] : To Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Earl, Sorry I don't know where Hannah Jane was buried. Her grave is apparently unmarked.
- Jerry Long

Jun 12 e-mail : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Hi Jerry, I just wanted to check in and see how things are going for you during this crazy time. Dad mentioned your computer was broken awhile back. Hopefully, you've gotten it fixed or replaced. We've been hanging in there. Joey and I both started working from home in mid-March and Claire's school went online, as well. She continued to have her classes, but they held them via Zoom. It made for a lot of time on the computer, but I do think she continued to get quality instruction. Her dance team also transitioned to online classes, which has allowed her to continue to dance from home. Joey and I struggled a bit to work from home with Evelyn, as she didn't really understand us being home but not being available to play all day. However, we got the hang of it and it worked out. My school is finally over, as is Claire's, so we have a bit of a break now. Joey has started going back into work some, though he continues to work from home some days. We are continuing to try and stay home as much as possible--taking walks, playing in the backyard, doing things together (rather than getting together with friends) to stay on the safe side. We've been having weekly family Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings just to check in with everyone--Dad/Martha, The Whitsells, The Duvalls, Brian/Arpi. Not everyone comes every time, but everyone tries to if possible. It would be great if you could join

us. It's nice just to see everyone and get a quick update on the week or say hi. One of the benefits of this whole situation has been that I am actually seeing the family (virtually) than I have in a very long time. If you would like to pop onto some of the meetings, let me know, and we'll get you the links weekly. Anyway, I hope you are doing well and weathering this time, staying safe and healthy. I've thought about you many times, and I'm sorry it's taken me so long to check in. Hope to hear from you soon! Take care!! [Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, \(859\) 885-3085](#)

Jun 13 e-mail : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us) :

I have been trying to stay upbeat. I have a lot to be thankful for. I haven't been ill. And being retired I have not been faced with my job disappearing. However, it is near impossible to escape being faced with our new reality. On the Internet, TV, or radio it's hard to go 5 or 10 minutes without hearing the words covid-19, coronavirus or pandemic. My best escapes have been working on my genealogy (requests and files) or going for extended walks on the Greenbelt.

I have missed going to church and eating out once or twice a week as I used to. Since the lockdown began in March I have made 4 trips to the grocery, 2 trips to Walmart, 1 trip to Walgreens, 2 trips to computer shop and 3 restaurant drive-thrus. Last week I ventured out to get a haircut. Last Sunday I returned to church for the first time. It was definitely a little spooky with everyone wearing a mask and being separated. I thought it looked like a scene from a science fiction movie.

The Daviess County Public Library is still allowing me to continue with my editorial control over their most used online database, the Owensboro Obituary Index, on the library's Website (<http://obits.dcpplibrary.org/>). I proofread and approve everything that goes into it and make new additions from articles that provide historical information about that individual. This was one of my biggest accomplishments while working at the library. I spent countless hours on it. The database seeks to not only abstract information given in obituaries but also cross reference other Owensboro newspaper articles about that person – for the more prominent individuals it is a great biographical tool. For example see – Nicky Hayden (2017), John Jeremiah McRaith (2017), Mabel J. Long (2018).

I have been spending an inordinate amount of time in adding to my two main Family Tree Maker genealogy program files. My Long file tracks the descendants of my 3rd great-grandparents, Francis Long & Sarah Franklin. This file currently has about 27,000 individuals. My Gratzner-Paulin file has a few shy of 29,000. Since the latter two families are more recent immigrants I am attempting to track as many descendants since their immigration in 1853 and 1845. In addition to vital facts (dates & places) I have extensively added biographical data to the "More About" sections for each individual – including data on military service, employment and thousands of full text obituaries. I began these files in anticipation of publishing a family history book. But now I realize that is impossible. Each file contains not hundreds of pages but thousands and would require multiple volumes to publish. These two e-files represent only a fraction of the data I have collected on my ancestral families. I have a truck load of files on my other ancestral lines (such as Taylor, Midkiff, Pate, Crawford, Robinson, Burrus, Young, Hale, Bruner, Snyder, Vanmeter, Ashford, Stone, Watson, Wilson, Lee, et al) that are not descendants of the Long, Gratzner or Paulin

lines. It is a little disheartening to realize I could never add all I have to e-files that could be readily preserved.

I probably have told you multiple times the story of how I discovered genealogy and my career. All the way thru school history was my best love. When I went to Brescia during my first two years my major was History. Entering my junior year I decided to switch to Psychology. I had become discouraged with the way History was being taught. The way presented it seemed that all it consisted of was wars, causes of wars, results of wars, wars ad infinitum. This was during the Vietnam War era and I wanted to escape the reality of war. Also I wanted something that dealt with the individual and it seemed Psychology was the logical choice. After obtaining my BA I was accepted to Western Kentucky University to pursue a Masters in Psychology. I attended Western one week and dropped out. Psychology there was completely different from what Brescia had presented; it was Behavioristic as opposed to Humanistic. Also it seemed every student had a career destination in mind and had some practical experience. I had none.

Soon after dropping out and soon after the opening of the Executive Inn Rivermont hotel in Owensboro I went to work there. During 1978-1984 I was employed in the room service department there. It was quite an experience. While there I served many of the stars, who performed there – the most personable and impressive being Johnny Cash, the man in Black! He shook my hand and engaged me in conversation. Also while working at the Big E I was fortunate in accidentally discovering genealogy as an avocation.

My closest friend at the Executive Inn was an older waitress Dorothy Calloway Whitler. While talking one day I found out she was a native of the Hells Neck neighborhood of Ohio County, KY. I thought that something about her reminded me of granddad Long, who was from the same area. Sometime later one of her faithful patrons discussed genealogy with her and she got interested in it. She shortly discovered that she was a great-great-granddaughter of a Civil War soldier, Benjamin F. Long, of Ohio County. At that time I did not know who this was but having the same name as my granddad and living in the same area I figured he had to be somehow related.

Mrs. Whitler sent off and got the Civil War pension file of the older Benjamin F. Long. The file listed one of his sons as J. H. Long and gave his birth date. In August 1979 I for the first time visited the Kentucky Room at the Owensboro Library in the hopes of learning who this Civil War veteran was and to see what my connection to him was. I knew that my granddad's father was John Howard Long but I did not know beyond that. I went through the 1900 census of Ohio County. I located granddad with his parents and his dad's birthday matched that of J. H. Long in the pension file.

To our astonishment Dorothy Whitler and I had discovered we were 3rd cousins, both of us being great-great-grandchildren of Benjamin F. Long. Mrs. Whitler as a child had lived briefly in the old log cabin at Jingo in Ohio County, where the Civil War vet Benjamin F. Long (1820-1909) had died and was buried. It seemed that history had come in search of me.

Since my first visit to the Kentucky Room in August 1979 I have not once stopped doing genealogy. It matched up with my interest in history and all my skills. I was always a collector – baseball cards & stats, scrapbooks, stamps, etc. Also I liked to solve puzzles. My best scores on

my college entrance exams was Deductive Reasoning. Genealogy fit like a glove. I was extremely fortunate to have discovered it. It also provided me with a bridge to more freely engage and communicate with others. I had always been extremely isolated and now I had something to share with others. Thru my genealogy endeavors I have met thousands of interesting people and cousins!

I apologize for being so long winded. I hope you all remain in good health.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Jun 17 e-mail : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

I'm glad to hear you are doing well and staying busy. I had not heard the story of how you discovered genealogy as a career, but that's really fascinating! It's amazing to think how life works and that if you hadn't met Dorothy, things may not have worked out the same. I'm also impressed that you met Johnny Cash, and Joey was thrilled when I told him! We went on a field trip this past weekend to Springfield in Washington County. On Saturday, Joey was reading the book you gave us years ago (maybe when we married) with the Blandford family genealogy and Sunday he decided he wanted to go to St Rose church, where some of his relatives are buried. We were able to see the church (which was gorgeous!) and even found some of their graves. We also found Blandford Road and took a drive down it. Joey took some pictures that I think he wants to send you, so i'll pass along your email. All in all, it ended up being a great day trip! Evelyn has been saying she wants a bike, so we bought a used glider bike and picked it up today. She was so excited and spent the evening riding it and chasing lightning bugs! I hope you continue to stay healthy!! Keep in touch! [Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary , \(859\) 885-3085](#)

Jun 19 e-mail : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

I enjoyed hearing about your family excursion. Joey is a descendant of many of the first pioneer Catholic families that came to Kentucky from Maryland. My Catholic roots are more recent European immigrants that arrived from Switzerland, France and Germany. It is great that Evelyn is being adventurous. It is good that she is trying new things without being prompted. When I met Johnny Cash he was truly the man in black. He was dressed in a black robe, black pants, black socks and black shoes. He was an imposing figure. I could not believe how engaging he was. He seemed to be sincerely interested in the room service guy in his room. June Carter Cash hollered a greeting. She was sitting up in bed reading a romance novel. I truly treasure their autographs. Most of the entertainers I waited on just gave you a thank you - definitely not a warm handshake and pat on the back! Please stay healthy! Jerry Long

Jun 19 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Had people in town from Chattanooga looking for Hudson/Patton Cemetery on Barnett's Creek Road. Found Unis Hoover barn. Did not find cemetery. You did the cemetery listing in 1984, hope you can steer me in correct direction. Thank you, Helen

Jun 20 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The Unis Hoover farm was on the south side of the Barnett's Creek Church Road about a half-mile east of Highway 231. Behind his barn go to the edge of a pond. Going into woods, there is a path that is the remains of an old road. Go west on the path to a Y and take road path to the south (to right). Go about ¼ mile to a group of cedar and tall pine trees on the left. The Hudson Cemetery is a few feet off of the path on the left. The taller monuments could be seen from the path. Mr. Hoover said access used to be easier coming from a former road to the south. That road has been closed. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jun 20 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Hudson/Patton Cemetery has been found by the family. We knew about the barn and lake. Well, there is another barn and lake on the property. Helen

Jun 21 e-mail : From Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):

Hi Jerry! Hope you are doing well and staying safe during this crazy time! Heather shared your email with me. I didn't know you got to hang out with the Man in Black :) Too bad they didn't have cell phones back then - that would have been a great selfie! As Heather mentioned, we took a little genealogical field trip a week ago inspired by the Blandford family history book and family pedigree chart you had given us. By using those and findagrave.com, we set off to St. Rose's Cemetery in Springfield, Washington County. Only about an hour's drive from our house, I can't believe I'd never gone there before. Have you ever been there? The church is beautiful and sits on top of a hill overlooking the old cemetery. As you know, a lot of Catholic families from Maryland moved to this region at the end of the 1700's early 1800's. There were many Blandford's and other familiar Catholic names from Owensboro like Medley, Hamilton, Mudd, Mattingly, Carrico, Edelen, etc. - as I suppose several members of these families moved on to Daviess Co. The oldest direct ancestor's graves I could find were my Great Great Grandfather and Grandmother, Joseph and Mary. His parents might be buried there, but I'm not sure and would probably not be able to read the tombstone. I've attached some pictures we took during our trip (sorry most are sideways). From reading the book, I found where there was a Blandford Road only a few miles away from the church. So of course, we had to drive the length of it! I went inside the church and it was beautiful in there as well. The baptismal font had an engraving saying it had been donated by a Blandford. After reading more about Joseph's father, Aquilla James, I was disappointed but not surprised to learn that he owned slaves. I suppose it would not have been unusual for farmers in that time period in Kentucky to do so, but disheartening to see it in print. That has really motivated me to learn more about the brutality of slavery and the injustices that existed even after the Civil War thru the Jim Crow era and into today. I believe if more people really dove into the history of the horrible treatment of African Americans, they would have more of an understanding of their complete frustration with lack of change. One question that I have but haven't had time to research was what the Catholic Church's position was on slavery and why they didn't speak up against it. I know the Quakers in America spoke out against it. At any rate, I think we all enjoyed this little trip back in time and might try to go see some of the other sites of the Ky Holy Land. Might drive around Marion County and Nelson Co and try to visit the Abbey of Gethsemani and see some of the other churches. We took a hike today at McConnell Springs, the first settlement in Lexington. This place is literally a short walk from where I work, but I had

never been there. Very nice place in the middle of an industrial park! Hope to see you soon when we get to the other side of this pandemic! Take care, Joey

Jun 22 e-mail : To Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):

I have saved the pictures you sent. I will have copies made. Thanks for sending them!!

I have not been to St. Rose but I have made several research trips to Washington County. I worked at the courthouse and library and visited several cemeteries and cousins. My grandmother Long's family (Young) when they first came to Kentucky resided in the southeastern section of Washington County near the Boyle County line about 10 miles east of St. Rose. Some of my ancestors probably rubbed elbows with yours. Interesting my Long ancestors when they first arrived in Kentucky lived in the David Fork Church area of Fayette County about 8 miles east of your residence. The Long's later located (circa 1827) in Anderson County, KY before moving to Ohio County, KY in 1868.

The list of your Catholic ancestral families would make you related to about ¾ of those who graduated with me from OCHS. You and Rev. William Medley, Bishop of the Owensboro Diocese are distant cousins. The following site contains some records from St. Rose:

<https://kentuckykindredgenealogy.com/2019/02/28/database-st-rose-catholic-church-baptisms-washington-county/>

In the future when things settle down you might want to check out the Maryland to Kentucky Catholic Pioneer Reunion. This reunion is held every couple of years at various Catholic pioneer sites. The following site gives info about the one that had been planned for this year - <https://therecordnewspaper.org/maryland-to-kentucky-and-beyond-reunion-set-for-june-26-and-27/>

I did not find if the 2020 reunion has been canceled but I would think it has been. In July 1998 the reunion was held at Brescia here in Owensboro. I served on the organization committee. A donation of funds from the reunion (about \$5,000) was donated to the Kentucky Room of the Owensboro library to acquire resources related to the Kentucky Holy Land counties and Maryland (primarily St. Rose & St. Charles Counties). I selected over 150 research materials. Previously the library had a very limited selection of Maryland resources.

Our country has never recovered from the ills of slavery and institutionalized racism. However, in my lifetime there have been vast improvements over what it was like in the 1950's & 1960's. I can think of only a couple of bad memories from my years at Our Lady of Lourdes School and Owensboro Catholic High School. They both involved racism. At Lourdes there was only one African American family, the Wilhites. They suffered from a constant barrage of negative comments. The worst incident I was a witness to. It took place in a restroom. There was four present - Steve Wilhite, myself, and two other students, who will go unnamed. The other two were from possibly the wealthiest and most prominent families of the parish – one of them even became a Judge. These other two culprits relieved themselves on Steve. I thought about being a tattletale but failed to do so. I have long regretted my silence. In recent years to a member of the Wilhite family I have apologized for my silence.

At OCHS upon the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968 some of my fellow students were celebrating and applauded his death. I was appalled but again by my silence I participated in their quilt. The principal requested that officers in several of the schools' clubs present a memorial service for Rev. King. I volunteered to participate. I wrote a speech and delivered it at the memorial. I was so motivated my normal personality disappeared and I gave my comments forcibly and with no hesitation. From many teachers I received glowing praise for my deliver and sentiments. The memorial was my best moment during high school. I hope it went a little to make up for my prior silence in the face of racism.

I pray that your family remains healthy,
Jerry Long

Jun 22 e-mail : From Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):

I think we all have regrets from our past of times when we should've done things differently. Kudos to you for reaching out and trying to make amends. Interesting story of you and the MLK memorial. I sometimes forget that your generation and older actually lived through the segregation era. My generation did not experience such active forms of racism, but the passive ones that still exist today were alive and well. Take care, Joey

Jun 24 e-mail : To Mitchell C. Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

I have attached a couple of items (Word docs) that I thought you might like to read. One contains some recollections that I recently wrote in response to an e-mail from Heather. I don't know if you had ever heard the stories or not. The other doc is an article I wrote about a cemetery located here in Trinity Hills. The cemetery article was published in two periodicals, "Kentucky Ancestors" of the Kentucky Historical Society and the "Kentucky Family Records of the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association. Thanks for your call and visit! Stay healthy, Jerry Long

Jun 24 e-mail : From Mitchell C. Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Thank you for sharing this! Nice that you're staying in touch with them!

Jun 25 Contact : Harry D. Tinsley estate sale, Highway 136, No Creek, Ohio County, KY:

Purchased 4 books for \$42.00 – "History of Cumberland County, Kentucky" (J. W. Wells, 1947), "Tilford Trails (Pearl O. Smith, 1991), "Our Royal Ancestors" (Winona Stevens Jones, 1971), and "An American Commoner: The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland" (William Vincent Byars, 1900).

Jun 25 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello Jerry! I hope you are well! One of my cousins has been doing a lot of searching on the Midkiff side of our family. Her husband recently found the buried tombstone of James G. Midkiff that you gave me a picture of some years back and restored the stone. Would you like the pictures they took of it? Also, my cousin has found a treasure trove of information in Quaker records on the births of Abraham Midkiff's children, the death of Margaret (James's wife) Midcalf, and some other info. They are pictures of the actual pages from the Quaker records. I didn't know if you had these or would even be interested. But I

thought of you when I saw them. So I thought I'd ask. Again, I hope you are well! I hope to hear from you soon. Scott

Jun 26 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, Yes, I would like to compare records. I may have already seen the Quaker records. In 1992 I spent several days researching in Lancaster & Harrisburg, PA and found a lot of data in the Quaker meeting house records. I have the following notes based on the records I reviewed: James M. Midcalf, born ca 1700 England. Married Margaret Britton, 19 February 1735 Cecil County, MD. She was previously married to Samuel Berry. She was born ca 1697 & died 29 November 1784. James & Margaret had:

1. Rachel, born ca 1740 PA. Married Joseph Sidwell, 3 September 1762 Lancaster County, PA. She died in August 1820.
2. Curtis, born 1733 Lancaster County, PA. Married Mary Skillern, 9 August 1759 Lancaster County, PA. Married 2nd Charity (Harris) Sidwell, 1 August 1779 Cecil County, MD. He died after 1789
3. Abraham, born 1739-1745. Married Mary Pyle, 18 June 1767 Chester County, PA. Married 2nd Rebecca Morgan, 2 March 1786 Lancaster County, PA. He died after 1795. Found birth records for 11 children of Abraham in the Quaker records.

I hope you and your family remains in good health! Your cousin, Jerry Long

Jun 26 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello Jerry!

Thank you for replying. I am doing well. I am so thankful that summer is here! :)

I'll send you the pictures of the tombstone. I will also send you the pictures of the Quaker records. I will do it over the course of several emails. It sounds like you already have seen them. I just hadn't seen the information before. I thought the documents about being de-fellowshipped from the Quakers for marrying outside the Quakers was very interesting.

I will put some of the info I have below {inside brackets} that is different from what you sent me. I only have what I have been given by others, mostly you a long time ago, Rollie Pean, and Fonda Midkiff Ashby. Sometimes sources aren't given. Without the actual sources, I have no way of knowing which is the most correct, but I would probably lean toward what you have. Any input you would share would be most appreciated.

I am curious about one thing. There was a document my cousin sent me about Benjamin being an administrator for the estate of Curtis. It's dated 1822. I assume it means his father, but would the date give any clue about Curtis's final death date or could it have been long before? I'll send it also to see what you can make of it.

Thanks again. Scott

James M. Midcalf, born ca 1700 England [Fonda Midkiff Asby: born 1713 in Ireland and died 1760 in Lancaster County, PA. I had January 1760 in Lancaster County, PA, but I'm not sure if I got it from you or Rollie Pean]. Married Margaret Britton, 19 February 1735 Cecil County, MD. She was previously married to Samuel Berry. She was born ca 1697 & died 29 November 1784 [Fonda Midkiff Asby: in Lancaster County, PA]. James & Margaret had:

1. Rachel, born ca 1740 PA [Fonda Midkiff Ashby and Rollie Pean: Lancaster County, PA; Fonda cited date of birth as recorded in Quaker church records of Little Brittain Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania]. Married Joseph Sidwell, 3 September 1762 Lancaster County, PA [Fonda Midkiff Ashby: 9/30/1762, Maryland Marriage Records; Rollie Pean: 9/30/1762 in West Nottingham, Chester County, PA]. She died in August 1820 [Rollie Pean: 1820 Chester County, PA].
2. Curtis, born 1733 Lancaster County, PA [Rollie Pean added: Little Brittain Township]. Married Mary Skillern, 9 August 1759 Lancaster County, PA [Fonda Midkiff Ashby: Maryland]. Married 2nd Charity (Harris) Sidwell, 1 August 1779 Cecil County, MD [Fonda Midkiff Ashby: 1778]. He died after 1789
3. Abraham, born 1739-1745 [Fonda Midkiff Ashby: 1731 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania]. Married Mary Pyle, 18 June 1767 [Rollie Pean: August] Chester County, PA [Fonda Midkiff Ashby and Rollie Pean: Lancaster County, PA; Fonda cited birth and marriage dates taken from Quaker church records of Little Brittain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania]. Married 2nd Rebecca Morgan, 2 March 1786 [Rollie Pean had the 3rd day and added Little Brittain Township] Lancaster County, PA. He died after 1795. [Rollie Pean: 1790 in Baltimore, Maryland. Also said he married a Poteet.]

Here is my transcription of the documents in the pictures. The marriage doc is hard to read due to low resolution. I couldn't find dates, but I could tell it was about Abraham's marriage. Scott

The Abraham Midkiff family line came from US Quaker Meeting Records Chester County PA Nottingham Monthly Meeting Records Births and Deaths 1691-1883 Page 305-306.

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1. Margaret Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 3rd day of the 9th month 1769
2. Moses Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 14th day of the 7th month 1771
3. James Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 10th day of the 12th month 1773
4. Jesse Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 20th day of the 12th month 1775
5. Mary Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 29th day of the 11th month 1777
6. Phebe Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 21st day of the 3rd month 1780
7. Abraham Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 14th day of the 2nd month 1782
8. David Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife was born the 29th day of the 10th month 1783
9. William Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Rebecah his second wife was born the 7th day of the 2nd month 1787
10. Joshua Midcalf son of Abraham Midcalf & Rebecah his second wife was born the 31st day of the 5th month 1789

11. Ann Buffington Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Rebecah his second wife was born the 1st day of the 5th month 1792

Margaret Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary departed this life the 6th day of the 9th mo: 1773 ----- aged about 4 years. James Midcalf son of Abraham & Mary Midcalf departed this life the 30th day of the 5th mo: 1775 aged 1 year, 4 months, & 21 days. Phebe Midcalf daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his wife departed this life the 1st day of the 8th mo: 1781 Aged 1 year & 4 months & 8 days. Mary Midcalf wife of Abraham Midcalf & mother of the 1st 8 children on the other side departed this life the 2nd day of the 12th month: 1784 Aged 37 years & 3 months. Margaret Midcalf grandmother of the children on the other side departed this life the 29th day of the 11th month 1784 Aged 87 years & about 6 months.

Jerry, This is the document I was telling you about. Scott

Jun 28 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, Thanks for sending the James Midkiff tombstone pictures and the Quaker family documents. It is great to see that James Midkiff's tombstone has been repaired. The transcription of the Abraham Midcalf family record matched what I also transcribed. It is difficult to say if the appointment of Benjamin Midkiff as administrator of Curtis Midkiff's estate was in close proximity to his death. Generally it is so but not always. Thanks and best wishes, Jerry Long

Jul 11 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello, Jerry! How are you?! I hope life is going well. I've never asked you, but how do you preoccupy yourself in your retirement? Still running? Researching? Writing? I'm curious! By the way, these are some property maps that I copied years ago. They were with the Midkiff papers that Bobby Midkiff had. I know he did a lot of these when you guys were working together on the Midkiffs. I see Squire Boone's name on several and Isaac Shelby's name on one. Would it be okay if I sent them to you? Would you know if these maps had any connection to the Midkiff family? Scott

Jul 12 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott,

Yes, I would like to see the maps you mentioned.

Up to a few weeks ago I was still regularly running. I have been running for 49 years and last year I ran on 256 days. Recently my leg has been hurting some and I have decided to take a break in the hopes it will get better. I am still walking about every other day on the Greenbelt.

The Daviess County Public Library is still allowing me to continue with my editorial control over their most used online database, the Owensboro Obituary Index, on the library's Website (<http://obits.dcplibrary.org/>). I proofread and approve everything that goes into it and make new additions from articles that provide historical information about that individual. This was one of my biggest accomplishments while working at the library. I spent countless hours on it. The database seeks to not only abstract information given in obituaries but also cross reference other Owensboro newspaper articles about that person – for the more prominent individuals it is a great biographical tool. For example see – Nicky Hayden (2017), John Jeremiah McRaith (2017), William J. Lucas (1884). Today I added abstracts of the historical facts contained in today's

“Messenger-Inquirer” articles on William J. Lucas and Homer Belcher. Unfortunately I have to correct numerous errors and add omissions to what the library employees are currently abstracting.

In my retirement I have spent innumerable hours entering data into two Family Tree Maker genealogy files. My paternal [Long family] file tracks the descendants of my 3rd great-grandparents, Francis Long & Sarah Franklin; it has about 28,200 individuals. My maternal (Gratzer – Paulin) file has about 29,300 individuals. Since the latter two families are more recent immigrants I am attempting to track as many descendants since their immigration in 1853 and 1845. In addition to vital facts (dates & places) I have extensively added biographical data to the “More About” sections for each individual – including data on military service, residences, employment and thousands of full text obituaries. Some of the older generations have several pages of biography in the ‘More Abouts’.

My Long file does not include all of my other paternal ancestral lines that are not Long descendants – such as the Ashford, Stone, Pippin, Young, Conder, Hale, Bruner, Davis, Snyder, Watson, Bratcher, Wilson, Albin, Bruce, Taylor, Pate, Crawford, Mason, Midkiff & Robinson. I have a truck load of files on these other ancestral lines, I have now realized I have collected so much on these families I could never enter the data into an electronic file. I began these files in anticipation of publishing a family history book. But now I realize that is impossible. Each file contains not hundreds of pages but thousands and would require multiple volumes to publish. These two e-files represent only a fraction of the data I have collected on my ancestral families. It is a little disheartening to realize I could never add all I have to e-files that could be readily preserved. Probably 90% of this data is known to the Genealogy world but there are many discoveries that no one else has knowledge of.

Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jul 12 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry,

Thank you for your reply. I'm sorry to hear that your leg is bothering you. I hope some rest will help you bounce back. Years ago when I used to run and work out (which I need to do again), I hurt myself doing a particular exercise, and a little time away did help. Unfortunately, I spent too much time away later on. Maybe one day I will find my way back.

I'm glad to hear that you are continuing your work with the library. It has been very helpful to me and countless others. I really appreciate all of your efforts. I took some time to read about William Lucas on the obituary index after I read your email. I did Voices of Elmwood a couple of times, and I remember his portrayal as well as his wife's. It was nice to read more about him.

As far as the family lines, it is a very daunting task indeed. Of course, I know I'm related to you on my father's side through the Midkiff/Robinson/Taylor lines. I see that you mentioned a Bratcher line. My great grandmother on my mother's side was a Bratcher. She lived in Butler County as a girl, but her family was in Grayson County before that. I believe they came here from one of the Carolinas. I would have to look over my records to see which. Would that happen to coincide with your Bratcher line? It would be pretty neat if it did.

My second cousin Monta Vanover (descendant of James G. Midkiff) has been going through tons of files online about Midkiff's. I feel like I spend too much time on these things, but I think she passes me up considerably. Of course, her children are grown.

She has a little more time. Here are the maps. I think I saw Van Cleve on one of the pages. I know the Taylors and Van Cleves were close to each other when they first settled in Kentucky. Maybe that's the connection. Thank you for having a look. I always appreciate your help.

Sincerely, Scott

Jul 13 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott,

My 3rd great-grandmother is Sarah (Bratcher) Watson. In her household in the 1860 census of Grayson County, KY is her father, John Bratcher, Sr., age 89, born South Carolina. I have not done much work on the Bratchers due to the lack of Grayson County records. We are most likely related somehow through the Bratcher line.

Thanks for sending the maps. Benjamin Midkiff in the Shelby County tax lists of 1806-1814 is shown as owning circa 100 acres on Fox Run Creek. I believe this land would have been on one of the original grants listed on these maps. Fox Run Creek is about 4 miles northwest of Shelbyville, between Bullskin & Clear Run Creeks. A portion of Fox Run Creek is labeled in the top left corner of map 10page1half2. Another section of Fox Run is on map 10page1half1 - the unlabeled creek below Bullskin Creek (a Vancleave is shown as being on Bullskin Creek). I don't remember if the tax lists reported the who the land was originally granted to or not – some counties did. If it did I failed to copy that down. James Robinson by his will deeded to Benjamin's son, Joseph R. Midkiff, 36 acres on Fox Run Creek, part of William May's 1000 acres original grant and running north from Jonas Seaman & Acquilla Whitaker's grant – May's grant is shown on map 10page2half2.

Thanks, Jerry long

Jul 13 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Thank you for giving me context for the maps. I really appreciate it! And I am a direct descendant of John Bratcher, Sr. also, through his son Samuel Bratcher (born 1800 in South Carolina) who married Rebecca Oller. Samuel is my 4th great grandfather. It's a small world indeed! I hope to talk to you again soon! Take care! Scott

Jun 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Hi Jerry, Would you send me the sales blurb on the obit books, price, address, etc. Frank Wallace wants a set. I will forward to him and he will get back to you. He does great genealogy work, you would hit it off well. Helen

Jun 28 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I have attached a flyer giving info about the Ohio County obituary books. Thanks!! Jerry Long

Aug 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

May be a problem, may not. If I go to obituary index and choose advanced search and fill in for cemetery put West End or Westend or West End Cemetery for 1990-1992, I get 240 folks most of which their listing says nothing re West End. Now if I add name like Bard then I get the Bard folks. I know I have used this feature previously when working on Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Today it won't work for OMG either. Helen

Aug 1 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

If you go to advanced search and enter span of years you want to search. In cemetery field enter "West End". When you want to search for two consecutive words or more they have to be entered in "quotation marks". For Westend there are no entries in the database. For "West End" in the cemetery field there are 299 records in the database; all of them are for the West End Cemetery in Muhlenberg County, KY. If you want to search for burials at Owensboro Memorial Gardens Cemetery you have to enter "Owensboro Memorial Gardens" in cemetery field. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 8 e-mail [Confederate Statue] : To Al Mattingly (amattngly@daviessky.org), Daviess County Judge Executive, and to Editor of Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer (ReadersWrite@messenger-inquirer.com), Owensboro, KY:

Dear Judge Mattingly,

I have a suggestion for the final resting place for the Confederate Statue. I believe the ideal and appropriate spot is in the Veterans' section of Owensboro's historic Elmwood Cemetery. The following are some factors that support this:

- Elmwood Cemetery is on private property and if housed there the Confederate Statue would no longer be part of the public domain
- Elmwood Cemetery, like the Owensboro Area Museum, is dedicated to the preservation of Owensboro's history and is a perpetual and neutral record of yesterday
- Elmwood Cemetery is home to memorials and many art works; the Confederate Statue is both a memorial and an accomplished art work that deserves to be preserved; and the cemetery directors I believe would see that the Confederate Statue would be an enhancement and worthy addition to the artistic impression the cemetery offers
- The Confederate Statue would still be conveniently accessible to those interested in viewing it
- The Confederate Statue would no longer be located on taxpayer property and in such a public-centered and prominent location as it is now
- The Confederate Statue is a memorial to those who died for the Lost Cause, the majority of whom were not slave owners and who fought for the tainted and rightly ill-fated cause only because of the luck of their nativity; Elmwood Cemetery is the resting place for the highest number of Civil War soldiers in the county and has a section dedicated to the memory of the county's veterans
- If the Confederate Statue was at Elmwood Cemetery it would have some degree of security that it would not have if moved to an isolated spot in the county, where it would likely soon be vandalized; its environment at Elmwood would also be cared for and maintained
- The Confederate Statue's creator, George Julian Zolnay's, father-in-law & mother-in-law, Dr. William F. & Alice Douglas Gillim, are buried in Elmwood Cemetery and no doubt Zolnay visited there several times

- The Confederate Statue's location at Elmwood Cemetery provides a middle ground and equal compromise by both camps surrounding the issue

Jerry Long

Former Kentucky Room Assistant

At the Daviess County Public Library

Aug 8 e-mail [Confederate Statue] : From Al Mattingly (amattngly@daviessky.org), Daviess County Judge Executive, Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, Thanks for the suggestion. I agree that would be appropriate however Elmwood does not want it. Thanks again

Aug 11 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Hello Jerry, I wanted to check in with you regarding the Obit Index. I know you still input articles into the index I just had a few questions about some of the entries. Christina has noticed that you have been inputting more than just abstracts. Inputting more than an abstract was not something we used to do. We are trying to keep it as much like an abstract as possible. Is there a reason why you're putting in large parts of articles? Also, she's noticed info in entries from sources other than the newspaper. Since this is an abstract of the newspaper and not a genealogy database we want to keep it strictly info from the newspaper. We would still like to work together to get the database filled in we just want it uniform throughout. Also, the website managers have mentioned to us that the database could stand to be migrated to an upgraded format. The website is very out of date software wise. We are looking into it and it will be a while before we make any changes but it is something we are thinking about. Just wanted to let you know. Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Aug 12 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, I have attached some comments about the Owensboro Obituary Index. I would like to hear your thoughts. Have a good day! Jerry Long

The indexing of the Owensboro obituaries project was begun by the Kentucky Room in early 1977. Initially it was only a brief abstract (name, age, places of birth & death, issue date); just enough info to identify that was the person that someone was looking for. Essentially it was a genealogical name index with no attempt to abstract other vital historical data. I began working on the indexing when I was hired in 1989. We hand wrote the abstracts onto legal size sheets and after a decade of the newspapers were completed we cut-up and alphabetized the abstract cards. Then we typed all the cards onto letter size pages and they were bound into volumes and placed on the Kentucky Room's shelves.

With the onset of computerization in the early 1990's we began to add the new abstracts into an electronic format. At this point it was decided to expand what data was abstracted. On January 27, 2006 the Owensboro Area Obituary Index went live on the Internet. The hard copy abstracting for the years of 1920-1989 done prior to computerization were converted as is into electronic format and added to the online database. During the period of designing the Website it was agreed that the goal of the future was to abstract as much historical info as possible. We wanted to incorporate and

cram the database with historical data. The more the better!! The proof of this is written in the “More About” pages that I penned explaining the online database – “The obituary index strives to be much more than just a name index. It is essentially a full abstract of all vital information found.” Since this goal was long range we had to take baby steps to get there.

The full abstracting of all vital info found for the pre-1920 period I did while I was still at the library. The full abstracting of additional “See also” articles is evident throughout the database for thousands of entries. While at the library I began to incorporate other full abstracts of historical data for other periods of the database. For about the last decade any current daily newspaper article beyond the obituaries that contains biographical data on an individual such as a history of a business I abstract and add to that person’s form (see Nicky Hayden, John Jeremiah McRaith, Bill Froehlich, Waitman Taylor, Abraham Owen, J.D.’s Restaurant, Deloris’ Café, Rollin Pin Pastry, Murphy Appliance, Modern Welding, Old Hickory, Moonlite, hundreds of other examples could be provided.

For 99.99% of the entries in the database only data from Owensboro newspaper articles was utilized. However, for maybe about 30 forms out of almost 300,000 an outside source, mainly the “History of Daviess County”, was incorporated in order to clarify, correct or elucidate a crucial historical fact. In a few instances the name cited was so misspelled a correction was essential in correctly identifying the person. A couple of other examples of the need for additional clarification are - the 1866 entry for John Chandler, the actual newspaper item referenced does not name him but the 1883 “History of Daviess County” does; and the 1887 entry for Mike Donahue, the newspaper item only refers to him as Mr. Donahue while the “History of Daviess County” identified his full name. The value of adding a supporting (outside) source was deemed of greater value to historical research in these few instances.

When I retired management permitted me to continue editing and adding to the database. They agreed it would be beneficial for both me and the public. I am very grateful for this. It helps me to keep busy, stay mentally active and retain a little of what I was while still employed. It has been a great escape in the days we are now dealing with. The concentration and addition of historical data in the database is an obvious benefit to the public. Also the review process has enabled us to identify several omissions and miscues. Helen McKeown alone has helped me to identify a hundred or more errors found in the post 1990 entries. I apologize for correcting the work of others but I did that to my own work. After each year I completed while abstracting I reviewed and caught errors that I had initially let slip through. The review process has helped to make the database not only more correct but has also allowed it to be more uniform throughout. I may be a little obsessive compulsive about maintaining format but standardization and uniformity is the cardinal rule for any scholarly database. It provides and assists its utility. When designing the database I studied the logic of outlining and the format used in other databases. I drew up an agreed upon format. When dealing with numerous “see also” articles standardization of format is essential to comprehend what is presented.

Please allow us to continue working together on improving the database. Sorry for any confusion. Please let me know if any changes are warranted. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299, j-long@prodigy.net

Aug 12 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Hello Jerry, Thank you for your detailed reply. I am aware that articles other than obituaries have been abstracted. I have used the "See Also" articles many times. I have added them in myself for high profile people. I am also aware we have occasionally used an outside source to prove a correct spelling of a name and match an obituary to a person. However, the outside sources are not something that have been regularly used except to clarify the identity of a person. Recently, we noticed an entry with info from a funeral home website. The funeral home entry is not something that stays up and will not be accessible in the future. Since this is an index we want to only add info that we can access again in the future and that we can prove we got from a reputable source. Information that cannot be found again is not something I would expect to see in the database.

We are grateful that you still add to the database. We also want it to be as standardized as possible. We just want to have better communication. If you feel like my employees have entered something incorrectly, please explain. They are a little put off by the idea that someone they have no contact with is correcting their work and not explaining what is incorrect about it. If you could email me with your concerns about certain entries and how to fix them I can easily relay the information to my employees and we can all learn and hopefully lessen the need for corrections in the future.

Let me know what you think, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Aug 15 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):
Savannah,

You wrote – “Recently, we noticed an entry with info from a funeral home website.” I am really puzzled by this. I did a search in the comments for the key words “funeral home”. I got 9 hits. None of these were referring to an external funeral home source. All but two of the hits were people that were associated with a funeral home and this was noted in the original newspaper article (such as for Delbert Glenn, James H. Davis). In one instance the words, “Funeral Home” appeared in the title of a ‘see also’ addition. In the other case, the abstract for Betty Bixby (2012), states that the funeral service was going to be by Glenn Funeral Home. I added this due to the fact that the rest of the death notice only stated her date of death and age. I thought adding the reference to Glenn’s would show that she had some local connection and give some more substance to her entry. Can you shed any other light on this supposedly external funeral home source reference?

Most of the omissions and corrections that I have added since retiring (February 2016) are from two periods. One is for the years of 1990-2014. These were not the work of the current employees. During this time a lot of student helpers worked on the project and evidently they did not have adequate training or concern enough to be conscientious. For this period I have made hundreds possibly thousands of corrections. If I had to explain all of these corrections it would have tripled the amount of labor. And not making the correction would really taint the integrity of the database. Another period were there were numerous omissions and errors was about a year or two ago someone was indexing other than Christina (or the current abstracter). When the current abstractor resumed doing the

additions there was a striking difference. The accuracy increased very significantly. Currently the revisions are few and far between, usually for an occasional omitted (vital) fact that appeared in the obituary, or variations in format, and a very rare skipped obituary.

The following are few revisions I would have made to the some of the recent obit abstracts:

- Aug 7: Coakley, added fact “He was one of 9 children of the late...” (why not include all vital facts)
- Aug 9: Freeman, names of two husbands were left out
- Aug 9: Durbin, left out (Sr.) after his name
- Aug 11: McDonough, period was placed after III (no period is required)
- Aug 11: Oldham, add “She was born on January 25.” (any partial fact, such as just a year, I usually add to the comments; why not make the abstracted facts as full and complete as possible)
- Aug 11: Wilson, add “He was resident of Calhoun.” (usually if a person resides somewhere else other than his death place we tried to note his residence in the comments)
- Aug 12: Flaherty, left out he was a veteran of the Korean War
- Aug 12: Thomas, left out place of birth; sister’s name was misspelled as Dorothy “Louis” should be “Louise”; a repeat obit appeared on Aug 13 and several surviving siblings were added (I always recheck any repeat obituaries because occasionally new info is added)
- Aug 13: Mudd, left out place of birth
- Aug 13: Ogle, a period was left out after a complete sentence (you might think this is being extremely picky but what is wrong with making it perfect)
- Aug 13: Lowe, left out fact “She was married to Bruce Lowe from 1991 to 2007.”
- Aug 14: High, first name appeared as JOel should be Joel
- Aug 14: Cornett, add fact “She was the 8th of 11 children of the late...” (again use all vital facts), marriage date Aug 11, 1956 can be inferred from obit

In the abstract for Hunter Howard on Aug 14 the ‘see also’ additions appeared as follows: see also, p. C1 (“Man killed in boating accident identified”), 8/11, p.A1 (“20-year old man still missing after fishing boat sinks into Ohio River”), 8/12, p.A1 (“Body of missing man recovered from Ohio River”). To maintain the format outlined in the “About” (article on website) and that which is used throughout the database the format should be: See also p.1C (“Man killed in boating accident identified”), 8/11 p.1A (“20-year old man still missing after fishing boat sinks into Ohio River”), 8/12 p.1A (“Body of missing man recovered from Ohio River”), Following a complete sentence the S of see should be capitalized, when it doesn’t follow a complete sentence use see (not capitalized); this follows the rule regularly used in English grammar. After the word ‘also’ a comma is not required just follow it with the page number and newspaper section and a skip is not used after p. (should be also p.1C). After 8/11 a comma is not required just list page number and newspaper section (should be 8/11 p.1A, 8/12 p.1A). In the Hunter abstract all of the ‘see also’ articles were placed in correct chronological order. However, in many other new entries added to the database chronological order is not being maintained. When this is not done it gets very confusing what year and newspaper source is being referenced. The ‘Comments’ field can get quite complicated and confusing when a long list of ‘see also’ articles are listed.

All of the new 'see also' entries now being added to the database are now consistently using this **new** format version. The new format version would be correct if that was what was initially decided upon. It is now too late to go back and change everything to reflect this new format version. It may seem that the format changes are insignificant but they do affect the overall quality of the database. Many libraries have databases for their local obituaries but I believe none approaches the sophistication and consistency of the Owensboro Obituary Index. Adhering religiously to the same format makes the database more "User Friendly", understandable and less confusing. One of the greatest attributes of the database is its standardization – an attempt was made to make everything always done the same way (see 'About' link on website).

I must apologize to the current indexer I certainly did not want to hurt anyone's feelings. It is not like I am a complete stranger. I worked at the library almost 28 years and worked alongside several of you. I was editing and reviewing when I was still at the library. This was not done to offend. I would hate to count the times when reviewing I caught errors I had made myself. The review process helped to improve the database. If this was not done thousands of errors and omissions would have remained!! Do you think this a bad thing? While working at the library many times a patron would correct some of our work. I was not insulted but glad we could make the improvement. Improving the database should be the greatest concern. The library has certainly has invested a lot of resources in making the Owensboro Obituary Index a quality and popular resource.

Libraries have a tradition of using outside resources or volunteers to advance their mission and work. The Kentucky Room has accepted a multitude of volumes and stacks of new information resources from volunteers who have freely offered their work. Please allow us to continue to work together on improving the Owensboro Obituary Index.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts, Jerry Long

Aug 17 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Jerry,

The entry I mentioned was for Logan Davis (2020.) Christina and Ryan put the info in and the next day saw info that was not in the obituary or other articles. They looked on the funeral home entry and saw the info there. The index entry did not name the funeral home as a source. It is possible that it came from somewhere else but we decided to remove the info since we could not find it anywhere but the funeral home website.

I am fine with you going back and looking at old obituaries and making corrections. We don't currently have the time to do that. I have 4 employees. My part-timers focus on the old OI entries when they're not working on other projects and my full timers do the daily entries. Christina approves all entries as an administrator.

We want the database to be the best it can be and we welcome the feedback. If my employees are doing things incorrectly I would like them to know sooner rather than later so they can correct their habits. Ideally, I would like to get to the point where you don't have to make any corrections at all because they are entering everything perfectly. In order to get to this point we need to know what they're doing incorrectly. I don't have the time to look over every entry so I appreciate the help keeping things formatted. I want my employees doing good work, not relying on someone else to fix their mistakes for them. I will pass these corrections on to Christina and talk to her about the format. Do you happen

to have a format guide? We do not have a written one and are going off of memory. It would be nice to have it in writing in case something happens to me or Christina.

Also, I think you misunderstood my first email when I said "website managers have mentioned to us that the database could stand to be migrated to an upgraded format." I meant the software housing the database is becoming obsolete and the website managers (Red Pixel) have mentioned migrating the data to different software. This would change the look of the website but all the info would migrate over. We haven't started the process but they mentioned it to me earlier this year when we had trouble accessing the website. I will let you know if and when we decide to do this.

Thanks for the feedback, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Aug 18 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):
Savannah,

I am really confused about the Logan Davis abstract. I went back and reviewed the original articles and all of the facts contained in the abstract were contained in the articles. Certainly nothing was used from a funeral home site. I did not check but it is possible there could be a difference between the actual hard copy that I refer to and the online M-I listing.

I am also confused about the perception that I had some concerns about a possible future transfer of the database to different software. I really did not give it a second thought. I feel confident no one would intentionally harm the data especially after the huge investment it has taken to create it.

The format guide is outlined on pages 3, 4 & 5 of the "About" link on the Owensboro Area Obituary Index site (<http://obits.dcplibrary.org/>). This format was discussed and approved for the Owensboro Area Obituary Index. Wherever these field categories appear in the various time periods of the database this format was intended so it would be standardized. I have reiterated some of the format deviations in my recent e-mails.

The only way to remedy the rare misspelling, lapse in grammar, omission of hardcore important facts, etc. is a closer review of the abstracts by a comparison to the original obituary.

I am very sorry my review of the accuracy and completeness of the new entries into the database has created a problem. **Please** give my apology to Christina. I believe that after 40 years of doing historical research, compiling research sources and working with data I have developed a sharper eye than what is ordinary. So please help me to continue to put that skill to good use. Christina certainly has many other skills that I do not possess. She has a warmer persona and better communication skills than I but I am not offended by that.

Please have a good day, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Aug 19 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):
Hello Jerry,

As I said in the last email, we deleted the info we couldn't confirm. That is why you don't see it in the current entry. The only place we found the info was the funeral home

site. You are the only one besides us that has a password to the index. Therefore, we thought we would ask you if you knew anything about it. It seems you do not and we fixed it so I wouldn't worry about it anymore. We use the M-I e edition which is identical to the paper copy so I don't think it is a discrepancy in editions. I must have misunderstood about the website transfer. Sorry for the misunderstanding. Once again, we are not offended by anything being reviewed. We want the database to be as standardized as possible. We welcome the second look since we are usually very busy and don't have a lot of extra time to recheck work. I honestly think there are too many people using the same login credentials and too many people with admin control. I have multiple staff-members who add records and I would like only Christina and Me to have the power to approve records or manage users. I would like you to have editor credentials and for my other staff to use the volunteer credentials. I hope you don't take offense to this. I am just trying to keep everyone happy and I think this is the best way to keep using your skill and keen eyes as an editor and for me to keep track of what work my employees are doing. Therefore, if you could please use these login credentials from now on I would appreciate it.

Thanks you, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Aug 20 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, Sorry!! I am not thinking too clearly this morning. I was a little shook up after reading your e-mail. My work on the obit database is one of the few positive things going for me now. I thought I had lost that. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Aug 20 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah,

I have one question. When I make the changes that **need** to be made (skips, misspellings punctuation errors, omitted facts, etc.) on this login level will they remain or not? For example on yesterday's obits (August 20) I would make alterations to four different obit abstracts. For example, in the Christopher obit I would change the birth date from 13 Sep 1930 to the correct date of 23 Sep 1930, also I would change the birth place from Breckinridge County to Estill County (Irvine is located in Estill County). Also in the Berry abstract cemetery location I would take out Hardinsburg – the Glen Dean Cemetery is not in Hardinsburg; in fact it is about 12 miles from there. If I login at the new level and correct these **errors** will the corrections remain or not?

I am sorry but I will revisit the issue of the Logan Davis abstract one final time. I have to confess I know what happened here. After the initial abstract was made I edited it by adding the location of the auto accident (Medley Road). The following day for some reason the edit I made was taken out. When the location appeared again in a follow up newspaper article I re-added the location to the abstract (and I saved a copy of the revised abstract in a Word doc). The location has since remained in the abstract. The location was from no other source other than the newspaper. I am not sure why adding the location was an issue.

The following is a copy of the first article about the Logan Davis accident and from which I abstracted the location - Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer (KY) July, 12, 2020,

p.2A, "2 killed in separate wrecks": "Area traffic accidents took two lives on Friday..... At 11:27 p.m. Friday, Owensboro police responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 4400 block of Medley Road. At 11:27 p.m. Friday, Owensboro police responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 4400 block of **Medley Road**. They said the driver was trapped inside the vehicle and had to be freed with assistance from the Owensboro Fire Department. He was taken to Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, where he died from his injuries. Two passengers were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Officer Andrew Boggess, the department's public information officer, said names of those involved in the accident won't be released until Monday."

I am sorry for belaboring this point on the Logan Davis abstract but I know that I certainly used no outside source in this case!

Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 21 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Yes Jerry, the corrections will remain. The new login will not change your experience in editing records. Those three examples seem like simple typos (Irvine vs Irvington, choosing the wrong Glen Dean from the search function, 1 vs 2.) But thanks for catching them. As far as the Logan Davis entry, we were concerned when a list of cousins popped up one day and we couldn't find any article that listed cousins names. We weren't sure where the names came from and weren't sure who entered the info. This is the main reason why I wanted to change the login process. With everyone logged in as different users I can keep up with who is doing what. That way when one of my employees makes an error I know who to correct and there is no confusion. If you have trouble logging in or have concerns about another entry let me know. Thanks, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, (270) 691-1883

Aug 21 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Patti Glenn 4-27-1995 obit says lived in /died Kentucky. Ky State death index says died Indiana lived in Kentucky

Aug 22 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Good morning, According to the Indiana death certificates (1899-2011) on Ancestry.com Patti Glenn died in Floyd County, IN. Her original obituary states she was a resident of Owensboro but gives no place of death. On her obituary abstract I took out her place of death. Would you please do me a favor? In the Owensboro Area Obituary Index" would you check the cemetery in the abstracts for Thomas Mattingly (2020) and his wife, Carla Mattingly (2018). When their obits were abstracted the place of death was entered as Butler County Memorial Park in Butler County, KY. I changed the abstract to Butler County Memorial Park, Trenton, OH. Does the latter location appear in your search? Have a good day, Jerry Long

Aug 22 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Ohio for state of Mattingly burials, agree with Glenn burial adjustment. Have a good day. Helen

Aug 29 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Sam McDowell obit of 5-1-2007 refers to Pleasant Ridge High School. It was never a high school.

Aug 29 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The 1998 newspaper article does refer to Sam McDowell purchasing the old "Pleasant Ridge High School" building. Apparently there was both a "High School" and elementary school there. There are numerous references to the "Pleasant Ridge High School" in the Owensboro newspapers during 1926 - 1940's. In the book, "Early Schools In Ohio County, Kentucky " (pages 547 & 550) there are "senior class" photos for the Pleasant Ridge High School. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Aug 31 e-mail [Young] : From Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Jerry, Hannah had a son born 1884 or 85. He ran away from home when he was about 18 yrs old and was never seen since. Do you have any info on him? His name was John.

Aug 31 e-mail [Young] : To Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com):

Earl, I had that John W. Lynch & Hannah Jane Nix had a son, John (?G.) Lynch, who was born circa 1885 and who was living in 1897. I could not find anything else about him. He possible could be the John Lynch, who is listed in the 1900 & 1910 censuses of Daviess County, KY. I could find no proof. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Sep 6 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, I know you are tired of hearing from me. However, for the sake of the integrity of the obituary database I feel the necessity of presenting a few observations. I have discovered I cannot add or delete a record in the obituary database. Many times in the past I have deleted a duplicate record for the same person. Sometimes a person is duplicated due to a variation in the spelling or due to a span of time between the entries. This is especially true in the older decades. Towards the end of August 2020 there was a second record added for the same person whose initial obituary appeared several months previously. Also occasionally I add a skipped local death. Sometimes a local death is reported in the newspaper but no subsequent obituary is published. In the past it was the goal to report any **local death** whether there was an obituary or not. There are numerous instances in the database where this is the case. Also this year alone there has been three instances where a published obituary was simply skipped and I have added it. Also in the older decades skipped obits have been discovered and I added them. But now none of these needed improvements can be accomplished. I respectfully beg your reconsideration, Jerry Long

Sep 8 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Hello Jerry, I have tested it out and you can certainly add records. It will just not show up immediately in the database. When logged in as an Editor, any record additions that you make will go to the administrator for approval before they go live on the website. You do not have the ability to delete records with the Editor profile. I realize there will be the need

for additions and deletions in the off chance that someone messes up. By simple emailing me or calling us, we can take care of the rarely needed deletion. Anything that you find that needs added will be added. As I've said before, we would like to know about any mistakes that you catch. Missed obituaries and duplicate obituaries are large enough mistakes that I would like to know about them. I want my employees to know when they mess up so they can improve their work. If you think something needs deleted, simply email me or call. We will notice when you add any new entries. You are able to edit entries like normal. I believe this simple communication will inform us of any "needed improvements" and keeps the integrity of the database intact. Thanks, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, Ky 42301,(270) 691-1883

Sep 9 Contact : Daviess County Clerk's office, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, KY:

Spent 2 hours abstracting 20 marriages (14 Long family and 6 Paulin family).

Sep 18 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

This afternoon a gentleman called me trying to find the Royal Family Bible brought from England, printed in 1700's. He has been able to trace who had it through several generations, but now it is hiding. Thought you might have information. Worth a try. Helen

Sep 19 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The Owensboro library had a book, "The Royal Family of Ohio County, Kentucky", by Robert A. White (1982). Mr. White wrote that in 1978 the Royal family bible was in the possession of James Thomas Royal & his wife, Evelyn of Tulsa, OK. James Thomas Royal was born 26 Dec 1925 Fordsville, KY and died 10 Dec 2008 Tulsa, OK and his wife, Evelyn died in 2016. They were survived by a son, Thomas D. Royal (born 1954). I would suggest trying to contact the son to see what he knows about the bible. A current residence of Thomas D. Royal is 5367 E. 30th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74114. I found several phone numbers for him. One of the following could be his current number – 918-744-8327, 918-835-2315, 918-906-7602, 019-492-3114. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 25 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Imogene Coleman Taylor from 4-1-2013 says Rockport Cemetery, she is buried Mason Cemetery

Sep 25 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The original obit does say buried at the "Rockport Cemetery". I will add a note that she was buried at the Mason Cemetery, Rockport, Ohio County, KY. I have been finding numerous errors in interpreting and entering the cemetery for the 1990's abstracts. Others on the library's staff abstracted the more recent obituaries while I worked on the pre-1920 newspapers. These staff members apparently had no training and knowledge of the area's cemeteries. Thanks!! Jerry Long

Sep 25 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I can tell a Jerry Long obit from others. That is a compliment. I can also see folks at funeral home, where to bur?, at Rockport, and there you go.

Oct 17 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, I thought I would let you know that I added the abstract below to the obituary database. I was able to add it by virtue of writing over a recent duplicate that had been added to the database. The Martin Young death was originally missed and had never been added. In the early years there are numerous obituaries that were missed. At one point any deaths that were out of the local area were not entered even though they were from here or had connections. I have periodically been adding some. In the future I don't know how these will be added. Best wishes, Jerry Long [copy of abstract of Martin Daymond Young, 1942]

Oct 20 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Thanks for the heads up and for catching the missed article. In the future, when you come across an old obituary like this that was originally missed just let us know. We will enter it in. Thank you, Savannah Warren, MLS, Daviess County Public Library

Oct 22 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

I am very sorry to see that a significant and important part of the Martin Daymond Young abstract that I researched has been deleted. The only reason for this is __ (well I won't say). In the future I will not attempt to add any obit abstracts that have been missed - there are many! If you are willing I will attempt to continue to correct the daily errors and omissions in the current obits. For example in the last two days I will correct the following errors - Raleigh Mills served in the US Army not the US Air Force; Johnnie R. Gray is a 'she' not a 'he'; John T. Smith served in the US Army during the Korean War; and one of Thomas Hagan's survivors was missed, daughter, Terri Lanham (Dale). These are just in the last two days. In the last four years the corrections I have made would literally be more than a thousand - possibly thousands. - Jerry Long

Oct 20 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Jerry, Every article that you entered is still there. The only thing that we removed was the wording of the articles from the abstract. All the article titles are still there as well as the dates. This makes the entry easier to read. We have had numerous complaints over the years about entries being so wordy that patrons go cross-eyed trying to find the article dates. We want the index to be as user friendly as possible. To that end, we try to keep from entering entire articles into the database. That is the only reason any words were taken out. As we've discussed before, there will always be errors to catch. We correct errors in old entries all the time. The fact that you're finding so many errors in the daily entries is because you are checking them before we have gone all the way through our own error checking process. We have multiple people putting in entries and then one person checking for mistakes. Sometimes there is a day or two before the entries can be checked. I noticed

that yesterday morning at 8 am you had already added an article from that day's newspaper to an entry. Please give us time to do the work we are paid to do before you try and correct our work. I am still willing to work with you since it benefits the database, however, I will not tolerate insinuations that my employees are not doing their job well. If you find an obit that needs to be entered send me the info. For the daily entries, wait a day or two before you search for typos. The obit index is not the only thing we do. Thank you, Savannah Warren, Daviess County Public Library

Nov 1 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

With your obit books and Shirley Watson Smith obit collection, I need help with W Henry Rock and Sinai Rock on page 218 of first obit book 1873-1899. I did not find an Ohio County marriage for them to get her maiden name. The obit Shirley had refers to him as Henry. I had possible thought of Hopewell for resting place, that has not met with success or failure. Thank you Helen

Nov 1 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Her maiden name is Ford. In Ohio County Sine/Sina Ann Ford married William Henry Rock on 10 March 1851 (see attachment - #540, bottom right corner). There are several marriages prior to 1865 that were missed and do not appear in the master index at the courthouse. Several years ago I had the clerk add a list of 67 marriages that I had found that weren't indexed. I had started going through the original loose marriage records in the metal drawers and crossed check with the master index. I went through several of the boxes but wasn't able to complete the project as far as needed. The clerk subsequently added the marriages I found to the master index book. The marriages I submitted, however, do not appear in the 1998 marriage book by Timothy Cox. See "Unindexed & Unpublished Ohio County, KY Marriages", Kentucky Family Records, Vol. 15, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1990-1991), 39-40, 46-48. "Lineage Lines", Harry D. Tinsley, Times-News (Hartford, KY: 27 June 1991), 12B & (3 July 1991), 12A. There are no doubt some other unindexed marriages to be found! In the 1852-1861 Kentucky vital statistics the following birth appeared – Catharine Rock, born 27 Sep 1854 Butler County, KY to W.H. Rock & Sina Ford. And in the 1874-1878 Kentucky vital statistics the following appears – W. H. Rock died 16 October 1877 Ohio County, killed by a tree, son of James & Catharine Rock. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 11 e-mail From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

57 folks buried at Bennett Cemetery, Ohio Co., Ky which is cemetery for African American folks. We are at 30 names. They had a large farm for generations. The last to farm it was Edward Bennett b 7-26-1883 d 12-1966. Per family his wife was eccentric. Family says he lived in Owensboro at death. Can find no obit, death certificate, etc. Possibly funeral home would have something, who knows. I remembered the work done on Greenwood Cemetery and if any clues there. Helen

Nov 11 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

James Edward Bennett, who was born 26 July 1883, died on 24 December 1966 in Owensboro, KY and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, IN Owensboro (he has a monument there). See attached copy of obituary. His wife, Eva D. Bennett, is buried with

him. She was born 20 April 1893 Ohio County, KY to David & Mary Lou Shultz, and died 31 October 1973 Chicago, IL.

Nov 23 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : From Jordan Rowe (jrowe@daviessky.org):

Jerry

My name is Jordan Rowe, and I am the Communications Coordinator for the Daviess County Fiscal Court. I have been in touch with Wesley Acton (cc'd on this email) about doing a story on Greenwood Cemetery. Wesley said that you wrote a book about the cemetery and might be able to offer historical perspective for my piece. Below are some questions that I sent to Wesley for preparation. I wanted to share the list with you and see if you might be interested in assisting with this video? You can reach me at 270-315-1240.

Thanks, Jordan Rowe

Cemetery History:

When was the cemetery established?

Who originally purchased the land?

How many graves are located in the cemetery?

When did the last burial occur?

Are war veterans buried in this cemetery?

Are there any other stories you can share/points of interest about the people resting there?

How/Why did the cemetery become abandoned?

Cemetery Restoration:

How did you first get involved in the effort to restore Greenwood Cemetery?

Can you describe the state of the property when you started?

What all went into the cleanup?

How many volunteers were involved?

How long did it take?

Cemetery Today:

Just to refresh everyone's memory...after the cemetery was cleaned up, you had petitioned the city to buy it. But it was ultimately sold at public auction. Can you talk to us about that time?

What has been the county's role in helping to save the cemetery?

Can you talk about the cemetery today...as far as the ownership and ongoing maintenance?

Are you in need of volunteers to help with the upkeep? What about additional funding?

What has it meant to you to be a part of this restoration?

What does the future look like for the cemetery?

Nov 23 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : To Jordan Rowe (jrowe@daviessky.org):

Jordan:

I have been a student of local history since 1979. I have worked as a professional genealogist and researcher since then. I was employed for 3 years by McDowell Publications, a local book publisher, and for 27 years I worked in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library (1989-2016). I have published several books and some 200 articles of historical data. At the library there are numerous research aids that I have

compiled. During the 1980's I made several attempts to make a transcription of the gravestones at Greenwood Cemetery. The cemetery at the time was a jungle of growth and trash. I could only locate a few gravestones. In 1996 through the efforts of Wesley Acton and Emily Holloway Greenwood Cemetery was reclaimed and cleaned. I then copied all of the gravestones in the cemetery (326 individuals) and began to comb various records (death certificates, newspaper obituaries, funeral home records, etc.) to document other burials there.

In 2006 I published a book, Greenwood Cemetery – 1821 Leitchfield Road, Owensboro, KY. I have attached the opening chapter of the book that gives a history of the cemetery. The remainder of the book consisted of various articles about the cemetery followed by a listing of the documented burials at the cemetery (names, birth & death dates, and sources documenting their burial at Greenwood). When the book was published there were 2,046 documented burials there. I have since continued to do additional research and have documented another 337 burials. That brings the current total of documented burials to 2,383. There are 112 documented veterans at the cemetery – 7 Civil War (6 USA & 1 CSA); 2 Spanish American War; 75 World War 1; 27 World War 2; and 1 Korean War. Currently the last known burial at Greenwood was in February 1976. In the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Library there are 12 volumes that give each source that documents each known burial at Greenwood Cemetery. I have enough for a 13th volume that will eventually be bound and added to the collection in the Kentucky Room.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Jerry Long, Phone 270-684-6299

Nov 23 Phone call : From Jordan Rowe, 270-315-1240 (jrowe@daviessky.org):

Thank me for article on Greenwood Cemetery. He is making a video on Greenwood Cemetery.

Dec 4 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : To Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Savannah, Have you decided to not allow me to continue to make corrections to the obituary database? When I tried to log-in to make a few corrections this morning the log-in did not work. Jerry Long

Dec 4 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

Jerry, No. We are moving over the data from the old database into the new one today. We will be checking for errors most of the day today. I will give you the new login when we are done and the new database is ready to use. Savannah Warren [I stopped editing the Owensboro Obituary Index with the 1 December 2020 issue of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.]

Dec 7 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I will no longer be editing the online Owensboro Obituary Index. The last day I added edits will be December 1st. Thus ends 32 years of my working to create and improve the database. Its quality I have to confess has been one of my obsessions.

Several weeks ago I got an e-mail from the director of the Kentucky Room. Before I opened the e-mail I said to myself it was about the administration of the database. It indeed was. It seemed that the staff members who were adding the abstracts to the database were a little insulted because someone they were not working with was correcting their work. I had long expected questions about why I was still working on the database since I was no longer a library employee. I believe institutions have short memories and soon loose tract and forget what went before. They notoriously lose sight of their original goals and of who did what.

For the last three months I agreed to go to a second level of the editing process. I have submitted additions and corrections for the staff's ultimate review and acceptance. Several of my additions were subsequently rejected because they were too wordy and made the abstract more difficult to read! I only wanted to stuff the database with as much historical facts as possible. The more the better!

Meanwhile the staff's mistakes and omissions have continued on a daily basis. In the month of November I edited 63 obituary abstracts – they included misspellings, omission of vital facts and misinterpretations of the facts, such as the cemetery and place of death or birth, etc. In one instance there are three separate abstracts for the same person that I did not yet delete.

On Sunday the online Obituary Index was replaced by a new format and design. I had no warning the change was coming. In comparison to the former appearance and format I think the new version is inferior. A lot of the sophisticated search capabilities of the prior version were lost. Formerly you could search for keyword(s); in quotation marks for multiple words such as “Civil War” in the comments field. In 2006 when the web designers were preparing the database to go online I had insisted on the capabilities to search by keyword(s) in each field. These capabilities set the libraries database apart from other online obituary indexes. In almost all other online obituary indexes you can only search by the person's name – you cannot call up all murders listed or all Civil War veterans, etc.

For the two days, December 2nd & 3rd, after by I stopped editing there were 8 obituaries that needed corrections and additions that will not be made. In a short time there will be a multitude of errors that will not be reviewed and corrected. Since I retired in February 2016 I have made a thousand plus corrections and additions. You know this since you were responsible for hundreds of the corrections!!! Thanks for your help.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Dec 7 e-mail [Owensboro Obituary Index] : From Savannah Warren, Kentucky Room manager, Daviess County Public Library (swarren@dcplibrary.org):

The new website is now up and running. You should be able to see it from the old link. It looks quite a bit different from the old one but all the info has been transferred and has been checked. You can log into the staff side from this link:

You will be able to edit and add new obits. All entries will go through the administrator for approval before going live on the site. This is for site security. Only one

user's (admin) entries will go live immediately. There were about 40 obits that got a little messed up in the transfer because they had the words "...comments continued..." in them. I am working on fixing those today. If you need any help navigating the site let me know. We appreciate your continued help. Savannah Warren

Dec 15 e-mail : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Hi Jerry,

I hope you're continuing to stay safe and healthy during this crazy time! We were so happy to get your Thanksgiving card. We missed coming to Owensboro and getting to see you, so it was nice to hear from you. We are doing well. With schools in and out of in-person and virtual, it feels like our schedules are continually changing, but Claire has navigated the changes well and is doing well in all her classes. She'll move to public school next year for high school. In Lexington, there are several magnet programs available, and she has applied to a few of those. We won't officially know which ones she's been accepted to until February, but we've already been told she'll be getting an invitation to the gifted program, so we are excited about that. Evelyn was enrolled in preschool this year, but with the uncertainty of school, we ended up putting her back at the sitter for this year. It's allowed her to have some consistency, which has been nice. She is loving everything about the holiday season and is so excited for Christmas!

We will definitely miss seeing you at Christmas. This will be the first Christmas in my life that I haven't spent in Owensboro, and I can't help but be a little sad about that. It was exciting to see the first vaccines administered today, though, and I am hopeful that the pandemic will be over soon and we can gather together as a family. We sent you a little something from Shutterfly just to let you know we are thinking of you and miss you. I wanted to let you know so you can be on the lookout for the packages. There wasn't a place for us to write a message, and I didn't want you to wonder what it was. It should be coming in two shipments later this week. Again, it's just something small to let you know we are thinking of you. I'm sure we will have a family Zoom meeting on Christmas Eve or Day, and we would love it if you would join. We are still having them every Sunday; if you ever want to join, we could email you the link and password. We usually just chat for awhile to check in and see how everyone is doing, but it's nice to see everyone and stay connected.

We hope you are doing well and having a Merry Christmas!!

Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary

Dec 18 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

When someone is helping you and you cut them off. Some morning they will realize the error of their ways. Likely that will be when I 'help' them with a correction. Retirement from a job you love, is a let down. On to Merry Christmas. McLean County placed 400 wreaths on veterans graves, Ohio County placed 135. We helped start the McLean County chapter, so their success is ours as well. Always a friend, Helen

Dec 21 e-mail : From Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Thank you so much for the money you sent Claire and Evelyn for Christmas! They were surprised and thrilled to get it! You really did not need to do that, but it was very kind of you. They are both excited to pick something out! We truly will

miss being in Owensboro this year and getting to see you and dad and Martha. We are planning a Zoom chat on Christmas Day at 11:00 Eastern/10:00 Central. Here's the link, if you'd like to join: <https://truecar.zoom.us/j/656536490>

It will probably mostly be the kids showing everyone what they got for Christmas, haha, but it could be fun 😊 I hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy! Have a Merry Christmas!! Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, (859) 885-3085

Dec 21 e-mail : To Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

Heather, Joey, Claire & Evelyn, I have received the gifts that you sent. Thank You!! I have placed the Long family photo on my desk. It will be directly in front of me during a large part of my day. The cup I have put on a cabinet with a collection of items dominated by the color of red. It is disheartening that I will not see you this Christmas. It will be the first time in your entire life that I have not celebrated Christmas with you. I am not yet setup for Zoom meetings. I still haven't entered the 21st century! It is great news that Clair will be accepted into the gifted program at her school. She certainly deserves a pat on the back for all of her work. It is unfortunate that Evelyn's entrance into preschool had to be delayed. That darn virus has deprived us of so much. I pray that there is an end in sight. Please stay healthy. I hope you all have a **Merry Christmas!!!** Love, Jerry

Dec 25 e-mail : From Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Merry Christmas! Nick and I have been thinking of you and wanted to drop a line to say hello and happy holidays. Time got away from us this year so we didn't send traditional holiday cards as we usually do. We received yours - thank you! How have you been? We hope you're doing well. This year has been quite a whirlwind with the pandemic, hasn't it? We're back in Arlington, VA (DC metro area) and disappointed we couldn't all be together for the holidays, but the vaccine gives us hope. Wishing you good health, a great Christmas, and happy new year. Hope to safely reunite the family soon! Love, Katie

Dec 28 e-mail : To Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com):

Katie & Nick,

Sorry I could not respond to your e-mail earlier. My internet service with AT&T has only recently been restored. On Christmas Day about 12:00 a.m. my internet went out due to the explosion that morning in front of the AT&T building in Nashville. I was truly missing it. It is amazing how dependent we have become on electronic media. I can't imagine living without it. I am really thankful that the outage didn't last any longer.

It is depressing that I could not see you all this Christmas. I think it is the first Christmas in your entire life that I have not celebrated Christmas with you. I am praying with the new year things will begin to improve.

I have tried to not dwell on all that has been adversely affected by the virus. I used to believe in being well-informed but now I am limiting the amount of time being exposed to news reports. I am trying to keep busy. I work on the computer an inordinate amount of time. I research and add to my genealogy files and correspond with other like minded individuals. Most days I spend an hour or more walking or running on the Greenbelt. This year I have walked or run on 245 days.

In the evenings I am flipping channels on the TV trying to find something interesting or worthwhile to watch. The most entertaining movie I recently re-watched was 1917. It was the last movie I saw in the theatre. I thought it should have won the Academy Award for the best picture of the year. I thought it was amazing. I love historical pieces and I really loved the sound track. I was wiped out when the soldier reaches the squadron that are listening to "Wayfaring Stranger" before going into battle.

I pray that everyone in the family remains healthy and safe. I hope that we all can soon reunite. Best wishes for the New Year!!!!

Love, Jerry

Dec 30 e-mail : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Thanks for helping me test my new phone. The operation of the new phone even though being the same type (Doro) was quite different. I think the many changes were done for the sake of change in order to justify their jobs. The person I spoke to said that the former recorded greeting message had to be re-recorded. In actuality it did not. To add to my confusion the how to booklet on several points was different than the way it actually had to be done. The explanation for retrieving voice mails or missed calls was completely different. I think I have now figured it out.

My AT&T service has been restored. A day and a half transpired before I discovered it was restored. They had said twice before that when service was restored they would text my phone number. I received no notification. I only discovered it was working when I decided to re-plug the modem.

I pray that you all remain in good health and that things will begin to improve in the New Year!!

Best wishes, Jerry

Dec 30 e-mail : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

I was glad to be of some little help ! I'm your service has been restored! Mitch

Dec 30 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

First, I have notified library of 2 typos since they want to do their own thing. Onward. Then someone contacted me wanting to know Washington area of Ohio County. March 31, 1893 page 3 Hartford Republican has reference to Washington in regard to drowning of Brice Hicks. I have a thought, but it is only a thought, not based on more than that. Happy New Year, Helen

Dec 30 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Washington community is about 4 miles north of Hartford. Named for the Washington Methodist Church and school. North of Hartford turn east off of Highway 231 onto the Whoopee Hill Road. Out about 2 miles the church and school formerly stood a little west of the Whoopee Hill Road just past the Bend Road. Best wishes for the New Year, Jerry Long

Dec 31 Phone call [Long] : From Melinda Pipes, 3436 Bold Forbes Way, Owensboro, KY 42303 (812-453-3281):

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Jan 1 e-mail [Long]: To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

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Jan 6 e-mail [Long]: From Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com), Arlington, VA:

Hi Jerry,

I'm glad to hear you're doing well and staying busy. I heard about the explosion and AT&T outage. I hope everything is back up and running smoothly now. I can relate to the feeling of dependence on internet. I find myself spending so much time on it these days, especially now that we're back in the U.S. and I'm no longer working so I have more free time now. I've been reorganizing my digital files and photos, attending some free webinars and classes offered by the State Department, and staying in touch with people as much as possible.

Nick is currently taking Arabic classes for our onward assignment to Riyadh and studying the language full-time. In his downtime, he's been watching quite a bit of Netflix. He enjoys historical movies also so I've passed along your mention of 1917. He's going to look for it online.

The Greenbelt was such a great addition to Owensboro. 245 days of activity is impressive! I've been trying to get out and walk more often also, though sometimes I get a little lazy. There's a nearby path called the Mount Vernon Trail that goes through multiple cities in the Washington D.C. area. It's great for biking, walking, and running. I recently took a three-hour stroll alongside the Potomac River while the weather was nice. We drove almost everywhere in Tanzania and we missed getting out by foot while we were there. In Dar es Salaam, the crime was very high, traffic was wild, and there were large potholes and no sidewalks, so we didn't feel safe walking many places. We definitely appreciate it more now. Since we've been back, Nick has also bought a bike and begun training for a ride across Iowa called the "RAGBRAI." His sister lives in Des Moines and they hope to complete it together in the summer if the pandemic subsides and safely allows it. Fingers crossed

We're certainly feeling the effects of "covid fatigue" as they call it. We're grateful to be back in the U.S., but it's been a disappointment to be so close to home and still not get to see family and friends. Like you, I'm trying not to dwell on it, but it's admittedly difficult sometimes especially the holidays. We likely won't make it back to the U.S. next Christmas since we'll have just moved again (we're scheduled to arrive in Riyadh in September).

That said, we truly are appreciative and relieved to be here after riding out the first six months of the pandemic in Tanzania. Having access to quality healthcare puts our minds at ease a little should we become ill. We anxiously watched the borders around us close, airports shut down with no way out, the local government denied covid-19 existed while the poorly-equipped hospitals became overwhelmed, and several people at the embassy caught the virus. The State Department gave most employees and families worldwide the option to evacuate, but we had to stay put since Nick's job is essential. Ironically, Nick's workload slowed significantly and mine

severely increased. I worked in the Consular Section providing American Citizen Services, and everyone else in my office fled so I was the only remaining American with local staff. The phones were ringing off the hooks, and I barely slept for weeks. We worked to organize two evacuation flights to the U.S., including a medical evacuation, to get as many Americans out of the country as possible - including 60 percent of embassy staff and more private American citizens. A lot of tourists and expats were stranded. It was frightening and one of the most stressful times of my life, though rewarding to help others and make it through.

Happy New Year! Here's to hoping for a better 2021! We'll be thinking of you and hoping for continued health and safety. Please feel free to keep in touch via email or phone 270-313-3912. We've also been doing weekly Zoom calls with Dad and my siblings, and we'd love to have you join sometime if you're interested. Have a great week!

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Katie

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Good morning Katie & Nick!

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I probably have told you before the story of how I discovered genealogy and my career. All the way thru school history was my best love. When I went to Brescia during my first two years my major was History. Entering my junior year I decided to switch to Psychology. I had

become discouraged with the way History was being taught. The way presented it seemed that all it consisted of was wars, causes of wars, results of wars, wars ad infinitum. This was during the Vietnam War era and I wanted to escape the reality of war. Also I wanted something that dealt with the individual and it seemed Psychology was the logical choice. After obtaining my BA in Psychology I completed several post-graduate courses here in Owensboro before I was accepted to Western Kentucky University to pursue a Masters in Psychology. I attended Western one week and dropped out. Psychology there was completely different from what Brescia had presented; it was Behavioristic as opposed to Humanistic. Also it seemed every student had a career destination in mind and had some practical experience. I had developed no goals.

Soon after dropping out and soon after the opening of the Executive Inn Rivermont hotel in Owensboro I went to work there. During 1978-1984 I was employed in the room service department there. It was quite an experience. While there I served many of the stars, who performed there – the most personable and impressive being Johnny Cash, the man in Black! He shook my hand and engaged me in conversation. Also while working at the Big E I was fortunate in accidentally discovering genealogy as an avocation.

My closest friend at the Executive Inn was an older waitress Dorothy Calloway Whitler. While talking one day I found out she was a native of the Hells Neck neighborhood of Ohio County, KY. I thought that something about her reminded me of granddad Long, who was from the same area. Sometime later one of her faithful patrons discussed genealogy with her and she got interested in it. She shortly discovered that she was a great-great-granddaughter of a Civil War soldier, Benjamin F. Long, of Ohio County. At that time I did not know who this was but having the same name as my granddad and living in the same area I figured he had to be somehow related.

Mrs. Whitler sent off and got the Civil War pension file of the older Benjamin F. Long. The file listed one of his sons as J. H. Long and gave his birth date. In August 1979 I for the first time visited the Kentucky Room at the Owensboro Library in the hopes of learning who this Civil War veteran was and to see what my connection to him was. I knew that my granddad's father was John Howard Long but I did not know beyond that. I went through the 1900 census of Ohio County. I located granddad with his parents and his dad's birthday matched that of J. H. Long in the pension file.

To our astonishment Dorothy Whitler and I had discovered we were 3rd cousins, both of us being great-great-grandchildren of Benjamin F. Long. Mrs. Whitler as a child had lived briefly in the old log cabin at Jingo in Ohio County, where the Civil War vet Benjamin F. Long (1820-1909) had died and was buried. It seemed that history had come in search of me.

Since my first visit to the Kentucky Room in August 1979 I have not once stopped doing genealogy. It matched up with my interest in history and all my skills. I was always a collector – baseball cards & stats, scrapbooks, stamps, etc. Also I liked to solve puzzles. My best scores on my college entrance exams was Deductive Reasoning. Genealogy fit like a glove. I was extremely fortunate to have discovered it. It also provided me with a bridge to more freely engage and communicate with others. I had always been extremely isolated and now I had something to share with others. Thru my genealogy endeavors I have met thousands of interesting people and cousins! And it gave me a career I was extremely happy with – 3 years working for a history-genealogy book publisher, 3 years working as a professional genealogist and 27 years working at my hobby in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library.

I see you daily! Directly in front of me on my work desk I have two Long family group pictures that I frequently look at. Here's looking at you!

Please stay in good health,
Jerry Long

Jan 12 Contact : Aloma Dew, Owensboro, KY:

While walking on Owensboro's Greenbelt I was greeted by Aloma Dew, who I had worked with on several historical projects including the Daviess County Bicentennial Committee. She said my letter on the re-location of the Confederate Statue at the Daviess County Courthouse to Judge Al Mattingly was well written. The committee for the re-location of the statue used and reviewed it in their recent deliberation.

Jan 13 e-mail [Long]: To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com) :

Mitchell, Good morning! The notes I mentioned finding on Arpi Long are included in the attached report. I am assuming that Arpine Shakhbandaryan reviewed is the same person. Her surname is obviously a rare name in the US and the age fits. On a Google.com search there are 1410 hits for "Arpine Shakhbandaryan" – all I believe are the same person. Below are some pages that display some of her graphics and artwork.

<https://www.pinterest.com/artbyarpine/>

<https://artbyarpine.wordpress.com/>

<https://asbarez.com/180721/armenian-american-museum-unveils-square-foot-certificate/>

<https://www.allpublicart.com/artwork-details/10765>

If you think I am wrong on anything please let me know. Please don't relate that I have been snooping. In my 41 years of doing genealogy research I have contacted thousands of relatives and researchers and out of all of these contacts there were only a handful of instances where someone was offended or shut the door on my inquiries.

Have a good day, Jerry

Jan 15 e-mail [Long]: From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

I didn't think the photographs look exactly like Arpi! Ran this by Brian! His response: "Haha. Not the same person. Hope you can tell that by the picture of her in the link? Also, if our Arpi was that into art, she would have painted you a portrait by now! They used to get confused all the time. They both went to the same high school and USC. But different majors. At one point, our Arpi got the artsy Arpi's scholarship check by accident!" It looks like some of your data may be attributed to the wrong person! Mitch

Jan 16 e-mail [Long]: To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Would you please send Brian's e-mail address? The one I have is from 2002 and I am sure is long outdated. Have a good day! Jerry

Jan 16 e-mail [Long]: From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Jerry, His email address: brianlonguk@yahoo.com

Jan 16 e-mail [Long]: To Brian M. Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com), Chicago, IL:

Brian,

It is depressing that I could not see you all this Christmas. I think it is the first Christmas in your entire life that I have not celebrated Christmas with you. I am praying that in the new year things will begin to improve.

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I have tried to not dwell on all that has been adversely affected by the virus. I used to believe in being well-informed but now I am limiting the amount of time being exposed to news reports. I am trying to keep busy. I work on the computer an inordinate amount of time. I research and add to my genealogy files and correspond with other like minded individuals. Most days I spend an hour or more walking or running on the Greenbelt. This past year I walked or ran on 245 days and so far this year I have done so 11 out of 15 days.

In the evenings I am flipping channels on the TV trying to find something interesting or worthwhile to watch. The most entertaining movie I recently re-watched was 1917. It was the last movie I saw in the theatre. I thought it should have won the Academy Award for the best picture of the year (2019). I thought it was amazing. I like historical pieces and I really loved the sound track. I was wiped out when the soldier reaches the squadron that is listening to "Wayfaring Stranger" before going into battle.

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Researching my family lines and other area families helped me immensely in assisting patrons while I was working at the library. The staff was always amazed at how much I knew about

deceased people and how many I could tell we were related. At one time I did a program for the library's staff entitled "We Are Family" – where I explained a relationship to one one-third of the library's staff.

A few days ago I sent your dad a genealogy report on the Descendants of Mitchell C. Long, Sr. I asked him about the biographical info I included on Arpi that I was not sure about. Well as you know I goofed. When I first looked at the pictures of Arpine Shakhbandaryan, the artist, I thought she did not look like your Arpi. I was asking because I was not sure.

I have attached the corrected Genealogy Report minus the info about the other Arpine Shakhbandaryan. Would you please see if there is anything that needs to be corrected or revised? This data will not be added to the Internet in my lifetime. I do now request that four Family Tree Maker files on my Computer be donated to the Church of the Latter Day Saints (familysearch.org), Ancestry.com and the Kentucky Historical Society Library. These four files are labeled - Long+(1), PaulinJL(1), Ashford and Young and are filed in This PC – Documents – Family Tree Maker. If these repositories do publish these files on the Internet the info about living individuals will be blocked out.

Do you think I am little obsessive-compulsive about family history. I find it interesting, educational and it is a good mental exercise. It is intoxicating when new discoveries are made. A couple of my most recent discoveries are – a relative of my mother served in the Union Army during the Civil War and died at the notorious Confederate prison at Andersonville. Another relative of my mother was a professional baseball player – her father played in the Major Leagues during the 1920's and she followed in her father's footsteps and played on a professional women's baseball team; that team was the prototype for Tom Hanks' movie, "A League of Their Own" and in recent years she was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

I pray that you all remain healthy,
Jerry Long

Jan 18 e-mail [Long]: From Brian M. Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com), Chicago, IL:

Jerry,

Thank you for the note! We are doing as well as could be expected. It has definitely been hard to adjust our lives for the last 9 months, but as you said, we are also incredibly fortunate all things considered. Both Arpi and I have been working from home full time since the pandemic. We're very fortunate to not have to interact with anyone on a daily basis. We're also very glad that Avery's small school has been open since July and has done incredibly well at minimizing the risk of infection. So far, they have only had to quarantine a couple of the staff.

We've also been spending a lot of time on the internet, as you can imagine. Both for work and play. We're also trying to avoid the news as it's not overly positive. I do enjoy reading the business / financial news though.

I read your the document you had attached and it seems very thorough and accurate to me. In case you're interested, Arpi's mom's maiden name is Armik Kazaryan. Her dad is Rubik Shakhbandaryan. While they are ethnic Armenians, they were both born in Iran and first immigrated to Armenia in the 70s then to the United States in 1989. Unfortunately, considering

the Armenian genocide during WW1, the fall of the Shah in Iran in 1979, and the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, there are very few records of her family. I do not believe her parents even know their actual birth dates. I believe the official birth date on their passport, drivers license, etc. is actually the date that they arrived in the US, as they did not otherwise know what to put on those documents so they just put the current date. I've attached a picture Arpi and I took of the apartment in Charentsavan, Armenia where she spent 6 years. It still stands, but as you can see, is not in great shape. Amazingly, when we visited there in 2014, there were 3 ladies sitting on a picnic table outside that immediately recognized her. They had lived there for over 40 years!

Thanks for your email. We missed you (and everyone else!) over Christmas. Thank you for the \$40 for Avery as well. In lieu of buying her a present, I have a small investment account that I started for her a few years ago. I added your gift to it. My goal is to hopefully help use it to pay for college and to explain to her on day all the amazing people that have helped her!

Stay safe and God bless,

Brian

Jan 21 e-mail [Long]: From Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com), Arlington, VA:

Hi, Jerry!

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Jan 23 e-mail [Long]: To Katie Duvall, (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com), Arlington, VA; Heather Long Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us), Lexington, KY; and Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com), Danville, KY:

Katie,

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I watched the Inauguration and the "Celebrating America" activities that evening. I thought the program had some really inspiring and entertaining moments. Hopefully with the new administration things will not be so divisive and vitriolic.

I have attached a file that gives some data on our immediate family. If you see anything that should be revised please let me know.

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Would you please tell me if the following is still Christy's e-mail address:

clwhitsell3@gmail.com

Have a good day, Jerry

Jan 23 e-mail [Long]: From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

I'm still not as optimistic as you. In Biden's own words yesterday, the worst is still yet to come. More people will be infected and die over the next 90 days, possibly another 200,000. The vaccine supply for 300+ million people is just not there! It will probably be late summer to early fall before there is enough in the supply chain to get anywhere close to what we need. In addition the states and/or the federal government do not have infrastructure in place to vaccinate the whole population in a short period of time. Whoever generates and implements the plan will require time to hire and train. I truly believe we're still going to be in the throngs of this for many more months provided there are no hiccups, such as a mutation that is not controlled by our current vaccines. The last email that I have for Christy is: cdspurs@kywimax.com Have a good one! Mitch [Note: This e-mail is no longer active]

Jan 24 e-mail [Long]: From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com), Danville, KY:

Jerry,

It's good to hear from you! I'm so glad you, Dad and Martha were all able to get the vaccine. I was telling Dad that you are very lucky that Owensboro has begun vaccinating older citizens so early on, it's taking longer around here. I was able to get my first dose due to working for a community mental health center and Chris is scheduled to get his this week due to working part time time in the local school system here. I just wish Taylor could get his soon as he is planning to travel to Bosnia/Croatia this summer to work on his senior thesis. He's researching the Bosnian genocide and the post war crimes response. He plans to leave at the end of May and stay there all summer until time to return to Harvard for his senior year.

We all watched the inauguration festivities as well and are so relieved to have Trump out of office. I am hopeful that things can only get better than the last four years under his leadership (or lack thereof). I like Biden and Harris and think they really care about people. I believe they will try to make changes that help us all!

Kaylee has decided to attend U of L in the fall. We are still waiting to hear about some more scholarships but so far she has one that will pay for all four years of tuition and another four year one that covers a small part of the room and board. She will major in nursing and is considering a minor in psychology. She took a college level psychology class in high school this year (it's basically intro to psychology college course) and has really enjoyed what she has learned. Kyle is growing like a weed and getting bored of being home all the time with virtual school and no sports or activities. We're hoping our school system will go back to in person on a part time basis soon and that there will be some spring sports he can do.

I look forward to reading all of the information you sent. So far I have read the part about granddaddy in the war and I am planning to share it with my kids. You might be surprised to hear that Kyle has asked about my grandfather's time in the war and as a POW. He is very interested to know that part of his family history and thinks his great grandfather was a real hero. Sometimes it seems he's only thinking about typical 12 year old boy things and then he will surprise me with bringing up serious topics and expressing interest. I appreciate you passing on information about our family history so that I can share with him, Taylor and Kaylee.

I hope you are faring well with all the craziness with Covid and I'm relieved that you got the vaccine. Hopefully many will get vaccinated and some things can go back to normal in the near future. Take care and keep in touch! You should join our zoom call on Sunday mornings, everyone would love to see you there!

Take care, Christy

Feb 26 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : From Jordan Rowe (jrowe@daviessky.org):

Good Afternoon, If you are receiving this email, you assisted (in some way) on my video project. Below is a YouTube link with the video on the cemetery restoration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Q2TSqNOHng>

I am extremely grateful to all of you for the stories and pictures you shared. Thanks,
Jordan Rowe

Feb 28 e-mail [Miller]: From Ellis Tierney (tierneye64@gmail.com), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry , Just checking up on Family Search. Org When I put in applicable dates for birth and death for WHM using Elizabeth Jones as spouse. Everything comes up right. Except when I click on Elizabeth Jones a box for Louisa Miller comes up with the correct dates and birth as in all my paper records. However, as I stated, on Martha's death certificate her mother's name is Elizabeth Jones. Ethel Johnson would be her sister and she was the one that gave the name for Martha's mother. Would it be possible that Martha's mother could have the name of Elizabeth Louisa Jones or Louisa Elizabeth Jones. As noted on Kentucky family records no maiden name is given for Louisa. One of the records attached does have maiden name of WHM's second wife. Records in Panther Creek Cemetery has Louisa and WHM. Family Search information was entered by Deena Ortiz. There is an email address, I guess I could have sent a message to her as to my Elizabeth Jones, when clicked on, pops up as Louisa Miller. Ellis Tierney. William Harvey Miller is one of my Great Grand fathers.

Mar 1 e-mail [Miller]: To Ellis Tierney (tierneye64@gmail.com), Owensboro, KY:

Ellis, It is my opinion that the name of William Harvey Miller's first wife was Louisa Miller. This is proven by her marriage license (maiden name shown as Miller), the bible record, 1860 Ohio County census (Louisa's daughter listed as Patsy a common nickname for Martha), and Louisa's gravestone at Panther Creek. The 1917 death certificate of Martha Johnson that gives her mother as Elizabeth Jones I believe is a mistake. There is too many other records that show the mother as Louisa "Miller". Have a good day, Jerry Long

Mar 1 e-mail [Miller]: From Ellis Tierney (tierneye64@gmail.com), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, I'm inclined to agree with your findings. Also, to correct my previous email, after looking at my records, I have determined Ethel was Martha's daughter instead of sister. Why Ethel used Elizabeth Jones on death certificate will have to remain a mystery. I'm correcting my records to reflect Louisa Miller's maiden name as Miller. Thanks for looking into this for me. Ellis

Mar 7 e-mail [Family Tree Maker]: To Family Tree Maker support (mackiev.com):

I have used Family Tree Maker for around 20 years and I am currently using the 2004 version. I have seven separate files for different branches of my family. The two largest are 74,048 KB (32,000 individuals) and 41,990 KB (30,000 individuals). I have used the source and person notes options extensively. In the latter I have placed thousands of full text obituaries, notes on censuses, military service, occupation, accomplishments, etc. My question is there any Internet site (Ancestry.com, familysearch.org, or other) that will preserve and display these notes? Also I was wondering if you can add too much to the files that will make it increasingly unstable. The program periodically automatically closes and I have to reopen it. Thanks.

Mar 7 e-mail [Family Tree Maker]: From Family Tree Maker support (mackiev.com):

We have no tree file limit for FTM 2019, but you should note the larger tree you have, the slower FTM 2019 will operate. FTM 2019 allows to sync with Ancestry. Though, these types of Notes are not uploaded to Ancestry.com: Research notes, Fact notes, Media notes, Relationship notes, Reference notes, All the other notes are synced fine.

May 14 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery]: To Wesley Acton (wacton4094@aol.com):

Mr. Acton, I have attached a Word file with 9 additions to Greenwood Cemetery that were discovered in the last year, 2020. I hope you and Ms. Holloway are doing well. Best wishes, Jerry Long, Phone 270-684-6299

May 25 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery]: From Wesley Acton (wacton4094@aol.com):

Thank you for the additions to the Greenwood Cemetery book. You are appreciated. Wesley & Emily

Jun 23 e-mail [Long]: To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

I have not heard or seen you for awhile. I hope you are doing okay. At your convenience when you have a moment would you give me a call? Would you please do me a favor? I have attached an article that is saved in the PDF format using Adobe Acrobat Reader. I am hoping that anyone who has the Adobe Acrobat installed on their computer can open the file. If you can open the file I would appreciate it if you let me know. Have a good day!
Jerry

Jun 24 e-mail [Long]: From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

We are doing fine! At Folly Beach SC with Brian, Christy & families! Having a good time! Be back home later this Saturday! I'm sure I have Adobe on my computer and will be able to open it! Thanks , Mitch

Jun 28 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Would you please help me with a couple of things? I have attached two items to this e-mail. In the Word doc can you identify lady (on left) in picture? The second file is a PDF file. I have been converting many of my Word and Access documents to PDF files. I need to confirm that others on their computers can open the PDF file. If you have Adobe Acrobat reader on your computer I am hoping you can open it. Would you let me know if after double clicking on the PDF file it opens or not? I miss hearing from you! Jerry Long

Jun 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The Woodward Cemetery document was open when it arrived. Working on picture person. Found 3 tombstones in Grayson County who are buried no markers in Woodward's Valley, mystery. I miss you as well. Latest aggravation, Glenn Funeral Home is listing plenty of folks in format where the place of burial does not display in obit only in THEIR online document on page 2. It appears to be urge to fill in blanks instead of do what folks intend. So those burial locations are omitted for obit index

Jul 8 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com), 2412 Little Brook Trail, Owensboro, KY 42303, phone 270-683-7530:

I have compiled a large volume of genealogical-historical material that I hope to be made available on the Internet. I would greatly appreciate any feedback on achieving this goal.

Jul 8 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hi Jerry, I have to run out for an appointment soon, but can I give you a call around 1:30pm or later? Just let me know what time is good for you. Best, Kimi Taylor

Jul 8 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

My name is Jerry Long. Since 1979 I have worked as a professional genealogist & historian. I have published several books and over 200 articles in various publications. The bulk of my work has been compiling reports for clients and creating various databases of local records and vital statistics (ex. obituary indexes, cemetery listings, etc.).

I have longed fantasized about placing some of my collection on the Internet. I am retired and since the first of this year I have been working towards this goal. I have been converting many of my articles from typed copies to e-format by scanning them into Word and converting them to PDF files. I currently have over 260 PDF files. They range from a couple of pages to the largest of about 500 pages. Whether I succeed in getting a website or not this needed to be done so the files could be readily preserved. I still have many other files that are not yet converted to e-format and I will continue to do so.

I was convinced to investigate your services while reading references (reviews) on your Internet site. I was surprised to see Computer Dave (David Fogle), who has done great work for me for several years. I totally trust his word!

Do you think you could help me achieve my goal of placing some of my records on the Internet? I am not seeking to sell anything; I no longer do work for hire. I just want to preserve and make available my work. I have compiled a couple of Word docs that list and outline some of my ideas for a Website that I could e-mail you. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Have a good day,
Jerry Long

Jul 8 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Jerry, That's amazing! Can you give me a day to think about how I can set this up for you. I'll need to do a little research so I can put together a couple of options. I'll be in all day tomorrow and can get back with you then. David is the best!! Kimi

Jul 9 Phone call [Website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com), 270-683-7530:

I described what I envisioned for the layout of my website. She will prepare a report of proposed costs – her work setting up site, plug-in cost (for one she recommended \$249 lifetime fee), cost of domain name, monthly fee for hosting site (she charges \$20 a month for her hosting the site). She will also send a contract to be ratified if I would like to proceed. She can setup with herself or someone else as a co-administrator (they would have ability to sign-in to my site and make revisions). If I decide to continue she would after the initial setup send how to videos – instructions on how to add to site. She requested that I send one of my PDF files (depending on how it was created it may or may not allowed cutting & pasting of the file).

Jul 9 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hey Jerry, You can copy & paste from this. Can you tell me what software you are using for scanning? I figured out what you can do! If you open the pdf and then choose "Microsoft Print to PDF" a second time, overwriting the original file, it will flatten and cannot be copied. Kimi

Jul 9 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hi Jerry, I am attaching my proposal for developing your website. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call or email. Best, Kimi:

FOR: Jerry Long Project Summary:

Website development for retired historian to be built as an archive for documents accrued since 1979. Archive should break down into categories and sub-categories, each main category having its own page. Documents to be uploaded are in PDF format and should be viewable, but not to be downloaded or copied. Client has concerns about the website's permanence, so a system will be put in place to ensure the website continues indefinitely.

Proposal/Website Development • Installation of software, theme and necessary plugins • Custom login screen • Up to 12 static pages (extra pages available at hourly rate) • Uploading of first 20 documents • Contact form • Email set up assistance (if required) • On-site search engine optimization • Website will be speed tested and enhanced • Responsive website to be functional on all devices (mobile, desk-top, etc.) • Client will have login access to website backend • Video tutorial showing how to upload and tag PDF's Development Fee: \$1,500 Terms • One-half total project cost as a non-refundable deposit • Balance is due upon completion of the website and before the site is launched, provided project is completed within 90 day

- Should project extend beyond 90 days, the following terms will apply:
 - o After 90 days, 20% of the remaining balance will become payable
 - o After 120 days full balance will be due.
 - o After 180 days the project is considered stalled. Full payment is due and the project may be closed at KimiWeb's discretion. **Terms do not apply if delay is caused by KimiWeb

Additional Costs • Webhosting - \$20/mo. (Includes SSL security) • Document Library Pro plugin - \$79/year or \$249 Online • Gsuite email \$6.99/mo. (If necessary) • Content updates are available at an hourly rate of \$75 as needed • Maintenance packages are available and recommended

Jul 12 Phone call [Website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com), 270-683-7530:

Signed contract and made down payment of \$1239.00 (\$700 half of her fee, \$240 for one year of web hosting, \$249 for media software (plugin). Received receipt. We discussed domain name for site; decided on wckhistory-genealogy.org. She recommended that after site is up I should check for updates weekly (wordpress will have a link for checking). She will contact namecheap.com to register a domain name. She requested I send separately the 8 photos to be used on the homepage and seven main linked pages.

Jul 12 e-mail [Website]: From Namecheap.com (purchasing domain name):

Verified registration of domain name of wckhistory-genealogy.org. Sent payment of \$9.36 for purchasing domain name for 1 year; printed receipt; will need to be renewed each year. It is setup for autopay.

Jul 12 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

I have added 8 photos to the dropbox link. Please confirm that you received them okay. They are for the home page (log cabin) and for the each of the seven separate linked pages listed on the homepage. See Web page doc for pages they are for. Also see the Outline doc for possible suggestions for appearance of each of the 8 main (static) pages. I have also sent a re-saved pdf file to confirm that one cannot copy and paste it. Thanks for your patience. This is all new for me and it takes me awhile to catch on!! Jerry Long.

Jul 13 e-mail & phone call [Website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Sent 3 pictures for website and proposal for new website layout.

Jul 13 e-mail & phone call [Website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Sent 20 pdf files with titles and locations to be placed on webpage.

Jul 22 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Hello, Jerry! How are you? I hope you are well and enjoying your summer. I know I was thankful to see it coming after this past crazy school year.

I had a question or two for you. I was wanting to pick your brain about the death records Daviess County had for the early 1850's. Do you know much about how those were filled out or how long in between the event and the records were completed? Or if even the actual doctor filled them out, or might it have been someone else?

This is why I'm asking. Last year someone told me about a tombstone that was found in a ditch and sent me a picture of it. It read: Felix G. Norris, Born July 2, 1841, Died Nov. 16, 1853. They asked me if I knew who it was. The name was familiar to me so I did some searching in my notes.

I found my notes on Felix Norris. I was always a little perplexed about who he was because he was buried where Richard and Cynthia Norris were buried (currently the Marksberry Farm), but I never had record of a Felix Norris being their child and could not

find one in any records anywhere. Then I realized why. In the cemetery records book, the year of birth was typed 1811 instead of 1841 as it was on the actual tombstone. I thought he was a grown man, but he was actually a child. So he must have been a son of Richard and Cynthia Norris since he was buried in their plot.

For some reason, Richard's family was not in the 1850 census, so there would not be a record of him there, given the year of his birth and death.

So I also had a death record I had found for Phelix Norris (note a different but phonetically correct spelling). The death is recorded as the same month and day, November 16, but there are a couple of discrepancies. They have the year as 1852. Could be a mistake of the pen, but the certificate right next to is also 1852. I would have to go back and look at the certificates before and after to see if they are in actual date order or not (and I might at some point). Also, there's a chance the tombstone was ordered later and a mistake was made on the stone (like my grandfather's death date on his tombstone you helped with years ago).

He's listed as a boy about age 7. The tombstone dates show him to be 12. Maybe they meant 11 which rhymes with 7 on the death cert, or it's a transcription error, or again the stone could be wrong.

Lastly, it says he died at the house of D. Norris. That would be Duncan Norris, brother to Richard Norris. That is very possible. Or it might be a mix up of the brothers on the record. All Norrises are alike, right? :) I don't believe he would be Duncan's son because Duncan was on the 1850 census with all of his children listed. Also, he had a good number of children die young and they are all buried in Norris-Bryant Cemetery in Philpot as well as his first wife. Why bury him in Richard's plot.

So anyway, I know there's no way to be conclusive, but I was just wondering if you had any knowledge on how the certificates were issued, when, how important they were, etc. I know I have talked to some people from my grandparents' generation who told me stories about doctors making up names for birth certificates when the parents didn't know yet what to name them. Sometimes they would even name them after themselves! Then later, when the men were drafted for WW II, they found out they had a totally different name on their birth certificate! Kind of funny, but it caused some problems.

Thank you for reading my long email. Any thoughts you might have would be appreciated. Thank you and take care!

Scott Norris

Jul 23 e-mail : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott,

All Vital Statistics records have a varying degree of inaccuracy. There was certainly a large percentage of errors in Kentucky's first attempt to record vital records in 1852. There was a great deal of resentment by the medical profession at being taxed with this duty. Some simply ignored it and many haphazardly jotted down a few notes. Only a few were conscientious about their new duty. Of the records that were kept there was a tremendous error rate. Technically any attendant at a birth or death was to submit a record of that event, whether it be a doctor, midwife or a layman. Sometimes it took months before the records were submitted; this was especially true in rural areas. Due to the great resistance in performing this task several efforts at recording vital records in Kentucky were started and abruptly ended. Even when the act of 1 January 1911 to keep official records was enacted there was resistance. The Kentucky Legislature was petitioned to resend the law. Thankfully the significance of

doing this was weighed and this time did not cave-in to the resistance. In the early years of this endeavor after 1911 it was estimated that only about 90% of deaths and births were recorded. I can attest to the fact that the death records since 1911 also have numerous errors. On almost all records there is a degree of inaccuracy. One can only make an informed judgment against the totality of other records and access what is most consistent.

I tried to locate the 1852 death record of Phelix Norris that you mentioned but was unsuccessful in locating it. And thus I could not venture an interpretation. I would have to give what is engraved in stone (tombstone) a higher degree of accuracy. I think if the family were investing the time & resources into commissioning a tombstone they would try to make it accurate. Also knowing the tremendous error rate in the 1852-1861 Kentucky vital records I would give it a lesser degree of validity.

Sorry I could not give a definitive reply.
I hope you and your family remain safe,
Jerry Long

Jul 28 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Jerry, this is the tombstone for Jeremiah Yewell that is embedded in our front porch.

Jul 28 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Thank you for the pictures you sent! I have added the picture of the Jeremiah tombstone to the Yewell pdf. If you can would you replace the previous file I sent with the one attached to this e-mail? Thanks, Jerry Long

Aug 3 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Thank you so much for your reply. What you said basically lines up with what I thought. I would have replied sooner, but I wanted to send you a picture of the record and the tombstone. I don't think you will find anything much different than what I found, but I would never underestimate your ability to do so! If anything, maybe it will at least be interesting to you. Maybe one day, I'll print these images off and place them in between the pages of the cemetery book that has the wrong transcription of the birth date for Felix. Maybe it could help someone else one day. We are doing pretty well. We are just trying to get geared up for a new school year and crossing our fingers for something closer to normal. It was good to hear from you. Again, thank you for your help. I appreciate you and your insights greatly. Sincerely, Scott

Aug 4 e-mail : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, Both of your two sources clearly give the years 1852 and 1853 for the death of Felix Norris. In this case I would give more credence to the death record. There is a general rule that the older of conflicting sources tends to be more reliable because it is closer to the fact. Also the death record appears with another 1852 death. I also wonder if D. B. Lewis who signed the death record was actually recording Felix's age as eleven years not seven – his first letter or two in entering the word is a little blurred. Assuming that he was actually writing that he was 11 years old this would suggest a death year of 1852 when interpreting with the birth date inscribed on his tombstone. This then would suggest that the tombstone death year is wrong. I have seen other tombstones that have errors. I vote for 1852! Stay safe! Jerry Long

Aug 4 e-mail : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Thank you, Jerry! As always, I appreciate your insights! Have a wonderful day! Scott

Aug 4 phone call [Website] : From Kimi Web, 270-683-7530 (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

She has added the search explanation I suggested. Also added Oflynn to surname list on Families page. She is still investigating overlapping in previews on some pages. She said the website is about ready to go live on the Internet. She will prepare invoice for additional charges and tutorials. She said in addition to annual fees for web hosting, (to Kimi Web), use of name (to Namecheap) I will also have an annual fee of \$79.00 for plugin (for searching). They will send an notice each year been it needs to be renewed. After the site is up I need to check for updates about every two weeks. This is critical.

Aug 5 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Jerry, Bear with me please. It is taking a long time to migrate the staging site to the live site due to the size of the website and the search index. I'll let you know as soon as it completes. Enjoy your evening walk! Kimi

Aug 6 e-mail [Website] : From Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Good morning Jerry, The website finally migrated over to the live site, so you can access your website now at: <https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>

I have tested the search and it seems like everything is working fine, but I would appreciate it if you could take a look and confirm that for me. Now that the website is live, I can work with support to look into the multiple listings, etc. I need to kill the staging website as soon as possible to free up disk space on the server, so let me know if we are good to go. Thanks! Kimi

Aug 6 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Everything seems to be working as it was on the staging site. It did carry over the issue of overlapping. It must be something about the layout of the Daviess - Ohio - Hancock - Kentucky pages. It doesn't appear to be an issue with pdf files since some of the same files also appear on the Biographies - Black - Families pages where the overlapping never occurs. The search engine is functioning as before. The website other than the issues previously discussed is working great!!! Thanks! Jerry Long

Aug 13 e-mails [Website] : To Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com, Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com) and Heather Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

I am writing to announce the arrival of my website, "West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy" (wckyhistory-genealogy.org). It went live last Friday.

I have long fantasized about having some of my research on the Internet. At the beginning of this year I made the resolution to begin trying to make it a reality. I have been doing historical & genealogical research since 1979. Starting in 1997 I began to do all of my work (published articles, client reports, databases) in e-format (digital). All of my work before then was either typed or handwritten. I have been working scanning, proof reading and converting files to PDF's. A month ago I contacted a web programmer (Kimi Web). I presented my outline for a website – including layout, graphics, text, down to the color

scheme. She has been able to actualize what I had visualized. The site organizes and presents over 300 different articles (PDF files). Among the files are the chapter's I compiled on your mother, Linda's families (Yeand, Weikel, Kost, Risse).

I have learned a rudimentary knowledge of how to add and edit files in Wordpress and since going live I have added 20 more articles. I still have many files that could be published. Most of what I have added so far does not include what I have compiled on my and your dad's family lines. Eventually I hope to have chapters on our ancestral lines of Gratzner, Paulin, Angel, McCallister, Young, Hale, Bruner, Snider, Taylor, Pate, Midkiff, Crawford, Mason, Ashford, Watson, Wilson and Albin. I wish I had embarked on this project five years ago when I retired. I think the site could be one of the most extensive databases in Kentucky.

I pray that you all stay safe! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 13 e-mail : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com), Danville, KY:

Thanks so much for sharing this, it sounds amazing! I am still so computer illiterate and wish I was more educated in that area. I don't know if Dad has kept you informed during all this pandemic mess since we missed the holidays but I retired from community mental health and Chris and I have our own practice now. We hired someone to help with our website and it should be live soon, Whitsellcounseling.com. Look for it in the next few weeks. Kaylee moves into her dorm at University of Louisville next Tuesday and Taylor will be finishing his summer in Bosnia to fly back to Harvard Aug. 28. Kyle just began his seventh grade year this week. We'll check out your website and hopefully see you for the holidays this year!

Aug 17 e-mail [Website] : To Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com):

Ann,

We met at the funeral of Sam McDowell in 2007. I have been a member of Ancestral Trails Historical Society since 1988.

Since the beginning of this year I have been working on putting some of my work on the internet. My website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (wckyhistory-genealogy.com) went live on 6 August 2021. The site is organized into seven categories – Daviess County; Hancock County; Ohio County; Kentucky Records; Biographies – Collections – “Papers of...”; Families; and Black Kentucky Pioneers. I currently have over 300 articles, files and databases on the site. One of the files is a biographical file on Samuel Riley McDowell, which you assisted me with (Thanks!). Hopefully I will be able to add many more. I have been working as a genealogist since 1979 and consequently a lot of my files are not done in e-format. I am having to scan many pages, proof read and convert them to PDF files. Thus, it is a slower process than what I would like. But I am now retired from the Daviess County Public Library and I need a project to dedicate myself to.

I was wondering if the Ancestral Trails would consider doing an announcement or review of the website for its publication, “Ancestral News”? Any assistance in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net, 270-684-6299

Aug 17 e-mail [Website] : To editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

I have been a member of the Kentucky Genealogical Society since 1995. Since the beginning of this year I have been working on putting some of my work on the internet. My website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (wckyhistory-genealogy.com) went live on 6 August 2021. The site is organized into seven categories – Daviess County; Hancock County; Ohio County; Kentucky Records; Biographies – Collections – “Papers of...”; Families; and Black Kentucky Pioneers. I currently have over 300 articles, files and databases on the site. Hopefully I will be able to add many more. I have been working as a genealogist since 1979 and consequently a lot of my files are not done in e-format. I am having to scan many pages, proof read and convert them to PDF files. Thus, it is a slower process than what I would like. But I am now retired from the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY after 27 years and I need a project to dedicate myself to.

I was wondering if the Kentucky Genealogical Society would consider doing an announcement or review of the website for its publication, “Bluegrass Roots”? Any assistance in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net 270-684-6299

Aug 17 e-mail [Website] : From Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com):

Jerry I do remember you well and appreciate all the help you gave to me during my visits. I’m glad you are continuing your genealogical studies in your retirement. I’m still active in ATHS. It is discouraging we can’t get more younger people involved. The same few people sorta trade the jobs around. I’m secretary again. We couldn’t get anyone else to take it. Meranda Caswell is our editor and I believe she will be very glad to promote your site. We are having a board mtg this eve and I tell everyone about the site. I’m going to get into it in just a bit myself. Get back with you tomorrow. Would you allow me to put this letter on pretty much as is on the library corner in Ancestral news. I’m library volunteer coordinator. Have been off for three months after a spinal fusion surgery in May. It doesn’t seem possible that Sam has been gone so long. I think of him often. He was so good to our society.

Aug 18 e-mails [Website] : From Heather Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

This is amazing!! Congratulations on such an accomplishment! I've spent some time browsing the site, and it is impressive! I'm copying Joey so he can check it out, as well. I hope you are doing well; it definitely looks like you've been busy! Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary , (859) 885-3085

Aug 19 e-mail [Website] : To Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com):

Ann, I understand what you said about ATHS not being able to get new volunteers. I was formerly a member of the Daviess County Historical Society and the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association. Both were formerly active here in Owensboro but due to lack of participation they regretfully no longer exist. The title of my website, “West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy” is a nod to the latter belated group. If you can use my letter and the information on the website please use it anyway you can. I have many other files that I hope to add to the website. Some are computerized but most are typed or hand-written files. I am currently adding Ohio County cemeteries I copied back in the 1980’s & 1990’s. Since the site went live on August 6 I have added listings for 25 Ohio

County cemeteries. I have about 10 more to prepare. I hope you are doing better since your surgery. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 19 e-mail [Website]: From Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):
Jerry, Fantastic! And the web design looks great! Glad there is a section on black pioneers as well. Well done! Thanks for sharing. Joey

Aug 21 e-mail [Website] : From Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

1. Hello, Jerry. Thanks for writing. What a lovely, informative, resource-filled website. I feel certain we can in some way alert Bluegrass Readers to this new resource. We may also be able to mention it in our social media communications. Please give us some time to consider the possibilities and get back with you. Thanks again, Fran Salyers, Editor, Bluegrass Roots.

2. Hello again, Jerry. I responded to you a short time ago with uncertainty about how we might promote your new website. Since that time, I've used the info in your email to draft a news piece for possible publication in Bluegrass Roots. I took the liberty of putting some of your comments in direct quotes. Of course, you are welcome to suggest changes.

I wonder: Do you want your contact information included at the end of the piece, along with an invitation to readers who may have materials to offer to your website? Or will the site be specifically for your own writings and research? (Right now, the story stops rather abruptly, awaiting your decision on that.) Pasted below is a draft for your consideration. Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks, Fran

DRAFT: New Online Resource for Researching Daviess, Hancock, Ohio Counties A professional genealogist and retired genealogical librarian has launched a website focused on information he has accumulated and written about the people and history of three west-central Kentucky counties. Jerry Long, who has been a Kentucky Genealogical Society member since 1995, went public with “West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy” on August 6, 2021. He organized the site into seven categories: Daviess County; Hancock County; Ohio County; Kentucky Records; Families; Biographies & Collections; and Black Kentucky Pioneers. The site includes more than 300 articles, files, and databases, and Long says he hopes to add many more. “I have been working as a genealogist since 1979, so a lot of my files are not in electronic format,” he wrote to Bluegrass Roots. “I am having to scan many pages, proofread, and convert them to PDF files. The process is slower than what I would like, but I am now retired from the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro after 27 years, and I need a project to dedicate myself to.”

Aug 21 e-mail [Website] : To Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Fran, The DRAFT you included in your e-mail is okay. If you would like to include my contact info that would be fine. I would also be receptive to receiving and publishing any West-Central Kentucky records that anyone would be willing to send. I can ensure that any compiler would be given full credit for their work or contribution. Thank you for your response and assistance, Jerry Long, 2906 Redford Dr., Owensboro, KY 42303

Sep 14 e-mail [Website] : From Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Hi, Jerry. I'm getting back with you before publishing the next issue of Bluegrass Roots. I have 2 questions: 1. The link that worked before, wckyhistory-genealogy.com, no longer works. Did you change the address? Did you take the site down? Can you help us re-establish that link? 2. The Kentucky Genealogical Society is working hard to build content on our redesigned website and would be interested in absorbing your content if you no longer want to manage your own website. If this interests you, I'll be glad to connect you to the webmaster to discuss details. Please respond as soon as possible, as we are preparing to publish next week and will have to remove the entire article about your website if we don't hear from you in time to make the correction. Thanks, Fran Salyers, Editor, Bluegrass Roots

Sep 14 e-mail [Website] : To Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Fran: My website is an ".org" site not a ".com". The correct address is: wckyhistory-genealogy.org Have a good day! Jerry Long

Sep 14 e-mail [Website] : From Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Ahhhh! Sorry for the confusion. I suspect I was entering info faster than I was thinking -- a common problem when I'm in a hurry. I'll make the change. If you have any interest in all in sharing your articles or data on the new KGS website, please let me know. Thanks for responding so quickly. Fran

Sep 15 e-mail [Website] : To Fran Salyers, editor of Bluegrass Roots (publications@kygs.org), Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Fran, For the time being I would like to add to my website. And I would like to maintain it as long as I can. I have thought about what happens to the site after I can no longer maintain it. I have wondered if some institution or society could maintain it as a part of their website. My only consideration would be that my name somehow remains attached to the whole entity of my work. This is something I definitely need to investigate further. On the Kentucky Genealogical Society's webpage is there any information concerning such arrangements? Thanks for your time and help, Jerry Long

Sep 21 e-mail [Website] : Bluegrass Roots, Kentucky Genealogical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Received the Fall 2021 edition of the periodical Bluegrass Roots. The following notice appeared on page 5:

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Grayson, McLean, Butler, and Henderson counties. The site includes more than 300 articles, files, and databases, and Long says he hopes to add many more. "I have been working as a genealogist since 1979, so a lot of my files are not in electronic format," he wrote to Bluegrass Roots. "I am having to scan many pages, proofread, and convert them to PDF files. The process is slower than what I would like, but I am now retired from the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro after 27 years, and I need a project to dedicate myself to." Long invites other researchers to offer West-Central Kentucky records for publication on the website. Contributors would receive full credit for the records or writings they submit. Connect with Long at j-long@prodigy.net or (270) 684-6299

Oct 7 e-mail : From Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com), 7 October 2021:

Jerry I can't find when and where Isaac (Ike) Ford died and buried. Can't find a death certificate. He was born in sept 1862 in Ky. In 1930 he lived with his daughter and son in law in Cromwell Ky. That is the last info I can find. By the way he married Hannah Nix daughter (Mariah). There is an Ike Ford buried in cane run cemetery., but that is the wrong one. Any help would be appreciated. Me and Helen McKeown have had no luck. Isaac Fords dad was Lairus Ford and his mother was Julia Young. Thanks Earl Jones.

Oct 13 e-mail : To Earl Jones (ejones246@yahoo.com), 7 October 2021:

Earl, I have also tried to learn when Isaac Ford died and was buried. After getting your e-mail I tried again. He apparently does not appear in the Kentucky Death Certificates or Ohio County obituaries. Sorry I could not help, Jerry Long

Oct. 13 Phone call [Mickel] : From Gary Tunget, Owensboro, KY, 270-684-1948:

He asked if I knew were Joost Mickel, who died in Hancock County, KY in 1858 was buried. I told him he may be buried at the Blackford Baptist Church Cemetery, but I was not sure. I told him about my new website. I asked if I could use the pictures he made of the Cap (Midkiff) Cemetery, in Ohio County on my website. He said yes.

Nov 1 e-mail [Website] : To Kimi Taylor, Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, I was wondering if there was any way to monitor and track traffic (usage) on my website? When I was working at the library we could check monthly totals of hits of our obituary website. I am having fun adding new files. I have added 57 new files since the site went live. That makes a total of 337 different files. Thanks again!! Jerry Long

Nov 11 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Jackson Cemetery, Daviess Co., Ky, people from Chicago that I have helped previously with their family tree called yesterday and will arrive this afternoon about 2. The Jackson book at Ohio County is of their family of early settlers. I looked on findagrave and the latitude/longitude data is posted. So I can tell vicinity of cemetery. Do you have any landmarks that might help me find it for them? Imagine a sign would be too much to ask for. Hope you are doing well. Such a nice fall, now fast forward to spring. Helen

Nov 11 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

The best I have is that it is south of the Poplar Log Bridge Road about one-half mile west of the Friendship Baptist Church. I always intended to this cemetery but never have made it. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 18e-mail [Hale]: To Jeanie Hale Lowe (swlowe1234@aol.com):

Jeanie, My name is Jerry Long. Several years ago I corresponded with you about the William & Catherine (Snider) Hale family of Hancock County, KY. I was wondering if the e-mail address I had at the time was good or not. If so I would like to ask you a couple of questions. Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net

Nov 21 e-mail [Website] : Message added to the Ohio Hancock & Daviess Cos. KY message boards (Ancestry.com):

My name is Jerry Long. I have been doing genealogical research since 1979. I worked 27 years in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. Previously I had worked as a professional genealogist for the book publishes, McDowell Publications. I have long fantasized about having some of my research on the Internet. At the beginning of this year I made the resolution to begin trying to make it a reality. In August my website went live - West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>). The website includes a section on Ohio County records. My father was from Ohio County and I have a lot of Ohio County connections. [On Nov 22 added message to Daviess & Hancock County, KY message boards]

Nov 27 e-mail : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Sent letter admitting Taylor Whitsell to Harvard's Phi Beta Kappa chapter and a link to an article Taylor Whitsell had helped to write. whitsellcounseling.com
<https://cepa.org/bosnia-a-sea-of-red-flags/>

Nov 27 e-mail : To Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Christy, Thanks for sending the articles. It is great that Taylor had a part in writing the article. He is certainly due a lot of praise. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 27 e-mail : From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has to be one of my favorite holidays, and I hate that we've missed so many over the last couple of years. The last time we talked, you offered to look into my family ancestry. I'm somewhat in the dark, and I don't believe my parents are fully aware of their ancestry themselves. I put together a rough list of my known grandparents and great-grandparents with their dates of birth/death and places of birth/death. I hope this helps. Let me know if you need any other specific details. No pressure if you don't have time to look at this for me. I know you have a lot on your plate updating your important records.

I'm also including a brief biography of Katie's and my time together. You probably already know this about us, but I figured this might be of some reference.

I was born in Anchorage, Alaska, at Providence Hospital before moving to Wasilla in the Mat-Su Valley. When I was 13, my family relocated to Indianola, Iowa, where I lived for two years before moving to Owensboro at age 15 in 2001. Our first day in our new house was actually on 9/11 which made it quite an emotional day. I attended Daviess County High School for my sophomore year but decided to switch to Owensboro Catholic High School for my Junior and Senior years since it seemed like a better fit. Katie and I met through a mutual friend while we were both at OCHS, became friends, and went to our senior prom together in 2004. We began dating during our freshman year of college in 2005 while I was attending Brescia University and Katie was attending Owensboro Community College. Katie later transferred to Brescia for her junior and senior years. Katie worked as a Mental Health Associate for River Valley Behavioral Health for about three years during college and after graduating in 2008, using her BA in Psychology to work with children with behavioral issues in a psychiatric residential treatment facility. I obtained my BA in Political Science and Spanish, with a minor in History. We were married in 2010 and moved to Richmond where I started my new job as a police officer. We remained there for six years (~2010 – ~2016). During that time, Katie temporarily worked for the city as a Switchboard Operator/Front Desk employee at the local City Hall for about a year and a half (2012 – 2013), but resigned since I was going through the hiring process for the Department of State, FBI, and U.S. Secret Service. All three agencies offered me conditional offers of employment, but I was fortunate to get my number one choice with the Department of State.

In 2015, I was hired as a Diplomatic Security (DS) Special Agent with the U.S. Department of State. I received training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Georgia and the Department of State Interim Training Center in Virginia before we moved to Astoria, Queens in New York City for our first assignment in 2016. While there, I investigated passport and visa fraud, organized protection details for visiting foreign dignitaries, and sometimes traveled with the U.S. Secretary of State (John Kerry and Rex Tillerson at the time). I met a lot of interesting people during this time (many former British, French, Israeli, and Spanish Prime Ministers), but one of the most noteworthy was the Dalai Lama, who was gracious enough to pat me on my back and tell me how strong I was (very wise words that give me a laugh from time to time).

In 2018, we temporarily moved to Arlington, Virginia, for a few months for additional training specific to overseas security work before departing for our second assignment to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. While in Dar es Salaam from 2018 – 2020, we both held positions at the U.S. Embassy. I worked as an Assistant Regional Security Officer in the Regional Security Office which primarily focused on managing the overall security plans of the embassy, housing, and general security of fellow diplomats. One of the largest programs I managed was the Local Guard Force which consisted of leading a team of over 450 local guards, organizing their training, and managing a multi-million dollar contract. I also managed the Marine Security Guards and several other security programs. Tanzania continues to face a lot of crime and terrorism threats, so needless to say, I stayed very busy. As recognition for some of the challenges I faced during that tour, I was awarded the Superior Honor Award from the State Department.

Katie worked as a Consular Assistant in the Consular Section. She went into this position knowing very little about Consular work, but it ended up being a great fit for her. She gained some interesting insight into U.S. immigration and assisted with biometrics for visa processing (DNA and fingerprints), but her main focus was on American Citizen Services, helping to provide

assistance to U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Tanzania. Tanzania receives around one million American tourists per year, and there are also thousands of missionaries and employees of NGOs living there which kept her extremely busy. Most of her days were fairly routine and involved taking passport and notary appointments, processing the applications, and handling correspondence, but she also handled special cases involving U.S. citizens. She visited American prisoners in the local jails about once per month, assisted with death cases and repatriation of remains, handled birth reports, attended court sessions, visited hospital patients, provided emergency passports to robbery victims, and anything else that came up involving Americans. It was fascinating, and she actually felt like she ended up using her Psychology degree in some cases. When the COVID-19 pandemic initially hit East Africa and borders closed, there were hundreds of Americans stranded so her office organized two evacuation flights to get people home to the U.S. as quickly as possible. After three other Consular Officers evacuated Tanzania, Katie was left as the sole American in her section. She was later awarded a State Department Meritorious Honor Award for her dedication to American Citizens, and no doubt, she saved many lives by getting Americans out of Tanzania before COVID struck the country hard.

In late-2020, Katie and I temporarily transferred back to Arlington, so I could take Arabic language training full-time to prepare for our current assignment in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I'm currently filling the role of an Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigator in the Consular Section, where I investigate human trafficking, passport and visa fraud, terrorism, and other federal crimes with a U.S. nexus. I cover the U.S. Embassy and the two other U.S. Consulates in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. So far, the work is fascinating and allows me to have great working meetings with my Saudi counterparts. My position has three many focuses: liaison with Saudi and friendly missions, criminal investigations, and administering training to Saudi airline and immigration authorities, specifically regarding counterfeit document examination. Katie hasn't started working yet, but we hope she can find a job in the Consular section again. We're super excited for our time here, and I hope we'll have lots of stories to tell you the next time we see you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Again, I hope you're well, and we're looking forward to catching up the next time we're back.

Best,
Nick Duvall
[attached a one page file with info on his family]

Nov 29 e-mail : To Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Nick, It is great hearing from you. Thanks for the biographical info. Very impressive! I have been working from the data you sent on your family. I decided to compile my report in separate chapters for the different families. I have attached a pdf file of what I have learned about your mother's Sartor family. I was able to get back to your 3rd-greatfather, Peter Sartor. Please let me know if you can open the file okay. If you have no problems in opening the file I will shortly send a report on the Duvall family tree. I have also attached a couple of files that give some biographical notes on my myself. Give Katie an extra hug today. I pray that you all remain safe. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 1 e-mail : From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Thanks for such an amazing response, Jerry! I continue to be blown away by how quickly and thoroughly you can pull up someone's genealogy. Thank you for your bio as well. I find your entrance into the genealogy field by chance fascinating, and I love the story about your presentation "we are family" to library staff. No wonder your history interest translated into genealogy. No rush on the Duvall ancestry report, but I definitely look forward to reading it. Just a quick note, my mother is married to Richard Lynn Duvall, not Robert Winston Duvall. Robert Winston Duvall is my paternal grandfather and also shares a name with my brother, Robert Winston Duvall II. Thanks again! Your work is incredible. -Nick

Dec 1 e-mail : To Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Nick, I am resending the Sartor file, I had your father's name correct in my other files. Sorry for the slip up. I have also attached files on the Duvall and Guesman families. I had previously wondered if you might be a descendant of Mareen Duvall, the Immigrant, to Maryland in 1659 – only 38 years after the first colonist arrived in Maryland on the Mayflower. It turns out that he is your 8th great-grandfather! If you see any other typos please let me know. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 4 e-mail : From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Wow, Jerry! You found the most about the one family I knew the least. I'm really surprised (although I shouldn't be) that your intuition about my connection to Mareen Duvall was accurate. I've already joined a Facebook group for Mareen Duvall's descendants. My family also all expressed their appreciation. Thanks again! This is really fascinating. How are your other projects coming along? -Nick

Dec 6 e-mail : To Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Nick, Yesterday, I added another file, "Davis Young – Holmes Cemetery" to the Hancock County, KY section of my website. My grandmother Long's Young family came from Hancock County, KY. Back in the 1980's I copied about 20 cemeteries in Hancock County where a lot of my relatives are buried. I am now scanning these typed listings first into WORD – then I proof read to make sure the scan did not change anything – then I am updating the listings by adding more recent burials and adding the names of individuals that I have learned are buried in unmarked graves - either from what I have learned from interviews of relatives or I have discovered from searching public records (death certificates, obituaries). Also I am adding pictures and other scans (added 24 scans to the file I just added). After finishing formatting the article I convert it into a PDF file and upload it to the site. I now have 340 different files or articles on the website. I have ideas for many others. I hope you and Katie have a **Merry Christmas!** Jerry Long

Dec 10 e-mail : From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

That's great progress, Jerry! Thank God you began to create those records 30-40 years ago, or there might not be any records to find today. 340 files is quite impressive and a great resource. Hoping to see you soon, and Merry Christmas!!! It's only a few short weeks away. -Nick

Dec 15 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie Firestine (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

I hope all is well with you. How's retirement going? We haven't chatted for a while, but in cleaning up some papers, I found an Indiana (Cannelton, Perry County) death cert for Elizabeth Louise Paulin. Her parents were Frank Firestine and Catherine Graetzer. She married Cornelius Paulin. Did we talk about them before? So curious about Frank as that was my hubby's grandfather's name as well as his great-grandfather's name. All from Cannelton, Perry County. Great-grandfather Frank's wife that he is buried with here in Detroit is Eliza (Murray) Firestine. Just curious if you know anymore about them? I'm so sorry if we already spoke about them. I looked through the documents and emails from you, but didn't see any info about them, but I might have missed something in my 600 emails! Death cert is attached for your review. Thanks much!, Connie Firestine

Dec 16 e-mail [Firestine] : To Connie Firestine (ourfamilypastNpresent@gmail.com):

Connie, This is the death certificate for my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Louise (Feirstein) Paulin (18 May 1869 – 21 August 1947) and sister of Frank Firestine (1864-1950). Her death certificate has a couple of errors. Her birth year was 1869 not 1870 (proven by baptismal record) and her father was John Valentine Feuerstein not Frank. Mistakes on death certificates are common. The information is generally stated on the spur of the moment without referencing any original source. And sometimes one's memory is not always correct especially for names and events that occurred long ago. When they erected Elizabeth's tombstone they put the wrong year of birth (1871) – you would think that was put in stone would be correct but not always. At the beginning of this year I resolved to investigate trying to put some of my research on the Internet. In August my website went live on the Internet: West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy <https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/> I have about 350 different files on the site. So far I have not added much connected to my Firestine, Gratzer & Paulin lines but I hope to do so eventually. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Jerry Long

Dec 16 e-mail : To Cathy Benningfield (info@ohiocountypubliclibrary.org), Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY:

To Cathy Benningfield: Since the beginning of this year I have been working on putting some of my work on the internet. My website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy: <https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/> went live on 6 August 2021. The site is organized into seven categories – Daviess County; Hancock County; Ohio County; Kentucky Records; Biographies – Collections – “Papers of...”; Families; and Black Kentucky Pioneers. I currently have over 350 articles, files and databases on the site. On the Ohio County page there are 62 files – including copies of my Ohio County obituary index books. Also under the other main category pages there are many other files related to Ohio County especially on the “Families” page. One of the files is a biographical file on Samuel Riley McDowell. Hopefully I will be able to add many more files. I have been working as a genealogist since 1979 and consequently a lot of my files are not done in e-format. I am having to scan many pages, proof read and convert them to PDF files. Thus, it is a slower process than what I would like. But I am now retired from the Daviess County Public Library and I need a project to dedicate myself to. I would appreciate any comments about the website. Also any help or suggestions about publicizing its existence would be greatly appreciated. Would the Ohio County Public Library consider adding a link to their genealogy links page? Best wishes, Jerry Long j-long@prodigy.net

Dec 16 Posted [Website notice]: Posted following notice to Ohio County, KY History Facebook Internet site:

New website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy: <https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/> has a lot of records related to the history of Ohio County.

Dec 17 e-mail : From Cathy (Benningfield) Heath (info@ohiocountypubliclibrary.org), Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY (carbon copy sent to Melaine Warga, Directory of Ohio County Public Library):

Hello, Jerry, I was so excited when I received your email. I think of you often as I am working with patrons using the obituary books and the Early Settlers of Ohio County. I was disappointed to hear you had retired but I see you are still at work. Happy about that! We appreciate the link to your website and will definitely share it on our website. There's a great deal of information there and plan to share with every opportunity. I appreciate the biographical file on Sam. I wish now I had listened a little closer to all the stories and information he shared with me over the years. I often wish I had his library still at hand. Thank you for all the work you do and thank you for sharing with us. Sincerely, Cathy (Benningfield) Heath, Ohio County Public Library, 270-298-3790

Dec 21 E-mail : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net),, Owensboro, KY:

Mary Lisa & Gary, Thank you for the floral arrangement and the gift cards!!!!!! May Lisa - On my website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>) there are few files that are related to our Pate line – such as the “French Cemetery” and the “Patton Family of Ohio County, KY. The latter article has a bible record that has the death date for our ancestor, William Pate (born c1806, died 22 April 1873) on page 3. This is the only source I know of that gives his full date of death!! I have ideas for several other articles on the Pate and Midkiff lines I want to compile and add to the website. I am currently working on an article on the Young family of Hancock County, KY – my grandmother was a Young. Her relatives were neighbors and interconnected with several of your Hancock County lines. Any publicity about my website would be greatly appreciated. I doubt that only a few have discovered it. **Merry Christmas!!** Jerry Long

Dec 24 e-mail [Long]: To Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

Katie & Nick, I hope you have a **Merry Christmas!!!** Hopefully it looks like Christmas time there in Riyadh. I will miss seeing you all when we gather tonight. Recently Owensboro was spared the Tornado destruction that was so extensive in western Kentucky. The area affected ended only 30 miles south of Owensboro. We were in the direct path if the tornado had continued. I have a lot to be thankful for this Christmas. I pray that you all remain in good health and have many blessings in the coming new year. Thinking of you, Jerry Long

Dec 25 e-mail [Long]: From Katie Duvall (katherine.jl.duvall@gmail.com), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

Jerry, Merry Christmas from Saudi Arabia! It's currently afternoon as I write this, and we just returned from a nice walk on the trail near our house. It's the "winter" season now in the desert, but the daily highs remain in the 50-70s. Today it's a beautiful 65 degrees and

partly sunny with a slight breeze. We're enjoying it, but we also miss the cold winters and snow back home. We've been thinking of you and hope you have a wonderful holiday. We wish we could have been there in Kentucky to spend it with you and the rest of the family. The photos of the tornado destruction in western Kentucky are heartbreaking. Just as you said, I'm also so grateful the Owensboro area was spared and sad for Mayfield and the other areas that were impacted. It's devastating for many families, especially right before the holidays. It's certainly a reminder that life is precious and how fortunate we are. We hope you continue to stay in good health as this new covid-19 variant rapidly spreads and we enter a new year. We'll be continuing to think of you and hope to see you again sometime soon in 2022! Love, Katie and Nick

Dec 25 e-mail : To Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):

Joey, I hope you have a fast recovery. I really missed you all last night!! Martha and the gang said you all had went in search of the Sacred Oak Grove Labyrinth and did not find it. It is on the west side of Highway 1554 – the first house on the right, north of the Audubon Parkway (across the road from the farm of Kenneth Ebelhar). The labyrinth is in the backyard of the house on a knoll a short distance from the road. In 1998 I compiled and published an article about the Bellwood Hill (Winstead) Cemetery that was formerly located on the site of the Sacred Oak Grove Labyrinth. The article can be found at <https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Jerry20Long20-20Bellwood20Hill20Cemetery.pdf> Do you know who the guy with the glasses in the attached picture is? UK in the last two games has looked really sharp. Hopefully they can continue at the same level. Tell Heather, Clare and Evie **Merry Christmas** for me. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 27 e-mail : From Joey Blandford (joey.blandford@providencemontessoriky.org):

Hey Jerry! That looks like a young Bill Gates to me – one sharp cookie! We missed you too and hated not being able to spend time with everyone again. The kids were especially bummed out about not getting to go to Owensboro. We had been talking about it since Thanksgiving and even had our bags packed before I got the positive test Tuesday night. I feel fine now and have no idea where I got it, especially since I've had the booster. This Omicron will spread like wildfire but hopefully remain mild. We actually found the labyrinth and saw the sign. But as you said, it looked like it was literally in someone's backyard and there was no place to park. We didn't want to just start walking around in someone's yard. I did drive down a dirt path next to the house but nearly got stuck in the mud. So we turned around and headed home. I think Arpi was getting nervous - haha! – not used to doing things like that in Los Angeles. By the way, there's a cool little coffee and breakfast sandwich place in Sorgho called The Cottage on Hwy 56. You should try it out! They have a drive thru if you don't want to go in. Have a Happy New Year! Joey

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Jan 1 e-mail [Long]: From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry! I hope all is well as we enter the new year. Katie and I spent the night sleeping, but it was special nonetheless. I can't say 2021 was the best, but it definitely beat 2020. Happy New Year, and we hope to see you soon. -Nick and Katie

Jan 2 e-mail [Long]: To Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Nick & Katie, **Happy New Year!!!!!!!** I pray that the new year keeps you safe and in good health. We are finally having some winter here in Owensboro. It is currently now 34. Hopefully the unusually high temperatures will not continue to spurn threatening weather. I am continue working on my website. Recently I have done some publicity. Notices have been added to the Facebook pages of the Kentucky Genealogical Society, Ancestral Trails Historical Society, and history & genealogy groups in Daviess, Hancock & Ohio Counties as well as several Ancestry.com message boards. In the last month there have been close to a thousand visits to the site. I now am working on an article on my grandmother Young's family of Hancock County, KY. The article is now up to 45 pages – it probably will be twice that when completed. I have visited and contacted many older relatives on this line and the article is allowing me to preserve some of what they told me. One of the interesting things about this family is our connection to President Harry S. Truman's mother, Martha Young. My great-grandfather and the president were third cousins – their great-grandfathers were brothers. Best wishes, Jerry

Jan 4 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com), also sent to Gary Tunget & Anita Austill:

Someone contacted me asking for gps coordinates of this cemetery. Do either of you have this, if not keep it in your mind. Hope 2022 is a great year for all 3 of you wonderful people. Now to wait on snow. Helen

Jan 14 e-mail [Long]: From Nicholas Duvall (duvall448@gmail.com):

Congrats on the website visit milestone! That's great news and good to hear others see so much value in your hard work. How fascinating about President Truman. Out of all the presidents to be connected to, he's one of the best and well known. Katie mentioned you all might get some ice/snow, so I hope all stays calm and most of it blows over. Stay safe and healthy during this crazy weather.....and of course this COVID season. -Nick

Jan 23 e-mail [Website] : From Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com), Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY:

Hi Jerry, I'm getting old and forgetful. I was organizing my notebook for secretary of ATHS and came across your letter of last August. I have spent an hour and a half just going through your website and enjoying it so much. I'll go on it again this week. I would very much like to review it for "Library Corner" in *Ancestral News*. We just received our spring issue so it will be in the summer issue. I will be telling everybody about it as well. We have a board meeting on Tuesday-a zoom meeting. I hope this finds you well, you've certainly worked hard in your career, and now you can have some fun. I was reading about the Pioneer records, and I think I understand they are still at the Owensboro library. Are they accessible? I should have enrolled Joe, his Ray family has been in KY

since before 1800. Hoping to hear from you soon. I wasn't so good, and I'm sorry.
Sincerely, Ann Sipes

Jan 23 e-mail [Website] : To Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com), Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY:

Ann,

Thanks for writing. I would greatly appreciate any publicity of my website. Traffic is steadily increasing. The site's visibility is still very limited. I am continuing to add new files to the site. Since the site went live on the Internet in August 2021, I have added 70 new articles. I have ideas and plans for many other documents I could compile from my collection. The article I am currently working on, "The Young Family of Hancock County, KY", is now up to 96 pages.

The files of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers consisted of about 12 legal size file cabinet drawers. These files are in now in Calhoun, KY and are not at the Owensboro Library. In 2010 the board of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers voted to store the records at the library room of the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association here in Owensboro. I had my reservations about this because West-Central was facing a very indefinite future and access to the files would be very limited. Others on the board, however, were more interested in seeing them remain in the Western Kentucky area. In 2011 the organization, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, closed its library room in Owensboro, KY and relocated to Calhoun, McLean County, KY. The group, WCK:FRA had been organized in Owensboro in 1968. In addition to the group's files, the collections of the Society of Kentucky Pioneers and of the McDowell Publications (materials of the late Samuel McDowell) were relocated to Calhoun in 2011. In 2014 the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association ceased to exist. The organization had published a wealth of genealogical data in their long-time publications, The Bulletin and the Kentucky Family Records. The group's collections subsequently became part of the McLean County History & Regional Family Research Center (540 Main Street, P.O. Box 291, Calhoun, KY 42327. Prior to the Society of Kentucky Pioneers decision in 2010 I had contacted the Kentucky Historical Society Library and they were considering accepting the Society of Kentucky Pioneers files. They had sent personnel to Sam McDowell's store to look over the files. I think they were close to accepting them. In my opinion this is where they should have gone.

Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 2 e-mail : From Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net) :

Dear Mr. Long, I've in correspondence with the Kentucky Room at the Owensboro library, who has provided me with this email address. I'm trying to track down some data that is claimed to be in Mrs. Mastin's papers. The library provided me with a link to some Barnhill files – <https://dcpl.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17056coll14/id/17/rec/106> .

I've also seen your PDF on Mrs. Mastin. The data I'm trying to track down is the same info in the first letter in this link, written to you in 1990 by A. Virgil Barnhill. It appears he has published 2 books on a Robert Barnhill ca 1994 that makes the same claim as in his letter, yet what I've seen about Mrs. Mastin is that she descends from a completely different Barnhill. There's a note on Mr. Barnhill's letter that 22 pages were sent. Can you possibly remember, after all of these years, what was sent to Mr. Barnhill? Or, can you remember

where those 22 pages might be located, to aid the staff there in locating the info? Thank you for your time. DNA matches have led me to think that I'm a descendant of Robert Barnhill, born 1703 in Ireland. There's a lot of misinformation out there, and records are scarce. Carolyn Hoffman, Los Angeles

Mar 3 e-mail : To Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net):

Ms. Hoffman: The copy of the letter sent in 1994 to the Daviess County Library by Virgil Barnhill is from the Barnhill family vertical file (loose documents) at the DCPL. I have copies of all of my personal correspondence but I did not retain copies of all of my correspondence while being an employee of the library. Thus, I cannot definitively say what those 22 pages contained. However, I think they most likely came from Volume 1 of the 4-volume set, Papers of Emma Dunn Mastin I organized and had bound and placed in the family histories section at DCPL. Volume 1 contained sections on the Bristow, Barnhill, Powell, Dunn, Stinnett, Stearman, Early, Hardin Families, 459 pages). There was well over 100 pages in the Barnhill section of this volume. I would have this section searched for any entries on the immigrant Robert Barnhill. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 3 e-mail : From Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net):

Thank you. I'll forward this to the library. Have a good weekend. Carolyn

Mar 13 e-mail : From Mary Ray Kinney, Hancock County, KY message board (ancestry.com):

Jerry- I have looked at your website. I am looking for Hannah Osborne- Ray. She was born in Meade County around 1843-44. I know she married Richard Ray in Hancock County in 1866. I lose her as of the 1870 census. I lose pretty much her entire family. I specifically interested in her. Any help finding death records would be appreciated. Thank you Mary Ray Kinney

Mar 14 e-mail : To Mary Ray Kinney, Hancock County, KY message board (ancestry.com):

It appears that Hannah Osborne Ray died during 1874-1880. Her husband, Richard R. Ray, may have also died during this time. They both were alive when the 1870 census of Hancock County, KY was compiled. In 1874 a child was born to them in Meade County, KY. Two of their children, Lula Ray & (11) John Lloyd Ray (8) were living in the home of Nathaniel B. Long (1850-1922) at the time of the 1880 Hancock County, KY census. In this census they were reported to be "orphans". Two other children of Richard & Hannah (Annie) I believe are listed as Frank Ray (age 13) & Alice Ray (8), in the 1880 Hancock County census in the home of William A. Long. Frank Ray is probably the Ben Ray (age 4) listed with Richard & Annie in the 1870 census and this Alice married Frank Greathouse in Hancock County, KY in 1892. William A. & Nathaniel B. Long were brothers; I am not related to this Long family. I believe there are two Richard Rays, who were about the same age and whose families are confused and mixed together. The Richard Ray (1831-1897), who is buried at Rockport, Spencer County, IN I believe is a different Richard Ray than the Richard, who married Hannah (Annie) Osborne. The Richard, who died in 1897 married Cassandra P. Farrow on 28 October 1861 Buchanan County, MO and they are listed in the 1870 census of Sonoma County, CA and 1880 census of Suwannee County, FL. Cassandra was appointed administratrix of this Richard's estate in Bradford County,

FL on 22 September 1897. The Hancock County, KY records during 1874-1880 (guardian bonds, administrator bonds, circuit court suits, etc.) should be searched for any record that may prove that Richard R. & Hannah Ray died during this time.

Mar 14 e-mail : To Hancock County, KY & Young family message boards (Ancestry.com):

A copy of the book, "Young Family of Hancock County, KY" by Jerry Long (c2022, 242 pages) can be found in the Families section on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>)

Mar 15 e-mail : From Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net):

Dear Mr. Long, I've now received copies of pages from Vol. 3 of the Mastin files on the Barnhills. In her manuscript she says, "I have quite a lot of data on a Pennsylvania family of Barnhills . . ." Did you have bound *all* of her papers, or are there boxes of files stored somewhere? Thank you for your time. Carolyn

Mar 15 e-mail : To Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net):

All of the papers of Emma Dunn Mastin I could locate were bound. Mrs. Mastin was a member of the DAR and I was told that other papers she had were donated to the Duncan Historic Center, (323 High Street , Paris, KY 40361, phone 859-987-1788), the headquarters for the Kentucky DAR. I never followed up to verify this. Best wishes. Jerry Long

Mar 15 e-mail : From Carolyn Hoffman (res06atk@verizon.net):

Thank you for the info. I'll check it out. Carolyn

Mar 17 e-mail [Ashford] : To Linda Brown Kirby, lkirby@logantele.com , Find A Grave Internet contributor:

I (Jerry Long) copied this picture (labeled on Find A Grave as John Ashford) on a visit to Flora Ashford Daniel (1891-1989) at her home in Ohio County, KY on 26 October 1985. Flora is a daughter of Thomas Ashford & Nancy Stewart and granddaughter of John S. Ashford & Margaret Jane Pippin. She had a wall size picture of her father, Thomas Ashford (1844-1909). I made a copy of the picture. I published this picture and two other Ashford family pictures in the 25 July 1991 issue of the "Ohio County Times-News", newspaper published at Hartford, KY. Somehow someone copied the portrait of Thomas Ashford from the newspaper and mislabeled it as his father, John S. Ashford. Now the portrait of Thomas is now identified as John S. Ashford on the Internet sites, Find A Grave, and Ancestry.com (in numerous family tree files). Flora Daniel clearly would have known that the picture was of her father, Thomas, not of her grandfather. This mistake unfortunately cannot now be corrected!!!! - Jerry Long (j-long@prodigy.net)

Mar 17 e-mail [Ashford] : From Linda Brown Kirby, lkirby@logantele.com , Find A Grave Internet contributor:

I removed the photo from FindAGrave and from my family tree for John, I will add them to the correct people tomorrow. Do you have a tree on Ancestry?

Mar 18 e-mail [Ashford] : To Linda Brown Kirby, lkirby@logantele.com , Find A Grave Internet contributor:

Linda, Thank you for making the correction. I don't yet have a tree on Ancestry.com. I do have a website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>) that has some of my 43 years of research . It has a couple of items related to the Ashford family. One is my article on the Rosine (Ashford) Cemetery (in the Ohio County section of the website). I am currently working on an article on the Ashford family to be published in the Families section of the website. I am a 3rd great-grandson of John S. Ashford (c1810-1867). My line from John S. is: Joseph M. Ashford – Hester Ann Ashford Young – Anna Mae Young Long – Mitchell C. Long – Jerry Long. If John S. Ashford is also your 3rd-great-grandfather we must be 4th cousins. Would you be a granddaughter of Myrtle Catherine (Andrews) Brown (1889-1955)? Thanks again for correcting the picture. Jerry Long

Mar 18 Among Comments about website of Jerry Long on Ohio County, KY History Facebook Internet site:

- Shelia Heflin – Wonderful site! Glad you are sharing your excellent research! 16 December 2021
- Cindy Worth – Wow, lot of research went into this site! Thanks for sharing. I also shared the link to your site with our Daviess County, Kentucky Genealogy group. 17 December 2021
- J. L. Smith – This is a treasure trove for genealogists. Thank you for sharing! 16 December 2021
- Freddie & Melinda Pipes – Thank you, Jerry. 16 December 2021

Mar 18 Among Comments about website of Jerry Long on Daviess County, KY Genealogy Facebook Internet site:

- Dale Warren – Also, nice history of the Kentucky Room! Enjoyed that, Jerry Long. Long time, no see. Hope you're doin well. "Moving Old Macedonia Cemetery".... It's on p. 22-27 of "Bluegrass Roots" published in 1998. Jerry Long who used to work in the Kentucky Room wrote it. Tells the story of the Old Macedonia Cemetery on Millers Mill Road, and details of it being moved across the road.
- Henry Payne – Looks like a great site with invaluable information for area families

Mar 18 e-mail [Ashford] : From Linda Brown Kirby, lkirby@logantele.com , Find A Grave Internet contributor:

Yes, we are 4th cousins. I found a tree for you on Ancestry and we are DNA matches. My grandmother is Myrtle Catherine. The photos I have added for her are valid as I am the owner of the original prints. Sadly, the large portrait of her was in the daughter's possession and probably lost in a house fire is what I am speculating. I see that there are so many people who added that photo to John, I don't know that it will ever be corrected. I saw where you added your documentation to a few links though, so that will help. I know that had to be irksome.

Mar 26 Notice [Ashford] : Published notice on Ashford Family and Ohio County, KY message boards on Ancestry.com):

Article, “Ashford Family of Rosine, Kentucky”, by Jerry Long, has been published in the Families section on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>)

Apr 1 e-mail [Ashford] : From Linda Brown Kirby (lkirby@logantele.com):

I have published an 80-page article about the Ashford family on my internet site West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>). I would appreciate any comments or corrections. Thanks again for correcting the Thomas Ashford picture. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 4 e-mail [Hale] : To Sherry Allen Hosford (vettch10@aol.com):

Sherry: Several years ago, we corresponded on the history of our Hale family. I was wondering if this e-mail is still good for you. I am still researching and I would like to ask you a couple of questions. Best wishes, Jerry Long j-long@prodigy.net

Apr 4 e-mail [Hale] : From Sherry Allen Hosford (vettch10@aol.com):

Hello Jerry, I remember you. I'm happy to help if I can. Sherry

Apr 5 e-mail [Hale] : To Sherry Allen Hosford (vettch10@aol.com):

Sherry: Thanks for answering my e-mail. After 28 years of working in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library I am now retired. Last year I decided to try to create a website where I could add some of my family research that I have compiled since 1979. In August 2021 my website, “West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy” (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>) went live on the Internet. The site has a section on Hancock County, KY, where some of our ancestors lived. I have already added several articles that have connections to our Hale family relatives (Hale – Moorman Cemetery, Hale – Powers Cemetery, Rice Cemetery and Nichols Cemetery). I am currently working on an article on the Hale – Isom Cemetery, where our ancestors, William Hale (1787-1863) & Catharine Snider, are buried. William on numerous Internet sites is listed as “William **Arthur** Hale” (Findagrave.com, Ancestry.com, familysearch.org, etc.). For this article I was trying to track the original source that revealed his middle name of “**Arthur**”. Do you know where the middle name of Arthur comes from? Best wishes, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net

Apr 5 e-mail [Hale] : From Sherry Allen Hosford (vettch10@aol.com):

Good Morning, I looked for many years trying to locate just a document or reference to his middle name being ARTHUR. I never found anything. I remember speaking with Ms. Bruner regarding the name...she said she couldn't remember where or why she felt the name was correct. I never used it in my files on the family. I just never found any proof. Good luck with your website. Sherry Hosford

e-mail [Ashford] : From Gary Ashford (glashfordjr@gmail.com) [descendant of Woodford County, KY Ashfords], 11 April 2022 :

Jerry, Saw your “Ashford Family of Rosine, Kentucky” on <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/families/> You have lots of great info. I agree with you that there is a lot of “junk” on some of the Ancestry family trees. Debbie Warnock and I are trying to document

the Ashford's of Maryland/Northern Ashford. We do serious research and try to document our trees correctly. My Ancestry family tree is

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/77912086/family?cfpid=422149057565>

Debbie's sis <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156728603/person/372063422601/facts>

I am also heavy into DNA. On familytreedna.com, I manage the Ashford project and have 7 kits that match on Y-DNA and are descendants of Michael Ashford who died in 1734. Five of the kits are descended from George Ashford (born 1723), 1 kit is descended from John Ashford (born about 1713) and 1 kit is descended from William Ashford (born about 1726). I also just submitted a request for a kit for a descendant (hopefully) of Michael Ashford (born about 1714). Have you taken any DNA tests? Do you know of any Ashford males who would be willing to taking the Y-DNA test. Looking forward to hearing from you. Regards, Gary Ashford

Apr 11 e-mail [Ashford]: To Gary Ashford (glashfordjr@gmail.com):

Gary, There are not many male Ashford descendants of my 3rd great-grandfather, John S. Ashford. And of those that I know of I have not been in contact with and have no e-mail addresses or contact info. I did find a couple of phone numbers for two of my second cousins once removed: Larry Gene Ashford, Louisville, KY, 502-749-1881 and James Philip Ashford, Louisville, KY, 409-599-4112. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 18 e-mail [Hale]: To Shelia Pence (Ancestry.com member connect message):

Sheila - We are related on the Pate line. I am also related to several other Hancock County, KY families, including the Hale family. I would like to ask you some questions about the farm of your dad, Shelby A. Jolly. I live in Owensboro, KY (phone 270-684-6299, e-mail j-long@prodigy.net)

Apr 18 e-mail [Roseberry] : From Jim Cates (jcates@npgcable.com):

Good morning Mr. Long. My name is Jim Cates, and I live in Arizona. I found your genealogy website and it contained considerable information on my 4th great grandfather Charles Roseberry. I am writing to see if you are still doing genealogy work. On your Roseberry Family History you mention that Charles Roseberry married Nancy Thurston who was the daughter of Ezekiel Thurston and Christiana Talbot, granddaughter of Charles and Drusilla (Guin) Talbot and Seth and Mary Thurston. I am trying to document that Nancy Thurston was the daughter of Ezekiel and Christian (Talbot) Thurston, specifically Christiana. Do you have a source for this relationship? I am a member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and I am trying to document my lineage from Charles and Drusilla. To date, I have not been able to find a marriage document for Ezekiel and Christiana. I believe they were married in Campbell County, VA, some time between 1782-1785. Campbell was carved from Bedford County in 1782. Charles Talbot's will in Bedford in 1779 states that Christiana was a minor. Her land was entrusted to Plummer Thurston, husband of her sister Mary. Plummer was Ezekiel's older brother. Nancy Thurston was born about 1785. I have a property document from 1791 confirming that Ezekiel and Christiana were married by that date, but the NSSAR Genealogy staff asserts that Ezekiel could have had a wife before Christiana. I have found no evidence of a previous wife. The families came to Kentucky about 1795. I am not certain whether you

are doing genealogy professionally, but I would pay you for your time if you have any information to confirm that Nancy was the daughter of Ezekiel and Christiana. Incidentally, I was amazed that you discovered the cause of death of George Cates as falling from a horse. The Cates Cemetery outside Owensboro is the old farm of Webster Cates, my second great grandfather. I have an old map which appears to show that about ¼ of Isaac Day's land must have been given or sold to Webster when he married Eliza Day. Thank you. Jim Cates 928 821-4937

Apr 19 e-mail [Roseberry] : To Jim Cates (jcates@npgcable.com):

Jim: The research I published on the Roseberry family was done for the late Richard D. Gloor (1929-2019) in 1987. The focus of the research was on the Roseberry side of his family. The statement included on the Thurston family was based on two sources (both are attached). The first was Mr. Gloor's ancestor chart that he provided me with. It contained what he had already researched and approved. I took his word for what he had on his Thurston line and did not investigate that line further. The second source was a biography of Dr. W. H. Cook (1834-) from the book, Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery and Bond Counties, Illinois (Chicago, Chapman Bros., 1892, p272). In this article it was stated – "Our subject's grandmother on the mother's side, Nancy Thurston, was a native of Virginia, but was brought to Kentucky when twelve years of age. Her father, Ezekiel Thurston, was also a native of the Old Dominion. I regret I cannot tell you more about the Thurston line. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 19 e-mail [Roseberry] : From Jim Cates (jcates@npgcable.com):

Thank you Jerry. I wonder how he knew the information about Christiana Talbot. I very much appreciate the information you've provided. Sincerely, Jim

Apr 20 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell C. Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Mitchell, Here are the two links Christy sent about the group that Taylor is now affiliated with: <http://www.integrityinitiatives.org/>
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5728d314b6aa60d865f7840e/t/617c16a68cb1d97a374cab0a/1635522214558/IACC+Declaration+%26+Signatories.pdf> Best wishes, Jerry

Apr 21 Phone call [Hale] : From Sheila Jolly Pence, Owensboro, KY, 270-313-0998:

Sheila replied to the message I had left for her on Ancestry.com. Her late father Shelby A. Jolly (1925-2015) had owned the farm in Hancock County, KY where the Hale – Isom Cemetery is located. The property is still owned by her mother, Shirley Jolly. The 80 acre tract her dad bought in the 1970's from Jesse Isom. We talked for an hour about various Hancock County, KY families. She said a couple of years ago Harold Hale, of Cape Girardeau, MO visited the cemetery.

Apr 24e-mail [Website] : To Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com), Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY:

Ann: Great job!! I was very pleased with your notice on my website (West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). Many thanks and best wishes, Jerry Long, ATHS Member 1042

Apr 24e-mail [Website] : From Ann Sipes (atsgene2002@yahoo.com), Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY:

You are welcome. Hope you are well I haven't been on for awhile. I love your website, Jerry

May 4 e-mail [Humphrey] : From Sam Ellsworth (sbe2237@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, My name is Sam Ellsworth. I am reaching out today to discuss the paper that you wrote in 1988 regarding John Humphrey and the Humphrey family. I am one of the Humphrey descendants of Dr. Benjamin Humphrey of Matanzas. I just wanted to know how you conducted this research and what led you to it? Of the last three generations of Humphrey families I don't think anyone had the level of awareness on the topic that you have conducted from your research and we are all very excited and learning more every day about the people you have written about here. I'd be glad to know anything you can tell me about your work and specifically where I might pinpoint the Homestead and grave location of John Humphrey. Sam Ellsworth, 270-213-0851, sbe2237@gmail.com

May 5 e-mail [Humphrey] : To Sam Ellsworth (sbe2237@gmail.com):

Sam: The research I did on the Humphrey family was done for Janet Field Rowe (1931-), a fourth great-granddaughter of Timothy Tichenor & Elizabeth Humphrey. Elizabeth was a sister of Dr. Benjamin Humphrey, who is buried at the Humphrey Cemetery, at Matanzas in Ohio County, KY. I began doing genealogical research in 1979. I worked three years for a book publisher, three years as a professional genealogist and 28 years in the Kentucky Room (history & genealogy special collection) at the Daviess County Public Library, in Owensboro, KY. There are several reason I have been motivated to compile and publish research – Throughout my years in school my favorite subject was always history; on the ACT tests my highest scores were in deductive reasoning; I have always been a collector and compiler of records, as a child I was a stamp collector and cataloged Baseball statistics; I have a keen interest in preserving things; while working at the library it helped me to meet accreditation requirements; it helped me to achieve a greater since of accomplishment; etc., etc. I live in Owensboro, KY and as you can see on my website the majority of my research is concentrated in three counties – Daviess, Hancock and Ohio. My father was from Ohio County, my father's mother was from Hancock County and my mother's family was from Daviess County. Your ancestor, John Humphrey at the time of his death was a resident of Hardin County, KY. His grave has never been identified. No doubt he was probably buried in Hardin County but few grave markers in Kentucky date back to the period of his death (circa 1815). The vast amount of burials in that early period were marked by a branch rock or fieldstone. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

May 12 Notice [Pate] : Published notice on Pate family message boards on Ancestry.com:

Articles on the William Pate (1775-1853) Cemetery and the (Squire) Samuel Pate (1795-1849) Cemetery in Hancock County, KY have been added to the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>)

May 31 email [Long] : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I thought you might be interested in the article below that Harvard's Center for European Studies wrote about Taylor's work and thesis. We attended his graduation last

week and it was amazing! We were invited to a special Phi Beta Kappa ceremony since he was inducted and a reception with the people at the Center for European Studies who raved about Taylor. He started his job on a full time basis this week and is moved into his new house in Boston. Hoping this next year is a good experience for him. Hope you are doing well! Christy <https://ces.fas.harvard.edu/news/2022/05/action-based-optimism-taylor-whitsell>

Jun 1 email [Long] : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):

Christy, Thanks for sending the article about Taylor!! The raves that Taylor received are well deserved. He has already achieved a high level of advancement that few attain. I have always been amazed at how advanced he was beyond his years! Congratulations, Jerry

Jun 2 email [Wilson] : From Cynthia Maasberg (cmkmaasberg@gmail.com):

Hi, Jerry! Per our earlier phone conversation, I have reviewed your informative web site and determined access to your Ohio County Obituary Indexes (1873 - 1980) may be sufficient rather than purchasing the 3 book hardcopy set. As I mentioned, I'm working with my grandson on his sixth generation ancestors. Since you shared the Wilson family is among your ancestors, I'd like to ask if you have any data for the following Wilson's:

1. Obituary for Martha Zelma Faught (born Wilson). DOD: 25 Feb 1919 at McHenry, Ohio Co., KY.
2. Obituary for Simon B. Faught. DOD: ? 1920. I believe you shared no data is available on Simon's death but just want to check again.
3. Obituary for Era Elizabeth (Faught) Bailey (daughter of Simon and Martha (Wilson) Faught). DOD: 09 Jun 1931 at McHenry, Ohio Co., KY
4. Gave location (ie, section, lot, plot, grave no., etc.) of tombstone for Mattha Zelma (Wilson) Faught at Bethel Cemetery, Horton, KY.
5. Tombstone photo and grave location (ie, section, lot, plot, grave no., etc) for Era Elizabeth (Faught) Bailey (daughter of Simon and Martha (Wilson) Faught) at Rosine Cemetery, McHenry, KY
6. Grave location (ie, section, lot, plot, grave no., etc.) of Artie Zelma (Faught) Bailey at Bethel Cemetery at Horton, KY

It was great speaking with you and learning you are knowledgeable of the Wilson/Faught families. I hope you are willing to share any information you may have on the above points. Thank you for ALL the information you provided. I will definitely view your web site often when researching Ohio Co., KY. Cynthia Maasberg, 15465 Big Cynthiana Road, Evansville, IN 47720, Phone: (812) 963-3264

Jun 3 email [Wilson] : To Cynthia Maasberg (cmkmaasberg@gmail.com):

Cynthia: Simon & Martha Zelma (Wilson) Faught and their daughters, Era Elizabeth (Faught) Bailey and Artie Zelma Faught Willett, had no obituaries in the Ohio County newspapers. All four are buried in unmarked graves at the Old Bethel Church Cemetery. Prior to World War II the majority of people never had death notices or obituaries. Also, a high percentage were unable to have a monument for their grave. Sad but true! Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jun 5 email [Ashford] : From Gary Lee Ashford (glashfordjr@gmail.com):

Jerry,

I got some good info from your "Ashford" Family of Rosine, Kentucky. I was trying to identify the children of Dempsey Ashford (1787-1875) who lived in Sumner County, Tennessee. I had tentatively identified 6 Ashford children who had married in Sumner County. 1. Frances Ashford married Richard Collins Brizendine on 26 Jul 1827. 2. John Ashford married Jane Pippin on 12 Oct 1830. 3. Jane Ashford married William Stone on 1 Jan 1836. 4. Elizabeth "Eliza" Ashford married Henderson King on 26 Jul 1836. Oldest son was Dempsey Ashford King, i.e. named after grandfather. 5. Josiah P. Ashford married Enon Anthony on 11 Jan 1837. Living 2 dwellings from his father in the 1850 census, 6. Sarah Ashford married David Bass on 2 Feb 1841.

After reviewing your document and the will of Thomas Ashford, it becomes apparent John and Jane were not the children of Dempsey but were children of your Thomas. I feel pretty certain that Josiah and Elizabeth were children of Dempsey. I am assuming that Frances and Sarah were also children of Dempsey. The 4 children match with the 1820 and 1840 census of Dempsey. Could not find the 1830 census for Dempsey. Do you have any info on Frances or Sarah? I did notice that Allen County, KY borders Sumner County, TN. On page 4 of your document, you listed the children in the will of Thomas. I noticed that you left out Jane Ashford Stone who is listed in the will. In your document, you state that you found two other Ashfords (John and Thomas) who were in Kentucky prior to your John's arrival. I thought maybe John and Thomas were the children of William Ashford and Margaret Reagan. I have reviewed "Our Ancestors" by Jessie Mae Ashford and don't see any reference to either John or Thomas. Her earliest reference was "John Ashford, the first known Ashford in this family was supposedly born in Alabama. Late in life he married Cynthia Ann (Jones) Fisher". Jessie Mae was offering a reward to the person who can prove the parents of John Ashford. Do you have some info that ties John Ashford to the Thomas or John from Woodford County. Regards, Gary Ashford

Jun 6 email [Ashford] : To Gary Lee Ashford (glashfordjr@gmail.com):

Gary, Thank you for your letter. I rechecked the abstract of the will of Thomas Ashford (1840). It is as I wrote. I am sorry to report I have no other information to add on Dempsey Ashford and the other Ashfords you asked about. Wishing you success in your research, Jerry Long

Jun 10 email [Ashford] : To Gary Lee Ashford (glashfordjr@gmail.com):

I made the addition of "Jane Stone" to my article. Thanks for drawing it to my attention. I have discovered that no matter how hard you try it is near impossible to be perfect! Jerry Long [I added "Jane Stone" to abstract of Thomas Ashford's 1840 will, which I had omitted from my article "Ashford Family of Rosine, Kentucky" on my website.]

Jun 13 email : From Brian Wilson (genealogicalfamily@gmail.com):

I was given a copy of your name and more while at the Genealogy Lunch Bunch at the Henderson Library about a week ago. The individual thought that we might be able to help each other. However, my Wilson ancestors are from the Indianapolis area. Again, however, you do list the Ragsdales that I descend from (Robert and William G) Can I assist in any way? I do have a collection of the Kentucky Family Records that were retired from the county society when it merged with the Library. Could not throw them out. Can you use

them? 29, 32-35 and Volume 1-10 cumulative index. I have a collection from the Louisville Genealogical Society vol 11 - 20 (missing some). Same source. same question. Looking for a home for these. Brian Wilson (not the Beach Boy)

Jun 13 email : To Brian Wilson (genealogicalfamily@gmail.com):

Brian, Have you seen my website? Under the family's section of "West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (wckyhistory-genealogy.org) I have an article on the Ragsdale family of Daviess County, KY. I am currently working on an article on my Wilson family (Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee of Ohio County, KY). It will be the next article added to my website. I have a full set of the periodical Kentucky Family Records. I was a long-time member and officer in the now defunct West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association here in Owensboro. I don't have any copies of the Louisville Genealogical Society periodical. Over the years I have been to the Henderson Courthouse and library to do research. It has been a while though. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

Jun 13 email : From Brian Wilson (genealogicalfamily@gmail.com):

I did read the Ragsdale article. I will review it in detail later. I currently have Robert's 11 th great grandfather based on the Ragsdale book by June Hart Wester and Mrs. Blake Ragsdale Van Leer. I do have a Samuel Wilson in my tree born abt 1823 in Indiana or New Hampshire and died 1890 in an unknown location. Father Thomas and mother Rebecca Martin; not well researched. Any matching? Brian

Jun 13 email : To Brian Wilson (genealogicalfamily@gmail.com):

Sorry I am not familiar with the Wilsons you named.

Jun 29 Phone call [Wilson] : To Mrs. Fred (Gail) Raley, Ohio County, KY, 270-256-9588:

I met her sister-in-law, Jill Raley Alingh, at the Ohio County Courthouse in 1997. We had talked about the Raley Cemetery on her farm near Mt. Pleasant in Ohio County. Sally Wilson (1818-1891), a sister of my ancestor, John Wilson, has a gravestone there. I asked Mrs. Raley if she would give me Mrs. Alingh's phone number so I could contact her. She said it was 270-256-5904.

June 29 Phone call [Wilson] : To Jill Raley Alingh, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio County, KY, 270-56-5904:

Mrs. Alingh said they have sold the place where the Raley cemetery is located. The cemetery is off of the Rob Roy Road and Cornell Lane. It is on the north side of the Western Kentucky Parkway; the easiest way to the cemetery is from the Parkway. It is adjacent to the property of Charles Bud Sapp. She said if I call her back in October, when the snakes and ticks are down, she and her husband would go to the cemetery and get a picture of the gravestone of Sally Wilson Raley (1818-1891). I gave her my name and phone number.

Jun 29 e-mail : From Kimi Web (kim@kimiweb.com):

That wonderful Jerry!! I get reports from Google sometimes that are always congratulating us for the number of clicks your website receives. Sounds like it is very popular! I'll go ahead and renew for you. I send invoices the first of the month, so I'll send an invoice to you on Friday. Best, Kimi

Jun 30 Message [Wilson] : Wilson Family message board, Ancestry.com:

Posted message - Article, "Family of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee", of Ohio County, KY, by Jerry Long, has been published in the Families section on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>)

Jul 1 e-mail : To Kimi Web (kim@kimiweb.com):

Sent payment of \$284.00 of 2022 website hosting and search plugin.

Jul 28 Message [Gillespie] : Gillespie message board, Ancestry.com:

Article, "Gillespie - Robinson Connections", by Jerry Long, has been published in the Families section on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>)

Jul 30 e-mail [Young] : From Mary Riggle (donriggle@gmail.com):

I would like to purchase a copy of your best k which I just found on line. Give me a price and postage as I live in Brandon Florida and am a direct descendant of John McFall and Elisabeth Young. Thanks, Mary Riggle 904 361 1290

Jul 30 e-mail [Young] : To Mary Riggle (donriggle@gmail.com):

Could I ask where you saw that I had published a book? I compiled an article not a published book. I am descendant of Elizabeth Young McFall's brother, Rev. Martin M. Young & wife, Margaret (maiden name unknown). Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 1 e-mail [Young] : From Mary Riggle (donriggle@gmail.com):

I found your two hundred page article on line. I googled John William McFall and found your article. I am direct descendant of Elizabeth young daughter of Martin Young Senior. I would love to buy a copy of your article. I live in Brandon Fla In the Tampa area. My printer just will not take two hundred pages. Hope to hear from you again soon. Mary Kelley Riggle

Aug 1 e-mail [Young] : To Mary Riggle (donriggle@gmail.com):

I have the same printing issue. I have never printed out a copy for myself. The only file I have is the PDF computer file. I thought about publishing the article in book form but I decided that would be too much additional work. You could save the online PDF file to a flash / jump drive and take it to a print shop to have a copy printed out. Or you could attach the PDF file to an e-mail and send it to a printer. Best wishes, A Young cousin, Jerry Long

Aug 10 e-mail [Young] : From Mary Riggle (donriggle@gmail.com):

Dear cousin Jerry, I paid to download your whole report. It requires \$50.00 of ink and I gave my friend a ream of paper. Thank you for allowing me to download your work. I own a copy of History of Warrick, Spencer, Perry counties. My DAR chapter lets me use this for proof of lineage. If you are ever in the Tampa area feel free to email me and we can do lunch. I am on Facebook so if you are, we can be friends. I do get to Rockport and Perry County to visit friends but not since the pandemic. My Hubby grew up in N Spencer County near Santa Claus. I met him when I taught school there in Lamar. My grand parents PH

McFall live in Rockport and I would spend my summers in Rockport. I grew up in Tipton County Tenn. I had McFall cousins who lived in Owensboro at onetime but they have died out. I only have a second cousin who lives in Philpot KY and teaches in O Boro. When I get to Perry county, I always go to Millstone cemetery to see the ancestors buried there. My grandmother is a member of the Esarey clan and they still have family reunions. The reunion the last two years had to be cancelled due to outbreak of covid. Here is to hoping you are safe and healthy. Again Thanks so much for your hard work. Mary Kelley Riggle, 904-361-1290, 1603 Loriana St, Brandon Fl 33511

Aug 18 e-mail [Hughes] : To Angelia Thompson (angelia.thompson.com) :

I have updated the Hughes article on my website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). Since the transcription in the letter was so incomplete and contained question marks, I had originally decided not to include it in the article. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Aug 23 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us) :

Scott, I hope the start of school went smoothly for you. I have two pictures reportedly of John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942) and some members of his family that I don't have a full identification. I have attached the two pictures to this e-mail. If you do know others in the two pictures, would you please help me identify them? Picture labeled **A** = reportedly is of: Left to right in back: Man on left unidentified, Susan Alice Bellamy ((1863-1952), husband, John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942) & their children, Manda, Amanda Elizabeth; in front, Lora Manthus, Herbert Elbridge, Katy Anna, Herman Alvey & Cora Lee. Picture was taken circa 1901. Do you know who the man on the left is? Or the others correctly identified? Picture labeled **B** = John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942) first on left in back, wife, Susan Alice Bellamy (1863-1952) first on left in front row; others are their children. Can you identify the children in the picture? Best wishes for you and your family, Jerry Long

Aug 23 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us) :

Hello, Jerry! It was great to hear from you! The school has started pretty well (once we got started!). I do know most of the people in these pictures. Here is what I have. The first picture (Cmidkiff1) I had labeled as Markley Midkiff Freer told me, but I think there is a mistake with the last 2-3 children. Please see my note at the end of the picture label which is below my signature line. As far as the unknown man on the left, I have a couple of guesses. I think this picture was taken in the late 1890's. Probably 1897 or so. Susan Alice Bellamy's father was deceased as well as John Robert Midkiff's father. It could possibly be Jame "Jim/Cap" Medcalf, the stepfather of John Robert Midkiff. Cap died around 1904 I think. But if John Robert's mother Elizabeth "Adeline" Garth Midkiff Medcalf died in 1899, why wouldn't she be in the photo (unless my years are off on the children in the photo)? My only other guess would be an older brother of John Robert's, but I think he looks a lot older than John Robert. John Robert's oldest brother was only 7 years older. It could be an uncle, maybe. He must be close family if he is in the photo. Susan Alice Bellamy's oldest brother James was killed in the Battle of Shiloh, and her next to oldest brother was only in his early 50's at this point. The second photo was sent to me by Melinda Freer Kuegel Francis, the daughter of Markley Midkiff Freer, a couple of years ago. It was already labeled with most of the people. I can confirm most of the people from other photos. I have no idea who the third man is, but I'm pretty sure the 4th man is Emlis

"Ray" Stephens, who was married to Katy Anna Midkiff, the daughter of John Robert and Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff. He was also a Midkiff descendant. I think his grandmother was Mary Rebecca "Becky" Midkiff Westerfield Bowen Sharp, the daughter of George Robinson Midkiff and Mary Jane Magan. I'll send you a picture of him where I think you can see the same face and smile. I hope this helps! If you have any other input, please let me know! Take care! Scott

Cmidkiff11 = Back Row (left to right): Unknown man, Mandana Midkiff Powers, John Robert Midkiff, Susan Alice Bellamy Norris, Amanda Elizabeth "Betty" Midkiff Norris. Front Row (left to right): Lora Manthus Midkiff Ralph Coy, Herbert Elbridge Midkiff, Katy Anna Midkiff Stephens, Herman Alvey Midkiff, and Cora Lee Midkiff Norris.

Note: There was a son named Stephen "Allen" Midkiff who was born between Cora and Herbert. He died at age 14. Why would he not be pictured here? I think the bigger boy on the front row is "Allen." That would make the younger boy Herbert, and I think it looks a lot like Herbert when he was older. I think the child in the "dress" is actually Herman. Katy was not born until 1898 which would have made my great-grandmother Cora 10-11 years old in this photo. She looks younger than that I think.

B John Robert Midkiff & Children (1) = Photo sent to Markley Midkiff Freer by Tim Greer, Spencer Greer's son (grandfather is Eclas Greer, first cousin to Della). Labeled as 1. John Robert Midkiff, 2. Captain Demetrius "Cap" Norris, 3. ?Unknown?, 4. [I believe this is Emlis "Ray" Stephens who was the husband of Katy Anna Midkiff Stephens], 5. Robert "Bob" Justus Bailey; 1. Maude E. Midkiff Bailey (wrong; this is Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff and Markley knew that, but the person who sent it to her mislabeled it), 2. Elizabeth Ann "Lizzie" Greer-Midkiff (2nd wife of Herbert Midkiff), 3. Amanda Elizabeth "Betty" Midkiff Norris (it does resemble her a bit; I'm going by the label sent)

Aug 24 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Thanks Scott: Your IDs are greatly appreciated. I especially like your ID of the older of the two pictures. I had wondered why Stephen Allen Midkiff was not in the ID I had received. The last several weeks I have been working on an article about the Midkiff family for my Internet site (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). I currently have 65 pages. I have completed the section on 4 of the 9 children of Benjamin Midkiff. Today I start on the section on James G. Midkiff. I have already added articles to the website on some of the Midkiff cousins – Robinson, Carson, Fuqua & Gillespie. Have a good day, Jerry Long. I am ending the Midkiff article with the following list of contacts I have made in my research since 1981:

Aug 24 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

You are welcome, Jerry. I will definitely have to check it out! I think because Stephen Allen Midkiff died so young, the younger generation forgot him. I'm glad there is at least one picture of him out there. That is quite a list of people. I know and remember some of those names. You have definitely talked to a lot of people in the last 41 years! God bless you and have a great day! Scott

Aug 24 Phone call [Long]: From Mitchell Long, Owensboro, KY, 270-316-1594:

He announced that my niece is expecting her first child in November. They are thinking coming back to the states, Washington, DC, to have the birth. Mitchell is going to have prostate surgery in Louisville, KY on September 12. Brian has purchased property in Florida at 154 Bayside Dr, Clearwater, FL.

Sep 7 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Gary, I have added an article on the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery to my website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). If you notice any errors, please let me know. I am now working on an article on the history of the Midkiff family. Yesterday I hit the 100-page mark. I still have the sections on four of the children of Benjamin Midkiff to complete – John R., Rebecca (Pate), Benjamin Franklin and William Curtis Midkiff. Congrats on your and Mary Lisa's retirement!! I liked seeing the notice in the Messenger-Inquirer. I saved the picture to have a copy made. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 7 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott, I have added an article on the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery to my website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). If you notice any errors, please let me know. I am now working on an article on the history of the Midkiff family. Yesterday I hit the 100-page mark. I still have the sections on four of the children of Benjamin Midkiff to complete – John R., Rebecca (Pate), Benjamin Franklin and William Curtis Midkiff. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 10 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Thanks Jerry Mary Lisa and I are looking forward to retirement Thanks for sending the link to the Midkiff cemetery I was not aware of the Cap connection We will be in touch maybe we can do some research together sometime . Gary

Sep 26 e-mail [Pate] : To Mary Lisa & Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

I am now on page 152 of the Midkiff family history. I have a couple of questions. In 1984 you gave me a copy of the attached picture of Oscar T. & Hattie Lee (Pate) Gore. I failed to get the name of their child who was with them. When I spoke to the late Mrs. James S. (Evelyn F.) Gore she mentioned having a page from the bible of Hattie Pate Gore. Would you have a copy? Does it give any dates for Hattie's parents? Have you any pictures of Hattie's sisters – Mary Ettie and Cynthia Margaret (Maggie). I have one picture of her brother, Estell M. Pate. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 26 e-mail [Pate] : From Mary Lisa (gtunget@att.net):

Jerry, The child in the photo is Robert O. Gore (Bob) I do not have the page from the family bible or any photos of Hattie's siblings. Hope all is well with you! Can't wait to read your article. Thanks, Mary Lisa

Sep 26 Phone call [Midkiff] : To & from Dorene Lacefield Austin (317-490-8930):

Mrs. Austin's sister, Peggy Lacefield Midkiff sister I visited years ago. She had an old picture of her husband', Lod Midkiff's grandparents, William Peyton & Mary (Wedding) Midkiff. Mrs. Austin called some of her nieces to see who got the pictures that Mrs. Midkiff

had. She found that the family of her sister, Fostine Lacefield Duncan got Peggy's things. But they said there was no old picture and they knew everyone in the pictures they got.

Sep 27 Phone call [Long]: To Mitchell Long, Owensboro, KY, 270-316-1594:

Mitchell that Brian & Arpi have announced that they are expecting a child. It is a boy and is expected to arrive in next February.

Sep 27 e-mail [Long]: From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@icloud.com):

Here is the photo Brian and Arpi sent announcing their good news!

Sep 28 Phone call [Pate] : To Linda Lou Pate Draper, 26 Meadowlark Ct., Granite City, IL (618-931-3611):

On Ancestry.com I found a family tree by Mrs. Draper that listed her parents as Leo Carlos Pate & Olline Embry and her grandparents as Bedford Forrest Pate & Laura Ann McCoy. Bedford was a first cousin to my great-grandmother, Margaret Priscilla Taylor Long. I called Mrs. Draper to confirm Mrs. Draper's grandfather's middle name. She said it was Forrest. Mrs. Draper was born 14 March 1940 IL.

Oct. 6 e-mail [Wright] : From Kentucky Room (kentucky@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Hello Jerry, We've had a Mike Wright come in and request your contact info. He says he's looking for genealogy on the Wright family and has been in contact with you before. We helped him do research, but he still wanted your contact info. We told him we would pass along his phone number and you can contact him if you like. His number is 270-729-2408 or 270-925-1946.

Oct 6 e-mail [Young] : From Linda Wood (ddlpwood@cox.net) :

Dear Mr. Long: Thank you for publishing your Young Information on the internet. You have helped me fill in some blanks on my Conder family. Linda Wood

Oct 11 Phone call [Midkiff] : To Webb Sowden, III, Dallas, TX (214-293-6030):

I left a message on his answering service and asked if he would please call me. I would like to ask him several questions about his great-great-grandfather, Henry Smith Midkiff, a noted soldier during the Civil War.

Oct 13 Phone call [Midkiff] : From Gary Thomas Darby, Dallas, TX (214-7178-6617):

Webb Sowden, who I had called gave Gary my phone number. His wife is a Sowden descendant. He is the one in the family that is interested in family history. He said he would ask older members of the family about his wife's ancestor, Henry Smith Midkiff (Metcalf). I gave him my e-mail address and information about my Internet site. I related some of the history of the family.

Oct 16 Phone call [Midkiff] To Kerry Allen Gibbs, Monroe, NC (704-806-2775):

He is the son of Joyce Ann Midkiff Gibbs (1942-2019) and grandson of the Anna Lee Mattingly Midkiff, of Owensboro, KY. I asked him if he knew what happened to the genealogy records of his grandmother. He said his mother had them. He does not know

what happened to them when his mother passed away. He said his sister, Kecia Marie (Gibbs) Whitaker, of Bowling Green, KY may know where they are. Kecia's phone number is 270-799-3177.

Oct 17 Phone call [Midkiff] : To Kecia Gibbs Whitaker, Bowling Green, KY (270-799-3177):

Left a message on her answering machine. Told her I was a relative and friend of her late grandmother, Ann Lee Mattingly Midkiff, of Owensboro, KY. Said I was working on a book on the Midkiff family and would like to ask her a couple of questions. Asked her to please call me.

Oct 20 Phone call [Wright] : From Mike Wright, Owensboro, KY, 270-729-2408:

Several years ago we met at the Owensboro library. His grandfather, Adam Wright, was from Ohio County, KY. His family intermarried with my Long & Young relatives multi ways. I told him about my website. In describing what was on the website he asked about purchasing a hard copy of my 3-volume set of books on Ohio County obituaries. I quoted a reduced price of \$70.00.

Oct 26 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell C. Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Sent baby Katie & Nick's baby registry links. Mail to - Katie & Dick Duvall, 1510 Clarendon Blvd, Apt 1218, Arlington, VA 22209. I ordered from babylist.com My Best Friend Deluxe Nursing Pillow (total charged to credit card \$56.17.

Oct 27 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Ohio County, KY & Midkiff family message boards (Ancestry.com):

A copy of the book, "Family of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson" by Jerry Long (c2022, 219 pages) has been added to the Families section on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>)

Oct 27 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Mary Lisa & Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Mary Lisa & Gary: I have completed a 219-page book on the Midkiff family. Today I added it to the Families section on my website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>. Notes on the family of Hattie Pate Gore appears on pages 150 & 152). Thank you for several pictures that you gave to me. I would appreciate any comments or corrections. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Oct 27 e-mail [Midkiff] : To Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Scott: I have completed a 219-page book on the Midkiff family. Today I added it to the Families section on my website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>. Thank you for your help in providing information and pictures!! You added several vital pieces of the puzzle. I would appreciate any comments or corrections. In the online PDF file, I can readily add a correction either to a specific page or to an Addenda inserted to the page preceding the Index. I am considering investigating about having a few bound editions of the book printed so they can be placed in libraries. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Oct 29 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Mary Lisa Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Jerry thank you for all your hard work cannot wait to have time to read your history! Thanks, Mary Lisa

Oct 31 e-mail : To Scott Alvey (scott.alvey@ky.gov), Director of the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY:

Dear sir:

My name is Jerry Long. I have been a member of the Kentucky Historical Society since 1981. Professionally I worked three years as a genealogist for McDowell Publications and twenty-eight years as a librarian in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. I have published several books - including four family history books on the Boucher, Jent, Midkiff and Young families, as well as four books on Ohio County, KY records. I also have published over 200 articles in various genealogical publications.

I am writing with two questions that I was wondering if you could give me some guidance on. First, I have created a website, West-Central Kentucky Genealogy & History (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>) that went live on the Internet in August 2021. Can the Kentucky Historical Society provide any notices or links to external genealogy sources that would help to promote my website?

My second question concerns the willing of my estate. I now 73 years of age and have yet to find a repository for my genealogy collection. I have several hundred books as well as about 12 four-door file cabinets of loose family vertical files. The amount of material far exceeds what could be excepted by my local library. Would the Kentucky Historical Society consider accepting my collection? I would be more than willing to set aside funds to have the material transported.

My website currently requires annual renewals for licensing and hosting. Can the Kentucky Historical Society assume and maintain a website? Again, I would be very willing to provide funding to achieve its maintenance. Considering the number of hours, I have dedicated to compiling the data on the website I would hate to see its availability disappear.

Any suggestions or directions on these concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Your truly
Jerry Long

j-long@prodigy.net

Phone 270-684-6299

[No reply received!!!]

Nov 7 e-mail [Firestine] : From Connie M. Firestine (ourfamilypastnpresent@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Long time no talk. I hope all is well with you! I've been back and forth with my research and in recent years concentrating on my side of the family vs my hubby's Firestine / Goodson side. This past July, I was able to travel to Germany to meet my 93-year old 1st cousin once-removed and her family! What a treat! Anyway, I'm wondering if you might

be able to help. Yesterday, I was contacted by a gal named Heather Bell who is looking for her bio father. She matches up to three Firestine / Feirstein relatives Ancestry DNA tests that I administer with only 35cm, so I figure the connection is from the Firestine side and at a ggg-grandparent level. Heather is from Pennsylvania. I have not spent much time researching this far back and have no connections to PA yet, but I thought you mentioned that you do. Any help you can provide would be nice to pass on to her. Thanks much, Connie

Nov 8 Phone call [Midkiff] : To Mark H. Freer, Owensboro, KY, 270-929-9343:

He is the son of Markley Midkiff Freer, who I have talked to several times about the Midkiff family. I asked him to tell his mother about the 219-page book I have compiled and placed on the internet. He is having the booklet that his mother did reprinted. Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Company of Owensboro is doing the printing and binding.

Nov 8 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry, I apologize that I did not reply sooner. I know over 2 months have passed. I had every intention, but at the time I received your email, I was swamped at school, and then forgot to get back to you. I do not have a lot of information on the Cap Cemetery, but of course I know that my ancestor James G. Midkiff is buried there. I would have to check the information on the external hard drive I have, but I'm pretty sure you have it correct. I have a picture of the tombstone after it was repaired and erected within the last few years. I may have sent it to you before, but the contrast in the old picture might be better. Let me know if you want me to re-send the photo to you. I noticed at the end of the page of the article on the Cap Cemetery that a James Peyton Taylor, Jr. is listed, but his parents are listed as James G. Midkiff and Elizabeth D. Taylor in parentheses afterward. The obituary says he's the son of John P. and Elizabeth Ann Burk Midkiff. I hope this helps you, and I apologize again that I'm so late in replying! Scott

Nov 8 e-mail [Midkiff] : From Scott Norris (scott.norris@daviess.kyschools.us):

Jerry, Thank you so much for sharing this with me, and again, I apologize that I am so late in responding. Sometimes I know that if I look at something like this right away, I will not get anything else done! :) I made myself look at it only so briefly, but I will be going back over it sometime soon. I think there might be some differences in spellings with some names, but I will try to double check to see what I have and if possible where I got the information from. Thank you again for all of your hard work. I know it's been a long labor of love for you over the decades, and so many of us have really benefited from your help over the years. You are a great blessing to so many of us! Please keep up the good work! Sincerely, Scott

Nov 23 Contact : Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY:

A link to my website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy, is now on the library's website.

Nov 28 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Good morning Jerry. Should I refer Rick to Owensboro Library? He is working on a new book. He does good research. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. Helen [Begin

forwarded message: **From:** Rick Ashby <rashby944@gmail.com>, **Subject:** Photo -
Date: November 28, 2022 at 7:32:03 AM CST. **To:** Helen McKeown <helen@imckeown.com> Helen: I understand that as late as 1910 a stagecoach was still operating between Hartford and Owensboro. Do you know anything about that? It would be great to have a photo.

Nov 29 e-mail : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

I don't know of any pictures of a local stagecoach line. You might have him try the Owensboro library. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 30 e-mail [Humphrey] : From Sam Ellsworth (sbe2237@gmail.com):

Hey Jerry, I wanted to ask you one other quick question on your John Humphrey research. In your opening paragraph you have remarks there about the potential location of his residence. Do you have any other information regarding the specifics of where he lived on the Nolin River? Thanks, Sam Ellsworth

Nov 30 e-mail [Humphrey] : To Sam Ellsworth (sbe2237@gmail.com):

Sam, I don't have any clues about the location of the residence of John Humphrey. One possibly could locate the site if they meticulously studied the Hardin County deed records. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec. 28 e-mail : From Kentucky Room (kentucky@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY:

Hello, We had a patron request your contact info. We told them we would give you their info and you can contact them as you please. Kelly Brown, kelly.brown380@yahoo.com
Thank you, Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, (270) 691-1883

Dec. 28 e-mail : To Kelly Brown (kelly.brown380@yahoo.com):

Mr. Brown: My e-mail is j-long@prodigy.net and phone # 270-684-6299. Jerry Long

Dec. 29 e-mail : From Kelly Brown (kelly.brown380@yahoo.com):

Mr. Long, Thanks for responding. However, Helen McKeown was able to answer my question. If you permit, I may consult you again. Sincerely, Kelly E. Brown, Hartford, Kentucky.

2023 Log

Jan 3 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Born around noon! Everyone ok [Artie Long, son of Brian & Arpi Long, was born today, 3 January 2023 in Chicago, IL.]

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : To Heather Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):
Heather, Joey, Claire & Evelyn: I am sorry we missed spending Thanksgiving and Christmas together. Missing Christmas, especially, seems really strange and in complete. In looking back, I believe it is the first time in my lifetime that I have not spent Christmas Eve with my brother, Mitchell. I bet Evie has grown by leaps and bounds since I saw her. Thank you for the gift of the hoodie. The gifts I got for Claire and Evie I left with Mitchell & Martha. They will pass them on when you all meet up. The UK Wildcats have gotten off to a rough start, but showed some promise in the LSU game. Hopefully they can maintain their top-20 ranking. Please have a “HAPPY NEW YEAR!!” Love you all, Jerry

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : To Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):
Christy, Chris, Taylor, Kaylee and Kyle, I am sorry we missed spending Christmas together. Missing Christmas, especially, seems really strange and in complete. In looking back, I believe it is the first time in my lifetime that I have not spent Christmas Eve with my brother, Mitchell. The Christmas gift I got for Kyle I left with Mitchell & Martha. They will pass it on when you all meet up. The UK Wildcats have gotten off to a rough start, but showed some promise in the LSU game. Hopefully they can maintain their top-20 ranking. Please have a “HAPPY NEW YEAR!!” Love you all, Jerry Long

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : To Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com):
Brian, Arpi, Avery and the new guy, Wishing a very big welcome to the new arrival! What name has he been given? With such outstanding parents he is already showing great promise. I am sorry we missed spending Thanksgiving and Christmas together. Missing Christmas, especially, seems really strange and in complete. In looking back, I believe it is the first time in my lifetime that I have not spent Christmas Eve with my brother, Mitchell. The Christmas gift I got for Avery I left with Mitchell & Martha. They will pass it on when you all meet up. The UK Wildcats have gotten off to a rough start, but showed some promise in the LSU game. Hopefully they can maintain their top-20 ranking. Please have a HAPPY NEW YEAR and “**Congratulations!!**” Love you all, Jerry Long

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : From Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com):
Jerry, we were sorry to miss you at the holidays as well! I hope you’re staying healthy - it seems like the flu and cold season are in full swing. Not to mention Covid. I’m attaching a picture of Arthur “Artie” Mitchell Long. He will be in the NICU for 1-2 weeks given he was born so early but every day he gets stronger. Thinking of you! Happy new year.

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : To Brian Long (brianlonguk@yahoo.com):
Brian, Artie’s name I really love. Four generations named Mitchell is fantastic. Thanks for the great pictures! Jerry

Jan 5 e-mail [Long] : From Christy Whitsell (clwhitsell3@gmail.com):
Jerry, We were so sad that we didn't get to have Christmas at Dad's house, especially since Taylor hasn't seen people in so long. I really hope it can work out next year, Katie and Nick

are supposed to be in the US then and planning to come. It's hard to believe that Katie and Brian each have a new baby now! Chris has been really disappointed in the UK basketball team but I think he felt more encouraged after the last game! Kaylee doesn't even keep up with U of L basketball since they are struggling so much but she's enjoying her college experience and loves nursing so far. Taylor has decided to stay at his current job through next summer then will be looking to make a move, he's unsure what his next career steps will be as of now but I'm sure he'll figure out something good. He has gotten to travel a lot with this job, recently to London and the Netherlands as well as DC. Kyle is just into being an adolescent boy who thinks his parents shouldn't tell him what to do anymore! If we make it to Owensboro anytime, I'll be sure to have Dad let you know. And stay in touch through email when you can! Christy Whitsell MS, LPA, Whitsell Counseling and Supervision LLC, (859)339-1280

Jan 6 e-mail [Long] : From Heather Blandford (heather.blandford@jessamine.kyschools.us):

It was so nice to hear from you!! We missed having Christmas together SO MUCH! Because of Covid, we have missed three years in a row (2020 due to the pandemic, 2021 our family tested positive, and 2022 dad tested positive). Needless to say, we were pretty upset this year to not gather with family, especially after having the flu and strep at Thanksgiving. We are praying for healthy days for everyone in the future. Before Christmas, Christy and I were able to go to Arlington to visit with Katie and Nick and meet Theo. It was good to see him and have a chance to visit Katie and Nick. With Theo and Artie, it will be fun having new babies around if we can work out a family get-together!! Thank you for the gifts for the girls. Hopefully, we can make it to Owensboro soon. If so, it would be great if we could visit with you, as well. The girls are both doing well in school. Claire is staying super busy with lots of AP and advanced classes. She's also joined an environmental club and Kentucky Youth Assembly through school. And she's still dancing--a ton 😊 Competition season starts soon, and we will travel some for that (mostly to Ohio this year). Evelyn is doing a dance class once a week and loves that. She's also asking to play soccer, so we may let her try that in the Spring--nothing too competitive, just a fun league to give it a try! We are already looking forward to warmer weather so we can get outside more! No worries about the spelling of Evie's name! It's hard to keep all the spellings straight!!! Hope you are having a wonderful, healthy start to the year, and hope to see you soon! Love, Heather, Heather Blandford, M.A.Ed, NCC, School Counselor, Warner Elementary, (859) 885-3085

Jan 6 e-mail [Wilson] : From Adrienne Patenaude (adrienne_jewell@hotmail.com):

Hello! My name is Adrienne Patenaude. My Grandmother was Zelma Dean Wilson (Hopkins) her parents was Ada and Hena Wilson. Hena was the child of Henry H and Emma Wilson. Henry is the son of John Hardin Wilson who was Nimrod Dossie Wilson son. You info was awesome with helping me link them, I appreciate the photos and information! Where you able to find Samuels Parents? I can not, at all find a link to them. If you could help I would love that! Adrienne Patenaude

Jan 7 e-mail [Wilson] : To Adrienne Patenaude (adrienne_jewell@hotmail.com):

Sorry to report that I was unable to learn the parents of Samuel Wilson. There were too many Samuels that I could not differentiate. Looks like we are 6th cousins. I am a

descendant of John Wilson, son of Samuel & Winnie, and brother of Nimrod Dossie Wilson. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

Jan 7 e-mail [Wilson] : From Adrienne Patenaude (adrienne_jewell@hotmail.com):

Well thank you for then information up to that! It was really cool learning all that stuff. My mom is Zelma daughter, do you think swabbing her dna would help link us to one of the options of Samuels parents?

Jan 7 e-mail [Wilson] : To Adrienne Patenaude (adrienne_jewell@hotmail.com):

Being so far back (7 generations) to Samuel Wilson it would be very difficult to make a connection to his parents thru DNA analysis.

Jan 26 e-mail [Paulin] : From John M. McLeod (ancestry.com message board), Durango, La Plata, CO:

Jerry I'm sorry I've been off of Ancestry for a long time but I'm starting up again. I just sat down to upload a bunch of photos etc to my site. I'll give you a call in the next week or so.

Jan 27 e-mail [Paulin] : To John M. McLeod (ancestry.com message board):

John: My contact info is still the same. I would enjoy comparing notes with you. Thanks for writing, - Jerry Long

Jan 27 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, I hope you are doing well. I am still enjoying adding articles to the website. In addition to the files that were on the website when it went live in August 2022. I have uploaded 118 new files. A couple of the files are over 200 pages – literally a book with a full name index. The latter I am considering publishing in hardcopy. I have a couple of questions. I have some comments that the website lacks my contact info. In some of the articles it is included but it is not immediately visible. I was wondering if it is possible to add my contact information on the home page? My thought is that a good spot would be in a newly added white box. Currently on the bottom of the home page there are seven white boxes that link to the seven categories on the site. To the right of the seventh box is a blank space. If an eighth white box were added the contact info could be entered there. The text in the box would not be an active link and it would not take you to any other page. The box could include the text (3 lines centered as): Contact: j-long@prodigy.net 270-684-6299.

My other question is about the permanence of the website. I worry that the website will disappear once I am unable to attend to it or you decide to stop web hosting. I am not getting any younger and I have a couple of health concerns. Are there any steps that I can take to ensure that the website has a permanent place on the Internet? I have read that the average life span for most webpages is less than three years. I have invested an unbelievable amount of time in compiling the data – on the average since 1980 I have spent about four to eight hours every day. Is there any way to pay a one-time fee to achieve permanence? I have seen that for self-created & administered Word Press websites there are two types – one you pay a yearly fee and the other you pay a lifetime fee. To abate my concern, I would appreciate any suggestions. Have a good day, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Jan 27 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hey Jerry, Doing great! Hope you are as well! I had to run out to an appointment this morning, but I'm happy to add your contact information in just a bit. I can understand your concern Jerry. I think the WordPress websites you are talking about are on WordPress.com, which is a commercial version of the software we are using. It's a different system altogether and I don't believe the specialized software we are using would work or be permitted on their website. Also, if for any reason WordPress.com feels you went against one of their policies, they can delete the site. I safeguard your site with regular backups just in case anything goes wrong. I also don't think the average lifespan is quite accurate. I have had my website for 20 years and have had many of the same clients for 15 years +. Maybe the average was suggesting that people often go out of business? In any case, I am happy to help however I can. First, I do not plan to retire for at least 6 more years, but I do understand that things can happen. I have someone in place in case of an emergency who is much younger and has full access to all of my clients, hosting, etc. He will basically take over everything in an emergency and, if I were to die, he would work with my husband to purchase the business. Since I am hosting your website, you can rest assured that I will NEVER remove it from my servers unless you ask me to, not even if payment wasn't made. Also, if you have a person who could take over the website in case of emergency or simply to keep the payments flowing, you can just give me the person's contact information and I would continue to work with them... kind of like my emergency plan. And I do have a note in my "in case of emergency document" that your website is to stay up regardless. I wonder if there is a historical society that you could "bequeath" it to? I am also open for suggestions! Kimi

Jan 28 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Thanks for adding my contact info and for the SUPPORT. Your comments helped to ease my worries. If I owe you for your time, please let me know. My nephew, Brian M. Long, has been appointed the executor of my estate. With my final will I have added a letter setting forth my desire that the West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy site be maintained. Brian's current contact information is: Brian M. Long, 220 E. Illinois St. #4505, Chicago, IL 60611, 859-552-4816, brianlonguk@yahoo.com. Thanks again and best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 30 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com); phone 270-683-7530:

Jerry, I am so sorry for the late reply. If you could remove kim@kimiweb.com from your contact book and use ktaylor@kimiweb.com instead that would be best. Kim@ is my personal email address and I use it to purchase software, etc., so that is probably how you got it, but I don't check it as often. Thank you so much for your nephew's contact information! That makes me feel better as well! Also, feel free to give him my contact information and I will make sure it is listed in my emergency document. ALWAYS feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. I never mind. Best, Kimi

Feb 4 e-mail [Wilson] : From Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry. Hope this is your current info. Just saw your work on Samuel Wilson line. Wonderful! Have you added to this work. Hope all is well!

Feb 5 e-mail [Wilson] : From Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Judith, The article that I did on the Wilson family was added to my website on 29 June 2022. The article contained all that I knew on the older generations. I have not been able to do any additional work on the Wilson line since. I hope all is well with you. We last touched base in February 2016. It is amazing how fast time is slipping by! Best wishes, A cousin, Jerry Long

Feb 8 e-mail : From Aaron Banther (farristownfamily@gmail.com):

Good afternoon Mr Jerry Long, My name is Aaron Banther we just spoke on the phone. For the past year I have been working on some genealogy, preservation efforts in that community. Farristown known as one of the 3 black hamlets in Berea was founded in the 1800s and was based off John G fee Principles who founded Berea College. I grew up in the community of Farristown as a youth before joining the Navy in 1997. I retired and moved back two years and wanted to preserve the area for it to get more recognition, historical marker, oral histories, community structures, etc. To make a long story short we have faced challenges as a dying community, but the City of Berea has been very supportive of the preservation efforts. The biggest struggle that I have is that there are a few theories on how this community was founded. We know it was founded off the original Farris men that lived there. One descendant told me that it started by a white slave owner named Mike Farris, who told his slaves (his children) to cut away the rest of the forestry to build. Then I came across the attached article that came from your source at [West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy - As compiled by Jerry Long \(wckyhistory-genealogy.org\)](http://West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy - As compiled by Jerry Long (wckyhistory-genealogy.org)). I know we came to the conclusion that there was no further info at this time. I thank you for your time but if you just so happened to find out anything more or could help point me in the right direction. please let me know. Your also welcome to reach me at 850-207-9107. Thank you! Aaron

Feb 11 e-mail : To Aaron Banther (farristownfamily@gmail.com):

Aaron, I checked my notes that I had found when I did the Faris research. I had made an attempt to uncover something then about Farristown but was unsuccessful. After your call I also checked the following but found no clues on the founding of Farristown:

- Newspaper.com and NewspaperArchive.com - these subscription sites have many vintage newspapers, including some from Berea, KY; the Berea papers had some references in the personals of various residents of Farristown visiting others, etc.
- In the US Post Offices database, I found no mention of any post office at Farristown before 1900.
- In a Google search the only historical reference on Farristown I located was on the site, "Notable Kentucky African Americans Database". I am sure you have already seen this reference (<https://nkaa.uky.edu/nkaa/items/show/313>).

I wish I had been able to find something more! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 12 e-mail [Conder] : From Miriam Bearden (merrycb03@gmail.com):

Good afternoon, Jerry, My name is Miriam Bearden. My maiden name is Conder. In researching my father's family online, I stumbled across your book on the Young Family. It was a very pleasant surprise, indeed! My third great grandfather was Lewis Conder, Sr. He was born in Mecklenburg County around 1755. He apparently was the brother of

George, whose daughter Margaret married Martin Young (Pages 11-13 in your book). In your book, you noted that George was the son of the immigrant Johannes Matthias Konder. I have found that most people, including myself, are going on that assumption even though there is apparently no documentation to verify that connection. Do you have any documentation that would prove the relationship? I know Darrel Conder had written a book on the Condor/Conder/Konder families, but from the excerpts I have read online, he doesn't provide proof, either. My father, Willie Clarence Conder, was born(1905) and was raised in the Monroe/Indian Train area of Union County, NC, which used to be part of Mecklenburg Co. He grew up within a few miles of the Lewis Conder homeplace. After he married my mother in 1949, they lived in Rutherford Co. where my sister and I were raised. My husband, Dan, and I are currently living in south Louisiana, where he is originally from. I plan to go home to North Carolina in August, and will be making a few trips to Rowan County, where Johannes M. Konder lived, and also to Mecklenburg and Union counties, to see what I can find. I imagine most everything there is to uncover has been noted already, but I really just want to have a look for myself. Any light you can shed on these relationships would be very much appreciated. Also, you referred to the immigrant Konder as Johannes Matthias Konder. I have also seen him referred to as Has Georg Konder (as on the ships passenger list), as well as Johannes Georg Matthias Konder. Can you shed some light on those variations, or is that just that it was typical of that time for names to be written several different ways, different spellings, etc? Below is my ancestor lineage relevant to this matter: Miriam Conder Bearden (b. 1955) ~ Willie Clarence Conder (b. 1905) ~ Robert Milton Conder (b. 1869) ~ Eli Conder (b. 1847) ~ Lewis Conder, Jr.(b. 1801) ~ Lewis Conder, Sr.(b. 1755, brother to George) ~ ? Johannes M. Konder, the immigrant(b. 1706). Thank you very much for your time, Jerry. I hope to hear from you soon. Kindest regards, Miriam Bearden

Feb 13 e-mail [Conder] : To Miriam Bearden (merrycb03@gmail.com):

Hello Miriam: I am sorry to report that I am not going to be of much help on the Konder research. As you stated in your letter most people are assuming that George was the son of the immigrant Johannes Matthias Konder. This seemed to be the consensus among Conder / Konder researches. Beyond the elder George Conder of Washington County, KY, father-in-law of Martin Young, I did no original research. The brief note on the Konder history was from the research of Darrell W. Conder and other researchers. Years ago, I met Darrell at the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY, where I worked for 28 years. Mr. Conder's notes on the father of George appear to be mainly theory and somewhat inconsistent (such as variation in his father's name, Johannes Matthias, in one place and as Hans George elsewhere). Since so many researchers accepted that Johannes Matthias was the father of George, I also went with it. In retrospect I wish I had used a more appropriate statement – such as “Many researchers have theorized...” Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 13 e-mail [Conder] : From Miriam Bearden (merrycb03@gmail.com):

Thank you, Jerry, for your quick response, and for your clarification. I especially appreciate your recollection of Darrell W. Conder's notes, as I have often wondered just what evidence he had on the possible father/son relationship. I will keep this

correspondence with my notes, and continue my search. Thank you, again. I wish you all the best, Miriam

Feb 21 e-mail : To Isaac Settle (settle.isaac@yahoo.com):

Isaac, It was great seeing you! I am just checking to see if this e-mail address for you is still good. If you ran across any errors on my website, please let me know. I would appreciate any critiques or suggestions for new research. Have a good day, Jerry Long [This e-mail address was no longer active.]

Feb 23 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Katie posted these photos on Facebook. Mitch [sent 4 pictures of Theo Duvall – 3months old]

Feb 23 e-mail [Young] : From Jim Young (Youngjedi29@hotmail.com):

Hi My name is Jim. I found a copy of your book Young Family of Hancock County, KY and I just wanted to thank you for putting out that research. My family descended through Peter Young. Peter's son, Owen had a son named Otha. His son James Young was my father. I have been researching this line and others for about twelve years and your research confirmed a few of my theories. Again thank you for the information. Jim Young

Feb 24 e-mail [Young] : To Jim Young (Youngjedi29@hotmail.com):

Jim, Thanks for your e-mail! Looks like we are 4th cousins once removed. I have a couple of questions. I have that your grandfather, Otha Young, died in Chicago, IL on 15 January 1982. Do you know the name of the cemetery where he was buried? Did he have a middle name? Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 24 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Thanks for sending the pictures of Theo. The pics show that he is a happy – contented fellow. The “Theodore Miles” blanket looks really cool. Have a good day, Jerry

Mar 9 e-mail : From Jared Snyder (Amedee360@gmail.com):

Hello Jerry, I am researching the Strader v Graham case and found a very interesting interview with Lucien Brown, a musician from Louisville (1897 - 1974) who was a direct descendent of Henry Hunn, one of the three fugitive slaves in that case. Lucien Brown's paternal grandfather, Jess Brown (1827 - 1906), was born in Mississippi and sold at a slave market in Nevis, Kentucky to John Phillip Thompson for \$100. Lucien's grandmother (Lue May Brown 1834 - 1918) was born in Harrodsburg and was a slave of David Sutton, C. C. Graham's father-in-law. Her father was Lewis May, a free man of color in Harrodsburg. The Thompson family and the Browns apparently were quite close according to Lucien. I was wondering if in your research on the Thompson's you'd seen anything that would align with Brown's memories. The interview appeared in a jazz magazine called Storyville and was issued in 1962 and authored by John Randolph. Regards, Jared Snyder, Amedee360@gmail.com , 360.878.3600

Mar 9 e-mail : To Jared Snyder (Amedee360@gmail.com):

Jared, I am sorry but I haven't seen anything on the Browns you mentioned. Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Mar 9 e-mail : From Jared Snyder (Amedee360@gmail.com):

thank you so much for your reply and thank you for the wonderful research you have shared online.. Regards, Jared

Mar 10 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Claire won first place at a dance competition in Richmond Ky last weekend. A link for his routine is embedded in the email below!

Mar 13 Phone call ; From Bill DeHaven Owensboro, KY (270-231-718):

My name had been given to him by Leslie McCarty, Daviess County Court Clerk. Mr. DeHaven asked if I knew of any sources that documented that Thomas Moseley, Revolutionary War soldier, was buried in the family cemetery on Fifth Street in Owensboro. I read him the sources I had compiled for the inventory of Daviess County Cemeteries I had compiled for the Daviess County Public Library and the DAR records compiled by Emma Dunn Mastin the 1920-1930's.

Mar 15 e-mail: To Deborah Kohl Kremer (deb@kentuckymonthly.com), editor of "Kentucky Monthly" periodical:

Deborah: I have attached an article about Jean Audley, a nomad, who roamed Kentucky in the early 1900's. I was wondering if the article in any form is suitable for publication in the "Kentucky Explorer"? Thanks for your work, Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, 270-684-6299, j-long@prodigy.net

Mar 23 e-mail: From Robin Franson Pruter (robinpruter@gmail.com):

I learned a few years ago that my grandmother's biological father was Milford Purdy (1886-1965), who owned a furniture store. I've attached an image of my grandmother's original birth certificate, which I requested when Illinois opened their adoption records for cases where all parties were deceased. I have DNA matched to many Purdy relatives on Ancestry and 23andMe, so I have reason to believe the parentage on the birth certificate is accurate. However, as far as I'm aware, Milford Purdy never married or had any other children. I've never been able to connect with any close relatives who knew anything about him. I found your Purdy family history online, and 1) I thought you'd want to know about this long-lost family branch; and 2) I was wondering if you had any particular sources you could recommend for my research. I found his mention and picture in Owensboro newspapers because he was such a prominent person, but I thought you may know of something else that would shed some light on him. If you're interested in this wrong-side-of-the-blanket branch, I'll be happy to answer any questions. My grandmother looked like her biological mother's side of the family, except she had dark brown hair while they are fair, so she probably got her dark hair from Purdy. Thank you, Robin Franson Pruter [birth certificate – __ Jennings born 8 February 1919 Chicago, Cook County, IL, father Milford Purdy (res. Owensboro, KY, age 33, occupation furniture) and Connie Jennings (age 28, born KY, res. Chicago, mother's first child)

Mar 23 e-mail: From Robin Franson Pruter (robinpruter@gmail.com):

Milford Purdy in the 1920 census and other records is always shown to be single. His obituary in 1965 listed as his survivors two sisters and a brother. I believe he had a child by Connie Jennings (1890-1973) of Henderson County, KY. She also appears to not have been married. Connie is living near Spottsville, in Henderson County, KY at the time of the 1920 census. Spottsville is near the Stanley neighborhood in Daviess County, where Milford Purdy (1886-1965) was born and had relatives. This places Milford & Connie in close proximity. Many times I have seen when a couple had a child and did not intend to keep the child they went away from home to have the child and place it up for adoption. Connie Jennings died in 1973 and her Henderson, KY obituary listed no surviving children. Since Milford & Connie's child was born out of the local area other close relatives (such as nieces & nephews) may not have known of the child. Milford Purdy died at the home of his nephew, Dr. James Edward Hix, who is now deceased. Dr. Hix had a son, Dr. James Edward Hix, Jr. (born 1942), who is living in North Carolina; a recent phone number for him is 919-756-2970. He is a great-nephew of Milford Purdy. He may know of some older relatives if you want to pursue contacting them. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 23 e-mail: From Robin Franson Pruter (robinpruter@gmail.com):

Yes, Connie Jennings was my great-grandmother, and she went away to Chicago to have the baby. We could have been twins. Thank you for your time and the contact info. Robin Franson Pruter

Mar 24 e-mail : To Meranda Caswell, editor of "Ancestral News", Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY (merandacasw@gmail.com):

Meranda: My name is Jerry Long. I am ATHS member #1042. I have attached an article on Jean Audley. I was wondering if it in any form is acceptable for publication in the , "Ancestral News"? Keep up the good work! Jerry Long (j-long@prodigy.net), Owensboro, KY

Mar 24 e-mail : From Meranda Caswell, editor of "Ancestral News", Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY (merandacasw@gmail.com):

Absolutely! I can use this for the third quarterly to be mailed out about July first. Thank you so much. Thank you for the compliments! Take care, Meranda

Apr 10 e-mail : To Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for the thousands upon thousands of articles you have written. What a body of work!! You have clearly and thoroughly chronicled and preserved the events, past and present, of our community. To me your columns are the highlight of the paper.

I formerly worked in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. After 28 years I retired from the library in 2016. For the decade prior to my employment there I had been a frequent visitor while working as a professional genealogist and as an employee of McDowell Publications.

In 2021 I made a new year's resolution to create a long dreamed about website where I could publish some of the research, I have compiled in my 40 plus years as a

genealogist and history enthusiast. In August of that year my website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy” (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>), went live on the Internet. In addition to adding my previously published material I have also been adding some newly compiled articles. For the latter I have tried to present a few sources about a person or event as well as attempting to add a detail or two that was not previously known. For example, I began my most recent addition, “Carl & Grace Browder – Kentucky’s Bonnie & Clyde”, with the intention of attempting to learn what happened to Grace Browder. Previous accounts end her story with her release from the Kentucky State Reformatory in 1935. I was able to learn several subsequent events in her life – including when she died and where she was buried. I also found several photographs of her. I have attached the article.

If you happen to visit my website, I would appreciate any critiques or suggestions.
Best wishes,, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net

Apr 10 e-mail : From Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

Thanks, Jerry. I'll be sure to do that. You've done some excellent work through the years

Apr 15 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

158th Anniversary of Sultana maritime disaster, Thomas Carter only Sultana survivor buried in Ohio County. Civil War Sultana Survivor plaque gravesite dedication at West Providence Cemetery on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. The Sultana is still the largest peacetime maritime disaster in our country. Welcome to everyone!!!
Helen McKeown, 270-232-0086, helen@imckeown.com

Apr 18 Phone call [Young] : From Deb Lowe, Danville, KY (dalowe_1@yahoo.com), 859-319-8012:

Ms. Lowe had been sent a copy of my book on the Young family of Hancock County, KY. She is a descendant of Andrew Young, of Washington County, KY, who is a brother of my 4th great-grandfather, Martin Young. She was very knowledgeable about the family. In my research I had corresponded with her (by e-mail) in 2013-2014.

Apr 25 Phone call : To Trena White Claise, Hawesville, KY, 270-927-6968:

Mrs. Claise’s father had owned the former Hancock County Poor Farm property. I had found where he sold the property in 2010. Mrs. Claise said they moved to the farm in 1975. She did not remember who they bought the property from. She said that Charlie King, of Hawesville, was the realtor and he might remember who was the previous owner. She said that her father in 2010 sold the property to his son-in-law, Michael Claise, Mrs. Claise’s husband. The Claise’s did not move there and sold it about two or three years later.

Apr 27 e-mail : From Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

Been meaning to write back for awhile. That's a really good resource you've created.
Thanks for sharing

Apr 28 e-mail : From Barry K. Ashby (barry_ashby@comcast.net):

Jerry, I am writing for a lookup on my Daviess County, KY, ancestors. Hopefully you can help or at least steer me to someone who can. Specifically, I need the marriage information for these two individuals who married on 11 Jan 1845. I simply need to know what is recorded about them in the relevant marriage records. A simple transcription is all I'm looking for. I don't need photo copies. And, of course, I will pay for this lookup work. JOHNSON, ROBERT B. marriage to ASHBY, JULIA They married 11 Jan 1845 in Daviess County, KY. Not sure, but the marriage information I seek might be held at either the Daviess County Public Library, or the Daviess County Clerk's Office in Owensboro. I personally would search these two books: 1) Daviess County, KY, Marriage Bonds, Books A through E (1815 - 1860), and 2) Daviess County, KY, Marriage Records Volume 1 (1780 - 1914). Thank you so much for your time, Barry K. Ashby

Apr 28 e-mail : To Barry K. Ashby (barry_ashby@comcast.net):

The marriage you asked about is recorded in Daviess County, KY Marriage Book A, page 148. The early marriages gave scant information. They were essentially a return by the celebrant, who reported that he married a couple on a certain date. The only facts generally given were the marriage license date and date the marriage was performed. Sometimes if one of the couple were under age (21 for males & 18 for females) a consent slip might have been recorded with the marriage return. Attached is a copy from the microfilm copy of the book. Part of the entry was extremely light. I read the entry as:

Parties' names – Robert B. Johnson & Julian Ashby; (License) date – 8th July 1845, Return – License returned endorsed as follows - I certify that I solemnized the rites of matrimony between the within named couple on the 11th day of January 1845, John G. Howard, M.G.B.C. [initials = minister gospel Baptist church], Att. J. G. Howard

You might be able to get a better copy of the marriage return by writing: Daviess County Clerk's Office, 212 Saint Ann Street, P.O. Box 609, Owensboro, KY 42302-0609, Phone: 270-685-8434. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 28 e-mail : From Barry K. Ashby (barry_ashby@comcast.net):

Jerry, Wow! Thank you, thank you, and thank you. I sincerely appreciate this. You are the best. I would like to send a payment to cover your time and expenses. All I need is a mailing address. Please advise. Alternatively, I could send you a payment by way of PayPal, if you have an account. I would need your PayPal username. Please advise. FYI, I have deep roots in Ohio County. My mother and father were both born there. My Shields mother was born in Cromwell; my Ashby father was born in Centertown. If you have any questions about the Ashby's and Shields of Ohio Co. I'm your man. Thanks again, Barry

Apr 28 e-mail : To Barry K. Ashby (barry_ashby@comcast.net):

Barry, There was no charge. I was glad to help. I am sure that my many Ohio County, KY relatives knew and rubbed elbows with your family. Some of my distant cousins married into the Shields and Ashby families. One of the Ohio County cemeteries I transcribed was the Shields Cemetery near Cromwell. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 29 e-mail : From Barry K. Ashby (barry_ashby@comcast.net):

Thank you, sir...for the free lookup. Hopefully, I can return the favor in the future. To that end, I'll make an effort to regularly scan your website, West-Central Kentucky History and Genealogy. If I find anything needing an update or correction, I'll let you know. Sincerely,

May 9 e-mail : From Julie Potts Hoffmann (rujusaka@gmail.com):

I'm just looking over your web site which is great. My relatives, the Potts' and Harris', are from Ohio, County (1920s and before) I don't see their names on your lists anywhere. They are mostly buried on the Mt. Vernon Cemetery which is also not listed. But my main question is that my Aunt Ida Willis Potts Morrison (still living at 101 but has poor vision and isn't great with a map) talks about growing up in Hell's Neck. I was wondering if you might know where that was. Thanks, Julie Potts Hoffmann

May 10 e-mail : To Julie Potts Hoffmann (rujusaka@gmail.com):

Julie: Hell's Neck is not a specific spot in the road. It describes the area between Rosine – Horton – Olaton – Sulphur Springs. My grandparents were also from the Hell's Neck neighborhood. Sorry I don't have the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. There are probably another 100 cemeteries I also did not copy. Most of my cemetery transcriptions were done before the dawn of Find A Grave and other Internet listings. Do you know Glenda Potts Thacker of Owensboro? She is also from Hell's Neck and she has been a family researcher for many years. Best wishes, Jerry Long

May 10 e-mail : From Julie Potts Hoffmann (rujusaka@gmail.com):

I do. She and I are 2nd cousins once removed. She has done tons of research! Thanks for the info on Hell's Neck.

May 11 phone call : To Adam Paris, Owensboro, KY, 270-485-1054 (Adam@apimagery.com):

He is administrator of the Hancock County, KY history Facebook site. I called about my application for access to the site that I made two weeks ago. He said he had overlooked it and added by name to the members list.

May 18 e-mail [Fuqua] : From Kelly Evans (kellyduffy@msn.com):

Hello Jerry, I am writing to thank you for sharing your lengthy research related to John Fuqua and Charlotte Robinson, and their families. I almost hesitate to reach out to you because I have nothing to contribute to your great effort. I have been researching for a number of years intermittently. My ultimate goal was to try to gather enough information to become a DAR. I would get frustrated with the lack of information and ambiguous names and just give up. I recently did a google search and what a gold mine your reports were to find. I am so appreciative of your referencing of sources. I am in contact right now with the Shelby Co. Clerk's Office and hope to get a copy of the 1805 will of James Robinson sometime this summer. I'm hopeful this will "prove" his connection to Charlotte for DAR purposes. If this falls through, I did see that it was noted in one of your email exchanges that the library has a file devoted to James Robinson. It could turn out to be fun road trip with my mother. My connection to the family if you are interested is: John Fuqua and Charlotte Robinson are my 5th Greats – Lewis Bennett and Eliz Fuqua are 4th – Josiah Daniel and Artemecia Bennett 3rd – John F Gough and Susan Belle Daniel – 2nd Joseph F Sens and Mary Belle Gough Greats – Charles F Haley and Anna Jane Sens Grandparents

– Richard A Duffey and Theresa A Haley -Parents. Sincerely, Kelly Duffey Evans, 419-610-1843, 448 Colt Cir, Bellville, OH 44813

May 19 e-mail [Fuqua] : To Kelly Evans (kellyduffey@msn.com):

Kelly, Hello cousin. I am a descendant of Charlotte Robinson's sister, Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Midkiff. The Fuqua, Gillespie and Midkiff families left Shelby County, KY and settled in Ohio County, KY. Many of their descendants moved to the adjoining Daviess County, KY, where I reside. Best wishes, Jerry Long

May 25 e-mail [Boucher] : From Lowell Samples (ltsrcg@yahoo.com):

Hello, Mr. Long. I will be in Louisville, Frankfort, and other cities on a road trip next month. In Frankfort, at the Kentucky Historical Society library, I expected to finally get my hands on "The Family of William Boucher and Milly Faris". Yesterday I was surprised to find that you have put the book online yourself. My second surprise was your excellent use of citations throughout the book. I know it has been a long time since you did the research, but thank you anyway. I'm a descendant of an Isaac Butcher of Madison County that you mention in the book. Your work helps me narrow down his possible parents and their possible origin in southwest Virginia. I think I still want to make my first visit to the KHS library, but finding your book online will allow me to explore other subjects. Lowell Samples

May 26 e-mail [Boucher] : To Lowell Samples (ltsrcg@yahoo.com):

Lowell, I hope you have an enjoyable and successful trip to Kentucky. Jerry Long

Jun 6 Phone call [Moseley] : From Gary Tunget, Owensboro, KY (270-926-9990):

Asked if I knew where in the Kentucky Room at the Owensboro library he could find more info on Revolutionary War veteran, Thomas Moseley. I told he of a couple of places.

Jun 7 Mail [Moseley] : To Gary Tunget, 2125 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301:

Sent 23 pages I had copied on Thomas Moseley.

Jun 8 e-mail [Wilson] : From Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Do you know how I can get a copy of book you have referenced by Eloise Ragland Howell on Methodist in Ohio County KY. Thanks!

Jun 9 e-mail [Wilson] : To Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Judith, I also failed to get a copy of this book when it was first published. I checked and it is not for sale by the Ohio County Historical Society. Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com) may know if it is still available. Possibly her family may still have copies. Eloise Ragland died in 2010. She was survived by one child – Carol (Dr. Jerry) Gilpin of Nashville – her recent phone # was (615) 473-3171. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 9 e-mail [Wilson] : From Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Thank you! Appreciate the information!

Jun 12 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

It is time for renewals! In the last few weeks, I had to change credit cards. For my auto renewal with Namecheap I recently updated my credit card info. For the other two parts of my renewal (web hosting & software) I am a little confused. In the past you completed these other two renewals. Do I need at this point to e-mail you my new credit card info? I apologize for not remembering what to do. Would you please clarify how to complete the renewals? Yesterday I received the following e-mail from Namecheap. Is all of the info they listed, correct? Are any changes needed? Thank you for your time, Jerry Long

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Name: Jerry Long Hi Jerry, We're required by ICANN, our regulating authority, to send all our domain customers an annual reminder to update their domain contact information. Your contact details must be current and correct to receive important notifications about your domain name from your registrar. Please check that the following domain contact information we have for you is correct: Registrar Name: Namecheap Inc.

Jun 12 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hi Jerry! Hope you've been well. I know there are several pieces to remember. Regarding the email below, you can just ignore it since all of your contact information is the same. Not sure if you were able to access Namecheap to change your credit card number, but your domain name is set to auto-renew and it looks like it went through. I am seeing an expiration date of July 12, 2024. The webhosting comes due July 1st, and I just send an invoice to you for that. Last year, I added the cost for renewal for the one plugin (full text search PRO) to the invoice so I'll just do that again. Webhosting is \$240 for another year and the plugin renewal is \$49. I was on their website a little while ago, though, and noticed that they do offer longer renewal times - up to 10 years. I have written to ask what the cost would be for us, since renewal is usually cheaper than the first purchase. I'll let you know what I find out. If you have any other questions, just let me know! Kimi

Jun 12 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

When I email you an invoice there will be a link for you to click and pay. You can just use your new card. I don't store any credit card information for my clients. I am so happy to hear you are enjoying your website. You do such a good job!! Kimi

Jun 13 e-mail : From Sean Risse (seanrisse@gmail.com):

Jerry, I have been researching my family and came across your book...or part of it. Would you happen to have a link to the whole book? I would like to see the maps of where their farms were located. I appreciate your passion for this research, its been super interesting for myself and my family. Sincerely, Sean Risse, 812-719-9950

Jun 14 e-mail : To Sean Risse (seanrisse@gmail.com):

Sean, I am sorry to report that I don't have the entire book online. Several of the graphics were poor quality. Also, the layout would have been considerably more problematic. I have attached three maps that were in the Risse chapter. I hope you can read them. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

Jun 15 e-mail : From Wendell Keith (wendellkeith@mchsi.com):

Jerry, Thanks for your well-documented research on Wilson family. I saw it and your article on Salem Cemetery, as posted on FB by Judith Wilson. Samuel & Winnie Lee Wilson are also my fifth-great-grandparents, following the line through James W. & Susannah Howard, Samuel Martin & Elvira Jane Liles, and John Gaither & Rebecca Ann Christian. My information is from a family history book prepared by David A. Myers in 1983 (David is double cousin to my mother, Betty Sue Nabours Keith). Unfortunately, David passed away last year and I do not have his original source materials. My parents and Wilson-side grandparents are buried at McCord, Ohio Co. (Keith grandparents are buried at Sunnyside, Beaver Dam). I greatly appreciate your attention to documented sources, rather than the “social genealogy” that I expect is propagating on current apps. I have an interest in genealogy, but have not produced any new information myself. I have collected the data in electronic format on my direct ancestors from the DAM book and 2 other family history sources. I have not yet started on Ancestry or other app., but plan to do that soon. I understand the importance of researching and documenting sources (often multiple sources), then needing to evaluate which seems the most plausible. I have made 2 trips to Ohio Co. in the last 2 years to visit family, and also to document gravestones at several cemeteries (McCord, Sunnyside, Boyd, Rosine, Axton). I am also on Find-A-Grave. Again, thanks for your work on this. Wendell Keith, Cedar Rapids, IA, 319/398-9628

Jun 15 e-mail : To Wendell Keith (wendellkeith@mchsi.com):

Wendell, It looks like we are 6th cousins. I met David Arthur Myers a couple of times and visited his parents’ home, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Myers ,near the Fairview Church. I also have a copy of David’s book. I see that your family is represented on pages 240 & 283. I live in Owensboro, but Ohio County seems like my second home. My dad was born near Rosine. My grandparents had a farm near there. Every two weeks my family visited this farm and for a couple of weeks during our summer vacations stayed on the farm. Thanks for writing! Jerry Long

Jun 15 e-mail : From Wendell Keith (wendellkeith@mchsi.com):

My Dad (and his Dad) went to work for the steel mills in NW Indiana in the early 50s. My Mom then joined him. 6 of 7 of his siblings then followed. I grew up in Hammond. After college, work eventually took me to Iowa. Kids and Grandkids are here, so this in home. Many visits to my grandparents Dennis & Rena Nabours as a kid and adult. Also, Dewey & Midge Myers, Theodore and Marian Myers. On my last trip I saw their son John, and Myers reunion at Fred & Teresa Myers. My visits with David Myers were too few, as he mostly lived away from Ohio Co. Take care, WK

Jun 20 e-mail : From Nita Nix (nita.nix@icloud.com):

Jerry, can I purchase this book? I’m so excited and thankful to you for compiling connections of Young/Nix families. I discovered this file yesterday and today shared it with Tammy Nix Milburn. She and I have tried to connect Franklin M Nix with John Nix Sr line for years. It appears you were our missing link. Nita Nix, widow of Bennie E Nix, son of John Nathan Nix, son of Charles S Nix, son of John Jr Nix & Margaret Ann Young, son of John Sr Nix & Elizabeth Young.

Jun 20 e-mail : To Nita Nix (nita.nix@icloud.com):

Nita, I am still debating about having the Young article published in book form. I would like to see copies in several libraries. Currently the only copy is the online copy. For the article I visited and interviewed Nathan Nix and his sister, Nannie Nix Snyder. Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Jun 21 e-mail : From Nita Nix (nita.nix@icloud.com):

Jerry, Thanks for your reply. Your work deserves reward, I think it would sell in book form or as a download. If I can help, please let me know. I've discovered you are connected to Rosine families. Visiting the living and dead there in the cemetery is where my passion began for genealogy when I was very young. My mother is Willanena Daniel, daughter of William Allison Daniel and Bethel "Pauline" (Basham) Daniel. Happy Summer, Nita

Jun 21 e-mail [Wilson] : From Judith Wilson (judithwilson707@gmail.com):

Have been reading on your website. Thanks so much for works on Wilson family and all the others. You are amazing! Handsome also. I think I see some Wilson.

Jun 26 e-mail [Young] : From Tammy Milburn (tammyn_66@hotmail.com):

Mr. Long: I was wondering if you mined if I printed off your online pdf file online of the Young family of Hancock County? I descend of the Leitchia Young Nix line. Her son Franklin Martin Nix was my great grandfather. My father Robert Wendell Nix was the eldest son of his youngest son Robert. I have been searching for who is father was for 38 years. Thanks to you I now have some clarification of who it was. Franklin still has two grandchildren living my uncle Kenny Nix (82)and Hannah Nix Morgan (90). I am attaching two photos for you to see if Franklin. One with wife Mary Ellen Collins Nix and one with 4 of his sons. Taylor, Milton, Miller and Jesse. Franklin is the guy in front of the tree.

Jun 27 e-mail [Young] : From Tammy Milburn (tammyn_66@hotmail.com):

Tammy, Printing out the PDF is fine! Thanks for sending the pictures. I enjoyed seeing them. Your great-grandfather, Franklin Nix, and my great-grandfather, Joe Young, would have been second cousins. A cousin, Jerry Long

Jul 1 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Sent payment of \$418.40 for web hosting and plugin.

Aug 9 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Jerry, It seems that I have misplaced the birthdates of my children. Could you, please, email them to me when you get a chance? Thanks, Mitch

Aug 9 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):

Mitchell, I have printed a report out from my Family Tree Maker file. I have attached it to this e-mail. You should be able to open the document. But if you cannot open it let me know and I will try another option. Best wishes, Jerry

Aug 9 e-mail [Long] : From Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@hotmail.com):
Able to access data with no problem. Thanks, for the help. Mitch

Aug 10 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Today when I added a few file to the website I got the following message (at the top of the page): “Attention: Switch to GA4 (Google Analytics 4), your current version of Google Analytics (UA) is outdated and no longer tracks data. Follow the guide.” I was not sure what should be done. I was not sure where the link “Follow the guide” would have taken me. Thus, I did not attempt to make any changes. I hope you are doing well. My new research is still keeping me enthused. - Jerry Long

Aug 10 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hey Jerry, We had installed a plugin when we launched your website that added a dashboard where you could track your website traffic. Are you still using that? If so, I'll update this for you. If not, I'll just remove the plugin. Just let me know & I am so happy that you are enjoying your research! Kimi

Aug 10 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, I have rarely checked the tracker plugin. It would be okay to just remove the plugin. It is not crucial to me. I am really pleased with how Google search is showing the site as a top hit on a vast number of keywords that are related to local history. Thanks for your help!! Jerry Long

Aug 11 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

I've removed the plugin Jerry. The fewer the better! I receive an email from Google from time to time that reads "Congratulations for receiving X clicks in the past 30 days" and usually it pertains to your website! That's great to hear. Kimi

Aug 29 Phone call : Mrs. Kenneth R. (Charlotte Fulkerson) Howard, 2301 Reigh Court Dr., Owensboro, KY 42301-4986, phone 270-273-5538:

In researching Owensboro's Potter's Field Cemetery I discovered that a monument for Mrs. Howard's father, William Leslie Fulkerson (1904-1970), is lying loose in the Potter's Field Cemetery. He is not buried there. He was actually buried at the Glenville Baptist Church Cemetery in Daviess County, KY. I explained to Mrs. Howard what I had discovered. I suggested calling the office of Owensboro's mayor, Tom Watson, to see what can be done about removing the monument.

Aug 29 e-mail : To Charlotte Fulkerson Howard (charlott.howard@att.net):

Sent copies of 2 pictures of her father, William L. Fulkerson's, monument that has been mistakenly placed in Owensboro's Potter's Field Cemetery.

Aug 29 Phone Call : City of Owensboro action line, 270-687-8561:

Selected extension 5 – Parks Department. Explained I did not know what department to contact. I was inquiring about the misplaced monument (of William L. Fulkerson) found at the Owensboro Potter's Field Cemetery. They said to call the city action line

Aug 29 e-mail : From Charlotte Fulkerson Howard (charlott.howard@att.net):

I know you said a military marker but I was just hearing marker. There is no military marker at Daddy's grave. But the photos you sent are a marker for Daddy. On Find A Grave someone added a photo but it is not at Glenville Baptist Ch Cem. I have contacted Find a grave abt removing it. I will contact mayor office as we talked abt in next couple days. Thanks for calling today, good to hear from you. Charlotte

Sep 6 e-mail : From Cynthia Maasberg (maasbergcmk@hotmail.com):

Previously I learned you have researched the Wilson and Faught families. I am currently searching for an obituary for William Berry Ashby who is the father of Novie Jane Ashby. Novie married William Chester Faught; therefore, William Berry Ashby is tied to the Faught family line. The information I have for William Berry Ashby is: DOB: 13 Apr 1874 at Ohio County, KY, DOD: 17 Oct 1947 at Louisville, KY while living with daughter, Mrs. Otha Wilson. He formerly lived at Beaver Dam, KY. I have a partial copy of his obituary. It must have been printed in two columns. The right side of the second column is not visible so I am hoping to locate the entire obituary. I do not have a newspaper name in which the obituary appeared. Would you be willing to assist in my search? If you do not have the obituary, I certainly would appreciate any advice on how and where to locate it. I called the Daviess County Public Library but they could not locate the needed obituary. Thank you for anything you can furnish or recommend. Cynthia Maasberg Email: maasbergcmk@hotmail.com Phone: (812) 963-3264 (landline with voicemail)

Sep 7 e-mail : To Cynthia Maasberg (maasbergcmk@hotmail.com):

Cynthia: I have access to the Owensboro and Louisville, KY newspapers. I could not find a death notice for William B. Ashby in either paper. At the time of his death there were two newspapers in Ohio County, KY – The Ohio County News (Hartford) and Ohio County Messenger (Beaver Dam, KY). In the 24 October 1947 issue of both papers an obituary (or death notice) for William B. Ashby was published. I do not have access to the Ohio County newspapers for this time period. However, if you contact the Ohio County Public Library in Hartford they would print and send you copies. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 10 e-mail : From Cynthia Maasberg (maasbergcmk@hotmail.com):

Thank you for checking for the obituary for William B. Ashby. I called the Ohio County Public Library last Friday and the clerk indicated she had a reference book of obituaries which did list William B. Ashby. She had to then go to a microfilm to locate the actual obituary. She indicated she would email me the obituary. I asked that she email regardless if the obituary was found. As of today, I have not received an email informing me the obituary was found or not. Is the staff at that library reliable for following through on phone requests? Are you aware of the obituary index book the library made reference to? May I ask how you determined the 24 October 1947 issue of the Ohio County News and Ohio County Messenger contained an obituary/death notice for William? I'm curious if that search is available to me also. Thanks again! Cynthia Maasberg

Sep 11 e-mail : To Cynthia Maasberg (maasbergcmk@hotmail.com):

Cynthia: The person I usually contacted at the Ohio County library has recently retired. She was always very reliable. I cannot say if that is still true or not. I have compiled several

books about Ohio County records. This includes a 3-volume set of Ohio County, KY Obituary Indexes. The dates I sent to you are from the third volume of this set that covers the years of 1920-1980. This index can be viewed on my website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy under the heading of Ohio County Records. See:

<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/ohio-county-ky/> Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 16 e-mail : From G. F. Farmer (www.scottsvillebaptist.org):

Jerry, I was trying to find some information about J. E. Stone. I recently purchased some books of sermons from a sale in Bowling Green, KY, that were published between the late 1880s to the early 1890s and inside each book was a sticker that showed it came from a Private Library of J. E. Stone. I began looking for individuals by that name from within Kentucky, someone perhaps who was a pastor. Your site seemed to have the most helpful information. I found your article [here](#) about a pastor named James Edwards Stone from the Hawesville area in the 1800s. However, his death date seemed earlier than the publish date on the books. With that said, I saw in the article that he had a son who was a junior so I thought maybe these could have belonged to him, even though he wasn't a pastor. Do you have any information? I attached some photos of the books for reference. Thank you. Dr. GJ Farmer, Senior Pastor, Scottsville Baptist Church, 301 E. Main St., Scottsville, KY 42164, 270.237.3451, www.scottsvillebaptist.org

Sep 17 e-mail : To G. F. Farmer (www.scottsvillebaptist.org):

Rev. Farmer: I wish I could give some confirmation. However, I don't have a clue whether the books had belonged to James E. Stone, Jr. or not. Best wishes on your mission, Jerry Long

Oct 3 e-mail : To Wesley Acton (wacton4094@aol.com):

Mr. Acton: I pray that you are doing okay. I am still on the lookout for anymore burials at Greenwood Cemetery. I have a couple of new entries since we last communicated. The last couple of years I have been working on adding some of my research to my Internet Website: West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy (<https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>) The site is divided into 7 categories: Daviess County – Hancock County – Ohio County – Kentucky Records – Biographies & Collections – Families – Black History. Under Black History I have so far added 47 files. These include 3 Greenwood Cemetery files and biographies of Leslie Shively Smith and Emily Hall Holloway. If you have any suggestions, I would greatly appreciate them. Please help spread the word about the Website. Best wishes, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net

Oct 5 e-mail : To Gary W. Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY:

Gary: I have a couple of questions about your cemetery work. Would you please give me a phone call? Best wishes, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Oct 5 Phone call : To Gary W. Tunget, Owensboro, KY, 270-315-8871:

Gary returned by message. Told him about my research on the Thompson and Moseley families. I asked about turning over a large obelisk monument in the Philip Thompson plot in section A of Elmwood Cemetery. The marker is faced down. I told him I thought this may be the gravestone of Major John Philip Thompson. The latter is confirmed to have

been buried at Elmwood but his gravestone has never been located. Gary said he would check on it and see if the monument can be turned over. Gary called back on October 6 and said the downed monument was too much for him to move. He thought it was part of inscribed monument nearby base. He said he had discovered another Daviess County Revolutionary War soldier. Abraham Myers, who was born Germany in 1754, served in South Carolina. He left a will in Daviess County in 1825.

Oct 6 e-mail : From Gary W. Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, The Will of Abraham Myers 1825 is on line I have a copy but cannot put my hands on it You may wish to retrieve it Michell Mattingly is the young lady who brought it to my attention you will be familiar with other names in the will. Gary Tunget

Oct 7 e-mail : To Gary W. Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY:

Gary, I would like to add Abraham Myers to my article on Daviess County Revolutionary War veterans. However, to do so I need at least one source that shows that the Abraham Myers, who died a resident of Daviess County in 1825 was the same Abraham who served in the South Carolina militia. Do you know of any source? I have found that just because one says something is so doesn't mean that it is true. Someone joined the DAR on my John Snider of Hancock County, KY and nothing about the source that they used indicated he was the John of Hancock County. Thanks for checking out the Thompson monument. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Oct 7 e-mail : From Gary W. Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, I reached out to Michele Mattingly who sent me the information about Abraham Myers also the DAR Source will take a look at it I do know he has about 20 or so current members listed In the will list may veterans of the Revolution George Calhoun, Handley and May. I tried to get a VA marker for John Snider for a Lora Proctor Henderson she is in the DAR on him in Georgia they would not give me the stone because there is nothing that says he is buried in Blackford Cemetery she has placed a memorial DAR SAR & CAR marker to be dedicated next year. Keep in Touch. Gary

Oct 11 e-mail: To Messenger-Inquirer (news@messenger-inquirer.com), Owensboro, KY:

I have worked doing historical research since 1979 and have published several books and articles related to the Daviess County area. I have recently been working to add some of my research to the Internet. I have created a new website, "West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy": <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>

The site is non-commercial. It is organized into seven categories: Daviess County – Hancock County – Ohio County – Kentucky Records – Biographies & Collections – Families – Black History. Since the site has gone live on the Internet, I have been working to create new articles. Some of the recent additions include: "Daviess County Poor Farm", "Owensboro's Potter's Field Cemetery" and "Florence Agnes Henderson (1934-2016)".

My goal in creating the new files is to organize previous published material on the subject and to add a new detail or two that was previously not known. For example, I did an article on Daviess County's notorious bandits, "Carl & Grace Browder – Kentucky's Bonnie & Clyde". Previous research reports what happened to Carl Browder but not his

wife, Grace Browder. I was able to follow up on what subsequently happened to Grace Browder.

I hope to continue adding to the website and working to preserve local history.

I am writing to ask if you think the website, "West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy" is worthy of a notice of its existence? I would greatly appreciate your consideration.

Jerry Long

Oct 13 e-mail: From David Adams (d.wayne.adams34@gmail.com):

Mr. Long, I have found your website and I am wondering if you have any information that could be useful to me. I am currently researching a branch of my family around Webster and Union County, specifically a "James A. David" who appeared in the 1850 Union County census and the 1860 Webster County census. In the 1850 Union County census, he is listed as "Jas A. David," 6 years old and living in the household of one "Harriet Mason," who seems to have been a widow. None of the residents of the household share the David family name, but a "William A. David," 37, resided in the area with his family. In 1860, James A. David resided in the Webster Co. household of a "Peter Northern," and in 1866 was married to Marietta Cox. I have consulted a book which chronicled baptismal records of the St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Union County. A "James Austin" was born to Marcus Wathen and Sarah David in 1844, lining up with "James A. David" in age, but a James A. Wathen appears later, and I presume this James Austin to be unrelated to James A. David. James A. David would go on to have William S. David (1867-1927) and George Edward David (1878-1954), if that is helpful. Do you have any information or leads? Thank you, David Adams

Oct 14 e-mail: To David Adams (d.wayne.adams34@gmail.com):

David, The Harriet Mason and Peter Northern you mentioned tie into my family. Harriet was the widow of James Mason (1789-1846), who is buried at the Antioch Cemetery in Union County, KY. James & Harriet were married about 1819; I have not located their marriage. James was the son of Joseph Mason (1857-1834) & Jane Henderson (1763-1823), who are buried in the Pisgah Cemetery in Breckinridge County, KY. Joseph Mason, son of John Mason, is a brother of my 5th great-grandmother, Jane Mason Crawford. James & Harriet Mason had a daughter, Sarah Jane Mason, who was born c1823 in Union County, KY. Sarah Jane married at least three times – Edward David, 26 October 1843 Union County, KY; Peter Northern (c1804-1872), 3 November 1853 Union County, KY; and H. H. Smith, 16 June 1874 Webster County, KY. Sarah Jane Mason and Edward David had a son, James A. David, who was born c1844. In 1850 James A. David was living in the home of his grandmother, Harriet Mason, and his mother, Sarah Jane, was living with her second husband, Peter Northern. In 1860 James A. David was in the home of his mother & step-father, Peter Northern. I lose Sarah Jane after her 1874 marriage. If you are a descendant of James A. David (c1844-) it appears we would be related. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 14 e-mail: From David Adams (d.wayne.adams34@gmail.com):

Jerry, You've given me the exact information I was searching for. James A. David is my 3rd great grandfather, the father of William S. David who ran the Providence Enterprise newspaper from 1904. I was really stumped on this one, so thank you so much! David

Oct 17 e-mail : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Hey Jerry, I had an hour-long visit with Scott & Beverly Yewell yesterday. She was in town and so they stopped by to see the improvements we have made on the property and inside of the house. Scott ("Scotty") grew up here. His father, Roy, passed away from cancer not too long ago, so brought his mother (Beverly) to see the house. She dropped off a copy of a book she has that contains a lot of family history. You might have a lot of this information already, but thought you might be interested! Hope you are doing well! Kimi

Oct 17 e-mail : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Thank you for sending a copy of the Yewell family history book. I am still enjoying working and adding to the website. Since it went live on the internet 188 new files have been added; 77 of them were added since the first of the year. Just a few minutes ago I added a file on the history of the Daviess County Jail. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 22 e-mail : From Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

Do you have time to talk on the phone tomorrow about your history site? If so, what's a good time and phone number for me to call? Thanks, Keith Lawrence

Oct 22 e-mail : To Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY:

I am now retired and have a lot of free time on my hands. I generally get up about 7:00 a.m. and tomorrow I will be at home until about 1:30 p.m. Any other time in the morning would be fine. My phone number is 270-684-6299. Best wishes, Jerry Long [Keith Lawrence called me and we talked about my website.]

Oct 23 e-mail : From Gary W. Tunget (gtunget@att.net), Owensboro, KY:

Jerry, I reached out to Michelle Mattingly about the source of information of Abraham Myers who left a will in Daviess Co Ky. DAR LIST ABRAHAM MYERS OF DAVIESS CO. KY AS ANCESTOR # A093676 BASED ON THE APPLICATION OF A DESCENDANT OF HIS SON MICHAEL MYERS AND SOURCE AS SOUTH CAROLINA AUDITED ACCOUNTS #5424 ROLL 109. Hope you are doing well. Gary Tunget

Oct 26 newspaper article: Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 26 October 2023, p.1B:

Long creates website for local history
Nearly five hundred articles so far

By Keith Lawrence, Messenger-Inquirer

Jerry Long can't remember a time when he wasn't interested in the history of the region, its people and its towns.

But when he took history classes at Brescia University, it was all about wars.

"And I wanted to know more about individuals," Long said.

So, he switched majors to psychology and, after college, he spent eight years working at the Executive Inn Rivermont.

And then he got to talking to a woman from Ohio County who was interested in genealogy. She mentioned the name of an ancestor that was similar to one of Long's ancestors.

So, he went to the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library to look up census records,

And Long got hooked again.

He got a job in the Kentucky Room in 1979 and worked in research there until he retired in 2016.

"I'm still researching at home every Day," Long said.

In 2019 [sic, 2022], he decided to start sharing that research with the world and began moving it online.

Today, Long's website – West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy – is open to the public at no charge at <https://wckyhistory-gcnealogy.org/>

Through the years, he published several books and articles in other publications.

Now, his research is available on his website.

"It is organized into seven categories: Daviess County, Hancock County Ohio County, Kentucky Records, Biographies & Collections, Families and Black History," Long said,

Last August, when the site went live, there were 300 files on it. Since then, Long has added 188 more.

Among those are articles on the Daviess County Poor Farm, Owensboro's Potter's Field Cemetery and Florence Agnes Henderson (1934-2016).

"My goal in creating the new files is to organize previous published material on the subject and to add a new detail or two that was previously not known," Long said.

"For example, I did an article on Daviess County's notorious bandits, Carl and Grace Browder, Kentucky's Bonnie & Clyde," he said. "Previous research reports what happened to Carl Browder, but not his wife, Grace Browder. I was able to follow up on what subsequently happened to Grace Browder."

Long's research goes back to the early days of Daviess County with a story about Thomas Moseley, a tavern keeper in Owensboro who was a leader of the movement to break away from Ohio County and create Daviess County.

His site also includes articles from old newspapers about pioneer's memories of the early days.

"I have about 1,000 books at home," Long said. "I hope to continue adding to the website and working to preserve local history."

said the website is attracting about 100 people a month.

Oct. 27 e-mail : From Stephen Hagan (sthagan@me.com):

You related to these folks? [attached picture of Benedict & Mary E. Long] If so - we are.
Stephen Hagan

Oct. 27 e-mail : To Stephen Hagan (sthagan@me.com):

I am not related to the Benedict Long family. His family was from Maryland while my family was from Virginia. Jerry Long

Oct. 27 e-mail : From Stephen Hagan (sthagan@me.com):

Thanks for the web site and your hard work. I do have a book in the Kentucky Room - Thomas Hagan - From Zachiah to Deserter Creek. I can appreciate how much work you have put into the site.

Oct. 27 e-mail : To Stephen Hagan (sthagan@me.com):
Thanks!!!

Oct 29 e-mail: From Kayla Hochgesang (khochgesang@icloud.com):
Hello Mrs. Long. My name is Kayla Hochgesang and I recently have found out that a lot of my family is from dubois county. I was wondering if you had any other documents on the hochgesang family? Your work is amazing!

Oct 29 e-mail: To Kayla Hochgesang (khochgesang@icloud.com):
Kayla, All that I collected on the Hochgesang family I put in my online book. Best wishes,
Jerry Long

Nov 12 Letter : From Judy E. Russell, 9945 State Route 69 N., Hartford, KY 42347:
She thanked me for all of my work on my website. On the Whitesville Historical Society Facebook internet site, she has made many acknowledgements for various articles I have published. Thru the Midkiff family we are fifth cousins.

Nov 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
1. Columbus Edgar Igleheart 60992839 married Helen (McMurtry) Igleheart 2-26-1889 Daviess Co., Ky. Any idea where Helen is buried or where might get these pictures to her sons or descendents? 2. As soon as I sent my question, found error. There was both Columbus B and Columbus Edgar. My question is where are Columbus B d 1895 and Helen (McMurtry) Igleheart buried, married 1889? Thank you, Helen. 3. I found Helen at Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford. Now I am down to Columbus B Igleheart. Helen

Nov 14 e-mail : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):
There are several articles about the murder of Columbus B. 'Lum' Iglehart in the Owensboro newspapers, but none say where he was buried. I could not confirm his burial place. In 1904 both of the parents of Columbus B. were buried at the Glenville Baptist Church Cemetery in Daviess County. This is the same area of Columbus' death. There is a good chance Columbus was also buried at the Glenville Baptist Church. But that is only guesswork. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 4 e-mail [Mason]: From Eric Siragusa (ejs21x@gmail.com):
Hi Jerry, I hope the IRS forms went well! As I mentioned, my name is Eric Siragusa. I am researching my family's genealogy, including my great grandparents Caswell Thomas Mason (1872-1924) and Minnie May Meador (1877-1922) who were married in Breckenridge KY in 1897. I have been focusing on the Mason side, as our family didn't know much about Caswell's history. I have recently come to the conclusion that his parents were most likely James W Mason and Jane Mason (who were first cousins), and upon doing some google searching came across a document where you stated the same thing (Crawford – Mason – Jackson Family File). It seems Caswell was born in Arkansas based on his

Marriage bond and also the birth certificate of his son, my grandfather, John Carroll Mason. However I can't seem to find any other information on that or on what happened to James W and Jane. I have also been looking at James' and Jane's parents (James Mason&Harriet, Henderson Mason&Kitty Ann Robinson) and common grandparents (Joseph Mason& Jane Henderson). Your John Henderson Mason (1784-1863) & Correspondence on Family of John Mason (died 1761 VA) documents have been helpful. There seems to be quite a bit of potential further history of that Mason line on Ancestry and FamilySearch (John Mason & Jane Leah McKeachy?), but I haven't been able to verify yet. I would love to compare notes and find out more about your services. Feel free to contact me anytime. Best Regards, Eric Siragusa. 858-5336-7712

Dec 4 e-mail [Mason]: To Eric Siragusa (ej21x@gmail.com):

Eric, I have the following notes on Caswell T. Mason's family: James W. Mason, son of James & Harriet Mason was born c1826 Union County, KY. He married his first cousin, Jane Mason, 30 August 1855 Breckinridge County, KY. Jane, daughter of Henderson Mason & Kitty Robinson, was born c1838 Breckinridge County, KY. James W. Mason died after the 1870 Hancock County, KY census and Jane died during 1872-1880. James W. & Jane were the parents of:

1. Sarah Adelaide born 4 July 1856 Hancock County, KY and died after the 1870 Hancock County, KY census.
2. Julia born c1859 and died after the 1870 Hancock County, KY census.
3. Martha A. ('Mattie' born c1865 Texas; married John E. Wedding (1865-1893) 21 October 1888 Ohio County, KY. On her marriage it was reported she was 23; resident of Ohio County, KY; born Texas; were born KY. She died after 1893.
4. John W. born c1867 Hopkins County, Texas; married Anna Belle Johnson, 12 September 1892 Henderson, Henderson County, KY. On his marriage it was reported he was 25, born Hopkins County, TX and his parents were born Hancock County, KY.
5. James was born c1869 and died after the 1870 Hancock County, KY census.
6. Caswell Thomas was born 29 February 1872 Arkansas; married Minnie M. Meador, 23 December 1897 Breckinridge County, KY; he died 12 April 1924 Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY; buried Equality Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. On his marriage it was reported he was 25, born Arkansas; father was born Union County, KY; and mother was born Breckinridge County, KY.

Best wishes, Your 5th cousin twice removed, Jerry Long

Dec 5 e-mail [Mason]: From Eric Siragusa (ej21x@gmail.com):

Thank you so much Cousin Jerry! I'll keep you updated with what I find out. Best, Eric

Dec 5 e-mail [Fogle] : From Patrick Scoggin (patrick.scoggin@gmail.com):

Thank you for your work on the Fogle family. I am doing work on Joseph Fogle, the brother of Adam in the Robert Fogle ancestry. My impression is that the Fogle brothers (Joseph and John Adam) came to Kentucky and particularly to Pottinger's Creek as part of the Catholic League migration. This has been questioned of late and I wonder if you have any ideas on that issue. Any source that might confirm this other than the marriage of Joseph by Father Baden. That might have been because of his wife. The Clarks were documented

as part of the Catholic migrations. There are also rumors of the brothers being distillers of spirits. Anything on that? Any hints on that would be greatly appreciated. Patrick Scoggin

Dec 6 e-mail [Fogle] : To Patrick Scoggin (patrick.scoggin@gmail.com):

Patrick, I am sorry to report I have no clues concerning your questions. I wish I had something to offer. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 6 e-mail [Fogle] : From Patrick Scoggin (patrick.scoggin@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I was looking at Caswell's sister, Martha A ('Mattie') Mason, and think that she may not be the same Mattie that married John E Wedding. After John E Wedding died in 1893, it looks like that Martha re-married Andrew Jasper Letterman in 1898. The 1900 Census shows both the Letterman and Wedding children living together. Martha A Letterman died in 1947 in Carroll Arkansas. The death certificate for Martha A Letterman, signed by her son F.Y Wedding, says that her parents were John and Nancy Mason. I found an 1870 census in Josh Bell Kentucky that shows a John & Nancy Mason with a 4 year old daughter Martha. Thoughts? Best, Eric Siragusa

Dec 7 e-mail [Fogle] : To Patrick Scoggin (patrick.scoggin@gmail.com):

Eric, Thank you for finding Mattie (Mason) Wedding's second marriage. I am still convinced that this is the daughter of James W. Mason & Jane Mason!! Several clues support this conclusion. When Mattie's husband, John E. Wedding, died his obituary in the Hartford Herald (28 June 1893) stated that his wife was a niece of W. H. McQuady. They were wrong on the relationship – he actually was her first cousin once removed. I have learned that you have to interpret any one source very loosely. When Mattie married, she was living in the Fordsville area. When Mattie's brother, John W. Mason, married he was also living in the Fordsville area and he also reported that he was born in Texas just as Mattie did. The parents as reported on Mattie Mason Letterman's death certificate I believe is an error. I have seen an unbelievable amount of errors reported on death certificates. The informant was so far removed from Mattie's parents he simply did not know. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 14 e-mail [Mason]: From Eric Siragusa (ejs21x@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I apologize for not responding sooner. Thank you for your insight regarding errors on birth certificates. In this particular case it's strange since the informant is her son F.Y. Wedding, but who knows how it was actually filled out. In addition, to W.H. McQuady, John E. Wedding's obituary also mentioned J C Burbage. As you probably know he was married to Margaret A McQuady (another first cousin once removed). So unless there's a John and Nancy Mason that we don't know about, your theory about the death certificate being wrong makes the most sense! Thanks again and have a Merry Christmas! Best, Eric

Dec 14 e-mail [Duncan] : From Heather Warfield (heather@heatherawarfield.com):

Hello, I found your contact details on the West-Central Kentucky History and Genealogy website. I am trying to find records of my ancestors in Daviess County. In particular, I am looking for Hewitt/Huet or J. Hewitt Duncan, who died in 1841 leaving his children as orphans. I have discovered probate records from the time of his death in which his children

are mentioned as orphans (my direct ancestor is Barton Wesley Duncan). My family records indicate that Duncan was the son of Sally/Sarah Henly and William Duncan and was born in VA around 1797. If you could assist in any way, I would be most appreciative. Thank you in advance for your help! Warmest regards, Heather

Dec 14 e-mail [Duncan] : To Heather Warfield (heather@heatherawarfield.com):

Heather, Sorry, I do not have any info on your Duncan family. Wish I could help. best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 20 e-mail [Ohio County Poor Farm] : To Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

In 2014 the Ohio County court appropriated money for the erection of a memorial to the Ohio County Poor Farm. There is a picture of the monument on Find A Grave. I was wondering if there was an article in the Ohio County Times-News when the memorial was erected? I have subscribed to the newspaper since I began my research in 1980 and have tried to save any article about the history of the county. Did I miss an article about the Poor Farm monument? Was the Poor Farm monument erected in 2014? Was it erected at the Ohio County Community Golf Course? I had several relatives who resided at the Poor Farm, including – John H. Long (my great-grandfather), Jim Tindle, Mike Young, Tobe Midkiff, Malissa Wilson, Julia Wilson Martin and Julia Nix Lynch; the last four were buried in the Poor Farm cemetery. Hope you have a “Merry Christmas”, Jerry Long

Dec 20 e-mail [Ohio County Poor Farm] : From Helen McKeown (helen@imckeown.com):

Yes, it was erected in 2014. They were as quiet as could be Helen

Dec 26 e-mail [Whitsell] : From Chris Whitsell (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, Just wanted to take a moment to say thank you again for the tremendous effort you put into putting the publication together about the 6 generations of Whitsell's. My Uncle, Aunt and Cousin also extend their gratitude to you for doing that as well! They are already diving into it! It was good seeing you at Christmas and always enjoy our talks! Hope you have a wonderful New Year and will look forward to seeing you again soon. Feel free to email back as you'd like and keep me up on things you find interesting and I'll do the same! My Best to you, Chris

Dec 27 e-mail [Whitsell] : To Chris Whitsell (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Chris, Thanks for writing! Your e-mail was a gift that keeps on giving. It was great seeing and talking to everyone on Christmas Eve. In my research on the Whitsell family I especially found it interesting that there were six brothers serving in the military at the same time. I have worked on many families and that was the most I have found. In one of my own ancestral families – the Ashford family there were five brothers, who served on the Union side during the Civil War. Two of them died during the Battle of Shiloh and my great-great-grandfather, Joseph Ashford, lost his right arm in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. In another family line there was a brother on both sides during the Civil War, one of whom died at Shiloh. I hope that UK has a good game against Illinois State on Friday! It would be great to maintain that top ten ranking. In the new year I hope you and Christy have many warm and rewarding engagements in your work. Best wishes, Jerry

Dec 27 e-mail [Whitsell] : From Chris Whitsell (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Wow, so interesting to consider about the six brothers serving in the military at the same time! I'm eager to carve out time where I can have quiet and solitude to fully concentrate on your writing and fully immerse myself into the document. I'm at work these days this week trying to catch up on documentation! I think Joey and I will be watching the UK bowl game and the UK basketball game on Friday! Eager to see what happens w/ both! Really appreciate your sentiment, our work is definitely very rewarding, I'm so much happier engaging folks directly than in the previous upper management bureaucracies!! look forward to hearing more of your research and fully intend to spend more time on your website. Such fascinating and meaningful work that you do! Much appreciation for your efforts!! Happy New Year! Chris