

# **John Henderson Mason**

## **(1784-1863)**

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John Henderson Mason was born 24 November 1784 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the oldest of ten children of Joseph Mason and Jane Henderson. He was named for his grandfather Mason and his mother's surname. He signed his name "John H. Mason" and in official records usually appeared in that form. At the age of sixteen he came with his parents to Breckinridge County, Ky., where he came of age.

In 1806 at the age of 21, John H. Mason first appeared in the tax records of Breckinridge County, Ky. two years later, in 1808, he is not listed in the Breckinridge County tax records. In that year he probably was residing in the neighboring county of Ohio, on 26 September of that year he married Elizabeth Jackson in Ohio County. The marriage rites were performed by William Anderson. John was then age 23 and Elizabeth 17.

Elizabeth Rhoades Jackson was the daughter of Christopher Jackson and Elizabeth Rhoades (note - middle name of Elizabeth Jackson Mason from death certificate of her daughter, Maggie Mason Harris, 1921, Union County, Ky.). A native of Ohio County, Ky., she was born near Hartford on 20 December 1790. Her family lived about nine miles northeast of Hartford, along the Old Hartford and Bardstown road, in the Falls of Rough area, where the present counties of Ohio, Breckinridge and Grayson meet,

The Jacksons were neighbors of Samuel Crawford, whose wife Janet Mason Crawford was an aunt of John Henderson Mason. Most likely it was while visiting his Crawford relatives in Ohio County that John H. Mason met and courted Elizabeth Jackson. Elizabeth's uncle, George Jackson, had married Sarah Crawford (in 1802), daughter of Samuel and Janet Mason Crawford, and a first cousin of John H. Mason. In 1815 Gabriel Jackson, Elizabeth's brother, was married to Polly Pate, a granddaughter of Samuel and Janet Mason Crawford.

Following his marriage John H. Mason returned to Breckinridge County. In 1809 he was enumerated by the tax collector in Breckinridge County. By the summer of 1810 he was residing near his father-in-law, Christopher Jackson, in Ohio County. He appears in the 1810 federal census of Ohio County, enumerated three households from the family of Christopher Jackson. Three individuals were listed as residing in the household of John H. Mason, one male 16-26, one female 16-26, and one female 0-10, they would have been John, wife Elizabeth, and oldest child Elvira. Also listed in the 1810 Ohio County census was John's brother, James Mason, who was then single.

In 1811 John H. Mason once again returned to Breckinridge County, and continued to reside there through 1814. In 1815 John and brother, James, went to Henderson County, Ky.,

located about 40 miles west of the Mason home in the Pisgah neighborhood of Breckinridge County. Neither brother would return to Breckinridge County to live.

John H. Mason had never purchased land in Breckinridge County, and during the years he was there most likely lived on the plantation of his father. His one-ninth share of his father, Joseph Mason's 1500 acre estate on Tar Spring Fork of Clover Creek in Breckinridge County, he sold to his brother, William Mason (Breckinridge County deed book G, page 331, 3 December 1825).

John H. Mason stayed in Henderson County for about three years, he appears in the 1815, 1816 and 1817 tax lists of that county. Leaving Henderson County he took his family back to his wife's native county of Ohio. His brother, James, stayed in Henderson County and about five years later moved south into Union County, Ky. which became his home for the remainder of his life.

Ohio County, Ky. was the home of John Henderson and Elizabeth Jackson Mason for most of their married life, they resided continuously there for over 40 years. They are listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1850 Federal Censuses of Ohio County. During that time they resided both in Hartford, the county seat of Ohio County, and on farms located a few miles outside of Hartford. At the time of the 1820 and 1850 censuses they were living in Hartford.

1810 Ohio County, Ky. Census:

Mason, John H.	1 male 16-26	1 female 0-10
		1 female 16-26

1820 Ohio County, Ky. Census:

Mason, John	4 males 0-10	1 female 0-10
	1 male 26-45	1 female 10-16
		1 female 16-26

1830 Ohio County, Ky. Census:

Mason, John H.	1 male 5-10	1 female 0-5
	3 males 15-20	1 female 5-10
	1 male 40-50	2 females 15-20
		1 female 30-40

1840 Ohio County, Ky. Census:

Mason, John H.	1 male 15-20	1 female 5-10
	1 male 50-60	1 female 10-15
		1 female 15-20
		1 female 20-30
		1 female 40-50

1850 Ohio County, Ky. Census:

Mason, John	65	m	Farmer	Va
Elizabeth	59	f		“

Henry	25	m	Farmer	“
Mary	21	f		“
Margaret	17	f		“

John H. Mason made his living farming. Christopher and Catherine Jackson sold to their daughter, Elizabeth Mason, a 228 acre farm in Ohio County on 22 October 1829 (Ohio County deed book F, page 150). The tract was on Halls Creek, a tributary of the Rough River, about five miles northeast of Hartford. John and Elizabeth owned this farm for six years and on 4 April 1836 sold it to David L. Miller for \$400 (Ohio County deed book G, page 186). On 14 August 1838 they purchased a 70 acre farm in the Sulphur Springs neighborhood, for \$450, from Richard P. and Margaret Nall (Ohio County deed book H, page 54). This farm they would own for the next 22 years. In 1860 on 28 August they sold the 70 acre tract to Henry Armendt for 8600 (Ohio County deed book R, page 491).

The house in which John H. Mason resided in Ohio County, Ky. during the years of 1838-1860, was the site of the birth of Richard Parks Bland, possibly the most illustrious native son of Ohio County, Ky. "Silver Dick" Bland was born on 19 August 1835 near the present site of Dundee (formerly known as Hines' Mill) in Ohio County. In the last quarter of the 19th century Bland was a nationally known political figure, serving 25 years in the U.S. Congress. Bland's Ohio County, Ky. background was referenced in the book, An American Commoner: The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland, by William Vincent Byars (St. Louis, C. Simpson, Publisher, 1900). On page 274 of this book is the following paragraph (part of an interview with Bland's uncle, Frank Nall, of Ohio County, Ky., in the spring of 1900):

"Do you remember where Mr. Bland was born?" "Yes. The place is about a mile above the mill. Mr. Armendt lives there now. There were three little places there. My father owned all of them. You know we had no frame or brick houses then. This was a neat log house, and my recollection is that it had one room, twenty feet square. What we would call a nice hewed-log house. It had a white ash floor, and then there was a little porch between that and what was called the kitchen. It had a loft room above. That was the size of the house. After Mr. Bland moved away from there I think a man by the name of Mason became the purchaser, and he lived in the same house, for a good many years. When he died the place fell into the hands of Mr. Armendt."

The Mr. Mason referred to was John Henderson Mason. The house & farm, where Richard Parks Bland was born in 1835, was owned by his grandfather, Richard P. Nall. On 14 August 1838 Richard P. Nall & his wife Margaret sold to Elizabeth Mason [wife of John H. Mason] 70 acres for \$450 (Ohio County, Ky. deed book H, p.54). John H. Mason & his wife Elizabeth on 28 August 1860 sold the same 70 acres for \$600 to Henry F. Armendt (deed book R, p.491). A native of Germany, Armendt was an architect, and was still living on the same farm near Dundee in 1900. Members of the Armendt family were buried in the Hines Cemetery, located on top of a hill in front of the Dundee School building.

John H. Mason and Elizabeth Jackson were the parents of thirteen children, two died in infancy, and two in childhood, one of whom was a son named Thompson, who died at the age of nine while attending school (source: Sketch of the Jackson Family in America, by Clayton Keith,

Pike County, Mo., News Power Print, 1916, Louisiana, Missouri, 55 pp). Nine of their children were reared to adulthood, they were:

Elvira E	born	1809
Jane Henderson	born	15 Jan 1811
Christopher Jackson	born	5 May 1813
Joseph Allen	born	24 Jan 1814
James Madison	born	25 Mar 1815
Catherine Ann	born	24 May 1819
Henry W.	born	13 Apr 1824
Mary Providence	born	22 Jul 1827
Margaret Elizabeth	born	28 Oct 1832

The three youngest children were born in Ohio County. There is no conclusive proof of where the older children were born, in the early years after John and Elizabeth's marriage they resided at various times in Ohio, Breckinridge and Henderson counties. Though some of the older children later reported in official records they were born in Ohio County, county tax records suggest that several of them were probably born in Breckinridge County, and one (James) may have been born in Henderson County.

During the year of 1860 John H. Mason left Ohio County and went to live in Hancock County, Ky., at the home of his son, James Mason. John spent the last three years of his life there. John and Elizabeth do not appear in either the 1860 Ohio or Hancock County censuses, The reason for this could be that they moved during the summer of that year, at the same time the census taker was making his rounds and missed him in both places. On the 28 August of 1860, when they sold their farm in Ohio County, they must have been in Hancock County because the deed was delivered to the Hancock County Clerk, James E Stone, who certified it and had it delivered to Hartford in Ohio County where it was recorded. As written the deed identifies John H. Mason and wife Elizabeth as being residents of Ohio County, which along with the fact the deed was produced in Hancock County suggests they had very recently moved.

When John H. Mason went to Hancock County only one of his children, Jane Ellis, was still living in Ohio County. Of his other children, James was living in Hancock County, Elvira Duke in Daviess County, Joseph, Mary Houston and Mag Harris in Union County, Jackson in Spencer County, Indiana and Catherine Chapman in Missouri, Also living in Hancock County at that time were two of John's brothers, William and Hopkins Mason, daughter-in-law, Sarah Hamilton Mason, nieces and nephews, Sam, Elizabeth, Margaret, James and Jane Mason, children of Hopkins Mason, and William, Joe and Margaret Mason, children of Henderson Mason; three first cousins, Elizabeth Henderson Mason, Isabelle Henderson Mason and William Henderson; and also many cousins who were descendants of his aunts and uncles, William Henderson and Mary McClure, and Samuel Crawford and Janet Mason.

John Henderson Mason died 2 September 1863 in Hancock County, Ky., at the age of 78. He was buried on the farm of his son, James Mason, in a family cemetery known as the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery. The cemetery is located four miles east of Lewisport, off of the Muddy Cut Road, on the farm presently owned by Charles Allen Taylor.

John's widow, Elizabeth Jackson Mason, died near Morganfield, Ky. in Union County, at the home of her son, Joseph A. Mason, on 17 December 1865, three days before her 75th birthday. She was buried in a family cemetery on her son, Joseph Mason's farm, today the cemetery is referred to both as the Waller and Mason Cemetery, The site is three miles west of Morganfield, on the north side of Highway 360, opposite a pond on the south side of the highway. The Joseph Mason farm is presently owned by a great-granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Mason Collins, who resides in Florida. The cemetery has virtually been destroyed, none of the monuments are still standing, reportedly some of the monuments were cut up and used as steps to the Nace Waller home nearby. At least two Mason monuments stood in the cemetery at one time: "Zabith Mason, wife of John, born December 20, 1790, died December 17, 1865" and "Joseph Mason, born January 24, 1814, died May 1, 1869" (from an earlier listing of the cemetery by Peyton Heady of Morganfield, Ky.). After Joseph A. Mason's wife died in 1906, his remains were removed from the cemetery and reburied in Morganfield at the Masonic Cemetery, a new monument was erected on his grave but his original one was left at the old cemetery. Descendants of Joseph do not now know if his mother, Elizabeth Jackson Mason, was also moved or left at the old Waller-Mason Cemetery, she does not have a monument in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield where three of her children are buried.

#### **Elvira E. Mason Duke (1809-1861)**

Elvira E. Mason, the oldest child of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born in 1809. Her father in that year is listed as paying taxes in Breckinridge County, Ky. On June 4, 1831 she married John W. Duke in Ohio County, Ky.

John W. Duke was born about 1809, the oldest of twelve children of Washington Duke and Elizabeth Vaught, His father was born August 11, 1786 near Blue Ridge, Virginia, and his mother also a native of Virginia was born February 28, 1790. Soon after marrying Washington Duke moved to Tennessee, residing in Rutherford County before moving to Ohio County, Ky. in 1828. Washington Duke died in Ohio County on May 8, 1863 and his wife on May 19, 1871. They lived a short distance north of Hartford, and are buried in the Duke Cemetery, located north of the Combs Bridge Road, about 1.3 mile west of Highway 69. It is on the Bert Combs farm which is owned by J. B. Eskridge. John W. Duke's brothers and sisters were: William, Mary wife of Jonathan L. Condict, James, Washington, Ephraim, Arena Eleanor wife of Julius C. Bean, Henderson, Isaac N., Madison V., Robert and Stephen C. Duke.

John W. Duke in early manhood died, he was about 25 years of age. His death was between the dates of January 16, 1834, when he purchased 39½ acres from Joseph Smith, and February 19, 1835, when a suit of foreclosure was filed in the Ohio County Circuit Court seeking payment due on the same land (suit file #467E). According to the suit his only heirs were his widow, Elvira, and an infant daughter, Mary Jane. Mary Jane Duke had been born on August 21, 1834, after the death of her father she was put under the guardianship of her grandfather, John H. Mason. A second child born to the union of John W. Duke and Elvira Mason died in infancy between the years of 1831 and 1834.

Following the death of her husband, Elvira Mason Duke, never remarried and remained a widow for the last twenty-six years of her life. In 1850 she and her daughter, Mary Jane, were residing with her uncle, Christopher D. Jackson (1797-1884) on his farm near Masonville in Daviess County, Ky. In December 1827 he had moved to the Masonville area from Ohio County, Ky. The History of Daviess County Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, pp126-127) stated that "Mr. Jackson is the largest landholder in the county and the wealthiest man in the county". His wife, Camilla L. Shanks Jackson died in 1837 leaving four small children, he never remarried and his niece, Elvira Duke, may have lived with his family and helped care for his children.

On December 21, 1854 Elvira Mason Duke's daughter, Mary Jane Duke, married Alexander Hamilton Ayer in Daviess County. After their marriage they made their home near his parents just across the Daviess County line in McLean County near Glenville, Elvira Duke lived with her daughter and on January 15, 1861 she died at the age of 51. She was buried in the Ayer Cemetery on the Nalley farms on Highway 140 in McLean County. She was survived by her daughter and three grandchildren.

Mary Jane Duke's husband Alexander H. Ayer, the son of A.O. (Alexander Outlaw) Ayer and Esther Durham Johnson, was born May 2, 1834. His father was a noted pioneer doctor who came to Daviess County in 1834, his residence twenty miles south of Owensboro was in the part of Daviess County that was formed into the new county of McLean on May 8, 1854. Because of his role in the early history of Daviess County the following biography of Dr. A. O. Ayer was published in the 1883 History of Daviess County, Kentucky (pp431-432):

Dr. A.O. Ayer was born in 1804; died in 1876. He was a native of Kingston, Tenn., and married Esther Durham Johnson, near Knoxville. He moved to Kentucky in 1834. The years of his Kentucky life began with the early history of Owensboro, and extended through the eventful periods of prosperous slave times, disastrous war, and decline of public and private enterprise after the war. He was one of four physicians who in the early history of this part of Kentucky practiced in the large stretch of country now embracing the counties of Ohio, Muhlenburg, McLean, Daviess and part of Henderson counties, He came from Kingston by water, in the latter part of the winter of 1834, thus traversing almost the full length of the Tennessee River, and a large part of the Ohio, which was obstructed to a great extent by floating ice. The trip occupied several weeks, as it was made on a boat made by unskilled hands. One boat bearing his family and slaves, and a raft with stock, household, and farm articles, brought them safe to the new country. There was no place near here where they could get the necessary conveniences of every-day life, so they brought all they could with them. The now wealthy town of Henderson, when they floated past it, was known as the landing of "Red Banks", and the county seat of Daviess, as "Yellow Banks". The latter landing was found to be a marshy level, with a few houses on the bank of the river. Here they disembarked, and after a survey of the surrounding country, they concluded to move further into the interior, to the hills, where there was better water, and less chills and fever. Here, within twenty miles of Owensboro, a plantation was cleared up, and after a few years a comfortable and pleasant home was established. His farm was for years one of the places for holding Daviess County elections, under the old dispensation of three days' voting. The different musters were held here also, and magistrate meetings. Dr. Ayers home was known far and near for open-hearted hospitality and free welcome to all. During the war, though his four sons were all rebels, he was conservative. He lived to see the sad effects of the war, in this part

of Kentucky, all around him. The spirit of thrift seemed to have departed from that part of the country, and the condemned marshy land around Yellow Banks came to be the desirable part of the country. McLean was made, and the elections changed to Calhoon, its county seat. The plantation of slavery times came to be the quiet home of an invalid man, retired from active life. He ended his days in peace with God and man, in 1876, leaving a wife and six children, four sons and two daughters.

Dr. Alexander Outlaw Ayer, born January 16, 1805 died June 20, 1876, and his wife, Esther D. Johnson Ayer, born April 29, 1806 died November 8, 1884, are buried in the Ayer Cemetery in McLean County.

The family of Alexander Hamilton Ayer appeared in the 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses of McLean County, Ky. On July 2, 1873 Mary Jane Duke Ayer died, at the age of 38 years. She was buried in the Ayer Cemetery near her mother. She was survived by her husband and eight children, ranging, in ages from 17 to 5.

Alexander H. Ayer married a second time to Sally W. Johnson, on Christmas day of 1877. No children were born to this marriage. He died at his home at Buel on April 19, 1906 and was buried at the Glenville Methodist Church in Daviess County, near Union Hill and the McLean County line. His second wife was also buried there, she was born September 19, 1837 and died March 1, 1896. The following notice of A. H. Ayer's death appeared in the Owensboro newspaper:

Owensboro Messenger, Wednesday, 25 April 1906:

Buel, Ky., April 24 - Mr. A.H. Ayer died at his home near Glenville of heart failure. He had eaten a hearty dinner and was out in the yard and dropped dead. He was seventy-three years of age and was a pioneer of the county. He was well respected and loved by all who knew him. His remains were interred at the Union Hill Cemetery at the M.E. church at Glenville.

To the union of Alexander Ayer and Mary Jane Duke the following children were born:

Sally	born	15 Oct 1855
John A.	born	5 May 1857
Elizabeth ("Lizzie")	born	1 Jun 1859
Henry Mason ("Bud")	born	28 Mar 1861
Elvira Ella	born	23 Jan 1863
Alpha Forest	born	1 Feb 1865
Alexander Jackson	born	24 Jan 1867
Charles Petit	born	19 Mar 1869
Archer Johnson	born	21 Apr 1873

Sally Ayer born 15 October 1855 married William P. Clark, November 10, 1880 in McLean County, Ky. She died July 16, 1942 at Hopkinsville, Ky. and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. She had no children.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 18 July 1942:

Mrs. Sally Ayer Clark

Mrs. Sally Ayer Clark, 87, widow of William Clark, of McLean County, died at 9 p.m. Thursday. Surviving is a brother, Alec Ayer, of Daviess County. The body was removed to the Delbert J. Glenn funeral home where services will be held at 10 a.m. today by the Rev. H.A. Pullen, Jr., pastor of Rushing Chapel. Pallbearers will be the following nephews: Robert, Billy, Edwin, Alpha, Adam and Tommy Ayer.

John A. Ayer was born 5 May 1857. He lived in McLean County, Owensboro, Ky. and in later years in St. Louis, Mo. At the age of 79 he died in St. Louis on February 18, 1936. His body was brought back to Owensboro, Ky. and buried in Elmwood Cemetery. He had been married to Mamie Wilhoyte and had one daughter.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 19 February 1936:

John A. Ayer

Calhoun, Ky., February 18 - Word was received hereby friends tonight of the death of John A. Ayer, 79, at his home at St. Louis at 1:30 p.m. today. Mr. Ayer was formerly from McLean County, and later was a member of the firm of Ayer & Burnett, haberdashers, of Owensboro, and also was employed by the A. J. Mitchell Dry Goods Co., of Owensboro. Mr. Ayer went to St. Louis a number of years ago. He is survived by a brother, Alex Ayer, of Browns Valley. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 20 February 1936:

John A. Ayer

The body of John A. Ayer, 79, former resident of McLean County and Owensboro, who died at his home in St. Louis at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, will arrive in Owensboro at 2:05 p.m. today and will be taken immediately to Elmwood Cemetery for burial.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ayer was born June 1, 1859 in McLean County, Ky. She married H. Addison Leet on March 29, 1888 in McLean County. After only one year of married life she died on February 24, 1889, at the age of 29. She was buried at the Methodist Church at Glenville in Daviess County, she had no children.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 27 February 1889:

Deaths: Mrs. Aaron Leet died Sunday at her home near Glenville and was buried at the Methodist Church at that place Monday at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Leet was a sister of Mr. J.A. Ayer, of this city.

Henry Mason (Bud) Ayer was born March 28, 1861 in McLean County, Ky. He married Ora Lee Houston on February 17, 1886 in McLean County. On January 3, 1935 he died and was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in McLean County. His wife was born June 19, 1864 and died September 30 1943. They had eight children, all born in McLean County: Alpha H. born March 9, 1889, married Nellie B. Pearce, lived at Buel in McLean County, died February 18, 1977 at Owensboro, and buried at Pleasant Hope Cemetery in McLean County. Adam W. born October 28, 1893, married Eva M. Kirtley, lived at Buel in McLean County, died August 8, 1977 at Calhoun, Ky., and buried at Pleasant Hope Cemetery in McLean County. Thomas Paul born March 23, 1896, is presently living at Buel in McLean County. Henry Cashman born March 28, 1899, married Myrtle Thomasson, died August 18, 1926, and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in



McLean County. Mary Joe married Ancel Berry and is presently living at Ft. Collins, Colorado. Three children died in infancy, John H, May 15, 1887 - July 30, 1889, infant February 14, 1898 - February 22, 1899, and Esther December 23, 1900 - July 29, 1901, all buried with their parents at Oak Grove.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 4 January 1935:

Henry M. Ayer, 74, Dies In McLean  
Well Known Farmer Will Be Buried Today

Henry Mason Ayer, 74 years old, a prominent, farmer of McLean County, died at his home near Livia at 6 o'clock Thursday evening after a short illness of stomach trouble. Funeral services will be conducted at Oak Grove Methodist Church at 1 o'clock this afternoon with burial, following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ayer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ora Ayer; three sons, Alpha, Adam and Thomas Ayer, all of Livia; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Jo Berry, Pueblo, Cob.; two brothers, John Ayer, St. Louis, Alec Ayer, Browns Valley; one sister, Miss Sally Ayer, Hopkinsville, and fourteen grandchildren.

Elvira Ella Ayer was born 23 January 1863 in McLean County,, Ky. She never married and died December 2, 1933 at Browns Valley Her burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 3 December 1933:

Funeral Monday For Miss E. Ayer  
Well known Woman flies of Self  
Inflicted Bullet Wound Saturday

Miss Ella Ayer, 71 years old, well known resident of Owensboro and Daviess County, died at the home of her brother, A.J. Ayer, at Browns Valley, about 6 o'clock Saturday morning of a self inflicted bullet wound. A coroner's inquest was conducted and a verdict of suicide was returned. Despondency over continued ill health was said to have been responsible for her act.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Glenn Funeral home, Fourth and Allen Streets, at 10 o'clock Monday morning by the Rev. Dawson C. Bryan, pastor of Settle Memorial Church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be nephews: Alfa, Adam, Tom, Robert, William and Edwin Ayer.

Alpha Forest Ayer was born February 1, 1865 in McLean County, Ky. Married Bertha Peak on October 24, 1899 at Glenville in Daviess County. He was a doctor and Lived and died in McLean County, dying on September 26, 1927. His wife, the daughter of Joseph A. Peak and Mary Fitts, was born June 8. 1878 and died April 26, 1965. They were buried at the Methodist Church at Glenville in Daviess County. They had the following children: Eva born 1901, married William Herman Haegele, and died in March, 1954 at Rock Rapids, Iowa and was buried, there. Alpha Noble born February 2, 1908, married Mary Allen and second Wilma Lytle, living Owensboro, Ky. Mary Duke born December 21, 1909 married William Greenup and Flint Mitchell, living Owensboro, Ky. Samuel Paul born February 4, 1915, Jean Adrian born February 12, 1917, and Anna Davis born December 9, 1919 married Homer Cox, are all residing in Owensboro, Ky. One other child was born October 17, 1902 and died at the age of twelve days on October 29 and was buried at the Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 27 September 1927:

Dr. A.F. Ayer Dies At Glenville  
Lifelong Resident of McLean County  
Succumbs; Funeral Today

Glenville, Ky., September 26. - Dr. A.F. Ayer, 61, died at 1100 o'clock this morning at his home here after a lingering illness of complications. Br. Ayer was a lifelong resident of the community, having practiced as a physician here for many years. He had been in failing health for several years, but has been active until just recently and then resigned from the county board of education in the affairs of which he took a prominent part.

He is survived by his widow, and six children, Miss Eva Ayer, a teacher in the Central City schools and Noble, Mary Duke, Gene, Anna Davis and Samuel Ayer, who lived with their parents. Also three brothers, Alex Ayer, of Calhoun; John Ayer, of St. Louis, and N. M. Ayer, of Buel, Ky., and two sisters, Misses Sallie and Ella Ayer, of Owensboro.

Funeral services will be held from the Glenville Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, on account of it being a larger building than the Methodist church of which he was for many years an active member. Efforts are being made to secure Rev. L. K. May, Methodist pastor at Marion, to preach the funeral sermon. Burial will be in the Methodist Church cemetery here.

Alexander Jackson Ayer was born January 24, 1867 in McLean County, Ky. On April 16, 1896 at Oak Grove in McLean County married Katherine Johnson. He lived in McLean County and at Browns Valley in Daviess County. At the Owensboro hospital on April 19, 1947 he died. His wife born February 26, 1873 died May 24, 1948. They were buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro, Ky. Their children were: Two babies died infancy. Robert Lee born July 24, 1897 and died March 4, 1985 Evansville, IN. Helen Elizabeth born February 17, 1902, married D. Galen Hines; she taught in the Owensboro, Ky. public school system. for 41 years, a graduate of Western Kentucky College at Bowling Green, she attended Peabody College for teachers at Nashville, Tenn., and held a masters degree from Indiana University, she was principal of the Mary Lee Cravens School in Owensboro from 1958 until her retirement, she died December 6, 1965 in Owensboro and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery there. Edwin Johnson born December 7, 1904, married Lucille Pierce, and died October 14, 1953 at Owensboro, Ky., buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro. Lucy Crawford born September 12, 1908 married Frank Rogers, she lived and died July 5, 1970 at Taylorsville, Ky. William Alexander born July 19, 1913 is presently living at New Harmony, Indiana. Ida Belt born March 16, 1915, never married, a Lt. Col. in the Army Nurse Corps, she died August 25, 1982 Crossville, IL.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 20 April 1947:

Alex J. Ayer

Alex J. Ayer, 80, McLean County, died at the Owensboro-Daviess County hospital, at 1 p.m. Saturday. He was a son of the late A. H. and Mary Duke Ayer, a pioneer McLean county family.

Mr. Ayer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Johnson Ayer and three daughters. Miss Ida B. Ayer and Mrs. Helen Hines, Owensboro, Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Taylorsville, three sons, Robert Ayer, Fordsville, Edwin and William Ayer, Owensboro, and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Rushing Methodist Chapel, with the Rev. C. K. Dillion, pastor of the Calhoun Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church, Owensboro, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Adam, T. T., and Gene Ayer, Dennis, Archer and Jack Johnson, nephews of the deceased.

The body will be removed from the Muster Funeral home at Calhoun to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D.C. Hines, 1236 Allen Street today.

Charles Ayer was born March 19, 1869 in McLean County, Ky. He lived in Arkansas and Sioux City, Iowa. He married Nina B. Stevens. He died February 22, 1920 Newport, Jackson County, Ark. He was a hotel proprietor. He was buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, Ark. They had children: Pauline A. born August 28, 1901 and died October 22, 1975; married George Johnson. Geraldine born November 26, 1905 married Vernon Dunn and her present address is 3013 South Carl St., Sioux City, Iowa; 51106. Elmo Ayer born January 27, 1909 and died December 10, 1966; married Dorothy Pearson. And Harold Stevens Ayer born November 29, 1913, married Leoni Bleston, and is living at 1700 Northeast 134 Place, Portland, Oregon, 97230.

Newport Weekly Independent, Newport, Arkansas, February 27, 1920:

C. P. Ayers, aged 52 years died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from a weeks illness of flu / pneumonia in the family apartments at the Columbia Hotel. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock awaiting the arrival of two brothers from Owensboro, Kentucky. The funeral service will be held in the parlors upstairs and will be private. Rev. W. F. Evans of the Methodist Church will read the service and burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery. The deceased with his family came to Newport a few months ago. He's survived by his wife and four siblings.

Archer Johnson Ayer, son of Alexander H. Ayer & Mary Jane Duke, was born April 21, 1873 and died September 18, 1873.

### **Jane Henderson Mason Ellis (1811-1882)**

Jane Henderson Mason, daughter of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born January 15, 1811. She was born in Breckinridge County, Ky.; her son, Alex, and daughter, Ella, on their marriage bonds reported that their mother was born in Breckinridge County, and in the year of her birth her father paid taxes in that county. Named after her paternal grandmother, Jane Henderson, she moved in early youth with her parents to Ohio County, Ky. She lived in Ohio County almost her entire life, residing continuously there for over sixty years. Of the children of John H. and Elizabeth Jackson Mason she was the only one who after reaching maturity continued to make Ohio County her home, and who has progeny there today.

Jane H. Mason lived with her parents until she was 29 when she married Joel Ellis on August 3, 1841 in Ohio County, KY. Two years earlier he had moved to Ohio County purchasing land near the Masons. The Joel Ellis farm was located about two miles north of

Hartford, on the Hartford-Hardinsburg Road (Highway 69) near where Lilly's store presently stands.

At the time of their marriage Joel Ellis was a widower, his first wife having died six months before, and he was 56 years old. A prosperous farmer he had earlier served as sheriff of Gallatin County, Ky. He was the son of John Ellis and Sarah Parrish, His grandfather, William Ellis, died May 19, 1766 in Spotsylvania County, Va.; he was survived by his wife, Elizabeth, three sons, Hezekiah, William and John Ellis, four daughters, Mary Proctor, Elizabeth Hawkins, Ann O'Neal and Agnes Ellis. John Ellis was born January 29, 1749 in Virginia, about 1770 he married Sarah Parrish, she was the daughter of Joel Parrish who died in Spotsylvania County, Va. in 1791. Joel Ellis's parents were among the early settlers in the Kentucky territory, making the trip into "the dark and bloody ground" when, it was still part of Virginia. In 1779 only four years after the first settlements in Kentucky, members of the Ellis, Parrish and several other families left Spotsylvania County, Va. and settled near Lexington, in what is now Fayette County, Ky., where in 1784 Joel Ellis was born. When Joel Ellis was nine years old his father, John Ellis, died on January 15, 1794 in Fayette County, Ky.

On October 23, 1806 Joel Ellis married Polly Smith, daughter of James Smith, in Gallatin County, Ky. To them were born twelve children, among them were: William, Lydia (married James Stanton November 7, 1828 in Gallatin County, Ky.), Jane (married Levi McCann December 26, 1831 in Gallatin County, Ky.), Samuel, John, H. C., Nancy, Robert L. and Edward P., all of whom were living when their father made his will in 1868. Another son, Joel D. Ellis, had died before 1868.

Joel Ellis when he moved his family to Ohio County in 1839 came by flatboat down the Ohio River. Several of his older children did not come to Ohio County. Only two of the children of Joel Ellis by his first wife, Polly Smith, reared families in Ohio County. Nancy P. Ellis born September 15, 1819 in Gallatin County, Ky., married Isiah Craig July 29, 1836, and died July 27, 1899 in Ohio County, Ky. Robert L. Ellis born September 9, 1826 in Gallatin County, Ky., married Mary Helen Smith May 15, 1851 in Ohio County, and died August 11, 1873 in Ohio County. Polly Smith Ellis, wife of Joel Ellis, was born November 16, 1788 and died February 21, 1841, she was buried in the Milton Taylor Cemetery in Ohio County.

Joel Ellis was a slave owner, in 1860 just before the Civil War he owned nine slaves. With the loss of his slaves during the war he suffered heavy financial losses, Three years after the war, in 1868, when Joel Fills wrote his will his political sentiments were poignantly expressed when he wrote: "I have given my children by my first wife as much as I was able to do for them, probably I may have given some of them more had it not been for the dreadful war and the Abolishist (sic) and now it is out of my power." The word Abolitionist was underlined and this added emphasis captured the full depth and breath of his emotions Will of Joel Ellis was written March 14, 1868, probated October 2, 1871 (recorded Ohio County will book D, page 72).

Joel Ellis died August 31, 1871, age 86, and Jane H. Mason Ellis died January 24, 1882, age 71, they were buried in the Milton Taylor Cemetery, near Hartford, a short distance from their home. Jane Mason Ellis was survived by two children, Alex Ellis and Ella Hays, two other children, Charles and Joe Ellis, preceded her in death; she was also survived by a brother,

Jackson Mason, of Rockport, Ind., two sisters, Miss Mary Mason and Mrs. Mag Harris, both of Union County, Ky., and 15 grandchildren.

Joel Ellis and Jane H. Mason had four children:

Alexander Campbell ("Alex")	born	27 Jul 1842
Charles Henderson	born	18 Jan 1844
Elvira P. ("Ella")	born	21 Nov 1847
Joseph Mason	born	26 Sep 1849

The following biography of Alexander Campbell Ellis, son of Joel Ellis and Jane Mason, appeared in the Ohio County section, of the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin (1885):

Alexander C. Ellis is the eldest child of Joel and Jane (Mason) Ellis, Joel Ellis was born November 17, 1784, in what is now Fayette County, Ky. His father, John Ellis, was a native of Virginia, born January 29, 1749: his father came from England and his mother from Wales. John Ellis came to Kentucky about 1780, and located near the present site of Lexington, where he died January 15, 1794, leaving twelve children, of whom subject's father was the seventh. Joel Ellis was bound out to the carpenter's trade, but upon coming of age gave his attention to farming, in Gallatin County, Ky.; he afterward moved to Henry County, and in 1839 he bought a large tract of land in Ohio County, with a view to stock raising, but owing to the undeveloped condition of the country, this was a failure, and he lost heavily by this venture and by the war. He possessed, however, a good competence at his death, in August, 1871, He was a man of great force of character and held many responsible positions of trust, among which were those of magistrate and sheriff of Gallatin County, He was twice married; his first wife, Polly Smith, died February 21, 1841, leaving twelve children. His second wife, who died January 24, 1882, bore him four children, of whom Alexander C. is the eldest child, and was born July 27, 1842, in this county. He attended the district school, and afterward took a thorough course at the Hartford Seminary. When seventeen years of age he began teaching, which he followed during the winter months for nine years March 31, 1868, he married Mrs. Mary E. Hill, nee Stevens, daughter of John B. and Jane (Baird) Stevens, and has since been trading, dealing in tobacco and farming. For two years he was deputy sheriff of this county, and in 1884 received the nomination for sheriff, but declined to make the race. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their children are Bennett S., Pearla, Charles H., Ernest and Everett (twins), Howard B., Z Wayne and Samuel H.

Alexander C. Ellis and Mary Elizabeth Stevens had nine children, they were:

Gearet Fitzhugh ("Hugh")	born	17 Jan 1869
Bennett Stevens ("Steve")	born	27 Nov 1870
Pearla	born	23 Jan 1872
"Charles" Henry	born	27 Jul 1873
Warren "Ernest"	born	16 Jun 1875
Alexander "Everett"	born	16 Jun 1875
Blanton "Howard"	born	20 Jul 1877

Z. Wayne  
Samuel Hill ("Sam")

born 4 Feb 1880  
born 29 Jun 1881

Mary E. Stevens, wife of A. C. Ellis, was first married to John Hill, a captain in the Union Army, he died in the Civil War. By this marriage she had three children: Antha (born c1859, married a Peyton, and lived Denver, CO); John 'Bee' (born c1861, died in Colorado); and Anna Laura (born September 17, 1862 and died August 3, 1864).

Alexander C. Ellis died March 29, 1905 and his wife February 21, 1928. Two of their children preceded them in death, Hugh died at the age of 13 on April 6, 1883 and Pearls died at the age of 18, due to pneumonia, on June 12, 1890. They were all buried in the Alexander Cemetery, which was on their farm. Located about two miles north of Hartford, just off the Hartford-Owensboro Road (U.S. Highway 231) on the Silver Beach Road, the A. C. Ellis farm and Alexander Cemetery were originally part of the farm settled on in 1797 by his wife's great-grandfather, Col. Alexander Barnett (1745-1819), one of the first settlers of Ohio County. The farm adjoining the cemetery had passed from Col. Barnett, to his daughter, Rebecca Baird (wife of James Baird), to her daughter, Jane Baird Stevens (wife of John Bennett Stevens), to her daughter, Mary E. Ellis (wife of A. C.), and to her son, Sam Ellis, All five generations are buried in the Alexander Cemetery, the first burial there was in 1814.

After the death of Alexander C. Ellis in 1905 his son, Samuel H. Ellis, continued to reside on the farm. Samuel H. Ellis died in 1955, he did not have any children, and when his widow, Tiny, died in 1963, the farm, which had been in the family for 166 years, was sold and the proceeds divided among the nine surviving grandchildren of Alexander C. Ellis and Mary Elizabeth Stevens, they were:

The two children of Bennett Stevens Ellis:

- 1, "Charles" Rowland Ellis, married Martha Midkiff. He served several terms as mayor of Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. Today he is living in Hartford, and is the only great-great-grandchild of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson and great grandchild of Jane H. Mason Ellis, still residing in Ohio County, Ky.
- 2, Samuel Courtland Ellis married Minnie Hendricks; about 1982 he died at Connersville, Ind. and was buried there.

The two children of Charles H. Ellis;

3. Elizabeth, married H. A. Taylor; 1963 lived Lexington, Ky.
4. Louise, married Allen Stevens; 1963 lived Mt. Clemons, Mich. Another daughter of Charles H. Ellis, Mary Antha, died before 1963.

The three children of Blanton Howard Ellis;

5. A. Blanton Ellis; 1963 lived Griffith, Ind.
6. John Hill Ellis; 1963 lived Houston, Texas.
7. Everett Taylor Ellis.

The two children of Z. Wayne Ellis:

8. Warren Thomas Ellis; presently is living Silver Springs, Md.

9. Margaret, married Robert Hagan, presently is living at Sturgis in Union County, Ky.

Ernest and Everett Ellis, sons of Alexander C. Ellis and Mary E. Stevens, did not have any children.

The following articles on Alexander C. Ellis and his family were published in the Ohio County, Ky. newspapers;

Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 5 April 1905:

Death of Estimable Citizen

Mr. A.C. Ellis died at his residence about 2½ miles northwest of Hartford late last Wednesday night, of blood poisoning, superinduced by lung trouble of long standing. He was sick only a few days before his death. He was 62 years of age, and one of Ohio County's best citizens. A wife and seven sons survive him. He was a member of the Christian Church and also of the Masonic fraternity, and his funeral rites were conducted by the latter named body, Friday forenoon. An immense crowd attended his funeral, which was a touching evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. The remains were laid to rest at Alexander Cemetery, near the old home. He was a popular and useful citizen and will be greatly missed.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 24 February 1928:

Mrs. Mary E. Ellis Dies At Ripe Age

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ellis, who would have been 88 years of age April 26, next, died February 21, at 5:30 p.m., of a complication of ailments due in the main to her advanced age, at the home of a son, B.S. Ellis, near Hartford.

Mrs. Ellis was the daughter of the late Bennett Stevens, born and resided all her life in the immediate vicinity of Alexandria, near Hartford. She was a member of the Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Beds, a hospitable and esteemed lady, the mother of twelve children: Three by her first marriage to Capt. John E. Hill, a veteran of the Union Army, and nine by a subsequent marriage, to Alexander C. Ellis, who passed away in March, 1905.

Surviving children are: Mrs. Antha Peyton, of Denver, Cola., a daughter by the first marriage; A. E. Ellis, of Washington, D.C.; C. H. and Z. Wayne, of Sturgis; B. S., W. E., B. H. and Sam H. Ellis, of and near Hartford, are sons by the latter marriage of Mrs. Ellis.

The body was conveyed to the home of her son, Mr. Sam H. Ellis, the permanent home of deceased, Wednesday, and held until 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when funeral services were conducted at the Alexandria School house, by Rev. R. L. Sleamaker, of Hartford. Interment was in the cemetery there.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 11 April 1883:

Hugh, son of A. C. Ellis, Esq., died last Friday afternoon at his father's home near this place. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of many friends.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 18 June 1890:

In Memory of Pearls Ellis

On the calm evening of June 12, 1890, the angel of death visited the family of Mr. A. C. Ellis and took from their loving embrace their only daughter, Miss Pearla, and bore her on his pinions to a land of pure delight. She professed faith in Christ in August

1885, and united with the C. P. Church at Beda in which she was a devoted member, but the brightest flowers are always plucked first. Her short life was one worthy of example, a place in her home has been left vacant that never can be filled. Ah! well do we know we will miss her in the years that are to come, yet we would not if we could, call her back to this world of sorrow and anguish. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved family in this their irreparable loss. God grant that they may so live that when life conflicts are o'er they may meet again, and with Pearla share the bliss of an eternal triumph. Farewell We meet no more on this side of heaven; The parting scene is o'er, The last sad look is gone. - Lillian

Died, at the residence of Dr. Cox's on the evening of the 12th inst., at 4 o'clock, Miss Pearls Ellis in her 18th year. Pearla was a devoted member of the C. P. Church, and adorned her profession by living a humble consecrated life, devoted to the service of her master. For many months, she had been infirmed, but her death was very unexpected, for she was teaching school at Alexandria, and didn't lose any time up to a few days before her death. Pearls was a model young lady and loved by all who knew her. A very impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. B. Wagner before a large and sympathizing audience. As the beauty and fragrance of flowers hang around the vase after the flowers are gone, so will the beauty and sweetness of her virtuous life linger in our memories, though we consign her body to the tomb and her gentle spirit to the care of heaven.

Jesus while our hearts are bleeding  
O'er the spoils death has won,  
We would at this solemn meeting  
Truly say, "Thy will be done."  
Though cast down, we are not forsaken,  
Though afflicted not alone -  
Thou didst give, thou hast taken;  
Blessed Lord thy will be done. - Maude

Died at Beda, Ky., June the 12, 1890, Pearls Ellis, aged 18 years. So passed away one of the sweetest girls of the community. Five years ago, she professed faith in the Savior and united with the Presbyterian church. Precious Pearls was a devoted daughter, a kind and loving sister, a true friend. No one knew her but to love; but God has called his Pearla home. Yes to a bright home beyond the skies where there is no sighing, no sorrow, no strife, but all peace and happiness. Yes, it is hard to give her up, but God has claimed her as his own.

Yes, Pearls sweetly sleeps in death,  
Her life to us been denied,  
Yet memory, never forget the love  
The guardian knot by angels tied.  
Within their hearts most sacred vault,  
Her much lov'd memory will store.  
Till called from earth will meet at last  
In that bright world to part no more. - Travis Maple

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 6 July 1951:

Last Rites Held For Steve Ellis  
Funeral on Friday, Burial In Oakwood



Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, at the Hartford Baptist Church for Bennett Stevens Ellis, 80, of Hartford, who died at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Kentucky Convalescent Home in Owensboro, following an illness of 54 weeks. Services were conducted by the Rev. Tom Dunlap, pastor of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford.

Mr. Ellis, a retired farmer and ice plant owner, was born November 27, 1870, in McLean County but came with his parents to Ohio County when only two months old. His entire life except for ten years, from 1889 to 1899, when he lived in Colorado, was spent in Ohio County.

He was a faithful member of the Hartford Baptist Church, serving for many years as deacon. December 23, 1902 he was married to Florence Lee Adkins, who survives and is also a patient at the Kentucky Convalescent Home.

Survivors besides the widow, are two sons,, C. R. Ellis, of Hartford, and Courtland Ellis, of Dayton, Ohio., one step-daughter, Mrs. R. L. Haley, of Connersville, Ind.; two brothers, Z. Wayne Ellis, of Sturgis, and Sam Ellis, near Hartford; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cecil Martin, Otto Martin, Freeman Schapmire, Ercie James, Martin Porter, and Carlisle Oldham, all deacons of the Hartford Baptist Church.

History of Kentucky, Judge Charles Kerr, Vol. III, American Historical Society, 1922, p142:

Charles Henry Ellis. It is perfectly safe to make the statement that no man can become a leading factor in any line and win such appreciation from his fellow citizens as to be rewarded with high local office unless he has deserved such preferment. Occasionally men do have honors conferred upon them to which they are not entitled, but it is not long before they are found out and they fall back to their real position among their associates. Were there no material rewards attending upon the proper performance of duty and an uprightness of living, the self respect a man earns by such a course is sufficient to raise, him above the level of a time-serving servant, and mark him for what he is. Charles Henry Ellis, president of the Bank of Sturgis, president of the Kentucky Bankers Association, and for four years mayor of Sturgis, is easily one of the most deserving and successful of the citizens of Union County, and one to whom all the above praise should be applied,

Charles Henry Ellis was born in Ohio County, Kentucky, near Hartford, July 27, 1873, a son of Alexander C. and Mary (Stevens) Ellis, both of whom were born in Kentucky. The Ellis family is of Virginia stock, but Joel Ellis, the grandfather, was born in Kentucky, and this state also gave birth to the grandfather Stevens, although his ancestors came from Maryland. Alexander C. Ellis was a farmer and tobacconist of Ohio County, and Charles H. Ellis was reared

on the homestead and was early taught to make himself useful to his parents. After attending the rural schools he became a student of Centre College, from which he was graduated, and then for nine years was occupied with teaching school. Entering the banking business he was cashier of the Citizens Bank at Calhoun, Kentucky, for one year, and then occupied a similar position for three years with the Morganfield National Bank of Morganfield, both of which he assisted in organizing. In 1908 he came to Sturgis as cashier of the Bank of Sturgis, and continued in that office until 1920, when he was elected its president. In September, 1920, he was further honored by his fellow bankers of the state, who made him the chief executive of their organization. In politics a democrat,

he has always been active in his party and popular with the masses, and was once elected mayor of Sturgis. He is a Master Mason, and belongs to the Christian Church.

In 1902 Mr. Ellis was united in marriage with Miss Corinne Landrum, and they have three daughters. Having had such a long experience as a banker, Mr. Ellis is well qualified to judge wisely with reference to men and their motives, and many times renders very valuable services in advising with reference to prospective investments and expansion of existing business concerns. His interest in his home community is unquestioned, and he is one of the leaders in all wholesome movements designed to improve existing conditions and raise the general standards of the people.

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 8 November 1935:

Mayor Charles Ellis, of Sturgis, Is Dead

Charles H. Ellis, 62 years old, mayor of Sturgis and a native of Ohio County, died early Sunday at his home following several months illness. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage three weeks before his death.

Mr. Ellis was prominent in Democrat politics and active in banking organization work. In 1924 he was a delegate to the Democratic Convention in New York, and a few years ago was mentioned for governor. He was elected twice mayor of Sturgis.

A graduate of the American Institute of Banking, Mr. Ellis was the author of numerous articles in banking magazines. He organized the National Bank of Morganfield in 1904, serving as cashier until 1908 when he resigned to become cashier of the Bank of Sturgis, which position he held until his death. He also organized the Citizens Bank at Calhoun.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Corrine Landrum Ellis; three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Henderson, Miss Mary Antha Ellis, Louisville, and Mrs. Allen Stevens, Sturgis, and five brothers, A. E. Ellis, Washington, D.C., Steven, Howard and Sam Ellis, Hartford, and Wayne Ellis, Sturgis.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Sturgis, the Rev. E. R. Vaughn, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Miller, with burial in the Pythian Ridge Cemetery.

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 24 February 1933:

Heart Attack Fatal To W. Ernest Ellis

Wounded Veteran, Prominent in Business, Church and Fraternalism

Warren Ernest Ellis, died at his home in Hartford at 11:05 a.m., Sunday, February 19, 1933, of angina pectoris. He had been in failing health for several years but his final illness was very brief. He had been confined to his home since the previous Thursday night, but his death came very suddenly. He was 57 years of age.

He was born in Alexandria Community June 16, 1875, the son of Alexander Campbell Ellis and Mary E. Ellis. In October 1896, he, with his twin brother, A. E. Ellis, enlisted in Troop D., First U.S. Calvary and in 1898 after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War went to Cuba, where he participated in the drive against Santiago. He was wounded July 1, just three days before the fortifications there were captured. His organization was a part of the famous Rough Riders, but he did not participate in the battle of San Juan Hill having been sent back to bring up a detachment of men. He was discharged in October, 1899. He was a non commissioned officer.

Mr. Ellis had been successful in business. For many years he operated a feed store here, first by himself and later in partnership with his brother, B. H. Ellis. About four years ago he sold his interest to his brother. For several years he has been owner and manager of Ellis Ice Company here.

He was a charter member of Hartford Christian Church and had for many years held the offices of elder, and church trustee. A devout Christian he loved his church and was a liberal contributor to its various phases of work.

For many years he had been a Mason and had served four terms as master of Hartford Lodge No. 675. He was also a member of Keystone Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and of the United Spanish War Veterans Camp at Owensboro.

For several years he was a member of the Hartford City Council and was always interested in civic affairs and movements for the advancement of his community, county, state and nation.

His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Bertha Riley, daughter of John C. and America Riley, of Hartford, survives him. Among other relatives he leaves six brothers, Sam H. Ellis, R. S. Ellis and B. H. Ellis, of Hartford, A. E. Ellis, of Washington, D.C., Charles H. and Z. Wayne Ellis, of Sturgis.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence at 10\*00 a.m., Tuesday by Rev. H. H. Jones. Interment was in Oakwood. Pallbearers were his brothers with the exception of A. E. who could not make the trip here because of illness. A nephew, Charles Ellis, of Hartford, acted in his stead. At the funeral a quartet composed of W. J. Bean, A. E. Sanderfur, Mrs. Otto C. Martin and Mrs. A. E. Pate sang special vocal numbers.

The beautiful ritualistic burial service of the Masonic fraternity was carried out by Hartford Lodge, assisted by several visiting Masons. The Masonic service was led by Dr. A.S. Yewell and E.R. Bennett, Owensboro, in a very impressive manner. More than sixty Masons were in the line of march.

#### Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 31 May 1940:

##### Everett Ellis, 65, Is Heart Attack Victim

Alexander Everett Ellis, 65 years old, died at his home in Washington, D.C., about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, May 25, as the result of a heart attack. First becoming ill about 11 o'clock the preceding evening, he rallied when a physician was called, but suffered a second and fatal attack about midnight, succumbing before medical aid could again reach him.

Son of the late Alexander Campbell Ellis, successful farmer of the Alexander community, and Mary Elizabeth Stevens Ellis, deceased was born at the paternal homestead June 16, 1875. His education was obtained in the rural schools, at Hartford College and Valparaiso University.

Upon attaining his majority, Mr. Ellis joined the United States Army, serving two years, when, after a long illness of typhoid fever, contracted just on the eve of the departure of his regiment for the Spanish War, he received an honorable discharge, due to physical disability resulting from his illness in the service.

Completing his college education, Mr. Ellis entered the teaching profession, his educational career culminating in his service as instructor in Mathematics and history and vice president of Hartford College for about five years. In 1913 he moved to Washington where he had since been in the government service, first in the War Department and more recently with the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

Surviving are his widow, who before marriage, was Miss Josie Magan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Magan, of Buford; four brothers, Howard and Steve, of this city, Sam, residence at the old family home in the Alexander neighborhood, and Wayne, of Sturgis, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Washington at 10;30 o'clock Monday morning, with military burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 19 December 1947:

Death Comes Early Sunday to B. H. Ellis, 70

Funeral Held Monday For Retired Businessman of Hartford

Blanton Howard Ellis, 70, retired Hartford businessman, died at 1:30 a.m., Sunday morning, at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital after having been seriously ill for three weeks. He had been ill of heart trouble for a few years.

Mr. Ellis was a former master commissioner of Ohio County and before his retirement was associated with the local ice plant. He was also a produce dealer for some time.

Born July 20, 1877, at Beda, he was the son of Alexander Campbell Ellis and Mary Elizabeth Stevens Ellis, both deceased. He was a member of the Hartford Christian Church and a Mason.

His first marriage was to Ernestine Anderson in 1901, who died in 1912. To this union one son was born. Later he was married to Nora Taylor, February 8, 1917, who survives, along with two sons.

Survivors are the widow, three sons, Blanton Ellis, of Griffith, Indiana; John Hill Ellis, of Houston, Texas; Everett Taylor Ellis, U.S. Navy; three brothers, Bennett Stevens Ellis, Z. Wayne Ellis, of Sturgis, Sam Hill Ellis, near Hartford.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 15, at the Birkhead Funeral Home, with the Rev. T. B. Williams, officiating. Masons held customary rites. Burial was at the Alexander Cemetery at Beda.

Pallbearers were Masons.

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 3 May 1957:

Z. Wayne Ellis, 77, of Sturgis, Is Dead

Z. Wayne Ellis, 77, a native countian, who since 1914 has resided at Sturgis, died Friday, April 26, at the Muhlenberg Community Hospital, in Greenville, after an illness of one week.

Mr. Ellis was born at the paternal homestead in the Alexander community on February 4, 1880 and was the eighth of nine children born to the late Alexander Campbell Ellis, a prominent county citizen and Mrs. Mary E. (Stevens) Ellis.

On February 15, 1905, he was married to Miss Blanche Greer, daughter of Thomas Greer, of near Beda. He was employed by the Kentucky Utilities Company at Sturgis until he retired a few years ago. He also owned and operated a farm.

He was a member of the Sturgis Methodist Church.

Survivors are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Hagan, Madisonville; one son, Warren Ellis, Silver Springs, Md.; one granddaughter, Mrs. D. C. McLane, Jacksonville, Fla.; one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews, one of whom is Charlie Ellis, of Hartford. Mrs. Tina Ellis, who owns and resides on the old Ellis farm, is a sister-in-law.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 28, in the Sturgis Methodist Church by the Rev. Walter Jones.

Burial was in the Pythian Ridge Cemetery.

His body was at the Whitesell Funeral Home, Sturgis, until time of services.

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky., Friday, 29 July 1955:

Funeral Services Today For Sam H. Ellis, 74

Funeral services for Sam H. Ellis, 74, of Route 2, Hartford will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Beda, with the pastor the Rev. L. C. Kesler, officiating.

Mr. Ellis death occurred at 12 midnight, Wednesday at the Kentucky Convalescent Home, Owensboro, after an illness of several weeks.

Burial will be in Alexander Cemetery. Elders of the Beulah Church will serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Ellis, a retired farmer, was born June 29, 1881 on the Ellis homestead., where he had lived all his life. Deceased was the son of Alexander C. and Mary Stevens Ellis. He was a member of the Beulah C.F. Church, the Hartford Masonic Lodge No. 675, and an elder in the Beulah church for many years. His first marriage was to Miss Stella Ward, who died in 1929. Later he married Tiny Yeiser, who survives.

Besides his wife, he leaves, a brother, Z. Wayne Ellis, of Sturgis, and several nieces and nephews.

His body will be at the Birkhead Funeral Home until time for the rites.

Everett Ellis (1875-1940), son of Alexander C. Ellis, worked on compiling a manuscript on the Ellis family, later his nephew, Warren Thomas Ellis added to the work. Regretfully he was not contacted for this report. He resides at 9504 Bruce Dr., Silver Springs, Md. 20901; phone 1-301-585-4638.

Charles Henderson Ellis, son of Joel Ellis and Jane H. Mason, was born January 18, 1844 in Ohio County, Ky. At the age of 29 he died February 22, 1873, and was buried near his parents in the Milton Taylor Cemetery in Ohio County. He married Bettie Allen Waller, July 1, 1869 Union County, Ky. The daughter of Joseph B. Waller & Mary A. E. Harris, she was born January 10, 1849 Union County, Ky. She married 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Jefferson Fellows, February 28, 1877 Boxville, Union County, Ky. She died December 12, 1917 Morganfield, Union County, Ky. and was buried Masonic Cemetery, Morganfield, Ky. Charles H. & Bettie Ellis had one child: G. Cartwell Ellis, born September 18, 1872 and died single on July 5, 1900 Morganfield, Union County, Ky.; buried Masonic Cemetery, Morganfield, Ky.

Elvira P. (Ella) Ellis, daughter of Joel Ellis and Jane H. Mason, was born November 21, 1847 in Ohio County, Ky. On March 19, 1872 she married John Robert Hays, who was a resident and native of Whitesville in Daviess County, Ky., He was born on August 23, 1850 to David Thomas Hays and Mary Ann Ragsdale of that county. He was a lawyer. For a number of years after their marriage they lived in Ohio County, at the time of the 1880 census they were living with her mother, Jane Mason Ellis, near Hartford. Shortly afterwards they moved to Knottsville in Daviess County.

Elvira Ellis Hays died July 12, 1888, at the age of 41, at her home at Knottsville, Ky. She was buried in the Cates Cemetery at Whitesville in Daviess County where members of her husband's family were buried.

John R. Hays and Elvira P. Ellis had six children: Joe Ellis Hays born October 23, 1873, died November 16, 1878, buried with members of the Ellis family in the Milton Taylor Cemetery in Ohio County. Claude Bedford Hays born December 20, 1875, died October 19, 1900 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., and was buried at the Cates Cemetery at Whitesville, he had not been married. William Paul Hays born November 29, 1877 Hartford, Ohio County, Ky.; he

married Bessie Emily Hilliard, August 6, 1908 Fort Collins, CO; died August 3, 1973 Phoenix, AZ; buried Greenwood Memorial Park, Phoenix, AZ. Mary Ida Hays born March 14, 1880 Ohio County, Ky.; died single April 26, 1898 Owensboro, Ky.; buried Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, Ky. Elizabeth Mason Hays born 1882, died January 1, 1906 Owensboro, buried at the Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, she was single. And Robbie Elvira Hays born February 1, 1888 Daviess County, Ky.; 888, married Charles Jeremiah Hilliard; died October 17, 1936 Anaheim, CA; buried Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, CA.

After the death of his wife, John R. Hays, married Josie McGarvey Newsom on May 28, 1891. She resided at Pleasant Valley in Daviess County, and was born in the same county on January 11, 1865 to Willis F. Newsom and Susan Elizabeth Lambert. They took up residence in Owensboro, where he practiced law and at one time served as judge of the Owensboro City court. He died in Owensboro on November 18, 1925 at the age of 75, and was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in that city. His widow, Josie, died May 18, 1934 at Rawlins, Wyoming, and was buried at the Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. John R. Hays by his second marriage had two children; Josie Lacer Hays (1894-1977, she never married, and was buried by her parents in Elmwood Cemetery and Jewel Godfrey Hays born February 10, 1906, married Harold H. Buckles & Ramon Bouquet, and died October 17, 1975 Palm Beach, Fl.,

The following are articles on the death of Elvira Ellis Hays, her son, Claude B. Hays, her husband, John R. Hays, and her husband's second wife;

Hartford Herald, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 18 July 1888:

Hayes -. At her home at Knoxville (sic), Ky., on 12<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Elvira Hayes, wife of J. R. Hayes. She was in 41st year of her age.. She was buried in the Whitesville Cemetery on 13th inst. Deceased was a daughter of Joel and Jane Ellis.

Owensboro Daily Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 16 October 1900:

Death of Claude Hays

A Popular Young Man Answers The Grim Reaper's Call

Mr. Claude Hays, aged 26 years, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Hays, on East Fifth street, after a lingering illness, of consumption. Mr. Hays has been confined to his bed ever since Christmas, until, the past few days, when his condition grew worse up to his death.

The remains will be taken to Whitesville for interment leaving here tomorrow morning on the 9:20 Illinois Central train. The funeral services will be conducted from the Christian Church at that place by Rev. R. H. Crossfield. A great many relatives and friends will accompany the remains to Whitesville.

Mr. Hays was a vent popular young man, both in the city and county, and was a devout member of the Christian Church. He had been preaching for more than a year up to the time he was taken sick, which occurred in Trenton, while on his way to Hopkinsville to attend South Kentucky College to prepare himself for the ministry. He was a bright young man and had fine prospects for the future.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., , Wednesday, 18 November 1925:

J. R. Rays, 7th Bar Member To Die In Year  
Heart Fails One of the City's Oldest Barristers

J. R. Hays, 75, one of the older members of the Owensboro Bar association, died suddenly at 5:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 519 Frederica street, of heart trouble. Mr. Hays has been in bad health for sometime, although he had not been forced to retire from active practice, having been at his law office on Tuesday.

The death of Mr. Hays marks the passing of the seventh member of the Owensboro bar within the past 12 months. Those who have preceded him within the year were: Judge R. W. Slack, Captain W. T. Ellis, Tanner W. Jett, Gilbert Holbrook, R. Parker Robertson and Paul Weir. Mr. Hays was the oldest member of the local bar with the exception of Judge J. B. Karn and Judge J. A. Dean,

Mr. Hays was born in Daviess county, in August, 1850, near Whitesville. For 15 years he taught school in Ohio and Daviess counties, coming to Owensboro from Knottsville to engage in the practice of law. Besides being a member of the local bar, he was also a member of the American Bar Association.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. C. J. Hilliard, of Idaho, Miss Josie Lacer Hays, of Owensboro; Miss Geodfrey Hays, who is attending state college, at Lexington; and one son, W. P. Hays, of Rawlings, Wyoming. He is also survived by three brothers, T. S. Hays and Charles Hays, of Owensboro, Richard Hays, of Louisville, and one sister, Miss Emma Hays, of Whitesville.

Pending the arrival of relatives, no funeral arrangements have been made.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 22 November 1925:

Funeral of J. R. Hays

The funeral of J.R. Hays, who died at his home, 519 Frederica street, was conducted from the residence at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with services by the Rev. N. K. McGowan, assisted by Rev. M. G. Buckner. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Members of the Owensboro Bar Association attended the funeral in a body.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 20 May 1934:

Mrs. Josie N. Hayes

Mrs. Josie Newsom Hayes, widow of J. R. Hayes, died Friday, May 18. She had made her home with her daughter, Miss Josie Lacer Hays, in Rawlings, Wyo., having moved there from Owensboro in 1927.

Mrs. Hayes was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Newsom, of Pleasant Valley, Daviess County. She is survived by three children, W. P. Hayes and Miss Josie Lacer Hayes, of Rawlings, Wyo., and Mrs. Harold H. Buckles, of Denison, Tex.; three brothers, W. E. Newsom and T. J. Newsom, Daviess County, and Dr. J. F. Newsom, Houston, Tex.

Mrs. Hayes was a member of the First Christian Church, Owensboro, Ky. The body will arrive in Owensboro Monday afternoon and be taken to the Glenn funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the services will likely be held Tuesday afternoon at Glenn's funeral home. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Joseph Mason Ellis, son of Joel Ellis and Jane H. Mason, was born September 26, 1849 in Ohio County, Ky. At the age of 23 he died on February 18, 1873. He was not married and was buried at the Milton Taylor Cemetery in Ohio County. His brother, Charles H. Ellis, died only four days following his death.

Hartford Journal, Hartford, Ky., Wednesday, 26 February 1873:

Died: At the residence of his mother, Mrs. Joel Ellis near Hartford, on the 18th inst. Mr. Joseph Ellis, after a long lingering illness of pulmonary consumption.

### **Christopher Jackson Mason (1813-1896)**

A biography of Christopher Jackson Mason (1813-1896), son of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was published in the book, History Of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties, Indiana (Chicago; Goodspeed, Bros. & Co., 1885). On pages 472-473 of the Spencer County section it appeared as follows;

Christopher Jackson Mason, a prominent pioneer of Spencer County, Ind., is a native of Ohio County, Ky., born May 5, 1813, the third of eleven children born to John H. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Mason. The father moved from Virginia, his native State, to Breckenridge County, Ky., when a youth and was there married. He afterward moved to Ohio County, that State, farming many years, and finally died September 22, 1862, in Hancock County, aged eighty years [note: Gravestone of John H. Mason records his date of death as September 2, 1863.] His widow died in Union County in December, 1865. C. J. Mason received a limited youthful education in subscription schools, but in later years, by desultory study, has acquired a fair knowledge of the lower branches of education. At twenty years of age he began farming for himself in his native county, following that occupation summers and flatboating on the river winters for twenty years. In March, 1837, he removed to Spencer County, Ind., locating on a farm in Grass Township. He resided there ten years, when he moved to Luce Township, where in addition to farming he dealt largely in produce, pork and tobacco, shipping these products on flat-boat to New Orleans, where he found ready markets for his goods. Having secured a competency, in this way he moved to Rockport in 1877, where he has since resided retired from active business pursuits. Besides valuable property in town Mr. Mason owns about 1,200 acres of good farming land in the county. He is a staunch Republican in politics, serving as county commissioner from 1860 to 1863, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and himself and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married April 16, 1835, to Ellen Morgan, of Daviess County, Ky., and five children have been born to their union, only the following named now living: Lycurgus C., Cordelia J. (widow of John Hougland), William T and John H. The mother dying in July, 1848, Mr. Mason was again married in February, 1849, to Martha Thomas, of Mercer County, Ky., by whom he was the father of five children - all dying in infancy. He settled in the wilderness, and cleared and improved his land, undergoing all hardships incident to pioneer life, there being only about a dozen wagons in the county, people using sleds and trucks for hauling.

Christopher Jackson Mason may have been born in Breckinridge County, Ky. In 1813 the year of his birth, his father, John H. Mason, was assessed and paid county taxes in Breckinridge County and thus for at least part of that year resided there. Whether C. J. Mason was born in Ohio County, Ky. or not most of his first 24 years were spent there.

Christopher Jackson Mason was named after his grandfather, Christopher Jackson. He usually signed his name "C. J. Mason" but was commonly called either "Jackson" or "Jack". On April 16, 1835 Jackson Mason married Ellen Morgan, daughter of Thomas Morgan & Margaret Phegley of Daviess County, Ky. Their marriage was recorded in Daviess County, Ky. marriage register A, page 68, his name appears as C. J. Mason.

In the year following his marriage, on August 27, he purchased a 161 acre farm on Rough Creek in Ohio County from William P. and Nancy Duvall for \$425 (Ohio County deed book G,



page 207). About seven months after buying the farm he left the home of his youth and moved to Spencer County, Ind. His land in Ohio County he sold on May 29, 1838 to James Eidson for \$675 (Ohio County deed book G, page 305).

In his new home of Spencer County C. J. Mason became a very successful farmer and businessman. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of the county, in 1860 his land holdings were valued at \$25,000 and in 1870 at \$33,775 and his personal property was worth \$11,530, very sizeable sums at that time. He was active and influential in the politics of his county. The affairs and machinery of Spencer County were run by a board of three commissioners, and C. J. Mason served in this responsible position from 1860 to 1863.

As in the case of many families during the Civil War period political views led to rifts in the Mason family, dividing one relative against another. C. J. Mason was a Republican and a Unionist and like his home state of Indiana stood against slavery. His two oldest sons, Lycurgus and William, both rose to the rank of First Lieutenant in the Union Army. Lycurgus served with Co. F of the 58th Ind. Reg. and William with Co. E of the 25th Ind. Reg. C. J. Mason's native state of Kentucky was about equally divided over the slavery and state rights issues, and unlike Indiana slavery had long existed and been tolerated there. Several of C. J. Mason's relatives in Kentucky were slave owners. At the beginning of the war his brother, James Mason, owned six slaves, his uncle, William Mason, nine; and uncle, Hopkins Mason, two, all three resided in Hancock County, Ky. It is believed disagreements over the slavery issue led to Jackson Mason being purposefully omitted from the division of his uncle, William Mason's estate. William Mason had no children of his own and when he died in December of 1861, his estate one of the largest in Hancock County, Ky. valued at \$14480 he directed by his will to be divided among his brothers and sister and their families. All of his nieces and nephews were to receive a share, with one exception Jackson Mason is to get none", the sharpness of the wording in his will was not lessened by any explanation. William Mason like C. J. Mason was politically active and had served in some of the most responsible positions in his county, and no doubt was strongly committed to his views. William Mason was very close to brother, James Mason, they had long lived near each other. When William died he gave James his gold watch, no doubt his most personal possession, and appointed him administrator of his estate. James's son, Richard, served in the Confederate Army during the war, and his son-in-law, William W. Pierce, gave his life in the Confederate cause. Jackson Mason's exclusion from his uncles will and the political differences between him and his brother, James, must have caused very painful feelings in the family that were long healing.

Jackson Mason's wife, Ellen Morgan Mason, was born December 25, 1811 and died July 4, 1848. She was survived by four children, Cordelia Jackson, Lycurgus Christopher, William Thomas and John Henderson. Two other children had preceded her in death - Hannibal (October 28, 1836 – October 28, 1838) and an infant daughter (born August 16, 1845 & died August 18?, 1845). Ellen and her two infants were buried with at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Spencer County, Ind.

Jackson Mason remarried Martha Ann Thomas on February 23, 1849 in Spencer County, Ind. She was the daughter of William Green Thomas & Mary Ferguson and was born April 1, 1819 Ky.; five children born to their union died in infancy.

1840 Spencer County, Ind. Census, p.684 :

Mason, C. J.	1 male 15-20	1 female 0-5
	1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30

1850 Spencer County, Ind. Census, Luce Township, #535 ;

Mason, Christopher	37	m	Farmer	Ky.
Martha A.	30	f		Ky.
Lycurgus	9	m		Ind.
William	7	m		Ind.
John H.	2	m		Ind.
Martha E.	1/12	f		Ind.
Thomas, William B.	19	m		Ind.

1860 Spencer County, Ind. Census, Luce Township, #774:

Mason, Christopher J.	47	m	Farmer, \$25000/\$2000	Ky.
Martha A.	41	f		Ky.
Cordelia	21	f		Ind.
Lycingus	19	m		Ind.
William	17	m		Ind.
John	12	m		Ind.
Young, Mary	12	f		Ind.
Kessner, Martha A.	9	f		Ind.

1870 Spencer County, Ind. Census:

Ohio Township, #54

Mason, William T.	27	m	Tobacco dealer \$6000/\$4000	Ind.
Julia	33	f		Ind.

Luce Township, #444

Mason, Christopher J.	57	m	Farmer \$33775/\$11530	Ky.
Martha A.	51	f		Ky.
Lycurgus C.	29	m	Dealer \$9450/\$3300	Ind.
John H.	22	m	Farmer	Ind.
Kesner, Martha	18	f		Ind.
Houglan, Cordie J.	31	f	\$1500/\$150	Ind.
Charles M.	7	m		Ind.

The last nineteen years of Jackson Mason's life were spent in the town of Rockport, the county seat of Spencer County, Ind. There on September 27, 1896 he died at the age of 83. He wrote his will March 21, 1890 and it was probated October 7, 1896 and was recorded Spencer County will book 3, page 44. By his will he left his wife, Martha A., his residence and property in Rockport, his horse, cow, buggy and \$3000; the remainder of his estate was to be divided among his four children. In his will he made provisions for some of his personal possessions, to his son, John H., he gave his gold watch and chain; to daughter, Cordelia, a large crayon picture of himself; to son, William T., his gold headed cane; and to son, Lycurgus C., his gold

spectacles. Christopher Jackson Mason was buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, near midway, about seven miles northwest of Rockport; both of his wives and seven infant children were also buried. Announcing his death the following obituary appeared in the Rockport newspaper (note, almost all of his obituary was taken verbatim from his biography published in the History of Spencer County):

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 2 October 1896:

Death of Christopher J. Mason

Another one of the prominent pioneer citizens of Spencer County passed away in the death of Christopher Jackson Mason ("Uncle Jack", as he was familiarly called) which occurred at his residence in this city last Sunday at 10:15 p.m., after a brief illness. His age was 83 years, 4 months and 22 days, having been born in Ohio County, Kentucky, May 5, 1813, the third of eleven children born to John H. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Mason.

The subject of this sketch received a limited education in the subscription schools of those days, but afterwards by his own efforts acquired a fair knowledge of the common branches of education. At twenty years of age he began farming for himself in his native county, following that occupation in summer and flatboating on the river during winter, for twenty years. In March, 1837, he moved to Spencer County, Ind., locating on a farm in Grass Township. He resided there ten years, when he removed to Luce Township, where in addition to farming he dealt largely in produce, pork and tobacco, shipping these products on flatboats to New Orleans where he found ready market for his goods. Having secured a competency in this way he moved to Rockport in 1877, where he has since resided, retired from active business pursuits. Besides valuable property in town, Mr. Mason owned about 1000 acres of good farming land in Spencer County. He was a staunch Republican in politics, serving as county commissioner from 1860 to 1863, was a member of the Masonic fraternity and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married April 16, 1835 to Ellen Morgan, of Daviess County, Ky., and five children were born to their union, only the following named are living: Lycurgus C. Mason, of Independence, Ran., Mrs. Cordelia Hougland and Wm. T. Mason, of this city, and John H. Mason, of Luce Township. His first wife dying in 1848, Mr. Mason was again married in 1849 to Martha Thomas, of Mercer County, Ky., by whom he was the father of five children, all dying in infancy. He settled in the wilderness of this county, cleared and improved the lands, undergoing the hardships of pioneer life Mr. Mason was one of our best citizens and will be sadly missed by the people of Spencer County. He was strictly honorable and upright in all his dealings and was universally respected. Funeral services were conducted at the residence at 9:30 Wednesday morning by Rev. H. C. Clippinger, of New Albany, in the presence of a large audience, after which the Masonic order took charge and conducted the services, the remains being laid to rest in Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Midway in Grass Township.

Jackson Mason's widow, Martha Ann Thomas Mason, died April 23, 1898. She left no surviving children; she lost five infants, including – Henry G. (July 13, 1851 – October 10, 1852), Frederick W. (May 7, 1853 – January 24, 1856), George F. (September 24, 1855 – May 26, 1858). The following article appeared in the Rockport newspaper:

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 29 April 1898:

Mrs. Martha A. Mason, widow of the late C. J. Mason, departed this life on Saturday last at her home in this city, aged 79 years. The funeral services were conducted

at the residence on Monday at 9 o'clock a.m. Revs. L. D. Moore and J M. Nash, officiating, after which the remains were taken to Pleasant Valley Cemetery, in Grass township, for interment. Mrs. Mason was a member of the Methodist church, an exemplary christian, a good neighbor and leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Cordelia Jackson, daughter of Christopher J. Mason and Ellen Morgan, was born in November 1838 in Spencer County, Ind., and November 19, 1861 married Dr. John Spencer Hoagland (1831-1877). He was buried at the Old Boonville Cemetery in Warrick County, Ind.; he was the son of Abraham Edrington Houghland & Catherine Tanner. He fell down some steps and broke his neck, leaving her with a small child, Charles Mason. Her son, Charles M. Hougland, was born August 30, 1863. Charles operated a prospering grain business in Rockport, Ind.. He died March 7, 1904 in Rockport at the early age of 41. He married twice, to Amanda G Wright and Lillian Pritchard. By his first wife he had three children, John Mason, Clark Wright and Jennie B. Hougland. His daughter graduated from Leland Stanford and was awarded a trip to Europe. In 1916 all three children were residing in California, At the time of her son's death in 1904, Cordelia Mason Hougland, was living in Pasadena, California. Cordelia Hoagland died in 1920 and was buried by her husband at the Old Boonville Cemetery in Boonville, Warrick County, Ind.

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 11 March 1904:

Prominent Citizen Dead

C. M. Hougland Passes Away In The Prime Of Life

Charles Mason Hougland, son of Dr. John S. and Cordelia J. Hougland, was born in Rockport August 30, 1862, and died March 7, 1904, in the same room in which he was born. Funeral services were conducted from the house Wednesday after noon and the remains were laid to rest in the Shiloh Cemetery. Revs. E. H. Wood and Chas. H. Armstrong conducting the last sad rites

He was married to Miss Amanda G. Wright, December 24, 1885, who died February 17, 1891, to this union were given three children yet living, Jennie B., John Mason, and Clare Wright. He was again married February-20, 1901, to Miss Lillian B. Pritchard who survives. His mother and daughter Jennie are at present making their home in California and were unable to be here in the last hours and at the funeral. The demise was not unexpected though for fatal disease had fastened itself upon him four or five years ago and the days since that time were spent in ineffectual struggle against it. Change of scene, travel, medicines and all else were of no avail and he grew gradually weaker. He never gave up but attended to his business affairs just the same. On Monday morning of last week he was compelled to take to his last bed, one week later at nearly midnight his spirit passed from him and that great big heart was forever stilled. He was conscious to the last and conversed to within five minutes of his death. Calm in that final hour he called his loved ones about him and to them gave words of counsel and hope. His last thoughts were of their welfare.

The deceased has for the last seventeen years been a prominent business man of this city. In 1894 he and T. R. Hardy formed a partnership to deal in grain, seeds and tobacco, and had built up a big business with branches in many towns around. They were on the point of incorporating a short time ago, but Mr. Hardy will probably conduct the business alone, after the partnership affairs are wound up.

Born and raised right here in the community the deceased needs from us no eulogy - that was written by his kindly acts. His cheery jovial nature wade friends on

every hand enemies were few if any. Many things could be said in praise of his integrity, progressiveness, liberality, usefulness as a citizen and sympathetic nature but that which shows all this and more too - he is sadly missed by all who knew him. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the whole community.

Lycurgus Christopher Mason, son of Christopher J. Mason and Ellen Morgan, was born October 1, 1840 in Spencer County, Ind. He left Spencer County sometime after 1870 and moved to Kansas, where he lived in Independence, Kansas. He died March 19, 1913 Independence, Montgomery County, Kans.; buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, Kans. He married Mary Virginia Britton (April 5, 1845 Rockport, Ind. - December, 21, 1908 , buried Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, Kans.). He was the father of: Evaline Ellen (November 7, 1874 – September 27, 1959, wife of Frank Warner Howes) and Eugenia (March 14, 1877 – June 4, 1962, wife of Elmer Andrew Miner).

The Evening Star, Independence, Kansas, Thursday, March 20, 1913 p4:

Funeral of Capt. Mason

Arrangements For Burial Not Yet Made. Two Brothers of the Deceased Expected on the Evening Train - No definite announcement until Tomorrow. Arrangements for the funeral of Capt. L. C. Mason, whose sudden death from heart disease occurred yesterday, have not yet been made and the plans will not be made public until tomorrow, when the relatives, now absent, will be present, and will be consulted. Except for the statement that the funeral will be at the Mason home, 624 East Main, no details have been arranged today. Mrs. Evaline Howes, of Chicago, accompanied by her husband, arrived this afternoon to be present at the funeral of her father. Two brothers, John and William Mason are expected to come in on the evening train from their home in Evansville, Ind.

Lycurgus C. Mason was born in Spencer county, Indiana, October 1, 1840, and was 72 years and five months old when death overtook him so suddenly. His boyhood days were spent on an Indiana farm. When the civil war came on he enlisted in Company F. Fifty-Eighth Indiana Volunteers, serving from 1861 to 1865 and coming out with a captain's commission. He went in as a sergeant and later was promoted and transferred to the engineers corps and in this capacity with his company of pontoon men helped to bridge many streams between Chatanooga and Atlanta when General Sherman broke the backbone of the South's resistance with his march in the sea. He went with the army through the Carolina's, a campaign that showed the military strength of the Confederacy to be only a shell, and he participated in the grand review of the Union Army in Washington at the close of the war.

Captain Mason came to Independence in 1871 and engaged in the occupation of a broker, from that taking up farming, grain growing and stock raising. Early in his residence here he bought 700 acres of bottom land east of the city which he has farmed ever since. Later he engaged in the banking business, becoming an officer of the First National, a position he held to the day of his death. He has served the city as mayor, as commissioner of water works, as member of the school board and in other positions and always with great success, going about his work in a quiet, thorough business-like way that was very effective.

He was married to Mary V. Britton in 1873 and two daughters blessed this union - Mrs. Evelyn Howes of Chicago and Mrs. Eugenia Minor, of this city. Mrs. Mason departed this life several years ago.

Captain Mason was almost a lifelong member of the Presbyterian society and a pillar of the Independence church. He was also a member of high standing of the Masonic fraternity.

William Thomas Mason, son of Christopher J. Mason and Ellen Morgan, was born September 20, 1842 in Spencer County, Ind. On January 30, 1870 in Spencer County, Ind. he married Julia Ann Dunnigan (August 19, 1847 – February 6, 1907, daughter of Grant T. Dunnigan & Nancy Cunningham) and they had two children, Grant Jackson (February 16, 1871 – April 9, 1894, not married) and Maude (April 29, 1881 – March 26, 1922, married Shirley Charles Lang). He died November 22, 1921 in Rockport, Ind. He was one of the leading businessmen in Rockport, he founded the National Bank in Rockport and was its cashier for 35 years, in 1872-73 he served as a trustee of Rockport. He, his wife, and their two children were buried at the Sunset Hill Cemetery in Rockport, Spencer County, Ind. A biography of his life and family was given in the front page article published in the Rockport Journal following his death, the article covered about a third of the page and was accompanied by his portrait.

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 25 November 1921:

WILLIAM T. MASON, PROMINENT CITIZEN OF ROCKPORT

William Thomas Mason was one of six children born to Christopher Jackson and Ellen Morgan Mason. He was born September 20th, 1842 in Grass township in this county on a farm then owned by his father. When but a lad his father's family moved to Luce township where the deceased grew to manhood. On July 9th 1861, when but 18 years of age, possessing a fine physique, inspired with a lofty patriotism he answered the call of his country and enlisted in Co. E, 25th Indiana Regiment under Capt. William Jones and was mustered in on August 19th, 1861, as sergeant of his company. He rose by rapid advancement until on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1862, he was made a 1st Lieutenant of his company. He was engaged in some of the Civil War's hardest battles, among them being Fort Donaldson and Shiloh. He was severely wounded at the battle of Hatchie river, having his right shoulder shot away by a cannon ball. From this wound he suffered during his entire life. On account of this wound he was mustered out of the service and given an honorable discharge January 12th, 1863.

After the war was over his health had so improved that he was able to complete his education, which he did at Indiana University. He then returned to Rockport and entered upon his successful business career. January 30th, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Dunigan, who is remembered as one of the city's most lovable characters, and with whom he lived in mutual devotion and love until her death February 6th, 1907. To this union were born two children; one son, Grant Jackson, who passed away at the age of 23 years and at the beginning of what promised to be a useful and prosperous business life, one daughter, Mrs. Maude Lang, who with her husband, Dr. Shirley C. Lang, and their two charming daughters, are left of his immediate family to mourn the loss of father and grandfather.

After the death of Mrs. Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Lang moved into the Mason home on Third Street in this city and continued to live with the father until death, enjoying and sharing in his cheerful and always bright companionship during health, and caring for him with most beautiful filial devotion during his sickness. On the evening of February 11th, 1920, after an enjoyable day with his family he was suddenly stricken with cerebral hemorrhage, from which he suffered until his end came at 8:30 o'clock p.m., November 22nd, 1921, at the advanced age of 79 years, 2 months and three days. The funeral will be held at the family residence on Third Street, Friday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment will be in Sunset Hill cemetery.

Mr. Mason was an honored and devoted member of the G.A.R. This was one of his chief delights Coupled with love of home and family was his love for his country, Descended from an ancestry on both sides of his parents family who had fought in the war for American independence, he was justly proud of his own record in that he was not unfaithful to the legacy of patriotic devotion they had left him but had offered his all in defending and perpetuating the freedom which they had so hardly won. Mr. Mason's business life was devoted somewhat to his fanning interests, but principally to the banking business in this city. He founded the Old Rockport bank and was its cashier for 35 years. By his conservative business policies and natural aptitude to the banking business he succeeded in making this bank one of the strongest institutions of its kind in Southern Indiana.

Mr. Mason was strongly attached to his home, his family, his town and his country. He was especially interested in Sunset Hill cemetery, to which he devoted much of his attention and means, and to him is due much of the credit for the elegance and beauty of the spot where his body will lie in perfect repose until the Master of all shall call it to eternal life.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. R. R. Bryan, of Calumet, Mich., former pastor of Rockport circuit M.E. church.

The following obituaries of William T. Mason's wife, Julia Ann Dunnigan Mason, son Grant Jackson Mason, and daughter Maude Mason Lang appeared in the Rockport, Ind. newspapers:

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 8 February 1907:

Mrs. W.T, Mason, who had been sick for several months, died yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 9:20 o'clock, at her home in this city. The end had been expected hourly for several days. Funeral services will be held from the residence tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. R. R. Bryan officiating. Friends are invited. (note: a larger obituary appeared in the next issue of February 15).

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 13 April 1894:

Death of Grant Mason

Our community was greatly shocked to learn of the death of Grant Mason, on last Monday night at 7 o'clock, at the home of his parents on Third Street. He was the only son of W. T. Mason and wife and their eldest child, being 23 years of age. His father is the well known cashier of the Rockport Bank. Grant had recently opened up, on Main Street, one of the finest stores in Southern Indiana, and did a splendid business from the start, and had a bright and promising future - but for his early death. He was affable and genial in his nature, and will be greatly missed, especially by our young people. Grant was a member of the Presbyterian church, having joined several years ago during a meeting conducted by Rev. Molloy, of Owensboro, Ky., Rev. Molloy conducted the funeral services at the home of the deceased, assisted by Rev. H. C. Clippinger, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was a sad and impressive service, and was largely attended. The floral offerings were numerous and most beautiful. His bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of all our people in this, their sad affliction.

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 31 March 1922:

A Tribute To Mrs. Maude Mason Lang

Maude Mason Lang was born April 29th, 1880, the child of Julia Dunnigan Mason, who died February 6th, 1907 and of William T. Mason who died a few months

since, having been bed fast for more than one and one-half years, during which Maude was all the while at his side.

She died Sunday March 26th, 1922, aged 41 years, 10 months and 27 days, in the prime of her womanhood and strength.

Her brother Grant, 9 years her senior, died April 8th, 1893.

She was married to Dr. Shirley C. Lang, October 14th, 1904, and to them were born two girls, Julia Mason, on June 26th, 1908, and Shirley, June 17th, 1912. Her husband and children survive.

Her nearest surviving collateral relatives are two aunts and an uncle on her mother's side who reside at distant places and cousins on her father's side.

The main branches of her family are gone and no male child survives to keep the name of that family alive.

The natal and the dying moments of Maude Mason Lang, hours separated by forty-two fateful years, were spent in the same room of this home, which, often wreathed in mourning, canopied and absorbed as well, her activities and strength, for here is the scene of her entire life's story.

Dowered by nature with deep emotions and strong enduring loves, the sunshine of joy and the storms of sorrow found firmest lodgement in her breast; so that, whether, when aged thirteen she was crushed and bereaved at the loss of her only brother, Grant, a genial and promising boy; or as a young woman, anguish stricken at the separation from her mother, Julia Dunnigan Mason, whose long and trying afflictions endeared her to Maude in a degree unusual; or heart-broken, but a little while ago, at the departure of her father William T. Mason for whose sake and to administer surcease and soothing respite to his languishing, pain racked body, perchance, she gave her own life, and so attuned in unison were they that it is not vain to hope that somewhere in the azure fields their raised spirits now commune; through all of it, wherever you lift the veil, that which fixes your attention and enlists your affectionate admiration, is her conduct under trial, her selfless spending of herself for those she loved. Surely the truest test of devotion is such service. Only suffering draws the inmost heart, and can elicit the perfume of the soul. Thus crowned with a coronet of sad cypress leaves, this aspect of her life was beautiful and holy.

She was wedded to her first and only sweetheart, Dr. Shirley C. Lang, to whose professional success she strove to contribute and in which she gloried, for between them honor and adoration were mutual and reciprocal, their nuptial union being sublimely intertwined by two sweet girls, Julia Mason and little Shirley.

Intuitively refined and pure, she was charitable in thought and deed, zealous, energetic, competent and purposeful, she accomplished substantial good for her community in a moral and social way, righteously proud and ambitious, she followed high ideals, among them being the establishment of her right to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she achieved, steadfast, helpful, gentle and sympathetic toward those, who came in touch with her, she won an abiding place in the hearts of a host of loyal friends, and whatever she set her hand to do was wrought with her whole heart and soul and brain; and possessed of an indomitable will, she pursued her course almost irresistibly, all her aims being chastened by a Christian spirit, She was the type of woman most fitted to live.

Life at its worst is usually desired, but taken at its best, how sweet it was to her, how alluring its prospects, how appealing its inducements, situated and surrounded as she was Amid the pitiable wreck of blighted hopes and broken plans of middle life, keenly alert in mind to all things and conscious of approaching death, what solicitous, anxious, feverish visions visited her, filmed with the precious images Of her darling girls, the one standing with reluctant feet where the brook of girlhood and the river of womanhood



meet, both not yet realizing their own, immense, irreparable loss, but conscious that they stand in the shadow of their first great grief? A situation in contemplation of which the mind sickens and recoils upon itself.

Let us believe that she saw in this deep, dark tragedy a mystic and ethereal meaning that only the rapt departing soul may know, and that her prayers for the future welfare of her little ones, too fervent for utterance, upborne on the tireless pinions of a mother's matchless love, winged their way straight to the Great Heart of Infinite Love that beats for all the world.

Yes, shall thy grave with, rising flowers be drest,  
And the green turf lie lightly on thy breast;  
There shall the morn her earliest tears bestow,  
There the first roses of the year shall blow. - W. C. M.

Maude Mason Lang was buried in the Sunset Hill Cemetery in Rockport, Ind. Her husband, Dr. Shirley Charles Lang, born 1882, died 1954, was buried by her side. After his wife's death Dr. Lang and their two girls moved to Evansville, Ind. Both of the daughters of Dr. Shirley C. Lang and Maude Mason married doctors. Julia Mason Lang, born June 26, 1908 at Rockport, Ind., married Dr. Joseph Emerson Welborn, June 6, 1930 in Evansville, Ind., presently she is living in Dayton, Ohio. Shirley Mason Lang, born June 17, 1912 at Rockport, Ind., married Dr. Merrill Frederick Snethen, March 23, 1935 in Evansville, Ind., she lived at 700 Sunset Ave. in Evansville and died June 6, 1983 at Rochester, Minn.

John Henderson Mason, son of Christopher J. Mason and Ellen Morgan, was born April 16, 1848 in Spencer County, Ind. He married Hattie A. Walden on October 11, 1877, and they had one child, Ellen. He died January 10, 1922 in Columbus, Georgia, and was buried in Riverdale Cemetery in that city. The following articles appeared in the Rockport, Ind. newspaper following his death:

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 13 January 1922:

John H. Mason

Mrs. S.C. Lang received a telegram Tuesday afternoon announcing the death of her uncle, John H. Mason at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Baird at Columbus, Ga. Mr. Mason had been in poor health for about a year and early last summer went with Mrs. Mason to spend the summer with their daughter at Columbus, Ga. In the autumn Mr. Mason had a paralytic stroke but recent letters indicated that he was improving and the family had hopes that he would recover sufficiently to return home. The telegram stated that he had died at 10 o'clock that day and that the funeral would be held at Columbus. Mr. Mason was almost 74 years old and was the last survivor of a family of eleven children. We will be furnished with an obituary for next week.

Rockport Journal, Rockport, Ind., Friday, 20 January 1922:

John Henderson Mason

In Memoriam

"Time knows not the weight of sleep or weariness, Night's deep darkness has no chain to bind his rushing pinions."

The years have rolled back the curtain of time on the final scene in the great drama of life; The gates of the future stand ajar that the soul of a friend may take its flight into the great beyond. John Henderson Mason was the last of six children born to Christopher Jackson Mason and Ellen Morgan Mason, who settled in Grass township,

Spencer County, in 1837. Later they moved to Luce township, where John grew from infancy to stalwart manhood. He was born April 16, 1848, was educated in the common schools.

He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Walden, October 11, 1877. He spent his life on the old Mason homestead amid the scenes of his boyhood days, enduring the toil and hardships incident to farm life in semi-pioneer days. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Shiloh M.E. church, punctual in attendance and liberal in his contributions to its support. As a husband and father, he was devoted and self-sacrificing. As a man he was true to his conception of Christianity, citizenship and friendship. He devoted his life to his farming interests and prided himself in providing comfortable homes for his tenants. He was a lover of nature, and was never happier than when working among his flowers. He loved to watch the rose unfold and behold the beauty of its petals; but he loved more the power that unfolded the rose and gave it its perfume.

In the death of J.H. Mason, Spencer County loses one of her best citizens, the community a man who was interested in the promotion of every cause that tended to place the community on a higher plane of life. Thus closes a life worthy of emulation.

The funeral service was conducted at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Baird, Columbus, Ga., by Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church. The burial was at Riverdale Cemetery.

A sob, a tear and a mound of flowers mark the last resting place of husband, father and friend. J. B. M

Ellen Mason the only child of John Henderson Mason and Hattie A Walden, was born December 1, 1878 and married Dr. James Madison Baird on November 22, 1899 in Spencer County, Ind., She died October 23, 1953 Columbus, GA., where she was buried in the Riverdale Cemetery. On October 1, 1953 she wrote her will, it was probated and recorded in Fulton County, Georgia on December 9, 1953 and was recorded in Spencer County, Ind. on January 6, 1954 (Spencer County, Ind. will book 7, page 151). In Ellen Mason Baird's will she named her husband, Dr. J. M. Baird, three sons, Dr. J. Mason Baird, Emmett Holt Baird, and W. Neal Baird, and her mother, Mrs. Hattie Mason.

### **Joseph Allen Mason (1814-1869)**

Joseph Allen Mason, son Of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born January 24, 1814. In the year of his birth his family resided in Breckinridge County, Ky. He was named after Joseph Allen, who at that time was serving as the county clerk of Breckinridge County. Joseph Allen, a lawyer, when Breckinridge County was formed in 1799 was chosen county and circuit clerk, offices he held for a period of fifty-eight years. He was one of the most widely known figures in Western Kentucky. In the official history of Breckinridge County no name appears more frequently than that of Joseph Allen. His wife, Margaret Crawford Allen, was a daughter of Samuel Crawford and Janet Mason, and a first cousin of Joseph Allen Mason's father, John Henderson Mason.

Joseph Allen Mason grew to manhood in Ohio County, Ky., the greater part of his first 28 years being spent there. At the age of 21, in 1835, he appeared for the first time in the tax records of Ohio County, joining as tax payers his father, John H. and his older brother, Jackson Mason, On March 19, 1838 he purchased from Samuel Houston part of lot #49 in Hartford, Ohio

County, Ky.; and on October 11, 1839 he sold it to William J. Berry for \$135. At the time of the 1840 Ohio County census he was not enumerated by the census taker as a head of a household and probably was counted under someone else's household name. County deed records at that time indicate he was residing in the town of Hartford.

In 1841 Joseph A. Mason served as deputy sheriff of Ohio County, assisting sheriff James C. Rogers.

About 1842 Joseph A. Mason left Ohio County and moved to Union County, Ky., in 1841 he was in Ohio County and in 1843 in Union County. Union County became his permanent home, there he married and reared a family, and descendants bearing the Mason name live there today. The move was probably influenced by the presence in Union County of his uncle, James Mason, who had been living there for about twenty years. After moving there their families lived near each other and attended the same church, the Antioch Methodist Church.

Joseph A. Mason on his move to Union County was accompanied by his brother, James M. Mason. In October of 1842 James M. had married Nancy M. Blincoe in Hancock County, Ky., and in 1843 he and Joseph A. appear for the first time in the tax records of Union County. After arriving in Union County the two brothers were in a partnership, jointly owning a lot in Uniontown, where they operated a store from 1843 to 1846. On April 15, 1846 James sold his half interest in the partnership to Joseph for \$450, both were then living in Uniontown (Union County deed book I, page 115). The sell appears to have been motivated by James and his wife Nancy's decision to move back to her home in Hancock County, Ky., shortly afterwards they left Union County and returned to Hancock County.

On November 28, 1844 Joseph Allen Mason married Elizabeth Ann Waller in Union County, Ky. A native of Union County, she was born October 13, 1824. Her parents, Aaron & Mary Allison (Givens) Waller, lived in the Morganfield Precinct, a few miles west of Morganfield.

In 1847 Joseph A. Mason sold the Uniontown lot and purchased a town lot in Morganfield. Four years later he acquired a farm of 110 acres, three miles west of Morganfield near where his wife's family lived. On this farm he lived the last eighteen years of his life, and here most of his children were born and grew to adulthood. The farm today, 135 years later is still in the family, it is owned by a great-granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Mason Collins. A plat map of the Morganfield Precinct in the Historical Atlas of Henderson and Union Counties, Ky., published in 1880 shows the location of the farm, site is marked as residence of Mrs. E. Mason, on Antioch Road (now Highway 360) just north of the Antioch Church.

Joseph A. Mason died in Union County on May 1, 1869, at the age of 55. He wrote his will August 1, 1864, in it he refers to the sale of negroes and division of proceeds. By his will in addition to his wife and children he made provisions for his unmarried sister, Mary P. Mason. His will was probated June 14, 1869 in the Union County circuit court and was recorded in will book F, page 333. His brother-in-laws, William Waller and John G. Waller, were appointed administrators of his estate on June 14, 1869.

Joseph A. Mason was first buried in a small family cemetery on his farm in the Antioch community. But after the death of his wife in 1906 his remains were moved by his son, John, to the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield, where, a large beautiful monument stands to their memory. The cemetery on the Mason farm had been the burying ground for the Waller family, and is referred to by both family names. Here Joseph A. Mason's mother, Elizabeth Jackson Mason was buried in 1865. Today no one knows if she was left to rest here or was moved to Morganfield when her son was. The cemetery by time and neglect has virtually been destroyed. Several stones have been carried off and of seven monuments that remain none are erect, among these are ones bearing the names of: Joseph Mason (January 24, 1814 - May 1, 1869) and Zabith Mason wife of John (December 20, 1790 - December 17, 1865).

Joseph A. Mason was survived by his wife and ten children, Mary, Lawrence, Sarah, Camilla, Waller, John, Wayne, Robert, Matt and Lyle, all were still living at home, their ages ranging from the oldest of 23 to the youngest of 2. He was also survived by two brothers, Jackson Mason of Spencer County, Ind. and James Mason of Hancock County, Ky.; and three sisters, Mrs. Jane Ellis of Ohio County, Ky., Miss Mary P Mason and Mrs. Mag Harris, both of Union County.

Joseph Allen Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller were the parents of eleven children:

Mary E.	born	1 Oct 1845
Lawrence	born	15 Oct 1846
Sarah Gillum	born	1 Oct 1848
Camilla	born	30 Oct 1850
Aaron Waller	born	28 Aug 1852
John	born	20 Jul 1854
Wayne	born	6 Feb 1857
Rebecca	born	20 Feb 1859
Robert	born	2 May 1861
Matthew	born	24 Jul 1863
Lyle	born	14 Apr 1861

Dates of birth and death of Joseph A. Mason and his family, including his parents, John H. Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, were recorded in the bible of his son, Robert Mason. The birth of John H. Mason (1784-1863) and Elizabeth Jackson Mason (1790-1865) are the same as recorded on their gravestones in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery (Hancock County) and Waller-Mason Cemetery (Union County) respectively. The dates of their death have the same year and month but the day of the month varies for both. Robert Mason recorded his grandfather, John H. Mason, died September 12, 1863, his gravestone has his date of death as September 2, 1863; and he wrote that his grandmother, Elizabeth Mason, died December 11, 1865, and on her marker is recorded December 17, 1865. The dates of birth and death in the bible for Joseph A. Mason, his wife and children are the same as recorded on their cemetery markers in Morganfield and/or on their death certificates on record in Union County. The family bible of Robert Mason upon his death in 1948 went to his son, Allen W. Allen W. Mason and his wife, Mabel Conway, had no children and after their deaths the bible was given to their niece and present owner, Patricia Ann Conway Hetrick, of Morganfield, Ky., daughter of A.V. Conway, a brother of Allen W 's wife Mabel.

Joseph A. Mason's wife, Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born October 13, 1824 in Union County, Ky., the daughter of Aaron Waller and Mary Allison Givers. Her grandparents, John Waller and Mary Small, came to Kentucky about 1784 from Fredericksburg, Virginia. In 1805 they moved to Union County from Washington County, Ky. They lived in the Waverly section of Union County and were the parents of ten children. In the History of Union County, Ky., (1886) the following was written about the Waller family:

It is probable... that if the descendants of the Wallers could all be counted by the historian, it would be found that this deserves the name of being called a Union County family, per excellence. The reticence of members of this family has prevented us from getting any detailed account of the family, but we are glad to be able to lay before our readers the following from the pen of a lady who is a Waller only because her husband claimed that honored name:

"John Waller, a native of Wales, settled in Virginia (name of county not known) in the early part of the Seventeenth Century, and lived to the extreme age of 110 years, (names and number of children not known.) His son John, born in 1739, was married in 1771 to Mary Small, born in 1755. He emigrated to Kentucky during the years of her repeated knockings for admission into the Federal Union, and settled in Nelson County near Bardstown shortly after that station was established. Here he brought his young wife and two or three infant children to try their fortunes amid the sound of the warwhoop and in sight of the gleaming tomahawk of the savages, terrors that were only too frequently realized. At one time, in company with some of his neighbors, returning from Louisville with pack-horses, they were surprised by a party of Indians, and he being in the rear was wounded and with one other captured, his horse escaping and running the distance home, carrying safely the load on its back. He was kept a prisoner two years before making his escape. Once an opportunity for deliverance presented itself, but he refused to avail himself of it because his companion was sleeping and could not be aroused without attracting attention, preferring rather than desert his friend, to remain in Indian custody until they could both escape together and return to their families who had all this while mourned them as dead.

"When navigation on the Mississippi became free, he built a large mill, probably on one of the forks of Salt river, and bought quantities of wheat, ground it into flour and shipped it to New Orleans.

"Here were born other sons and daughters until ten names were entered upon the family register, five sons and five daughters. These all, save three sons, lived to years of maturity. When they were pretty well grown up he gathered up his goods and family and moved to Union County in 1805. six years prior to its separation from Henderson and becoming a distinct county. He came here that he might with small sums place his children in possession of broad acres and rich lands. He lived to see them all married and settled around him and died in 1822, aged eighty-three years. His wife followed him to the grave in less than one year, aged sixty-eight years. These sons and daughters have also passed away - their families scattered residents of different states. The descendants of Aaron Waller, his son, who died in 1851, are the only ones now living in Union County. He left ten sons and three daughters, and his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren now number nearly one hundred."

Aaron Waller was born March 3, 1789 and died in 1851, he lived on a farm about three miles west of Morganfield. He married first Elizabeth Rives and then Mary Allison Givers. Thirteen children were born of these unions, three by the first and ten by the second. They were;

Mary Gillum, Joseph Burwell, Thomas Small, Elizabeth Ann, John Givens, William, Elijah Lyle, Nathan J., Matthew Robb, Gibson Taylor, Margaret Rebecca, Robert Aaron and James Kenny Waller, all resided in the Morganfield district. In the annals of the business and political life of Union County the Waller name is possibly the county's most prominent and distinguished by virtue of its prevalence.

Elizabeth Ann Waller Mason lived 37 years following her husband's death, she died August 26, 1906, at the age of 81. Following her death the following article appeared in the Union County newspaper;

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Morganfield, Ky., 1906:

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Mason was the daughter Of Aaron Waller and Mary Waller. She was the oldest child in a family of ten children. She was born October 13, 1824. Of this family four brothers and one sister are living - John G. Waller, William Waller, Matt Robb Waller, Mrs. Rebecca Price and Robert Aaron Waller.

She was married to Joseph A. Mason November 28, 1844; was left a widow May 1, 1869, passed to her reward August 26, 1906.

Sister Mason was the mother of eleven children - Mary E., Lawrence, Sarah Gilliam, Carmilla, Weller, John, Wayne, Rebecca, Robert, Matt and Lyle. Four of these children have gone to their reward.

Some thirty years ago she expressed her desire to be a Christian in a meeting held at Antioch by Rev. James A. Lewis. About the year 1884, under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Petrie, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Antioch.

To a near friend years ago she expressed assurance of her love for Christ. Six years ago she was confined to her room, and ever since she has been an invalid.

She was a devoted mother and was lovingly and tenderly cared for during her years of confinement.

It was beautiful to see the devotion of the only daughter at home to her mother.

The old home will be lonely now. Mother and sister is gone, but be assured that you may meet her in heaven.

God bless the children, brothers, sister and loved ones. S.L.C. Coward, Pastor.

Two of the children of Joseph A Mason and Elizabeth Ann Weller died in childhood, Rebecca died February 5, 1861, two weeks before her second birthday, and Lyle died May 20, 1880 at the age of 13. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield beside their parents. Of the other nine children all after reaching adulthood continued to reside in Union County, in and around Morganfield, and all are buried in Morganfield in either the older Masonic Cemetery or the newer Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mary E. Mason, daughter of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born October 1, 1845 in Union County, Ky. She never married and lived with her mother on the old Mason home-place. Almost her entire life was spent on the farm purchased by her father in 1851. She devotedly cared for her mother, who for the last six years of her life was an invalid. At the age of 73 she died May 31, 1919 and was buried in the same plot as her parents in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Morganfield, Ky., June 1919:

Miss Mary Mason

Miss Mary Mason died at her home near this city early Saturday morning after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Waggener, of the Methodist church. The remains were buried in the Masonic cemetery in this city. A large number of friends and relatives attended the last sad rites. The following sister and brothers survive her: Mrs. Camilla Newman, Mr. John Mason, Mr. Mat Mason, Mr. Lawrence Mason, Mr. Wayne Mason and Mr. Robt. Mason.

Lawrence Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born October 15, 1846 in Union County, Ky. On March 12, 1872 in Union County he married Inez Jane Conway (1849-1884). A native of Union County she was a daughter of Thomas Conway & Eliza Holt. After only twelve years of married life he lost his wife when she died at the early age of 35. She left her husband with seven small children to raise, the oldest being only eleven years of age. He made his living farming, owning a farm near the town of Blackburn in the Raleigh district of Union County. At the age of 82 he died January 31, 1929 and was buried beside his wife in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Lawrence Mason and Inez Conway had nine children:

- The oldest, Joseph (Joe) Allen Mason (January 9, 1873 – January 9, 1962) married Nannie Lou Poole, May 14, 1902 Union County, Ky. For several years he was a merchant operating a retail store in Union County before moving his family to Applegate, Oregon. He had two daughters, Kathaleen and Mary.
- Thomas (Tom) Conway Mason (March 7, 1874 – February 2, 1963) spent his life farming in Union County. He never married and died at the age of 88 in Morganfield.
- Maude Mason (June 25, 1876 – October 11, 1927) married Thomas William Henton Hamner, November 11, 1896 Union County, Ky.; and had three children, Reburn, William Ellis and Thomas Mason. They built and lived in the home near Morganfield where her first cousin, Reburn Mason, presently lives. Reburn Hamner married Bess O’Nan and had two children, J .T. and Reburn (Ray) Jr.; Ray Jr. is a Police Chief in Evansville, Ind. and his name frequently appears in the media of that city. William E. Hamner married Lean Fenwick and had two children, Mary Ellis and Buddie.
- John William Mason (May 8, 1877 – September 16, 1933) was a partner in the Union County Livestock firm of Conway & Mason, and became one of the most widely known livestock dealers in Western Kentucky. He never married and died at the age of 56 in Morganfield.
- Lilly G. Mason (1878-1878).
- Lawrence Mason Jr. (1879-1896), died at the age of sixteen.
- Nace Mason (January 2, 1881 – July 11, 1975) married Nannie Vashti Gill, March 4, 1908 Spring Grove, Union County, Ky. He was a farmer and lived to be 94 years old, and died in Morganfield. They had six children: Hal, Frank L., Lucille, Dorothy Nell, Nace Weller and Murry Conway, all resided in Union County, Ky.
- Hal Pryor Mason (May 3, 1882 – August 29, 1960) spent his life as a farmer in Union County. He married Zedena Dallas Waggener, May 25, 1927 Morganfield, Union County, Ky. and had two children, Tom Pryor and Jane. He died at Morganfield at the age of 78.

Of the nine children of Lawrence Mason and Inez Conway all but one, Joseph Allen, were buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. The following obituaries of Lawrence Mason and his sons. John Will, Hal, Tom and Nace appeared in the Union County newspapers:

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 7 February 1929:

Brief Illness Fatal To Well Known Farmer  
Lawrence Mason Died Thursday At Home Near  
Blackburn; Funeral Held Here Friday

Lawrence Mason, 82 years old, widely known farmer and a member of a prominent Union County family, died at his home near Blackburn Thursday afternoon following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city, Friday morning, Dr. W. O. Sadler, officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Mason was born and reared at the old Mason home near Antioch church where he lived until 1872 when he was married to Miss Inez Conway. His entire life was devoted to farming, and he had resided at the farm near Blackburn since 1875. Mrs. Mason died in 1884. Altho he had been in declining health for the past two years his condition did not become critical until ten days ago. Mr. Mason was an excellent citizen and possessed a host of friends who will mourn his death. Five children, Joe, John Will, Tom, Nace and Hal Mason and a sister, Mrs. Camilla Newman, survive. He was a member of Woodlawn Baptist Church.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 21 September 1933:

John William Mason, Widely Known  
Stock Dealer, Dies In City  
Had Been Actively Engaged In Partnership Of  
Conway & Mason Since Its Organization 30 Years Ago  
Funeral Services Held Sunday

One of the most widely known livestock dealers in Western Kentucky, John William Mason, 56, died at the Capital Hotel here at 500 o'clock Saturday afternoon, following an attack of stomach hemorrhages Although having been in declining health for several months, Mr. Mason's condition did not become critical until Friday afternoon when he suffered the first hemorrhage.

Funeral services were held at the residence of a brother, Tom Mason, the old Mason homestead, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Dr. C.S. Bratcher, pastor of the Morgan-field Baptist Church. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

In Stock Business 30 Years

Mr. Mason, son of the late Lawrence Mason and Ennis Conway Mason, was born and reared in Union County, and had spent his entire life in this community with the exception of a years' residence in California when he was a youth. He had been in the livestock business 30 years, having become affiliated with B. L. Conway in 1903 when the firm of Conway & Mason was organized. He was active in this organization up until his death. At one time Mr. Mason owned an interest in and was connected with the Morganfield Hardware Company.

Mr. Mason had engaged in business transactions with practically every farmer in the county, and had a wide acquaintance thruout Western Kentucky.

Surviving, are four brothers, Hal, Tom and Nace Mason, of the county, and Joe Mason, Paicentia, Calif.

Active pallbearers at the funeral service were: Nace Waller, A. W. Mason, \_ Mason, & B. L. Conway, Reburn Mason and Frank Waller. Shawneetown.



Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 1 September 1960:

Hal P Mason, Farmer Dies

Funeral services for Hal Pryor Mason, 78, were held here Wednesday afternoon at Whitsell Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Ray Bean, a former pastor of Henshaw Christian Church, in charge. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Mason, member of an old Union County family and a widely known farmer, died Monday at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, presumably of a heart attack. He had entered the hospital Sunday.

A native of the county and member of a family with many connections, Mr. Mason had spent his entire life as a farmer. He resided at the family home near the "Y".

He is survived by his wife, Zedena; a daughter, Mrs. John Catlett, Norris City, Ill., and a son, Tom Pryor Mason, Morganfield. Also surviving are three brothers, Tom Mason and Nace Mason, both of the county, and Joseph Mason, Applegate, Oregon.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 7 February 1963:

Funeral Rites For Thomas C. Mason

Funeral services for Thomas Conway Mason, 88, a retired farmer and member of a pioneer Union County family, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Whitsell Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Davis in charge.

Mr. Mason, who farmed for many years in the Spring Grove area, resided at the home of his brother, Nace Mason, Sturgis RFD 2; his only survivor.

Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Mason died Saturday about midnight at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Wednesday, 16 July 1975:

Nace Mason, 94, Well Known

Farmer Is Buried Sunday

Nace Mason, 94, well known retired Union County farmer who was born and reared in the Spring Grove community, died at 2:15 a.m. Friday at Union County Hospital.

He had resided at Medco Center during the past two months, and had entered the hospital at 1 p.m. Thursday. He had submitted to surgery April 2.

He was the son of the late Lawrence Mason and Inez Jane Conway Mason. His wife, the former Vashti Gill, died 18 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Adams and Mrs. Lucille Johnson, both of Morganfield, four sons, Frank, Hal, Nace W. and Murray Mason, all of Sturgis RFD, and eight grandchildren.

Final rites were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, with Rev. Robert L. Tucker, pastor Woodland Baptist Church, in charge. Burial was in Morganfield Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Sarah Gillum Mason, daughter of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born October 1, 1848 in Union County, Ky. At the Antioch Methodist Church in Union County on May 13, 1874 she was married to Charles Jones Newman by pastor Rev. Peterson Wall. After their marriage her husband farmed near Morganfield for several years and in 1885 moved into Morganfield where he became prominent, having success in several business endeavors. In the

book, History of Union County, Ky. (1886), the following biographical notes appeared on Charles J. Newman:

Charles Jones Newman, grocer, of Morganfield, is the son of Charles and Eleanor Evans (Jones) Newman. His father, a Virginian, died in Hancock County, in 1847, and his mother then removed to Jefferson County. She is now living in Louisville. Mr. Newman was born in Hawesville, Hancock County, on September 11, 1846; he received some ten years schooling in Jefferson County, and farmed there until 1869, when he came to Union County, reaching here on January 13, 1869. He bought land here and went to farming, and on May 13, 1874, he married Sarah G. Mason, of Union County, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Waller) Mason. In September, 1885 he sold his farm and bought out W. P. Armistead, in the Masonic Building, and began selling goods on May 1, 1886. He has associated with him, Mr. Rives Casey, who has an interest in the profits. His stock is a good one, and he is doing a good business.

Sarah G. Mason Newman, age 48, died of consumption June 6, 1897. She was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. She and her husband did not have any children. C. J. Newman three years after his wife's death married her sister, Mrs. Camilla (Mason) Sugg, who was a widow of fifteen years. In the Union County newspaper the following article was published subsequent to the death of Sarah Gillum Mason Newman;

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., June 1897:

Mrs. C. J. Newman Succumbs to the Final Summons.

A sad, but not unexpected death occurred last Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. It was that of Mrs. C. J. Newman. Mrs. Newman had been an invalid for twelve or fifteen years. She was a sufferer from consumption and it was only by the most dilligent care that her life was prolonged as it was. Several weeks ago she began to grow worse, and the loving friends and relatives who watched by her bedside realized that the end was only a matter of a few days. Her remains were buried in the Masonic cemetery Monday morning at eleven o'clock. Burial services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Foster Hayes, of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Newman was the wife of Mr. C. J. Newman, a member of the firm of Newman & Richards and one of our most prominent citizens. She was the sister of Mr. A. W. Mason, of the firm of Mason & Dyer, and of Postmaster John Mason. Mrs. Newman was a member of the Methodist church and lived a consistent Christian life. Though her illness extended through so many years, and the affliction, at times, seemed more than one could bear, yet with that fortitude born of the true spirit of Christianity she bore her suffering without a murmur and awaited the inevitable, confident of finding at last an eternal resting place where sickness and sorrow are no more.

She had many warm friends, notwithstanding her illness necessarily prevented her from participating in the worldly affairs that bring us together, and these, together with her relatives, gathered around the grave last Monday morning to pay their final respects. The floral offerings were liberal and beautiful, silently attesting the high esteem in which she was held by those who knew her best. Death is at all times unwelcome, yet the bereaved husband, relatives and friends should find some consolation in the knowledge that with it came the end of a long illness and the beginning of that beatific life promised all followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

Camilla Mason, daughter of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Walter, was born October 30, 1850 in Union County, Ky. At her mother's home she married Joel James Sugg, October 21, 1880. Joel Sugg was born March 5, 1846 in Union County, the son of Joel Dupree Sugg and Barbara Ann Davenport. He was a farmer, owning a 307 acre farm in the Uniontown Precinct. Four years after their marriage on September 30, 1884 Joel Sugg died, no children were born of their union. Camilla remained a widow fifteen years and on February 21, 1900 married her brother-in-law, Charles J. Newman, widower of her sister Sarah. C. J. Newman died March 19, 1909. For many years Camilla Mason Newman resided on West Main Street in Morganfield in a house she had built and which in the first part of this century was one of the most beautiful and elegant in the city. The house is opposite the Post Office, one block from the Courthouse, it is the present residence of Mr. A.V. Conway. Camilla Newman died at her home on January 21, 1940 at the age of 89. The following obituary was printed in the Union County newspaper:

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 26 January 1940:

Mrs. Camilla Newman Succumbs Sunday

After a critical illness of two weeks, Mrs. Camilla J. Newman, 89, died at her home on West Main Street Sunday evening at 9:30 o'clock of a complication of diseases accompanying declining years. She had been in ill health for several months, but had taken a turn for the worse only two weeks ago.

Mrs. Newman was the wife of the late Charles Jones Newman, who was prominent in Morganfield business before his death in 1909. He was a member of the firm of Newman & Richards, a buyer, tobacco warehouse operator, and at one time operated a grocery store where the Morganfield National Bank is now located.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Ogles pastor. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Mason and John Mason, both of Morganfield.

Aaron Waller Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born August 28, 1852 in Union County, Ky. Shortly after reaching maturity he left his father's farm and moved into Morganfield where he entered into a life in the business world. He was a merchant and joined with J. M. Dyer and formed the Mason-Dyer Company, a successful dry goods business.

Miss Lucy Allen Chapman in Union County became the wife of Aaron Waller Mason on May 3, 1877. She was born December 22, 1856 in Union County. Her father, Thomas Strother Chapman was Union County clerk for eight years and was later elected county judge, an office he held for four years. Thomas S. Chapman, Esq., also a native of Union County was born February 2, 1811; he married Prudence Friley Huston on February 20, 1834 in Daviess County, Ky., she was born January 17, 1817 in Daviess County, the daughter of Benjamin Huston and Hannah Friley. Thomas S Chapman after a life of service to Union County died December 18, 1877.

Aaron Walter Mason died June 8, 1906, his wife preceded him in death December 7, 1893. They were buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. Four children were born of their marriage:

- Huston "Chapman" Mason (November 10, 1879 – March 11, 1952) married Kate Soaper Sneed of Henderson, Ky. on November 21, 1908 in Henderson County, Ky.; she died in

1916 and he married second Susan Reeve Dixon, April 29, 1918. He had one child, Kate, born of his first marriage; she married Thomas A. Cooper and lived at Henderson, Ky. Chapman Mason died in Miami, Florida, and was buried in Henderson, Ky. at Fernwood Cemetery.

- Allen "Gordon" Mason (July 27, 1885 – July 13, 1955), Morganfield banker and businessman, married Margaret S. Clements, January 3, 1906 Union County, Ky. They had three children, Waller, Margaret and Camilla. Margaret married Benson Campbell and lived at Morganfield, Camilla married J. Dorris Ruark, a lawyer, of Morganfield where they presently reside. Allen Gordon Mason died in Morganfield and was buried at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery in Morganfield.
- Mary Lide Mason (August 1889 – 1921) married Marlin L Blackwell, July 17, 1917 Henderson, Ky.. In 1921 she died and was buried beside her parents in the Masonic Cemetery. She had no children.
- Lucian Carr Mason (September 26, 1892 – October 23, 1918) married Mary Elizabeth Davis, April 8, 1914 Morganfield, Ky. At the age of 26 he died and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. His widow Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hancock died May 18, 1982. His only child, Mary Elizabeth Mason Collins is now living in the state of Florida.

The following obituaries of Huston Chapman Mason and Allen Gordon Mason, sons of Aaron Waller Mason and Lucy Allen Chapman, appeared in the Union County newspapers:

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 20 March 1952:

H. Chapman Mason Dies In Miami, Florida

Houston Chapman Mason, 72, a former resident of Henderson and brother of A. G. Mason, Morganfield banker, died Miami, Fla., on March 11.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Thomas A. Cooper, of Henderson, and two grandchildren, Thomas A. Cooper, Jr., and Mrs. Kate Mason Cooper, both of Nashville, Tenn.

The body will be cremated and the ashes returned to Henderson for private burial at Fernwood Cemetery. The family has requested no flowers.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 14 July 1955:

A. G. Mason Dies of Heart Attack

A. G. Mason, 71, vice president of Union Bank & trust Company and for many years one of Union County's most prominent citizens and extensive business operators, died Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Mason became ill early Tuesday morning while having breakfast at the Bel Air restaurant. He drove his car home, and a few minutes later suffered a severe heart attack from which he failed to recover.

A native of the county he was the son of the late Waller Mason and Allen Mason. He attended Branham and Hughes College at Spring Hill, Tenn., and Vanderbilt University at Nashville. One of his early business ventures was in the trading of farm lands in Canada. For a number of years he was connected with the Mason-Dyer Company, founded by his father and the late J. M. Dyer. He joined the staff of the old Union County Bank & Trust Company in 1918 and was president of that bank when a consolidation was effected with the then Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Mason had been a partner in the Mason-Waller Motor Company since its establishment. He held extensive farming interests in the county. He was a director of the

old A. Waller & Company, one of the largest grain businesses in the Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois and Indiana area. He was also a partner in the Bel Air restaurant.

He was considered to be one of the most able financiers of this area, and his knowledge of property values was perhaps unsurpassed by any other Union Countian.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Clements Mason, and two daughters, Mrs. Benson Campbell and Mrs. J. D. Ruark, both of Morganfield. Several grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the Advocate's press time.

John Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born July 20, 1854 in Union County, Ky. He was a farmer. Before marrying he resided in Morganfield for several years and was postmaster there. On April 12, 1900 in Union County, at the age of 45, he married Kate Givens Reburn, She was born June 20, 1871 in Union County, the daughter of John Fielding Reburn and Rachael Ant Givers, John F. Reburn was born 1835 in Union County, the son of John Reburn and Delilah Jones, the daughter of Col. Fielding Jones and Sarah Hardin.

John Mason died at the age of 90 on October 13, 1944 in Union County and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. Kate Reburn Mason died May 6, 1943. John and Kate had five children:

- Reburn Mason (September 11, 1902) married Minnie Merle Fletcher, August 17, 1938 Clearwater, FL. Like his father and grandfather he has spent his life farming in Union County, He is the owner of a nice farm on Highway 56 two miles west of Morganfield, in the same community where his grandfather, Joseph Allen Mason, settled in the 1840's. Mr. Mason, now in his 84th year, is the only grandchild of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, still living in Union County. The only other surviving grandchildren are Reburn Mason's two younger sisters, Annie Mae Griggs, 76, and Helen Sparks, 73, who both reside out of the county. Mr. Reburn Mason is very knowledgeable about the Mason family in Union County and is due a special thank you for his help on that branch of the Mason family.
- Mattie Waller Mason (August 30, 1906 – August 11, 1984) married J. Mason Taylor, June 18, 1929 Morganfield, Ky. She died at Lexington, Ky. and was buried there.
- Annie Mae Mason (March 14, 1910) married Milton Griggs, November 16, 1933 Marion, Ky. At this writing she is living at Poole, Ky. in Webster County.
- Helen Claire Mason (January 14, 1913) married Malcolm Sparks. She is now living at Lexington, Ky.
- Harry A. Mason (March 1, 1915 – February 6, 1945) gave his Life in the service of his country, during World War 11. He was killed in action in Luzon in the Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart, one of the nation's highest honors. At the time of his death he was age 29 and single, his body was returned to Morganfield and buried by his parents at the Masonic Cemetery.

The following obituaries of John Mason and his son, Harry Mason, were in the Union County newspapers;

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 19 October 1944:  
John Mason, 90, Claimed By Death

John Mason, 90, widely known Union County farmer, died at his home on Highway 56 west of Morganfield at 1:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Death, caused by infirmities due to Mr. Mason's advanced age, climaxed a lingering illness.

A native of Union County, Mr. Mason had been engaged in farming through his lifetime until he was forced to retire several years ago because of his health. His wife preceded him in death in May, 1943.

Funeral services, attended by many friends and relatives, were held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Dr. C. S. Bratcher, Baptist minister. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery, city.

Surviving are two sons, Reburn Mason, of near Morganfield, and Capt. Harry Mason, somewhere in the South Pacific area, three daughters, Mrs. Helen Sparks, of Lexington, Mrs. Annie Mae Griggs, of Poole, and Mrs. Mason Taylor, of near Morganfield, and a brother, Robert Mason, city.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 22 March 1945:

Capt. Harry Mason Killed In Luzon

A telegram was received here Sunday afternoon by his brother, Reburn Mason, that Capt. Harry Mason, 29, was killed in action in Luzon on February 6. The information from the War Department contained no other details, but stated a letter would be sent later.

Capt. Mason, one of the most popular young men of this community, had been accorded numerous honors for outstanding military service since his enlistment in the Army three years ago, and was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

He had been overseas for 34 months, and had seen action in Guadalcanal and numerous other battle areas. The last letter Reburn received from Capt. Mason was dated January 25 of this year, and was written presumably at a battle front with the 25th Division at San Manuel.

Capt. Mason was a graduate of Morganfield high school and the University of Kentucky. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, whose country home is located about two miles west of Morganfield on Highway 56.

Besides his brother, Reburn, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mason Taylor, county, Mrs. Malcolm Sparks, Lexington, and Mrs. Milton Griggs, of Poole.

Wayne Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born February 6, 1857 in Union County. He resided in Morganfield where he was a clerk in a grainery and operated a lumber yard. He married Beulah B. Hodgins, daughter of Lewis S. Hodgins & Helen J. Berry, on September 1, 1892 in Caldwell County, Ky. On July 26, 1921 Wayne Mason died, he was 64 years old and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. They had three children:

- Mabel Pearl (June 3, 1893 – November 6, 1945) died in Pittsburgh, PA; she married William Whitaker.
- Sarah Elizabeth (June 1896 – December 2, 1929) died at Bluefield, West Virginia. At the time of her death her mother and sister, Mabel Pearl, were living in Washington, D.C.
- Ada Berry (1904-910) died at the age of six of diphtheria, T

The following articles were in the Union County newspapers announcing the deaths of Wayne Mason's daughters, Ada Berry and Sarah Elizabeth:

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., 1910:

### Died of Diphtheria

Little Ada Berry Mason, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mason, died yesterday morning of diphtheria after an illness of less than a week. She was a very bright child and was a member of the primary grade at school.

### Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 5 December 1929

#### Former Morganfield Girl Dies In W. Va.

Funeral services for Miss Sarah Elizabeth Mason, 33, who died at her home in Bluefield, West Va., Monday afternoon, will be held from the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Camilla Newman here this morning at 10 o'clock. The remains were brought here Wednesday night.

Miss Mason was born and reared in Union County and attended the Morganfield city schools. She moved to Bluefield more than 16 years ago where she had a responsible position with a coal company. She was the daughter of the late Wayne Mason, and is survived by her mother and sister, both of Washington, D.C. An aunt, Mrs. Camilla Newman and two uncles, Robert Mason and John Mason, all of this city, survive.

Robert Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born May 2, 1861 in Union County. He worked in the dry goods business and later as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. He died July 24, 1948 in Hopkinsville, Ky. and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, Ky. He was 87 years old and the last surviving member of his family. He married twice, first to Lida D. Barclay (June 6, 1862 – February 22, 1887), May 14, 1884 Logan County, Ky. and the only child of this marriage, Lida Barclay (February 1, 1887 – April 12, 1888), died in infancy. He married second Laura B. Sydnor (July 26, 1870 – November 19, 1932) of Olmstead, Ky., May 6, 1891. Three children were born of this union,

- Arthur, born April 14, 1892 died prior to 1900.
- Allen Waller (January 27, 1894 – October 28, 1951) married Mabel Clair Conway, March 31, 1925 Morganfield, Ky.; he was a druggist and owner of the Mason-Waller Drug Co. in Morganfield; married Mabel Conway, they had no children, died at the age of 57 in Nashville, TN and was buried in Morganfield, Ky.
- Ruth Elizabeth (January 8, 1896 - August 18, 1934) died single at the age of 38 in Hopkinsville, Ky.

The following death notices were published for Robert Mason, his daughter Ruth Mason, and son Allen W Mason:

### Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 29 July 1948:

#### "Uncle Bob" Mason Claimed By Death

Robert Mason, 87, better known to a host of friends as "Uncle Bob", died Saturday morning at Western State Hospital. Hopkinsville, where he had gone only a few days before. The remains were returned to Morganfield to the residence of a son, A. W. Mason, Morganfield druggist, where they remained until 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when funeral services were held at the Methodist church, with Rev. C.W. Hummel, of Madisonville, in charge. Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr. Mason at one time served as a clerk in a dry goods store operated by the late Waller Mason and Jim Dyer. Prior to that time he was in the dry goods business at Russellville, Ky., later going to Olmstead, in Logan County, and afterwards to Erin, Tenn., where Allen Mason, his only survivor, was born.

After being in the dry goods business as a clerk in Morganfield, Mr. Mason became affiliated with the New York Life Insurance Company. He belonged to that company's "100,000 club" and "NYLIC", both honorary branches of the organization.

Mr. Mason was twice wed, first to Lyda Barclay, A daughter, Lide, born to this union, died early in infancy. His second marriage was to Laura B. Sydnor. Three children were born to this union. Arthur, Ruth, and Allen W. Arthur died in infancy, and Ruth died in 1934. Mrs. Mason preceded her husband in death in November 1932.

Mr. Mason had been a familiar figure on the Street here for many years, and was known by both young and old. He was an ardent member of the Morganfield Methodist Church, and quite active in its affairs until failing health impaired his hearing several years ago.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 23 August 1934

Miss Ruth Mason, 43, Buried Here Saturday

Funeral services for Miss Ruth Mason, 43, daughter of Robert Mason, were conducted here Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Charles Humphrey, pastor of the Methodist church, at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Miss Mason, who has been in ill health for many years, died last Friday night. Surviving are her father, Robert Mason, and one brother, Allen Mason.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 30 October 1951:

Allen Waller Mason

Morganfield, Ky. - Allen Waller Mason, 58, prominent Morganfield businessman, died suddenly from a heart attack about 1 a.m. Sunday in a motel in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Mason and his wife, Mabel, were in Nashville to attend the Vanderbilt - Georgia Tech, game there Saturday. Mr. Mason was a graduate of Vanderbilt.

He was owner of the Mason-Waller Drug Co., in Morganfield. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Griggs-Alvey Post 48, American Legion and of the Methodist church.

Sole survivor is his wife, Mabel Conway Mason,

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Methodist church, the Rev. H. T. Candler, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Zachry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Matthew (Matt) Mason, son of Joseph A. Mason and Elizabeth Ann Waller, was born July 24, 1863 in Union County. He made his living farming. He married Ollie B. Marshall on November 12, 1907 in Union County, Ky. and only 26 days after their wedding his wife died on December 8. She was born April 7, 1879 in Union County, Ky. to the union of George H. Marshall & Nannie A. Hodge. The last years of his life he lived with his sister, Camilla Newman, on West Main Street in Morganfield. He died September 5, 1928 in Evansville, IN at the age of 65 and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. The following articles on his death appeared in the Union County newspapers:

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 6 September 1928:

Mat Mason Died Wed. In Evansville

Matt Mason, 65, retired farmer and well known resident of this city, died Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Walker's hospital, Evansville where he had been confined for the past week for an examination. The body was brought to the residence here Wednesday afternoon.



Mr. Mason was born and reared in Union County, where he had resided during his entire life. He was a farmer, altho at the time of his death and for several years previous had not been engaged in any business. He had been in failing health for several years, and for the past five months his condition had been critical. Mr. Mason was a member of the Morganfield Methodist Church. His wife, who was Miss Ollie Marshall, preceded him to the grave several years ago.

Mr. Mason is survived by three brothers, Bob Mason, John Mason and Lawrence Mason, and a sister, Mrs. Camilla Newman. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, September 6, 1928:

Matthew Mason Died Wednesday  
At Walker's Hospital, Evansville, After Long Illness,  
Was 66 Years Old, Lived In Morganfield

Mr. Matthew Mason died Wednesday morning at Walker hospital, Evansville, of a malignant growth on the lungs. He was sixty-six years of age and for some years had made his home in Morganfield with his sister, Mrs. Camilla Newman. His wife was Miss Ollie Marshall and has been dead for many years.

Mr. Mason was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Mason, one of eleven children, Waller, Wayne, Mary, Sarah, Lyle and Nace who are dead, and Messrs. Lawrence, John, Robert and Mrs. Newman who survive him, as also do a large number of nephews and nieces. Mr. Mason had been in ill health for some years, having been in Louisville and Evansville hospitals several times. He was a well known and success-fill farmer.

Several close relatives had remained near him during his stay at the hospital and accompanied the remains home Wednesday night.

### **James Madison Mason (1815-1878)**

James Madison Meson, son of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born March 25, 1815. He may have been born in Henderson County, Ky. In the years of 1815, 1816 & 1817 his father paid the county levy in that county. In 1814 the family must have resided the greater part of that year in Breckinridge County, since John H. Mason was identified by the tax collector there. Also, in June 1814 when the Breckinridge County court appointed John H. Mason's father, Joseph Mason, to serve as the judge of the next election to be held in August at the election precinct of Lewis' Settlement, John H. Mason was designated to be his clerk. John H. Mason must have left Breckinridge County and went to Henderson County between the second half of 1814 and the first half of 1815. James M. Mason may have been born in either place depending on whether the family made the trip just before or after his birth.

James Madison Mason was born in the second term of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States and one of the fathers of the American Constitution and Bill of Rights. He was probably named with that in mind and also because he had an uncle and great uncle named James Mason. His great uncle, James Mason, was a celebrated public official of Botetourt County, Va., who had died seven years before. James M.'s uncle, James Mason, and his father, John H. Mason, appear to have been very close. In 1810 when John H. Mason was in Ohio County, Ky., appearing there in that year's census, his brother James does also, enumerated only a few households away. In 1811 when John H. Mason returned to Breckinridge County so does James. The two brothers last appear in the tax records of Breckinridge County in 1814 and

the next year appear together in Henderson County. Several years afterwards four of the children of John H. Mason went to reside in Union County, Ky., where their uncle James Mason lived.

The early youth of James M. Mason was spent in Ohio County, Ky. At the age of 15 in 1830 he was still living with his parents at their home in Ohio County. Sometime between then and about the age of 21 he left his home in Ohio County. For 1836, the year he was of legal age and first a tax paying citizen, the tax book of Ohio County is missing. In 1837 and thereafter he does not pay taxes in Ohio County and evidently was no longer a resident. In the 1840 census of Ohio County there is not a male of his age listed in his father's home.

James M. Mason before turning to farming spent several years in the mercantile business. From about 1839 through 1847 he was involved in several such ventures. Operating mercantile stores in Union County at Uniontown, in Hancock County, and also possibly in Breckinridge County,

In 1839 he resided in Breckinridge County. In the 1839 tax list of Breckinridge County he is listed and immediately following his name is the listing "Mason, Pate & Co.", a store assessed at having a value of \$2000. Living in the county at the time where his uncles, Hopkins, Henderson, Joseph and Samuel Mason. In the 1839 tax list the brothers were grouped together whereas James and the listing of "Mason, Pate & Co." appears in a different part of the listing, strongly suggesting that the store would have been associated with James and not any of his uncles.

In the next year, 1840v James Mason is in Hancock County, Ky. He is listed as "James Mason & Co." in the 1840 Hancock County tax list, he was operating a store valued at \$2175 and he had a total property assessment of \$2675. He is not listed as a head of a household in the 1840 Hancock County census. He may have been living with his uncle, William Mason, his closest relative in the county; if so his name would not have appeared in the census and he would be represented only by a tally in his respective age category. In the household of William Mason is listed a male in the age category of 20 to 30, James Mason would have then been 25. William Mason had no children of his own, he did have a step-son, John W. Brockman, of about the same age as James, but he is listed elsewhere in the 1840 Hancock County census, and thus the male residing with William could well be his nephew, James.

In July of 1841 an indictment of illegal peddling was delivered by the commonwealth of Kentucky against James Mason and he was ordered to answer the charges in the October term of the Hancock County Circuit Court at Hawesville. The charge reads. "peddling and retailing goods, wares, and merchandise in this state without license". Thomas Blincoe, Redmond F. Munday and Weden Wilson, all highly respected citizens of Hancock County, were summoned to appear in his behalf, the latter was two years later elected sheriff of the county. On October 26, 1841 the case was tried and the jury returned the verdicts "Having no positive evidence of selling between Louisville & here, we find the defendant not guilty." James Mason does not appear in the 1841 Hancock County tax list (he does not appear again there until 1846 after which he became a permanent resident), but during part of 1841 he must have been in the county by the fact the charges and summons in the preceding case were issued there.

In Hancock County on October 18, 1842 James M. Mason married Nancy Munday Blincoe, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Munday Blincoe of Hancock County. When they met is not known but their families had connections going back over thirty, years. Their grandfathers, Joseph Mason and Benjamin Blincoe, both served as magistrates on the Breckinridge County Court; on January 19, 1818 Joseph Mason succeeded Benjamin Blincoe as sheriff of Breckinridge County; and for several years they jointly served as election judges at the elections held in the precinct of Lewis' Settlement. James Mason's great uncle, William Henderson, and his children, including Elizabeth wife of William Mason and Isabelle wife of Hopkins Mason, both aunts and uncles of James, had been close neighbors and friends of the Blincoes for about twenty years. James and Nancy Mason were married by Henry W. Hughes, a minister who resided in Hawesville. Bond on their marriage was by her father, Thomas Blincoe.

Following their marriage James M. and Nancy Mason, along with his brother, Joseph Allen Mason, moved to Union County, Ky. They first appear in the Union County tax records in .1843, and must have made the trip between James' marriage in October of 1842 and mid 1843. After arriving in Union County James and Joseph were partners in operating a store in Uniontown. On April 15, 1846 a deed was recorded in Union County whereby "James Mason and his wife Ann Munday Mason of Uniontown" sold to Joseph A. Mason of Uniontown his half interest in their Uniontown lot for \$450 (deed book I. page 115). Soon after recording the deed James and Nancy moved back to Hancock County where James is listed in the 1846 tax records. They had stayed in Union County about three years, during that time their first two children were born. Vutura Elizabeth was born on October 16, 1843 (no other supporting proof of her birth taking place in Union County was found) and Richard Womack was born on April 26, 1845, in an obituary of Richard it is stated he was born in Union County, James' brother, Joseph A. Mason, remained in Union County making it his permanent home.

In 1846 and 1847 after returning to Hancock County, James M. Mason owned and operated a store, on which he was assessed and paid taxes in each of those years. After 1847 his interests turned to farming. In January of 1847 his father-in-law, Thomas Blincoe, died. He left three children, Nancy Munday Mason, and two minor children, Virginia about 18 and William Munday age 16. James Mason was appointed guardian of the two minor children. Thomas Blincoe also left an estate of ten slaves and a prosperous farm of 200 acres, James Mason stepped into the position of operating the Blincoe plantation. At the sale of the estate of Thomas Blincoe on March 5, 1847 James Mason paid \$100 for the rent of the farm (Hancock County will book 2, page 314). At the sale he also purchased a bible, cultivator, plow, ox cart, log chain, spade, saddle bags, press, sugar chest, bedsted, flat iron, kettle, oven, coffeepot and cups, loom, lot spun yarn, two bee hives, lots of hogs and fowl, a yoke oxen, two cows, two sorrel horses, and various quantities of corn, lard, oats, fodder and pork. Among various inventories and notes of the Thomas Blincoe estate filed by the administrator, Dr. Timothy Holmes, in July 1849 was the following note: "The farm for 1848 was rented to James Mason for certain improvements to be made on the house and farm" (Hancock County will book 2, page 396). In the division of the ten slaves owned by Thomas Blincoe, James Mason and his wife Nancy received Leonard, an adult male, Tempy, a girl about twenty, and Green, a boy of about 12 (filed March 31, 1849 Hancock County will book 2, page 376). The girl, Tempy, was a servant to Nancy Blincoe Mason and later to her daughter, Vutura Mason Pierce, and was buried in the Mason-Blincoe family cemetery, her marker reads "Tempa Blincoe, born July 4, 1829, died August 15, 1879."

Nancy Munday Mason's father, Thomas Blincoe, served in several official positions soon after the formation of Hancock County. In 1829 he was appointed constable and in 1831 an inspector of tobacco for the county at the tobacco warehouse of Thomas Willian near Troy Landing. He was born February 18, 1797 and died January 17, 1847. He and his wife, Rachel Munday Blincoe, are buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery in Hancock County. Thomas Blincoe's parents, Benjamin Blincoe and Elizabeth Stark, are probably also buried in the same cemetery. Benjamin Blincoe having purchased the farm on which the cemetery is located in 1813. Benjamin Blincoe came to what was then Breckinridge County from Nelson County, Ky. shortly after 1800. In 1807 he was appointed a justice of the Breckinridge County court, served as sheriff of Breckinridge County 1813-1817, and died in 1825. Four years after his death Hancock County was created and his farm about five miles northwest of Hawesville became part of the new county. Benjamin and his brother, Thomas, owned adjoining farms. The land for the New Chapel, M.E. Church (a short distance from the James Mason farm) was originally part of the Thomas Blincoe farm; the heirs of Thomas (died 1825) donated the land for the church, deed recorded April 1, 1836 in Hancock County deed book 2, page 238. Benjamin and Thomas were sons of Thomas Blincoe, Sr. who died in 1806 in Loudon County, Va., and Lattice Bead; and great-great grandsons of James Blincoe who came to America with Captain John Lee on June 8, 1671. Their great-grandfather, John Blincoe died in 1723, his wife Rebecca in 1756; and their grandfather, James Blincoe died on March 3, 1759 in Northumberland County, Va., and his wife Ann in 1781.

Nancy Munday Mason's mother, Rachel Munday Blincoe, born about 1790 died November 16, 1836, was the daughter of William Munday who died in 1815. He was a descendant of Reuben Munday one of the first settlers of Virginia. William Munday wrote his will April 16, 1814, it was probated September 18, 1815 and recorded Breckinridge County will book 1, page 11. In his will he names eight children - Rachel, Betsy, Ann, Nathaniel, James, Robert, William and George Munday. Ann Munday never married and died in 1835 in Hancock County. James died before 1829 leaving children: Ann, Jane, Elizabeth, Delina, Margaret, Susan and Redmond F. Munday; born February 1773 married wife, Mildred, August 10, 1796. Redmond F. Munday, son of James and Mildred, married Margaret Linn Hamilton, daughter of Andrew Hamilton and Sarah Russell. He died at the age of 34 on September 30, 1845 and is buried in the Hamilton Cemetery about one-half mile northwest of Hawesville. Also buried there are his wife, Martha Linn, born October 29, 1816, died July 16, 1865, and his three children; Sarah F. died aged 26 days April 2, 1845; Martha R. died aged 8 weeks July 20, 1846; and James Andrew Munday born August 15, 1843 and died Mar. 18, 1918 at Vancouver, Wash. James A. Munday was a lawyer of Hawesville and Owensboro, Ky. He founded the newspaper, Owensboro Messenger, the predecessor of the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, the present newspaper of Owensboro, Ky. He was elected a Kentucky state senator representing Daviess and McLean Counties, as well as holding several other high positions in Hancock and Daviess Counties. James A. Munday was a second cousin of the children of James and Nancy Mason and also his aunt, Sarah Hamilton, married. Henry W. Mason a brother of James M. Mason. The following biography of James A. Munday appeared in the History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, pp203-204):

Hon. James A. Munday, born in Hancock County, Ky., August 14, 1843, was a son of Redmond and Martha L. (Hamilton) Munday. His father was a descendant of

Reuben Munday, one of the first settlers of Virginia. He came to Kentucky when a young man, and was married here. He had a family of two daughters and one son, the daughters both deceased. He died when his son was two years old. After the death of his father James A. and his mother moved to Hawesville, where he attended school till fourteen years of age. He then entered Greenville Academy, at that time flourishing under the presidency of Hon. Edward Rumsey, and superintendence of James K. Patterson, present President of the Kentucky State College. He afterward attended the Georgetown College, his junior year being interrupted by the political troubles preceding the war, on account of which the school was discontinued. Mr. Munday then returned home, and in August, 1862, after several, unsuccessful attempts, succeeded in reaching the Confederate lines and enlisted in Company H, Tenth Kentucky Confederate Cavalry, under command of Captain H. C. Meriweather. The regiment was afterward assigned to General Morgan's command, in all the engagements and movements of which he took an active part. He was in a few months promoted to a Lieutenancy for soldierly conduct, and when Captain Meriweather was detailed for other duty, he took charge of the company, in which capacity he did much service as a scout. His company and another under his command were assigned to the advance of the Second Brigade on General Morgan's memorable invasion of Indiana and Ohio, and were among the first to charge and carry the breast-works of Corydon. After the most remarkable ride on record his command was foiled in its attempts to recross the river at Buffington Island, Ohio, and in attempting to rally a few men and assist in covering a retreat, he with several of his regiment were surrounded and captured, and taken to Johnson's Island. The Government having determined on special severity with those who had dared to invade "the sacred soil," sent half of General Morgan's officers to the Ohio penitentiary, and the other half to the western penitentiary of Pennsylvania at Allegheny, holding them as exempt from the cartel of exchange. After eight months of close confinement, Mr. Munday with his fellow officers were transferred to Point Lookout, and afterward to Fort Delaware. At the close of the war he returned to Hawesville, and soon after his mother was killed by being thrown from a buggy. Hr. Munday attended a course of lecrures at the Louisville Law University. On his return home he took charge of the Circuit Clerk's office as Deputy, and the following summer was elected Circuit Clerk - the youngest clerk ever elected in the State. He held the office two years. During the time he was elected Assistant Secretary of the Kentucky Senate. After the expiration of his term of office he commenced the practice of law in Hawesville. In 1870 he came to Owensboro and formed a partnership with Judge George W. Williams. In 1871 he was made Master Commissioner of Daviess County Circuit Court; resigned that office in 1875 and formed a business partnership with Thomas S. Pettit in the manufacture of staves. He sold out in 1879 and became the owner of the Owensboro Monitor office, and established the Owensboro Messenger, a weekly Democratic newspaper, a half interest in which was sold in 1878 to C.W. Bransford. After beginning the publication of the daily in the fall of 1818, it was consolidated with the Examiner, a weekly paper then owned by L. Lumpkin, forming the Owensboro Messenger and Examiner, published weekly and semiweekly. Mr. Munday continued in editorial charge of these papers until the spring of 1881, when he severed his connection with them and engaged in the canvass for Senator in his district, comprising Daviess and McLean counties. He was elected Senator in August, 1881, and took an active part in the legislation of the session of 1881-82. He is a member of the Star Lodge, No. 19, K. of P.; Owensboro Lodge, No. 130, A.F. & A.M., and Owensboro Lode, 1.O.O.F.

Rachel Munday married Thomas Blincoe about 1823 and they had five children: Betsy Ann, Nancy Munday, Susan T., Virginia and William Munday Blincoe. Betsy Ann born about

1824 died April 10, 1839 buried Mason-Blincoe Cemetery, Nancy Munday born May 3, 1825 married James Madison Mason and they had twelve children. Susan T. born about 1826 died February 29, 1836 buried Mason-Blincoe Cemetery. Virginia born about 1828 married Levi Smith on May 14, 1850, in Hancock County, she died between 1860 and 1868, she had three children, Belle. William and Mollie Smith. Her husband, Levi Smith, born November 2, 1823 died June 1, 1910 is buried in the Lewisport Cemetery in Hancock County; he married second Camilla L. May on October 15, 1868. William Munday Blincoe, born December 7, 1830, married Henrietta O'Bannon, on May 9, 1855 in Hancock County, she was the daughter of Cuthbert and Almedia O'Bannon. Cuthbert S. Blincoe, son of William and Henrietta, is buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery, born February 23, 1858 and died October 25, 1860. William Munday Blincoe died December 19, 1909 in Evansville, Indiana and was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery in Hancock County; he had no surviving children. He was a widely known riverboat Captain on the Ohio River, and the following obituary appeared in both the Evansville and Owensboro newspapers:

Evansville Courier, Evansville, IN, Monday, 1 20 December 1909:

Oldest Steamboat Man In Port Dies

Captain Blincoe Passes Away at Marine Hospital

Flat-Boated in Early Life

Captain William Blincoe, an old and well-known steamboat captain and pilot, died at the U.S. Marine hospital yesterday morning.

Captain Blincoe was 79 years of age and was probably the oldest steamboat man of this part. He was born and raised on a farm a short distance above Lewisport, Ky., and when a young man, entered his career on the river as a flatboat pilot between Louisville and New Orleans. After serving in this line of work for some years he began his life as steamboat pilot and served in that capacity on various boats, principally on the Ohio river between Louisville and Cairo, and has for many years made his home in this city. He also commanded various steamers in the Evansville and Cannelton trade.

For several years he has been in declining health, and five months ago was attacked by serious throat troubles in addition to other ailments incident to old age, and has since been under treatment at the marine hospital where his vitality gradually gave way, resulting in his death at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Two nieces, Mrs. Ira Cult (sic, should be Culp), of this city, and Mrs. Frank Stein, of Pittsburg, were his only relatives, but had a host of friends, especially members of the river fraternity, who held him in high esteem for his many good qualities.

His remains were taken to Smith's morgue and prepared for burial, and tomorrow morning will be taken to Lewisport where the burial will take place in the family burial ground near that place. (Same article appeared in the Owensboro Messenger on Tuesday, December 21).

James and Nancy Blincoe Mason inherited one-third interest in her father, Thomas 200 acre farm, when he died in 1847. They became sole owners of the farm when they bought the interests of the other two heirs; Virginia Blincoe Smith and William M. Blincoe, soon after each reached the age of 21. On August 12, 1850 James Mason purchased the one-third share of Virginia Smith for \$666 (Hancock County deed book 4, page 385); and on December 8, 1851 the one-third share of William M. Blincoe for \$666, one day after his 21st birthday (Hancock County deed book 5, page 212).

Thomas Blincoe had inherited one-eighth interest in the farm following the death of his father, Benjamin Blincoe, in 1825; and later acquired the other seven heirs interests. When Hancock County was still part of Breckinridge County on March 22, 1813, Benjamin Blincoe bought the 200 acre tract from John and Hannah Lewis for \$400 (Breckinridge County deed book D, page 286), John Lewis had bought the land on October 25, 1809 from David Meade Sr. of Jessamine County, Ky. (Breckinridge County deed book B, page 516). The 200 acres was part of 2000 acres on the Ohio River granted to Samuel Beall by patent dated August 30, 1787, adjoining and above a tract patented in name of Robert Morris of 2000 acres including mouth of old fortification creek, where Little Yellow Banks now town of Lewisport is located and where John Lewis, a surveyor and large land speculator, settled in 1799; adjoining and below a tract of 6000 acres patented by John May; and directly above a 3000 acre tract patented in the name of Samuel Beall. The 2000 acre patent of Samuel Beall, of which James Mason's farm is part, is shown on an 1806 map included in the circuit court suit of May, Bannister & Co. versus the heirs of George Mason et al, on file in Ohio County, Ky. On July 14, 1800 in settling the estate of Samuel Beal dec'd, the 2000 acres was conveyed to David Meade (Ky. Court of Appeals deed book F, p,210), the land descended successively from Samuel Beall to David Meade to John Lewis to Benjamin Blincoe to Thomas Blincoe to James Mason and upon his death to his children.

James Mason was one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of Hancock County. In 1860 just before the outbreak of the Civil War, his property value was among the top two dozen in the county. The 1860 census shows his total real and personal property valued at \$19,636. In the 1860 tax list he is shown as owning: the 200 acre farm (valued at \$5000), one lot in Hawesville (he had purchased lot #55 on April 10, 1856), 6 slaves (valued at \$5000), 7 horses, 20 cattle, 40 hops, 5 tons of hay, 1600 bushels of corn, and 400 bushels of wheat.

The years of 1861-1865 were hard times for the family of James Mason. Besides the hardships of having a son serving in the war and the other divisiveness, deprivations and hardships of wartime, five members of the immediate family of James Mason died during the war years. His sister, Elvira Mason Duke died January 15, 1861; his uncle, William Mason died December 18, 1861; his father, John H. Mason died September 2, 1863; a son-in-law, William W. Pierce died 11 March 1865 in the Confederate Army; and his mother, Elizabeth Jackson Mason died December 17, 1865. His father's death occurred in Hancock County and he was the first member of the Mason family buried in the family cemetery on his son, James Mason's, farm; originally the Blincoe burying grounds later known as the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery. James Mason's mother died at the home of his brother, Joseph A. Mason, near Morganfield in Union County, she was buried there, possibly because of the distance and the onset of winter.

James Mason and his uncle, William Mason, were very close, not only in terms of proximity but also in affection. Having no children of his own William Mason's affections seemed to have been given to his nephew, James Mason. When William Mason wrote his will on November 1, 1854 he chose James to be the executor of his estate following the death of his wife, and when he added a codicil to his will four days before his death on December 14, 1861 he again specified the same (Hancock County will book 4, page 43). The first line of the codicil to his will reads "I give and bequeath to my nephew, James Mason, my gold watch", no doubt the watch not only had a monetary value but also had a very personal and sentimental value as a

keepsake and heirloom. After William Mason's death his widow, Elizabeth Henderson Mason, renounced her right as executrix and James Mason was appointed on February 20, 1862 the administrator of his estate, a duty he faithfully carried out according to the desires of his uncle. Over the next twelve years many official documents were recorded in the records of Hancock County, in both the county court and circuit court, whereby James Mason performed various duties as administrator of William Mason's estate.

James Madison Mason and Nancy Munday Blincoe were the parents of twelve children, all of whom lived to their maturity, they were:

Vetura Elizabeth	born	16 Oct 1843
Richard Womack "Dick")	born	26 Apr 1845
Mary R. ("Teetie")	born	26 Nov1847
Kate	born	1 Apr 1849
Robert ("Bob")	born	17 Dec 1850
Michael Angelo ("Mike")	born	15 Jan 1853
Margaret Holmes ("Maggie")	born	10 Dec 1854
Thomas Blincoe ("Tom")	born	10 Nov1857
Henry W.	born	4 May 1859
James Munday ("Jim")	born	27 Jan 1861
"Nannie" Blincoe	born	23 Aug1862
Charles M.	born	3 Aug 1864

Nancy Blincoe Mason at the age of 48 departed this life on April 12, 1874, and James M. Mason joined his wife on January 17, 1878, he was 62 years of age. They were interred in the family cemetery on their farm. They were survived by their twelve children, in addition, Nancy Mason was survived by her brother, William M. Blincoe, and James Mason by one brother, Jackson Mason, and three sisters, Jane Ellis, Mary Mason, Mag Harris. They lived to see only three of their children enter into married life. Of the unions of Vetura Pierce, Richard Mason and Kate Myers eight children had been born at the death of James Mason, they were: Maud Pierce, Mag Ella Mason, George Mason, Emma Mason, Hugh Myers, Nellie Myers, James Myers and Paul Myers. In the following years twenty more grandchildren of James and Nancy Mason were born, several of whom died in infancy or their youth.

The following obituary of James M. Mason was published in the Owensboro, Ky. newspaper:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 23 January 1878:

Death of James Mason, Esq.

Mr. James Mason, a prominent citizen of Hancock, died on the night of the 17th inst. at his residence in the country between Lewisport and Hawesville, at the age of sixty-five. Mr. Mason was a successful farmer, whose excellent management was to be seen about a home which was the abode not only of good order, but also of genuine hospitality. He was besides a man of general information and ability whose opinions met with the highest respect. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and was widely known, and connected in Daviess and Ohio as well as his own county. Many friends, especially in this region of the state, will hear with surprise and deep regret that



this good and stalwart citizen has been stricken down at a time when he seemed to have the assurance of many years of useful and happy life. He leaves a large family, who valued his precepts and example and will sadly mourn his loss.

A memorial of the love of his children for their father is the following inscription on James Mason's monument:

A man who was true to his convictions with the courage to support them has lain down his life in the unwavering hope of heaven. In life a good true and noble man in death a patient steadfast christian and in eternity we do believe a glorified spirit.

James Mason wrote his will August 24, 1877, it was probated January 28, 1878 and recorded Hancock County will book 4, page 223. In it his primary concern was for the education of his younger children, the five youngest, still being minors. He set forth several steps for achieving this, including the immediate sale of all his personal property, the reinvestment of the proceeds and the rental of his lands. He specified that none of his lands were to be sold or divided until the youngest child reached the age of 21, in order that the continuing income from the land could be reapplied to their education. The youngest child, Charles, was age 13 at the time of his father's death, he reached the age of 21 on August 3, 1885. Shortly afterwards the heirs sought out Samuel G. Hughes, Joseph L. Greathouse and David T. Beauchamp to act as commissioners in, devising a division of the lands of James Mason, and D. L. Adair was appointed surveyor to act with the commission. One son, Thomas B. Mason, passed away four years after his father on April 10, 1881 at the age of 23. Another son, Richard W. Mason, before the division of his father's land sold his one-eleventh interest on September 17, 1885, to the other heirs in consideration of his debts to the estate (Hancock County deed book 23, page 2), On October 17, 1885 a report of the commissioners was recorded in Hancock County Division of Lands book and a deed of partition enacting the division was recorded on October 26, 1885 in deed book 23, page 62. Division of Lands of James Mason, Hancock County Division of Lands Book, pp. 182-185; October 17, 1885:

The undersigned D. L. Adair who was appointed Surveyor by the heirs of James Mason dec'd, to act with Sam'l G. Hughes, Joseph L. Greathouse and David T. Beauchamp commissioners appointed by said heirs to divide the lands of James Mason dec'd, - Reports,

That he surveyed the three tracts of land and under direction of said comr's, divided the same into ten lots or parcels,

Lot No. 1 containing 18 acres and was allotted to Mrs. V. E. Pierce and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone original corner to Blincoe tract on the side of Troy and New Chapel road, thence with said road S36 W30 poles to a stake and stone on side of said road, thence S43 E103 poles to a stake and stone in line of Pierce tract, thence with a line of the Pierce tract N20½ E311 poles to a stake and stone in said line, thence N43 W94 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 2 containing 70½ acres and was allotted to James Munday Mason and is bounded as follows, Beginning at the S.W. corner of the Blincoe tract no other corners found, thence with the southern line of said tract S43 E145 poles to a stake or stone another original corner of said tract (original corner trees gone) thence with another line of said tract N36 E96½ poles to a stake and stone in said line, thence N56 ¼ W142 poles to a stone in the Western line of said tract, thence with said Western line to the beginning.

Lot No. 3 containing 27 acres and includes the dwelling house occupied by James Mason at the time of his death and was allotted to Mary R. Pate is bounded as follows, Beginning at stone corner of lot No. 1 in the Eastern line of the Blincoe tract thence with line of lot No. 2 S56½ W142 poles to a stone in the Western line of the Blincoe tract, thence with said line N36 E33 poles to stone in said line, thence S119 three-fourths E90 poles to stone, thence N44 E104 poles to a stone, thence S53 E56 poles to a stone in forks of the road in the Eastern line of Blincoe tract, thence with said line S36 W31 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 4 containing 50 acres and was allotted to Robert Mason and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone in the Western line of Blincoe tract and corner to lot No. 3, thence with a line of lot No. 3 S49 three-fourths E57½ poles to stone in line of lot No. 3, thence N36 E 137½ poles to stone in the line of Blincoe tract, thence with line of said tract N43 W58½ poles to stone the original most Northern corner of said tract, thence with another line of said tract S36 W144½ poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 5 containing 50 acres was allotted to Nannie M. Chambers and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone in a line of lot No. 3, corner to lot No. 4, thence S49 three-fourths E32 ½ poles to a stone corner to lot No. 3. thence N44 E10 ¼ poles to stone another corner of lot No. 3, thence with another line of lot No. 3 S53 E36 poles to a stone corner to lot No. 6, thence with line of lot No. 6 S36 E115 poles to stone in the line of Blincoe tract, thence with said line N43 W66 ½ poles to stone corner to lot No. 4 in said line, thence with line of lot No. 4 S36 W137½ poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 6 containing 66 acres was allotted to M. A. Mason and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone the North Eastern corner of the Blincoe tract and most Northern corner of Pierce tract thence with a line of the Blincoe tract N43 W20½ poles to stone in said line and corner to lot No. 5, thence with a line of lot No. 5 S36 W115 poles to a stone in line of lot No. 3 thence with line of lot No. 3 S53 E20 poles to stone in forks of the road corner to lot No. 3, thence with a line of the original Blincoe tract and lot No. 7 N36 E43 poles to stone corner to lot No. 7 thence with line of lot No. 7 S43 W64 poles to stone another corner to lot No. 7, thence with another line of lot No. 7 S20 ¼ W108 poles to stake on the line on South side of the gap near the Devils Tea Pot corner to lot No. 8, thence with line of lot No. 8 S43 E50 poles to stone near small branch marked as corner and in an original line of the Pierce tract, thence with said line N20½ E152 poles to a stone corner to lot No. 1 thence with line of lot No. 1 N43 W103 poles to stone in line of the Blincoe tract on the Troy road thence with said line N36 E30 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 7 containing 41 acres was allotted to Henry Mason and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stone in line of the Blincoe tract corner to lot No. 6 on the Troy and New Chapel road thence with the original line on lines of lots Nos. 6, 3 & 2 S36 W86 poles to a stone corner to lot No. 8 thence with a line of lot No. 8 S43 E94 poles to a stone on the Hill in a line of lot No. 6 thence with said line N20½ E94 poles to a stone corner to said lot thence with another line of said lot N43 W64 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 8 contains 76 acres was allotted to Kate Myers and is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake the most Southern corner of the Blincoe tract and in a line of lot No. 9 thence with the original most Southern Pierce line S42 E165 poles to a stone and White Oak original most Southern corner the other trees gone thence with another line of the Pierce tract N20 ½ E78 poles to Store near a small beech marked as a corner also corner to lot No. 6 thence with line of lot No. 6 N43 W50 poles to stone another corner to lot No. 6 thence N20½ E14 poles to stone corner to lot No. 7 in line of lot No. 6 thence N43 W94 poles to stone another corner to lot No. 7 in original line of Blincoe tract thence with said line S36 W84 ½ poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 9 contains 108 three-fourths acres and was allotted to Maggie H. Kelly it is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake in the most Southern line of the Blincoe tract corner to John. Freemans 8 acre tract thence with his lines S47½ W32 poles to a beech thence N42½ W40 poles to a stake about 10 feet S.W. of a beech pointer in a line of the original Curtis tract thence with said S47 ½ W176 poles to a stone corner to lot No. 10 thence with a line of lot No. 10 S42 E90 poles to a stone in original line of Curtis tract the corner to lot No. 10 thence with said line N47½ E207 poles to a stone in pierce tract of land and corner of Lewis land the three beeches originally called for not found thence with the Pierce line to the corner of the Blincoe tract thence with a line of the Blincoe tract N43 W50 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 10 contains 70 acres and was allotted to Chas. M. Mason it is bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake at the intersection of the Troy road with the Lewisport road corner to the Bates land near the District School House No. 3 thence S42½ E90 poles to a beech marked as corner and a stake a corner of the Lewis land thence with a line of same N47½ E124 ½ poles to a stone in said line corner to lot No. 9 thence with a line of lot No. 9 N42½ W90 poles to a stone another corner to lot No. 9 in Bates line thence with Bates line S47 ½ W124½ poles to the beginning.

October 17th 1885 - D.L. Adair, Sur.

(A plat map accompanied the above division.)

The division of James Mason's lands involved three tracts: the Blincoe or Home tract, 200 acres, on which James Mason lived; the Pierce tract, 181 acres, adjoining Blincoe tract on east; and the Curtis tract, 118½ acres, adjoining parts of Blincoe and Pierce tracts on the south. In the 100 years since the Division 69 deeds involving the above lands have been recorded in Hancock County. In the following history of each lot in the Division all deeds referred to are recorded in Hancock County, deed book and page numbers are given.

The Blincoe tract James Mason and wife Nancy inherited one-third of this tract in 1847 and purchased the other two shares in 1850 and 1851 (see preceding pages for earlier history, 1787-1851, of the Blincoe tract). In the division the Blincoe tract was divided into lot Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and part of 6, and was granted to Robert Mason, Mary R. Pate, Nannie Chambers, James M. Mason and Michael A. Mason. Fourteen acres of lot No. 6, extending down along west side of Troy-New Chapel Road, was in the Blincoe tract and the remaining 52 acres on the east side of the road were from the Pierce tract. The James Mason home and the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery were in Division lot No. 3, near what is called "the forks of the road" in the Division, and just behind the present residences of Charles Allen Taylor and James and Claribel Phillips in the bend of what is now called the Muddy Gut Road.

The lines of the Pierce tract, that part of which was involved in the Division was part of a 309 acre tract previously owned by William G. Fierce of Trimble County, Ky. William G. Pierce had purchased the 309 acres from Robert L. Pottinger on Apr. 4, 1854 (book 7..p. 9), was conveyed to Pottinger by James B. Redd on August 14, 1851 (book 5, p.146), to Redd by Thomas T. Shreve on April 14, 1849 (book 4, p.225), to Shreve by James A. and Joseph Monks, heirs of Richard Monks, on March 15, 1847 (book 3, p.538), to Richard Monks by James Monks on August 27, 1831 (book 1, p.215), to James Monks by the heirs of John Lewis, and was part of the original 2000 acre survey patented in the name of Samuel Beall on August 30, 1787. Another 132½ acres of the Pierce tract was north of Division lot No. 1. and extended all the way to the banks of the Ohio River to a point nearly opposite Troy, Indiana. At the time of the James Mason

land division in 1885 this part of the Pierce tract was owned by Vetura Mason Pierce and was not involved in the division.

William W. Pierce, son of William G. Pierce, married Vetura E. Mason, daughter of James and Nancy, in 1861. On March 13, 1862 Mary F., widow of William G. Pierce, and his other heirs transferred to William W. Pierce one-third interest in the 309 acre tract owned by his father (book 11, p.222). The remaining shares in the William G. Pierce tract were subsequently purchased by James Mason. On March 21, 1864 James Mason bought the interest of Elizabeth (Pierce) wife of O. P. Spillman of Carroll County, Ky. (book 12, p.214). On April 14, 1869 he purchased the interest of Lydia (Pierce) wife of F. A. Adams, John B. Pierce and wife Edmonia, Jean (Pierce) wife of Joseph Miller, all of Trimble County, Ky., and Jane (Pierce) wife of Jefferson Button of Oldham County, Ky. (book 14, p.467). On September 26, 1873 Ophelia R. (Pierce) wife of Moses Kirkpatrick of Oldham County, Ky. sold her interest to James Mason (book 17, p.18).

William W. Pierce was killed during the Civil War leaving as his heirs, his wife Vetura Mason Pierce, and one child Willie Maud Pierce, who was put under the guardianship of James Mason. On October 13, 1876 James Mason recorded a deed (book 18, p.178) whereby he divided the Pierce tract in order to give his daughter, Vetura Pierce, and her child Maud Pierce, their shares owned by their husband and father, it being one-third of six-sevenths of the whole tract (note, in the deed the Pierce tract is referred to as being 322 acres whereas in earlier deeds was listed as being 309 acres). He added to this share land in the value of \$337.37 which was money due them from the estate of William W. Pierce, owned by him in Trimble County, Ky. James Mason stated "Wishing to give the said widow and child enough land adjoining their interest and the land bought with the money before mentioned to make a comfortable farm" do thus convey 92 acres of the entire tract to them, "it being the most valuable part of the tract along the river". At the same time James Mason "for love and affection" deeded to them another 42½ acres adjoining the above, which was worth \$972 and was an advancement to them from the distribution of his estate and was to be thus charged. The total 132½ acres was the part of the Pierce tract lying between the river and a line run across said tract from the N.E. corner of the Mason farm (Blincoe tract). In her father's land division in 1885 Vetura Pierce received an additional 18 acres adjoining the 132½ acres she already owned, making a farm of 150½ acres. In the 1885 division the remaining lands of the Pierce tract were received by Michael A. Mason (52 acres of lot No. 6), Henry Mason (lot No. 7, 41 acres) and Kate Myers (lot No. 8, 76 acres).

The third tract of the Division, known as the Curtis tract consisted of 178½ acres purchased by James Mason from Isaac William Curtis of Massac County, Ill. on May 19, 1866 (book 13, p.368). He paid \$1787.50 for the land, it was bounded by parts of the Blincoe and Pierce tracts on the north, on the west by William S. Bates, on east by Frederick D. Lewis, and on south by the Thompson's Landing Road, now Highway 1605. In the Division the Curtis tract was divided into Lot Nos. 9 and 10 and was granted to Maggie Kelly and Charles M. Mason.

#### Lot No. 1

Lot No. 1, 18 acres, was granted to Vetura Pierce. She died on January 10, 1910 in Evansville, Ind. and the land was inherited by her daughter, Maud Pierce Culp. On March 15,

1911 Maud and her husband, Ira Culp, of Evansville, Ind. sold the lot of 18 acres as well as the other 132 acres of the Pierce tract adjoining it on the north, to Teda B. Lawson, wife of P. S., of Hancock County for \$1.00 and other considerations (book 43, p.209). March 13, 1947 Teda B. Lawson sold right of way for the Hawesville-Lewisport Road through the land. Teda B. Lawson's will was probated May 8, 1950, she left two heirs, Russell S. and Julian Keith Lawson. November 22, 1978 Julian Keith Lawson, Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., Thomas Sawyer Lawson, of Silver Springs, Md., Ann Sage (Lawson) wife of torn Evans, Lewisport, Ky. and Russell S. Lawson of Lewisport, Ky., the heirs of Teda B. Lawson, sold 144.68 acres of the 150 ½ acre tract for \$571,200 to Bruce Stephen, Jr., trustee, under a trust agreement between South-East Coal Co. and Kentucky River Coal Corporation (book 88, p.300). The land has since been transferred to Inland Gulf Terminal Ass, of Columbus, Ohio, which is the present owner, the company had purchased it for the purpose of building a coal refinery, but no construction has been done on the land and it is presently rented as farm land.

#### Lots Nos .2 & 3

Lot No.2, 70 ¼ acres, was granted to James M. Mason. On October 17, 1870 James M. Mason, then a resident of Clear Creek, Colorado, sold the 70¼ acres to his brother, Richard Mason, for \$1000 (book 25, p.102). Richard W. Mason and his wife, Mary, sold the lot on October 2, 1897 to Mrs. Julia A. Robb for the same price (book 29, p.69). Mrs. Julia A. Robb, a widow, sold lot No. 2 to Sallie D. Street for \$650 on February 13, 1901 (book 31, p.154).

Lot No. 3, 27 acres, was allotted to Mary R. Pate, two months after she received the land she and her husband, Eli W. Pate, sold the lot to her brother, Richard Mason, for \$1400 on December 15, 1885 (book 23, p.139). Richard W. and Mary Mason on February 5, 1901 sold lot No. 3 to Sallie D. Street for \$1350 (book 31, p.155), seven days later the same Sallie D. Street purchased lot No. 2, and lots No. 2 & 3 were subsequently sold and resold together.

Sallie D. Street and husband, W. Dud Street, sold Lot No. 2 (70 ¼ acres) and lot No. 3 (27 acres) to Henry M. Rice on July 5, 1906 for \$2650 (book 34, p.531). Henry M. Rice purchased another 35 acres that adjoined the above Mason-Blincoe land on the West, was part of the David Reid farm, he bought it from the Reid heirs on March 27, 1907 (book 35, p.212). Henry M. Rice died June 24, 1920, willing above lands to wife, Gelania, she died June 30, 1927 and land descended to their two children, Hubert Rice and Helen Rice McDaniel (book 50, p.487 & 489). Hubert Rice sold his interest to his sister, Helen McDaniel, on February 10, 1930 (book 50, p.483), for \$3000. Helen and husband, Harvey McDaniel on September 29, 1941 sold to Powers Emmick the 35 acres that was part of the Reid division of 1904 (division book, p.284), (book 56, p.116). On October 1, 1945 the heirs of Helen McDaniel sold to Charles W. Henning for \$1.00 and other considerations 100 acres having the same boundaries as lots No. 2 &3 in the James Mason land division (book 57, p.610). On December 26, 1962 Charles W. Henning and wife, Anna Tom, sold 1.14 acres out of Lot No. 3 to his daughter, Claribel and her husband, James R. Phillips, for \$1.00 (book 67, p.359) located on the Muddy Gut Road about one mile from its Intersection with Highway 334 (Hawesville-Lewisport Road). On July 3, 1974 Anna Tom, widow of Charles W. Henning, sold to James R. and Claribel Phillips for \$1.00 another 2.73 acres adjoining above, giving them 3.87 acres out of lot No. 3 (book 80, p.709). The remaining acreage of Lots No. 2 .& 3, about 96 acres, was sold by the heirs of Charles W. Henning, his widow Anna Tom and daughter, Claribel and her husband, James R. Phillips on December 12, 1974 to Charles Allen Taylor for \$1.00. Mr. Taylor and the Phillipps are present

owners of the land of Lots No. 2 & 3, both reside on the Muddy Gut Road, the Mason-Blincoe family cemetery and the site of the former James Mason house is located on the farm of Charles A. Taylor. (book 81,p.472)

#### Lot Nos. 4 & 5 and part of Lot No. 6

Lot No. 4, 50 acres, was allotted to Robert Mason. . On December 12, 1885 he sold it to his sister, Nannie M. and her husband, N. B. Chambers, for \$1600 (book 27, p.74). Lot No. 5, 50 acres, was allotted to Nannie M. Chambers. N. B. and Nannie Chambers on November 24, 1885 also purchased 14 acres out of lot No. 6 from her brother, Michael A. Mason, for \$448, the part along the west side of the Troy-New Chapel Road (book 23, p.70). N. B. and Nannie Chambers exchanged 1½ acres out of lots No. 4 & 5 on south side of "Hawesville-Lewisport Road" for another 1 acres Richard W. Mason owned, located on the north side of the same road on May 24, 1899 (book 31, p.38). On January 12, 1906 N. B.. and Nannie Chambers sold the above four tracts, all part of the James Mason estate, to William L. Enderlin of Tell City, Ind. for \$3500 (book 34, p.224). William L. Enderlin sold the same, 114 acres, to Edward Sweeney of Troy, Ind. on August 23, 1909 for \$4000 (book 36, p.502). Edward Sweeney sold the same on May 1, 1918 to W. O. Taylor, Leo Taylor, and Hugh Hubbard for \$10000 (book 44, p.125). Hugh Hubbard on October 28, 1918 sold his interest to W. O. and Leo Taylor (book 44, p.333). W. O. Taylor and Leo Taylor sold the same to T.K. Taylor for \$8000 on April 7, 1920 (book 46, 282). T. K. Taylor sold the same to W. O. Taylor on June 17, 1933 for \$1.00 (book 52, p.141). W. O. Taylor sold the same to Knox Emmick for \$6001 on September 29, 1944 (book 57, p.298). Knox Emmick sold the same lots of 50 acres (lot No. 4), 50 acres (lot No, 5), 14 acres (part of lot No, 6) and 1½ acres (exchanged with Richard W. Mason) or 114 acres to Lloyd Taylor on May 22, 1957 for \$1.00 (book 64, p.549). Lloyd Taylor sold 6 acres out of the 114 acres descended from James Mason to W .E. Horrell on October 27, 1967 in exchange for another 6 acres lying north of Mason lands (book 72, p.454), On June 13, 1984 Lloyd Taylor sold 0.776 acre out of the original Mason-Blincoe tract, on N.E. side of the Muddy Gut Road, to John Stephen Janowick for \$1.00 (book 95, p.681). Lloyd C. and Dorothy Susan Taylor are present owners of lots No. 4, 5 and adjoining 14 acres out of Lot No. 6 (about 105 acres), except for the following sections out of the same: 1½ acres, 6 acres presently owned by W. E. Horrell and 0.776 acre presently owned by John Stephen and Susan Lynn Janowick.

#### Lot Nos. 6 & 7

Lot No. 6, 66 acres, was granted to Michael A. Mason. He sold 14 acres out of the lot to N.B. and Nannie Chambers on November 24, 1885 (book 231, p.70), it was the section west of the Troy-New Chapel Road, adjoining lot No. 5 on east and lot No. 3 on north. This 14 acres out of lot 6 and all of lots Nos. 4 and 5 were subsequently sold and resold as a unit and is discussed in previous section. Michael A. Mason and wife, Sallie T., then residing in Birmingham, Ala. sold to Mary E. Stratton of Hancock County for \$600 the remaining 52 acres of lot No. 6, on east side of Troy-New Chapel Road and part of original Pierce tract (book 27, p.36).

Lot No. 7, 41 acres, was granted to Henry Mason. He transferred it to N.B. Chambers on September 28, 1891 (book 25, p.540). N. B. and Nannie Chambers sold Lot No. 7 to Mary E. Stratton for \$900 on Apr, 6, 1894 (book 27, p.29), the same day she had bought the 52 acres of lot No. 6 from Michael Mason. These two tracts since 1894 have been sold and resold together.

Mary E. and husband, H. Frank Stratton, on October 5, 1903 sold the 52 acres out of Lot No. 6 and all of Lot No; 7 to Francis A. Allard of Tell City, Ind. for \$2600 (book 32, p.361). Francis Allard sold 2 acres out of lot No. 6, known as "Devil's Tea Pot", to George R. Crockett for \$100 on May 15, 1913 (book 39, p.463), this 2 acres was subsequently sold to Knox Emmick, then to John F. Allard and then to William E. Allard, its present owner, each time it was sold with lot No. 8 and for further details of these transactions see section on Lot No. 8, Francis Allard on October 23, 1924 for \$6000 sold to John F. Allard lot No. 7 (41 acres) and 52 acres of lot No, 6 (minus 2 acres sold to Crockett), (book 48, p.93 and book 71, p.461). John F. Allard, Sr. on December 18, 1970 conveyed the same to John F. Allard, Jr., the present owner (book 91, p.731).

#### Lot No. 8

Lot No.8, 76 acres, was granted to Kate Myers. She and her husband, John W. Myers, sold lot No. 8 to George R. Crockett for \$750 on March 5, 1903 (book 32, p.225), George R. Crockett died in 1927 and his heirs on October 11 1927 sold the 76 acres and 2 acres known as "Devil's Tea Pot" out of Lot. No. 6 to Knox Emmick for \$1500 (book. 49, p.554), Knox Emmick on September 13, 1932 sold the same to John F. Allard for \$1500 (book 51, p.623). John F. Allard, Sr. sold the same to William E. Allard, the present owner, for \$1.00 on March 6, 1974, not recorded until December 18, 1985 (book 97, p.331).

#### Lot No. 9

Lot No. 9 108½ acres, was granted to Maggie Kelly. She and her husband, J.S. Kelly, sold the tract to Mrs. Ada Bell Thrasher. Ada Bell Thrasher died in 1940 leaving seven children. Four of the children sold their interest in tract to Edith, wife, of John Allen Thrasher (one of sons), on December 8, 1945 (book 58, p.86). On July 9, 1947 at a public auction Edith Thrasher became purchaser of the remainder of the tract (book 59, p.296). On December 22, 1976 Edith Thrasher, a widow, sold lot No. 9, 108½ acres to Robert B. Lee for \$45,000 (book 84, p.747). Robert B. Lee is the present owner of the tract and resides in Owensboro, Ky.

#### Lot No. 10

Lot No, 10, 70 acres, was granted to Charles M. Mason, He sold it to Jasper Newton Tongate for \$800 on December 18, 1889 (book 24, p.593). On February 27, 1890 Jasper N. Tongate sold the land to Joseph L. Greathouse, Sr. for \$850 (book 25, p.5). Joseph L. Greathouse died in 1891 leaving a will (will book 4, p.350) by which he devised the above land to his nine children. Between 1914 and 1919 Harry C. Greathouse, a son of W. B., and grandson of Joseph L., acquired all nine shares in the 70 acres (books 40-218, 43-6, 43-8, 43-163, 43-267, 43-618, 45-118 & 45-120). On January 17, 1948 Harry C. Greathouse sold the 70 acres to Samuel C. Ayers for \$1000 (book 59, p.579). Samuel C. Ayers sold the same to Billy Joe Sadler on February 26, 1975 for \$1.00 (book 81, p.670). Billy Joe Sadler for \$1.00 on February 22, 1980 sold 44.78 acres of lot No. 10 to Robert B. Lee, its present owner who is also the owner of all of Lot No. 9 of the James Mason land division. The remaining 22.22 acres of lot No, 10 is still owned by Billy Joe Sadler.

Vetura Elizabteh Masow was the first of twelve children born to James Madison Mason and Nancy Munday Blincoe, Born October 16, 1843 her birth occurred during the three years her parents resided in Union County, Ky. At the age of two her parents returned to Hancock County, where she grew to maturity and resided most of her life.

When she was 17 years old Vetura E. Mason married William W. Pierce. They were married on October 1, 1861 in Hancock County by James E. Stone, a United Baptist minister associated with the Hawesville Baptist Church, and also the noted and long time county court clerk of Hancock County. William W. Pierce was from Bedford, Ky., the county seat of Trimble County. The son of William G. Pierce and Mary F. Gatewood he was born June 27, 1827 in Washington County, Ky. His father, William G. Pierce, had owned the land bordering the James Mason farm on the east since 1854. William W. Pierce does not appear as a tax paying resident in the records of Hancock County. At the time of his marriage he had not been in Hancock County long, in the preceding year he is listed in the 1860 census of Trimble County living with his father in the town of Bedford. In the census his occupation is listed as a merchant. It appears likely that while conducting business regarding his father's land in Hancock County he met and courted Vetura Mason.

William G. Pierce, father of William W., was born in 1798 in Washington County, Ky. He was the oldest of six children born to John Pierce, a native of New Jersey, and Jane Graves, a native of Virginia, who married in Washington County, Ky. on January 7, 1797. His grandparents were Thomas and Lydia Pierce (Pearce) and William and Sarah Graves. Thomas Pierce died in 1793 in Washington County, Ky. William G. Pierce married Mary F. Gatewood in Oldham County, Ky. on December 2, 1824. In 1837 when the county of Trimble was formed from Oldham, Henry and Gallatin Counties William G. Pierce was a resident of the new county. In the 1850 Trimble County census he is listed as being a tavern keeper in Bedford, in the 1860 Thimble County census his occupation appears as that of a farmer.

William G. Pierce died March 3, 1862. On 13 March 1862 his widow and seven of his surviving children recorded a deed in Hancock County transferring to his son, William W. Pierce, one-third interest in the farm of 309 acres owned by him in Hancock County (book 11, p.222).

The brothers and sisters of William W. Pierce were: John B. (born c1825, 1869 lived Trimble County, Ky.), Sarah Jane (born c1830, married Jefferson Button, 1869 lived Oldham County, Ky.), Elizabeth S. (born c1832, married Oliver P. Spillman, 1870 lived Cumberland County, Ill. Lydia A. (born c1835, married. F. A. Adams, 1869 lived Trimble County, Ky.), Joan (?Juan) F. (born c1839, married. Joseph Miller, 1869 lived Trimble County, Ky.), Ophelia R. (born c1843, married. Moses Kirkpatrick, 1873 lived Oldham County, Ky.) and Mary Bartlett Pierce (born c1847, died single between 1862-1870).

William W. Pierce during the Civil War joined the Confederate army. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in Company H of the 4th Kentucky Calvary, CSA. While in the service a daughter, Willie Maud, was born to him and Vetura Mason Pierce in Hancock County on March 10, 1863. William W. Pierce was killed in Virginia on March 11, 1865. The Louisville Daily Courier of Tuesday, June 26, 1866 (p.1) carried an article entitled: "Great Day at Bedford



Springs – Funeral of Two Confederate Officers – From Three Thousand to five thousand Persons Present.” On June 23, 1866 “impressive funeral ceremonies attending the burial of the remains of Major Nathan Parker and Lieutenant W. W. Pearce, C.S.A.” were conducted in Bedford Springs. Lt. Pearce’s widow and little daughter were in attendance. Two markers for “William W. Pierce” are present in the Pierce family cemetery in Trimble County, Ky.; the older one says, "William W. Pierce, born June 27, 1827, Lost his life in the cause of liberty March 11, 1865. We love his memory. C.S.A." The newer government marker says, "2D Lieut William W. Pierce, Co. H, 4 KY Cavalry, June 27, 1827- March 11, 1865". This marker has the Confederate Cross of Honor at the top.

In the settlement of the estate Of William W. Pierce and his father, William G. Pierce, an equity suit was filed in the circuit court of Hancock County by the heirs of William G. Pierce versus Vetura E. Pierce and Willie M. Pierce. Among the papers in the case folder are account ledgers, letters, and receipts of monies paid and received by James Meson in relation to the Pierce estate. Following the death of William W. Pierce, James Mason served as the administrator of his estate and as an agent and representative for V. E. Pierce and her daughter. In the Hancock County court on January 21, 1870 he was appointed legal guardian for his granddaughter, Maud Pierce, at the time she was six years old. Some of the claims and accounts of James Mason, as a representative for his daughter, in the settlement were the following: In 1867 he paid her share of the expenses in the surveying and division of the lands of William. G. Pierce in Trimble County. In 1869 and 1870 he paid revenue tax and county levy on her interest in the Pierce lands in Trimble County. On February 7, 1870 F. A. Adams, administrator of William G. Pierce, sent James Mason \$172.50 for the sale of a house and lot in Trimble County. Several receipts dated in the years 1870, 1871 and 1872 showed costs incurred by James Mason in making improvements on the Pierce land in Hancock County. One receipt was a bill of passage on the steamer, Susie Silver, for passage to and return from New Orleans, why this was claimed and its relation to the Pierce estate was not evident. On the next page is a copy of a receipt for the purchase of a monument for \$60 from the Muldoon & Co. of Louisville, Ky., it was charged to James Mason the administrator of W. W. Pierce, dec'd. The monument was to be shipped to Bedford in Thimble County and erected on the grave of William W. Pierce, husband of Vetura Mason Pierce. At the top of the page is a copy of an entry in a ledger showing where on April 27, 1871 James Mason at his home paid to F. A. Adams the \$60 for the monument; purchased five days earlier, and another \$10 for having it erected on the grave.

Between 1864 and 1873 James Mason purchased the other interests in the William G. Pierce land in Hancock County, that part not owned by his son-in-law, William W. Pierce, at the time of his death. On October 13, 1876 James Mason divided the Pierce tract in order to give his daughter, Vetura Pierce, the interest owned by her husband and land in the value of \$333.37, the amount due her from his estate in Trimble County. At the same time he deeded to her a gift of 42 acres, the two adjoining tracts totaled 132 ½ acres and extended north from the N.E. corner of the Mason-Blincoe tract to the Ohio River. After her father’s death Vetura Pierce in the 1885 division of his lands received another 18 acres (lot No. 1) south of the land she already owned, giving her a farm of 150 ½ acres.

The 1870 Hancock County census shows Vetura Pierce and her daughter, Maud, living in the Lewisport Precinct near her parents. In the census she was enumerated immediately after the

home of her parents, she is listed with a different dwelling house number than that of her father's residence. Also at the time a farm laborer, Robert Read, is shown as working for her and residing on her farm. In 1870 she was evidently living in her own house, a very short distance from her parents home, either on her father's farm or on the adjoining Pierce land, She may have been living on the Pierce land, at about the same time James Mason was involved in making several improvements on the land. Among the papers of the Pierce equity suit were receipts bearing the dates of 1870-1872. Showing were James Mason paid to have 21 acres cleared, fence posts made and set and a barn built on the Pierce tract. Following the deaths of her parents she may have moved back to their home to help care for her younger brothers and sisters still at home. When the 1880 Hancock County census was taken Vetura Pierce and her daughter. Maud, were living in the same residence with her brothers and sisters, Robert, Mary, Thomas, Henry, Nannie and Charles Mason,

Following the death of her husband Vetura Mason Pierce remained a widow the rest of her life, On Christmas Eve of 1889 her daughter, Willie Maud Pierce, married Ira Albert Culp in Hancock County.

Owensboro Weekly Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 2 January 1890, p3:

Mr. Ira A. Culp, a member of the Evansville police force, was happily married at 8 o'clock Thursday morning at Hawesville, Ky., to Miss Maud Pierce, of that place, the only daughter of Mrs. V. E. Pierce.

After their marriage Ira and Maud Culp removed to Evansville, Indiana which became their permanent home and where he worked as a mail carrier. Vetura Pierce left Hancock County before 1900 and went to live with her daughter and family in Evansville. On January 6 1910 at the age of 66, Vetura Mason Pierce died at her daughter's residence, 323 Campbell Street in Evansville, Ind. She was survived by her daughter, and the following brothers and sisters: Richard Mason, Henry Mason, and James Mason, all of Hancock County, Ky., Mrs. Kate Myers and Mrs. Nannie Chambers of Owensboro, Ky., Mrs. Maggie Kelly of Daviess County, Ky., Robert Mason, and Charles Mason. Two brothers and a sister had preceded her in death. She was taken back to Hancock County and buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery where her parents and many other relatives had been buried dating back over 85 years. The following notice of her funeral appeared in the Evansville newspaper:

Evansville Courier, Evansville, Ind., Sunday, 9 January 1910:

Funeral of Mrs. Pierce

The funeral services for the late Mrs. V. E. Pierce took place yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Culp, 323 Campbell Street. The remains will be taken to Hawesville, Ky, for interment.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 9 October 1910, p.1B:

Death of Mrs. Pearce.

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Vitula Pearce, who died of rheumatism at her home in Evansville, after a short illness. She was a most estimable Woman and formerly lived in Hancock county. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church and was sixty-six years of age. She was the widow of Captain William. P. Pearce, who was killed in the Confederate army at the close of the war.

She was living with her daughter, Mrs. Ira E. Culp, in Evansville, when her death occurred. She leaves three sisters and five brothers. They are Mrs. N. B. Chambers and Mrs. J. W. Meyers, of Owensboro; Mrs. Joe Kelly, of Lewisport; Messrs. R. W. Mason, Hon. Henry Mason and Dr. J. W. Mason, of Hawesville; . Robert Mason and Dr. Charles Mason, of St. Louis.

The remains will be taken to Hawesville for burial. The funeral will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning from the Baptist church The burial will be in the family cemetery.

Maud Pierce Culp, at the age of 97, died on December 25, 1960, one day following her 71st wedding anniversary. She died in Evansville, Intl. where she had resided over 60 years, she was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in that city. She was survived by a son, Charles, and two grandchildren. Her son, Mt. Charles Pierce Culp, presently resides at Laguna Beach, Cal. The following obituary of Maud Culp was published in the Evansville newspaper:

Evansville Courier, Evansville, Ind., Tuesday, 27 December 1960:

Mrs. Maude Culp

Services for Mrs. Maude Culp, 97, who died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Kueber Nursing Home, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Robert Greek Mortuary.

The Rev. Charles E. Zapp will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home after noon Tuesday.

Mrs. Culp resided on Emmett Street before entering the nursing home seven years ago. She was the widow of Ira A. Culp, a retired mail carrier.

Surviving are a son, Charles, of Newcastle, Del., and two grandchildren.

Richard Womack Mason, son of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born April 26, 1845 in Union County, Ky. All but the first year of his life was spent in Hancock County, Ky. During the Civil War, when only in his teens he served in the Confederate Army.

On February 24, 1870 Richard W. Mason married Mary A. Crockett. They were married at the residence of her brother, William G. Crockett, in Hancock County, the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel C. Allen. A native of Franklin County, Ky. Mary A. Crockett was born March 7, 1845. Her parents, Anthony Crockett and Susan Robb were married in Franklin County on August 21, 1833; in the 1860's they brought their family of seven children to Hancock County. Anthony Crockett, born in 1808, died in Hancock County in 1869 as the result of pneumonia. Susan Robb Crockett, the daughter of Frederick Robb and Mary Neet, was born about 1816 in Jessamine County, Ky. Their children were: Anna M. (wife of David T. Beauchamp, she was born December 22, 1836 and died May 11, 1878 in Hancock County); Samuel T. Crockett (born 1838 and died after 1850); Mary A. (wife of Richard W. Mason); William G. Crockett (born September 6, 1847 and died November 5, 1898 in Hancock County, wife Celeste B.), Margaret (wife of J. Q. Adams was born June 15, 1850 and died August 24, 1918 in Hancock County); George R. Crockett born in 1853 and died in 1927, buried at Hawesville, Ky. And James Crockett (born in 1855 and died in 1932, buried at Hawesville, Ky.

Richard W. Mason made his living as a farmer. After his marriage he worked several farms in the Troy Bend area, in the same community in which he had been raised. At the time of the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Hancock County he was residing in the Hawesville Precinct, in the area west of Hawesville and east of his father's farm. In 1881 disaster befell his family when

his home was destroyed by fire, the following news item was published in the Cannelton, Indiana newspaper:

Cannelton Enquirer & Reporter, Cannelton, Ind., Thursday, 7 April 1881:

We are sorry to learn that the dwelling of Mr. Dick Meson who resides in Kentucky, opposite Troy, was entirely destroyed by fire one night this week, with all it contained in the way of furniture, wearing apparel and \$200 in money. This is a severe loss to Mr. Mason.

Richard Mason was forced to borrow money from his father's estate. Due to his debts to the estate in 1885 one month before the division of his father's lands he sold his interest (1/11) to his brothers and sisters (deed book 23, p. 2). In the division his name does not appear but he did however own some of his father's farm. At the time of the division he already owned 1 ½ acres and was probably residing there at the time of the division. Located on the Muddy Gut Road, he in 1899 exchanged it with N. B. and Nannie Chambers for another 1½ acres on the opposite side of the road (book 31, p.38). Seven weeks after the James Mason land division Richard W. Mason bought lot No. 3 of the division from his sister, Mary R. Pate (book 23, p.139). He paid \$300 in cash and gave a note for another \$1100. The lot of 27 acres included his parents' old home place, and here he and his family lived until 1901. He gave his brother, James, \$1000 on October 17, 1890 for lot No. 2, 70 ¼ acres adjoining, Lot No, 3 on the south (book 25, p.102). On October 2, 1897 he sold the 70¼ acres to Mrs. Julia A. Robb (book 29, p.59). He continued to own and live on lot No. 3 until February 5, 1901 when he sold it to Sallie D. Street for \$1350, the old Mason home had been in the Mason and Blincoe families since 1813.

After selling the farm Richard and his wife moved into Hawesville. There on November 13, 1910 Mary Crockett Mason died, she was buried in the Hawesville cemetery. The last years of his life Richard Mason lived at the homes of his two daughters in Hawesville. At the age of 79 he died on June 30, 1924 in Hawesville and was buried by his wife. The following articles appeared in the Hancock County and Owensboro newspapers following the deaths of Richard and Mary Mason:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 15 November 1910:

Hawesville Woman Dies At Her Home

Mrs. R.W. Mason, a well known woman of Hawesville, died of complication of diseases after an extended illness at her home in Hawesville Sunday at 1 o'clock. She was sixty-five years of age and is survived by two daughters and one son, who are Mrs. Porter Hodges, and Mrs. Milton Lambert of Hawesville, and George W. Mason of Paducah. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Chambers, of Owensboro, went to attend the funeral yesterday. The deceased was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Chambers.

The funeral was conducted from the residence Monday afternoon. The interment took place in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 20 November 1910:

Hancock County: Mrs. Mary Mason, wife of Mr. Richard W. Mason, died at the home of the family in this city at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, of acute indigestion. The remains were interred at 1:30 Monday afternoon in the Hawesville Cemetery, the services being conducted from the home by her pastor, Rev. Robert S. Boyd.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Saturday, 5 July 1924:

Mr. R. W. Mason

Mr. Richard Mason, age 79 years died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Porter Hodges, Tuesday night July 1, as the result of a complication of diseases, from which he has suffered for nearly three years. During his long illness his suffering has been intense and he put up a brave fight against the grim reaper.

He was born in Union County, but moved with his parents when a small boy to this county,, where he has since lived. He was a famer by occupation, and a charter member of the Morrison Presbyterian Church. His charity knew no bounds and he was respected by all who knew him. He spent much time in reading and was a man well versed in past and present history. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Crockett, died about thirteen years ago, since that time he has lived for the most part with his daughters. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Porter Hodges, who cared for him during his long illness, and Mrs. Milton Lambert, both of this city, and Mr. George Mason of Evansville, Ind., and three brothers, Mr. Henry Mason, who is county atty., of this county, Messrs. Charles Mason of Missouri and Robert Mason, whose address is not known; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Kelly of near Lewisport; Mrs. Nannie Chambers of Owensboro, Ky.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hodges where he died, by Rev. E.N. Perry of Louisville. All the pallbearers were his nephews with the exception of one. They were; Messrs. Robert, Sam and Joe Beauchamp; J. C. Adams, Ed J. Salm and L. S. Powers. Interment in the city cemetery.

Three children were born to Richard W. Mason and Mary A. Crockett, all were born in Hancock County, they were:

Margaret Ella ("Mag")	born	10 Dec 1870
George Crockett	born	12 Jan 1872
Emma Robb	born	31 Oct 1880

Mag Ella Mason married twice. She first married Fletcher Greathouse, January 25, 1893 at Falcon in Hancock County. He died on February 20, 1894, the son of Joseph L. Greathouse and Sarah Catherine Smith he was born in Hancock County on September 28, 1869, he was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery. She married second Porter H. Hodges on June 24, 1908 at Hawesville. He was the son of William L. Hodges and Anna E. Lewis, born in 1871 in Hancock County and died in 1931, buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. No children were born to either marriage. Mag Mason Hodges died on November 15, 1942 at the Owensboro hospital as the result of burns suffered in the explosion of a coal stove at her home in Hawesville earlier in the day. She was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. The following obituary was printed in the Hancock County newspaper:

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 20 November 1942:

Mrs. Margaret Hodges

Mrs. Margaret Mason Hodges, widow of Porter Hodges, former assistant cashier of the Hawesville Deposit Sink, died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Owensboro-Daviess County hospital of injuries received when a coal stove exploded at her home in Hawesville early that morning. She was 72 years of age.

Their attention attracted by her screams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wells, neighbors of Mrs. Hodges, discovered her enveloped in flames, out in her yard. Mr. Wells wrapped an overcoat around her, thus extinguishing the flames. She was removed to the hospital as quickly as possible. Her death was attributed to shock and burns.

Mrs. Hodges was a daughter of the late Richard Mason, last Hancock County Confederate soldier, and a member of a pioneer family of this community.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. J. Milt Lambert, of Hawesville, and three nephews, Richard Mason, Springfield, Ohio, Geo. C. Mason, Jr., Evansville, and John Mason, St. Louis, Mo.

The funeral was held at the Sapp and Vaughan Funeral home at 2 p.m. Monday, the Rev. C. F. Allen, pastor of the Hawesville Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Hawesville Cemetery.

George Crockett Mason married Edith L. Jarboe in November 1894. She was born August 24, 1877 at Skillman in Hancock County to Thomas Jefferson Jarboe and Jennie H. Brown. IN 1900 he was living near his parents in Hancock County, but shortly afterwards moved to Evansville, Indiana. There he was associated with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, for a time he also resided in Paducah, Ky. At the age of 62 he died on April 25, 1934 in Evansville, he was buried in the Park Lawn Cemetery, in Evansville, Ind. George & Edith (1878-1957) Mason three children: Richard Womack (1895-1959), George Crockett (1901-1943) & John Adair (1904-1968). Obituaries published for George C. Mason, Sr. and Jr., are as follows;

Evansville Courier, Evansville, Ind., Thursday, 26 April 1934:

George C. Mason Taken By Death

George C. Mason, Sr., 63, 612 Alvord Boulevard, retired insurance man, died at 12:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home.

Mason was formerly assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company here. for 30 years and for a time was in charge of the Paducah, Ky., company district. Later he was representative at Washington. He was a member of the Paducah Masonic order.

Surviving are the widow, Edith; three sons, Richard and George, Jr., both of Evansville, and John of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Porter Hodges and Mrs. Milton Lambert, both of Hawesville, Ky., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning and burial will be in Hawesville, Ky., his home town.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 27 April 1934:

Mr. George C. Mason

Mr. George Crockett Mason, age 62 years, dropped dead at his home in Evansville on Wednesday April 25, as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Mason was born in Hancock County in 172, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Mason. He left this county approximately 40 years ago to make his home in Evansville where he became connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Co. On account of declining health, Mr. Mason retired from active service six years ago.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Edith Jarboe of Skillman; three sons, Richard and George, Jr., of Evansville, and John Adair Mason, of Chicago, Ill. There are also two sisters, Mrs. J. Milt Lambert and Mrs. P. H. Hodges, of this city.

The funeral will be held this morning (Friday) at the late residence in Evansville. The body will be brought to this city and the commital services will follow at the local cemetery about one o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mason into whatever path life led him, numbered his friends by his acquaintances. His sudden death came as a distinct shock to his relatives and countless friends throughout the county, who knew and loved him. He was a member of one of Hancock County's oldest families. The happenings and interests of his native county were always his interests. So much did he love his former home that he requested to be brought back to Hawesville for burial. [George Crockett Mason was originally buried at the Hawesville Cemetery and on April 30, 1946 his remains were moved to the Park Lawn Cemetery in Evansville, IN]

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 17 September 1943:

George C. Mason

George C. Mason died at his home in Evansville at 12:30 p.m., Saturday of a cerebral hemorrhage, after becoming suddenly ill about 10 o'clock Friday night. He was 42 years of age.

A native of Hancock County, he had been an agent of the Prudential Life Ins. Co., for the past ten years. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

Surviving are his wife, Candis; a daughter, Mrs. Marion Adair Spratt, of Anchorage, Ky.; two brothers, Richard, of Indianapolis, and John, of Evansville; his mother, Mrs. Edith Mason, Evansville, and an aunt, Mrs. J. Milt Lambert, Hawesville.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m., Monday at the Lowe and Son Funeral Chapel in Evansville, with the Rev. Charles Zapp, Cumberland Presbyterian pastor officiating. Burial was in Park Lawn Cemetery.

Emma Robb Mason married Joseph Milton Lambert on February 27, 1899 in Rockport, Spencer County, Ind. At the age of 68 she died on January 14, 1949 in Hawesville and was buried at the Hawesville Cemetery. Her husband, Milton Lambert, was born in 1876 and died in 1957, he was the son of Warren C. Lambert and Sarah E. Scifres; he was buried at Hawesville. Milton and Emma Lambert had a daughter, Mildred, who was born November 5, 1905 and died March 3, 1942, buried at Hawesville; she was married Elbert LeRoy Mattingly and had a son Lambert Mattingly. The following obituary of Emma Mason Lambert appeared in the Hancock County newspaper:

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Thursday, 20 January 1949:

Mrs. Emma R. Lambert

Mrs. Ella R. Lambert, 68, died Friday, January 14 at her home in Hawesville. Her death came suddenly. She was born in Hancock County and spent her entire life here.

Surviving her is her husband, Milt Lambert and a grandson, Lambert Mattingly and a number of nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 16, from, the Sapp and Vaughan Funeral Home at 2:15 p.m. and from the Hawesville Presbyterian Church at 2:30, with Rev. John Olert, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church conducting. Mrs. Lambert has been a member of the Hawesville Presbyterian Church for many years. Burial was in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Mary R. Mason, daughter of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born November 26, 1847 in Hancock County, Ky. She continued to reside at her parent's home until she married at the age of 35. On May 3, 1883 she married Eli Wesley Pate; he was age 40 and it was also his first marriage. They were married at the Mason home by Rev. William H. Dawson, a Baptist minister.

Eli W. Pate and Mary R. Mason were third cousins. His great-grandmother, Janet Mason Crawford, and her great-grandfather, Joseph Mason, were both children of John Mason of Mason's Cove, Virginia. Janet Mason married Samuel Crawford on March 23, 1771 in Botetourt County, Va. Their daughter, Janet Crawford, born about 1780 married John Pate, son of Jeremiah Pate, on October 20, 1792 in the same county, The Crawford and Pate families migrated to Kentucky in 1796 and settled in what is now Breckinridge County. Samuel Crawford died in 1821 and his wife, Janet Mason Crawford, between the years of 1810 and 1817. John Pate died in 1820 and Janet Crawford Pate in 1839. John and Janet's son, Samuel C. Pate, father of Eli W. was born January 27, 1795 in Botetourt County, Va. On March 11, 1824 he married Arritta Thrasher, the daughter of Eli Thrasher and Henrietta Lamar, she was born in Frederick County, Md. on May 31, 1806, Samuel Pate's farm was on the Ohio River east of Lewisport and a short distance west of the James Mason home. Samuel Pate died January 24, 1849 and his wife, Arritta, January 2, 1882. The Samuel Pate house, built about 1827, is standing today and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The following is inscribed on a highway marker on Highway 334 near the house:

#### Lincoln Acquitted

Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of United States, won his first law case here, 1827. Charged by the Commonwealth of Kentucky with operating ferry without license; Lincoln pleaded his own case in trial at the home of presiding Justice of the Peace, Samuel Pate, Pate encouraged. Lincoln to study law and loaned him books. Lincoln often visited here on "Law days".

Eli W. Pate was born in this house and continued to live there until his marriage to Mary R. Mason in 1883. In the book, A History of the Thrasher Family, by Dr. Marion Thrasher (1895, San Francisco, Cal.), the following was written about Eli W. Pate:

Eli Wesley Pate, was born November 5, 1842. The greater part of his life was spent at his old homestead, where he was born and reared, in Hancock County, Ky. Farming was his principal pursuit. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Mason, May 3, 1883. After his marriage he moved to Lewisport, Hancock County, Ky., where he engaged in dealing in leaf tobacco. He continued in the tobacco business three years and was unsuccessful. Then he entered into general merchandise business. This business, in connection with farming, engaged his attention until his death, which occurred March 21, 1894. His bearing was pleasing, possessing a pleasant and kindly face. Throughout the whole of his life he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the people among whom he lived. He was honored for his honesty, benevolence and benignity. One who held a contempt for falsehood, abhorred deception and hypocrisy, and could not look on such acts with any degree of allowance. He was sought by the poor and oppressed for pecuniary aid and counsel; the worthy were not turned away without his assistance.

Eli W. Pate died March 21, 1894 and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery. The following notice of his death was in the Owensboro newspaper:

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 22 March 1894:  
Death At Lewisport



Mr. Wesley Pate died at his home in Lewisport yesterday after a short illness of pneumonia. He was 52 years old. He was a brother-in-law to Mr. Gregory, of the revenue office in this city.

Mary Mason Pate received 27 acres, lot No, 3 in the division of her father's lands in 1885. Seven weeks later she sold it to her brother, Richard W. Mason (book 23, p.139). Eli W. and Mary Pate did not have any children. At the age of 52 Mary Mason Pate died on January 15, 1900. She was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery on the farm where she had been raised and lived most of her life.

Kate Mason, daughter of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born April 1, 1849 in Hancock County, Ky. When she was 22 she married John William Myers on May 1, 1872. They were married at her father's house by Rev. William H. Dawson, of the Baptist church, witnesses to their marriage were Robert Beauchamp and James Robb.

John W. Myers was born in Indiana in Switzerland County, 1849. He was the son of Harvey Myers & Eliza Anne Johnson. At the time of the 1880 census of Hancock County John W. and Kate Myers were living with his mother, Mrs. Eliza A. Myers, a widow, a short distance from the Meson home. They were enumerated only three households from Kate's brothers and sisters that were still at home on the James Mason farm. Also living with the Myers was a younger brother of John W., Harvey L. Myers. He was born in 1862, he later married Mary M. Freeman and operated a drug store in Lewisport.

Kate Myers in the 1885 division of her father's lands received 76 acres, lot No. 8. Between 1898 and 1899 John and Kate Myers moved their family to Owensboro, Ky. The farm in Hancock County they rented until March 5, 1903 when they sold the 76 acres to George R. Crockett. They received \$750 for the land, at the time of the sale the farm was, rented to a Mr. Dyer, who had paid \$65 for the year.

From about 1900 until the time of her death in 1912 Kate Myers resided at 1327 West 2nd St. in Owensboro, Ky. The 1900 census of Daviess County and the Owensboro City directories list the occupation of her husband, John W. Myers, as that of a steamboat captain, in the city newspapers and in other records he is frequently referred to as Capt. Myers, By the 1910 census John W. Myers was employed in the Carriage Woodstock Co. in Owensboro, which was a manufacturer of horse drawn buggies, his position was that of a wood worker.

Kate Mason Myers died at her home in Owensboro on April 12, 1912, she was 63 years old. Her body was taken to Hancock County and interred in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery, She was survived by her husband and four children, Paul, Richard, John, William and Mary. Six children preceded their mother in death. Hugh died at age of 8, Harvey at 9 months, James at 17, Allen at 8, Nellie at 24 and Lizzie at 21, all were buried in Hancock County at the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery. Kate's husband, John William Myers, Sr. in 1919 was living Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. The following articles appeared in the Owensboro newspaper upon the deaths of Kate Mason Myers and her daughters, Nellie and Lizzie Myers:

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 16 April 1912, p.2:  
DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Kate Myers Finally Succumbs at Her Home on Second Street

Mrs. Kate Myers, wife of Captain J. W. Myers, died of tuberculosis at 8 o'clock Friday night at her home, No. 1327 West Second street. She had been afflicted for several years, and was confined to her bed for the past year. She was a member of the Walnut-street Baptist church. Mrs. Myers was 63 years of age, and is survived by her husband and four children. The children are: Paul G. Myers, Portland, Oregon; Richard W. Myers, Falls City, Neb.; J. W. Myers, Jr., Vancouver. British Columbia; Miss Mary R. Myers, Owensboro.

The remains were taken to Hancock county Sunday on the 8:35 "Texas" train, where the interment will take place.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 11 July 1899, p.1:

Death of Miss Nellie Myers

Miss Nellie Myers, aged 23 years, . died at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Myers, at No. 1327 West Main street, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, of consumption. The remains were taken to Falcon Monday on the 8 :18 Texas train, where the interment will take place at the Mason burying ground. Miss Myers was a great favorite with her friends, both in this city and Henderson, where she formerly lived.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 17 March 1901, p.8:

A SAD DEATH.

Miss Lyla Myers Died Friday Morning of Consumption.

Miss Lyla Myers, aged twenty years, died Friday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of her parents, Capt. John W. and Mrs. Katherine Myers, 1327 West Main street. The remains were taken to Lewisport on the 8:35 Texas train Saturday morning, where they were interred in the Mason burying ground.

Miss Myers formerly came from Hancock county, and was a very bright and lovely young lady. She was a niece of Mr. N. B. Chambers of this city, and had made a very great many friends while here. The family, Mr. Chambers and a number of friends and relatives of the deceased went to Lewis port to attend the funeral.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 17 March 1901, p.8:

Miss Lizzie Myers, the eighteen year old daughter of Capt. J. W. Myers, died Friday night at 9 o'clock at her residence, 1327 West Main Street. The remains were shipped to Cloverport for interment.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Saturday, 6 October 1894, p.8:

Died of Diphtheria.

Allan North Meyers, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meyers of Henderson, died Wednesday night after a short illness with diphtheria. The remains were taken via the L. , St. L. and T. yesterday morning to Hancock county for burial.

Ten children were born to the union of John William Myers and Kate Mason, they were:

1. Hugh G., born February 5, 1873 and died March 16, 1881.
2. Nellie H., born September 25, 1874 and died single July 9, 1899 Owensboro, Ky.
3. James M., born October 21, 1875 and died October 15, 1893.
4. Paul G., born 1877, died June 16 1928 Oklahoma City, OK.
5. Elizabeth ("Lizzie"), born July 26, 1879 and died single March 15, 1901 Owensboro, Ky.
6. Harvey, born March 28, 1881 and died January 14, 1882.

7. Richard W., born December 1884; in 1933 lived Manitoba, Canada.
8. Allen North, born February 5, 1886 and died October 3, 1894 Henderson, Ky.
9. John William, born July 13, 1889, married Georgia Fern Brannin, and died May 19, 1955 Sacramento, CA.
10. Mary Rachel (“Teetie”), born March 17, 1892, married Gregory Samuel Moore, died January 4, 1972 San Antonio, TX.

A deed recorded in Daviess County, Ky. on February 25, 1933 lists the heirs of Maggie Mason Kelly, including the children of Kate Mason Myers. Maggie Kelly died in 1932 leaving no living descendants and when her property she owned in Daviess County was sold the proceeds were divided among her living brothers and sisters, and the children of her deceased brothers and sisters. At this time three of Kate Myers children were living: Richard W. Myers, age 48, was single and living in Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada (located about 400 miles north of the state of North Dakota). John William Myers, Jr., age 42, wife Georgia Fern, was also living in Flin Flon, Mary wife of G. S. Moore, age 40, was living in San Antonio, Texas.

Robert Mason, son of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born December 17, 1850 in Hancock County, Ky. He worked as a farmer. Following the deaths of his parents he continued to live on their farm. In the 1880 census of Hancock County he was the oldest son living at the James Mason home place near Falcon between Lewisport and Hawesville. He was listed as the head of the household, also living in the same home where his brothers and sisters: Mary R., 32; Thomas B., 23; H. W., 21; Nannie M., 17; Charles M., 15; V. E. Pierce, 36 (widow); and Willie M. Pierce, 17 (niece). When his sisters Maggie married in 1879, Mary in 1883 and Nannie in 1885, the Hancock County marriage register indicates they all married at the residence of Robert Mason, formerly the home of James and Nancy Blincoe Mason. In the division of James Mason's lands in October 1885 Robert Mason was granted 50 acres, lot no. 4. Six weeks later on December 12 he sold the lot to N. B. and Nannie Chambers for \$1600.

When the 1900 Hancock County census was taken Robert Mason was living with his brother, James Munday Mason, who was renting a house in Hawesville. Robert was then age 49, and had never married, his occupation was listed as farm laborer. Robert Mason later left Hancock County and his relatives in Hancock County lost track of him, and his whereabouts and fate were later unknown. In the obituary of Richard W. Mason in 1924 three surviving brothers were listed one of whom was "Robert Mason, whose address is not known". When Maggie Mason Kelly died in 1932 and Henry W. Mason died in 1936 their brother, Robert Mason, was not given as a survivor. There was a Robert Mason who died in Scott County, Missouri on February 5, 1925; his death certificate reported he was born in Ky., was age 74, he was single and was a “county charge” and was buried at the “county cemetery”.

Michael Angelo Mason, son of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born January 15, 1853 in Hancock County, Ky. He studied law and became an attorney, practicing his profession in Hawesville, Ky. and Birmingham, Ala. At the age of 22 he took the oath as Hancock County deputy clerk (Order book 1872-1876, p.270). He served under James E. Stone clerk of the Hancock Circuit Court. Mr. Stone was prominent in the early history of Hancock County. A native of Hardin County, Ky. he was born February 23, 1808. On August 27, 1838 when Hancock County was only nine years old James E. Stone was appointed county court clerk,

an office he held for about forty successive years, a record surpassed by no one in the history of the state. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives, was one of the first school teachers of Hawesville, and was also a minister of the Baptist church. James E. Stone died May 21, 1885 and was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Michael A. Mason on October 1, 1874 was granted a license to practice law in Hancock County and was admitted to the bar (Circuit court order book 11, p.254).

On October 29, 1879 Michael Mason married Sarah D. Taylor of Owensboro, Ky. They were married in Owensboro at the Walnut Street Baptist Church by Rev. John M. Peay. The following article in the Owensboro newspaper announced their marriage:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 5 November 1879:

They Twain Are One

An event which has been an interesting theme among friends for some time, took place at the Walnut St. Baptist Church Wednesday morning. It was the marriage of Mr. M.A. Mason, a prominent young lawyer, of Hawesville, and Miss Sallie Taylor, of this city, the spirited and popular daughter of Mr. John Taylor. At the hour of eight a number of friends were assembled to witness the ceremony, and the bridal couple preceded by Mr. and Mrs. John Moorman, entered the church and proceeded to the altar, where the Rev. J. M. Peay, sealed the contract, which made them one forever, by an impressive ceremony. The happy pair, amid the hearty congratulations of friends, left at once per train for Louisville and other points on a bridal tour, after which they are to return to Hawesville, where their future lots are cast.

Sallie D. Taylor was born February 7, 1859 to John Taylor and Fannie (Frances) E. Cobb. Her parents married in Ohio County, Ky. on November 13, 1856 and soon afterwards moved to Owensboro, Ky. where he operated a woolen mill. John Taylor was born July 31, 1818. Fannie E. Cobb, one of thirteen children of Warner Cobb and Sallie Haynes, was born April 19, 1829 in Ohio County, Ky. Warner Cobb was born July 30, 1781 and died June 5, 1870, Sallie Haynes Cobb was born May 13, 1788 and died September 23, 1866; both of their fathers, Jesse Cobb and Henry Haynes were natives of Virginia, the former served as a captain in the Revolution.

Sallie Mason's mother, Fannie E. Taylor, died at her daughter's residence in Hawesville on August 9, 1883, and her father, John Taylor, died on December 27, 1897, both were buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. Sallie Mason had two brothers, Edward W. Taylor (born c1857) and John M. D. Taylor (born c1860\_.

Michael and Sallie Mason after their marriage resided at Hawesville. In the 1880 census of Hancock County they were boarding in the Canton Hotel in Hawesville, run by Oletha Carlton, another resident at the hotel was Michael's younger brother, James Munday Mason. In 1885 when his father's land was divided Michael Mason was allotted 66 acres, lot No. 6. On November 24, 1885 he sold 14 acres of the lot to N. B. and Nannie Chambers for \$448. The remaining 52 acres he sold to Mary E. Stratton on April 6, 1894 for \$600.

Michael Mason practiced law in Hawesville until he moved to Birmingham, Alabama in February of 1887. The following two notices appeared in the 1887 newspapers of Owensboro, Ky.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 26 February 1887:

Mr. Mike Mason, of Hawesville, has moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he will practice his profession, the law.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Thursday, 20 October 1887:

Hawesville: Mr. M.A. Mason, formerly of this city but now of Birmingham, Ala., is very ill at the latter place.

On April 6, 1894 when Michael Mason sold part of the James Mason land he was still residing in Birmingham, Ala. In the next year (1895) on September 21 he died at the early age of 43 at his home in Birmingham, Al. Less than a year later his wife, Sallie, died on August 14, 1896 of consumption at her residence in Hawesville, she was only 37 years old. The following mention of her illness and notice of her death were in the Owensboro newspaper:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 16 August 1896:

Hawesville, August 15 - Mrs. M. A. Mason is lying at the point of death in this city with consumption. Her recovery is improbable.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 21 August 1896:

Hawesville, August 20 - Mrs. Sallie Mason died at her home in this place Saturday of consumption. She had been ill for many years.

Michael A. and Sallie Mason were buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. Next to their graves is that of their baby daughter, Nannie B., who was born December 9, 1883 and died August 26, 1884. Four children were born to their marriage:

Evlyn Taylor ("Eva")	born	16 Feb 1881
Malcolm	born	3 Oct 1882
Nannie B.	born	9 Dec 1883
John "Thornton"	born	30 Oct 1889

Eva was age 15, Malcolm 13 and Thornton 6 when left orphans by the death of their mother in 1896. Eva lived with some of her mother's family. Malcolm for several years lived with his uncle and aunt, N. B. and Nannie Mason Chambers at Hawesville. And Thornton lived for awhile with his uncle, Henry W. Mason, near Hawesville. By 1900 none of the children were still living in Hancock County, and by then were all probably living in Louisville, Ky., where they later resided. On June 15, 1906 a deed was recorded in Hancock County by which Eva, Malcolm and Thornton Mason, all unmarried and living in Louisville, Ky., sold two tracts of 29¼ and 6 acres on Lead Creek in Hancock County (book 34 p.516). The land had been owned by their father, Michael A. Mason, they sold the land to William C. Kelly for \$300.

Eva Taylor Mason while a child lost an arm when she fell into a fire. She never married. For many years she was a teacher in Louisville, Ky., and became a principal of a school there. At

the age of 75 she died on September 15, 1956 and was buried in Louisville at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Malcolm Mason resided in Louisville, Ky. He married Bess Anderson and had two children, Malcolm, Jr. and Elizabeth. Malcolm Mason, Jr. is presently living at BR 1, Box 36-1, Jamestown, Ky. 42629. Elizabeth Mason married Dr. William Ray Moore and presently resides at 210 N. Hite Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206. On August 31, 1944 Malcolm Mason, Sr. died in Louisville, he was 61 years old. He was buried in the Resthaven Cemetery in Louisville. In the newspaper of his native Hancock County the following obituary was published:

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 8 September 1944:

Malcolm Mason

Malcolm Mason, native of Hancock County, died of a heart attack at his home in Louisville on August 31. He was 61 years of age.

He was secretary of the Peaslee-Gaulbert Corporation, having been associated with the firm for the past 46 years.

Past president of the Purchasing Agent's Assn., he was treasurer of the Presbyterian Orphan's Home at Anchorage; a member of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, the Big Springs Country Club, and the Masonic order.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Malcolm, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. William Moore; a sister, Miss Eva T. Mason, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Herbert Cralle Chapel at 1:30 p.m., on September 2. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery.

Thornton Mason lived in Louisville, Ky. for a number of years and later moved to Greenville, South Carolina. He married Sue Gregory Ferguson and had one son, John Thornton, Jr., who presently resides at One Fort Walker Dr., Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928. Thornton Mason, Sr. died May 26, 1936 at the age of 46 at Greenville, S.C. and was buried at the Springwood Cemetery in Greenville, S.C.

Margaret Holmes Mason, daughter of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born December 10, 1854 in Hancock County, Ky. At the age of 24 she married Joseph S. Kelly of Daviess County, KY. They were married on November 4, 1879 at the Mason home place in Hancock County by Rev. William H. Dawson, who served as pastor at both the Hawesville and Lewisport Baptist Churches.

Joseph S. Kelly, son of Joseph Kelly and Nancy J. Smith, was born in Daviess County, Ky. on January 30, 1842. The following biography of his father was published in the book, History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p863):

Joseph Kelly (deceased), a native of Kentucky, born June 13, 1804, was a son of Joseph Kelly, a native of Virginia, but an early settler of Kentucky. When Joseph was a small, boy the family removed to Henry County, Ky., where he was reared and educated. In the spring of 1836 he came to Daviess County and bought 1,000 acres in the forks of Panther Creek, and cleared about 500 acres of it. In 1853 he came to this precinct (Yelvington) and purchased 700 acres, afterward buying still more. He was one of the largest land-owners in this county. He owned a saw and grist mill which he carried on several years. Sept. 23, 1834, Mr. Kelly married Nancy J., daughter of Abraham Smith.

Five children were born to them, four now living - Abraham, Mary E., Joseph S. and Araminta D., Josephine H. was married and at her death left a family. Mrs. Kelly died Oct. 7, 1845. Oct. 2, 1849, Mr. Kelly married Harriet C., daughter of Christopher Jones, Of their ten children but eight are living - Emma, Katie, Vespucius, William J., Belle, Hattie D., Floris and Griffin. Mr. Kelly died April 14, 1872. (note: Joseph Kelly was buried at the Iron Ore Hill Cemetery).

After their marriage Joseph S. and Maggie Kelly resided at his home in the Yelvington Precinct of Daviess County, near the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of which they were members. Joseph S. Kelly owned a 200 acre farm located one mile east of Yelvington, one mile west of the Hancock - Daviess County line and three miles west of Lewisport. Highway 60 at its intersection with the Toler Road runs through the N.E. corner of .the farm, the largest part being on the south side of 60 and along the east side of the Toler Road. J S. and Maggie Kelly are listed in the 1880 and 1900 censuses of Daviess County residing in the Yelvington Precinct,

Maggie H. Kelly received 108 ½ acres, lot No. 9, in the division of her father's lands in 1885. She and her husband sold the Hancock County land on August 27, 1904 to Ada Bell Thrasher for \$1440.

Joseph S. Kelly died on April 8, 1910 at the age of 68, and was buried in the Iron Ore Hill Cemetery near his home in Daviess County. He was survived by his wife, Maggie, and one daughter, Nina, the only child born to him and his wife. Nina Kelly was born August 12, 1883 in Daviess County, on October 17, 1906 she married Harvey Estes in Daviess County, Ky., and June 25, 1932 she died in Daviess County. Nina and her husband did not have any children. She was survived by her husband and her mother, she was buried in the Iron Ore Hill Cemetery. Harvey Estes was born July 13, 1873 in Daviess County and died on February 24, 1948 and also buried at Iron Ore Hill.

Maggie Mason Kelly was in an advanced state of failing health when her daughter. Nina, died. Only three weeks after her daughter's death she was found shot to death. The Daviess County coroner returned a verdict of suicide, attributed to despondency over her daughter's death and her poor health. Her nearest surviving relatives were her sister, Nannie M. Chambers, and brother, Henry Mason. She was buried in the Iron Ore Hill Cemetery in Daviess County.

The following articles were published in the Owensboro and Hancock County newspapers after the deaths of Maggie Mason Kelly, her husband Joseph S. Kelly, and her daughter Nina Kelly Estes:

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 10 April 1910:

Buried At Yelvington

The remains of Joseph S. Kelly, a prominent Daviess County farmer of the Yelvington neighborhood, who died in the Hopkinsville asylum, passed through Owensboro Saturday over the L.H. and St.L. for Yelvington, where the interment took place.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 26 June 1932:

Mrs. Harvey Estes

Lewisport, Ky., June 25 - Mrs. Harvey Estes, 48 years old, died suddenly about 8 o'clock this morning at her home. Death was caused by heart disease. She is survived by her husband and mother, Mrs. M.H. Kelley, whose condition is regarded as very critical at the same home.

The funeral will be conducted at the Chestnut Grove Church at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with the Rev. W. D. Norrington officiating. Burial will be in Iron Ore Hill Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 19 July 1932:

**MRS. M. KELLEY SHOOTS SELF AT CHESTNUT GROVE**

Had Been Despondent For Several Weeks As Result  
of Death of Her Daughter, Mrs. Harvey Estes

Mrs. Margaret Kelley, 78 years old, prominent resident of the Chestnut Grove community shot and killed herself early Monday morning at her home. Mrs. Kelley had been despondent since the death of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Estes, three weeks ago. She had also been in ill health and was very feeble because of her advanced age.

Mrs. Nannie Chambers, a sister, who had been staying with Mrs. Kelley since the death of Mrs. Estes stated that Mrs. Kelley arose at 5 o'clock Monday morning, dressed, and left the house. A short while later she heard a shot and upon looking out of the door, saw Mrs. Kelley fall out of one of the outbuildings. She was dead when members of the family reached her side. A bottle of carbolic acid, part of which had been poured into a cup was on the floor of the building. Mrs. Kelley was unfamiliar with the use of a pistol, and only Sunday had asked Mr. Estes how to operate one saying that she was afraid of intruders, as she had to stay at the house alone so much, since the death of her daughter.

A verdict of suicide was returned at an inquest, conducted by Coroner Delbert Glenn, of Owensboro. Mrs. Kelley was the widow of Joseph Kelley. Surviving are a sister Mrs. N. M. Chambers, of Springfield, Ill., and a brother, Henry Mason, of Hawesville.

Funeral services will be held at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon with the Rev. William Norrington in charge. Burial will be in Iron Ore Mill Cemetery.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 22 July 1932:

**MRS. MARGARET KELLY ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL**

Mrs. Margaret Kelly, age 78 years, a highly respected lady of the Chestnut Grove community (Daviness County), formerly of this county, ended her life at an early hour Monday morning, when she sent a bullet from a pistol crashing through her head.

Since the death of her husband, the late Joseph Kelly, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Estes. About three weeks ago, Mrs. Estes, who was her only child, died. Since that time she has been despondent. She had been in failing health for the past year, and at the time of the death of her daughter, her life was dispaired of. Her sister, Mrs. N. B. Chambers, of Owensboro, had been with her since the death of her daughter.

On Sunday, before she took her life, she got hold of a gun and asked her son-in-law, Mr. Harvey Estes, to show her how to use it, saying that since her daughter was gone, she would necessarily be alone a good portion of the time and was afraid of tramps. Thinking that he was humoring her fancy. Mr. Estes told her something about pulling the trigger. She arose rather early Monday morning and left the bed room. A few minutes later, Mrs. Chambers heard a shot and rushed out in time to see her stagger and fell. She



quickly summoned help, but by the time she was carried into the house, she had breathed her last.

Mrs. Kelly was widely known and enjoyed the love and respect of her acquaintances. The affair cast a gloom over the community.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. N. B. Chambers of Owensboro, and one brother, Attorney Henry Mason, of this county.

The funeral services were conducted at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Will Norrington, followed by interment in the Iron Ore Hill cemetery.

Margaret Mason Kelly died intestate and at her death she owned 45 ½ acres on the Yelvington Road, in Daviess County, deeded to her April 22, 1905 (Daviess County deed book 79, p.57), less one acre deeded to Chestnut Grove School District. On February 25, 1933 her heirs sold this land to J. M. Pool for \$750 (Daviess County deed book 129, p.571). The grantors as recorded in this deed were: Henry Mason and wife Mattie, Rt. 1 Hawesville, Ky.; Margaret Hodges & husband P. H., Hawesville, Ky.; Emma R. Lambert & husband J. M., Hawesville, Ky.; Malcolm Mason & wife Bess Anderson, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Eva Mason, Louisville, Ky.; J. T. Mason & wife Sue, Greenville, S.C.; R.W. Myers, a single. man, Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada; John William Myers & wife Georgia Fern, Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada; Mary Moore & husband G. S., San Antonio, Texas; Nannie Chambers, a widow, Springfield, Ill.; Maud Culp, a widow, Evansville, Ind.; George C. Mason & wife Edith, Evansville, Ind. Accompanying the deed was an "Affidavit of Descent" establishing each of the heirs relationship to the decedent, M. H. Kelly, and their interest in her estate. The following affidavit was subscribed and sworn to by Henry Mason on April 27, 1933 and recorded May 17, 1933:

Mrs. M. H. Kelly, a resident of Daviess County died 18 July 1932, was not married and left surviving her, the only heirs at law having an estate of inheritance in her land

	age	address	relation, interest.
Henry Mason	73,	R.1 Hawesville, Ky.	brother 1/7
Mrs. Maud Culp	69,	Evansville, Ind.	niece 1/7
Mrs. Nannie Chambers	70,	Springfield, IL.	sister 1/7
Mrs. Margaret Hodges	62,	Hawesville, Ky.	niece 1/21
Mrs. Emma R. Lambert	52,	Hawesville, Ky.	niece 1/21
George C. Mason	61,	Evansville, Ind.	nephew 1/21
Malcolm Mason	50,	Louisville, Ky.	nephew 1/2.1
J. T. Mason	43,	Greenville, S.C.	nephew 1/21
Miss Eva Mason	52,	Loulsville, Ky.	niece 1/21
R.W. Myers	48,	Flin Flon, Manitoba	nephew 1/21
John William Myers	42,	Flin Flon, Manitoba	nephew 1/21
Mrs. Mary Moore	44,	San Antonio, Texas	niece 1/21
Charlie Mason	69,	unknown	brother 1/7

Thomas Blincoe Mason, son of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born November 10, 1857 in Hancock County, Ky. At the time of the 1880 census of Hancock County he Was living with several of his brothers and sisters on the Mason home place. The following year, 1881, on April 10 he died at the age of 23. He had not married, and was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery.

Henry W. Mason, son of James M. Mason, and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born May 4, 1859 in Hancock County, Ky. On May 7, 1883 he was granted a license to practice law in Hancock County (circuit court order book 16, p.260). He became one of the leading lawyers in Western Kentucky. He was elected in his home county to the offices of county attorney and representative to the Kentucky Legislature.

Henry Mason on June 24, 1896 married Mattie Neet Robb. They were married in Hancock County by Rev. J. H. Morrison, a Presbyterian minister. Mattie Robb Mason was the daughter of James C. Robb and Julia Ann Beauchamp, she was born in Hancock County on November 19, 1871. Her father was one of the most progressive, and successful farmers of the county. The following biography of James C. Robb was published in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885):

J. C. Robb, farmer and stock raiser, residence three three miles northeast of Hawesville, Hancock County, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., October 23, 1826, son of Frederick and Mary (Neet) Robb. Mr. Robb's paternal ancestors were among the early pioneers of Jessamine County, settling about five miles of Nicholasville, where the grandfather died a great many years ago. Frederick Robb was born in the state of Maryland, but was taken to Kentucky when a mere boy, and resided in Jessamine County until 1827, at which time he moved to Frankfort, where his death occurred in 1861. Subject's maternal ancestors were of German descent and among the early settlers of Maryland. Mary Neet was born in the latter State; she was married to Frederick Robb in Jessamine County, Ky., and died about 1858 or 1859. The subject of this sketch is the third of a family of eleven children, eight of whom are living. He was reared a farmer and received his education in the schools of Franklin County, where he resided until 1867. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, enlisting in Company K, Ninth Kentucky Regiment, under command of Col. Thomas Hunt, with which he served until 1864. He participated in a number of hard fought battles, among which were Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and others. In 1864 he was transferred to the Fifth Kentucky, with which he served until the latter part of the same year, when he was mustered out of service. After leaving the army he returned to Franklin County, Ky., where he remained until 1867., at which time he moved to Hancock County, and in February, of the same year, was married to Mrs. Julia A. Barr, daughter of Robert C. and Ann Beauchamp. The following children have been born to this union: William, Martha, James, Anna B., and Katie (deceased). Mr. Robb is one of the leading farmers of Hancock County, and one of its most substantial citizens. He belongs to the I.O.O.F., and is an active member of the Presbyterian- and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mattie Mason's mother, Julia Ann, was one of seven children of Robert Costin Beauchamp and Sarah Ann B. Stowers. The Beauchamps were of French descent and early settlers of Kentucky. Her great-great-grandfather, Jesse Beauchamp, came from France to this country in the time of the French Revolution being driven from that country on account of religious persecution. His son, William Beauchamp, was a native of Delaware, and a soldier in the Revolution. He married Salle Morris and as early as 1790 came to Kentucky, settling in Bourbon County. In 1818 he came to Daviess County and settled near where the present village of Yelvington is now situated, and there he died in about 1830. Robert C. Beauchamp, son of William, was born in the fort at Georgetown, Harrison County, Ky., in 1800. He grew to manhood in Daviess County and in 1827 moved to Hancock County. He settled on a 160 acre

farm, the center of which is the old Beauchamp house that still stands three miles west of Hawesville on Highway 60. The home, built in 1842, became the center of a "village", complete with brick furnaces, blacksmith shop, dairy, looms, livestock and produce; supporting the family and approximately 90 slaves. R.C. Beauchamp represented Hancock County in the Kentucky Legislature in 1867-68 and 1870-71. His marriage to Ann Stowers on August 20, 1830 was the sixteenth recorded in Hancock County. His wife was born in Jefferson County, Ky., September 9, 1811. She was the daughter of John Stowers, an early resident of what is now Hancock County, his death occurred in 1826. R. C. Beauchamp died in Hancock County on September 9, 1884 at the advanced age of 84.

Henry Mason received 41 acres, lot No. 7, in the division of his father's estate in 1885. On September 28, 1891 he sold it to N. B. and Nannie Chambers. In 1899 Henry Mason took his family to reside in Evansville, Ind., at the time his sister, Veturia Pierce, and an uncle, William M. Blincoe, were living in Evansville. In Evansville in 1900 a son, Robb, was born. In the Hancock County newspaper in 1901 the following reference was made to the family of Henry Mason living in Evansville:

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Saturday, 7 September 1901:

Mrs. Henry Mason and children will return to their home in Evansville tomorrow after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Robb.

Sometime between September 1901 and the birth of their daughter, Julia, in April 1903 Henry Mason moved back to Hancock County. From the J. C. Robb estate Henry and Mattie received land that was situated about a mile N.W. of Hawesville. On this property they made their home. Located on the Tell City Landing Road (Highway 271) across from the NSA plant, the house in which they lived was in recent years sold by Robb and Julia Mason and was torn down a little more than a year ago (circa 1985).

Henry W. Mason died August 24, 1936 at his home near Hawesville. He was 77 years old. His wife, Mattie, at the age of 93, died on November 25, 1964. They and all four of their children were buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. Henry born April 11, 1897 and died at the age of 8 months on December 13, 1897. Katherine Mason born November 7, 1898 in Hancock County, married Frank A. Shobe on March 3, 1923 in Hancock County. She and her husband made their home at Anchorage, Ky. near Louisville, they did not have any children, she died March 18, 1967 in Louisville, Ky. James "Robb" Mason was born October 22, 1900, while the family was residing in Evansville, Ind. He never married, for a number of years he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit, after retiring he lived in Hancock County. At the age of 82 he died on November 30, 1982 in Owensboro, Ky. Julia Ann Mason was born April 29, 1903 in Hancock County, she never married, and died at the age of 82 on January 21, 1986 in Owensboro, Ky. The following obituaries of Henry W. Mason, his wife, Mattie Robb Mason, and children, Katherine Mason Shobe, Robb Mason and Miss Julia Meson were published in the Hancock and Owensboro newspapers:

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 28 August 1936:

Henry Mason Died Monday

Mr. Henry Mason, 77 years old, prominent attorney, died at his home near this city Monday- afternoon, after a three day illness. He became ill Saturday, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and later pneumonia developed.

Mr. Mason was born and reared in this county. When a young man he entered the legal profession, and by reading and herd study, he trained himself until he was recognized as one of the leading lawyers in the State. He was elected county attorney for two different terms and served one term in the State Legislature.

A Staunch member of the Democratic party, he took a leading part in his party's political battles. After he retired from the political profession, he devoted his time to private practice.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Robb Mason; two daughters, Mrs. F. A. Shobe, and Miss Julia Mason, Louisville, and a son, Robb, who lives at home. A sister, Mrs. N. B. Chambers of Springfield, Ill, and Owensboro, Ky., also survives.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, with Stuart Henry, Presbyterian Minister, in charge. Burial was in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Thursday, 3 December 1964:

Mrs. Henry Mason Funeral Friday

Mrs. Henry Mason, 93, of Route 2, Hawesville, died at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 25th, following a long illness.

Mrs. Mason was born in Hancock County on November 19, 1871, and had lived here most of her life. She was a member of the Hawesville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. F. A. Shobe, of Anchorage, Ky., and Miss Julia Mason, at home; one son, Robb Mason of Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 27, at the Mason residence. The Reverend Al DeHaven, pastor of the Hawesville Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Taylor Funeral Home, Lewisport, was in charge of arrangements.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 19 March 1967:

Mrs. F. A. Shobe

Lewisport - Mrs. Katherine M. Shobe, of Anchorage, died at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, at 12:30 a.m. Saturday. She was a member of Anchorage Presbyterian Church. A native of Hancock County, she had lived in Anchorage for many years.

Surviving are her husband, F. A. Shobe, Anchorage; one sister, Miss Julia Mason and a brother, Rob Mason, both of Hawesville.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Taylor Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. Robert Walker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Owensboro, with burial in Hawesville Cemetery.

The body is at the funeral home in Lewisport.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Thursday, 2 December 1982:

Robb Mason

Robb Mason, 82, of Route 2, Hawesville, died Tuesday, November 30, 1982, at Hermitage Manor Nursing Home, Owensboro. He was born in Evansville, Ind., was retired from Ford Motor Co., and was a veteran of World War 11.

He is survived by a sister, Julie Mason, of Hawesville.

Graveside services are to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Hawesville, There will be no visitation. Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home, Owensboro, is in charge of arrangements.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Thursday, 23 January 1986:

Miss Julia A. Mason

Julia A. Mason, Cannel Home, Owensboro, formerly of Hawesville died. January 21, 1986, at Mercy Hospital. She was born in Hancock and was a member of the former Hawesville Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include the following cousins: Rose Pell Henderson, Joe C. Pell, Mrs. C. Waitman Taylor, Sr., Margaret Crutcher, all of Lewisport, Edith Aldridge of Sun City, Arizona, Charles Culp of California and Dr. W. Dillon Chambers of Owensboro.

Services will be held today (Thursday) at the graveside at 2 p.m. in Memory Gardens.

Glenn Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

James Munday Mason, son of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born January 27, 1861 in Hancock County, Ky. He was a doctor, practicing many years in Hawesville, Ky. He began his study of medicine at an early age. When the 1880 census of Hancock County was taken he was 19 years old, and the census taker listed his occupation as that of "student at medicine"; he was boarding at the Canton Hotel in Hawesville, as was his brother, Michael Mason and his wife, Sallie.

In 1885 James M. Mason received in the division of his father's estate, 70¼ acres, lot No. 2. On October 17, 1890 he sold the land to his brother, Richard W. Mason, for \$1000. At the time he sold the land he was residing in Clear Creek County, Colorado, In 1900 when the census of Hancock County was taken he was practicing his profession in Hawesville, he was renting a house in the city and his brother, Robert Mason, was living with him.

At the age of 57 James Munday Mason died on February 15, 1918 at the home of his brother, Henry W. Mason, near Hawesville. He never married and was survived by two sisters and four brothers, in the obituary below published in the Owensboro newspaper two of his brothers, Robert and Charles, were not named as survivors but in the obituary of his brother, Richard, in 1924 both were named as surviving. James Munday Mason was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery on the farm where he was born and reared. He was the fifth of the twelve children of James and Nancy Blincoe Mason buried in the family cemetery. Of the other children four were buried in Hawesville, one in Daviess County, and it is not known where Robert or Charles were buried. His may have been the last burial in the cemetery, the oldest inscribed monument bears the year 1912; no monument marks the grave of James Munday Mason. The following notices of the death and funeral of James M: Mason appeared in the Owensboro newspaper:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Sunday, 17 February 1918:

Dr. J. M. Mason

Dr. J. M. Mason, a well known physician, of Hawesville, Ky., died Friday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. Henry Mason, near Hawesville. Mr. Mason was stricken with paralysis several years ago and had never fully recovered. The funeral was

conducted Saturday afternoon from the home of Mr. Henry W. Mason, interment was made in the Mason burying ground. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. B. Chambers, of this city, and Mrs. Margaret Kelly, of Lewisport, and by two brothers, Henry W. Mason and R. W. Mason, both of Hawesville.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Tuesday, 19 February 1918:

Mrs. N. B. Chambers returned Monday afternoon from Hawesville where she attended the funeral of her brother, James Mason.

Nannie Blincoe Mason, daughter of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born August 23, 1862 in Hancock County, Ky. She was a graduate of Eminence College for Girls at Eminence, Ky., in Henry County, which she had attended two years, On May 19, 1885 she married N. B. Chambers, who was then serving as county court clerk of Hancock County, a very prestigious and influential office. They were married at the Mason home place by Rev. William H. Dawson, of the Baptist church. Witnesses of their marriage contract were James Co Robb and Michael A. Mason.

N. B. Chambers was born June 19, 1852 in Hancock County. His given name was Napoleon Bonaparte but he always used his initials "N. B.", he was also known by the nickname "Bone". The following biography of N. B. Chambers was published in the book, *Kentucky: A History of The State* (Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin, 1885, Hancock County section):

N. B. Chambers, Hancock County, was born in Hancock County, Ky., June 19, 1852. He is the son of G. W. and Letticia (Williams) Chambers, the father a native of Virginia, and the mother of Kentucky. Mr. Chambers' paternal ancestors were Virginians, his grandfather emigrating from the old Dominion State in an early day, and settling in Hancock, then Breckinridge County, and was one of the first permanent settlers on Blackford Creek. He was a farmer by occupation and died about 1860, at an advanced age. Subject's maternal grandfather was William Williams. He was an early resident of the southeastern part of Hancock County, and died many years ago, G. W. Chambers, Jr., subject's father, was born in 1814, and came to Kentucky with his parents when quite young. He was a farmer and minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Hancock County, 1865. Mrs. Letticia Chambers was born in Breckinridge County, in 1821, and died in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were the parents of ten children, the following of whom are living: J. J., F. T., N. B., Mary E., Frances W., Letticia A., Benjamin F. and Anna W. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and brought up to agricultural pursuits. His father died when he was thirteen years of age, after which he remained with his mother, looking after her interests until her death, farming the home place, which he purchased and which he still owns. He remained until thirty years of age, when in 1882 he was elected county clerk of Hancock County, after a very exciting contest, running on the National Greenback ticket. He has proved himself a most efficient official, and is very popular throughout the county, numbering his friends by the hundreds. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged since his twenty-first year, and in politics is a warm adherent of the Greenback party.

N. B. Chambers' grandparents, George Chambers was born about 1778 and Sarah about 1788, both were natives of Virginia and were both living in 1860. George Washington Chambers, father of N. B., was born 1814 in Virginia and died July 30, 1866 in Hancock County, as the result of being accidentally struck by a rock thrown by his son, John James Chambers, He

married Letitia Ann Williams March 9, 1836 in Hancock County, they lived in the Utility community. They were the parents of ten children: George W. (born 1845 died of typhoid at the age of 6 on April 26, 1852), John James (born May 24, 1848 and died October 19, 1920), Franklin Taylor (born March 14, 1850 and died February 21, 1923, married Sarah Freeman). Napoleon Bonaparte (born June 19, 1852), Mary E. (born 1854, living 1885), Frances W. (born 1855 and died 1933, married William Netter Wright), Letticia Ann (born April 18, 1858 and died December 19, 1940, married Micajah C. Rice), Martha (born 1860 and died in infancy), Benjamin F. (born c1864, married Margaret Gaynor, 1940 lived. Dallas, Tex., Anna W. (born c1866, died April 6, 1953, married J. W. Lafoe.

N. B. Chambers' mother, Letitia Ann Williams was born July 27, 1821 in Breckinridge County, Ky. and died August 10, 1882, she was buried in the Utility Cemetery in Hancock County. She was the daughter of William Williams and Frances Parrott. Her father was born February 27, 1776 in Montgomery County, Md. and died November 1, 1827 in Breckinridge County, Ky. Her mother, Frances Parrott, was born March 1, 1781 and died August 7, 1857, she was buried in the Utility Cemetery in Hancock County. William Williams' was the son of Amos Williams and Dorcas Riley, who married January 1, 1775. Amos Williams was born 1755 in Frederick County, Md. and died November 18, 1827 in Breckinridge County, Ky. Dorcas Riley, the daughter of Hugh Riley, was born 1755 and died in 1839. Amos Williams was the son of William Williams who died March 1788 in Montgomery County, Md., and Verlinda Lamar who died January 28, 1802 in Montgomery County, Md.

Dr. W. Dillon Chambers of Owensboro, Ky., son of N. B. Chambers and Nannie Mason, related a story told by his aunt Letticia Chambers Rice: "Her parents (G. W. & Letitia Chambers) received a letter from Ireland trying to locate heirs of a Lord Dillon, who had died leaving a fortune. Their dad wanted to make the journey to Ireland but their mother for fear of his safety would not let him go." Dr. Chambers was named after the alleged relationship to Lord Dillon.

Nannie Mason Chambers in 1885 was granted 50 acres, lot No. 5, in the division of her father's lands. N. B. and Nannie Chambers following the division purchased another 105 acres of the land previously owned by her father. November 24, 1885 they bought 14 acres of lot No. 6 from Michael Mason; December 12, 1885 they bought lot No. 4, 50 acres from Robert Mason; and September 28, 1891 they bought lot No. 7, 41 acres, from Henry Mason. lot No. 7 they sold to Mary E. Stratton on April 6, 1894 and the remaining 114 acres they sold to William L. Enderlin on June 12, 1906.

N. B. Chambers held the office county clerk of Hancock County for 8 years, from 1882 to 1890. After leaving office he had by 1892 taken a job with the U.S. Revenue Service. In connection with this work he moved his family to Owensboro, Ky. sometime between 1898 and 1899. In the Revenue Service's Owensboro office he served 16 years as deputy collector of internal revenue. Though no longer in political office N.W. Chambers remained very interested and active in politics, his skills in political debate are reflected in the following article from the Owensboro newspaper in 1900:

Owensboro Daily Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, 26 September 1900:

Allen and Chambers

Have A Joint Debate on Political Subjects at Nebo Had a Warm Time

and Then Called Tonight's Meeting at Earlington

Nebo, Ky., Sept. 26 - Hon. N. B. Chambers, of Owensboro, and Hon. Henry Allen, Democratic nominee for Congress, wet in joint debate here last night, in the presence of about 400 persons, equally divided among Democrats, Republicans and Brown Democrats. The debate was pretty warm at times, though courteous throughout, and it was conceded that the Owensboro orator had all the best of the argument. When the joint debate was arranged for yesterday it was to include another at Earlington tonight, but it was called off on account of the death of J. W. Day, a mine superintendent. The Republicans and Brown Democrats are very enthusiastic and will carry Hopkins County for McKinley, Yerkes and Lynch by from 300 to 500 majority.

After moving to Owensboro the family resided at 401 East Fourth Street for several years. N. B. Chambers at the age of 69 died at his home in Owensboro on April 12, 1922. Following the death of her husband Nannie Chambers in 1923 moved to Springfield, Ill, to live with her daughters, Misses Maud and Tula Chambers, who taught school there for a number of years. In Springfield on June 20, 1944 she died at the age of 81. N. B. and Nannie Chambers were buried at their former home, Hawesville, Ky. in the Hawesville Cemetery.

N. B. Chambers and Nannie B. Mason were the parents of six children:

"Maude" Pierce	born	24 May 1886
Margaret "Dorris"	born	14 Jan 1888
"Tula" Mason	born	7 Jun 1890
Napoleon Bonaparte ("N.B.")	born	16 Jul 1892
unnamed infant	born	26 Jan 1896
Williams "Dillon"	born	15 May 1899

An unnamed baby died at birth on January 26, 1896 and was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, in Hancock County, Ky. All of the children were born in Hancock County, Ky. except for W. Dillon Chambers who was born in Owensboro, Ky. Maude Chambers never married and died December 4, 1941 in Springfield, Ill., she was buried in the Hawesville, Ky. Cemetery. Dorris Chambers married Edward T. Alexander, May 26, 1923 at the home of her cousin, Maud Pierce Culp, in Evansville, Ind. Dorris Chambers Alexander died December 27, 1970 in Owensboro, Ky., she did not have any children and was buried in Owensboro at the Rose Hill Cemetery. Tula Chambers never married and died June 13, 1968 in Owensboro, Ky., she was buried in the cemetery at Hawesville (Ky.) Cemetery. N. B. Chambers, Jr. never married and died April 10, 1969 in Akron, Ohio, he was buried at Hawesville (Ky.) Cemetery, William Dillon Chambers is a doctor of Chiropractory. He married first Leah Belle Thorpe, June 14, 1922 at Owensboro, Ky., by this union he had one son, W. Dillon, Jr. He married second Inez Pearl Roberts, October 25, 1945 in Asheville, N.C. Dr. W. Dillon Chambers is residing in Owensboro, Ky. and is the only surviving grandchild (in 1986) of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe. His son, W. Dillon Chambers, Jr. was the only grandchild of N. B. Chambers and Nannie Mason. The following are obituaries of N. B. Chambers, Nannie Mason Chambers, and their children, Miss Maud Chambers, Dorris Chambers Alexander, Miss Tula Chambers and N. B. Chambers, Jr.:

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky. Thursday, 13 April 1922:  
N. B. Chambers



N. B. Chambers, Sr., age 69 years, died at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home in East Fourth Street. Although Mr. Chambers had been in failing health for over two years he had only been confined to his bed for ten days. Mr. Chambers was born and reared in Hancock County, where he held, the office of county clerk for eight years. Later moving to Owensboro he was deputy collector of internal revenue for sixteen years. After leaving the revenue service he became actively engaged in the real estate business in which he continued until forced to retire on account of declining health. Mr. Chambers had been a devout member of the Methodist Church since childhood and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nancy Blincoe Mason, of Hawesville, and three daughters, Misses Maud, Dorris and Tula Mason Chambers and two sons, N. B., Jr., and W. D. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. M. C. Rice and Mrs. J. W. Lafoe, of Owensboro, and two brothers, F. T. Chambers, of Hawesville, and B. S. Chambers, of Austin, Tex.

The remains will be taken to his old home in Hawesville, where interment will be in the Hawesville Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 14 April 1922:

The funeral of N. B. Chambers, who died Wednesday morning at his home at 401 East Fourth Street, will be held at 2 o'clock from the residence this afternoon. The remains will be taken to Hawesville on the afternoon train for interment in the Hawesville Cemetery.

The funeral services at the residence will be in charge of Rev. Carl C. Gregory, pastor of Settle Methodist Church. The pallbearers will be Judge J. B. Kern, Alexander Hill, James Russell, Gilbert Holbrook, Ben D. Ringo and H. H. Smith.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, Ky., Friday, 23 June 1944:

Mrs. N. B. Chambers

Mrs. N.B. Chambers, a native of Hawesville, but a resident of Springfield, Ill., since 1923, died Tuesday morning at St. John's hospital in Springfield, after a lingering illness. She suffered a fall on April 9 which resulted in a broken hip, from which she never recovered.

A daughter of the late James N. and Nancy Blincoe Mason, pioneer residents of this county, she was a graduate of Eminence College for Girls at Eminence, Ky. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

She formerly lived at Owensboro, from which place she moved to Illinois following the death of her husband there in 1922.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. T. Alexander, Owensboro, and Miss Tula Mason Chambers, Springfield; two sons, N. B. Chambers, Ypsilanti, Mich., and Dr. W. Dillon Chambers, Asheville, N.C., and a grandson, Billy Chambers, of Owensboro.

The funeral was conducted at the Smith Funeral home in Springfield at 4 p.m., Wednesday, with the pastor of the First Methodist Church officiating.

The body arrived in Hawesville on the 3 p.m. train Thursday and was taken to the Sapp and Vaughan Funeral home to await burial.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 5 December 1941:

Maude Chambers taken By Death

Former Owensboro Teacher Dies At Home In Springfield, 111.

Miss Maude Chambers, former teacher in the Owensboro schools and for the last several years a teacher of history in the Springfield, Ill., high school, died at her home in Springfield at 7:15 a.m. Thursday.

A daughter of the late N. B. Chambers and Mrs. Chambers, she spent her early life in Owensboro. She was graduated from the Owensboro high school, from Western Kentucky Teachers College, Bowling Green, and from Indiana University. She did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ann D. Chambers, of Springfield; two sisters, Mrs. E. T. Alexander, of Owensboro, and Miss Tula Mason Chambers, of Springfield; two brothers, N. B. Chambers, of Salem, Ill., and Dr. W. D. Chambers, of Asheville, N.C., and a nephew, Billy Chambers, of Owensboro.

Funeral services will be conducted at Springfield at 3:30 p.m. today. Burial will be at Hawesville Saturday, with short services at the grave by the Rev. R. H. Wade, pastor of Settle Memorial Church, Owensboro.

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Monday, 28 December 1970:

Mrs. E. T. Alexander

Mrs. E. T. Alexander, 82, of 1735 Freeman Ave., died at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Hancock County January 14, 1888, she had lived in Owensboro for several years. She was a member of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church, Susannah Wesley Sunday School Class and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Survivors include one brother, Dr. W. Dillon Chambers of Asheville, N.C., and one nephew, William D. Chambers, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio.

The body is at the Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home, where friends may call after 4 p.m. today.

Services Tuesday at the funeral home, The Rev. Charles Noble, associate pastor of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Friday, 14 June 1968:

Miss Tula Chambers

Miss Tula Chambers, a retired teacher, died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday in the home of her sister, Mrs. E.-T.] Alexander, 1735 Freeman Ave., following a heart attack.

She was a native of Hawesville, and a daughter of the late N. B. and Nancy Mason Chambers, and had lived in Owensboro since early childhood. She was a member of Settle Memorial Methodist Church and the Woman Society of Christian Service,

Miss Chambers was a graduate of Owensboro High School, attended Western State Teachers College (now Western Kentucky University), received her A.B. degree from Indiana University and her Masters from University of Michigan. She taught in the local school system and later in the Springfield, Ill., High School until her retirement.

Surviving besides the sister, are two brothers, N. B. Chambers of Akron, Ohio, Dr. W. Dillon Chambers of Asheville, N.C.: a nephew, William D. Chambers, of Granville, Ohio, and two great nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home. Dr. William James, pastor of Settle Memorial Methodist Church, will officiate, with burial in Hawesville Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Charles H. Smith, Walter Gannane, Wallace Thacker, Ralph Thacker, Clarence Moors and R. K. Bernard.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky., Saturday, 12 April 1969:

N. B. Chambers

N. B. Chambers, formerly of Owensboro, died Thursday at his home in Akron, Ohio.

Graveside services will be this afternoon in a Hawesville Cemetery.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. E. T. Alexander, Owensboro, a brother, Dr. William D. Chambers, Asheville, N.C.

He was a native of Hawesville, but had lived in Akron for many years, and was a veteran of World War I.

Charles M. Mason, the youngest child of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, was born August 3, 1864 in Hancock County, Ky. He became both a licensed doctor and lawyer. He left his native county in early adulthood and family members lost track of him and little is known of his life. It is believed he never married.

Charles Mason was only 9 years old when his mother died and 13 when his father died. At the age of 15 when the 1880 census of Hancock County was taken he was still living at the Mason home place with his older brothers and sisters. In the division of his father's lands in 1885 he was granted 70 acres, lot No. 10 and on December 18, 1889 he sold it to Jasper Newton Tongate for \$800, at that time he was still residing in Hancock County.

On March 16, 1891 Charles M. Mason was granted a license to practice medicine in Hancock County. His license was recorded on page 19 in the Hancock County Medical Register. On the license the following information was recorded:

Mason, Charles M., age 26, born Hancock County, Ky. Education: Diploma from University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky. on 28th February 1890. He belongs to the Alopotic School of Medicine. Sworn before B. N. Poindexter, C.H.C.C, this 16th March 1891.

Less than two months later he was granted a license to practice law and was admitted to the bar in Hancock County, on May 8, 1891 (Hancock County Circuit Court order book 18, p.514). He was the second in his family to become a doctor and the third to become a lawyer.

Sometime between the years 1891 and 1900 Charles M. Mason left Hancock County, Ky. Clayton Keith in the book *Sketch of the Jackson Family in America* (1916, New Power Print, Louisiana, Missouri) recorded some information on the descendants of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, and in listing the children of their son, James, he wrote; "Charley practicing law in Northern Missouri in 1900", On March 15, 1910 Charles M. Mason wrote a letter to his sister, Vutura Pierce, of Evansville, Ind., not knowing she had died two months previously, the letter was sent from Los Angeles, California.. In 1918 when his brother, James Munday Mason, died he was not listed as a surviving brother in his obituary, if he was living at that time no one in the family evidently knew where he was living. In the 1924 obituary of his brother, Richard W. Mason, among the survivors was listed "Charles Mason of Missouri", On April 27, 1933 when his brother, Henry W. Mason, drew up and recorded an "Affidavit of Descent" in Daviess County, Ky., proving the heirs of Maggie Mason Kelly, deceased, among

the heirs listed were: "Charlie Mason, age 69, address unknown, relationship to decedent - brother" (Daviess County deed book 127, p.57I). The affidavit was accompanied by a deed whereby the heirs of Maggie Mason Kelly sold land she had owned at the time of her death, in the deed the following reference was made to Charles M. Mason:

The said M. H. Kelly died intestate, in Daviess County, Ky., and left the parties of the first part herein as her only heirs at law, except one brother, Charles Mason, who left his home in the state of Ky., many years ago and has not been heard from by any of his relatives for over twenty-five years.

Charles M. Mason, of James M. Mason and Nancy M. Blincoe, died in Los Angeles County, CA on January 6, 1949. His death certificate gives his birth date as August 3, 1864 Ky. He appears in the 1940 census of the city of Los Angeles – he was reported to be 75, single, and born Kentucky.

### **Catherine Ann Mason Chapman (1819-1854)**

Catherine (“Kitty”) Ann Mason, daughter of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born May 24, 1819. In Ohio County, Ky. on October 15, 1840 she married Ezekiel Chapman. They were married by Rev Alfred Taylor, a Baptist minister.

Ezekiel Chapman was born in Ohio County, Ky. between 1810 and 1818. He was the son of Willis Chapman and Nancy Render who were married in Ohio County on December 13, 1805. Willis Chapman was born in Sumter District, South Carolina. Shortly after 1800 Willis Chapman came to Ohio County from Todd County, Ky. He had several children by a prior marriage, including two sons, Ellis and Solomon. Ellis Chapman was born October 24, 1798, married Nancy Southard on September 14, 1820 in Ohio County, and died September 1, 1867 and was buried in the Chapman Cemetery in Ohio County. Solomon Chapman was born November 12, 1800 in Todd County, Ky., married Sarah Render on January 8, 1824 in Ohio County, and died April 3, 1869 in Ohio County, Ky. Willis Chapman after 1840 left Ohio County, Ky. and went to Missouri where he died in 1856: at the age of 88.

Ezekiel and Catherine Chapman shortly after their marriage left Ohio County, Ky. and moved to Missouri, they first settled at Poplar Bluff in Butler County and later moved to Charleston in Mississippi County. Clayton Keith of Pike County, Mo. in 1916 wrote a small pamphlet on the Jackson family entitled "Sketch of the Jackson Family in America" which contained some brief information on the family of John: Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson including the following notes on the family of their daughter, Catherine Ann Chapman: Catherine Ann Mason married Ezekiel Chapman of Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. They had eight children:

1. Albina married Alfred Bennet
2. Eliza married Cuthbert Bryant
3. Elvira married Jasper Hargrave
4. Sallie married Dunbar Day
5. Josephine married Thomas Dalton, had four children: Ray born 1885, Max born 1887, , Chester W. born 1890 and Sam E, born 1893

6. John M. married Elizabeth Hudson, lived Poplar Bluff, Mo.
7. Willis H. married Dora Bateman, lived Boonville, Ind.
8. Providence married George Coleman

Ezekiel Chapman died October 17, 1861 Rush Ridge, Mo. And his wife, Catherine, died September 27, 1854 Mississippi County, Mo.

Mrs. Jamie Duncan Simpson who lives at Morganfield, Union County, Ky. is a great-granddaughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Mason. She knew the following about the Chapman family: Three of the children of Ezekiel and Catherine Chapman later lived in Boonville, Warwick County, Indiana. Mrs. Simpson's grandmother, Elvira Chapman Hargrave, Willis H. Chapman and Albina Chapman Bennett all resided in Boonville.

Elijah Wilshire Chapman, son of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born c1824 Ky. and died February 22, 1870 Mississippi County, Mo.

Albina E. Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born February 20, 1842 Ohio County, Ky., married Alfred Bennett (September 11, 1822 – September 12, 1900), April 13, 1869 Warrick County, Ind.; Albina died January 27, 1910 Boonville, Ind., buried Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Boonville, Ind. Her obituary states she was survived by two brothers, Willis Chapman of Boonville, Ind. & John Chapman of Missouri, and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Hargrave of Boonville, Ind. and Mrs. Josie Dalton of Missouri.

Eliza Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born c1843 Ky., married Cuthbert W. Bryant, December 18, 1865 Warrick County, Ind.; and died 1865-1910.

Elvira Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born February 3, 1845 in Ky., she married William Jasper Hargrave in February 3, 1878 Warrick County, Ind. She died in Union County, Ky. on January 26, 1918. She was buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Ind.; her husband has a monument on his grave but she does not. Jasper and Elvira Hargrave had one child, Myrtle, who was born April 11, 1880 in Boonville, Ind. She married James E. Duncan on February 20, 1906 in Boonville. James E. Duncan was from Union County, Ky. and after their marriage they lived there. Myrtle Hargrave Duncan died January 30, 1920 in Union County, Ky. and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield, Union County, Ky. She had one child, Jamie Duncan, who married Sidney Simpson and is presently living Morganfield, Ky. Myrtle's husband, James E. Duncan married second Nell Briscoe, who was a second cousin of Myrtle. Nell Briscoe was a daughter of Collis Allen Briscoe and Laura Harris, and a granddaughter of Aaron Harris and Margaret Mason, who was a sister to Catherine Mason Chapman, both daughters of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson.

Sarah A. Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born c1847 Ky.; married John Dunbar Day, December 25, 1867 Warrick County, Ind.; she and died 1867-1910.

Mary Josephine Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born July 25, 1847 and died January 7, 1922 Mississippi County, Mo.; buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Charleston, Mo.; married Thomas Jefferson Dalton, November 4, 1869 Mississippi County, Mo.

John M. Chapman, son of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born c1852, married Mary Elizabeth Hutson, February 21, 1877 Mississippi County, Mo.; died after 1910.

Willis H. Chapman, son of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born January 7, 1854 near Charleston, Missouri, married Lizzie G. Williamson, September 13, 1876 Warrick County, Ind. and Dora Bateman, March 30, 1883 Warrick County, Ind.; and lived Boonville, Ind., Willis died December 14, 1928 Boonville, Ind., buried Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Boonville, Ind.

Providence Catherine Chapman, daughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason, was born c1854, married George Coleman, January 1, 1882 Mississippi County, Mo., died 1882-1910.

### **Henry W. Mason (1824-1858)**

Henry W. Mason, son of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born April 13, 1824 in Ohio County, Ky. The first thirty years of his life were spent in Ohio County. At the time of the 1850 Ohio County census he was living with his parents in the city of Hartford. In 1854 or 1855 he moved to Hancock County, Ky., where his older brother, James M. Mason, had been living since 1846.

On March 26, 1856 he married Sarah C. Hamilton, the daughter of Andrew Hamilton and Sarah Russell. The Hamilton family lived about ½ mile northwest of Hawesville along the Ohio River and four miles from the home of James M. Mason, brother of Henry. They were married by Rev. Mathias Carter, a minister of the Methodist-Episcopal Church South, in Hawesville, Ky. Bond on their marriage was by Nestor C. Davison, husband of Sarah's sister, Margaret. Witnesses of their marriage included his uncle, William Mason, and Thomas J. Withrow and William D. Mayhall. In 1857 Henry W. Mason purchased four acres on the Ohio River near Hawesville.

Only two years after he married, Henry W. Mason's life came to an end at the young age of 34 on October 13, 1858. He was interred in the Hawesville city cemetery, he had no surviving children. The administrator of his estate was George W. Williams, his brother-in-law, and security on the administrator's bond was Nestor C. Davison another brother-in-law, both were married to sisters of Sarah Hamilton Mason, George W. Williams was one of the most prominent lawyers of the area and had a very distinguished political career. In 1850-51 he was a Representative to the Kentucky Legislature, he served as judge of the Third Judicial District, and received his party's nomination for the offices of Senator and Governor of Kentucky but was unsuccessful in both efforts,

Henry W. Mason's wife, Sarah C. Hamilton, was born June 1, 1829 in Oldham County, Ky. Her father, Andrew Hamilton was a successful farmer, he had earlier resided in Franklin

County, Ky., before coming to Hancock County in the mid 1830's. He married Sarah Russell on August 30, 1812, their children were: James R., Mary W. wife of Hon. George W. Williams, Martha Linn wife of Redmond F. Munday, Elizabeth R. wife of Benjamin M. Bush, William A., Ruth W. wife of Joel Cook Jackson, John Samuel, Margaret C. wife of Nestor C. Davison, Sarah C., and Joseph A. Hamilton, Andrew Hamilton: was born January 15, 1784 and died August 6, 1844, his wife Sarah Russell Hamilton was born December 6, 1793 and died August 3, 1837. They are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery one-half mile northwest of Hawesville, north of the Hawesville-Lewisport Road, near the banks of the Ohio River, a few hundred yards west of the Coleman Electric Generating Station.

At the time of the 1860 Hancock County census Henry W. Mason's widow, Sarah Hamilton Mason, was living with her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and George W. Williams. On January 7, 1864 she married William Shepherd Thomas at the residence of George W. Williams in Hancock County. Shep Thomas, the son of Doctor S. and Margaret Thomas, was a farmer and later a cashier in a bank in Hawesville, Sarah Hamilton Thomas died July 16, 1911 in Hawesville, Ky., her husband died in 1915, they were buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. They were the parents of; Martha M. Thomas (1864-1939, wife of Rev. John J. Woll, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hawesville, their daughter, Miss Margaret Woll, served in the office of Commissioner of Welfare, in Frankfort, Ky.; Margaret R. Thomas (1866-1938, wife of John W. Maston), Simms Thomas (1869-1944, husband of Ethel Sterrett), and Joseph H. Thomas (1870-1888. Two other children of Sarah C. (Hamilton) Mason Thomas died in infancy.

#### **Mary Providence Mason Houston (1827-1921)**

Mary Providence Mason, daughter of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born July 22, 1827 in Ohio County, Ky. Possibly named after two of her mother's sisters, Mary and Providence. In 1850 she was living with her parents in Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. An 1857-58 membership roll of Antioch Methodist Church in Union County, Ky. lists a Mary Mason as a member; since at that time her brother, Joseph Allen Mason, and sister, Mag Harris, were both residing near Antioch this is most likely Mary Providence Mason. Mary P. Mason does not appear in the 1860, 1870 or 1880 censuses of Union County, Ky. and must have been living elsewhere.

Mary P. Mason did not marry until she was 60 years old, when on May 8, 1888 she married James William Crawford Houston, he was 74 and it was his third marriage. They married in Union County at her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Waller Mason's home, the widow of her brother, Joseph A. Mason. Her marriage bond stated she was a resident of Union County. Witnesses of their marriage were Aaron Waller Mason, a nephew, and Charles Jones Newman, husband of her niece Sarah C. Mason.

J.W.C. Houston was prosperous Union County farmer, he owned 1081 acres valued over 810,000. A native of Union County, he was born October 15, 1813, two years after the formation of the county. His parents, James Houston and Ann Berry, were natives of Virginia. J.W.C. Houston first married Ann W. Williams on December 18, 1839 in Union County. She was the daughter of Josiah Williams and Nancy Finnie, and was born April 23, 1822 in Union County. Josiah Williams came to Union County from Woodford County, Ky. about 1814, for

many years he was a surveyor and magistrate in Union County. He was born in France in 1775 and when quite young married Nancy Finnie in Woodford County, Ky. His father, Jonathan Williams was born in France, and his wife Nancy Finnie was born in Woodford County, Ky. in 1780, the daughter of Col, James Finnie and Mary Finnie. Josiah Williams died at the age of 95 in 1870. His daughter, Ann W. Williams Houston, died May 9, 1864 at the age of 44 and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

J.W.C. Houston and Ann W. Williams had four children: Mary Lavinia, Samuel Berry, Alla Waller and Thomas G. Houston. Mary Lavinia born July 29, 1844, died July 1, 1850, buried Masonic Cemetery, Morganfield, Ky. Samuel Berry born February 27, 1847, married Ida V. Briscoe and had ten children, one of whom was named Mason; Samuel B. Houston died December 4, 1929 and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Morganfield, Ky. Alla Waller born October 19, 1848 died November 17, 1857, buried Masonic Cemetery, Morganfield, Ky. Thomas G. Houston born February 11, 1860 and died July 11, 1948.

J.W.C. Houston married second Mrs. Ann E. Duvall Gale. She was the daughter of Rev. Claiborne Duvall and Jane E. Russell. Her father was a pioneer Methodist Episcopal minister, he founded Duval's Chapel and Antioch Methodist Church in Union County. He was born January 4, 1788 in Virginia, on October 16, 1816 in Muhlenberg County, Ky. he married Jane E. Russell. in 1818 he came to Union County, he died September 13, 1834 and was buried at the Antioch Methodist Church. Ann E. Duvall was born October 15, 1820 in Union County, She first married a Mr. Gale, by this marriage she had two children, John A. and Henry Gale; she married second J.W.C. Houston, they had no children. She died April 6, 1887 and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

J.W.C. Houston lived in the Morganfield Precinct, he died March 21, 1900 at the age of 86 years. After his death his widow, Mary P., lived in Morganfield. Mary P. Mason Houston lived 21 years after the death of her husband, she died at the age of 93 on April 25, 1921. Her death was only fourteen weeks after the death of her sister, Mag Harris. She was the last surviving member of the family of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson. She was buried in the Houston family plot in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield, in the first row of the northwest corner, beside her husband, J.W.C. Houston, and his two other wives.

### **Margaret Elizabeth Mason Harris (1832-1921)**

Margaret Elizabeth Mason, daughter of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson, was born October 28, 1832 in Ohio County, Ky. She was the youngest of her family, her mother was 41 years of age when she was born. In 1850 she was living with her parents in Hartford, Ohio County, Ky. Shortly afterwards she went to live with her brother, Joseph Allen Mason, near Morganfield, Ky. in Union County, he had been living in that county since 1843.

On March 4, 1856 at her brother's home in Union County Margaret Mason married Aaron W. Harris. Witnesses of their marriage were neighbors, William Waller and John Reburn. They were married by Rev. Peterson Wall, pastor of the Antioch Methodist Church, which was a short distance from the Mason home. An 1857-58 membership roll of Antioch church shows Mag Harris and her sister, Mary Mason, as members.



Aaron W. Harris was born about 1818 in Nelson County, Ky. In childhood he came with his parents, Benjamin' Harris and Innocent Ann Wight, to Union County. His parents had married in Nelson County on March 13, 1810. The History of Union County, Ky. written in 1886 contained the following information on the Harris family:

Benjamin Harris (Deceased), one of the substantial men who broke the wilderness in Union County, was the son of Aaron Harris, who was from Ireland.

Benjamin was born n Nelson County about the year 1787, and was married there to Innocent Ann Wight, the daughter of Iloff and Mary Wight. Mr. Harris came to Union County in 1827. He had some twelve or thirteen slaves, and he rented land and worked it with his slaves. He had a good common school training, and had a large family of children, who have been a credit to the county, and all of whom, except Martha (who died single), married and raised families. Columbus married Elizabeth Pratt, and had eleven children, three of whom are dead; Theopholus, a carpenter of Bardstown, married Elizabeth Curry, and had two children, One of whom is dead; Wm Truman married Virginia Pratt and had fourteen children, five of whom are dead; Aaron was first married to Zero Jones and afterward to Margaret Mason, and had four children, one of whom is dead; Joseph Louis married Matilda Richards, and had four children, who are all dead; Mary married Joseph Waller, and had eight children, three of whom are dead; Nancy married John Waller, and had two children. All of Benjamin Harris' children, except Nancy, are dead, and he died in February, 1837, his wife following in August, 1840.

Aaron W. Harris was first married to Zero Tena Jones, who was a daughter of Col. Fielding Jones, a hero of the Revolution. Fielding Jones was a soldier of the second war with Great Britain and was present at the Thames, when Tecumseh was killed. He attained the rank of colonel, for his service Virginia granted him 1000 acres in what is now Union County, Ky. He was born 1756 in Henry County, Va., in 1779 he married Sarah Hardin. He was in Union County as early as 1779 and is the first white man that any authentic accounts say ever settled within her bounds. In 1790 he established his home on his military grant, which was located on what is now the Spring Grove-Uniontown Road, about five miles west of Morganfield. He served as sheriff of what is now Henderson, Hopkins and Union Counties before they were divided, was one of the first magistrates of Union County, and was surveyor of Union County until his death in 1832. Both he and his wife are buried in the Reburn burying ground in the Antioch community west of Morganfield. His children were William, Peter married Matilda Sibley, Delilah married John Reburn, Polly married a Mr. Adkins, Zero Tena married Aaron W. Harris, Kate married a Mr. Ayers, and Cyrus Jones.

Aaron W. Harris and his first wife, Zero Jones, had two children, one died in infancy, and Martha Ann, born 1847, married John H. Dupin on February 21, 1869 in Union County. Zero Jones Harris, born about 1819 in Union County, died between 1850 and 1855 and was buried in the Reburn Cemetery.

Aaron W. Harris and his second wife, Margaret E. Mason, had two children, Laura Wight born February 19, 1857 and Henry Mason born April 7, 1862. Eleven years after their marriage Aaron Harris died on September 13, 1868, he was about 50 years old. He was buried by his first wife and her parents in the Reburn Cemetery.

Following their marriage Mag and Aaron Harris lived near her brother, Joseph A. Mason, in the Morganfield Precinct. In the 1860 Union County census they were enumerated only two households from the Joseph A. Mason family (p.326 of microfilm of 1860 Union County census). Following the death of her husband Mag Harris lived near Raleigh in the Raleigh Precinct, where she was residing at the time of the 1870 (p.356) and 1880 (p.568) censuses of Union-County. By 1900 she moved back to the Antioch community in the Morganfield Precinct, where she is listed when the 1900 (p.19b) and 1910 (p.6) censuses of Union County were taken.

Margaret Mason Harris was a member of the Methodist church. Dr. Dillon W. Chambers of Owensboro, Ky., remembers his great-aunt, Mag Harris, of Morganfield coming to Owensboro about 1910 to attend a Methodist conference at Settle Memorial Church. While in Owensboro she stayed at the home of his parents, N. B. and Nannie Mason Chambers. His grandfather, James M. Mason, was a brother of Mag Harris.

Margaret Mason Harris never remarried and lived fifty-two years as a widow. At the age of 89 she died on January 8, 1921. On her death certificate on file at Morganfield, Ky. the following was recorded; "Mrs. Maggie Mason Harris died January 8, 1921 at Morganfield, Ky., born October 28, 1832 Ohio County, Ky., age 89 years. 8 months and 11 days; widowed; parents - John H. Mason (born Va.) and Elizabeth Rhoades Jackson (born Va.), buried City Cemetery." Informant was Miss Margaret Briscoe her granddaughter. She was survived by her daughter, Laura Briscoe, and son, Henry M. Harris, six grandchildren, Misses Margaret and Nell Briscoe, Henry, Luke and William Briscoe, and Miss Elizabeth Harris; one sister, Mrs. Mary Houston.

Margaret Mason Harris and her two children, Laura Harris Briscoe and Henry M. Harris, are buried in the same plot in the northeast corner of the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield. In the southeast section of the same cemetery her brother, Joseph Allen Mason, is buried, and on the northwest side lies her sister, Mary Mason Houston.

Laura Wight Harris, daughter of Aaron W. Harris and Margaret E. Mason, was born February 19, 1857 in Union County, Ky. On December 9, 1880 in Union County she married Collis Allen Briscoe. He was born November 24, 1850 at St. Mathew in Jefferson County, Ky. He was the son of Phillip Briscoe, a native of Nelson County, Ky., and Mary L. Arteburn. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Briscoe lived on a farm on Highway 56, five miles west of Morganfield. Laura Harris Briscoe died on August 23 1936, she was 79 years old, and her husband, C. A. Briscoe, died at the age of 90 on September 7, 1941.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 27 August 1936:

Mrs. C. A. Briscoe Claimed By Death.

Mrs. Laura Harris Briscoe, 79, wife of C. A. Briscoe, died at her home five miles west of Morganfield at 2:20 o'clock Sunday afternoon of a heart ailment. Despite her declining years, Mrs. Briscoe had been quite active until she fell Saturday afternoon. No bones were broken, but the shock of the fall is believed to have hastened her death.

Mrs. Briscoe was born February 19, 1857, in this county, the daughter of the late Aaron Harris and Margaret Mason Harris. She was the last member of the Harris family, prominent in the annals of Union County history. Mr. Briscoe, who survives, is a native of Jefferson County, but has resided here since early childhood.

The deceased had been a faithful member of the Antioch Methodist Church for several decades. She was widely and favorably known in her community, and besides the family leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her death.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. O. D. Massie, pastor Morganfield Methodist Circuit. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

Surviving besides the husband are two daughters, Miss Margaret Briscoe, at home, Mrs. James E. Duncan, of near here, and three sons, Luke, Hugh and Henry Briscoe, all of this county.

Five children were born to the marriage of Collis Allen Briscoe and Laura Wight Harris, they were.:

"Margaret" Louise	born	3 Non 1881
Ellen Allen ("Nell")	born	25 Apr 1886
Aaron "Henry"	born	20 May 1889
"Luke" Richards	born	29 Apr 1892
William Hulings ("Hugh")	born	13 May 1895

Margaret Briscoe, never married, and lived all her life in Union County, Ky. She died July 25, 1974 at a hospital in Henderson., Ky., she was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

Nell Briscoe married James E. Duncan on May 21, 1922 in Morganfield, Ky. J. E. Duncan was first married to Myrtle Hargrave , who was also related to the Mason family, she was a second cousin of Nell Briscoe. Myrtle was the daughter of Jasper Hargrave and Elvira Chapman; a granddaughter of Ezekiel Chapman and Catherine Ann Mason; and a great-granddaughter of John Henderson Mason and Elizabeth Jackson. James E. Duncan and Myrtle Hargrave had one daughter, Jamie, who married Sidney Simpson, and is living Morganfield, Ky. James E. Duncan and Nell Briscoe had one daughter, Mary Louise, who married Marlin Sheffer, and is living Punta Gorda, Florida. Nell Briscoe Duncan lived in Union County and on December 16, 1974 died at Providence, Ky., and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Morganfield.

Henry Briscoe married Willie Sue Artmentrout, they had no children. He lived in Union County and died September 20, 1975 at a hospital in Henderson, Ky., and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Luke Briscoe married Rebecca Savage, and lived in Union and Henderson Counties. They had six children; Luke Jr. was killed in World War II in the North African campaign; Laura Katherine married Vernon Mosley and is living Marion, Ky.; Frank Baker (twin) drowned in the Green River near Spottsville, Ky.; Allen Green (twin) is living Henderson, Ky.; Margaret Stewart married Maylon Henderson and is living Evansville, Ind.; and Helen Mason married Bill Lemon and is living Evansville, Ind. Luke Briscoe, Sr. died April 21, 1956 at Louisville, Ky., and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Morganfield, Ky.

Hugh Briscoe married Nell Muir Blue on November 16, 1919 in Morganfield, Ky. He was a farmer in Union County where he died on July 6, 1962, and is buried in the Odd Fellows

Cemetery in Morganfield. He had three children: Margaret Muir (married John W. Thompson, living Louisville, Ky.); William Blue (living Union County, Ky.) and Hester Rulings is single and is living with her mother on the old Briscoe farm on Highway 56, five miles west of Morganfield, Ky. Hester H. Briscoe and her two aunts, Margaret Briscoe and Nell Briscoe Duncan, in the 1950's visited a Mason cousin, Mrs. Maud Culp in a nursing home in Evansville, Ind. Mrs. Culp's grandfather, James M. Mason, and Margaret and Nell's grandmother, Margaret Mason Harris, were brother and sister.

Henry Mason Harris, son of Aaron W. Harris and Margaret E. Mason, was born April 7, 1862 in Union County, Icy. On November 21, 1888 in Union County he married Lucy May Jones, they were later separated. They had one daughter, Jessie Elizabeth (born July 13, 1897), she was a teacher and never married; and at this writing she is living in a retirement home in California. Henry M. Harris lived all his life in Union County, working in the dry goods business and later as an insurance agent. At the age of 67 he died in Morganfield on January 2, 1930, and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Morganfield.

Union County Advocate, Morganfield, Ky., Thursday, 9 January 1930:

Long Illness Ends For Henry M. Harris

Death ended the long illness of Henry Mason Harris, age 67, who succumbed in this city Thursday morning at eight o'clock at the Kentucky Hotel. Mr. Harris had been in ill health for nearly 12 years and had only recently gone to the Hotel to reside a few days, where he was taken seriously ill a short while before his demise.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. O. Sadler. Interment was made in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Harris, born in 1862, was the son of Aaron W. Harris and Margaret Mason Harris. He had lived his entire life in Union County, mostly in this community. In early life he was engaged in the dry goods business, but for the past 20 years, had been active in the insurance business until forced to retire from the work on account of his health.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Lucy Jones Harris, and a daughter, Elizabeth Harris, of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Mrs. Carl Briscoe, of near this city; three nieces and six nephews.

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