

# Family of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson

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I embarked on a journey into my family's history in August 1979. My dad's family was from Ohio County, Kentucky. From family knowledge and Ohio County's records (vital statistics and census reports) I shortly learned that my third great-grandparents were William Pate (c1806-1873) & Rebecca Midkiff (c1806-1855). The Midkiff surname was also found spelled as Metcalf and numerous other variations. I located an Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit that established that Rebecca, wife of William Pate, was the daughter of Benjamin Midkiff (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1059, Ishmael C. Sutton vs William C. Midkiff et al).

Benjamin Midkiff was found listed in the 1815-1830 tax lists of Ohio County, KY and in the 1820 and 1830 federal censuses. These records suggested he was born 1763-1770. Deeds showed that when Benjamin sold land in 1816 and 1820 his wife's name was Elizabeth (Ohio County, KY Deed Books D-p345 & E-p193). The marriage records of Ohio County beginning in 1863 record places of birth of the bride, groom and their parents. Several marriages licenses reported that James and Rebecca Midkiff children of Benjamin were born in Shelby County, KY (Ohio County, KY Marriage Books I-p73, I-p197, J-p269, J-p301; and Butler County, KY Marriage Book 2-p475).

Benjamin Midkiff was found listed in the Shelby County, KY 1799-1814 tax lists (appeared under 6 variations in the spelling of the surname) and in the 1810 federal census (spelled Metcalf). In 1980 on a research trip to the Shelby County, KY courthouse I found Benjamin Midkiff in several records. In a deed it was recorded that Benjamin Midkiff "of Ohio County, KY" sold land in Shelby County, KY on 28 September 1816 (Shelby County, KY Deed Book N, pp452-453). In the will of James Robinson recorded in 1805 in Shelby County Elizabeth Metcalf was named as a daughter; in the will Benjamin Metcalf and their son, Joseph Metcalf, were also named. When James Robinson was first found in Shelby County records in 1796, he purchased land on March 27 of that year. The deed book identified him as being a resident of Madison County, KY (Shelby County, KY Deed Book B, pp53-54). James Robinson and his son-in-law, Benjamin Midkiff, are listed in the 1796 tax list of Madison County, KY.

The late Harry D. Tinsley (1923-2020) for years wrote a weekly genealogy-history column, "Lineage Lines", that was published in the Ohio County Times-News newspaper at Hartford, KY during 1972-1998. In his column that appeared on 28 January 1982 he reprinted an article, "About Kit Carson: Some of the People Related to the Famous Scout and Hunter". The article was originally published in the Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY on 25 June 1890 p3. In the article James Franklin Carson (1835-1908), a great-nephew of Benjamin & Elizabeth Midkiff, related the names of relatives of the legendary Kit Carson, who were residents of Ohio County, KY. The article included the following passage:

Kit Carson was born in Madison county, Ky., and was a son of Lindsay Carson, who was born in the North of Ireland, and who was of Scotch descent. His grandfather emigrated from Ireland when his son Robert was an infant, and settled in Iredell county, North, Carolina. Kit's father, Lindsay, married a lady whose maiden name was Robinson. This lady was of Irish and Welsh descent. Kit's mother had eight sisters. One of them first married a man named McMullin, and had a son, James McMullin; she afterward married Robert Carson, who settled in Shelby county, Ky., about six miles from Shelbyville; another sister married Benjamin Midkiff, whose descendants, many of them, live in Ohio county, among them two remarkable ladies, living In Hartford — Mrs. Caleb Crowe and Mrs. Jas. F. Collins. Another sister married a man named Sawyers; another a man named John Fuqua, who is the father of Albert Fuqua, a tobacconist, in Owensboro, Ky. Two others married men named Gillespie.

In 1980 after researching the family in Ohio and Shelby Counties, KY I as yet had not been able to get the Midkiff family out of Kentucky. I had contacted hundreds of descendants and no one had been able to learn the parentage of Benjamin Midkiff or where he came to Kentucky from. On 15 May 1980 on a research trip to the Kentucky Historical Society Library in Frankfort, KY I made what still ranks as one of my most thrilling discoveries in my career as a genealogist. While searching for Midkiff – Metcalf sources I found the following Metcalfe chapter in the book, entitled Some Early Settlers: Being A History of the Following Families – Allen, Littler, Metcalfe, Shouse..., by Mary Cousins McCabe (Moinester Printing Co., St. Louis, MO, 1921, 68 pages), pp43-47:

#### THE METCALFE FAMILY

Much has been written about this family, which was prominent and numerous in Yorkshire, England, for many centuries. From "Foster's Pedigrees" we learn a great deal about these people. Isaac S. Metcalfe and James T. Metcalfe have both given us a history of this family, and from the "William and Mary Quarterly" interesting information has been gathered. We are informed that the Metcalfe Family is of Danish origin, the founder, Arkefrith, Adam De Dente, Lord Dente in Denmark, a celebrated warrior, went to England with Canute in 1016, and in the division of lands, Canute gave him a large tract of land in what is now the Shire of York. This was situated between three hills, and according to one authority, a hill in Danish is called "Calfe," and "Metta" is the word used for "Between," this being one version of the origin of the name "Metta Calfe." There are several other versions as to the origin of the name, but this seems the most probable, and this gave origin to the Coat of Arms, which is charged with three black calves. The following is the authority for the Coat of Arms: "Being required of Matthew Metcalfe, son of Lucas of Bedall, gentleman, to make search in the registers and records of my office for the ancient arms belonging to that name and family whereof he is descended: Wereupon I haye made search accordingly, and do finde that he may lawfully beare, as his ancestors hath borne, auncient armes hereafter following, that is to say. silver. three calves sable. Sep. 29, 1581." Surtees Society XLI, 41. The following names, giving the early generations of this family, are copied from "Metcalf Genealogy," by Isaac S. Metcalf [\[note by Jerry Long - Isaac Stevens Metcalf in 1902 published this 64-page booklet; it traced the line of a Massachusetts family and contained no references to the Metcalf family of Lancaster County, PA\]](#):

- (1) Arkefrith, who came to England in 1016 with King Canute of Denmark, who was made Lord Dent, Sedburg and Askrigg\_
- (2) Arkell, Lord of Dent, Sedburg and Askrigg, (From Domesday Book of Edward the Confessor.)
- (3) Gospatrick.
- (4) Dolfen.
- (3) William.
- (6) Richard.
- (7) Adam, 1252.
- (8) Adam, 1278, Called 1Medicalfe.
- (9) Adam Medicalfe of Baynbridge.
- (10) Adam Mtdicalfe of Thornton.
- (11) Richard Metcalf of Baynbridge.
- (12) Thomas Metcalfe of Baynbridge.
- (13) John Metcalf, married Alice of Ireby.
- (14) James Metcalf of Nappa.

This (14) James Metcalf was the founder of a very large family in Yorkshire, one of the descendants, in all probability, being the founder of this branch of the family of this name in the United States.

(1) James Metcalfe, or Midcalf, as he spelled his name according to his will, the founder of this particular branch of the family in the United States, was born about 1700, in England. His wife was an English woman by the name of Britton. Her given name was Margaret, according to his will. He was supposed to have been a British Officer, who was sent to Enniskillen, Ireland, from whence he emigrated to America in 1730. He settled at Lancaster County, Pa., where he died in January, 1760. On March 1, 1742, he received a grant of 1and in Lancaster County for 120 acres, and on March 21, 1755, he received a grant for 60 acres in the same county. According to his will, which was dated Jan. 3, 1760, and proved the same month, he left surviving him his wife, Margaret, and three children. to-wit:

(2) Curtis, born 1733 at Lancaster Co., Pa. Lived at Little Britain Township until his children by his first wife were grown. His first wife died and he married the second time and moved to North Carolina, where he died. His first wife was named Mary.

(3) Abraham, not of age when his father died in 1760. Born in Lancaster Co., Pa. Settled at Baltimore, Md., about 1770. Had several sons.

(4) Rachel. Mentioned in father's will. Nothing further known of her.

The following is a copy of the will of James M. Midcalf:

Whereas I, James Midcalf of Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, being indisposed and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the Body knowing I must die, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

First, my will is that my Body be decently buried and my Debts and funeral charges paid.

Second, my will is that my beloved Wife have privilege of one-half of my Plantation till my son Abraham comes to the age of twenty-one years and to live in my Stone house that is one story high, likewise one-half of my orchard and I give and bequeath to my wife one-third part of my personal estate forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my two sons, Curtis and Abraham my plantation in Little Britain to be equally divided both in quantity and quality to them their heirs and assigns forever, my son Curtis to enjoy his part immediately after my decease and my son Abraham to enjoy his part at the age of twenty-one years.

Fourthly, I give to my Daughter Racheal out of my personal estate the sum of fifty pounds, and Brown mare which is called her's, and her saddle and bridle.

Fifthly, I give to my son Abraham my sorrel three year old Colt.

Sixthly, my will is that my ploughs and plough tacklings to be equally divided between my two sons Curtis and Abraham. Sixthly my will is that after my son Abraham arrives to the age of twenty-one years, that my wife deliver up to my son Abraham the half of my plantation she enjoys. My will is that in Consideration thereof, that my two sons, Curtis and Abraham, pay yearly to their mother the sum of three pounds ten shillings apiece and maintain two cows and one horse for her during her life, and cut an half sufficient firewood and let her enjoy the stone house above mentioned all during her life. Likewise my will is that my two sons maintain for their Mother six sheep on the premises and likewise my will is that my two sons shall allow two rows of apple trees to their mother such as she may choose.

Seventhly, I give to my beloved wife, one bed and bed clothes at her choice and likewise my two orphan children, viz: Samuel Crastor and Dorcas Mcqueston to be at her disposal.

Eighthly, my will is and I give to my two sons Curtis and Abraham all the remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided between them.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret and my beloved son Curtis to be my executors of this my last Will and Testament and disanul and revoke all wills heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and declared to be such this third Day of the first month one Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty.

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James M. Midcalf (seal)  
Mark

**[note by J. Long: the author interpreted the signature with a middle initial 'M', This was a mistake. The symbol in the name stood for 'his mark', it is written very different than the M in the last name Midcalf]**

In the presence of us:

Joshua Brown,  
Richard Stedman,  
Isaac Sidwel

State of Pennsylvania, County of Lancaster -ss.:

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original will of James Midcalf deceased, duly proven on January, 1760, and remaining filed of record in the Register's office of Lancaster County.

Witness my hand and seal of office Oct. 22, 1919:  
Samuel O. Frantz, Register.

(2) Curtis Metcalf, son of James M., born 1733, at Lancaster Co., Pa. and his first wife, Mary, had four children. as follows:

(5) James, who settled in Belmont Co., Ohio. Was impressed in the English army, refused to serve, was imprisoned, escaped, joined Washington's army and became a Captain in the Revolutionary War.

(6) Thomas Curtis, born Jan. 16, 1762. Died in Morgan Co., Ohio, in 1849. Enrolled in the Revolutionary war but saw no service.

(7) Joseph, married Rebecca Littler (See Littler Family) of Winchester, Va., and moved to Shelby Co., Ky., in the autumn of 1802, where he died in 1840.

- (8) **Benjamine, settled at Shelby Co., Ky., about 1802. Later moved to Mo.**
- (2) Curtis Metcalf, by his second marriage, had three children. as follows:
- (9) Isaac, settled at Belmont Co., Ohio.
- (10) Mary, married Abraham Sidwell.
- (2) Abigail unmarried.
- (7) Joseph Metcalf, son of Curtis. married Rebecca Littler (See Littler Family) about 1797. They had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. The following is a partial list of their children:
- (12) Samuel Littler Metcalfe, born Sep. 21, 1798 at Winchester, Va. Died at Cape May, N.J., July 17, 1856. Was taken with his family to Shelby Co., Ky., in the autumn of 1802. In 1819 he entered Transylvania University at Lexington, where in 1823 he received his degree of M. D. He practiced in New Albany, Ind., and in Mississippi. Later he went to England to study science. On his return to America, he made a geological tour through Tenn., N. C. and Va. For several years he lived in N. Y. and devoted himself to the writing of scientific books, writing for the Knickerbocker Magazine, under the initial "M." In 1835 he again visited England and was offered the Gregorian chair in the University of Edinburgh, but declined. He returned to the United States, where he lived until his death in 1856. He wrote "Narratives of Indian Warfare in the West," (Lexington, 1821) New Theory of Terrestrial Magnetism, (New York, 1833), Caloric, its agencies in the phenomenon of Nature, 2 Vol. (London, 1843) Second Edition, Phil., 1853. He married Ellen Blondel of London, England, by whom he had one daughter. Had children by a previous marriage, but nothing is known of this wife or children.
- (13) Ruth Metcalfe, born May 17, 1802, at Winchester, Va. Died at Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5, 1873. Married Samuel Mahon, March 1, 1827, at Shelby Co., Ky. Samuel died at Shelby Co., Ky., in 1832. On September 18, 1839, she married William Patterson Allen (see Allen Family) of Shelby Co., Ky.
- (14) Jesse, unmarried.
- (15) James.
- (16) Newton, unmarried.
- (17) Mary, married Corban P. Bull, Jan. 15, 1829, at Shelby Co., Ky. Died about 1831 at Shelby Co., Ky.
- (18) Lydia, born 1812, at Shelby Co., Ky. Married Corban P. Bull, Oct. 30, 1833 at Shelby Co., Ky. Mr. Bull died in 1835, at Shelby Co., Ky., and Lydia married Dr. Leach, and lived in Louisville, Ky.
- (19) Joseph, born Nov. 20, 1814, at Shelby Co., Ky. Died at Hutto, Texas, Jan. 19, 1887. Married Mrs. Mary Belle Allison Oldham, July 25, 1846 at Shelby Co., Ky.

Pages 47-50 of the Metcalfe chapter were not included here. The full text of the 68-page book can be downloaded as a PDF at <https://www.seekingmyroots.com/G069> ]

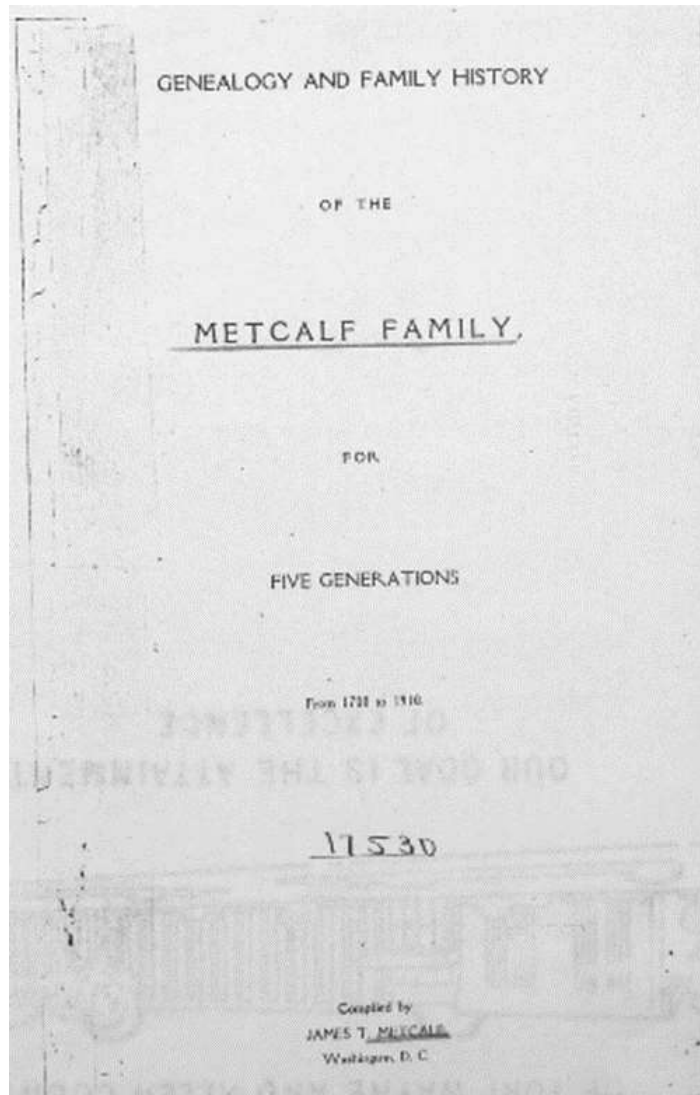


Upon reading the entry for number (8) **Benjamine, settled at Shelby Co., Ky., about 1802. Later moved to Mo.** in the preceding history I immediately knew that this was my ancestor Benjamin Midkiff, who had lived in Shelby and Ohio Counties, KY. Only difference is that he moved west to Ohio County not to Missouri. In researching the early records of Shelby County, I knew that only one Benjamin Midkiff / Metcalf was found. This tremendous find had extended the family back three more generations and I learned when and where the family had immigrated to America from.

In an older family genealogy published in 1910 by James Thomas Metcalf (1845-1930), a great-great-grandson of the immigrant, James Midcalf, also had a passing reference to Benjamin Midkiff but did not link him to Ohio County, KY. He wrote (p4) Joseph and Benjamin, sons of Curtis, **settled in Shelby County, Ky., and both raised sons and daughters... Benjamin removed his family to Missouri, about 1820 and died there; of his children I know nothing.**



**Genealogy and Family History of the Metcalf Family, For Five Generations From 1700 to 1910**, compiled by James T. Metcalf (Washington, D. C., 1910, 24 pages). James Thomas Metcalf (1845-1930) was the son of Enoch Metcalf (1810-1870) & Abigail Ridgeway, grandson of Thomas Curtis Metcalf (1761-1849) & Hannah Gould, great-grandson of Curtis Metcalf (1733-after 1789) & Mary Skillern, and great-great-grandson of James Midcalf (c1700-1760) & Margaret Britton. James T. Metcalf in part relates events from a narrative written by his uncle, John C. Metcalf (1825-1895). The booklet can be viewed in full on the Church of Latter-day Saints website (<https://www.familysearch.org/>). The following are pages 1-8:



"History, if creditable, is an inspiration; if discreditable, it is a warning; and, in either event, it is helpful."

"He who fails to commemorate the deeds of his ancestors deserves to be forgotten himself."

"We are the same our fathers have been; We see the same sights our fathers have seen; We drink the same stream, and view the same sun, And run the same course our fathers have run."

"Who can tell, when he sets forth to wander, whither he may be driven by the uncertain currents of existence; or when he may return; or whether it may be ever his lot to revisit the scenes of his childhood?"

—Irving.

"Of a scattered family it is almost as difficult to trace the genealogy of one as it would be to return a vagrant autumnal leaf to its parent tree in the forest."

"The life of every man of action is full of incidents more or less interesting to those who come after him.

Washington, D. C, December 23, 1909.

To My Dear Children :

I have prepared for you, and your children, the narrative which follows; and I trust it may be carefully preserved by you and them after I shall have passed away.

No words I might use could be so appropriate, in describing the object of these papers, their importance, and the solemnity which attaches to some portions, as the accompanying letter of July 30, 1883, from my beloved uncle, John C. Metcalf, and it is with reverence that I commend to you his wise precepts. I likewise acknowledge with deepest gratitude the benefit I gained by endeavoring in my walk in life to adhere to the counsel he gave me.

Affectionately, your Father,

JAMES THOMAS METCALF

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Janesville, Wis., July 20, 1883.

James T. Metcalf:

My Dear Nephew:—Your letter of — inst., containing a package of my old letters to you, one I wrote your father in 1851, also one to D. L. Jennings the same year, which have come into your possession, have been received, and I have looked them over with much interest. Some of them carry me back in recollection to the period of young and vigorous manhood, when exhilarating hope, and the promptings of justifiable aspirations, guided, I trust, by a sense of moral accountability to God and to my fellow man, an abiding faith in Divine Providence, and a degree of conscious rectitude of life, seemed to have controlled my thoughts and expressions in a manner that, imperfect and weak as they were, are nevertheless to me a source of some comfort to-day, and still meet my hearty approval.

As rational man approaches the ultimate period of rendering his final account of his stewardship, and upon which he must stand or fall before the Omniscient Judge of all, he may anxiously look back upon the thread of life, and happy is he who may gather some crumbs of

comfort in the honest assurance that his life has not been altogether a blank and a failure; that he has not buried the talent committed to his keeping, and kept it out of sight that he might return it to his Master just as he received it, but has used it, increased its value, and is able to return it with interest.

When I recall my past I feel that I have been at best but an unprofitable servant, and done almost nothing compared with what I might have done for the good of my fellow man. I have at times been weak and sinful, and felt the sting of conscious guilt, and I thank God for the chastisement, for the infliction of a penalty intensifies the recollection of violated law, and we exclaim, in the language of that pure and noble woman, Alice Cary: "Oh, for a single hour to see life's tangled knot of evil and self-blame all straightened, all undone."

I am exceedingly thankful if my influence upon your life has contributed any thing toward making you the kind and dutiful son, the faithful husband, the affectionate and careful parent, and the respected and honored citizen that you are; and I feel that there is at least one, whom through the providence of God, my admonitions and advice have benefitted, and, as the Priest of his family, may transmit his purity of life and rectitude of conduct unimpaired to those who shall follow him.

I shall return to you those old letters, as their proper custodian. You have preserved them long and carefully, under trying circumstances and in perilous times, and if in your judgment they contain anything worthy of further preservation, file this letter with them, that your sons in future years may learn the principles upon which their father's manhood and good name were built, and may your entire life be a fitting model for their emulation.

My impressions, as given on some of the current events of the great rebellion, some of which were written in camp and field, may be of interest to some members of your family in later years, as well as the references they contain in regard to yourself. How highly would I now esteem letters written to my father when he was a lad during the Revolutionary War, as you were, when I indicted those letters to you. They would be priceless to life could I obtain such. Receive then these old letters back again, that your boys may preserve them in future years, and, if they contain anything to stimulate thought and reflection to a higher and purer manhood, they will not have been preserved in vain.

Very truly, your Uncle,

J. C. METCALF.

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#### THE METCALF FAMILY HISTORY. ANTECEDENTS.

The preparation of this history of the descent of the family of my name from an ancestor, and recital of my personal history, was begun in 1904, and continued at long intervals, as inclination prompted. Relying upon memory for many details, covering a period of sixty years, certain matters, worthy of record, escaped, my recollection during the preparation of the original notes. From time to time my memory was refreshed, and the memoranda increased, through having obtained, by inquiry of relatives, many important dates, etc. For these reasons the narrative is somewhat disconnected, that orderly compilation not being followed which would have been observed if all the material had been at hand when the work began.

My regret is very keen that during an earlier period of life I had but passing interest in the history of my family, and that I failed, during the lifetime of my parents, to make some record of many particulars. I learned from time to time, or that might have been obtained by inquiry, which would be now of great value in enabling me to more satisfactorily trace my lineage, and to place



in reliable shape the data which are now incomplete. It was not until about twenty years ago that I gave to this subject other than casual attention, and only at long intervals for a number of years thereafter. I became more interested in it, and deeply impressed with its importance, within only recent years, due to the necessity for certain information of this character in some legal matters, affecting claims for pension, etc. It therefore seems incumbent upon me to even at this late date make such record of these events as perhaps will be useful for and not be lacking in interest to my descendants. I cannot too strongly urge upon them the importance of preserving these papers, as many of the dates cannot possibly be obtained from any other source.

Of my grandfather's family the one most interested in matters of this character, best qualified by training and environment to study the subject of lineage, was my uncle, John C. In early life he was fortunate enough to acquire a fine education, having been a graduate of the Christiana (Del.) College, and a student of other schools. He was a teacher, later a student of medicine, and for many years a teller and bookkeeper in banks at Janesville, Wis. He was gifted with a fine mind, and his tastes were in the direction of the highest and best in literature, so that he was a scholarly and cultivated man. He in later years took much pains to procure and preserve an authentic record of family, so far as he was able to obtain it. At his death, by his written direction, this record was placed in my possession, to be preserved by me for the use of others. Aside from my personal interest in the matter, I therefore feel that in undertaking this work I am carrying out that which would have been pleasing to him, and I have accepted the trust as one of duty and solemnity.

Although I have preserved in its original shape my uncle's memoranda, I have incorporated all the details in the narrative which follows, have included the information within my personal knowledge, and have used the facts which reached me through other channels.

The ordinary period of time during which it is assumed that a father is succeeded by a child is one-third of a century. This sketch may be assumed to establish the history of the family from about the year 1700, and begins, as to dates, with my great-great-grandfather.

The narrative of my uncle, which was written in 1876, is as follows:

#### Narrative of J. C. Metcalf.

The nationality of our European ancestors is not well settled by any reliable authority known to me, and is therefore to some extent a matter of conjecture. My grandfather, James, married an English woman, whose name was "Britton," and I am strongly inclined to think he was himself an Englishman, who had gone over to Enniskillen and settled there a short time before coming to America. I have no authenticated record for this idea, but the following circumstances seem strongly to corroborate this theory and almost verifies it.

During the religious and political conflicts which so agitated and disturbed England through the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries, Enniskillen became a Protestant town, and about the close of this long and bloody conflict, in 1689, the Protestants of that place gained a decisive victory over a detachment of troops sent against them by James II in the interest of Romanism. This victory soon after placed that borough, when Protestantism was firmly established in England, in close relationship and familiar intercourse with the English people. For the English adventurer to pass over to that and other Protestant districts of Ireland was not an uncommon event; yet intermarriage between the two nationalities was not at that time a common occurrence. The fact of James Metcalf being connected by marriage with a well-known English family seems to clearly indicate that he himself was an Englishman by birth and education.

"When I was a child my father would relate to me little incidents and stories relative to my great-grandfather (James) which occurred when he (my father) was a boy, as far back as 1770 or before; but none of these in any manner connect or associate him with the Irish people; neither do I recollect of him being spoken of as an Irishman, which I think I would have learned had he been such. These sayings and anecdotes related by him savored more of English than of Celtic character—and I am therefore strongly inclined to believe that he was a genuine Englishman.

"One other subject I must speak of, and that is the orthoepy of the name, which, by idiom, dialect, fancy, or custom, has been twisted and warped in various forms. My great-grandfather (James) spelled his name "Medkiff ;" my grandfather (Curtis) spelled his "Medkelf ;" while his brother (Abraham) used the word "Metcalf." (It is frequently spelled, especially in the Southern states, "Metcalf," "Medcalf," "Medcatf," "Midkiff", etc.) My father followed the custom of his father; but his brothers (Joseph and Benjamin) followed their uncle (Abraham) in spelling the word "Metcalf." All of my father's sons followed the orthoepy of their uncles (Joseph and Benjamin); and for the last forty years substantially all the branches of our family have adopted the name "Metcalf," so far as I can learn.

"A certain lawyer of Pittsburg, a man of acknowledged ability and learning, (who I think died of cholera in 1862) made' extensive researches in the history of our family in its several branches, tracing it back through England, as he claimed, to Scotland, some three hundred years ago, where the name was spelled "Medkirk." This has at least an air of plausibility about it, as it gives the name a definitive and a meaning - "met at the kirk" (church.)

"I regret that I am not able to obtain the necessary records by which to give precise dates to many events; but from corresponding dates that I know and connecting to circumstances I shall be able to approximate very nearly to early dates. My father was a very careful and precise man in all his statements, and the history of our family, which I have obtained from him, may be considered reliable.

"My great-grandfather (James) was born about the year 1700, and came from Enniskillen (Ireland) and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., about 1720, living there about 1770. He had two sons (Abraham and Curtis) the former born in 1731, the latter in 1733, in Little Britian Township, in that county. Abraham settled in Baltimore, about 1770, raised several sons, and many of his descendants are there at this time.

My grandfather (Curtis) had five sons and two daughters, all born in Lancaster county, namely, James, Thomas, Joseph, Benjamin, Isaac, (the last born of a second wife) Mary and Abigail. The former daughter married Abraham Sidwell; the latter was never married. Joseph and Benjamin settled in Shelby County, Ky., about 1800, and both raised sons and daughters. Joseph remained there until his death (about 1840;) his oldest son (Samuel) was a physician, and a medical writer of some distinction. Benjamin removed his family to Missouri, about 1820, and died there; of his children I know nothing. James and Isaac settled in Belmont County, Ohio, during the early years of the century, and left sons and daughters, several of whom I have seen, and many of them and their descendants still remain there.

"My father (Thomas Curtis) born Jan. 16, 1762, was married , and had seventeen children, (one lost in infancy.) He was married first to Phoebe Sidwell, in 1780, by whom he raised eight children, namely, Mary (or Polly,) Abraham, Reuben, Joseph, Rachel, Ruth, Charity, Margaret. His wife (Phoebe) died in 1805, and two years later (1807) he married Hannah Gould, by whom he had nine children, namely, Abigail, Enoch, Phoebe, William, James, Sarah, Elizabeth, John and Samuel.

"(In 1844 I substituted "C" for "K" as the initial of my middle name, since which time I have upon all occasions written my name thus.)

"My father moved his family from Chester County to Belmont County, Ohio, in 1832, reaching Lewis Mill, in that county, Oct. 10. From Belmont he removed to Morgan County, Ohio, in Oct. 1838, where he died in Penn Township, Feb. 23, 1849. My mother died in the same place, August 13, 1851.

"My grandfather on my mother's side (William Gould) was an Irishman by birth and education. He came to America about the year 1780, and settled in Cecil County, Maryland, where my mother was born March 25, 1787. Her sister married Gossett (or Gossage, or Gorsuch – the name is spelled various ways."

The respective dates of birth and death of the ancestors of the family, as recorded by my uncle, to which he makes reference in the foregoing narrative, are embodied in the chronology of the family, for which see another page of this history.

While conversing with my father and uncle at various times I have learned that their father (my grandfather) resided for over 70 years on a farm in East Nottingham Township, adjoining Little Britain Township, in Chester County, Pa, It was also known as the "Thompson Hudson place, and was one-half mile from Dickey's Cotton Factory (also called Hopewell) and I have heard my father speak of having, while a boy worked in that factory. The family was of the Friends' faith, and attended the "Quaker Brick Meeting House" of that denomination. Neighbors were named Kirk, Haynes, Stubbs, Brown, Kinsay. Familiar nearby places were McCall's Ferry, Peach Bottom, Webb's Ford, etc. Oxford is a place frequently mentioned by them, and seems to be two miles from Hopewell Station, on the Oxford & Peach Bottom Railroad, now (1907) known as the Lancaster, Oxford & Southern Railroad.

The location of the home, as nearly as I am able to fix it, may be assumed to be on a line due north of Havre de Grace, Md.

#### Another Version of the Family History

Next to Uncle John, the person who has given most study and research in the history of the family is my cousin, Thomas A., and he has written me the following very interesting letter upon that subject:

Bakersville, Cal., May 8, 1909.

"The race is not of Saxon nor of Celtic lineage, but of Norse descent. The family name originated in feudal times in North Riding, Yorkshire, and was known as "Strongarius" (Armstrong) on account of the strength of its members. At that period brothers and cousins often had the same name, and several brothers might be called "John.'" or "James". It came to pass that one Strongarm (John) lived in a meadow, or flat, near a church, and thus originated the family name, which was "Mead" (Meadow) "Caf" (Kof) the Yorkshire for "church." The John referred to therefore lived near the kirk (or church) meadow. There were other Johns however who lived in other meadows. The name was spelled in various ways. I have a letter written by my grandfather, in which he spells his name "Thomas Midkelf." I have met many of the name, and all who have any traditional account say this story is correct. I have found a family resemblance among all of them.

"Of our immediate ancestors the one who went to Enniskillen and married Miss Britton was a famous soldier (officer) and was knighted for his bloody work in destroying the Irish, His coat of arms was a bloody mailed hand. His only son was he who came to America, having turned Quaker. This son brought with him his three sons, and they landed at Boston, where one son remained. The father then went to Maryland, thence to Pennsylvania, where he lived with his son Curtis) until his death. The other son went back to the "Eastern Shore" (Maryland).

"Since Uncle John's death I had supposed I was the only one of the family who took any interest in its history. I have had a copy of his record for 35 years, and during that period have added much to it, or rather have collected many other details. My memory is retentive, and I can remember many stories related to me by my parents, as well as by my grandparents, both of whom I remember. I also remember aunts Sarah and Phoebe, uncles Samuel and James, and your father. My recollection of Uncle Reuben, of the first faintly, is very good, as also some of Abraham's children, and the Gossage family.

"Much of the information gained by me was from the late John T. Metcalf, of San Jose, who was of the Massachusetts branch; of Rev. F. H. Chapham, of Tacoma, who was born and reared where the family originated, and of the late George Booth, of Kentucky, a companion of Thomas Metcalf, Governor of Kentucky many years ago.

The family has been an honorable one, and not lacking in fame. From Sir John Metcalf, the blind Road Commissioner of England, to Victor H., late Secretary of the Navy, there were many famous men, who bore the name, notably Lord Metcalf, of England; Gov. Metcalf; Col. Metcalf, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ky. Cavalry; Col. Metcalf, of Kansas volunteers; Congressman Metcalf, of Saint Louis; Rev. Father Metcalf, of Boston, etc.

"There is a family in this city, and we call each other cousins. There is a resemblance quite marked. Their father came from England many years ago; they knew nothing of his people. Secretary Metcalf's father also came from England.

"Our great-grandfather (Curtis) was married twice. His sons, James, Thomas (grandfather), Joseph and Benjamin, were grown men when he married the second time. He married a young woman, and went to North Carolina, where he died. The Metcalfs of North Carolina and Tennessee are his descendants. I have a pocket book sent by his second wife to grandfather, (probably received after his death), which was made by his first wife about 1760. Our great-grandmother spun the wool, dyed and knitted it; and it is now in almost a perfect state of preservation. I have also a letter written to my father, by my grandfather, before I was born. This I will have photographed, and send you a copy.

"I should add, as of interest, that grandfather's, brother, James, was impressed in the English army, refused to serve, was imprisoned, escaped, joined Washington's army, and became a captain. Grandfather was enrolled in the militia, but saw no service."

My Grandfather, Thomas Curtis Metcalf, and his Descendants.

I have no recollection of having seen either my grandfather or grandmother. Of both I have often heard my father speak, and he has related many events, regarding the former particularly,

which my memory unfortunately does not permit me now to recall, excepting minor particulars, and this sketch would be of far greater interest if I could recall a time of that which father told me from time to time. That grandfather was a small man in stature, but compactly built, and of prodigious strength; he could take up a barrel of cider by the chine, and drink from it. I have heard father often say. Fortunately my cousin, John T., has a clear recollection of both the grandparents, and he writes me very entertainingly as follows about them:

"I was the almost constant companion of grandfather for the last four or five years of his life, and knew him better than any of the other grandsons. He was of medium build, 5 ft. 6 or 7 in. in height, very bald, cleanly shaven. At an early period he was active, and reaped grain with the old fashioned reaping hook; he told me about harvesting in Pennsylvania, and that often perhaps 20 men would start reaping with similar hooks, each taking a swath five feet wide across the field, placing the wheat in bundles, and binding on their return. This would be kept up from morning until night; a good day's work was 40 dozen, 480 sheaves. What a contrast with the improved threshing machinery of the present day!

For the last two years of his life he was quite feeble, but never confined to his bed; he tried to be active, going from place to place, and I was his companion, because when he got down he was himself unable to rise without assistance. He carried a stout staff. This companionship was one of the bright spots of my life. He was kind, loving, and gentle, mild in reproof, and entered into my boyish sports. He told me many stories, but always those with a moral, calculated to make a good impression on my mind. He was strictly an Orthodox Quaker, using in conversation the words "yea," "nay," "thee" "thou" etc. It was his practice to pray when the spirit moved him. Many times he would kneel in prayer in the farm, field, or orchard, and I have assisted him to rise.

"The burial place of grandfather was at the Quaker burial grounds, near the old Metcalf homestead, in Morgan County, Ohio. I was at the funeral – the first I every attended. Grandmother is at rest in the same grounds. Their graves are not close together, it being the custom of the Quakers to bury their dead in rotation as the deaths occurred. Grandfather's grave occupied a position third in one of the lines, and grandmother's (I also attended her funeral) some fifteen or more graves down the line. I could go to-day and located each. "

Every family bears certain facial, physical and mental characteristics, which seem to follow generation after generation. Were I to attempt to make a composite drawing of those whom I knew, it would bear a facial expression somewhat stern and austere; eyes dark, nearly black, hair straight and black, stature medium, weight not over an average of 136 pounds. It is my impression that my father weighed in excess to that, my weight has averaged about 136. There with no lack of industry upon the part of any one. Humor was a marked trait, and a tendency to tease others seemed to be ingrown. My mother used to tell of Uncle Samuel, who, when a boy, would delight in purposely running over her freshly scrubbed floor, and it was immaterial whether his boots were muddy or not. Uncle John was an inveterate tease; his eyes would fairly dance with fun as he would purposely say or do something he intended to shock my aunt, who was prim and dignified at such times, but on other occasions her fat, short body shook with fun and intense good humor. When uncle would vex her she looked daggers; the rest of us could not possibly avoid smiling, as he was irresistible as a mimic. In like manner she could tell a story, especially about the negro people, in such

inimitable manner that every one laughed most heartily. She had a keen sense of the ridiculous in everything, and could mimic any one, very successfully.

In religious views the family was of Quaker faith, but none of my grandfather's children adhered strictly to that faith after becoming grown. In later years both my parents leaned to the Methodist denomination (my mother was a member) and I think also Uncle James and his family. Uncle John became a devout Episcopalian, due to the fact that his wife and her family were of that denomination.

Many of my ancestors reached a good old age. Of my grandfather's family two only died comparatively young, 23 and 30. Aside from these the oldest was 87; the average age was 60.

Of one characteristic of my ancestors and their children I may write with pride. I do not think there was a selfish fiber in the race; generosity was manifested so unmistakably and so freely that its exercise must have brought much satisfaction to them and to all who became its recipients. Kindness to and sympathy for those in distress; forgiveness for those who erred—these traits were nobly inherited and sincerely practiced. Hospitality was as free and bountiful as warm hearts could offer; it was spontaneous, complete, and without limit.

On the other hand, a grievous fault is impatience; when the supply of patience was doled out, only a small portion was apparently allotted this family. The habit of speaking too quickly is evidence of lack of patience; many times through life I have brought upon myself regret and caused others sorrow because of impetuously saying something, when I should have held my tongue. In later years I have tried very hard to teach myself to think twice before speaking once.

#### Location in Ohio of the Metcalf Family Homestead.

The farms of uncles James and William were near, both on Monday Creek; latter near the old salt works, former up the creek about two miles. They about equi-distant from New Lexington and Bristol, the former six miles and the latter three miles east; about same distance west was Hazleton's Mills and Stratesville. Uncle William later sold his farm and lived one year on farm of Uncle James; he then moved to Oakfield, Perry County, where he remained until he went to Illinois.

### CHRONOLOGY OF THE METCALF FAMILY FROM 1700 — FIVE GENERATIONS

#### FIRST GENERATION – JAMES METCALF – 1700

Born about 1700; about 1730 emigrated from Ireland to Lancaster County, Pa, where he died about 1770 – 2 children:

1. Abraham, born 1731; settled in Baltimore 1770
2. Curtis, (see below)

#### SECOND GENERATION – CURTIS METCALF – 1733 – GREAT GRANDFATHER

Son of James Metcalf; born 1733; died in North Carolina; married in 17 to Mary; 4 children; (all children born in Lancaster County, Pa.)

1. James, settled in Belmont County, Ohio.
2. Thomas Curtis, (see below.)
3. Joseph, settled Shelby County, Ky., 1800; died 1840.
4. Benjamin, settled Shelby County, Ky.; then in Missouri, 1840,  
Second Marriage, in 17 to ; 3 children:

5. Isaac, settled in Belmont County, Ohio.
6. Mary., married Abraham Sidwell.
7. Abigail, unmarried.

#### THIRD GENERATION – THOMAS CURTIS METCALF – 1762 – GRANDFATHER.

Son of Curtis and Mary Metcalf; born, Lancaster County, Pa., Jan. 16, 1762; died Morgan Co., Ohio, Feb. 23, 1849; married 1780 to Phoebe Sidwell, daughter of Abraham and Charity Sidwell, who was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 2, 1764; died in Chester Co., Pa., 1805; 8 children (all children, both marriages, Chester Co., Pa.)

1. Mary, born Sept. 12, 1782; died 1830, Chester Co.
2. Abraham, born Jan. 14, 1785; died 1848 Lancaster Co.
3. Reuben, born Nov. 8, 1786; died 1835, Morgan Co.
4. Rachel, born October 3, 1788; died 1835, Chester Co.
5. Joseph, born Sept. 23, 1790; died 1868, Morgan Co., Ohio.
6. Charity, born Nov. 14, 1792; died about 1860, Chester Co.
7. Ruth, born April 19, 1795; died 1831, date unknown, Chester Co.
8. Margaretta, born August 12, 1797; died 1827, date unknown, Chester Co.

Second Marriage, in 1807, to Hannah Gould, daughter of Wm. and Barbara Gould, who was born Cecil Co., Md., March: 25, 1787, and died Morgan Co., Ohio, Aug. 13, 1851; 9 children:

9. Abigail, born Nov. 3, 1808; died Viroqua, Wis., August 14, 1878.
10. Enoch born June 29, 1810; died Belmont Co., Ohio, March 26, 1870.
11. Phoebe, born July 11, 1813; died Columbus, Ohio, July 1, 1884.
12. William Gould, born March 2, 1815; died Adams Co., Ills., July 5, 1881.
13. James Thomas, born Feb. 9, 1817; died Cherokee, Ks., Aug. 8, 1879.
14. Sarah Rogers, born May 7, 1819; died Morgan Co., Ohio, Aug. 31, 1850.
15. Elizabeth, born June 20, 1821; died Chester Co., Feb., 1822.
16. John Kenedy, born Jan. 16, 1825; died Janesville, Wis., Nov. 30, 1895.
17. Samuel Washington, born May 25, 1827; died Nov. 13, 1850, Perry Co., O.

#### THE ANCESTORS

Such, in brief, is the stock from which we sprung, and such were the men and women "whom we delight to honor."

Their integrity was of that uncompromising sort which nothing can shake. Their work was done amid difficulties and hardships of which we have little conception. Well and bravely was it done! And it becomes us to seriously consider whether we, in our day and generation, are meeting the responsibilities of the hour as heroically as their example demands we should.

To speak candidly of one's direct ancestors, however remote, is a somewhat difficult matter. Unstinted praise savors somewhat of egotism; and to uncover failings is an unfilial and ungracious task. Fortunately, in the present case, time has so completely obliterated whatever evil was theirs, that we can safely reverse the memorable saying of Mark Antony, and declare, as to them, "The GOOD that men, do lives after them; the EVIL is oft interred with their bones."

#### FOURTH GENERATION – MY UNCLES AND AUNTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND DESCENDANTS.

Of the original family of my grandfather (eight children by first wife) I have but little

knowledge, except as stated by others in the foregoing papers. Some of these, or their descendants, resided in Belmont County, and I have seen them, and knew in a general way something of others, but because of the long period intervening my memory fails me as regards particulars concerning them.

Of the family of nine children, by my grandfather's second marriage, my information is incomplete as to several, but quite full as to others whom I had better opportunity of knowing. These are taken up in order of the irrespective ages, according to the numbers in the chronology.

[Being unable to obtain all dates, etc., spaces are left which may be filled in are left which may be filled in afterwards, if the information is obtained.]

Pages 8-25 of James T. Metcalf's history follows the descendants of Thomas Curtis Metcalf (1762-1849).



Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, Vol. 34 (1936), pp157-159:

DR. SAMUEL LITTLER METCALF

By Chas. R. Staples

James Midcalf was born in 1700 in Scotland and was raised in Yorkshire, England. He became an officer in English Army and married Margaret Britton. While stationed at Inneskilling, Ireland, he decided to immigrate to America and did so, arriving here in 1730. He settled in Lancaster County, Pa., and died there in June 1760. In March 1st 1742 he received a land grant of 120 acres and On March 21st 1755 he received another grant of 60 acres in the same county. His will is dated January 3rd 1760 and was probated the same month. His children at time of making his Will were Curtis—Abraham and Rachael. The last two settled in Pennsylvania and lived there for years. Abraham later moved to Ohio, where all trace of him has been lost.

Curtis married twice but name of first wife unknown. By that marriage he had, James – Thomas – Joseph and Benjamin. After death of his wife he married Mary (?) and had Isaac, Mary and Abigail. The third son of Curtis Metcalf was Joseph and he was the father of Dr. Samuel L. Metcalf. Curtis was born in 1733 in Lancaster County, Penn., and died in N. Car, when past middle life.

Joseph Metcalf married Rebecca Littler and had eight sons and three daughters. Only the following can be located: Samuel – Ruth – Jesse – James – Newton – Mary – Lydia and Joseph, Jr., Whether they were born in this order or not, is not known but the first two named were born as shown. The family Bible in which the names and dates of birth were recorded, was removed to Texas before the Civil War and accidently destroyed. Jesse and Newton died unmarried. Ruth married March 1, 1827, Samuel Mahan and at his death, she married September 18, 1839, William Patterson Allen, and had several children. Mary married Corban P. Bull and had one son, Preston Bull and then died. She was married on January 15th 1829. After her death Corban Bull, married her sister Lydia Metcalf and by her had Samuel Corban Bull, who married Jacqueline Page, and conducted a Book store in Frankfort, Ky.

Joseph Metcalf Jr., married Mary Bell Allison, and after her death, he married Margaret E. Venable and moved to Texas, where he died at Hutto, in 1859.

Preston Bull named above, married and moved to Indiana where he left a family at his death.



Dr. Samuel Littler Metcalf was born at Winchester, Va., Sept. 21st 1798 and died at Cape May, N. J., July 17th 1856. His sister Ruth was born May 7th 1802 at same place, but balance of his brothers and sisters, were born in Kentucky. His parents moved to Shelby County, Kentucky in latter part of 1802 and settled on tract of land located on Hickory Run, near Lynch's Station, the old Indian Fort. Dr. Metcalf entered Transylvania University Medical School in 1817 and in latter part of this year, he published a Song Book of Hymns. The copyright is dated December 31st 1817 The book was called "The Kentucky Harmonist" and is a choice collection of sacred music. This was published by Morgan, Lodge and Co. at Cincinnati and the second edition of same was issued in 1820. This 'book is 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  and has 130 pages of music. Cover is of heavy card board with leather binding. Many of the hymns are used to the words of Watt's Psalms also Lockart, Swann, Roberts, Handel, Billings and many others. The preface contains 500 words of excellent musical history. This is followed by a 3,000 worded article on the origin, nature and moral tendency of Music. Dr. Metcalf was just 19 years of age when the first edition was published.

The success of this Book, enabled him to produce "Narratives of the Indian Warfare in the West", which appeared in 1821 and from the press of the Lexington Publisher, William F Hunt. This book contains a description of every severe Indian Fight that had taken place in Kentucky since it began to be settled by the Whites. One chapter "Account of the Adventures of Col. Daniel Boone" was lifted bodily from the History of Kentucky by John Filson. This Book is now very rare and is much sought by libraries and collectors.

After his graduation Dr. Metcalf settled in New Albany, Ind., and practiced his profession there for some years. There is no record in the Court House at that point of his marriage or of his purchasing any property. After some years he moved to Mississippi and lived mostly at Natchez. He was at that point several years and while there walked over the greater portion of East Tennessee and North Carolina, and wrote a number of articles on the geological formations, and a fine description of flora and fauna.

His father died in August 1840 and during September Court in 1841 the appraisement of his estate was filed by the two administrators William P. Allen and Lydia Bull (See Will Book No 14, page 50 Shelby Co. Ky.) and tradition has it that Dr. Metcalf was present in Court when this was filed, but the Court Records do not show him being in Shelby County until April 27th 1846 (Deed Book L, No 2, page 164) when Dr. Metcalf sold his "entire and undivided interest in the tract of land of Joseph Metcalf, Sr., to Joseph Metcalf, Jr." This was acknowledged by Dr. Metcalf before the Clerk of Shelby County.

The inventory of the estate of Dr. Metcalf's father shows him to have been a man of more than ordinary means and the items contain a number of cash notes, Windsor chairs, Library, two sets of silver spoons, two large clocks, looking glass, "beauro", desk, settee, two pair andirons, four beds, saddle horses, eight cows, 14 sheep and other items. This besides 440 acres of land. The Court Records do not show how long Dr. Metcalf was in Shelby County at this time, nor that he was ever again in Kentucky.

On the farm of W. A. Brook, one mile south of Simpsonville, and nine miles from Shelbyville, is located the Bull-Metcalf burying ground. This could not be reached on account of snow drifts, but Mr. Brook told me over the telephone that this graveyard was in good condition and while he had not been inside the stone fence for a number of years, and could not recall the names of any of those buried there, he was satisfied the stones were in good order and legible.

There is a tradition in Shelby County that the Corban Bull who married into the Metcalf family was the same man who "invented" Hood's Sasparilla and also Bull's Cough Syrup, but this statement could not be verified. There is no indication of such history in the Court Records.

In 1833 Dr. Metcalf published in New York a treatise, entitled "A New Theory of Terrestrial Magnetism". This was expanded in 1838 into a treatise "Caloric", which is described very fully on page 127, in the work of Dr. J. N. McCormack, entitled "Some of the Medical Pioneers of Kentucky", which was published by the Kentucky State Board of Health in 1917.

There is a family tradition that Dr. Metcalf married after his graduation and had several children, but there is no record of these in Shelby County, nor in Louisville, nor at New Albany, Ind. A search of the marriage records fails to show such marriage. The Allen family now in Shelby County have a tradition in the family that Dr. Metcalf's marriage in England was his second venture.

While in London, he married Ellen Blondel and by her had one daughter, Charlotte Ellen, who married Rush Spencer Eastman, who was born at Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 31st 1845. He was the son of Hiram and Mary Guyn Eastman. Mr. Eastman was Rector of the Episcopal Church at Torresdale, Penn., over twenty years, and had the following issue:

Eleanor,	b. Oct. 1879, d. 1882.
Charlotte,	b. March 4th 1882, d Dec. 24th 1883.
Ruth,	b. Nov. 23rd 1888, d. Dec. 1891.
Margery,	b. April 30th 1886, teacher N. Y. City Schools, War worker in France.
Helen,	b. (?) Now Sup 't Nurses in Hospital on Bainbridge Street at Philadelphia.

C. R. Staples.



## **Genealogy of the Metcalf / Midkiff Family for Four Generations**

By Jerry Long

Generation one – James Midcalf (c1700-1760), the Emigrant

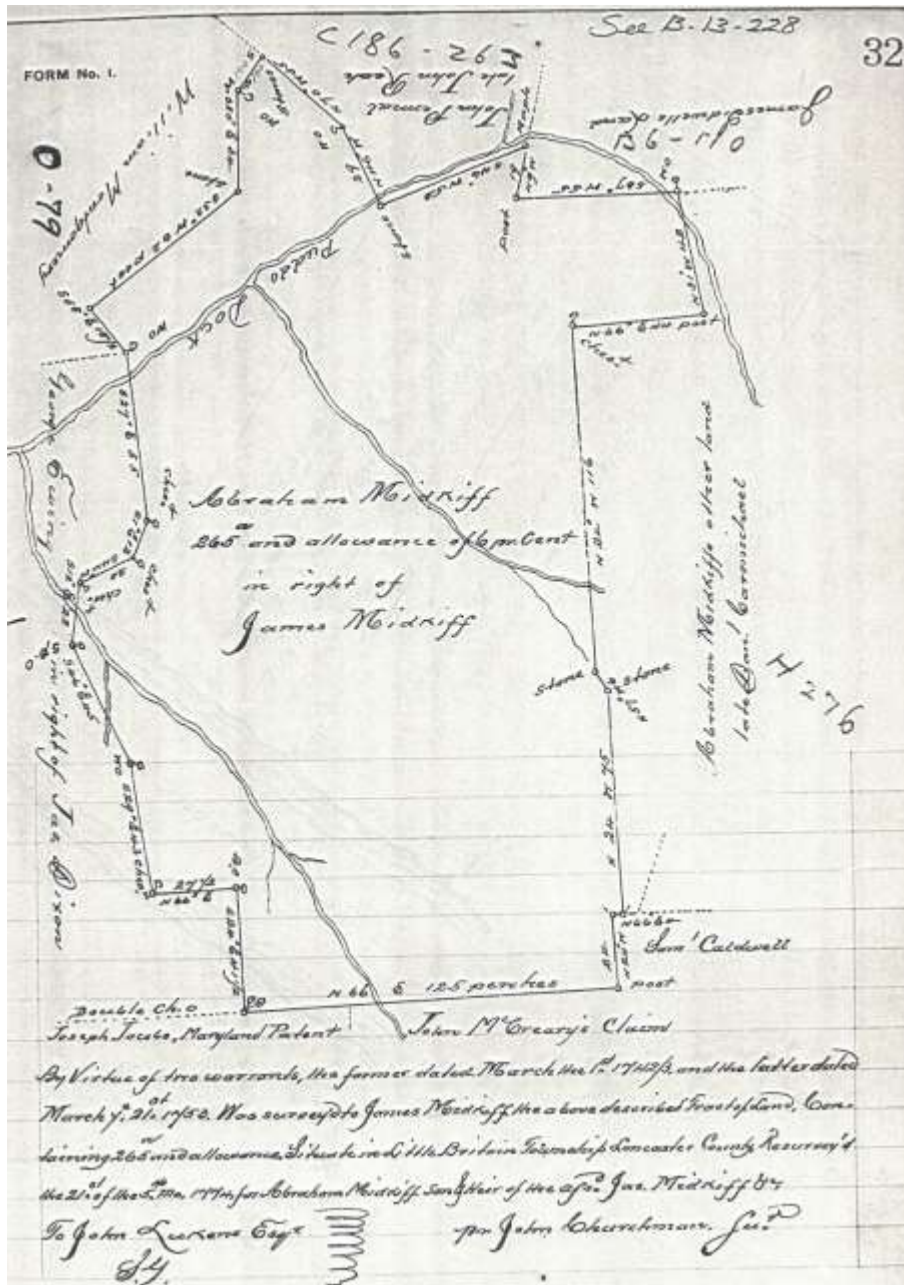
According to James T. Metcalf, (1845-1930) his great-great-grandfather, James Midcalf, came to America about 1730 and settled in and left records in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. James Midcalf was a farmer and was listed in the tax lists of Little Britain Township in 1754 and 1756-1759. James came from the town of Enniskillen in Ireland and was born about 1700 in England. James T. Metcalf quotes his uncle, John C. Metcalf, the great grandson of the emigrant, as his source for most of the early family history.

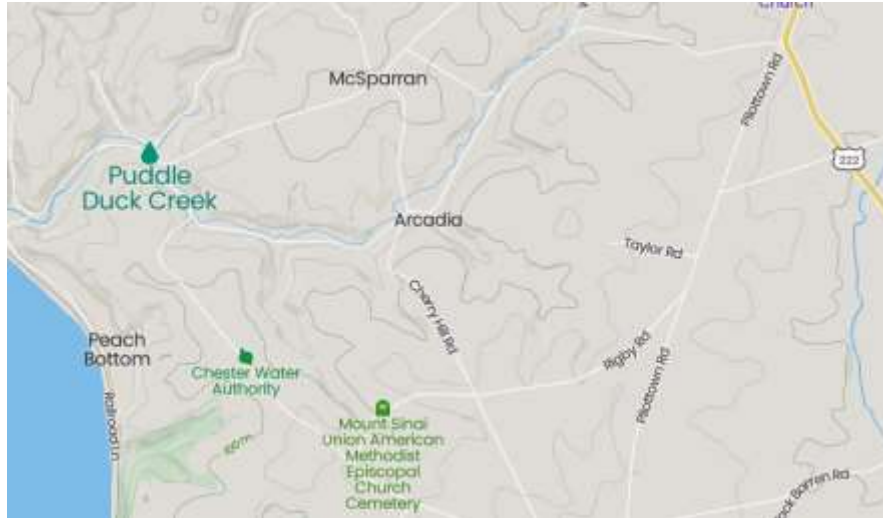
One oral tradition claims that James Midcalf's father was a soldier from Yorkshire, England, who was sent to Enniskillen, Ireland to help control the rebellious Irish. Enniskillen is on Lough Erne in County Fermanagh, province of Ulster in Northern Ireland. In the late 1600's, this town was one of the two main centers of resistance to British rule. Throughout the 1600's the English crown maintained a garrison at Enniskillen.

James Midcalf, the emigrant, married Margaret Britton. One correspondent reported that they were married 19 February 1735 West Nottingham, Cecil County, MD. Margaret was censured on 19 April 1735 at a Quaker Monthly Meeting for marrying James, who at the time was not a Quaker; she gave her apology and was reinstated. Margaret was born c1697 and was the widow of Samuel Berry and by this marriage had children – Hannah, John, Elizabeth and Sarah Berry. The

Britton surname is among the names of the earliest settlers of Lancaster County. Many of the settlers in Little Britain township were of Scotch-Irish origins.

James Metcalf received two warrants for land in Lancaster County, PA - 120 acres on 1 March 1742 and for 60 acres on 21 March 1753. The History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by Franklin Ellis & Samuel Evans (Philadelphia, PA, Everts & Peck, 1883, p854) shows that these warrants were resurveyed for Abraham Metcalf on 21 May 1774 and sold to Joseph Sidwell [note – these would be James' son & son-in-law]; the land at this writing is owned by E. K. Taylor, Thomas O. King and others. Abraham Metcalf's survey of the land of James Metcalf, dated 5 May 1775, is on record in the Pennsylvania Land Warrants (Book AA 15, p335) and in the Pennsylvania Land Surveys (Book C 212, p32, see below) at the Pennsylvania State Archives.



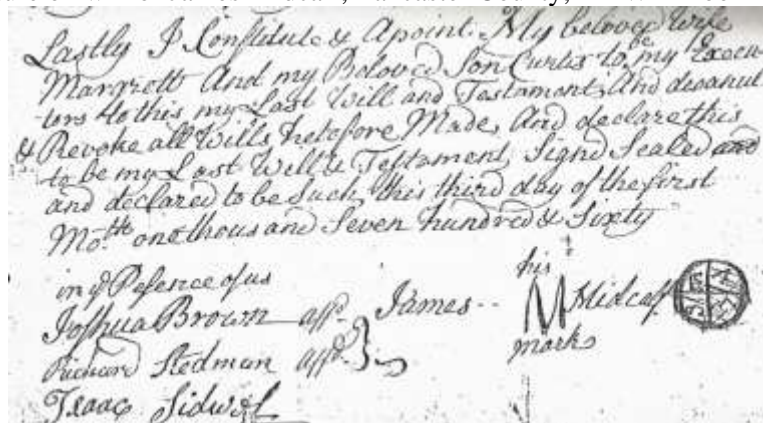


James Midcalf lived along Puddle Creek, Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA. The Susquehanna River is on the east.

At the time that James acquired this land it was in Little Britain Township. In 1844 the township was divided into Fulton & Little Britain Townships. The western part of the township adjoining the Susquehanna River became Fulton Township in which James Midcalf's land would now be located. The new township was named in honor of Robert Fulton (1765-1815), the steamboat inventor, who was a resident and near neighbor to the Metcalf family. In October 1992 I spent six days researching at the Lancaster County Archives, Lancaster County Historical Society Library and Lancaster County Public Library, in Lancaster, PA and at the Pennsylvania State Archives and Pennsylvania State Library, in Harrisburg, PA. On this trip I made many discoveries and copied many family documents. I visited the neighborhood where James Midcalf's farm was located – along the Puddle Creek about 1 ½ miles east of the Susquehanna River and Peach Bottom and 4 miles southwest of the Robert Fulton Museum.

James Midcalf, the emigrant, died in Lancaster County, PA in 1760. James wrote his will on the 3rd of January 1760 and it was proved in the same month indicating his death was in January of that year. The will names his wife Margaret and children: Curtis (he was 21 or older), Abraham (not yet age 21), and Rachel. The will also named "my two orphan children, viz: Samuel Crastor and Doras Mcqueston" (Lancaster County, PA Will Book B, pp400-401).

Signature on will of James Midcalf, Lancaster County, PA Will Book B, p401:



Margaret (Britton) Metcalf's death was recorded in the records of the Nottingham Monthly Meeting as the 29th Day of the 11th Month of 1784; she died at the age 87.

## Generation Two

1. Curtis Metcalf was born c1735 Lancaster County, PA. He was his father's oldest son. He married twice. He married Mary Skillern, 9 August 1759 (Marriages 1753-1854 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Annette Simpson, Lancaster County Historical Society, 1986, p19). They were married at the St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster County, PA. Curtis was censored by the Quakers for marrying out of the faith:

### Nottingham Monthly Meeting:

1759. 11th Month No. 9. The Friends apptd. to show the Testimony of the meeting to Curtis Metcalf report it was done, & he not enclining to appeal it was published according to Direction: here follows a Copy. Whereas Curtis Metcalf who for some Time Past made Profession with us the People called Quakers, but for want of keeping faithful to that Principle of Light & Grace in his own heart, hath suffer'd a dark and Libertine Spirit to prevail over his understanding, in letting out his affections to a young woman not of our Society, and was married to her by a Priest, contrary to the good order established among Friends, notwithstanding he was timely precautioned against it: Now for the clearing of Truth & our Religious Society, we do give forth this Testimony, disowning him the said Curtis Metcalf to be one in Unity with us until his Sincere Repentance & future good Conduct may again recomend him, the which we sincerely desire. sign'd by Order & on Behalf of our mo. meeting held at East Nottingham the 6th of the 10th mo 1759  
By Geo. Churchman Clk

On 13 October 1992 at the Lancaster County Archives in Lancaster, PA I discovered the marriage of my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents, Curtis Metcalf's & Mary Skillern. I previously only knew that her name was Mary and had an estimated date of their marriage. Mary's surname was affirmed by the fact that Curtis & Mary's son, Benjamin Midkiff, named a daughter, "Mary Skillern". Curtis' wife, Mary (Skillern) Metcalf, died c1770. A possible relative of Mary, is William Skillern, who obtained land warrants in Lancaster County, PA in 1735 & 1738.

The History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by Franklin Ellis & Samuel Evans (Philadelphia, PA, Everts & Peck, 1883, p856) shows that Curtis Midcape is listed in the tax list of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA for the year 1763 and was among residents of that part of the township now embraced in Fulton Township in Lancaster County. Curtis Midcalf was appointed tax collector for the Little Britain Township in 1763 (The History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, p942).

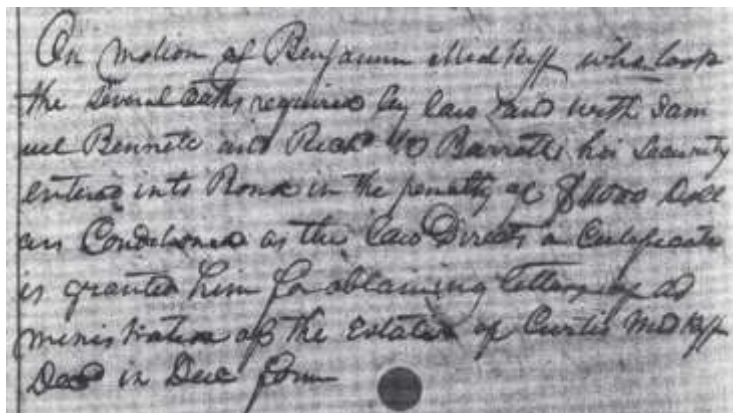
Curtis married second Mrs. Charity (Harris) Sidwell in Cecil County, Maryland, by evidence of a marriage license dated 1 August 1779 (Cecil County, Maryland Marriage Licenses, 1777-1840, Captain Jeremiah Baker Chapter, DAR, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974, p.3). Charity Harris, daughter of John Harris & Phebe Beeson. was born 2 January 1736/37 and died during 1789-1794. Charity was the widow of Abraham Sidwell, Sr. (1727-c1775), who she had married on 5 May 1756. Abraham Sidwell was the son of Hugh Sidwell & Ann Hayes. Abraham's will was probated in Chester County, PA on 10 February 1775. Charity Harris & Abraham Sidwell were



parents of Susannah, Nathan, Mary, Henry, Phoebe, Abraham, Hugh, Charity & Abraham, Jr. Charity's children, Phoebe & Abraham Sidwell, Jr. married children of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern.

Curtis is absent from the 1769-1785 tax lists of Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA. He is shown in the 1768, 1769, 1774, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1783 & 1785 tax lists of Chester County, PA (some years are not available). Curtis Mitcalf, farmer, of East Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA on 25 February 1771 purchased from William McLaughlen for 266 pounds 200 acres (recorded 22 December 1785 Chester County, PA Deed Book A2, pp134-135). On 23 November 1785 Curtis Midcalf, farmer, of Chester County, PA purchased from Jane Ewing & others, for 500 pounds 202 acres in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA; the land bordered on land of Abraham Midcalf (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book DD, pp394-395). Curtis Midkiff & wife Charity of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA on 7 May 1789 sold to Thomas Midkiff & Nathan Sidwell, weavers, of East Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA for 180 pounds 200 acres in Chester County; land was sold to pay debt that Curtis Midkiff owed to four of his step-children, Susanah, Nathan, Mercy & Henry Sidwell (Chester County, PA Deed Book D2, pp492-493). Curtis Midkiff & wife, Charity, of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA on 19 May 1789 sold to Thomas Franklin for 800 pounds 200 acres in Little Britain Township, bounded by land of Abraham Midkiff (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book KK, pp29-31). Curtis appears in the 1786-1789 tax lists of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA; in 1787 assessed taxes on 100 acres, 3 horses & 4 cattle. He is not listed in the 1791-1805 tax lists in Lancaster County.

The Metcalf oral history indicates that Curtis removed to North Carolina after his marriage to Charity Sidwell. No support of this was found. Since none of Curtis' family are known to have gone to North Carolina it seems unlikely that he would have gone there. Curtis Midkiff died during 1789-1822. In the Ohio County, KY court in May 1822 Benjamin Midkiff was appointed administrator of the estate of Curtis Midkiff, deceased. It is not confirmed that this was Benjamin's father. In other Ohio County, KY records of this period no Curtis Midkiff was found. In the household of Benjamin in the 1820 census there is an unidentified male aged 16-26.



“May 1822 recorded in Ohio County, KY court – “On motion of Benjamin Midkiff who took the several oaths required by law and with Sam Bennett and Richard M. Barrett his security entered into bond in the penalty of \$400 conditioned as the law directs a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of Curtis Midkiff dec'd in due form”

Children of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern:

- a. James Metcalf, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 1760-1765. He is listed in the 1783 tax list of Chester County, PA and in the 1800 & 1810 censuses of Lancaster County, PA (Little Britain Township). In the 1810 census his name was spelled Midcap and in his home were 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, 3 females under 10 & 1 female 10-16. On 1 October 1813 James Midcalf of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA purchased 3 acres from Timothy Haines, executor of the will of John Sidwell; in 1817 James sold the land to Joseph Price (Lancaster County, PA Deed Books 9 pp245-247 & 16 p437). James Thomas Metcalf (1845-1930) in his family history reported that he lived in Belmont County, Ohio. He was not found in the 1820 or 1830 censuses of Belmont County, OH. It is unproven but some believe he may be the James, who is listed in the 1830 & 1840 censuses of Licking County, OH.
  
- b. Thomas Curtis Metcalf, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 16 January 1762 Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA. He married Phoebe Sidwell, c1780. Phoebe, daughter of Abraham Sidwell & Charity Harris, was born 2 September 1764 PA and died 1805 Chester County, PA. Thomas C. Metcalf married second Hannah Gould, c1807. Hannah, daughter of William & Barbara Gould, was born 25 March 1787 Cecil County, MD and died 13 August 1851.

Thomas Metcalf is listed in the Chester County, PA 1781, 1783, 1785-1795 tax lists and 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820 & 1830 censuses. In the tax records of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA he is listed in 1788. On 31 March 1788 Thomas Midkiff, of East Nottingham, Chester County, PA, purchased from Peter Gaulihan & others 62 ½ acres in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA; the tract adjoined lands of Abraham & Curtis Midkiff; the deed was witnessed by Benjamin Midcalf (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book II, pp42-43). This tract of 62 ½ acres was sold by Thomas on 6 March 1793 to John Channel (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book M3, p122). Thomas Medcalf & wife Hannah, of East Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA, on 17 December 1812 sold to Joseph Medcalf, wheelright, of same township 36 acres on Dickey's Mill Road; part of 200-acre tract sold by Curtis Medcalf, "father of Thomas Medcalf" & wife Charity (Chester County, PA Deed Book G3, p503). Thomas Midcalf & wife, Hannah, in 1829 & 1832 sold lands in Chester County, PA (Chester County, PA Deed Books G4, p144, R4, p295 & D5, p343).

Thomas Metcalf appears in the 1840 census of Morgan County, OH. Thomas died 23 February 1849 Morgan County, OH. Thomas C. & wife, Hannah, were buried Quaker Burial Grounds, Morgan County, OH.

Children of Thomas C. Metcalf & Phoebe Sidwell were – Mary (1782-1830), Abraham (1785-1848), Reuben (1786-1835), Rachel (1789-1843, married

John Anderson), Joseph (1790-1868), Charity (1792-c1860), Ruth (1795-1831) & Margaretta (1797-1827).

Children of Thomas C. Metcalf & Hannah Gould were – Abigail (1808-1878, married Jefferson Cummings), Enoch (1810-1870, married Abigail Ridgeway), Phoebe (1813-1884, married John Patterson Lichliter), William Gould (1815-1881, married Jane McMillan), James Thomas (1817-1879, married Mary Jane Willis), Sarah Rogers (1819-1850, married Greenway Dougherty), Elizabeth (1821-1822), John Kenedy (1825-1895, he later changed his middle initial to ‘C.’, married Julietta Maria Massoletta) & Samuel Washington (1827-1850, married Phoebe Crosby). Enoch Metcalf & Abigail Ridgeway were the parents of James Thomas Metcalf (1845-1930), author of Genealogy and Family History of the Metcalf Family, For Five Generations From 1700 to 1910.

- c. Susannah Metcalf, daughter of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 12 February 1764 PA. She married John Maule, 3 June 1784 East Nottingham Township Meeting House, Chester County, PA. John, son of Thomas Maule & Zilla Walker, was born 24 October 1757 Radnor, PA and died 8 October 1793 Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, PA. John is listed in the 1790 census of Chester County, PA (spelled as Mall).

Susannah Metcalf Maule died 11 July 1824. Children – Jacob (1785-1848, married Margaret Lewis & Hannah Everhart Massey), Mary (1786-1820, married Samuel Thomas), Zillah (1788-1840, married Jonathan Thomas), Sarah B. (1790-1836, married George Tyson), Ebenezer (1792-1871, married Sarah Lee) & John (1794-1852, married Hannah H. Harper).

The History and Genealogy of the Maules, James Edward Maule (Mechanicsburg, PA, W. & Printing, 1981), p74:

1E7 JOHN MAULE

b. Oct. 24, 1757 Radnor, Pa.

d. Oct. 8, 1793 Tredyffrin.Twp., Chester Co., Pa.

John sold to his brothers Daniel (1E5) and Benjamin (1E9) his share of his father's farm. John lived in Tredyffrin Township, Chester Co., Pa.

On June 3, 1784, in East Nottingham, Pa., John married Susanna Metcalf, daughter of Curtis and Mary Metcalf. Susanna was born on Feb. 12, 1764, and died on July 11, 1824. John and Susanna were members of the Society of Friends. John and Susanna had six children:

1E71 Jacob b. Mar. 4, 1785 Tredyffrin Twp., Chester Co., Pa.

1E72 Mary b. Aug. 2, 1786 Tredyffrin Twp., Chester Co., Pa.

1E73 Zillah b. June 16, 1788 Tredyffrin Twp., Chester Co.,

Pa.

1E74 Sarah B. b. Jan. 28, 1790 Tredyffrin Twp., Chester Co., Pa.

1E75 Ebenezer b. May 1, 1792 prob. Tredyffrin Twp., Chester

Co., Pa.

1E76 John b. Apr. 12, 1794 Pa.

John died of yellow fever contracted in Philadelphia while he was attending Yearly Meeting, against the advice of family and friends. He was buried at Radnor Friends Burying Ground, Radnor, Pa.



In 1798, Susanna and the children were living in a rented hose in Radnor Township, Delaware Co., Pa., northwest of the intersection of Radnor-Chester Road (Rte. 320) and Conestoga Road, not far from the farm of Jacob Maule (1E8) Later, she and the children moved to Frankford in Philadelphia County, where Susanna apparently remarried a man named Harper.

Source: Leeds Gen.; Cummin, A Rare and Pleasing Thing: Radnor, p. 194; Letters from John Maule (E276) to Ebenezer Maule (1E75); Maule, Sketch of Maule Fam. Hist.; Rec. of Radnor MM & Nottingham MM

[Book has additional information on the descendants of John Maule & Susanna Metcalf.]

- d. Joseph Metcalf, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 5 February 1766 Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA. He is listed in the 1796-1798 tax lists of Frederick County, VA. On 17 January 1797 in Frederick County, VA he and John Littler appeared as witnesses on the will of John Donaldson. From Virginia he moved to Shelby County, KY, where he settled on a tract of land (105 acres) adjacent to an old Indian fort on Hickory Run, near Lynch's Station. He is first listed in the Shelby County tax lists in 1804. He is listed in the 1810, 1820, 1830 & 1840 censuses of Shelby County, KY.

Joseph married Rebecca Littler, c1797 VA. Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Littler & Margaret Drago, was born 1770-1776 VA; in 1850 she was living Shelby County, KY. Samuel Littler was a Quaker, who was expelled for marrying a non-Quaker. Joseph Metcalf died 17 August 1840 Shelby County, KY, where he was buried in the Metcalf Cemetery near Simpsonville. On Findagrave.com it is noted that this cemetery is located off of Highway US 60 on farm in 1976 owned by King Walters, in a field behind the Shelby County Flea Market, about 500 feet from Interstate I-64, exit 28 and 2400 feet south of the Southern Railroad. Stones and trees have been removed, only thing left is 4 steel posts with barbed wire around them. A listing of this cemetery was published in the book, Cemeteries in Shelby County, KY (Shelby County Historical Society, Inc., 1979, pp312-313).

Children – Samuel Littler (1798-1856, doctor & author, married 1<sup>st</sup> ? and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen Blondel), Jesse (1800-1837, single, buried Metcalf Cemetery, Shelby County, KY), Ruth (1802-1873, married Samuel Mahon & William Patterson Allen, lived Kansas City, MO), James (born 1796-1810), Newton (born 1796-1810, single), Mary (1808-1832, married Corban Preston Bull, she was buried Metcalf Cemetery, Shelby County, KY), Lydia (c1810-after 1880, married Corban Preston Bull & Dr. \_\_\_ Leach, in 1880 she lived Frankfort, KY), Joseph (1814-1887, he & his descendants spelled their name “Metcalf”), married Mrs. Mary Belle Allison Oldham & Margaret Elizabeth Venable, lived Owensboro, Daviess County, KY & Hutto, Williamson County, TX). Samuel Littler Metcalf (1895-1969), a grandson of Joseph Metcalf & Mary B. Allison, was a Brigadier General & Provost Marshall at the Nuremberg Trial after World War II.

- e. Benjamin Metcalf / Midkiff, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 1763-1770 Lancaster County, PA. [See family record on page 31.](#)
- f. Mary Medcalf, daughter of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born c1775 Chester County, PA. She married Abraham Sidwell, Jr., c1792. Abraham Sidwell, son of Abraham Sidwell & Charity Harris, was born 27 March c1762 Chester County, PA. Abraham is listed in the 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820 & 1830 censuses of Chester County, PA. He died in October 1830 Chester County, PA. The Nottingham Monthly Meeting records show that Mary Metcalf Sidwell died 5 March 1829 “in the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of her age”. She was buried Brick Meeting House Graveyard. The Nottingham Monthly Meeting, by Willard C. Heiss (Indianapolis, IN, 1976, p149) reports the children of Mary Medcalf and Abraham Sidwell, Jr. as – Joel (1793-1849), Charity (1797-1829), Abraham (1799-1864), Isaac (1801-1862, married Jane Keitley) and Jacob Lindley (1806-1829).

Nottingham Monthly Meeting, by Willard C. Heiss (Indianapolis, IN, 1976) p149:

Abraham	of W Nottingham		
	b 27- 3- ? , s Abraham & Charity (Harris)		
	bur 24-10-1830 at E Nottingham, "aged abt 68y"		
Mary Medcalf	a minister, dt Curtis Medcalf		
	d 5- 3-1829, bur at Brick MH Grvyd "in the 53rd yr of		
	m ca 1792 (?)		her age"
Ch: Joel	b 11- 5-1793		
Charity	b 15- 2-1797	d 28- 3-1829	"in her 33rd yr"
Abraham	b 14- 6-1799	d	
Isaac	b 6- 3-1801		
Jacob Lindley	b 17- 8-1806	d 2- 4-1829	"in his 23rd yr"

- g. Abigail Metcalf, daughter of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern. It is not clear if she was a daughter of Curtis Metcalf's first wife, Mary Skillern, or his second wife, Charity Harris. She was unmarried.

Curtis Metcalf and his second wife, Charity Harris, had a son:

- h. Isaac Midkiff was born 11 April 1780 PA. He served as a musician and a fifer in Daniel Conner's company of Ohio militia during the War of 1812. He is listed in the 1820, 1830 & 1840 censuses of Belmont County, OH. He married Elizabeth Sheppard, 11 June 1801 Chester County, PA. Elizabeth, daughter of John Sheppard & Mary Ann Hudson, was born 1782 MD and died 27 January 1873 Belmont County, OH. Isaac died 29 April 1843 Belmont County, OH, where he and wife, Elizabeth, were buried in the Salem Methodist Church Cemetery.
- Children – Mary (1802-1853, married Thomas Frizzell), Elizabeth (1804-1881, married James Harrison), Reuben (1807-1880, married Rebecca Perkins), Isaac, Jr. (1810-1893, married Lydia Mercer), Abraham (1811-1853, married Nancy Murphy), Charity (1813-after 1878, married Thomas King Smith & Benjamin Pursell), Susannah (1815-1884, married Nelson Hogue), Jacob Irwin (1820-1890, married Mary Varner & Mary Ann Sutton) & Lydia (1822-1901, married Cornelius Davis).



Isaac Midkiff (1780-1843)  
Salem Methodist Church Cemetery  
Belmont County, OH

2. Abraham Metcalf, son of James Midcalf & Margaret Britton, was born 1739-1745 Lancaster County, PA. He married Mary Pyle, 18 June 1767 (Maryland Marriages, 1634-1777, Robert Barnes, Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976, p120). They were married at the New Garden Meeting House, Chester County, PA. Mary, daughter of Moses Pyle & Mary Cook, was born c1746 and died 2 January 1784 at age of 37 years, 7 months & 3 days, Abraham married second Rebecca Morgan, 2 March 1786 Little Britain Township Meeting House, Lancaster County, PA. Rebecca was the daughter of William & Ann Morgan.

Abraham Metcalf is listed in the 1769-1793 tax lists and 1790 census of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA. In 1777 Abraham Midcalf appeared on a list of non-associates or anti-war men in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA (The History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, p944); a military company called the 'associates' had been formed in Lancaster County to join Washington's army. Abraham Metcalf, of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA on 9 May 1787 purchased from James McCreary & Alexander Ewing three tracts of land (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book GG, pp87-90). In 1789 & 1795 lands of Abraham Midcalf, of Lancaster County, PA were sold by the county's sheriff to pay monies own by Abraham (Lancaster County, PA Deed Books KK p273-276, MM pp686-688 & TT pp377-379).

On 28 March 1794 Abraham Midhiff, wife, Rebecca, and children, Abraham, David, William, Joshua, Ann Buffington and Jesse, of the Nottingham Monthly Meeting were received into the Baltimore Monthly Meeting (Quaker Records of Northern Maryland, 1716-1800, Henry C. Peden, Jr. (Westminster, MD, Family Line, 1993, p187)

Children of Abraham Metcalf & Mary Pyle:

- a. Margaret Metcalf was born 3 September 1769 and died 6 September 1773.
- b. Moses Hove Metcalf was born 14 July 1771 Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA, where he was listed in the 1800 census. He married Susannah Hudson, 11 July 1793 Chester County, PA. Susannah, daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Hudson, was born c1767 Ireland and died 5 March 1851 OH. Moses is listed in the 1820, 1830 censuses of Belmont County, OH & 1840 census of Morgan County, OH. He died in 1848. He & Susannah were buried Hopewell Cemetery, Morgan County, OH. Children – Abraham (1794-1868, married Hannah Barnes), Elizabeth (1796- , married Kennard), Mary (1798-after 1814, married William Wildman), Rebecca (1800-after 1830, married Joshua Cope), Jesse (c1803-1884, married Asenath Gregg & Mrs. Hannah E. Vaile Richerson), Joseph H. (c1805-after 1837, married Matilda Parker), Rachel (c1806-1851, married Joseph Lightfoot), Moses (died after 1833) & David P. (died after 1843).
- c. James Metcalf was born 10 December 1773 and died 30 May 1775.
- d. Jesse Metcalf was born 20 December 1775. On 9 August 1798 Jesse Medcalf requested a certificate of removal from the Baltimore Monthly Meeting to the Hopewell Monthly Meeting in Virginia (Quaker Records of Northern Maryland, 1716-1800 (Peden, p231). He is listed in the 1830 census of Belmont County, OH.
- e. Mary Metcalf was born 29 November 1777. She married Benjamin Hudson, c1800. Benjamin was the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Hudson, was born 1770 County Wexford, Ireland. She died January 1860 Clermont County, OH. Children – Thompson (1801-1878, married Elizabeth Dickey), Benjamin (1807-1846, married Lydia Darlington), William (1811-1811), Edward (1812-), Phoebe (1814- , married \_\_\_ Clement, Mary Metcalf (1817-1897, single) & Edith Y. (1820-188\_, single).
- f. Phebe Metcalf was born 21 March 1780 and died 1 August 1781.
- g. Abraham P. Metcalf was born 14 February 1782. He married Mary Richards, 15 September 1819 Chester County, PA. Mary, daughter of Thomas Richards & Hannah Cox. Mary died February 1828 in Baltimore, MD.
- h. David Metcalf was born 29 October 1783.
- Children of Abraham Metcalf & Rebecca Morgan:
- i. William Metcalf was born 7 February 1787.
- j. Joshua Metcalf was born 31 May 1789.
- k. Ann Buffington Metcalf was born 1 May 1792. She married a Poteet.

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Margaret Midcalf Daughter of Abraham & Mary Midcalf  
 Departed this Life the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1773  
 Aged about 4 years

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James Midcalf Son of Abraham & Mary Midcalf Departed this  
 Life the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1775 Aged 1 year. 4 months & 21 days

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Phoebe Midcalf Daughter of Abraham Midcalf & Mary his Wife  
 Departed this Life the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1781  
 Aged 1 year & 4 months & 9 days

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Mary Midcalf Wife of Abraham Midcalf & Mother of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 8 Children  
 on the Other Side. Departed this Life the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1784  
 Aged 37 years & 3 months

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Margaret Midcalf Grandmother of the Children on the Other Side  
 Departed this Life the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1784  
 Aged 87 years & about 6 months

3. Rachel Medcalf, daughter of James Midcalf & Margaret Britton, was born 1740 Lancaster County, PA. She married Joseph Sidwell, 30 September 1762 Little Britain, Lancaster County, PA. Witnesses at their marriage were Margaret, Curtis & Abraham Midcalf.

Nottingham Meeting House record, Cecil County, Maryland:

1762 Marriage Certificate  
 Whereas Joseph Sidwell, son of Joseph Sidwell, deceased, & Anne his wife of Nottingham Township, Chester Co. Pa. & Rachael Medcalf, daughter of James Medcalf, deceased, & Margaret his wife of the Township of Little Britain, Lancaster Co. Penn. having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before several Monthly Meetings of the Christian people called Quakers in Nottingham were married 30<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1762 at a Publick Meeting in Little Britain Meeting House.



Joseph Sidwell was born 1736-1737 Chester County, PA. He was the son of Hugh Sidwell, Jr. (c1692-1740) & Ann Hayes. Joseph's grandparents, Hugh & Elizabeth Sidwell came from Letcom Regis, in Berkshire, England, and settled in West Nottingham, Chester County, PA, where he died in the summer of 1729, leaving sons Richard, John & Hugh, Jr. (History of Chester County, Pennsylvania, J. Smith Futhey & Gilbert Cope, 1881, p725). Joseph Sidwell was a brother of Abraham Sidwell, whose widow, Charity Harris married Rachel's brother, Curtis Metcalf; and Joseph was the uncle of Abraham Sidwell, who married Curtis Metcalf's daughter, Mary.

Joseph Sidwell, of West Nottingham, Cecil County, MD, on 11 May 1787 purchased from Abraham Metcalf & wife, Rebekah, of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, PA, three tracts of land, reserved out of land was one-half acre for use by the Presbyterian congregation (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book GG, pp91-94). Joseph is listed in the 1790 census of Cecil County, MD. Joseph Sidwell died in 1816. Joseph Sidwell, of West Nottingham, Cecil County, MD, wrote his will on 9 January 1816 and it was probated 15 February 1816 (Lancaster County, PA Will Book M, pp95-96). To his wife, Rachel, he left all his lands & houses in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA. His will named children – Levi Sidwell, Prudence wife of Able Green, George Sidwell and Jesse Sidwell (to him he left the plantation that I now live on). His wife, Rachel, died in August 1820. The Nottingham Monthly Meeting, by Willard C. Heiss (Indianapolis, IN, 1976, p153) reports the children of Rachel Metcalf & Joseph Sidwell as:

<u>SIDWELL</u> (Cont)	
Joseph	b 3-11mo (Jan) 1736/7 OS, s Hugh, dec, & Anne of W Nottingham Twp, Chester Co, PA
Rachel Metcalf	dt James, dec, & Margaret of Little Brittain Twp, Lancaster Co, PA
	d 9 mo-1820, bur W Nottingham
	m 30- 9mo (Sept) 1762 at Little Brittain MH, PA
Ch: Prudence	b 25- 6-1763
Levi	b 30- 5-1765
George	b 28- 8-1768
Rachel	b 21- 8-1771    d 25- 3-1782
Jesse	b 22- 9-1776

- a. Prudence Sidwell was born 25 June 1763 PA. She married Able Green, 7 July 1785. She died 7 June 1835 PA.
- b. Levi Sidwell was born 30 May 1765 PA. In 1830 he lived Cecil County, MD.
- c. George Sidwell was born 28 August 1768 PA, He died after 1816.
- d. Rachael Sidwell was born 21 August 1771 PA. She died 25 March 1782 Chester County, PA.
- e. Jesse Sidwell was born 22 September 1776 PA. In 1830 lived Cecil County, MD.



## **Benjamin Midkiff, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern**

Benjamin Midkiff, son of Curtis Metcalf & Mary Skillern, was born 1763-1770 Lancaster County, PA. Many researchers have assigned Benjamin a middle name of 'Franklin'. They have assumed this based on:

- the notoriety of Pennsylvania's famous icon Benjamin Franklin
- the documented fact that Benjamin had a son named Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, who in some records is referred to as 'Jr.'
- in a biography of a great-grandson, William Paton Medkiff (born 1845) in the 1885 book, Kentucky: A History of the State (Battle, Perrin & Kniffin, Ohio County section) it is stated that his great-grandfather was "Franklin Medkiff"

I am not as certain that Franklin was part of Benjamin, Sr.'s name. Benjamin Franklin's notoriety at the time of Benjamin Midkiff's birth prior to the Revolution was not as well established and he was not yet of iconic status. I have also found instances where a Sr. does not have the same middle name as a son with the same first name. The 1885 biography was written a half century after Benjamin (Sr.'s) death and contains multiple errors – the subject's name was actually "William Peyton Midkiff", both his father and grandfather's years of death are 3 & 4 years off what is proven by original records. My search is guided by the rule of finding a fact in at least two primary independent sources. In none of the numerous referenced documents found for Benjamin is his name ever given in full and never does he appear with a middle initial.

Benjamin Midkiff was still in Lancaster County, PA in 1788. In that year he appeared as a witness on a deed when his brother, Thomas, purchased land in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA. Within the next four years Benjamin was residing in Virginia.

Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson were married 1 January 1793 Bath County, VA (Bath County Marriage Bonds and Minister's Returns 1791-1853, Constance Corley Metheny & Eliza Warwick Wise, Bath County Historical Society, Inc., Warm Springs, VA, 1978, p5). They obtained their marriage bond on 28 December 1792 and were married on the following January 1 by Christopher Clark. Surety on their marriage bond was by George Robinson. James Robinson signed consent for his daughter, Elizabeth, to marry. On their marriage bond and the minister's return Benjamin's name was spelled Midkiff. Elizabeth's sister, Rebecca Robinson, was also married by the same celebrant, Christopher Clark, when she married Lindsey Carson in Madison County, KY in 1796. Bath County, VA had been created in 1790 out of parts of Augusta, Botetourt and Greenbrier Counties, VA. Several new counties have subsequently been carved out of Bath County's territory. Today on the west Bath County, VA is bordered by the state of West Virginia.

Elizabeth Robinson Midkiff, 'Betsy', was born 1775-1777 in Virginia. She was the daughter of James Robinson (Jr.) & Elizabeth Fulton. For several generations her family had been residents on the Western Virginia frontier – they had been residents of the counties of Botetourt and Augusta Counties; Botetourt County was formed in 1769 out of Augusta County. The Robinson – Robertson name has been passed down as a middle name in the naming of children for several generations among Elizabeth & Benjamin's descendants.

Benjamin & Elizabeth Midkiff, her father & mother, and other members of the Robinson family by 1796 had moved to Kentucky, where they are found in the 1796 tax list of Madison County. During 1796-1799 they moved to Shelby County, KY, where Benjamin Midkiff is listed in the 1799-1814 tax lists and in the 1810 federal census. James Robinson's will was recorded in Shelby County, KY in 1805. James in his will named his daughter, Elizabeth Metcalf, her husband, Benjamin Metcalf and their son, Joseph Metcalf. During 1815 Benjamin Midkiff moved west to Ohio County, KY. Within the next decade the families of Elizabeth's sisters, Jane Robinson Carson, Araminta Robinson Gillespie and Charlotte Robinson Fuqua had also made Ohio County their home. These families now have many descendants living in Ohio County and its neighboring counties.

Benjamin Midkiff is listed in the Ohio County, KY 1815-1830 tax lists and 1820 & 1830 federal censuses. In 1816 Benjamin Midkiff purchased 5,000 acres of land on the lower side of Rough Creek in Ohio County, KY for the sum of \$2.00 from Stephen May, of Nelson County, KY. In 1822 a suit in the Ohio County court was filed against Benjamin Midkiff contesting title to this land. An older title to the land had emerged. The suit resulted in Benjamin being evicted from the land and led in the coming years to his insolvency. A chapter, "Early Land Titles", that discusses the prevalent issue of conflicting titles to lands in Ohio County is presented by Ohio County historian, Harrison D. Taylor, in the book, Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days (Louisville, KY, 1926, pp47-49).

Details of Benjamin's loss of his land and his resultant insolvency were presented in another suit filed in the Ohio County Circuit Court in 1850 (case #1059 - Ishmael C. Sutton vs William C. Midkiff et al). Hundreds of pages of documents and depositions were generated in the suit over the next five years. The names of Benjamin Midkiff's heirs were named in the suit and details of his death were presented. The impetus for this suit was the selling of two lots in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN by children of Benjamin. Benjamin Midkiff had contracted in 1818 with James Sutton to transfer to him 100 acres of his Ohio County tract in exchange for the two lots. The heirs of Sutton believed that they had entitlement to the receipts from the selling of the lots. In the end it was found that due to Benjamin's insolvency there was nothing of his estate left to contest and the suit was dismissed.

Deeds recorded by Benjamin Midkiff suggest that his wife, Elizabeth Robinson Midkiff may have died in 1823. On 15 July 1823 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Betsey, of Ohio County, KY sold land (Vanderburgh County, IN Deed Book A, p415). Later the same year Benjamin sold land on October 18 and in that deed and several subsequent deeds his wife was not named as ratifying the transaction as she would have been required to do (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p440).

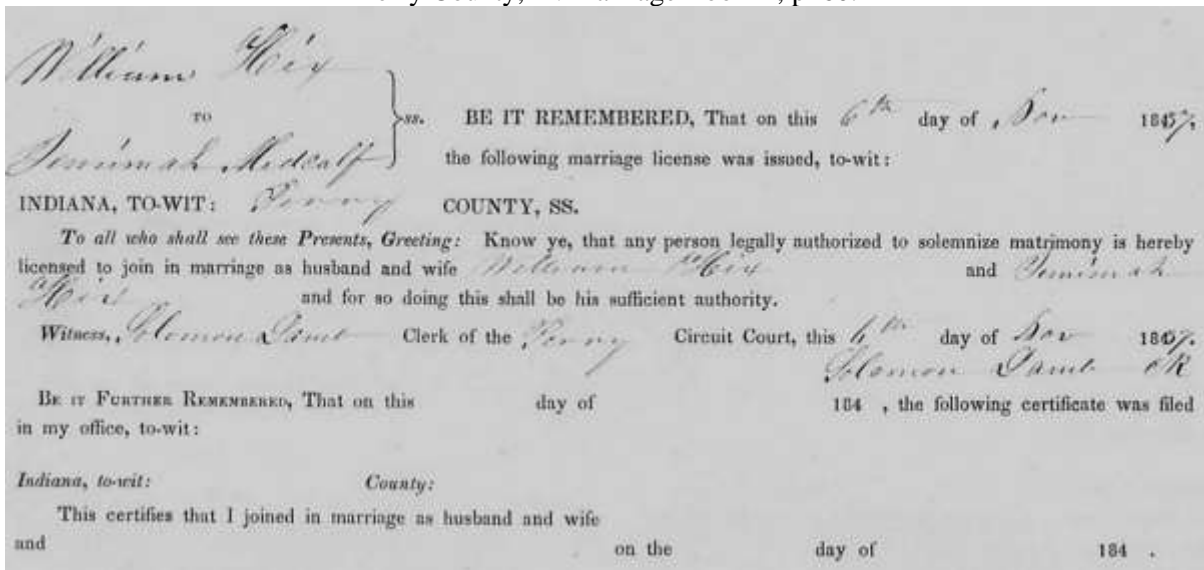
Benjamin Midkiff married a second time. During 1824-1827 he married Jemima Garner. The marriage was not found recorded in Ohio County, KY or in several of its adjoining counties. Jemima was found in several records in Hancock County, KY, that borders Ohio County. Hancock County was formed in 1829 out of parts of Breckinridge, Daviess and Ohio Counties. It is possible that the marriage was recorded in Breckinridge County, where the counties' early marriages prior to 1852 were lost during a courthouse fire in 1958.



Benjamin Midkiff last appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1830. In the 1831 tax list of Ohio County's neighbor, Hancock County, KY, Benjamin Midkiff is listed. In Hancock County, KY Order Book 1, p170 at a court of 26 November 1832 a list of delinquents for paying county tax for the year of 1831 was produced and recorded – on the list was “Benjamin Medcalf, insolvent”. On 29 March 1833 Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, son of Benjamin, testified in a suit that his father, Benjamin Midkiff, was then a resident of Indiana. In the 1850 suit it was stated that Benjamin in his last years removed to the state of Indiana, where he died in August 1834.

On 16 June 1983 I visited Mrs. Mary Frances Skinner Midkiff (1900-1990), of Owensboro, KY. She was the widow of Guy Otis Midkiff (1880-1978), son of Samuel Grant Midkiff (1863-1938), grandson of William Curtis Midkiff (c1827-1882) and great-grandson of Benjamin Midkiff & Jemima Garner. Mrs. Midkiff allowed me to copy the family history pages from her husband's bible. The following page recorded that her husband's great-grandfather, Benjamin Midkiff died at Troy, IN and his wife, Jemima Garner died at Fordsville, KY. The places of death are supported by other facts. Troy, IN is in Perry County, IN, across the river from Hancock County, KY, where Benjamin was last found in 1831. Also following Benjamin's death his widow, “Jemimah Medcalf” married William Hix (1775-1849), on 6 November 1837 (Perry County, IN Marriage Book A, p260). Prior to 1845 Jemima & William Hix were divorced. Jemima Midkiff, age 65, in the 1850 census of Hancock County, KY is listed in the home of her son, William Curtis Midkiff. William Curtis Midkiff on his second marriage in 1867 reported that he was age 39. Born in Ohio County, KY, his father was born in Shelby County, KY and his mother was born in South Carolina.

Perry County, IN Marriage Book A, p260:



Hancock County, KY 1850 Federal Census, p298B:

23	466	483	William C. Midkiff	22	16	Garner		
23			Julia A		20	F		"
24			John W		3	16		"
25			Jemima		65	F		"
26	467	484	Joseph S Smith	33	16	Garner		Wa

# Family History

Great Grandfather a Methodist preacher  
 "Great Grand Parents"

## Father's Grand Parents

Names:	Born:		Died:	
	When	Where	When	Where
Grand Father's Father 1 Benjamin Midkiff				Troy Ind
Grand Father's Mother 2 Lemona Garner				Fordsville Ky
Grand Mother's Father 3 John T. Huff				
Grand Mother's Mother 4 Elizabeth Richards				

## Mother's Grand Parents

Grand Father's Father 5				
Grand Father's Mother 6				
Grand Mother's Father 7				
Grand Mother's Mother 8				

## Grand Parents

Father's Father 9	Wm B Midkiff	1824-82	Fordsville	
Father's Mother 10 Julia Ann Huff	"	1830-1864	Lincoln Ill	"
Mother's Father 11 David B. Goode				
Mother's Mother 12 Ellen Cummings				

## Parents

13 S. G. Midkiff <small>captist</small>	July 26 1863	Fordsville		
14 Sarah A. Goode <small>mother of Goode</small>	Mar 14 1871	String Lick	Grayson Co	

Benjamin & Elizabeth (Robinson) Midkiff were found in the following records:

- On 31 March 1788 Thomas Midkiff, of East Nottingham, Chester County, PA, purchased from Peter Gaulihan & others 62 ½ acres in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA; the tract adjoined lands of Abraham & Curtis Midkiff. The deed was witnessed by Benjamin Midcalf and was recorded on 17 December 1788 (Lancaster County, PA Deed Book II, pp42-43).
- 1 January 1793 Benjamin Midkiff married Elizabeth Robinson in Bath County, VA; consent signed by father, James Robinson, surety on bond was by George Robinson; they were married by Christopher Clark
- 1796 tax list of Madison County, KY
- 1799-1814 tax lists of Shelby County, KY; in the 1806-1814 lists he was taxed on a tract on Fox Run Creek in Shelby County, listed both as 100 & 103 acres; in 1807-1809 he was taxed on 250 acres in Henry County, KY
- 23 May 1805 James Robinson wrote his final will and it was probated in Shelby County, KY in August 1805. Benjamin & Elizabeth (Robinson) Metcalf are named in the will (Shelby County, KY Will Book 2, 1804-1811, pp33-35). Elizabeth Metcalf is named as a daughter. James Robinson left to his grandson, Joseph Metcalf, 100 acres on Fox Run waters on which Benjamin Metcalf now lives, in the Shelby County tax lists Benjamin is shown as paying taxes on this same tract on Fox Run Creek
- 1810 federal census of Shelby County, KY; in household of Benjamin Metcalf were 4 males (2 age under 10, 1 age 10-16, 1 age 26-45) and 6 females (3 age under 10, 2 age 10-16, 1 age 26-45)
- 7 January 1815 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Betsey, of Shelby County, KY, sold to James Young 87 acres on Bullskin Creek in Shelby County, KY for \$345. Benjamin & Betsey hold title as legatees of James Robinson, deceased, by virtue of his last will (Shelby County, KY Deed Book M1, pp66-67)
- 7 January 1815 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Betsey, of Shelby County, KY, sold to Samuel Booker 36 acres on Fox Run Creek in Shelby County, KY for \$225. Benjamin & Betsey hold title as legatees of James Robinson, deceased, by virtue of his last will. Land adjoined lands owned by the heirs of Robert Carson (Shelby County, KY Deed Book M1, p68). Robert Carson was a brother-in-law of Benjamin & Betsy; he was married to Jane Robinson.
- 21 August 1815 Benjamin Midkiff one of the purchasers at the estate sale of Athel Anderson in Ohio County, KY (Ohio County, KY Will Book A, p192)
- 1815-1830 tax lists of Ohio County, KY; during 1815-1823 he is shown as being taxed on land on Rough Creek, it is variously listed as being 5000 (3 lists), 4800 (2 lists), 4000 (2 lists), 4400 (1 list); in the 1824-1830 Benjamin is shown with no land, in the 1824 list his son, James, is taxed on 4000 acres on Rough Creek.
- 3 May 1816 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, purchased 5000 acres of land on lower side of Rough Creek in Ohio County, KY for the sum of \$2.00 from Stephen May, of Nelson County, KY (Ohio County, KY Deed Book D, p346). The land had been deeded to Stephen May on 10 June 1795 by William and Mary May, who had received the original grant to the land on 18 June 1787. The land granted to the Mays in 1787 is described as being located in Nelson County (formed 1785) and Hardin County (formed 1793), which

were parent counties of Ohio County (formed 1799). The tract was located in the Beech Valley – Magan neighborhood of Ohio County.

- 20 August 1816 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Elizabeth, of Ohio County, KY, sold 100 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County, KY to Emely Thomas, for \$100 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book D, p345)
- 27 September 1816 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to Samuel Black, of Shelby County, KY, for \$100 a tract of 101 acres on Cane Run Creek in Shelby County, KY (Shelby County, KY Deed Book N1, pp464-465).
- 28 September 1816 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to James Taylor, of Shelby County, KY, for \$150 a tract of 100 acres on Cane Run Creek in Shelby County, KY (Shelby County, KY Deed Book N1, pp452-453).
- 3 May 1817 Whereas James Robinson, late of Shelby County, KY, departed this life and willed to Joseph Midkiff, son of Benjamin & Betsy Midkiff, a tract of land in Shelby County, KY and granted possession to Benjamin & Betsy Midkiff, who on 7 January 1815 sold 87 acres to James Young. Joseph R. Midkiff now (3 May 1817) transfers his interest in the tract of 87 acres to James Young (Shelby County, KY Deed Book N1, pp454-455).
- 3 May 1817 Whereas James Robinson, late of Shelby County, KY, departed this life and willed to Joseph Midkiff, son of Benjamin & Betsy Midkiff, a tract of land in Shelby County, KY and granted possession to Benjamin & Betsy Midkiff, who on 7 January 1815 sold 36 acres to Samuel Booker. Joseph R. Midkiff now (3 May 1817) transfers his interest in the tract of 36 acres (Shelby County, KY Deed Book N1, pp455-456).
- 8 May 1817 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to Samuel Roseberry, of Jefferson County, KY, for \$42 any interest he has in a tract of 21 acres on Cane Run Creek a branch of Floyd's Fork in Shelby County, KY, part of William May's 1000 acre survey (Shelby County, KY Book N1, pp463-464).
- 28 September 1818 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, made a contract with James Sutton, of Vanderburgh County, IN, to transfer to Sutton for \$125 a tract of 100 acres in Ohio County, KY a part of the tract of land said Midkiff now lives on. By 1820 James Sutton was living in Ohio County, KY, where in the 1820 census he was enumerated 14 households from Benjamin Medcalf.
- 2 December 1818 on marriage of Polly Midkiff to Joseph Barnett bride's father, Benjamin Midkiff, signed his consent (Ohio County, KY loose marriage records)
- 26 March 1819 Hugh McGary & wife, Mary, of Vanderburgh County, IN sold to Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, for \$150 lots #118 & 119 in the town of Evansville, about one-fourth of an acre and one-half pole (Vanderburgh County, IN Deed Book A, p74)
- 1820 federal census of Ohio County, KY; in household of Benjamin Medcalf 6 males (1 age under 10, 1 age 16-18, 4 age 16-26, 1 age over 45) and 6 females (1 age under 10), 4 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45)
- 3 November 1820 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Elizabeth, of Ohio County, KY, sold to George R. & Andrew Carson, of Shelby County, KY, for \$1.00, 500 acres on Rough Creek in Ohio County it being the lower corner of Midkiff's 5000-acre tract (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p193). George R. & Andrew Carson were nephews of Benjamin & Elizabeth Midkiff and were sons of Robert Carson & Jane Robinson.
- 4 January 1822 in Shelby County, KY "Benjamin Midkiff & wife Betsey (late Robinson) of Ohio County, KY" are among several heirs of James Robinson granting power of attorney to John Gillaspie giving him the right to transact business for them regarding a

tract of land owned by the said James Robinson at the mouth of Elk Creek & Kanawha River in Virginia and to convey their interest in land (recorded on 15 October 1822, Shelby County, KY Deed Book S1, p470)

- May 1822 recorded in Ohio County, KY court – “On motion of Benjamin Midkiff who took the several oaths required by law and with Sam Bennett and Richard M. Barrett his security entered into bond in the penalty of \$400 conditioned as the law directs a certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of Curtis Midkiff dec’d in due form”
- 9 July 1822 a law suit involving land acquired from Stephen May was filed against Benjamin Midkiff. The case concluded in Midkiff’s eviction from the land and his complete loss of improvements (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit John Calhoon vs. Benjamin Midkiff, John P. Taylor & William B. Marlow, case #99). The case is referred to in later documents as John Doe on the devise of Hubbard Taylor vs. Benjamin Midkiff. Midkiff’s inability to establish his claim to the land was the genesis of a string of misfortunes for Benjamin, which would end in his insolvency at death and continued litigation against his heirs as late as the 1850s.
- 8 November 1822 commissioners of Vanderburgh County, IN by Amos Clark, county agent, sold to Benjamin Medkiff, of Ohio County, KY, for \$45, tract of land in the Donation Enlargement of the town of Evansville, it being the southwest half of lot #229 (Vanderburgh County, IN Deed Book A, p374)
- 15 July 1823 Benjamin Midkiff & wife, Betsey, of Ohio County, KY, sold to William Daniel, of Vanderburgh County, IN, for \$50, tract situated in Donation Enlargement of the town of Evansville, being southwest half of lot #229 (Vanderburgh County, IN Deed Book A, p415)
- 18 October 1823 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to James & John Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, for \$50, remaining part of 5000-acre tract that has not already been sold by Benjamin Midkiff; tract was granted to William May, 18 June 1787, then lying in Nelson County and now in Ohio County. This indenture was also acknowledged in Shelby County, KY. Recorded in Ohio County on 1 April 1824 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p440). James & John Midkiff were sons of Benjamin & Elizabeth.
- 1824 William Gillespy filed a suit against Benjamin Midkiff & others to recover debt (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court case #210)
- 17 September 1824 Joseph Stevens filed a suit against Benjamin Midkiff to recover debt (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court case #482)
- 25 July 1825 entire tract of land owned by Benjamin Midkiff on Rough Creek was sold to John Calhoon, who was the highest bidder (\$50) at a court ordered sale. In October 1823 in the Ohio County Circuit Court William B. Marlow had filed suit against Benjamin Midkiff to collect a debt of \$170.42. The court ordered Midkiff’s land to be sold to pay the debt (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, pp593-594)
- 31 January 1826 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to William Hamilton 120 acres on Rough Creek for \$150 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p724)
- 23 November 1826 on marriage of Rebecca Midkiff & William Pate the bride’s father, Benjamin Midkiff signed his consent (Ohio County, KY loose marriage records)
- 8 January 1827 Francis P. Hord, of Garrard County, KY & John Fishback & wife, Lucy, of Jessamine County, KY, granted power of attorney to William R. Griffith of Daviess County, KY to transact business in relation to lands left to them by the will of James Hord

recorded in Jessamine County, KY. Griffith has the power to settle conflicts, recover titles and take possession of said land. "He is also authorized for us and in our names to cancel the contract heretofore made with Benjamin Midkiff or take any other step or steps in relation to said contract which may appear to him most advisable" (Ohio County, KY Deed Book F, pp33-34)

- 8 July 1828 John Calhoon, of Breckinridge County, KY, transferred to William R. Griffith, agent for Francis P. Hord & John Fishback, his interest in tract for \$250; whereas Calhoon holds a claim to a survey of 6000 acres patented to William May and which was ordered to be sold by virtue of an execution against Benjamin Midkiff and purchased by said Calhoon, the survey has been found to interfere with a claim now held by Hord & Fishback; Griffith purchased Calhoon's interest in the 6000 acre which interferes with a 8000 acre survey patented to Hubbard Taylor which conflicts with the patent of May (Ohio County, KY Deed Book F, p39)
- 12 January 1830 on marriage of Betsy Midkiff to Alexander McKinley the bride's father, Benjamin Midkiff, signed his consent (Ohio County, KY loose marriage records)
- 1830 federal census of Ohio County, KY; in household of Benjamin Midkiff 3 males (1 age under 5, 1 age 10-15, 1 age 60-70) and 1 female (age 40-50)
- 21 May 1830 Benjamin Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, sold to Lindsey Carson, agent for the heirs of George R. Carson, deceased, for \$300, a tract of 200 acres located in one of the lines of May's 5000 acre survey (Ohio County, KY Deed Book F, p218). Lindsay & George R. Carson were nephews of Benjamin & Elizabeth Midkiff and sons of Robert Carson & Jane Robinson.
- 1831 tax list of Hancock County, KY lists Benjamin Midkiff
- Hancock County, KY Order Book 1, p170 at a court of 26 November 1832 a list of delinquents for paying county tax for the year of 1831 was produced and recorded – on the list was "Benjamin Medcalf, insolvent".
- 29 March 1833 Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, son of Benjamin, gave a deposition in suit of Thomas Taylor, Jr. vs George Shrader. He stated that he had worked at the mill of Shrader & Taylor in 1829 for one month & two days. "He further states that he knew of Benjamin Midkiff, his father, working on said mill for a considerable length of time after the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1829 but the precise time he cannot recollect the work done by him was hewing which is higher than ordinary work and further states that said Benjamin Midkiff now resides somewhere in the state of Indiana as he is informed and believes and further this deponent saith not." Benjamin F. Midkiff had been paid \$7.54 for work and Benjamin Midkiff was paid \$33.68 for hewing mill timber (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court case #509, Thomas Taylor, Jr. vs heirs of George Shrader).
- 8 October 1833 John Calhoon, of Breckinridge County, KY, sold to John & James Midkiff, of Ohio County, KY, for \$25, his interest in tract of land on Rough Creek in Ohio County, KY that was conveyed to him by the Ohio County sheriff and was formerly the property of Benjamin Midkiff, the sale excluded that part that Calhoon had conveyed to William R. Griffith (Ohio County, KY Deed Book F, pp441-442)
- 3 April 1850 William C. Midkiff & wife, Julia Ann, heir of Benjamin Midkiff, deceased, transferred to Ishmael C. Sutton of Ohio County, KY for \$25 their one-seventh interest in two lots (#118 & 119) in the town of Evansville, IN (recorded as exhibit 4 in Hancock County, KY Circuit Court case #420)

- 25 June 1850 William C. Midkiff & wife, Julia Ann, of Hancock County, KY, sold to Joseph F. Wilson, of Hancock County, KY, for \$100, his interest in two lots in the city of Evansville, Indiana, lots #118 & 119, being the same conveyed to Benjamin Midkiff, the father of the said William C. Midkiff, by Hugh McGary & wife on 26 March 1819 (Hancock County, KY Deed Book F, p340)
- 2 September 1850 suit of Ishmael C. Sutton vs William C. Midkiff & others was filed in Ohio County, KY and continued through 1854 (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court case #1059; suit was also filed in Hancock County, KY Circuit Court case #420). The suit generated over one hundred pages of court documents that were a confusing and entangled quagmire. The suit was against the heirs of Benjamin Midkiff, deceased. Numerous depositions by family, friends, and acquaintances of Benjamin Midkiff were taken during the course of the suit. The basis for the lawsuit grew out of faulty titles to lands exchanged by Benjamin Midkiff and James Sutton. The issue dated from when Benjamin Midkiff made a contract on 28 February 1818 with James Sutton to transfer 100 acres out of the William May tract in exchange for \$125. James Sutton owned two lots in the town of Evansville, IN and Sutton offered them to Midkiff in exchange for the Ohio County, KY land. It was discovered that Sutton did not have full legal title to the lots. Benjamin Midkiff on 6 March 1819 purchased the two lots (#118 & 119) in the town of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN from Hugh McGary. When Midkiff was found to not have full title to his land in Ohio County (that included what he transferred to Sutton), the land was recovered by an older and better claim (by Hord & Fishbach) and by an action of the Ohio County Circuit Court Midkiff was evicted from the land. As a consequence, James Sutton also lost his title to the 100 acres. Due to Benjamin's insolvency James Sutton could make no recovery of monies lost in the transfer. On 3 April 1850, Benjamin's son, William C. Midkiff, sold to Ishmael C. Sutton, son of James Sutton Sr., his share in the two tracts in Evansville. On 23 May 1854, the heirs of James Sutton convinced that the Midkiff heirs had received money from the sale of land once owned by Benjamin Midkiff brought suit against the Midkiff heirs to recovery money that their father had lost. It is interesting to note that James Sutton's will, which was proved on 21 May 1842, is witnessed by Benjamin's son John Midkiff. Joseph Midkiff, son of Benjamin, in a deposition stated that his father died in August 1834 or 1835 and left no estate in Kentucky and that he believed that the lots in Evansville were sold for taxes. Joseph stated that in March of 1850, he sold his interest in the tracts to a John Huson for \$25. In the complaint of the Sutton suit it states that Benjamin, "removed from this county (Ohio) about the year 1823 ... and (removed) to the state of Indiana about the year 1827 or 1828." Following immediately after losing his land Benjamin Midkiff was forced to default on loans made to him and he became insolvent. Benjamin's son-in-law Joseph Barnett also lost money, since he had secured Benjamin's debt. In a deposition dated November 1853, Elijah Phipps the former Deputy Sheriff of Ohio County recalls that he was forced to take property belonging to Benjamin Midkiff to pay off claims against Midkiff, but found this difficult as Midkiff had little left after the loss of the May grant. By 1823, Benjamin Midkiff appears to have borrowed money from William Watkins and John Calhoon. Benjamin managed to pay the Watkins debt off, but the Calhoon debt appears to have not been satisfied. Phipps states that Benjamin Midkiff "was called an industrious man and made money and property and had as much property about him in 1823 as most of the families of that day." This statement again suggests that the loss of his title to the May grant was the primary cause of



Benjamin's financial problems. Insolvent, Benjamin left Kentucky and moved to Indiana where he had purchased two town lots in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. The move to Indiana would have allowed him to start anew, since he could not be sued for debt in another state; however, Benjamin's luck did not improve in Indiana. By this time, Benjamin was in his late 60s. It is not clear what happened in Indiana, but his two lots appear to have been lost to taxes. In the complaint of the Sutton suit it states that Benjamin died in August of 1834 in Indiana and "no one has administered on his estate in Kentucky or in Indiana so far as they know or believe he had no property ..." He removed from Ohio County about the year 1823 and removed to the state of Indiana about the year 1827 or 1828. Benjamin Midkiff at his death left the following children & heirs, to wit – Joseph R. Midkiff; James Midkiff; John Midkiff; & Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, who has since died leaving children Samuel L., Thomas & Lydia, all under age of 21; Rebecca Midkiff (wife of William Pate); Rachel Barnett, wife of James Prudden; a daughter of Mary Barnett, daughter of said Benjamin Midkiff, who died before her father; and William C. Midkiff. [Two daughters of Benjamin were not here named - Peggy, wife of Jabus Lewellen, and Betsey, wife of Alexander McKinley].

for two lots - they further state that said Benjamin Midkiff died in the month of August 1834 in the state of Indiana & no one has administered on his estate in Ky or in Indiana so far as they know or believe he had no property in this state and they believe he had none in Indt except the lots of s<sup>2</sup> and that he had removed from this county abt the year 1823 or 24 and to the state of Indiana about the year 1827 or 8 and was insolvent for several years before he left this county and indeed they believe he was insolvent or unable to pay his debts at least when he gave the said bond. they further state that said Benjamin Midkiff at his death left the following children & heirs to wit Joseph R. Midkiff, John Midkiff & Rebecca Pate & William Pate her husbands, William C. Midkiff, Rachel Barnett a daughter of Mary Barnett daughter of said Benjamin who died before her father said Rachel has since intermarried with James Prudden - and Benjamin Midkiff who has since died leaving children Samuel L. Thomas & Lydia Midkiff all of whom are infants within the age of twenty one years that is the said children of Benjamin Midkiff the son -



The court eventually concluded that Benjamin Midkiff left no estate and that his heirs never received money from the sale of the Evansville lots, and thus there was nothing for the Sutton heirs to recover. His heirs had no remaining title to the lots in Evansville. And because of the lapse of time and uncertainty of contract between Midkiff & Sutton it is ordered that the bill of this case be dismissed and that the plaintiffs pay to the defendants their costs herein expended.

Benjamin Midkiff had nine children, who reached their maturity and were married – eight were by his first wife, Elizabeth Robinson, and one by his second wife, Jemima Garner. Ohio County KY Circuit Court suit #1059 (filed in 1850) listed the children & heirs of Benjamin Midkiff as –

- (1) Joseph R. Midkiff;
- (2) James Midkiff;
- (3) John Midkiff;
- (4) Benjamin Franklin Midkiff, who has since died leaving children Samuel L., Thomas & Lydia, all under age of 21;
- (5) Rebecca Midkiff, wife of William Pate;
- (6) Mary Barnett, daughter of Benjamin Midkiff, who died before her father, leaving one child, Rachel Barnett, wife of James Prudden; and
- (7) William C. Midkiff.

The suit named seven children, who had interests in the estate. Two other daughters of Benjamin and his first wife, Elizabeth were not named in the suit – Peggy, wife of Jabus Lewellen, and Betsey, wife of Alexander McKinley. On 3 April 1850 William C. Midkiff & wife, Julia Ann, “son of Benjamin Midkiff, deceased”, transferred to Ishmael C. Sutton of Ohio County, KY for \$25 their “one-seventh interest” in two lots (#118 & 119) in the town of Evansville, IN (recorded as exhibit 4 in Hancock County, KY Circuit Court case #420). These two records suggest that in 1850 there were only seven children of Benjamin that were either then living or had left children of their own who had an interest in the estate. These other two daughters must have died before 1850 leaving no children.

**Peggy Midkiff**, daughter of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 1794-1804. She married Jabesh Lewellen, 21 August 1817 Ohio County, KY. Bondsman for their license was Benjamin Midkiff. They were married by Rev. Thomas Taylor, a Methodist minister. Jabesh was born 17 November 1793 KY. He was the son of Jacob Lewellen, who was a resident of Ohio County, KY when it was formed in 1799. Peggy Midkiff Lewellen appears to have died during 1817-1819. Jabesh married Jane Thomas in Ohio County on 23 October 1819. Jabesh Lewellen is listed in the 1820 census of Ohio County, KY; in his household were 2 males (1 under age 10, & the other aged 26-45) and 2 females (1 under age of 10 & the other aged 16-26. Jabesh married Sally P. Taylor in Ohio County on 22 October 1826. Sarah (‘Sally’) P., daughter of John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis, was born 1 October 1804 VA. Sally Taylor’s sisters, Ann Davis Taylor married Joseph Robinson Midkiff, and Elizabeth D. Taylor, married James G. Midkiff, who were sons of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson. Jabesh Lewellen moved to Missouri, where they were listed in the 1830 census of Ralls County (p366). They were residents of Monroe County, MO after its formation out of Ralls County in 1831. The 1840 Monroe County census (p150) lists them as being residents of Indian Creek Township. Jabesh Lewellen died 15 November 1867.

Sally Taylor Lewellen in 1870 was a resident of Monroe County, MO; she died 9 October 1876. Jabesh & Sarah were buried in the Paris-Dale Cemetery in Monroe County, MO. Jabesh & Sally were the parents of – Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Joseph, Francis Marion, James S., George Robert, Matilda Jane, William Jasper, Angeline & John. Jabesh Lewellen and his wife, Peggy Midkiff, had no known children.

Know all men by these presents that we Jabish  
Lewellen & Benjamin Midkiff are held and firmly bound unto  
the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of  
fifty pounds Current money for the true payment  
whereof we bind our selves and heirs yet jointly and  
severally firmly, by these presents sealed with our seals  
and dated this 16 day of August 1847

The Condition of the above obligation is such that  
whereas there is purpose of marriage between the  
above bound Jabish Lewellen and Peggy Midkiff  
now if there should be no lawful Cause to obstruct said  
marriage then the above obligation to be void Else  
to remain in full force

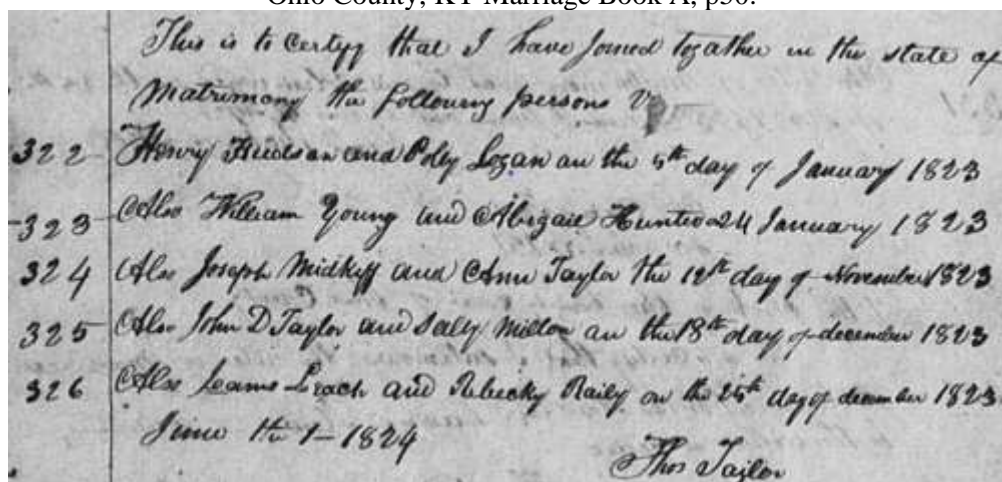
Jabish Lewellen Seal  
Benjamin Midkiff Seal



Paris-Dale Cemetery, Monroe County, MO

**Joseph Robinson Midkiff**, son of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 14 March 1796 KY. By the will of his grandfather, James Robinson, he was granted 100 acres in Shelby County, KY; in 1817 Joseph transferred his interest in this land. Joseph married Ann Davis Taylor, 12 November 1823 Ohio County, KY. Ann Davis Taylor, daughter of John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis, was born 27 September 1793 Fairfax County, VA. A consent slip signed by her father was recorded in the original loose marriage documents filed in metal file drawers in the County Clerk's office at the Ohio County Courthouse. "To the clerk of Ohio County this is to certify that I am willing for you to issue marriage license to Joseph R. Midkiff certifying that my daughter Ann is of lawful age given under my hand – John P. Taylor." They were married by Rev. Thomas Taylor, a minister of the Methodist church of which Joseph R. Midkiff was affiliated.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A, p50:



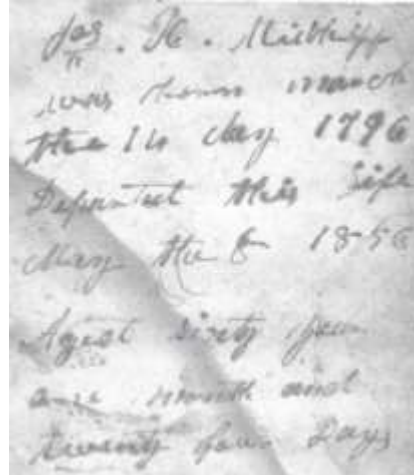
Joseph R. Midkiff is listed in the Ohio County, KY 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses and tax lists of 1819-1852; the 1853-1856 tax lists are missing. During 1845-1848 he was taxed on a tract of land on Rough Creek in Ohio County. In the 1850 census his occupation was given as teacher; he was then residing in the Magan neighborhood. On 21 May 1851 he was appointed a justice of the peace in his district by Kentucky governor, John L. Helm. In September 1854 Joseph R. Midkiff was sued by Joseph Barnett, executor of Alexander Barnett, dec'd, due to expenses owed by Joseph's sons, William D. & Benjamin, during their lifetime and incurred by their protracted illnesses; they died leaving no issue (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #607).

On 2 June 1856 an administrator of the estate of Joseph R. Midkiff, deceased was appointed (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 2, p119). Documents (appraisement, inventory & sale bill of his estate) related to his estate are filed in Ohio County Loose Estate File #608 at the Ohio County Courthouse. Initially his son, Thomas T. Midkiff, served as his administrator but due to his death three months after his father's death he was replaced by Quintus C. Shanks in February 1857. Shanks in settling the estate filed a suit against Joseph R. Midkiff's heirs, who were listed as Mary B. Crow (formerly Midkiff, wife of Caleb Crow), and the children of Thomas T. Midkiff, deceased – William P., Henry C., Thomas B., Martha (in a family bible her name is given as Huldah A.), John R., S. A. and Caleb D. Midkiff (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1488).

The death date of Joseph R. Midkiff was written in a family bible that in recent years was in the possession of his great-grandson, Orion Bellamy Midkiff (1902-1990). The bible published

in 1849 had descended from Thomas T. Midkiff (1824-1856) to Thomas T's son, John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942), to John R.'s son, Orion and to Orion's daughter, Dorothy Lee Gilbert. Fellow researcher, Scott Norris, on 23 June 2008 sent copies of the family record pages from the bible. In the bible it was recorded that "Jos. R Midkiff was born March the 14 day 1796 departed this life May the 8, 1856 aged sixty years, one month & twenty four days".

Entry for Jos. R. Midkiff in bible of Thomas T. Midkiff (1824-1856):



Transcription of Family Record in The New Testament of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (New York, American Bible Society, 1849):

Thomas T. Midkiff his book bot of John Phipps on the 28 day of Oct. 1854  
 [note – John Phipps was a merchant in Hartford]  
 Jos. R. Midkiff was born 14 March 1796 departed this life May 8, 1856 aged 60 years one month and twenty four days  
 Thomas T. Midkiff was born Sept. 12, 1824 and departed this life August 25, 1856  
 Huldah A. Midkiff was born Aug 12, 1850 and died September 4, 1857 aged 8 years & 22 days  
 John R. Midkiff was born Oct. 22, 1852  
 Stephen Allen Midkiff was born March 2, 1855  
 Allen Midkiff died [blank]  
 Caleb D. Midkiff was born Dec. 20, 1856  
 Caleb D. Midkiff died Jan. 22, 1857 aged one year one month and 2 days  
 John R. Midkiff was born Oct. 22, 1852 and died Feb. 24, 1942  
 Joann Midkiff was born Nov. 11, 1854 written by John Midkiff this May 19, 1878  
 John R. Midkiff and Joann Coy was married Sept. 4, 1872  
 Walter V. Midkiff was born July 8, 1873  
 Darkes A. Midkiff was born Feb. 24, 1876  
 John P. Midkiff was born May 28, 1877  
 W. P. Midkiff & M. A. Weding was married March 10, 1867

Joseph Robinson Midkiff (1796-1856) was buried in the William Ralph Cemetery, behind the Beech Valley Methodist Church, near Magan, William Ralph (1779-1862) & wife, Nancy Sharp (1791-1878) were buried on their farm just off of the Sunnydale Road about one mile south of Magan and just before reaching the Beech Valley Road; after crossing a creek the cemetery is on the west side of the road on the hill behind the house trailer of Gary Johnson. The only



gravestones remaining in the cemetery are those of William & Nancy Ralph (see Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume I, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, 1975, p36). The farm of William Ralph was later known as the Harry Midkiff (1847-1933) farm. William & Nancy's granddaughter, Arrena A. Ralph (1852-1925) married Harry Midkiff. Harry & Arrena were buried in the William Ralph Cemetery in unmarked graves.



Gravestones of William & Nancy Ralph

On 23 October 1984 I visited Armon Midkiff (1913-1989). He was the son of John Thomas Midkiff (1884-1949), grandson of Henry Clinton ('Harry') Midkiff (1847-1933), great-grandson of Thomas T. Midkiff (1824-1856) and great-great-grandson of Joseph Robinson Midkiff (1796-1856). Armon said that when he was about 15 on his grandfather, Harry Midkiff's farm just west of the Beech Valley Church, he saw an old marker with the name of Joseph Midkiff on it; whose death predated the Civil War. The marker was lying flat in a gully a short distance from the Ralph gravestones and northwest of Harry Midkiff's log house. Mr. Midkiff said his cousin, Kenneth Clark Midkiff (1923-2008, son of Rush) also saw the monument.

Ann D. (Taylor) Midkiff died on 8 August 1866. Her birth and death dates were recorded in a Taylor family bible record (see "John Peyton Taylor Family Record", by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). Ann's son-in-law, Caleb Crow, was appointed administrator of her estate on 16 August 1866 (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 3, p211). Documents related to her estate are filed in Ohio County Loose Estate File #617. In this file is a statement by John P. Taylor, who testified that Ann Midkiff stayed with him from January 1865 through her death in August 1866; his statement was sworn to by her nephews, George W. & Presley D. Taylor (John P., was her brother). Ann Midkiff's grave has not been located.

Children of Joseph Robinson Midkiff & Ann Davis Taylor were:

1. Thomas T. Midkiff was born 12 September 1824 Ohio County, KY. He probably was named after his uncle, Thomas Taylor. Thomas Midkiff is listed in the Ohio County, KY 1845-1852 tax lists and 1850 census. He married Elizabeth Adaline Garth, 19 April 1844 Ohio County, KY. Consent was signed by his father, Joseph Midkiff. The daughter of William Garth & Hulda Ross, Elizabeth Adaline, was born c1824 Shelby County, KY. Thomas T. Midkiff died 25 August 1856 three months after the death of his father. An administrator of his estate was appointed on 22 September 1856. Documents related to his estate are filed in Ohio County Loose Estate File #605 (appraisal, sale bill and settlement). His widow, Adaline, appears in his place in the 1857 Ohio County tax list.

Thomas T. Midkiff's widow, Adaline, married James Medcalf, 7 February 1867 Ohio County, KY. James lived on an adjoining farm. James Stanislaus Medcalf, son of Ignatius Medcalf & Agnes Catherine Hough, was born 7 May 1823 Nelson County, KY. During the 1840's he located in Ohio County, where he appears in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses. James's Medcalf family were not known to be related to Benjamin Midkiff. His family was among the Catholic migration from Maryland to the Catholic settlements around Bardstown, KY prior to 1800. The Medcalf family were also known by the last name of 'Cap'. James Metcalf in several records appears as 'Jim Cap'. The appearance of the alias of Cap is found in his family as early as 1800 and is found in recent generations in Ohio County. Jim Cap was a noted character in Ohio County, he was an illegal distiller, who had many encounters with the law. In 1868 & 1873 he purchased 147-acre & 47-acre tracts of land in Ohio County the tracts bordered on the property lines of John P., James & Thomas Midkiff; excluded out of the sale of the 46-acre tract was 7/8 acre that had been transferred to the Beech Valley Methodist Church (Ohio County, KY Deed Books X, p177 & Y, p107). Part of James Metcalf's land bordered on the line of the original patent of Hord & Fishback. Benjamin Midkiff's 5,000-acre tract was part of the same patent suggesting that Benjamin's land was in the Beech Valley – Magan neighborhood. In the 1880 census of Ohio County James Metcalf is listed four households from Henry C. Midkiff. James Medcalf died 13 February 1900 in Ohio County. He left no immediate family. He was buried in the family cemetery on his farm ("Jim Cap Dead", Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 18 February 1900 p1). In the neighborhood the cemetery was known as the 'Cap Cemetery' and is also referred to as the Midkiff Cemetery. The death certificates or obituaries of Elizabeth A. Midkiff (1909), John P. Midkiff (1919), Thomas F. Midkiff (1931), David D. Midkiff (1943) and John P. Midkiff (1950) all record the place of burial as the Cap Cemetery. Two children of Benjamin & Elizabeth (Robinson) Midkiff, James & Rebecca, have tombstones in the cemetery.

James Medcalf's wife, Elizabeth Adaline Garth Medcalf, died on 8 February 1899. The following death notice appeared in the Ohio County newspaper:

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 15 February 1899 p3:

**MAGAN, KY.**

Mrs. Nancy Medcalf has the grip.  
Tommie, son of Mr. John Miller, has pneumonia.

The dreaded monster death, visited our community on the 8th and called Mrs. Adaline Medcalf from her affliction, which she had patiently borne so long to her home beyond the skies. She was buried in the Johnson burying ground. She was a member of the Baptist church and a good christian woman.

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The preceding death notice reported that Adaline Medcalf was buried in the Johnson burying ground. This was the William Ralph Cemetery that was on the farm of Henry C. 'Harry' Midkiff (1847-1933). On 21 June 1988 I interviewed Kate Lewellen Johnson (1906-1997), who lived near the Beech Valley Church. Her husband Alpha T. Johnson (1895-1986) and his parents, Charles Johnson (1855-1918) & Mary Lacer Johnson, were buried at the Magan (Peasant Hill Church) Cemetery. I asked Mrs. Johnson about any old

cemeteries in her area and she said that just down the road on the old Harry Midkiff farm there was a cemetery. She said that Harry Midkiff was buried there and at one time he had a gravestone there but someone took it and used it to mark the grave of their horse. She said that her husband's father's first wife and a baby brother and sister of her husband were buried in this cemetery. Sallie Amanda Ambrose Johnson, the first wife of Charles Johnson, died 18 August 1881 near Magan (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 12 January 1881 p3). Charles & Mary Johnson sold on 9 July 1884 to E. T. Hendrix 59 acres that adjoined the farms of Henry Midkiff & J. C. Sutton; (Ohio County, KY Deed Book 6, p115). The latter was part of 108-acre tract Johnson bought from Henry C. & Arena M. Midkiff on 22 February 1876 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book Z, p538). The William Ralph Cemetery on the farm of Henry C. Midkiff and the "Johnson burying grounds" appear to be the same place. Frequently I have seen that with the passage of time the same cemetery is referred to by different names for different families who had family buried there.

Children of Thomas T. Midkiff and Elizabeth Adaline Garth were:

- a. William Peyton Midkiff, 'Buck', was born 2 July 1845 Ohio County, KY; his obituary gives his name as William Peyton (Buck) Midkiff. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. He married Mary Ann Wedding, 10 March 1867 Ohio County, KY. Mary Ann, 'Polly', daughter of Thomas W. Wedding & Nancy Wright, was born 23 March 1847 Ohio County, KY. Mary & William P. died in Ohio County, KY; she on 30 January 1940 and he on 19 February 1940. They were buried in the (Buck) Midkiff (Wedding) Cemetery near Sulphur Springs in Ohio County. They had 11 children 2 were deceased before 1900 – Oscar H. (1868-1907, served as jailer of Ohio County, married Norah H. Daniel), Alfonzo F. (1870-1951, married Dorcus Emaline Cole), Thomas Peyton ('Tom', 1872-1951, married Laura A. Boswell), Ora E. (1875-1903, married Edward Lee Boswell), Joseph Franklin ('Pluke', 1877-1939, single), James Elvis ('Dosh', 1880-1956, married Ninnie Queen Allen), Allen Wayne (1883-1946, married Anna Taylor York), Parvin W. (1886-1917, single), Marvin Crow (1889-1925, married Eunice Dee King), infant (1884-1884, 1 week old), and infant born & died before 1900).

Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section:

WILLIAM PATON MEDKIFF was born July 2, 1845, in Ohio County, Ky., where he grew to manhood and where he still resides. His father, Thomas B. Medkiff, a native of Ohio County, died in 1853, aged about thirty-one years. He was the son Joseph Medkiff, an early pioneer, and many years a teacher in Ohio County, who died in 1852. His father was Franklin Medkiff. Thomas B. married Adeline, daughter of William and Hulda (Ross) Garth, of Shelby County, Ky., (now living, about sixty years of age); their union was blessed with William P., Henry C., Thomas B., John R. and Stephen A. (deceased). March 10, 1867, William P. united in marriage with Mary A., daughter of Thomas W. and Nancy (Wright) Wedding, of Ohio County, born March 23, 1847, and to her and husband have been born the following named children: Oscar H., Alphonso, Thomas P., Ora E., Joseph F., James E. and Allen W. Mr. Medkiff is a farmer, owning 185 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. At the age

of fifteen years, he entered the service of his country, as a soldier in the Seventeenth Kentucky Infantry; in politics he is a staunch Republican.



Oscar H. Midkiff  
(1868-1907)



Alfonzo F. Midkiff  
(1870-1951)



Marvin Crow Midkiff  
(1889-1925)

- b. Henry Clinton Midkiff, 'Harry', was born 23 September 1847 Ohio County, KY. He married Virginia A. Smith, 10 March 1870 Ohio County, KY. Virginia, daughter of Henry Smith & Elizabeth Marlow, was born 17 June 1852 Ohio County, KY and died 1870-1876; she had no known children. Henry C. Midkiff married 2<sup>nd</sup> Arrena Amanthus Ralph, 2 January 1876 Ohio County, KY. Arrena, daughter of William J. Ralph & Frances Ann Greer, was born 3 October 1852 Ohio County, KY. Arrena & Henry C. died in Ohio County, KY; Arrena died 23 March 1925 and Henry C. died 24 May 1933. They were buried in the William Ralph Cemetery; Henry C.'s death certificate and obituary reported he was buried in the "Ralph burying ground". Henry C. & Arrena were the parents of 9 children – Ira A. (1876-1948, lost an eye, single), Henry Argle (1878-1950, 'Boo', married Anna Elizabeth Ward & Mrs. Abbie Harrison Shreve), infant (born 1880-1881 died 1881, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 24 August 1881 p1, Magan, Aug. 18: "Harry Midkiff's baby died Sunday night, 14<sup>th</sup>."), Viola (1882-1918, married James Bedford Bunger), John Thomas ('Tom', 1884-1949, married Nora Ward & Lucy Clara Frances Patton), Lula Mae (1888-1960, married James William Hamilton), Rush (1889-1979, married Thelma Lucille Clark), Dessa Gwendolyn (1893-1952, married Eugene Wedding) and Leamon (1896-1977, married Adella Hendrix).



Henry C. Midkiff (1847-1933) & wife, Arrena Ralph Midkiff (1852-1925)





Left: John Thomas Midkiff (1884-1949); center: Rush Midkiff (1889-1979); right: Warren Jasper Midkiff (1890-1973), unknown, Rush Midkiff (1889-1979) & John Thomas Midkiff (1884-1949)

- c. Thomas Baxter Midkiff, 'Tobe', was born 10 January 1848 Ohio County, KY. He married Sarah Massie, 7 March 1872 Ohio County, KY. Sarah, daughter of Edmund Massie & Martha J. Moorman, was born c1856 Ohio County, KY and died 30 April 1877. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 2 May 1877 p2, Bartlett Precinct column dated April 30 – "Much sickness prevails in this part of the county – pneumonia and other fevers. The daughter of Mr. Samuel Hamilton died this morning after his return from Evansville – aged sixteen. Also the wife of Mr. Tobias Midkiff of consumption." Thomas B. married 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary F. Fielden / Fielding, 19 July 1877 Ohio County, KY. Mary F., daughter of Richard Fielden & Mary Ann Martin, was born 1859 Ohio County, KY and died during 1888-1900. Thomas B. Midkiff in 1930 was a living at the Ohio County Alms House (Poor Farm), where he died on 24 July 1935. He was buried in an unmarked grave at the poor farm cemetery. Children of Thomas B. Midkiff & Sarah Massie were – Nova Sophia (1873-1948, married James Thomas Weller) and William Henry (1874-1953, married Margaret Ellen Smith). Children of Thomas B. Midkiff & Mary F. Fielden were – Alverda (1878-1923, married Sanford Marion Greer), Idella Pemberton ('Ida', 1880-1978, married Isaac Coleman Westerfield) and Stella (1882-1960, married Lee Allen Greer).



James Thomas Weller (1871-1954) & wife, Nova Sophia Midkiff (1873-1948), on right with children, holding twins Gladys Faye & Goldie Maye, standing – Charles Ernest, Chester Frank, Jesse Estil & Ora Elizabeth.



William Henry Midkiff (1874-1953), on right he is with his sisters, Nova Sophia Midkiff Weller (1873-1948, in center) & Idella Pemberton Midkiff Westerfield (1880-1978).



Isaac Coleman Westerfield (1879-1959) & wife, Idella Pemberton Midkiff (1880-1978); in right with children – Candy Gustavia (dad holding her), Fannie Ann (in center), in back, Zona B. & Lola Mary.



Left: Alverda Midkiff Greer (1878-1923). Center: Idella P. Midkiff Westerfield (1880-1978, on left) & Stella Midkiff Greer (1882-1960). Right: Stella Midkiff Greer (1882-1960) & husband, Lee Allen Greer (1882-1964).

- d. Huldah A. Midkiff was born 12 August 1850 and died 4 September 1857.
- e. John Robert Midkiff was born 22 October 1852 Ohio County, KY. He married Jo Ann Coy, 4 September 1872 Ohio County, KY. Jo Ann, daughter of Samuel Coy & Lavisia Ann Spencer, was born 11 November 1854 Larue County, KY. Jo Ann Midkiff died in 1881. John R. Midkiff married Susan Alice Bellamy, 25 April 1882 Ohio County, KY. Susan, daughter of William Bellamy & Amanda Elizabeth Phelps, was born 28 April 1863 Warrick County, IN. John R. & Susan died in Ohio County, KY; he died 24 February 1942 and she died 18 June 1952. John R. & Susan were buried in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. John R. Midkiff & Jo Ann Coy were parents of – Walter Valva (1873-1952, married Esther Moseley), Dorcas A. (1876-died in her teens), John P. (1877-died before 1880) and Maude Helen (1881-1968, married John Lawrence Ralph & Robert Justus Bailey. John R. Midkiff & Susan Alice Bellamy had 10 children – Mandana Dovie (1883-1966, married Elijah Robert Powers), Amanda Elizabeth ('Betty', 1885-1978, married Captain Demetrius Norris), Lora Manthus (1887-1969, married Hiram William Ralph & Oliver Coy, who was a brother of John Robert Midkiff's first wife, Jo Ann Coy), Cora Lee (1889-1968, married Joseph Allen Norris), Stephen Allen (1891-1905, single), Herbert Elbridge (1893-1962, married Salina Lee Allen & Elizabeth Ann Greer), Herman Alvey (1895-1979, married Georgia Ellen Gillim), Katy Ann (1898-1987, married Emlis Ray Stephens), Ivan Ernest (1900-1977, married Ora Ellen Day) and Orion Bellamy (1902-1990, married Ruth A. Gray & Edith Louise Ralph).



Left to right in back: unidentified (?James Medcalf), Mandana Midkiff, John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942), Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff (1863-1952), Amanda Midkiff; in front, Lora Midkiff, Allen Midkiff, Herman Midkiff, Herbert Midkiff & Cora Midkiff. Picture was taken c1898.





Left: Jo Ann Coy Midkiff (1854-1881), Center: Walter Valva Midkiff & wife, Esther Moseley, behind his left is the grocery store, W. V. Midkiff & Son that he operated in Magan, KY. Right: Maude Helen Midkiff & husband, Robert J. Bailey.



Left: John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942) & wife, Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff (1863-1952). Right: Orion Bellamy Midkiff (1902-1990), Herman Alvey Midkiff (1895-1979), Herbert Elbridge Midkiff (1893-1962), Walter Valva Midkiff (1873-1952) & John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942).



Picture on left: back row - John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942), Captain Norris, unidentified, Ray Stephens, Robert J. Bailey; front row - Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff (1863-1952), Elizabeth Greer Midkiff & Amanda Midkiff Norris. Picture on right: Susan Alice Bellamy Midkiff (1863-1952) in front center, and her children, to her left Ivan Ernest Midkiff, to her right Orion Bellamy Midkiff; in back, Katy Midkiff Stephens, Herman Alvey Midkiff, Cora Lee Midkiff Norris, Lora Manthus Midkiff Coy, Amanda Elizabeth Midkiff Norris & Mandana Midkiff Powers.



On left: Walter Valva Midkiff, in center he is on porch of his grocery store, W. V. Midkiff & Son, in Magan, KY. On right: Herman Alvey Midkiff, Orion Bellamy Midkiff & Ivan Ernest Midkiff.

- f. Stephen Allen Midkiff was born 2 March 1855 Ohio County, KY. He died of pneumonia in July 1878. In the 1870 Ohio County, KY census he is listed in the home of his mother & stepfather, Adaline & James Medcalf. In 1875 he purchased from his brother, Thomas B. Midkiff, 158 acres on Wolf Pen Run Creek in Ohio County, KY. He died in July 1878 (Ohio County, KY Order Book 14). In the Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY edition of 17 March 1880 (p2) a notice by the administrator of the estate of Stephen A. Midkiff, deceased, seeking any claims against his estate, was published.
- g. Caleb D. Midkiff was born 20 December 1856 Ohio County, KY. He died 22 January 1857 Ohio County, KY.
2. William D. Midkiff was born 25 November 1826 Ohio County, KY. In the 1850 Ohio County, KY census he is listed in the home of his parents; he was reported to be 23. In the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics it is recorded that William D. Midkiff died in 1852 in Ohio County, KY of typhoid fever, he was age 26, born Ohio County, KY, a farmer, single, and was the son of Joseph R. & Ann Midkiff. William D. Midkiff and his brother, Benjamin, owned a tract of land jointly at their deaths, they were single and left their father, Joseph R. Midkiff, as their immediate heir. In 1859 the land was ordered to be sold to pay monies owed by the brothers (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court case #1238, Caleb Crow vs. heirs of Joseph R. Midkiff, who are named in the suit).
3. Benjamin F. Midkiff was born 14 April 1829 Ohio County, KY. In the 1850 Ohio County, KY census he is listed in the home of his parents; he was reported to be 21. In the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics it is recorded that Benjamin F. Midkiff died in 1852 in Ohio County, KY of typhoid fever, he was age 23, born Ohio County, KY, a farmer, single, and was the son of Joseph R. & Ann Midkiff.
4. Mary B. Midkiff, 'Polly', was born 21 August 1831 Ohio County, KY. The birth dates of Mary and her three brothers were recorded in the Caleb & Mary B. Crow family bible. Mary married Caleb Crow, 7 December 1848 Ohio County, KY. Consent signed by her father, Joseph R. Midkiff, was filed with their marriage. They were married by Rev. Joseph Perkins Ellis, a Baptist minister. Caleb Crow was born 18 May 1819 Ohio County, KY. He was the son of John Crow, Jr. & Pricy Boswell and grandson of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson and Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood. Caleb is listed in the 1850,

1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He farmed until 1870 when he moved to the town of Hartford. From 1870 until 1895 he operated a hotel in the town of Hartford. On 22 January 1895 he moved his family to Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where he conducted a boarding house (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 23 January 1895, p3).

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 17 December 1901 p7:

**An Ancient Document.**

In looking over some old papers that had belonged to her grandfather, Rev. Thomas Taylor, one of the pioneer preachers of Ohio county, Mrs. Julia Mitchell a few days ago found a number of marriage licenses to parties more than three-quarters of a century ago. They were endorsed showing that the ceremony had been performed, but were never returned to the clerk's office, as the law required. Among them was a license for the marriage of Joseph R. Midkiff to Ann Taylor, issued November 10, and "executed" according to the endorsement November 12, 1823. The couple were the parents of Mrs. Polly Crow, who lives on Grove avenue. The paper, which is perfectly preserved, bears the signature of Charles Henderson, then and for many years afterward clerk of the county and circuit courts of Ohio county.

Caleb Crow died 27 September 1899 in Owensboro, KY, at his home, 411 Grove Avenue. When he moved to Owensboro, he had his home at 411 Grove Avenue built; the residence is now 411 West Eighth Street. His widow, Mary B., died at her home at 411 Grove Avenue on 28 May 1918. They were buried in Elmwood Cemetery, in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 Daviess County censuses report that one child had been born to Mrs. Mary B. Crow.

Mary B. Midkiff & Caleb Crow were the parents of :

- a. Sarah Elizabeth was born 16 January 1850 Ohio County, KY. She married Jacob Davis Duke, 26 March 1873 Ohio County, KY. Jacob, son of William Duke & Julia Ann Neeley, was born 21 April 1846 Ohio County, KY. They divorced 1874-1880. Jacob D. Duke married Cora Elizabeth Thomasson (1858-1891), 16 June 1881 Ohio County, KY and Allie M. Carter (1867-1952), 26 May 1892 Ohio County, KY. Jacob D. Duke died 23 April 1926 Hartford, Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery. Sarah Elizabeth Crow Duke died 24 November 1923 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Sarah Elizabeth Crow & Jacob Davis Duke had one child – Verda May (1874-1956, married Lodford Truman & George Britwell Bailey). Jacob D. & Cora Duke had – Robert Almond (1884-1967, married Vera H. Miller) & two died infancy. Jacob D. & Allie had – Martha Sanderfur (1897-1971, married

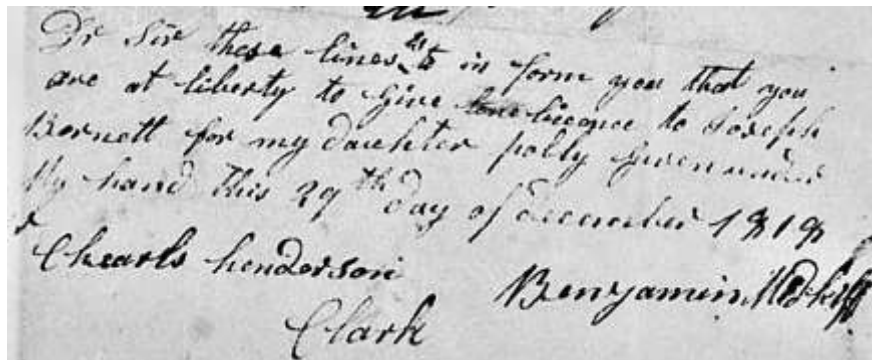
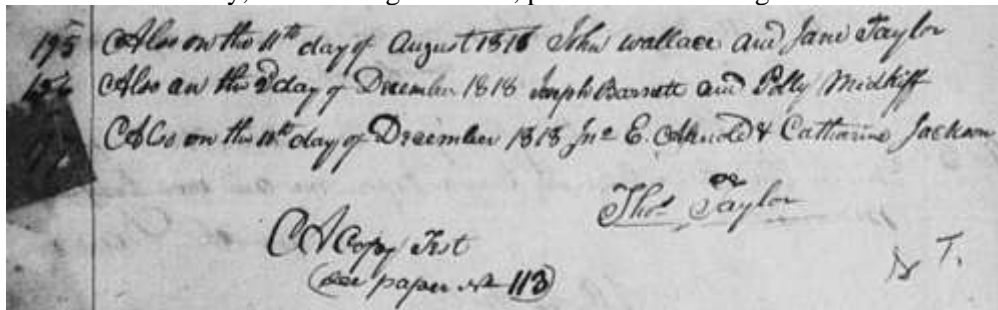
John Wade Hamlett), Jacob Edward (1899-1949, married Louise Cooper & Ione Smith) and William Alfred (1905-1949, married Helen Marie Westerfield).



On left Mary B. Midkiff Crow (1831-1918); on right her daughter Sarah Elizabeth Crow Duke (1850-1923); next to Mary B. is granddaughter Verda May Duke Truman (1874-1956); in front Mary B.'s great-grandson Lee Caldwell Truman (1899-1998).

**Mary Skillern Midkiff**, 'Polly', daughter of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 22 August 1797 KY. She was named in honor of her grandmother. She married Joseph Barnett, 2 December 1818 Ohio County, KY. They were married by Rev. Thomas Taylor, a Methodist minister. Consent signed by her father, Benjamin Midkiff, was filed with the marriage.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A, p30 & loose marriage documents:





Joseph Barnett was born 28 November 1798 Ohio County, KY; at the time of his birth Ohio County was part of Hardin County, KY. He was the son of Robert Barnett (died 1799) & Rachel Barnett (died 13 August 1803). Joseph was orphaned when he was four years old and was reared by his grandparents, Alexander & Jane Barnett. In some records he is listed as 'Jr.' which was used to distinguish him from an older Joseph in the same county. His parents were first cousins once removed. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Barnett & Abigail Mills and his maternal grandparents were Alexander Barnett & Jane Barnett. Joseph Barnett is listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY.

Mary Midkiff Barnett died at the age of 23 on 9 September 1820 Ohio County, KY. Mary's birth and death dates were recorded in the Joseph Barnett family bible (see "Barnett Bible", Family Bible Records, Volume 1 A-F, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Utica, KY, McDowell Publications, 2002, pp15-17). Mary was buried in the Alexander Cemetery about two miles north of Hartford in Ohio County, KY; the cemetery was named for Alexander Barnett (1745-1819).

Joseph Barnett married second Charlotte Stevens, 1 November 1821 Ohio County, KY. Charlotte, daughter of Thomas Stevens & Nancy Warfield, was born 16 August 1803 Ohio County, KY. Joseph & Charlotte lived near No Creek and later near Beda in Ohio County. Joseph died on 12 November 1860 and Charlotte died 21 July 1881; they were buried in the Carson Cemetery, No Creek, Ohio County, KY. Joseph Barnett & his second wife, Charlotte Stevens had 10 children – Nancy Jane (1822-1888, married John Allen Bennett), Sally Mary (1825-1905, married Alexander B. Baird), Susan M. (1828-1829), Lucretia B. (1830-1839), Lydia Charlotte Belt (1832-1839), Thomas Alexander (1835-1863, single, died while serving in the Union army during the Civil War), Robert Gunn (1837-1839), Henry Stevens (1839-1862, single, died while serving in the Union army during the Civil War), Joseph Warren (1842-1895, married Florence Catherine Stevens) and Eliza Neal (1844-1906, married Stephen Albert Bennett).

Mary Skillern Midkiff & Joseph Barnett had one child:

1. Rachel Elizabeth Barnett was born 7 December 1819 Ohio County, KY. She married James Prudden / Pruden, 5 November 1839 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Daniel Prudden & Ann McGill, was born 15 March 1817 Ohio County, KY. In the Ohio County, KY censuses of 1850 & 1860 James is listed. He is listed near Spottsville in the 1870 census of Henderson County, KY. In 1850 & 1860 his occupation was reported as farmer and in 1870 as carpenter.

Rachel Elizabeth Barnett Prudden died 21 October 1857 Ohio County, KY. A record of her death was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. The cause of death was given as pneumonia and her parents were given as Joseph & Mary Barnett. She was buried in the Old Bell (Lindley-Condit) Cemetery at Point Pleasant in Ohio County, KY. James Prudden married second Mrs. Mary Ann (Wiggins) Humphrey, 21 August 1858 Ohio County, KY. Mary was the widow of Richard Ellison Humphrey (1817-1857), who she married on 2 March 1846 Muhlenberg County, KY. Mary was born c1830 KY and died on 2 September 1877.

James Pruden during 1869-1870 moved to Henderson County, KY. His sons, Joseph M. & John M., first appear in the Henderson County tax lists in 1869 and in the 1870 list they are joined by their father. James Pruden is listed in the 1870-1872 Henderson County tax lists. He died of black tongue 4 January 1872 near Spottsville, Henderson County, KY. Helen Marie (Fray) Rice (1930-2018) researcher and great-great-

granddaughter of James Pruden & Rachel Elizabeth Barnett, reported that James Pruden was buried in the Cheaney Cemetery near Spottsville in Henderson County, KY; his grave is unmarked. A record of the family of James Pruden was recorded in the “Pruden Bible”, Family Bible Records, Volume 3 M-R, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Utica, KY, McDowell Publications, 2002, pp99-100). James Pruden & his wife, Mary Ann had – Louvisa P. (1859-1893, married Richard Tiberius Igleheart) & Cordelia (1861-1861, died at age of 7 months of tuberculosis).



On left – grave of Mary Skillern Midkiff Barnett (1797-1820), Alexander Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. On right – grave of Rachel Elizabeth Barnett Prudden (1819-1857), Old Bell (Lindley-Condit) Cemetery, West Point, Ohio County, KY.

Rachel Elizabeth Barnett & James Pruden had 8 children:

- a. Joseph Midkiff Pruden was born 12 April 1841 Ohio County, KY. He married Sally M. Igleheart, 21 June 1866 Ohio County, KY. Sally M., daughter of Henry D. Igleheart & Amelia Ann Bennett, was born 14 February 1845 Ohio County, KY and died 2 September 1871 Henderson County, KY. Joseph M. died of coxalgia on 1 July 1878 Henderson County, KY. He & his wife were buried in the Pruden Cemetery, Henderson County, KY. Joseph M. & Sally M. Pruden were the parents of – Alexander Barnett (1867-1930, married Sarah Hettie Williams), Sylvester Lee (1868-after 1880) & John G. (1870-1951, married Eliza Ann Bugg).
- b. Sylvester P. Pruden was born 31 January 1843 Ohio County, KY and died in 1858.
- c. Mary Ann Pruden was born 9 May 1844 Ohio County, KY. She married Daniel Croucher Freels, 2 July 1873 Henderson County, KY. Daniel, son of Daniel A. T. Freels & Mary Ann McKinney, was born 12 May 1839 Daviess County, KY and died 1 April 1879 Henderson County, KY. Mary Ann Pruden Freels married Alfred Taylor Nalley, 9 July 1884 Henderson County, KY. Alfred, son of John

Nalley & Ruth Taylor, was born c1840 KY and married Lucrecia Strother, c1862 and he died 15 December 1889. Mary Nalley died 27 March 1887 Henderson County, KY. Two children of Mary Ann Pruden & Daniel C. Freels are shown in the 1880 census of Henderson County, KY; after the death of their parents, they lived with their uncle, John M. Pruden. Mary & Daniel's children were – Leona Emily (1874-1948, married John Albert Brown) and Clayton Dean (1877-1920, married Frances Sarah Caroline Merrill).



Clayton Dean Freels (1877-1920)  
holding infants, Opal & Loraine

- d. John Midkiff Pruden was born 19 February 1847 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Eliza Ashby, 24 November 1885 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Edmund Rowe Ashby & Jane Calloway, was born 18 January 1857 Ohio County, KY. Mary married first Wyatt Mastisson Ashby, 14 March 1878 Ohio County, KY. Mary Ashby Pruden died 1888-1892. John M. Pruden married Emma Catherine Newton, 14 September 1892 Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, KY. Emma, daughter of James Cameron Newton & Mary Ann Alvey, was born 23 August 1870 Cannelton, Perry County, IN. John M. Pruden died of typhoid fever, 12 October 1912 Daviess County, KY, where he was buried in the Sorgho Baptist Church Cemetery. His wife, Emma, married Robert William Wheeler (1958-1945), 20 October 1915 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Emma Wheeler died 22 April 1952 Bethalto, Madison County, IL; she was buried Sorgho Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. John M. Pruden had no children by his first wife. He and Emma had 4 children – George Marcus (1893-1977, married Christine Marrit), Mary Elizabeth (1896-1987, married Thomas Ammon Lloyd & William Leslie Wallace), James Benjamin (1899-1969, married Stella Barbara Horlander) and Loueen Lena (1903-2000, married David Philip Gridler).
- e. Margaret Isabella Pruden was born 1 September 1849 Ohio County, KY. She married John M. Williams, 3 May 1866 Ohio County, KY. John, son of Stephen A. Williams & Malinda Downs, was born 9 July 1845 Ohio County, KY. Margaret Pruden Williams died 12 March 1876 Henderson County, KY, where she was buried in the Cheaney Cemetery. John M. Williams married Lydia Ann Hill (1855-1914), 20 December 1877 Ohio County, KY. John M. died 10 November 1911 Ohio County, KY. He and his wife, Lydia, were buried in the Walton's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Margaret I. Pruden & John M.

Williams had a daughter – Lulie E. (1874-after 1910). Children of John M. Williams & Lydia A. Hill included – Ida Belle (1880-1940, married Edgar Duncan), Melvin R. (1883-1908), Edward Newton (1886-1957, married Golda Fielden), Annie Myrtle (1888-1965, married Charles Lesley Fielden), Hulbert Downs (1891-1968, married Rachel Emry Boyd & Madie Gertrude English Akins), Cora May (1893-1894), Audessie M. (1897-1978, married Lennie Awtry Oglesby) and John Elbert (1899-1969, married Willie Mae James Williams).

f. Martha Ellen Pruden was born 7 March 1852 Ohio County, KY. She married Robert Calvin Luther, 4 July 1872 Henderson County, KY. Robert, son of Enoch Luther & Susanne Sweitzer, was born c1849 PA; he is listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson County, PA. Robert C. Luther died 22 March 1877. Martha & Robert C. Luther had a daughter – Minnie (1874-died between 1900 & 1910). Martha Pruden Luther married Larkin Urile Peters, 12 November 1882 Henderson County, KY. Larkin, son of Larkin Peters & Ann A. Atkinson, was born 23 April 1844 Union County, KY. Larkin U. Peters married Mrs. Jennie C. (DeSoto) Stone, 15 March 1868 Henderson County, KY. Jennie was born c1842 and died during 1880-1882. Larkin & Jennie were the parents of – Hugh Tolbert (1869-1948, married Lenore V. Moore), child (born 1870-1873 & died 1873), James Edgar (1872-1929, married Dora Cravens), child (1873-1875) and Annie (1875-1876). Larkin U. Peters died 28 October 1924 Henderson County, KY. Martha Pruden Peters died 16 March 1923 in Henderson County, KY at her home near Beal's Station just across the river from Spottsville. Martha & Larkin Peters were buried Mt. Zion Cemetery, Henderson County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses reported that Martha was the mother of 8 children, 4 of whom were living in 1900 and 3 were living in 1910. Martha Ellen Pruden and Larkin U. Peters were the parents of – Jesse Egbert (1886-1974, single), Mary Frances (1888-1972, married Leland Watkins Fray & William Edward Royster) and Elizabeth Lucy (1892-1982, married Harry Lindal Adkisson). Four other children born to Martha's two marriages died infancy.

g. Elizabeth Charlotte Pruden, 'Lottie' was born 2 January 1855 Ohio County, KY. She married Calvin Henry Fray, 21 November 1872 Henderson County, KY. Calvin, 'Cal', son of Moses W. Fray & Margaret Reed was born 30 July 1848 Leavenworth, Crawford County, IN, where he was listed in the 1850 census. Calvin died of pneumonia 25 January 1919 Henderson County, KY and Lottie died 1 February 1930 Henderson, Henderson County, KY. They were buried Mt. Zion Cemetery, Henderson County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses recorded that Lottie was the mother of 10 children, 7 were living in 1900 and 6 in 1910. Elizabeth Charlotte Pruden & Calvin Henry Fray's children were – Calvin Wesley (1873-1875, died of dysentery), Nora Olive (1875-1877), Claude Tandy (1877-1910, married Ebulus Dunn), Flora Ann (1879-1963, married Martin Benjamin London), John Madison (1881-1947, married Della Billings), Elizabeth Bell (1884-1885), Martha Frances (1886-1956, married David Minnus Bugg), Henry Moses (1888-1971, married Florence Bell Wright), James Larkin (1891-1980, married Grace Hutchinson) and Aud Hector (1895-1970, married Lucille Redman).



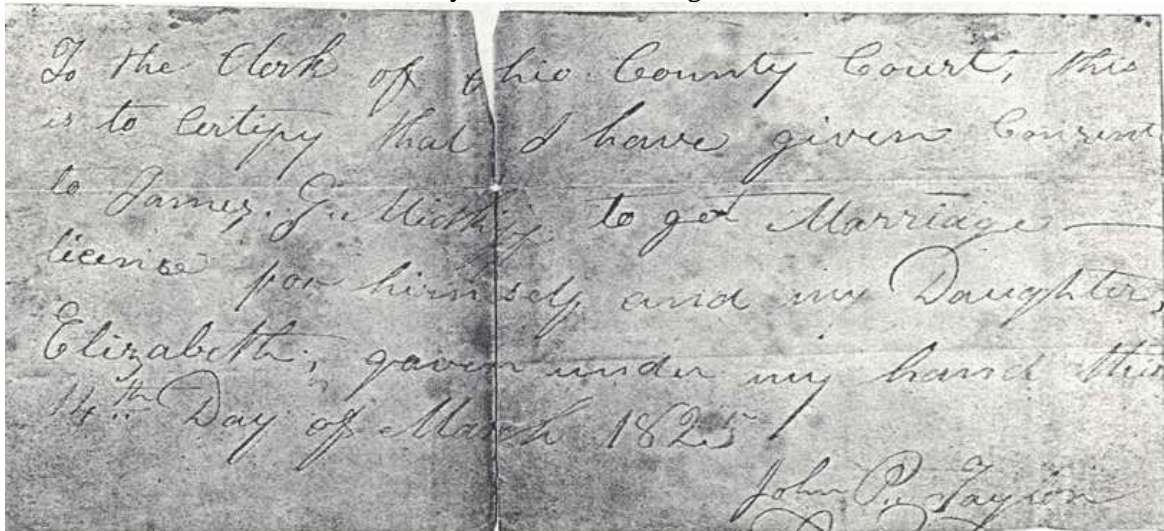
Calvin Henry Fray (1848-1919) & wife, Lottie Pruden (1855-1930)

- h. Delilah Vitula Pruden was born 12 October 1857 Ohio County, KY. She died 1857-1860.

**James G. Midkiff**, son of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 1802-1803 Shelby County, KY. His birth is based on his age inscribed on his tombstone. His sons, Joseph, Thomas & George on their marriage licenses reported that their father was born in Shelby County, KY and their mother in Virginia. James was probably named for his uncle James Gillaspy, who was married to his mother's sister, Mary Robinson. James G. Midkiff is listed in the Ohio County, KY tax lists of 1823-1871 and censuses of 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 & 1870. The 1850 & 1860 censuses reported that he was a farmer.

James G. Midkiff married Elizabeth D. Taylor, 17 March 1825 Ohio County, KY. They were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister. A consent slip signed by her father, John P. Taylor, was filed with their marriage bond at the Ohio County Courthouse.

Ohio County, KY Loose Marriage Documents:





Ohio County, Ky Marriage Book A, p72:

439 Solemnized the marriage authorized by the within License  
this 17<sup>th</sup> March 1805, James S. Midkiff and Elizabeth Taylor  
Wm Hart  
Ed Copy/Int  
No paper No 397

Elizabeth D, daughter of John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis, was born 7 May 1800 Fairfax County, VA. Her birth and death dates were recorded in a Taylor family bible record (see “John Peyton Taylor Family Record”, by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). Elizabeth’s parents moved their family to Shelby County, KY about 1817 and in 1823 to Ohio County, KY.

The tombstone of “James Midkiff” has that he “died Feb. 7, 1872 aged 69 years”. The wrong date of death was inscribed on his monument. He actually died on 18 February 1872. He wrote a final will on 16 February 1872 and it was probated on 24 February 1872 (Ohio County, KY Will Book D, p75). George Warren Taylor (1841-1914), a nephew of James Midkiff & Elizabeth Taylor, for many years kept a journal of deaths in the Bell’s Run & Magan communities. See “George Warren Taylor (1841-1914): Register of Deaths, 1853-1905”, by Jerry Long (Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). In his journal George W. Taylor recorded that James Midkiff died on 18 February 1872.



James Midkiff was buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, in Ohio County, KY. On a hill on Highway 1414 at Adaburg turn east onto the Adaburg - Beech Valley Road. Go about 2 miles and the cemetery is on the bank of the left side of the road just past a wooded area. It is about 3/4 of a mile from the road's end at the Sunnydale Road (which to the north passes Beech Valley & Magan). The cemetery appears to have begun as the Midkiff Cemetery. Local residents said the cemetery was called the Cap Cemetery named after a later land owner, Jim Cap. It was on the farm of James Medcalf (1823-1900), whose family were also known by the last name of 'Cap'.



Beech Valley - Magan neighborhood, Ohio County, KY, where many descendants of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson are buried: **1** = Midkiff ('Cap') Cemetery, James G. Midkiff (1803-1872) & Rebecca Midkiff Pate (1806-1855 buried here. **2** = William Ralph Cemetery, Joseph Robinson Midkiff (1796-1856) buried here. **3** = John L. Ralph Cemetery. **4** = Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery.

Ohio County, Kentucky Will Book D, pp75-76:

February the 16th 1872 [Written]. Be it know to all whom it may concern: I James Midkiff, being of sound mind do make, my Last Will and Testament. I Bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Midkiff a support during her lifetime out of my Estate, and the balance of my Estate to be equally divided between my children or their heirs without any back claims against the said Estate. I appoint my son J. P. Midkiff and Robert Cambron to be my Executors.

I here certify that this is my true will  
James G. Midkiff

Attest Wm E. Kirk  
Stephen A. Midkiff.



State Of Kentucky Special Term  
Ohio County Court February 24th 1872

I Sam'l Cox Clerk of the County Court for the County & State aforesaid do certify that the foregoing Last Will and Testament of James G. Midkiff deceased this day was produced to the Court and duly proven by the oaths of Wm. E. Kirk and Stephen A. Midkiff the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same being examined and approved by the Court was ordered to be recorded which is done together with this Certificate.

Witness my hand this 24th of February 1872  
Sam K. Cox Clerk

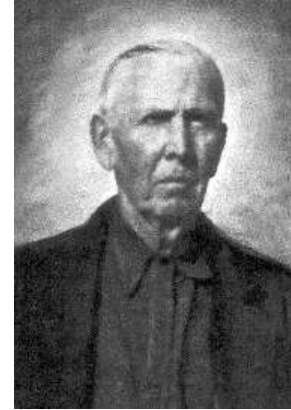
The 1871 last tax list reported that James G. Midkiff was assessed taxes on 85 acres on Rough Creek. Documents of the estate of James G. Midkiff (appraisal, sale bill & settlement) are recorded in Ohio County, KY Estate files #624 & 625 (in metal file drawers at the Ohio County Court Clerk's office). James G. Midkiff's widow, Elizabeth D. Taylor Midkiff died on 11 March 1878. She was buried with her husband at the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery. No gravestone has been found for her.

James G. Midkiff and Elizabeth D. Taylor had seven children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Midkiff was born c1826 Ohio County, KY. She married Robert Cambron, 10 June 1852 Ohio County, KY. Robert was born c1822 Nelson County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In all four censuses his surname is spelled Cameron. On his marriage it was recorded as Cambron, the spelling used by his children. Robert & Mary E. (Midkiff) Cambron died during 1880-1891. Their granddaughter, Frankie Cambron (1905-1993) reported that they were buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY; they have no markers on their graves. Miss Cambron knew the names of seven children of her grandparents – Charlotte, Joseph, Cicero Maxwell, Robinson, John Peyton, Walter and Stephen the last two died in childhood. Children of Mary Elizabeth Midkiff & Robert Cambron were:
  - a. James T. Cambron was born 22 August 1853 Ohio County, KY and died 1853-1860.
  - b. Charlotte E. Cambron, 'Lottie', was born c1856 Ohio County, KY. She married Daniel Coy, 31 January 1879 Ohio County, KY. Daniel, son of Samuel Coy & Lavisa Ann Spencer, was born 19 April 1857 Larue County, KY. Charlotte Cambron Coy died of consumption 25 April 1881 near the Beech Valley Church in Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery. She was survived by her husband and one child – Mary Ann (1880-1940, married Plez James). Daniel Coy married Margaret J. Stewart, 8 November 1882 Ohio County, KY. In 1910 Daniel & Margaret were living Denver, CO. Their children included – Leslie, George Harrison, Edna Ruth, Purl and Della May.
  - c. Joseph Benjamin Cambron, 'Joe', was born 21 January 1860 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Lois Weller, 17 May 1885 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Jacob Rouseau Weller & Matilda Hoover, was born 17 May 1865 Ohio County, KY and died 8 July 1900 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in Mt. Moriah

Cemetery. In March 1901 Joe Cambron left the Magan neighborhood of Ohio County and moved to Missouri. Joe Cambron married Clemmie V. Whittaker, 28 May 1902 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Clemmie, daughter of Benjamin F. Whittaker & Rachel Ann Johnson, was born in 1867 Butler County, KY and died 18 May 1939 Morehouse New Madrid County, MO; she was first married to George M. Clark, 28 November 1882 Ohio County, KY. Joseph B. Cambron was hit and killed by a train near Morehouse, New Madrid County, MO on 4 December 1942. Joseph B. & Mary Cambron had 6 children – Jacob Robert (1885-1971, married Ella Lana Clark), James Adolphus (1887-1960, married Emma Lake & Mary Bell Brown), John Emit (1890-1977, married Nannie Jones), Ada May (1892-1968, married Ira Gray), Ernest Henry (1895-1979, married Ora May Bowlds) and William Egbert (1898-1982, married Cindia Helen Greer). Joseph B. & Clemmie Cambron had 2 children – Florence Jeanette (1905-1988, married Delta Irving Wiseman & William H. Kirk) and Sherman Cicero (1907-1993, married Karlene Josephine Bryant).

- d. Robinson Cambron, ‘Robert’, was born 4 February 1862 Ohio County, KY. He never married. He died 20 December 1950 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried at the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY.
- e. Cicero Maxwell Cambron was born 26 April 1866 Ohio County, KY. He married Mattie Ellen Westerfield, 14 December 1890 Ohio County, KY. Mattie, daughter of Clinton Clay Westerfield & Matilda Ann Lake, was born 15 December 1871 Ohio County, KY. Cicero died 18 December 1943 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and Mattie died 5 June 1948 Owensboro. They were buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They had 3 children – Ivan (1892-1963, married Ethel Seaton), Jessie Ann (1894-1990, married Devert D. Mosley) and Hazel Bernadine (1902-1982, married Ollie Hayden Hawkins & James Beckham O’Flynn).
- f. John Peyton Cambron was born 23 January 1868 Ohio County, KY. He married Rena Jane Moseley, 7 October 1891 Ohio County, KY. Rena, daughter of John Robert Moseley & Margaret Hamilton, was born 19 September 1871 Ohio County, KY. Rena Cambron died 2 March 1940 Ohio County, KY and John P. Cambron died 7 May 1948 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They were buried at the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. They had 8 children – Etta Bertha (1893-1975, married Alphonis Wedding), Esther Ann (1894-1961, married Warren Jasper Midkiff), Robert Alvin (1896-1969, single), Pruda M. (1898-1986, married Ivan Edge), Verna (1901-1901), Mary Helen (1902-1972, married Archie Allen White), Frankie (1905-1993, single) and Albert Moseley (1908-1986, married Emma Lee Hinton).
- g. Walter Cambron died childhood. Buried Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery.
- h. Stephen Cambron died childhood. Buried Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery.



Left – Robinson Cambron (1862-1950); on right and in picture in center – John Peyton Cambron (1868-1948) & wife, Rena Jane Moseley Cambron (1871-1940)

2. Matilda Ann Midkiff was born 9 October 1827 Ohio County, KY. She married John Lawrence Ralph, Jr., 10 July 1845 Ohio County, KY. John L., son of John L. Ralph (1787-1856) & Elizabeth McClaine / McClane (1796-1870), was born 8 October 1824 Henry County, KY. In 1827 his father, John L. Ralph, Sr. and his uncle, William Ralph (1779-1862), came to Ohio County, KY and made their home near Magan. The two brothers, John, Sr. & William, are buried in two cemeteries on their farms about two miles apart. John L. Ralph, Jr. is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Matilda Midkiff Ralph died 26 September 1855 Ohio County, KY, where she is buried in the (John L.) Ralph Cemetery. The cemetery is about six miles southeast of Fordsville, KY. On Highway 1414 turn south onto the Magan Road. Turn left at first lane on the left; the cemetery is at top of hill. The oldest marked grave in the cemetery is for Amanda E. Ralph (1836-1837), a daughter of John L. Ralph, Sr. & Elizabeth. The cemetery is well kept and is still utilized today (see “Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long, Internet, <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/>).

Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section:

JOHN L. RALPH is a descendant of Thomas Ralph, who came from England and settled in Virginia, where he died. His son, John L., Sr., was bound out to a farmer, served his time, and when of age came to Henry County, Ky., and there married, and in 1827 came to Ohio County, and located in what is known as the Ralph Settlement; here he died in 1857; his widow in 1870. They were Methodists and the parents of six children — three living. John L., subject, was born October 8, 1824, in Henry County, Ky., reared on a farm, and July 10, 1845, married Matilda A. Midkiff, of Ohio County. She passed away September 26, 1855, leaving four children. February 12, 1856, he married Aera M. B. Midkiff, a sister of his first wife. To them were born four children. Mr. Ralph is one of the most successful farmers in his neighborhood, having over 900 acres of productive land with many valuable improvements, residences, orchards, hedges, etc., etc., wholly the result of indefatigable industry and careful management, and frugality of himself and wife. They have given, aside from what they now own, 400 acres to four children. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Matilda Ann Midkiff and John Lawrence Ralph were the parents of:

- a. Mary Catherine Ralph was born 13 July 1847 Ohio County, KY. She married Thomas Davis Royal, 30 August 1863 Ohio County, KY. Thomas, son of John Royal & Isabelle Davis, was born 1 May 1841 Ohio County, KY and died 4 April 1904. Mary C. Royal died of pneumonia 4 April 1927 at her home near Reynolds Station in Ohio County, KY. Mary C. & Thomas D. Royal were buried Friendship Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses report that no children had been born to Mary C. Royal.
- b. Lee Allen Ralph was born 17 August 1849 Ohio County, KY. He married Gemima Elizabeth Magan, 7 November 1867 Ohio County, KY. Gemima, daughter of James Magan & Martha Wade, was born 12 September 1850 Ohio County, KY and died 29 April 1903 Ohio County, KY. Lee A. Ralph married Minerva E. Roach, 4 October 1904 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Minerva, 'Dee', daughter of William Roach & Margaret Greer, was born 1 March 1850 Ohio County, KY; she married first Vincent F. McPherson (1846-1874), 7 March 1872 Ohio County, KY. Minerva died 17 December 1914 Ohio County, KY. Lee Ralph died of tuberculosis 5 December 1922 at his home in Ohio County, KY. He and his two wives were buried Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Lee Allen Ralph & Gemima Elizabeth Magan had 7 children – John Lawrence (1869-1922, married Maude Helen Midkiff), Martha Ann (1871-1896, single, died of typhoid fever), James Allen (1873-1946, married Minnie Frances Nelson & Victorine Burdette), Beriah (1876-1896), Beatrice (1875-1876), Ariaminta (1880-1881), Elizabeth Q. ('Lizzie', 1886-1895, died of brain fever).
- c. James Taylor Ralph was born 4 October 1851 Ohio County, KY. He married Aretemisa Clarinda Moseley, 30 September 1869 Ohio County, KY. Aretemisa, daughter of Elijah Perry Moseley & Phoebe Jane Westerfield, was born 4 May 1852 Ohio County, KY and died of pneumonia 3 April 1884 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried Ralph Cemetery. James T. Ralph married Alzera Estell Moseley, 4 September 1884 Ohio County, KY. Alzera, daughter of John Wesley Moseley & Malinda Ann Roach, was born 18 July 1861 Ohio County, KY and died 3 November 1895 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Ralph Cemetery. James T. Ralph married 3<sup>rd</sup> Lillie D. Chapman, 8 July 1896 Ohio County, KY. Lillie, daughter of Jesse L. Chapman & Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, was born 17 December 1870 Ohio County, KY and died 7 December 1946 Hammond, Lake County, IN; she was buried Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. James T. Ralph died of cancer of the stomach on 9 February 1924 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Ralph Cemetery. James Taylor Ralph & Aretemisa Moseley were parents of – Thomas Lee (1870-1933, married Annie Florence Moseley), Mary L. (1872-1964, married Therie Alonzo Taylor), John Lawson (1874-1963, 'Jack', single), Jeff Hampton (1877-1950, married Mittie Ralph & Mrs. Minnie Florence Johnston DeHart), James Henry ('Jim Rusty', 1880-1959, married Lula Olivia Russell), and Estill M. (1882-1905, died of yellow jaundice, married Mary Florence Helton). James Taylor Ralph & Alzera Moseley were parents of – Iva Ann (1885-1941, married Peter Monroe Bean), Provie B. (1888-1966, married Rossie Nathaniel Taylor), Winnie Dean (1889-1968, married Gon Decora Taylor), Lizzie Mae (1892-1972, married Frank Talmadge Russell), Alberta

(1894-1894) and Alzera Estel (1895-1978, 'Allie', married James Andrew Ralph). James Taylor Ralph & Lillie D. Chapman were the parents of – Jesse Lawrence (1899-1967, married Verda May Taylor) and Charles William (1908-1988, married Verta Lee Ralph).



James Taylor Ralph (1851-1924) & wife, Lillie Chapman (1870-1946)

- d. Thomas Peyton Ralph was born 21 June 1854 Ohio County, KY. He married Sarah Frances Patton, 6 February 1879 Ohio County, KY. Sarah, daughter of John William Patton & Belinda Ann Hoover, was born 25 December 1861 Ohio County, KY and died of tuberculosis on 21 February 1927 at her home in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN; she was buried Patton Cemetery, Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY. Thomas P. & Sarah F. were divorced during 1900-1903 and in September 1906 Sarah moved to Evansville, IN. Thomas P. Ralph married Gertrude Mabel Smith, 19 January 1903 Princeton, Mercer County, MO. Gertrude, daughter of Robert Penn Smith & Margaret Elizabeth Chrisman, was born 8 May 1877 Unionville, Appanoose County, IA. Thomas P. Ralph was a minister of the Methodist church; he was granted a minister's bond in Daviess County, KY on 29 September 1894. He died 14 January 1949 at Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, MO. He and his wife, Gertrude, were buried Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, MO; she died 15 January 1967. Thomas Peyton Ralph and Sarah Frances Patton had 3 children – Albert Sidney (1880-1922, married Sarah Jane Wheeler), Ira Peyton (1884-1926, single) and Anna Bertha (1892-1976, single). Thomas Peyton Ralph & Gertrude Mabel Smith had 2 children – John Leland (1905-1981, married Ruby Martha Poinsett) and Jerome Herman ('Rome', 1912-1980, married Ruby Ruth Adams & Mrs. Kelia Clippard Kimes).
3. Araminta Barbara Midkiff was born 17 August 1837 Ohio County, KY. Following the death of her sister, Matilda Midkiff Ralph (1827-1855), she married Matilda's husband, John Lawrence Ralph, Jr. They were married 12 February 1856 Ohio County, KY. John L. Ralph died 21 March 1901 Ohio County, KY and Barbara Midkiff Ralph died 29 April 1909 Ohio County, KY. They were members of the Ralph Chapel Methodist Church and were buried in the Ralph Cemetery.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 7 May 1909 p5: "Magan, May 4 – Mrs. Barbara Ralph died at her home near Ralph the 27th of April of cancer the remains were interred the 28th at the family cemetery."

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 7 May 1909 p8: Ralph, May 3 – Mrs. Barbara Ralph, a highly respected lady of this place. Died April 28th, of old age. Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying grounds. She leaves several children to mourn her loss.”

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY

Wednesday, 27 March 1901 p3:

Wednesday, 3 April 1901 p3:

Died at his residence near Magan last Thursday morning, of old age and a complication of troubles, Mr. John L. Ralph. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. G. J. Bean and R. D. Bennett at the residence, Friday afternoon, after which his remains were laid to rest in the family burying grounds in the presence of friends and relatives. "Uncle John," as he was commonly known, was one of Ohio county's best citizens, and THE HERALD extends condolence to the bereaved family.

**An Old Man Gone.**  
Bro. John B. Ralph came into this world nearly 77 years ago and died in peace at his home in Ohio county, Ky., March 21, 1901. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when a young man. He lived an acceptable member until death. Bro. Ralph was a good citizen and an obliging neighbor, a devoted husband, a loving father and an humble christian. He was twice married and was the father of six sons and two daughters. One of his sons preceded him to the better world. Brother Ralph has served his generation and fallen on sleep. Brother Bean and the writer held appropriate religious services over his remains, after which his body was buried on his home farm. We hope to meet him in heaven.  
R. D. BENNETT.

The 1900 census record that Araminta Midkiff Ralph was the mother of 4 children, 1 of whom was then deceased. The children of John Lawrence Ralph & Araminta Barbara Midkiff were:

- a. Matilda Ann Ralph was born 7 October 1857 Ohio County, KY. She married George H. Roach, 2 March 1882 Ohio County, KY. George, son of William Roach & Margaret Greer, was born 9 October 1855 Ohio County, KY and died 5 August 1896. Matilda Roach died of heart trouble shortly after getting over a severe case of typhoid fever on 30 August 1901 Ohio County, KY. George & Matilda were buried Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They had 2 children – Jefferson Davis (1882-1960, married Mary Bertha Brown) and William Lawrence (1887-1962, married Zenolah E. Mason & Rose Hocking).
- b. John B. Ralph was born 29 April 1861 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Elizabeth Medcalf, 2 October 1879 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Charles Medcalf & Pricie S. Ambrose, was born 1859 Ohio County, KY. John B. Ralph died at his home near Magan in Ohio County, KY on 17 April 1893. Mary Medcalf Ralph married Wilbur Hall, c1922. She died 20 September 1937 Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL. She was hit and killed by a run-away dray team. She was buried Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Mary was the mother of 6 children. The children of John B. Ralph & Mary Elizabeth Medcalf were – Effie D. (1880-1926, married John Theodore Roach), Henry Allen (1882-1973, married Fronia Catherine Whitehouse), Pricie (1885-



1927, married Ivory Muffett), Ara M. (1886-1900), Maggie Mary (1890-1982, married Terry Cunningham Faughn) and John Byron (1891-1987, married Nellie Justice).



John B. Ralph (1861-1893)

- c. Jefferson Davis Ralph was born 17 March 1863 Ohio County, KY. He married Laura Anne Nelson, 10 December 1885 Ohio County, KY. Laura, 'Annie', daughter of James Preston Nelson & George Ann Magan, was born 11 March 1870 Ohio County, KY. In December 1914 Jeff Ralph moved to Angleton, Texas, where he had bought a farm. Annie Ralph died 18 September 1935 Houston, Harris County, TX. Jefferson D. Ralph died 17 July 1946 Angleton, Brazoria County, TX. He was a retired groceryman. He and Annie were buried Angleton Cemetery, Brazoria County, TX. Jefferson Davis Ralph & Laura Anne Nelson were the parents of – Herbert Benton (1887-1944, married Pauline Evelyn Ives), Helen (1889-1969, married Noble Render), Mary Nelson (1908-1988, married James Andrews Martin & George Robert Osburn) and Frederick Davis (1911-1999, married Lois Rumley, Dorothy Dale Glass, Mrs. Mary Alice Glass Johnson & Mrs. Carolyn Brown Render Johnson).
- d. Henry Wise Ralph was born 29 October 1870 Ohio County, KY. He married Delilah Artimis Patton, 23 August 1892 Ohio County, KY. Delilah, daughter of John William Patton & Belinda Ann Hoover, was born 5 June 1870 Ohio County, KY and died 15 November 1899 Adaburg, Ohio County, KY. Henry W. Ralph married Estella Ralph, 9 February 1902 Ohio County, KY. Estella, daughter of John William Ralph & Susan Jane Brand, was born 17 June 1875 Ohio County, KY. Henry W. & Estella were first cousins once removed; his father, John L. Ralph, Jr. and Estella's grandfather, William Thomas Ralph (1818-1888), were brothers. Estella Ralph died 31 August 1906. Henry W. Ralph married 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Ethel Ridenhower, 11 January 1909 Rockport, Spencer County, IN. Laura, daughter of Silvester Aaron Ridenhower & Hannah Elizabeth Hubbard, was born 14 August 1887 Johnson County, IL and died 18 August 1972 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Henry W. Ralph died 23 June 1944 Ohio County, KY. Henry W. and his three wives were buried the Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Henry Wise Ralph & Estella Ralph had a son – Wendell Ralph (1903-1958, married Rose Josephine



Pirtle). Henry Wise Ralph & Laura Ethel Ridenhower were the parents of – Estella Lee (1910-1979, married Herbert D. Whobrey) and Sylvester Aaron (‘Shorty’, 1913-1985, married Raphael Park).



Left: Jefferson Davis Ralph (1863-1946) & Henry Wise Ralph (1870-1944). Right: Jefferson Davis Ralph (1863-1946) & wife, Laura Anne Nelson (1870-1935)

4. John Peyton Midkiff was born 19 August 1829 Ohio County, KY. He married Elizabeth Ann Burks, 19 November 1859 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of David Daniel Burks & Nancy Jane Ralph, was born 12 June 1840 Ohio County, KY. On 7 February 1868 he purchased from his parents 22 acres that lay on the north side of the farm that they lived on; it adjoined the farm of James Medcalf (Ohio County, KY Deed Book U p459). Leslie Midkiff (1909-1987) said his grandfather, John P. Midkiff, Sr. was called ‘Blue John’ and his son, John P., Jr. was called ‘Johnny Blue’. His grandfather’s cousins, John Robert Midkiff (1852-1942) was called ‘Red John’ and John Henry Midkiff (1871-1954) was called ‘Black John’. The Beech Valley United Methodist Church was established in 1871. The trustees of the church at that time were John P. Midkiff, Thomas L. Midkiff, Joseph B. Midkiff, Henry Medcalf, A. D. Wright, Charles Marion Ralph and W. S. Ambrose. Elizabeth A. Midkiff died 8 January 1909 Ohio County, KY. She was survived by her husband, 5 sons & 3 daughters. A death notice in the Hartford newspaper reported that her “remains were buried in the Cap burying ground.” John P. Midkiff died at his home at Beech Valley in Ohio County, KY on 3 April 1919. The 1900 census recorded that Elizabeth was the mother of 9 children, one of whom was then deceased.

The children of John Peyton Midkiff & Elizabeth Ann Burks were:

- a. James Willis Midkiff, ‘Jim’, was born 8 January 1861 Ohio County, KY. He married Eliza J. Moxley, 2 December 1883 Breckinridge County, KY. Eliza, daughter of Isaac Thrasher Moxley & Jennette Ellen Godsey, was born 19 June 1865 Breckinridge County, KY. James W. Midkiff died 24 June 1921 Breckinridge County, KY. His wife, Eliza, married Robert T. Miller, 25 January 1928 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. Eliza died 29 December 1941 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. James W. & Eliza were buried the Walker Cemetery, Falls of Rough, Breckinridge County, KY. The 1900 census reported that 2 children had been born to Eliza. Their children were – Albert Barnett (1886-1967, married Chloe E. Burch) and Eura Alvis (1888-1971, married Lillie Mae Matthews).



James Willis Midkiff (1861-1921)

- b. Elizabeth Jane Midkiff was born 17 August 1862 Ohio County, KY. She married Coleman Dozier Greer, 8 December 1881 Ohio County, KY. Coleman, son of James Greer & Elizabeth Ann Sharp, was born 21 August 1861 Ohio County, KY. About 1914 Coleman moved his family to Missouri to work in the logging trade. Coleman died 18 April 1951 Canalou, New Madrid County, MO and Elizabeth Jane died of pneumonia on 26 September 1952 St. Francois County, MO. They were buried in the Sikeston Cemetery, Sikeston, Scott County, MO. The 1910 census records that Jane was the mother of 11 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. Their children were – Rosie (1884-1884), Bertha (1884-1927, married Leonard B. Bean), Calvin Ulysses (1885-1917, married Mary Lena Westerfield & Nellie B. Taylor), Herman (1889-1889), James Walter (1890-1978, married Artie Taylor), Eva Lee (1892-1915, married George Adrian Wedding), Mary Ann (1895-1980, married Charles Vandergrift & Thomas W. McMasters), Lillie Myrtle (1897-1930, married Dentis L. Morris), Hiram Coleman (1900-1918, died of influenza, married Lola Mary Westerfield), Comodore (1901-1914, died of heart failure) and Everett (1904-1992, married Cledia Marie Simpson & Chloia M. Sparks).



Picture on left: Coleman Dozier Greer (1861-1951) & wife, Elizabeth Jane Midkiff (1862-1952). Picture on right: they are the couple on the left, the couple on the right are

Isaac Coleman Westerfield (1878-1959) & Idella Pemberton Midkiff (1880-1978);  
Idella daughter of Thomas Baxter Midkiff & Mary F. Fielden.

- c. Mary Barnett Midkiff was born 23 June 1865 Ohio County, KY. She married Nathan Allen Baughn, 8 November 1894 Ohio County, KY. Nathan, son of James Rufus Baughn & Susan Ann Chamberlain, was born 7 May 1861. Nathan married Lucinda Ann Vanover, 18 October 1883 Daviess County, KY. Lucinda, daughter of Louis W. Vanover & Martha Jane Davis, was born 8 May 1867 KY and died 1887-1889. Children of Nathan & Lucinda were – Susie Jane (1884-1976, married William Martin Duncan) and Omha Alice (1887-1963, married John L. Brown & Johnny L. Lowery). Nathan Baughn married Clarissa J. Roby, 22 December 1889 Stoddard County, MO. Clarissa, daughter of Benjamin Roby & Margaret Taylor, was born c1870 MO and died 1890-1894. Children of Nathan Baughn & Clarissa were – Ollie Mary (1890-1974, married Otto Lando Lowery). Nathan Baughn died 4 April 1936 Jonesboro, Craighead County, AR. Mary Midkiff Baughn died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 16 January 1945 Hollywood, Dunklin County, MO. Nathan & Mary were buried Leachville Cemetery, Mississippi County, AR. The 1910 census reports that Mary was the mother of 7 children, 3 of whom were then living. Children of Nathan Allen Baughn and Mary Barnett Midkiff were – Lizzie (1890-1966, married Henry Samuel Eugene Jones), Johnny Allen (1895-1895), Golda (1900-1962, married Samuel Turner McGlawn & Luther Heflin), Dovie (1901-1901), Silva (1905-1913, died of diphtheria), Cyble (1905-1905) and one other died infancy).



Nathan Allen Baughn (1861-1936) &  
wife, Mary Barnett Midkiff (1865-1945)

- d. Thomas Farley Midkiff, 'Tom', was born 18 December 1866 Ohio County, KY. He married Dempsey Belle Clements, 4 November 1896 Ohio County, KY. Dempsey, 'Dee', daughter of George W. Clemmons & Margaret Ellen Sutton, was born 9 January 1876 Ohio County, KY. Thomas F. Midkiff died of tuberculosis on 12 March 1931 Ohio County, KY. His wife, Dee, died 2 March 1955 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They were buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They had no children.

- e. David Daniel Midkiff was born 29 July 1870 Ohio County, KY. He married Rosa Coy, 25 December 1906 Ohio County, KY. Rosa, daughter of Samuel Coy & Mary Jane Cambron, was born 11 December 1889 Ohio County, KY. David D. died of pneumonia on 4 May 1943 Ohio County, KY. Rosa Midkiff died 3 December 1965 Marysville, Union County, OH. David D. & Rosa were buried the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They had one son – Leslie Daniel (1909-1987, married Cova Ralph).



David Daniel Midkiff (1870-1943), wife, Rosa Coy (1889-1965) & their son, Leslie Daniel Midkiff (1909-1987)

- f. John Peyton Midkiff was born 8 March 1872 Ohio County, KY. His death certificate records his birth date as 8 March 1872; his nephew, Leslie Midkiff however, said it was 18 March 1872. He died on 1 May 1950 at the home of his nephew, Willis Otto Gillim, in Ohio County, KY. He never married and was buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- g. Sallie Ann Midkiff was born 19 September 1958 Ohio County, KY. She married Marshall Emblis Gillim, 11 January 1903 Ohio County, KY. Marshall, son of William Commodore Gillim & Mildred Ellen Miller, was born 18 June 1872 Daviess County, KY. Marshall married first Verlenday Ann Sharp, 5 July 1894 Ohio County, KY. Verlenday, daughter of Louis Ancel Sharp & George Ann Nave, was born 10 November 1872 Daviess County, KY and died 31 March 1902 Ohio County, KY. Marshall & Verlenday were the parents of Hettie M. (1895-1917, married Aaron Greer), George Ellen (1896-1982, married Herman Alvey Midkiff) and Ollie Compton (190-1-1974, married Ola Mae Norris & Edna Burch). Marshall Gillim died 25 December 1956 Beech Valley, Ohio County, KY and his wife, Sallie Ann, died at Beech Valley on 20 July 1958. Marshall and his two wives were buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Sallie Ann Midkiff & Marshall Emblis Gillim had 4 children – Ortrie Denby ('Jack', 1904-1991, married Lillian Rae Norris), Willis Otto (1906-1995, married Clara Rebarker), Louie Peyton (1908-1991, married Nadine Basham) and Nellie (1915-2008, married Leonard Edward Magan).
- h. Reatus Allen Midkiff, 'Reat', was born 10 July 1879 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Ludie Allen, 13 March 1904 Daviess County, KY. Mary, daughter of Elisha James "Dick" Allen & Sallie Coppage, was born 30 July 1885 Casey

County, KY. During 1906-1907 he moved to Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Reatus died 28 January 1954 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He died of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car near his home, 1712 Triplett Street. At 1710 Triplett Street he had operated a grocery store for 34 years. His wife, Mary Ludie, died 26 January 1976 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They were buried Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro. Reatus & Mary Ludie had 4 children – Arline / Orlena (1905-1911, died of pneumonia, buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY), Lorene (twin died at birth 27 March 1905, buried Midkiff – Cap Cemetery, Ohio County, KY), Sarah Catherine (1909-1991, married Harold William Whitaker) and Marvin Allen (1916-1985, married Anna Lee Mattingly).

- i. one other child died during infancy
5. George Robinson Midkiff, ‘George Robert’, was born 1 August 1831 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In the 1870 census he was listed as Robert Midkiff. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. He enlisted on 30 October 1861 as a private in the 26<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; he reenlisted with the 26<sup>th</sup> on 27 January 1864. He served as a teamster. He participated in engagements at Whippoorwill Creek, KY (1 December 1861); Battle of Shiloh, TN (6 & 7 April 1862); siege at Corinth, MS (29 April to 30 May 1862); Gen. Buell’s campaign in northern AL and middle TN (15 June to 20 August 1862); march to Louisville, KY in pursuit of Gen. Bragg (21 August to 22 October 1862); Battle of Perryville, KY (6 October 1862); skirmish at Nelson’s Crossroads, KY (18 October 1862); skirmish at Woodburn, KY (5 July 1863); Burbridge’s expedition from KY into southwestern VA (20 September to 17 October 1863); action at Saltville, VA (2 October 1864); Battle at Nashville, TN (15 to 16 December 1864); pursuit of Hood’s forces to the TN River, AL (17 December to 28 December 1864); action at & capture of Fort Anderson, NC (18 & 19 February 1865); skirmishes at Town Creek, NC (19 & 20 February 1865); capture of Wilmington, NC (22 February 1865); advance on Goldsborough, NC & occupation (6 to 21 March 1865), advance on Raleigh, NC & occupation (10 to 14 April 1865); surrender of southern forces at Bennett’s House, Durham Station, NC (26 April 1865). He was discharged at Salisbury, NC on 10 July 1865. He was granted a pension for his military service.

George R. Midkiff married Mary Jane Magan, 5 December 1850 Sumner County, TN. Mary Jane, daughter of Hudson Magan & Nancy Wade, was born 27 April 1833 VA. Mary died in April 1864 Ohio County, KY; her death date was recorded in the Civil War pension file of George R. Midkiff. George R. Midkiff married Nancy Cassandra McKinley, 24 February 1867 Ohio County, KY. Nancy, daughter of John McKinley & Phoebe Ann Ralph was born 8 February 1847 Ohio County, KY. George R. Midkiff was a member of the Methodist church. The 11 November 1914 issue of the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p8) carried the following item: “Eastview, Nov. 9 – Mr. G. R. Midkiff, who resides at Adaburg, was eighty-three years old last August. He is hale and hearty and just as spry as a boy. He is the father of twenty children and has ninety-nine grandchildren, seventy-six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.”

George R. Midkiff died on 16 October 1915 at his home near Adaburg in Ohio County, KY. His death certificate gave his cause of death as scirrhus of the liver. His wife, Nancy, died of la grippe on 18 December 1917 at her home near Adaburg, Ohio County,



KY. George R. & Nancy C. Midkiff were buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery in Ohio County, KY.

George R. Midkiff had 20 children, 6 were by his first wife and 14 by his second wife. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that 14 children had been born to his wife, Nancy. At his death 4 children were deceased. On his Civil War pension file in 1898 the names and birth dates of his children were reported as: first wife's children – Mary B (17 November 1851), Barbara (29 January 1855), Joseph (twin, 28 February 1855), Benjamin (twin, 28 February 1855) & John J. (26 June 1858), second wife's children – Richard T. (23 December 1867), George R. (29 March 1869), William P. (7 May 1870), Mary J. (24 October 1871), Scofield (20 June 1872), Pheba E. (23 October 1874), Charlott 22 January 1876), Matilda (28 February 1878), Hariet 23 September 1880), Franklin (10 April 1882), Emma S. (2 March 1884), Cicero P. (18 April 1886), Dora M. (6 June 1888) and Warren J. (15 July 1890). One other child, Thomas Henry, had died prior to 1898 and was not listed.



George Robinson Midkiff (1831-1915) & wife,  
Nancy Cassandra McKinley (1847-1917)

George Robinson Midkiff & Mary Jane Magan had 6 children:

- a. Mary Rebecca Midkiff, 'Becky', was born 18 November 1851 Ohio County, KY. She married William Bruce Westerfield, 7 April 1870 Ohio County, KY. William B., son Dr. Isaac Westerfield & Zerilda J. Pool, was born 21 February 1841 Ohio County, KY. The 1870 and 1880 Ohio County, KY censuses record that he was a physician. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 24 October 1877 – Sulphur Springs: Our doctors have all left us but one. Dr. W. B. Westerfield has located near Megan's store, on the north side of Rough creek, where he will practice his profession." He died 29 March 1886 at Magan Station, Ohio County, KY. He was

buried in the Ralph Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 31 March 1886 p3 – “Dr. Will Westerfield, after a protracted illness, died at Magan Station on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.”



On left: Dr. William B. Westerfield (1841-1886). On right: Mary Rebecca (Midkiff) Westerfield (1851-1931) & several of her children

Children of Mary Rebecca Midkiff & Dr. William Bruce Westerfield were – Mary Ann (1871-1934, married Coleman D. Ralph), John Cornelius (1873-1965, married Mary Eddy Sharp & Elizabeth Wade), Nancy Maud (1875-1927, married George Taylor Stephens), Nellie B. (1877-1918, married Coleman Henry Greer), James W. (1880-1915, married Mary Frances Welch) and Lula Bell (1884-1981, married Lee Andy Welch).

Mary Rebecca (Midkiff) Westerfield married Joseph Warren Bowen, 13 February 1889 Ohio County, KY. Joseph, ‘Virgie’, son of Horace Bowen & Nancy Brown, was born c1838 Ohio County, KY and died 1891-1896. Joseph W. Bowen married first Mary Ellen Hunsaker, 25 October 1858 Ohio County, KY; they had several children. Mary Rebecca Midkiff & Joseph Warren Bowen were the parents of – Horace Robinson (1890-1963, married Annie Briggs) and Dena (1891-1978, married Willie Muffett).

Mary Rebecca (Midkiff) Bowen married third Louis Ancel Sharp, 28 November 1896 Ohio County, KY. Louis, son of Charles P. Sharp & Belinda Kelly, was born 14 August 1837 Ohio County, KY. Louis married George Ann Nave, 13 December 1866 Daviess County, KY. George, daughter of Henry Harrison Nave & Juliet Johnson, was born 2 October 1844 Daviess County, KY and died 18 September 1887; she was buried Milton Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. Children of Louis & George Ann Sharp were – Elizabeth Ann (1867-1884, single), Lucy Jane (1869-c1906, married \_ Morgan & James N. Moseley), Verlenday Susan (1872-1902, married Marshall Emblis Gillim), Mary Eddy (1876-1922, married John Cornelius Westerfield), Emily Ellen (1879-1943, married Noel Webster Moseley), infant (1883-1883) and James Henry (1886-1964, married Mamie Keown).

Louis A. Sharp died 30 November 1918 Ohio County, KY. Mary Rebecca (Midkiff) Sharp died of pneumonia on 7 February 1931 at Magan, Ohio County,



KY. She was buried with her husband, Louis A. Sharp at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1910 census recorded that Rebecca was the mother of 11 children, 8 of whom were then living. Relatives reported that Rebecca and Louis Sharp had twins, who died at the age of 15 months.

- b. Barbara Mildred Midkiff was born 29 January 1854 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She married James Alexander Westerfield, 16 February 1871 Ohio County, KY. James, 'Jim Boy', son of Dr. Isaac Westerfield & Zerilda J. Pool, was born 5 December 1852 Ohio County, KY. Barbara died 24 February 1893 at her home near Magan in Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Ralph Cemetery.

James A. Westerfield married Flora Alice Baize, 4 January 1894 Ohio County, KY. Flora, daughter of Charles Basil Baize & Parthenia McMellon, was born 28 April 1876 Ohio County, KY. James A. Westerfield died 27 September 1929 at his residence in Dundee, Ohio County, KY. He was buried Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His widow, Flora, married James L. Humble, 8 October 1932 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Flora died 27 May 1952 Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY. She was buried Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford, Ohio County, KY.

Children of Barbara Mildred Midkiff & James Alexander Westerfield were – Aptolia Jane ('Toad', 1872-1929, married Fines Duke Baughn, a Baptist minister), Coleman Dee (1873-1962, married Ettie Lee Ralph), Almedia Frances (1876-1941, married Cary Payton Brown), Rebecca Ann (1878-1963, married Arthur C. 'Bud' Baughn), Coria May (1883-1891), Lonnie B. (1887-1889) and Viola Marie (1891-1983, married James Hardin Coppage).

Children of James Alexander Westerfield & Flora Alice Baize were – Roscoe (1896-1969, married Beulah Mae Foreman), Bonnie Lee (1898-1980, married Dessie Demona Canary), Audley C. (1900-1978, married Hattie Maypus White & Mary Eunice Harper) and James Aubrey (1908-1972, married Virginia Gillim).



James Alexander Westerfield (1852-1929)



- c. Joseph Robinson Midkiff was born 28 February 1856 Ohio County, KY. He married Frances Ellen Bellamy, 12 June 1873 Ohio County, KY. Frances, daughter of William Bellamy & Amanda Elizabeth Phelps, was born December 1851 IN. Joseph is listed in the 1880 census of Warrick County, IN, 1900 census of Clark County, AR and 1910 census of Oregon County, MO. Joseph Midkiff was a Holiness preacher. Frances Midkiff died c1903 Ripley County, MO.

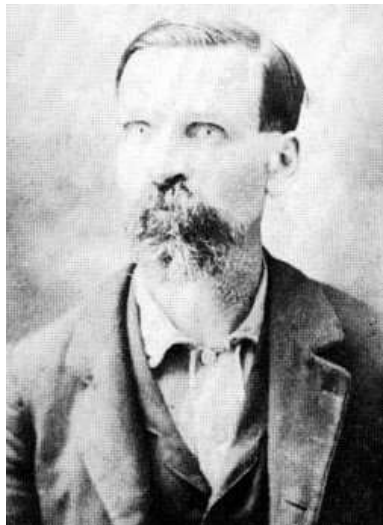
Joseph married Mrs. Sally Stanford, 11 October 1907 Ripley County, MO. Sally was born c1864 KY and died after 1910. Joseph R. Midkiff married Mrs. Mary Angelina (Ezell) Willis, 1920-1928. Mary, daughter of Ezra Balaam Ezell & Nancy Emeline Littlepage, was born 3 May 1865 Hamilton County, IL; she married Elbert S. Willis, 15 May 1884 Hamilton County, IL; she died 18 December 1945 and was buried Colgate Cemetery, Coalgate, Coal County, OK. Joseph Midkiff died 7 January 1929 Stonewall, Pontotoc County, OK, where he was buried in the Highland Cemetery. On his grave he has a small sandstone that is hard to read, it has J. Midkiff scratched into the stone. The stone is located to the south of the main road, second section, first stone in the second row.

Joseph Robinson Midkiff & Frances Ellen Bellamy had 9 children – Druzila Belle (1874-1953, married Lorenzo Franklin Baughn), Lucy Jane (1875-1945, married John Sampson Sanders), Matilda Ann (1878-1903, married Wooldridge ‘Bud’ Dungan), Joseph Robinson (1883-1953, married Eliza Adell Willis), Nova (died before 1900), Iola P. (1887-1902, single), Jesse Francis (1890-1960, married Viola M. Brown), Mary Florence (1892-1960, married George Alfred Baumgardner) and Buna Mae (1894-1941, married William Alfred Aldridge).



Joseph Robinson Midkiff (1856-1929)

- d. Benjamin Franklin Midkiff was born 28 February 1856 Ohio County, KY. He and his twin brother, Joseph, may have been born in 1855. The year of 1855 was placed on his tombstone and this is the year cited in his father's pension application. However, his marriage license, a family bible entry and the 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses all indicate he was born in 1856. He married Melissa Walker Bellamy, 23 July 1874 Ohio County, KY. Melissa, 'Walk', daughter of William Bellamy & Amanda Elizabeth Phelps, was born 23 March 1860 Warrick County, IN. Her first name appears under multiple spellings; Milissia was placed on her tombstone. Benjamin Midkiff died of consumption on 10 December 1906 Ohio County, KY and was buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Melissa died 11 November 1943 Ohio County, KY and was buried beside her husband.



Left: Benjamin Franklin Midkiff (1856-1906). Right: Four generations, Melissa Bellamy Midkiff (1860-1943, sitting), Garry Eugene Wade (1942- ), Alvie Gene Wade 1921-2008), Melissa Jane Midkiff Wade (1883-1961) & Bruce D. Wade (1949-2015).

The 1900 census reported that Melissa Midkiff was the mother of 9 children, 8 of whom were then living. The children of Benjamin Franklin Midkiff & Melissa Walker Bellamy were – William Taylor (1877-1959, married Iva Catherine

Hendrix & Mrs. Minnie Vizona Roach Fuqua), Janette Dova ('Dovey', 1879-1933, married Sylvester Powers), George Robinson (1882-1960, married Elizabeth Ann Ralph), Tony (c1881-1899, girl, died of consumption, single), Melissa Jane (1883-1961, married Lonnie Wade), Bertha M. (1889-1970, married Thurman Ralph), Artiemissia ('Artie', 1893-1971, married Emmett Wade), Eva Amanda (1896-1968, married Arthur Edge) and Arnold Albert (1899-1978, married Mary Frances Farmer).

- e. Thomas Henry Midkiff was born 17 May 1858 Ohio County, KY. He died 9 June 1858 Ohio County, KY. His birth and death were recorded on a sheet inserted in a bible that belonged to Mary Ann Midkiff Henning, daughter of John James Midkiff and granddaughter of George Robinson Midkiff & Mary Jane Magan. The sheet listed the birth dates of George Robinson Midkiff & Mary Jane Magan and the names and birth dates of their children.
- f. John James Midkiff was born 26 June 1859 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. He married Mary Elizabeth Howard, 20 October 1876 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Cyrus Allison Howard & Nancy Ann Howard, was born 11 October 1861 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. Mary was baptized at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Daviess County, KY on 24 November 1861. John J. Midkiff lived at Magan in Ohio County until 1904 when he bought a lot in the town of Whitesville in Daviess County, KY. Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 15 October 1909 p4 – "Whitesville, Oct. 6: Mr. J. J. Midkiff is having a new house erected on his farm near town". On 16 April 1915 he was appointed a trustee for the town of Whitesville. He died of tuberculosis in Whitesville, Daviess County, KY on 26 November 1934. His wife died in Whitesville on 29 January 1937 after fracturing her hip. They were buried in the Cates Cemetery in Whitesville.



In front: John James Midkiff (1859-1934) & wife, Mary Elizabeth Howard (1861-1937). In back: Helen (Henning) Harrison (1903-1988), Mary Ann (Midkiff) Henning (1878-1971) & Eva (Henning) Wimp (1901-1988)



The 1910 census reported that two children had been born to Mary Howard Midkiff. John James Midkiff and Mary Elizabeth Howard had two children – Mary Ann (1878-1971, married Frank Henning) and George Allison (1880-1971, married Effie Lee Henning).

George Robinson Midkiff and Nancy Cassandra McKinley had 14 children:

- g. Richard Taylor Midkiff was born 23 December 1867 Ohio County, KY. He married three times, abandoned all three and had children by all three. He married Rachel D. Farmer, 13 October 1891 Ohio County, KY. Rachel, daughter of Elias Farmer & Sarah Jane Tanner, was born 14 October 1870 Ohio County, KY. In 1900 Richard was living in Ohio County, KY. About 1902 he abandoned his family. The Owensboro, KY newspaper reported in March 1905 that after a 2-year absence he returned to his family at Ralph in Ohio County. His family had assumed he was dead.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 2 March 1905 p5:



Prior to 1907 Richard Midkiff again abandoned his family and then went to Arkansas. Rachel in the 1910 Ohio County census was reported to be widowed.

She married George Alfred Atchison (1871-1964), 12 January 1922 McHenry, Ohio County, KY; on her marriage she reported she was widowed. Rachel Atchison died 14 September 1962 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery. Richard Taylor Midkiff & Rachel D. Farmer had 4 children – Joanna (born 1892 & died before 1910), Clarence Everett (1897-1936, married Lannie Belle Young), Addie Mae (1899-1919, married William Virgil Stephens) and Georgia Ina (1902-1983, married Charles Goebel Ralph).

Without getting a divorce from his first wife, Richard T. Midkiff married Maud Ethel Hampton, 2 June 1907 Marmaduke, Greene County, AR. Maud, daughter of William Noah Hampton & Dorah Belle Hamilton, was born 19 October 1886 Marmaduke, Greene County, AR. During 1908-1910 Richard abandoned Maud. Maud obtained a divorce from Richard in 1912. Maud married John Alvin McBride, 3 April 1913 Greene County, AR and she married a Rudisaile, 1949-1954. Maud died 10 November 1954 Marmaduke, Greene County, AR, where she was buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Richard Taylor Midkiff & Maud Ethel Hampton had one child – Charlie Vernie (1908-1978, married Mattie Frances Pruett).

Richard T. Midkiff is listed in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Bryan County, OK. In the 1910 census he was reported to be single. Richard married his third wife, Johnie Evarilla Laxton, 4 June 1910 Grayson County, TX. Johnie, daughter of John Abraham Laxton & Mary L. Campion, was born 19 March 1895 Poteau, Indian Territory, OK. Once again Richard left his wife. She married James Bennett Conditt, 22 November 1934 Coal County, OK. Johnie died 12 October 1988 Durant, Bryan County, OK, where she was buried in the Highland Cemetery. Children of Richard Taylor Midkiff & Johnie Evarilla Laxton were – McCalib ('Mack', 1911-1973, single), Ruby (1912-1914), Joe Ann (1914-1999, married Raymond Williams), Milburn Lee (1916-1977, married Woenetta Lee Poitevent, Rose M. Gilbert & Mrs. Wanda Lucille Kelsay Scott) and Dora Mae (1922-1997, married Frank John Williams, Francis Henry Jones & Jack Clifford Held).



Richard Taylor Midkiff (1867-1930)



Maud Ethel (Hampton) Midkiff (1886-1954)

Richard T. Midkiff during 1927-1928 returned to Ohio County, KY, where he spent his last years. He died on 12 March 1930 in Ohio County, where he was buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery. His death certificate recorded that he died of tuberculosis, he was a farmer and was single. An obituary in the Ohio County News (Hartford, KY, 21 March 1930) listed two surviving children – Mrs. Goebel Ralph and Clarence Midkiff.

- h. George Robinson Midkiff, ‘George Robert’, was born 29 March 1869 Ohio County, KY. He married Narcissus Wade, 31 August 1893 Ohio County, KY. Narcissus, daughter of Joshua Reynolds Wade & Elizabeth Kelly, was born 30 April 1871 Ohio County, KY. Narcissus died 4 February 1904 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Patton Cemetery near the Antioch Christian Church at Taylorfield in Ohio County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 16 February 1904 p8:  
“Ralph, Feb. 12 – Mrs. Narcissia Midkiff died of consumption last Thursday night at the home of her father, Mr. Joshua Wade, and was buried at the Antioch Cemetery. She leaves a husband and little daughter and a host of friends to mourn her loss.”

George R. Midkiff & Narcissus Wade had a daughter – Eula Estelle (1894-1970, married Willie ‘Buck’ Howard; she was living in the home of her uncle & aunt, Bluford C. Greer & Rebecca Wade, at the time of the 1910 census of Ohio County, KY).

George R. Midkiff left his daughter, Eula, in Ohio County, and he went to Arkansas. In July 1920 he was a resident of Keiser, Mississippi County, AR, where he appeared as a witness on a legal document (Osceola Times, Osceola, AR, 25 June 1920 p4). On 8 May 1924 “George Robinson Midkiff” received a land claim in the same location (US General Land Office Records, 1776-2015). In Mississippi County, AR he married Mrs. Hettie Jane (Hector) Appleba on 19 October 1925. Hettie, daughter of James Alfred Hector & Mary Parlee Gardner, was born 22 June 1897 Mississippi County, AR. She married William Rauleigh Appleba, 4 April 1914 Mississippi County, AR and they were divorced on 23 September 1925 Mississippi County, AR. By her first marriage she had children – James R., Alma Grace, Elsie May & William Albert Appleba. Hettie’s mother, Mary Parlee Gardner, was the wife of George’s brother, Scoffield Midkiff. Hettie Hector Midkiff married William Thomas Dugger, about 1930. She married Richard A. Meeks, 16 December 1942 Craighead County, AR and they were divorced 16 September 1944 Poinsett County, AR. In the 1940 & 1950 censuses she is listed under the Appleba name. Hettie died 8 July 1980. She was buried Manilla Cemetery, Manilla, Mississippi County, AR. Hettie and George R. Midkiff had no children that survived to maturity.

George R. Midkiff died during 1925-1929. The obituaries of his brothers, Buell & Richard, in 1929 & 1931 lists their surviving siblings and George was not named. In several family trees on Ancestry.com and Findagrave.com George R. is confused with a George Coleman Midkiff (1849-1942, who is buried in Whatcom County, WA. This George C, was born in Tennessee, was a son of George W.



Midkiff & Sarah Ann Fowler and is listed in the 1880 census of Weakley County, TN, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Garland County, AR.



George Robinson Midkiff (1869- ) and wife, Hettie Jane Hector (1897-1980)

- i. William Pendleton Midkiff was born 7 May 1870 Ohio County, KY. He married Minerva Ann Greer, 1 October 1893 Ohio County, KY. Minerva, daughter of James Greer & Elizabeth Ann Sharp, was born 8 December 1872 Ohio County, KY and she died 6 June 1898. William P. Midkiff married Cordelia Kiper, 4 June 1901 Ohio County, KY. Cordelia, ‘Cordie’, daughter of Linus Kiper & Marilda Byers, was born 16 January 1884 Breckinridge County, KY. William P. Midkiff served two 4-year terms as Ohio County Jailer; he was elected in November 1909 and November 1913. At his death he was keeper of the Ohio County Poor Farm near Hartford; a position he had held for five years.



William Pendleton Midkiff (1870-1930); in picture on right he is with his wife, Cordelia Kiper Midkiff (1884-1968 & his sister, Dora Midkiff Baughn (1888-1954, sitting on log)

William P. Midkiff died 22 June 1930 Ohio County, KY. Upon his death the flag at the Ohio County Courthouse was flown at half-mast. He was a member of the Antioch Christian Church at Taylorfield in Ohio County, where he and his two wives were buried. His widow, Cordelia, married Clarence Patton (1884-1971), 26 January 1939 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Cordie Kiper Patton died 9 November 1968 Daviess County, KY.

William Pendleton Midkiff & Minerva Greer had a son – Otis Hubbard ('Hub', 1894-1970, married Mary Elizabeth Martin. William Pendleton Midkiff & Cordelia Kiper had two daughters – Vera L. (1902-1986, married Ervin Smith) and Tina Lee (1904-1982, married Arthur G. Laws & Edward Oscar Fishman).

- j. Mary Jane Midkiff was reported to have been born 24 October 1871 in the Civil War pension application of her father. Her death certificate, however, gave her birth as 16 November 1871; her death certificate contained several mistakes, including her mother's name. Her father was listed in the Ohio County, KY tax lists during the time of her birth. Mary Jane married James Stewart Anthony, 3 February 1890 Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. James, son of George William Anthony & Sarah Chandley, was born in November 1866 Crawford County, IN. Mary Jane Anthony died 18 April 1913 Waverly, Union County, KY. James S. Anthony married Mrs. Julia (Ball) Cutsinger (1885-1955), 1914-1916. James died of cancer of the liver on 13 October 1922 in Union County, KY. He and Mary Jane were buried Old Highland Cemetery, Union County, KY.

The 1910 census reported that Mary Anthony was the mother of 10 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. Children of Mary Jane Midkiff and James Stewart Anthony were – Rosie May (1890-1947, married Alfred Herman Modes), Commadore Sample ('Dode', 1892-1955, married Mrs. Elizabeth R. Sacra Heflin), Herman Turner (1894-1918, married Nettie Robbins), Shelby Roscoe ('Fod', 1897-1957, married Pearl Lee Ames), Taylor Orville (1899-1918, single), Nellie Jane (1904-1986, married Clarence Emory Williams, Herman Stokes & Garland Joseph Brown), Chester Millard (1908-1976, married Mary Elsie Brandon), Millicent ('Millie', 1910-1965, married James Raymond Willett & James Price), Frances Louise (1912-1913) and two other infants (born & died 1900-1910). James Stewart Anthony & Julia Ball were the parents of – Elsie Elizabeth (1916-before 1920), Mary Lucile (1917-1918), infant son (1918-1918), Lula May (1919-1920), Aubrey Lee (1921-1965) and William Talbert (1922-1971).

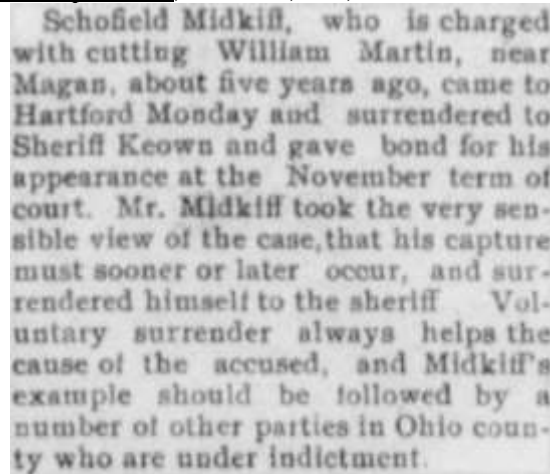


James Stewart Anthony (1866-1922) holding a grandson

k. Scofield Midkiff was 20 June 1872 Ohio County, KY. His birthday was given in his father's Civil War pension file. The most consistent spelling of his name is Scofield – the spelling in his father's Civil War pension file, on his marriage in 1900 and on his gravestone. He probably was named in honor of Gen. John M. Scofield (1831-1906), a prominent general in the Union Army during the Civil War, who later served as Secretary of War and Commanding General of the US Army.

Scofield Midkiff married Maggie Belle Cox, 2 November 1900 Ohio County, KY. Maggie, daughter of James Albert Cox & Sally Ann Hagerman, was born in September 1884 Ohio County, KY. Several relatives said that Scofield Midkiff left Ohio County after getting into a fight and cutting someone. The Owensboro Messenger (Owensboro, KY, p4) on 26 September 1902 reported: "Magan, KY, Sept. 25 – Mr. Scofield Midkiff, who has been living in Missouri for a short time, has returned to his old neighborhood."

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 14 November 1902 p3:



Schofield Midkiff, who is charged with cutting William Martin, near Magan, about five years ago, came to Hartford Monday and surrendered to Sheriff Keown and gave bond for his appearance at the November term of court. Mr. Midkiff took the very sensible view of the case, that his capture must sooner or later occur, and surrendered himself to the sheriff. Voluntary surrender always helps the cause of the accused, and Midkiff's example should be followed by a number of other parties in Ohio county who are under indictment.

In March 1903 charges of malicious wounding against Scofield Midkiff were reduced to wounding in sudden heat & passion and he was fined \$100. In December 1903 upon paying his fine Scofield was released from the Ohio County Jail (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 30 December 1903 p3). In 1904 Scofield & Maggie were divorced. Maggie married Tobias America Evitt (1872-1959), 23 September 1905 Island, McLean County, KY. Maggie and her husband moved to Louisville, KY, where she died on 4 March 1915. She was buried in the Portland Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. Scofield Midkiff and Maggie Belle Cox had two children – George Albert (name changed to Harold Sehon Lips, 1901-1958, married Jennie Lennia Mattfolk) and Cora Mae Midkiff (1903-1982, married Charles Dillard Skaggs). The son, George Albert Midkiff, by order of the Ohio County court on 9 January 1904 was committed to the Kentucky Children's Home in Louisville, KY. George Albert was soon afterwards adopted by Rudolph & Susie Scott Lips of Jefferson County, KY. George's name was changed to Harold Sehon Lips. In 2000 this writer contacted Harold's son, Harold Sehon Lips, Jr. (1933-2009).

Scofield Midkiff married Mrs. Mary Parlee (Gardner) Hector, during 1906-1907. Mary P., daughter of William H. Gardner & Ellen P. Barks, was born 16 January 1877 MO. Mary married James Alfred Hector, 30 August 1896 Mississippi County, AR. By this marriage Mary P. was the mother of three children - Hettie Jane (1897-1980), Harrison Gilbert (1899-1975) & James Harvey Hector (1902-1982); Hettie Jane married Scofield Midkiff's brother, George Robinson Midkiff, Jr. Scofield & Parlee are listed in the 1910 census of Mississippi County, AR and 1920 census of Clay County, AR. Scofield died in Clay County, AR on 20 September 1929 and his wife, Mary Parlee, died 25 June 1954 St. Louis, MO; they were buried Woodland Heights Cemetery, Rector, Clay County, AR.

Scofield Midkiff and Mary Parlee Gardner had three children – William Roy (1908-1966, married Johnnie Pearl Reynolds), Pearl Ellen (twin, 1908-1972, married Burley D. Beaton) and Nancy Leora (1913-1993, married Virgil Albert Eagle).



Mary Parlee Gardner Hector (1877-1954),  
wife of Scofield Midkiff & several of her children

1. Phoebe Elizabeth Midkiff was born 22 October 1874 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth appears in the 1874 Kentucky Vital Statistics; the year of 1875 was mistakenly placed on her grave marker. She married Sylvester Alexander Baughn, 17 December 1896 Ohio County, KY. Sylvester, 'Bug', son of John Patrick Baughn & Julia Ann Dickens, was born 22 November 1867 Daviess County, KY. Sylvester Baughn died 6 September 1936 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Wedding, near Adaburg, in Ohio County, KY and Phoebe died 16 January 1942 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stinson Park, near Clear Run, in Ohio County, KY. They were buried at the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery, Adaburg, Ohio County, KY.

Children of Phoebe Elizabeth Midkiff & Sylvester Alexander Baughn were – Dona (1897-1963, married Harvey Wedding), Golda (1900-1972, married James Stinson Park), Mae (1905-1958, married Millard Lee Hoover) and Georgia Martine (1913-2001, married Elmer Bush Shoemaker).



Sylvester Alexander Baughn (1867-1936) & wife,  
Phoebe Elizabeth Midkiff (1874-1942)

- m. Charlotte Ann Midkiff was born 22 January 1877 Ohio County, KY. She married Tony Merritt Baughn, 11 December 1895 Ohio County, KY. Tony, 'Tone', son of John Patrick Baughn & Julia Ann Dickens, was born 10 December 1871 Daviess County, KY and died 27 June 1956 Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Charlotte Ann Baughn died 24 December 1958 at her home in Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Tony & Charlotte were buried in the Cates Cemetery, in Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Children of Charlotte Ann Midkiff & Tony Merritt Baughn were – Myrtle (1896-1974, married Jessie Onis Wade), William Hobert (1899-1980, married Tula C. King, Mary Anna Gross, Myrtle Faye Hamlet & Evelyn Miller), Alma (1900-1980, married William Anderson Probus), Oda E. (1903-1966, married Grace Marie Massey), Walton Orion (1907-1988, married Elizabeth Truman Grant), Imon Lee (1911-1981, Baptist minister, married Ruth Ellen Mosley) and Dessie Louise (1913-1994, married Lawrence Ellis Johnson & James Everett Neel).





Children of George Robinson Midkiff & Nancy Cassandra McKinley: Left to right – Dora Baughn (1888-1954), Emma Patton (1884-1959), Charlotte Baughn (1877-1958), Harriett Ralph (1880-1952), Phoebe Baughn (1874-1942) and Cicero P. Midkiff (1886-1956)

- n. Matilda Ellen Midkiff, ‘Til’, ‘Tilda’, was born 28 February 1878 Ohio County, KY. She married Jams Isaac Lanham, 18 February 1900 Ohio County, KY. James I., son of Isaac Napoleon Lanham & Sarah Adaline Wallace, was born 12 June 1881 Ohio County, KY. A birth day of 7 June 1881 was placed on his gravestone, however it is recorded by himself as 12 June 1881 in the US Social Security Index and on his registration for the World War I & II drafts. Matilda and James were third cousins; their great-grandmothers, Elizabeth Robinson Midkiff and Araminta Robinson Gillespie, were sisters.

Matilda Midkiff Lanham died at her home, 1513 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. James I. Lanham married Mary Elizabeth Rouse, 20 December 1921 Owensboro, KY. Mary, ‘Mamie’, daughter of William Lindsay Rouse & Joanna A. Bridwell, was born 11 February 1880 Browns Valley, Daviess County, KY and died 22 November 1949 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY, where she was buried in St. Michael’s Cemetery. Mary & James were divorced in 1941 Daviess County, KY. James I. Lanham married 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Lizzie (Sparrow) Robinson, 13 October 1948 Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, KY. James I. Lanham was a carpenter and he died of a heart attack in Owensboro, KY on 20 June 1951. He was buried with his first wife, Matilda, at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery in Ohio County, KY.

Children of Matilda Ellen Midkiff & James Isaac Lanham were – Clara Ava (1901-1960, married Jasper Levi Griffith), Dealus P. (1903-1922, died of pneumonia, single), Harriet Frances (1906-1974, married Thomas Tatum & William Knox Hardin), Alice (1910-before 1920), William Franklin (1910-1911, wrong years were inscribed on his gravestone at Magan), infant male (1911-1911) and James Earl (1915-1918). James I. Lanham and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Mary Elizabeth Rouse, had a daughter – Florence Bridwell (1923-2004, a Catholic nun).



James Isaac Lanham (1881-1951) & wife, Matilda Ellen Midkiff (1878-1921)



- o. Jemima Harriett Midkiff was born 27 September 1880 Ohio County, KY. Her daughter, Martha Muller, said that her mother's first name was spelled Jemima. Harriett was a school teacher for several years. She married George Alonzo Ralph, 12 March 1916 Ohio County, KY. George, 'Lon', son of Charles Marion Ralph & Susan Ann Kirk, was born 2 April 1873 Ohio County, KY. George Ralph married first Margaret Johnson, 30 January 1896 Ohio County, KY. Margaret, 'Maggie', daughter of Calvin Johnson & Elizabeth Westerfield, was born 6 November 1868 KY and died 19 August 1912 Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY; she was buried Fordsville Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. George & Maggie Ralph had three children – Lena Ernestyne (1902-1979, married Walter F. McConnell), Robert Marion ('Moody', 1904-1965, married Evelyn Miller & Constance Laris) & Herbert Allen (1906-1939, married Mattie Hendry & Elizabeth Leachman).

George Alonzo Ralph served as sheriff (1922-1926) and county judge (1938-1942) of Ohio County, KY. He died 24 July 1949 at his home in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. His wife, Harriett, died 28 June 1952 Sikeston, Scott County, MO. She had been residing at Canalou, MO with her sisters, Dora Baughn & Emma Patton. Harriett and George were buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Jemima Harriett Midkiff & George Alonzo Ralph had two children – James Arthur (1917-1976, married Dewie Snodgrass) and Martha Elizabeth (1919-1992, married Paul Max Muller)



On left: Jemima Harriett Midkiff Ralph (1880-1952 & son, James Arthur Ralph (1917-1976). On right: George Alonzo Ralph (1873-1949) & his first wife, Margaret Johnson (1868-1912).

- p. Buel Franklin Midkiff was born 10 April 1882 Ohio County, KY. On his marriage license, registration for the World War I draft and his obituary his name was spelled as 'Buel'. On his gravestone the spelling of 'Buell' was engraved. He was named in honor of Don Carlos Buell (1818-1898), who served as a Union army general during the Civil War and who after the war lived at Airdrie in Muhlenberg County, KY. Buel Midkiff married Dovie Lena Greer, 5 January 1915 Cairo, Alexander County, IL. Dovie, daughter of Bulford Cooper Greer & Frances Ann Rebecca Wade, was born 25 October 1889 Ohio County, KY. Buel Midkiff died of pneumonia on 3 January 1929 in the Magan neighborhood, Ohio County, KY. He

was buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His wife, Dovie, married Cordis Green Bennett (1884-1970), 25 August 1933 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Dovie Lena Bennett died 9 August 1977 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She was buried with her husband at Owensboro Memorial Gardens, Daviess County, KY. Buel Franklin Midkiff & Dovie Lena Greer had two children – Dennis Chesley (1920-1984, married Mrs. Viola Rose Lacefield) and James Louis ('Jim', 1924-1931).



Buel Franklin Midkiff (1882-1929)

- q. Emma Susan Midkiff was born 2 March 1884 Ohio County, KY. She married Cicero Maxwell Patton, 19 April 1916 Ohio County, KY. Cicero, son of Dr. John William Patton & Belinda Ann Hoover, was born 20 September 1859 Ohio County, KY. Cicero Patton married Martha Statira Wade, 1 December 1881 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of Joshua Reynolds Wade & Elizabeth Kelly, was born 22 November 1853 Ohio County, KY, she married Samuel Ralph, 25 February 1876 Ohio County, KY. Martha Patton died 1 August 1908 and was buried Patton Cemetery, at Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY.



On left – Emma Susan Midkiff Patton (1884-1959) & her sister, Matilda Ellen Midkiff Lanham ((1878-1921). On right – Jasper Otis Midkiff (1904-1994, son of Emma Susan Midkiff.

Cicero Maxwell Patton died 20 February 1939 at the home of his daughter, Iva Dodson, in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He was buried with his first wife,

Martha, at the Patton Cemetery. Children of Cicero Patton & Martha S. Wade were – Iva M. (1882-1960, married John Wesley Keown, Jesse B. Dodson & Squire Seward Carroll), Clarence (1884-1971, married Jessie Patton, Mrs. Bessie Shown Renfrow, Mrs. Decota Boone Harden & Mrs. Cordelia Kiper Midkiff), Allen G. Thurman (1885-1944, married Jessie James Greer), Effie (1890-1896), Ina (1892-1934, married Charles McKinley) and Joshua Reynolds (1895-1970, married Vada Taylor).

Emma Susan Midkiff and Cicero Maxwell Patton had no children. Emma Susan prior to her marriage had a son – Jasper Otis Midkiff ('Jack', 1904-1994, married Hazel Marie Casteel, Zona Lelia Greer & Helen Marie Carroll).

- r. Cicero Peyton Midkiff was born 18 April 1886 Ohio County, KY. He married Birdie Mae Neighbors, 24 March 1914 Ohio County, KY; they obtained their marriage license on March 23 and were married the next day at Ralph. Birdie, daughter of John Clemons Neighbors & Serilda Josephine Hamilton, was born 19 February 1892 Ohio County, KY. Cicero's daughter, Fonda Ashby said that her father, along with several of his brothers, worked in logging timber in Kentucky, Missouri and Arkansas. In the 1910 census he was living in Ballard County, KY and was working as a timber cutter. He also was hired as a guard at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, KY, operated a general store in the town of Fordsville, KY and worked farming. He served as deputy sheriff of Ohio County (1922-1926). For several years he was supervisor of the Ohio County poor farm, he was serving in this position at the time of the 1940 census.

Birdie Midkiff died of tuberculosis on 19 November 1944 Ohio County, KY and Cicero P. Midkiff died 8 October 1956 at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital. Cicero & Birdie were buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their daughter, Fonda Ashby, later had their remains moved to the Oakwood Cemetery, in Hartford, Ohio County, KY.

Cicero Peyton Midkiff & Birdie Mae Neighbors were the parents of – Fonda Martelle (1928-2013, married Vernie Dorville Ashby). Fonda and her husband, Vernie D. Ashby were authors of the family history book, Ancestors and Descendants of Vernie D. Ashby and Fonda M. Midkiff and Related Lines (McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 2010).



Cicero Peyton Midkiff (1886-1956) & wife, Birdie Mae Neighbors (1896-1944)

s. Dora Mae Midkiff was born 6 June 1888 Ohio County, KY. In Charleston, Mississippi County, MO it is recorded that “Miss Dora May Midkiff, of Hartford, Ohio County, KY married Seth Nelson, of Canalou, New Madrid County, MO on 3 September 1910.” Seth Thomas Nelson, son of James Preston Nelson & Georgia Ann Magan, was born 30 November 1867 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Elizabeth Ralph, 11 October 1893 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Charles Marion Ralph & Susan Ann Kirk, was born in October 1874 Ohio County, KY. The Owensboro Inquirer in a Ralph community column of December 21 noted that “Seth Nelson started to Missouri yesterday” (Owensboro, KY, 27 December 1901 p3). His wife, Mary, died of consumption on 23 February 1905 in New Madrid County, MO. A death notice in the Southeast Missourian (Portageville, MO, 2 March 1905 p4) stated she was survived by her husband and four small children. Seth & Mary’s children included – Ruth (1894-1894), Ronald (1895-1971, married Mary Catherine Marshall), Everett (1897-1981, married Cornelia Lucille Howenstein) and Herman (1902-1978).

Seth T. Nelson died in Canalou, New Madrid County, MO on 30 July 1930 and was buried in the Sikeston City Cemetery, Sikeston, Scott County, MO. His widow, Dora M., married Rev. Fines Duke Baughn, 30 April 1932. He was a Baptist minister. Duke, son of John Patrick Baughn & Julia Ann Dickens, was born 30 November 1867 Daviess County, KY. Duke married Aptolia Jane Westerfield (1872-1929), 3 December 1889 Ohio County, KY. Aptolia was a daughter of James A. Westerfield & Barbara Mildred Midkiff. Barbara was Dora’s half-sister. Rev. F. D. Baughn in 1910 left Ohio County and moved to Canalou, New Madrid County, MO. Rev. Baughn died 18 March 1935 at Oak Ridge, Cape Girardeau County, MO shortly after collapsing in the pulpit at the Oak Ridge Baptist Church. He had pastored numerous churches in Kentucky and Missouri. He was buried in the Sikeston City Cemetery, Sikeston, Scott County, MO.

Dora Midkiff Baughn died 21 May 1954 at Sikeston, Scott County, MO, where she was buried in the Sikeston City Cemetery. Dora Mae Midkiff and Seth Thomas Nelson had one child – Mildred Oleta (1911-1985, married William Harrison Deane, Jr.).



Dora Mae Midkiff Nelson Baughn (1888-1954);  
on right with her daughter, Mildred O. Nelson

t. Warren Jasper Midkiff was born 15 July 1890 Ohio County, KY. He married Esther Ann Cambron, 18 October 1913 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Esther, daughter of John Peyton Cambron & Rena Jane Moseley, was born 16 September 1894 Ohio County, KY. Esther was Warren's first cousin once removed; her grandmother, Mary Midkiff Cambron, was a sister of Warren's father. Esther died of a heart attack on 21 September 1961 at her home near Narrows in Ohio County, KY. She was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Warren Midkiff married Mrs. Ora Lee (Midkiff) Miller, 30 December 1966 Dundee, Ohio County, KY. Ora Lee, daughter of Alfonzo F. Midkiff & Dorcas Emaline Cole, was born 15 September 1897 Ohio County, KY. Ora & Warren were third cousins once removed. Ora's great-great-grandfather, Joseph R. Midkiff, was a brother of Warren's grandfather, James G. Midkiff. Ora Lee married first Alva Rado Miller, 24 July 1914 Nashville, Davidson County, TN. Ora Lee Midkiff died 9 May 1980 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the (Buck) Midkiff Cemetery near Sulphur Springs in Ohio County, KY.

Warren Midkiff died 28 May 1973 near Narrows, Ohio County, KY. He was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Warren Jasper Midkiff & Esther Ann Cambron had three children – Willie Madeline (1915-1981, married Amos Lemon Bean), Gene Audley (1919-1996, married Freda Kathleen Peavey & Mrs. Phyllis Naoma Adams Ward) and John Robert ('Bob', 1928-2012, married Geneva Helen Reynolds, Juanita C. Cardwell & Mrs. Shirley Carter Cannon).



Warren Jasper Midkiff (1890-1973) &  
wife, Esther Ann Cambron (1894-1961)

6. Joseph B. Midkiff, son of James G. Midkiff & Elizabeth D. Taylor, was born 16 November 1839 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Eliza Greer, 13 November 1864, at her mother's residence in Ohio County, KY. Mary E., daughter of Samuel Greer & Minerva Cooper, was born 10 April 1846 Ohio County, KY. Her parents were married in Nelson County, KY on 5 December 1822. About 1832 they moved to Daviess County, KY and about 1839 they removed to the Bartlett Precinct in Ohio County, KY. Samuel Greer died 20 October 1846 and his wife, Minerva, died 14 November 1871; they were buried at the Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery at Habit in Daviess County, KY. Biographies of three of Mary's



brothers, Samuel H., John C. and Bluford C. Greer were published in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section).

Joseph Midkiff, age 30, farmer, in 1870 was residing near Buford in the Bartlett's Precinct of Ohio County, KY. Joseph B. died on 23 December 1871, the date inscribed on his tombstone in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery near Beech Valley in Ohio County. The same date of his death was recorded in a journal kept by his first cousin, George Warren Taylor (1841-1914). A granddaughter, Hatha (Ford) Skinner (1902-1995), said Joseph Midkiff died of pneumonia. His widow, Mary E. Midkiff, was appointed administratrix of his estate on 18 January 1872 (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 4 p177).



Joseph B. Midkiff (1839-1871)  
Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

Mrs. Mary E. Greer Midkiff married Edmund C. Kelley / Kelly, 2 December 1875 Ohio County, KY. Ed, son of Rev. Jeremiah Lewis Kelly & Fanny Roach, was born c1832 Ohio County, KY. On the evening of 15 February 1877 while Ed Kelley was cleaning a plant bed he was shot in the back. He testified that he turned and saw his brother-in-law, James Greer, holding a gun (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 21 February 1877 p3). He and Greer had some trouble and were involved in a law suit in the circuit court. The following morning at 7 o'clock Kelly died. Greer fled the county. Relatives reported that James Greer later went by the alias of "Jim Gray". Ed Kelly married first Mary Ann Lane (1836-1863), 20 June 1861 Daviess County, KY. By this marriage he had children – William T. (1862-1957, married Callie R. Oberhausen) and Mary Ann (1863-1948, single). Ed Kelly by Mary Magdaline Bray (1845- ) had two children out of wedlock – James Edward Brey (1866-1944, married Mary Etta Cecil) and Mary Elizabeth Bray (1868- ). Ed Kelly & Mary Eliza Greer had one child – Lillie Alice (1876-1939, married Ira Varden Taylor).

Mary E. Greer Kelley died 26 June 1921 while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Taylor, near Philpot, Daviess County, KY. She was buried at the Antioch Christian



Church Cemetery at Taylorfield in Ohio County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that Mary E. Kelley was the mother of 6 children, 5 of whom were then living.

Joseph B. Midkiff & Mary Eliza Greer were the parents of:

- a. Emma Netter Midkiff was born 6/7 November 1865 Ohio County, KY. She married Enoch Ray, 26 February 1885 Ohio County, KY. Enoch, son of James Ray & America Barker, was born 6 February 1860 Daviess County, KY. He died 29 September 1917 McLean County, KY and was buried Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery, Habit, Daviess County, KY. Emma and Enoch were divorced during 1900-1910. Emma N. Ray died 8 June 1930 at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Earl Westerfield, in Ohio County, KY and she was buried at the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery, Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that Emma was the mother of 4 children, one of whom was then deceased. Children of Emma Netter Midkiff & Enoch Ray were – Ota (1885-1910, married John Bray), Oba (1887-1947, married Barbara May Bristow), Ima (1888-1899, son, died of typhoid & pneumonia) and Aaron (1889-1971, married Viola Russell).



Emma Netter (Midkiff) Ray (1865-1930) & her children

- b. Samuel L. Midkiff was born 15 March 1867 Ohio County, KY. He married Vitula Elizabeth Phillips, 28 February 1903 Ohio County, KY. Vitula, daughter of Alfred C. Phillips & Amelia Stewart, was born 8 March 1869 Ohio County, KY. She had been a teacher. Vitula died at her home near Buford in Ohio County, KY on 9 May 1932. The 1910 census reported that no children had been born to Vitula. Samuel L. Midkiff died on 21 June 1941 at his home near Buford in Ohio County, KY. Samuel & Vitula were buried at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, Buford, Ohio County, KY. Samuel L. Midkiff & Vitula Elizabeth Phillips had no children of their own but had an adopted daughter, Helen Beulah Massie (1900-1986), who was the daughter of Everett L. Massie & Lula V. Mitchell and wife of Clyde Moseley.

- c. Captola Midkiff, ‘Cappie’, was born 21 October 1869 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry Clay Ford, 16 March 1899 Ohio County, KY. Henry, son of Jesse Spencer Ford & Polly Ann Bartlett, was born 24 January 1876 Ohio County, KY. Captola Ford died 29 November 1949 at the home of her daughter in Camden, Ouachita County, AR. Henry C. Ford died 2 May 1969 Cookeville, Putnam County, TN. They were buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. The 1910 census records that one child had been born to Captola Ford. Captola Midkiff & Henry Clay Ford were the parents of Hatha (1902-1995, married John Taylor Skinner).



Henry Clay Ford (1876-1969), wife, Captola Midkiff (1869-1949),  
in center is their great-nephew, Ivo Ignatius Bray (1908-1975)

- d. John Henry Midkiff was born 21 March 1871 Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer and merchant in the Whitesville community in Daviess County, KY. He married Eva Otie Moseley, 18 March 1894 Ohio County, KY. Eva, daughter of William Weaver Moseley & Rebecca Alice Lake, was born 24 December 1876 Ohio County, KY. Eva died 6 April 1930 at her home near Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. John H. Midkiff married Marium Josephine Cook, 6 October 1931 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Josie, daughter of Samuel Cook & Hannah Jane Barnhill, was born 29 August 1863 Daviess County, KY and died 23 July 1938 Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in the Bethabara Baptist Church Cemetery at Habit; she married James Sam Knox, 1884, and Dock Lewis Rhodes, 1918.

John H. Midkiff died 3 September 1953 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. John & Eva were buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Children of John Henry Midkiff & Eva Otie Moseley were – Rommie G. (1896-1896), Herman G. (1898-1959, single), Claude (1902-1902) and Opal May (1910-1974, married Doniphan Penn Moore). The name of Don P. Moore is one of the most recognizable names in Daviess County, KY and its neighboring counties. Three generations - Don P. Moore, Sr. (1909-1969), Don P. Moore, Jr. (1936-2016) and Don P. Moore, III (1961- ) have conducted a very successful auto dealership in

Owensboro. Richard J. ‘Dickie’ Moore (1944-2000), a son of Don P. Moore, Sr. & Opal Midkiff served on the Owensboro, KY City Commission and as Owensboro mayor pro tem (1997-1999).

- e. Mary Eliza Greer had one other child that died before 1900; it is not known if it was the child of Joseph B. Midkiff or Ed Kelley.
7. Thomas L. Midkiff, son of James G. Midkiff & Elizabeth D. Taylor, was born 17 July 1842 Ohio County, KY. He was probably named in honor of his uncle, Thomas Littlegrove Taylor (1795-1878). Thomas Midkiff is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He married Mary Hines, 30 May 1865 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Zachariah Hines & Sarah Brastly, was born 7 January 1843 Tennessee. Her parents were married on 13 October 1825 Grainger County, TN. During 1850-1851 her parents moved to Ohio County, KY, where her mother died in 1854 and her father in 1858. Thomas L. Midkiff during 1890-1891 moved from Ohio County, KY to Owensboro, KY. In 1900 he was working as a tobacco picker and was renting at 722 Clay Street in Owensboro and in 1910 he was working as a vegetable dealer and was renting at 701 Breckinridge Street in Owensboro. The Owensboro city directories give his occupation as huckster and peddler. The newspaper, Owensboro Inquirer, on 1 November 1904 (p5) carried an article entitled, “Cured of Lockjaw: Thomas L. Midkiff Saved From Death by Heroic Treatment – Was in a Horrible Condition and Was Rescued by the Anti-Tetanic Serum”. In December 1908 he was elected to succeed his son, John W. Midkiff, as keeper of the Hickman Park in Owensboro, the park was later renamed Legion Park (Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 11 December 1908 p2).

Mary Hines Midkiff died of tuberculosis on 14 January 1913 at 701 Breckenridge Street in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. An obituary reported she was survived by her husband, three children, A. C. Midkiff, John Midkiff and Mrs. Henry Fritz; and three grandchildren, Misses Lizzie Bowers [sic – should be Byers], Myrtle & Cordia Griffith. Thomas L. Midkiff died of a fractured hip in Princeton, Gibson County, IN on 31 May 1928. His death certificate reported that he was a produce dealer and was widowed. He was returned to Owensboro, KY, where he was buried with his wife, Mary, at Elmwood Cemetery.

The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that 7 children were born to Mary Midkiff; 4 were living in 1900 and 3 were living in 1910. Children of Thomas L. Midkiff & Mary Hines were:

- a. Lois E. Midkiff was born 31 March 1868 Ohio County, KY. She married Ulysses Grant Byers, 15 April 1885 Ohio County, KY. Grant, son of Avery Byers & Elizabeth Jane Tanner, was born 19 April 1865 Grayson County, KY. His father, Avery Byers (1826-1865) died of wounds while serving in the Union army during the Civil War. Lois Midkiff Byers died on 25 June 1892 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried in the Milton Taylor Cemetery near Hartford in Ohio County, KY. Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 1 July 1892 p3 – “The remains of Mrs. Grant Byers, who formerly lived above town, were brought up from Owensboro Sunday and interred in the Milton Taylor graveyard”. Grant Byers married Mary L. Farless (‘Mollie’, 1868-1935), 28 April 1903 Owensboro,

Daviess County, KY. Grant & Mary are listed in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of St. Louis, MO. Grant Byers died 27 February 1922 St. Louis, MO, where he was buried in the Valhalla Cemetery. Lois E. Midkiff & Ulysses Grant Byers had two daughters – Mary (1886-died during 1900 & 1913) and Elizabeth ('Lizzie', 1889-after 1913).

- b. Robert H. Midkiff was born c1871 Ohio County, KY. He died during 1880-1900.
- c. Eunice E. Midkiff was born in April 1873 Ohio County, KY. She married Samuel Tilden Griffith, 20 December 1898 Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Samuel, son of William Griffith & Cordelia M. Nelson, was born 3 November 1876 KY. Eunice Griffith died of typhoid fever at her father's residence on 9 October 1907 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Eunice E. Midkiff & Samuel Tilden Griffith were the parents of – Myrtle Mamie (1900-19859, married Edward Charles Koeneman & Clifford William Potter), Cordelia (1902-1988, married Raymond Alfred Heist, Jr.) and John C. (1906-1907). Samuel T. Griffith married Beulah Austin, 24 August 1908 Vanderburgh County, IN; their children were Harold Lee, Arthur & Dorothy. Samuel T. Griffith married Lutie Lockwood Kaltoven, 25 February 1919 Vanderburgh County, IN. Samuel T. Griffith married Virginia M. Gentry, 1920-1922; their children were Jack Lindsay, Jean Florence & William Edward. Samuel T. Griffith died 31 October 1927 St. Louis, MO and was buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Warrick County, IN.
- d. Alfred Carter Midkiff was born 11 July 1875 Ohio County, KY. He married Sarah Frances Denham, 7 December 1904 Daviess County, KY. Sarah, daughter of Oliver R. Denham & Addie B. Temple, was born 19 October 1885 Batavia, Clermont County, OH. He was a buyer for the American Tobacco Company. Alfred C. Midkiff died of appendicitis on 15 December 1913 at his home in Rockport, Spencer County, IN. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, KY. He died intestate leaving no surviving children, his heirs were his widow, Sarah F., and his father, T. L. Midkiff. T. L. Midkiff of Owensboro, KY on 17 January 1916 transferred to Sarah F. Midkiff his interest in his son's estate (Daviess County, KY Deed Book 96 p173). Sarah F. Midkiff died on 29 May 1954 in Louisville, Jefferson County, KY, where she was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.
- e. Eliza Midkiff was born 17 November 1878 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1874-1878 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She died 1878-1880. This child may be John W. Midkiff, who records consistently indicate was born in 1878.
- f. John Wilbur Midkiff was born 25 October 1878 Ohio County, KY. John Midkiff, served on the Owensboro police force from December 1908 to December 1909. In 1912 he was operating a grocery store in Owensboro. He married Marilda Caroline Stein, 'Carrie', 15 August 1899 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Carrie, daughter of Jacob Stein & Margaret Himmelheber, was born 17 December

1880 Rockport, Spencer County, IN and died 2 January 1950 Caseyville, St. Clair County, IL. John W. Midkiff died 18 August 1965 East St. Louis, St. Clair County, IL. He and Carrie were buried at the Valhalla Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Belleville, St. Clair County, IL. Children of John Wilbur Midkiff & Marilda Carrie Stein were – Stella M. (1900-1977, married \_ Cressy & Henry Lethann Mason), James Wilbur (1904-1904) and Alfred David (1908-1984, married Aimee Mae Burden). After the death of his wife Carrie, John W. Midkiff married Rose.

- g. Bertha Mary Midkiff was born 14 July 1882 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry John Fritz, 14 January 1903 Rockport, Spencer County, IN. Henry, son of John Matthew Fritz & Mary Sahn was born 11 December 1880 Rockport, Spencer County, IN. Henry was a baker and operated a pastry shop in Owensboro, KY and Princeton, Gibson County, IN; about 1915 he moved to Princeton. Henry died in Princeton, IN on 20 June 1955 and Bertha died in Francisco, Gibson County, IN on 1 November 1958. They were buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Princeton, Gibson County, IN. Bertha Mary Midkiff & Henry John Fritz had a daughter – Ruby Mae (1906-1985, married Thomas Neely Adams & Anthony C. Russo).

**John Robinson Midkiff**, son of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson was born 4 March 1804 Shelby County, KY. In the Ohio County, KY tax lists he first appears in 1825. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In the 1830 census he was listed two households from his father's residence and two households from the home of his brother-in-law, William Pate. He married Charlotte Smith, 29 March 1827 Ohio County, KY. They were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister. With the original loose marriage documents a consent signed by the bride's mother, Elizabeth Smith, was filed.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A p156:

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I do hereby certify that I solemnized the  
marriage authorized by the within license  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1827 Mr Hart -  
(John Midkiff & Charlotte Smith)  
A Copy sent Ch Henderson clk  
See paper no 640

Charlotte Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith & Elizabeth Leamon, was born c1806 Ohio County, KY. Her parents were married in Nelson County, KY on 11 December 1790. Her father was residing in Ohio County, KY in 1799 when the county was established from Hardin County, KY. Thomas Smith in 1800 received an appointment as a justice of the peace by the governor of Kentucky and thus became a member of Ohio County's judicial and governing court (Ohio County, KY Order Book 1). Thomas Smith was one of the county's more prosperous residents. In the 1810 census he was reported to be the owner of 6 slaves; he was one of 115 slave owners listed in the

1810 census of Ohio County. When Thomas Smith died in February 1827, he was the owner of several hundred acres of land and 13 slaves. His slaves were evaluated at \$3,075 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B pp288, 290 & 305). His widow, Elizabeth, received 4 of the slaves and each of his 9 children received one each. In addition to Will Book B the heirs of Thomas Smith are also named in an 1859 deed (Ohio County, KY Deed Book R pp250-251).

John Midkiff from the estate of Thomas Smith received one slave – the name of the slave on an estate document looks like Bett, valued at \$125 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p305). Beginning in the tax lists in 1828 John Midkiff is shown as being taxed on one slave. He later increased his slave holdings – the 1840 census reports he was the owner of 3 and the 1850 & 1860 Ohio County, KY Slave Schedules lists 9 slaves under his name. Slavery would subsequently be an important dynamic in his life. In a biography of his son, Henry S. Midkiff (Metcalf), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section) it is stated that his parents “had amassed some property, and before the war, had owned a large family of colored people.” During the war two of John’s son served in service of the “Lost Cause” at the same time their Midkiff cousins were fighting to preserve the Union. Members of the Midkiff family had not previously been slave owners. In fact, his father had originally been a member of the Quaker faith. In 1776 Quakers were prohibited from owning slaves and 14 years later they petitioned the US Congress for the abolition of slavery. A primary Quaker belief is that all human beings are equal and worthy of respect and many Quakers were prominent in the Abolitionist movement. After the Civil War there are several black Midkiffs listed in Ohio County records who were most likely former slaves of John Midkiff. They include – Lucinda (born c1833, wife of Lewis Eidson); William (born c1840, wife Ann); Cely (born c1850, in 1870 living with the family of John & Charlotte Midkiff’s daughter, Rachel Paxton); Richard (born c1854, wife Ellen Logan) and Mary (born c1854, wife of Calvin Taylor).

Charlotte Smith Midkiff died on 23 June 1855 in Ohio County, KY. This date is given in a listing of her gravestone in the book, Ohio County, Kentucky Cemetery Records, Volume IV (Ohio County Historical Society, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1986, p134). In the biography of her son, Henry S. Midkiff (Metcalf), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885) it is stated that “his mother, whose maiden name was Charlotte Smith, a lady of fine culture and very industrious, died in 1854.” The death year of 1855 is supported by deed records that show that in March and May of 1855 Charlotte, wife of John Midkiff, was living, when she ratified the transfer of several tracts of land (Ohio County, KY Deed Books, O p261, O p351 & O p523). Charlotte had died prior to 12 March 1856, when John Midkiff, sold land, and Charlotte was not named in the deed (Ohio County, KY Deed Book P p22).

Charlotte Midkiff was buried in a cemetery on the Sunnydale Road. In later years the cemetery was known as the Renfrow burying ground. The property was later owned by Mark Renfrow (1843-1929). The obituary of his granddaughter, Lillian Renfrow, in 1903 stated she was buried on the Mark Renfrow farm and when Mark Renfrow died in 1929 his death certificate recorded that he was interred in the Renfrow grounds. In 1982 when the tombstone of Charlotte Midkiff was recorded the cemetery was on the farm of Fred Smith. On 27 April 1993 I visited the site of the cemetery. It is on the Sunnydale Road about one mile north of Sunnydale, stop this side of a small bridge over a creek, walk to west side of road up a hill, at top of hill the remains of the cemetery are in a wooded area. All I could find was a foot marker with the initials N. J. M. and a



piece of a gravestone resting against a tree, it looked like part of the inscription was born 25 March \_ and died 1 October 1841 aged 11 ys, 6 ms, 6 ds. On the same day I interviewed, Fred Smith (1906-1995), the owner of the property, at his home in Sunnydale in Ohio County. Mr. Smith said that at one time there were 4 or 5 monuments in the cemetery. He remembers seeing the name Midkiff there. He said when he was about two years old his father bought the farm from a Duke.

In the 1850 and 1860 Ohio County censuses John Midkiff's occupation was given as farmer. In both of these censuses he was residing near where Dundee is now located and in the vicinity of where Charlotte Smith Midkiff was buried. In the 1850 census of Ohio County the county was divided in two districts. John Midkiff was the only Midkiff listed in District 1. All of the families of his brothers were in District 2 in the Magan neighborhood several miles to the north. In the 1860 census John Midkiff was enumerated immediately before the residence of Alfred Thomas Hines (1816-1891). Alfred Hines owned and operated a mill and ferry on Rough Creek. On the following map Alfred's residence is labeled as "Hines Mill". In 1898 a post office was established here and was renamed Dundee. On the left side of the map "M. Renfrow" marks the site of the farm of Mark Renfrow (1843-1929), where Charlotte Smith Midkiff was buried.

"Map of Ohio County, Kentucky", 1886, Jno. J. McHenry Publisher, Hartford, KY



John R. Midkiff married a second time on 4 October 1860. He married Mrs. Eliza Hamilton (Chapman) Hines at her home at Woodbury in Butler County, KY. Their marriage license recorded that he was a widower, aged 55 years, born Shelby County, KY and resides in Ohio County, KY and the bride was a widow, aged 40 years, born and resided in Butler County, KY. Eliza, daughter of Rev. Alexander Chapman & Ann E. Carson, was born 24 April 1820 Butler County, KY. Her father was a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Eliza married first Andrew Henry Hines (1812-1852) c1840. Andrew Hines the son of Thomas Hines & Sarah Ruddell, was a brother of Alfred Thomas Hines (1816-1891), who operated Hines Mill in Ohio County, KY. Andrew Hines died at Little Rock, AR and after his death his widow, Eliza, returned to Woodbury, KY.

Eliza Chapman & Andrew Hines had three sons – Alexander T. (c1841-1918, single), Jedediah (c1843-1873, single) and Ruddell (1847-1852).

On 1 March 1868 John Midkiff purchased lot #98 in the town of Hartford (Ohio County, KY Deed Book U p193). In January 1877 he acquired a second lot (#75) in Hartford (Ohio County, KY Commissioners Deed Book B p294). At the time of the 1870 & 1880 Ohio County, KY censuses John Midkiff was living in the town of Hartford. His next-door neighbor was Harrison D. Taylor (1802-1889), a prominent lawyer, author and historian. In the 1870 census John Midkiff was reported to be a constable and in the 1880 census a huckster. In 1875 he was serving as one of the directors of the Ohio County Agricultural and Mechanical Association. In 1877 he was one of 33 incorporators of the Ohio County Fair Company. In 1878 and 1882 he was a candidate for the office of jailer of Ohio County. He lost in the bids for election to Erasmus L. Sullenger and Gabriel J. Bean; the later race he lost by 22 votes.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 21 June 1876 p3:

POLITICS IS STILL THE TALK.  
But Phillips is coming to the front very fast, as we are acquainted with several who were in favor of Mr. W. a few weeks ago, but are now for the democratic nominee. I met one of your townsmen this morning, Mr. John Midkiff, and he is the kind of a democrat that you can bet high on, a very jovial gentleman, and retains, to a remarkable degree, the elasticity of a young and vigorous man of forty years. He informs me that he was born March 4th, 1804, hence he is in his seventy-second year, and bids well to live to be much older.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 29 March 1882 p3:

“Uncle John Midkiff, our nominee for jailer, is the right kind of a Democrat. His sympathies during the war were on the side of the South, but he had laid all that away, and was one of the warmest supporters of Gen. Wolford had in the county convention last winter. Hurrah for Uncle John. Boys elect him by 500 majority.”

Owensboro Semi-Weekly Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 30 November 1883 p4:

“Hartford – John Midkiff is almost eighty and as active and hard working man as one of twenty or thirty. Erect as an Indian, he walks with a springing step and you would have to explain to him the purpose of a walking cane, as he never uses one.”

John R. Midkiff died at the age of 79 on 28 January 1884 at his residence on Locust Street in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. He was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford, KY.

**AN OLD CITIZEN GONE.**

**Death of John Midkiff.**

This venerable and much respected citizen died at his residence on Locust street, Monday January 28th, 1884, of capillary-bronchitis, after a brief illness, in the 80th year of his age.

For several months previous to his illness he had been in declining health, and about a week ago was taken with a severe cold which resulted in his death.

Uncle John, as he was familiarly called, was a man of great constitution and physical strength, weighing in his palmer days over two hundred pounds, and was often heard even in his old age, to speak of his manhood.

He was a man of great industry and energy, an affectionate husband, a devoted father and a kind and hospital neighbor. He was married twice. The fruits of his first marriage were nine children, eight of whom are living, and his second marriage, one, who also survives him.

His sudden and unexpected death was quite a shock to his friends, many of whom had not heard of his illness.

His remains were interred in Hartford Cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends, yesterday.

We tender our warmest sympathy to the family, especially his aged wife and single daughter, who are left husbandless and fatherless.



John R. Midkiff (1804-1884)  
Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY

David Leaman Smith was appointed administrator of the estate of John R. Midkiff on 1 April 1884 (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 5 p401). Loose documents of John

Midkiff's estate are filed in Ohio County estate file #1269 at the Ohio County Clerk's office. D. L. Smith to settle the estate filed a suit against the heirs of John Midkiff on 9 March 1885 (Ohio County Circuit Court suit #4358). The petition in the suit stated that John Midkiff died intestate leaving as his heirs – widow, Mrs. Eliza Midkiff; and children, Henry S. Midkiff, Mrs. Mary Collins (wife of James F. Collins), Mrs. Charlotte Ambrose (wife of James F. Ambrose), Mrs. Rachel Paxton (wife of R. R. Paxton), Mrs. Delila Taylor (wife of Sam P. Taylor), Mrs. Kitty Barnes (wife of George Barnes), Mrs. Laura Kuykendoll (wife of John A. Kuykendoll), Mrs. Elizabeth Hale and David Midkiff, who is a non-resident of Kentucky and whose residence is unknown. John Midkiff died owning two lots, #75 & 98 in the town of Hartford; the family residence was on the latter lot. D. L. Smith requested the sale of the two lots in order to pay debts owed by the decedent. The lots were ordered to be sold and at the sale on 5 March 1888 Mrs. Eliza Midkiff purchased the lots for \$306 from the other heirs of John Midkiff (heirs were named in Ohio County, KY Commissioners Deed Book E p132).

John Midkiff's widow, Mrs. Eliza H. Midkiff, died on 10 August 1893. She has a gravestone in the Little Muddy Cemetery in Butler County, KY.

In the biography of John & Charlotte Midkiff's son, Henry S. Midkiff (Metcalf), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885) it is stated that his parents "had nine children — seven daughters and two sons — of whom Mr. Metcalf is the third." Children of John Robinson Midkiff and Charlotte Smith were:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Midkiff was born 10 October 1828 Ohio County, KY. She married Charles Pike Hale, 23 November 1848 Ohio County, KY. Charles, son of Caleb Hale & Sarah Huff, was born 23 March 1821 Ohio County, KY. Charles & wife, Sarah Elizabeth, of McLean County, KY are named as heirs of Caleb Hale in an 1869 deed (Ohio County, KY Deed Book 5 p345). Charles is listed in the 1850 census of Daviess County, KY, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of McLean County, KY. In 1870 and 1880 he was operating a nursery in the town of Calhoun. He died on 23 March 1884. His widow, Elizabeth, at the time of the 1900 census was residing in the home of her daughter, Laura Threlkel, in Butler County, KY. Sarah E. Hale died 20 July 1914 in Calhoun, McLean County, KY, where she was buried with her husband in the Calhoun Cemetery. The 1900 census recorded that Sarah was the mother of 9 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. The children of Sarah Elizabeth Midkiff & Charles Pike Hale were:
  - a. John Caleb Hale was born 3 February 1854 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. He married Martha Ann Martin, 18 January 1887 Daviess County, KY. Martha, daughter of Frederick William Martin & Nancy Nichols, was born 8 March 1860 Ohio County, KY. John C. Hale was a doctor. He was issued a certificate from the Board of Medical Examiners on 14 September 1885. He and William Divens died in a fire at the lock-up at Deanfield in Ohio County, KY on 31 March 1905. He was being held on a charge of drunkenness. He was buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His wife, Mattie, married Peyton Kincheloe, 10 May 1908 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She died 4 October 1919 Stidham, McIntosh County, OK and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. John Caleb Hale & Martha Ann Martin had one child – Jessie (1894-1979, married Herbert Nicely & Henry Harrison Chancellor).

- b. Martha Carma Hale, 'Commie', was born 24 September 1856 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. She married Brooken Taylor Davis, 11 November 1885 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. Taylor, son of Archer Gregory Davis & Charlotte Owen, was born 16 April 1865 Daviess County, KY and died 13 August 1940 Chicago, Cook County, IL. Martha died 8 July 1949 at Dawson Springs, Hopkins County, KY. She and her husband were buried at the Utica Baptist Church Cemetery, Utica, Daviess County, KY. Martha Carma Hale & Brooken Taylor Davis had three children – Charles Gregory (1886-1929, single), Charlotte Elizabeth ('Lottie', 1895-1986, married Arthur Herbert Lillie) and William Thomas (1899-1979, married Ella Morris).
- c. Elizabeth Owen Hale, 'Bettie', was born 14 May 1859 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. She married Edwin Hawes Bivins, 16 April 1891 Daviess County, KY. Edwin, son of William Bivins & Susan Driskell, was born 7 March 1850 Hancock County, KY. Edwin married Belle W. Beauchamp (1850-1887), 11 June 1870 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Edwin Bivins died 5 June 1930 Hancock County, KY. Edwin & Belle had 4 children – Oma (1871-1961, married James Heifner), Hillary B. (1874-1962, married Ines Phillips), Hester (1875-1882) and Camden (1878-1896). Elizabeth Owen (Hale) Bivins died 8 March 1930 at her home near Lyonia in Hancock County, KY, where she was buried with her husband in the Roseville Cemetery. She had no children.
- d. Sallie Amanda Hale was born 26 October 1861 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. She married Charles David Lockett, 5 July 1883 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. Charles, son of Phillip Frances Lockett & Sarah Isabelle Barker, was born 17 January 1855 McLean County, KY and died 19 February 1918 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. Sallie died 31 August 1931 Calhoun, McLean County, KY, where she was buried with her husband at the Calhoun Cemetery. Sallie Amanda Hale & Charles David Lockett had 7 children – Elizabeth Belle (1884-1960, married John Crawford Layton, Jr.), Lattie Paxton (1886-1989, married James Robert Edds, she said she was named in part for her great-aunt Rachel Midkiff Paxton), Frances Cleveland Folsom (1888-1952, married Oscar Stevens Smith), Philip Hale (1893-1986, married Bessie Prichard), Jennie Louise (1896-1976, married Walter Clarence Heal & Henry Nicholas Schicker), Charles William (1898-1957, married Marie Elizabeth Heinig) and Jack Claude Grey (1904-1974, married Lillian Nancy Gipe).
- e. Lineaus Gray Hale was born 2 October 1864 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. He died 29 July 1947 Beech Grove, McLean County, KY and was buried Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, McLean County, KY. He never married.
- f. Delilia Hale, 'Lila', was born 28 May 1866 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. She married T. C. James, 4 December 1889 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. The obituaries of her sister, Bettie Bivins, in 1930 and her brother, Gray Hale, in 1947 stated they were survived by a sister, Miss Lila Hale, of California. Lila Hale died in Los Angeles County, CA on 24 February 1949.

- g. Laura Ann Hale was born 13 November 1868 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. She married James Monroe Threlkel, 'Roe', 22 December 1891 Calhoun Baptist Church, Calhoun, McLean County, KY. James, son of Henry Clay Threlkel & Catherine A. McClung, was born 24 December 1867 KY and died 6 August 1900 Butler County, KY, where he was buried in the Threlkel Cemetery. Laura Threlkel died 24 March 1958 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY, where she was buried in the Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Laura A. Hale & James Monroe Threlkel had 4 children – Margaret Catherine (1893- , married Archie Patterson & J. E. Hartke), Lattie (1894-1960, married Doctor Malachi Embry), Barry Evans (1897-190) and Eva L. (1899-1962, married Chester Richley Ingram & T. M. Mitchell).
- h. Two other children of Sarah Elizabeth Midkiff & Charles Pike Hale were born and died during 1849-1880.
2. Daughter born 1828-1830 Ohio County, KY. John Midkiff had seven daughters one of whom died without issue. In the 1830 census there are two female children listed in the home of John Midkiff and in the 1840 census there are two female children aged 10-15 listed – they would include Sarah Elizabeth and one other unidentified female. The biography of her brother, Henry S., stated that he was the third child (he was born 1831). She died 1840-1850 Ohio County, KY. In the cemetery where Charlotte Smith Midkiff was buried I found a partial gravestone of a child that died in 1841 at the age of 11 years, who could possibly be this daughter.
3. Henry Smith Midkiff was born 22 March 1831 near Hines Mill (now Dundee) in Ohio County, KY. He also used the spelling of Metcalf. Midkiff is the spelling that appeared on his three marriage licenses and in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 federal censuses. Metcalf was the spelling that appears in an 1885 biography, an obituary and on his gravestone. The 1900 census has the spelling as Metcalfe. He first appeared in the Ohio County tax lists in 1852. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1910 census of Muhlenberg County, KY. In 1850 he was in his parent's home and was reported to be 19 years old. In 1860 he was living in the town of Hartford and was reported to be the town marshal. He had been appointed town marshal on 18 August 1859 (Ohio County, KY Order Book 9 pp111 & 239).

Biographical sketches of 275 Ohio County citizens were published in 1885 in the subscription book, Kentucky: A History of the State. The following biography of Henry S. Metcalf was one that was included. The sketch contained several errors including the year of his birth, the years of his mother's death and of his first marriage.

Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, Louisville & Chicago, 1885) Ohio County section:

HENRY S. METCALF, Ohio County, was born in the Precinct at Hines' Mill, near Rough Creek, March 22, 1821. His father, John Metcalf, was a man of great energy, and was by occupation a farmer. He died January 28, 1884, at the age of eighty years. His mother, whose maiden name was Charlotte Smith, a lady of fine culture and very industrious, died in 1854. They had amassed some property, and before the war, had owned a large family of colored people. They had nine children — seven daughters and two sons — of whom Mr. Metcalf is the third. His education in school was somewhat limited, but he has learned from observation



and experience, and is a fine business man. He has been married three times; first in 1853, to Martha Mitchell, who died in 1855; second to Cordelia Phipps, who died in 1861, and he was last married April 21, 1867, to his present wife, Amelia C. Miller, youngest daughter of Joseph Miller, of Ohio County. She was born July 29, 1843. They have six children; Eulia C., John H., Maggie M., Charlotte, Abbie and Rose B. Mr. Metcalf enlisted, in 1862, in Gano's Squadron of Texas Cavalry, and was captured in Morgan's raid and imprisoned at Louisville, at Pomeroy, and afterward at Camp Chase, Ohio, from which place he was sent to Camp Douglas, where he made his escape. He was first lieutenant under Gen. Lyons, and served until the close of the war. He was one of the most active and brave soldiers in the confederate army.

The onset of the Civil War saw Kentuckians against Kentuckians and relatives against relatives. Henry S. Midkiff, and his brother, David, enlisted in the Confederate army (Co. C, 9<sup>th</sup> KY Volunteer Infantry) on 22 September 1861 at Hopkinsville, KY (The Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, Civil War, Confederate, Volume 1, p426). Their Midkiff cousins became opponents by serving as defenders of the Union. Their first cousins, George Robinson Midkiff and Samuel Linsey Midkiff and first cousin once removed, William Peyton Midkiff served in the Union army. David Midkiff's term of service was abbreviated when on 22 July 1862 he was discharged due to disability.

Henry Midkiff served with Morgan's command (Orphans Brigade). While in the service of the Confederacy he was incarcerated four times; twice he escaped and twice he was released. In the fall of 1861, he was confined in the Federal military prison in Louisville for three months until being released. While in Morgan's Ohio campaign he was captured in July 1863 and was held at Camp Chase, prisoner of war camp in Columbus, Ohio until he made his escape in August 1863. While serving as a private in company A of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ky Cavalry Henry Midkiff was captured in Nelson County, KY on 19 October 1863 and he was received at Camp Morton, prisoner of war camp, at Indianapolis, Indiana on 24 October 1863. He escaped from Camp Morton on 27 September 1864.

By January of 1865 Midkiff had joined up with rebel guerilla forces that were scourging Western Kentucky and terrorizing the citizenry of Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge and Meade Counties. He was riding with a band of guerillas that included Marcellus Jerome Clarke (alias Sue Mundy) and Henry Clay Magruder, who were accused of many atrocities. In March 1865 they met and joined with the band lead by Capt. William (Bill) Davison. On 4 January 1865 Davison and his command had burned the Daviess County Courthouse in Owensboro, KY. On 24 February 1865 Davison and Mundy's company as they were advancing east on the Hardinsburg Road (now Highway 144) in Hancock County were intercepted by a band of Union home guard part of a company under Capt. John A. Clark. The party of rebels also included guerillas Marcellus Jerome Clarke (alias Sue Mundy), Henry C. Magruder and Henry Smith Midkiff. An hour-long engagement followed. In the skirmish near Patesville Davison was severely wounded by Charles Hale (c1831-1907), a member of Capt. Clark's company. Davison was secreted away and hidden by friends; a member of a prominent Hancock County family Davison had many connections in the county. Davison died of his wounds on 7 March 1865. Accounts of the Patesville engagement between the guerillas and the Hancock County home guard were reported in several local newspapers, including Cannelton and Evansville, IN.

Several of the rebels who were with Davison at the Patesville engagement retreated and continued on towards Cloverport. Clarke, Magruder and Midkiff two weeks later on 12 March 1865 were captured in Meade County near the Breckinridge County line. They were taken to Louisville where they were placed on trial for their reign of terror and crimes against innocent non-military personnel that included robbery, destruction of private property, assaults, and even murder.



Henry Magruder (1843-1865) and on right, Henry Smith Metcalf (1831-1910). This picture was published in the article, "The Magruder Cemetery – Part II, by G. Kempf, Gary Griffin & Sherrill Williams that appeared in the Ancestral News (Spring 2014, Vol. 39, #1, Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, KY, p27).

In their trials Clarke and Magruder were declared guilty. Three days after their capture on March 15 Clarke (Sue Mundy) was executed by hanging. Magruder was allowed to recuperate from wounds received in the Patesville skirmish and was hanged on 20 October 1865. The exploits of Davison, Sue Mundy and Magruder are chronicled in many chapters but little is revealed about Henry Midkiff and how he came to be with the marauders.

The Louisville, KY newspapers carried the following reports on Henry Midkiff:

- Louisville Daily Democrat, 14 March 1865 – Midkiff claims to be a lieutenant in the Southern army.
- Louisville Daily Journal, 14 March 1865 – Medkiff is a fine, stalwart specimen of humanity. He was confined in the Louisville Military Prison here about one year ago, but escaped from the guard while on his way, with other prisoners, to Camp Douglas. He has led a wild life, and we trust he will expiate his many crimes upon

the gallows before many days. Clark and Medkiff are now ironed, closely confined in cells in the Military Prison.

- Louisville Daily Journal, 5 May 1865 – “The case of Medkiff, or Metcalfe, one of Sue Mundy’s chums, was tried before the military commission yesterday. It will be concluded today.”
- Louisville Daily Democrat, 24 May 1865 – Henry Metcalf, who was captured some time ago in company with Sue Mundy and Bill Magruder has been arraigned and tried before a military court-martial convened in Louisville and sentenced to be hanged. The execution was to take place on Monday afternoon but we understand Maj. Gen., John M. Palmer has respited the prisoner for ten or twelve days to allow him to prepare for his advent into another world.
- Louisville Daily Democrat, 31 May 1865 – Henry Metcalf: This noted individual, who has been arraigned, tried and sentenced to be executed on the charge of being a guerilla, has had his sentence revoked. He will not be executed at all, but may be sentenced to serve out a term of several years in the Frankfort Penitentiary.
- Louisville Daily Journal, 1 June 1865 – “Medkiff or Metcalf, one of Sue Mundy’s old friends, will be sent to the Frankfort Penitentiary for five years. He was sentenced to be hung about two weeks ago, and then respited.”
- Louisville Daily Journal, 3 June 1865 – “Henry Metcalfe, the guerilla, who was sentenced to be hanged on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult., but was respited, and the sentence commuted to five years in the State Penitentiary, will be forwarded to Frankfort this morning under strong guard.”
- Louisville Daily Journal, 12 June 1865 – The guerilla Medkiff, who is now confined in the Frankfort Penitentiary, is sick and lying in the hospital of that institution.
- Louisville Daily Journal, 14 October 1865 – By special order No. 204, the unexpired term of the sentence in the case of Metcalf, the guerilla, has been remitted, and the prisoner ordered to be released. Our readers will remember Metcalf as having been sentenced to be hung on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May last, which sentence was subsequently commuted to five years’ imprisonment.

Henry D. McHenry, of Hartford, KY, a friend of the Midkiff family and defense counsel for Henry S. Midkiff during his trial stated that Midkiff was arrested without cause in the fall of 1861 and confined in the Federal military prison in Louisville for three months. Eight months later he enlisted as a private in the Confederate army under the command of John Morgan. He was captured in the state of Ohio in July 1863 and confined in prison from which he made his escape in August 1863, and was again arrested near Springfield, KY and was taken to Camp Morton, near Indianapolis and after remaining a close prisoner until September 1864, he again made his escape. He made his way to Owensboro, KY and there recruited some men and joined the company of Captain James Pratt. He remained in Owensboro for about four weeks. He then went to Paris, Tennessee where he was sworn and mustered as a lieutenant in Gen. Hylan B. Lyon’s Brigade and with Lyon’s command he came to Kentucky in December. His captain received orders to go to Bullitt County to gather up some deserters and to recruit for the company; they arrived there the last of December. On 16<sup>th</sup> January 1865 his captain was killed in a fight at Bardstown and his company scattered. During that engagement he saw Henry Magruder for the first time. He then accompanied Magruder and Sue Mundy to Daviess County. After the wounding of Magruder they went to Meade County where they were captured.

Several accounts claim that Midkiff was saved from the gallows by the efforts of his friends, especially those of Col. John H. McHenry. McHenry was a colonel & organizer of the 17th KY Infantry of the Union Army and a neighbor and close friend of Midkiff's father, John Midkiff. This was alluded to in the 1883 History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, p178) – “Metcalf, through the intercession of his attorney, Colonel John H. McHenry, of Owensboro, had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for five years in the State penitentiary. He was soon afterward released, and is now a respectable citizen of Ohio County.” The following item was published in the Daily Messenger (Owensboro, KY, 16 February 1890 p4):

The Central City Herald says: “Henry Metcalf was in town yesterday. He is one of the men spoken of frequently in ‘Morgan and His Men,’ a book of the war. Metcalf was with Sue Munday and when the Federal soldiers came to arrest them they were in a barn in Meade county. In the fight that followed four or five soldiers were killed but Metcalf and Munday were compelled to surrender when their ammunition gave out. Metcalf was condemned to be hung when Munday was but saved through the influence of friends.” It is understood that Metcalf's life was saved by the intervention of Col. John H. McHenry and other Union men.

Henry Midkiff was discharged from prison on 13 October 1865 by order of the War Department. By that point the war had been over six months and efforts were being made to end the carnage and mend fences. In the months after the end of the war several others who had been convicted of being guerillas were also pardoned of their alleged crimes.

On 7 May 1866 Henry S. Metcalf, of Ohio County, KY took an oath of allegiance to the United States and requested that the President grant him a pardon. President Andrew Johnson granted him a pardon on 22 February 1867.

Henry S. Midkiff upon a reunion with a fellow messmate in the army, Col. W. G. Welch, was interviewed for an article that appeared in the Interior-Journal (Stanford, KY, 8 March 1887 p3). The article was also published in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 23 March 1887 p1):

CAPTURED WITH MUNDAY  
Close Call of Lieut. Henry Metcalfe,  
Now a Louisville Drummer.  
[South Kentuckian]

Lieutenant Henry Metcalfe, of Ohio county, made his old messmate in the army, Col. W. G. Welch, a visit Saturday and Sunday, says the Stanford Interior Journal. It was their first meeting since they parted nearly 24 years ago, and they met as soldiers should. The lieutenant was with Sue Munday when he was captured, having accidentally gotten with him as he was making his way back to his command, after his escape from a prison in Ohio. He, Magruder and Munday had spent the night in a tobacco barn, and about daylight next morning a company of sixty-two Union soldiers charged down upon it, but he and Munday, Magruder was lying terribly wounded, opened upon them with their pistols and successfully prevented their entrance. They fell back and sent in a flag of truce by some countrymen who told them that they could surrender or they would proceed to burn the building over them. The besieged men said they would converse with the officer on the subject, and he accordingly came, and upon his solemn promise that he should be treated as a prisoner of war, Lieutenant Metcalfe agreed to surrender.

Munday at first positively refused, but he thinks that upon the same promise that was made to him, he finally agreed to do so. Then they were taken to Louisville by boat, he and Munday being handcuffed together, and all subsequently condemned to be hung by a drum-head court-martial. Munday was hung immediately, and Magruder suffered the same fate after he had sufficiently recovered from his wounds to stand up. By the intervention of friends, who presented indisputable proof that the lieutenant was a regularly enlisted soldier, his life was spared and the war ending shortly afterward he was released. He suffered great hardships while he was under sentence of death, being chained to the floor by both hands and feet and the impress of the irons still show themselves in scars on his limbs. He says the sentence did not particularly worry him, as he had reached that stage that he did not care much whether he lived or died. Mundy met his fate as bravely as ever man did and when taken from the prison on the morning of his execution, went forth fearless of death, though he hated the idea of being hung instead of being shot. He was a regularly enlisted Confederate soldier and was with General Buckner at the surrender of Fort Donelson, as Lt. Metcalfe knows of his own knowledge. The lieutenant, while not traveling for a tobacco warehouse in Louisville, is a prosperous farmer and a happy married man, with a half a dozen or so children growing up around him, but he has never entirely forgiven his enemies and is to some extent at least still as unrepentant, unreconstructed rebel. He is chuck full of interesting reminiscences of his army life with the Major, as he calls Col. Welch, and we enjoyed his talk very much. The Colonel says no truer, braver, better man fought for the lost cause than Henry Metcalfe, and no man showed himself a greater hero during the times that tried men's souls.

In a Courier-Journal article of 23 April 1899 ("A Lucky Stumble That Saved the Life of a Condemned Prisoner", Louisville, KY, p28) it was noted that while in prison awaiting sentence Henry Metcalfe said "My own father and sister are not even allowed to visit me." He was "sentenced to be hanged and from the prison window could see the scaffold as it was being erected."

In the article, "The untold story of Sue Mundy's capture: 'Not a shot fired'" by Gerald W. Fischer, published in the Meade County Messenger (Brandenburg, KY, 10 January 2007) it is stated that Mundy, Magruder & Midkiff were captured while being lodged in the barn of John Cox near Irvington, who was reported to be kin of Magruder. Mundy upon his capture gave his pistol to John Cox and it was passed down in his family. Henry Midkiff ten months after the hanging of Magruder on 20 October 1865 was released for inexplicable reasons and years later visited the site of his capture near Irvington in Breckinridge County. He talked to John Cox and inquired about the pistols of Sue Mundy.

On 11 October 1899 a letter to the editor penned by Henry Metcalf was published in the Hartford Herald ("Henry Medcalf's Letter – An Ex-Confederate Tells Why He Has Quit Brown and Will Vote For Goebel", Hartford, KY, p3). He introduced his political sentiments by saying:

Morgantown, Ky., Oct. 7 ... I entered the Confederate service Under Gen. John Morgan and served from 1861 until the close of the war. During my Service I suffered possibly more than my share, of the hardships endured by a Confederate soldier, having been imprisoned as a prisoner of war three or four times. I also had some very marked experiences with a Federal court martial. I served as a Confederate because I thought the cause was just, and since then I have always

voted the Democratic ticket because I thought it right. I was a delegate from this (Butler) county to the Louisville convention and attended every session of that body...

After being released from prison Henry Midkiff returned to Ohio County, KY. He owned a farm along the road between Hartford and Beaver Dam. In the censuses of Ohio County in 1870 and 1880 his occupation was reported as farmer and in the 1900 census as hotelkeeper. In 1875 he was serving as deputy sheriff of Ohio County. On 2 August 1880 he was elected constable in the Hartford magisterial precinct, composed of the Hartford & Beaver Dam voting precincts. For several years in the 1880s' he was an agent for the Louisville Tobacco Warehouse Company. During the 1890's and the early 1900's he operated hotels and boarding houses in several cities - in Louisville (1891-1894), Beaver Dam (1895-1897), Morgantown (1898-1899) Hartford (1899-1901) and Central City (1901).

The 9 October 1901 issue of the Hartford Herald reported that "Mr. H. S. Metcalf, who has had charge of the Hartford House for quite awhile, will leave with his family this week for Central City, where he will continue in the hotel business." Henry S. Metcalf died at the age of 79 on 29 December 1910 in Central City, where he was buried in the Fairmount Cemetery.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 13 January 1911 p2:  
Henry S. Metcalf Dead

The Muhlenberg Argus, of Central City, has the following concerning Mr. Henry S. Metcalf, who was well known in this city.

Henry S. Metcalf, aged 79 years, answered the call of the Grim Reaper on Thursday, December 29th. He had been sick only a few weeks and his sudden death, due to heart trouble, cast a gloom over the community. Interment was in Fairmount cemetery, on Friday, in the presence of a large gathering. Mr. Metcalf was one of the best known men in this part of the state, having for many years represented the Louisville Tobacco Warehouse Co. He was a gallant and brave soldier in the civil war, having served with honor under Gen. John Morgan. Mr. Metcalf left a widow and 6 children. A more extended notice of this notable old citizen will appear in a future issue – soon as more data can be secured.







Henry S. Metcalf lot at Fairmount Cemetery, Central City, KY

Henry S. Metcalf married three times. He married Martha E. Mitchell, 21 January 1854 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of Thompson Mitchell & Ann Miller, was born in 1837 Ohio County, KY and died in 1855. Henry married Cordelia Adaline Phipps, 'Cordie', 2 December 1858 Ohio County, KY. Cordie, daughter of Elijah Phipps & Sarah Adeline Nichols, was born 28 September 1835 Ohio County, KY and died on 21 November 1861. Henry had no known children by his first two wives. He married third Amelia Coster Miller, 'Duck', 21 April 1867 Ohio County, KY. Amelia, daughter of Joseph Miller & Helen Austin, was born 29 July 1843 Ohio County, KY and died 25 January 1922 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. O. Byers, in Leitchfield, Grayson County, KY. She was buried with her husband at the Fairmount Cemetery in Central City, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that Amelia was the mother of 7 children, one of whom was then deceased.

The children of Henry Smith Metcalf & Amelia Coster Miller were:

- a. Eulia C. Metcalf was born 2 February 1868 Ohio County, KY. She married Ellis Crowe Taylor, 16 November 1892 Clark County, IN. Ellis, son of John Washington Taylor and Laura Deborah Stevens, was born 15 August 1869 Ohio County, KY and died of typhoid fever on 15 November 1895 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Eulia Metcalf Taylor married James Calvin Liles, 16 October 1898 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Obediah Liles & Caroline Martin, was born 22 August 1852 Ohio County, KY and died 8 March 1920 Ohio County, KY and was buried Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. J. C. Liles married first Servilla A. Miller (1858-1896), 9 April 1876 Ohio County, KY and they were parents of Wavey E. & Oscar P. Liles. Eulia Midkiff Liles died of typhoid fever on 30 November 1899 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Eulia was buried Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. She and Ellis C. Taylor had two children – Lucile Hamilton (1893-1915, single) and infant son (1895-1895).
- b. John H. Metcalf was born 26 August 1869 Ohio County, KY. He married Eva Ruth Wilson, 22 July 1896 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Eva, daughter of James Robert Wilson & America Ann Miller, was born 30 September 1879 TN and died 9 August 1922 Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY. John was a partner in the Barnes mercantile firm. John H. Metcalf died 21 November 1948 Houma,

Terrebonne Parish, LA. He and his wife, Eva Ruth, were buried at the Fairmount Cemetery, Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY. They had no surviving children.

- c. Maggie May Metcalf, was born 19 July 1872 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. She married Edward Owen Byers, 22 July 1896 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Edward, son of Joseph Henderson Byers & Sarah A. Jones, was born 31 August 1874 Grayson County, KY. Edward Byers was an agent for the Illinois Central Railroad. E. O. Byers died 12 June 1954 Paducah, McCracken County, KY and Maggie Byers died 27 February 1957 Leitchfield, Grayson County, KY. They were buried Fairview Cemetery, Leitchfield, Grayson County, KY. They were the parents of – Aubrey Metcalf (1900-1900) and John Edward (1902-1932, single).
- d. Charlotte Metcalf was born 23 September 1879 Ohio County, KY. She married Alfred Ernest Tonks, 12 November 1902 Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY. Alfred, son of John Tonks & Christina Johnston, was born 14 July 1872 Melbourne, Quebec, Canada and he died 7 November 1909 Paducah, McCracken County, KY. Alfred was a conductor for the Illinois Central Railroad. Charlotte Tonks died 6 January 1924 Dallas, Dallas County, TX. She was buried with her husband at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Paducah, McCracken County, KY. They had no children.
- e. Abigail F. Metcalf, ‘Abbie’, was born 7 October 1881 Ohio County, KY. She married John Elmer Turner, 28 November 1900 Ohio County, KY. John, son of George C. Turner & Malinda Porter, was born 16 May 1872 Berry’s Lick, Butler County, KY. John E. Turner married first Myrtle Koons, 14 August 1894 Morgantown, Butler County, KY. He was a teacher and had been principal of the Morgantown College, in Butler County, KY. He was later a real estate & insurance agent in Dallas, TX. He died 29 December 1948 Dallas, Dallas County, TX. Abbie Metcalf Turner died 26 January 1963 Dallas, Dallas County, TX. She and her husband were buried in the Grove Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Dallas, TX. Abbie F. Metcalf & John Elmer Turner were the parents of – Lovell Metcalfe (1901-1959, married Dorothy Mary Brown) and Reginald C. Turner (1905-1930, single).
- f. Rosa Belle Metcalf was born 20 October 1883 Ohio County, KY. She married Thomas Chalmers Finley, Jr., 12 October 1903 Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY. Thomas, son of Thomas Chalmers Finley & Nancy J. Medaris, was born 29 September 1881 Paducah, McCracken County, KY. Thomas C., Jr., was an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad for over 50 years. He died 7 August 1957 Haleyville, Winston County, AL and Rosa Belle died 23 July 1964 Haleyville, Winston County, Al. They were buried Maplawn Park Cemetery, Paducah, McCracken County, KY. Children of Rosa Belle Metcalf & Thomas Chalmers Finley, Jr. were – Guy Sweets (1904-1948, married Susan Emerson Shugart) and John Boon (1918-1927).
- g. Anna Pearl Metcalf was born 20 June 1886 Ohio County, KY. She married Charles Theodore Sowden, 12 October 1905 Central City, Muhlenberg County,

KY. Charles, son of Charles Theodore Sowden & Ada Florence McCann, was born 1 May 1881 Anoka, Anoka County, MN and died 16 October 1949 Dallas, Dallas County, TX. Anna Pearl Sowden died 12 July 1979 Dallas, Dallas County, TX. She and her husband were buried in the Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas County, TX. They were the parents of – Webb McCann Sowden (1906-1985, married Lucille Barbara McEvoy).

4. Mary B. Midkiff, ‘Polly’, was born 15 August 1833 Ohio County, KY. She married James F. Collins, 11 March 1852 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Reason Beall Collins & Mary Hines, was born 4 May 1826 Tennessee. His father was a Methodist minister and his mother was a first cousin of Alfred Thomas Hines of Hines Mill in Ohio County, KY. James is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1860 he was living in the town of Hartford, where he was a grocer. The 1870 & 1880 censuses give his occupation as farmer.



“Map of Ohio County, Kentucky”, 1886, Jno. J. McHenry Publisher, Hartford, KY. Farm of James F. Collins is labeled J. F. Collins and in lower right corner labeled H. Midkiff is the farm of his brother-in-law Henry Smith Midkiff.

Mary Midkiff Collins is named as a relative of Kit Carson in the 25 June 1890 edition of the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p3, “ABOUT KIT CARSON - Some of the People Related to the Famous Scout and Hunter”. Several sisters of Kit Carson’s mother settled in Ohio County - “another sister married Benjamin Midkiff, whose descendants, many of them, live in Ohio county, among them two remarkable ladies, living In Hartford — Mrs. Caleb Crowe and Mrs. Jas. F. Collins.”

The farm of James F. Collins was on the south side of the road between Hartford and Beaver Dam and is plotted on an 1886 map of Ohio County. He was a merchant and

farmer. His property evaluation was one of the largest in the county. James F. Collins died 21-23 April 1891. On his gravestone the death date of 11 April 1891 is clearly engraved. However, a death notice in the Owensboro Weekly Messenger reports his death as being on 23 April 1891 (Owensboro, KY, 30 April 1891 p1). The Hartford Herald reported that James F. Collins died of consumption on 21 April 1891 (Hartford, KY, 29 April 1891 p3). He was survived by his wife and four children.

Mary Midkiff Collins died on 29 January 1907 of pneumonia in Memphis, Shelby County, TN. She died at the home of her son, John R. Collins, where she had been spending the winter. Her funeral was at her late residence in Ohio County, KY. She was buried with her husband at the Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Her grave is a few feet from the grave of her father, John R. Midkiff. The 1900 Ohio County, KY census recorded that Mrs. Mary Collins was the mother of 10 children, 4 of whom were then living.



Collins lot in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford, KY. To the left is the edge of the monument of Mary's father, John R. Midkiff

Children of Mary B. Midkiff & James F. Collins were:

- a. son born & died 22 December 1852 Ohio County, KY; stillborn.
- b. son born & died in April 1854 Ohio County, KY; one-half day old.
- c. Mary E. Collins was born 4 January 1856 Ohio County, KY and died 11 January 1867 Ohio County, KY. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.
- d. John Reason Collins was born 29 January 1859 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth in 1859 appears in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. On his marriage he was reported to be 23 years old. He married Kate Hardwick, 3 January 1883 Ohio County, KY. Kate, daughter of William Hardwick & Sarah Frances Nall, was born 26 July 1859 Ohio County, KY. Katie died of consumption on 30 October 1890 Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She was survived by her husband and two children.

John R. Collins married Elsa Henriette Fleischauer, 23 January 1913 New Orleans, LA. Elsa, daughter of Engelbert Fleischauer & Elizabeth Ude, was born 11 September 1892 Chicago, Cook County, IL. John was the founder of the Southern Coal Company. At his death the company had ten offices from Chicago to New Orleans. He died on 25 July 1934 in Chicago, Cook County, IL, where he was buried in the Rosehill Cemetery. The Chicago, IL newspaper, Daily Herald reported that his widow, Elsa, inherited a million dollars from him (30 May 1941 p19). Elsa married William Bennett, 6 May 1941 and she died 18 August 1956 Chicago, IL, where she was buried in the Rosehill Cemetery. John Reason Collins & Kate Hardwick were the parents of Annabel ('Annie', 1885-1952, married Frank James Brittingham & William Otis Chapman) and Katherine C. ('Kitty', 1887-1958, married Paul David Fuqua).



John Reason Collins (1859-1934)

- e. Bolivar Buckner Collins, 'Buck', 'B. B.', was born 15 June 1860 Ohio County, KY. A birth year of 1859 appears on his tombstone. However, he is not in the 1860 census and his brother, John was born in 1859. He was reported to be 27 years old on his marriage license. He married Mary Elizabeth Rial, 28 December 1887 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Phillip Rial & Mary Christiana Nall, was born 13 February 1866 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. B. B. Collins was a farmer and operated a grocery in Hartford, KY. He died in Hartford on 20 February 1933. His wife, Mary, died 30 March 1941 Bowling Green, Warren County, KY. They were buried in the Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Mary Collins, was the mother of 5 children, 3 of whom were deceased. Bolivar Buckner Collins & Mary Elizabeth Rial were the parents of – twin (1888-1888), twin (1888-1888), Charles (1890-1958, married Mrs. Gladys Hillis Tygrett), Elizabeth May ('Bessie', 1892-1965, married Harry Lee Hoover) and infant son (1894-1894).
- f. Freddie Collins was born and died 10 November 1867 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.
- g. Edie Collins was born and died 18 March 1869 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

- h. James O. Collins was born 15 August 1871 Ohio County, KY and died 14 May 1872 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.
  - i. Martin Hines Collins was born 19 May 1874 Ohio County, KY. He married Glenn Bibb, 27 October 1898 Lexington, Fayette County, KY. Glenn, daughter of Thomas Edwin Bibb & Mary Victoria Pryde, was born 25 August 1876 Bristol, VA. Martin died 26 August 1938 in Memphis, Shelby County, TN, where he was visiting on a business trip. His widow, Glenn, died 13 July 1971 El Paso, El Paso County, TX. They were buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, El Paso County, TX. Children of Martin Hines Collins & Glenn Bibb were – Mary Augusta (1901-1981, married Jacob Dill McKenney) and John R. (1903-1927, single).
  - j. William H. Collins was born 3 June 1877 Ohio County, KY. He married Beulah Lean Barnett, 21 June 1902 Planters House Hotel, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Beulah, daughter of Samuel Thomson Barnett & Mary Prudie Stevens, was born 27 October 1883 Ohio County, KY. William died 3 March 1924 Spruce Pine, Franklin County, AL and his wife, Beulah, died 19 May 1965 Montgomery, Montgomery County, AL. They were buried in the Florence Cemetery, Florence, Lauderdale County, AL. The children of William H. Collins & Beulah Lena Barnett were – Rose Ethelyn (1903-1988, single), Annabel (1904-1906), James Samuel (1906-1908), Beulah Barnett (1909-1990's, married William Henry Gambill), Willye Ruth (1911-1990, married Richard Thatcher Ashley) and William H., Jr. (1913-1963, single).
5. Joseph David Midkiff was born in August 1835 Ohio County, KY. He is listed as Joseph D. Midkiff in a listing of the heirs of Charlotte Smith Midkiff in Ohio County, KY Deed Book R (p250, 11 March 1859). David Midkiff is listed in his father's household in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY; his age was reported as 14 and 25. He appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists during 1857-1863.

During the Civil War David Midkiff enlisted in the Confederate army. The Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, Confederate Kentucky Volunteers, Civil War 1861-1865 (Volume 1, Frankfort, KY, 1915, p426) records that David Midkiff and Henry Midkiff enlisted in company C, 9<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry at Hopkinsville, KY on 22 September 1861. This outfit was composed of many residents of Ohio County and its surrounding counties. The same resource noted that David was discharged on account of physical disability from disease on 22 July 1862. Capt. Newman certified he had been sick for two months and was unfit for duty. He was discharged at a camp near Vicksburg, MS.

The Hartford Herald, in its 6 March 1878 edition carried the following item about David (Hartford, KY, p3):

Heard from Again

Mr. David Midkiff, son of our old resident, John Midkiff, who left here in January, 1864, and who had not been heard from since the 12th of March, 1868, has been heard from. His brother, H. S. Midkiff, received a letter from him dated 28th January 1878, written in Washington Territory. He is alive and well, and gives an account of a large fishery being carried on at Brookfield.



After leaving Ohio County, KY in January 1864 David Midkiff is found in California and Washington. He was registered to vote in Fremont Township, Santa Clara County, CA on 13 July 1867. California had become a state in 1850. On his registration it was recorded that David Midkiff was age 31, a native of Kentucky, and was a farmer. In California he also registered to vote on 9 August 1871 at Magalia in Butte County and on 18 August 1873 at Tehama in Tehama County.

The Hartford Herald in 1878 noted that David Midkiff was then a resident of Washington Territory. In the 1885 census of Pacific County, Washington Territory there is listed David Metcalf, age 49, born Kentucky, farmer, listed by himself. In the 1887 census of Bay Center Precinct, Pacific County, Washington Territory is listed David Midkeff, age 52, born Kentucky, single, Democrat. Washington Territory in 1889 became the 42nd state in the United States. David is listed as David Midcalf in the 1900 census of Aberdeen, Chehalis County, state of Washington. The following was reported about him – born August 1835 KY, single, day laborer, can read & write. The counties of Pacific and Chehalis in Washington that David was found in both bordered on the Pacific Ocean.

6. Delilah M. Midkiff was born 1 March 1837 Ohio County, KY. She married Samuel Peyton Taylor, 3 June 1869 Ohio County, KY. Samuel, son of Blackstone Taylor & Elizabeth Ann Austin, was born 11 November 1842 Ohio County, KY. His full name is listed as Samuel Peyton Taylor in an obituary and he appears as Peyton S. Taylor in the 1920 census. He was named for Dr. Samuel O. Peyton (1804-1870), a prominent doctor of Ohio County, who served in the US House of Representatives. Samuel P. Taylor is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1880 he was living in the town of Beaver Dam and was serving as deputy sheriff of Ohio County. He operated a mercantile business in Beaver Dam for a number of years.

Delilah Taylor died 13 March 1899 at her home in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Samuel P. Taylor married Mrs. Emma Lee (Payne) Austin, 25 August 1901 Calhoun, McLean County, KY. Emma, daughter of John W. Payne & Mary Elizabeth Smith, was born 23 May 1858 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry M. Austin (1828-1894), 13 March 1884 Ohio County, KY.

Samuel P. Taylor died 16 January 1925 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried with his wife, Delilah. His widow, Emma, died 9 September 1936 Ohio County, KY and was buried Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, McLean County, KY. Emma had no children. The children of Delilah M. Midkiff & Samuel Peyton Taylor were:

- a. Daughter born and died 27 July 1870 Ohio County, KY. Buried Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- b. Rosa Taylor, 'Rose', was born 28 March 1872 Ohio County, KY. She married Edward Hutsill Patterson, 11 March 1896 Elizabethtown, Hardin County, KY. Edward, son of Edward D. Patterson & Susan Ann Lampton, was born 5 December 1871 Sonora, Hardin County, KY. Rose died 16 November 1899 of typhoid fever at her father's residence in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. She was buried Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. She was survived by her husband and twins. Edward H. Patterson married Josephine Nightengale (1877-1965), 15 November 1902 Kansas City, Jackson County, MO;

by this marriage he had a daughter, Mary Sue. Rose Taylor & Edward Hutsill Patterson had two children – Wilda Rose (1898-1944, married William Jacob Wiedemann) and Frank Corley (1898-1935, single).

- c. Daughter born and died 17 June 1874 Ohio County, KY. Buried Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
7. Rachel P. Midkiff was born 25 July 1840 Ohio County, KY. She probably was named after her first cousin, Rachel Pruden. Rachel Midkiff married Reason Rice Paxton, 10 January 1867 Ohio County, KY at her father's residence. Reason, son of Samuel J. Paxton & Eliza E. Williams, was born 22 October 1830 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1900 census of Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY. He served as postmaster at Cromwell in Ohio County, 30 May 1865 to 8 August 1865 and 26 January 1866 to 28 February 1866. In 1870 & 1880 he was residing in the town of Cromwell. In 1860 he was reported to be a teacher; in 1870 a miller; in 1880 and 1900 a hotel keeper. He was operating a grist mill at McHenry in Ohio County in 1878-1879. In 1879 he took over operation of the Jo Kahn Hotel in Cromwell. In 1882 he took charge of the Hartford House Hotel in Hartford. In 1887 he moved to Central City, where he operated the Central City Coal & Iron Company's boarding house, the Frisz Hotel and Commercial Hotel. He retired about a year before his death. He died 13 December 1903 in Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY, where he was buried in the Fairmount Cemetery. His wife, Rachel, died on 30 December 1912 at the home of her daughter, Jessie Spink, in Fort Madison, Lee County, IA. She was returned to Central City, KY, where she was buried beside her husband and two sons. The wrong death year, 1913, was placed on her grave marker. Rachel P. Midkiff was the mother of 3 children according to the 1900 & 1910 censuses; 2 were living in 1900 and 1 in 1910. Children of Rachel P. Midkiff & Reason Rice Paxton were:
- a. Jessie Paxton, was born 7 February 1868 KY. She married James Thomas Spink, 22 December 1890 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. James, son of Charles R. Spink & Mary Delia Pearl, was born 14 October 1859 Hardin County, KY and died 5 November 1937 Fort Madison, Lee County, IA. His wife, Jessie, died 6 February 1949 Fort Madison Lee County IA. They were buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Lee County, IA. They had one child – Thomas Howard Paxton (1892- 1944, married Margaret Wheelock).
  - b. Shelby D. Paxton was 17 April 1869 KY and died 17 May 1896. He was buried Fairmount Cemetery, Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY.
  - c. Rice Pendleton Paxton, 'Bud', was born 16 April 1872 KY. He died of consumption on 28 July 1909 at the home of his uncle, Samuel P. Taylor in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY (Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 30 July 1909 p5). He was not married. He was buried Fairmount Cemetery, Central City, Muhlenberg County.
8. Catherine Ann Midkiff, 'Kitty', was born 14 June 1841 Ohio County, KY. She married George Hamilton Barnes, 23 January 1862 Ohio County, KY at the residence of

her father. George, son of John Hiram Barnes & Sarah Ann Hocker, was born 23 September 1839 Ohio County, KY. George is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. In 1900 he sold his farm of 250 acres near the Goshen church and moved to Beaver Dam, where he helped to organize Beaver Dam Flour Milling Co. Kitty Midkiff Barnes died 18 August 1907 at her home in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY and George H. Barnes died of influenza on 17 January 1919 at his home in Ohio County, KY. He was one of the directors of the Beaver Dam Bank and was one of the largest taxpayers in the county. They were buried in the Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Catherine Ann Midkiff and George Hamilton Barnes had 14 children, 9 of whom were living in 1900.



Front row: Kitty Midkiff Barnes (1841-1907), Laura Barnes 1882-1903), George Hamilton Barnes (1839-1919), Bessie Barnes (1885-1957) & Eddie Barnes (1866-1955). Back row: George Barnes (1877-1947), Lizzie Barnes (1875-1953), Byron Barnes (1873-1929), Minnie Barnes (1869-1957), Fannie Barnes (1867-1959) & Emma Barnes (1865-1909).



Catherine Ann Midkiff Barnes (1841-1907)



Barnes family lot at Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery

Children of Catherine Ann Midkiff and George Hamilton Barnes were:

- a. Infant male was born and died 3 September 1862. Buried Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- b. Sallie Emma Barnes was born 19 February 1865 Ohio County, KY. She never married. Emma was appointed postmaster of Beaver Dam in Ohio County on 3 June 1893 and served until 14 May 1897. In 1900 she was the keeper of a boarding house in Beaver Dam. She died 16 July 1909 Ohio County, KY. She was buried Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- c. Eddie Porter Barnes, 'E. P.', was born 27 January 1866 Ohio County, KY. He married Adeline Davis Sublette, 21 May 1907 Nortonville, Hopkins County, KY. Adeline, 'Dee', daughter of James Hinchey Sublette & Margaret Kuykendall, was born 19 October 1867 Blandville, Ballard County, KY. In 1899 E. P. Barnes and his brother, Byron, established the mercantile company, E. P. Barnes & Brother, in Beaver Dam, KY. It became a very successful establishment and grew to have stores in Owensboro, Central City, Earlington and Hopkinsville, KY. In 1911 he founded the Barnes Automobile Company; the company conducted Ford dealerships in several Western Kentucky cities. About 1920 he made his home in Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY, where he died on 17 December 1955. His wife, Adeline, died there on 14 February 1953. They were buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY. They had no children.



Eddie Porter Barnes (1866-1955)

- d. Fannie Dorcas Barnes was born 24 July 1867 Ohio County, KY. She married Joseph Leslie Leach, 17 August 1905 Henderson, Henderson County, KY. Leslie, son of William Powell Leach & Clara Wharton Taylor, was born 17 October 1878 Ohio County, KY. Leslie & Fannie were divorced after 1940. He married second Effie Grace Goodwin (1920-2008), 1940-1956. Leslie died at his home on 17 July 1956 in Cerulean, Trigg County, KY, where he was buried in the Turner Cemetery. He was a retired merchant of Central City and was owner and operator of Barnes Automobile Co., at Hopkinsville for a number of years. Fannie Barnes Leach died on 10 April 1959 in Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY, where she was buried in the Riverside Cemetery. She was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters. She had no children.
- e. Minnie Lee Barnes was born 1 March 1869 Ohio County, KY. She married Shelby Taylor, 31 March 1891 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. Shelby, son of Harber Blackstone Taylor & Octavia Chinn, was born 11 July 1865 Ohio County, KY. Shelby Taylor was an attorney. He was admitted to the Ohio County bar in 1893. In December 1900 Shelby & Minnie moved to Crawley, Acadia Parish, LA. He served as the mayor of Crawley, LA (1905-1908) and was railroad commission of Louisiana for 18 years. Shelby died 24 September 1936 in Baton Rouge, LA. His wife, Minnie, died in Baton Rouge on 20 June 1957. They were buried at the Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Baton Rouge, LA. They had two children – Hugh Edward (1896-1954, married Mary Leigh Sewell) and Kittie Lee (1902-1971, single).
- f. Estel H. Barnes was born 7 April 1871 Ohio County, KY. He died on 16 July 1890 of abscess of the bowels at his home near Goshen in Ohio County, KY.
- g. Byron Collins Barnes was born 27 December 1873 Ohio County, KY. He married Dena May Woodward, 6 August 1913 Youngstown, Mahoning County, OH. Dena, daughter of Clayton Leslie Woodward & Martha Agnes Foster, was born 24 September 1879 Ohio County, KY. Byron was a partner with his brother, Eddie P., in the E. P. Barnes & Bro. firm, and was in charge of their business in Hopkinsville, KY. Byron died on 29 October 1929 at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Davidson County, TN. His wife, Dena, died on 9 May 1968 in Fairhope, Baldwin County, Al. Byron & Dena were buried Riverside Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY. They had 4 children – William Truman (1915-1991, married Nancy Gregory), Edward Foster (1916-1986, married Martha Sullivan & Valentina Potor), John Woodward (1918-1984, married Gloria Nicholas) and Martha Metcalfe (1920-2004, married William Richard Hill).
- h. Elizabeth P. Barnes, ‘Lizzie’, was born 7 April 1875 Ohio County, KY. She married Hiley Taylor, 24 November 1896 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Hiley, son of Richard Thomas Taylor & Lucy Haden Stevens, was born 13 June 1865 Ohio County, KY. Hiley died at his residence in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY on 25 May 1906. Elizabeth Barnes Taylor for many years was a clerk in the ready-to-wear department of her brothers’ store, E. P. Barnes & Bro. She died of a heart attack on 4 January 1953 at her home in Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY. She

was buried with her husband, Hiley Taylor, at the Old Liberty Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth & Hiley were parents of – Geneva Loice (1897-1982, married William Bryan Hunt), Nell (1899-1899) and Estille R. (1902-1906).

- i. Pearl Barnes was born and died 24 October 1876 Ohio County, KY. She was buried Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- j. George Abbot Barnes was born 9 August 1877 Ohio County, KY. He married Essie May Williams, 10 October 1906 Ohio County, KY. Essie, daughter of Jacob Delmer Williams & Margery Jane Taylor, was born 31 May 1885 Ohio County, KY. George was a farmer. He committed suicide by shooting himself on 24 December 1947 Ohio County, KY. His wife, Essie, died 17 November 1967 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. George & Essie were buried Sunnyside Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Children of George Abbot Barnes & Essie May Williams were – George Williams (1907-1937, married Helen Brooks), Edward Morton (1909-1909), Andrea Louise (1911-1915), Charles Tim (1913-1985, married Wilda Mae Johnson & Ellen Oldham), Marjorie Emmalene (1915-1998, married Thomas Austin Caudle), Bessie Lee (1920-after 2001, married George Amos Caudle), Anna Elizabeth ('Dolly', 1921-2001, married William Maurice Martin), Ed (1924-1924) and Essie Gene (1926-1931).
- k. Ernest Barnes was born 3 May 1879 Ohio County, KY and died of brain fever 6 April 1880 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- l. Owen Barnes was born 23 October 1880 Ohio County, KY and died 3 February 1881 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- m. Laura Glenn Barnes was 28 March 1882 Ohio County, KY. She married William Claude Blankenship, 15 January 1902 Ohio County, Ky. Claude, son of William Henry Blankenship & Hannah Eliza Parrott, was born 19 February 1880 Ohio County, KY. He served eight years as Ohio County Court Clerk (1914-1922) and also was a mayor of the city of Hartford, KY. Laura Barnes died 5 October 1903 at her residence in Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Laura had no children. Claude Blankenship also married Minnie S. Maddox (1880-1948), 20 March 1907 Ohio County, KY; Mrs. Katherine E. Maloney McGrayel (1889-1942), 1926 Champaign County, IL; and Mrs. Emma Caroline Ewert Moore, 27 December 1942 Jackson County, OR. William Claude Blankenship died 15 December 1951 Jacksonville, Jackson County, OR. He was buried Siskiyou Memorial Park Cemetery, Medford, Jackson County, OR. He left no children.
- n. Bessie Delilah Barnes was born 21 March 1885 Ohio County, KY. She married Daniel Males Duncan Kelly, 10 June 1908 Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY. Daniel, son of James C. Kelly & Jennie Duncan, was born 6 April 1879 McHenry,



Ohio County, KY. Daniel died 24 March 1967 Madisonville, Hopkins County, KY. His wife, Bessie, died 13 December 1957 Madisonville, Hopkins County, KY. They were buried at the Evergreen Cemetery, Greenville, Muhlenberg County, KY. Bessie Delilah Barnes and Daniel Males Duncan Kelly had four children – Christine Elizabeth (1909-1997, married Walter Lincoln Ryan), Mary Louise (1911-1922, she was runover by a tobacco wagon), Charles Daniel (1914-1986, married Sarah Virginia Porter) and George Albert (1920-1944, single, lost at sea in the English Channel on D-Day).

9. Charlotte Midkiff, ‘Lottie’, was born 18 April 1849 Ohio County, KY. She married James Ferdinand Ambrose, 18 December 1873 at her father’s residence in Ohio County, KY. James, son of Henry Ambrose & Elizabeth Crow, was born 6 February 1845 Ohio County, KY. James is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer and lived near Marvin’s Chapel.

Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section):

**JAMES FERDINAND AMBROSE**, Ohio County, was born February 6, 1845, on the place where he now resides, in Ohio County, Ky. His father was born November 24, 1801, in Ohio County, and died in 1873. His grandfather, a native of Germany, was a patriotic soldier, under Gen. Green, in the American Revolution. Subject’s mother, Betsey Ambrose, died July 26, 1868. To her and husband were born Mary M. (Smith), Pricy S. (Medcalf), William L., James Ferdinand, Sallie A. (Johnson) and Annie E. In youth James F. was fortunate in receiving a common English education, and has, in a commendable manner, availed himself of every opportunity of seeking information. December 18, 1873, he was united in marriage to Charlotte, daughter of John and Charlotte (Smith) Midkiff, of Ohio County, born April 18, 1849, and this union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, viz.: Iva and Myrtie. Mr. Ambrose is a farmer, owning 180 acres of well-improved land in a good state of cultivation. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

James F. Ambrose died of consumption at the age of 40 on 28 January 1886 in Ohio County, KY and was buried in the Ambrose Cemetery on his farm near Marvin’s Chapel (see article, “Ambrose Cemetery, Ohio County, KY” by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).

Charlotte (Midkiff) Ambrose died in Ohio County, KY on 15 March 1905 and was buried in the Sunnydale Cemetery, Ohio County, KY about a mile from the family cemetery where her husband was buried. She was familiarly called “Aunt Puss”. Two children were born to Charlotte Midkiff and James Ferdinand Ambrose:

- a. Iva Ambrose was born 14 December 1874 Ohio County, KY. She married John Henry Morgan Miller, 14 May 1893 Ohio County, KY. Henry, son of Abraham Miller & Martha Ann Johnson, was born 4 July 1865 Edmonson County,

KY. Henry & Iva moved in 1907 to Woodruff County, Arkansas, where he died 23 August 1937. He ended his life with a shotgun. Iva died on 5 February 1954 and was buried at the Augusta Memorial Park Cemetery, Augusta, Woodruff County, AR. Their children were Nora (1894-1985, married Charles P. Cook & Paul Philip Thoma), Curtis (1897-1988, married Ethel Marie Florey), Claude (born & died during 1900-1910), Ollie (1904-1996, married Victor Hugo Preller), Clifton (c1910-c1915) and Noel (1915-1995, married Doris H. Sawyer & Ruth Lavound Edmondson).

- b. Myrtie Ambrose was born 27 August 1877 Ohio County, KY. She married John Henry Dodson, 3 February 1897 Marvin's Chapel Church, Ohio County, KY. John, son of Andrew Wayne Dodson & Rachel M. Smith, was born 30 November 1873 Laure County, KY and died 6 July 1953 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Myrtie Dodson died 27 September 1953 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She and her husband were buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Myrtie's obituary stated: "Mrs. Dodson was born and reared on a farm settled by her grandfather near the Marvin's Chapel church. She continued to live there until three years ago when she and her husband went to live with their daughter, Miss Kittye Bess Dodson, in Owensboro, after their health began to fail. Her grandfather was prominent among the early settlers of Ft. Hartford, having followed the business of a tanner in the early days." She was survived by two daughters, one grandson, R. Tarvin Baker of Louisville, KY and a sister, Mrs. Iva Miller, of Augusta AR. John Henry Dodson & Myrtie Ambrose had two children - Annie Laura (1898-1973, married R. Tarvin Baker & William Houston Gillespie) and Kitty Bess Dodson (1903-1977, never married).

Children of John Robinson Midkiff (1804-1884) and Eliza Hamilton Chapman (1820-1893) were:

1. Anna Laura Midkiff was born 17 August 1862 Ohio County, KY. She is listed with her parents in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Hartford, Ohio County, KY. In 1879 she was assistant postmaster in Hartford, KY and in 1883 she was a teacher at the Goshen school in Ohio County. She married John Andrew Kuykendall, 16 April 1884 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the home of her half-sister, Mrs. George H. Barnes. The celebrant was Rev. James W. Taylor, a Methodist minister. John A. Kuykendall was a resident of Woodbury in Butler County, KY. He was a native of that county and was the son of Moses Warren Kuykendall & Eliza Kuykendall, who were cousins. John A. is listed in the 1860, 1870 and 1900 censuses of Butler County, KY. At the time of the 1880 census, he was a resident in the home of Laura's half-sister, Mrs. Reason R. Paxton, at Cromwell in Ohio County, KY. The 1880 census, his marriage license and death certificate reported that he was a druggist. The 1910 & 1920 censuses of La Center, Ballard County, KY report that he was a widower and employed as a druggist. He died in Ballard County, KY on 23 October 1925. He and Laura were buried at the Little Muddy Cemetery in Butler County, KY. Anna Laura Midkiff & John Andrew Kuykendall were the parents of:
  - a. Wilbur Kuykendall was born 17 May 1885 Woodbury, Butler County, KY. He married Lennie Dockery (1889-1953), 3 August 1907 Sumner County, TN. He

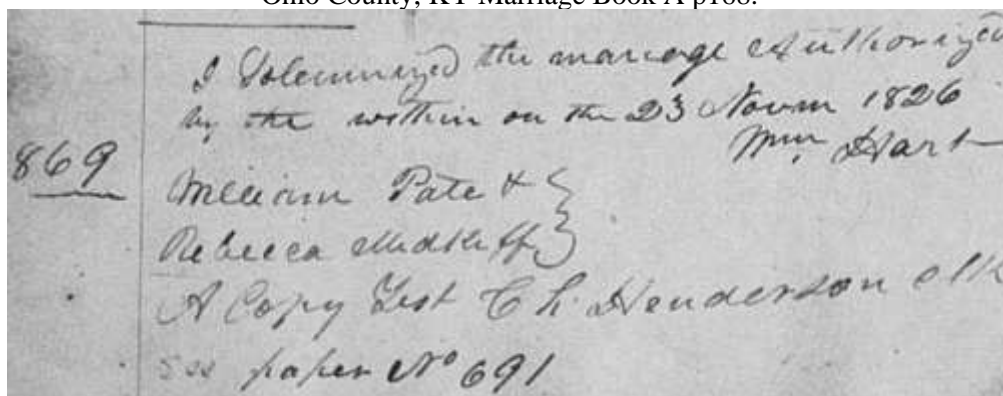
died 6 June 1945 Frankfort, Franklin County, KY and was buried Riverview Cemetery, Morgantown, Butler County, KY.

- b. Charles Kuykendall was born 16 December 1887 Woodbury, Butler County, KY. He died 26 September 1908 while visiting an uncle in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, TX, where he was buried in the Riverside Cemetery. He was not married.
- c. Emma Kuykendall was born 8 November 1894 Woodbury, Butler County, KY. She married Edd Marshall Guffy (1886-1953), 29 November 1911 Sumner County, TN. She died 12 August 1962 Paducah, McCracken County, KY. She was buried La Center Gardens Cemetery, La Center, Ballard County, KY.
- d. Ray Kuykendall was born 8 November 1894 Butler County, KY. He died 2 December 1922 Bowling Green Warren County, KY. He was buried Little Muddy Cemetery, Butler County, KY. He was not married.

**Rebecca Midkiff**, daughter of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 1805-1806 Shelby County, KY. On the death certificate of her daughter, Elizabeth Jane Taylor (1827-1920), Rebecca's name is listed as Sallie Midkiff. The informant on the death certificate was Rebecca's grandson, Joseph Thomas Taylor (1871-1963). This is the only record that suggests that part of Rebecca's name was Sallie. However, the majority of researchers have accepted this as part of her name. They are apparently not aware of the cardinal rule that you should evaluate and document something from at least two independent sources before accepting it as a fact. I have looked at thousands of death certificates and realize that it is one of the most imprecise records and has a high error rate. The fact that this death certificate was recorded 64 years after Rebecca's death and the informant was born 15 years after her death makes me question the conclusion that Rebecca's name contained Sallie in it. Also boys tend to be less informed on familial matters.

Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1059 (Ishmael C. Sutton vs William C. Midkiff et al) proves that Rebecca, wife of William Pate, was the daughter of Benjamin Midkiff. Rebecca married William Pate, 23 November 1826 Ohio County, KY. In the loose marriage documents at the Ohio County Clerk's office a consent slip signed by her father, Benjamin Midkiff, was filed. They were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A p168:





William Pate, son of John Pate & Janet Crawford, was born c1806 Breckinridge County, KY. His father's final will was recorded in Ohio County, KY in August 1820 (Will Book A p240). William Pate, of Ohio County, KY, is listed as an heir of John Pate in Hancock County, KY Circuit Court suit file #154. The suit was filed by his brother, Samuel C. Pate, on 30 April 1840 against the heirs of John & Janet Pate, deceased. For \$120 William transferred his interest (1/6 share) in his father's estate to his brother-in-law, Thomas Smith, on 4 July 1828. A deed recorded in Ohio County, KY on 3 October 1857 involving the transfer of land belonging to his grandfather, Samuel Crawford's estate, named William Pate as a son of Samuel Crawford's daughter Jane Pate (Deed Book Q pp134-137).

William Pate's brother, Samuel Crawford Pate (1795-1849), was referred to in Carl Sandburg's biography of Abraham Lincoln. Samuel, a Justice of the Peace, in 1827 at his home near Lewisport, KY, tried the future president for illegal ferrying, an event that allegedly sparked young Abe's interest in the law. Squire Samuel Pate's home is on the National Register of Historic Places and is still owned by his descendants. William's father, John Pate (c1770-1820), served as one of the first sheriffs of Breckinridge County, KY. William's uncle Joseph Allen (1774-1862) was the first county court clerk of Breckinridge County, KY. Patesville, the first post office in what is now Hancock County, KY, was named for another uncle, William Pate (1775-1853).

Rebecca Midkiff's husband, William Pate, first appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1827. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. His occupation was reported as farmer. In 1860 and 1870 he was living in the neighborhood that included Buford, Barnett's Creek Baptist Church and Hoover Hill.

William & Rebecca Pate were both reported to be 44 years old in the 1850 census. Rebecca died on 14 July 1855 Ohio County, KY. She has a tombstone in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery near Beech Valley in Ohio County, KY. The inscription reads "Rebecca wife of William Pate died July 14, 1855 aged 49 yrs".



Grave of Rebecca Midkiff Pate is in front of tree in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery.



William Pate married Mrs. Agnes Patton, 12 March 1859 Ohio County, KY. On a record of their marriage, it was reported that he was 52 and she 26; it was the second marriage for both. She was Agnes Hord Bell, daughter of Jefferson Bell & Lucy Norvelle Taylor Hord. Agnes was born 28 May 1823 Lawrence County, KY. She married Granville Patton (1822-1856), 13 April 1845 Ohio County, KY. Descendants reported that Granville was killed by a falling tree. Granville and Agnes Patton had six children – Lucy Riter (c1846-1855), John William (c1848-1855), Mary Elizabeth (1850-1883, married John T. Allen), Willis J. (1852-1886, married Laura Henrietta Roach), James Thomas (1854-1931, married Sallie M. French) and Granville Hord (1856-1943, married Melissa J. Hudson).

William & Agnes Pate on 12 March 1859 signed a marriage contract by which Agnes would retain ownership of her estate at the time of their marriage free of any claims by William Pate (Ohio County, KY Deed Book R, pp56-57). Subsequently they were both listed in the Ohio County tax lists. At the time of their marriage Agnes owned a farm of 106 acres on Barnett's Creek and William owned no land. In 1871 William Pate was taxed on 1 horse, 2 hogs, 1000 pounds of tobacco and 300 bushels of corn. In a Patton family bible, it was recorded that William Pate departed this life the 22 of April 1873 (see article, "Patton Family of Ohio County, KY", by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). Agnes (Bell) Patton Pate died 17 December 1910 Ohio County, KY and has a tombstone in the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 Ohio County census reported that Agnes was the mother of 8 children 3 of whom were then living. Agnes had 6 children by her first marriage. William Pate & Agnes H. Bell had two children – Cicero M. (born 1860/1864 - died 22 August 1864) and Jesse R. Pate (July 1863 - 15 May 1903, married Dollie Davis Richeson, buried Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, Buford, Ohio County, KY).

Rebecca Midkiff and William Pate had 7 children who reached maturity. They were:

1. Elizabeth Jane Pate, 'Betsy', was born 11 December 1827 Ohio County, KY. She married William F. Taylor, 27 August 1846 Ohio County, KY. They were married by

Joseph Perkins Ellis, a Baptist minister. The bride's father, William Pate, signed his consent.

William F. Taylor was born 1820-1821 Shelby County, KY. On Ancestry.com and Findagrave.com his family contains numerous errors!! His parents have not been identified. The marriage of his daughter, Margaret P., reported that her father was born in Shelby County, KY. In an Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit (#1077) involving the sale of the slaves of John Peyton Taylor ((c1765-1847) William F., gave testimony, on 31 May 1850. He said: "That he is now about 28 or 29 years of age, that he was raised by John P. Taylor and always resided in his family until about two years before his death and during that time he lived within about a mile of his house." John Peyton Taylor in 1823 came to Ohio County, KY from Shelby County, KY. In the 1830 & 1840 Ohio County, KY censuses in the household of John P. Taylor there is a male child of the age of William F. Taylor. Shortly after William F. Taylor came of age, he was deeded 82½ acres of land for \$1.00 by John P. Taylor on 28 November 1844 (Ohio County Deed Book I, p389). William F. & Betsy Taylor named their first child John Peyton Taylor (1847-1872). DNA analysis establish that there is a close relationship between William F. Taylor and the older John Peyton Taylor. In a bible record of the John Peyton Taylor family William F. Taylor is not named as a child (see article, "John Peyton Taylor Family Record", by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). Many researchers are now listing William F. Taylor (c1821-1891) as the son of John Peyton Taylor & his wife, Mary Davis or of his son, Thomas Littlegrove Taylor (1795-1878) & his wife, Cassandra Van Cleave. These conclusions are totally contradicted by the family bible record and by the hundreds of pages that enumerate the children of John Peyton Taylor or of his son, Thomas Littlegrove Taylor, that are to be found in the Ohio County estate files, circuit court suits and deed books. I suspect that William F. Taylor is a child of one of the unmarried daughters listed in the home of John Peyton Taylor (c1765-1847) & Mary Davis, in the 1820 census of Shelby County, KY. In olden times it was a common practice that a child born before a marriage lived with and was raised by the grandparents.

In numerous family tree files published on the Internet William F. Taylor is assigned a middle name of "Ferdinand". This is guesswork since no original sources have been found that show this. I prefer to document facts and not to fill in the blanks by guessing. William F.'s granddaughter, Jessie Taylor Handley (1897-1998) did not know what her grandfather's middle name was. It is possible William F. Taylor's middle name might be "Franklin"; which was the middle name of one of his sons.

William F. Taylor is listed in the 1850 (age 27), 1860 (39), 1870 (49) and 1880 (60) censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. The 1875 Ohio County tax lists shows that he owned 82 acres, 1 horse, 2 cattle and 3 hogs. In the 1890 Ohio County tax list his nearest neighborhood was reported to be Dr. Patton. This was Dr. John William Patton (1835-1908, who lived near the Antioch Christian Church at what was known as Taylorfield, named for John Peyton Taylor, who lived nearby. Jessie Taylor Handley (1897-1998) said her father, Jesse C. Taylor, was born at Taylorfield and Benjamin F. Long (1898-1972) said his mother, Margaret P. Taylor, was born at Taylorfield. George Warren Taylor (1841-1914), of Bell's Run, Ohio County, KY recorded in his memorandum book that William F. Taylor died on 15 March 1891 (see "George Warren Taylor (1841-1914): Register of Deaths, 1853-1905", by Jerry Long (Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). The Hartford Herald of 4 March 1891(Hartford, KY, p3) published the



following item - “Adahburg, Wm. Taylor is lying at the point of death with a cancer on his arm.” The death of William F. Taylor was reported in the Hartford Herald in the issue of 8 April 1891 (Hartford, KY, p2) - “Adahburg: Mr. William Taylor, of Adahburg, departed this life March the 15th of cancer. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.” Adahburg is about a mile south of Taylorfield and the Antioch Church.



Antioch Christian Church, Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY.  
Picture was made on 30 March 1981 by Jerry Long

Elizabeth Pate Taylor is listed as a widow in the 1900, 1910 & 1920 Ohio County, KY censuses. In 1900 she was living with the widow of her nephew, Mrs. Eli (Mollie Chinn Patton, and in 1910 and 1920 she was living with her son, Sam Taylor, who she was living with at her death. She died on 19 March 1920 near Buford in Ohio County, KY. She was buried in the Bell’s Run Baptist Church Cemetery, at Bell’s Run in Ohio County, KY. Her grave is unmarked. She is possibly buried near her son, John P. Taylor (1847-1872), and grandson, Jesse S. Long (1882-1886) in the old section of the cemetery on the north side of driveway and the church. Her great-granddaughter, Gladys Chinn Wilson (1914-2003), remembered that Elizabeth was fleshy, had red hair tied in a bob in the back and she smoked a pipe. The 1910 census recorded that Elizabeth was the mother of 9 children, 5 of whom were then living (these were – Samuel, Sallie Mary, Margaret Priscilla, Jesse & Joseph).

The children of Elizabeth Jane Pate and William F. Taylor were:

- a. John Peyton Taylor was born 19 September 1847 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Ann Smith, 9 February 1868 Ohio County, KY. On their marriage record it was recorded that the groom as age 21 on September 19 last. Mary, daughter of Thomas Smith & Mary Ann Sutton, was born 27 December 1843 Ohio County, KY. Edmund F. Smith was appointed guardian for Thomas and Mary Smith, infant orphans of Thomas Smith, deceased on 7 May 1849 (Ohio County, KY Guardian Bond Book 1, p59). Mary is listed in the home of Amos & Mary Martin in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. John P. Taylor died 28 February 1872 Ohio County, KY. He was buried in the old section of the Bell’s Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. The old section of the cemetery on the north side of the driveway for many years was not cared for and it became an entangled thicket until it was cleaned up in 1989. After hearing that the old section had been reclaimed, I visited the cemetery on 27 March 1989. In the extreme back part of the old section, I found the grave of Jesse S. Long (1882-1886), son of Richard Johnson

Long & Sally Mary Taylor. A few feet away I saw a foot marker with the initials “J. P. T.” I immediately thought it could be John Peyton Taylor, a brother of my great-grandmother, Margaret Taylor Long. At the other end of the grave, I ran a prod into the ground. I hit something solid and then removed the top soil. Shortly I had dug up a gravestone that read “John P. Taylor born Sep. 19, 1847 died Feb., 28, 1872.” Nearby there were signs of several unmarked graves.



Picture was made by Jerry Long on 20 February 1990

John Peyton Taylor and Mary Ann Smith had two sons: Bazil Jesse (‘Baz’, 1869-1956, married Margaret Emily Stinnett) and Henry T. (1871-1908, married Delila Duke).

Mrs. Mary (Smith) Taylor, widow of John Peyton Taylor, married second George Washington Maddox, 9 April 1876 Ohio County, KY. George, son of Charles H. Maddox & Mary Ellen Massie, was born 4 July 1843 Amherst County, VA and died 17 November 1915 Ohio County, KY. Mary Smith Maddox died of pneumonia on 11 March 1899 Ohio County, KY. Mary & George were buried Bell’s Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They had 3 children – John N. (1877-1879), Sarah E. (1879-1880) and Mary Ellen (1884-1969, married her first cousin, George Edmond Smith).

- b. Squire Littlegrove Taylor. ‘Grove’, was born 15 January 1850 Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY. His two marriage records indicate he would have been born in 1850. On his first marriage in 1869 he reported that he would be 20 years on next January 15. His grandson, Cecil P. Taylor (1900-1982), said he was originally from the Taylorfield area of Ohio County. On his second marriage his name was entered as Squire L. Taylor, Jr. Jr. was used to distinguish him from Squire Littlegrove Taylor (1827-1916), who was a son of Thomas Littlegrove Taylor & Sallie McCrocklin and grandson of John Peyton Taylor and Mary Davis.

Squire L. Taylor is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Mary A. Patton, 21 January 1869 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of Thomas Patton & Elizabeth D. Sears, was born 17 June 1849

Ohio County, KY and died 29 September 1873. George Warren Taylor (1841-1914) recorded in his memorandum book that “Mary A. Taylor got burned to death by the explosion of an oil can on 29 September 1873.” Squire L. Taylor married Mary E. Peters, 3 November 1875 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of James Monroe Peters, was born 24 March 1856 London, Laurel County, KY.

Grove Taylor died in 1907 and was buried at the Taylor Mines Cemetery near Beaver Dam in Ohio County, KY; his grave is unmarked. The obituary of his wife Mrs. Mary E. Taylor in the Ohio County Messenger (Beaver Dam, KY, 15 April 1932 p1) reported that “her husband died in 1907.” Mary E. Peters Taylor died 9 April 1932 at her home at Taylor Mines, in Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Taylor Mines Cemetery. Her obituary, the 1900 and 1910 censuses record that she was the mother of 14 children.



Squire Littlegrove (‘Grove’) Taylor (1850-1907) and wife, Mary E. Peters (1856-1932)

Squire Littlegrove Taylor and Mary A. Patton were the parents of Henry Leslie (1870-1943, married Martha Kelley & Elsie Johnson). Children of Squire Littlegrove Taylor and Mary E. Peters were – Richard (1878-1941, married Daisy Hoover, their son, Cecil Pearl Taylor, served as County Clerk of Ohio County, KY), Emily Letitia (‘Tishie’, 1879-1958, married Edward Hughes), Alice (1880-1932, married Joseph Trogden), James Franklin (c1882-1956, married Nora Thienes & Minnie Pearl Butts), Robert C. (1884-1931, married Nellie Elizabeth Davis), John R. (1886-1947, married Kate Lucille Kelley & Irma L. Renfrow), William Riley (1887-1953, married Eunice Render), Lyda Mae (1888-1968, married Grover Layton Southard & George Washington Kane), Charles (1890-1956, married Eva Dee Adkins), Daniel Duncan (1891-1935, married Anna Mitchell Hines, he was hit and killed by a train), Ellen (1894-1979, married Ricard Harvey Flatt & Willis Green Sharp), Thomas Edward Taylor (‘Jessie’, 1897-1946, married Daisy Kate Baker, she was married first to Thomas’ his first cousin, Edward Thomas Taylor), Lora Bell (1899-1979, married James Albert Thienes) and Goebel Clifford (1902-1969, married Mary Crystal Gentry).

- c. William Henry Taylor, ‘Bud’, was born 20 January 1852 Ohio County, KY. His birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. His niece, Jessie Taylor Handley (1897-1998), said her father had a brother, Bud Taylor, who was

married to Mollie and had a son, Oscar. Oscar Taylor on his marriage listed his father as Bud Taylor and on Oscar's death certificate it was given as Henry Taylor.

William H. Taylor is listed in the 1860 census of Ohio County, KY, 1880 census of McPherson County, KS and 1900 census of Union County, KY. He married Mary Jane Stinson, 1874-1875. Their marriage was probably recorded in Grayson County, KY, where the county's early marriages were lost in a courthouse fire. Mary J., daughter of Squire Stinson & Elizabeth Shain, was born 29 November 1854 Grayson County, KY. The 1900 census recorded that William H. & Mary J. Taylor had been married 25 years and she was the mother of 10 children, 4 of whom were then deceased. William was a coal miner. He died in Ohio County, KY on 6 May 1909. The Owensboro Inquirer (Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 13 May 1909 p6) carried the following item – "Clearrun, Ky., May 13: Mr. Jesse Taylor and daughter, Miss Tressie were called to Beaver Dam last Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother, Bud Taylor, whose remains were laid to rest in the Taylor Mines burying ground."

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 19 May 1909 p8:

**BEAVER DAM.**  
May 17.—Mr. Buck Taylor, brother of Uncle Grove Taylor and uncle of Mr. Leslie Taylor, of this place, died at his home just south of town on the 6th inst. He had been a long and patient sufferer.

Bud Taylor's widow, Mary J., married William Mansfield Rowe (1859-1935), 28 January 1916 McHenry, Ohio County, KY. Mary Jane Rowe died 6 July 1922 Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Taylor Mines Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. William Henry Taylor and Mary Jane Stinson had 10 children – Oscar Ott (1876-1945, married Lettie Barcaley & Minnie Delanie Maddox), Agnes Bell (1884-1955, married Charles Stevens Stone), Annie (1886-after 1900), Edward Thomas (1892-1932, married Daisy Kate Baker & Olive Held), William (1894-after 1955), Viola (1898-after 1900) and 4 others died 1876-1900.

- d. James M. Taylor was born 1854-1856 Ohio County, KY. He is listed with his parents in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Ohio County, KY; his age was given as 6 and 14. James M. Taylor died in Ohio County, KY on 28 January 1872. His death was recorded in the memorandum book of George Warren Taylor (1841-1914):

*James M Taylor Departed  
this life Jan 28 1872*

- e. Samuel Franklin Taylor, 'Sam', was born 23 January 1857-1858 Ohio County, KY. In the 1860 census his age was given as 2 and as 13 in the 1870 census. Millard Franklin Chinn (1925-1997) said his grandfather's middle name was Franklin and his birthday was January 23. He was a farmer and lived at several places in Ohio County – including near Pleasant Ridge, Dundee, Beaver Dam,



Woodward's Valley and Buford. When he died he was living in a house on Highway 231 near Hoover Hill, where he is sitting on the porch in picture below.

Samuel F. Taylor married Jane Ella Patton, 13 December 1883 Ohio County, KY. Jane, daughter of Thomas Patton & Elizabeth D. Sears, was born 27 July 1862 Buford, Ohio County, KY. Jane's sister, Mary A. Patton, married Samuel F.'s brother Squire L. Taylor. Jane Patton Taylor died 19 February 1927 near Livermore in McLean County, KY. Sam Taylor died of Bright's Disease in Ohio County, KY on 27 November 1938. Sam & Jane were buried at the Woodward's Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

The 1910 recorded that Jane E. Taylor was the mother of 3 children 1 of whom was then deceased. Children of Samuel Franklin Taylor and Jane Ella Patton were – Bessie Eleanor (1886-1924, married Gertie Gates Hamilton), Ida Mae (1888-1894, buried Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery, Beaver Dam, KY), and Rosa (1893-1968, married Hershel C. Chinn).



Picture on left: Samuel F. Taylor (c1857-1938, on right, died in this home on Highway 231 near Hoover Hill), Al Sparks (on left) & Millard Chinn (1925-1997, standing). Picture on right: Rosa Taylor Chinn (1893-1968), husband, Hershel C. Chinn (1889-1958) & two of their children, picture was made near Heflin.

- f. Sallie Mary Taylor was born 1860-1861 Ohio County, KY. Her age was given as 10 in the 1870 census, on her marriage it was reported she was 16, and in the 1880 census her age was listed as 18. She married Richard M. Johnson Long, 29 March 1877 County Clerk's office, Ohio County, KY. Richard, son of Benjamin Franklin Long & America Burrus / Morgan, was born 25 January 1857 Anderson County, KY. He was known by the nickname of 'Jons'. He is listed in the 1860 census of Anderson County, KY, 1870 census of Daviess County, KY, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1910 census of Daviess County, KY. He was named for Richard Mentor Johnson (1780-1850), a Kentuckian, who served as the 7th vice-president of the United States. In his parent's household in the 1860 census, he was listed as Richard and in the 1870 census as Johnson. On his marriage license he was listed as R. J. Long and his bride as Sallie M. Taylor.

In the membership rolls of the Bell's Run Baptist Church during the 1880's "Richard J. & Sally M. Long" are listed. On 21 January 1890 the Antioch Church of Christ was organized at Taylorfield in Ohio County and "R. J. Long" was listed on its membership roll. He was a farm hand. The 1890 Ohio County tax list shows him as a resident of the Buford Precinct. His family is listed in the West Beaver Dam Precinct of the 1900 Ohio County, KY census, they were enumerated two households from the family of his brother-in-law, Squire L. 'Grove' Taylor. In this census his name was mistakenly listed as Robert H. and his birth year as 1868; however, the names of his wife and children are correct. He was reported to be a day laborer and as renting his home. In September 1901 he was living in the Hell's Neck section of Ohio County about four miles east of Hartford.

Between September and November 1901 Richard & Sallie Long moved to Daviess County, KY. They appeared in the following Owensboro City Directories: 1903-04 - Richard M. Johnson Long (Sallie M.), hoop maker, 1501 East 11th Street; 1905 - R. M. Long (Sallie), laborer, residing 1411 West McFarland Street [now West Ninth Street]; 1907 - Dick Long (Sallie), laborer, residing 1308 Independence Avenue; 1909 - R. M. Long (Sallie), carpenter, residing 1912 Hall Street. Richard & Sallie are listed in the 1910 census of Daviess County, KY; they were residing on the Leitchfield Road near Owensboro. They were renting their home and he was working as a laborer at odd jobs.

Sallie Mary Taylor Long died 27 May 1910 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 29 May 1910 p1B: "Respected Woman Dies - Mrs. Mary Long, a respected woman of the\is city, died of a complication of erysipelas and pneumonia, at midnight Friday at her home on South Hall Street. The deceased had been ill only a few weeks. She was forty-seven years old. Several children survive. The funeral services will take place this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence. The interment will be in Elmwood."

An appropriation was made by the Daviess County Court on 1 October 1914 for housing Richard Long at the Daviess County Poor Farm. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 8 December 1914, p5: "Richard Long Is Dead - Richard Long, aged sixty, an inmate of the county infirmary died on Monday morning of dysentery. He had been in failing health for some time. The man had no known relatives. The remains will be interred at the infirmary today." On the same date an item on his death also appeared in the Owensboro Inquirer - the only difference being that it added that he "has been at the county infirmary for some time." His death certificate listed the cause of death as chronic Bright's Disease; his age was given as about 60, his birth date and parents were listed as unknown; his place of burial was given as "Poor Farm Cemetery" and he was buried on the same day as his death. The Daviess County Poor Farm Cemetery is located on the Miller's Mill Road where the Windridge Golf course is now located. The course was built over the cemetery.

In the 1900 census Sally M. Long was reported to be the mother of 10 children 9 of whom were then living. Of Sally's 10 children in 1900 seven were living at home, two - Robert & Theodore were in Muhlenberg County, KY and one other, Jesse, was deceased. In the 1910 census Sally was listed as having 12



children with 10 living - the two additional children were William, who was born in 1905, and Ethel, who was actually a granddaughter (daughter of Eva), but who was reported to be a daughter of Richard & Sally in both the 1900 & 1910 censuses.

The children of Richard M. Johnson Long and Sallie Mary Taylor were – Eva (1878-1919, married Samuel J. Bartlett); Robert (1880-1936, married Penina Shull); Jesse S. (1882-1886), James Theodore (c1884-1904, married Viola Reddish), Clarence Elmer (1886-1929, married Viola Reddish & Hallie Elizabeth Turner), Josie Lee (1888-after 1911, married Charles Dennison), Mary Alice (1891-1910, married William Reddish), Richard Thomas (1893-1968, married Mrs. Anna Terry Kirk), Ada (1895-1916, single), Sada (1899-1940, married Clarence Wesley Earley) and William (1904-1976, married Selena Grey Henderson).



In back – Richard M. Johnson Long (1857-1914), in front – Sallie Mary Taylor Long (c1861-1910); and some of their children (unidentified).

- g. Margaret Priscilla Taylor was born 30 November 1863 Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY. Her age was given as 7 in the 1870 census and as 14 on her marriage license. She married John Howard Long, 14 May 1878 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. John H., son of Benjamin Franklin Long & America Burrus / Morgan, was born 12 March 1852 Anderson County, KY. His son, Ben Long, wrote on the first page of a school primer in his old trunk his father, John H. Long's, birthdate was 12 March 1854. The year of 1852 is supported by several other sources - age 7 in the 1860 census, age 22 on his marriage and his tombstone. John Long is listed in the 1860 census of Anderson County, KY and 1870 census of Daviess County, KY. At the time of the 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY John & Margaret were living in the Hells' Neck section in the area east of Hartford bounded by Jingo, Red Hill, Bethel, Vine Hill & Rosine. In each of these census reports he was listed as a farmer and as renting. In the 1920 census he could not be located. Annie Craig Long (1903-1989), daughter-in-law of John & Margaret, said that they separated in 1919 and thereafter lived apart. At the time of the 1920 census Margaret was living with the family of her son, Albert Long, and in 1930 she was listed in the home of her son, John H. Long.

Hartford Republican, Friday, 5 March 1920, p2: Eastview - "Mrs. Sallie Long, of Sulphur Springs, has been at the bedside of her mother, at this place, for the past two weeks." This is actually Margaret Long, her sister, Sallie Taylor Long, at this time was deceased. Their mother, Elizabeth Jane Pate Taylor, died on 19 March 1920. Eastview was in the northern part of Ohio County in the vicinity of Buford and the Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

Margaret Taylor Long died 1 March 1936 at the home of her son, Ben Long, in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Her death certificate reported that she died of chronic myocarditis, was married, age 73, birthday November 30, and was the daughter of Bill Taylor.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 6 March 1936 p3: "Mrs. John Long - Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret T. Long, 73, wife of James [sic] Long, who died Wednesday evening at her home, 1909 McCulloch avenue, following a long illness, were conducted at 4 p.m., Thursday from the residence with Rev. Walter Harvey, pastor of Eaton Memorial Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery."

Her grave at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro is unmarked. She was buried in section G (east side of cemetery three rows from fence near the Carmel Home and just south of the infants' section), lot #80, division 3. On the left (north side) of her grave is the monument for Dr. T. H. & Julia Davis and on her right (south side) is the marker for Rosa Wheelen.

At the time of the 1930 Ohio County, KY census John H. Long was a resident of the County Almshouse (Poor Farm). He was reported to be age 77 and married. He died there on 20 March 1937. He was buried at the Milton Taylor Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His grave has a homemade monument and it is near a fence row, outside of the cemetery, about 30 feet from the east edge of the cemetery. On his death certificate his parents were listed as Ben F. Long & America Franklin. His mother's maiden name was in error and was mistakenly reported by his son, John H. Long, Jr. His grandmother was a Franklin not his mother.

Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, Friday, 26 March 1937: "John Long Expires At The Alms House - John Long, 86 years old, was found dead in his bed at County Alms house at 5 o'clock, Saturday morning, March 20. His death was due to a heart attack. He had been in ill health for some time. Mr. Long, who was formerly a farmer of the county, has been at the county house for a number of years. He was a member of the Church of God. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mode Schroader, of the Red Hill section; three sons, Bennie Long, of Owensboro, John H. Long and Albert Long, both of Rosine. His wife died about a year ago. Funeral services and burial took place at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, March 21, at the Milton Taylor Cemetery, near Hartford."

The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that Margaret Taylor Long was the mother of 7 children, 2 of whom died prior to 1900. The children of Margaret Priscilla Taylor & John Howard Long were – William Clay (1879-1914, single), John Howard, Jr. (1883-1963, married Mary Ellen Minton & Annie Jane Craig), Albert (1885-1965, married Katherine Eva Wright), Verda Mae (1886-1964, married Mode Calvin Schroader), and Benjamin Franklin Long (1898-1972, married Pearl Versie Monroe & Anna Mae Young).



Margaret Priscilla Taylor Long (1863-1936) & John Howard Long (1852-1937)

- h. Jesse Calep Taylor was born 15 February 1868 Taylorfield, Ohio County, KY. His daughter, Jessie Taylor Handley (1897-1998), said her father, Jesse C. Taylor, was born at Taylorfield and his middle name is Calep. The names of his siblings that she could recall were Grove, Bud, Sam, Lee, Tom, Sally Mary and Margaret Priscilla; another brother's widow later married George Maddox and had a son Baz Taylor. Mrs. Handley remembers her grandmother Betsy Pate Taylor; she died at the home of her son, Sam Taylor, near the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church. Jesse Taylor's age in the 1870 census was listed as 3, in the 1880 census as 13 and on his marriage as 22. He is listed in the 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940 & 1950 censuses of Ohio County, IN. He married Emmer Price Hoover, 27 October 1889 Ohio County, KY. Emmer, daughter of Johnathan John Hoover & Emma Irene Baxley, was born 1 February 1870 Ohio County, KY.

Jesse C. Taylor owned a farm on the Hartford & Hawesville Road. His children attended the Clear Run school. He died at his home at Clear Run in Ohio County, KY on 20 February 1953. His obituary said he was a retired farmer and was a member of the Clear Run Baptist Church. His death certificate gave his parents as William Taylor & Betsy Jane Pate. His wife, Emmer Taylor, died 11 May 1962 Ohio County, KY. Jesse & Emmer were buried at the Clear Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.



Jesse Calep Taylor (1868-1953), picture on left was taken just before he married in 1889. On right with his wife, Emmer Price Hoover (1870-1962).

The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that two children had been born to Emmer Taylor. The children of Jesse Calep Taylor & Emmer Price Hoover were – Tressie (1892-1967, married Clarence Young Hoover) and Jessie (1897-1998, married James Handley).

i. Lee Taylor was born in May 1870 Ohio County, KY and died during 1870-1880. He is listed in his parent's home in the 1870 census of Ohio County, KY. In this census it was noted that he was born in the month of May during the census year; his family was enumerated in the census on 12 June 1870. Jessie Taylor Handley (1897-1998) remembered hearing that her father had a brother named Lee Taylor, but she never saw him.

j. Joseph Thomas Taylor, 'Tom', was born 27 April 1871 Ohio County, KY. In the 1880 Ohio County census his age was reported as 10. He married Renna Alice Roach, 17 December 1891, at her father's residence at Masonville in Daviess County, KY. Renna, daughter of William Hardin Roach & Margaret Greer, was born 5 May 1872 Sugar Grove, Ohio County, KY. At the time of the 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Ohio County, KY Joseph T. & Renna were residing near Sulphur Springs; in 1930 they were living on the Dundee & Hartford Road (now Highway 69).

Renna Roach Taylor died of tuberculosis on 23 January 1939 near Sulphur Springs Ohio County, KY. Joseph T. Taylor married Mrs. Lydia Bell (Tucker) Murphy, 21 November 1943 at Sunnydale, Ohio County, KY. Lydia Bell Tucker (1879-1951), daughter of John Thomas Tucker & Susan Mary Hall; married William Monroe Murphy, 23 June 1893 Ohio County, KY. Joseph T. and Lydia Bell were divorced 1943-1945. Joseph T. Taylor married Nannie (Turner) Cook, 5 March 1949 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Their marriage license reported that he was a resident of Owensboro, divorced, and was a retired farmer & painter. Nannie (1891-1969), daughter of Christopher Columbus Turner & Alice Lucinda Hayden; married William Ellis Cook, 16 August 1908 Daviess County, KY. Joseph T. & Nannie were separated 1 April 1949 and were divorced 5 June 1950 in Daviess County, KY.

Tom Taylor in his last years lived with his son, Emmett, in Marion, KY. He died of a hemorrhage on 23 January 1963 at the Beavers Rest Home, at Fredonia, in Caldwell County, KY. He had been a patient there for one month. He was a retired farmer. Joseph Thomas Taylor and his wife, Renna, were buried in the (Buck) Midkiff Cemetery near Sulphur Springs in Ohio County, KY.

The 1910 census recorded that Rena A. Taylor was the mother of 3 children, 1 of whom was then deceased. Joseph Thomas Taylor & Renna Alice Roach were the parents of – Emmett Garland (1893-1976, married Marcella Katherine Matthews), Archie E. (1900-1922, married Argle Frank Farmer, she died a few hours after the birth of her only child, Alice Marjorine), and another child died during 1892-1910.

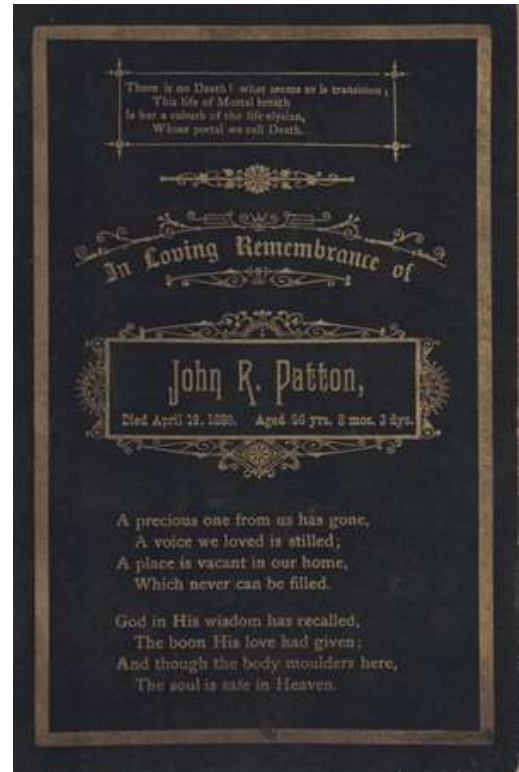


Joseph Thomas Taylor (1871-1963) in picture on right. He is in the center of picture on left; with him are John Wilson on his left and Herschel C. Chinn (1889-1958) on right.

2. Sallie Mary Pate was born 5 April 1830 Ohio County, KY. In her parent's home in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY she is listed as Sarah, age 21. On her marriage and her tombstone her name appears as Sallie M. She married John Robert Patton, 26 January 1858, at her father's residence in Ohio County, KY. John Robert, son of John Patton & Henrietta Hudson, was born 16 August 1832 Ohio County, KY. John R. Patton's brother, Granville Patton (1822-1856), was married to Sallie Mary Pate's stepmother, Agnes H. Bell Patton Pate (see article "Patton Family of Ohio County, KY", by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).

John R. Patton is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. John R. Patton died 19 April 1889. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 24 April 1889 p3, "Died: Patton – On 19th inst., at his residence, near Pleasant Ridge, Jon. R. Patton. He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church at Buford." Sallie M. Patton died 14 January 1897 Ohio County, KY.

John R. & Sallie M. Patton were buried at the Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The cemetery is located on the south side of the Barnett's Creek Church Road about two miles east of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and a half-a-mile east of Highway 231. It is on the back edge of farm owned by Eunice D. Hoover. Behind his barn go to the edge of a pond. Going into woods, there is a path that is the remains of an old road. Go west on the path to a Y and take road path to the south (to right). Go about one-fourth mile to a group of cedar and tall pine trees on the left. The Hudson Cemetery is a few feet off of the path on the left. The taller monuments could be seen from the path. Mr. Hoover said access used to be easier coming from a former road to the south. That road has been closed. Eunice D. Hoover purchased his farm in 1949 from Robert E. Lee Patton (1866-1950), who had resided there over 50 years. The cemetery is in area that in earlier times was known as "Hudson Fields". On the former farm of Thomas Hudson (c1774-1863) an early settler of the area. In the obituary of James William Patton in the Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 14 March 1883 p3, the cemetery was referred to as the "Thomas Hudson graveyard." See article, "Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY", by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).



Gravestone of Sallie Mary Pate Patton (1830-1897) at Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. And funeral card of John Robert Patton (1832-1889)

Children of Sallie Mary Pate and John Robert Patton were:

- a. John William Patton, ‘Bud’, was born 5 February 1859 Ohio County, KY. He married Susan Frances May, ‘Sookie’, 19 January 1887 McLean County, KY. Susan, daughter of Perryman May & Sarah Jane Howard, was born 1 August 1864 McLean County, KY and she died 1 April 1932 Ohio County, KY. John W. Patton died 7 October 1920 near Utica in Daviess County, KY. He and his wife were buried at the Green Brier Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. John William Patton & Susan Frances May were parents of – Clarence (1887-1964, married Maude Ellis), Autra (‘Boss’, 1889-1961, married Ethel Chinn), Sallie Barnhill (1892-1964, married Durward Cleveland Hoover) and Flora Delia (1901-1991, married Arthur Lee Baird).
- b. Eli Patton was born 13 April 1860 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Elizabeth Lucy Jimmie Jones Chinn, ‘Mollie’, 20 December 1883 Ohio County, KY. Mollie, daughter of Frank Chinn & Elizabeth Jones, was born 11 November 1858 Heflin, Ohio County, KY and died 28 April 1945 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. Eli Patton died 20 October 1899 Ohio County, KY. He & his wife were buried at the Woodward’s Valley Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. He was a stage driver on the mail route from Hartford to Owensboro. Their children were – Ansel (1884-1965, married Elizabeth Earl Rowan) and Lee (1890-1975, married Dora E. Bennett & Mary Agnetta Fuqua)





Picture on left: Eli Patton (1860-1899), wife, Mollie Chinn (1858-1945), sons, Ansel (1884-1965, on left) & Lee (1890-1975); ca 1897. Picture on right: Sons of John Robert Patton & Sallie Mary Pate – Luther Mason (1869-1945), Thomas Henry (1863-1932), James Louis (1865-1921) and John William (1859-1920). Picture was taken 10 August 1919 at a family reunion at home of John William Patton, of Pleasant Ridge, KY (see Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 20 August 1919, p5).

- c. Thomas Henry Patton was born 27 July 1863 Ohio County, KY. He married Martha Paris, 1 September 1889 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of William Morgan Paris & Matilda E. Martin, was born 28 September 1868 Ohio County, KY and died 9 May 1891; she was buried Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They were parents of – Rosa (1890-1890) & Florence (1891-1891, both buried Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Thomas H. married 2nd Orpha Decora McCoy, 7 October 1892 Ohio County, KY. Orpha, daughter of Miles McCoy & Parthena Dooley, was born 1 September 1873 Breckinridge County, KY and died 3 September 1950 Daviess County, KY. Thomas H. Patton died 29 May 1932 Red Hill, Daviess County, KY. He & Orpha were buried Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. Thomas H. and Orpha Patton were parents of – Annie (1893-1975, married Baxter Basham), infant son (1895-1895), Charlie (1896-1900), James Robert (1898-1968, married Lydia Mae Howard), Beckham Lee (1901-1968, married Ocie Newcom), Ella (1902-1958, married James Nathan Howard), Guy Henry (1904-1957, married Pearl Sparks), infant son (1907-1907), Pearl (1909-1967, married Ernest Volus Newcom), Dan (1911-1922), Zura Mae (1915-1973, married Ralph Runyon) and Helen (1918-1918).
- d. James Louis Patton was born 23 February 1865 Ohio County, KY. He married Malissa Emma Westerfield, 3 November 1902 Daviess County, KY. Emma, daughter of Joseph Cooper Westerfield & Lydia Jane Taylor, was born 24 September 1870 Ohio County, KY and died 18 April 1961 Los Altos, Los Angeles County, CA. James L. Patton died 15 March 1921 Globe, Gila County, AZ. James L. & Emma were buried Globe Cemetery, Globe, Gila County, AZ. They were parents of – Katharine D. (1904-2002, married Edward Dale Archer) and Dorothy Marie (1908-2003, married Ralph Eggleston).



James Louis Patton (1865-1921), served as a sergeant in the Spanish American War (Co. D, 3rd KY Infantry). James Louis Patton (1865-1921), wife, Malissa Emma Westerfield (1870-1961) & daughters, Katharine (in back) & Dorothy, circa 1915

- e. Horace Lee Patton was born 12 August 1866 Ohio County, KY. He died single on 30 May 1880 Ohio County, KY. He was buried Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY
- f. Luther Mason Patton was born 6 September 1869 Ohio County, KY. He married Lona Ella May, 5 April 1900 McLean County, KY. Lona, daughter of Perryman May & Sarah Jane Howard, was born 17 May 1873 McLean County, KY and died 5 March 1956 McLean County, KY. Luther M. Patton died 24 February 1945 McLean County, KY. He & his wife were buried Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery, McLean County, KY. They were parents of – Ivan Lee (1905-1959, married Opal Louise Chinn), Mary Arnold (1907-1988, single), Robert Stanley (1909-1979, single) and Georgia Ray (1913-1984, married Herbert Victor Morgan)
3. Margaret Pate was born c1832 Ohio County, KY. In her parents' home in the 1850 census Margaret was reported to be 18 years old. She married George Washington Taylor, 20 January 1856 Ohio County, KY. George, son of John Peyton Taylor, Jr. (1813-1895) & Susanna Davis (c1818-1871) and grandson of John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis. The 1900 census records that George W. was born in January 1834. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer.
- Margaret Pate Taylor died on 5 December 1885 Ohio County, KY. Margaret's death date was recorded in a membership list of the Bell's Run Baptist Church (see The History of Bells Run Baptist Church, 1820-1990, by Wendell H. Rone, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1990, p218). Margaret's granddaughters, Verda Mae (Harder) Ralph (1901-1990) and Thelma Taylor (Harder) Baughn (1903-1999) and great-grandson, Melba Jean Taylor (1921-2009) said that Margaret was buried at the Bell's Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. All three descendants said that George W. Taylor was buried with his second wife at the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. The graves of Margaret and George W. Taylor are unmarked.
- George W. Taylor married second Hadassa G. Haynes, 11 November 1888 Ohio County, KY. Hadassa, 'Dassie', daughter of Hardin Haynes & Kitty Haynes, was born 23 October 1852 Ohio County, KY. The 1900 census recorded that no children had been born

to Dassie. The Owensboro Inquirer reported the death of George Taylor in its issue of 11 March 1904 (Owensboro, KY, Friday, p5) – “Ralph, March 8: Mr. George Taylor died of pneumonia last Tuesday and was buried in the Adaburg burying ground Wednesday.” George Warren Taylor (1841-1914) recorded in his memorandum book that “old man George Wash Taylor died 1 March 1904 and Dassie Taylor, widow of George Taylor drowned herself in a pond after taking poison at Deanfield on 22 January 1905 (see “George Warren Taylor (1841-1914): Register of Deaths, 1853-1905”, by Jerry Long, Internet, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy). The Owensboro Messenger carried the headline – “Want To Be Buried By One I Loved Is Note Left by Mrs. Taylor, Who committed Suicide in Pond After Taking Chloral” (Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 24 January 1905 p3). The article noted that since the death of her husband eleven months ago she had lived with her brother, James Haynes, near Deanfield. “Her husband was a farmer of the Adaburg neighborhood and her remains were interred by his on Monday afternoon.” In recent years a monument for George W. & Hadassa Taylor was erected in the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY; the wrong death year for each of them was engraved on the stone.



Margaret Pate Taylor (c1832-1885) & husband,  
George Washington Taylor (1834-1904)

Margaret Pate and George Washington Taylor had 6 children who reached their maturity. They were:

- a. James Franklin Taylor was born 26 November 1856 Ohio County, KY. He was known by the nickname of ‘Black Frank’ to distinguish him from Robert Franklin Taylor (1858-1928), who lived in the same neighborhood and who was known as ‘Red Frank’. James Frank Taylor married Eliza Carolyn Crow(e), 15 October 1876 Ohio County, KY. Eliza, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Crow(e) & Mary Ann Comer, was born 12 December 1855 WV. James F. Taylor died 12 November 1933 Ohio County, KY and Eliza C. died 31 May 1939 Ohio County, KY. They were buried Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that Eliza was the mother of 8 children, 1 of whom was then deceased. Children of James Franklin Taylor & Eliza Carolyn Crow were – Ferdinand (1877-1950, married Cordelia E. Nelson), Malissa (1880-1936, married Reatus Polk Ralph), Elmadoras (‘Dode’, 1883-1952, married Essie Violet

Taylor & Mrs. Emma Helen Thompson Murphy), Nona ('Nonie', 1886-1969, married Estill Bartlett), Gertrude (1888-1973, married Allen Peyton Ralph), Gondokora ('Gon', married Winnie Dean Ralph), Otway Jenkins (1894-1948, married Gertie Kirkendall) and one child died before 1900.

- b. Rebecca S. Taylor was born c1858 Ohio County, KY. She married James Nathan Moseley, 9 December 1880 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. James, son of John R. Moseley & Susan A. Kirk, was born 29 October 1860 Ohio County, KY. Rebecca died 4 June 1896 Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 17 June 1896 p2:  
Adahburg, KY, June 15, 1896 – Mrs. Rebecca Moseley, wife of James Moseley, living near Magan, died at her home the 4th inst. Her remains were laid to rest in the home burying ground. She leaves a husband, six children, many relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

James N. Moseley married Lucy Jane (Sharp) Morgan, 29 August 1898 Henderson, Henderson County, KY. Lucy, daughter of Louis Ancel Sharp & George Ann Nave, was born September 1869 Daviess County, KY and died 1904-1907. James N. Moseley married Bessie E. Clark, 27 November 1906 Mississippi County, MO. Bessie, daughter of George M. Clark & Clemmie V. Whitaker, was born July 1886 Ohio County, KY and died after 1910. James N. Moseley died 23 August 1916 Morehouse, New Madrid County, MO and was buried Sikeston City Cemetery, Sikeston, Scott County, MO.

Rebecca S. Taylor & James Nathan Moseley had 6 children – Adolphus Ernest (1881-1958, married Ollie Bratton), Lesley B. (1885-after 1900), Florence E. (1887-after 1904), Herbert (1888-after 1900), Vernon (1890-after 1900) and Viola (1893-after 1910).

- c. John Will Taylor was born 11 October 1860 Ohio County, KY. He married Lucinda E. Sapp, 14 December 1882 Ohio County, KY. Lucinda, daughter of John T. Sapp & Mary Ellen Smith, was born 8 January 1865 Marion County, KY. John W. Taylor on 8 October 1915 died of typhoid fever near Adahburg, Ohio County, KY. Lucinda Taylor died 23 September 1936 near Adahburg, Ohio County, KY. John W. & Lucinda were buried at the Adahburg Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1910 census records that 7 children had been born to Lucinda, one of whom was then deceased. The children of John Will Taylor & Lucinda E. Sapp were – Ivory Josephine (1883-1967, married William Arnold Farmer), Bernard Vincent (1887-1911, died of typhoid fever, single), Mary Margaret (1889-1957, married Robert Elias Farmer), Clara Frances (1891-1981, married Charles Henry Farmer), Luella E. ('Lula', 1896-1977, married Eunice Walker Farmer), Ronda Jake (1899-1946, married Anna L. Howard) and Cecil (1903-1904).
- d. Eliphas Mason Taylor, 'Mace', was born 10 February 1869 Ohio County, KY. His birthday was reported as 10 February 1869 in his obituary and in the US Social Security Death Index. He married Florence V. Morgan, 3 November 1889 Ohio County, KY. Florence, daughter of Van Buren Morgan & Mary Jane Jackson, was born in 1869 Ohio County, KY and died 1897-1898. She was buried Adahburg

Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Mace Taylor married Ada Catherine Johnson, 21 May 1899 Ohio County, KY. Ada, daughter of Alonzo Johnson & Nola Frances Crow, was born 20 May 1877 Ohio County, KY and she died 4 February 1920 at her home in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Eliphas M. Taylor married Jennie (Holmes) Gibbons, 25 June 1922 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Jennie, daughter of Benjamin W. Holmes & Mary Presley, was born 16 January 1866 Webster County, KY and died 27 August 1942 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Eliphas Mason Taylor died 17 June 1954 at his home in the Magan community of Ohio County, KY. He was an employee of the Owensboro Wagon factory for 25 years and a farmer for 40 years. He was buried at the Adaburg Baptist Church in Ohio County, KY.

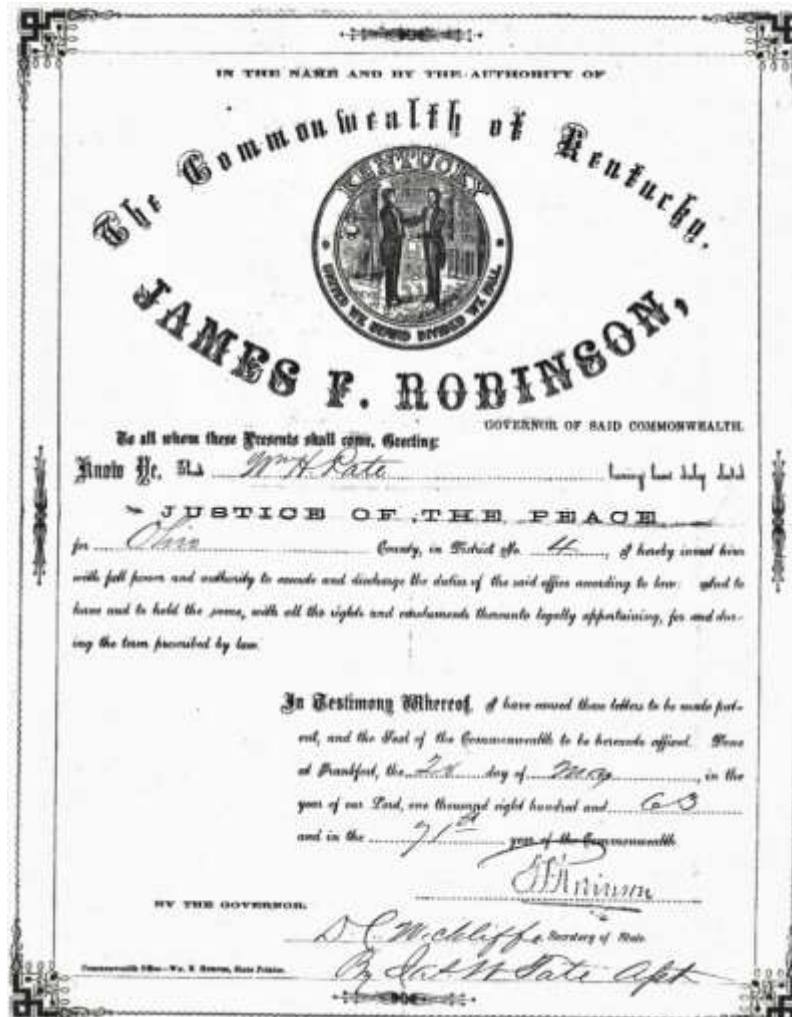
Eliphas Mason Taylor & Florence V. Morgan were the parents of – Albert D. (1892-1980, married Alma Leora Wade), Rhoda Ella (1894-1947, married Abraham Lincoln Canary), Icy Fay (1896-1970, married Archie V. Johnson) and Diamond (died age 3 months during 1890-1900). Eliphas Mason Taylor & Ada Catherine Johnson were the parents of – George E. (1900-1951, married Jewell Mosley, Mamie Smith, Ethel Mae Jarboe & Alice Lee Boyd), Irvin Mason (1902-1980, married Sue C. Payne), Homer C. (1904-1978, single) and Guyman (1911-1911).

- e. Theodore Alonzo Taylor, ‘Theory’, was born 30 July 1871 Ohio County, KY. On his death certificate his son gave his full name as Theodore Alonzo Taylor. In the 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1930 censuses he was listed as Theory A. Taylor. He married Mary Laura Ralph, 7 February 1894 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of James Taylor Ralph & Artemisa Clarinda Moseley, was born 15 June 1872 Ohio County, KY. Theory Taylor died 24 December 1937 at Adaburg in Ohio County, KY. His wife, Mary Taylor, died 17 September 1964 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They were buried in the Adaburg Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1910 census recorded that Mary was the mother of two children. Their children were – Vada (1895-1982, married Joshua Reynolds Patton) and Joe Tom (1896-1982, married Tabitha Kirk).
- f. Saphronia Ella Taylor was born 4 November 1874 Ohio County, KY. Her first name is spelled Saphronia on her death certificate and 1910 census. She married Clarence Irven Harder, 24 August 1899 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. Clarence I., son of Joseph Irven Harder & Drucilla Carby, was born 17 March 1876 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. Clarence I. Harder died on 20 July 1947 at his home in Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Ella died 18 December 1951 Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Clarence & Ella were buried Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Children of Saphronia Ella Taylor & Clarence Irven Harder were – Verda May (1901-1990, married Jesse Lawrence Ralph), Thelma Taylor (1903-1999, married Alfred B. Baughn), Clarence Price (1905-1973, married Hazel Lorraine Bradshaw & Alice Walters) and Ella Catherine (1908-1999, married Charles Johnson).



4. William H. Pate was born c1834 Ohio County, KY. He was reported to be 16 years old in the 1850 census. He is listed in the 1857-1865 & 1868 Ohio County, KY tax lists and in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Lucy Ann French, 7 January 1858 Ohio County, KY. Lucy, daughter of David Shively French & Margaret Ann Hudson, was born c1834 Ohio County, KY.

The Kentucky Governor appointed William H. Pate a justice of the Peace in district No. 4 of Ohio County, KY on 20 May 1863. As a justice of the peace, he was granted the right to solemnize the rites of matrimony (Ohio County, KY Order Book 10 p274). On 7 November 1865 William H. Pate took the oath of office as the Deputy Sheriff of Ohio County (Ohio County, KY Order Book 10 p238).



William H. & Lucy A. Pate were listed in the 1870 census of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. His occupation was given as laborer. William H. Pate died on 24 June 1870 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He was shot and killed during an argument with John Francis Jarboe (1837-1909) of Owensboro, KY. In 1871 Jarboe would marry, Rebecca Ann Fuqua (1847-1922), who was a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin to William H. Pate. Rebecca's grandmother, Charlotte Robinson Fuqua, and William's grandmother, Elizabeth Robinson Midkiff, were sisters.



Evansville Journal, Evansville, IN, Monday, 27 June 1870 p4:

HOMICIDE AT OWENSBORO.—Private accounts from Owensboro, state that a feeling of business rivalry between William Pate and J. F. Jarboe, of that place, led Pate to make an attack on Jarboe with a horse-whip, on Friday afternoon, when Jarboe drew a pistol and shot Pate, killing him instantly. Jarboe was arrested and held to bail for examination on Tuesday.

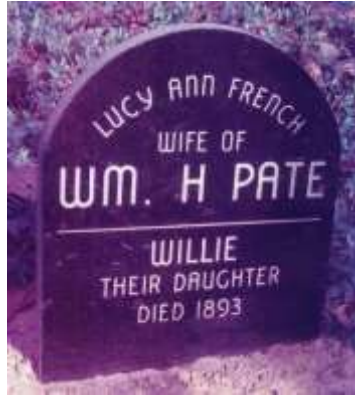
Evelyn Frances (Webster) Gore (1908-2011), of Utica, KY said that her mother-in-law, Hattie Pate Gore (1865-1950) said that her father, William Pate, was shot and killed and that “he was not a proper man.”

David H. French (1844-1926), was appointed administrator of the estate of William H. Pate, deceased on 12 July 1870 in Daviess County, KY. David H. French was his brother-in-law. The inventory, appraisal and sale bills of the estate of W. H. Pate were recorded at the September 1870 term of the Daviess County court (Daviess County, KY Order Book I pp203 & 216).

William’s widow, Lucy, appears in the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY. Lucy Pate appears in the 1890 tax list of Ohio County, KY; she was listed as a non-resident suggesting she owned taxable property in Ohio County. Lucy A. Pate died 22 October 1896 at Lewis Station in Daviess County, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 23 October 1896 p8: “Deaths – Mrs. Liza A. Pate, aged 60, died at Lewis station yesterday morning and will be buried this afternoon.” Lewis Station later was renamed Utica. Three of Lucy’s children resided in the Utica neighborhood of Daviess County. Fifty acres in the Buford Precinct, in Ohio County, KY that had been owned by Lucy A. Pate was ordered to be sold on 1 January 1900 to pay county taxes (Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 8 December 1899 p3).

Hattie Pate Gore (1865-1950)’s son, Robert Oscar Gore (1904-1989); Hattie’s daughter-in-law, Mrs. James S. (Evelyn) Gore (1908-2011); and Hattie’s granddaughter, Georgia (Brooks) Nave (1921-2013), said that Hattie was born in Ohio County on farm on Highway 231 just south of Pleasant Ridge. In recent years a two-story house of Jeff Hewlett stood on the west side of the road. Across from it on the east side of the road there formerly stood an old house where Hattie was born. The house was on what had been part of the farm owned by Hattie’s parents, David S. & Margaret Ann French. Hattie was a child when her father was killed. For part of her childhood Hattie lived with Joseph & Mary Gore. Hattie’s mother, Lucy Ann Pate, was a French and she was buried in the French Cemetery. A sister of Hattie that died in her early 20’s was also buried in the French Cemetery. The cemetery sets back in a field, on the east side of Highway 231, immediately south of Pleasant Ridge. It is visible from the highway. The best route to the cemetery is from the first lane on hill to the east south of the cemetery. The lane leads to the home of the late William H. “Bill” French (1913-1992) and by following remains of old roadway (behind his house) back to the north, one can walk across a field, from the roadway, about 50 feet to the back of the cemetery. Bill French in 1987 owned 100 acres of the original 600-acre farm acquired by the heirs of his great-grandfather, David French, in 1826. The cemetery

in 1987 was part of the Hewlett farm. Lucy French Pate's parents and grandmother, Margaret Shively French, were also buried in the cemetery.



In April 2006 this memorial marker was placed in the French Cemetery at Pleasant Ridge in Ohio County, KY

Children of William H. Pate and Lucy Ann French were:

- a. Mary Etta Pate, 'Ettie', was born 12 December 1858 Pleasant Ridge, Ohio County, KY. She married John William Pate, 'Bud', of Lewis Station, 12 July 1888 at the Roby House in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. John W., son of John Alfred Pate & Nancy J. Long, was born 16 March 1842 Breckinridge County, KY. Ettie & Bud were 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins – Mary E.'s great-grandfather, John Pate, and Bud's great-grandfather, Edward Pate were brothers. John W. Pate served as a Union soldier during the Civil War (Green River Battalion, Company A). John W. Pate died 30 December 1911 at his home in McLean County, KY near Glenville. Mary E. Pate died 9 February 1933 at Utica, Daviess County, KY. John W. & Mary E. were buried at the Green Brier Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 census record that Mary E. was the mother of 2 children, both of whom were living. The children of Mary Etta Pate & John William Pate were – John William, Jr. (1889-1954, married Virgie Lee Robertson) and Hattie Lucy (1892-1953, married James Daniel Epley).
- b. Cynthia Margaret Pate, 'Maggie', was born c1862 Ohio County, KY. She married James A. Burton, 2 October 1879 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Benjamin B. Burton & Amanda J. Williams, was born 24 August 1859 Logan County, KY. James A. & Margaret were living with his parents at the time of the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY. In 1883 James A. Burton was living Ohio County, KY. Mrs. Maggie Pate Burton married second Thomas Jefferson Hudson, 3 July 1889 Ohio County, KY. Thomas J., son of (Miss) Susan Frances Hudson, was born 15 March 1863 Buford, Ohio County, KY; his mother was not married. Maggie Pate Hudson died of pneumonia 16 May 1900 near Buford in Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Hudson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.  
Children of Cynthia Margaret Pate and James A. Burton were – Josie Lee (1880-1946, married Elmore Simmons & Thomas Jefferson Hudson) and John W. Burton (1883-after 1900, he was living in Ohio County, KY in 1900).

Children of Cynthia Margaret Pate and Thomas Jefferson Hudson were – Clemmie Bell (1890-1910, died of tuberculosis, single), Robert Crittendon (‘Crit’, died of tuberculosis, 1892-1932) and Clyde Morehead (1895-1916, died of typhoid fever, single).

Thomas J. Hudson married second his stepdaughter, Josie Lee Burton (1880-1946), 16 November 1904 Ohio County, KY. Children of Josie Lee Burton & Thomas Jefferson Hudson were – Lonnie Urey (1902-1982, married Martha Lucas), Addie Dink (1905-1967, married Eager Hampton & Robert H. Shown), Thomas William (1908-1973, married Ella Mae Davis), Betty Lee (1910-1986, married William Hawkins & Oscar D. Wininger), John Benjamin (1913-1887, married Mary Anna Martin & Mrs. Helen Nevada Hudnall Willett), Lena Mae (1916-1918), Della Lucille (1919-2001, married Joseph Velarian Howard, Tichenor Boone Ambrose, William Theodore Woodward & Delbert Vernon Martin), Mary Eveline (1920-1920) and Agnes Christine (1921-1923).

- c. Hattie Lee Pate was born 14 April 1865 Pleasant Ridge, Ohio County, KY. She married Oscar Thomas Gore, 27 December 1883 Daviess County, KY. Oscar, son of Joseph Wilson Gore & Susan J. Shortridge, was born 15 June 1858 Daviess County, KY. O. T. Gore died 9 May 1928 at his home near Utica in Daviess County, KY. Hattie Gore died at her home near Utica on 17 August 1950. Oscar & Hattie were buried Utica Baptist Church Cemetery, Utica, Daviess County, KY.



Hattie Lee Pate (1865-1950), husband, Oscar Thomas Gore (1858-1928) & their son, Robert Oscar Gore (1904-1989)

Children of Hattie Lee Pate and Oscar Thomas Gore were – Arthur Dennis (1885-1970, married Hattie Green), Joseph (1888-1889), James Small (1892-1979, married Evelyn Frances Webster), Maude D. (1894-1977, married Paul Henry Brooks), Lyda Wilson (1898-1948, married George Rice) and Robert Oscar (1904-1989, married Bodine Calhoun, Thelma Moran, Mrs. Eula Mae Wilson Kuykendall & Mrs. Alma Ruby Hudson).

- d. Estell McH. Pate was born 20 January 1868 Ohio County, KY. In the 1880 census his name appears as “Estel McH. Pate” He was probably named for Wallace ‘Estill’ McHenry (1843-1906), who was a prominent lawyer that represented Ohio County, KY in the Kentucky House of Representatives during 1867-1869. Estell Pate is listed in the censuses of Ohio County, KY in 1880 and Daviess County in 1870 & 1900 and McLean County, KY in 1910, 1920 & 1930 & Muhlenberg County, KY in 1940. He worked as a huckster and a farmer. He married Loda M. Shelton, ‘Lodie’, 29 August 1893 at the Roby House Hotel in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Loda, daughter of Esau Shelton & Minnie Southerland, was born 24 January 1874 Daviess County, KY and she died 23 November 1924 McLean County, KY.

Estell M. Pate married Mrs. Margaret A. (Ragland) Cox, 8 October 1930 Sacramento, McLean County, KY. ‘Maggie’, daughter of Ephraim Thomas Ragland & Amanda A. Sloan, was born 27 September 1871 Edmonson County, KY; she married first Millard L. Cox (1863-1922), 1888 Edmonson County, KY. Maggie A. Pate died 16 November 1954 Muhlenberg County, KY; she was buried Island Cemetery, Island, McLean County, KY.

Estell M. Pate died 24 December 1954 McLean County, KY. He was buried with his wife, Loda, at the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Livermore, McLean County, KY. Children of Estell McH. Pate & Loda M. Shelton were – William Earl (1894-1969, married Helen Lucille Shaffer), James Lewis (1896-1978, married Ada M. Romig), child (born & died 1900-1910), Pearl (1897-1987, married William Albert Long), Mary (born 1900 & died 1900-1910), Grace (born 1901-1903 & died 1901-1910), Oscar (1904-1975, married Mary Lillian Onstott), Eugene Ellis (‘Gene’, 1907-1971, married Ella Stuart Cook), Clifford Marvin (1909-1947, married Margaret Smith & Hattie Erlene Albright), Minnie Lou (1915-1992, married James Lovel Taylor) and Nannie Lucille (1915-1915).



Estell M. Pate (1868-1954)

- e. Lucy A. Pate was born c1869 KY. In the 1870 census she was reported to be one year old. In the 1880 census she is not listed with her mother and probably was then deceased.
- f. Elizabeth Willa Pate, ‘Willie’, was born c1871 KY. In the 1880 census her age was recorded as 8 years old.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 29 June 1887 p1 – “Pleasant Ridge: Misses Dollie French and Willie Pate visited their uncle, Mr. W. L. Hawkins one day last week.”

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 15 August 1888 p3 – “Miss Willia Pate, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Belle Patton, returned to her home at Pleasant Ridge last week.”

Willie Pate died in March 1893 and was buried at the French Cemetery, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 5 April 1893 p3: “Pleasant Ridge, April 1 – Miss Willie Pate, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, died two weeks ago and was interred at the French graveyard.”

5. Samuel F. Pate was born c1837 Ohio County, KY. His middle name may be ‘Franklin’; he had a nephew named Samuel Franklin Taylor. Samuel Pate was reported to be 13 years old in the 1850 census. He is listed in the 1859-1864 tax lists of Ohio County, KY and 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Mrs. Mary Sarilda (Patton) Bell, ‘Polly’, 8 June 1858 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of John William Patton & Henrietta Hudson, was born 12 July 1835 KY. Mary married first William Dabney Bell, 9 January 1856 Ohio County, KY; William D. Bell was born c1830 KY and died 18 November 1856. By this marriage Mary had a daughter, Ritta Dabney Bell (‘Rittie’, born 13 March 1857 Ohio County, KY, married Caleb Wright 16 March 1876 Ohio County, KY; she died 26 July 1939 Morehouse, New Madrid County, MO and was buried Sikeston City Cemetery, Sikeston, Scott County, MO).

Samuel F. Pate died in 1865 Ohio County, KY. James N. Hudson on 6 February 1865 was appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Pate, deceased (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 3 p111). Documents of the settlement of the estate of Samuel F. Pate are in estate file #701 at the Ohio County Clerk’s office. Samuel’s granddaughter, Pruda Pate Grant (1898-1994) said Samuel was killed when a tree fell on him. He was coon hunting and treed a coon. To retrieve the coon, he cut the tree down and it fell on him.

Samuel F. Pate’s widow, Mary S., appears in the 1870 census of Ohio County, KY with her three children. Mrs. Mary S. Pate married John F. Hohimer, 27 February 1873 Daviess County, KY. John, son of Benjamin T. Hohimer & Margaret Garrett, was born c1840 Washington County, KY and died 11 January 1893 Ohio County, KY; buried Bell’s Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 25 January 1893 p3: “Pleasant Ridge, Jan. 21 – John Hohimer, an aged citizen of Bells Run, died at his home Wednesday. Several weeks ago his mind suffered derangement, after which time he refused to take food and died from this cause, superinduced by old age.” John F. Hohimer also married Mary Elizabeth Christian, 25 July 1861 Daviess County, KY and Mary Elizabeth (Ford) Maddox (1841-1919), 25 August 1889 Ohio County, KY. Mary S. Patton Hohimer died 1880-1889. Mary Sarilda Patton & John F. Hohimer had two sons – John Carey Hoheimer (1873-1948, married Beulah Grace Davis) and Benjamin Lonzo Hoheimer (1875-1966, married Ina Vigg Burden).

Children of Samuel F. Pate and Mary Sarilda Patton were:

- a. Mary R. Pate was born 1860 Ohio County, KY. She was one month old at the time of the 1860 census. In the 1870 census she was reported to be 9 years old. She married James Tilford Haynes, 5 November 1877 Ohio County, KY. At the time of their marriage, she was 17 and her stepfather, John F. Hohimer, gave consent for her to marry. James T., son of William Hardin Haynes & Sarah Frances Hall, was born 13 December 1858 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth is recorded in the Kentucky Vital Statistics of 1852-1861. Mary R. Pate Haynes either died during 1877-1880 or was divorced prior to 14 June 1880. Her husband on this date was listed in the 1880 census of Grayson County, KY. He was living in his parents' home and was reported to be age 21 and single. It would seem that if Mary had died the census taker would have recorded that he was widowed. No suit for a divorce was found recorded in Ohio County, KY and the early records of Grayson County were destroyed in a courthouse fire. Pruda Pate Grant (1898-1994), a niece of Mary R. Pate (Haynes), said that her father, William Samuel Pate, had half-siblings, Retter Wright and Alonzo Hohimer, but she had not heard of a sister, Mary.

James T. Haynes married Aletha Moseley Duvall (1881-1901), 21 September 1881 Ohio County, KY. On his marriage he reported that it was his first marriage. James T. Haynes married Sarah Jane (Likens) Vandiver (1873-1940), 1 January 1905 Ohio County, KY. On his marriage license he reported it was his second marriage. James Tilford Haynes died 20 April 1935 and was buried Antioch (Mt. Olive) Cemetery, Dogwalk, Ohio County, KY. James T. Haynes by his marriage to Aletha had seven children – Willow Pearl, Maggie S., Annie E., John H., Lillie Beatrice, Taylor Mathis and one other died infancy. James T. Haynes & Sarah Jane had two children – Cora Gay & Bonnie May.

- b. William Samuel Pate, 'Sam', was born 19 March 1865 Ohio County, KY. He is reported to be 5 years old in the 1870 census, 15 years old in the 1880 census and 18 on his marriage license. The 1900 census reported that he was born in 1865. Pruda Pate Grant (1898-1994) recorded that her father, "William Samuel Pate was born 19 March 1865." A birth year of 1866 was inscribed on his tombstone. He is listed in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1880 he was residing with the family of Samuel H. & Mary M. (Muffet) Crow. He married Martha Drucilla Bellamy, 'Drue', 18 December 1884 Ohio County, KY; her middle name appears with numerous variations in spelling. They were married at the residence Joseph R. Midkiff (1856-1929) near Magan. Joseph R. Midkiff was William S. Pate's brother-in-law and his second cousin. Martha D., daughter of William Bellamy & Amanda Elizabeth Phelps, was born 16 March 1865 Folsomville, Warrick County, IN. Her parents are listed in the 1870 census of Warrick County, IN. Her family moved to Ohio County, KY when she was six. During 1894-1898 W. S. Pate and family moved to Daviess County, KY, where they appear in the 1900 census. About 1902 they moved back to Ohio County, where they are shown in the 1910 & 1920 censuses. They are listed in the 1930 census of Warrick County, IN. He was a farmer.

William S. Pate died 14 September 1934 at his home, 315 Maple Street in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Martha D. Pate died 21 November 1960 Princeton, Gibson County, IN. They were buried at the Bates Hill Cemetery,



Yankeetown, Warrick County, IN. The 1910 census recorded that Martha D. Pate was the mother of 13 children, 4 of whom were then deceased. Martha D. before her marriage had a daughter, Sarepta Susan, whose father was a Ford. Susan was born 30 May 1884 Ohio County, KY and died 28 January 1931, married Richard Elwyn Board. The children of William Samuel Pate & Martha Drucilla Bellamy included – Provia D. (1888-1976, married Chester Bolton), Bessie B. (1890-1942, married Silas Bolton), Ina V. (1892-1911, married Samuel Neighbors / Nabors), Lawrence Benjamin (1894-1973, married Sallie M. Griffith, Mrs. Eva Mae Watson Berkley, & Mrs. Eunice Olive Edgell White), Pruda Belle (1898-1994, married Verna Lafe Grant), Delbert Cary ('Deb', 1902-1982, single), Beulah Mae (1904-1970, married Louis B. Grant), Vera Tony (1908-1998, married John Merry Loveless) and four others died infancy.



William Samuel Pate (1865-1934) & wife, Martha Drucilla Bellamy (1865-1960)

6. Francis L. Pate, 'Frank', was born c1838 Hancock County, KY. Francis was reported to be 12 years old in the 1850 census. On his marriage license it was reported he was 24 and was born in Hancock County, KY. His father appears in the 1838 & 1839 Hancock County, KY tax lists. At the time of his birth his grandmother, Janet Crawford Pate and his uncle, Samuel C. Pate, were residents of Hancock County. In numerous genealogies he is confused with a second cousin, Francis Marion Pate (c1835- ). Francis L. is listed in the Ohio County, KY 1850 census and 1861, 1864, 1866 and 1869 tax lists.

Francis L. Pate married Lucy Hudson, 19 December 1865 Ohio County, KY. Lucy, daughter of Lewis Hudson & Nancy Hudson, was born c1843 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nancy Hudson, by Rev. James C. Stewart, a Baptist minister. Francis L. & Lucy were listed in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Daviess County, KY. In 1870 he was working at a sawmill and residing in the Murray Precinct several miles south of Owensboro. In 1880 they were living in the Oakford Precinct several miles west of Owensboro.

Lucy Hudson Pate died on 29 July 1880 and on the following day, 30 July 1880, her husband, Francis L. Pate died. They died near Stanley in Daviess County, KY. On 9 March 1985 this writer visited (Miss) Mary Arnold Patton (1907-1988) at her home, 1219 Western Court, in Owensboro, KY. We were 2nd cousins twice removed through the Pate family – her grandmother, Sallie Mary (Pate) Patton, was a sister to my great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Jane (Pate) Taylor. Among the family documents that Miss Patton had was the following letter that announced the deaths of Frank L. & Lucy Pate:

Grissom's Landing, Daviess Co  
 July 30<sup>th</sup> 1880

John R. Patton Esq  
 Pleasant Ridge  
 Daviess Co Ky

Sir Mrs Frank L

L. Pate died near my house on the  
 Newburg Road on the Ohio River in  
 Daviess County 12 miles below Owens-  
 boro on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July present  
 of Dropsy she had three infants which  
 are at my house now one of them I  
 think will die in a few days. Frank  
 died also today leaving five children  
 besides the twins they are scattered  
 around among the neighbors. Frank  
~~asked me to write to you saying~~  
 that you married his sister  
 and say that he wanted you to  
 come and get the children and  
 let the other relatives know of  
 his death & c. You will confer  
 a favor by coming at once as I  
 have a large family and cant  
 keep the children adding as  
 as this letter is headed

Respectfully N. M. Newman

Transcription of letter follows

Sir Mrs. Frank L. Pate died near my house on the Newburg Road on the Ohio River in Daviess County 12 miles below Owensboro on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July present of Dropsy. She had twin infants which are at my house now one of them I think will die in a few days. Frank died also today leaving five children besides the twins. They are scattered around among the neighbors. Frank asked me to write to you saying that you married his sister and say that he wanted you to come and get the children and let the other relatives know of his death & c. You will confer a favor by coming at once as I have a large family and cant keep the children. Address me as this letter is headed.

Respectfully, N. M. Newman

The preceding letter was written by Nathaniel M. Newman (1834-1917) of Grissom's Landing, Daviess County, KY to John Robert Patton (1832-1889), husband of Sallie Mary Pate (1830-1897), of Pleasant Ridge, Daviess County, KY, informing him of the deaths of Francis L. Pate & his wife, Lucy Hudson Pate. Sallie Mary (Pate) Patton was the sister of Francis L. Pate. Francis L. & Lucy Pate and five children on 9 June 1880 were

enumerated in the 1880 census of Daviess County, KY. They were living in the Oakford Precinct in the northwest corner of the county. They were listed five households from the residence of Nathaniel M. Newman. Newman at the time was serving as a justice of the peace in the Oakford Precinct. In 1890 the Newman post office was established at his residence about two miles west of Stanley.

The children of Francis L. Pate & Lucy Hudson included:

- a. Ida Belle Pate was born c1866 Ohio County, KY. She was ages 3 and 13 at the time of the 1870 and 1880 censuses. Her marriage reported she was 19, was born and residing in Ohio County, KY. She married Charles W. Lewis, 13 November 1884 Ohio County, KY. Bondsman on their marriage was Ida's first cousin, Thomas Henry Patton. Their marriage license recorded that Charles W. Lewis was a painter, age 24, born Jefferson County, KY, his father was born England and his mother Jefferson County, KY. He was the son of Joseph Lewis & Mary Pillow. The 1870 & 1880 censuses of Louisville, Jefferson County, KY report that Charles was born 1852-1853.

Ida B. Pate Lewis appears to have died during 1884-1896. Her husband Charles W. Lewis on 27 August 1896 married Mrs. M. J. Thomas in Ohio County, KY. His marriage license recorded that it was his second marriage, he was a painter, was born in Jefferson County, KY and his father was born in England. Charles W. Lewis on 21 June 1912 accidentally drowned while fishing in Rough River near Dundee in Ohio County, KY. No family member was the informant for his death certificate and scant info was provided by an inquest. His death certificate reported that he was a painter and was buried at Whitesville.

- b. Bedford Forrest Pate was born 27 April 1869 Ohio County, KY. He was ages 1 and 11 at the time of the 1870 and 1880 censuses. A birth year of 1867 was placed on his gravestone. His granddaughter, Linda Lou Pate Draper (1940- ), said his middle name was Forrest. He was named after Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877), the famous Civil War Confederate general. Many have mistakenly guessed that Bedford F. Pate's middle name was Francis.

Bedford F. Pate married Laura Ann McCoy, 4 October 1894 Ohio County, KY. Laura, daughter of Miles McCoy & Parthena Dooley, was born 6 June 1877 Breckinridge County, KY. Bedford was a farmer. By 1896 he had made his home in Grayson County, KY, where he died on 12 December 1947. Laura Ann Pate died 8 July 1971 Grayson County, KY. They were buried at the Neafus Cemetery in Grayson County, KY.

Children of Bedford F. Pate & Laura Ann McCoy were – Clide (1896-1919, runover by train while asleep on railroad tracks, single), Miles (1898-1918, died of influenza, single), Myrtle E. (1899-1998, married Sandford L. Cooper), child (born & died during 1900-1910), Robert Lee (c1903-1971, married Mrs. Alice Happel Talbert), Ruby Mae 1905-1972, married Trilby Dee Morris, Wallace Andrew Fulkerson & Arleigh Binghurst Hamilton), James Henry (1908-after 1972), Hazel Ola (1909-2007, married Edward Niner), Parthenia (1911-2002, married Oscar Geiely Embry & Ivan Smith), Leo Carlos (1913-1995, married Olline Margaret

Embry), Herschel Carrel (1917-1991, married Gerthie Edith Galloway) and Mildred M. (1920-2010, married William F. Wise & \_ Mohr).

- c. William Louis Pate, 'Bill', was born 2 August c1871 Daviess County, KY. He was reported to be 8 years old in the 1880 census. A birth year of 1871 is most consistent in census reports. A birth year of 1869 was placed on his gravestone. On his marriage in 1914 he reported that he was born in Daviess County, KY. His middle name appears as 'Louis' on his death certificate. He married Neoma A. Goff, 'Oma', 23 December 1894 Goff's Crossing, Grayson County, KY. An announcement of their marriage appeared in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 9 January 1895 p3). After their marriage they resided in Grayson County. Neoma, daughter of Calvin Goff & Rachel Bratcher, was born 6 December 1872 Grayson County, KY and died of tuberculosis 25 January 1911 Grayson County, KY.

William L. Pate married Noah Embry, 20 August 1914 Grayson County, KY. Noah, daughter of William Wiley Embry & Nancy F. Embry, was born 7 December 1885 Grayson County, KY and she died of a stroke on 15 May 1950 at Steff, Grayson County, KY. William L. Pate died near 20 December 1959 at his home, near Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY. He was a retired farmer. He was buried with his two wives at the Goff Cemetery in Grayson County, KY.

The 1910 census records that Neoma Pate was the mother of 7 children, 4 of whom were then living. Children of William Louis Pate & Neoma A. Goff were – Ernest C. (1895-1900), infant (born 1894-1896, died 1896), Susan E. ('Sudie', 1898-1933, married Edward Francis Holloway), Ollie Lee (1900-1954, married Beulah Neafus), Clifford Franklin (1903-1974, single), Effie Mae (1905-1979, married Roland Lihue Dockery) and one other died infancy). Children of William Louis Pate & Noah Embry were – Gola Marie (1915-1936, died of tuberculosis, single), Albert Lewis (1916-1995, married Irene Cecelia Tapp) and Rossin Earl (1922-1984, single).

- d. Henry Midkiff Pate was born 22 February c1874. On his registration for the World War I Draft it was recorded that Henry Midkiff Pate was born on 22 February 1877. The same birth date was given on his death certificate. His birth year may have been 1874 based on the 1880 census and birth data for his younger brother, James. In the 1880 Daviess County, KY census he was reported to be 6 years old and born in the state of Indiana. The 1910, 1920 and 1940 censuses also report that he was born in Indiana. He may have been born in Warrick County, IN, where his brother, James, was reported to have been born.

Henry M. Pate married Mary A. Russell, 9 January 1896 Rockport, Spencer County, IN. Mary, daughter of Zachariah T. Russell & Drusilla McCarty, was born 4 June 1880 KY. Henry M. (born 1875, farmer), wife, Mary (married 4 years) and two sons are listed in the 1900 census of the Buford Precinct in Ohio County, KY. Henry M. & Mary A. Pate were divorced on 5 July 1904 Daviess County, KY (Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 6 July 1904 p8). Henry received custody of their two sons. Mary A. Russell married James Elza Logsdon (1883-1949), 13 July 1904 Daviess County, KY. Mary Logsdon was living, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY in 1920. Mary Logsdon died at her home in Detroit, Wayne County, MI on 9 October 1930. She was buried in the Northview Cemetery, Dearborn, Wayne

County, MI. An obituary gave her survivors as her husband and three sons, Odie Pate, Owen Pate and Roy Logsdon. By her second marriage she had a son, Roy Jahue Logsdon (1906-1956).

Henry M. Pate married second Launa H. Yates, 3 February 1906 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Launa, daughter of Temple E. Yates & Parthena A. Yates, was born 8 February 1878 Ohio County, KY. Henry M. & Launa Pate are listed in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. In the 1910 census he was reported to have been married twice and was residing at Hickman Park. In 1910 & 1920 he was working as a carriage painter. In November 1909 he was appointed keeper of the Hickman Park (now Legion Park) in Owensboro and on 22 July 1910 he was replaced. In 1911 he sued the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railroad due to an accident while in their employ that resulted in the loss of his left eye (Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 6 October 1911 p1).

During 1920-1922 Henry M. Pate moved to Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. He is first found in the Evansville City Directories in the 1922 edition, in which he was listed as being a painter for a motor company. He is in the 1930, 1940 & 1950 censuses of Evansville, IN. In 1930 he was a painter at a truck plant and in 1940 he was a janitor at Servel, Inc.

Henry M. Pate died on 10 August 1950 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. An obituary stated he was survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, two stepsons, and two brothers, William & Albert Pate (Evansville Courier, Evansville, IN, 11 August 1950). His wife, Launa, died in Evansville on 29 January 1962. They were buried Park Lawn Cemetery in Evansville, IN.

Children of Henry Midkiff Pate & Mary A. Russell were – Odis Foster (1897-1963, married Mary I. Kionse, Grayce Catherine Bourg & Mrs. Elsie Mae Crowder Trotter) and Owen (1899-1963, married Mattie Louise Jones). Children of Henry Midkiff Pate & Launa H. Yates were – Ida Belle (1907-1988, married Charles Louis Mayes), Walter Lawson (1909-1962, married Daisy Gerline Cummins), Ada (1911-1912), John William ('Willie', 1912-1912), Wayne (1918-1987, married Wilma Emma Schuessler & Magdaline Wassmer) and Wilbert (1922-2007, married Eleanor Faye Brown).

- e. James Albert Pate was born 15 August c1875 Warrick County, IN. In the 1880 census his age was entered as 4 years. The 1900 census records that he was born in 1876. On his tombstone and death certificate a birth year of 1874 was engraved. The 1880, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Daviess County, KY report that he was born in Indiana. On his death certificate it was reported that he was born in Boonville, Warrick County, IN. At the time of the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses he was working as a house painter.

James Albert Pate married Annie Mary Christian, 8 January 1901 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Annie, daughter of Joseph Powell Christian & Genevieve Belle Howard, was born 26 September 1879 Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Annie was a Roman Catholic. James A. Pate became a Catholic convert and at the time of his death he was a member of the Blessed Mother Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY.

James A. Pate died 27 February 1954 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Annie M. Pate died in Owensboro on 30 August 1955. They were buried at the Mater Dolorosa (Catholic) Cemetery in Owensboro, KY.

Children of James Albert Pate and Annie Mary Christian were – James Rommie (1902-1970, single) and infant son (born 1901-1903 and died 5 July 1903, buried Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, Owensboro, KY). James Albert Pate has no descendants.

- f. Infant twins were born 1877-1880. The 1880 letter of N. M. Newman stated that Frank Pate was survived by 5 children in addition to infant twins, one of whom he thought was near death. No record of the twins could be found.
7. James Mason Pate was born c1843 Ohio County, KY. He was reported to be 5 years old in the 1850 census, 16 in the 1860 census, and 26 on his marriage license. Vaden Pate May (1905-1994), a granddaughter of James M. Pate reported that James M.'s middle name was 'Mason'. James M.'s great-grandmother was Janet (Mason) Crawford. James is listed in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He is in the 1870 Ohio County, KY tax list.

James M. Pate married Sophrona Catherine Pate, 'Fronie', 25 October 1869 at her father's residence in Daviess County, KY. Sophrona, daughter of Dr. Mason Crawford Pate & Charlotte Stout Miller, was born 23 January 1847 Ohio County, KY. James M. & Sophrona were second cousins; his grandfather John Pate, was a brother to her grandfather, Edward Pate. James & Sophrona, are listed in the 1870 census of Daviess County, KY; he was then working as a clerk in a tobacco house and was residing in the town of Whitesville. James M. Pate is listed in the 1871 and 1872 tax lists of Breckinridge County, KY; he was not listed there in the 1870 or 1873 tax lists. His son, Clarence, on his death certificate was reported to have been born in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, KY in 1872.

David H. French the administrator of the estate of James' brother, William H. Pate, on 19 February 1873 filed a suit in the Daviess County, KY Circuit Court against James M. Pate seeking payment of an unpaid debt. James on 10 January 1867 had made a promissory note promising to repay \$200 to William H. Pate (Daviess County, KY Circuit Court file #755, case #4814). Several summons during 1873-1877 were issued to James M. Pate to answer the petition. Each time it was recorded on the summons that James M. Pate could not be found.

In December 1877 Sophrona C. Pate filed a suit against her husband, James M. Pate. She requested a divorce (Daviess County, KY Circuit Court file #789). Her father, Dr. M. C. Pate, testified that –

James M. Pate abandoned his wife and their son, Holt, Pate, in August 1873. They were then boarding at Hawesville, in Hancock County, KY. Since then, she has lived at her father's home. Two children have been born to their marriage, the oldest a girl named Emma, who died when she was 10 or 12 months old and the second is a boy named Clarence Holt Pate, who is going on six years old. She is now teaching a school in the edge of Ohio County. "I don't know where the deft. now lives. For about 2 ½ years he wrote to his wife but was wandering here and there, since then he has not written and I know nothing of his whereabouts. I have received several letters from strangers with whom he had been boarding & left them without paying it and promised that I would pay his board bill. I don't know



whether he is a resident of KY. I don't know whether he is alive or not at this time... I have known the deft. 14 or 15 years."

In December 1877 the court granted Sophrona C. Pate a divorce and custody of her child (the judgement was entered in Daviess County, KY Order Book 7 p56). Vaden Pate May (1905-1994), a granddaughter of James M. Pate & Sophrona Pate, said that James M. Pate was a gambler and she believed he was shot.

J. M. Pate, formerly of Ohio County, KY is reported to have died on 18 April 1881 of pneumonia in Paducah, McCracken County, KY. This is most likely James M. Pate, formerly of Ohio County, KY. No other "J. M. Pate" could be found in Ohio County records. The following items referenced his death:

Semi-Weekly Messenger & Examiner, Owensboro, KY, 22 April 1881 p2:

The Enterprise says J. M. Pate was found dead in his bed at Paducah on the 18th inst. He died of pneumonia, and is supposed to be from Ohio county, Ky.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 27 April 1881 p3:

—A special to the *Courier-Journal* states that Mr. J. M. Pate, formerly of Beaver Dam, who was on his way from Tennessee to his old home, was found dead in his bed in Paducah on the 18th inst. He was compelled to stop there about a week before on account of sickness. A telegram was sent to his friends at Beaver Dam, and as no answer was received he was buried by the county.

The Weekly Advertiser, Montgomery, AL, 10 May 1881 p1:

**J. M. Pate, a lightning rod man who was dangerously shot in a difficulty between here and Tuscumbia, was recently found dead in his bed at Paducah, Ky.**

Birmingham Iron Age, Birmingham, AL, 14 May 1879 p2:

James Denning and J. M. Pate, two lightning rod men had a difficulty near Florence on the 6th inst., in which the latter was shot through the lungs and in the head and will probably die.

In 1879 Miss Sophrona Pate was reported to be the teacher at the Panther Creek school in Ohio County, KY. Sophrona Pate and her son, C. Holt Pate, were listed in the home of her father in the 1880 census of the town of Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. Mrs. Fronie Pate moved to Providence, Webster County, KY in 1883. Briefly there was a newspaper published at Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. The Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY has one issue of the Whitesville Enterprise dated March 1883 (Vol. I, issue no.1) which has the following laconic: "Mrs. Fronie Pate and Mrs. Sallie Haynes, daughters of Dr. Pate, have removed their millinery store to Providence, Webster

County.” The following year in Webster County Fronie Pate remarried. She married T. W. Barnhill on 27 May 1884. T. W. Barnhill (age 39, born KY, clerk) was a boarder in the residence of Buford Payne in the town of Providence at the time of the 1880 census of in Webster County, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 7 January 1887 p1 – “Mrs. Cicero Mullins and Mrs. Sallie Haynes went to Providence, Ky., yesterday to visit their sister, Mrs. S. Barnhill, who is very ill.’ Sophrona was widowed and living with her son, Clarence Pate, at the time of the 1900 & 1910 censuses of Webster County, KY. In the 1900 census she was mistakenly listed as Sarah C. Barnhill. Sophrona Barnhill at the time of the 1920 census was living in Madisonville, Hopkins County, KY with the family of her daughter, Lottie Morgan.

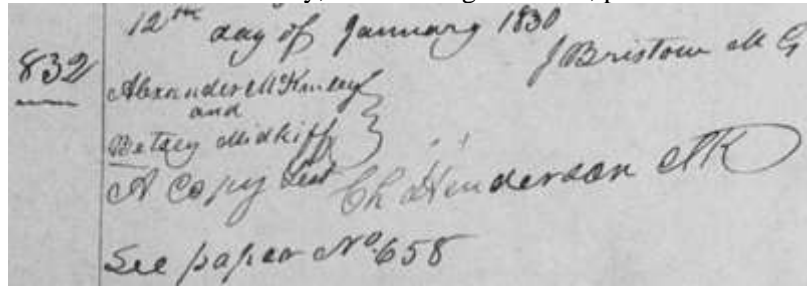
Sophrona Barnhill died in Madisonville, Hopkins County, KY on 4 December 1924. She was buried at the Lakeview Cemetery, Providence, Webster County, KY.

The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Sophrona was the mother of 5 children 3 of whom were then deceased. She and T. W. Barnhill had 3 children – Charlotte (‘Lottie’, 1885-1977, married John Herbert Morgan) and 2 other children born & died before 1900. James Mason Pate & Sophrona Catherine Pate had 2 children:

- a. Emma Pate was born in 1870 Daviess County, KY and died in 1871. The 1870 census reports that she was one month old; she was enumerated in the census on 20 September 1870. In the divorce suit of her parents, it was stated that their oldest child was a girl named Emma, who died when she was 10 or 12 months old.
- b. Clarence Holt Pate was born 3 May 1872 Breckinridge County, KY. His death certificate reported that he was born Cloverport, KY. His father, James M. Pate, is listed in the tax lists of Breckinridge County in 1871 & 1872. He married Laura Alice Sisk, 25 December 1895 Baptist Church, Providence, Webster County, KY. Laura, daughter of Alexander Logan Sisk & Nancy Jane Brown, was born 26 February 1875 Hopkins County, KY. On their marriage license his occupation was given as drug clerk. In the 1900, 1910, 1920 & 1930 censuses of Webster County, KY he is reported to be a druggist, drugstore salesman and prescriptionist at a drugstore in the town of Providence.

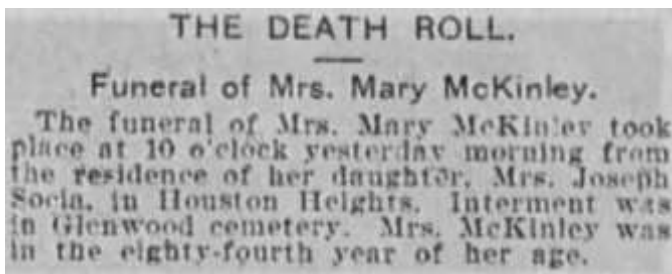
Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 2 October 1903 p3 – “Whitesville: Mr. and Mrs. Holt Pate and mother, Mrs. Phrona Barnhill, of Providence is visiting relatives here.” Clarence H. Pate died of cancer at his home in Providence, Webster County, KY on 28 December 1931. Laura Alice Pate died 30 December 1935 Brownsville, Haywood County, TN. They were buried at the Lakeview Cemetery, Providence, Webster County, KY. Children of Clarence Holt Pate & Laura Alice Sisk were – stillborn female (died before 1900), Nancy Catherine (1899-1990, married Ollie Upton McKnight), Vaden Hopewell (1905-1994, married Leonard Leroy May), Mary Louise (1911-1995, single), Alice Pauline (1913-1977, married Willard Joshua Petway) and Ernie Elizabeth (1917-1994, married Eddie Offutt Garrard).

**Elizabeth Midkiff**, ‘Betsy’, daughter of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born 1800-1810 Shelby County, KY. She married Alexander McKinley, 12 January 1830 Ohio County, KY. Consent was given by her father, Benjamin Midkiff. They were married by Rev. Jasper Bristow, a Baptist minister.



Alexander McKinley is listed in the 1830 & 1840 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In both census records there are only two individuals in his home – 1 male born 1800-1810 and 1 female born 1800-1810. In the census and tax lists of Ohio County before 1830 there were no McKinley's listed. Betsy Midkiff McKinley's husband remarried in 1849, she possibly had died during 1840-1849. She appears to have died leaving no descendants. In records related to the estate of her father filed in 1850 she is not named as a surviving heir.

Alexander McKinley married Mrs. Mary ('Polly' Tilford) Coombs, 7 March 1849 Ohio County, KY. Mary Tilford, daughter of Jeremiah Tilford & Lucy Daniel, was born 1 December 1820 Ohio County, KY. Mary married Eden L. Coombs, 9 May 1839 Ohio County, KY. Mary's husband, Eden L. Coombs, died in 1844. By this marriage she had 3 children – John W. (1840-1892), Lucy (c1842-1909, married Joseph Socia) and Eden Lee Coombs (1844-1900, in the 1860 census he was mistakenly listed under the McKinley surname). Alexander McKinley is last found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1850. Alexander & Mary McKinley are listed in the 1860 census of St. Clair County, IL and 1870 census of Grand Tower, Jackson County, IL. In these censuses Alexander McKinley was reported to be 56 and 68 years old and was a native of Virginia. In 1860 they were living in the home of Mary's daughter, Lucy Socia, & her husband, Joseph Socia, and in 1870 they were living with Mary's son, Eden Lee Coombs. Alexander McKinley appears to have died during 1870-1880. Mary Tilford McKinley in 1871 moved with her children to Houston, Harris County, TX. In the 1880 census of Houston, Mary McKinley (age 80, born, KY, widowed) is listed in the home of her son, Eden L. Coombs. In the 1884 City Directory of Houston, TX Mary McKinley, "widow of Alexander McKinley", is listed; she was living with Eden L. Coombs (p217). In the 1900 census of Houston, Harris County, TX Mary McKinley, age 80, born KY, was living with her daughter, Lucy Socia. The 1900 census recorded that Mary was the mother of three children. Mary Tilford McKinley died on 8 October 1901 and was buried at the Glenwood Cemetery in Houston, Harris County, TX.



Mary Tilford Coombs McKinley (1820-1901) death notice from the Houston Post, Houston, TX, 10 October 1901 p5. Gravestone in the Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, TX

**Benjamin Franklin Midkiff**, son of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, was born c1812 Shelby County, KY. He was not born at the time of the 1810 census and in the 1820 census he is the male under 10 listed in his father's household. Benjamin F. Midkiff is listed in the 1833-1843 tax lists of Ohio County, KY. In the 1835 and 1842 tax lists he is listed as Franklin Midkiff. No primary source was found that indicated that his father also had a middle name of Franklin.

Benjamin F. Midkiff married Elizabeth Ward, 15 March 1834 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, 'Betsy', daughter of Edward Browning ('Neddie') Ward & Sarah Render, was born 1814-1819 Ohio County, KY. Consent was signed by Edward Ward for his daughter to marry.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A p77:

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I do solemnly swear that the rites of matrimony to have been performed by myself this the 15<sup>th</sup> of March between W B Midkiff and Miss E Ward. J H Blades  
a Copy Test Ch Henderson  
See papers No 512

Elizabeth Ward Midkiff's age was given as 31 in 1850 and 50 in 1860. Elizabeth's father, Edward Ward, married twice – Priscilla Soaper, 22 April 1791 Frederick County, MD, and Sarah Render, 28 May 1814 Ohio County, KY. The fact that Elizabeth's father signed consent for her to marry in 1834 suggests that she was not yet age 18 the legal age for girls to marry without consent. If so, she was thus born during 1816-1819. A letter written by Alexander Barnett Bennett (1819-1886), of No Creek, Ohio County, KY on 26 June 1864 to Dillis B. Ward, a child of Jesse Ward (1796-1871), who had moved to Oregon is in the Manuscript Collection of the University of Washington Library. Jesse Ward was a son of Edward & Priscilla. In the letter A. B. Bennett gives the names of the children of Edward Ward and he notes that Elizabeth Ward was a half-sibling of Jesse Ward. He stated further that "Elizabeth Midkiff was left a widow some years & she has been dead some 2 years – her youngest was a daughter & she has married her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband." In a second letter dated 24 March 1872 Alexander B. Bennett wrote that Dillis B. Ward's aunt, Elizabeth, married Frank Midkiff and is now deceased.

His name appears as Benjamin Franklin Midkiff in the Ohio County, KY Circuit Court Case #509 (suit of Thomas Taylor, Jr. vs. George Shrader heirs) in which he gave a deposition on 29 March 1833. Benjamin F. Midkiff died during June - September 1843. On 4 September 1843 Lindsey Robinson Carson (1805-1876) was appointed administrator of the estate of Benjamin F. Midkiff (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 1, p14); bondsmen were John & James Midkiff. Lindsey Carson was his first cousin; their mothers, Jane Robinson Carson and Elizabeth Robinson Midkiff, were sisters. A sale bill of the estate of Benjamin F. Midkiff, deceased was recorded on 29 September 1843 (Ohio County, KY Sale & Inventory Book C p395). To settle the estate Lindsey R. Carson filed a suit against the heirs of Benjamin F. Midkiff on 27 August 1844 requesting that 100 acres owned by Benjamin F. Midkiff at his death be sold to pay creditors (Ohio

County, KY Circuit Court case #102). On papers in the suit the decedent was also referred to as Franklin Midkiff, who died leaving infant children – Samuel Linsey, Thomas Davis and Lydia Charlotte Midkiff. The land was sold on 24 January 1847.

Benjamin F. Midkiff's, widow, Elizabeth Midkiff, appears in the 1846, 1849 and 1850 tax lists of Ohio County; she was reported to have 3 children between the ages of 5 & 16 in her home. She is listed as a household head in the 1850 and 1860 Ohio County, KY censuses. The 1860 census reported that she was a widow and boarding in the home of William & Margaret Roach in the Adams Fork District near Fordsville. Elizabeth Ward Midkiff died circa 1862.

The three children Benjamin Franklin Midkiff and Elizabeth Ward are listed with her in the 1850 census. They were:

1. Samuel Linsey Midkiff was born February 1835 Ohio County, KY. He first appears in the Ohio County tax records in 1857. He is listed in the censuses of Ohio County, KY in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. He was a farmer. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He enrolled in Company I of the 17<sup>th</sup> KY Volunteer Infantry on 25 October 1861; he was mustered in on 4 January 1862 at Calhoun, KY and was mustered out on 23 January 1865 at Louisville, KY. While he was away from home during the war his family resided near Slate Riffle Hill in Ohio County, KY about a mile west of Hines Mill (now Dundee). The Battle of Slate Riffle took place there on 14 July 1864 (Owensboro Monitor, Owensboro, KY, 20 July 1864 p3; Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 1 May 1908 p4 & 15 May 1908 p7). This was one of two skirmishes between the Blue & Gray that took place in Ohio County during the Civil War. A Confederate band stopped at the home of Mrs. C. Midkiff shortly before engaging some Union home guards near her home. Four of the Union Home Guard from Daviess County, KY were killed and several of the rebels including their leader, Capt. Yates, were also killed.

Samuel L. Midkiff married Mrs. Lucretia (Metcalf) Barnett, 5 March 1866 Ohio County, KY. Lucretia, 'Creca', daughter of Charles Metcalf & Sarah Carrico, was born 21 May 1844 Hardin County, KY. Her parents were married in Hardin County, KY on 23 December 1834. Lucretia Midkiff is named as a child of Charles Metcalf, deceased in Ohio County, KY Commissioners Deed Book E p170 and Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #3962 (George W. Metcalf vs. S. L. Midkiff et al). Lucretia married first Charles R. Barnett, 19 March 1863 Ohio County, KY. Charles R. Barnett born 4 March 1840 Hancock County, KY was the son of Solomon Barnett & Mary Phillips. Charles while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War died on 22 May 1865 at Murfreesboro, TN, where he was buried in the Stones River National Cemetery. By this marriage Lucretia had a son, Thomas Jefferson Barnett, who was born 20 May 1864 Ohio County, KY, married Anna Ella Reynolds, and died 22 October 1947 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Magan) Cemetery. Samuel L. Midkiff was appointed guardian of Thomas J. Barnett on 3 September 1867 (Ohio County, KY Guardian Bond Book 3 p241). In the home of Samuel L. & Lucretia Midkiff in the 1870 census Thomas Barnett was reported to be adopted.

Samuel L. & Lucretia Midkiff were divorced during 1884-1890. Lucretia Midkiff married third Robert C. Brown (c1826-1904), 18 March 1890 Daviess County Courthouse,

Owensboro, KY. In the 1900 and 1910 Ohio County, KY censuses she is reported to be a widow. She is listed as Lucretia Brown in the 1900 census and as Lucretia Midkiff in the 1910 census. The 1900 census indicated she was the mother of 8 children, 7 of whom were then living. She died on 8 January 1918 Ohio County, KY. Her death was noted in the Hartford Republican (Hartford, KY, 11 January 1918 p3) – “Mrs. Lucretia Midkiff died at her home near Dundee, Tuesday, and was about eighty years old, and died of dropsy with pneumonia complication.” Lucretia Midkiff has a gravestone at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Magan, Ohio County, KY.

Arzella (Magan) McPherson (1900-1990) said her grandfather, Samuel L. Midkiff, when his children were quite young ran off and left the family. Later some of the family located him at Hoxie, Arkansas. His children, Lora, Vig, Rilda and Charles, after 1900 also made their home there. Wilda Evelyn (Magan) Likens (1920-2008), a great-granddaughter of Samuel L. & Lucretia Midkiff, said it was rumored that Samuel left Ohio County after being accused of burning a barn. Samuel L. Midkiff, born February 1835 KY, is listed in the 1900 census of Craighead County, AR. He was reported to be a widower and he was residing by himself.

Samuel Linsey Midkiff and Lucretia Metcalf were the parents of:

- a. George Henry Midkiff was born 7 March 1867 Ohio County, KY. He married Arzella Glasgow, 8 May 1901 Davenport, Lincoln County, WA. Arzella, daughter of Hugh Glasgow & Nancy Jane McCarty, was born 12 May 1869 IN and died 19 August 1946 Spokane, WA. George H. Midkiff died 4 February 1921 Spokane, Spokane County, WA. They were buried Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, WA. They had one child – Samuel Glasgow (1902-1918, single).
- b. Lora Manthis Midkiff was born 27 May 1870 Ohio County, KY. She married John B. Hart, 19 December 1888 Ohio County, KY. John, son of Eli Milton Hart & Mary Jane Arthur, was born 2 May 1862 Russellville, Logan County, KY. Lora and John Hart were divorced in 1905. John B. Hart married Mrs. Mary Margaret (Funk) Geiger (1886-1978), 4 May 1916 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. John B. Hart died 23 March 1948 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN, where he was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Lora M. Midkiff married second William Alfred Dean, 1 April 1907 Lawrence County, AR. William was born 1 September 1876 IL and died 18 October 1913. Lora M. Dean died 15 June 1953 Hoxie, Lawrence County, AR. She was buried with her husband, William Dean, at the Mount Zion Cemetery, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, AR.

Lora Manthis Midkiff and John B. Hart were parents of – Clarence Hardwick (1889-1961, married Rosa Bell Conder & Mrs. Evelyn Frances Allen Daugherty), Maude L. (1892-1973, married Carl Edward Moellenkamp) and Ruth E. (1895-1971, married Charles H. Brewer & Charles Thomas Shinault). Lora Manthis Midkiff and William Alfred Dean were parents of – Jake Hughs (1908-1990, single) and William Alfred (1912-1984, married Willie Arlene Tribble).



- c. Pauline Midkiff, 'Lena', was born 30 October 1872 Ohio County, KY. She married James Coleman Magan, 22 December 1892 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Joshua A. Magan & Edell Greer, was born 25 December 1872 Magan, Ohio County, KY. Lena Midkiff Magan died of heart failure on 31 March 1908 Ohio County, KY. James C. Magan married Mrs. Dora Ellen (Wright) Magan (1886-1962), 2 September 1909 Ohio County, KY. Dora, was the daughter of John Wesley Wright & Mary Elizabeth Clements; she married first Henry Magan, 25 July 1906 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. Dora had no children. James C. Magan died 14 May 1957 Ohio County, KY. He and his wives were buried at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Magan, Ohio County, KY.

Children of Pauline Midkiff & James Coleman Magan were – Mirtle (1893-1897), Diamond Alva (1896-1977, married Commie Edge), Birtron ('Bert', 1898-1929, married Sadie Edge), Arzella (1900-1990, married William Blair McPherson), George Henry (1903-1904), Lou Dell (1905-1987, married Mervel Roscoe Mattingly) and James Aubrey (1907-1993, married Ozna Rhea Wade & Willye Mildred Miller).

- d. William Vig Midkiff was born 18 February 1875 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary E. Miller, 14 October 1902 Magan, Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of James L. Miller & Mahala Ann Hoover, was born 23 May 1874 Ohio County, KY. William V. & Mary Midkiff were divorced in 1907. Mary married second Brownlow L. Gossett (1879-1957), 20 February 1910 Ohio County, KY. Mary Miller Gossett died 10 February 1959 Independence, Jackson County, MO. She and B. L. Gossett were buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY.

William V. Midkiff was living with his mother and sister, Rilda, near Dundee, in Ohio County, KY at the time of the 1910 census. He was reported to be single and employed as a farmer. Vig Midkiff, of Dundee, was shot and severely wounded in a dispute with Hardin Tanner on 14 June 1913 near Fordsville in Ohio County, KY. On his registration for the World War I draft in 1918 it was recorded that: William Virgie Midkiff, age 43, born 18 February 1875, resident of Ohio County, KY, works in timber, nearest relative is G. H. Midkiff of Fruitland, WA. He is listed in the 1940 census of Hoxie, Lawrence County, AR, he was reported to be 65, born KY and is single. He was then living in the home of his brother, Charles F.'s widow, Mrs. Mary E. (George) Midkiff.

William Vig Midkiff & Mary E. Miller had two children – James Ronda (1903-1958, married Ona Luellen & Golene Smith) and Ora Madeline (1905-2002, married Yewell Smith). William Vig Midkiff could not be located in the Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1969.

- e. Mary Zerilda Midkiff, 'Rilda', 'Rill', was born 5 April 1878 Ohio County, KY. She is listed in the 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1920 she was living with John W. & Magnolia (Magan) Muffett. By 1925 she was living in Hoxie, Lawrence County, AR, where she is listed in the 1940 census. Rilda Midkiff never married and she died 25 December 1940 Hoxie, Lawrence County, AR, where she was buried in the Lane Cemetery, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County,

AR. She was survived by a sister, Lora Dean, and a brother, Vig Midkiff (Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 17 January 1941).

- f. Charles Franklin Midkiff was born 3 November 1879 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1913 he enlisted in the US Army; he served as a sergeant. He married Cleo Elizabeth Dean, 25 November 1916 Lawrence County, AR. Cleo, daughter of John Franklin Dean & Vina Belle Gullett, was born 25 November 1896 Lawrence County, AR. Charles F. & Cleo are listed in the 1920 census of Hoxie, Lawrence County, AR; he was then a laborer at a sawmill. Charles F. & Cleo divorced during 1920-1930. Cleo is not shown with any children in the 1920 & 1930 censuses. Cleo E. Dean died 9 February 1976; she was buried Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Poplar Bluff, Butler County, MO.

Charles F. Midkiff married Mary Elizabeth George, 1 April 1930 Lawrence County, AR. Mary was born 9 January 1905 MO and died 21 August 1993; she was the daughter of Hasiiah George & Sephronia Eveline Snelling. Charles F. Midkiff died 16 June 1939 North Little Rock, Pulaski County, AR. He and his wife, Mary E., were buried Lane Cemetery, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, AR.
2. Thomas Davis Midkiff was born c1837 Ohio County, KY. He is listed with his mother in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. At the age of 23 he enrolled in company A of the 1st Indiana Cavalry at Evansville, IN on 20 August 1861. He was discharged from service on 12 September 1864. In the 1860 census of Gibson County, IN Thomas D. Midkiff (age 22, farm hand, born KY) was listed in the home of Ollie Lance. He married Nancy Ann Lance, 29 January 1865 Pike County, IN and they were divorced 1866-1869. Nancy, daughter of John Lance & Eleanor Lemasters, was born c1845 IN. Nancy Lance Midkiff married Lewis Cass Davis, 24 October 1869 Pike County, IN. Nancy Lance Davis died 22 November 1886 Pike County, IN.

Thomas D. Midkiff married Martha Ann Wilson, 28 February 1867 Pike County, IN. No further trace of them was found.

Children of Thomas Davis Midkiff and Nancy Lance were:

  - a. John Alexander Midkiff was born 6 February 1867 Spurgeon, Pike County, IN. He married Clarinda Millstead, 31 October 1895 Bollinger County, MO. Clarinda, daughter of James M. Millstead & Delila Cook, was born 22 May 1875 IL and died 9 July 1944 Stoddard County, MO. John A. Midkiff was a section foreman for the Frisco Railroad. He died 27 March 1943 Stoddard County, MO. They were buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Bell City, Stoddard County, MO. John Alexander Midkiff & Clarinda Millstead had 8 children – Maude Belle (1896-1970, married Chester Henry Bridges), James R. (1899-died after 1900 & before 1910), Lula Mamie (1901-1978, married John Grady Roark), Gladys Rhoda (1904-1976, married James Clifford Hopkins), John Thomas Baxter (1907-1990, married Helene Verba Long), Joseph Lawrence (1910-1971, married Opal Mae Conus) and Elizabeth Hattie (1913-2000, married \_ True, Jack Edward Sanders & Lewis Milam Bounds).

3. Lydia Charlotte Midkiff was born November 1840 Ohio County, KY. She married William Day, 18 April 1860 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, James G. Midkiff. William Day, age 9, born KY, in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY was listed in the home of Lydia's uncle, Joseph Robinson Midkiff.

Mrs. Lydia C. (Midkiff) Day married Tilman Kelly Tatum, 22 January 1865 Ohio County, KY. Their marriage license reported that she was 25, born Ohio County, KY, and it was her second marriage. Kelly Tatum's birth was reported as 4 March 1820 in Logan County, KY. In the 1850 census of Logan County, KY Tilman K. Tatem (age 16) is listed in the home of Seth Tatem (47) & Jane (46). Seth Tatum married Jane Gibbs, 5 March 1827 Logan County, KY. This record suggests that he was born c1833 not 1820. Tilman K. Tatum married Bethena C. Westray, 1 February 1858 Logan County, KY. They are listed in the 1860 Logan County census; Bethena is 28 and in their home are two children, John (1 year old) and Jane (one month old). Also, by this marriage Kelly had a son, James Kinley Tatum (1861-1911), who was born and died in Logan County; in the 1870 & 1880 Logan County censuses he was listed in the home of his adoptive father, Thomas Maben.

Kelly & Charlotte (Midkiff) Tatum are listed in the 1870 census of Ohio County, KY and 1880 census of Vanderburgh County, IN. In 1870 Kelly's age was reported as 49 and in the 1880 census as 59.

Lydia C. Tatum (born November 1840, widowed) is listed in the 1900 census of Logan County, KY; living with her was her son, Stephen F. Tatum. In the 1920 census Lydia C. Tatum (79, born KY, widow) is listed in the home of her son, Stephen F. Tatum, in Jefferson Davis Parish, LA.

Children of Lydia Charlotte Midkiff & Tilman Kelly Tatum were:

- a. Stephen F. Tatum born September 1867 Ohio County, KY. He died 16 November 1921 Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, LA. He was not married.
- b. Lucy E. Tatum was born 1870 Douglas County, IL. She married a Mitchell, 1884-1893. She married James H. McKinley, 16 June 1893 Mount Vernon, Posey County, IN.
- c. Seth Tatum was born c1878 IN. He died after 1880.

**William Curtis Midkiff**, son of Benjamin Midkiff & Jemima Garner, was born c1827 Ohio County, KY. William C. Midkiff's age in the 1850 census was reported as 22. On his marriage license in 1867 he stated he was born in Ohio County, KY. His father was in the 1827 tax list of Ohio County. Curtis' sons, Henry C. & Thomas B. F. Midkiff, on their marriage licenses reported that their father was born in Ohio County, KY. In Circuit Court suits filed in Hancock and Ohio Counties, KY William C. Midkiff was identified as a son of Benjamin Midkiff, Sr. William C. Midkiff married Julia Ann Huff in Hancock County, KY on 19 June 1849. Julia, daughter of John J. Huff & Elizabeth Richards, was born c1830 Hancock County, KY.

Hancock County, KY Marriage Book 1B, 1829-1857, p55:

Wm. C. Midkiff to Julia Ann Huff. Man of age & father of young lady gave consent in person. By virtue of a license issued by the clerk of the Hancock County Court on the 16 day of June 1849 I joined together in the honorable state of Matrimony Mr. William C. Midkiff & Miss Julia Ann Huff on this 19 day of June 1849.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, HANCOCK COUNTY S. 4.  
 To any authorized MINISTER of the GOSPEL, or authorized MINISTER.  
 THESE are to License & permit you to join together, in the honorable state of  
 MATRIMONY, according to the rules & customs of the Church, of which you are a  
 member: MR. William C. Midkiff (of  
 Lawful age) AND MISS  
Julia Ann Huff Daughter of John  
Huff - who consents in person -  
 HE, the said Wm. C. Midkiff having given bond & security  
 in my office, agreeably to law. WITNESS my hand, as CLERK of the County  
 court, for the County aforesaid, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1849  
 and in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of the COMMONWEALTH.  
Jamy Estone  
 Clerk  
 By virtue of a LICENCE, issued by the Clerk of the Hancock County court,  
 on the 16 day of June 1849 joined together in the honorable state  
 of Matrimony, Mr. William C. Midkiff & Miss Julia Ann  
Huff on this 19 day of June 1849  
J. S. Phelps P. P. 1849

During the 1850's William C. Midkiff was a resident of Hancock County, KY. He was found in the Hancock County 1850 census and tax lists of 1850-1852, 1854-1855, 1857-1858. In the 1850 census he was residing in the southern part of Hancock County near Fordsville and the Ohio County line. He was listed immediately following the residence of his wife's parents. He was reported to be a farmer and in his home were his wife, Julia A. (20), son, John W. (3 months) and his mother, Jemima (Garner) Midkiff (65). On 7 August 1856 William C. Midkiff qualified as a constable in his district; he resigned this position on 27 October 1856 (Hancock County, KY Order Book 5 pp37 & 46). He was listed as Curtis Midkiff in the 1858 tax list of Hancock County, KY. "Courtis Madcalf" was a witness on the marriage of David Sanders & Margaret Ann Keown recorded in Hancock County in 1866.

About 1859 William C. Midkiff moved across the county line into Ohio County, KY, where he subsequently resided in the Fordsville area. Julia Ann Huff Midkiff died in 1864 at Lincoln, Logan County, IL. This was recorded on a family history chart compiled by Guy Otis Midkiff (1889-1978), a grandson of William C. & Julia A. (Huff) Midkiff. William C. married second Louisa Hulda Garth, 31 March 1867 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of James Capp (Metcalf). On their marriage license it was reported he was 39 years old and was born and resided in Ohio County, KY. Hulda, daughter of David P. Garth & Sarah Calloway, was born 7 March 1847 Ohio County, KY. Hulda's aunt, Elizabeth Adeline Garth (c1824-1899), married William C. Midkiff's nephew, Thomas T. Midkiff (1824-1856).

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book J p302:

**MALE.**

1. Date of marriage, *5<sup>th</sup> March 1867*  
 2. Name of groom, *Wm C. Midkiff*  
 3. Residence of groom, *Ohio County*  
 4. Age of groom, *39 years*  
 5. No. of marriage of groom, *2<sup>nd</sup>*  
 6. Occupation, *Farmer*  
 7. Birth-place of groom, *Ohio County*  
 8. Birth-place of groom's father, *Cholby "*  
 9. Birth-place of groom's mother, *South Carolina*

**FEMALE.**

10. Name of bride, *Mrs. Huldy Hatch*  
 11. Residence of bride, *Ohio County*  
 12. Age of bride, *19 years*  
 13. No. of Marriage of bride, *1<sup>st</sup>*  
 14. Birth-place of bride, *Ohio County*  
 15. Birth-place of bride's father, *MS*  
 16. Birth-place of bride's mother, *MS*  
 17. Remarks.

N. B.—At Nos. 5 and 12, state whether first, second, &c., marriage of each or either party.

To be married at *James Madcock*  
 On *31* day of *March* 1867

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Witness my hand this *25* day of *March* 1867

Attest: *R. J. ...* *Wm. C. Midkiff*

William C. Midkiff could not be found in the 1860 and 1870 federal censuses. Prior to 1875 he appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists of 1859, 1860-1861, 1868-1871, 1875; the tax lists for the years of 1862, 1871-1874 are missing. In the 1880 census he is listed as Kirt Midkiff He was then living in the Fordsville Precinct, Ohio County, KY; living with him was his wife, Huldy, and five children. William C. Midkiff died 24 April 1882 near Fordsville in Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 26 April 1882 p3 - "W. C. Midkiff, living in the vicinity of Fordsville, died Monday, of consumption. Mr. Midkiff was half brother of Mr. John Midkiff, of this place."

William C. Midkiff was buried in the Fordsville area. Descendants do not agree on the cemetery where he was interred. A grandson, Guy O. Midkiff (1889-1978), wrote in a letter dated 28 November 1975 that his grandfather, William C. Midkiff, "died near Fordsville and was buried in a little church cemetery near there." Lou Ellen (Howe) Burdette (1920-2005), a granddaughter said her mother, Annie (Midkiff) Howe (1882-1969) said that her father was buried in the old Fordsville Cemetery in Ohio County, KY (not the new one). Others have reported his place of burial as the Huff Cemetery in Ohio County, KY, where his wife's parents were buried; and yet others thought it was at the McFerran Cemetery in Hancock County, KY.



Hulda (Garth) Midkiff Payne (1847-1943)

Mrs. Hulda Garth Midkiff, widow of William C. Midkiff, married Charles Louis Payne, 15 June 1883 Whitesville Daviess County, KY. Charles, son of John Lewis Payne & Mary Rosella Spencer, was born 2 October 1838 Daviess County, KY. Charles L. Payne married first Rachel Priscilla Beavin (1844-1883), 5 October 1862 Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County, KY. Charles & Rachel were parents of – Mary Elizabeth (Bickett), Margaret Ann (Hoskins), Henry Louis, Catharine Matilda (Bickett), Adaline Lee (Long), Rose Emma (Burdett), Benedict Joseph, Sarah Josephine (Higdon) and two others died childhood. Charles and Hulda Garth Payne had 4 children – Rachel Louisa Priscilla (1884-1970, married Albert T. Payne), Charles (1886-1954, married Sarah Frances Corley), Martha Ann (1888-1962, married Charles Odie Skinner) and Thomas Ignatius (1890-1969, married Lillie Rhea Warfield). Charles Louis Payne died 30 September 1900. His wife, Hulda (Garth) Payne died 14 December 1943 at the home of her son, Charlie Payne, at Haynesville in Ohio County, KY. Charles L. and his wives, Rachel & Hulda, were buried at the St. Thomas Catholic Church Cemetery near Roseville in Hancock County, KY.

Guy O. Midkiff (1889-1978) wrote in a letter dated 28 November 1975 that his grandfather, William C. Midkiff, by his first wife had children – John Will, Clay, Tom, James Jesse and Samuel Grant. By his second wife he had children – Josie Payne, Nora (did not know her married name), Mattie Bivins and Annie Howe.

Children of William Curtis Midkiff and Julia Ann Huff were:

1. John Will Midkiff was born 10 March 1850 Hancock County, KY. He is listed in the 1850 (3 months old) & 1870 censuses of Hancock County, KY and 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Mary Jane Newton, 11 April 1870 Hancock County, KY. Mary, daughter of Isaac Newton & Jane Leaf, was born 25 April 1853 KY. A birth certificate for her was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. Mary J. Midkiff died 24 March 1903 and John W. Midkiff died 24 February 1909 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 5 March 1909 p4 – “Herbert, March 2: Mr. Grant Midkiff was called to Fordsville Thursday to be at the burial of his brother.” John W. & Mary J. were buried at the Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio



County, KY (a few feet from the Hancock County line). The 1900 census records that Mary J. Midkiff was the mother of 9 children, 5 of whom were then deceased.

The children of John Will Midkiff & Mary Jane Newton were:

- a. Fredrick Esalone Midkiff, 'Fred', was born 3 February 1873 Ohio County, KY. He married Drusie L. Newton, 22 February 1897 Hancock County, KY. Drusie, daughter of William Hooker Newton & Susanna Lain, was born 18 March 1877 Hancock County, KY and died 12 March 1918 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. Fred E. Midkiff married second Rosa Gertrude Barnett, 'Gertie', 16 November 1921 Rockport, Spencer County, IN. Gertie, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Barnett & Ella Reynolds, was born 7 October 1894 Ohio County, KY. Fred E. Midkiff died Fordsville, Ohio County, KY on 8 August 1940. His widow, Gertrude, married Grover Poole, 11 May 1942 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. She died 6 April 1965 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Fred Midkiff and his wives, Drusie & Gertie, were buried Fordsville Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Frederick Esalone Midkiff & Drusie L. Newton had two children – Muffie Esalone (1900-1979, married Everett Pascal Keown & William Frederick Doyle) and Jessie Pauline (1905-1948, married Denver D. Foreman).
- b. Jacob R. Midkiff was born c1875 and died c1884 at the age of 8 years, 8 months & 1 day; he was reported to age 5 in the 1880 census. He was one of four children whose names are on the same monument in the Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- c. Celia Midkiff was born 26 September 1878 Ohio County, KY. She married Horace E. Eskridge, 15 April 1897 Perry County, IN. Horace, son of John Eskridge & Eleanor Kenney, was born 14 July 1870 Ohio County, KY. Horace died 1 March 1916 Ohio County, KY. Celia married James Elic Lanham, 30 October 1920 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Elic, son of John Washington Lanham & Martha Jane Hardesty, was born 26 February 1878 Ohio County, KY. Elic & Celia divorced during 1930-1938. Elic married Mrs. Bessie (Robinson) Marshall, 7 December 1938 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Elic Lanham died 29 April 1949 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where he was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Celia Midkiff Lanham died 16 December 1932 Ohio County, KY. Celia was buried with her first husband, Horace Eskridge, at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. Celia Midkiff had one child by Horace Eskridge – Vernie (1898-1966, married Dora Parton & Mrs. Katie Brown Lumenhauser).
- d. William J. Midkiff born in March 1880 Ohio County, KY. 'Willie' died at age of 3 years, 7 months & 27 days. Buried Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- e. Leo G. Midkiff died at the age of 1 year, 9 months & 3 days. Buried Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
- f. Myrtie J. Midkiff died at the age of 2 years and 5 months. Buried Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

- g. John Malie Midkiff was born 3 August 1888 Ohio County, KY. He married Ethel Muffett, 6 April 1921 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Ethel, daughter of Robert Rice Muffett & Cora F. Fuqua, was born 27 October 1890 Ohio County, KY. Malie died 29 June 1964 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Ethel Midkiff died 24 January 1989 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Malie & Ethel were buried Fordsville Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. They had no children.
- h. Dollie S. Midkiff was born 20 January 1893 Ohio County, KY. She married Arnold Rusher, 4 June 1913 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Arnold, son of Phillip Henry Sheridan Rusher & Mary Frances Brown, was born 1 June 1893 Ohio County, KY. Dollie Rusher died of dropsy on 20 January 1916 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Newton Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Arnold Rusher married Maude Eskridge (1892-1970), 24 January 1917 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Dollie S. Midkiff & Arnold Rusher had two children – Rondal (1914-1956, married Mary Belle Huff) and a stillborn male (19 January 1916). Arnold Rusher and Maude Eskridge had one child – Phillip (1919-2002, married Bessie Jo Wray).
- i. One other child was born and died during 1870-1900.
2. James Jesse Midkiff, 'J. J.', was born 5 June 1851 KY. Jesse Midkiff (age 19, farm laborer) is listed in the home Samuel M. & Elizabeth Hedden in the 1870 census of the Fordsville District, Ohio County, KY. At the time of the 1880 census, he was residing with William & Artemissa (Lain) Huff in the town of Pellville, Hancock County, KY; he was reported to be 28, single and was a minister. He was ordained a Baptist minister at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Ohio County, KY on 28 May 1880.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 28 April 1880 p1:

“Fordsville News – J. J. Midkiff will be ordained on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May at Mount Pleasant church near Fordsville.”

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 19 May 1880 p3:

“J. J. Midkiff will be ordained at Mt. Pleasant church on Friday, before the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May, 1880, instead of on Saturday, as stated by us formerly.”

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 26 January 1881 p3:

“Fordsville, Jan. 18 – Rev. Jesse Midkiff, a promising young minister of the Baptist church, will begin a series of meetings at Gum Springs school house as soon as the weather will permit.”

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 17 May 1893 p4:

“Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington, Ill., was in the city yesterday.”

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 8 December 1905 p5:

“Herbert, Ky., Dec 6 – Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Stonington Ill., is assisting our pastor, Rev. R. T. Bruner, in a series of meetings at this place.”

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 3 September 1915, p6:

“Pellville, Ky., August 31 – Rev. Jesse Midkiff and daughter, of Illinois, are visiting relatives at this place. Rev. Midkiff preached a fine sermon at the Baptist church here Sunday.”

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 16 August 1922:

“Rev. J. J. Midkiff, of Decatur, Ill., who is making an extended visit in Ohio County, has been the guest of his cousin, Mr. J. A. Boling, and Mrs. Boling, the past few days. He filled the pulpit at the local Baptist church Sunday night. Rev. Midkiff was born and reared in this county, where he was formerly a teacher, but left here about 35 years ago.” [note – J. A. Boling’s mother was a sister of Julia Huff Midkiff]

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 10 September 1926 p4:

“Herbert, Ky., Sept. 9 – Rev. Jesse Midkiff, of Decatur, Ill., and sons, John Midkiff, of Honolulu, and Morris Midkiff and little son of New Jersey, visited relatives here several days ago.”

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Friday, 16 May 1930:

“Pellville – Word has been received here of the death of Rev. Jessie J. Midkiff at his home in Glendale, Cal. He was well known here and had lived and preached here when a young man and since that time has often visited his friends here.”

Rev. James Jesse Midkiff married Bertha Wilson, 12 May 1881 Wayne County, IL. Bertha, daughter of Joel Wilson & Angeline Whittinghill, was born 28 February 1854 Flora, Clay County, IL. Her parents were married in Ohio County, KY on 19 December 1851. Before marrying Bertha had been a school teacher. Bertha Wilson Midkiff died 28 April 1896 and was buried at the Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL. Rev. Midkiff married second Frances E. Donahue, 19 October 1903 Decatur, Macon County, IL. The 1900 census of Christian County, IL reports that Frances was born in May 1860 in Canada.

For a number of years J. J. Midkiff was pastor of various Baptist churches in Ohio and Daviess counties, KY before moving to Illinois during 1881-1883. In August 1890 he moved to Stonington, IL from Nokomis, IL. James J. Midkiff (Baptist minister) is listed in the 1900 & 1910 censuses of Stonington, Christian County, IL. He resided in Stonington for about 30 years. On 31 October 1919 he moved to Decatur, Macon County, IL, where he is listed in the 1920 census. On 27 December 1928 he moved to Glendale, Los Angeles County, CA, where he appears in the 1930 census. Rev. James Jesse Midkiff died at his home in Glendale, CA on 7 May 1930. He was returned to Stonington, IL and interred with his wife, Bertha, at the Old Stonington Cemetery. An obituary in the Messenger & Inquirer, Owensboro, KY (11 May 1930 p3) stated that “Rev. Midkiff was born near Fordsville, July 1851 being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Midkiff, pioneer settlers of that neighborhood.” He was survived by his widow, six children, a brother, S. G. Midkiff of Owensboro, KY, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Abe Howe, of Herbert, KY, and Mrs. Mattie Beavin, of Louisville, KY. His widow, Frances E. Midkiff, died on 30 December 1933 in Glendale, Los Angeles, CA, where she was buried at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Decatur Review, Decatur, IL  
Friday, 28 December 1928 p4

Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL  
Tuesday, 13 May 1930 p22:

## J. J. MIDKIFFS MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

Expect To Make Their Home In Los Angeles or Suburb.

Rev. and Mrs. James J. Midkiff, 145 West Cerro Gordo street, left Thursday for California where they will make their home in Los Angeles or one of its suburbs. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Midkiff have resided on West Cerro Gordo street for a number of years, Mr. Midkiff making trips to California and the Hawaiian islands where some of his children have lived for several years. The couple will make their California home permanently in order to be near their children.

## Hold Funeral Today for, Rev. James J. Midkiff

Funeral services for the Rev. James Jesse Midkiff, widely known to an earlier generation of Illinois Baptists, who died last Thursday at Glendale, Cal., will be held this afternoon at the Old Stonington church, near Stonington, Christian county. The Rev. Midkiff, who was 78 years old, was pastor of Old Stonington from 1896 to 1900 and thereafter held pastorates at Noble, Pana, Mount Vernon and Nokomis.



Rev. James Jesse Midkiff (1851-1930)



James Jesse Midkiff (1851-1930, 4<sup>th</sup> from left) with his children (l-r) - John Howard Midkiff (1893-1984), Grace Carr Robinson (1885-1977), Jesse Earl Midkiff (1884-1957), Robert Forest Midkiff (1895-1920), Bertha Ruth Allen Greene (1896-1948), Morris Ezra Midkiff (1889-1972) and Frank Elbert Midkiff (1887-1983).

Rev. James Jesse Midkiff and Bertha Wilson had 9 children:

- a. Herbert Wilson Midkiff was born 22 June 1882 and died in 1883. He was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL.
- b. Jesse Earl Midkiff was born 18 March 1884 Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, IL. He married Phyllis Howard Smith (1893-1980), 25 November 1915 Cairo, IL. They were divorced during 1930-1934. He married Mrs. Charlotte Blake Avery (1897-1983), 7 December 1934 Honolulu, HI. Jesse E. died 22 July 1957 Honolulu, HI. He was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL. Jesse Earl Midkiff & Phyllis Howard Smith were parents of – James Egbert (1922-2010, married Marian L. Kraai, Jean Mary Behnke & Mitzi Ann Hicks).
- c. Grace Carr Midkiff was born 2 November 1885 Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, IL. She married Arthur Ellsworth Robinson (1881-1972), 1903 Christian County, IL. Grace died 28 April 1977 Fresno, Fresno County, CA. She was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL. Grace Carr Midkiff & Arthur Ellsworth Robinson were parents of – Ralph Kenneth (1906-1976, married Ruth Puckett) and Paul Ellsworth (1906-1966, married Esther Lillian Schultz).
- d. Frank Elbert Midkiff was born 15 November 1887 Anna, Union County, IL. He married Ruth Richards (1893-1971), 29 June 1917 Honolulu, Honolulu County, HI and Marjorie Carter Paddock (1920-2010), 28 February 1973 Honolulu, HI. He moved to Hawaii in August 1913. He was an educator. He served as High Commissioner of the Trust Territories under the Eisenhower administration. After World War II he organized the Pacific War Memorial Commission and in 1957 he was chairman of the commission to select the state capitol of Hawaii. A detailed biography was published in the book, The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, Volume J - 1960-63 (New York, James T. White & Company, 1964, pp456-457). Frank E. Midkiff died 7 August 1983 Honolulu, HI. He was buried Mission Cemetery, Honolulu, HI. Children of Frank Egbert Midkiff & Ruth Richards were – Mary Wilson (1918-1921), Robert Richards (1920-2014, married Evanita Sumner) and Frances Elizabeth (1926-2012, married Wilmer Cox Morris).
- e. Morris Ezra Midkiff was born 7 August 1889 Nokomis, Montgomery County, IL. He married Malinda Amelia Bardel (1891-1967), 31 January 1914 Hightstown, Mercer County, NJ. Morris E. died 13 February 1972 South Amboy, Middlesex County, NJ. He was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL. Morris Ezra Midkiff & Malinda Amelia Bardel were the parents of – Mildred Amelia (1914-2002, single), Morris Ezra, Jr. (1918-2018, married Elizabeth Cooke Duncan) and Jesse William (1924-2007, married Patricia Carolyn McCormack).
- f. Abbie Pearl Midkiff was born in 1891 and died in 1895. She was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL.

- g. John Howard Midkiff was born 16 January 1893 Stonington, Christian County, IL. He married Floye Agnes Henderson (1892-1985), 29 January 1917 Decatur, Macon County, IL; they were divorced in 1929 Honolulu, HI. John H. Midkiff married second Pearl Lee Beck (1900-1988), 18 November 1932 Honolulu, HI. He moved to Honolulu, Hawaii on 18 July 1917. He was appointed the manager of the Waiialua Sugar Company in 1932 and retired from that position in 1950; the company operated a multi-thousand-acre sugarcane plantation in Hawaii. He died 28 May 1984 Honolulu, HI. Children of John Howard Midkiff & Floye Agnes Henderson were – Martha Jean (1920-2005, married Floyd Willard Fitzpatrick) and John Howard Midkiff, Jr. ('Jack', 1923-2012, married Mary Aileen Gooch & Dorothy Neil McBride).
- h. Robert Forest Midkiff was born 5 October 1894 Stonington, Christian County, IL. He served in World War I as an instructor in aviation. After the war he was an aviator and stunt pilot. He died near Dallas, TX on 18 July 1920 in an airplane accident when he fell from a height of 4,000 feet and lost his life. He was buried Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Christian County, IL.
- i. Bertha Ruth Midkiff was born 19 April 1896 Christian County, IL. She married Loran Lenard Allen (1895-1984), c1916, Howard Ricks, 1917-1922 and Walter Herbert Greene (1885-1951), 1922-1926. Bertha died 29 September 1948 Reno, Washoe County, NV and was buried Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, NV. Bertha was the mother of – Loran James Allen (1917-1991, married Mary Maxine Schreves), Laura Louise Allen (1917-2012, married James Alfred Lawson, Sven Dorf & Russell Irvin Winkel), Elizabeth Hope Ricks (1922-1999, married Zerah James Ralph Cleveland), Virginia Rae Greene (1928-2015, married Paul Eugene Bennett) and Walter Herbert Greene (1935-after 2015, married Nancy & Julie G.).
3. Henry Clay Midkiff was born 1851-1852 KY. In the 1870 census of Hancock County, KY he is listed as H. C. Midkiff. He was then living in the home of William & Artemissa (Lain) Huff; he was reported to 18 and was working as a farm laborer. He married Sarah Hester Marlow, 18 March 1875 at her father's residence in Ohio County, KY. On their marriage license it was reported that he was 23 years old and born in Ohio County, KY. One month before their wedding his brother, Thomas B. Midkiff, married Sarah's sister, Martha A. Marlow. Sarah, daughter of Tobias B. Marlow & Martha Hall, was born 2 January 1859 Ohio County, KY. A birth certificate for her was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. Henry Clay Midkiff died in Ohio County, KY on 11 May 1878. The following notice was published in the county's newspaper:

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 15 May 1878:

p.3– "Fordsville Items, May 6: H. C. Midkiff, who lives near this place, is very low with consumption."

p.3 – "Mr. H. Clay Midkiff, of the Fordsville district, died last Saturday morning of consumption. He was at the residence of his father-in-law. Tobias Marlow."



At the time of the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY, H. C. Midkiff's widow, Hester, and son were living in the home of her parents, Tobias & Martha Marlow; they were mistakenly listed under the name of Marlow. Mrs. Sarah Hester Midkiff married Woodford Sharp (1847-1930), 6 April 1881 at the home of the bride's father, Tobias B. Marlow, in Ohio County, KY. Their marriage recorded that she was age 22, born Ohio County, KY and it was her second marriage. William, a little son of Woodford & Hester Sharp died of disease of the brain 15 December 1882. A death notice reported that the child's "remains were laid, with other members of the family, in the John Miles graveyard" (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 3 January 1883 p3). Sarah Hester Sharp died on 5 April 1883 Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 2 May 1883 p2:

Obituary: Died, on what is known as the Warner Cobb farm, two miles south-west of Fordsville, this county, Thursday, April 5th 1883, of consumption, Sarah Hester, consort of Woodford Sharp, in the 25th year of her age. Hester, as she was called, was born on the second day of January, 1859, and was a daughter of Tobias B. and Martha Marlow; she was married April 6th, 1881. She was not a church member, but her conduct was that of a Christian lady, and previous to her demise, she expressed herself as perfectly satisfied with her hope in Christ, saying that all would be well with her in that home prepared for the redeemed. On the 6th, her remains were laid by the side of her little son in the graveyard on the farm of John Miles. Thursday the 19th, her husband, after taking leave of his friends and looking at the graves of wife and child, perhaps for the last time, departed for the home of his father, living near Foster's Landing, Pendleton county, Kentucky. Previous to his marriage, he was a stranger to us, but during the time he resided in this community, he has by his prompt business transactions and devotion to his sick companion made many friends and he takes the sympathy of the entire community in his sad bereavement. Forbes

Sarah Hester Marlow Midkiff Sharp was buried in the Miles Cemetery in Ohio County, KY about one & a half miles southeast of Fordsville. She does not have a marked grave there. Her brothers, William H. & Josiah M. Marlow, have gravestones in the cemetery. Sarah's first husband, Henry Clay Midkiff, may also have been buried here.

Henry Clay Midkiff and Sarah Hester Marlow were the parents of:

- a. Estel Midkiff, 'Jack', was born 10 March 1876 Ohio County, KY. After the death of his parents, he was raised by his uncle, Josiah (Joe) Milton Marlow. He is listed in the 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Indianapolis, Marion County, IN. In the 1880 census Estel was listed immediately preceding the home of his future wife, Mamie Miles. He married Mamie Florence Miles, 29 June 1896 Ohio County, KY. Mamie, daughter of Evan Albert Miles & Lucy Ann Sudduth, was born 15 March 1878 Ohio County, KY. Estel was a carpenter. He died 18 March 1950 Indianapolis, Marion County, IN. His wife, Mamie, died in Indianapolis on 18 December 1970. They were buried in the Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN. Estel Midkiff & Mamie Florence Miles had seven children – Ida Lee ('Lela', 1897-1996, married Thomas Emmett George), Jesse Arnold (1900-1970, married Ruth Murnie McDowell), Floy Cecil (1903-1985, married William Yancy Beasley), Estel Miles (1906-1986, married Irene Lucas), Anna Mae (1909-1995, married Ernest Andrew Lewellen),

Mildred Florence (1913-1999, married Calvin George Sacre) and Kenneth Arthur (1917-1991, married Anna May Reid).

4. Thomas B. F. Midkiff was born 26 September 1855 Hancock County, KY. His name was entered as this on a record of his birth that was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. On his marriage license he reported that he and his mother were born in Hancock County, KY and his father in Ohio County, KY. He had a first cousin once removed named Thomas Baxter Midkiff (1848-1935). Thomas B. F. Midkiff married Martha Ann Marlow, 17 February 1875 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of Tobias B. Marlow & Martha Hall, was born c1855 Ohio County, KY. Her grandfather, Rev. Ancil Hall, was a prominent pioneer Baptist minister in Ohio County. No trace of Thomas B. F. & Martha Ann Midkiff could be found after their marriage. Martha Marlow Midkiff died during 1875-1883. Martha's mother, Martha Hall Marlow died on 10 May 1883 and her obituary stated that of her nine children only three were survivors. The three surviving children of Tobias & Martha Marlow in 1883 were William Henry Marlow, Josiah Milton Marlow and Melvina E. Coppage.

5. Lewis M. Midkiff was born 7 April 1859 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. No further record of him was found. He probably died infancy or childhood.

6. Samuel Grant Midkiff was born 26 July 1863 Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. On his marriage in 1888 he reported that he was 25 and born in Ohio County, KY. In the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY his name appears as Ulysses G.; he was then age 16 and living with his father and stepmother. He is listed in the Pellville District in the 1900 census of Hancock County, KY. During 1902-1904 he made his home near Herbert in Ohio County, KY. The Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p2) on 24 August 1904 reported – “Herbert, Aug. 20: Mr. Grant Midkiff has about completed his new residence.” Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 14 December 1905 p2 – “Herbert: Mr. John Midkiff, of near Fordsville, spent a few days with his brother, S. G. Midkiff, last week.” Samuel G. Midkiff is listed in the Herbert District in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. When the 1930 census was taken he and his wife, were living at 815 East Third Street in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He was then employed as a carpenter.

Grant Midkiff married Sarah Ann Goode, 4 October 1888 Ohio County, KY. Sarah ('Sallie'), daughter of David Crockett Goode & Ellen Cummings, was born 16 February 1870 Spring Lick, Grayson County, KY. Sallie A. Midkiff 15 May 1893 Daviess County, KY. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 16 May 1893 p4 – “Deaths: Mrs. Grant Midkiff died yesterday at 5 o'clock at her home near Pettit, of consumption, aged 23 years. The funeral will take place at Elmwood this morning at 10 o'clock.” She was buried in the Glenville Methodist Church Cemetery, in Daviess County, KY.

S. G. Midkiff married second Mary Lula Givens, 8 August 1898 Hancock County, KY. Lula, daughter of William Samuel Givens & Hannah M. Eastburn, was born 12 March 1859 Nelson County, KY. Samuel Grant Midkiff died 23 August 1938 at his home at 815 East Third Street in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He was survived by his wife, one son, and two half-sisters. His wife, Lula, died 24 September 1942 at the home of her brother, W. S. Givens, in Hawesville, Hancock County, KY; she had no children. Grant & Lula were buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro, KY.

Samuel Grant Midkiff and Sarah Ann Goode had one child:

- a. Guy Otis Midkiff was born 28 June 1889 Sulphur Springs, Ohio County, KY. He married Eva Freeman Obenchain, 10 October 1912 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. Eva, daughter of James H. Obenchain & Sallie A. Creager, was born 10 August 1890 Hancock County, KY and died 7 February 1922 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Guy Midkiff married Mary Frances Skinner, 30 May 1925 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Mary, daughter of Walter R. Skinner & Dora Bruner, was born 17 September 1900 Ohio County, KY and died 5 January 1990 Owensboro, KY. Guy O. Midkiff died 28 September 1978 Owensboro, KY; he was a retired grocer. He and his two wives were buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY He had no children.

William Curtis Midkiff and Louisa Hulda Garth had four daughters:

7. Josephine Midkiff was born 28 February 1869 according to her tombstone. Her son, Benedict B. Payne (1900-1990) said that his mother was born near Magan Station in Ohio County, KY. Mr. Payne and his sister, Beulah Payne (1904-1998) said that their mother's birth date came on February 29<sup>th</sup>; "she only had a birthday every four years. On her death certificate her birth was given as 29 February 1869. If she was a leap year baby her birth would have to have been on 29 February 1868. In the 1880 Ohio County, KY census her age was given as 11 years old.

Josephine Midkiff married her step-brother, Henry Louis Payne, 18 November 1884 Hancock County, KY. Henry L., son of Charles Louis Payne & Rachel Priscilla Beavin, was born 14 September 1867 Daviess County, KY. Henry's father, Charles L. Payne (1838-1900), in 1883 had married Josephine's mother, Hulda Garth Midkiff. Charles' father, John Louis Payne, in 1828 settled near Knottsville in Daviess County, KY. His family was one of the first Catholic families to make Daviess County, KY their home. Charles L. Payne in 1882 donated the land for a new Catholic church, St. Thomas, near Roseville, in Hancock County, KY. Charles L. and his two wives were buried in the St. Thomas Cemetery.

Soon after Hulda Garth Midkiff married Charles L. Payne her four daughters by William Curtis Midkiff became Catholic converts. In the records of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, in Daviess County, KY, it is recorded that Josephine Metcalfe (15 years old), Nora Ellen Metcalfe (12 years old), Martha Ann Metcalfe (10 years old) and Annie Metcalfe, children of widow Metcalfe were baptized on 18 October 1883 by Rev. Patrick M. J. Rock (Saint Lawrence Baptismal Records Whitesville, Kentucky, by Anna Hamilton, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1985, p118).

Henry L. Payne was baptized on 29 December 1867 at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church near Knottsville in Daviess County, KY. He is listed in the 1870 Breckinridge County, KY census, in the 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Hancock County, KY. Most of Henry & Josephine's children were born on a farm that adjoined the St. Thomas Catholic Church near Roseville in Hancock County. In 1910 they moved to near McQuady in Breckinridge County, KY, where he is listed in the 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses. He was a farmer.

Josephine Midkiff Payne died of cancer of the bowels on 18 August 1924 at McQuady, Breckinridge County, KY. Her husband, Henry L. Payne died 1 January 1949

at the Rosemont Rest Home at St. Matthews in Jefferson County, KY. They were buried at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church Cemetery, McQuady, Breckinridge County, KY.

Josephine Midkiff & Henry Louis Payne had 13 children, they were – Charles Herbert (1885-1977, married Nora Elizabeth O’Connell), William Henry (‘Willie’, 1887-1957, married Mary Ollie Mattingly), Mary Roberta (‘Bertie’, 1889-1912, married James Oliver Huff), Joseph Ernest (1891-1978, married Jennie Beulah Wright & Mildred L. Meador), Lawrence Ivo (1893-1988, married Margaret Leola Newton), Clarence Elmer (‘Shorty’, 1896-1976, married Mary Helen Mattingly), Raymond Estil (1898-1901), Benedict Bernard, ‘Ben’, 1900-1990, married Mary Agnes Sherron), Beulah Mae (1904-1998, single), Herman Leo (1907-1917, died of peritonitis), Louis Jesse (1908-1985, married Susan Frank, Alberta Mary Heeke & Mary Helen Heeke), Anna Lucille (‘Sister Frieda’, 1910-1974, single, Catholic nun, member of the Dominican order for 39 years, a nurse, served as a hospital administrator) and stillborn female (1913-1913).



Two pictures on right: Josephine Midkiff Payne (1869-1924) & husband, Henry Louis Payne (1867-1947). In picture on left they are with their children in 1899. Children in front row – Lawrence Ivo, Clarence Elmer & Raymond Estil. Back row – Joseph Ernest, Mary Roberta, William Henry, (Uncle) Benedict Joseph Payne (1877-1952) & Charles Herbert.

8. Nora Ellen Midkiff was born c1871 KY. She married John Thomas Payne, 18 November 1884 Hancock County, KY at the Catholic church. In her parents’ home in the 1880 Ohio County, KY census she was reported to be 9 years old. In the St. Lawrence Catholic Church baptismal records her name was given as ‘Nora Ellen’. John T., son of James Hilary Payne & Susanna Philpot, was born 20 September 1862. He was baptized at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Daviess County, KY on 31 January 1863. John Thomas Payne was a first cousin of Henry L. Payne, who married Nora’s sister, Josephine.

In 1892 in the Hartford and Owensboro, KY newspapers there appeared several articles about Nora Midkiff Payne leaving her husband (“A Good Man Gone: A Prominent Hancock County Farmer Elopers With a Married Woman”, Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 15 March 1891 p1; “Steve Lanham Returns”, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 23 March 1892 p4; “All Wrong: The Charge of Elopement Preferred Against Steve Lanham Was Entirely Unfounded”, Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 9 April 1892 p1; “Mr. Steve Lanham... explains”, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 13 April 1892 p3;

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Three children of Nora Ellen Midkiff & John Thomas Payne were baptized at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Daviess County, KY. In the school records of Hancock County, KY for the years of 1900 and 1910 John Payne is listed as having children attending the Pleasant Springs School near Pellville. Children of his sister-in-law, Josephine (Midkiff) Payne were also attending the same school. In 1900 John’s daughter, Josephine (born 11 November 1886) was a student there and in 1901 his daughters, Josie (born 15 November 1887) and Bertha (born 22 December 1890) were listed. In subsequent years John nor his children are in the Hancock County school records. In the 1910 census John Thomas Payne is listed as Johnson T. Payne. He was living in the home of his father James Hilary Payne, and was reported to be 47 and divorced. John T. Payne died 19 September 1934 in Daviess County, KY at the White Hill Infirmary, also known as the county infirmary and the Daviess County Poor Farm. His death certificate recorded that he was age 68, single and was a coal miner. The informant for the death certificate was W. T. Horn the Infirmary’s caretaker. The death certificate and a death notice in the Owensboro newspaper named no family members. He was buried at the Daviess County Poor Farm Cemetery on Miller’s Mill Road.

Nora Ellen Midkiff died 1892-1943. An obituary of her mother in 1943 did not list her as a survivor. Several nieces and nephews of Nora were interviewed for this report and all said they had never seen Nora and did not know anything about her and had never heard of her children.

Children of Nora Ellen Midkiff & John Thomas Payne included – Josephine (23 November 1886 – after 1901), Mary Odelia (‘Bertha’, 24 December 1888 – after 1901, married Henry Frank Keeton, 14 November 1907 Rockport, Spencer County, IN) and Coralee Joanna (5 June 1891 -).

9. Martha Ann Midkiff, ‘Mattie’, was born 12 May 1874 KY. This date of birth was recorded on her death certificate. Her birth year varies in records. The 1900 census has 1875 and on her gravestone a year of 1876 was inscribed. The 1880 Ohio County, KY census lists her name as ‘Susan M.’ (age 7). Her marriage license has her name as Mattie. On her baptismal record at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church and on the birth certificate of her son, James Roscoe Beavin, her name was given as ‘Martha Ann’.

Mattie married Henry Louis Beavin, 23 February 1892 Hancock County, KY; his middle name was also found as Lewis. They were probably married at the St. Thomas Catholic Church, near Roseville in Hancock County. St. Thomas was a mission church of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Daviess County, KY. The early records of St. Thomas were recorded at its parent church, St. Lawrence. The St. Lawrence marriage register on

an entry for their marriage it was noted that Martha Midkiff was a convert. Henry L., son of James Henry Beavin & Catherine Matilda Payne, was born 15 November 1871 KY. Henry Bevin (nephew, age 8) is listed in the home of Charles L. & Rachel (Beavin) Payne in the 1880 Hancock County, KY census. Henry's mother, Catherine Matilda Payne was a sister of Charles Louis Payne. Henry L. & Mattie are listed in the 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1920 census of Daviess County, KY. Henry was a farmer. He died of pneumonia 12 December 1925 near Philpot in Daviess County, KY.

Mattie Beavin (Bivin) is listed in the 1930 census of Louisville, Jefferson County, KY and 1940 census of Daviess County, KY. She appears in the 1942 City Directory of Louisville, KY. She died on 9 September 1954 at her home, 625 South 41<sup>st</sup> Street, in Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. She was buried with her husband at the St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. The death register of the St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church recorded that Martha Beavin, daughter of William Midkiff & Louise Garth, widow of Henry Beavin, died at the age of 80 on 9 September 1954.



Martha Ann (Midkiff) Beavin (1874-1954) &  
her husband, Henry Louis Beavin (1871-1925)

Martha Ann Beavin and Henry Louis Beavin had 12 children, they were – James Arthur (1892-1897), Oscar Joseph (1894-1969, married Margaret Muhlenkort), Samuel Leo (1897-1973, married Grace Lee Brown & Mrs. Cecile Catherine Hill Copeland), James Oliver ('Ollie', 1899-died during 1942-1952, married Sally Elizabeth Nugent), Henry Marion (1901-1952, married Elizabeth Marie Mattingly), Raymond A. (1904-1905), William Herman (1905-1973, married Pearl A. Roose), Jerome Joseph ('Jerry', 1908-1980, married Mildred Marcelia Roose), Mary Lee (1910-1986, married Harold Benjamin Roose), Earl Jesse (1912-1986, married Alberta Lucy Dienes), James Roscoe (1915-1995, married Catherine Elizabeth Lynch) and Edward (1920-1920).

10. Hester Anna Midkiff, 'Annie', was born 10 June 1879 Magan, Ohio County, KY. The 1880 Ohio County, KY census lists her as 'Hester A.' (age 11 months). On her marriage her name appeared as Annie and on her gravestone, obituary and death certificate as Anna. A birth year of 1882 was placed on her gravestone. She married Albert Abraham ('Abe') Howe, 23 January 1900 Hancock County, KY. They were married by a Catholic priest. Albert, son of John Howe & Ellen Jane Galey, was born 27 October 1872 Perry



County, IN. In the 1880 census of Daviess County, KY Albert Howe, age 8, is listed in the home of his widowed father near Knottsville. Abe & Annie are listed in the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940 & 1950 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He lived near Reynolds Station in Ohio County; he was a farmer.

Abe Howe died at the Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY on 14 June 1957. Anna Midkiff Howe died on 27 December 1969 at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. They were buried at the St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church Cemetery, Whitesville, Daviess County, KY. They had been members of the St. Thomas Catholic Church near Roseville in Hancock County. Annie Howe was a member there when it closed its doors in 1964.

Hester Anna Midkiff and Albert Abraham Howe had 3 children – Joseph Herman ('Joe', 1902-1981, married Bertha Mae McPherson), Robert Abraham (1908-1982, married Onnora Smith & Dorothy Hall) and Lou Ellen (1920-2005, married Willis Leroy Burdette).



Hester Anna Midkiff (1882-1969) & husband, Albert Abraham Howe (1872-1957). Picture on bottom was taken on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

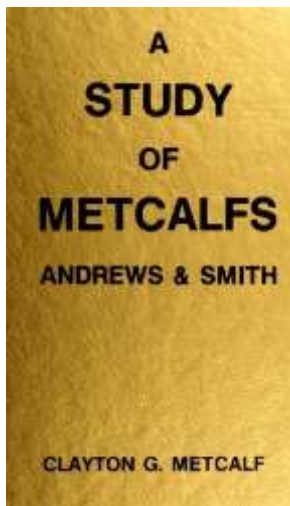


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