

# Chapman Family of No Creek

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Joshua Chapman settled at No Creek, Ohio County, KY during 1804-1805. He was born during 1750-1760 in Maryland. Joshua probably was a grandson of Robert Chapman, who was living there by 1705 and who died in Baltimore County ca 1749 (Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759, Barnes, pp.222-224). Joshua Chapman is listed in a multitude of family trees on the internet. In these there are many contradictions, unproven statements and errors. Several genealogies list a birthday of 17 January 1755 in Baltimore County, Maryland for Joshua. However, no original source for this date is cited. Also many family trees and his memorial grave marker give his name as “Joshua D. Chapman”. Again no primary source is given that shows him with a middle initial “D”. Joshua did have a grandson, Joshua D. Chapman (1833-1885) – son of Moses K. Chapman & Patsy Bennett. This alone, however, does not prove that his grandfather’s name was the same.

It is believed that Joshua Chapman, of No Creek, was the Joshua, who served as a 2nd lieutenant in the company in Capt. Tevis during the American Revolution. Joshua’s wife at his death was Frances Dorsey. A marriage for them has not been located and it is not known if he was married more than once.

In the 1790 census of Maryland a Joshua and Nathan Chapman were enumerated in Baltimore County – in Joshua’s household were 8 (1 male over 16, 3 males under 16 & 4 females) and in Nathan’s household were 12 persons (5 males over 16, 2 males under 16 & 5 females). It is not clear if this is the Joshua of No Creek. There appears to be more than one Joshua in Baltimore County, MD at the same period. One Joshua married in that county on 23 June 1792, to Catherine Hemmel; this Joshua is reported to have died in 1795 (“Maryland Marriages, 1666-1970” and familysearch.org).

In the 1800 & 1801 tax lists of Henry County, KY there are listed Joshua & Nathan Chapman; in the 1802-1804 tax lists of Henry County no Chapmans appear. Henry County in 1798 had been created out of Shelby County, KY and in the Shelby County tax lists during 1791-1811 Joshua appears in the 1796 & 1797 lists and Nathan in the 1796 & 1799 lists. Nathan was married in Shelby County on 7 January 1796 to Jane Vancleave.

The Joshua appearing in Shelby – Henry County does not appear to be the Joshua, of No Creek. The No Creek Joshua in 1799 & 1802 probably was still a resident of Baltimore County, MD since he had daughters marrying there in 1799 & 1802; Altha to Benjamin Benton and Leah to Amos Hipsley, respectively (“Maryland Marriages, 1666-1970”).

Joshua Chapman first is listed in the annual Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1805. Joshua also appears in the 1806-1809 Ohio County’s tax lists; the 1810 tax book is missing. Beginning in 1806 he is taxed on a 130-acre tract on No Creek, a tributary of Rough Creek. The tract had initially been entered in the name of Walker Daniel. On 8 April 1805 Chesley Calloway and his wife, Christina, for the sum of \$500 conveyed to Joshua Chapman 150 acres on the west fork of No

Creek, a branch of Rough Creek, part of 2,000 tract entered in the name of Walker Daniel, surveyed and patented in the names of Robert Baird and Robert Barnett. Recorded on 8 April 1805 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book B, p.12). Joshua sold 21 acres of this tract to his son-in-law, Amos Hipsley, on 2 December 1805 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book B, p.71).

Joshua Chapman is enumerated in the 1810 federal census of Ohio County, KY – in his home were counted – 1 male 10-16, 1 male over 45, 1 female 0-10, 2 females 10-16 & 1 female over 45. Also appearing in the 1810 Ohio County census was a Willis Chapman, who was born ca 1775 in South Carolina and came to Ohio County about 1807.

On 20 January 1807 Joshua Chapman wrote a will. In 1811 Joshua Chapman died. His will was recorded in June 1811 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p.74). A transcription follows:

In the name of God Amen, I, Joshua Chapman of Ohio County and state of Kentucky being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and following, that is to say:

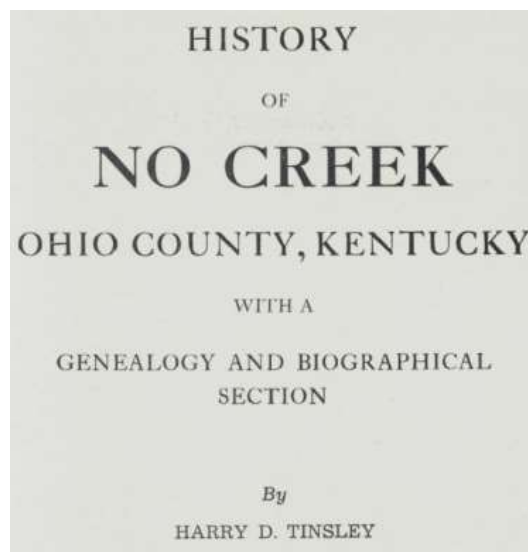
First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of as executrix and executor herein after named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid. I give to my beloved sons Joshua Chapman and Moses Chapman my dwelling plantation where I now live containing one hundred and thirty acres be the same more or less with its appurtenances to them and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my said two sons all my plantation's farming utensils to them and their heirs forever and in case either of them should die without lawful issue the whole to be enjoyed by the survivor and heirs or assigns forever. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my two beloved daughters Sarah Chapman and Francis Chapman their heirs and assigns forever all the residue of my personal property except the aforesaid plantation utensils. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughters Leah Hipsley and Altha Benton one shilling each having formerly given them what I thought myself able and lastly I do appoint my beloved wife Francis my executrix and Joshua Chapman together with her my executor of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven. Signed sealed published and pronounced by the above, Joshua Chapman (seal). Named testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses, J. Crow, Joshua Griffith, Aquilla Field, Charles Griffith.

Ohio County, Kentucky June Court 1811 this last will and testament purporting to be the last will and testament of Joshua Chapman Dec'd was exhibited in court and proved by the oaths of subscribing witnesses Joshua Crow and Aquilla Field and ordered to be recorded. Attest Ch. Henderson, Clk.

Joshua in his will named his wife, Frances, and six children – Joshua Chapman, Moses Chapman, Altha Benton, Leah Hipsley, Sarah Chapman & Frances Chapman. In the Ohio County tax lists commencing in 1811 Joshua Chapman's widow, Frances Chapman, is listed in his place. She is listed as being assessed on a tract of 130 acres on No Creek - Rough Creek, originally entered in the name of W. Daniel. Frances also is listed in the 1812, 1813 & 1814 Ohio County tax lists. Frances did not die in 1811 as engraved on her memorial monument in the Chapman –

Benton Cemetery. She was alive in 1814 and possibly was still living at the time of the 1820 Ohio County census. The majority of Joshua Chapman's land became the property of his son, Moses K. Chapman, who in the 1817-1820 Ohio County tax books was assessed taxes on 115 acres on No Creek, originally entered in the name of W. Daniel. In the household of Moses Chapman at the time of the 1820 Ohio County census there is a female over the age of 45. This unidentified female is possibly Joshua Chapman's widow, Frances.

Joshua Chapman was buried in a family cemetery on his farm at No Creek. The cemetery is about eight miles west of Hartford – just west of the old Heflin store on the Hartford - Livermore Road (Highway 136) turn right (north) into drive, pass first house on the right, stop at trailer on the left, the cemetery is near the west side of the old abandoned Chapman house. The cemetery is a short distance east of the Woodward's Valley Church. The late historian, Harry D. Tinsley (1923-2020), referred to this burial plot as the Chapman – Benton Cemetery. Mr. Tinsley had an encyclopedia knowledge of the No Creek community and was the author of the book, History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky (Frankfort, KY: Roberts Printing Company, 1953). Mr. Tinsley in describing No Creek burial plots said the following about the Chapman – Benton Cemetery (p.121):



The Chapman-Benton plot is located on Ira Ellis' farm. All of the stones are down but a fence is around the lot. Here are buried Benjamin Benton, who died September 27, 1862, age 85 years 1 month 20 days, Sarah A., wife of J. W. Benton (May 28, 1828-Sept. 8, 1875), their two infant daughters, Martha J. (May 30, 1853-June 12, 1855) and Ether Enola (May 20, 1869-Jan. 15, 1870), Lucy H., wife of N. B. Chapman, born December 10, 1825, died September 8, 1871, Lydia D., wife of L. R. Carson and late widow G. P. Bennett, born August 20, 1807, died July 17, 1871 and Patsey, wife of Moses K. Chapman, born July 23, 1797, died February 7, 1873. There are others without any markers among whom are Moses Chapman, Altha Benton and Catherine Chapman. It is possible that they once had markers but have been destroyed which I believe is true.

The following listing of the Chapman – Benton Cemetery was published in Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries Update, 1982-2002, Ohio County Genealogical Society (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 2002) pp.199-200:

# CHAPMAN / BENTON CEMETERY

Copied by Gracie Frizzell

Located on the Ira Ellis Farm, off Hwy. 136 at No Creek. Harry D. Tinsley said all the stones are down, but a fence was around it.

Benjamin Benton	Age 85years	d. Sept. 27, 1862
s/o Obed Bennett Chapman & Catherine Chapman		

Sarah C. Benton	b. May 28, 1828	d. Sept. 8, 1875
w/o J.W. Benton		

Martha J. Benton	b. May 30, 1853	d. June 12, 1855
d/o J. W. & Sarah A.		

Ether Enola Benton	b. May 30, 1869	d. Jan. 15, 1870
d/o J.W. & Sarah		

Lucy H. Chapman	b. Dec. 10, 1825	d. Sept. 8, 1871
w/o N. B. Chapman		

Lydia Dorsey	b. Aug. 20, 1807	d. July 17, 1871
w/o L.R. Carson & late widow of George Plummer Bennett & d/o Benjamin & Altha (Chapman) Benton		

Patsy Chapman	b. July 23, 1797	d. Feb. 7, 1873
w/o Moses K. Chapman		

George Plummer Bennett	b. Aug. 12, 1807	d. Sept. 15, 1855
h/o Lydia Dorsey		

Elijah Bennett	b. April 18, 1833	d. Oct. 30, 1838
s/o George & Lydia Bennett		

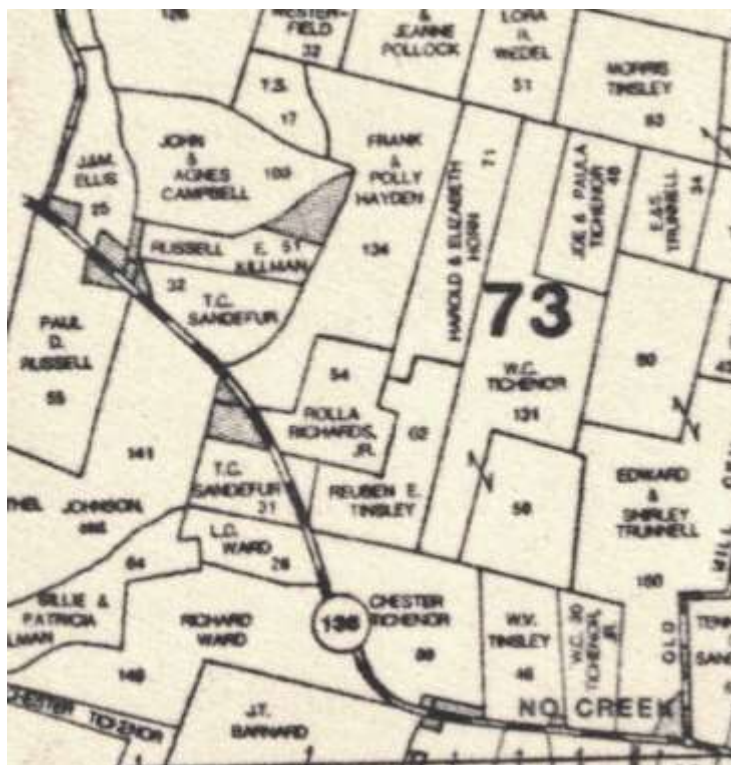
Joseph Bennett	b. April 13, 1840	d. Feb. 18, 1843
s/o George & Lydia Bennett		

Catherine Chapman	b. Aug. 20, 1832 ?	d. March 14, 1834 ?
w/o Obed Bennett Chapman & d/o George Borah		

There are others without markers buried here. Among them are Moses Chapman, Altha Benton & Catherine Chapman. They may have had stones, but were destroyed. Moses K. Chapman died at the age of 88 years.

Wilson Chapman	b. 1871	d. 1874
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On 11 October 1989 this writer (Jerry Long) and Harry D. Tinsley visited the Chapman — Benton Cemetery. The cemetery was then on the farm of James Kenneth Ellis (1915-1996). His father, Ira B. Ellis (1887-1968) had purchased 64 acres in 1916 that included the cemetery plot (History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, Harry D. Tinsley, p.270).



Chapman – Benton Cemetery is on James Ellis farm, on Highway 136 in top left corner of Ohio County, KY 1982 Plat

There were about ten monuments in the cemetery. On my visit all were down and were overgrown in thick vines. None of the monuments could be accessed due to the overgrowth. Marking the plot a small wooden sign listed the names found on the monuments, viz: Benjamin Benton, Altha Chapman Benton, Sarah wife of Joshua Benton, Martha J. & Ether daughters of Joshua & Sarah Benton, Lucy wife of Nathan Chapman, Lydia wife Lindsay Carson; Moses Chapman, Patsy wife of Moses Chapman and Catherine wife of Obed Chapman. Mr. Tinsley said also buried here in an unmarked grave was Joshua Chapman, who died in 1811.

Since my visit the Chapman – Benton Cemetery has been reclaimed thru the efforts of Gary W. Tunget, of Owensboro, president of the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Tunget is a fourth-great-grandson of Benjamin Benton & Altha Chapman and fifth-great-grandson of Joshua Chapman & Frances Dorsey, who are buried in the cemetery.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 7 June 2014, p.3B:

#### To Do Today

The Fort Hartford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold a joint grave marking ceremony at 1 p.m. at the Old Mill Cemetery three miles west of Hartford in Kentucky 136 in No Creek. The graves of John "Gov" Bennett, Chesley Calloway and Joshua Chapman will be marked. A reception at No Creek United Methodist Church will follow. For more information call Gary Tunget at 270-684-1948 or Robert Brooks at 270-298-3692.

Several memorial markers have been erected in the cemetery including:



Inscription: Chapman – Benton Graveyard, Around this memorial lies the graves of Benjamin Benton son of Joseph and Ann Talbott Benton born 16 Apr. 1777 in Frederick Co. Maryland died 27 Sept. 1862. His wife Altha Chapman born 8 May 1771 in Montgomery Co. Maryland died 1 June 1847 Daughter of Joshua D. Chapman born about 1750 in Baltimore MD died 1811 in Ohio Co. KY and Frances Dorsey Chapman born 1756 in Anne Arundel Co. MD [note: Benjamin's age on his tombstone indicates he was born 7 August 1777; Altha's age on her gravestone suggests a birthdate of 8 May 1781]





Inscription: "Near onto this spot lyes ye graves of Joshua Chapman borned 20 Jan. 1755 departed this life June 1811 and his wife Frances Dorsey departed this life 1811."



Monuments erected in recent years for other known burials in the cemetery can be viewed on [Findagrave.com](http://Findagrave.com)



## **Joshua Chapman (c1750-1811) was the father of:**

Altha – Leah – Joshua, Jr. – Moses K. – Sarah D. – Frances H.

1. Altha Chapman was born 8 May 1781 in Maryland. Married Benjamin Benton, 29 May 1799 Baltimore County, MD. Benjamin, the son of Joseph Benton & Ann Talbott, was born 7 August 1777 in Maryland. Altha died 1 June 1847 and Benjamin died 27 September 1862. They were buried in the Chapman – Benton Cemetery, No Creek, Ohio County, KY. They were the parents of: Miranda, Nathan Chapman, Lydia Dorsey, Erasmus, Joseph Talbott, Moses, Allen, Jesse Green, Frances Ann and Altha Tivis.
2. Leah Chapman married Amos Hipsley, 23 October 1802 Baltimore County, MD. She died during 1807-1808 in Ohio County, KY. She was alive when her father wrote his will on 20 January 1807 and died prior to her husband's second marriage. Amos Hipsley was the son of Joshua Hipsley & Elizabeth Goodman and was born c1783 in Maryland. Amos married Providence Hudson, 5 December 1808 Ohio County, KY. Amos is listed in the 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY.
3. Joshua Chapman, Jr. was born 1784-1792 in Maryland. He married Rachel Whitaker, 30 November 1810 Shelby County, KY. The daughter of Jesse Whitaker & Lydia Lindsey, Rachel, was born 18 May 1794 in Shelby County, KY. Joshua first appears in the Ohio County, tax lists in 1819. He was then taxed on 200 acres in Shelby County, KY and 200 acres in Ohio County, KY (on Barnett's Creek). He is listed in the 1820 Ohio County, KY census. Joshua Chapman (Jr.) died in 1827. An inventory and appraisal of the estate of Joshua Chapman, deceased, was made on 13 December 1827 by Squire Lee Whitaker, Benjamin Benton & James Baird, and was recorded in Ohio County in March 1828. A settlement of the accounts of Ashford Woodward, Joshua's administrator, was recorded in June 1828. The two documents were recorded in Ohio County Will Book B. pp.161-162. Joshua's widow, Rachel Chapman, appears as a household head in the 1830 Ohio County, KY census. She is last found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1839. In Ohio County on 9 February 1840 Rachel married Rev. Ancil Hall, a Baptist minister. Bondsman on her marriage was Squire Whittaker. Rev. Hall died on 16 June 1841. Mrs. Rachel Hall is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County. At the time of these three censuses Rachel Hall was living with her son, Hiram C. Chapman (c1822-1880). The children of Joshua Chapman, Jr. & Rachel Whitaker included Wilson Lee, Jesse Whitaker, Frances, Dr. George Waller, Moses, Hiram C. Chapman and three others died childhood.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday 14 June 1876, p.2:  
Obituary.

Rachael Hall was born in Shelby Co., Ky., the 18th day of May, 1794. She was raised in that county, and joined the Baptist church, and was baptized by G. Waller, in the year 1803; married to Joshua Chapman, in 1811, by whom she had nine children. She moved to Ohio county in 1819,



and lost her husband by death in 1819; she lived a widow, till she was married in 1839, to Elder Ancil Hall, of Ohio county, with whom she lived till his death, which occurred June 16th, 1841, when she was again left a widow, and as such, she spent the remainder of her days on the old homestead, with her youngest son Hiram Chapman.

She died, May 13th, 1876. Her maiden name was Whittaker; the number of her children and grand-children was 137, and at her death, 105 of them were living.

4. Moses K. Chapman was born 22 August 1792 in Baltimore County, Maryland. He first appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1814. In 1817 he was first taxed on 115 acres on No Creek, which was part of the farm his father bought in 1805. In 1850 his farm was valued at \$800. He is listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Ohio County. He married Patsy Bennett, 13 February 1817 in Ohio County, KY. The daughter of Jefferies Bennett & Eleanor Benton, Patsy, was born on 23 July 1797 in Maryland, Patsy died on 7 February 1873. Moses died on 25 January 1879 in Ohio County. He was buried in the family graveyard on the farm on which he died. His grave in the Chapman – Benton Cemetery until recent years was unmarked. A government military service monument has been placed in the cemetery – the wrong birth & death years were placed on the memorial. Moses K. & Patsy were the parents of ten children: Leah E., Rachel, H. Nathan B., Reese J., Sarah A., Obed Bennett, Joshua Dorsey, Minerva Jane, Joseph W. and one other who died in childhood.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 13 September 1876, p.3:  
M. K. Chapman

Mr. Chapman is one of our oldest citizens. He was 84 years old 22nd day of last August. He was born in Baltimore county, M.D., and moved to Ky. when 13 years of age. He married rather young and lived with his wife 56 years. He raised several children, some of whom are well known in this community. Uncle Moses is active, and looks as though he could \_\_d another Centennial year. Long \_\_ to you, Uncle Moses.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 26 June 1878, p.3:  
An Old Time Relic.

Uncle Moses Chapman was in town last Wednesday, stepping round as nimbly as a man of sixty-five. The people of Hartford are always glad to see uncle Moses, by all of whom he is much liked. Uncle Moses was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, in the year 1792, and is consequently 86 years old. He came to and settled in Ohio county in 1805, and intermarried with Patsy Bennett, daughter of Jeffreys Bennett, in 1818, with whom he lived contentedly and happy for fifty six years, when she died, having reared nine children of ten born to them; the most of whom still survive, and are honest respectable people. Uncle Moses has witnessed many changes, and is now one of the few "ancient landmarks" yet to be seen of the early settlement of Ohio county.

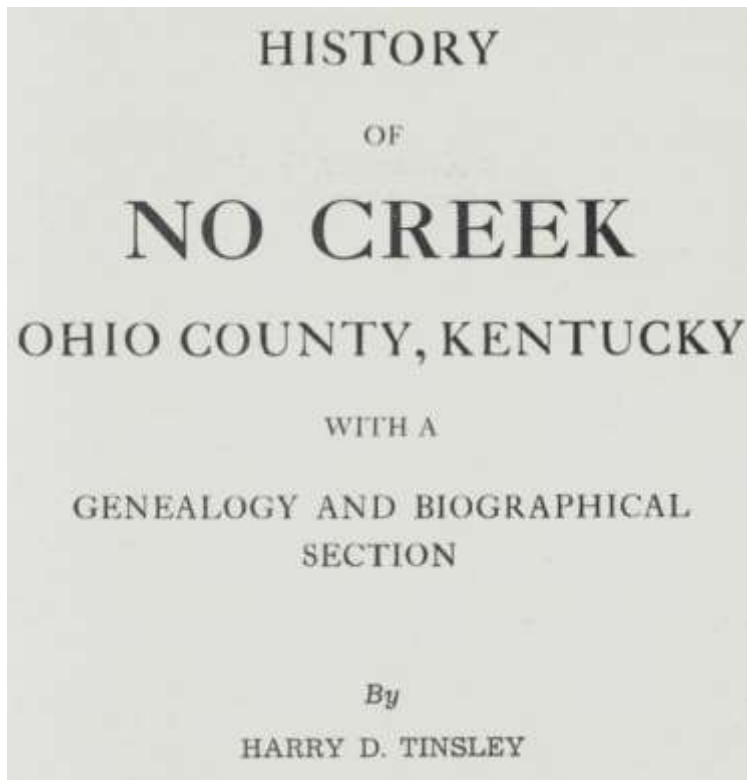
He served in company of rangers in the war of 1812, and was noted for his bravery and great endurance. May he be spared to us many years yet.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 29 January 1879, p.3:

Uncle Moses Chapman, aged eighty-six, died of old age last Saturday, at the residence of his son, Obed Chapman. He was buried on Monday on the farm on which he died. His funeral was preached by Rev. James Stewart.

5. Sarah D. Chapman was born about 1794 in Maryland. She married William Ford, Jr., 10 February 1813 in Ohio County, KY. William was born 1786-1789. His father, William, Sr., was a Revolutionary War veteran and was the son of John Ford & Ann Talbott of Maryland. Ann Talbott Ford married second Joseph Benton and was the mother of Benjamin Benton, who married Sarah D.'s sister, Altha Chapman. William Ford (Jr.) is listed in the 1820 census of Caldwell County, KY. In Ohio County, KY on 1 April 1829 in deed book F, p29, a marriage contract between William Ford and his wife, Sarah, was recorded. Apparently William had a drinking problem and their marriage was greatly strained by it. In this authorized document William agreed that if he were to get intoxicated he was to give his wife the household goods and custody of their children, he also agreed not to move out of the county unless his wife agreed to. In return Sarah Ford promised to make him a faithful and dutiful wife. The document was witnessed by Benjamin Benton, who resided at No Creek and who was the husband of Sarah's sister, Altha (Chapman) Benton. Only six weeks after the recording of the contract between William & Sarah Ford, Sarah sued her husband for a divorce. The suit, Sarah D. Ford vs. William Ford, was filed in the Ohio County, KY Circuit Court on 13 May 1829 (case #198). The divorce was granted and Sarah was given custody of their children. William Ford, Jr. married a second time on 14 February 1832; he was wed to Martha Cooper in Caldwell County, KY. William Ford, Jr. died in Caldwell County during 1835-1837. William's former wife, Sarah D. (Chapman) Ford is listed as a household head in the 1830 census of Ohio County, KY and 1840 census of Daviess County, KY. Mrs. Sarah D. Ford appears to have died between 1840 and 1850. Sarah D. Chapman & William Ford were the parents of six children, who lived to maturity – Aswell W., Corrilla M., Francis Marion, Manalcus C., Joshua Griffith and Joseph Erasmus. See article "William Ford, Sr. (1763-1845): Revolutionary War Soldier of Caldwell County, Kentucky: by Jerry Long (Owensboro, Ky., 1995) pp.19-41 on website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy.
6. Frances H. Chapman was born 16 April 1798 in Maryland. She married Joseph Bennett, 9 March 1815 Ohio County, KY. Joseph, son of John Bennett & Mary Icypheny Plummer, was born 19 July 1792 in Maryland. He is listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 and 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Frances died in Ohio County of dropsy on 30 July 1857 and Joseph died on 26 February 1863. Joseph & Frances resided in the No Creek Community, where they were buried in the Old Mill Cemetery. Ten of their fourteen children were also buried in the old Mill Cemetery. Their children were: Matilda, Minerva E., William G., Mary P., Frances D., Reuben Allen, Henry Mack, Ruth Ann, Altha A., Delilah V., Minerva L., Hannah Adaline, Vandarssa and Virgil P.





**History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, by Harry D. Tinsley**  
**(Frankfort, KY: Roberts Printing Company, 1953):**

Pages 213-215 – FAMILY OF BENJAMIN BENTON & ALTHA CHAPMAN

He came to this community from Frederick County, Maryland, shortly after the turn of the 19th century. He owned the farm which Mrs. D. E. Ward now owns. He died September 27, 1862, at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 20 days, according to his tombstone inscription in the family cemetery on I. B. Ellis' farm. His wife was Altha Chapman.

They had the following known children:

1. Nathan Chapman born September 30, 1803, married Elizabeth A. Johnson, on January 5, 1825. She was born May 30, 1808 and died May 31, 1884. He died May 29, 1873. Their children were:
  - a. Joshua W., born Sept. 1, 1831, married first, Oct. 22, 1853, Sarah A. Chapman, born May 28, 1828, died Sept. 8, 1875. They had Bettie, born May 30, 1855, married John T. Her. She died Sept. 6, 1929. Also Martha and Ether E., both dying in infancy. His second marriage was to Malissa Tally, born Jan. 15, 1850, died Feb. 22, 1891, leaving one child, Malan A., born Feb. 28, 1887, died Dec. 16, 1918, in France. J. W. Benton was an excellent carpenter and died Feb. 19, 1914. They are buried at Beulah Cemetery, Beda.
  - b. Altha Jane, born September 29, 1834.
  - c. Lydia Elizabeth, born June 8, 1839, married Richard P. Atherton. Byron Iglehart, of Centertown, is a grandson. The N. C. Benton family record is from a record owned by Ernest Bennett.
2. Lydia D., who married George P. Bennett.

3. Allen, who married Elvira T. Barnett (see record in the Barnett history).
4. Frances Ann, who married Alex B. Bennett.
5. Joseph T., who, to quote my fellow historian, McDowell A. Fogle, writing in the R. R. R., in *The Ohio County News*, on May 18, 1951, said: "in 1835 had taken as his bride Matilda J. Woodward, daughter of John and Elizabeth Woodward, of the No Creek community, the former of whom died while traveling on the Mississippi in the same month, May 1817, in which his little daughter was born. He was buried on the banks of the Father of Waters and so never saw Matilda. When she was about five years old, the little girl's mother married Col. John Bennett, of the same community; she was reared and lived in his home until her marriage February 26, 1835, at the age of eighteen. She and Mr. Benton were both staunch Presbyterians.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton had two daughters, the eldest of whom, Vitula, became the wife of the Rev. George W. Kinsolving, who had come with his parents from Virginia to Caldwell County in 1849 . . . . He became a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and, at the breaking out of the War between the States, was appointed Chaplain of the 17th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, U. S. Army. From severe exposure while in the service he contracted typhus fever, of which, after an illness of six weeks, he died at Ceralvo in April 1862 while en route to his home. Mrs. Kinsolving survived her husband until August 1866.

"Their only child, Herbert Benton, was born at his maternal grandfather's home in Hartford, the storied edifice I am sketching, on October 19, 1860, and after his father's untimely death, with his mother, lived with her parents. After his mother's death within a few years, his rearing was assumed by his grandparents.

"Herbert Kinsolving attended the local schools and Cumberland University. He also learned the printer's trade in the office of the Hartford Journal. After completing his university course, he taught school in Daviess County, "reading law" at the same time and in vacation. In September 1879 he was admitted to the bar and in 1882 was elected county attorney of this county. At the completion of his four-year term, he was elected to a two-year term in the lower house of the General Assembly from Ohio County. He died in Louisville only some two or three years ago.

"The second daughter of the Joseph T. Benton's, Mary, married John O'Flaherty, prominent Hartford printer, journalist and lawyer. Mr. O'Flaherty was one of the early editors of *The Hartford Herald*. Two of the O'Flaherty children followed the example of their father in becoming prominent members of the Fourth Estate. One was the late Arch B. O'Flaherty, for many years, editor and publisher of the *Cisco, Texas, Daily News*. The other was Raymond Hampton O'Flaherty, now and for many years connected with the *Santa Monica, California, Evening Outlook*. Ray was also born in the Benton homestead August 2, 1875.

"Mrs. Benton died in the old home here August 28, 1888, her husband following her across the Great Divide June 11, 1891."

6. Altha, who married January 15, 1842, Thomas L. Allen, who was born March 21, 1815 and died July 26, 1903. They resided in "the Bend" section, the farm later owned by a son, the later J. Walter Allen. They had other children besides Walter.

(Mr. Fogle's article was about the Benton home and the family which is owned and occupied by Mrs. Mattie Tate, Hartford businesswoman).

#### Page 233 – THE HIPSLEY FAMILY

The first to bear the name in Kentucky and Ohio County was Amos, who emigrated from Maryland in 1804 and first settled on the farm now owned by Mrs. D. E. Ward, but after about a

year established his home between No Creek and Shinkle Chapel, which has been known for many years as the Irad Hipsley place. He was a son of Joshua Hipsley, the other children being Joshua, Caleb and Sarah (Davis), all of whom moved to Knox County, Ohio, and Charles and Levi, who remained in Maryland. Amos was twice married, first to Elizabeth Chapman, sister of Moses K. Chapman. After her death he married Providance Hudson, who was the mother of Edwin (Feb. 22, 1815-Nov. 23, 1866); George, (father of Warren, Angeline (Duke) and Mansfield) ; Charles (Jan. 16, 1819-Jan. 6, 1892), married Elvira Simmons (Dec. 19, 1825-June 19, 1891); Irad (Nov. 12, 1821-Feb. 12, 1912) and Angeline. They were members of No Creek Church.

Irad married Sallie A., daughter of Felix and Miriam (Shaver) Simmons, born Oct. 10, 1835 and died July 5, 1899. They had Mary, who married John Riggs and Nancy, who died at birth. John and Mary Riggs had Virgil, Hipsley and Albert.

Edwin Hipsley married Patsy .....and had Providence (Sandefur), Martha (wife of W. G. Bennett), Mizella (wife of Vick M. Stewart) and Sallie (who first married Richard Shaver, then John Henry James).

When George Mansfield Hipsley died November 8, 1939, he was the last to bear the family name in Ohio County or in Kentucky as far as known by local relatives. He was born November 26, 1858. He left a daughter, Mrs. W. S. Calhoun, of Livermore.

#### Page 219-220 – FAMILY OF MOSES K. CHAPMAN

He came to No Creek from Maryland and died at the age of 88 years on the farm now owned by Ira Ellis and is buried there. He married February 13, 1817, Patsy Bennett, daughter of Jefferies Bennett, born July 23, 1797, in Maryland. She died February 7, 1873. Their children were:

1. Nathan B.
2. Reese J. He married Elizabeth Sandefur, of Hickory section, near Beaver Dam and lived there for many years. After coming here they lived with their daughter, Mrs. Laura Craig. At the September, 1873 Session of Beulah Cumberland Presbyterian Church he was accepted as an Elder in said church, coming from Hickory Church where he was also an Elder. He served as such until his death October 29, 1889, according to the Minutes of the Beulah Congregation. Mrs. Chapman and children were also Presbyterians. He and his wife are buried at Old Mill. Their children were John D., who married Lutitia Hoover; Laura, married Lem Craig; Louisa G., married Richard Tweddell; Frank who died near maturity and Moses who died in September 1891, in St. Louis but was returned here for burial.
3. Obed Bennett Chapman, born August 20, 1832, married Catherine, daughter of George Borah; she was born March 14, 1834 and died January 12, 1880. She was buried on the Ira Ellis place which they owned. Their children were:
  - Clinton Lee—Born Apr. 27, 1858—Married Aitha Ellis, then Minnie Sandefur.
  - William Obed—Born Dec. 25, 1863—Married Annie Ward, then Annie Maim. He is still living.
  - John P.—Born Dec. 25, 1867—Married Helen Stewart.
  - Wilson—Born 1871—Died 1874.
  - Louis P.—Born May 25, 1876—Married Verna McManama.
  - Obed B. Chapman married second time Jeanetter Leach.
 Their children were:
  - Hiriam Dudley—Born Oct. 10, 1885.
  - Tolbert Luther—Born Jan. 6, 1888.



They sold the farm here and Mr. Chapman died on a farm four miles from Hartford on Dundee road. He died October 10, 1899 and rests in Carson Cemetery. His wife is buried on her father's farm (Tolbert Leach). They were members of No Creek Church.

4. Minerva Jane—Married Alex Stogner.
5. Joshua D., born February 27, 1833, married Cordelia A. Hall, born April 20, 1840; died October 17, 1865. Children were Joe Dudley and Vitula who married L. D. Bennett. He married second time Caroline Borah, born July 11, 1837; died August 20, 1895—had no issue. He first owned what is now known as Bill Westerfield farm and later where Rupert Bennett owned. They belonged to No Creek Church and were buried at Carson Cemetery.
6. Leah—Married Jim Frank Sandifer. Children were, Virge who married Annie Lewis, Jim, Tom, Sarah (Hudson) and probably others.
7. Joseph, died in 1890, unmarried.

#### Pages 22-23 – FAMILY OF JOSEPH BENNETT & FRANCES H. CHAPMAN

Joseph Bennett was born July 19, 1792. He married March 9, 1815, Frances H. (Fanny) Chapman, who was born April 16, 1798. Their home was where Richard Ward lives. She died July 30, 1857 and he February 26, 1863. They and ten of their 14 children rest at Old Mill Cemetery. Their children were:

1. Matilda, born July 5, 1816, married January 28, 1836, Franklin Wallace and had Dr. Clayton T., Alric (Barrett) and Luella (Shown). She died Nov. 14, 1853, rests at Old Mill.
2. Minerva E., born Jan. 7, 1818, married June 17, 1835, John S. Ward and died Sept. 13, 1835, rests at Old Mill.
3. William G., born Oct. 23, 1819; died June 10, 1839.
4. Mary P., born Sept. 20, 1820, married Oct. 27, 1842, Lorenzo Dow Cooper, born Mar. 31, 1819. They resided in New Bethel area and had nine children; only two, Samuel O. and Alice P. (Wm. J.) Riley, were living in 1885.
5. Frances D., born Sept. 20, 1821, married J. C. Barnett.
6. Reuben Allen, born June 2, 1824, married Jan. 1, 1846, Cynthia Woodward, born Feb. 25, 1829 and had James D. (died age 16), Ruth (Howley), Lottie (Baird) and Reuben. They owned the farms which C. Patton, Eva Thomas-son and Bill Johnson own. He died Oct. 9, 1855 and she Apr. 16, 1877.
7. Henry Mack, born June 23, 1826, married June 23, 1847, Mildred Tinsley, born Nov. 1, 1830. He died Feb. 26, 1864, in Union Army. They had Obed, Mary (Liles) and Lorenzo D.
8. Ruth Ann, born May 18, 1828, married Dec. 23, 1847, Sylvester Lewis Lindley, born Dec. 15, 1823. They resided in McLean County on the farm which his descendants sold in 1946, it having been 100 years since Mr. Lindley purchased the farm. They had John and Harve, who went in the 1890's to Honolulu, Hawaii and married there. He was a physician and at that time the Islands had a Queen and he received an annual salary for being her physician. The Lindleys also had Artemisia, Clayton, Mary and Sarah, who died, ages ranging from one to five years. They and their parents rest at Old Mill. Mr. Lindley died July 30, 1866; she Jan. 11, 1889.
9. Altha A., born Jan. 28, 1831, married Jan. 21, 1849, Isaac Foster. She died March 15, 1855, leaving two sons, Joseph N. (born Oct. 12, 1850, died Nov. 16, 1886) and William T., who died April 3, 1855, age 1 year, 3 mos., 24 days. She and her sons rest at Old Mill.
10. Delilah V., born May 17, 1733, married T. H. Carson.

11. Minerva L., born Aug. 15, 1835; died Sept. 25, 1845.
12. Hannah Adaline, born June 3, 1838, married Mar. 14, 1857, Moses C. Iglehart. She had a family and died in Marshall County, Nov. 26, 1884.
13. Vandarssa, born April 17, 1840; died Aug. 1, 1840.
14. Virgil P., born March 10, 1845; died Nov. 24, 1863, in the Union Army-Names, births and marriages copied from a record in the Joseph C. Barnett Bible.

