

Black Kentucky Pioneers:

Frank Render Cemetery Ohio County, Ky.

By Jerry Long
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The Frank Render Cemetery is between Beaver Dam and the Goshen Methodist Church in Ohio County, Ky. On the west side of Beaver Dam take Seventh Street (Highway 273). Turn right at the first road on the right. (Knob Hill Road). The cemetery is a short distance on the right on bank in a cluster of trees. Harry D. Tinsley and Jerry Long on 4 February 1991 visited the cemetery. At the time the cemetery was grown up with small trees and bushes. About ten or twelve monuments. There are many unmarked graves indicated by depressions.

Many Blacks from Beaver Dam and the surrounding area were formerly buried here. After the establishment of the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Beaver Dam in the 1950's the cemetery ceased being the community cemetery. In newspaper death notices the cemetery is referred to as the "Frank Render Cemetery" or "Render Cemetery". Cemetery is highlighted in red on following map:



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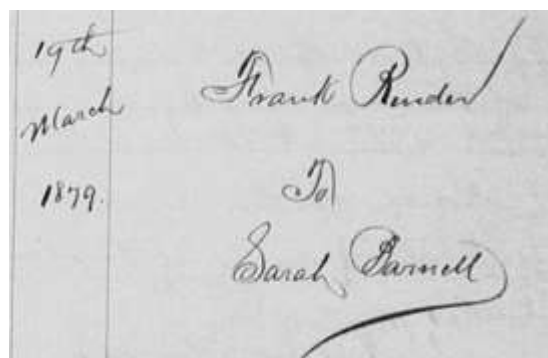
Biography of Frank Render

Frank Render for whom the Render Cemetery was named was born between 1854-1858 in Ohio County, Ky and died in 1924. He is listed in the 1880 (age 23), 1900 (born May 1852), 1910 (age 53) and 1920 (age 65) censuses of Ohio County, Ky.

In the 1860 slave schedule recorded for Ohio County, Ky two Render slave owners had males in the age range of Frank Render – John Render (1816-1894) and Elijah Green Render (1820-1905). John had three males ages 7, 7 & 5 years; and Elijah had two males ages 6 & 4. On Frank Render's second marriage in 1911 it was reported that he was 53, born Ohio County, Ky and was the son of John & Rosa Render.

In the 1870 census of Ohio County, Ky listed in the home of John Render (white, slave owner) was Hardin F. Render, a Black farmhand, who was age 15. In the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics it is recorded that Hardin F. Render, Black, was born in Ohio County on 20 May 1855, his owner was John Render. Hardin F. possibly could be Frank Render, whose father might have been the white John Render (1816-1894). In slavery days many Blacks were born to their white slave masters. John Render was the son of Robert Render, Jr. (1775-1861) & Charlotte Ann Barnes, who were married in Ohio County, Ky on 9 December 1801. Robert, a native of Culpeper County, VA, removed to Ohio County with his parents, Robert Render, Sr. & Sarah Rowe, about 1798. Robert, Sr. died about 1825.

The first record found for Frank Render was when he appeared as a surety on a guardian bond for "Lucinda Eidson, of color" on 13 December 1877. (Ohio County, Ky Guardian Bond Book 5, p.103). Frank Render married Sarah Barnett in Ohio County on 20 March 1879 (Ohio County, Ky Negro Marriage Register M, pages 98-99):

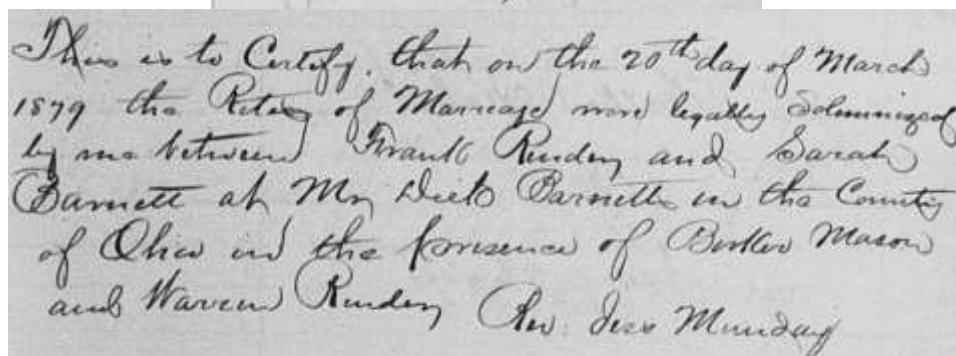


19th
March
1879.

Frank Render

To

Sarah Barnett



This is to Certify, that on the 20th day of March 1879 the Rites of Marriage were legally solemnized by me between Frank Render and Sarah Barnett at My Wife's Parsonage in the County of Ohio in the presence of Porter Mason and Warren Render Rev. Geo Munday

Frank Render in the 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 Ohio County censuses was reported to be a farmer. He resided near the town of Beaver Dam. The 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses recorded that he owned his own farm. The Ohio County deed indexes entered the following land purchases for him – 15 acres in 1896 (Deed Book 15, p.383); tract in 1901 (Deed Book 42, p.422); 4 acres in 1909 (Deed Book 42, p.423); and 33 ½ acres in 1913 (Deed Book 46, p.23).

The household of Frank Render was listed as follows in the federal censuses:

1880 Ohio County, Ky Census:

				born - father born - mother born
Render, Frank	age 23	black	farmer	Ky - Ky - Ky
“ Sarah	age 23	black	wife	Ky - Ky - Ky
				Frank & Sarah could not read or write

1900 Ohio County, Ky Census:

Render, Frank	May 1852	black	farmer	Ky - Ky - Ky	owns farm
“ Sarah	age 47	black	wife	Ky - Ky - Ky	mother of 7 children
					5 living; married 20 yrs
“ Addie	Sep 1881	black	son	Ky - Ky - Ky	single farm laborer
“ Sally	Dec 1886	black	dau.	Ky - Ky - Ky	single
“ Calvin	Apr 1888	black	son	Ky - Ky - Ky	single farm laborer
‘ Harrison	Sep 1889	black	son	Ky - Ky - Ky	single farm laborer

1910 Ohio County, Ky Census:

Render, Frank	age 53	black	farmer	Ky - Ky - Ky	widowed, owns farm
“ Harrison	age 22	black	son	Ky - Ky - Ky	single farm laborer
“ Millie	age 73	black	?	Ky - Ky - Ky	widowed
					11 children 3 living

1920 Ohio County, Ky Census:

Render, Frank	age 65	black	farmer	Ky - Ky - Ky	owns farm
“ Laura	age 61	black	wife	Ky - Ky - Ky	married
“ Golda	age 10	black	dau.	Ky - Ky - Ky	

Frank Render’s wife, Sarah Barnett Render died during 1900-1910. The 1910 census reported that he was widowed. On 23 November 1911 he married Mrs. Laura (Miller) Jackson at her residence at McHenry in Ohio County, Ky. Their marriage license recorded:

Groom	Bride
residence - Beaver Dam, Ky	residence - McHenry, Ky
age - 53 years old	age – 52 years old
second marriage	second marriage
occupation- farming	
born - Ohio County, Ky	born - Ohio County, Ky
father - John Render	father - William Miller
mother - Rosa Render	mother - Cena Miller
mother - born Ohio County, Ky	parents - born Ohio County, Ky

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Male.

1. Date of Marriage Nov 23, 1911

2. Name of Groom Frank Render

3. Residence of Groom Beaver Dam Ky.

4. Age of Groom 53 yrs

5. Number of Marriage of Groom Second

6. Occupation Farming

7. Birthplace of Groom Ohio Co. Ky.

8. Birthplace of Groom's Father John Render

9. Birthplace of Groom's Mother Rosa Render, Ohio Co. Ky.

Female.

10. Name of Bride Laura Jackson

11. Residence of Bride McHenry, Ohio Co. Ky.

12. Age of Bride 52 yrs

13. Number of Marriage of Bride Second

14. Birthplace of Bride Ohio Co. Ky.

15. Birthplace of Bride's Father Wm Miller

16. Birthplace of Bride's Mother Conn

17. Remarks Name to be made

(B. R.—At Nos. 8 and 13, state whether First, second, etc.—Marriage of each or either party.)

To be married at Bride's home

on the 23 day of Nov, 1911

I CERTIFY that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand, this 23 day of Nov 1911

Attest: Frank Render

Marriage Certificate.

This is to Certify, That on the 23 day of Nov 1911

the RITES OF MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me between

Laura Jackson and Frank Render

at McHenry in the County of Ohio in the presence of

Mollie Thomas Charlotte Schmitt

V. Hawkes

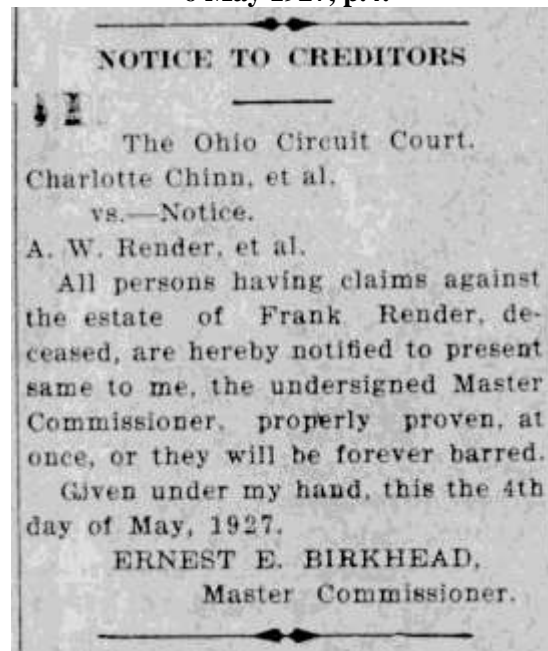
SIGNED: Rev. C. C. Brown

Laura Ellen Miller, wife of Frank Render, married first Nelson Jackson on 17 September 1874 (Ohio County, Ky Negro Marriage Book K, p.263). Nelson & Laura are listed together in the 1880 & 1900 Ohio County, Ky censuses. Nelson was a minister of the gospel and died during 1900-1910. Laura Jackson was reported to be a widow in the 1910 Ohio County census.

Frank Render died in 1924. He wrote a final will on 19 May 1924. It was witnessed by J. M. Porter and Andy Oller. The will was produced in the Ohio County court on 1 September 1924 and ordered to be recorded (Ohio County, Ky Will Book E, page 192). He left all of his estate, property and his home farm, to his wife, Laura E. Render. At her death it was to be divided — one

third to Addie Ward Render, one third to Charlotte Chinn and one third to the heirs of his deceased son, Calvin Render, who are: Eula May Render, Virginia Render and Sylvester Render. The will included the clause – “my executor shall have the right and he is hereby empowered to sell one acre of the aforesaid farm, said one acre to be layed off so as to include the cemetery on same, said one acre to be sold for the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars and my executor to make deed for same.” He appointed as the executor Lawrence Stevens of Beaver Dam, Ky. Frank Render’s estate was taxed on 80 acres (Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky, 19 Feb 1926, p.8).

Ohio County News, Hartford, Ky,
6 May 1927, p.4:



Frank Render’s widow, Laura Ellen Render, died in Louisville, Ky on 8 April 1944 (Kentucky death certificate 1944 #9702). She was buried in the Hayti Cemetery in Hartford, Ohio County, Ky.

The 1900 census records that Sarah Render, first wife of Frank Render, was the mother of seven children five of whom were then living. The children of Frank Render and Sarah Barnett included:

- Charlotte Render was born 8 March c1880 Ohio County, Ky; married James D. Chinn, c1899; died 21 July 1968 in Hartford, Ohio County, Ky, where she was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Ohio County, Ky (Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky, 23 July 1968, p.8).
- Addie Ward Render was born 5 September 1881 Ohio County, Ky; married Gertie Ann Carson, 26 December 1907 (Ohio County, Ky Negro Marriage Book 13, p.302); died 11 August 1973 in Evansville, Indiana, where he was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery (Indiana death certificate 1973 #32260).
- Sally Render was born in December 1886 Ohio County, Ky; died after 1900 and before 1924.

- Calvin Render was born in April 1888 Ohio County, Ky; married Cordia Holder, 27 October 1909 (Ohio County, Ky Negro Marriage Book 13, p.382); drowned on 30 December 1914 in the Ohio River near Owensboro, in Daviess County, Ky (Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, Ky, 30 December 1914, p.2).
- Harrison Render was born 12 November 1888 in Ohio County, Ky; died of typhoid fever on 15 November 1911 in Ohio County, Ky, where he was buried in the Frank Render Cemetery (Ky death certificate 1911 #29556); he was single and a day laborer.



Documented burials in the Frank Render Cemetery

The following 59 burials in the Frank Render Cemetery during 1911-1956 were documented by – the monuments in the cemetery, “Kentucky Death Certificates, 1911-1965” on Ancestry.com and Casebier Funeral Home Records, 1910-1966 (Ohio County Genealogical Society, McDowell Publication, Utica, Ky, 2001):

	Born	Died
Beard, Virgil Cornelius Ohio County, KY marriages & Ky death certificate 1911 #29505 – s/o Fred Beard & Lottie Berry	25 Aug 1908	2 Nov 1911
Blackburn, Henry Ky death certificate 1943 #14314 – s/o Walker Blackburn & Sarah; h/o Idella Butler	8 Nov 1867	5 June 1943
Blackburn, Idella (Butler) Ky death certificate 1954 #1485 – d/o Charlie Butler & Ida Norman; w/o Henry Blackburn	19 Nov 1895	9 Jan 1954
Borah, Jessie G. monument; Ky death certificate 1921 #7995 – s/o Jesse; married Laura Jane Plummer, 6 May 1869 Ohio County, Ky	23 Apr 1841	11 Feb 1921
Borah, Laura Jane (Plummer) monument has “Laura J. Borah”; w/o Jessie G. Borah; Ky death certificate 1933 #22384; d/o Chany Plummer	12 Nov 1856	3 Sep 1933
Bush, Addie T. (Chinn) Ky death certificate 1942 #23106 & 1920 Daviess County, Ky census – d/o Dudley Chinn & Bethel Jackson; w/o Seward Bush	21 Feb 1913	24 Oct 1942
Butler Charlie J. Census records & Ky death certificate 1948 #1732 –	1870	18 Jan 1948

s/o Rubin Butler & Rilly Sanders; h/o Ida Norman		
Butler, Glendon Eugene Ky death certificate 1942 #23193 – s/o Luke Butler & Luzetta	30 July 1942	26 Oct 1942
Butler, Ida (Norman) monument; Ky death certificate 1933 #12807 – w/o Charlie Butler	22 Aug 1874	19 Jun 1933
Butler, Lanzy Ky death certificate 1935 #31988 – s/o Luke Butler & Minnie Fant; h/o Viduma Beard	13 Nov 1909	4 Oct 1935
Carson, C. Monument has “C. Carson”		1935
Carson, John Thomas monument has “J. Carson died 1935” (wrong year); Ky death certificate 1936 #23033 – s/o Fine Carson; h/o Leva Norman	25 Dec 1871	20 Jul 1936
Carson, RubenBud Ky death certificate 1936 #17413 – s/o Fine Carson & Sarah Moore; h/o Cordie (Chinn) Render	May 1888	23 May 1936
Carson, Stella Ky death certificate 1937 #2539 – d/o Fine Carson & Sarah Moore; single	17 Feb 1886	21 Dec 1937
Chinn Alevia Ann (Norman) ‘Leva’; monument has “A. Carson”; Ky death certificate 1941 #18369 –d/o Charlie Norman & Rillie Martin; w/o Fine Carson & Horace Chinn	19 Nov 1879	15 July 1941
Chinn, Bertha Ky death certificate 1938 #18386 – d/o Carter; w/o Crit Chinn	25 Dec 1888	16 July 1938
Chinn, Charles Junior Ky death certificate 1937 #3638 – s/o Sewrt Carson & Addie Hines; on birth certificate mother – Addie Chinn	28 Sept 1931	4 Jan 1937
Chinn, James Wilbur Ky death certificate – s/o James D. Chinn & Charlotte Render; h/o Evelyn Berry	29 Mar 1900	4 Oct 1951
Chinn, Richard Ky death certificate 1946 #17489 – s/o John W. Chinn & Mary Jane Thomas; single	5 Jul 1892	23 Aug 1946

Cook, Edward Casebier Funeral Home Records & Ky death certificate 1954 #9612 – s/o William Riley Cook & Catherine Bridge / Briggs; h/o Mamie Chinn	8 May 1877	1 May 1954
Cook, Fronia (Carson) Census & Casebier Funeral Home Records – d/o Fine Carson & Sarah Moore; w/o Herbert Cook	23 Jun 1881	2 Apr 1945
Cook, Herbert Census & Casebier Funeral Home Records – s/o William Riley Cook & Catherine Bridge / Briggs; h/o Fronia Carson	25 Sep 1884	22 Jun 1949
Davis, Charlie Ky death certificate 1946 – s/o John Davis & Lucy Hayden; h/o Florida Taylor; obituary in <u>Ohio County News</u> , Hartford, Ky, 8 Nov 1946, p5	27 Dec 1876	3 Nov 1946
Davis, Clifford Ellis Casebier Funeral Home Records – s/o Charles Davis & Florida Taylor;	29 Mar 1905	28 Feb 1955
Dewitt, stillborn infant Casebier Funeral Home Records – c/o Aleck Dewett & Rosa B. Taylor	5 Aug 1943	5 Aug 1943
Eidson, Ava (Chinn) Casebier Funeral Home Records – d/o James Chinn & Mary Jane Thomas; w/o Grant Eidson	18 Aug 1872	10 May 1943
Eidson, Ulysses Grant Casebier Funeral Home Records, Ohio County, Ky 1867 marriages & Indiana death certificate 1946 #12141 – s/o Lewis Eidson & Lucinda Midkiff; h/o Ava Chinn	2 Sep 1869	26 Mar 1946
Eidson, RobertWayne Ky death certificate 1937 #31642 – s/o John Eidson & Effie Thomas; h/o Kittie Myrl Borah	11 Mar 1895	25 Dec 1937
Fant, Florence Helen (Chinn) Ky death certificate 1943 #16594 – d/o James Chinn & Mary Jane Thomas; w/o Robert Henry Fant	19 May 1864	24 Jun 1943
Fant, Robert Henry Ky death certificate 1938 #20702 – s/o William Fant & Martha Taylor; h/o Florence Helen	8 Feb 1862	14 Aug 1938
Finch, Wilma D. (Martin) Casebier Funeral Home Records – d/o Charlie	18 May 1927	6 May 1951

Martin & Annie Wade; Indiana death certificate 1951 #17336; w/o Leonard M. Finch		
Finn, Carl Edward Ky death certificate 1936 #11982 – s/o Mord Finn & Mary Ann Fant	9 Feb 1936	27 Feb 1936
Finn, Nolan Ky birth certificate; Ky death certificate 1937 #11961 – s/o Nolan Finn & Marjorie Finch	19 Mar 1937	20 Mar 1937
Frazier, infant Ky death certificate 1943 #20994 – s/o Earl Frazier & Thelma Lois Rogers	5 Sep 1943	5 Sep 1943
McReynolds, Sam Ky death certificate 1916 #24066 – s/o Frank McReynolds & Amelia Arnold; single	15 Sep 1866	21 Sep 1916
Martin, Charlie Ky death certificate 1939 #18602 – s/o Marshall Martin & Lottie; h/o Annie C. Wade	9 Jun 1899	29 Jul 1939
Martin, John, Jr. Ky birth certificate; Ky death certificate 1940 #8283 – s/o Charlie Martin & Annie Wade	25 Feb 1940	5 Mar 1940
Monroe, Annie (Chinn) Ky death certificate 1941 #25239 – d/o Jim Chinn & Mary Jane Thomas; w/o Ed Monroe	18 Aug 1873	18 Oct 1941
Monroe, Cordie (Chinn) monument; Cordelia; Ky death certificate 1956 #15118 – d/o Jim Chinn & Mary Jane Thomas; w/o Joe Holder, Calvin Render, George Norvell Monroe & Ruben Carson	13 Mar 1884	28 Jun 1956
Monroe, George Ky death certificate 1926 #2237 – s/o George Thompson & Lucrecia Harris	14 Nov 1874	15 Nov 1926
Plummer, Elvira (age 70 yrs. 3 mos.) Ky death certificate 1922 #12175 – d/o Channie Brocker; single	22 Jan 1852	22 Apr 1922
Porter, John Watson Ky death certificates 1921 #6892 & 1930 #2520 – s/o Robert Monroe Porter & Priscilla Carson; h/o Media Bell Norman	c1875	15 Dec 1930
Render, Gertie (Carson)	15 Oct 1897	5 Jan 1946

Indiana Death certificate 1946 #3127; d/o Fine Carson & Sarah Mason; w/o Addie Ward Render		
Render, Harrison Ky death certificate 1911 #29556 – s/o Frank Render & Sarah Borah; single	12 Nov 1888	15 Nov 1911
Render, Will Lucien Indiana death certificate 1953 #18722 – s/o Addie Ward Render & Gertie Carson	24 Feb 1929	27 Jun 1953
Rogers, Elmer Taylor Casebier Funeral Home Records – s/o Robert Lee Rogers & Naoma Taylor; single	4 Feb 1917	9 Jun 1940
Rogers, Raymond Casebier Funeral Home & census records – s/o Robert Lee Rogers & Naoma Taylor; grands/o Nathaniel Rogers & Sarah Elizabeth Brackin	24 Jan 1909	14 Jan 1937
Rogers, Sarah Elizabeth (Brackin) Ky death certificate 1938 #12765 – d/o Berry Bracken; w/o Nathan / Nathaniel Rogers, whose will was recorded in Ohio County, Ky in 1891; Sarah Brackin married Nace Rogers, 22 Jan 1873 Ohio County, Ky	Nov 1848	4 May 1938
Smith, Mary Helen (Fant) Ky death certificate 1944 #4777 – d/o William Fant & Martha Taylor; w/o George Smith	8 Feb 1864	17 Feb 1944
Sprole, Robert Alexander monument; Ohio County, Ky marriages & Ky death certificate 1918 #11633 – s/o Ronald Sprole & Hannah; h/o Sarah Elizabeth Fant	5 Oct 1853	2 Dec 1918
Taylor, Calvin T. Ky death certificate 1937 #5830 – s/o Sim & Senie Taylor; h/o Mary C. Medcalf / Midkiff	c1860	17 Feb 1937
Taylor, Morris (age 97) Ky death certificate 1938 #15439 – s/o Simion Taylor; h/o Lucrecia Ann Plummer, who died 1910-1920, their marriage was recorded in Ohio County, Ky on 19 Sep 1867	11 Feb 1841	31 May 1938
Thompson, Delilah Prudence (Monroe) Casebier Funeral Home Records & Ky death certificate 1954 #22771 – d/o George Logan Monroe & Mary Eliza Brackens; w/o Will Thompson	15 May 1878	13 Nov 1954

Tichenor, Dora Lee Ky death certificate 1937 #11953 – d/o Gilbert Tichenor & Nettie Cook	5 Mar 1933	26 Jan 1937
Vick, Hillard Wilsie Casebier Funeral Home Records & Ky death certificate 1943 #22386 – s/o Herman Vick & Mabel Rucker	18 Mar 1912	25 Oct 1943
Wade, Columbus monument has wrong birth 1880 & death 1912; Ky death certificate 1913 #27865; married Ida A. McReynolds	1 Sep 1867	24 Oct 1913
Wade, Ida (McReynolds) monument has wrong birth 1885 & death 1932; Ky death certificate 1931 #15567 – d/o Franklin McReynolds & Anna Arnold; married Columbus Wade & Horace Chinn	c1873	8 Jun 1931
Wilson, John E. (s/o V. & P.) monument	6 Dec 1920	7 Sep 1925
Wilson,, Vea monument; s/o Ed Wilson & Lena Monroe	16 Jun 1900	4 Aug 1927



Overgrown Frank Render Cemetery

