

2025 Log

Jan 14 e-mail [Rogers] : From Judith Rogers Myers (jwildcat434@yahoo.com):

Dear Mr. Long, You won't remember me but I used to spend hours in your Kentucky Room researching my Rogers ancestry. I do have considerable information but I lack so much. I do know you have done extensive work on them. Are you a member of this family? Martha Blackburn, born 1741, was my 3rd great grandmother. This was told to me when I was a young girl by my father and that was where I started my search. I was born in Owensboro, Ky. in 1934, so you can see that I am quite old. Do you know of a Mary Jayne Long, born in 1934, a classmate of mine? Also, do these surnames sound familiar to you: Duvall, Kendall, Runner, Tarleton, Lone, Blackburn, Obama (yes that one). Any help you can give me, I would truly appreciate. Respectfully, Judith Rogers Myers

Jan 14 e-mail [Rogers] : To Judith Rogers Myers (jwildcat434@yahoo.com):

Judith, In the families section on my website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy, there are several articles listed on the Rogers and Blackburn families. I hope there is something there that helps. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 15 e-mail [website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Since January 1st I have been having very extremely slow internet speed. I have service with AT&T. After numerous contacts they have not been able to resolve the problem. They have had their “wi-fi hub” tested and replaced. The second hub had the same problem. I took my computer to Dave Fogle and it showed high speeds with Spectrum & OMU internet services. Last Saturday AT&T said the problem was due to faulty communication with a cell tower and that they had several similar complaints in my area. However, today I called again and they would not confirm this explanation. They only wanted to do all the rebooting and testing of the hub that had been previously done numerous times. So, it looks like I am going to have to change to another internet provider. The slow speeds have affected opening some pages and has really curtailed my new research. It has not allowed me to add a new pdf to my website. I can login and enter the name of the new document. But when I click on “file” then “file upload” and “add file” the computer folder’s list does not open like it is supposed to. Thus, I cannot click on the pdf to be added. Would it be too much to ask if you would test the website by adding the pdf I have attached to this e-mail? The correct title of the new document (pdf) is:

Smither, William Alias “Bill Smothers” – by Laura Mercy Wright

This document will be added to the Biographies & Collections page. If you do not understand my request I will be patient and wait till I am able to get service with another internet provider. Local OMU Internet service is available in my neighborhood but installation would not be scheduled until after February 1. Do you know if one cancels AT&T Internet service if they would also lose their AT&T (Yahoo) e-mail account? I have had the same e-mail address for over 20 years. Best wishes, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Jan 15 e-mail [website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

1. Jerry, It's frustrating! I might be able to help by increasing some of the memory on your server. Give me a few minutes to look into it and I'll get back with you. Kimi
2. Jerry, I tested the "front end" of the website, which is the side that visitors see and the speed is really good. That said, when you login to the backend and start running tasks it takes a lot more resources. I have resized your server to give you a little more of those resources and memory. Try again and let me know if it helped you any. Kimi

Jan 15 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@icloud.com):

Thanks For sending the pictures. It definitely will require a lot of cutting to remove it. Do you still use the e-mail – mitchlong48@hotmail.com ? Enjoyed talking to you today, Jerry

Jan 15 e-mail [Long] : To Mitchell Long (mitchlong48@icloud.com):

Thanks for the key information! I have and use three email addresses: mitchlong48@hotmail.com mitchlong48@gmail.com mitchlong48@icloud.com Thanks, Mitch

Jan 16 e-mail [website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, I was able to add the new file and it is displayed on the website. This time when I clicked on "Add File" it did give me the folder list where the pdf was saved. I have signed up for Internet service with OMU.org. They will not install the service until February 11. AT&T today said my extremely slow speed was due to the fact that my power level is only at 4 G and it is trying to communicate with a cell tower that is 5 G. They could offer no resolution. I wonder why it worked for three months previously without a problem. Thank you for doing the adjustment that allowed me to add the new document. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jan 16 e-mail [website] : From Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

We are having some big issues with AT&T right now as well. Not internet so much, but our mobile service. They have been very dishonest and everyone you speak with tells you something different. Very frustrating. I'm glad the extra memory helped out! Kimi

Feb 4 e-mail [Long] : From Becky Bevan, through Ancestry.com messages:

Hello. I recently did my ancestry DNA and saw you as a match. I am Elton Carrol Long's granddaughter.

Feb 5 e-mail [Long] : To Becky Bevan, through Ancestry.com messages:

Hello Becky! Yes we are related. I am a first cousin to your mother. Your grandfather, Elton Long, and all of his siblings are now gone. My dad was Mitchell Long, a brother of Elton Carrol Long. How is your grandmother, Mary Long? I worked for 28 years in the history-genealogy department of the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. Since my retirement I have been working on my website. I currently have about 600 articles on the site (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). In the "Families" section of the site there are several articles about our relatives, including: Ashford, Carson, Crawford, Franklin, Fuqua, Gregory, Jackson, Long, Mason, Midkiff, Patton, Robinson, Taylor, Westerfield, Wilson and Young. In the biography section of the website there is an article "Long, Jerry

– Bibliography & Resume” that gives an outline of my professional career. Thanks for contacting me!! Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net

Feb 5 e-mail [Bennett] : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Gary, I thought I would tell you that I just added the following articles to my website – “Edith Lillian Bennett (1931-2013)” in the Biographies section and “Old Mill Cemetery” in the Ohio County Cemeteries section. Also, I wanted to check if this e-mail address is still good. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Feb 5 e-mail [Bennett] : From Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Thanks Jerry I will take a look at it this afternoon Hope all is well with you I am ready for spring ! Talked with Helen McKeown last week about a project at the Alexander Cemetery someone is wanting to place a Historical Marker on the Hwy near the entrance Hope they will be able to get it done . Gary

Feb 5 e-mail [Long]: From Becky Riddick Bevan (bbevan188@gmail.com) :

Wow thank you for the website. I will love reading about that! My mom Diann wondered if you were Mitchell's son. Grandma Mary is doing great! She's 92 and still sassy, ornery and lives on her own. Well, her son Dennis recently moved in with her but she's doing great. I'll send a picture I will email you a picture of Mary. Sent two pictures “Grandma Mary with my 2 kids and me”

Feb 6 e-mail [Long]: From Becky Riddick Bevan (bbevan188@gmail.com) :

Yes, I am Mitchell & Mabel Long's son. I have attached two pictures of myself. They were made in June 2023 and 1996. Best wishes, Your 1st cousin once removed, Jerry Long

Feb 28 e-mail [Pate] : To Library Special Collections, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY (spcol@wku.edu):

In your Special Collections there is an online itemization of the POTTER, Hugh Oliver (1905-1986) Inventory MSS 602. The inventory notes that Mr. Potter's collection contains 10 boxes and in Box 1 is found 15 items on Samuel Crawford Pate of Hancock County, KY. I was wondering if it is possible to obtain copies of these 15 items. If so would you please let me know what I need to do? Thanks, Jerry Long, j-long@prodigy.net , 270-684-6299, 2906 Redford, Dr., Owensboro, KY 42303

Feb 28 e-mail [Pate] : From Library Special Collections, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY (spcol@wku.edu):

Dear Mr. Long, We have received your request and will contact you shortly. Thank you, Nancy Richey; Professor / Special Formats Librarian, Special Collections, Western Kentucky University, Cravens Library, 1906 College Heights Blvd., #11067, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092, 270-745-5083

Mar 9 e-mail : From Isaac Settle (igsettle@owensboromuseum.org):

Jerry - I meant to reach out before, but I have left private practice to take on a new job. I am now the Executive Director of the Museum! It is a dream for me, as you are probably aware. As we move forward with some projects, I would like to ask for your help.

Specifically, regarding the "River Heritage Gallery" which is in the planning stages. Aloma is heavily involved, and if you have time or are willing, I would love your expertise in helping plan for the exhibit. I am either hoping to get a committee of interested parties involved, or, if a committee can not be formed, potentially compensate you for your time spent performing research. In the coming weeks, would you be willing to come down to the Museum to meet with me regarding a few things? I am relatively free the week of March 17th. I tend to get in around 8am, so anytime after that would work for me. And even if you are not able to help out, I would still enjoy talking with you. There is plenty of coffee here! Hope to hear from you soon, Isaac G. Settle, Executive Director, Owensboro Museum of Science and History, 122 East Second Street, Owensboro, KY 42303, Office: 270.685.3181, Cell: 270.903.7338

Mar 10 e-mail : To Isaac Settle (igsettle@owensboromuseum.org):

Isaac, Congratulations!! They have picked the right person. I know you will do a great job. Thanks for your invitation. At the present time I cannot make any commitments. Currently I am facing several health concerns. On March 19 I am scheduled to have prostate surgery and will not be able to undertake anything for several weeks. I definitely would enjoy hearing about the "River Heritage Gallery" and would be happy to help in any way that I can. The DCP library has agreed to take over the maintenance of my website when I no longer am able to. It is a relief to know that it will not just disappear. Best wishes, Jerry

Mar 10 e-mail : From Isaac Settle (igsettle@owensboromuseum.org):

I hate to hear that :(Prayers for a speedy recovery. We will catch up soon. Isaac

Mar 17 e-mail [Pate] : From Allison Salmon (allison.salmon@wku.edu), WKU Library assistant special collections:

Hello, I believe the folder you might be looking for is MSS 602, box 1, Folder 6. This one is correspondence and clippings about Squire Samuel Pate's house in Hancock County. I will attach both folders just in case, but I do think it's the folder 6. Sincerely, Allison Salmon, Library Assistant – Special Collections, (270)745-5083)

Mar 17 e-mail [Pate] : To Allison Salmon (allison.salmon@wku.edu):

Thank you for sending the Pate – Lincoln file from the Hugh O. Potter collection. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Mar 18 e-mail [McCallister] : From Riki Karaus (rikikaraus@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I found your information while digging into my genealogy. I have discovered that Nancy Ana Dixon and Granville McCallister are my 3rd-great grandparents. In my research, I came across the book Dixon-McCallister Families by Thelma Caraway Landrum written in 1984, which is where I came across your Bibliography. This book is copyright protected on FamilySearch.org and I have found some physical copies available in libraries but the closest to me is the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis which is a little over an hour from me. I'm hoping you could potentially point me in the right direction of where I could purchase this, or maybe you still have the material you compiled for it. Thank you so much for your time. – Riki [Provided data and pictures for the book, Dixon – McCallister Families, Thelma Caraway Landrum (Columbus, GA: Edgewood Printing

Service, 1984), 201 pp. Pictures of McCallister Cemetery & barn on pages 24 & 28 and data on pages 40, 57-63 (descendants of Benedict Gratzner & Josephine McCallister), 122, 126-128, 131-135, 144- 145 and 152 contributed by Jerry Long.]

Mar 18 e-mail [McCallister] : From Riki Karaus (rikikaraus@gmail.com):

Riki, I doubt that the Dixon – McCallister book is available for sale anywhere. Mrs. Landrum and her only child, who was single, are deceased. I did the attached article way back in 1980. It shows my connection to my great-great-grandparents, Granville McCallister & Nancy Dixon. If you have some other questions I would like to try and answer them. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Apr 11 e-mail [Wecker] : From Eric B. Borgman (ebbpeg@yahoo.com):

Dear Mr. Long, Are you available to hire? I discovered your website while doing some research on my Owensboro ancestor Frank Wecker who is said to have left with Jack Thompson's Confederate Dixie Guards as a drummer boy. I have discovered a lot of information on Frank and his life from the newspaper collection of the Kentucky Room and also a couple of newspaper websites. I was trying to get official proof of his war record in order to attempt to get a military gravestone for his grave. He has no grave marker. Are you available to hire? Frank was captured during the War by Provost Marshall Grissom when he ventured back to Owensboro to visit his family. One article said he was jailed for a while. Since his incarceration would be Union records there might be a chance that some record of his service remains somewhere. Would this be something I could hire you to search for? I also have another Owensboro Kentucky mystery in Martha J. Wilkerson. She was 16 and living alone in Owensboro in 1850. I found several other Wilkerson children from ages 14 down which I believe could be her siblings, living with a Leah Pipes, but, I could never find out anything on who Martha's parents were. She married John Boehm who committed suicide in 1854 which was reported in the newspaper. Martha's ancestry is also something I'd like to find out about as it is a bit of a brick wall. Eric B. Borgman

Apr 12 e-mail [Wecker] : To Eric B. Borgman (ebbpeg@yahoo.com):

Eric, Thanks for contacting me. I am sorry to report I no longer do research for hire. I have too many unfinished research projects. Best wishes, Jerry Long

May 13 e-mail [Igleheart] : From Brenda Bailey Little (imalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

Jerry, since I last talked to you, I have learned a bit more about my Igleheart ancestry. I have gone to Rose Hill and found the large red headstone for John and Luvenia Moseley, the family that listed my Grandfather Albert Igleheart on the census when he was in his early 20's as their "servant". The Kentucky Room found the obituaries for the Moseleys, he was prominent as being in charge of roads and for Luvenia which had "Igleheart" in parentheses. So, my mother was right in telling me that when her dad, Albert, was orphaned at age 13, he was raised by "family". The gathering at the time of Luvenia's death in 1920 was at their home on Route # 6 or 7 on the Hartford Road. Do you know if there is a way to learn where that residence/farm? might have been. The Kentucky Room also found that Luvenia's father is buried in "the Igleheart cemetery". Do you know where that is? And can you help me with very specific driving directions to the Brushy Fork Cemetery that is near Guffy? That is where my Great Great Igleheart Grandparents are buried. I have been having

a lot of fun using scraps of black granite and an aluminum sign to create a marker for my Great Grandmother Tresa Ellen Murphey Igleheart's unmarked grave in the Old Brushy Fork Cemetery in Daviess County. Even as I am loaded with grown-up obligations, my mind has been taken over almost completely with thinking about and wishing to research more about my Igleheart ancestry. Grateful for any help you can give me. Brenda Bailey Little

May 13 e-mail [Igleheart] : From Brenda Bailey Little (imalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

Oh, Jerry, forget about directions to the Brushy Fork Cemetery in McClean Co. The Kentucky Room helped me to know that this cemetery is likely not maintained at all. There is no way that I would consider for one minute taking my kinfolk over there when they come here June 5th. One thing I am learning about genealogy as a hobby is that you need to set boundaries or else you will get drawn farther than you have ability or interest in going. Grateful to have you to call on when I need help. Brenda Bailey Little

May 14 e-mail [Igleheart] : To Brenda Bailey Little (imalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

Brenda: To discover the location of a property one has to trace the owner's name in the deed (grantee – buyer & grantor – seller) deed indexes in the County Court Clerk's office at the Daviess County Courthouse. The indexes will give the deed book and page a particular deed is recorded in. The actual deed will give a brief description of the property's location. The only description of the location of the Igleheart Cemetery I have is given in the book, "Daviess County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume 2" (p.99). The listing states that the William D. Igleheart Cemetery is on Highway 81 near the Mount Pleasant Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The 1876 Daviess County Atlas shows Igleheart's owning land on the west side of the road near the church. Sorry I don't have a better description. Best wishes, Jerry Long

May 14 e-mail [Igleheart] : From Brenda Bailey Little (imalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

This is some of the data that Heather in the Kentucky Room found about the female of the Moseley household where my Grandfather Albert Iglehart was accepted as a "servant" (may be the words of the census taker) after he was orphaned at age 13. I think the cemetery on Highway 81 is likely where Louvinia's father is buried. Whether or not I will manage the time to take a drive in the country to see what it looks like, how accessible it is, is far from certain. One branch of my maternal family is coming to Owensboro June 5th for a couple of days of fun as we learn about our ancestors 135 to 150 years ago in a community called Vanover. I plan to go to Indiana University on June 8th for a week of continuing education that is like "play school" that they call Mini University. Being a widow who chooses to live in my home in the forest with 34 acres to care for, maintain, I may put the Igleheart cemetery on my wish list for later in the summer. Thank you so much, Brenda

Jun 2 e-mail [Long] : From Elmer Whitley (etwhitley@pm.me):

Jerry, Please see the information below. Mr. Hayden would like to contact you. He said he would like supporting information on "Sally, being the daughter of Steven Franklin." I told Mr. Hayden of your expertise in genealogy and family history research. I hope you can help him with information that is needed for my SAR application. I will gladly reimburse you for any expenses incurred. June and I planning to visit in Owensboro sometime this

coming October to celebrate my 80th birthday. We hope you will be able to meet with us for lunch or dinner. I will followup with a telephone call to you to explain, should I have caused any confusion by this email. With best regards, Elmer Whitler

Jun 6 e-mail [Long] : To Elmer Whitler (etwhitler@pm.me):

Elmer, A consent slip signed by Stephen Franklin for the marriage of Sally Franklin to Francis Long proves that Stephen is Sally's father. See copy of the document on the top of page 12 in my article, "Families of Stephen Franklin (1761-1835) & Francis Long (c1783-after 1840)" in the Families section of my website (<https://wckyhstory-genealogy.org/families/>). Looking forward to seeing you in October. Have a good day! A cousin, Jerry Long

Jun 11 e-mail [Fogle] : From Patrick Stumpf (patrickallenstumpf@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry! I am in the process of writing an article because I believe that John Withrow (d. 1833 in Washington, KY) was the husband of a Sarah Farra (marriage record in York, Penn). See attached. NOTE- it is a VERY rough draft. I noticed that you wrote an 1986 article on the family of Robert Hammett Fogle. In it, you give a marriage date and elaboration of Sarah's middle name (Farrow). All primary sources I have say Sarah (or Sallie) F. As you can imagine, it is important to me to show that her middle name is Farrow. Do you know what the sources for these names were? Thank you!! (2) I see that Kentucky: A History of the State is the source for the marriage date. Any idea on the middle name being Farrow? This would be incredibly helpful! Thank you sooooo much!

Jun 12 e-mail [Fogle] : To Patrick Stumpf (patrickallenstumpf@gmail.com):

Patrick: I am sorry to report I do not have a primary source for the middle name of Sarah F. Withrow. I picked up the Farrow name from the family trees on Ancestry.com. I counted 58 trees that list her name as Sarah Farrow Withrow. Since it was so universally accepted I thought they knew what they were talking about. From these trees I was unable to track the original source for the Farrow name. Very sorrow! Jerry Long

Jun 12 e-mail [Fogle] : From Patrick Stumpf (patrickallenstumpf@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry! No worries! I had asked because it looks like it's in your article about Robert Hammett Fogle that was from 1986 (predating Ancestry.com). All good!

Jun 12 e-mail [Fogle] : To Patrick Stumpf (patrickallenstumpf@gmail.com):

Patrick, When my website went live in 2021 I annotated the Fogle article with a half a dozen updates. In the original article published in 1986 I only had "Sarah F. Withrow" without a middle name. I should know better than to use Ancestry.com trees as a source! Ninety-nine per cent of the trees are not based on original research and thus are loaded with errors. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Jun 12 e-mail [Wilson] : From Rianna Jones (rianna.r.jones@outlook.com):

Hello Jerry, I recently came across the article you wrote about Samuel Wilson and Winnie Lee and their family. I'm a descendant of theirs. My name is Rianna, I'm 19, I live in Rosine with my great-grandparents, Michael Joe Wilson and Betty Sue (Raley) Wilson. Michael J Wilson is the son of Arthur H Wilson, whose father was William Luther Wilson,

whose father was Daniel T Wilson. The older I get and the older my grandparents get the more I want to learn of my family's history. But it seems that a lot of it has been forgotten. I wanted to reach out and let you know how much it means to me that the Wilson's family history will not be lost. I can't wait to tell my grandfather about all the things I've learned today. Thank you, Rianna Jones

Jun 13 e-mail [Wilson] : From Rianna Jones (rianna.r.jones@outlook.com) :

Rianna, Based on what you told me we would be 6th cousins once removed. Your 5th great-grandfather, Henry H. Wilson and my 4th great-grandfather, John Wilson are brothers. I have a lot of connections to Rosine. My father was born about a mile from Rosine and my grandparents had a farm about three miles north of Rosine. I have many relatives buried in the Rosine Cemetery. Thanks for writing. A cousin, Jerry Long

Jun 21 e-mail [Cabell] : From Paul L. Davies (tallpaulo82@gmail.com) :

Hi I just wanted to send an email after discovering your research titled Black Kentucky Pioneers: Thruston Cabell (c1836-1905). My name is Paul and I live in Wales. Friends of my wife's family are visiting us from California and asked me to look into their family who were from Ireland. In my research I discovered the sister of their ancestor married Alexander Buchanan Barret in 1854 and moved to Kentucky. Alexander Buchanan Barret being the slave owner who purchased Thruston Cabell. The family who I am researching for are totally unaware of their connection to this dark period in American history. One of my own ancestors came to Wales via Canada around the same period of time. He was originally of West African descent and his family presumably had come to America as a slave. I wanted to thank you for your research as it was great to read the story of Thruston Cabell. I am so glad that his life has been shared as the 1850 and 1860 census records don't give the names of the slaves owned by Alexander Buchanan Barret, only their ages, sex and race category. Kind regards, Paul L. Davies

Jun 22 e-mail [Cabell] : To Paul L. Davies (tallpaulo82@gmail.com) :

Paul, Thanks for your comments. The Thruston Cabell story is one of my favorites. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jun 26 e-mail : From Diane Brenner (dbrenner@wvi.com) :

Hello, The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (Medford OR) received issues of the Daviess County High School yearbook, 1946 and 1947. Is there a library/society in the area I should offer them to? Diane Brenner, RVGS library volunteer.

Jun 27 e-mail : To Diane Brenner (dbrenner@wvi.com) :

Diane, I would suggest donating the yearbooks to the Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301. The Kentucky Book is a special local history collection. I was employed there for 28 years. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

Jun 28 e-mail & phone call: To Ohio County Public Library (Annex), Hartford, KY, 270-298-3790:

On 23 August 2024 I donated the following four family history books to the Ohio County Public Library (annex):

- Ashford Family of Rosine, Kentucky, by Jerry Long, c.2022, 80 pages
- Families of Stephen Franklin (1761-1835) & Francis Long (c1783-after 1840), by Jerry Long, c.2024, 139 pages
- Family of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, by Jerry Long, c. 2022, 130 pages
- Family of Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson, by Jerry Long, 219 pages

I cannot find them cataloged in your online catalog. Other genealogy books appear in your catalog. Do you still have the four books I donated???? Jerry Long, 270-684-6299, j-long@prodigy.net

Jun 28 e-mail : From Melanie Warga Director of the Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY (mwarga@ocplibrary.org):

Good evening, Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the books you donated. Yes, we do have the materials, and I apologize wholeheartedly that they had not been added to our collection - I was unaware of this. I have located the materials and put them at the top of the stack for cataloging. They will be added to our collection first thing on Monday. Again, I cannot apologize enough for the fact they have not yet been added to our collection. I will be speaking with our staff to ensure something like this does not happen again. I truly appreciate your generosity and patience regarding this matter. Please, feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any further assistance. Thank you, Melanie. (Melanie Warga. Director, Ohio County Public Library, 413 S Main Street, Hartford, KY 42347, 270-298-3790)

Jun 29 e-mail : To Melanie Warga Director of the Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY (mwarga@ocplibrary.org):

Melanie, Thank you for your prompt reply. Glad to hear that you found the books. Best wishes from a former librarian, Jerry Long. P.S. I enjoy listening to you and Sam Alford on the Ohio County radio station. Keep up the good work!

Jun 30 e-mail : From Melanie Warga Director of the Ohio County Public Library, Hartford, KY (mwarga@ocplibrary.org):

Thank you! I'm so glad you follow and enjoy the radio segment. Take care and have a wonderful week! Melanie

Jun 30 e-mail : From Brenda Bailey Little (jmalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

Jerry, as I have worked to understand more about my Igleheart ancestors, I have found that my Great Great Grandmother Mary "Polly" Moore Murphy (the mother of Tresa Ellen Murphy Igleheart who is the wife of John Richard Igleheart) married at 14 to Mathew Murphy who was 20 years her senior, and going by some other family's Family Tree research which is posted online had several children at the time of their marriage, and then she died at the age of 32. The message I am forwarding from Heather in the Kentucky Room contains the question I have for you: Do you know anything about coal mining where Panther Creek Golf Club is located today? If I can find a Precinct Map from around the time period of Polly's death in 1855, it is possible that I can feel confident about what I already believe happened, that she was buried on the farm of Mathew Murphy and then with strip mining, her stone was moved likely a short distance to lean against a very large

tree where it is today in 2 pieces. The same as I have felt about you for decades, I am grateful for what you do. Brenda Bailey Little

----- Forwarded message ----- From: Kentucky (shared) <kentucky@dcplibrary.org>

Date: Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 2:41 PM Subject: Settle Response, To: imalittlefizgig@gmail.com
imalittlefizgig@gmail.com Good afternoon, Mrs. Little! I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know, I received a response from Mr. Isaac Settle, who took the picture of Mary Moore Murphy's headstone. He has sent back the following: "And yes, I know exactly where this headstone is at. It is located at the 7th (i think) hole at Panther Creek golf course. It was under a huge oak tree that has since been cut down. Very close to the parking lot. I can try and circle the spot on a map but I am not all that tech savvy. Green Coal used to own all the land and likely moved the stone from its original spot and this is where it landed. Or, it could possibly be where exactly she was buried and they mined around it. A patron used to tell me there was a document that listed all the cemeteries Green Coal relocated or mined around. Not sure where that document is. " I have looked for the Green Coal document he has referenced, but have not been able to find anything, I apologize. I do hope this helps you, and if you have any further questions, please let me know! Thank you, Heather Ramsey, Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, (270) 691-1883

Jun 30 e-mail : From Brenda Bailey Little (imalittlefizgig@gmail.com):

Mrs. Little: I am sorry but I have no knowledge about the Green Company coal mining.
Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jul 14 e-mail [Chapman] : From Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Jerry, Glad I called you this morning and so glad you mentioned the Chapman Family article in a foot note you mentioned William Ford sr and his son's marriage to a Chapman. The Article about the Ford's and Benton's connections were really interesting. Two years ago in June Mary Lisa and I went to Maryland to SAR grave markings for Joseph Sr. and Joseph Benton Jr. It was an amazing trip we had visited the site in 1997 twenty five years before I remember talking to Edith and a Ward man about where the cemetery was. Samuel Ford is buried next to his mother Ann Talbott after we came back I ran into David Ford at Alexander Cemetery and discussed his connections to the Ford's and Bentons. Anyway THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DO. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED !!!!!!! Gary Tunget

Jul 15 e-mail [Chapman] : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Gary, I also extend to you a **Thank You** for all of the work you have done in the care of our cemeteries and in honoring our Revolutionary War veterans. Hope you have a good day! Jerry Long

Jul 15 e-mail [Ezell] : From Marianne Smith Black (mwmw8789@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I am Marianne Smith Black and was sent your information by Leslie Coulson regarding Ezell family research in Western Kentucky. She shared the information that you had gathered on Jeremiah Ezell (sr), and the associated family group sheets. What a treasure to work with such experienced history-genealogy researchers! Leslie also directed me to your website on Western Central Kentucky. I've only just begun to dive into such a huge amount of valuable information. I thought I might offer to share with you the file that I ordered and received from the National Archives. It all concerns the pension and guardianship applications that were filed by Amanda Bratcher/ Baize/ Thomas/ Ezell/

Moody. It is a large file, but I would be glad to share in two batches. It is pretty fascinating as it gives a glimpse of what life was like post Civil War for those who had suffered so much trauma. I truly believe that the impact of PTSD on our society following the Civil War is something that needs to be recognized. Wesley Ezell's headstone is attached to this email. He is buried at Cheek Cemetery in White County, Arkansas. It is a peaceful place surrounded by fields and filled with cedar trees. He is listed as Wagoner Wesley Ezell from the 17th Kentucky Infantry, Co A. I've done a bit of reading about this group and their battles - it is truly amazing that he survived. I've never found much about Wesley until I realized that Wagoner was not his first name, but rather his position within his company. Once I started the revised search, everything started to come together. I am fairly certain that he is the son of Jeremiah Ezell Jr and Elizabeth Keown - John Wesley Ezell. Please correct me if you have anything contradicting that. "Wagoner" Wesley Ezell is buried next to my great great grandfather, James Wesley Ezell. James Wesley was the son of Thomas Ezell and Elizabeth Autry. He came to Arkansas after the War with his small children and after a failed marriage to Sarah White. Sarah, like many women, had been abandoned by her returning husband after the war and was never divorced from him. She proceeded to marry my great great grandfather anyway. James Wesley had been married several times before and my great grandmother Cora Bell Ezell was the daughter of Darcus Miller and James Wesley. Cora married Silas Cox in White county, Arkansas where they farmed and Silas was a cotton broker. Their daughter Myrtle Erie Cox was my grandmother. Apparently the Ezell families remained close to one another. My mother remembered going as a child to Kentucky to visit the Ezell relatives in Horse Branch. My ancestry tree is wide open if you wish to sift through it. I've added as many pictures as I can. Please let me know if anything is incorrect so that I can keep it clean and sources cited. Take anything you like from my tree and I am glad to share those large pension files if you would like to have an electronic copy. Just let me know. Thanks again for your generosity regarding the research! Marianne Smith Black

Jul 16 e-mail [Ezell] : To Marianne Smith Black (mwmw8789@gmail.com):

Marianne, I am a descendant of the Wilson family of the Horse Branch neighborhood of Ohio County, KY. They intermarried with the Ezell family several ways. I did an article, "Family of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee" that is in the Families section on my website. On page 65 of this article is a reference to James Wesley Ezell (c1837-1906). Thank you for your e-mail. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jul 16 e-mail [Ezell] : From Marianne Smith Black (mwmw8789@gmail.com):

Good afternoon Jerry, I've been devouring your website and all of the wealth of information it contains. Thank you so much! Several years ago I had obtained from the National Archives the application for pension file from Sarah F Raley as it pertained to James W Ezell. It was fascinating to say the least and explained a number of quirks in family lore. I have a lot of it downloaded electronically if you would like to see it. I'm attaching one document in particular that I found along the way regarding the disappearance of her first husband and his subsequent reappearance. I'm also attaching the file on John Wesley Ezell that I recently received. It is in two portions. If there is anything I can assist you with from my end, please let me know. I'd love to travel up to Ohio, KY to roam around the countryside and visit cemeteries! Thanks again! Marianne

Jul 22 e-mail [Conder] : From Ken Cuthbertson (scotscotnm@aol.com):

Greetings, Mr. Long! I just ran across your book on the Young family, including Martin Young and Margaret Conder. As you say you are a descendant, we are probably distant kin. I am a descendant of Thomas M. Conder, b. ca. 1802 either in NC or KY. Thomas m. Nancy Whittinghill (Whittenhill) in Mercer County, KY, in 1823. They moved to Owen County, IN in 1840, and on to Mclean County, IL, in 1858 or 9. They had a large family. I am descend via their son, Henry G. (for Gabhart, we think, named for Nancy's step-father). The line to me is: Thomas M. Conder, 1802-1865 (wife: Nancy Whittinghill/Whittenhill) - Henry G. Conder, 1829-1887 (wife: Dicy Scott) - Isaac Floyd Conder, 1852-1922 (wife: Emma Mechem) - Oralee Grace Conder Cuthbertson, 1878-1933 (husband: James Edward Cuthbertson) - Floyd Edward Cuthbertson, 1914-1990 (wife: M. Phanetta Gibson) - Kenneth Lee Cuthbertson, b. 1956. My conundrum is the utterly tangled Conder/Condor skein of insufficient data and mis-attributions between ca. 1790 and 1820 in particular. Trying to sort it out, my intuition is that Thomas M. Conder was a son of John "Conter" and Margaret Mock/Mack who were married in Cabarrus County, NC, in 1799, and probably the John Conder who shows up there in the 1800 Census. I think that because I think the "M" in Thomas's name (which does show up in records) probably stands for "Mock" - since Margaret Mock/Mack was most probably the daughter of Thomas Mock who shows up on the same Cabarrus census pages as the Condors (Gondors), Goodnights, etc. How John (listed in the 1755-1774 age range in 1800) fits in with the other Condors is a mystery as well, though I suspect the George and Barbara line. (He's basically in the same vicinity in 1800 occupied by George in the 1790 census, and Peter in the 1810 census.) I've found what I can online of census and marriage records. I've not been quite where I could delve into land records or wills. Burials are elusive. (We're sure that Thomas and Nancy are in the McNaught Cemetery near Gridley, IL, but there's no stone or record for them.) Btw, religiously Thomas's family were strong into the early Christian Church/Disciples of Christ movement as were a number of the Condors and their kin in KY and IN that I've found. Anyway, I thought I'd take a shot and see if any of this rings a bell for things you've run across previously. I'm a retired Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister. I grew up in KS. My spouse and I live in Albuquerque. All the very best to you! Ken Cuthbertson scotscotnm@aol.com

Jul 23 e-mail [Conder] : To Ken Cuthbertson (scotscotnm@aol.com):

Mr. Cuthbertson: I wish I had something that would help, but I don't. Due to the early time period and the multitude of George, John & Peter Condors I long ago gave up on sorting out the Condors. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Jul 23 e-mail [Conder] : From Ken Cuthbertson (scotscotnm@aol.com):

Dear Jerry, You are very wise! Your Young file is, however, helpful in several ways. I'm extracting some bits into a piece I'm putting together of likely possibilities. I'll send it along when I have it better together. The interesting census bits to me are the fact that George "Gondor" in 1790, John Conder/Condor in 1800, and Peter Conder in 1810 seem to be living at the same property in Cabarrus County, adjoining Christian Goodnight, Thomas Mock, etc. Your chronology of when George likely moved to KY, and later Peter, is helpful. Maybe with John in between. I was already suspecting Martin Young as Margaret's husband, again from the census page and other bits online. I'm very puzzled by

the "excepting" clauses in George Sr.'s will concerning the younger George, and Margaret Young. I wonder if the younger George was not yet of age when the will was drawn up in 1790? And might the exception for Mgt. be due to her gender? Curious. From another piece I've seen reference to, there was a land sale between a George Conder and wife Susanna in 1806: "On Nov. 3, 1806, George and Susanna Conder sold their land in Washington Co., Ky; John Goodnight was a witness. This John Goodnight married Margaret (Peggy) Conder...." (Article submitted by Patricia Hinkle Shemenski: "CONDER - GOODNIGHT", p. 154 of the book "The Heritage of Old Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 1763-2003," published in 2006 by The Old Mecklenburg County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage, Inc.) I'm guessing this was the younger George. (I've found no documentation for the widespread attribution that Susanna was a Goodnight, but maybe....). The four children listed in the will are the only ones I'm convinced of. Most online files add Jacob (b. ca. 1772), who lived in Bullitt County in 1810, and is almost certainly the one who shows up in Owen County, IN, from the 1820s on. But, again, no documentation beyond Jacob being listed as born in NC, and lived in KY. Your mention of shifting county boundaries in NC and KY over the years is also helpful. I knew that Cabarrus NC was divided off of Mecklenburg, but it sounds like KY had a lot of shifts. As I said, I'll send my piecework along when I have it better together.... All the best, Ken Cuthbertson in Albuquerque

Aug 3 e-mail : From Frank Wallace (frank.wallace@live.com):

Page 4 of Ohio County in the Olden Days (Harrison Taylor) mentioned the beech tree with names of several settlers. I understand the beech tree itself is gone but one of the AI sites indicates the Beech Tree camp site itself still exists. Would you know its location? I am unable to track it down. Thanking you in advance. BTW, your work is the best. Frank Wallace, 4121 Royal Oak Dr, New Albany IN 47150, (H) 812-948-9041, (M) 502-744-4050

Aug 4 e-mail : To Frank Wallace (frank.wallace@live.com):

I have never run across any identification of where the old settler's beech tree is to be found. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 10 e-mail [Conder] : From Ken Cuthbertson (scotscotnm@aol.com):

Greetings "cousins!" I'm at least sure enough of that to say it. I'm sending this to three of you who I've interacted on this, and commiserated on the disarray of Conder info. from the end of the 18th into the early 19th centuries. Attached is Part I of the document I've been working on, trying to sort out the various Condors in NC, KY, and IN from that period, the ones most closely related to my ancestral line. I've worked with what verifiable information I could find... including a lot of viewing of digital originals of census entries, marriage bonds, and marriage consent forms (which widowed mothers submitted for their daughters). I've also used reliable-seeming information from other published sources as available. What I've not had is land and will/probate records, unless published in other sources... including information that originates with some of you all. And, not surprisingly, birth, death, and burial records are rather sparse on the ground except for the occasional surviving tombstone. As you see at the end, part two of this will be an updated version of the Thomas M. Conder family genealogy, with three previously "missing" children in that

family. Part III will be a compilation of pertinent Conder-related census entries from 1790 to 1840ish, and up to 1860 in a couple of cases, from NC, KY, TN, IN, and IL. I have tried to maintain the distinction between things I think proven, and those I think likely, possible, or probable from circumstantial evidence (location, association, etc.). No doubt I've got some things wrong, and I am glad to know if you have proof or evidence to the contrary on things in the document. I at least think I'm closer to getting it together than I was previously. I have been appalled at the amount of (undoubtedly well-meaning) information found on the internet, that then takes on a life of its own. I hope you all are having a good Sunday, and find the attached to be of some use.... Ken Cuthbertson, Albuquerque, NM

Aug 19 e-mail [Downs] : From Tom Nestor (nestlings@proton.me):

Good Morning Mr. Long, I hope this email finds you well. My name is Tom Nestor amateur genealogist, and that is stretching it. I was doing research on my wife's family when I discovered your extensive work on the DOWNS family in Kentucky related to the Rev. William Downs (killed by Indians) and his two sons William and Thomas. I read about the two Downs families, Buck Creek and Knob Creek. My wife's grandmother (Beatrice Lucille Downs, 1904 - 1988) was born in Paducah, KY. to Byron Downs and Mittie Phelps. They were farmers, so I believe they were apart of the Downs family farmers not the preachers. Byron's parents were William T. Downs and Susan E. Coltharp. After that I hit a brick wall. I was hoping you might have information that you came across during your research that points to William Downs' father. Based on what I can see in Ancestry.com I believe him to be David Downs, 1802 - 1858 (wife possibly Elizabeth Harper?) We live in Florida, but we hope to some day be able to travel to the Paducah area to find family and do research. Maybe when we retire, but until then I have the internet. Sincerely, Tom Nestor, Seminole, FL, 727-393-5455

Aug 20 e-mail [Downs] : To Tom Nestor (nestlings@proton.me):

Tom: I have attached an article that covered several generations of your wife's family. I hope it contains some info you don't have. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Aug 21 e-mail [website] : To Kimi Web (ktaylor@kimiweb.com):

Kimi, Hello!! I hope you are doing well. Can I please ask again for your help? Yesterday I added two files to the website. The first successfully displays in the Ohio County – history category. The second file I am having trouble with. The file – The Two Downs Families of Daviess County, KY – I wanted to add to the “Families” category page. After it successfully downloaded from my computer. I then clicked the “Add File” button – then checked the “Families” category – then added Downs to the “Excerpt” box – and then hit “Publish”. When I looked for the file in the Families list it was not displayed there. The search engine shows the file is somewhere on the site. And after logging in it is displayed in the documents list – which indicates it is filed in the “Families” category. What did I do wrong? Why is it not displayed on the “Families” page? I have attached the PDF file to this e-mail. Best wishes, Jerry Long [I later in the day called Kimi and she told me to hit control plus F5 on the keyboard to clear browsing history. When I did the Downs file displayed correctly in the search list.]

Aug 22 e-mail : From Jeffrey Dean (hootiebird@outlook.com):

Greetings, Jerry, I found you on the West Central KY History and Genealogy site. Very interesting and informative, and quite a bit of work certainly. Do you know if the book, Daviess County Kentucky Celebrating Our Heritage is available for purchase? I saw a copy and passed it up and have regretted it since. My father's family The Bittels were long-time settlers in Owensboro. Thanks for your help. Jeffrey Dean, Louisville

Aug 22 e-mail : To Jeffrey Dean (hootiebird@outlook.com):

Jeffrey: The book was published by M. T. Publishing of Evansville, IN. I would call the phone numbers listed on the following site:

<https://mtpublishing.com/product/daviess-co-ky-standard/>

Have a good day! Jerry Long

Aug 25 e-mail [Downs] : From Tom Nestor (nestlings@proton.me):

Mr. Long, Thank you so much for this information! I've been trying to figure out my wife's Downs family for awhile now without much luck. Her grandmother, Beatrice Lucille Downs, was the oldest of 10 children born in Paducah, Ky in 1904. They were farmers who lived on Husbands Road, but she became nurse and moved to New York. She never went back except for visits. No one in her family appears to have done any genealogy, which amazes me. Of course her mother and grandmother are all gone now, so there is no one to ask. My wife's mother was convinced they were descendants from Cherokee Indians who walked the trail of tears, but somehow ended up in Paducah. I find both sides of her family, Phelps and Downs, were already in KY long before the trail of tears. So her information wasn't helpful. Again, thank you so much for this! I'm continuing with my wife's tree as far as I can go. Right now it appears Jeremiah Downs came here from England and was a American Revolution patriot; unfortunately the DARs have no records of him. Her Phelps line is very interesting. Her Phelps family may have been the Phelps' at the Siege of Boonesborough in 1778. Although it's hard to make connections to the right families because of the use of names over and over. Like the two Thomas Downs the Phelps have several families using the same names too; Samuels, Anthony's, Thomas, Georges, etc. Are you by chance a genealogist for hire? Or do you know of one who has a grasp on the families of Kentucky? I am sincerely thankful to you for your time and help. Best Regards, Tom Nestor

Aug 25 e-mail [Downs] : To Tom Nestor (nestlings@proton.me):

Mr. Nestor: I am sorry I do not do research for hire and I don't know of any contacts who do. Have a good day, Jerry Long

Sep 5 phone call [Young] : From Bobby Smith, Taylorsville, KY, 270-699-2700:

Mr. Smith found my book on the Young family on my website. He said we are related multiple ways. He is a descendant of brothers, Andrew & Martin Young, Sr. (my 4th great-grandfather. From Martin's son, Wolf John Young, he is a descendant of both of his children,, Martin Young (c1808-1890) & Emaline Young Smith (1828-1910). Mr. Smith is 83. Mr. Smith is also a Bruner descendant

Sep 28 e-mail [Barnett] : From Vic Barnett (f.v.barnett@outlook.com), Dayton, OH:

Jerry I am Vic Barnett from Dayton Ohio and I got your name from Gary Tunget. I have admired your writings from afar and I am especially interested in Ohio County KY. This is just a test message to see if I can type. V

Sep 28 e-mail [Barnett] : To Vic Barnett (f.v.barnett@outlook.com), Dayton, OH:

Vic: My dad was born in Ohio County, KY and I have a lot of family lines there. I am not a Barnett descendant but several of my relatives married Barnetts. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Sep 29 e-mail [Barnett] : From Vic Barnett (f.v.barnett@outlook.com), Dayton, OH:

Jerry, it's good to hear from you. I am Vic Barnett a retired officer from USAF (VN pilot) and business 85 years old. I am a widower living in Bethany Village and very interested in genealogy and history accompanying it. Tell me about yourself. V

Sep 29 e-mail [Barnett] : To Vic Barnett (f.v.barnett@outlook.com), Dayton, OH:

I worked eight years in the room service department off the Executive Inn Rivermont here in Owensboro, KY. While there I served many of the stars who performed there. The most impressive was Johnny Cash. In 1979 I discovered genealogy was a topic of interest. I have been involved in it since. I worked three years as a professional genealogist, three years for a book publisher and twenty-eight years in the Kentucky Room (a special history-genealogy department) at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro. I retired in 2016. In 2021 I began adding some of my research and new articles to my website. One of my newest articles added was about "Frank Peter Sheehan, Jr. (1900-1927), a pioneer aviator and air plane designer, who died in a crash of his new plane here in Owensboro, Have a good day, Jerry Long

Sep 29 e-mail [Barnett] : From Vic Barnett (f.v.barnett@outlook.com), Dayton, OH:

Jerry, thanks for your note and references. I have been over your website and tell you that I am very impressed and thankful for all your efforts over the years. My interest is genealogy/history and the way I read your note, interests and biography, I think we share that focus. I am interested in, among other things, running down the accounting of slaves and veterans of past wars. I find your website especially helpful in both regards. I, for example, did not know that slave marriages were forbidden until after the war. Finally, I am trying to run down the names of slaves buried yet unidentified in Alex Cemetery. I am still rummaging through material to determine the names. Thanks again, v

Oct 3 e-mail [Young] : From Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (candjharrison@hotmail.com):

Mr Long, Thank you for the terrific information provided in your 'Young Family of Hancock County.' I live in Australia, and have been working on my family trees which branch thru Hancock County. Your information has particularly been valuable during my recent visit to KY. I was assisted in my local search by Sheila (Jolly) Pence (a DAR contact) and LT Newton (who connects to my ancestry thru a Peyton-Matthews-Corley line). My maternal grandmother was Mary Ellen Nix Anderson (1901-1989), who was born in Patesville. Her father was James David Nix (1870-1949) and mother was Lona Peyton Nix (1881-1960). I knew my ggrandmother as 'Mama Nix' when she was living in Bartow, FL with my grandparents in her later years. Are you interested in information about this later lineage thru Mary Ellen Nix Anderson? Mary Ellen filed information for James David Nix'

Arkansas death certificate, but omitted names of his parents. This left me puzzled. Thus I searched the Hancock Co archive files for any link between James David and his father (as mentioned in your book) Elisha Nix. I found the attached probate record, which I thought you might like to see, if you haven't already seen it. Again, thank you. I will be working on clarifying details for these branches, and am finding your information very helpful. Sincerely, Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (Daughter of Mildred Ellen Anderson Fuller; wife of Colin Harrison.)

- Oct 3 e-mail [Young] : To Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (candjharrison@hotmail.com):**
Mrs. Harrison: Thank you for your e-mail and the Nix documents. Very helpful! The Nix family is one of the most difficult lines to piece together I have worked on. Best wishes. A cousin, Jerry Long
- Oct 3 e-mail [Young] : From Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (candjharrison@hotmail.com):**
Hi Jerry, We had quite a surprise when we dropped briefly into the Patesville Baptist Church. I asked if they had any Baptism records, so the young women who met me got an older woman to talk with me. This second woman was Jane Jackson (b 1948) She asked who my relative was. When I said Mary Ellen Nix, she replied that her gggrandfather was David Nix (1854-1947) m to Angeline Jarboe. I was astounded, as that was who my gggrandfather, James David Nix, was living with in the 1880 Census after his father died. I thought that you might like to see this photo of the two of us - most definitely looking like cousins! Jeanne Harrison (b 1947)
- Oct 4 e-mail [Young] : To Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (candjharrison@hotmail.com):**
I have attached a better copy of the David Nix (1854-1947) picture on page 28 of my book on the Young family. Thanks for the picture. Best wishes, Jerry Long
- Oct 4 e-mail [Young] : From Jeanne Ellen Fuller Harrison (candjharrison@hotmail.com):**
Thank you for the photo Jerry. I have attached a photo c1959 when all of Mary Ellen Nix Anderson's grandchildren were visiting in Florida, and a photo was taken with great-grandmother, Lona Peyton Nix. In the photo are Richard Gardenhire, John Fuller, Jeanne Fuller, Judith Fuller, Mary Leigh Anderson, two second cousins (?), and Jim Fuller - running clockwise from lower left. I have also added it on Ancestry.com under Lona Peyton. For your general information, I have attached a family tree from Mary Ellen Nix Anderson to my generation and our biological children (I have none). Mary Leigh Anderson Craig also has two living boys and I believe that Richard Gardenhire had one boy. The next generation is still evolving, but my sister, Judith's, son E. J. Fogarty now has 3 boys and one adopted girl. Jonathan Carpenter Fuller has 3 boys and one girl. Jaime Fuller has 2 girls and one boy. Jeanne Harrison, Adelaide, South Australia
- Oct 7 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery]: From Pat Morgan (morgansell@gmail.com):**
Hello Jerry, I have been researching my family on your western central Ky Website for Greenwood Cemetery. I consider your website a gold mine for me, I really appreciate all the work that you put into the site. I read that you published a book on the cemetery burials. I first saw a copy at the Allen County Genealogy Center in Ft. Wayne. Do you have any copies left to sell? If so, how much would it cost? Thanks, Pat Morgan, 317-710-1756

Oct 8 e-mail [Greenwood Cemetery] : To Pat Morgan (morgansell@gmail.com):

Pat, I published the Greenwood Cemetery book in 2006. The sales and distribution of the book were donated and turned over to the Greenwood Restoration Committee. To see if there are any remaining copies contact Wesley Acton of this group. I have the following phone number and e-mail address for him: 270-275-4511, wacton4094@aol.com . This contact info is possibly outdated – it is a couple of years old. Since the publication of my book, I have continued to research burials at Greenwood Cemetery. I have since made several hundred additions to the book. The most complete and update listing of known burials there is contained in the three Greenwood files on my website (under Daviess County – Cemeteries). I hope you continue to make discoveries! Jerry Long

Oct 22 e-mail [Whitsell] : From Chris Whitsell, Danville, KY (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Hey Jerry! Just wanted to take a second to check in and see how things are with you! Looking forward to seeing you at the holidays! Hoping all has been well! Best, Chris

Oct 23 e-mail [Whitsell] : To Chris Whitsell, Danville, KY (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Chris, Great to hear from you!! I hope all of the Whitsell clan is doing okay. Like everybody I have had a rough spot or two this year. But all in all, it has been a good year. I have a lot to be thankful for. I am still enjoying working on my website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy. I have been able to add 73 articles during the year to the site. Also, I was able to sign a contract with the Daviess County Public Library whereby they agreed to maintain the presence of the webpage on the Internet after I am no longer able to maintain it. It is reassuring to know that it will not disappear when I no longer renew its presence. Also, I am continuing to enjoy walking and running on the Greenbelt. I start out with a fast walk to warm up and then run for about a mile or two. As of yesterday, I have run on 163 of 300 days this year. My pace and distance are hardly enough to work up a sweat. In my heyday I was able to generally run an average of about 5 miles. Your Facebook page suggests you are now retired. If this is true I hope the adjustment has gone smoothly. Retirement is a big readjustment to one's identity. Next February it will be ten years since I retired. There are still days I have regrets about retiring. I am fortunate in that my webpage has allowed me to continue doing what I was doing. Wishing you rewarding holidays. Tell everybody hi, Jerry Long

Oct 23 e-mail [Whitsell] : From Chris Whitsell, Danville, KY (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Great to hear about the articles and the plans for the website! You've done amazing work on that and I'm so glad it's recognized and valued and will be supported moving forward. Regarding my work, no, I had listed that "retired" status when I retired from Community MH several years ago, but our practice "Whitsell Counseling and Supervision" is going strong and I actually work more hours now than before, so I stay super busy between work, things for the kids and running and hunting. We recently moved Taylor to Sterling Heights, north of Detroit where he is the campaign manager for Eric Chung to help Eric's bid for joining the US House of Representatives in an upcoming election. We moved Kaylee to Newport, KY (just across the river from Cincinnati) where she is employed full time as an RN w/ The Christ hospital, orthopedics unit. She's working nights and getting adjusted to that. Kyle is navigating his junior year of HS at Boyle and about to participate in his XC

teams Regional meeting in Wayne County. We are hoping for another state qualifying team performance! I completed a 50 K Ultramarathon with Brian in January in Clearwater, Fla and recently completed a Marathon in Lincoln county in a personal best (3:55). I've been fortunate to complete numerous 5k's, 10k's and Half Marathons this year. Trying to stay healthy that way. Hopefully we will be able to connect over the holidays and compare notes on the Wildcats basketball team as well! Talk soon, Chris

Oct 24 e-mail [Ryan] : From Nicole Ryan Johnson (wj1000@gmail.com):

Hi Jerry, I am a descendant of Thomas Ryan. Sr, Morris Ryan and Thomas Owen Ryan, a family that was one of the early settlers of the Tar Fork area. I have a good amount of information on the family, but I'm trying to learn more about the location of structures - homes and businesses - in Tar Fork. Do you have any suggestions on where I could find some resources? I'm in Florida, so I am not able to stop in at the Breckinridge County Archives, unfortunately. I do hope to visit there next year, but would love to have more information before my trip. Any information or suggestions you have would be most appreciated. Thank you! Nicole Ryan Johnson

Oct 25 e-mail [Ryan] : To Nicole Ryan Johnson (wj1000@gmail.com):

I would suggest trying to contact Perry Thomas Ryan (born 1962) – 100 Maplewood Dr, Georgetown, KY 40324-2630, phone 502-865-1762. Perry is a lawyer and served as Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky. His family is from the Tar Fork area of Breckinridge County, KY. We are related on the Pate family line. He is a very knowledgeable family historian. The phone number I have is from 2015 and it may no longer be active. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 25 e-mail [Franklin] : From Elmer T. Whitler (etwhitler@pm.me):

Jerry, I hope you are doing well. I thank you for your excellent history of Stephen Franklin and his descendants. I used your work to support my application to SAR, which you will see from the mail message below was successful. I sought membership in SAR to honor Stephen Franklin. I am the first and only SAR compatriot listed for Franklin as a “Patriot Ancestor.” Again, thanks, and

Best wishes, Elmer

On Friday, 10/10/25 at 14:48 SAR Registrar General < kweiss47@gmail.com > wrote:
Dear Compatriot Elmer,

Congratulations! Your application to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has been accepted and you are now a full member of the SAR. Please accept my warm welcome. You are now a member of one of the largest male, lineage-based organizations in the world and one with an important mission: The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Specifically, the Sons of the American Revolution strive to:

- Perpetuate the memory of the men and women who, by their services and sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.
- Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants.
- Inspire those descendants and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers.

- Encourage historical research as it relates to the American Revolution.
- Acquire and preserve the records of individual services of the Patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks.
- Mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials.
- Celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the struggle for independence and the Revolutionary period.
- Foster true patriotism.
- Maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.
- Carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of President George Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

Membership comes with privileges and you are now a full member with all rights and accesses.

Compatriot Elmer T. Whitler

Your Patriot Ancestor: Stephen Franklin

Your National Number: 235469

Membership begins with the assignment of your National Number. Your number will stay with you throughout your time in the SAR, and it will be required in most transactions with National. Your certificate and membership rosette will be presented to you during an induction at your local Chapter, but this formality is ceremonial. You are already a member. If you are not contacted by your local Chapter in the next few weeks, please contact me directly.

We have online resources to enhance your membership experience. This link: <http://www.sar.org/new-member-onboarding/> will take you to the SAR New Member Onboarding page and will walk you through how to establish your member account on the SAR web site. Hint, you will need your National Number. The website has links to Education Outreach, the SAR Research Library, the Patriot Research System (PRS), Genealogy, the SAR Merchandise Store, and many more. This link: <https://www.sar.org/new-member-onboarding/> will take you to the SAR Compatriot Training page where you can watch video-based courses to learn about the organization and what being a member of the Sons of the American Revolution provides. Membership also comes with responsibility, and as with any organization, you will get out of it what you put into it. We sponsor many youth programs including elementary school poster contests, middle school brochure and essay contests, high school orations contests, and our newest program, a historical video contest. We also sponsor Eagle Scout and JROTC Scholarship contests. We have uniformed Color Guardsmen and Living History Interpreters who support local community and school events. We are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation, not just on the Fourth of July in 2026, but throughout the Decade of Revolution, which began last year with the Boston Tea Party and ends in 2033 with the Paris Peace Accord. Find the areas that interest you and talk to your Chapter President about where you can contribute! The Chapter is where things get done and remember the first priority is to have fun! We are very happy to have you as a Compatriot of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and encourage you to become involved in your Chapter and local community events. We are sure you will find it rewarding.

Again, congratulations!

Regards,

Keith A. Weissinger, MD

Registrar General

Sons of the American Revolution

Oct 27 e-mail : From Nicole Ryan Johnson (wj1000@gmail.com):

Thank you so much, Jerry! I connected with Perry a number of years ago, and I'll reach out again. Looking forward to learning more about Tar Fork, but there's only so much I can find online! I have been searching for a book called Breckinridge County KY History by Guida Snaveley, but so far have had no luck finding it. Nicole

Oct 27 e-mail : From Nicole Ryan Johnson (wj1000@gmail.com):

The book, "Breckinridge County, Kentucky History", by Guida Snaveley, is available from the Ancestral Trails Historical Society, See their book list at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oSJukrvXJdeQWYcmfxxQrdVxYd3Vho_N/view

Oct 27 e-mail [Franklin] : To Elmer T. Whitler (etwhitler@pm.me):

Elmer, Congratulation!! That's great news. I may look into how to submit an application tying into your qualification. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 27 e-mail [Franklin] : From Elmer T. Whitler (etwhitler@pm.me):

Jerry, it is great to hear from you, and I hope you do submit an application to SAR. The key is getting a good Registrar in a SAR chapter to head-up and submit your application to the National SAR. It took me almost a year. The first person I got had a mental and physical breakdown in the middle of the process. I could have given up, but I persisted and got a great team in the LaFayette Chapter in Lexington, KY. If you need any advice, I will gladly share what I learned. I followed the application process with the list of descendent listed below. I figured the list out and then you confirmed it for me. The process involves getting certified birth certificates. You are an expert on all these things and should not have any problems.

8. Stephen Franklin (Elizabeth)
7. Sarah [Sally] Franklin (Francis Long, married abt 1809)
6. Benjamin Franklin Long (America Burrus)
5. Margaret Ann Long (Henry Travis)
4. Annie Lee Travis (J.H. Sapp)
3. Margaret Rebecca Calloway
2. Dorothy Lee Whitler
1. Elmer Whitler

Take care, and please keep me updated on your progress. June and I look forward to seeing you this coming Spring in Owensboro. Best wishes, Elmer

Oct 30 e-mail [Shultz] : From Patrick Doyle (patrickdoyle14@gmail.com):

Dear Jerry, How are you? My name is Patrick Doyle. I'm a music journalist, and I have really enjoyed your West-Central Kentucky History web site. It's full of great stories and an incredible resource for researchers. I was looking through your list of notable articles from Owensboro, and a few interested me, including: Airdrie is a deserted village (1885), musical culture in Owensboro (1889), deserted city of Airdrie (1912), Old Fiddler's Contest recalls famous violin players who were from Owensboro years ago (1916). Do you happen to have any of these pieces in your archive, by any chance? I am mainly focused on researching Muhlenberg County, and am trying to find old stories about Airdrie, Paradise, plus the music of the surrounding area and how it spread in the 1800s/early 1900s. If you have any tips, I'd love to talk!! Thank you, Jerry. Appreciate it, Patrick

Oct 31 e-mail [Shultz] : To Patrick Doyle (patrickdoyle14@gmail.com) :

Patrick, Some articles about Airdrie are included in the article about Gen. Don Carlos Buell (in the Biographies section). On my website there are several articles related to music in Muhlenberg County – biographies of Merle Travis (in Biographies section); Everly Brothers (in Biographies section); Arnold Shultz (in Biographies in the Black KY Pioneers section); and Lum Martin (in Biographies in the Black KY Pioneers section. Articles listed in the article “Owensboro Newspaper Chronologies, 1842-1989” can be viewed on the websites – Newspapers.com and Ancestry.com, which are available at most public libraries. Thanks for writing! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Oct 31 e-mail [Shultz] : From Patrick Doyle (patrickdoyle14@gmail.com) :

Thank you Jerry, for all that you do. Your Arnold Shultz biography is an amazing resource. I've been trying to learn more about Arnold's childhood/family background. I noticed you mentioned that Arnold's father David Shultz may have been enslaved by Joseph and Charles Shultz, sons of Mathias Shultz. (as you write: "Mathias was a slave owner. The 1830 census of Ohio County reported that he owned 12 slaves. In the 1850 Federal Census Slave Schedule of Ohio County two of his sons, Joseph Thomas Shultz (1801-1895) and Charles Shultz (1797-1863) were shown as owning slaves. Both owned a male slave aged 6 years old, who may be David Shultz, father of Arnold Shultz.") This has been helpful. I am curious if you can tell me more about that possibility, that David Shultz lived with Joseph and Charles Shultz. Is part of that it that later on David Shultz lived in Cromwell, which I believe was also called Shultztown? Do you happen to know much about the Cromwell mining community? From what I've read, Arnold was not the only musician there and the Shultz and related Walker families played music. I'd love to know more about this community. I believe 3-400 families lived there, according to an oral history interview I listened to. Anyway, thank you so much, Patrick

Nov 1 e-mail [Shultz] : To Patrick Doyle (patrickdoyle14@gmail.com) :

Patrick, Sorry I have no other information on the Shultz family. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 1 phone call : From Gary Tunget, Owensboro, KY:

Asked if he could have a copy of the picture I made of the Antioch Christian Church in Ohio County, KY. I told him about my cousin, Elmer Whitler qualifying to be a member of SAR on my ancestor Stephen Franklin's service. He said if I do apply to join he asked if he could be one of the two confirming signatures from the local SAR chapter.

Nov 1 e-mail : To Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Gary, I have attached two pictures of the Antioch Christian Church, at Taylorfield, in Ohio County, KY. I took the pictures on 30 March 1981. My grandfather Long, was born at Taylorfield in 1898. His mother a Taylor was a descendant of John Peyton Taylor, who settled here in 1823. Great talking to you! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 1 e-mail : From Gary Tunget (gtunget@att.net):

Jerry, THANK YOU ! The photo with the cemetery is great! My Granddad Miller has several cousins and his 1/2 Aunt is buried here. I appreciate all you do. Again Thanks!
Gary

Nov 1 e-mail [Audley] : From Kendra Isham (kendra.isham@louisville.edu):

Hi Jerry, My name is Kendra and I'm currently in the Women and Gender Studies MA program at UofL. In response to HB5, I was attempting to track down Kentucky's historic ugly laws and I stumbled across a few mentions of Jean Audley in the Courier Journal. I've read your article and it seems she was quite regionally known! I'm currently taking a seminar course reading "the wild" into the humanities. Throughout this course I've felt myself drawn towards Jean's story once again. I was wondering if you'd ever found out any more information about her? Are there any parts of the archive that you would recommend delving into to attempt to piece together her story a bit more? Thanks in advance for any help and for publishing so prolifically on your site, Kendra Isham (502)438-6771

Nov 2 e-mail [Audley] : From Kendra Isham (kendra.isham@louisville.edu):

Kendra, Since I compiled the article on Jean Audley in March 2023 I have not uncovered any more info about her. To no avail I searched all the records I could access to find more. I would have liked to solve her identity. If one could verify her real name that might lead to solving her identity. Thanks for writing, Jerry Long

Nov 14 e-mail : From Daniele Celano (daniele.celano@kwc.edu):

Dear Mr. Long, My name is Daniele Celano and I just started as an assistant professor teaching U.S. History at Kentucky Wesleyan College, where I am also spearheading the new Center for American Civics. I am a Civil War historian by training, with a particular focus on slavery, and my dissertation (which I am about to defend!) at the University of Virginia examined wartime emancipation in Kentucky. I stumbled upon your website some time ago while researching the 1862 murder of Willis Field, suspected to have been perpetrated by one of his enslaved men, Elliot, and I cannot begin to tell you how immensely your meticulous research helped my work. Using your transcribed diaries and vital records, for example, I tracked down the entire family of Omar and Sarah (McFarland) Field, all of whom were originally enslaved by Field's father-in-law, Robert McFarland, but separated by his death. At least two of their children, Andrew and John, escaped slavery in Owensboro and enlisted in the USCT at 17 and barely 13 years old. John was initially turned away due to his age, yet was soon accepted at an Evansville Union camp as a "contraband," rather than a soldier. Their parents formally married in 1866 through the Freedmen's Bureau, and the family reunited and lived together between Owensboro/McLean. (They are listed on your McLean freedmen's tax list: Andrew, Joseph, Larkin are 3 sons, and Omar/Sarah the parents. Omar came from NC with the elder McFarland, who was an early Daviess settler from west NC.) While enslaved by McFarland, Sarah desperately attempted to visit her 12 children whenever possible, and she happily spent the rest of her life after emancipation always living with at least one child. John Field lived in Tippecanoe County, IN, until his death at 104 in 1953. Even then, the Fields' siblings remained in close contact. I could go on and on about history- but, I also wanted to reach out on behalf of the civics center as we start to plan community outreach, particularly with local libraries and historical societies, to see how we could best

collaborate or serve as a resource for local institutions. (I would also love to pick your brain.) I know this time of year can be a bit hectic with the holidays coming up, so just let me know if there would be a good time to chat in the next few weeks if you're interested! Thank you again for your work; I could spend a whole afternoon telling stories that I tracked down with the help of your research. Best, Daniele Celano , Assistant Professor of American Civics, Director, Center for American Civics, Office: 270.852.3221, daniele.celano@kwc.edu

Nov 14 e-mail : To Daniele Celano (daniele.celano@kwc.edu):

Daniele: Thank you for your e-mail. I am now retired after working 28 years in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library. Thus, I am free most days to do whatever. I spend the majority of my days researching other historical topics for my website. If you would like to converse you can call me at 270-684-6299. The mornings would be a better time for me. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Nov 16 e-mail [Wallace] : From Frank Wallace (frank.wallace@live.com):

Jerry, I am gathering data concerning the expansion of work done by Marian Waters Challender – “Arthur & Mary Wallace & their descendants” along with work done by Betty A Montoye (both have passed). Would your records indicate other researchers working the Arthur Wallace line? Also, are there any records as to tombstone cutters in the Daviess County area in the late 18th century and early 19th century? Frank Wallace, 4121 Royal Oak Dr, New Albany IN 47150, (H) 812-948-9041, (M) 502-744-4050

Nov 16 e-mail [Wallace] : To Frank Wallace (frank.wallace@live.com):

Mr. Wallace: Other than, Mrs. Challender, I have not made contact with any other Arthur Wallace descendant. I know of no monument cutters in the Owensboro vicinity during the early period you inquired about. Sorry I could not help, Jerry Long

Nov 28 e-mail [Iglehart] : From Jamaal A Haffner (misternetwork1@gmail.com):

Hi my name is Jamaal Haffner and resident here in San Antonio Texas. I am working on a few writings; from poetry to my family tree. I am trying to connect a few dots that aren't aligning and though or maybe you could help as you've done research on folks I believe are related to me. My father's surname is Iglehart (Randall Iglehart). As I was researching the name it took me everywhere from the Roman empire to Maryland and eventually to Texas. The issue is that somewhere at the turn of the century family changed names from Iglehart to Iglehart. My father who's of African American descent had an African American father but it looks as though his father H.D. Iglehart was a man of European descent and married to a woman of European descent. Which leaves the question-where did Henry Dirks Iglehart come from? I pray this message reaches you and hope to hear from you soon. Thanks immensely for your time- Jamaal A. Haffner

Nov 29 e-mail [Iglehart] : To Jamaal A Haffner (misternetwork1@gmail.com):

Jamaal, I am sorry to report that I have no information about those you inquired about. Wish I could help!! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 2 e-mail : From Chris Whitsell (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Hey Jerry, Just wanted to take a second to let you know we missed seeing you at Thanksgiving. Hoping you are doing ok. I would have inquired about stopping by at your place but I ended up spending a fair portion of the weekend at my Mom's house helping get blinds, curtains etc put up in her new dwelling. Hopefully we'll get a chance to visit at Christmas when we are in. Take care and see you soon!

Dec 3 e-mail : To Chris Whitsell (cdwhitsell@gmail.com):

Looking forward to seeing you all on Christmas!! Have a good day, Jerry Long

Dec 7 e-mail [Toler] : From Rob Blandford (rwblan02@gmail.com)

Good evening Mr Long, My name is Rob, over the past few decades my grandmother and mother have been attempting to find information about a great great grandfather in the Hancock county area. Their search has not been fruitful. While looking into professional services that may help I came across your website. If you are still working in the field of genealogy I would really appreciate a conversation. Best regards, Rob Blandford\

Dec 7 e-mail] Toler] : To Rob Blandford (rwblan02@gmail.com)

Rob, What is the name of your great-great-grandfather? I might have a suggestion or two. One of my grandmothers was from Hancock County and I have a lot off family connections there. Have a good day, Jerry Long, 270-684-6299

Dec 7 e-mail [Toler] : From Rob Blandford (rwblan02@gmail.com)

Hi Jerry, Thank you for getting back so quickly, I really appreciate the help! His name was John Toler (or Tolwer as we've found on some documents). He was the husband to a Sarah Ann (Sally) Gillam and father of Camden Riley Toler. He was born around 1812 and died around 1858 I believe. The most i've found is that his dad may have been "Christopher Toler" but i've never seen any accounts confirming that. Any information that you may have would be amazing or if you still accepted commissions for this type of research I would love to know about the cost. Here is the link to the family tree. It is through the Toler side of things <https://www.ancestry.com/invite-ui/accept?token=2Ghhu-11aYfmzKkdiJUQqxaT03aOPLogTNtxlgH3GBY=> Best Regards and Happy Holidays, Rob Blandford, 502 498 0968

Dec 8 e-mail [Toler] : To Rob Blandford (rwblan02@gmail.com)

Rob: I did research on John Toler (c1812-1858) for the book, The Family of William Boucher and Milly Faris, that I published in 2002 (see pages 59-60). A copy can be found in the "Families" section on my website. Sorry, but I was unable to establish who his parents were. DNA research possibly could shed some light on his lineage. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 8 e-mail [Toler] : From Rob Blandford (rwblan02@gmail.com)

Wow, I can't believe you've already done research on him before! I'm sure my grandmother has already read over your research many times since 2002. This is fantastic work, thank you for all the effort you've put into all this documentation over the years. I'll check into the DNA analysis and if anything comes up I'll let you know. Best, Robert Blandford

Dec 13 e-mail [Royal] : From Jennifer Blakeborough (jennblakeborough@gmail.com):

Hello Jerry, Greetings from British Columbia, Canada! For several years now have been in search of my family history and genealogy. I've recently come across your website and have found it be a wealth of knowledge, thank you for your exceptional research and record keeping! I've been slowly going through your website trying to piece together as much as I can find on the Royals and I have a couple of questions. In your Logs of Aug 29, 2005, page 35, the Royal family book is mentioned. Is this the Royal-Brown Heritage by Mildred Royal Ayres? As I am unable to visit the Daviss County Library would it be possible to have a photo copy of the Royal pages compiled into a pdf and sent to me? I'm not sure if that is allowed but from what I can find there are very few copies of the book and no way for me to access any of them. My 5th great grandfather was William Royal Sr. (1776-1876), married to Elizabeth Ann Clifton (1780-1869). This is quite a long shot but in your notes you wouldn't happen to have any information on William's parents? Where they were from, where they're buried? Any information would be greatly appreciated. The story is they came from England before the Revolutionary War and settled in Port Royal but no one knows from where in England they originated and I've not found any burial information anywhere. Please let me know if you are able to assist and what fees are needed. I appreciate your time, Jennifer Blakeborough

Dec 14 e-mail [Royal] : To Jennifer Blakeborough (jennblakeborough@gmail.com):

Jennifer: The Royal book I was referring to was The Royal Family of Ohio County, Kentucky, by Robert A. White. It consisted of various family group sheets and articles – it was not paged and was at least 200 pages. The book was not mass produced and thus there are only a handful of copies. I don't have a copy. There is a copy in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, KY. The staff of the Kentucky Room are very helpful and they may be able to search it for you. I copied the attached pages from the book – the title page and a family group sheet for the family of John & Isabella (Davis) Royal. I copied the latter because Isabella Davis was a sister of my 4th great-grandmother, Mary (Davis) Bruner. Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 14 e-mail [Royal] : From Jennifer Blakeborough (jennblakeborough@gmail.com):

Ah ok, I do remember mention of this book in another pdf on your website. I will look into contacting the library, thank you! Jennifer

Dec 17 e-mail [website] : To Kyleigh Laster (kylaster@acocpa.net), Alexander & Company CPAS, Owensboro, KY:

Kyleigh: My name is Francis ('Jerry') Long. I was formerly a client of Mark O'Bryan. Several weeks ago, we spoke on the phone. I was wondering if you good please advise me on how to finalize a charitable donation and make the most of any tax relief. Since my retirement after 27 years from the Daviess County Public Library I have created and compiled an online website (<https://wckyhistory-genealogy.org/>). On 16 December 2024 I signed a contract with the Daviess County Public Library whereby they agreed to house and maintain my website when I am no longer able to do so. Acting in good faith I want to make a charitable donation of \$10,000 to the library that will express my appreciation and also to cover any maintenance fees. I have contacted Kentucky Deferred Comp and asked about having the donation made from my account when the Required Minimum

Distributions are made in December 2026. They informed me I would need to make the withdrawal which then would be taxed the same as the RMDs. It appears to finalize the donation I need to write a check for the \$10,000 from my checking account. I have more than enough to cover the total in my checking account. What is the best strategy to get the most tax relief for 2025 or 2026? Hope you have a Merry Christmas, Jerry Long (270-684-6299)

Dec 23 e-mail [website]: From Kyleigh Laster (kylaster@acocpa.net), Alexander & Company CPAS, Owensboro, KY:

Good afternoon, Jerry! Making the charitable contribution by check in 2025 will not provide much of a tax benefit unless you itemize your deductions. You did not itemize your federal deductions in 2024, and it is unlikely you will itemize in 2025 unless there has been a significant change in your Schedule A expenses. You could use the charitable deduction on your 2025 Kentucky return, but for federal tax purposes, there will be no benefit in 2025 if you do not itemize. If you could make a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA account directly to the library, the distribution would not be taxable and would count toward your total required minimum distributions for your IRA. For 2025, it would have to be completed by December 31, 2025. You might prefer to wait until 2026 to make the contribution if you will be paying it from your personal checking account. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) added a new provision that goes into effect after January 1, 2026. It allows non-itemizers to claim a partial deduction on their federal tax returns for charitable contributions. If you take the standard deduction on your 2026 federal tax return, you can also take up to \$1,000 of your total charitable contributions as an additional deduction. Please reach out if you have any other questions, and let me know what you decide. Thank you, Kyleigh Laster

Dec 26 e-mail [website] : To Kyleigh Laster (kylaster@acocpa.net), Alexander & Company CPAS, Owensboro, KY:

Kyleigh: Thank you for your explanation. I will contact Kentucky Deferred Comp. I hope you have a happy NEW YEAR! Best wishes, Jerry Long

Dec 30 e-mail [Young] : From Amy Barnes (amyeb76@gmail.com):

Good morning! My name is Amy Barnes, my grandma was Jessie Irene Young Barnes, daughter of William David Young, son of Shadrack Andrew Young. I think they called him "Shady". He passed before my dad was born and I didn't think to ask about family history when my grandma was still living. This reminds me to start asking my dad more information while he's still able to remember it! I ran across your geneology report and was so excited! I hope to dig in more deeply this coming year and learn more about my family history. Thank you so much for sharing your information. If I can be of any help in the future please let me know. I have joined 23&Me and Ancestry, so I'll have to look some of these names up. Our geneology center in Crossville, TN was recently renovated and I'm looking forward to going there and learning more about both sides of my family. Greatly appreciated, Amy, amyeb76@gmail.com