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The Rucker Family

The Willis Family

From: The Genealogical Helper, Sep 1959 page 67 paragraph C-79 (p) CLARK,
CLARK, Mrs Rogers M , 3216 Carrington, Memphis 11, Tenn. Wanted: Diary of George Willis b 1754 VA, Rev Sol GA, Was he father Stephan WILLIS of NC or VA? Mar Susannah DABNEY?

The Genealogical Helper, Sep 1958 Page 60 B 175
BROOM $10.00 reward; Documentary proof of b place & parentage of James BROOM whose w was Esther WILLIS, father of Jacob BROOM 1752-1810 Signer of Constitution of United States.

I am wondering if you already have these two WILLIS items. They came from the 1958 & 1959 Gen H.

I had some more but they were from the 1962 copy. I saw your name in the 1962 issue of Sep so I knew it was not necessary to send them.

4783
Lubbock Ave
Ft Worth
15, Texas
July 3,
1961

Mr Robert Willis
Route 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

A friend and fellow researcher, Miss Virginia Wilson of Lexington, KY, had seen your name at KY Hist Lib and that you are a Willis searcher; hence, my letter to you.

I have so many Willis lines, not my own, while my own particular James remains elusive. James Willis was b 1755 m Elizabeth Wilson (Bible), d 1796 Chatham Co, NC, leaving will naming ch: Sukey; Jemima; Wilson (eldest son); Larkin b 1777 m Mary Reese; Molley m perhaps Walton; Nanney; youngest sons Elisha & Elijah; Rebecca Caudle; Salley Crow. Witness: Mechuel Wilson Jr & Samuel Wilson; Exers; Wilson Willis & Thomas Bell. Old Bible says "relatives lived on Richland Creek in KY". Sons Wilson, Elijah & Elisha went to Robertson Co, Tenn by ca 1815; son Larkin (mine) went to Hawkins Co, Tenn by ca 1804 where he d 1859. I have the desc of Larkin in Tenn, Ala, Mo & Texas up to ca 1900. Now, for 3 years, I have been trying to find the parents of James & Elizabeth (Wilson) Willis, both "said" to have been b in VA.

If by some vast miracle, you know anything of this Willis line, I would appreciate any information at all, references, addresses or just anything.

Sincerely,
Nancy T Samuels (Mrs I Neal)

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1727 Thomas Road
Medford, Oregon
April 18, 1962

Mr Robert M Willis
R F D 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

It is nice to hear from you. I will be interested to hear how you are progressing with your family research.

In Genealogy I have what I call my "wanted list". Since I heard from you I have your Susanna on my list. I am not a professional genealogist. My search has been on my two families…the Lloyd and Wren families. I become discouraged at times but I keep on and I do make some progress. The next time that I go to the Library I shall look for your Susanna Rucker. I hope that I can help you find her parents.

In your last letter you wrote that you would sell your copy of the RUCKER Family Genealogy with Ancestors, Descendants and Connections….compiled by Sudie RUCKER Wood. I am not financially able to pay 25 dollars but I can give you twelve dollars plus the cost of mailing the book if the book is in good condition. Recently I saw a notice of one being sold by some Book Company. It was priced for nine dollars, I believe it was.

Let me know please what you decide to so. You can address the book to me C O D, "Collect on Delivery" at the Medford, Oregon U S Post Office. Then I will pay for the book at the U S Post Office in Medford, Oregon and they will send you the money. There is a rate on mailing books. I think the book can be insured for its value.

I make and error: I should have said "Put my name and address on the book but have it come C O D so the Post Office will hold the book and then they will notify me so I can pay them the cost at the U S Post Office.

Thanks for your special good wishes. My health has improved and I am very thankful. I send real good wishes to you in your family search.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Anna Diahl
1727 Thomas Road
Medford, Oregon

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1114 6th St
5 May 1962
Prosser, Wash

Robert Willis
RUCKER"
RFD 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

OHIO RECORDS AND PIONEER FAMILEIS "WILLIS-

Dear Mr Willis:

Enclosed is a pedigree chart showing our connection to the RUCKER family. I have been unable to locate a WILLIS-RUCKER marriage in my records, but many of my records on the RUCKER family are not complete. (Opal Fellows is my wife's mother.) We are trying to make our information as complete as possible so would like very much to correspond with everyone interested in the RUCKERS.

I am now trying to substantiate the lineage as given on the enclosed chart as there are some discrepancies between different sources. My information is from the book HISTORY OFR THE RUCKER FAMILY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS (or) RUCKERS AND CONNECTIONS by Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley, pub 1927.

John RUCKER b abt 1794 in Virginia md _____ . In early youth he moved to Monroe Co, Ohio with his parents and (there evidently married) and had Ruth who married Uriah Hague in Ohio. Their daughter, Mary Jane Hague, was born 18 Feb 1856 in Lawrence Co, Ohio. We believe Ruth RUCKER died in Lawrence Co, Ohio about 1860. Uriah Hague married a 16 year old German girl who raised his family and also bore Uriah 3 or 4 more sons. Uriah moved to Missouri and Mary Lane Hague married Samuel Wesley Lilly at Stanberry, Gentry Co, MO.

Many of these RUCKERS were from Culpeper Co, VA. The only Susan (Susannah) I have found that would be about the same time of your Susanna is: Susannah (Peter 3, Thomas 2, Peter 1) b Culpeper Co, VA 1776 (Probably 1766) d in Pine Ridge, Miss on 12 Dec 1835 md 10 July 1784 to John Bisland b in Scotland March of 1742 and d in Pine Ridge on April 17, 1821. Many of the RUCKERS from VA went into Ohio, Georgia and Mississippi.

From the Gallia Co, marriage records: Uriah RUCKER md Polly Stewart Aug 25, 1842, and Robert RUCKER married Elizabeth Vermillion 27 Feb 1814. They are father and son and may be connected to our RUCKERS as the name is scarce in that part of Ohio.

Larkin RUCKER, a cousin of Ruth RUCKER (who married Uriah HAGUE) married Ruth's daughter Mary Jane, husband's sister. In other words, Larkin RUCKER married Amanda LILLY, the sister of Samuel Wesley LILLY, who married Mary Jane Hague.

There might very possibly be a connection with these families as they are all from the same state and living in the same area.

My information has come from THE RUCKER FAMILY by Mrs Sudie R Wood.

RUCKERS AND CONNECTIONS by Edythe J R Whitley

There are some things that have to be corrected between these two books, however, and I can't find two people who agree on the validity of these two books. Some say one is best and some say the other and I don't know yet which is the best.

Please write, we are interested in exchanging what information we have. Thank you very much.
Sincerely yours, Wilford W Whitaker Jr

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1114 - 6th St
Prosser, Wash.
4 December 1962

Robert M Willis
Rt 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis:

I have recently run across more RUCKER and HAGUE information from Lawrence Co, Ohio. I would appreciate beginning a correspondence with you and possibly exchanging information. I have several relatives on the RUCKER side who are willing to do research and also I have a researcher in Maryland and one in Delaware doing National Archives searching for me. Also, in our family, there are two researchers doing research in the Salt Lake Library at Salt Lake, Utah.

So, all in all, I have been gathering quite a bit of information on my Hagues and Ruckers. We would be willing to share out information with you, if you are interested.

I am sorry that I have not written sooner as these people could just as well have been looking for WILLIS information also. A lady in New York charges for her help (very reasonable) the others have been researching along with their own names and the only thing it has cost has been expenses, for which I am very grateful.

Of there is any specific problem we could help you with, we would be glad to check our records for you.

Briefly our Rucker connection is as follows:

Ruth Rucker, born 1829 in Monroe Co, Ohio (I think a dau of John & Sally Graham Rucker, but no proof yet) md, Uriah Hague, b 1827 in Ohio, and she died between 1860-1865 in Lawrence Co, Ohio.

Uriah Hague and Ruth Rucker lived in Mason Township, Lawrence Co, Ohio. They had the following children:

John Hague b 1846 in Ohio.
Reuben E Hague (a school teacher) b 1849 in Ohio, md Allie _____ .
Amos R Hague b 16 Oct 1853 in Ohio, md and died 24 Apr 1936 in Mont.
William A Hague b 1854 in Ohio.
Mary Jane Hague b 18 Feb 1856 in Lawrence Co, Ohio, died 23 May 1927, at Juniata, Neb and md at Stanberry Mo, 8 July 1875 Samuel W Lilly.
Martha A Hague b Feb or March 1860 in Ohio.

Now I am searching for a will of John Rucker which may mention a dau, Ruth. Of course, it is very probably that her father was not this John at all. She is not listed in the Wood Rucker Book and her lineage is mentioned, but we feel incorrectly, in the Whitley Rucker Book.

We would appreciate hearing from you concerning the RUCKERS. Would you consider doing some cemetery research for us there in Lawrence Co? Thank you for any help you may be able to give.

Sincerely,

Wilford W Whitaker Jr (W76)

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VIRGINIANS IN REVOLUTION

Albert Rucker, Lieut VA Militia, 1780-81
Ambrose Rucker, Captain Anherst Mil in 1779-80
Angus Rucker 1st Lieut 1 VA State Reg June 24, 1777
Captain July 3, 1779, served to Jan 1781: on a list Apr 13, 1782, as supernumerary at half pay.
Awarded 4,000 acres. Residence Madison.
Anthony Rucker, Deputy Commissioner, E
Benjamin Rucker, E
Edward Rucker, Inf nbil.
Elliott Rucker, 2nd Lieut. 1 VA State Reg. June 24, 1777. 1st Lieut, in 1778; served to Jan 1781, died Mch 19, 1832. Referred to as of Culpeper; ordered to Richmond to take Command as a Lieut, Mch 2, 1781. Awarded 2, 666.
Elsey Rucker, Sgt Inf, nbil.
Elzaphan Rucker, 8 CL
Ephraim Rucker, Lieut Colonel of Culpeper Militia 1777-1781
Ephraim Rucker, Taylor's VA Reg
Jacob Rucker, E
John Rucker, Orange Mil, appt'd. Ensign Mch 24, 1780.
Joshua Rucker, E
Julius Rucker, Sgt, Inf, nbil.
Lemuel Rucker, Sgt, 8 CL
Samuel Rucker, Augusta Mil, oath as Lieut in Capt Oliver's Co, May 15, 1781.
Copied Dec 29, 1962

Jan 2, 1964

Dear Mr Willis:

Would you have records of a Betsy Rucker, who married Jesse Pemberton of Caldwell Co, KY 10-11-1815? America Rucker who married Mason G Pemberton, also of Caldwell Co, KY 7-26-1826.

I am working on Pemberton line. I believe these Pembertons may be of a Wm Pemberton of Adams Co, Ohio and his wife Rhoda (Luck) b 1755. Their children were:

1. James born Oct 16-1777
2. Joyce born Jan 17-1780
3. Wm Jr born may 5-1782
4. Anne born Oct 14-1784
5. Nathaniel born Oct 12-1787
6. Katherine born Feb 13-1790 (died young)
7. Fountain (boy) born Apr 17-1792
8. Katherine Luck born Jan 10-1795
9. Rhoda Jane born Sep 13-1797 md David Ogle
10. Ezekiel born Apr 24, 1800

I have info on parents of Rhoda Luck Pemberton b 1755 and list of who several of these Pemberton children married.

There was one Richard Pemberton who lived at Bethel, Ohio, Clearmont Co, who had a son Miles Pemberton, who was 90 in 1918. There was no doubt other children but this is all I have on this particular family, have some records of Pembertons of Maysville, KY. If you have records that would piece any of this together would sure appreciate it.

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I am after Pemberton- Koger-Bruton-Martin-Jones, Atterbury or Attenbury all of KY, Ill and Ohio area.
There were some Pembertons-Brutons-Koger & Jones in Wayne Co, KY. I understand there is a book titled
A Century of Wayne Co, KY by Augusta Philips Johnson, but have not got to see it yet but have it spoken for.

Sincerely,
Mrs J M Hacksman
Rt 5, Box 5007
Wanatchee, Wash 98802

PS One Bennett Pemberton had a daughter who married a Mitchell, I believe in early KY history. Info is being collected by about 5 or 6 of us for a Pemberton book eventually.

Dear Mr Willis;

I have just had the book Colonial Caroline, A History of Caroline Co, VA. by T E Campbell, Dietz Press, Richmond, VA.

I find mention of a "will of Joseph Willis 1768 administrator: Mary Willis Singleton, there was also a mention of a Robert Willis, who had wife Sarah, they owned a tavern, which was damaged & they brought suit against several men for assault & battery 1735.

There was also a Thomas Rucker mentioned & Morgan Edwards. Thos Rucker had a land grant for 1727.

There was also a Uriah Edwards family at one period, because one of his sons Benj md a dau of Chas Pemberton who left Caroline Co, VA abt 1770 for Spotsylvania Co, later to Woodford Co, KY, where he died 1792. (Charles Pemb was a brother of my Richard Pemb who d 1769 Cumb. Co., VA.

In fact I recognized several families who were crossed with Pembertons such as Garnett, Lyon, Head, Crutcher, Beasley, names of Dyer, Dishman, Jurt are allied lines of my Koger line of Wayne Co, KY. The DeJarnette of the book had a Mary Pemberton, wife (they were from Gloucester Co to Caroline Co & I think my Pembertons were of Gloucester from Eng. but most Gloucester records are lost to fire.

In 1748 the Caroline Co Court house was a flourishing County seat with 3 taverns. Robt. Willis, Edward Haswell & Samuel Coleman.

Hope this will help you get a lead on your Willis line.

As ever,

Mrs J M Hacksman
Rt 5 Box 5007
Wenatchee, Wash 98801

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Dear Mr Willis:

I have just had the book Gloucester Co, VA by Mary Wiatt Gray 1936, Richmond, VA.

The early records are destroyed so one finds mainly bits & pieces. The first settlers came 1607 and first land patents were 1640 period.

Augustine Warner patent 1642 his dau Mildred Warner d 1700 md 1691 to (1.) Lawrence Washington and had children of:

1. John Wash md Katherine Whiting of Gloucester Co.
2. Augustine lived Westmoreland Co, VA – father of George Washington.
3. Mildred md Roger Gregory and had 3 daus.
   a. Mildred Gregory md John Thornton
   b. Frances Gregory md Frances Thornton
   c. Elizabeth Gregory md Reuben Thornton (Frances & Reuben are brothers)

One of these Mildred's either the mother or the dau, married 2nd to a Col Henry Willis founder of Fredericksburg and had a son.

(1.) Col Lewis Willis (had dau md Landon Carter)
(2.) Dau – Anne Willis md Duff Green

Colonel Lewis Willis had a grandau. named Mildred Carter-dau of Landon Carter.

In the Gloucester Co records a Francis Willis & Hugh Gwinne were representatives or burgesses to the James Town Assembly about 1652-57 period.

The above Augustine Warner had another dau named Mary Warner, she md John Smith Jr b 16-- d 16 - - of Col John Smith that had md 1653 a Anne Bernard wife --------. The Col John Smith was speaker of house in Gloucester in 1657 period.

The John Smith Jr was later one of the Councils to Governor with Col Geo Reed, Col Geo Ludlow, Mann Page, John Lewis & Matthew Kemp.

The Warner family lived in the N River Area of Gloucester and Washingtons & some Smiths also. Francis Willis owned home called " White Hall" located on left side of Ware Neck at upper part about even with the town White ____, which you can locate on a map. It is on the water front. Warner Hall is below White Marsh a little & to right on a little neck of water.

Gloucester was originally the part that is now Mathews Co and consisted of 4 Parishes which were Petsworth Parish; Abingdon, Ware & Kingston. Kingston was later in Matthews Co.

The Thomas Robins (patent 1642) – wife Mary Hansford . Armisteads & Throckmortons were also early Gloucester families & all are connected to Pemberton lines & also Thornton family so I found all this quite interesting although not one Pemberton name is mentioned. The Caroline Co, VA wills before Civil War are destroyed also.

Mrs J W Hacksman

(Notes added) John Freeman of Richmond, VA m Sallie Willis, she died 1818, a dau of Wm Willis. John & Sallie's Ch: Samuel, Royal, John, Wm, Henry, Sarah, Mary & Reuben moved to Quaker settlement in Oh.

I find a note which states Mildred Warner Wash md 2nd George Gale had 1 ch who died young.

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Medford, Oregon
April 27, 1963

Mr Robert M Willis
Box 1, R F D 1
Ironton, Ohio

You may have forgotten me. You wrote to me in 1961 about my inquiry in the September issue of the Genealogical Helper.

How are you progressing in your search of Susanna Rucker, a 3rd grandmother of yours? (I have been watching for information about her.)

I have been working on my ancestor, Robert Lloyd, who married Tabitha Rucker in Madison Co, VA. I cannot find the date and place of birth of my Tabitha RUCKER. Will you please help me? I so much need it. Tabitha's date and place of birth is perhaps recorded in your book, THE RUCKER FAMILY. It will likely be listed in your book where all the children of THOMAS RUCKER are listed.

I have a letter saying that the book, THE RUCKER FAMILY, compiled by Sudie RUCKER Wood. Or it may be that there is more RUCKER family information now to add to the RUCKER genealogy.

I ask you these questions as you have the RUCKER FAMILY book and will know the answers to some of the questions.

Best wishes to you in your search. I shall be interested in hearing about your progress. If I can help you with some of your problems please let me know.

May I please hear from you real soon. I shall appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Diehl

Mrs Anna Diehl
1727 Thomas Rd
Medford, Oregon

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Medford, Oregon
May 23, 1963

Mr Robert M Willis
Box 1, R F D
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

Thanks very much for your letter about the RUCKER family. I was disappointed that they did not have the date and place of birth my Tabitha RUCKER.

Since I heard from you I have done a lot of searching in my records for information about the WILLIS family.

I am sending you the address of a lady who seeks information about a George Willis b 1754 VA. He was a Rev War soldier, Ga. The lady wants the Diary of George WILLIS. She might have what you want about George WILLIS and Susanna RUCKER. It was in the Sep 1959 issue. I imagine that she is still searching for the Diary of George WILLIS.

At twenty-five dollars genealogy.

I have decided to buy your book, THE RUCKER FAMILY……compiled by Sudie RUCKER Wood, Richmond, VA 1932. ---if it is in good shape.

Are all the pages in the book? What kind of a book and front cover does it have?

Let me hear from you then I will send you a check and you can mail the book by insured mail. Mail the book so it will not be sent out on our R F D. I would like for the book to be held at the Medford, Post Office so I can get it there and sign a "Return Receipt". Then you will know that I got the book. Of course, have the book insured. It must be insured for more than ten dollars or a return receipt will not be given. I feel it ought to be insured for fifty dollars—that will cost 20 cents. Postage for book weight cost 9 ½ cents for first pound then 5 cents for each additional pound. If you like I will pay the cost of mailing. The book will have better care if it is insured.

I hope that you find much needed information about Susanna WILLIS. I will keep her on my "wanted list".
Please let me know about the book soon.

Sincerely Yours,
Anna Diehl

Mrs Anna Diehl
1727 Thomas Rd
Medford, Oregon

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1727 Thomas Rd
Medford, Oregon 97501
June 12, 1963

Robert M Willis
Box # 1, R F D #1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis:

Enclosed is my check for twenty-five dollars plus the estimated cost of (insured) mailing, return receipt and postage, etc for the genealogy book: The RUCKER Family by Sudie RUCKER Wood. 1932

The cost of mailing will be determined when I get in town to the Post Office.

Please send the book so I will have to sign for it at the Post Office.

Please send the book so I will have to sign for it at the Post Office. Address the book as you address my letters. The P O will notify me. Mail left in R F D boxes, we find, is not always safe.

I shall add money enough to cover the cost of good wrapping. By Insurance if the book is lost or damaged I can collect damage. Also, a book will not be accepted for Insurance unless it well wrapped.

If I do not send enough money for the cost of mailing I shall send you the amount due.

I shall be glad to hear of your progress in your Susanna RUCKER search.. My Best Wishes for success.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Diehl
Mrs Anna Diehl
1727 Thomas Rd
Medford, Oregon 97501

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(written by hand at bottom)

Stan Rucker II
Route 2, Box 237
Berea, KY 40403

Rucker- The Helper
Mrs E W Hughston

5314 Palomar Lane
Dallas 29, Texas
Oct 30, 1963

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

At this point I am not sure whether I'm a Rucker or a Tanner ____d so have kept assorted notes on both families. Let me first show you my line – maybe you can "identify me"! And then I'll jot down my notes with references – perhaps there will be some you do not have.

My connection with the Rucker family would be through the Browne family (my grandmother was a Browne).

Geo. Pemberton Browne, son of Rev Daniel Browne and Mary (Polly) Pemberton, was born in 1775 in KY- probably Christian Co. He married two times and I'm not sure by which marriage my ancestor, his son, John Tanner Browne, was born.

According to the book Rev Daniel Brown of Culpeper Co, VA. & allied families. John Tanner Browne was born Oct 26, 1815.

It further states that he was the son of Geo. P B & his 1st wife, Hardenia Tanner. Then it says Geo married 2nd Nancy RUCKER _ Jan 13, 1813. The 1850 Census of Green Co, Ala. shows John Tanner was born 1813-1814 & his brother Theron (also by Hardenin T) 1817. If you know anything that might help clear up this matter I would really love to hear it.

Hope my sparse note one of some help. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,
Mrs Edward Hughston

Feb 9, 1964
Mrs J M Hacksma
Rt 5 Box 5007
Wenatchee, Wash

(Handwritten at top of letter)
Pemberton Rucker
Sallie Willis b 1818 m John Freeman, Quakers Settlement in Ohio

Dear Mr Willis:

Wish to thank you for the Rucker – Pemberton information. I have found a lady with a Rucker book who will copy the Pemberton – Rucker parts for me and I did get a letter from a Mr Wm Pemberton there in Ohio he had a Richard. G-G-grandfather that had 2 wives but their names were not known to him but he was real nice and sent his family line as far back as he knew. He may be of my line eventually. I have run across 2 small bits of Willis information that might mean something to you.

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John Freeman of Richmond, VA married Sallie Willis she died 1818 a daughter of Wm Willis.

John Freeman & Sallie Willis had issue: Samuel, Royal, John, Wm Henry, Sarah, Mary & Reuben the family moved to a Quaker Settlement in Ohio (where is Quaker Settlement in Ohio?).

Elizabeth Gregory daughter of Roger (son of Roger Gregory b 1690) and Mildred (Washington) daug of Lawrence Washington. King & Queen Co, VA. Elizabeth Gregory md 1st Henry Willis in 1743 he is son of Colonel H Willis. 2nd husband Reuben Thornton 3rd husband Dr Thomas Walker Explorer her 4th husband Col Aleack of British _____.

At least you know some Willis were around Richmond, VA & in King & Queen Co, VA. Richmond seems to be in Henrico Co, VA. Write the Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA and inquire about Willis- wills for those two counties.

They will give a list of which ones had will & what years made.

The wills are $1 apiece.

Sincerely,

Mrs J M Hacksma
Route 5 Box 5007
Wenatchee, Wash
98802

1305 Arlington View
Richmond, KY
June 29, 1964
Zip 40475

County Clerk
Lawrence Co, Ohio

Some time ago I wrote you for some Data about the Booth family you gave me a name that you said would work it, I am sorry but I lost that name will you please give this letter & data to him & ask him what he will charge & how far back can he go. I had one more generation on the other work sheet I sent you & got it out of Washington D C but I lost it too. The lady in Washington told me to write to you. I am enclosing a stamped envelope.

I will appreciate this so much if you will do it.

Sincerely,
Mrs John W Turner

(over)

I had all dates of these people but as I said I have put them away & can't find them but I did find this in the Library in Winchester that Isaac Hunter Boothe came from England & his wife was Martha Whitehead. Edwin Boothe lived in Huntington, W VA. When he worked the Boothe line now if you can work any of these lines will be ok just so she gets one line she will be satisfied. We are a new chapter of the DAR & we need her very much. I saw in a book of Abraham Lincoln life that he was killed by John Boothe. Mrs Bond has a brother named John & her name is Mary. You can see they both have the family name. Thanks again & would like to hear from you by return mail.

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Sep 29, 1965
Mrs Ruth E Richardson
#408 Manor Box 5006
Salem, Oregon 97304

Robert M Willis
Dear Mr Willis:

I notice in the new Sep Gen Helper you are working on the Rucker fam. I am compiling a Richardson genealogy with related families- direct descent from Samuel G came to America about 1630 and was one of the founders of Wobuin, Mass. My husband Mother was Lucretia Anne Rucker 1863-1958. She was the youngest of 16 children of Elliott Rucker 1822-1867 in about 1845 mar'd Catherine Stephens 1828-1883. The first five children were born in Ohio. Some where near Zanesville, Ohio and went with their parents to Iowa where the last five children were born. Our direct line is Ambrose Rucker m _____: Peter Rucker came to America 1690 m Elizabeth Fielding; James Rucker m Margaret _____; Lemuel Rucker 1754-1842 fought in American Revolution m Ann Booten 1765-1845, dau of Wm & Sally (Wood) Booten; Pascal Rucker 1790- 1867 m Polly (Mary) Rogers, Parents?; Elliott Rucker 1822-1867 m about 1845 Catherine Stephens, who is suppose to have come from Penn. & possibly KY. Before that Lucretia Anne Rucker b 1863 in Iowa d 1958 in Santa Anna, Calif m 1881 Francis Asbury Richardson; Hubbard Elliott Richardson b 1922 m Guendolyn, now I am searching for the ancestry of Catherine Stephens. Ref: Rucker

Genealogy by Mrs Wood and Mrs Whitley. These two books do not agree on the early generations. The Ruckers seem on the early generations to have moved often. There are records of James in six counties of Virginia according to land transactions and deeds.
Mother Richardson was very young when her parents died in Iowa and she was raised by an older brother. She told me once Wm Jennings Bryan was a cousin I believe he lived in KY. Which really an extension of Virginia. I think the family may have gone to KY first before going to Ohio. Catherine Stephens, Mother Richardson said was Penn Dutch which was really German. The family are supposed to have come to America from Bavaria and were Huguenots. I will greatly appreciate any Rucher, Stephens, Booten, Rogers data you can send.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Ruth E Richardson

Route 7, Crestwood Drive
Greenville, S C 20609
Jan 19, 1966

Mr C O Willis
Route 1
Madison, N C

Sometime ago I received a letter from Mr R M Willis in Iron, Ohio and have been sick since then until I have gotten behind on my correspondence. I am looking for a family of Willis that I will give you further information on: I will enclose a sheet I made sometime ago for someone and the John Anderson Willis b 1827 m Edna Martin b 1829 is the one that I am most interested in.

John Anderson Metcalf my grandfather gave me most of this information and he will be 90 in September. He was the grandson of John Anderson Willis of above daughter Charlotte Willis b abt 1860.

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According to granddaddy John Anderson Willis had brothers: Tom, Sam, Will, Dave, and sister Polly that married first time an Eaton and 2nd time Jim Shelton. All of the brothers were in the Civil War and Sam was killed. They had a half-brother Jim also.

John and Dave were in Unicoi Co, Tenn. Will was at Del Rio, Cocke County, Tenn. Jim lived in Knox County, Tenn. And Polly lived in Cocke County, Tenn.

Granddaddy thinks that their father was Benjamin Willis and their mother was a Reid. I do know according to the census of 1880 Unicoi County, Tenn John Anderson Willis' father and mother were both born in NC.

John Anderson Willis had an uncle that was called Billy Willis that lived on Big Laurel in NC probably Buncombe County. This Billy had a son called little Billy and most of the family had flu during the 1st World War and several died.

Granddaddy thinks that the names Tom, Will and Sam were the older ones that was probably in the period of Benjamin (if Benjamin is correct).

I would appreciate anything that you could let me have, any leads, or information. I am sorry that I do not have more information that I could supply you with. I do hope that possibly we are the same family. As you will note I have several lines around your area and would appreciate anything that you have.

Thanking you so much,

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Joyce H Ellis

cc: Mr R M Willis, Ironton, Ohio
Thank you so much for the information that you sent to me and I have copied and am returning to you. As you will note I have had allergy and could not seem to get anything done. So sorry I kept your papers so long, Thanks again. Hope that we might make connections sometime. JE

LINES OF JOYCE HOWARD ELLIS

------- Metcalf b 1833 m Jane (Martha Jane?) Norton b 1838, both NC, lived in Madison County, NC.

Children: William Ervin Metcalf b 1856 m Charlotte Willis (2) Nancy Kutshaw
John Henry Metcalf b 1858 m Hester Mays
James b 1860
Jess
Robert never married
Zeb went to New Mexico m a Norton was his cousin
Laurie m Bob Lisenbee
Hester m Will Buckner
Betty not married
? m Nealy Tweed
? m Nealy Fox
two more girls

William Ervin Metcalf b Aug 4, 1855, Madison Cty., NC died May 10, 1928 Cocke County, Tenn m 1st
Charlotte Willis Metcalf b 1860 Unicoi Cty, Tenn d abt 1880, Unicoi Cty, Tenn 2nd Nancy
Kutshaw ?
Children by #1: John Anderson Metcalf b 9-4-1876 m Mary Loretta Cooper

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Children by #2: Maggie m Hamp Penland went to Frisco, Texas
Emeline m Dee Penland
Hester b 11-3-1881 m David Shelton
Anderson m Cora Crowder
Wesley m Lou (Ellison?) Newport, Tenn

(My gr-gr-granddaddy)
Anderson Willis b 1827, NC m Edna Martin b 1829, Tenn her father was b KY and mother, Tenn so
the census says. The Willis's lived in Flag Pond, Unicoi Cty, Tenn. (His mother & father both from
NC). Children: Catherine m Cling Hanaley
Jackson b 1854 m Leah Crook b Ga
Liz m Joe Harris
Tom b 1857 m Mary Lis Quinn
Tildle m Mae Randall
Charlotte b 1860 m William Ervin Metcalf
Will b 1861 m Martha M Quinn
George b Sep 20, 1868 m Cyndie Sparks, 2, Margaret -----
Sam b 1870 m 1. Maggie Lawing 2. Lula Wilds Fincher
Nancy L b 1872 m Lloyd Holt
Laura L b 1872 m Lloyd Hoyt
Jane m Joe Cooper
Cordelia m Sam Murray
Dave

William Cooper b 1821 NC must have married Polly Ann b 1835 NC
Children: Amandrea C b 1850
Thomas Elbert b 1854 m Sarah (Sally) Tipton b 1850
Arta Ann b 1856 m Lowler (Yancey Cty, NC)
(my grandmother lived with this aunt a while)

Thomas Elbert Cooper b 1854 probably Yancey Cty, NC m Sarah (Sally) Tipton b 1850 died abt 1883
Children: William m Tildie Foster
Joe m Jane Willis
John m 1. ------- 2. Betty 3. Alice

Henderson, IA
Jan 28, 1966

Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

I saw in the Genealogical helper that you would exchange information. I do not have information to exchange but I wish someone to search for some records for me and thought that you might so – If not, maybe you would suggest someone in or near Ironton that would.

My great grandfather came to Lawrence Co, Ohio in 1812 with his mother and her family. He was nine years of age and had been born in Albermarle Co, VA in 1803. His name was Alexander Carter. He was married in 1825 or so to Catherine Neff (from Penn) and they lived for

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quite a few years near Clinton Furnace. Catherine Neff Carter wife of Alexander Carter and mother of Jacob, Nathan, Alexander Jr, Thomas Marion, Dulcena, Villine & Catherine. I don't know what besides the verse is on the stone.

Do you do any checking of this kind? Will you please let me know whether you will or not so that perhaps I can find someone who will. It wouldn't need to be done until the weather is fit, but I just want to know if you would at that time.

Thank you sincerely,

Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, Iowa

PS I am also searching in Albermarle Co, VA.

R M W made notation at bottom of letter. Mrs Treacle? Ebersole
10020 Lujimga Canyon Blvd
Lujimga, Calif 91042
On both Carter & Willis

Henderson, Iowa
Feb 16, 1965

Mr Robert M Willis

Dear Sir:

I realize that this is not the time of year, when it is easiest to get around and do things. One has to wait until the weather is right.

Thank you for the information you have given me. I will check at Jackson, Ohio and possibly the other places you mentioned.

Since I wrote you last I've been thinking that if I could locate the grave of Catherine Neff Carter who died in 1845, there might be other stones that would be those of Alexander's mother and possibly his father or would at least indicate who they were. She is buried somewhere near Clinton Furnace and on her stone is engraved: Sweet is the sleep our mother takes
Till in Christ Jesus she awakes
Then will her happy soul rejoice
To bear her blessed Savior's voice.

Thank you for the names and addresses. These people could very well be relatives, but probably descendants of Catherine or Alexander's brothers and sisters.

All of Alexander & Catherine's children came to Washington County, Nebraska.

In my book Carters of Virginia by Ms Ford Wulfeck Several Willises mentioned – A Col Henry Willis, Byrd Charles, Elizabeth , Francis, Francis Jr, Henry, Jack, John, Lewis, Mary, Mildred, Mildred Washington and Richard. Also an account that Elizabeth Carter married Francis Willis.

Col Lewis Willis was the son of Col Henry Willis. Landon Carter married Mildred Willis.

I believe these are all Albermarle Co, VA people.

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I would like a map of Ohio showing twps. If you could get one there and send it to me I'll pay you for it. I may have an address, however, that I can get one from;

Please try to find this stone when the weather is fit and thank you.

Enclosed find stamped envelope in case you want more information.

Sincerely,

Mrs Glen Jackson

Henderson, IA.

Henderson, IA.
Feb 21, 1966

Mr Robert M Willis

Dear Mr Willis:

Thank you for answering so promptly. I know that Clinton Furnace isn't marked on any map that I have, but in Alexander Carter's obituary it is noted that they lived near Clinton Furnace. I think it is in Vernon Twp. Maybe the name has been changed or it in existence no longer. It probably is on or near the line because all the children were born (first family that is) in Scioto County. In fact I'm inclined to think Clinton Furnace was in Scioto Co too.

Catherine (Neff) Carter died in 1845, but the stone wasn't placed until sometime after 1858. Soon after I think.

My idea in locating the graves, besides for the satisfaction of it is that it is possible that Alexander's Mother & family or even his father may be buried there also. So in case you do locate it, I would like any names of people buried near and any information on the stones too.

I have searched Scioto Co records as I thought they were married in that co , but couldn't find it so since Clinton Furnace was so near on the lines decided they may have been married in Lawrence Co and gone then to Scioto.

I would like very much to have this marriage record.

I am also interested in finding the name of Aledxander's father and the mother's maiden name, but haven't quite figured out how as yet.

Thank you,

Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, IA 51541

PS Will pay any reasonable fee.

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Henderson, IA
Mon Mar 21

Mr Robert Willis

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you for sending the Carter information. It doesn't seem to have any connection with the ones I'm seeking so far, but I'll be on the look out for any Willis information or Carter too that I think might interest or help you.

I've done quite a bit of Micro-film reading at Lincoln, Neb. Des Moines , IA and at Iron City, IA- Historical & Genealogical Libraries. Lincoln Lib- so far, his mostly not Carter information.

Iron City has census on micro-film and after I've searched a bit more this way want to go back there and to Des Moines.

I'm enclosing some material that was sent to me by a Carter who has an Alexander Carter Ancestors, but not the same as mine I think. After reading your Carter line, I remembered this material from North Carolina including Stokes Co and that it included some of the names you mentioned. You can copy all or as much as you like and return it to me, please. It is the only copy I have.

The older of the Carter bros. (my grandfather and Alex Jr were the youngest) – were Baptists. Don't know if that would help any in your search for the Grave, but don't think I mentioned it before.

I'm sure I sent you the inscription that is on the stone of Catherine Neff Carter but I'll repeat it in case I forgot. That just in case the stone was partly gone it could be identified with this perhaps.

" Sweet is the sleep our mother takes
Till in Christ Jesus she awakes
Then will her happy soul rejoice
To hear her blessed Savior's voice."

Sincerely,

Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, Iowa

Henderson, IA
April 22, 1966

Mr Robert M Willis
Box 1 Rt 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

I am much pleased to have the marriage record of Alexander and Catherine – I'm sure it must be the one I want because of the fact that they lived in Lawrence County previous to their marriage and then went to Clinton Furnace (was the line between Lawrence and Scioto.)

In Alexander's obituary, it states that he was married to Catherine Neff about 1825 and this checks. Their oldest son (child) Jacob was born in 1826.

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One finds so many differences in spelling that I'm not surprised that her name was spelled incorrectly.

I also received the Revolutionary War list today. It is very interesting and I'm hoping to find who Alexander's father and mother were in order to attach some of the many Carter marriages, wills etc. I have and maybe a Rev War Ancestor too. Altho I'm more interested in simply going back to the first one if possible (In America that is.) I have several Carter trees beginning from that time, but haven't gone far enough to make a connection if there is one.

I'm enclosing 2.00 for what you have done for me and will pay you whatever is right to search for the stone.

I'm sorry you have been sick also your wife. Do hope you are both better now. Flu has been quite severe here this year. We, our family, have escaped so far, however.

Do not look for the stone until you are well and the weather is fit. It is not that urgent. I do hope it is still there tho and some others of the family too. I'm hoping to get back that way sometime and would love seeing the locality that they lived in. Want to go to Virginia again too.

Thank you again for the information and the suggested books. Perhaps later I'll wish you to look for a name. Just now I've no idea, but hope to one way or another.

Sincerely,

Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, Iowa

PS- I have the "History of Albermarle Co, Virginia" by Edger Woods. And a Carter Family Tree compiled by J Montgomery Seaner. Also other material I've collected here and there from State libraries around here- Neb. And Iowa at Lincoln, Neb and Iowa City- also from a En Lib at Des Moines.

If I knew anything definite that you want to find I would be glad to go thru this for you.

My Sister-in-law gets the Ohio Genealogist and I get the Virginia Genealogist magazines.

Tues Morn
May 3
Henderson, IA

Mr Robt M Willis
Ironton, Ohio

I'm disappointed of course that you weren't able to locate Catherine Neff Carter'e Gene, But I've given up hope, and if there is anyone else you can get information from that will be fine.

I was wondering if there could be any Cemetery records of Clinton Furnace or near there either at Ironton or Petsmouth that could indicate anything.

There is a cousin who lives in Omaha that I'm going to consult and also one at Ceresco, Neb. I'm not expecting to much from that, however.

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It's possible there is another cemetery I suppose or that the stone is broken or gone.

Are there any real old people who live around Clinton Furnace that might remember a stone with the verse mentioned if ever seen I should think. I did tell you that this verse was inscribed on the stone.

"Sweet is the sleep or mother takes
Till in Christ Jesus she awakes
Then will her happy soul rejoice
To hear her blessed Saviors Voice."
(signed Jacob Carter)

This was taken from an acct book and diary of the oldest son of Alexander and Catherine.

I do thank you very much for your effort and I feel you really tried . Find enclosed six dollars and I think it a fair price.

If you can find any clues as to the identity of Alexander Carter's parents I'll be glad to pay you. He came to Lawrence Co, Ohio in 1812 at the age of nine from Albermarle Co, Vir. – with his mother or she and her family or be with her family.-

Thank you for all the information. It may be very helpful a bit later. I have an idea that if I can ever get that one link that I can make some progress I have so much Virginia data.

Anything at all that you think might help I'll be glad to have.

Would there be any records in Ironton of people who came to Ohio in those early days to Lawrence Co?

Also I'm sure they were Baptists. Is there any church cemetery? That might be something you could ask about.

If you think I might get some information from the people on the farm where the cemetery is located I might write her, but not until I hear from you again.

Thank you very much,
Mrs Glen Jackson

I was glad to have the directions to Clinton Furnace. Someone here might get back there. You might tell me more about it when u write. Again.

Henderson, IA
June 20, 1966

Dear Mr Willis,

I hope you received the $6.00 I sent in payment for the cemetery search- when one sends money in the mail I always wonder about it's safe arrival.

Also hope it was adequate. I'll be glad to pay for any added information you may secure for me.

Also you might write me your queries from time to time. I have some added sources of information.

Sincerely,
Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, IA

PS Did you find that there are no more cemeteries in the Clinton Furnace area?

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July 6

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you for the information about the Carters. I haven't gotten very far in tracing them but hope to.

Here is you $2 fee.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Darlene Mabry

July 6, 1966
Henderson, Iowa

Dear Mr Willis,

I'm sure you have part of this record , at least the marriage, but it was such a good record from the Willis – back that you might like it.

Will be on the look out for more information concerning Francis Carter.

Am pursuing several leads on Alex Carter born 1803 Vir, but nothing sure as yet.

Will appreciate anything from Ohio.

Did I ask you if there are any cemetery records of the vicinity of Clinton Furnace, either Lawrence or Scioto Co?

Sincerely,
Mrs Glen Jackson

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408 Karin Street
Ironton, Ohio
July 10, 1966

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you for copying down all these notes on Francisis and Thompsons for me. I had no intention of putting you to so much trouble, especially when I couldn't kelp you with your research.

In the next month or so I expect to spend some time in Pike County and Scioto County Courthouses and in the Ohio State Library Genealogical Dept. Can I look up anything for you in either of those places?

Thanks again,
Bernice K Francis
(Mrs F B Francis)

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Sep 26, 1966

Mr Robert M Willis
Route 1 Box1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis,

Have just read your ad in the "Genealogical Helper" and wondered if you might possibly have any information on Jacob Edwards, who married Elizabeth Mathews.

I have information on Sally Edwards, daughter of above, who married Absolum Reed of North Caroline, down to present, incomplete in many cases, if you would be interested.

Also, am wondering if you might possibly know of any LUNSFORD'S living in or around Ironton, Ohio. This is my great-grandfather's name. I have been trying to get a lead on this line for sometime now. If you
do know of any LUNSFORD'S, I would greatly appreciate their names and addresses.

On the Rucker surname you have listed, my grand-father's sister, Samantha Lunsford, I'm told married a man named Bert Rucker. They were said to have lived in Benson, Arizona at one time. I've written letters trying to verify this, but as yet have had no answers.

Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope in the event you might be able to help me. Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Patricia Lunsford Ray
3337 W Solano Dr So
Phoenix, Arizona 85017

Mrs Phillip D Harris
September 30, 1966
1432 E Stuart Ave
West Covina, Calif 91790

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis:

I noticed your advertisement in the Sep issue of the "Genealogical Helper" concerning a Carter family of Stokes Co, No Carolina.

A great grandmother of mine was a Carter but since this is a common name, I have been unable to find her parents. Following is a description of her that I have found.

Mary Carter was born about 1810 in Virginia.* She married Samuel Corn about 1830 and we think they lived in Patrick County, Virginia. About 1837 they moved to Stokes County, North Carolina and were there until at least 1860. Their children were: Frances, Sally, John, Mary, Jesse A, Joshua, Samuel, James, Sandford &George Corn.

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*The 1850 census says she was born in Virginia, but the 1860 census says it was North Carolina.

If you have any information about this family I would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs Phillip Harris

Mrs Treacee Ebersole
??021 Lujinga Canyon Blvd.
Lujinga, Calif 91042

Henderson, Iowa
March 10, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

First thank you for the leads and I'm going to send for the book.

Since I last wrote to you, I have made some progress.

I wrote to Mrs Wagner, the one whose address you gave to me and who lives on the farm where Clinton Furnace was located and near the C F Cemetery that you searched for me.

I ask her to secure the names of the trustees of Vernon Twp, Scioto Co, where I had thought they (Alex and Catherine) had lived when she died.

I wrote to a Mr Jack Porter (one name that she gave to me) he consulted a Mr Weaver, another trustee, and they located Catherine's stone on a Farrell farm. Land once belonged to Cadots. They took a small Polaroid picture of it and so of course I'm most grateful. As soon as the weather is better I'm hoping to get the inscriptions off the stones of these other graves in the small plot. It is an old private plot and unkept.

I have also been working in Virginia on a William Carter (Rev Vet) whose oldest son was born 1784 named Alexander who I think might be the father of Alex born 1803. This William is a brother to the Henry (Rev Vet) who is the Ancestor of your cousin Mr C O Willis at Madison, North Carolina. The signature on Williams wife's application for pension (it was a letter written by Henry Carter to verify that this wife was Williams') as the same sig. as Henry Carter made on his application that Mr Willis had acquired from a relative and sent me a copy of.

I'm sending more material to the Archives to try and find a connection between the two Alex's.

I am interested in Elizabeth Twp Lawrence Co, Ohio. I'm inclined to think that the Neff's and Alex and mother's family lived there before they were married and went to Ver Twp, Socioto Co.

Do you suppose you could tell me where Elizabeth Twp is located?

When I've a bit more time I'll go thru my Carter data acquired recently and see if I can find anything more that I think might be of some assistance to you.

Find enclosed a few notes.

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I just read your letter again so disregard my request for location of Eliz Twp in Law Co. It will be in the book.

Yes, there are surely a lot of Carters in Vir-NC-SC-Tenn especially more than I had ever imagined.

It is a fascinating hobby and I'm enjoying it immensely.

Thank you again and I'll be sure and send you anything I find on your Francis.

Sincerely,

Mrs Glen Jackson

CARTER

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE. PLEAE BE AWARE THAT 1-7 ARE MISSING.

8. Sir Hugh Luttrell, Lord of Dunster Castle, Somersetshire, who had-
9. Elizabeth Luttrell m John Cratton of Weston, Surmare and had-
10. Elizabeth Stratton m John Andrews of Stoke, Suffockshire and had-
11. Elizabeth Andrews m Thomas de Wyndsore of Stanwell and had-
12. Sir Andrew de Wyndsore (Windsor) of Stanwell and Bardaley who had-
13. Edith de Wyndsore m George Ludlowe of Weverill Witlts & had-
14. Thomas Ludlowe of Winton and Baycliffes who had-
15. Gabriel Ludlowe of London, Att at Law, who had-
16. Sarah Ludlowe who m as his fourth wife Col John Carter of "Corotware" (Lancaster Co, Vir) – (a Burgess 1695 – 1699) and Speaker of the House: as Treas of the Colony, 1694-1732 an influential member of the King's Council (1726-27) – King Carter- his estate consisted of 300,000 acres of land, etc. he was Prominent and an active member of the est church: served as Vestryman of Christ Church, (Lancaster Co) and built the present church. He is buried just outside it.

He married first Judith Armstead 1699-2nd Elizabeth (Landon) Willis, dau of Thomas Landon of Hereford Co, Eng. (Issue by second marriage)

Henderson, IA

Apr 16,

1967

Dear Mr Willis,

I hope that I did write you, but I didn't want your letter answered, so I'm not positive. I do thank you for the added suggestions and I did send for the book from the Ironton Tribune, but so far have had no response. I sent a stamped envelope, but have had no reply.

I'm enclosing 1.00 and wonder if you would go there and if by any chance I forgot to enclose the 1.00 to them, give it to them and have them send it on and I'll send you another one to pay for your trouble. I surely did tell you that Mrs Wagner at Clinton Furnace and the trustees and cemetery caretakers located Catherine's (Neff Carter) burial place and stone didn't I?

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Mrs Wagner is the one that you gave me name and address of.

I'm inclined to think that they, Carters and Neffs, lived in Elizabeth Twp, Law Co, before they (Alex and Cath) were married so now I'm going to try to locate any records of them there.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,
Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, Iowa 51541

P S I'm going to write to one of the daughters of Carey H Carter. It seems possible that there is a connection with Alex.

Am hoping your line is mine- I'm going to go to Ohio and Virginia sometime soon to do some first hand searching. It surely is an interesting hobby-time consuming tho too.
I received some material from the Archives that cinches the relationship of your cousin (Carey O Willis') ancestor Henry C and William C who married Martha McKinsey 1782 and had children all born in Alb. Co., VA – The Signature of henry who wrote a letter in support of Martha's pension and the signature of the pension application form Henry that Mr Willis had obtained from a relative are definitely by the same man- their father was Barnett Carter- as in Williams application he stated that he had served in the Rev one 18mos instead of his father Barnett – William and Henry are brothers and both served in the Rev.

In " Descendants of Giles Carter"

1. Francis W Carter (Dec 6, 1772-March 19, 1841) son of John & Mary of Halifax married Sarah Anderson in 1794. Issue: Fountain; Elizabeth; Theodrick; John; Susan; Lucy; Roche.
2. Fountain Carter (Apr 6, 1797- Aug 221871) son of Francis & Sarah married Mary Atkinson. Issue:

Moscow (born 1825) ; James; Mary; Sarah; Anna; Theodrich (Capt in Conf. Service died of wounds
Rec'd in battle 1844); Francis; Frances; four children died young.

From Name and Family of Carter compiled by The Media Research Bureau, Washington D C.

Col John only son was born in Virginia (Landon 1769- 1800) and emigrated westward with his father toward the end of the revolution. He was old enough for active duties and served as Captain in an expedition against the Cherokees and was under Charles Robertson Command in South Carolina and later under Gen Senier and Gen Francis Maron, He was made Lieut Col of Militia in 1780.

He was active public official of North Carolina and Tennessee but at the same time was able to add extensively to the lands inherited from his father, etc.

Died Henry County, Tennessee.

James Carter born 1775 died 1832 buried in old Carter Cemetery. Died 1825 James Carter, Landon Carter, Nathan Carter, Thomas C Carter, Thomas K Carter.

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Henderson, IA
May 5, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you very much for checking on the publication. You must have gone right there for I received it in just a few days. I meant for you to keep the 1.00 in case I didn't owe it to them, but maybe I can send you some material to help in your search at least I'll keep trying.

I am very much pleased with the book. It has a lot of information and the maps are most helpful.

In regard to our Carter search, It is pretty positive that Barnett Carter was the father of Henry and William; and William's children (he married Martha McKinsey 1782 in Albermarle and all their children were born there) were Alexander 1784, Elizabeth 1786, Milly 1788, Nancy 1790 and William Jr 1792. I am trying to prove that the Alexander mentioned here is my Alexander (born 1803 in Albermarle) father. There is an Alexander B in Patrick Co later where William and Martha went, but in any land transactions Wm Sr only mentions Wm Jr. So I have a theory that he Alex may have died young and that his wife and children came to Ohio and that my Alex is one of these children or the child (I believe the Alexander B in Pat Co may be a bro to Henry and William.)

Mr C O Willis is no doubt descended from this Henry (bro of William) as he had an application for pension that he had secured from a relative with the same signature as the application for pension that I received from the Archives for Martha. This Henry (her brother-in-law) had written a letter to help her in her quest for the pension. There seems to be no doubt that it is the same handwriting. Maybe he could tell you more than I have. I believe he believes that he is descended from Anderson Carter son of Henry. I understood that he has two Carter lines.

If you have any material on a Barnett Carter who could be father to William and Henry – probably born in late fifties (I mean William and Henry were) it would be a big help. I think he Barnett may have gone to Henry Co, Vir. about 1798 or so and possibly died there. I'm going to try and locate a will or estate settlement of some kind in Henry Co. Mr CO couldn't find him in Patrick Co. Some of the family did go to
Henry Co first and then to Patrick and then on to Stokes Co, NC.

Mr C O is of the opinion that this Henry married Sarah White, Dec 13, 1785 and in his will Jan 19, 1837- he named children John N Carter, Nancy Payne, Mary Payne, Winston, Anderson and Geo W Carter.

Barnett Carter was probably born around 1730 or so.

There is a Bernard Carter listed in the 1785 –90 census for Albermarle and I so think it possible that the names have been confused since William could not write he had dictated the material for his pension application and I thought a mistake could have been made there.

I understand there is a new list of that census and I'm going to check it at the first opportunity.

Thank you again and if there are any more questions about this, I'll be pleased to answer.

Sincerely,
Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, IA 51541

Will let you know when we will get back to Ohio and would love to visit with your wife and yourself. My husband is interested in my search, but doesn't do any himself. His sister, however, is the one who caused me to become interested.

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Henderson, IA
May 22, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

I received another copy of the Lawrence Co history the other day. You must have used a bit of persuasion of some kind. I was happy to have it tho. It surely is an awful lot of information in a small publication.

I have been working (in my mind) on a possibility to shed some more light on Alexander and his parents.
I have a record of an Alexander Carter having bo't in Scioto Co, Vernon Twp from a Mr John White 27+ acres of land for $125 in 1831. Now since Alexander having been married in 1825 and having several children it seemed doubtful that he had saved money since he worked at the Clinton Furnace. I'm inclined to believe –so- it seems likely that he may have received some money from an estate. This record was in Portsmouth but if his parents or mother had remained in Lawrence Co (as I think probable) then any estate or will or bequeath to Alexander would have been registered there in Lawrence Co.

Would it be an endless job to search for any bequeath to an Alexander Carter, between the yrs say of 1825 to 1831? I'm not sure which office or offices they would be found in, but I'm sure you do. I'm inclined to think they may have lived in Winston or Elizabeth twps, but I'm not at all sure. You might look there first if you have time to do this for me.

I know it will be more difficult since you don't know the names of the parents but if Alexander's father were dead before it could be his maternal grandfather or his mother. So if I were looking I would simply look for any gift or mention of Alexander Carter in any settlement between those yrs.

I'll be glad to pay whatever you consider fair as you have always been very reasonable in the past.

I'm still planning on getting back there by Fall, but if you can find anything it may hurry my search a bit.

Thank you,
Mrs Glen Jackson
Henderson, IA 51541

Thank you again for the material and addresses I'm writing some others soon.

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May 23, 1967
R R #2
Hillsboro, KY 41049

Dear Mr Willis,

I would like for you to do some research work for me. Could you find out who the parents or grandparents were of Maggie Jane Carter, born about 1884 in Ironton, Ohio? I would like to know her ancestors names, birthplace & birthdays as far back as possible.

I will pay the fee that you charge for doing this. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Darlene Mabry

400 E Barton Avenue
Greenwood, Miss 38930
June 8, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

I'm almost too embarrassed to answer your nice since I've waited so long. I substitute teach and I taught the last 10 weeks of school for a teacher who had surgery- had to do tests, infinite records, reports, etc- plus graduating my daughter on the second. Consequently I've been in the proverbial "swivet" and my correspondence has suffered.

But I did appreciate your gracious letter and references. I shall write to the Rev Lucas tonight and try to get to the others soon. A friend of mine has a book on the Carter family; I will try to get over there before the week is out and see if I find any references to your Francis. If I do, I'll write immediately, but if you don't hear soon, know that I will keep your names in mind when I find any Carter reference.

Thank you again and I'll try to be a better correspondent in the future.

Sincerely,
Minnie Lee Bready

400 E Barton Avenue
Greenwood, Mississippi
April 12, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

I read in the September Helper of your interest in the name Carter in North Carolina. We have been intently searching for the name of the wife of Josiah Bridges who died in Hartford County, NC in 1820. We knew her name was Charlotte but not her maiden name. Recently a man who has done considerable research on the Bridges lines mentioned in a letter to me " Josiah Bridges and his wife Charlotte Carter" , but he gave no reason or reference for this.

Your query mentioned Stokes Co, N C. In 1842 the daughter of Charlotte and Josiah was a participant in a Tennessee deed; it mentioned James and Priscilla (the daughter) Goodman of Stokes Co, NC.

An older member of the Bridges family in NC had always heard that Charlotte (born between 1755-69) had come from England and had no family in the Hartford area. Cannot prove or disprove this.

If you have ever run across any of these names or have any clues, date or leads for me, I would certainly appreciate them. Also if you would send me your Carter names, I'd be most happy to be on the look out for them. As I said before, I have only recently heard of the Carter tie-in, so I am just beginning my research on this family name. I shall be hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Minnie Lee Bready
(Mrs David Bready)

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Box 12
Levan, Utah 84639
Jan 23, 1970

Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 25638

Dear Mr Willis,

As you see from the front of the card I have a Lucke line in my family history. You can also see I haven't a lot of information on these people. I was waved a 1968 Sep issue of the Genealogical Helper and found your ad which included the Tudor name. Do you know of these people and can you help me? I will certainly appreciate any name, date anything you can add. If any of this Mager info can help you please use it. I will be happy if I can help you in anyway. I hope you can help me also. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Grace Bont
PO Box 12
Levan, Utah 84639

John Swank Harris md 1851
B 17 Sep 1830
Where Ohio
Died 1 Jan 1914
Where Campbell, Calif

1) Amanda Malvena Tucker
B 16 Dec 1830
Where Virg or W Virg
died 20 April 1922
Where Alameda, Calif

2) Ira William Tucker
born 22 May 1805
where Marion Co, W Virg
md Jan 1830
died 14 May 1901
where Salinas, Calif
Married

3) Thomas Tucker wife Nancy

1) Elizabeth Leeper
Born 19 May 1808
Where Virg-WVirg
Died 1 April 1897
Where Selenas, Calif

2) Henry Leeper wife Mary Myers

These people all left the Virginias & went into, Ohio, Iowa, Indiana & some into Illinois, along with the Harrises. They married Blankenships & Carters from the Ohio, Iowa area & then they seemed to all migrate to Calif. Courtland Harris, father of John Swank, md Mary Swank in Iowa it seems.

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The Rev Silas Emmett Lucas Jr
Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
405 Virginia Way
VIDALIA, GEORGIA 30474

TO: All CARTER descendants of Virginia, North & South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama & Tennessee
FROM: The above writer.
CONCERNING: Data you have collected relating to your CARTER line

Your writer over the past 18 months has built-up a very extensive collection of CARTER data covering a good portion of the Southern States, as a result of trying to trace his own CARTER line out of Alabama to their point of origin in Virginia.

To date I have a vast collection of Carter data for: Bertie County , NC; Northampton Co, NC; Halifax, Nash Johnson, Hartford, Chowan , Gates & Edgecombe Counties, North, Carolina. Also for the following: Georgia Counties I have an excellent collection of both DEEDS, WILLS & MARRIAGE BONDS: Warren, Greene, Hancock, Putnam, Elbert, Talbot, Wilkes, Columbia, Richmond, Laurens, Oglethorpe, Liberty, Baldwin, Clarke, Franklin, Crawford, Coweta.

I also have the entire 1850 Census of Alabama for the name CARTER, plus many land lotteries, tax lists, etc for Georgia of the name.

All of the above is a result of trying to trace my immediate ancestor CADER CARTER out of Alabama in 1840 and with considerable luck into Greene Co, GA and from there thru a Power of Attorney back into Bertie Co, NC. In trying to determine his relationship with the many other CARTERS in Bertie & surrounding counties, I was then led back into Isle of Wight Co, VA to the earliest ancestor.

The point this brings me to is that in trying to determine relationships, I have had to collect all of the above data, plus more in the offing, due to the various branches duplicating the same names in each generation, both in NC & in Georgia. The Puzzle of the Carter family is still far from solved but is becoming more definite each day, as new data is uncovered.

I would dare say at the present, that this family of CARTERS will turn out to be the largest one in the South, even larger than the Capt Thomas Carter Family of Lancaster Co, VA which intermarried with the DALE family……BUT TO ESTABLISH THIS, I need YOUR HELP.

Common names to this family that appear in both Georgia & North Carolina are: KINDRED, JOHN, WILLIAM, MATHEW, SAMUEL, ISAAC, JESSE, JACOB, CULLEN, MOORE, GEORGE, BENJAMIN, THOMAS, ALEXANDER, JAMES, etc.

It is also your writers belief that families closely related these Carters were; Kindred's, Cullens, Willkins, Moores, Dickinsons, Rhodes, Kinchens, Whites, Pilands, Champions, etc.

Though nothing worthy of note, to my knowledge at least, has ever been published on John Carter; father of the famous "King" Carter, it is believed that this family is closely related to the above family in early Isle of Wight, VA.

I would appreciate very much receiving a copy of your CARTER family descent and also a copy of all CARTER RESEARDH you have done, in hopes of both helping you and also in tying in these various Carter lines where data is presently missing. If such data looks favorable, I would like to see it printed up in book form later on.

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Your every attention to this request will be most deeply appreciated and I hope that we can each carry on a detailed correspondence in the future about out mutual interest in the CARTER Family.

Faithfully,
The Rev Emmett

Lucas, Jr.

Dec 17, 1967

Mr Robert M Willis

Dear Mr Willis,

I was happy to hear from you. Thanks for the list of people interested in the Carters. Your Francis and my Nathaniel were contemporaries but the relationship is unknown. Since publishing out story, I have received more information. (I am generation #9)

1. was one of the two sons of Lord Carter (1600's) of England. They left England abt 1660, one jump ahead of the Sheriff (Cromwell deal) and settled in the N Car-VA area of America abt 1665. (Family story only.)

4. John Carter m abt 1760 Ann Whipple (Orange Co, N Car) children: Elizabeth (1764-1849)m abt 1778
George Madden (---to 1823)

5. Nathaniel (1779- 1848) m abt 1800 Nancy Baker
George (1782- ?) m Marian Wilson

(There may have been others.)
Harvyville, Kan was named after a descendant of Elizabeth & Geo Madden. If I learn any thing about Francis Carter I will let you know.

Yours truly,
C L Carter
2919 Cheyenne Ave
Pueblo, Colo 81003

Jan 26, 1971

Biffle Owen
122 Barry Street
Lych, Mississippi 38645

Dear Mr Willis,

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate the names you sent me, I plan to write them all about this Carter family. My Carters were early 1700's in Surry & Sussex Co, VA. There were lot of Carter there at this time, but I can't seem to tie my Richard to any of the older ones!

What do you do for a living? I am a chemist with a Cottonseed and Soyabron processing plant.

Thanks Again,
Biffle Owen

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Apr 17, 1971 issue of Tri-State Trader P 30
Lorenzo Carter first permanent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, built the first cabin of logs there in 1797, which became the Center of the settlement. The first church services was given in this log cabin, the first wedding and the cabin also served as the first jail.

Robert M Willis

Here is the information on the Carter in NC I have. I hope this helps you. I will send you data on what I have if it help you. And if it does will you send me the information you have. I am just getting started on this hope you can make it out.

Yours truly,
Glen Carter
11704 S E 272 Pl
Kent, Wash 98034

John Carter, Chatham Co, N Carolina- wife Jane- children taken from a will- William, Linn, Joseph, Ann-married (Teagira), Laroh-married (Cox), David, Sannel, Semri- born Jan 29, 1838 Chatham Co, N Carolina.

My Great Granddad Carter was Larkin Carter. He had a brother Samnel & Simri. Simri was born in Chatham Co, N Carolina in 1838, but Larkin Carter don't fit in to will.

This is the information I have:

Larkin B Carter born June 21, 1817 – married Patsay E – children :

1st wife's children;

1. John Alvis Carter married Maria Peterson July 1877
2. Spencer B Carter died 1907 married Sarah Jane.
3. Mahalia Carter married G B Pruitt Coatsville, Ind.
4. Lovey Sunmiria Carter died Jan 6, 1916 married William B Brown Feb 9, 1860

2nd wife's (Emily Chamness) children:

5. William Morris Carter born Dec 9, 1861 Norrovia, Ind died Jan 16, 1923 Hutchinson, Kans.
   Married Martha Ann Hobson in 1889 Kingman, Kans
6. Joseph Edward Carter born Sep 25, 1866 Hendricks Co, Ind died Jan 24, 1930 Wellington, Kans
   Married Mary Elvira Hayden Sep 1, 1889 Plainfield, Ind.
7. Daniel Milton Carter born Nov 14, 1868 Morrovia, Ind died Nov 21, 1903 married Dora.

Joseph Edward Carter is my Granddad Carter

John Alvis Carter children:

1. Lewis Franklin Carter
2. Ollie May Carter
3. Alice Carter
4. Georgie Bell Carter
5. Howard Waldo Carter

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Spencer B Carter Children:
None
Mahalie (Pruitt) children:
1. (none named)
2. Anna Pruitt
3. Dock Pruitt

Lovey Sumniria (Brown) Carter children:
None

William Morris children:
1. Frances Lucretia (Burdge) Carter

Joseph Edward Carter children:
1. Clifford Ronald Carter
2. Sarah Gustava Carter

Daniel Milton Carter children:
Unknown

John Alvin Carter is my dad.
Lewis Franklin Carter died at birth

Ollie May (Whittaker) Carter children:
1. Gordon Whittaker
2. Fred Whittaker
3. Horace Whittaker
4. Gerldine Whittaker

Alice Carter died at birth.

Georgie Bell Carter
Unknown

Howard Waldo Carter
Unknown

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October 22, 1973

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you very much for the Willis material and your letter that came today. I took it to Miss Margaret Davis this afternoon and she was very grateful for it as she says it gives her some clues to proceed on.

I have been wanting to get in touch with you and Mr Clyde Massie. Do you know him? The attic is almost in as great a mess as when I started work up there in 1969-70! The commissioners got together some old unimportant records to be submitted to the Records Commission of the County for possible disposal. After they act, the list goes to the State Bureau of Inspection. If we can clear a space or so like this, we can get to more records and hope to locate the gaps in the important ones.

The two sorts of questions that have stumped me have been those relating to "suits of partition" and to "power of attorney" records. You may have discovered these, but in case you haven't: - POWER OF ATTORNEY records (relating to the sale of real estate) are listed in the deed book indexes (1817-about 1872) in the column headed : "consideration in deed" as "P A" . These seem to join those POWER OF ATTORNEY RECORD BOOKS No 1 (1876-) to date, that are shelved under the windows of the 5th St side of the Record's Office. I have not had time to follow through in the Deed Books (from the Index)nor to be certain of this connection. I shall have to be the hound dog, scenting out the stuff! If you and Mr Massie could find the time to verify dates etc. from my discoveries, we might make some worthwhile progress. I asked, in the Recorder's office, where the old Power of Attorney records were; they showed the Book one referred to, under the windows. It started with 1876 (although they may be not in strictly dated order). I asked for those that preceded Book I, and they said there were none! You see, they know their daily work all right, but no one knows the old records. We shall be helping them, as well as all inquires, if we can back track to 1817 on all the important records.

Again and again letters I get referred to "partition suits", but no one I asked seemed to know where such records were. I stumbled on to them when I found (in the little new Records Room) in Probate Court, Book 2, rather, Probate Ct Journal no 2 in there, it covered, roughly from 1856-1864. In it are partition suits (under the names of the parties involved); Naturalization records, Adoptions; inquests; officials appointed etc. Probate Court was not established until July 1851. I am still looking for Journal No 1 (1851-1856) ! I have found a portion; Sep 5, 1851- Dec 31 1851 in a book with a binding which says "Commission Resignations" (or something similar). I suppose the new (1851) law caught them unprepared and they used the only blank book they had, no doubt having it copied later into the proper sort of book!

Then, on hunting for this Journal No1, I stumbled on Common Pleas Court Journals, vols 1-4 in the very back room of the Clerk of Courts Office! These cover from 1817-1839, and in the book of Vol 9, I found an official note that they were copies of the original "Term Reports". These originals I have yet to locate in the attic. These have the same types of information as found in Probate Journal No2. These have the Naturalizations from the beginning of the County . I brought down from the attic "Naturalization Record No 1(covering roughly 1872-1902) and last week another one another which, strangely, seems to cover 1877-1887 (if I remember correctly)! Again, one must be compared to the other to be understood, and I cannot both clean, hunt and compare! I had been told that the Naturalization records were in Cincinnati – Bureau of Naturalization and Immigration! On looking up the law, I discovered that Naturalizations from 1803 to 1905 were under the law of the State Governments – that not until 1906 did they become a function of the Federal government. These books are on top of a green file case in the Clerk of Courts Office, between the office next to the Court Rooms and the one where automobile titles are issued.

Back to the old Common Pleas Court Journals; I think I have located the next ten or more volumes of them in a closet in the Clerk of Courts office, but they are too heavy and high up for me to manage. I think I can get permission for the three of us to go in and see on some Saturday morning. Would you be interested? Also, I think I have found the next several old PROBATE COURT JOURNALS in the attic! Mr Burcham told me some time ago that he would cooperate in furnishing us a space to house these in proper order. I know his personnel are to busy to do the moving, but maybe he would permit the three of us – if we can present him with a plan showing how much space etc. If we can do this, we can inventory the other records in the Court House Offices, giving copies to each, and all inquirers will benefit from this.

Please let me know what you think. I can meet you almost any evening at Briggs – or here at home.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Hammer

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PS Now I think there is some hope we might be able to track down your old murder case! So when we meet, bring the information along. These are also some old "Final Records" in the Clerk of Courts Office which might cover it. P

613 Buckhorn Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638
February 8, 1981

Dear Mr Willis,

Usually New Year's Eve I sit down and write at least a note to all the people who have been good to me – or whom I have neglected. And YOU are one of them on both counts. But I went to Columbus for the holidays and came home all dragged out, so I am late with everything.

I have before as your kind letter, answering my plea for help on the Fudges, dated 3-20-80, For shame on me! It was a lot of help, which I passed on right away to the woman who wrote, I think of you so often, and miss seeing you in the library and the court house.

Since you and Clyde Massie have not been around, I get an awful pile of letters to do from Briggs, Clerk of Courts, the Historical Society and out of the blue, I am always way behind, but I had occasion to write to the County Historian of Niagara County, New York a few weeks ago, and he says he is snowed under too. But he does not try to do any indexing, and advised me against trying to do both. There seems to be no one else to do the letters, and you can't work without tool – so what's a person to do?

I have finished indexing the old naturalizations, 1812-1862, in the Common Pleas Court Journals, Nor 1-11, I have them on cards, not typed up yet, but I can find things. As yet I have them by volume, which is really by date, and some have asked for the names of other people who apparently came at the same time. I guess my best yet would be to make both an alphabetical list and the one by volume (and by date) when I can get to it. Owing to a back injury last March, I could not sit to type or index or do anything, so when it got warm and nice outside, I hired a kid to go with me and we started inventorying the old furnace cemeteries . I think we missed some graves and should go back to correct our cards this spring while the grass is short - if I can find time, I have to start again on the Combined Index to the Lake and Hardesty Lawrence County Atlases. I had it ready for the final typing when I discovered that the girls who had done the original index on cards for Briggs had omitted the section County Organization in Hardesty. It was my fault; they had asked if they should do it – explaining that there was no biographical material in it, just names. I told them to skip it then. But since then I have grown wiser and I know that even a name with a geographical location can mean the divil of a lot! So I made the extra cards. But now I have to pull all the others from the file at Briggs, interfile these and start typing all over again! I can find no one to help do anything. Everyone wants to work on her or his own family line, but no one is interested in doing something that future generations can make use of. I just hope I can get all these things done before "I kick the bucket", as my sons say! I'll be 80 my next birthday, so I have to get a move on!

I still have an old request of yours about a murder trial. I'll find it one of these days. I can't lift the very heavy Complete Record volumes we brought down out of the attic – they are the key to everything old in the Clerk of Courts office. When school is out, I'll get my "little boy" I had last summer – he's taller than I now. I am trying to keep him out of trouble, but I don't think Judge Burwell thinks he's savable! He has had the misfortune to live in a bad neighborhood, and got caught in some minor things. But he is really interested in genealogy now and I think it may give him an interest that will keep him away from evil. I am glad he has grown taller and heavier, so I won't fear to have him lift those heavy books for me as I should have last summer. I think it is remarkable that he will go with me to grave yards or anywhere, dig garden, paint etc, for an old critter like me! Someday on one of our grave yard prowls, we'll find you. Do stay well for I am anxious to see you.

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May, 1981, what there is left of it, be good to you.

Sincerely,
Phyllis N Hammer
R #2
Hillsboro, Ky 41049
June 10, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

Would you please check the birth records of Maggie Jane Carter, born in 1883? Could you find out her parents & maybe grandparents? Wouldn't the records say where the parents were born?

I wrote to some of the people whose addresses you gave me. Thank you very much.

Please bill me.

Sincerely,
Delores Mabry

November 7, 1967

Dear Mr Willis,

I understand that you are interested in the Rucker family of West Virginia and Virginia. I wonder if you are familiar with the History of the Rucker Family and Their Descendants, by Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley, the Hermitage Printing Co, Nashville, Tennessee, 1927. A copy of this volume is in the Reference Room of our Louisville Free Public Library. I've never been able to make any connections with the names mentioned in it and our family, but you may have better luck.

I have just recently become interested in accumulating some genealogical data on the Ruckers and Markendorfs, and as you will see from the chart I'm enclosing, I have only a few names so far and practically no dates. The information I have was obtained from the Bible of James T Rucker by my father- in- law, Bruce J Rucker.

If you can give me any help I will be most grateful.

Mrs Bobbi M Rucker
4513 Statton Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40220

PS Christine, Lewis's mother, was said to have been a fullblooded Indian, but I have not learned what her name was. I don't know the birthplaces of any except Bruce Jennings, but I am writing to him for more information. I do know that all of these were born either in West Virginia or Virginia.

In case any of this is helpful to you and you would like to communicate with Bruce Jennings Rucker, his address is: 1535 Slater Avenue
Hampton, Virginia 23364

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November 15, 1967

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt #1 Box # 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis:

I noticed your advertisement in the September 1967 issue of the Genealogical Helper – concerning the name Carter.

It is doubted that I can be of any help to you, but I thought perhaps in your work you might be able to help me. I am currently working on a family genealogy for the name Perry. In some old records belonging to a deceased member of the family I found the following:

" Jennie Perry, b in Ohio 1848, m Charlie Carter who died in Los Angeles or San Francisco. Jennie died in Nampa, Idaho, " – Thru official records I found that Jennie Carter died May 12, 1928 at Nampa, Idaho, age 80, and the death certificate was signed by C E Carter. In further checking, I found that a Charles E Carter died in Los Angeles Oct 16, 1928 (have sent for a copy of that death certificate to see if it will give further information). If this is the correct Carter!

Now – what I am searching for are descendants of this marriage. My listing has their children as:
Dollie Compton
Tinnie Brown
Girl back east married a Baptist preacher.
Eddie Carter
Frank Carter My search in Nampa, Idaho for an Eddie and/or Frank Carter came to nothing. There were lots of Carters, but bibe by that name. Very likely they are deceased, in any event. My search for Comptons in Nampa resulted, too in nothing. There were too many "Brown" families listed to write to each, so gave that up. So right now I am stumped.

Would your records on any Carters be similar to any of the foregoing? If so, I would certainly appreciate hearing. I need to contact the descendants for material concerning their Perry connection.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,
Dorothy McNiel Moore

Mrs Charles R Moore
Memorial Drive
Buhl, Minnesota 55713

PS Jennie Perry Carter lived for some time in the Agency, Iowa area (where her mother is buried). Where she married Charlie Carter I have no idea – I have not yet checked the Wapelle Co, Iowa records for that material. And I have no idea when the family went west.

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November 23, 1967

Dear Mr Willis - -

Thank you for sending me the information on the Ruckers. I'm sorry to have taken so long about returning it to you, but I don't have very much free time and it wasn't until today that I got around to copying it. I will write to my father-in-law Bruce Rucker tonight and see if he has ever heard of a Susannah Rucker.

My Biggest problem so far is time, since Saturday is my only day off and court houses are all closed. Right after the first of the year I am taking a week off and going to New Orleans where I hope to get some information on my mother's side of the family.

Good luck to you in your search for Susannah.

Bobbi Rucker

December 29, 1967

Dear Mr Willis - -

Thank you for sending me the Rucker material. I took my time looking through it and found it very interesting although I still can't tie any of it in with our branch of the family. My father-in-law wrote to me recently and gave me all the information he had, but I haven't had a chance yet to follow through on any of it.

I would have returned this to you sooner, but I have had two bouts of the flu and haven't felt up to par for several weeks now. (So much for flu shots; I've been taking them for the last three winters and I really thought they helped before, but not this year.)

My last remaining aunt, who was the source of much of my information about my mother's family, died on December 9 at the age of 89. Her memory was remarkably sharp and I like to believe that my interest gave her pleasure in talking about the past.

Well, thank you again for your consideration. If I run across anything I think might be of interest to you I'll certainly let you know.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Rucker
4513 Statton Rd
Louisville, KY 40220

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January 14, 1968

Dear Mr Willis,

When I was checking through a new book in our Library, Revolutionary War Applications, compiled and published by the National Genealogical Society, I found the following references:

1) Carter, Landon, North Carolina Wife, Elizabeth W900 (this means the wife applied for the pension).
2) Carter, Landon. Virginia. S 41471.
3) Carter, Giles Landon. Georgia. R1756.

As I understand it, you can write to the Archives in Washington for those records…..the North Carolina one would be of interest especially to you, I imagine.

There was also a Benjamin Carter, died Chatham, NC. In 1841, R1740. I noticed your Francis had a son named Benjamin.

I never heard from the minister you referred me to; I was disappointed, as someone else later referred to him as a Carter authority.

I hope the New Year is good to you genealogically, and if I run across anything else, I'll send it on.

Sincerely,
Minnie Lee Beasly

I'm enclosing some forms in case you're never need this service before- The book said to enclose the number that went with the name.

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Mrs H C Davidson
6824 Tulip Hill

Terrace

Wash D C 20016
April 23, 1968

Dear Mr Willis:

Would you have time to obtain for me a copy of an old will which my cousin tells me she saw once at Ironton, Ohio. "Lemuel Rucker" Revolutionary soldier, died after August of 1840 he was 89 yrs of age about 1838 and supposed to have died 2 yrs later. His wife was Anna or Anne Booten.

Please send me your bill and I will remit check at once.

Eva Rucker Davidson
(Mrs Howard C Davidson)

Washington DC
May 8, 1968

Dear Cousin Robert Willis:

Sometime, if you come across any records or information on Lemuel Rucker's Brother Ephriam of the Revolution married to Elizabeth Randall (Betsy) married at Orange VA 1775- I would love to know as he is my forefather and according to domiale of Revol Soldiers in 1840 – he had left Ohio and gone back to Carter Co, KY. He was supposed to have lived near Lemuel in Ohio and I suppose his wife Elizabeth would have died before 1840 and perhaps be buried in Ohio. Is there a Rucker Cemetery or a Bur Rucker Cemetery? At least they were both in Ohio census of 1820 and 1830.

You sent me such wonderful information and I will not forget about your Susannah From VA and George W Willis. It will take me a little time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Eva Rucker Davidson

1511 Newcastle St
Colo Springs, Colo

80907

July 18, 1968

Dear Mr Willis,

I was just reading thru Sep 1966 Genealogical Helper and I noticed your ad concerning Rucker of Lawrence Co, Ohio and Virginia.

Our lines of Bowens & Templetons lived across the river in Cabell Co, W VA & some lived in Lawrence Co, Ohio. In the Templeton line John Templeton b 1796 married a Jane Rucker b about 1798 in Kentucky. They came to Cabell Co in 1818; also, were married & lived for a while in Lawrence Co, Ohio, later moved to White Co, Indiana.

I was wondering how much information you have on the Rucker family. Do you have any family groups? If so would you check for a Jane Rucker? We have no more information other than the names of their 10 children 7 some of the names of who they married & a few dates.

I would very much like to know more about the Rucker family, and could pay for any copies you can have made that might interest me. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Marilyn J Fair

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Mrs Charles O Rucker – 4513 Statton Road – Louisville, Kentucky 40230

August 10, 1968

Dear Mr Willis - -

I just returned from my vacation in the Great Smokey Mountains and found your letter, which I was pleased to receive. I haven't done any Rucker searching lately because I've been too busy digging up bones on my own side of the family. I became interested in my maternal great grandparents and a great grand uncle who was an early Indiana artist, and my aunt has taken me up to Indianapolis several times, where I finally located some distant relations we didn't even know existed. It really gets exciting sometimes, doesn't it?

Yes, I'm familiar with Tri- State Trader, thanks to an introductory copy someone sent me. (If it was you, I appreciate the thoughtfulness). I haven't decided yet whether I want to subscribe, although I did put a small ad in it.

My father-in-law writes that he is hoping to attend the Rucker-Dellinger family reunion which is held annually somewhere in Virginia, I forget just where. If he does go, perhaps he will get a few bits and pieces of information for me. He has been very helpful in answering my questions.

Good luck to you in your researching. It sure is hard to find time when you have to work too!

Bobbi Rucker

6824 Tulip Hill Terrace
Wash DC 20016
Aug 10, 1968

My dear Cousin Robert Willis:

How very kind of you to send me addresses and pertinent information. I am ordering the papers you speak of and also sending the information on to a Cousin Paul Rucker in Burlington, Iowa. You may hear from him.

I went to Richmond VA to the Rucker wedding and had expected to see Cousin Jeannie Willis who has done Willis research but alas she was away at the time so now I have written her a letter asking her if she came upon your Susannah b VA Nov 24th, 1787.

Do you have cousin Edythe Whitley's Book – "Rucker's and Connections" – if not I will loan you mine for say, 6 months – you may find something there – she has Susanah's; but I could not see that they could be your's – I think we may find her in the Willis Genealogy – at least I will keep looking and will explore the DAR library here for Willis family.

I will be glad to loan you the book I spoke of if you do not have it.

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Now keep well, it's very hot weather at this season and thank you so much for your kindness.

Eva Rucker Davidson

P O Box 105
Midway, Georgia 31820
5th February 1969

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis:

I am sorry I am so long in answering your letter regarding the WILLIS FAMILY. We are in the same boat, only you know which one you are searching for. I do not.

We have the name WILLIS in the ARNOLD CROOK and their children's children down to the present time. Tradition "says" the Willis name came from the Arnold side of the family, which would be before 1800. Also, Tradition "says" they were from Halifax Co, VA. I have no records of this county in Virginia.

So we may be on the same family line – any way, I hope so.

Since my Willis family is on the Eastern shores, I have not copied any Willis names westward. Nor have I had many requests for information on that name.

I have several ancestors in Ohio, but none of them are connected with the Willis families.

I have searched through my files and do not find a single one of your Willis names. I am truly sorry not being able to help you, as I want help too and so far have not found it. Your letter will be put in my WILLIS folder, so if I should find any of your family, or some one should ask for your data will be glad to give them your name.

Sincerely,
Gertrude Crook Dean
Midway, Georgia 31320

2/10/69
Mrs TS Russell
9735 Chillicothe
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Dear Mr Willis,

I'm trying to run my "Ruby" line into the Matthew Rogers – Eleanor Carter line. I found where Matthew Rogers married Eleanor Carter and moved to Rogers Station, Nelson Co, KY.

Asa Ruby 1767-1803 married April 3, 1790, Nelson Co, KY. Jane Rogers. They had a son, Matthew Rogers Ruby.

I'm trying to find out if Matthew and Eleanor are the parents of Jane. If so, I will run into the Carter line. Do you have any info that might help me in my research? I would appreciate any lead.

I notice you also have Rucker in your line. My great grandfather Wm K Ayer married Nannie B Rucker and had 4 children by that marriage: Catherine, Nancy, Hallie, and Kingsley. 2 of the girls married Posey brothers - –some of the relatives still live in Henderson, KY.

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Hoping to hear from you. I remain.

Yours truly,
Mrs Barbara Ayer Russell
January 30th, 1970

Dear Cousin Robert Willis,

I find among my papers the marriage record in Greenup Co, KY of Amy Rucker and George Willis Rucker in 1808. This is on public record and also in "History of Greenup County" by Nina Mitchell Biggs and Mac KY 1951. Could this George Willis Rucker have been a brother of my forefather Elzaphan and his brother James all married there; mine in 1808 and his brother James in 1810 records of Greenup County court house.

Marriage record of my forefather Elzaphan (illegible) name of her father, John Deatley who gives consent. So suggest you write county court asking for record of marriage of Amy Rucker and George Willis Rucker to see if a clue to her parents.

There are 75 unindexed volumes of records in Lawrence Co at Louisa, KY. Do wish I could get there- Lawrence Co came from Greenup – then our Carter Co in 1828.

I will be able to work at our DAR library next week and will let you know what I find.

I hope Cousin Blanche could come to see you as she was born in Carter Co and lived there for years – she is my favorite Cousin – we have worked on the family lines for many years.

I write hastily with all good wishes.

Eva Rucker Davidson

Thank you for returning the book. Feel sure my own father had a cousin in KY named Willis. Blanche Workman should know much.

Levan, Utah
2 Feb 1970

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you so much for your reply on my Tuckers or I should say the Tuckers I wrote you about. Sorry we couldn't connect but that's the way it goes. I didn't realize there was so may Tucker in the US. I have viewed other letters the last few days and lists of Tuckers from North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama and not one of mine. Wonder there is room for any other names in those states I am beginning to believe. Not a word on your Polly Tucker among them either. I will keep watching for your Polly & you keep an eye out for my Thomas & Nancy ok? Thanks for the address of Mrs Jackson. Some Carters married into very Harris line. I think I might write her and I may get more information on my Harrises that way too. Sometime it helps.

Thank you so much & good luck.

Mrs Grace Boat
PO Box 12

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Levan, Utah 84639

6824 Tulip Hill Terrace
Washington DC 20016
Feb 20, 1970

Dear Cousin Robert Willis:

Your letter was most interesting and I hasten to write and tell you that my great grandfather Absalom Rucker when a Judge of Carter Co kept selling off portions of the family land in Brachen Co and I have never followed as well as in Carter Co this up – I do not know. Further I got three old deeds from Carter Co or from Lawrence Co at Louisa, according to an index made on where to find records – Louisa in Lawrence co is supposed to have 75 vols, but not indexed. I have never looked in adjoining Lewis Co either.

As soon as the weather is warmer I will get down to the DAR library and go thru all the Willis family books. I'll take your letters with me for reference.

I have my DAR papers all ok thru the War of 1812 and a little later will send you more copies of my records.

Best wishes to you both and keep well. There are many many Rucker tombstones and graves at the Savage Chapel formerly called "Russell Creek, (first out of Ashland) near Hitchens, KY – then a little further up the road & the Watson Cemetery where there are more – my grandfather James DeBard Rucker is buried there – but the cemetery near Hitchens is the oldest one – that's where my great grandfather Absolam & my great great grandfather Elsaphan are buried. Also old Cousin Christopher and his father Christopher Columbus. There are others there I did not know – my best wishes.

Eva Rucker Davidson

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Dear Cousin Robert:

I enclose a sketchy bit of information which I came across last week – showing Henry Willis, gent – Sheriff in Orange Co, VA in 1734 - This is where the Rucker's were at that time.

Also I enclose a chart from a cousin in Salt Lake City. They are all Mormons out there and do wonderful research. Doris has researched for years and she may be able to help you on your Susanna.

I hope that Cousin Blanche was able to come to see you. Even in this cold weather I expect to have more time this Spring for research and more old records keep turning up all the time.

Always nice to hear from you.

Eva Rucker Davidson
Feb 7, 1970

March 4, 1970

Dear Cousin Robert,

You may keep this book for at least 6 months – then I would appreciate having it back for my son.

You have done wonderful research. I will send you more data later.

In the Greenup library did the KY Hist. Book mention the name of Ephriam 's wife. Was she (Polly) Mary Dentley.

In Haste.

Eva Rucker Davidson

Bk 9 Page 298

James Patterson mar'd Dec 19, 1867 Lucy Ann Lunsford , Jeptha Clark JP
Cynthia Ann Chadwick b 12-22-1800 dau of John and Kerenhappuch Shortridge Mar 12, 1796 in Kentucky Fort. Cynthia Ann one of twelve children m David William Love 1-4-1818 d 1890.

Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638
March 6, 1970

Mrs Eva Rucker Davidson

Dear Cousin,
Will just answer your letter received with the book, thank you. Will take good care of it and return after reviewing it, I had copy of the same and sold it to Mrs Diahl in 1963.

I also have gathered more info a Willis cousin , lives in Jacksonville, Florida. She knew I was also searching Rucker, sent me a will dated 3 Nov, 1818, probated 15 Jan 1821, am sending copy. She was searching through a copy Car del Scribe and came across the enclosed info.

Re; Willis - Rucker

Shelton, Richard – Amherst County, VA. will dated 3 Nov, 1818, probated 15 Jan 1821. Recorded Will Book 6, pp 205 Amherst County, VA mentions children of daughter Jane Ellis (dec namely: John Charles, Richard S,, Josiah, Joshua S, Powhattan Ellis, Nancy Hunter, Jane Eubanks, and Mary W Montgomery and her infant daughter, to receive one – sixth. Daughter Nancy Rucker and her children, namely Tillie Rucker, Jane E Rucker, Elizabeth L Moreland, Susannah T Rucker, Richard F Rucker, John D L Rucker and Martha Wills and John M Wills infant children of Sally G Wills, daughter of Nancy, also Mary Edwards daughter of Nancy (husband John Rucker, deceased) one sixth. Son William Shelton, one sixth, grandson Ralph Shelton and grandson Richard Rucker, daughter-in-law Rolley Shelton, widow of son Joshua (deceased) Executors friend David Tinsley, Sr., David S Garland and son Wm.

I also went back down to Greenup, Wednesday and visit Mrs Fred H Forsythe, 702 Front St, Greenup, Kentucky 41144, daughter of Mrs Nina Mitchell Boggs (died last summer age 102). Copied from her book History of Greenup County, Kentucky. Sketch of Rucker family.

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The Rucker Family was in the County before it's organization. Reuben Rucker was sheriff in 1808-1809 and Ambrose Rucker was deputy, Marriage licenses were issued to Ephraim Rucker and Polly Deetley, Reuben Rucker and Mary J Rucker (cousins), Anny Rucker and George Willis and to Peggy Rucker and James Kite, all in 1808. The parents were Milton and Anne Rucker. The Rucker family became residents of Carter County in 1838.

At Court House Marriage records.
Reuben Rucker married 18 Oct 1808 to Mary I Love
Anney Backer (faded) married Sep 4, 1808 to George Willis (Wiat Rucker father of Anney, gives his consent)
Ambrose, Ephraim and Reuben Rucker were residents of Greenup. When Greenup was organized as town in 1804, Reuben Rucker, mention among the organizers.
Margaret Rucker of Carter county married Robert Lee no date .
May (Mollie) Rucker married (first cousin John Humphreys of W VA)

(The above mention George Willis and Anny Rucker mar'd 1808. I believe to be my grt grt grandparents
unless proved other wise. She was listed 1850 census as Anny Willis in home with a granddau. Of John and Emily (Pemberton) Crawford in Lawrence Co. George Willis d 13 Aug 1848. (this sketch by Robert M Willis)

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from Mrs Eva Rucker Davidson

6824 Tulip Hill Terrace
Washington D C 20016
Mar 9, 1970

In 1939 my father Charles Robert Rucker visited me here in Washington D C and spent a day at the DAR Library studying the two Rucker genealogy books and then came home and wrote the following:

My brothers were Absalom and James Walter called Watt.
My father was James DeBard Rucker.
My grandfather was Absalom Rucker.
My great grandfather was a blind Minister, Elzaphan but he had another name of Ephrain and he was called "Eph" or "Elsa" for short. His father for whom he was named was in the Revolution.

The first Rucker forefather that I heard about was old Reverend James Rucker. Our people were in what is now called Shelby County before we were in Carter County, Kentucky, but Shelby County had another name when they were first there. (Shelby County formed 1792 from Jefferson County formed 1780 from Kentucky Co) RMW

My mother was Sarah Jane Shearer daughter of Rev Walter Shearer; her mother was a Rice. I used to go to grandmother Shearer's over on Davies Run. They were all fine people and I loved to be with them. My father James DeBard married a second time; Mrs Mary Watson. He is buried with her in the Watson Cemetery. My mother Sarah is buried in Russell Creek Cemetery near my grandfather Absalom and my Great grandfather Elzaphan Rucker. There was some intermarriage between cousins in our family. Many of our family lived on Huff's Run at Willard, Kentucky. My mother died of fever when we moved to a new farm and did not clean out the well properly before we used some of the water.

In 1955, Richard Rucker, 95 yrs old, at Milton, W VA, a son of Elzaphan and Sarah (Prince) Rucker, says that he remembers that his father Elzaphan gave his uncle Elzaphan, who was a

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blind minister, a cane so that he could walk down to see him and that Reverend Elzaphan wore a red handkerchief tied to his wrist so that anyone meeting him would know that he was blind. The children used to watch for him the man with the red handkerchief and run to help him. Elzaphan's wife Mary helped him prepare his Sermons.

Richard's grandfather was James Rucker married Jan 19, 1810 to Elizabeth Deatley who was a sister of Mary (Polly) Deatley that married 4 Aug 1808 Elzaphan Rucker Jr. (these marriage's records at Greenup, KY). Therefore when some of their children intermarried – it was the marriage of double cousins.

Richard says that his grandfather's father was in the Revolution. Also, that Elzaphan JR's son Elzaphan was a Doctor and went away but always sent home the money for the taxes, to his blind father, and that Rev Elzaphan had such faith that he always said that the Lord would give him back his eyesight before he died and that this did happen and that during the last three years of his life that he could read the finest print. Richard also said that his father Elzaphan had a brother Sergia, also called Seriah and Ezra, also a brother Bassil and that his cousin Absalom's mother name was Polly (Mary) Deatly.

Marriages at Greenup, Kentucky
Elzaphan Rucker to Polly Deatley, 4 Aug 1808 (father John Deatley consents)
Anney Rucker to George Willis 4 Sep 1808 (Wiat her father consents)
Peggy Rucker to James Kite 14 Sep 1808 (W C and Ann Rucker consent for Peggy.)
Reuben Rucker to Mary I Love 18 Oct 1808 (Chas Love parent)
James Rucker to Elizabeth Deatley (John Deatley – bonds)

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May 4, 1970

The Ohio Genealogical Society
454 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

QUERY;
DEATLEY – Seek info on Wiat (W C and w Ann ?) Rucker, Milton and w Ann ?) Rucker in Greenup Co,
KITE KY, before 1808 from VA, Ch, all married Greenup, KY.
LOVE
RUCKER Elzaphan to Mary (Polly) Deatley Aug 4, 1808
WILLIS James to Elizabeth Deatley Jan 19, 1810, sis of Polly, dau's of John.
TEMPLETON Reuben to Mary I Love, Oct 18, 1808 dau of Chas.
Peggy to James Kite Sep 14, 1808
Susannah (Anney) to George Willis Sep 4, 1808

Willis, Kite and some Rucker's settled early in Lawrence Co, Ohio. George Willis b VA May 13, 1783 d here) Aug 18, 1848 and wife Susannah (Anney Rucker) Willis b VA Nov 24, 1787 d here Jan 30, 1873 buried harmony Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery at Getaway, Union Twp, Law. Co, Ohio also Kite and Templeton family bur. Near by.

Robert M Willis, Rt 1, Box 1, Ironton, Ohio 45638
David William Love m 1-4-1818 Cynthia Ann Love b 12-22-1800 d 1890.

The Ohio Genealogical Society May 5, 1970

QUERY:
DEATLEY Seek info on Wiat Rucker, W C Rucker wife Ann. Milton Rucker wife Anne ? in Greenup
KITE Co, KY. Ch: all married Greenup, KY. Elzephan to Polly (Mary) Deatley Aug 4, 1808; James
LOVE to Elizabeth Deatley Jan 19, 1810, sis of Polly dau of John; Reuben to Mary I Love Oct 18,
RUCKER 1808; Anney to George Willis Sep 4, 1808, Kite and Willis settled in Lawrence Co, Ohio,
WILLIS also Rucker's;
Robert M Willis, Rt 1 Box 1, Ironton, Ohio

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May 1970

Dear Cousin Robert Willis:

From some old notes of mine I find that my 1812 grandfather Elzaphan Rucker had a sister Susannah and also a sister Mary who married -------- Alleu of Catlesburg. Am still studying the Willis family book at the B R Library & but I will keep on during the a spring. Cousin Blanche Workman told me that after records was lost in an early flood in KY, that new records were written to replace them. Could that account for confusion of my 1812 Elzaphan and Polly Deatley who were earlier called Ephaim and Mary Deatley. I think so! Cousin Blanche knows so much but she had not always documented the things that historians will accept.

For instance she found where from an old KY newspaper – Elzaphan Rucker were listed and Ephriam Rucker as dying on same day. Same age for both – which proves our point if Ephriam & Elzapham being one & the same man – But she did not say "what newspaper" it was. If in that newspaper it gave the father's and mother's name – that might also be your Susannah's father & mother. A cousin Christopher also died that day 1855 – and they are all buried at Savage Chapel in Russell Creek Cemetery.

Well, we will keep on and I will let you know my findings –

Good luck and keep well.

Your cousin

Eva Davidson

Mrs Howard C Davidson
6824 Tulip Hill Terrace
Washington D C 20016
June 5, 1970

Dear Cousin Robert Willis:

I am today mailing back to you the material you so kindly sent me two weeks ago – and I certainly appreciated your sending it and I have made some copies of some of it for my files –

We were away for a week and I am now catching up a bit and hope to find a few hours for library work soon.

Have I sent you the following in a previous letter?

"Family Hist of Willis. Publ 1946 by Anne W Willis Page 30- PETER RUCKER of Orange married Elizabeth Fielding before he emigrated from Germany.

Also – Hist of Old Rappahannock - 1656 to 1692 by Thos Hoskins Warner – page 166 PETER RUCKER lived just below the Mill. (UNABLE TO LOCATE REMAINDER OF LETTER.)

RUCKER

Wyatt Rucker

Elzaphan Rucker
B
D
Md 1807 at Greenup, KY Mary "Polly" Deatley

Reuben Rucker
B
D
Md 1808 Mary I Love (Came from VA to Greenup Co Bef 1808)

Margaret "Peggy" Rucker
B
D
Md 1808 James Kite

Anney Rucker
B Nov 24, 1787
D Jan 30, 1873
Md Sep 4, 1808 George Willis

Milton ----------

James Rucker
B
D
Md 1810 Elizabeth Deatley

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VA Gen Apr 1971 – Robert M Willis, Rt 1 Box 1, Ironton, Ohio 45680
Please make any additions or corrections that you can and then return for the Library. Please cite references.

June 14, 1970

West – Central Kentucky Family Research Association, PO Box 1465, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Query:
DEATLEY, KITE, LOVE, RUCKER, TEMPLETON, VERMILLION, WILLIS, EXC INFO
Wiat Rucker, W C & W, Ann Rucker, Milton & w Ann Rucker, from VA to Greenup Co, KY 1808.
Ch: m Greenup, KY.
Elzaphan & Polly Deatley 1808
Reuben & Mary Dove, 1808, Reuben, (Sheriff of Greenup 1806 – 9)
James & Elizabeth Deatley, 1810
Peggy & James Kite, 1808
Anney & George Willis, 1808 (my gt gt gt gd-parents)
Jane & John Templeton, 1818 (Mary Rucker to -------Alley)
Robert & Elizabeth Vermillion, 1814
WILLIS, KITE, VERMILLION & RUCKER, settled here, Lawrence Co, Ohio.

Mr Robert M Willis, Rt 1 Box 1, Ironton, Ohio 45638.
Member # 143

Thank you

Mrs George Stangle
R R # 5
Monticello, Indiana 47960
8-8-1970

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis

Some of this may be a repeat, if so, I am sorry.

Did any of the families that you are doing research on, come to White County, Indiana, besides the Templeton family?

Most say why not, I will receive a reprint of the "History of White and Pulaski County, Indiana".

WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA MARRIAGES, by Gick, Scott & Bixler
WHITE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOOK I ,, 1834 to 1853
Mary Templeton to Benjamin Harrison 12-12-1852

BOOK II ..1853 to 1865
John Templeton JR to Caroline Chamberlin 2-22-1860

BOOK III …1865 to 1882
John Templeton SR to Elizabeth Scowen 3-29-1869
Leah Templeton to Zachariah T Thompson 8-2-1874

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BOOK IV …1882 to 1905
Robert Templeton to Mettia A Dobbins 10-20-1889
Charles Templeton to Lillie Moore 11-15-1891

1800 TAX LIST..Berkeley County, West VA….Townships Not States
District of Wm Slaughter JR
JAMES WILLIS 1male age 21 or over
0 horses
0 slaves

Virginia Marriage Bonds, Richmond City, Virginia (EXTRACT) 1797- 1806 By Reddy & Riffe
Polly Redd Willis, ward of Joan Davenport to Mansfield Watkins 2-13-1805

Extract of "Land Bounty Warrants Granted to Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution by Virginia for Military Services…Compiled by Samuel Wilson… From Official Records, Kentucky State Land Office, Frankfort, Kentucky …Surnames: Jones – Nance

Warrant No 429…John Love…400 acres…Sgt VA State Line Term of War…date: 4-26-1743

Extract of "First Census of Kentucky" ..Surnames: Jachhan – Kurtlin Compiled by Charles Heinemann
JOHN KITE…BOURBON COUNTY… Tax List Date… March 1791

1810 Tax Lot Fairfield Co, Ohio…Townships Not Stated James Willis

1810 Tax List Hamilton Co, Ohio
Henry Love…Colerain Twnsp.
Benjamin Willis…Sycamore Twnsp.
Henry Willis….Miami Twnsp.
Nathaniel Willis…Sycamore Twnsp.

1810 Tax List Ross Co, Ohio
James Templeton, Deerfield Twnsp,
Nathaniel Willis..Paxton Twnsp
Tilman Willis….Union Twnsp

1967 September Issue of "Gateway to the West"
Page 9 Love…1807 Census Butler Co, Ohio
George Love….Ross Twnsp.

Page 20 ..same issue .. Warren Co, Ohio Marriages…1803-1810
Elizabeth Love to John Blake 11-15-1804

Page 6..same issue…1807 census Butler Co, Ohio
Joseph Willis…Liberty Twnsp

Page 27 …same issue…Warren Co, Ohio Marriages ..1803-1810
Joseph Willis to Mary Ann Potts 3-25-1806

Page 30…same issue.. Land Grants..Darke Co, Ohio
Township 10. Range 3
George Willis, assignee of Nathan Popejoy
Section 31 SW1/4 164 acres.. Greenville Twnsp.

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11-3-1830…….Volume O-1, page 376

1968 issues
Page 37…January , 1968 issue
Query: MARY KITE b 1810 married Dr John M Thomas. Lived in Miami Co, Ohio. When and where did she die?
Sender: Mrs Robert Howe
252 West Main St.
Albion, Ill 62806

Page 29 …same issue
Andrew Love (can't understand word) as a witness to the DEED ABSTRACT for a Bea McDufe
Date: 8-14-1830…Volume G, page 29…Clinton County Ohio Deeds.

Page 148…October 1968
Muskingum Co, Ohio Land Grants…from US
John Wilson assignee of ROBERT LOVE 12-23-1811NE1/2 Sec 30, Twn 17, Range 5, Volume C, page 481.

Page 159, October 1968
Athens Co..Ohio Marriages 1817-1820
THOMAS L LOVE to Comfort Pugsley 4-17-1818

Page 22 January 1968
RUCKER??? Listed RUCKER
Miami Co, Ohio Marriages 1807-1812
William Ruker to Pheby Iddings 10-11-1808

Page 51 April 1968
Historical Collections of Ohio by Howe
In 1801, Nathaniel Willis moved to Chillicothe, Ohio and he established the "Scioto Gazette", probably the 2nd paper in the Territory.

Page 75 April 1968
Darke Co, Ohio…Common Pleas Records 1818-1821
September Term of 1820
Records A-1, page 92
LUCY WILLIS, under 21 years of age, by next friend, James C Kennedy vs Amos Smith..1819..damages.

Page 81, April 1968
Butler Co, Ohio marriages 1803-1806
John Willis to Mary Fisher 10-24-1803

Page 160 October 1969
Seneca Co, Ohio Will Abstracts, Will Book 1, page 102
Andrew Love…dated: 10-12-1841..recorded; 11-11-1841, wife Magdalena
Ch: William, Sarah, James W, Prudence and Abigail
Executor: Friend, Levi Keller
Witnesses: Warren Buel and G J Kean

RUCKER??(ROUKER listed)
Page 161 October 1968 WILL BOOK I..Seneca Co, Ohio, page 123
Joseph Rouker listed as a witness to the will of Henry Kirchner.
Dated: 8-19-1842…recorded: 9-9-1842
Page 183….October, 1968 issue

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Greene Co, Ohio marriages 1811-1815
Catherine Templeton to Simon Sparks 4-2-1813
Jane Templeton to Andrew Sparks 1-12-1813
Mary Tembleton (Templeton?) to Nathean Blooke 7-28-1814
Page 60 April 1969
Clark Co, Ohio Marriages 1821-1823
Jane Willis to Samuel Brackney 4-25-1822

Page 189 Oct 1969
Darke Co, Ohio Estates….Joel Westfall, dec'd ..GEORGE WILLIS adm. Bond dated: 10-6-1843 by GEORGE WILLIS. Public sale held 10-27-1843.

1969 issues
January 1970 issue
Butler Co, Ohio Death Reports 1856-1857. Rachel Willis died 4-14-1856 age 87..widow..born Virginia

July 1970 issue
Fayette Co, Ohio Marriages 1810-1817
William Love to Ann Holliday 3-4-1813

When I receive my copy of the "History of White and Pulaski County, Indiana"; I will check especially on your Templeton line.

Hope this proves to be of a little more help.

Regards,
Mrs George Stangle

532 Helper Drive
Bedford, Ohio 44146
August 4, 1970

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1, Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45368

Dear Mr Willis,

In response to your item in the Tri-State Trader of July 25th , I have no definite information for you, but wonder if our lines may not have crossed in certain areas.

For instance, you mention that Anney Rucker m 1808, George Willis; Reuben Rucker m 1808, Mary I Love; Peggy Rucker m 1808, James Kite; James Rucker m 1810, Elizabeth Deatley; Elzaphan Rucker 1808, Mary Deatley.

Here is the comparison which I have to offer: in the family of my great-great-great grandfather, John Kite (Kight) who was born in Westernport, Maryland, in 1784, m in Chillicothe, Ohio, 1805, Catherine Gundy. They lived in Vermillion Co, Ill and Scotland Co, Mo. John Kite died in Alpine, Wapello Co, Iowa. John and Catherine had among their thirteen children a son, Henry, b 1806, who m a Nancy, last name unknown. Their tenth child (Henry's & Nancy's) was Elizabeth Kight, b 1846, m 12 Feb_1969 at Danville, Ill, Richard Willis.

John and Catherine's sixth child was Sarah (Sally) Kight, b 4 Feb 1817, m at Danville, Ill, 25 Aug 1836, Abram (Abraham) Lincoln.

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I just wondered whether you had any information which would tie these Kite, Love and Willis families together, even considering the difference in time and place.

Here's another mild coincidence which has nothing to do with ancestors or relationship. You mention John and Jane (Rucker) Templeton who lived in White Co, Ind. I was born (1909) and raised in Monon, White Co, Indiana. There was a Robert Templeton (now deceased, I think), who lived about a mile and a half southeast of town. Could he have been a son or grandson of your John and Jane? If you want further details on who might be left of this family you could write to my sister: Mrs Pauline Ohlrich, Post Office, Monon, Indiana 47959.

I'm sure this is all pretty vague; just thought this might be a clue for you or for me.

Most Sincerely,

Pat DeWitz
Mrs Alfred E DeWitz

Oct 6, 1970

Robert M Willis
Dear Sir,

In my last issue of the Genealogical Helper, I found your name asking for information on a lot of names or do they all belong to the Kite family. I have quite a bit on the Kites that immigrated from GA into Texas and some went on into Okla. I am also interested in the Kite name my grandmother was a Kite. - -and and give more detail and I will see if I can help you also you might give me some information.

Sincerely,
Mrs H L Smith
1536 So Orchard Dr
Bountiful, Utah 84010

Oct 10, 1970

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis,

I was so happy to see your ad in the Helper – Sep 1970.

My maiden name was Kight. For some time I have researched that spelling only. Recently I have received information from several sources and all of them claim that Keyte, Kyte, Kite and Kight are variations of the same name.

My earliest ancestor (that I can prove) came from N Carolina to Indiana &n later to Illinois. I have no county in N. Car. And so far have had no luck in any county in N Carolina. Since his two sons married sisters who were born in KY. I have started looking for my Kight line in KY. I am sending my data on a separate page.

Mrs Alfred DeWitz has sent me a large packet of Kite-Kight data collected from many states. At a quick glance I could not find a Peggy and James Kite.

If you will send more information on your James Kite, I will be happy to check further. It also includes some "Love data", but I didn't find John Reuben or Mary I Love.

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I would appreciate any information that you have and are willing to share.

I would like to know in what counties in Kentucky, your Kite lived and what years.

I am very happy to share any or all information. I have far to much Kight-Kite data to copy off, but if you are interested in seeing all, I could send it to you, let you make a copy and return it to me.

I am also interested in any North Carolina Kites. I will be happy to receive it, make a copy and return your copy to you.

Sincerely,
Mrs D W Bliven

PS Just found this among my notes: "1790 Census of Bourbon Co, KY Kite, John

Another tidbit: Elizabeth Kite – b ca 1846 m Feb 12, 1868 at Davnille, Ill to Richard Willis. Their son –
Wilson Willis born 1868, died Aug 28, 1870
Sarah Kight married Abram W Love, 25 Aug 1836, Vermillion Co, Ill.

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5842 Paddon Cir
San Jose, CA 98123
Nov 28, 1970

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you for your most interesting letter, regarding my Kite and Kight query.

I have checked my information and found no connection between the Kites and Ruckers.

Most of the Kite information I have came from Mrs Alfred DeWitz.

I have found my Ezekiel Kight in Posey Co, Indiana in 1820 and his widow in same place in 1850. I plan to read the 1830 & 1840 census to determine whom he died. Then I will send for his will. Perhaps that will give me more of the names of his children. Then I will try reading the Kentucky census . If I find anything I will let you know.

I will write to the Mrs H L Smith you mentioned.

I have already written to those you mentioned listed in the Helper.

I will list on a separate page, the names & addresses of other kite researchers I have contacted.

Let's keep in touch and perhaps we can help each other.

So you think Mr Walter Simpson, he would know anything of his mother's ancestors on the Kite side?

I sincerely appreciate your letter.

Good Luck,
Mrs D W Bliven

Mrs Charles O Rucker – 4513 Statton Road – Louisville, Kentucky 40220

January 3, 1971

Dear Mr Willis,

I'm sorry I was so long answering your letter. I'm glad to hear that you've found a little more Rucker information because I've drawn a blank every place I've tried. So far I can't tie in any of the names you sent me, but I'll file your letter and who knows, maybe some day I can work it in somehow.

I have had a little more luck with my own family, the Weldleys, however, as I wrote to their town in Germany and have received copies of birth and death certificates of my great grandmother and the death certificates of her parents, all of which was completely new information to me, and quite exciting, as I'm sure you understand.

Have you checked out Wyatt Rucker through the library at Salt Lake City? If not you might write to them and see what turns up. The trouble is, there are so many unrelated Ruckers. I was working on a William Rucker (my husband's great-great-grandfather) who is supposed to have been born in Holland in 1809 and died someplace in Virginia, probably near Edinburg, in 1892. However, I haven't had time to really dig into this except to write for a death certificate (no luck) and to ask the National Archives for a Civil War service record. (No luck here either, for there were several William Ruckers who served and I have no way to pinpoint the right one and hate to pay for copies of all the records just on the off chance that I'll be able to identify my William.) I think there's a family out in Bullitt County with an old book which contains some references to a Rucker who was one of the first settlers in these parts and a preacher and I hope to drive out there to have a look at it as soon as possible. I'll let you know what I find.

Good Luck and a successful year to you,
Bobbie Rucker

Snohomish, Wash.
April 18, 1971

Mr Robert M Willis
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

I have just had a letter published in a magazine Genealogy Corners asking for any information on Ruckers_ among others. I have had few letters and none on Ruckers. I believe people who might have some information useful to us are not interested enough to write.

You do not give the dates of your Milton. I have a Milton (1816-1896) m Margaret Ann. He was my father's great uncle and is buried near Moulton, IA. Appanoose Co, IA. His brother James Robert Rucker (1822-1898) married Hannah Ellis (father's grandparents) He was born "someplace" in Kentucky. Moved with his father (name unknown) to Sangamon Co, IL at age 8. Then to Ogle Co, where he was married to Hannah Ellis. I am told of a brother L Rucker who ran a general store in Moulton and another brother "Hick" Rucker back east somewhere.

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James Robert Rucker had ten children as follows: 1) Thomas Carter (1853-1934); 2) Phoebe Jane (Jeanie); 3) Henrietta (Rhetta or Reta); 4) Ella (Hamilton); 5) Ernest; 6) Ulysses Sherman (1865-1950 my grandfather); 7) Eva m Lewis McDonald, lived Bartlesville, OK; 8) Hammond Ellis (186601843) lived Western Kansas; 9) Francis Stanton (Frank) 1870; and 10) Milton H which I can find no trace of . Some of the family thought he lived in Nebraska. I do not know his wife's name. Neither have I been able to learn the names of parents of Milton (1816) the father, according to family "conversation" was born in Indiana the to KY, where at least James Robert was born (county not known). He followed JR to Ogle Co, IL in 1844 and was a farmer. I do not know if he came to Wash Twp, Appanoose Co, IA with JR in 1850.

I don't suppose I have been of any help to you, but thought there might be a clue somewhere in names and places. It is a very interesting but frustrating thing I have found. If you should have any information that you would share I would appreciate it very much or if I should learn anything on any Milton I would be happy to forward same to you.

I am hopeful that you got more results with your advertisement than I.

Mean while happy hunting.
Florence Rucker Morehead

PS I have corresponded with other "branches" that I have not been able to tie in. I don't know if there would be anything helpful to you.

Mrs John A Morehead
408 Union Ave
Snohomish, Wash 98290

Snohomich, Wash
Sep 29, 1791

Dear Mr Willis,

I am terribly embarrassed! As I look through my Rucker file I find your letter of Apr 26 with no notation that it had been answered. Please forgive me. I know how frustrating it is to write and receive no answer.

From the names you sent me, I wrote some but have not had time to write to all – Mrs Richardson from Salem – evidently no connection. Mrs Bobbie Rucker, Louisville, KY- no encouragement. Mrs Fair and Mrs Ray have not answered as yet. But Mrs Davidson from Washington D C has "claimed" me as a cousin and says she has my James Robert (1822) in her data. She was to have it typed this summer. And that dear lady sent me her Rucker Genealogy book (on loan) plus several other records and pictures. But if I am from the James – Elizabeth Deatley line – m 1810, as Mrs Davidson infers, then they would be James Robert's parents.

I have received some information since I first wrote to you. A lady in IA copied IA census records from Appanoose Co, where my Ruckers lived for about 3 generations.

I had James Robert's children and most of his grandchildren etc, but this gave their ages. All his bro Milton's children were listed in the 1860 census, as Mary E, 1800; Margaret 1842; James (Horn) 1845; Alexander M 1846; & Louise 1851. But more important it listed birthplace of father and mother, both as VA, and a Joshua Rucker born 1790 in VA, was listed with Milton and wife in 1870 census. One would think a man that age would be his father – (but perhaps an uncle?).

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Also in 1860 census was Isaiah Rucker born 1814 in KY, wife – Sarah Jane Deyo and children: Harriett 1853; James R 1855; Wm N 1858; Elnora 1861; Hiram B 1865; and a Clar ? (not plain) female 1868.

In the Ogle Co, IL History published 1909, Isaiah Rucker was the oldest living settler there – was born at Columbia,, KY. Parent CARTER and Nancy Rucker. He came to Ogle Co, from KY in 1833. My James Robert moved there in 1830 from KY.

So if he was not a brother he must have been a cousin of James Robert. Do you know anything about Carter and Nancy Rucker? They would have lived at Columbia, KY in 1814? And I still do not know what part of KY my James was born.

Well the puzzle continues – I have searched everything I have for your Anney Rucker but no luck. I hope you have learned more.

I have found relatives on both my husband's lines Morehead and Tipton, but can't seem to get much action on my own. I asked Mrs Davidson what she would charge for a copy of her material. I feel it is probably my only hope as I do not have the money to have all the research done that she has done. My husband is a retired logger. He had a heart attack 3 yrs ago but is fine now.

I have been very busy canning – Helped my granddaughter can 69 qts peaches & 49 of pears, then I canned 84 peaches and 49 pears for us. And my sister turned her cucumber patch over to us so I have made about 3 ½ gal Heinz 14 day pickles and have that many more in the brine. Also 50 qts of dills. They are such a nice size I just can't let them go to waste. We also have an Italian prune tree but gave them away as we don't care for them anymore. Do you have lot's of fruit there? We went east of the Mts to get our peaches and gave $1.50 an apple box.

Again, my apologies and my thanks for all your help. I am still looking for answers to my letters and will also look for anything on Anney.

Sincerely,
Mrs John Morehead

Apr 13, 1971

Dear Mr Willis,

Saw your notice in the Virginia Genealogist, # 1506. Rucker was and still is a name around Charlottesville, VA. There is also a Ruckersville, VA. I think on Rt # 29. It may be in Louisa Co or Orange Co or may have been.
JE Rucker
Stony Point Rd
Is from the phone book of that area (Charlottesville, VA).

Mrs Christine Rucker	Dr Warren Rucker MD
Ruckersville, VA	Office: Standardsville, VA
	Res: Ruckersville, VA

Maybe some of these can help you. Hope so.

Virginia T Harris
4505 Caroline Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23707

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October 25, 1971

Dear Mr Willis,

I just wondered if you had learned anything new about your Rucker line. I was just over in Virginia and West Virginia doing a little research, but without much success. I am keeping my eyes open for the Wyatt Rucker you mentioned in your last letter, but so far no luck.

I do believe the first Rucker in my husband's family on this side of the Atlantic was William Rucker who married Mary Ann Lantz and lived in Shanandoah County, VA. I tried to discover her father's name but without success; however, I did get the names of several children and their husbands and wives, so I guess I have a little more to go on than I had. If I only had more time and knew more about doing this sort of thing!

There are a lot of descendants of the Lantz family still living around Edinburg, VA, and I met one of them who gave me a book about the Lantzes, but I couldn't find our Mary Ann in it. However, I haven't given up. I guess you never do.

Let me know what luck you're having.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Rucker

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TRI-STATE TRADER

PO Box 90 – 27 N Jefferson St, Knightstown, Indiana 46148 January 3, 1972

Robert M Willis
R 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis:

Thank you for your December 29th letter and ad. Before publishing the ad, we feel that you should list in the ad what the history is of. You state that you will receive a much better response if you state what the book is about.

Upon receipt of your reply, we will publish the ad.

Sincerely,
Mrs Diane McRoberts
Advertising Sales Mgr.

DM/cjk

6816 Lois Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22150
January 7, 1972

Dear Descendants of Tazewell County Pioneers:

As you know I am currently compiling a book on early Tazewell County, Virginia records. (See back of enclosed brochure if you have not previously received one.)

Originally the plan merely called for an abstract of the first Order Book of the county. It has been decided, however, to add additional material… at no additional cost. Personal property tax lists for 1801, 1802, 1803, 1806 & 1810; land tax lists for 1802, 1806, 1809 & 1814; militia records for the period; land patents from 1800 to 1820; and military pension applications are some of the items which are now called for.

The 1815 Tax List and the 1820 & 1830 censuses of Tazewell, which have been available for the past two years in booklet form, have been purchased by about 100 genealogists. Some of those who bought mentioned the specific families in which they were interested, so I know that a number of you have common ancestors. I do not have time to act as a clearing house, however, nor do I feel it would be proper for me to give out the name of any one of you to another. It would seem, however, that it would be of value and interest to those who are kinsfolk to know the names, addresses and lineage's of the other individuals who are currently researching Tazewell families. In pursuit of this goal, I have decided to add an "exchange" chapter in the above book. The success of this chapter obviously depends upon YOU!

The purpose of this letter is to give an opportunity to those persons who have purchased my Tazewell County Booklets to list themselves – with their addresses – as a descendants of Tazewell pioneers. Well documented material pertaining to individuals residing to Tazewell County prior to 1820 is also solicited. Many of you of course do not have such information (you probably have purchased the booklets seeking proofs) – in this case descendants of the pioneers for one or two generations with places of residence after leaving Tazewell County may be substituted. FULL CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO ANYONE SUBMIT- TING SUCH MATERIAL. Since your name and address will be given in the book, correspondence will be possible with those interested in more current lines, and because of space, I reserve the right to edit more recent generations.

February 10, 1972 is the dead line for submitting material – so please start assembling your pedigree today. Don't put this letter aside until it is too late! This will be a "one-time" opportunity and is completely free to you. Inclusion in this book, I believe should bring more results (and certainly more lasting ones) than a paid ad in the Genealogical Helper since it pertains strictly to one area. Remember …only YOU can make this chapter a success …I'm hoping for 100% participation!

See reverse for instructions on submitting material.

Sincerely,

Nettie Schreiner-Yantis

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Willis, Baker, Dabney, Johnson, Anderson, Hartsfield, Barkwell, Foster, Jersey and Milner

May 30, 1972

Our family has collected information concerning George Willis (1754-1827) and Susannah Baker (1757-1843), who were married about 1777 somewhere in Virginia and settled about 1784 in Wilkes County, Georgia. Our interest results from the fact that my wife and children are descended from George & Susannah through their daughter, Elizabeth Dabney Willis (1796-1885), who married John Holmes Milner (1792-1857) and settled in Pike County, Georgia.

After considerable searching and luck, we recently discovered the family cemetery on their old plantation in Wilkes County. Their graves and nine others are clearly marked and the cemetery also contains ten or twelve unmarked graves. Unfortunately, this cemetery was not included in Newsome & Newsome, Wilkes County Cemeteries , 1970, probably because it's remote location kept it's location a secret from all but a few.

We have prepared a three-page statement which includes 1) the eleven inscriptions from the George Willis family cemetery, 2) a map showing the location of the cemetery, 3) the names of the seven children, with birth and death dates where known, of George & Susannah, 4) the relationships of the others in the cemetery to George & Susannah, and 5) references to sources of additional information about the George Willis family. We would be happy to send a copy of the George Willis statement to any interested person. The price, including postage, per copy is six 8 cent stamps or 50 cents in coins.

We shall continue to search for Willis information and are particularly eager to find:

1. The family Bible of George Willis (1754- 1827) & Susannah.
2. The family Bible of James Dabney Willis (born 1793), who married 1) Susan M Johnson and 2) Nancy Tate Anderson. We especially want the date of death of James Dabney Willis.
3. Information about: 1) Stephen Willis (1778-1801), who married Mary Hartsfield. 2) George Dabney Willis (born 1780) who married Susannah B Barkwell and who may have later married Catherine Foster. 3) John Crutchfield Willis (born 1787) who married Rebecca Barkwell. Where did these three sons of George & Susannah settle? Who has information about them?
4. Information concerning the relationship of George Willis (1754-1827) to the Dabney family of Virginia.

Thank you very much for your assistance. We would be happy to share our Willis information with any interested persons. If we ever move from Athens, our address can be obtained from Alumni Association, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio 44074.

Homer C Cooper

145 Pendleton Drive
Athens, Georgia 30601

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George Willis Family Cemetery Wilkes County, Georgia

George Willis
Born October 16, 1754
Died April 19, 1827

Susannah Willis
Born August 24, 1757
Died April 30, 1843

Susan Johnson Willis
Born August 6, 1826
Died November 30, 1830

William Anderson Willis
Born February 2, 1830
Died September 26, 1831

George Willis
Born May 11, 1844
Died May 2, 1845

James D Willis
Born October 21, 1793
Died February 18?, 1861?

Nancy T Willis
Born December 4, 1799
Died August 13, 1868

Mattie B A, daughter
of T R &E F Willis
Born April 15, 1855
Died March 25, 1857

Molley Wade
Born January 12, 1856
Died November 24, 1857

Wilson Lumpkin Willis
Born October 7, 1833
Died March 25, 1858

James Anderson Willis
Born April 4, 1838
Died September 9, 1858

Note—The James D Willis marker is broken and and therefore difficult to read.

The George Willis family cemetery is located in Georgia Militia District 168 in Wilkes County, Georgia. In addition to the graves enumerated above, the cemetery also contains ten or twelve unmarked graves. The farm is known today (1972) as "the Sam Richardson place" and is owned by two sons of Mr Richardson, who is deceased. Some of the property is leased to Mr Dolph Callaway, son of Mr Richardson's sister, Mrs John Allen Callaway.

The cemetery was discovered on a hunting trip by C E Pollock, MD, of Washington, Georgia, who kindly guided us to the spot. The plot is enclosed by a substantial stone wall which varied from three to five feet in height. A large oak, about three feet in diameter at the base, serves as a landmark for anyone searching for the cemetery in the surrounding pine forest.

Notes

George Willis (1754-1827) was a Revolutionary War soldier who came from King William County, Virginia, to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1784. Susannah Willis (1757-1843) was Susannah Baker before her marriage to George, but we do not know the names of her parents nor where she was born. George & Susannah were the parents of seven children: 1) Stephen Willis (1778-1801), married Mary Hartsfield. 2) George Dabney Willis 1780-), married 1807 to Susannah B Barkwell. He may have been the George D Willis who was married in 1811 to Catherine Foster. 3) William Willis (1784-1793). 4) John Crutchfield Willis (1787-), married Rebecca Barkwell. 5) Richard Jefferson Willis (1789-1866); married first 1812 to Christiana (called Kitty) Jossey (1793-1847), daughter of Henry Jossey & wife Mary Hill (1758-1831); married second 1848 to Sarah Elizabeth Foster. Richard had plantations in Wilkes County & Greene County, Georgia. He was Sheriff of Wilkes County (1818-1819), 1826-1827) and represented Wilkes County in the General Assembly (House 1828-1831; Senate, 1832, 1834-

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1836) of Georgia. 6) James Dabney Willis (1793-186?); married first in 1822 to Susan M Johnson, daughter of William Johnson (died 1821) & wife Nancy Hill (1770-1839); married second 1824 to Nancy Tate Anderson (died 1860). James settled on the George Willis farm and he and many of his family are buried near George & Susannah. James represented Wilkes County in the General Assembly (Senate, 1841). 7) Elizabeth Dabney Willis (1796-1885), married in 1814 to Rev John Holmes Milner (1792-1857), son of Pitt Milner (1769-1839) & wife Apsilla Holmes (1770-1854). John & Elizabeth settled in Pike County, Georgia.

Susan Johnson Willis (1826-1830), William Anderson Willis (1830-1831), Wilson Lumpkin Willis (1833-1858), James Anderson Willis (1838-1858), and George Willis (1844-1845) were eight children of James Dabney Willis & Nancy.

Mattie B A Willis (1855-1857) was a daughter of Thomas Richard Willis (1827-) & wife Elizabeth F Marshall and granddaughter of James D & Nancy.

Who was Molley Wade (1856-1857)? Please let us know.

Where are the George Willis and James Dabney Willis family Bibles today?

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Christian Index	Volume	Number	Page	Name
October 11, 1838	6	40	640	George Washington Willis
May 12, 1843	11	19	303	Susannah Baker Willis
March 25, 1847	15	13	103	Christiana Jossey Willis
March 18, 1857	36	11	43	John Holmes Milner
April 22, 1857	36	16	63	John Holmes Milner
August 12, 1857	36	32	127	John Holmes Milner

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April 28, 1858	37	17	3	Wilson Lumpkin Willis
October 27, 1858	37	43	3	James Anderson Willis
October 25, 1866	45	43	171	Richard Jefferson Willis
July 9, 1885	63	28	15	Elizabeth Dabney Willis Milner

No doubt a closer inspection of the name index to the Christian Index at Stetson Memorial Library, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, would reveal additional obituaries of descendants of George Willis (1754-1827) and Susannah.

Patricia is a great-great-granddaughter of John Holmes Milner & Elizabeth Dabney Willis. If we move from Athens, our current address can be obtained from; Alumni Association, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio 44074.

May 21, 1972

Homer C Cooper
Patricia Irvin Cooper
145 Pendleton Drive
Athens, Georgia 30601

Letter from Reed Brothers Mortuaries (Tapley & Geiger)

Sep 30, 1972

Robert M Willis
Box 1 Rt 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Mr Willis – Thank you for your letter of September 16, 1972, regarding the services for the late, Caroline D Willis held at our Los Angeles Mortuary.

The services were held at our chapel on Sunday, August 13, 1972 at 2 PM. Services were concluded at the chapel followed by the entombment at Inglewood Park Cemetery Mausoleum, on Monday, August 14, 1972.

Ten persons attended the services and 8 pieces of flowers were sent from friends. It was a beautiful service, being conducted by one of our staff members who is a Christian minister.

The person who took care of all the arrangements was, Mr Jess Laughlin, a Nephew. Mr Laughlin resides at, 267 South Arden Blvd, Los Angeles, California 90004.

Mr Willis, I hope that I have answered your question and for any further information I suggest that you write to Mr Laughlin at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Clem G Davidson
Vice President

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Jess M Laughlin Company
711 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90005
Publishers Representative

Nov 10, 1972

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt #1 Box #1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis:

Please forgive me for taking so long to answer your letter regarding Caroline D Willis.

Guess I never bothered to find out too much about Aunt Caroline's background except I knew she was related to Governor Willis of Ohio. She was born in Ashland, Lived in Cleveland and then moved out here to San Francisco and then to Los Angeles. Actually, I am not a blood relative, but she was related on the maternal side of my daughter's family. They were the hackers and the Ryones, She had lived with my daughter's mother's family prior to the time that Daisy Parsons and I were married in 1942. Miss Willis continued to live with Mr Hacker until he passed away and then she moved onto the home of the Gahagans who were; I believe Mrs Gahagan was a niece.

Later she lived alone for a while and then when my wife died in 1956, she moved in with me to help take care of my 12 year old daughter, Candy.

She continued to live with us until her death on August 11, 1972.

She had never married and I can be of very little help in giving you the names of any relatives or her parents.

I would certainly not think of charging you for this information, even if it were more complete. I am glad to help you out in any way I can and hope you have better luck in your genealogy search of the Willis family than through this source.

Kind regards,

Jess M Laughlin
Jl/hh

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Mrs Richard C Ebersole
56 Salem Avenue
Fredericktown, Ohio 43019
April 17, 1973

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis,

Re-Records & Pioneer Families; Apr & June 1973.

As to the surname Rucker, I have very little but will give you what I have. It is a allied Family to our Ebersole's of Knox Co, Ohio.
Jack Rucker was born in Monroe Co, Ohio, Civil War Vet. It has been told that the Rucker Family there owned saw mills and were of an old English descent. Jack Rucker married Azuba Farley and had 5 children.

It has been told that jack drank excessively and often frighten his wife Azuba. After the Civil War jack came home one night very intoxicated and scared his wife. She fled into the night with her two daughters (leaving her son in care of the Ruckers). Azuba (Farley) Rucker was not heard of again in that area for years to come. Azuba (Farley) Rucker came to Fredericktown (Knox Co) Ohio some time after 1871 lived on S Main Street and made a living as an expert seamstress.
Interested in Ebersole, Eversole, etc. spellings anytime any place.
5 children of Jack 7 Azuba (Farley) Rucker:

1. Charley Rucker --- no data.
2. Lance (Lat) Rucker – no data.
3. Loy Rucker no data - - he was foreman on the crew that paved the first Street in Mt Vernon, Ohio.
4. Lucille Ann Rucker, b April 1861 d 1934 in Indiana
5. Louise May Rucker b Dec 21, 1871 in Lewisville, Ohio (Monroe Co) d Apr 25, 1929 in Fredericktown, Ohio (Knox Co) buried Forest Cem Fredericktown, she married Nov 14, 1894 Knox Co to Charley Ebersole son of David & Elizabeth S (Kreider) Ebersole of Fredericktown-Ebersole's came into area in 1812-14.

Louis May Rucker & Charley Ebersole had 3 sons.
1. Leland Carl Ebersole b Aug 30, 1895 m 10 children
2. Charles LaRue Ebersole b July 31, 1899 d Dec 13, 1966 in Colorado Springs, Colorado- 2 children
3. Harley David (Jim) Ebersole b Apr 21, 1903 m Isom.

Lucille Ann Rucker m Azariah Wertz he was the son of George & Amanda (Myers) Wertz – 3 children
1. Carl Gray Wertz b 1884 d 1949 Mt Vernon, Ohio m Ethel McGibney - - no issue - - -
2. Hattie Wertz b Sep 23, 1886 d ? still lives in Fredericktown, Ohio m Harry E Brown & had 3 ch.
3. Leffie Louise Wertz b ? d 1956 m Guy Ewart lived in Bellefontaine, Ohio – 2 children

This is all Rucker information I have, should you have anything that would connect to this would enjoy having it. Have just never worked on it very much other than what Leland C Ebersole and Hattie Wertz Brown had told me.

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Don't know if this will be of any help or not.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Ebersole
1912 Addison St #20
Berkley, California 94704
June 28, 1973

Dear Mr Willis,

I want to say I sure appreciate your trouble in getting that cemetery information for me. That and the information from Dr Weed's book helped a lot - - more than 50 new persons I didn't have before.

Sorry to take so long to answer your letter. Been real busy only recently had any time at all to spend on genealogy. When I finally got a chance to go to the genealogical library, I found a bunch more Boothe descendants because of that item you sent me from the Ironton Journal. I didn't know Druzilla Langdon had moved from VA to Ohio. She was a sister of Daniel Boothe and Adah Boothe (wife and first cousin of Robert Boothe). There are a lot of Langdons in the censuses of Lawrence Co. Some are not her descendants but descended from her husband's first marriage, but it's easy to figure out which is which and that adds a couple of dozen more Boothe descendants. Do you know of any Langdons who are interested in family history?

That Ironton Journal item was especially interesting because it is the best clue I have seen as to where the Boothes came from. As I said before, there is a story about George Boothe coming over from England and he was supposed to be son of a nobleman, but I don't know if any of that is truth. I'd be very interested if you find any more news of that organization.

I sent off to the National Archives for military records of Andy Boothe, Robert C Boothe and Elliot Earles.
If the records for Andy Boothe have anything interesting or new information I will send you a xerox copy of them. Also the records of Robert may solve whose son he was.

You said you were trying to find the farm of Andy Boothe. I think there is a way to figure out the exact location from a government map. I have seen the general index to deeds for 1818 to 1862. His main property was located in section 8, township 1, range 16, which would be section 8 in Union Twp. under "Remarks" it says " South west" which must mean it was in the southwest part of section 8. There is probably a map at the courthouse which shows exactly where that is. He acquired this land in 1855, deed book volume 16, page 566 to 572. The deeds may describe the land more exactly. He had 160 acres in section 8 plus 40 acres in section 18. He also bought 85 acres in Fayette Twp, or Lawrence Twp., but didn't keep it very long. Also some other little pieces of land he didn't keep. If the description of his land in the deed is not enough to figure out where it is, it would be possible to trace it down to now by finding out who got it after his death, and who bought it from that person, etc. it would all be in the records but probably more trouble than it is worth. Anyway if nobody around there knows anything about him it might not be any use to locate the farm.

I am not sure about that Robert Campbell Boothe born 1822 who appears in Robert's household in 1850.
He doesn't fit into the list of Daniel's children. My guess is that he is a son of the Henry booth in the 1820 census, who owned a lot in Burlington from 1821 to 1825, but I don't know enough about Henry to say for sure.

I would like to get more accurate information on both families and their descendants. Particularly the children of Robert are listed on shaky evidence - - all those who don't fit as children of

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Daniel. The census age of Merit Boothe doesn't fit exactly with Robert's marriage date, but the census could be off a bit. On the other hand, he could be connected with Henry Boothe instead. E P Willis's information may help.

I would appreciate info, from grave markers, especially Daniel and Mary. A friend of mine is working on a book on the McAlexander Family and the correct dates for Mary's birth and death would be really helpful.

Robert Booth's sister Rachel's granddaughter Lydia E Hylton married Peter Willis. That may have been in
Floyd Co, VA; she was born 1852.
There are some Willises in Dutchess Co, NY, census records. There were still Willises in Floyd Co. in 1944 - - probably still there.

I was interested that Andrew J Booth was a Baptist minister. Wherever I find ifo, on the Booth's religion it is always Baptist. My great-grandmother, Mary Ellender (Boothe) Dix was credited with getting the first Baptist church in El Reno, Okla, started.

Land records of Montgomery Co, VA:
Survey Book "D":
#211 - - David Willis (by right of settlement) - - 130 acres at mouth of 5 Mile Fork of East River. Transferred to Peter Dingus, 2 Sep 1790.
#231 - - John Smith - - 100 acres on west side New River adjacent to Henry Willis. 8 Feb 1786.
#743 - - John Smith - - 45 acres on New River adjacent to henry Willis on the west side. 25 Feb 1787.

Hope this information is of use to you. If you have other questions I will try to answer them. If you have other questions I will try to answer them. Any other information you can give me on Boothe of Lawrence Co and Willises descended from Boothe, will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
George Pesely

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1912 Addison St #20
Berkeley, Calif 94794
July 9, 1973

Dear Mr Willis,

I know of one Brammer descendant that you may be interested in contacting or telling Mrs J P Galloway about. She is Mrs Mary E McCoy, R F D #3, Kahoka, Mo 63445. She is a descendant of Robert Brammer (son of John and Elizabeth Brammer), who married Hannah McAlexander (daughter of William McAlexander) April 10, 1810 in Patrick Co, VA. They lived in Bath Co, KY, after leaving VA for about 7 years around 1820, then moved to Jackson Co, Ind, and finally to Decatur Co, Iowa in 1855. Hannah died there Dec 17, 1863 and Robert on Feb 4, 1882. Mrs McCoy seems to have quite a bit of information on the Brammers, especially her part of the family. I have not heard from her in about a year. She was born 1897 or thereabouts, I think.

That Samuel Langdon 1769-1868 was the husband of Drucilla or Zilla Boothe, b 1795. If you have the information from the grave markers of the other Langdons that could be of help. If there are a lot of them I could tell which ones I need information on, as some are descended from Samuel's first marriage so not Boothe descendants.
Following is information from 1890 census of Lawrence Co:

Aid Township
House/Family
#79 - # 82 Willis, Thos J - Private, Co D, 91 Ohio Inf - (dates of service) 27 Feb 1864 -(length) 1yr 4mo

97 – 103 Willis, Isaac N – Sergt, Co C, 5 WVA Inf – 12 Aug 1861 – 10 July 1864 – 3 yr 10 mo 28 d

144-151 Willis, Josua B – Private, Co E, 5 W VA Inf – 12 Aug 1861 – 4 Oct 1864 – 3 yr 1 mo 22 d

Decatur Township
11-14 Willis, Lewis – Private, Co K, 10 KY Cavalry – Aug 1862- 17 Sep 1863 – P O Campbell, Lawrence Co, Ohio

Elizabeth Township
52-52 Willis, Charles – Private – (rest blank)

89 – 89 Wallis, William – Private, Co D, 53 Ohio Inf – Dec 16, 1861- Aug 11, 1865 – 3 yr 7 mo 25 d – P O Culbertson – gunshot right arm (I don't know if this is a Willis or a Wallace)

18-18 Willis, William – Private, Co E, ___WVA Inf, - July 28, 1862 – June 28, 1865 – 2 yr 11 mo – Rheumatism caused in the Late War

Lawrence Township
141- 145 Willis, Greenberry – Private, Co H, 5 W VA Inf – 14 July 1862 – 21 July 1865 – 2 yr – mo 7 d – PO Rock Camp, Lawrence Co

212-215 Willis, Greenberry B – Private, Co E, 5 WVA Inf – 9 Aug 1861 – 4 Oct 1864 – 3 yr 1 m 25 d 1-24-1920 Son of Henry & Sarah

122 – 129 Elizabeth Willis widow of Willis, William – Capt, Co E, 4 W VA Inf – PO Russell's Place, Lawrence Co, Ohio- Discharge not at home, Can't give date of Service

Perry Township
295-297 Joana (?) widow of Willis, George N, - private, Co E, 5 VA Inf – 11Aug 1861 – Oct 1864 –PO South Point, Lawrence Co, Ohio- Lung , Deafness (That must be W VA Inf)

188-190 Willis, Oliver D, - Private, Co A, 173 Ohio Inf, - 6 Aug 1864- 26 June 1865- 0 yr 10 mo 20 d –
PO Dearing, Son of Geo & Eliz.

60-61 Willis, John W, Private, Co H, - 5 VA Cav- 4 Jun 1861- 4 Jan 1864 – 3 yr 5 mo 0 d – PO Dearing, Ohio Son of Thomas

66-67 Willis, James H – Private – H – 45 KY Inf – 14 July 1863 – 14 Feb 1865 – 1 yr 7 mo 0 d – PO Horstdale, Lawrence Co, Ohio – Wound head

Labelle Precinct

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81-85 John W Willis – Private-H-9 WVA Inf – 28 Mar 1864- 21 July 1865 – 1 yr 3 mo 23 d – PO Labelle, Lawrence Co, Ohio- Heart Trouble, Rheumatism and Stomach trouble. Also slightly deaf Son of John H. John died in service.

Upper Township
277-182 George W Willis – Private- H- 91 Ohio Inf- 30 Sep 1862-24 June 1865- 2 y 8 m 25 d – PO Ironton

298-304 – Edmund Willis – Private –H-91 Ohio Inf- 12 Aug 1862-24 June 1865- 2y 9m 27d

Ironton, 3rd Ward
159-169 Jane Booth widow of Booth, Andrew J, 1st Lt. – A- 173 Ohio Inf Aug 10, 1864- Nov 13, 1864- 3m 3d – discharged ac't Typhoid fever.

Ironton, 6th Ward
258-270 Willis, Benjamon F – Corporal – K- 10 KY Cav- 11 Aug 1862-17 Sep 1863 – 1 yr 1m 6d

Windsor Township
31-32 Hugh Willis-Private-C-5 WVA Inf- Aug 12, 1864 (probably should be 1862) – Sep 16, 1865 – 3yr 1mo 4d -- P O Aid, Ohio

(Rest of letter missing)

Berea, Kentucky 40403
July 26, 1973

Dear Fellow Members of the Rucker Family:

Today there seems to be a great and rising interest in the study of one's ancestry. In fact this study, genealogy, is the third most popular hobby in the united States today. Undoubtedly many genealogists are motivated by a strong interest in history, but many more are also concerned with establishing a clear family identity, getting to know one's current relatives, becoming aware of one's past relatives, and gaining the satisfaction, interest, pride, challenge and perhaps even humor that comes from such knowledge.

My personal interest in family genealogy was sparked a few years ago, when, browsing through the library at the University of Kentucky, I discovered a copy of Sudie Rucker Wood's THE RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY, published at Richmond, Virginia, in 1932. The title instantly captured my attention, so I borrowed the volume for a few days. The text was so authoritative and interesting that I soon decided to find a copy for my own library. Seven or eight years passed as I searched book lists and old book stores without success. Then last summer I happened to be passing through Richmond, Virginia, and recalling that the printing had been done at the old Dominion Press, I called the company to see if they might be able to direct me to a copy. They were very helpful and did provide information that led eventually to a copy owned by Mrs Eva Rucker Davidson of Washington, D C.

During correspondence and eventual personal conversation with Mrs Davidson, I learned that the author had once expressed the hope that a new edition of her work might again become available. Unfortunately, Mrs Wood passed away a few years ago without seeing this hope fulfilled. Although the author would have undoubtedly been able to add much new knowledge to a new edition of the original is now being readied and should be available in early fall.

For those of you who have never seen a copy of THE RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY we have reproduced three pages from the text on the reverse side of this letter. The book contains

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585 pages and has one full-color print of the family coat of arms. It is well indexed, and we have added a few blank pages at the end so that you may add your own immediate family records. The printer will need to know by September 15th how many copies we want. At that time we will report the number of pre-publication sub-scriptions – plus an additional number to make the run come out to the next ever hundred. Thus, if you are interested in acquiring your own copy – or gift copies – it is important that you decide as soon as possible and then forward a check to me which I will place in a special account at Berea National Bank where the money will be held until the book is mailed. Mr Morris Todd, President of Berea National Bank, Berea, Kentucky, will be able to verify the above arrangement. The cost is $12. 50 per copy and includes mailing and handling costs. Kentucky residents should add 75 cents.

Even if you are not personally interested in THE RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY, we would like to ask that you use the enclosed pre-addressed envelope to provide us with as many addresses for Ruckers in the United States as possible. We have addresses for less than 2, 000 at present but we have reliable information that our family includes more than 6,000.

Sincerely,

Oscar Rucker, II

RFD #2 Box 237
Berea, KY 40403

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The Rucker's

Doris & Marcille
R No 1, Sherwood, Ohio 43556

September 6, 1973

Dear Mr Willis,

Your name and address was given to us by a friend who said you had history about the Ruckers. We are looking for the father of Sariah (Syrson or Doc). We believe his father was James who had a bro. named
Elzaphan. They were from VA and came to KY around 1840 or so, maybe earlier. Sariah married a Susan Bays and James married a Elizabeth Fields Deatly.

If you have wrote a book on the Ruckers and any information on these above we would greatly appreciate it.

Will await your answer.

A friend,
D E Rucker

George Pessly, Berkeley, CA Sep 1973

Daniel Boothe of Lawrence Co, Ohio

DANIEL BOOTHE, son of Isaac & Freelove ( ) Boothe [1]
B 5 Apr 1785 [1], Dutchess Co, NY (state of birth from 1850 c, Lawrence Co, Ohio; county
Conjectured from Isaac Boothe's presence on 1790 & 1800 c of Dutchess Co, NY)
D 1853 (called deceased in Journal Record, Probate Court, Lawrence Co, Ohio, Dec 26, 1853)
M (1) 24 Apr 1806, Patrick Co, VA [2]
MARY McALEXANDER, dau of William, Sr, & Jennie? ( ) McAlexander [3]
B 1785 (1850 c, L Co OH), Patrick Co, VA
D between June 1850 & June 1853, L Co, OH.

Daniel Boothe was the third son and third child of Isaac and Freelove Boothe. His father in turn was almost certainly the eldest child of George Boothe (1737-1813) and his wife Milly, who lived in Montgomery Co, VA., from about 1786 on. It appears that Isaac Boothe remained in New York after his father had moved to Virginia, since several of his children born both before and after 1790 later gave new York as their birthplace. The only suitable Isaac Boothe on the 1790 census of New York is that one living in Dutchess Co, and in 1800 there is an Isaac Boothe living in the same county whose family fits the information from the Isaac Boothe family Bible. It is not known when Isaac Boothe moved to Virginia; it was of course before 1806, Isaac Boothe died in Lawrence Co, Arkansas, in the summer of 1837.

Daniel Boothe lived in Patrick Co, VA, for some years after his marriage, appearing on the 1810 tax list of that county. The tax record shows that he owned one horse and no slaves. He migrated to Lawrence Co, OH, no later than 1817, and appears on the succeeding four censuses of that county. He

M (2) 16 June, 1853, Lawrence Co, OH (4) MARTHA ( ) ARBAUGH, who was Daniel's widow, and who was m (3) 5 Jan 1856, Lawrence Co, Ohio, JAMES McCORKEL.

ISSUE OF DANIEL & MARY (McALEXANDER) BOOTHE

1. LUCRETIA BOOTHE, dau of Daniel & Mary (McAlexander) Boothe
b. 1807, Patrick Co, VA (63 on 1870 c; 72 on 1880 c)
d.
m 24 May 1824, Lawrence Co, OH [4]
WILLIAM SPEARS, son of
b. 1801, VA (1850, 1860, 1870 cc)
d. 1870's, L Co, OH. He was a dry goods merchant in Union Twp.
No Children.

2. NANCY BOOTHE, dau of Daniel and Mary (McAlexander) Boothe
b. 21 Nov 1808, Patrick Co, VA [5]
d.
m 7 Sep 1826, Lawrence Co, OH [4]
BENNET EARLES, son of Charles & Mary (Martin) Earles
b. 5 Feb 1804 Lee Co, VA (1850 c as 43; 1860 c as 55; 1880 c as 75)
d.
Bennet & Nancy (Boothe) Earles had ten children:

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(1) LOUISA J EARLES, b 30 July 1827 [5] L. Co, OH; d 11 May 1849 [5]
(2) MARY E EARLES, b 24 Feb 1829 [5] Lawrence Co, OH; m [1] 22 Sep 1851, L Co, OH
[4] GEORGE G PEMBERTON, b 1831, Ohio, d between 1860 & 1866; m (2) 1 April 1866,
L Co, OH [4] RICHARD SUTTON, b 1863 d
CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE:
a. Richard M Pemberton, b 1856, Ohio, m Eliza A Johnson [6]; issue: Oscar W b 8 June 1855; Homer b 9 Apr 1887; Roscoe L b 1 Oct 1890; Virgil L b 16 Nov 1892.
(3) DANIEL J EARLES, b 15 Dec 1830 [5] Lawrence Co, OH; d 22 Aug 1912, L Co, OH; m 24
1854, L Co, OH, ELIZABETH DODGE HOLLENBECK, b 10 Apr 1837, d 7 Dec 1911 [5]
CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE:
a. William Vincent Earles, b 14 Oct 1855; d ; m Angeline Sites; ch Goldie; Flossie (m rl
Earl Hamilton); Hazel [5]
b. Joseph Bennett Earles, b 31 Aug 1857; d ; m ; ch. Averal; Cora [5]
c, Simeon Earles, b 31 Aug 1857; d 1 Sep 1857 [5]
d. Amy Jane Earles 5 (Anna J Earles [6]), b 25 Oct 1859, L Co, OH; d ; m 18 Nov 1877, L Co, OH, Theodore N Willis (1852-1923); CH: Oscar 1878-1954; Clora b 1884; d 1975, m -- Martin; Lorenia 1888-1956, m Samuel Longshore; Elliott A Willis b 9 Jan 1896 [6], d 1959, m 1921Nellie Moore [5]
e. Leonidas Lansing Earles, b 1861, L Co, OH; lived Fargo, ND [5]
f. Sarah Ellen Earles, b 1864, L Co, OH; d 1938, Rio Grande, OH [5]; m Millrow R Blake; Ch: Merrill E b 23 Dec 1891 [6]; Zelva b 11 Sep 1894 [6]; Beulah b 18 Sep 1898 Charles A Weed [5]; Mary b 7 Feb 1901; Paul C b 23 Oct 1907, Proctorville, OH [6]
g. Mary Frances Earles, b 1864; d ; m J Martin Childers (1867-1957); ch: Lena b 6 Jan 1892 [6] m Jack Diamond [5];Velmer m Grace Beckett; Ralph b 1898, d 1918; Elizabeth m ? Goodall [5]
h. Jamess M Kelley Earles, b 22 July 1866 d ?; m Grace ?; Ch: Wilbur; Mary. [5]
i. Arclena Earles b 1868 d 1921 m Charles Scott, lived Portland, OR; ch: Helene m ? Blake [5]
j. Clyde Elmer Earles b 1868 d ? [5]
k. John Henry Earles b 1871 d 1939 m Maggie Russell [5]; ch: Cecil b 29 Oct 1895 [6]; Fern m ? Alsessor [5]; Carl b 30 March 1900 [6]; Helen b 7 Sep 1901 [6] m Paul Goodall;
Alfred Grayson b 16 Aug 1906 [6] ; Jackson H b 5 Dec 1902 [6]; Joel S b 1 Nov 1908 [6].
l. Finley Woodburn Earles b 1875 L Co, OH, d 1954 m Stella Wepler [5] (Estelle Wepler, ch:
Dorothy b 11 Aug 1901 Windsor Twp, L Co, OH [6]; Frederick [5] ; Gertrude m ? Denney) [5]
l. Ora Elma Earles b 28 May 1878 [6] d 1956 m Will Hayes [5]; ch: Carl b 28 Nov 1905 [6]; Verda
b 24 Sep 1903 [6]; Velma A b 7 Nov 1904 [6]; ? same as Alice [5]; Rutherford [5].

(4) RICHARD R EARLES b 24 Nov 1832 [5] Lawrence Co, OH d 17 Oct 1862 [5] m 4 Oct 1857 L Co,
OH Lucinda S Boggs [4] b 1834 VA 1860 c , dau of ? & Lucinda (?) Boggs.
Children of this marriage: a, Hannah E Earles b 1859 Ohio (1860 c L Co, OH).
(5) NANCY M EARLES b 5 Dec 1834 d 28 Jan 1852 [5]
(6) MARTIN S EARLES b 11 Feb 1837 d 1 Dec 1865 [5] m 1 Nov 1860 [4] Lawrence Co, OH, Mary E Pemberton b ? d ? dau of ? & ? Pemberton; who m (2) 18 April 1869 Ward, div

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27 Feb 1904 [7] Martin S Earles enlisted in Co E , 173 Regiment Ohio Infantry on 26 Aug 1864 as private. Military records describe him as 5'7 ½ " tall, hair light, eyes light, complexion fair, occupation farmer. He was muctered into service on 18 Sep 1864 at Gallipolis, Ohio. He contracted typhoid fever. He was reported absent on sick furlough in January 1865 and again in April 1865; he was discharged on 26 June 1865 at Nashville, Tenn. A relapse of typhoid fever caused his death some months later.

Children of Martin S & Mary E Pemberton:

a. Eveline Earles b 3 Dec 1861 [7]
b. Lucinda E Earles b 29 Aug 1863 [7]
c. Martin R Earles b 14 Apr 1865 [7]

(7) ELLIOTT N EARLES b 3 Feb 1839 [5] 1850 c as 11, 1880 c as 40, L Co, OH [7] d 9 Aug 1901[7] m (1) 6 Sep 1866 [4] L Co, OH Elizabeth Jane Williams 5 Aug 1842 Washington Co, OH d 24 Dec 1889 L Co, OH[7]: m (2) 27 Jan 1891 Rock Camp, OH Nannie A (?) Wadell, widow of John Wadell (d 16 July 1889). Nannie d 28 Dec 1932 [7]. Elliott N Earles enlisted for 3 years in Co G 4 Reg Ohio Cav 17 Sep 1861 as private. Military records describe him as 5'11" tall, with blue eyes, light hair, dark Complexion. He was mustered into service 10 Sep 1861. He was absent sick in hospital at Frankfort, KY, Sep – Dec 1862. He was discharged 3 Jan 1864 by virtue of reenlistment as a veteran volunteer in the same unit, 4 Jan 1864 for 3 years. As stated in his claim for invalid pension, "he contracted a disease in the right hand on the 26th day of June 1864 by throughing up breast works on the Tennesaw (Kennesaw) Mountain in the State of Georgia which caused a large tumer to gather in the palm of the right hand caused by handling heavy timber in work in building yard breast works, causing the forefinger to become intirely stiff and the right hand so callaced so that he canot shet his right hand or clasp his hand to hold any thing…" He was reported absent in hospital from June 30, 1864 until his discharge on 15 July 1865 (certificate dated 16 Sep 1865). He resumed farming after the war, although disabled in his right hand.

Children of Elliott N and Elizabeth J Earles:

a. Benjamin B Earles b 1871 (1880 c as 9 d ? m Elizabeth Pierce; ch: Frank b 2 Sep 1890, Freddie b 3 Aug 1892, Reuben E b 7 Jan 1894 [6]
b. Edgar N Earles b 1874 (1880 c as 6) d ? m Rachel F Bennett; ch: Louis A b 2 Apr 1893 m Agnes V b 25 Oct 1899; Henry B b 3 March 1902 [6]
c. Thomas E Earles b 1877 (1880 c as 3) d ? probably same Thos who married Drinda Justice;
   Ch: Mamie b 12 March 1902 [6]
d. Dazie E Earles b 1879 (1880 c as 1) d ?

(8) WILLIAM J EARLES b 13 June 1841 Ohio d 20 June 1864 [5]
(9) LUCRETIA E EARLES B 26 June 1843 Ohio d 6 Nov 1843 [5]
(10) EVELINE F EARLES b 18 Oct 1844 Ohio [5] d 1923 L Co, OH [8] m 10 Apr 1864 L Co, OH Amos H Meeney [4] b 1845 d 1918 [8] Children of Amos H and Emeline F Keaney; m Martin B Keaney
b 1865 d ? m Sarah Brammer Ch:

a. a dau b 30 Jan 1897 (not named on birth record) [6]
b. Benjamin B Keaney b 1867 Ohio d 1881 [8] m ?
c. Frederick Keaney b 1871 Ohio d ? m Mamie Pratt; ch: Clyde W b 18 Dec 1901, Eva Leone
   b 6 Sep 1908 [6]
d. Cecil B Keaney b 1874 Ohio d ? m Elizabeth Wappler; Ch: Effie W b 22 Aug 1898, Clara V b 4
   March 1905, Estelle M b 27 Jan 1907 [6]
e. Elona M Keaney b 1876 Ohio d 1954 m P J Baker; Ch: Con C b 11 Jan 1900 d Dec 1976 [6]
f. Shadrack Ward Keaney b 23 July 1887 Union Twp, L Co, OH [6]

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4. ELIZABETH BOOTHE dau of Daniel and Mary (McAlexander) Boothe b ca 1814 VA (1830 c as 15-20, 1850 c as 35; cf marriage date) d 1852-55 L Co, OH m 29 Nov 1829 Lawrence

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Co, OH [4] Bird Smith son of ? b 1810 VA (1850 c as 40, 1860 c as 50) d Bird Smith's occupation is given as "drayman". It is likely that he was born in Patrick or Montgomery Co, VA. He was evidently named for Col Bird Smith, a prominent resident of Montgomery Co at the time of the Revolutionary War, who may have been his grandfather. The elder Bird Smith appears on Tax List C of Montgomery Co for 1789/90 and on Tax List M of the same county for 1792/3 and appears to have been relatively wealthy for those days, owning five slaves and eight horses. [9]

Elizabeth (Betsey) Boothe Smith certainly had died before 1860, (1853) but the exact year is uncertain. There was a marriage in Lawrence Co between Bird Smith and Mahala Ellis on 21 Oct 1855 [4]; the name of Bird's wife on the 1860 census is not clear. If the age of his son Cecil is correctly given as 5, he would have been born between 1 June 1854 and 1 June 1855; Elizabeth's death would have occurred between June 1854 and Oct 1855. Elizabeth was an heir of her father Daniel, who died intestate in the latter part of 1853.

Children of Bird & Elizabeth Smith:

(1) William Smith b 1832 Ohio (1850 c as 18) d ?
(2) Cyrus Smith b 1834 Ohio (1850 c as 16) d ? m 12 Jan 1862 L Co, OH Nancy Lycans b ? d ? [4]
(3) Daniel Smith b 1837 Ohio (1850 c as 13) d ?
(4) David Smith b 1838 Ohio (1850 c as 12) d ?
(5) Isaac Smith b 1840 Ohio (1850 c as 10) d ?
(6) Caroline Smith b 1840 Ohio (1850 ca as 10) d ?
(7) James Smith b 1842 (1850 c as 8) d ?
(8) Ephraim Smith b 1845 (1850 c as 7, 1860 c as 16, 18 in June 1863 [7], 42 in Jan 1888 [7] probably under 21 when married), L Co, OH, d 6 March 1908, L Co , OH [7] m (1) 17 Dec 1866 L Co, OH [4] Catherine Watters b 1848, Penn d 27 Dec 1891 Hamilton Twp, L Co, OH[7]
(Note: The record of this marriage states "Bird Smith, father of Ephraim Smith, in open court of probate consented to the above proposed marriage", which implies Ephraim had not yet passed his 21st birthday); m (2) 16 March 1893 l Co, OH Nancy Jane Delawder b 1858 d ? [7].

Ephraim Smith served in Co K, 5 th Regt, W VA Vole. from 15 Aug 1861 to 21 March 1863 and in Co D, 1st Reg Ohio Heavy Artillery Vols from 15 June 1863 to 25 July 1865. Military records describe him as 5'5" tall, with hazel eyes, brown hair and fair complexion; before enlisting he was attending school; afterwards he was a laborer in Ironton, Ohio. In the latter half of 1862 he was captured, but he was paroled during a prisoner of war exchange.

Children of Ephraim and Catherine Smith:

a. Reuben Smith b 9 June 1868 [7]
b. Annie Smith b 10 May 1870 [7]
c. John B Smith b 2 Nov 1872 [7]
d. Mary F Smith b 14 Feb 1874 [7]
e. Joseph S Smith b 9 Dec 1877 [7]
f. Maggie R Smith b 1 Apr 1880 [7]
g. Julia Catherine Smith b 3 March 1883 [7]
h. Carry Ball Smith b 1 Dec 1885 [7]
i. Harry E Smith b 3 Aug 1888 [7]

Children of Ephraim and Nancy Smith

j. Bessie Smith b 6 July 1893 [7]
k. Ida May Smith b 14 June 1898 d before father [7]

(9) CAMILLUS SMITH b 1847 (1850 c as 4, 1860 c as 13) m 22 Dec 1869 Amelia Strother [4]
(10) SHADRACK WARD SMITH b 1849 (1850 c as 9 mos, 1860 c as 12)
(11) MARTIN SMITH b 1850 (1860 c as 10)

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(12) VICTORIA SMITH b 1852 (1860 c as 8)
(13) CECIL SMITH b 1855 (1860 c as 5) (Note: If the 1850 c age for Cecil is correct, then he was a child of this marriage; if he was actually younger than 5, he was a child of Bird Smith's second marriage.

4. WILLIAM BOOTHE, son of Daniel & Mary McAlexander Boothe, b 1811 VA d Ind. m 6 Aug 1846 Lawrence Co, OH [4] William Boothe does not appear on any of the censuses of Lawrence Co, which indicates he had already moved from the county before 1850. He is evidently the male aged 15 to 20 in Daniel Boothe's household in 1830, which places his year of birth betw33n 1810 and 1815. That he was in fact the son of Daniel Boothe is known only from the land records of Lawrence Co. On 28 March 1855, he sold to his brother Andrew his share in the 201 acres left by Daniel Boothe. Unlike his brothers Andrew and Elisha, he was not active in the legal proceedings after Daniel's death, which is a further indication he no longer lived in the vicinity. It is possible that other records will reveal his subsequent residence.

5. Daughter of Daniel and Mary (McAlexander) Boothe.
There is a female under 10 at the 1820 census and 10 to 15 at the 1830 census, in Daniel Boothe's household, who has not been accounted for. This daughter, as it seems, must have died unmarried, possibly in the 1830's. At any rate, she was not an heir in Daniel's property.

6. EVELINE BOOTHE, daughter of Daniel & Mary (McAlexander) Boothe b 1818 (1860 c as 42) Ohio d 22 Nov 1886 bur sec 7 Woodland Cem,. Ironton m 1 June 1837 Lawrence Co, OH [4] Shadrack Ward, son of Edward & Martha Ward (d Aug 17,1852) b 1815 VA (1860 c as 45) d 1904 Ironton, Ohio. Shadrack Ward was a merchant in Ironton, Ohio, with real estate worth $17, 900 and personal estate of $8, 000, according to the 1860 census. The respect
respect in which he was held is shown by his sister-in-law Elizabeth (Boothe) Smith and his niece Eveline (Earles) Keaney both naming a son after him.
CHILDREN OF SHADRACK AND EVELINE (BOOTHE) WARD:
1. Sarah J Ward b 1845 OH (1860 c as 15)
2. Virginia Ward b 1849 OH (1860 c as 11)
3. Joseph B Ward b Aug 4, 1851 OH (1860 c as 8) d Feb 19, 1899 buried in same plot with parents Sec 7 Woodland Cem.

7. ELISHA BOOTHE, son of Daniel & Mary (McAlexander) Boothe b 1821 m 4 August 1844 Lawrence Co, Ohio [4] Elizabeth Lambert. Elisha Boothe is named in the Journal Record of the Probate Court of Lawrence Co, Dec 26, 1853, as an "heir-at-law" to Daniel Boothe.
CHILDREN OF ELISHA & ELIZABETH (LAMBERT) BOOTHE:
(1) Virginia Boothe b 1845 Ohio
(2) Daniel J Boothe b 1847 Ohio

8. ANDREW J BOOTHE, son of Daniel & Mary (McAlexander) Boothe b 1824 [8] Lawrence Co, OH [7] d 1878 Lawrence Co, OH m 19 Feb 1846 Lawrence Co, OH [4] Electa Jane Willis, daughter of George W & Susannah (Rucker) Willis [10] b 1827 Lawrence Co, OH d 1897 Lawrence Co, OH [8] Andrew J Boothe was a minister of the Missionary Baptist church and a farmer along Symmes Creek in Union Twp, Lawrence Co. The land he farmed was, for the most part, the same his father had, but since Daniel died without leaving a will, it was necessary for Andrew to pay each of his brothers and sisters $100 for their shares in the property, and to pay his stepmother $225 for her share. By doing so, however, he left a valuable list of the heirs of Daniel Boothe (his sisters are listed by their husbands' names): Willis, William R; Smith, Bird; Ward, Shadrack; Spears, William; Earles, Bennet; Boothe, Elisha; Boothe, William; and McCorkle, Martha. Without this list it might be impossible to determine which Boothes in Lawrence Co were children of Daniel Boothe.

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Andrew J Boothe served as First Lieutenant in Co A, 173rd Ohio Vol Infantry, enlisting for 12 months on 16 Sep 1864. Military records describe him as 5'8 ½" tall, with gray eyes, dark hair, and dark complexion. Although no original muster-in roll exists for him, it appears that he had been 2 Lt. Briefly (from 3 Aug 1864) before being commissioned 1 Lt. He was discharged on 10 Nov 1864, on account of typhoid fewer, according to information given by his widow at the time of the 1890 census. This reason is not mentioned, however, in his pro from a letter of resignation, dated 4 Nov 1864, which runs as follows:

"Sir
I have the honor to tender my resignation
for the following reasons Incompatency and
enexpearance. I certify on honer that I am not
adeted to the government have never been
absent without leave have never been paid know
of no Charge against me which will affect my pay
I have the honer to remain your obet
Andrew J Boothe, 1 Lieut 173 OVI"

Children of Andrew and Electa J (Willis) Boothe:

(1) Roxey E Boothe, b 4 May 1849; d 4 Apr 1864, Lawrence Co, OH [a]
(2) Callahan Boothe , b 1851, OH (1860 c as 8, 1870 c as 18, 1880 c as 28), d ca 1930 widower at time of 1880 census.
(3) Harriet Boothe, b 20 June 1854 [8] (but 1860 c as 6, 1670 c as 16, 1880 c as 25); d 22 Oct 1892, L Co, OH [8]; m 23 Feb 1872 (aged 18), L Co, OH [L] , Thomas Allen Boring, b 1853, PA; d Children of this marriage:
   a. Ellen Boring, b 31 Jan 1874, Union Twp, L Co, OH [6]
   b. Herbert Boring, b 1878, OH. (1880 c as 2)
(4) Caroline Boothe, b 1857, OH (1860 c as 3, 1870 c as 13, 1880 c as 23); m 12 Mar 1883 John H Woods, b ? d. buried Lebanon Cem. Children of this marriage:
   a. Ceviah A Woods, b 28 June 1889, Perry Twp, L Co, OH [6]
   b. John Wardell Woods, b 15 June 1891, Dearing, L Co, OH [6]
(5) Andrew B Boothe, b 1860 [8]; d 1902 [8], L Co, OH; m L Co, OH Ida Waldeck b 1869 b 1941. Children of this marriage:
   a. Bertha M Boothe b 5 Dec 1888, Union Twp, L Co, OH [6]
   b. James W Boothe b 9 Feb 1892, Union Twp, L Co, OH [6]
(6) Electa J Boothe b 1864 OH (1870 c as 6, 1880 c as 16)
(7) Laura Etta Boothe b 20 June 1869 Union Twp, L Co, OH [6] (1870 c as 11/12 b preceding June; 1880 c as 10; name as Cora Etta on birth rec, as Laura E on census).
(8) Perry C Boothe b 1872 OH (1880 c as 8) (1880 c fails to note his relationship to note his Relationship to Electa Boothe - - being 45 years younger, he could be her grandson & son of Callahan Boothe)

(9) Henrietta Boothe, daughter of Daniel and Mary (McAlexander) Boothe b ca 1825 (1860 c as 15, 1870 c as 47, 1880 c as 52), Ohio m 6 Feb 1845, Lawrence Co, OH [4]

William R Willis, son of George W and Susannah (Rucker) Willis, born 1819, OH d aft 1880 cen

Children of William R and Henrietta (Boothe) Willis

(1) Mary E Willis b 1846 OH; d 1871 L Co, OH [8]; m 24 Jan 1864 L Co, OH, William Hix [4] 1 daug b Evay Hix 7 Mar 1871
(3) Camillus Willis b 1852 OH; m 21 Aug 1871 L Co, OH, Frances M Kates [4] b 1854 VA; Moved to Cabell Co, WVA [10] sometime after 1880 census.
Children of Camillus and Frances (Kates) Willis;
   a. Laura B Willis Jr b 1860 Ohio (1880 c as 7) m 1902 O W Van Meter
   b. Albert C Willis b 1875 Ohio (1880 c as 5) m 1906 Hattie Hamlin
   c. Robert B Willis b 1878 Ohio (1880 c as 2) m 1904 Sarah V Arthur

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(3) William R Willis Jr b 1860 Ohio; d ca 1890; m Apr 11, 1878 Emma Lycan settled in Cabell Co, W VA [10] Ch. Of Wm R & Emma (Lycan) Willis (1) Homer (2) Chas. L b 1889 d 1959 (3) Esther m Wm Perry (4) Eva E b Apr 7, 1884 d Dec 2, 1963 m Jess C Stevenson. Homer Willis killed while brakeman on C & O Railroad m Bias.

Sources of Information

1 Isaac Boothe Family Bible record, contained in William McAlexander Jr, family Bible record (as copied 1928 by Mrs G W Conner and recopied 1972 by Miss Jean D Powell of Patrick Co, VA.
2 Patrick Co, VA Marriage Records 1791-1822 p 48.
3 Patrick Co, VA Wills and Inventories of Accounts Book I p 138.
4 Lawrence Co, Ohio Marriage Records.
5 A History of the Weed Family and Allied Families by Dr Chas A Weed 1971
6 Lawrence Co, Ohio Birth Records (Probate Court)
7 Military and pension records on file at National Archives, Washington, DC
8 Information from Harmony Baptist Chruch Cemetery, Getaway, Ohio furnished by Mr Robert M Willis of South Point, Ohio

9 Montgomery County, Virginia-Circa 1790 by Netti Schreiner-Yantis
10 Information furnished by Mr Robert M Willis of South Point, Ohio

1912 Addison St #20
Berkeley, Calif 94704
Sep 30, 1973

Dear Mr Willis:

Sorry to be slow in answering your letter, I have been busy. Your information on the Langdons was very helpful, since those were all the right group. I guess it makes sense that the ones living in the same area as the Boothes would be the ones who were related to the Boothes.

This summer I went through the Lawrence County birth records to 1908 on microfilm and marriage records to 1874. The birth records are helpful because they give the mother's maiden name, but the marriage records aren't as good. Compared to Virginia where after 1854 they give a lot of information---parent's names, ages, etc.---the Ohio records only give the minimum information. I tried to get all the information on the Boothes, Earles and Langdons and others who looked like they were related. I figured you already have the information on the Willises.

I am sending a copy of the section I did on Daniel Boothe. I plan to do the same thing for Robert Booth and Drucilla Booth Langdon. I have seen someone else use this type of set-up and it seems to be a good system for including a lot of details and showing the sources of the information. It also can be expanded as more information is found, and there is still a lot more to be found out—later marriage records, death records or if I found a descendant of Daniel Boothe that could give information of Daniel's sons, William and Elisha, I may get a lot more information on them.

There is a man who does volunteer work at the Oakland Genealogical Library (Mormon) a few hours a week, whose grandmother was a Rucker from Lawrence Co. He showed me some of the material he had and there was a tie-in to the Willises also, but he is not a Willis descendant. However, he is interested in the Ruckers so you may want to write to him:

Thomas L Woodsworth
1530 Lavetta Way
Concord, Calif 94521

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There were a lot of Ruckers in Greenbrier Co, VA in 1810, including the Lemuel Rucker that Mr Woodsworth thinks is his ancestor. A lot of the early settlers in Lawrence Co were said to be from Greenbrier Co, VA.

I may be sending you off on the wrong track with this stuff about New York and Montgomery Co, VA. All I know is that a good number of families from the Montgomery-Floyd-Patrick area of VA did migrate to Lawrence Co, but I don't know if any did so as early as your Willises moved to Lawrence. On the earliest surviving census of Montgomery Co (1810) there are just 2 Willis families—John Willis (3 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 26-45) and Benjamin Willis (1 male under 10, 1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 3 females 16-26, 1 female 26-45).

This is from my notes from Marriage Records of Floyd Co, 1843-1925. Sometime I plan to go through that again but I don't know how soon as I have to request it from Salt Lake City library. I'm sure I missed most of the Willises; if I had copied down every person on every related family I would have to copy down the whole record.

Date of license --- Dec 26, 1850 --- William Willis & Harret Davis

July 16, 1856 – George M Williamson & Margeritt A Willis
Dec 22, 1860 – L H Bernard (?) & Martha J Willis

Nov 5, 1866 - - David Willis & Ellen Phleger. Information on husband – 30 years old, single, born Floyd Co, res Floyd Co, parents Beng & Mary Phleger. Husband's occupation: farmer. Marriage performed by BWS Bishop.

License: July 1, marriage: July 3, 1915 – Magruder Willis - - Nellie Boyd. Husband: 21, single, b Floyd Co, res Floyd Co, parents C M Link & Della Willis. Wife: 16, single, b Floyd Co, Res Floyd Co, parents Peter & Eva. Husband's occup. : farmer. Marriage performed by P R Vest.

Much of this film is hard or impossible to read.

From the 1880 census of Floyd Co, VA

Jacksonville district, page 26, 16 June 1880

256-245	Willis, David	W M	44	farmer	born VA, father b VA	mother b VA
	Ellen	W F	28	wife	VA	VA VA
	Razila	W M	12	daug	VA	VA VA
	Maggie M	W F	10	daug	VA	VA VA
	Mary E	W F	8	daug	VA	VA VA
	Anna L	W F	6	daug	VA	VA VA
	Arbella L	W F	6	daug	VA	VA VA
	Phlegar, May	W F	77	aunt	VA	VA VA

Little River district, page 38

326-334	Willis, Robert	W M	47	farmer	VA	VA VA
	Sarah	W F	40	wife	VA	VA VA
	T Beauregard	W M	19	son	VA	VA VA
	Martha E	W F	12	dau	VA	VA VA
	William H	W M	10	son	VA	VA VA
	Lollie	W F	8	dau	VA	VA VA
	Ardella	W F	5	dau	VA	VA VA
	Samuel	WM	3	son	VA	VA VA
	George	W M	3/12	son	VA	VA VA

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Also in Jacksonville District there is a Harvey D Wills--- possibly a Willis if census taker misspelled the name.

Hope this is of help to you. Will note down other Willises if I come across them. Have not received military records from National Archives yet. Samuel Langdon, like the Boothes, had lived in NY.

I found this item in " Ohio, the Crossroad of out Nation", vol 10, no 1 – Lawrence Co. Tax list of March 12, 1818 has Joshua Willis in range 17 township 4. I think that would be Symmes Twp.

You said you had seen 1820 to 1880 census for Willis. I got a look at the 1890 census. The main part of course burned but the special list of Union army soldiers and widows still exists. There are 18 Willises on the census. Maybe you have all that information already, but it gives the company and regiment and dates of service. I will send you the list if you don't have it already. It is also helpful if you want to request military or pension records from the National Archives.

My Boothe ancestors Reuben M Boothe was in the Union army for six months. I got his military and pension records and found some interesting information, including date of his wife's death. In a case where the veteran did not get a pension there would probably not be any information about his wife. I had another Civil War ancestor who was on the southern side and was a prisoner of war in the North for three or four years but cannot find any records of that. He was not allowed to communicate to his family and they all thought he was killed.

Are you interested in the Willises in Floyd Co, VA? I came across some in the marriage records and in the Floyd Press but don't know if there is any point to take them down. If you are interested in them I will copy them down for you whenever I go through those records again. None of the Floyd Press is before 1944.

Have you been able to find the information that E P Willis collected or was that included in the information you already sent me? Sorry to hear that Beulah Blake Weed died because I could have sent Dr Weed some more information on her ancestors.

Thanks again for all the information you sent and let me know if you are missing any of the Willis information I have.

Sincerely,
George Pesely

Monroe County Court
Haskell D Shunute (clerk)
Union, West Virginia 24983
Dec 26, 1973

Dear Sir,
In reply to your letter requesting genealogy information. I am enclosing a copy of the index for Marriages an Buttes found here in this office. Should you desire copies of these, they are available at $1.00 each.

I also found a small amount of history listed in the Monroe County History concerning the Willis Family and I have copied it for you.

Also, I understand that Dr Margaret Ballard here in Union, W VA, who does considerable research for people has quite a bit of material on the Willis family. You might want to correspond with her.

If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Yours very truly,
Haskell D Shunute Clerk
Monroe County Court

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Valparaiso, Ind
Dec 27, 1973

Dear Mr Willis:

I do want to thank you kindly of your letter dated Dec 22, 1973 concerning my query in the Virginia Gazette.

I have written to Miss Mary Helen Pemberton on my problem. We never know who can help us on searching out our ancestors.

Since Jacob and Elizabeth (?) Landis, daughter Louisa Landis, married William Pemberton. She may have the obituary of Louisa (Landis) and William Pemberton or something. Any how this is a very good lead for me.

This I do know the Greenville library do have the newspapers on microfilm of this period. Perhaps she has them all ready.

I have written the Greenville library but I get no answer from them. Even enclosed a self-addressed envelope with the 8 cent stamp. (Ha)

Do you take the Genealogical Helper? I have found it to be a real help. Especially the big Sep Issue. Perhaps some one has put a query on your Rucker, Patterson, Pigman, Sites, Booth and Willis. What states or counties are they all in?

Since these are none that I am working on. I do not have any thing on these families. Did any of them come to Indiana?

Again my sincere thanks to you for your nice letter. I hope I can be of some assistant to you Mr Willis. If you think so please send the names and dates more complete and I will try.

With best wishes,
Madge
Mrs Kenneth (Madge) Warren

Jan 4, 1974

Dear Mr Willis:

Recently, I acquired a book, Pioneer Families of Eastern Kentucky. It is full of marriages, many that must be hunted down by genealogist, it's truly a most valuable tool for some one like your self, so I was wondering if you had a book that you would swap me for the above mentioned.

I really feel that the book will be of interest to you, as I found that the RUCKER family lived in Greenup Co, KY. Each county has the early census, and all the marriages up to Civil War time.

Early census of Greenup Co, mentions; Wick, Reuben and Elzaphan Rucker. Reuben Rucker was the sheriff and his children were Nancy, Ambrose and Edwin.

George Willis married Anna Rucker – Sep 4, 1808
Peggy Rucker married James Kite- Sep 14, 1808
Basil Rucker married America McGuire- Sep 10, 1832 (son of James Rucker, believe anc'd Gov Field)
Reuben Rucker married Mary I Love- Oct 10, 1808
Jane Willis married James Jamison- Jan 17, 1838

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(marriages continued)
Ruth McGuire m William McCole- Feb 6, 1824
Levisa Jamison m Charles Norris- Apr 27, 1832

The following are marriages from Carter County, KY:
Susan Rucker m Clifton Dean, Jan 1, 1852
Mary Rucker m Alfred Wade, Aug 25, 1847
Mary Brammer m George Elliott, May 1. 1843
Nancy Brammer m Fletcher Dismore, Sep 8, 1848
Catherine Brammer m Levi Jordan, Apr 21, 1842
John Jordan m Susan Hall, Feb 13, 1851
Robert McGuire m Margaret Banfield, Dec 27, 1843; E Rucker, minister.
Rachel Jordan m John Stone, Oct 6, 1852

Elzaphan Rucker seemed to be in the area that became Carter Co, as in the 1840's his name appears as the minister on many marriages. The above marriages are just a sample as the book is full of history, census, and all marriages of that time, it is a priceless tool to a genealogist that supplies information for a price. I also have the companion book, "Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky". The name Rucker in this book was mentioned in the family of BIGGS of Greenup Co, there a lengthy history on the Biggs family. It seem that Biggs and
(Rest of letter missing)

(on Willis Hatfield son of David Anse) 1-28-1974

Dear Sir,

My father was named for Gov Emanul Willis Wilson.

Thank you for writing.

June Hatfield Rutherford
Dehue, W VA 25618

May 25, 1974

Dear Mr Willis,

What a pleasant surprise to get your letter! I thank you more than I can begin to express by word. I thought I had come to the end of my search, because the records are so poorly kept – that far back. I believe my Gr Gr Grandfather, Robert A Donley, is buried at Blackfork and also his wife Elizabeth. I was raised at Elfort (between Oak Hill and South Webster), but I have been gone most of my adult life, because I am married to a Navy man, who travels all over the place! Because he sometimes is gone for a month to a year, at a time, I began this search as a hobby and a past time. The most important thing I need to know is whether or not, on Robert's death records (also Elizabeth's) the names of their parents are listed? Can I get a copy of the records from Probate court- and if so – what is the cost? Samuel Donley was my Great Grandfather (I had too many greats in there for Robert * ha) and I have already obtained a death certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Cols for him. If the records show that Cabina Donley or Willis Thurman Donley have the same parents or other relatives, I would be interested to know that also.

In the phone book listings Buck Donley, Evelyn Donley and Marlin Donley are all my relatives, but I did not know their addresses- so I thank you for that too, for I will be writing to them, for information on their families.

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I'm sure I have heard the Willis name before. Yes I remember now, Samuel Donley's daughter Genoa Donley, married John Willis. I understand that she passed away in Hartline, Washington, so guess they left Ohio.

I thank you again, so much, and hope to hear from you again, as to the above inquiries. And do forgive my mistakes in the typing of this letter. The typewriter was a Mother's Day gift and my typing is rather rusty, as I have not worked for 10 years or more.

Sincerely,
Kay McLaughlin
1502 Cromwell Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

5306 Easton Drive
North Springfield, VA 22151
May 29, 1974

Dear Mr Willis:

Recently I received your name (and address) from the Editor of "Falling Leaves" as being interested in Willis families of KY. My gggf Robert Black married in 1797, Mercer Co, KY, the widow of John Willis (Lucy Rice b 1767 prob in Caswell Co, NC, daughter of Nathan and (1st W) Lorraine (or 2nd W) Lavinia). Enclosed are what little I have on John's family, son David and on gs Jas Watson. The latter was a witness, I believe, to my ggf's deed in Ohio Co, KY, Oct 1851, Scott family to Jesse L Black.

In Lucy Rice's father's will(Muhlenberg Co, KY, 1816/1817), her sister Sarah is listed as wife of a Matthew Willis. I suspect he could be the son James of John and Lucy. Also, in Mar 1842 a Brittain Willis' property adjoins that of Garland (Dickenson) Craig – stepson of Jas Craig- per Muhlenberg Co Deed. G D Craig's wife was Lucy's sister Lettitia. Their daughter, Louisa M Craig, married my ggf Jesse L Black.

I would appreciate any additional or correction to my Willis info. If I can be of further assistance, please write.

Sincerely,
Garland C Black Jr

6/4/1974

Mr Willis,

Thank you for your letter and information. It was a disappointment that Robert Donley's parents names were omitted, but I thank you for checking.

There are 21 Michael names in the phone book, but I called them all and none were acquainted with Barbara Verna Michael. So sorry I couldn't help you there.

There was a Charles McAnally in the book too and I called him just to check, but he didn't know her either. I hope she writes back to you.

I thank you again for your help.

Kay McLaughlin

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5306 Easton Drive
No Springfield, VA 22151
10 June 1974

Dear Mr Willis:

Thanks for your quick response and all the data, addresses and sources of data on Willis families. Also I Appreciate your corrections on my info.

Will keep your ancestors in mind in future research to see if I can help you. Thanks again – you certainly have a sizeable correspondence file- guess I'll have to retire from my office and put in full time to genealogical research & correspondence.

Sincerely,
Garland C Black Jr

June 29, 1974

Mrs J M Kinsman Jr
4012 Druid Hills Rd
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Mrs Kinsman,

Regarding your query #4451 Booth Hill vol 9 no 3 Jan 1974 issue Kentucky Ancestors. I have no answer but I suggest you write the following:

1. Mr John W Turner, 1305 Arlington View, Richmond, KY 40475 (wrote me for info 1964)
2. Mr George Pesely, (old address) 1912 Addison Street # 20, Berkeley, Calif 94794

Mr Pesely has much data on Booth, Boothe (same name). Could have clue for you and I think he would be glad to have the Booth fam line you seek.

He had correspondence with me for over a year seeking info on two cousins Daniel Boothe and Robert Booth. Migrated from Virginia to Lawrence County, Ohio ca 1820. Children of both families married Willises:
Merrit W Boothe m Sep 28, 1843 Sary Ann Willis
Hennrietta Boothe m Feb 6, 1845 William R Willis
Andrew J Boothe (Bap minister) m Feb 19, 1846 Electa Jane Willis
Eva Alice Boothe m April 25, 1878 John Wesley Willis
Paul R Booth m Aug 18, 1932 Gertrude Willis

William R and Electa Jane Willis brother and sister to Geo W Willis Jr my gt grandfather.

DANIEL BOOTHE OF LAWRENCE

Daniel Boothe, son of Isaac & Freelove Boothe, b 5 Apr 1785, Dutchess Co, NY. (State of birth from 1850 Census Lawrence County, OH: County conjectured from Isaac Boothe's presence on 1790 and 1800 census of Dutchess Co, NY). D 1853 (called deceased in Journal Record, Probate Court, Lawrence Co, Ohio, Dec 26, 1863) m (1st) Apr 24, 1806, Patrick Co, VA. Mary McAlexander, dau of Wm Sr & Jennie McAlexander born 1785 (1850 census, Law Co, Ohio; Patrick Co, VA; died between June 1850 and June 1853 Law Co, Ohio. Daniel Boothe was the third son of Isaac and Freelove Boothe. His father in turn was almost certainly the eldest child of George Boothe (1737-1813) and his wife Milly, who lived in Montgomery Co, VA, from about 1786 on. It appears that Isaac Boothe remained in New York after his father has moved to Virginia, since several of his children born both before and after 1790 later gave New York as their birthplace. The only suitable Isaac Boothe of the 1790 census of New York is that one

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living in Dutchess Co, and in 1800 there is an Isaac Boothe living in the same county whose family fits the information from the Isaac Boothe family Bible. It is not known when Isaac Boothe moved to Virginia; it was of Course before 1806. Isaac Boothe died Lawrence Co, Arkansas in the summer of 1837.

Daniel Boothe & Children by Mary McAlexander

1. Lucretia Boothe b 1807 age 72, 1880, Arnold ? m 24 May 1824 Law Co, OH Wm Spears (merchant).
2. Nancy Boothe b 21 Nov 1808 Patrick Co, VA m 7 Sep 1826 Law Co, OH Bennet Earles b 1804 Lee Co, VA
3. Elizabeth Boothe b ca 1814 Patrick Co, VA died 1852-5 Law Co m 29 Nov 1829 Law Co, Ohio Bird Smith b 1810 in VA.
4. William Boothe b 1811 m 6 Aug 1846 Lucinda _____ Wm Boothe does not appear on any census of Lawrence Co, Ohio on 28 March 1855. He sold to his bro Andrew his share in the 201 acres left by his father Daniel Boothe.
5. Unknown name of a dau Daniel & Mary (McAlexander) Boothe under 10 years 1820 census 10 to 15 years of age 1830. Must have died unmarried. Mention as an heir to Daniel.
6. Evelome Boothe b June 14, 1818 d Nov 22, 1880 b & d in Lawrence Co, Ohio m 1 June 1837 Law Co, Ohio Shadrack Ward b 1815 in VA d 1904. Both buried Sec 7 Woodland Cem Ironton, Ohio. Shadrack Ward was a merchant in Ironton according to 1860 census, real estate worth $17, 900 and personal estate of $8, 000.
7. Elisha Boothe b 1821 Law Co, OH m 4 Aug 1844 Elizabeth Lambert, Lawrence Co, Ohio.
8. Andrew J Boothe b 1824 Law Co, Ohio d 1878 m 19 Feb 1846 Law Co, Ohio Electa Jane Willis b 1827 d 1897 dau of Geo W and Susannah (Rucker) Willis. Andrew J Boothe was a minister of the missionary Baptist Church and a farmer along Symmes Creek in Union Twp, Law Co, Ohio.

Children of Capt Wm & Elizabeth (Davis) Willis

William Willis b Greenbrier County, Virginia, Aug 10, 1811. Son of John & Rebecca (Cooper) Willis, m Aug 30, 1828 Elizabeth Davis, b Kanawha County, Virginia Feb 15, 1814 d Law Co, Ohio Feb 14, 1896, he d Law Co, Ohio Aug 18, 1885 both buried Willis Cem, Law Twp, Law Co, Ohio. He served in Civil War, commissioned 2nd Lieut and commanded 5th W VA Co E inf 1861-63. His grandfather, Henry Willis, was soldier in Rev War. Capt Wm & Elizabeth (Davis) Willis, shortly after their marriage moved to Ohio, first to Jackson County, later to Lawrence County. Their children all born in Ohio.

1. Sarah Willis b 1829 m July 13, 1851, Sardine Paul
2. Rebecca Willis b ca 1831 d 1871 m 1851 Michael Keeney
3. Petunia (Lina) Willis b 1834 d 1912 m April 17, 1852 Clinton Pemberton
4. John H Willis b Jackson Co, Ohio 1836 d South Shore, KY 1908 m Dec 18, 1869 Abigail Slavens of Scioto Co, Ohio
5. Pleasant Willis b 1838 d 1918 m (1) Jan 4, 1859 Nancy McConnell b 1840 d 1876 m (2nd) July 10, 1880 Margaret Ellison.
6. William Willis Jr b 1839 d 1927 m May 15, 1869 Nancy Lycan
7. Charley Willis b 1842 m April 13, 1868 Elizabeth Joseph
8. Edward Willis b ca 1845 m April 4, 1871 Almeda Layne
9. Burdine Willis b 1848 d 1932 m July 12 1871 Cynthia J Crawford
10. Perry Willis b 1850 m May 28, 1872 Amy Pepper
11. Mary Willis b 1852 m Oct 3, 1868 John Pucket
12. Wilmington Willis b ca 1854 d 1862 buried Willis Cem

John & Rebecca Cooper Willis married Jan 11, 1808 Monroe Co, W VA
John H & Abigail Slavins were parents among others Judge Simeon Slavens Willis b Aid, Law Co, Ohio, Dec 1, 1879. Died Frankford, KY April 9, 1965. Gov KY 1944-48

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307 Rosewood Circle
Mauldin, S C 29662
April 28, 1975

Mr Robert Willis,

First let me thank you for your letter regarding my inquiry in the Williamsburg paper and let me apologize for not writing you at once. I can only say that I have been swamped with a few more family responsibilities that I could handle.

Thank you for suggesting that I write to Mr Harris. He had already written me, over a year ago if I remember correctly, but I was unable to help him or vice versa.

I would like to know a little more about your lines if you don't mind sharing some with me. The reason I ask is that I am familiar with the names and thought we just might have a common interest. I am more or less centered in the Buckingham-Pr Edward-Cumberland Co area but to be honest, I know so little about my lines that I am open to looking where ever I can hope to pick up more information.

What little I know about the names in your lines goes something like this….my people patented on Willis River of Albamarle (Buck) Co. The river was named after the Willis Family that came from Gloucester to Cumberland/Buckingham. I think Willises were also early West Virginia Pioneers. (I am from Dunbar Co, W VA)

The Patterson family had one branch from Campbell Co, I think. Anyway, in the late 1800's, there was an attorney of some note—Camm Patterson. I have some of his correspondence to my g-grandfather, Geo D Saunders.

Ruckers…I can only think of "Col Emma Rucker" that was spoken of in the family. I have yet to tie the Ruckers to the Saunders family.

If you know of any of these lines and it fits the little I know, I would surely love to hear from you.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Jeanne W Saunders

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Kentucky Historical Society
Old State House
Frankfort, Kentucky

April 30, 1975

Mr Willis,

I am returning your check for "The Rucker Family Genealogy". It should be sent to :
Mr Oscar Rucker

RFD 2, Box 237
Berea, Kentucky 40403

I'm sure Mr Rucker will enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Mrs Mary Low Madigan
Publication Department

(Newspaper Article attached to letter)
FIRST WOMAN MAYOR IN W VA DIES

Elkins, WVA (AP) Barbara Ellen Rucker of Coalton, who was West Virginia's first woman Mayor, died Wednesday in an Elkins hospital. She was 84.

Mayor of Coalton from 1939 to 1945, she was A former member of the Randolph County Republican Executive Committee.

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13 January 1976

Dear Mr Willis:

The Western Heraldry Organization In Denver, Colorado has given me a list of persons searching the surname LOVE. Your name is on this list….maybe we'll be able to say we're "cousins".

The following is what I know on my Love line:

My great, great grandmother
Susan Love b 1838 Searcy Co, Ark
M after 1850 Joel Burns
D 1914 Logan Co, Ark
In 1900 & 1880 they lived in Logan Co. In 1870, they lived Scott Co, Ark. Thy had 5 ch.

Susan is daughter of James Harrison (Harry) Love
B ca 1818 MO.
M Mary Jamison
In 1850 & 1840 lived in Searcy Co, Ark. They had two known children.

(Continued next page)

James H is son of William C Love
B 1796 North Carolina
D 1891 Iron Co, MO
In 1880 he was living in Iron Co; homestead was in Reynolds Co, MO. They had 5 ch; all born MO.

1. Mary d before 1881 m Sloman Brown, 6 ch.
2. Caroline d before 1881 m Wm J Goggins, 6 ch.
3. John H d before 1880 m Judith _____ 2 ch.
4. James Harrison
5. Elvira b Ca 1830 m Andrew Carty. 3 ch

Wm C Love's father was born in Scotland, mother in Pennsylvania.

Does any of this connect with your Love's? If you are interested, I so have more details on the children.

Happy New Year and may this be a year of "great discoveries" for you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Mrs Roseann Mitchell
119 Ryan Street
Poulsbo, Washington 98370

Thank You!

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29 January 1976

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you very, very much for your letter of 17 January regarding your LOVE line. It is most interesting and should I "connect" our William's you'll be sure to hear from me.

I'm sorry to say I don't research my husband's side; but I so know they were from Pennsylvania and Kansas and their given names were Fred, John Albert and John Ross. So it's doubtful there is a connection, sure wish I could be more help.

Genealogy is a hobby for me and there isn't much time available. I love every minute I do get to research and I'm secretary of our Olympic Genealogical Society. Next time I'm at our club library I'll check our surname index for the names you are researching: if you don't hear from me you'll know I didn't find them.

Happy Hunting!

Sincerely,

Mrs Roseann (Burns) Mitchell
Poulsbo, Washington 98370

April 15, 1976

Dear Mr Willis:

I am enclosing some Willis and Rucker data I found in some books on Virginia Genealogy. It may be useless to you. Just a short time before I got your letter, I say the name Pigman at the top of a page in a genealogy, and noticed it because I hadn't known the name Pigman before in spite of having taught hundreds of students at the University here. I have no idea where I saw it, but if I run into it again, I'll copy it for you.

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Charles Wilgus was mentioned in the History of Lawrence County by Paul Brown, but only mentioned. I wish I knew how to find out whether he was the father of Christi-Ann Wilgus who married Sidney Gillett, and where he came from to Lawrence County. According to family information Christiann was born in Pennsylvania, probably betw33n 1801(when Sidney was born) and 1810. Charles Wilgus's will would probably name his daughter if she didn't die before he did, but women often died very young in pioneer times.

In my retirement, I'm devoting myself to gardening, making pottery (ironstone) on a wheel and genealogy. All are very time-consuming. Right now I have a yard full of roses, peonies, iris, snowballs and phlox in bloom. The vegetable garden is supplying onions (has been for a month), lettuce, and asparagus. Radishes are about ready to eat.

Sincerely,
Mildred Riling
Durant, OK 74701

SOME RUCKER GENEALOGY

Ephriam Rucker who died Dec 1796 in Madison, County, Virginia. He married Margaret Vawter, daughter of John Vawter and Margaret Noll. (David, son of John Vawter, married Mary Rucker in Culpeper County, Virginia. David had a sister, Margaret, slightly younger than he. Madison County was formed from Culpeper County. Perhaps David and Margaret Vawter were a brother and sister who married a brother and sister, Ephriam and Mary Rucker.)

Ephriam Rucker was a Captain of Culpeper Co, VA in 1776 (Continental Army perhaps). On October 7, 1777, he was appointed Lt Colonel.

Their children were:

I. Angus (1746-1836) m ca 1770 to Jane Allen. He was pensioned 1830 as "invalid" receiving $4,000 in Kentucky.
   Issue:
   a. Sally Allen Rucker b VA d Fayetteville Co, Ind m 1804 to Wm M Gaines, moved KY, 1811.
   d. Catherine b Oct 1786 m Wm Early, Sr
   e. Margaret A m 1813 James D Blakely
   f. George Allen Rucker m Anna Marie Vawter, his first cousin.
   g. Jane Rucker m 1808 Elliott Miner in VA and then moved to Boone Co, KY.
   h. John F Rucker m 1816 to Mary Jarrell in Madison Co,

II Elliott Rucker b Orange Co d 19 Mar 1832 in Shelby Co, KY. Enlisted 1775 as private, 1776 an ensign, 1777 Lt and Major in 1781 , m Nancy Smith.

III. John Rucker d 1811-Woodford Co, KY, m Juliana (Judy) Early

IV. Tabitha Rucker m Edmund Gaines

V. Mary Rucker m 1784 to Wm Vawter (1758-1823) in Orange Co. Moved to Woodford Co, KY in 1788 then to Burlington, Boone Co, Kentucky. In 1803, sold land in Fayette Co And later sold land in Jessamine and Gallatin Co.

VI Tomagen Rucker m (1) ? Booten m (2) Augustine Rucker. Many grandchildren live in Missouri.

VII Margaret Rucker m Armistead Minor m (2nd) Wm Morgan

VIII Julius was Rev soldier, mentioned as Sgt "invalid". In 1807 Margaret Vawter Rucker on "son". Nothing further.

Who were the parents of Ephriam Rucker and Mary Rucker?

Willard C Grant
Westland, MI 48185

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WILLIS From: Crozier, Spotsylvania (VA) County Records

Nov 7, 1732 Feoffees or Trustees of the Town of Fredericksbg. (by Henry Willis and Ja Taliaferro, Gent) to Griffin Fauntleroy of Richmond Co, Gent Two pounds, 15 shillings curr, Lot 16 in Fredksbg.

Feby 14, 17- - Henry Willis of Spts Co, VA, Gent, to Thomas Hill of same county, Gent, whereas by pat, July 23, 1728, Henry Willis was granted a tract of 10, 000 a of land in St Geo Par, Spts Co: the sd Willis has sold to Thomas Beale, 3, 333 acres of that sd tract. Now for the sum of 25 pounds curr and 2 pounds ster, the remainder of the sd tract of 10, 000 acres, witnessed …… March 5, 1733-4.

COLONIAL MILITIA

Lewis Willis, Gent, as Captain of Foot in Spots County, commission dated March 4, 1756. Son of Col Henry & Mildred (Washington Gregory) Willis.

RUCKER

May 27, 1725 James Taylor of St Stephen's par. King and Queen Co, VA to John Rucker of the same County. 5 shill ster 100 a in St Geo Par, Spt. Co- -

March 4, 1727 Thomas Rucker of King and Queen Co to Kendry Downs of St Geo Par, Spots Co 100 a of land- - Part of pat granted James Taylor May 25, 1722, in St Geo Par, Spts Co.

March 5, 1733 John Rucker of Spts Co to Philip Stockdale of St Anne's Par, Essex Co, 21 pounds, 5 shillings curr and 6,000 lbs tob, 703 a part of pat granted Thos Rucker June 16, 1730 and sold and made over to sd John Rucker, as by Deeds, Feby 5, 1732.

June 4, 1734 John Rucker of St Geo Par Spts Co, to William Rucker of same par and county. 20 pounds curr, 200 a in St Mark's Par Spts Co.

Feby 6, 1734 John Rucker of St Mark's Parish, Spts Co to Peter Rucker, Elizabeth Rucker, Peter Rucker, junr and Ephraim Rucker. 20 pounds curr, 420 a - - - remainder of a pat granted sd John Rucker in St Mark's Par Spts Co. "Peter and Elizabeth Rucker, during their Naturall lives, and afterwards to Peter Rucker, Junr, and Ephraim Rucker."

John Rucker of St Mark's Pa., Spts Co, "to my sister, Mary Rucker, " love and affection and 1 pound ster, "To Mary Rucker and William Offall, her lawful husband."

WILLIS From: Colonial Families of the Southern States Of America by Stella Pickett Hardy

Ann Carter, daughter of Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, Westmoreland Co, VA, (Son of Col Robert and Elizabeth (Landon-Willis) Carter, married first Col John Champe, of King George Co, VA; second Col Lewis Willis, of "Willis Hill," Spottsylvania Co, VA, son of Col Henry and Mildred (Washington-Gregory) Willis.
Children: St Leger, of "Cleves", King George Co, VA, m Elizabeth Lee
Thomas; untraced
Edward Cleve; untraced
Frances m Josiah Tidball
Ann Maria; untraced
Lucy Landon m Gen John Minor
Robert Charles m Miss Beale
Eliza T m William McFarland

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Margaret Hardy, the eldest daughter of Joseph and Margaret (MacKenzie) Hardy of Bedford Co, VA, b Dec 29, 1793; d April 7, 1870; m 1816 Anthony Rucker of Bedford Co, VA b Jan 18, 1793; d July 15, 1853; a planter and a staunch supporter of the Methodist Church. Son of Ambrose. Will pro 8-27, 1827.

9/14/1976

Mr Willis:

Recently I came across your request for information about Wyatt and Milton of Greenup Co.

Wyatt was in the Revolutionary War. His parents were James, Sr (also a veteran of the war) and Margaret, whose maiden name is unknown. Wyatt's brothers were Merryman, James Jr, Dewitt, Lemuel and Clgathon. If there were any sisters there is no record of them.

James Sr came to the US with his father, Peter Rucker, who became a naturalized citizen on 4/24/1704 and settled in the Piedmont region of Virginia, near an area called "Tobacco Row" (a mountain ridge which I have been unable to locate on maps.)

Peter's wife was Elizabeth Fielding and they came to the U S from England, after their two sons, John and Thomas, had emigrated here. Peter and Elizabeth had nine children, including the two above-mentioned. Their names were William, James Sr, Ephraim, Margaret Tinsley, Ann Cook, Elizabeth Pierce and Mary Offall (the girls names are their married names and I have no more information on their descendents.)

There are two books about the genealogy of the family and I've been "working" on this hobby off and on since 1972, when I began to wonder where my grandfather's family was. He died when I was 4 and his wife died before I was born. I only know of two aunts and one uncle and three cousins. Through legal records of Shelby Co, KY, I've located names of the family that are not in either one of the published books. One book was published in 1927 and in the legal records there is an entry in 1834 and later dates, where my great grandfather purchased land in the Harrisonsville are of Shelby Co, but there is no mention of him in that book. That is what got me started on the genealogy of the family. I know now there are other members of the family name, but I so not know them personally. With the death of my father, the family name has died out in this branch of the family tree, as two girls carried the name. The other "girl" is unmarried, retains the family name in Shelbyville, KY, and I visit her occasionally. (She is not interested in the genealogy).

I would like to hear from you, regarding the birth, marriage and death dates of Wyatt's family. The only Milton I have died at age 3.I have "invented" my own numbering system for the generations of the family as so many of them carried identical names. I've also have drawn my own forms for a loose leaf binder. One form lists a person, his children and great-children, plus other important data. On the reverse side is where the information came from. The other form shows a "tree" for five generations back of a person and on the reverse side, it gives information of the immediate family. The numbering system, so far, has shown no duplicate numbers in ten generations from the 1704 naturalized US citizen previously mentioned. I've talked to a man in the Filson Club in Louisville about this numbering and he says if it works out without duplicates, then I've really got something! and to let him know when I get the Shelby Co records "hooked up" with the information in those two published books! Along with searching for my own genealogy, I accidentally stumbled on to the "tree" of GeorgeWashington, tracing him back through one of his grandmothers to the first king of England! It was very unusual to learn that members of the same family were the FIRST rulers of two brand-new countries, almost 1,000

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years apart! I still get a thrill when I look at that "tree"! I have a full-time job and a family so this "tree" business is strictly a hobby for me. I've got a shoe box of file cards with the names (and numbers) that is a quick reference to a "wanted" name. I had the file arranged identical with the pages in the binder and when I searched for Wyatt, I couldn't find it. So, last week-end, I "turned it upside down" and now I'm working on filing the cards by the first name, then last name (as may women are Ruckers although their married name is different, as are their children). Alas, I've found instance where a Rucker woman married (a man and several generations later, one of their descendants has married a Rucker. There were quite a few "first cousins" marriages way back there! Using my numbering system, I drop the newest number (as if that person died) and continue the lineage with the oldest member, regardless of whether the husband or wife was listed under the oldest number. Where the direct Rucker lineage name cannot be carried on by a male, I'm making an effort to locate the families of the women, and with my numbering system, the "unknown can be conquered"! (I like that phrase!) Hoping to hear from you soon, and may God bless you and yours,

Mrs Mary Rucker Snyder

2013 N Upland
Arlington, VA 22207
September 29, 1976

Dear Mr Willis:

I have just recently seen your query in a 1972 issue of Virginia Genealogical in which you ask about the Henry Willis who was a Col in the Rev. I know nothing of him nor even of his existence, unless he be the one who m Mildred Washington and of George. What I do, however, wish to inquire about is whether this son Joshua was the one who married Sallie Thomas and had a daughter (said to have been born ca 1779) named Mildred who m Reuben Medley sometime by 1806 and had chn: John Fletcher, Reuben, Maria Willis, Frances and Sarah Thomas Medley, among others. (This Sarah Thomas Medley was the wife of my great-great grandfather Bryant Neal.) Mildred (Willis) and Reuben Medley (said to be of Madison Co, VA) are said to have come to Kentucky- first around Frankfort, later to Nelson Co- m about 1809 or 1810.I find no verification of the statement that Mildred was the daughter of Joshua Willis and Sarah Thomas nor do I find any records of the marriages in either of these generations thus I do not know the Virginia County of origin of this Willis family. I do however find a marriage of a John Willis and Sallie Thomas, although I have lost the reference. (It can be found in Swem.)

I would appreciate knowing what information, if any, you have on these Willises, Medleys and Thomases of mine. I shall be glad to furnish you with any details you desire on my branch.

Are you related to the late Gov Simeon Willis of Kentucky? I do not know whether I am or not.

Yours sincerely,

Robert P Moore

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Robert M Willis,

Thank you for your letter. Enclosed find info. you requested. Will keep this name in mind of Adams Co and Lawrence Co, Ohio. Always feel free to write me anytime.

Yours truly
Good Luck
Al Fulton

…….
Portrait and Biographical Record of the Scioto Valley, Ohio
Lewis Publishing Co 1894
John Willis pages 237, 238
Biography enclosed.
……..

On John, son of William Willis, Scioto Co, Ohio and Ross Co

Dear Robert Willis,

My husband is interested to know if there are any pictures of any of the older Willis? He says he remembers seeing a picture of his grandmother and grandfather and ask if I would write you and see if you know any thing about any of them?

So far I have found out nothing more about the Crabtree family but the one you had. Have wanted so much to go to Ironton and see what I could find at the court house. If I knew where Harvy Crabtree was born it would be a help.

If you have any pictures we would gladly pay to have one made from it or them.

Hope you and your family are in good health these hot days.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Connie Crabtree

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April 3, 1977

Dear Mr Willis,

I received your name from Catherine Fedorchak and also from the National Surname Index for the name of Rucker. I would like to know of your Rucker lineage, so I may add it to my files. My Rucker lineage is as follows:

Cecil Quentin Larsen-Arlette Rae Hatcher- Neva Irene Rucker-Harvey Clifton Rucker- Wesley Rucker-Ambrose Rucker-Lemuel Rucker-James Rucker-Peter Rucker.

I am enclosing a SASE for your reply. I am especially interested if you are descended from Lemuel Rucker, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

I'll be looking for your reply. I have a copy of Mrs. Whitley's book "RUCKERS AND CONNECTIONS". I would be interested in knowing if you know where I could purchase or borrow a copy of Mrs Wood's book "THE RUCKER FAMILY". Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,
Cecil Quentin Larsen

May 26, 1977

Dear Mr Willis:

This is just to let you know I have a new address: 2423 Blake St #205
Berkeley, Calif 94704

I haven't done any more Lawrence Co research lately, but plan to look at the 1900 census soon & will let you know if I find anything of interest.

Sincerely,
George Pessly

June 1, 1977

Mr Willis:

In regard to the meaning of this letter I saw in paper where the old Newspapers were going to be left in Court House in Ironton? I wrote to Mr McConnell. Here is what I would love to have on Apr 28, 1913 where Elijah C Johnson and Georgia Moore were married and there is a long column in Ironton paper about the marriage and it was printed on that date or later and I am the woman and I will send you a check of $10 if you would send it at that time I didn't think anything about it but as I am 84 yrs I would love to see it again.

Georgia Johnson Rucker
Scottown,
R 1, Box 92 O 45678

Mr Johnson died 1941.

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Friday

Dear Mr Willis,

I want to thank you for answering my ad and sending the information to me on the Rucker Family. So for your letter is the only one that I have received in answer to my query in TST, but you sent me so many names I had no idea so many people were working on the Rucker family. I have written to the Mr Oscar Rucker for information on the Books on the Rucker Family that are available and I will start writing to the others on the list.

In my ad, John W Marshall and Sarah E Rucker Marshall are my Great-great-grandparents. Both died within months of each other in 1860, leaving 3 sons, my grandfather Isaac H, and two brothers; Reuben R and Gideon C. Marshall. I know now that Sarah _____ Marshall, parents were Isaac Rucker and Edna King Harris Rucker (she was born in VA) and Isaac Rucker in KY- they lived in Caldwell and Livingston County, Kentucky – but I think the Ruckers & Marshalls came from Virginia.

A friend in Central KY sent this list of Ruckers from KY census _ to me so I am sending this copy as it has a Wiate Rucker and Wyatt Rucker – since the names of the county were changed since 1790 – and 1800. Just keep this list you may have already seen this.

I am rather new at this so I am going very slowly it seems- I am enclosing a SSAE – as I would enjoy hearing from you again, when you have time. I wonder if we are working on the same line.

Thanks for writing to me as this information will be a big help I know.

Sincerely,
Vivian Marshall Murphy

Bedford, Ind
Aug 8, 1979

Mr Robert Willis,
Dear Sir:

Thank you for the response to my query in KY ancestors and I have ordered the book on Ruckers from Mr Oscar Rucker of Berea, KY. This must be a wonderful, helpful book as two others suggested it to me too. Here is my Rucker Connection - - I am Thelma Green Chase, b Nov 10, 1906 in Bedford, Ind. My mother is Josie Bright Green (now living and will be 100 yrs old on Oct 3, 1879.) She was born in Schell City, MO. Oct 3, 1879. Her father was Terrell Herring b Sep 11, 1788 Virginia. His mother was Elizabeth Rucker Herring b ? Her father was Peter Rucker died by 1794. His father was John Rucker of Spotslyvania Co, VA.

You see the Ruckers are rather far back in my line and I am just getting started on them so don't have too much information yet. I feel that this book will answer a lot of my questions. The names you mentioned of Willis, fields I am not familiar with but rest assured if I find anything that could help you, I'll advise and hope you do likewise. Isn't Willis a really old name? Someone around Washington was called Willis I think in early history of Geo Washington.

I am a busy housewife but I still find time for doing genealogy. I have 5 proven ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. I am a member and past Regent of the John Wallace Chapter of the DAR. I find all of this history very interesting.

Sincerely,
Mrs Paul Chase
Camden, Tn 38320

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January 31, 1980

Dear Mr Willis:

Thank you so very much for writing last July in regard to a query I had in Kentucky Ancestors, Vo 15, No 1, p 46.

Some way, I misplaced three unanswered letters concerned with genealogy and have just located them. Yours was one of the three. That was at a time when my grandchildren were here and things were in confusion.

I do appreciate your telling me where to get a copy of Sudie Rucker Wood's book, "The Rucker Family Genealogy".

I am sending you a copy of my lineage back to Milly Rucker the way I have it worked out for DAR. I have not yet sent this off tho have it approved.

I don't usually wait so long to answer letters.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy Brooks

WILLIS January 1980

Later this year our family plans to publish a small book concerning Stephen Willis (born August 20, 1725) & wife Susannah (whose maiden name was Terrell or Dabney) of Hanover County, Virginia, and Rutherford County, North Carolina and their five children, many grandchildren and innumerable great-grandchildren (but not later generations). We have already collected considerable information about these four Willis generations but would appreciate your assistance in finding additional data.

Stephen Willis &Susannah had five children: 1) George Willis (1754-1827), who married Susannah Baker (1757-1843) and settled in Wiles County, Georgia. They were the great-great-great-grandparents of my wife, Patricia Irvin Cooper. 2) Joel Willis (born August 9, 1756), who was living in King and Queen County, Vriginia, in 1819. We have four letters he wrote to his brother George, but so not know whom he married nor what children he had. 3) Elizabeth Willis (born September 19, 1758), about whom we have no further information. 4) Stephen Willis (1760-1820), who married Martha Wharey (1761-1846) and settled in Pendleton county, South Carolina, and Red Oak, Brown County, Ohio. Their descendants settled in Putnam County, Illinois, and further west. 5) Susannah Willis (1762-1811), who married Sampson Harris (1763-1807) and settled in Georgia.

We would particularly welcome the following about Stephen & Susannah and their five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

1. The name of the father, maiden name of the mother, and names of brothers and sisters of Stephen Willis (born 1725).
2. Evidence as to whether Susannah's maiden name was Terrell or Dabney. Was she married to a Garland before she married Stephen Willis (born 1725)?
3. Information about Joel Willis (born 1756) of King and Queen County, Virginia: his date & place of death and place of burial; maiden name of his wife and date of their marriage; and the names of their children, if any. Did Joel Willis have relatives in Mobile County, Alabama?
4. Information about Elizabeth Willis (born 1758): her date 7 place of death and place of burial; name of her husband, if any; where they settled; and the names of their children.

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5. Any evidence that the Willis family was related to Barnabas Lipscomb (died about 1809) of New Kent County, Virginia, and Wilkes County, Georgia. Who was Barnabas's wife? He left two children, Rebecca Lipscomb (born about 1795 or earlier) and Baker Lipsbomb (born 1797).
6. Any evidence that the Willis family was related to Thomas Claiborne, Roger Tandy, or William Willis, who were living in New Kent County, Virginia, in 1810.
7. The name and address of the present owner of the family Bible of Joel Terrell (1726-1774) of Charlottesville, Virginia, or of any early Willis family Bible or early Willis letters (particularly any written by George Willis of Wilkes County, Georgia) or letters written by Sampson & Susannah Harris of Georgia.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can provide. Even one new name or date or place would be helpful: no doubt much of the information we want has been lost forever, but we want to preserve what can be found today. We would be happy to share out Willis information with any relative and are grateful for your help.

Homer C Cooper
Atlanta, Georgia 30606

Oct 21, 1981

Dear Mr Willis,

Your name was given to me by Mrs Phyllis Hammer of Ironton, Ohio as a person who might help me locate some data on my great grandfather, Benjamin Thomas. I know he lived in Lawrence County. He is listed in the 1850 census. He was born in Maryland, I think, came to Lawrence Co from Monroe. Her dates are b 1871- d 1852. He is buried in Laurence Chapel cemetery. His wife was Martha Brumfield. There were quite a number of children- one, Ann married Lanty Rucker. There are several deeds registered indicating land transactions between Benjamin & Lanty in the 1850's (52, 51).

Was he is Lawrence Co in the 1840 census?

Did he leave a will?

Both Benjamin Thomas & Lanty Rucker came from Monroe Co. Lanty's first child was born 1844 in Lawrence County so both families were in Lawrence probably as early as 1843.

Unfortunately the marriage records of Monroe County were destroyed when the court House burned.

Another person about whom I am curious is Lemuel S Rucker. There were several land transactions by him & by heirs of Lem S with Lanty mentioned at times as admin. I don't think the relationship was father-son. I have reason to think Lanty is the son of Ephraim & Margaret Lackbridge Rucker.

Any help as suggestions you can give me will be most welcome.

Yours Truly,
Almeda Garland

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Feb 26, 1983
Jeannine Southers
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Dear Robert,

I don't know if you are still interested in the Rucker family – I have kept you in mind thru out my search – I appreciate so much the dates you sent me on Kites some time ago.

I am in touch with a lady (WVA) who sent some sketchy material. I am writing her back in hopes she will add to it.

First- I have not confirmed my James B Kite was the son of James E Kite and Peggy Rucker – but due to the similarity in names – location-and dates-I'm proceeding with Rucker.

According to Mary Jo Samson, 305 Justice Avenue, Logan, WVA 25601- -

They had a son, James Rucker who married Margaret Elsaphan. Their son , Ephraim Elzaphan Rucker married _____Randall.

They were the parents of Elsephan and James who married the Deatley sisters, Reuban m Mary Love, "your" Susannah and possibly "my" Margaret "Peggy".

I hope the lady will send me some dates and places for the Ruckers.

I obtained an estate settlement for James E Kite, it only mentioned Margaret who I assume was his wife Peggy Rucker , he died in 1826, Lawrence Co, Ohio.

I am going more and more in circles with my genealogy. I recently learned that my German ancestors, John Henry Snyder and wife Mary Elcessor arrived in America in the early 1800's , they met and married at Barboursville, WVA. A John Rapp married a sister of Mary Elcessor and they all settled around Rappsburg-Mason twp. Evidently other Elcessors arrived there also, several sources have mentioned a number of them buried out in that area along with Rapps.

And today I hear from Clyde Massie, of your area, he mentions a brief obit for Margaret (Elcessor) Rucker in the old Ironton Register for Nov 30, 1893.

As I say, I am going in circles. Hope this letter finds you well. If I come on anything else, I will pass it on to you.

Sincerely yours,
Jeannine

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March 23, 1983

Dear Mr Willis:

I did write you about searching for family data. It was at the suggestion of a librarian in Ironton, Ohio, Mrs Hammer. The family in which I am interested is that of Benjamin Thomas. He was in Lawrence County, Ohio as early as 1847, had come from Monroe Co where he was as early as 1828. My material leads me to believe he was born in Maryland. The 1850 Ohio Census lists his children: Sarah, John N, William E, Asa, James. I know there were also Samuel, the eldest son, Ann who married Lanta Rucker and Eleanor who also married a Mr Rucker. Benjamin's wife was Martha Brumfield Thomas. He and several of his family are buried in the Lawrence Chapel grave-yard.

Benjamin is my great Grandfather. His daughter Ann is my grandmother. If you know anything about this Thomas family I would appreciate hearing from you.

I am sorry you have been ill and hope your health has improved.

Yours Truly,
Almeda J Garland

Dear Mr Rucker,

My name is Thomas Woodsworth and I am working on my family Genealogy and was wondering if you could help me. My grandmother's maiden name was Maud may Rucker. I have started to work on the Rucker line and was wondering if you could help me. Any information at all that you have would be of great help to me, and would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and effort and your speedy reply would be greatly appreciated.

Thomas Woodsworth
Concord, California 94521

Blanche M Workman
Columbus, Ohio

Mr Robert Willis:

Your address was sent to me by our cousin Evan Washington. Would be interested and have worked very hard to get all the data on the Rucker family. We are a hardy family and if you have any information on our family would sure appreciate it.

My name Blanche Moreland W. married to James Workman (deceased);
Mother Leonia Rucker (deceased);
Father James Newton Moreland;
Brothers- James Moreland (Hunt., W.VA);
W J Moreland (deceased);
Faye Moreland-Castle (Hunt, WVA);
Frankie Moreland (deceased)
Grandfather James Debard Rucker
1st wife Nancy Shearuer
2nd wife Mary Pennington
Children: 1) Charles R-Little
4) Watt R 1st Millie Hensly; 2nd ?
5) Alines R Watson all deceased
6) Katherine (R Watson (over))
7) Lizzie R (Edward L)

Sec marriage (children by Mary Pennington)
Leonea R (my mother) Maryland
Amy R Bowling (Cox all exp but Mr Cox)

I have often heard my mother speak of Willis Rucker.

My grandfather's name was James Debard R.
His father's name (my gr grandfather) Absalem
James R. My great-great grandfather.
(I believe the R. stands for Rucker)

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Have a picture of Absalem who was a Judge of Carter Co. I have a lot of information and believe we could help each other.

Have two of Rucker books.

Will appreciate hearing from you. Give my best to your wife & family.

Your cousin,
Blanche Workman

Would appreciate the privilege of having an interview or chat with you at your home if I may.

HOWARD C DAVIDSON

Dear Cousin Robert Willis:

From our correspondence, I judge that you have S R Wood's "Rucker Genealogy". I am sending you on loan for two or three months, for study. Our cousin Edythe Whitley's book Rucker's and Connections as there is some reference to Wyatt Rucker. I think that Wyatt may have gone to Ohio about 1817 from Greenbrier as so many went at that time. I also wonder if Wyatt and DeWitt could be confused. DeWitt married his cousin Fanny but you will puzzle it out from this book and be sure to pursue the old letters and wills. We have so many Willis Ruckers in the James and Elzaphan line in Kentucky. My father's brother James Walter, was always called Wyatt Rucker, so confusing , also "Wyatt".

I hope to spend hours at the DAR National library this spring and will always look when I go for your Susannah and George.

I have asked a cousin Blance Workman from Columbus to come over to see you as she lived among all the Carter County, KY Ruckers all her life and has many records but she fails to keep any index or written records, but she is a fund of information and very interested.

You will enjoy puzzling out cousin Edithe's book, but do return the book to me when you finish as I want to give it to my son.

Do keep well this cold weather and Happy New Year!

Eva Rucker Davidson

My dear Cousin Robert Willis:

Your fine letter came and brought to me, such good information and it was most , most welcome. You see Lemuel of the Revolution was a brother of Ephriam Elzaphan Rucker who lived near Lemuel in Ohio- his wife's name was Betsy (Elizabeth Randall from VA married in Orange Co in 1775. Then in 6th census 1840 the domicile of Revol. Soldiers lists Lemuel residing in Ohio with son Lemuel, also the brother Ephriam listed as back in Kentucky residing with son Elzaphan. And then using the name Elzaphan. Do you think this correct- _____records show the death of Ephriam & Elizabeth (Betsy) dying in Ohio and buried there and was the name Elzaphan mentioned or just "E". Sorry Lemuel will so faint but can well understand it. Lemuel said in his pension papers "my father also served" .

Now as to your Willis family, next week I will go down to the DAR library and to the Archives building here to see if I can find anything of George W Willis and Susannah. However I think my best information will come from a Richmond, VA cousin who has done much research on Ruckers and Willis family as her grandmother was Sudie Rucker Wood and she "young Jean"

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married a Willis. Last summer when I was in Richmond she took me to the Richmond Museum to see two fine portraits of the Willis family. So it may be a little time before I can find the parents of Susannah and George W.

I enclose some family photos for you and you will do me a great favor if you will buy yourself a little present for me as I would not know exactly what you might like.

I do so appreciate your very quick reply to my inquiry and I would love to have from you again.

All good luck,
Eva Rucker Davidson
Washington D C

Re: WILLIS-RUCKER

Shelton, Richard – Amherst County, VA. will dated 3 November 1818, Probated 15 January 1821. Recorded will book 6, pp 205 Amherst County, VA. Mentions children of daughter Jane Ellis (deceased) namely John Charles, Richard S, Josiah, Joshua S, Powhattan Ellis, Nancy Hunter, Jane Eubanks and Mary W Montgomery and her infant daughter, to receive one-sixth . Son-in-law George Lee who intermarried with my daughter Elizabeth and their children, one sixth. Son John Shelton, one sixth. Son John Shelton, one sixth. Daughter Nancy Rucker and her children, namely Willis Rucker, Jane E Rucker, Elizabeth L Moreland, Susannah T Rucker, Richard F Rucker, John D L Rucker and Martha Wills and John M Wills; infant children of Sally G Willis, daughter of Nancy, also Mary Edwards, daughter of Nancy (husband John Rucker, deceased), one sixth. Son William Shelton, one sixth. Grandson Ralph Shelton and grandson Richard F Rucker, daughter-in-law Rolley Shelton, widow of son Joshua (deceased). Executors friend David Linsley Sr, David S Garland and son William.

From: Mrs Alice Vanderbilt, Jacksonville, Fla.

(The following was written on a Christmas Card from Eva and Howard Davidson.)

Dear Cousin Robert:

So happy to hear from you and the general and I are also much slowed up . he is 79 and I am 75 so we do what we can. He is an excellent craftsman and has a good carpentry shop. He does all of our repairs around the house and we both love gardening.

Now about "Wyatt Rucker" – of Greenbrier Co- he went for a time to Kentucky, where they were first Mason, Greenup, then Lawrence Co- do not know if he had children-didn't he marry his cousin and didn't he die in Greenbrier, living with nephew John. Do you have the Edythe Rucker- Whitley book on "Ruckers" – as well as Sudie Rucker Wood's book?

Wyatt Rucker Sr – was in the Revol: I will try to find again record for this! Am asking Cousin Blanche Workman of Columbus, Ohio to come to see you. She also has many records and is of our line thru Elzaphan Rucker in Kentucky 1810 census.

I will not forget to always look and ask for your Susannah Rucker Willis
Take care of yourselves and Christmas greetings with many blessings.

Eva Rucker Davidson

Wash. D C

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In 1936 my father, Charles Robert Rucker of Canada visited me and while here he spent a day at the DAR Library studying the Rucker Genealogy books there and he then came home and wrote the following:

My brothers were Absalom and Watt (James Walter)
My father was James Debard Rucker.
My grandfather was Absalom Rucker.
My great grandfather was a blind minister, Elsaphan called Elza and also for short but also had a name Ephraim. He was blinded in the War of 1812 by the flash of fire of the cannon. His father was in the Revolution. The first Rucker forefather that I heard about was old James Rucker. (brother of Lemuel) Some of our people were very early in Shelby Co, Kentucky and other counties adjoining.

My mother was Sarah Jane Shearer daughter of Reverand Walter Shearer. My grandmother was a Rice and I loved to go to their house over on Davies Run. I spent much time with Grandmother Shearer – they were all fine people.

My father James DeBard, married a second time, Mary Watson, who was Mrs Mary Pennington. My mother Sarah Jane was called Sally, she died of fever as we used some well water when we moved to a new farm, before the well had been properly cleaned out. She was about 32 years old when she died. She is buried at Russel Creek Cemetery near Willard, KY. My father James Debard is buried with his second wife Mary in the Watson Cemetery near Willard, Carter Co, KY. There are some intermarriage among cousins in our family. Many of our family lived on Huff's Run in Carter Co, KY.

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Dear Mr Willis:

We would like to include some information about you in a new book we are getting ready to publish.

This book is a special project of the United States Historical Society and the title is "The Encyclopedia of Proud Bi-centennial Americans".

Since your name is Willis we would very much like to include you in this special chapter of this historic book.

In case you are wondering, there is no charge to you for being included in this historic book and you are under no obligation to buy a copy of the book or anything else.

All we want is your permission to include you in this book.

This book will go down in history. It will be passed along from one generation of Americans to another. And 100 years from now during the Tri-centennial celebration people will read it to find out what life and people were like way back in 1976. With your permission one of the people they will be reading about is you.

Let me tell you why you were chosen.
As you may already know, the roots of the Willis name go back hundreds of years. In fact, it is one of the oldest and most historic of all family names. It was even recorded with a family crest

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design more than 700 years ago. In times of was Willises have defended our country with great honor. In times of peace they have made many important business and social contributions.

This is why the United States Historical Society has elected to include some information about you and your family name in this historic book.

The American Bi-centennial is over but we are going to make sure it will never be forgotten. Please help us by filling out the enclosed questionnaire and sending it back to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Larry Bucklan
Project Director

Encl.

PS You can, of course, reserve a copy of the book for yourself if you wish. But that is entirely up to you.

Supplement Edition Of A History Of Greenup County
By Nina Mitchell Biggs (1962)

(Jas W Rucker in House of Representatives Caldwell Co, KY [1826-7-8-9] Bk 2 P 773)

(Bk 1 P 191 William G Willis d 1868- nearly 500 pounds, suppose to be largest man in Kentucky. Born Bulletsburg Co, KY. One William G Willis married Casandria Pratt, Apr 7, 1849, Nelson Pratt bondsman Greenup , KY.

Marriages Greenup County, Kentucky

Peggy Rucker to James Kite, Sep 14, 1808 (W C & Ann Rucker, parents of Peggy.)
Elzepham Rucker to Polly Deatley Aug 4, 1808 dau of John
James Rucker to Elizabeth Deatley, Jan 19, 1810
Reuben Rucker to Mary I Love Oct 18, 1808
Bazel Rucker to America McGurpe Sep 10, 1832
Mary Rucker to ------Alley
Jane Rucker to John Kempleton 1818
George Willis to Anney Rucker Sep 4, 1808 consent Wiat Rucker father of Anney
Joseph Willis to Elizabeth Huffman July 6, 1811 Simeon Huffman made oath Eliz over 21
David Willis to Betsy Lowry Mar 21, 1820 consent John Lowry father of Betsy
John Willis to Burilla T Willis May 11, 1821 Joseph Willis bondsman
Ambrose Willis to Mary Ann Clifton May 19, 1847 Simeon Willis bondsman
Wm G Willis to Casandria Pratt Apr 7, 1849 Nelson Pratt Bondsman
Simeon Willis, age 28 to Leander Haden age 29 (widow) Oct 14, 1854
Benj Willis age 20 to Susan Ward age 17 Sep 21, 1858
Lewis Willis age 21 to Jane Farmer age 21 Oct 20, 1859
Clarissa Willis to Wm Goolsby July 20, 1837 daug. of Joshua
Nancy Willis to David Pugh June 18, 1840
Eliza Willis to Wm T Dickerson June 13, 1841
Margaret Willis age 17 to Wm Archer Sep ?,1877

Dark Co, Ohio Rachel Willis d 4-14-1856 age 87 widow b VA
Dark Co estate of John Westfall dec & Geo Willis adm. Public sale 10-24-1842

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Clark Co, Ohio Marriage
Jane Willis to Samuel Brackney 4-25-1822

Butler Co, Ohio Marriage
John Willis to Mary Fisher 10-24-1803

Warren Co, Ohio Marriage
Joseph Willis to Mary Ann Potts 3-25-1806

Rachel Willis a widow d 4-4-1856 age 87 b VA died Butler Co, Ohio

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May 22, 1983 FORMER HUNTINGTON resident dies in Virginia

Margaret Clarke Rucker Townshend, widow of Earle V Townshend, former wife of the late Edward Robert Shannon and resident of Huntington for more than 55 years, died May 11, 1983, at Gauquier Hospital in Warrenton, VA. For the past eight years she had lived with her daughter in Washington, D C and the Plains, Va.

Mrs Townshend was the daughter of the Honorable and Mrs Edgar Parks Rucker of Welch, W VA. and Washington, D C. and the granddaughter of Dr and Mrs William Parks Rucker of Lewisburg, W VA. She attended preparatory school at Hollins College, Hollins, VA and Gunston Hall in Washington, DC, She was graduated from Glendale Junior College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later from the University of Cincinnati. Mrs Townshend was a member of the charter chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at the university and she was active for many years in the Pan Hellenic Society of Huntington. Mrs Townshend was also a member of Buford Chapter of the DAR and Woman's Club of Huntington. She was a member of Trinity Church and St John's Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs Luther Linn Miller of Washington, D C and The Plains, VA; and three grandchildren, Adam S Miller of New York City, Mme Alain Riffaud of Paris, France, and Glenn R Miller of The Plains, VA. Two great-grandchildren also survive.

Private services were conducted at St James Church and at the graveside in Old Stone Church Cemetery, Lewisburg, WVA. Officiating was the Right Reverand Peter Anton Scheow, a cousin of Mrs Townshend.

D A R Library Washington D C- Orange Co 1747-80 Marriages St Thomas Parish

Susannah Woods (to whom will explore further) [Do not know if Susannah was a Rucker]
Feb 1778 Deed Bk 17 by Banns Page 7 & Page 75 of Batherine B Knorr S Book publ 1959

In same book;
Henry Willis gent Sheriff 1734 Orange Co, VA

Wm Wood & Sarah, his wife, Mason Co, KY early court records, 1803 acres from Thos Nichols, Mason Co, Court Records- no date & deeds – (447 & 537) DAR Library –Early Records

Some marriages by Banns- others by bond.
Banns were cheaper. Bonds perhaps if parents were financially able. Do not know.

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Robt Rucker, son of Sariah Susan Bayes Rucker, married Susan Laicone.
Their Children:
Columbia Rucker Deal 1846
Columbus (Uncle Bud) 1847
James Rucker Sep 25, 1849
Robt Rucker Oct 10, 1851
Noah Rucker Oct 28, 1853
Elza Rucker April 10, 1860
Eliz Rucker May 9, 1863
Mary Rucker Nov 2, 1865
Sariah Rucker June 18, 1869
Copied out of grandpa's and Siariah Bible

Eva Rucker Davidson
Washington, D C 20016

Jasper G Rucker mar'd July 24, 1871 to Miss Smanthia Lunsford, Brooks A Hereford, JP Book 10 Page 239

Lillie Lunsford mar'd Jan 3, 1905 Archie Rouse, age 29 son of John & Philadelphia Rucker Rouse, Homer J Smith, min. Bk 20 P 432 Daug of Basil and Mahala (Tayer) Lunsford.

Milton Willis & Wyatt, Susannah, Anney, Amy

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Amy 5 Rucker (dau of Ambrose 6, Lemuel 3, James 2, Peter 1) 2nd wife Rachel (Stephens) Rucker b Mar 26, 1848 d June 30, 1889 Central Point, Iowa. (20 children)

Amy Rucker 5 (dau of Robert 4, Elzy 3 James 2 Peter 1 & Eliz (Vermillion) Rucker) b Mar 26, 1837 m J A Neal

Amy Rucker 6 (dau of Elzaphan 5 Robert 4 Elzy 3 James 2 Peter 1 & Mary C Arthur) lived Lawrence Co, Ohio b Apr 24, 1862 mar'd James Goleanor.

Susannah Rucker, wife of John Rucker 2, d 1742 Orange Co now Madison, may have been dau of Frederick and Sarah Coghill of Essex Co, VA. Their children; Peter 3, John 3, Ambrose 3, Benjamin 3, Rueben 3, Isaac 3, Anthony 3, Sarah 3, Winifred 3, Mildred 3, Phoebe 3, Margaret 3, Peter 3 (died 1794 in what is known now as Green Co m 1st Elizabeth Terrell, 2nd Jemima Crawford, of Orange Jan 3, 1773. Eliz dau of Robert Terrell, ch Ephraim 4, Rueben 4, Elizabeth 4 Herring, Mary 4 Creed. Ch by Jemima; Phoebe 4 m Henry Allen of Madison Co, Jan 28, 1798, Claiborne 4 mar'd Frances Ballard in Botetourt Co, March 24, 1796, Rev Edward Mitchell officiating; Claiborne 4 Rucker with Elizabeth Ballard patented 970 acres of land Greenbrier Co.

Will of Robert Terrell dated Feb 13, 1786 Orange Co, VA. To sons Robert, John and William Terrell, dau Mary Hudson and son Rush Hudson: to dau Sarah, widow of Joseph Towles: To Heirs of dau Ann Moore dec'd, to ch of my son Edward dec'd , to ch of my dau Eliz Rucker dec'd, Ephraim 4, Reuben 4, Mary 4 Creed, Elizabeth 4 Herring.

Will of Edward Terrell (1740-85) dated 1785 Culpeper Co. To wife, Margaret (Willis) b 1741: dau Mary Foster m Reuben 4 Rucker (Peter 3 John 2 Peter 1) dau Elizabeth (m Wm Cornelius) ; dau Jane (m Joseph Bishop); dau Nancy (m Rev Thomas Henderson); dau Lucy (m Robin Botts) ; son John (m Rebecca Cornelius); son Reuben (m Mildred dau of John and Mary Wood).

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Susanna 7 Eugenia Rucker (dau of John 6 William Fletcher Benj A 5, John 4, and Tennessee Bumpus Jan 17, 1849

Susannah 5 (dau of Wm 4, John 3, John 2, Peter 1) m Jan 6,
1801Thomas Early of Bedford (son of Joshua and Mary Leftwich Early; son of Jeremiah & Elizabeth (Buford) Early of Middlesex. Thomas and Susanna moved to PA before 1812. (1) Rachel Early (m 1812 Philip Steckman

Isaac Rucker 3 d before Sep 1799 for in Sep court order we read, "The last will and testa – ment of Isaac Rucker, dec'd was produced in court and proven by oath of Thomas Rucker, Subscribing witness thereto and ordered to lie for further proof" O B 1799-1800 P 63
Issue: John 4, Moses 4, Reuben 4, Richard 4, Susanna 4 (m James Tinsley), Elizabeth 4, Isaac 4 Jr (not mentioned in will d in Rev service.

Mildred Hawkins (m 1st John Plucket d 1758) 2nd Isaac Rucker, by her first (1) Sally Plucket (m John 4 Rucker John 3 John 2); (2) Benjamin Plucket (m Winifred 4 Rucker, Ambrose 3 John 2 Peter 1)

John 4 Rucker, Isaac 3, John 2 Peter 1 (1762-1812) m March 12, 1788, Nancy Shelton, dau Of Richard, b Aug 1728 of King William County. Jan 3 1767-Jan 12, 1860. B Amherst Co In 1785, John 'son of Isaac' is listed among the personal tax payers. In 1806, John Ellis Deeds land to Moses and John Rucker.

John Rucker 5 estate was appraised 1812, by James Wan, Samuel Burks and Ambrose Pendleton, Values $4, 000, Amherst.

Will of Richard Shelton, Nov 3, 1818, probated June 15, 1821, mentions the ch of my dau, Jane Ellis, dec'd ; John; Charles; Richard; Jonah; Joshua; Powhaton Ellis; Jane Eubank and Mary Hunter. To my g dau, Mary Montgomery, infant dau of Mary W Montgomery, dec'd 1/9 of my estate. To son-in-law George Lee, who m my dau Eliz, 1/9 of my estate. To son John 1/9; To dau Sally Chappell and Nancy Rucker each 1/9; to the ch of Nancy Rucker, Willis, Jane E, Elizabeth Moreland, Susanna T, Richard F and John D L: to Martha & John, Infant ch of Sally G Willis, dec'd. Nancy Rucker's dau Mary Edwards; to my son, William 1/8 part; to g son Ralph Shelton; to dau-in-law Polly, widow of son Joshua Shelton, (W B 9 Page 205. Willis 5 Rucker (John 4, Isaac 3, John 2, Peter 1) b July 6, 1789 (m 1st Permela Cole 2nd Tabatha Arnold. Issue by Permela: Cole 6 Rucker;
By Tabatha, Martha A 6 (m Preston Huff,
Matilda 6 J [m 1852 Leyton Peter],
Sue 6 E [m 1865 John Stinnet of Fincastle.

Mollie 5 Shelton Rucker [John 4 Isaac 3 John 2 Peter 1] b Feb 25, 1791-1834 ; m Aug 20, 1804 John M Edwards of Amherst.

Sarah S 5 Rucker: John b Mch 25, 1793 d before 1821 m John Willis, Feb 3, 1812. Witns: Willis Rucker & John M Edwards.

Jane Ellis 5 Rucker Sep 19, 1794 d 1875 Sturgeon, MO.

Elizabeth Lee 5 Rucker, May 21, 1796- 1868 (m 1811 Andrew Moreland both real & personal property Apr 16, 1832 (O B) 1821

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Andrew Moreland was appointed guardian to an Elizabeth Rucker, orphan of Elizabeth 21 Sep 1812 in Amherst. Sec. Andrew Moreland, James Ware, Willis Rucker, James M Edwards

(W B 5, P 177) Issue:

(a) Isabel (6) Moreland b 1812 d Aug 29, 1905 unmarried
(b) John (6) Rucker Moreland b March 17, 1819 Richmond, VA m Adeline Ivy Din
(c) William (6) died infant
(d) William (6) Fleming Moreland b 1826 m 1st Conford Parks 2nd Peggy Williams buried Hopewell, MO.
(e) Sally (6) Moreland m ------ Coleman in VA
(f) Mary (6) Jane
(g) Elizabeth (6) Susan
(h) Frances (6)Virginia Sep 16, 1836- Feb 18, 1882 m Jim Townley

Elizabeth Susan 6 Moreland (Elizabeth 5 L, John 4, Isaac 3) Rucker b Sep 14, 1831, Lynchburg: d June 29, 1917, Versailles, MO; (m 1st July 25, 1848 William Carroll Gunn (July 28, 1814- Apr 14, 1855 b Robinson Co, TN d Versailles, MO. Elizabeth was his 3rd wife. Elizabeth m 2nd Jan 24, 1875 Shores Price Hunter b Jan 28, 1807 d May 7, 1882.

Susanna 5 Tinsley Rucker (John 4, Isaac 3, John 2,) b March 26, 1801(m Sep 7, 1819, Constantine Brown – bond signed by Nancy Rucker, Teste: Jane E Rucker and John M Edwards.

Mordicai Rucker married Susanna Rader July 21, 1818 Greenbrier Co, VA.

Ephraim 4 Rucker (Tomagen3, Ephraim 2, Peter 1) b ca 1778 in Culpeper Co d in Anderson Co, KY married Jan 4, 1816 Rosamond Wright in Madison Co, VA dau of Capt Wright of Revolutionary Service. Issue: John 5, Ambrose 5, Charles 5, Willis 5, LeGrand 5, Lizzie 5 who married Rains, Mary5 m Dawson, Kosa 5 m Jerry Harrison, Joseph 5 b 1828 in KY d Aug 16, 1915 Salisbury, MO.

Jennie Hutchins (married Joshua Willis) was the daughter of Elizabeth Parks and Christipher Hutchins of Culpepper Co, VA moved to Pennsylvania Co ca 1770.

Wyatt 5 Rucker (Julius 4, Ambrose 3, James 2, Peter 1) b 1830 Ohio m Jane Morris, daughter of Moses Morris and ----- Stotts. Issue: William 6 H, Bethel 6 (Everett Wash) , S Emily 6 m Young, (Frederickstown, Ohio is written between the lines and under Wm & Bethel- no explanation) Susan 6, Roxanna 6, Victoria 6 died young, W Jasper founded city of Everett Wash unmarried

Julius 4 Rucker (father of Wyatt 5),[son Ambrose 3, James 2, Peter 1] born 1801 in Ohio was Methodist minister m 1829 Susan Bates, daughter of Timothy Bates. Issue: Wyatt 5, Julius 5, Bethel 5, Phobe 5, Emma 6

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RUCKER FAMILY
by Sudie Rucker Wood
a partial list of the family copied from page one

PETER RUCKER

Peter Rucker, first of the name, settled in Virginia about 1690. The tradition is that he was a French Hugenot, shipwrecked near the mouth of the James River, and that he swam ashore, living there for a time.

Peter Rucker may have been a French Hugenot, for he was naturalized with a number of French men. We know, too, that his children were Protestants. His son, John, in 1832, assisted in locating an Episcopal Church.

From the German Element in America by Herrmann Schuricht, Vol 1, page 43, in reference to the French and German migration. Numerous migrations of French Huguenots and Calvinists from Alsace and Lorraine came to America, settling in tidewater Virginia.

A careful search in London does not show that Peter Rucker lived in London before coming to America c. 1690. Mr C E Lart, of London, an authority on the French Huguenot emigration, says the name is certainly German or Dutch.

Elizabeth, wife of Peter Rucker, may have died in 1752.

Will of Peter Rucker, dated June 18, 1743: probated Feb 23, 1743 presented into Court by James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker Exrs.

Children:

1. John
2. Peter Jr
3. Thomas
4. Elizabeth Pearce
5. Margaret Tinsley
6. William
7. Mary Offall
8. James
9. Ephraim
10. Ann Cook

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JAMES RUCKER

James Rucker, son of Peter born in Essex, died in Greenbrier County married Margaret ---------.

He sold all of his land in Culpeper before 1770 and in 1782 appears on George Poage's list of Heads of Families of Bath County; James Rucker Sr, James Rucker Jr and Wyatt Rucker on the Greenbrier River Section.

James Rucker, Sen, patented and bought land in Augusta and Bath (later Greenbrier) on the Middle fork of Greenbrier River, some of which he deeded to his sons.

To the East of the river, near the Southwest corner of Bathe County, is a pass called "Rucker's Pass", through the Allegheny Mountains, into Greenbrier County. We find the will of James Rucker, Sr. Therefore we do not know all of his children, but the Ruckers of the next generation living on the middle fork of Anthony's Creek, we are taking for granted to be children of James Sr, every available clue having been followed and all of the records studied with the following result, which is very meager.

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Issue:

1. James Rucker Jr
2. Ephraim Rucker
3. Lemuel Rucker
4. Wyatt Rucker
5. Samuel Rucker
6. Elzaphen
7. Augustine Rucker
8. Mildred m --underwood
9. Ambrose Rucker

VIRGINIANS IN REVOLUTION

Alcott Rucker, Lieut. VA Militia 1780-1781
Ambrose Rucker, Captain Amherst Mil in 1779-80, E
Angus Rucker, 1st Lieut. 1 VA State Reg. June 24, 1777; Captain July 3, 1779, served to Jan, 1781: on a list Apr 13, 1782, as supernumerary at half pay. Awarded 4, 000 acres, residence Madison.
Anthony Rucker, Deputy Commissioner, E.
Benjamin Rucker, E.
Edward Rucker, Inf., nbll.
Elliott Rucker, 2nd Lieut. 1 VA State Reg. June 24, 1777. 1st Lieut. in 1778; served to Jan 1781; died March 19, 1832. Referred to as of Culpeper; ordered to Richmond to take Command as a Lieut. March 3, 1781, awarded 2, 666 acres.
Elsey Rucker, Sgt, Inf., nbll.
Elzaphan Rucker, 8 Cl.
Ephraim Rucker, Lieut. Colonel of Culpeper Militia 1777-1781
Ephraim Rucker, Taylor's VA Reg.
Jacob Rucker, E
John Rucker, Orange Mil, apptd. Ensign March 24, 1780
Joshua Rucker, E
Julius Rucker, Sgt, Inf, nbll.
Lemuel Rucker, Sgt 8 Cl
Samuel Rucker, Augusta Mil, oath as Lieut in Capt Oliver's Co, May 15, 1781.
Copied Dec 29, 1962

RUCKER LINEAGE RECORDS

1. William Colby Rucker, born Dewitt Co, Ill, Sep 28, 1875
2. Sudie Rucker Wood Whitley (Mrs Wm P) born Fauquier Co, VA
3. Edythe Johns Rucker (Mrs Albert Boyd) born near Christiana, Rutherford Co, TN. Nov 3, 1900
4. Sally Moss (Smith) Rowbotham (Mrs Arthur) born Green Co, VA
5. Booker Hall Rucker Sr born Sturgeon, MO Aug 14, 1869

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1. Capt Peter Rucker will dated 1743, from Holland 1699 settled in Essex Co later in Spotsylvania Co, VA naturalized 1704 m Elizabeth Fielding.
2. Capt John Rucker (b 1703/4-1742) Ruckerville m Susannah Phillips b ca 1705
3. Margaret Rucker d ca 1801 m Isaac Smith 1730-1802 m Rev of Madison Co, VA
4. Downing Rucker 1749-1825 m Wm 7 will 1789 m Eliz Downing
5. Downing Rucker d 1839 m 1803 Eliz Bush
6. Downing Rucker 1811 d 1891 Standordsville, VA m 1828 Sarah Powers Gibson 1804-81 daug of John called Father Gibson in Amer. Rev.
7. Rowbotham, Sally Moss Smith (Mrs Arthur) b Green Co, VA

Bruce Jennings Rucker married Mary Josephine Lowe. They had four sons: James, Mary William, May and Charles Otis. Charles Otis Rucker, born in Huntington, W VA,14 March 1921, married Robbie Markendorf and had two sons: Marc Alexander and Lance Martin.

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DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER

Joshua Willis at the age of one hundred three years, lacking a few days, died March 28, 1869. At the residence of Elza Willis near Marion , Aid Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. Joshua Willis was born April 1766 in Monroe County, now West Virginia. Was in a fort three or four years in 1769, 70 and 71 on New River Virginia. Came to Guyandotte about 1800. He help to raise the first log cabin built at that place. Was one among the first emigrants in Ruckers Bottom. Lived at Russell's Place, now called Getaway, in 1808, Moved to Marion in 1812. In 1812 he was building the Wilson Water Mill at Marion. The first mill built in Lawrence County, Ohio. He was drafted in the War of 1812, when he hired his brother Hugh to go substitute and he continued to finish and run the mill.

He helped to build the Salt Works in Jackson County, Ohio in 1824. He also took a contract on the Canal, near the Licking Summit Cutoff. The timber 120 feet in width , one mile in length and then grubbed up the stumps 60 feet. He had a strong constitution and remarkable good health. His teeth were all sound when he died.

Joshua Willis piloted the Methodist Episcopal Ministers – Elders, Hunters and others- through Lawrence County and also Falia county in 1817, 18 and 19. When they preached every day except Mondays. It took four weeks to get around the circuit. He was a

When he became old and feeble he continued to read the Bible as long as he could see through glasses. Was a sober man all his life. On the 4th day of July 1868, he was struck with paralysis and never could stand on his feet afterwards. He was a very industrious man also. His cottage was always the home for the hunter and the traveler was never turned away hungry.

On Friday evening March 26th , he said he had suffered a long time, but his suffering would be over soon. He then sang with a strong voice.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not overflow,
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify thee in thy deepest distress."

March 28th , 1869 at 5 o'clock PM he suffered the last pang.

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WILLIS FAMILY SKETCHES
By Robert M Willis

From information gathered from land , census , marriage, some bible records, later sketch of family by Hugh Willis 1817-1903, etc:

Been told that seven Willis brothers, sons of a Virginia Merchant & Planter, settled in this area about the year 1800 and later. They had sisters, that I am able to say from land and census records these names.
Henry Willis married Polly Tucker over 45 years 1820 census.
Joshua Willis (born 1766, died 1869 age 103 in Aid Twp.) married Mary Blankenship
Hugh Willis married Polly Delly in Ross Co in 1820 died 1889 there bout.
Isaiah Willis married Sancy Blankenship
James Willis married Polly Payne
George Washington Willis born May 13, 1783 died Aug 18, 1848

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Sisters
Tabitha married 1802 Charles Cooper, Monroe Co, W VA
Catherine married William Corbin
Mary married Mathias Cooper

George W Willis born VA May 13, 1783 died Ohio Aug 18, 1848 married Sep 4, 1808 Susannah Rucker born VA Nov 24, 1787 died Jan 30, 1873 (Robt Willis's great great grandparents) buried Getaway Cemetery Baptist Section, his oldest marked grave in cemetery.
Their children:

1. Wyatt born 1810
2. Purlina born 1812 married 1830 to Joseph Pemberton
3. Henry born 1813
4. Marenia born 1815 died 1873 married 1833 to Robert Gibson
5. William R
6. George W Jr born Dec 8, 1820 died in Civil War March 21, 1865, married Jan 12, 1843 to Elizabeth Patterson (Robt Willis's great grandparents)
7. John Gilbert born 1822 died 1892 married 1851 to Lurina Neal
8. Mary born Leatherwood 1824 died Deering 1903 married 1846 to Samuel Steed
9. Electa Jane born 1827 died 1897 married 1846 to Andy J Booth Baptist minister
10. Hennretta born 1830 died 1870 married 1848 to Aaron Steed
11. Boultige? born 1833 married 1853 to Sylvester Steed died 1879-1883

Elza Willis

Elza Willis was born in this county at Russell's Place. (now called Getaway) June 8, 1808 died Aug 24, 1871, son of Joshua & Mary (Blankenship) Willis.

He married 1st Elizabeth Ward born in Virginia, March 30, 1807, died at Marion, Aid Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, April 4, 1854. They married in this county, July 29, 1830 and had the following children:

1. Julia Ann born May 19, 1831; died 1924, married to George Russell, Aug 18, 1850.
2. Mary (twin) born May 30, 1833 died April 7, 1859 unmarried;
3. Martha (twin) born May 30, 1833 died Aug 29, 1874 married William M Taylor Jan 7, 1859
4. Thomas J born Dec 22, 1835 died 1916 married to Laura Wood, Dec 10, 1870
5. Joshua Benjamin born Oct 22, 1837 died 1904 married to Mollie A Davis Sep 16, 1869
6. Ruth born July 30, 1839 married to Shadrack Smith on Aug 11, 1853
7. Sarah Jane born Feb 4, 1841 died Aug 24, 1852
8. Edward born Jan 1, 1843 died Aug 5, 1866 unmarried and served in Union Army
9. John Wesley born Sep 15, 1845 died 1920 married to Eva Booth April 25, 1878
10. William born Feb 18, 1847 died Aug 23, 1852
11. Elizabeth born April 19, 1849 died April 23, 1852

Elizabeth the mother died April 4, 1854.
Thomas J, Joshua B, Edward and John Wesley were soldiers in the Union Army.

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By Robert M Willis

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Elza Willis's second wife and family:
Elza Willis was subsequently married to Kesiah George born Aug 26, 1826 died 1900 married Oct 6, 1855 and these were their children.

1. George W born Oct 18, 1856 died 1919 unmarried
2. Sidney E born May 18, 1858 died 1944 married to Margaret Martin- May 22, 1899
3. Carlilse Willis born Aug 26, 1859 died 1948 married to John A Shafer- May 1, 1880
4. Amanda M Willis born Aug 24, 1861 died 1946 married to Harrison Bennett- March 29, 1884

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SUDDEN DEATH OF ELZA WILLIS

On last Thursday, Elza Willis, of Marion, in this County (Lawrence Co, Ohio) was at Campbell Brammer's Justice of the Peace, engaged in the case of the state vs Thomas Bennett, for shooting Walker Wilson. The matter had just been settled for the day and all were getting ready to go away. Mr Willis stood near the porch and was saying that the matter had been arranged as well as possible and they would all be back Saturday morning to complete it. The remark had scarcely passed his lips, when he began to reel and then fell full length, his mouth striking on the edge of the porch. Our informant, who was the first to take hold of him, said he never spoke a word and there was hardly a pulsation after he fell. He had not been excited and at the moment was cool and apparently as well as he had ever been. Just a while before he was talking about the boys being unable to work hard. They were to weak, but "us old fellows" said Elza, beating himself on the breast. "We are the ones that can stand it."

Elza Willis was widely known in this county and was a man of firm convictions and bold in declaring them. Every one had a hearty salutation for him whenever he was met. We say him a day or two before he died and had a long talk with him. He was an old resident of this county and was an active man in it's early days. He was probably 55 or 60 years old.

Elza Willis born in this county at Russell's Place, now called Getaway, June 8, 1808 died Aug 24, 1871, age 63 yrs, 2 mos, 16 days. Son of Joshua and Mary Blankenship Willis. Survivors include 2nd wife Keizah George Willis, daughters: Julian Ann Russell, Martha Taylor, Ruth Smith. Sons: Thomas J, Joshua Benjamin, John W and Edward the above by first wife Elizabeth Ward Willis.
Notes: Edward (a son) died 1860. 2nd wife Keziah George Willis children: George W, Sidney, and daughters Carlilse and Amanda.

Notes: Elza Willis had the following brothers and sisters:

1. Andrew Willis b ca 1812 survivor d 1894
2. Elizabeth
3. John
4. Hugh Willis born Sep 3, 1817 survivor died March 23, 1903
5. Joshua
6. Julia Ann Hunt deceased 1864-5
7. Clarissa Goolsby born 1809 survivor
8. George W Willis born about 1826 died May 1, 1856 unmarried
9. Mary Bragg born 1829 survivor died 1886
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JOSHUA WILLIS AND WIFE MARY BLANKENSHIP

Joshua Willis born 1766 in Monroe County, West Virginia. Died March 28, 1869 at the age of 103 lacking a few days, at the home of his son Elza Willis, near Marion, Aid Township, Lawrence Co, Ohio. His father was Henry Willis. Joshua married (record at Galia Co courthouse) July 28, 1807 Mary Blankenship born Virginia 1787 died (near Marion) Oct 27, 1857 at the age of 70 years old. They had the following children:

1. Elza Willis born June 8, 1808 died Aug 24, 1871 married July 29, 1830 Elizabeth Ward born Virginia March 30, 1807 died April 4, 1854. Elza Willis married 2nd Oct 6, 1855 to Keizah George born Aug 29, 1824 died July 7, 1900.
2. Andrew Willis born about 1811 died 1894 married Jan 5, 1837 Naomi Collier born 1817.
3. Hugh Willis born Sep 3, 1817 died March 3, 1899 married 1st Feb 8, 1847 Thebo Crowley. Hugh Willis married 2nd about 1873-4 Harrutte Wilson.
4. Clarissa Willis born about 1810 married (record at Greenup, KY) July 20, 1837 William Goolsby
5. Julia Ann Willis born about 1819 died about 1864-5 married January 28, 1843 Anderson Hunt.
6. George W Willis born about 1826 died May 1, 1857 unmarried, a merchant also own real estate.
7. Mary Willis born 1829 died 1886 married Feb 24, 1853 William Bragg

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Joshua Willis Jr own 86 acres of land in Lawrence Co, Ohio in 1824, range 17 township 3 Sec2 NW

HUGH WILLIS AND WIFE POLLY DELLY

Hugh Willis (Joshua's brother) born Virginia died about 1828-9 either in Ross county or Lawrence County, Ohio. Own real estate and lot # 40 at Burlington, Lawrence Co, Ohio. Veteran War of 1812 married (record at Gallia County, Ohio courthouse) June 15, 1815 Polly Delly 1820 census Ross Co, Ohio, Concord Township; 1830 census (Polly) Mary Willis, Aid Township, Lawrence Co, Ohio. 2 daughters, one son, William B Willis.
Polly Willis (Hugh's widow) married Aug 5, 1833 Adam Dickey Methodist minister, Marion Methodist Church. See early history of Lawrence Co, Ohio.

In 1830-40 William B Willis exchange real estate with Elza Willis.

William B Willis, A. Dickey, P. Dickey disposes of lot #40 at Burlington, Lawrence Co, Ohio 1834 to Russell Smith.

Never learn names Hugh Willis's daughters or any other information of his son William B above. RMW

George W Sr brother of Wyatt Willis 1830-40 census nothing further learned of this family. Hugh Willis had possessed several pieces of real estate. Owned land in Lawrence Township in 1823 with one Phillip Fout and a lot in Burlington the county seat of Lawrence County, Ohio.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON WILLIS

George W Willis, Sr born Virginia May 13, 1783 died Lawrence County, Ohio Aug 18, 1848 married Sep 4, 1808 at Greenup, KY. Susannah (Anney) Rucker born Virginia Nov 24, 1787 died Lawrence County, Ohio Jan 30, 1873 Age 85 years 2 months 6 days both buried Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery at Getaway, Lawrence Co, Ohio. (Marked graves) His is oldest marked grave in this cemetery; daughter Electa Jane Booth and husband Rev Andrew J Booth buried nearby.

Son-George W Willis Jr born Dec 8, 1820 on Leatherwood, Fayette Township (on farm of the late Pete Baker) George W Jr enlisted Aug 10, 1861 in Co E, 5th W VA Inf. 1863 in Dec reenlist 1st W VA Inf. Late in fall 1864 was captured held in Libby Prison until Richmond fell. Died in Army General Hospital near Cumberland, MD, Mar 21, 1865. He married in Lawrence Co Jan 12, 1843 to Elizabeth Jane Patterson born Virginia May 29, 1816 died Perry township 1882.

George Jr's Son- Oliver (Dink) Willis born Leatherwood Sep 17, 1845 died Perry township Mar 25, 1914. Served Co A 173rd Ohio Inf. Married Feb 3, 1878 Arethea E Pigman born Jan 26, 1853 at Burlington, daughter of James and Eliza (Dunfield) Pigman. Arethea died Perry Township Nov 30, 1919 buried Lebanon Cemetery.
Oliver was Robert Willis's grandfather.

Oliver's son-James R Willis born Perry Township Feb 10, 1883 died Perry Township Aug 22, 1948. Married 1st July 16, 1904 Lenora Robinson born April 1, 1885 died June 30, 1908, daughter of John and Emma McKee Robinson of Soliday Creek, Fayette Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. James R and Lenora had two sons Ray J born June 15, 1905 and LeRoy Robinson Willis born March 17, 1908 died Oct 28, 1966.
Note-The rest of this must be missing as this was the father of Robert M Willis and there is no mention of him. His mother's maiden name was Mitchell and that was where he got his middle name.

GEORGE W WILLIS JR AND ELIZABETH WILLIS CHILDREN

The children of George W Willis Jr and Elizabeth (Betsy) Willis:

1. William Taylor Willis born Nov 17, 1843 died in Civil War Dec 28, 1862 unmarried
2. Sarah Samatha Willis born Jan 21, 1851 died May 22, 1877 unmarried
3. Susanna Willis born Sep 4, 1857 died Feb 23, 1883 unmarried
4. Oliver Dink Willis married Feb 2, 1878 Arethea E Pigman had following children:
   a. Gertrude Willis born 1880 died 1962 married 1900 to Frank Charles Hastings Jr born 1877 died 1914 Spanish War veteran
   c. James R Willis born 1883 died 1948 married 1st Lenora Robinson married 2nd Alice Mitchell born Virginia Dec 3, 1891 died Lawrence Co, Ohio May 2, 1969. Mother and father of Robert M Willis.(Alice)
5. George W Willis III married June 2, 1868 Nancy Ann Buttrick
   Children:
   William Henry Willis born June 17, 1870 died March 2, 1924 established Willis Funeral Home and Willis Furniture Store in Huntington, West Virginia.
   Rosella Willis born Oct 1878
   Stella born 1873
   Mildred born March 10, 1882 died June 28, 1964
   Ethel Luilan born 1886 died 8 July 1947
   Other daughter born 1884

This family moved to Cabel County, W VA near Salt Rock 1884. George III died 1888 Nancy died 1908. William Henry married 1888 Mary Perry and they had two sons Arnold born 1890 died 1943 father of Eugene born 1914 died 1962 Mayor of Huntington. Arnold Willis born 1917 minister.

6. Robert Patterson Willis married March 7, 1887 Susan Cardwell. Had only one son Oliver N

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Willis born Oct 11, 1888 died Jan 8, 1968.

7. John Gilbert Willis married March 4, 1884 at Gallipolis, Ohio Maggie Cofer resident of Kenova, W VA. Had three children:
   Minnie Willis born 1886 died 1959 married -----Euler of Indiana.
   Lawson D Willis born 1898 married -------Rankin lives Columbus, Ohio

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George W Willis Jr 1820-1865 married at Burlington, Ohio Jan 12, 1843 to Elizabeth Jane (Betsy) Patterson born Virginia May 29, 1816 died Perry Township, Lawrence County, Ohio ca 1882-3. Daughter of John and Sarah Patterson. John died Lawrence Co ca 1852-3. Sarah died Perry township, Lawrence Co, Ohio 1876 age 94 years.

Elizabeth had the following sisters:

1 Agnes died 1893 age 82 unmarried
2 Matilda born 1814 died 1896 married William Allen
3 Nancy married 1847 Daniel Allen.
4 Berry Patterson born Virginia 1824 died 1899 veteran Civil War He was the grandfather of Stanley (Pete) Patterson of Ironton, Route 1 (Big Ice Creek res.)

George W Jr and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. William Taylor Willis born Nov 17, 1843 died Dec 28, 1862 age 19 in service Co E, 5 VA Inf.
2. Oliver (Dink) Willis born Sep 17, 1845 died March 25, 1914 Vet Civil War married Feb 2, 1878 Arethea E Pigman born Jan 26, 1853 died Nov 30, 1919
3. George W Willis III born May 17, 1847 died July 5, 1888 Cabell Co, WVA married June 28, 1868 Nancy Ann Buttrick of Leatherwood, Lawrence Co, Ohio
4. Robert Patterson Willis born Feb 17, 1849 died Jan 10, 1910 married March 7, 1887 Susan Cardwell born 1859 died 1890
5. Sarah Samatha Willis born Jan 21, 1851 died May 22, 1877 VWM
6. John Gilbert Willis born Sep 20, 1853 died April 30, 1929 at Residence Kenova, WVA married March 4, 1884 Maggie Cofer born 1863 died 1910 of Gallia County, Ohio; both buried Grace Baptist Church Cemetery near Rio Grande College.
7. Susanna Willis born Sep 4, 1857 died Feb 23, 1883 VWM Elizabeth, the mother, Oliver Dink, Robert P, Sarah S and Susanna all buried Lebanon Methodist Church Cemetery East Of Dearing, Ohio.

NOTES ON GEORGE W WILLIS JR BY Robert M Willis

My great grandfather had these 1st cousins: Elza, Andrew, Hugh and George W sons of Joshua and Mary Blankenship Willis
William B son of Hugh and Polly (Delly) Willis. Polly Delly Willis, widow, married Aug 5, 1833 to Adam Dickey, Minister M E Church
Thompson, Henry and Greenbury sons of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis
William, Fielden, Wash and Sylvester sons of Andrew and Maria ------ Willis

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CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

Capt Hamilton Willis and son George H Willis
Capt William Willis and sons John H, William Jr, Charles and Edward
Cpl George W Willis Jr and sons William T? and Oliver D, Thomas J, Joshua Benjamin, Edward and John Wesley sons of Elza Willis & Elizabeth Ward.
Isaac W and James H, sons of Andrew & Naomi Collier Willis
George Washington , Sylvester, sons of Andrew & Maria Willis
Greenbury and John, sons of Henry Jr & Sara Gibson Willis
Henry, son of Greenbury and Barbara Lambert Willis
Henry, Greenbury and John, sons of Thompson and Margaret Willis
Benjamin Willis, Edmund Willis

CHILDREN OF JAMES R WILLIS and 2nd wife ALICE MITCHELL

James R Willis born Perry Township, Lawrence Co, Ohio Feb 10, 1883 died Perry Township Aug 22, 1948 (farmer) married 2nd May 6, 1912 at Ironton, Ohio to Alice Mitchell born Carroll Co, Virginia, Dec 3, 1891 died Lawrence Co, Ohio May 2, 1969, daughter of James W Mitchell and Ellen Edwards Mitchell.

James R & Alice Mitchell Willis Children:

1. Robert Mitchell Willis born Huntington, W VA Sep 1, 1913 married at Catlettsburg, KY Oct 17, 1952 Edna Brammer lived Ironton, Ohio
2. Eugene Willis born Huntington, WVA Feb 12, 1915 married 1943 Jaunita Nance lived Ironton, Ohio
3. Manford Holton Willis born Huntington, WVA May 11, 1917 married Feb 19, 1943 Jaunita Owens lived Coal Grove
4. Herbert Kinet Willis born Huntington, WVA Sep 7, 1918 died Jan 6, 1975 married Feb 1, 1949 Louise Riley Grimm
5. Glenn Edward Willis born Deering, Ohio June 15, 1920 married June 28, 1955 Edith Mayfield lived Ironton, Ohio
6. Virginia Mae Willis born Deering, Lawrence Co, Ohio Dec 3, 1921 married April 3, 1944 Jack Johnson lived Ocala, Florida
7. Opal Fay Willis born Deering, Ohio June 27, 1923 married 1st April 1944 Irvin Bazell married 2nd Aug 1951, Trank Deeds lived Ironton, Ohio.
8. Helen Mabel (Chick) Willis born Deering, Ohio Oct 12, 1926 married Sep 4, 1948 Norman G Noble lived Rustburg, VA
9. Ruth Marie Willis born Deering, Ohio April 8, 1932 married Jan 10, 1958 Edsel Ford Yates Lived Coal Grove, Ohio

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Henry Willis Jr and wife, Polly Tucker

HENRY WILLIS JR born VA ca 1793 died Lawrence Co, Ohio in 1840's married Jan 6, 1814 at Gallopolis, Ohio. Polly Tucker born KY 1796 died 1874 widow at home of son, Greenbury Willis, Fayette Township. Henry Willis Jr owned around 300 acres of land in Lawrence Township in area including where the Symmes Creek Missionary Baptist Church is located.

Their daughter Rachel Willis born ca 1823 married Oct 14, 1845 William McKee Jr, son of William McKee Sr and ------Davidson.

They had a. Lewis (Uncle Lewt) McKee
b. Bartlett (Bart) McKee (Father of Herbert McKee and others)
c. Emma McKee born 1853 died 1929 Their daughter Emma married Oct 1, 1873 John S Robinson and had Children: Grace, Curtis, Charles, Burt, Susan, Cynthia and Lenora Robinson born April 1, 1885 died 1903
Their daughter Lenora born April 1, 1885 died June 30, 1908 married July 16, 1904 James R Willis born 1883 died 1948. Lenora and James had two sons Ray J Willis born June 15, 1905 died 1978 residence Columbus, OH; LeRoy (Robinson) Willis born March 17, 1908 died Oct 28, 1966 (unmarried) [deck hand on river boat] Robert Willis's two half brothers descendants of both George W Sr and Henry Willis Jr.

Henry Willis married June 6, 1814 at Gallipolis, Gallia Co, Ohio Polly Tucker born Kentucky 1796 died 1874 Fayette Township.

Their children were:
1. Thompson Willis born ca 1815 died 1883
2. Rachel Willis married Oct 14, 1845 William McKee Jr
3. Greenbury Willis born ca 1820 married April 26, 1840 to Barbara Lambert born ca 1819

Greenbury and Barbara Lambert Willis children were:
(1.) Elizabeth Willis born ca 1842 married William Mitchson? 1861
(2.) Henry Willis born 1844 died 1863 KY Inf U S Army
(3.) Polly Willis born 1845 married Oct 3, 1861 Charles H Hatcher
(4.) Rachel Willis born 1847 married June 29, 1865 James M Ball
(5.) William Willis born 1849 married Feb 13, 1871 Hulda Smith
(6.) Joseph Willis born 1851 married July 29, 1871 Sarah J Riel
(7.) Richard Willis born 1853 killed out west [date and place unknown]
(8.) Thompson Willis born 1854 married Nov 17, 1877 Belle Bowman
(9.) Julia A Willis born 1855 married June 30, 1875 James C Hill
(10.) Jedediah Willis born 1858 married Jan 23, 1879 Mary A Elswick
(11.) Alonzo Willis born 1860 married Dec 26, 1888 Anne Rose
(12.) Charles Willis born 1862

William and Hulda Smith Willis parents of Capt Lee A Willis (river boat pilot) born 1874 died 1928 buried Woodland Cemetery.

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Henry Willis married Jan 6, 1814 at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio Polly Tucker born Kentucky 1796.
Their son:
Thompson Willis married Sep 22, 1835 Margaret Smith.
They had the following children:

1. Mary Willis born 1836 married L Blair
2. Henry Willis born 1838 married March 27, 1864 Margaret Millhoff
3. John W Willis born 1840 married Sep 21, 1867 Amanda Hammond
4. Rachel Willis born 1843 married March 30, 1864 Edward Andrews
5. Greenbury Willis born 1844 married Sep 23, 1865 Lucinda Blair
6. Lamenda Willis born ca 1846 married April 18, 1869 George W Partlow
7. Wyatt Willis born 1850 married Oct 26, 1876 Rebecca Steele
8. Leander Willis born 1852 married Jan 11, 1889 Sarah Morgan
9. Hester A Willis born 1854 married Sep 22, 1885 John B Matney
10. Thomas J Willis born 1856
11. Landon T Willis born 1888 married 1st April 21, 1881 Mary E Gates married 2nd Ramey

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Children of Captain William & Elizabeth Davis Willis

William Willis born Greenbrier County, Virginia Aug 10, 1811, son of John & Rebecca Cooper Willis, married August 30, 1828 to Elizabeth Davis, born Kanawha County, Virginia on February 15, 1814 died Lawrence County, Ohio February 14, 1896. William died Lawrence County, Ohio August 18, 1885, both buried Willis Cemetery Lawrence Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. He served in the Civil War, commissioned 2nd Lieut. and commanded 5th W VA Co E Inf. 1861-83. His grandfather, Henry Willis, was soldier in Rev War. Capt Wm & Elizabeth Davis Willis, shortly after their marriage, moved to Ohio. First to Jackson County, later to Lawrence County. Elizabeth was the daughter of Pleasant Davis and Sarah Horton Davis. William and Elizabeth's children all born in Ohio and were:

1. Sarah Willis born 1829 married July 13, 1851 Sardine Paul
2. Rebecca Willis born ca 1831 married 1851 Micheal Keeney
3. Petunia (Lina) Willis born 1834 married April 17, 1852 Clinton Pemberton
4. John H Willis born Jackson Co, Ohio 1836 died South Shore, Kentucky 1908 married Dec 18, 1869 Abigail Slavens of Scioto County, Ohio
5. Pleasant Willis born July 4, 1838 died March 3, 1918 married 1st Jan 4, 1859 Nancy McConnell born 1840 died 1876; married 2nd July 10, 1880 Margaret Ellison
6. William Willis Jr born 1840 died Jan 1927 married May 15, 1869 Nancy Lycan
7. Charley Willis born 1842 married April 13, 1868 Elizabeth Joseph
8. Edward Willis born 1845 married April 4, 1871 Almeda Layne
9. Burdine Willis born 1848 died 1932 married July 12, 1871 Cynthia J Crawford
10. Perry Willis born 1850 married May 28, 1872 Amy Pepper
11. Mary Willis born 1852 married Oct 3, 1868 John Pucket
12. Wilmington Willis born 1854 died 1862 buried Willis Cemetery.

John H and Abigail Slavins Willis were parents, among others, of Judge Simeon Slavin Willis born Aid, Lawrence County, Ohio Dec 1, 1879. Governor of Kentucky 1944-1948 died Frankford, Kentucky April 2, 1965.

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Pleasant Willis 1838-1918 and Nancy McConnell (died 1876) had the following children:

1. Lucy Emma Willis born 1861 married July 11, 1880 Asa Layne
2. Wellington (Wells) Willis 1864-1952 married Sep 7, 1888 Frances Dalton
3. Susan Willis 1867-1915 (age 48 years) married May 29, 1885 Frank R Sites buried Willis Cemetery
4. Angeline Willis born 1869 married Feb 2, 1892 James Dalton
5. Elizabeth Willis born 1871 married April 8, 1899 Edward Carey
6. Nancie Willis 1876 –1962 married March 29, 1901 William Jordan

Susan Willis and Frank R Sites had the following Children:

1. Elizabeth Sites born 1886 died May 29, 1973
2. Rosa Sites born April 9, 1888 died Dec 26, 1924 married Sep 27, 1903 Avarill Brammer 1879-1959
3. Nancy Sites 1890-1892 buried Willis Cemetery
4. Ollie Sites born 1892 died 1981 married Jan 2, 1918 Custer Brammer 1882-1930 buried Willis Cemetery
5. Pleasant Sites born 1894 died 1960 married July 20, 1921 Alma Hammond
6. Mahala Sites born 1895 married April 19, 1925 Jake Williams
7. Willard Sites 1898-1973 married Dec 15, 1921 Clara Dillon
8. Asa Sites born 1900 died 1980 married Dec 24, 1923 Mary Smith
9. Leonard Sites 1903 married 1st Birdie Murahan ,Jan 16, 1937 2nd Glyd ? Brammer in 1937

Pleasant Willis 1838-1918 and Margaret Ellison both buried Pucket Cemetery (Pedro), Elbsonville. Had the following children:

1. James Willis died 1940 buried Pucket Cemetery married Dec 11, 1912 Mary Kelley
2. William Willis died May 20, 1973 married 1st Jan 20, 1911 Sarah E Shope; married 2nd Carrie Craft
3. Perry Willis 1887-1951 married Nov 4, 1925 Birdie Estep
4. Charles Willis 1889-1968 unmarried Veteran WW I

(May have been other children, but William was the last survivor.)

William Willis Jr 1840-1927 Civil War Veteran married May 15, 1869 Nancy Lycan buried Willis Cemetery. Had two daughters:

1. Abigail (Abbie) Willis married Dec 30, 1884 Andrew Sites 1863-1962
2. Ellen Willis died about 1883 age 13

Abbie Willis and Andrew (Jack) Sites buried Langdon Cemetery near Getaway, Ohio and had the following children:

1. William Sites 1885-1966 married 1965 Bonnie Hacher 1887-1972
2. Anna Sites born 1881 married Winfield Wilson 1880-1962
3. Frank Sites born 1888 married Margaret Gilbert June 25, 1911
4. Nannie Sites born 1892 married Herbert McKee Sep 2, 1911
5. John Sites born 1894 died 1960 married Ethel Jordan Oct 4, 1916
6. Son born Feb 6, 1904
7. Edith Sites born 1905 married Walter Faverty 1901-1970
8. Arnold Sties born 1907 married Ethel Conway Aug 13, 1932
9. Son born Sep 9, 1923

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Frank B Willis Stricken Here at OWU

Delaware County, Ohio, might have gone down in history as the birthplace of two presidents, Rutherford B Hayes and Frank B Willis.

But fate stepped in on March 30, 1928. That was the night when Senator Willis was stricken with a Cerebral Hemorrhage minutes before he was to address a cheering throng in Gray Chapel during his campaign for the presidential nomination. Willis was climaxing his 29 year career in politics with a bid for the highest office. He died in the office of the president of Ohio Wesleyan University, across the corridor from the Chapel auditorium.

Willis was born in Berlin Township on Peachblow Road on December 28, 1871. He attended schools in Berlin and Berkshire Townships and was graduated from Galena High School. He was a graduate of Ohio Northern University where he received his master's degree in 1894.

Taught at OWU

He was elected state representative from Hardin County in 1899 and served one term. Then he returned to ONU to teach law, history and economics. He failed in his first try for congressman from the eighth district in 1904, but in 1910 he was elected to the House of Representatives.

During his two terms in the house he fought for pensions for needy Soldiers, a duty on veal and more protection for the growing labor movement. In the midst of his busy life in the capitol, he found time to enter and win a spelling bee sponsored by the National Press Club of Washington. The winning word was "hydrocephalus".

Following in the footsteps of Rutherford B Hayes, Willis returned to Ohio in 1914 to throw his hat into the gubernatorial race. To the surprise of many he defeated the reform administration of James M Cox, a Democrat.

The new governor was warmly received by the press and the people, especially after he insisted on being inaugurated outside the state house so that the public could witness the ceremony.

Defeated For Re-election

Governor Willis' program was one of economic retrenchment and conservative government. He preferred to create an atmosphere of cooperation, refusing to browbeat or bully the General Assembly. This was severely criticized in the press which accused Willis of failing to provide effective leadership.

He made further enemies by tightening the requirements for civil service jobs and reducing the salaried and numbers of governmental workers. In 1916 Willis was defeated for reelection by Cox.

Four years later, Willis was back in the political spotlight with his famous words that swept Warren G Harding to the top of the Republican ticket; "Boys and Girls, let's nominate Harding".

Willis stepped into the Senate seat vacated by Harding and started again on the program he believed best for the people, prohibition, high tariffs and adequate Merchant Marines, pardons and paroles for prisoners and America first. He was reelected to the Senate in 1926 by an overwhelming majority.

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Then Calvin Coolidge made it clear in 1927 that he would not seek reelection, Willis announced his intention of running in the Ohio primary. The campaign was complicated a short time later when Herbert Hoover also decided to run in Ohio.

FRANK B WILLIS Stricken As He Neared Peak of His Career;
Fatal Evening

But the Senator from Ohio had man things in his favor and it was in the midst of a vigorous campaign that he had come to Delaware on March 30, 1928 to address a rally on the campaign.

He attended a dinner that evening at Kiwanis Club, then watched a parade in his honor from the porch of the Hotel Allen. He and his wife, the former Allie Dustin of Galena, followed the cheering throngs to Gray Chapel where they were seated on the platform with other Republican party leaders.

A few minutes before he was to address the cheering throng, Willis left the platform, whispering to his wife that he was not feeling well and needed a breath of fresh air. He collapsed in the hall.

Willis was a handsome man of imposing stature. He was a clever and challenging campaigner and was at his best at informal party rallies, church socials and rural get togethers.

He had a rich booming voice which could be fashioned to meet any demand. One of his greatest political assets was his uncanny ability to remember faces and names.

His home county honored him a few years after his death by naming the new high school in Delaware after him. (WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL)

FRANK B WILLIS buried in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. (Delaware, Ohio).

Copied from an old clipping from the Delaware Gazette.

More on FRANK B WILLIS

As the son of a soldier he labored faithfully in the interest of the veterans of our wars. He was elected Governor of Ohio in 1914, serving two years. In 1920 he was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Warren G Harding , who on the same day was elected president of the United States. On the resignation of Senator Harding in January, 1921. Senator Willis through appointment by Governor Davis, took his seat in the Senate a few weeks in advance of the date on which he began his elected term. His ability to see clearly into the heart of problems early won him membership on four important committees of the Senate Foreign Relations, Immigration, Territories and insular possessions and Commerce.

In 1924 he became chairman of the committee on Territories. Senator Willis has spoken in almost every historic spot in America. In 1916 he presented the name of Honorable Thedero E Burton for President and in 1920 the name of Honorable Warren G Harding. In the estimate of many men the speech he made nominating Mr Harding is the best one ever delivered to a Republican National Convention which actually helped the candidate in whose behalf it was made. His expression. “Say, boys and girls, let’s nominate Harding”, uttered spontaneously, caught the Convention and aroused it to a pitch of enthusiasm not hitherto reached during the Nominating speeches.

The Senator’s wife was Allie Dustin, whose father and mother are prominent residents of Galena in Deleware County, Ohio. They were married July 19, 1894 and have one daughter, Helen. The family home is maintained in Deleware, Ohio.

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Senator Frank B Willis, on March 30, 1928, was stricken with a Cerebral Hemorrhage and died minutes before he was to address a cheering throng in Gray Chapel during his campaign for the Presidential Nomination. He was climaxing his 29 year career in politics with a bid for the highest office. He died in the office of the President of Ohio Wesleyan University, across the corridor from the chapel auditorium. He was born in Berlin Township on Peachblow Rd on December 28, 1871.

He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Deleware, Ohio. His widow the former Allie Dustin of Galena, died in 1956.

Note: The following was added.
Helen D Willis] 1. Roger, 2. Samuel, 3. Joseph 1712-1799, 4. Reubin 1738-1791, 5. Asa born 1773 died 1825, 6. Buckley Howe 1805, 7. Jay B 1834-1920, 8. Frank B 1871-1928.
Helen D Willis born 1895 died 1974 only child of Frank B & Allie Dustin Willis. Lived at Deleware, Ohio 210 West Fountain Ave.

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Willis Family of Delaware County, Ohio (1926)

The Willis family of Delaware County is one whose name has been prominently and worthily identified with the annals of American history from the early Colonial period, and the family has been established in Delaware County, Ohio for Ninety years. (prior 1926)

About four miles distant from Historic Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, was established the original home of the Willis family. The material for this ancient dwelling was brought, ready framed, from England and arrived on the Second or Third voyage of the Mayflower. The house was erected at Kingston, Massachusetts and was well supplied with furnishing brought likewise from England, records well as many family heirlooms, showing that both in England and Massachusetts. The Willis family had been one of appreciable wealth and influence.

The original member of the Willis family to come to Ohio and settled in Deleware County was Buckley H Willis, whose wife was Susan Bartlett whose mother was born in the Historic and Storied Old Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Buckley H Willis was reared in Old Bay State. There his marriage occurred and thence, after living for a time in Vermont, in 1834 he came with his family to Ohio and settled in Deleware County. Mr Willis was a virile type of manhood, not afraid to face the hardships of Pioneer life. He attained some measure of distinction in Concord Township because, for a number of years his was the only Abolition vote cast in that Township. When the Republican Party was organized he immediately identified himself with it and was an influential factor in the organization of the New Party in his home County.

Ten children were born to Buckley H Willis and his wife. These in order were; Cornelia, who became Mrs Cutleer of Columbus; Brainard, who resided on a farm near Belle Point, Deleware County, until his death at the age of ninety two years in 1922; Jay B (father of Frank B Willis, United States Senator), a farmer of Deleware County, died 1920, age 86 years; Plynn, a Physician, residing near Ostrander, Deleware County; Emily; Henry, a farmer residing near Hyattsville; Rollin K and Frank A whose sketches appear hereafter; Elbridge R , who became distinguished Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and now resides in California; and John B, who was assistant Editor of the Christian Science Monitor and now resides in Massachusetts. Of these sons four served in the Armies of the Union throughout the War of the

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Rebellion; Not one of them was ever compelled to enter a Hospital as a patient at any time, a splendid tribute to the type of manhood of the family:

Rollin K Willis, who now resides in Deleware, Ohio. Was born on the old homestead farm in Deleware County, September 26, 1843 and there he was reared to adult age. At the age of Eighteen years he went forth as a gallant young Soldier of the Union in the civil War. He having been a musician in the band of the Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the War. He has in his possession a piece of his Regimental Flag he aided in saving at Fort Donalson, where he and others of his Command were captured. The Flag of the Regiment having by them been buried in the Confederate Prison and having eventually been brought home with the Regiment. Mr Willis Participated in many engagements and lived up to the full tension of the great conflict. In February 1868, Rollin D Willis wedded Alice Elisabeth, daughter of Miner P and Orilla G Tone, who came from New Hampshire and settled in Deleware County, Ohio. Mr Tone having been one of the specially successful sheep growers of the County. Mr and Mrs Willis became the parents of four Children. Roy, now deceased, married Pearl Crumb, and they had one child Dorothy. Myrtle, became the wife of James Morse, of Boston, and they had four children; Myrtle, Alice, Grace, and Eunice. Mr Morse is now deceased; Rolla married Ethel Bovey and they have three sons; Wilbur, Paul and Vernon. Grace youngest of the children died in California. Mrs Willis died some years ago and later he married Miss Mayme Harter. Mr and Mrs Willis are active members of the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.
Note: Wilbur Willis died 1966.

FRANK B WILLIS

Frank A Willis was born on a pioneer farm in Deleware County, September 28, 1846. His youth was spent on this farm, in the work of which he assisted during (unable to read two words) , while he attended the winter terms of school until he was (last unable to read). In his native County he continued as a successful and prominent exponent of farm industry until 1913, since which year he has maintained his home at Deleware, the county seat, April 25, 1867, recorded his marriage to a daughter of Frederick and Margaret Berlet. Mr and Mrs Willis have one child, Nellie, who is the wife of Myron Champion of Deleware. Mr and Mrs Willis are zealous members of the Presbyterian Church and he is a stalwart Republican in Politics. Jay B Willis, the father of Senator Willis, was born in Dorset, Vermont and remembered distinctly the trip made by his father and mother and their children over the Old Erie Canal to their new home in Ohio, where on January 24, 1856, he married Lavina Buell. Shortly before the Civil War they journeyed by wagon to Western Iowa and Missouri, but after two years there, preferring Ohio, they returned to Deleware County and continued to reside there until their deaths.

They reared three sons; Buell, a farmer of Lewis Center, Deleware County, (he died 1954, age 97 years, married 73 years. Buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Deleware, Ohio).Lloyd a prominent real-estate man of Chicago, Illinois, died 1948, age 85 years, buried Oak Grove Cemetery; and Frank Bartlett, who was named after his uncle Frank A of whom specific mention has been made in this context. A daughter Dottie died in 1877 at age of two years.

Frank Bartlett Willis, Forty-fifth Governor of Ohio and present United States Senator has through his good character, achievement and service signally honored the family name. He spent his youth on the farm attended and taught country school, attended the High School at Galena and then became a student at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Hardin County, Ohio.

It was in connection with his choice of Ohio Northern that he First evidenced that spirit of independence and ability to stand on his own feet, which has been the characteristic of his life, refusing the proffered financial assistance of his parents. The future Governor made his own way through College and the same time earned an enviable record for scholarship. Following his graduation and a post graduate course in law he became an instructor in the law department of his Alma Matar, where he taught for several years. Not only becoming thoroughly familiar with the

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laws of the land, but also building up a large circle of friends among men who have been destined to play a considerable part in public affairs throughout the State. In 1906 he was admitted to the Bar.

As a young man Mr Willis became interested in politics and 1898 stumped the state for William McKinley. In 1899 he was nominated as the Republican candidate for Representative at the time in the Legislature belonged to that Party. Mr Willis rode from house to house on a bicycle making the most through personal canvass of the country. Mr Willis played an important part in the Legislature in which he served for two years. He attained distinction through his connection with the Reform of Tax measure in Ohio. The Willis Tax Law, compelling home and foreign Corporations to pay a certain percent on their capital stock into the treasury annually, is still one of the fundamental feature of the taxation system of his state. In 1910 Mr Willis was elected to Congress from the Eight Ohio District , which was composed of Campaign, Deleware, Hardin, Hancock, Logan and Union Counties, defeating Thomas C Mahon by a vote of 21, 030 to 19, 519. In 1912 he was one of the three Ohio Republican Congressmen returned to their seats, receiving a plurality of 1,414 over honorable W W Durbin, of Kenton, all through his district gave the Democratic candidate for Governor a plurality of 4,967. In Congress Mr Willis quickly achieved distinction. He won a reputation for independence, great industry and ability to take care of himself in debate. He jumped from obscurity to National fame in a single day by a speech he made in the house of Representatives on the Arizona-New Mexico Statehood Bill.

The Willis voice, one of his assets, quickly became know in the House. It is big, booming voice, rich, round, with a touch of middle Western nasal twang seeping into it now and then. Apparently without effort it's owner can fill almost any Auditorium in which he speaks. Throughout his Congressional career and representing a great wool producing district, Mr Willis always occupied a prominent part in the fight for the continuance of a Protective tariff policy, and particularly of a tariff on wool.

RUCKER FAMILY
By Sudie Rucker Wood
A partial list of the family copied from page one

PETER RUCKER

Peter Rucker, first of the name, settled in Virginia about 1690. The tradition is that he was a French Huguenot, shipwrecked near the mouth of the James River and that he swam ashore, living there for a time.

Peter Rucker may have been a French Huguenot, for he was naturalized with a number of Frenchmen. We know, too, that his children were Protestants. His son, John in 1732, assisted in locating an Episcopal Church.

From the German Element in America by Herrmann Schuricht, Vol I, page 43, in reference to the French and German migration. Numerous migrations of French Huguenots and Calvinists from Alsace and Lorraine came to America, settling in tidewater of Virginia.

A careful search in London does not show that Peter Rucker lived in London before coming to America ca 1890. Mr C E Lart, of London an authority on the French Huguenot emigration, says the name is certainly German or Dutch.

Elizabeth, wife of Peter Rucker, may have died in 1752.

Will of Peter Rucker, dated June 18, 1743; probated Feb 23, 1743 presented into Court by James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker Exrs.

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Children:

1. John
2. Peter Jr
3. Thomas
4. Elizabeth Pearce
5. Margaret Tinsley
6. William
7. Mary Offall
8. James
9. Ephraim
10. Ann Cook

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JAMES RUCKER

James Rucker son of Peter born in Essex, died in Greenbrier County married Margaret--------.

He sold all of his land in Culpeper before 1770 and in 1782 appears on George Poage's list of Heads of families of Bath County; James Rucker Sr, James Rucker Jr and Wyatt Rucker on the Greenbrier River Section.

James Rucker Sr patented and bought land in Augusta and Bath (later Greenbrier) on the Middle fork of Greenbrier River, some of which he deeded to his sons.

To the East of the river, near the Southwest corner of Bath County, is a pass called "Rucker's Pass", through the Allegahany Mountains, into Greenbrier County. We find no will of James Rucker Sr. Therefore we do not know all of his children, but the Ruckers of the next generation living on the middle fork of Anthony's Creek, we are taking for granted to be children of James Sr, every available clue having been followed and all of the records studied with the following result, which is very meager.

Issue:

1. James Rucker Jr
2. Ephraim Rucker
3. Lemuel Rucker
4. Wyatt Rucker
5. Samuel Rucker
6. Elzaphem
7. Augustine Rucker
8. Mildred married -----Underwood
9. Ambrose Rucker

Note: Believe Elza Rucker to be father of Robert Rucker, first in Gallia, later in Lawrence Co, Ohio 1814.

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Personal tax book of Greenbrier Co.

James Sen 1785 to 1806
James Jr 1797 to 1830
James III 1802-1805
Wyatt 1785-1788
Lemuel 1789-1817
Ephraim 1792-1817
Taverna 1796-1816 (Estate)
Merryman 1797-1818
Gideon 1797-1813
Dewitt 1802-1848
Langford 1805-1835
Mordicai 1805-1817
Elzaphan 1809-1813
Ambrose 1809-1811
Paschal 1812-1813
John 1813-1816
Fanny Rucker 1813-1816
Lidia Rucker 1815-1818
Hannah 1817—1818
Susanna Rucker 1817-1813

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Marriage records of Greenbrier Co page 272

Mordicai Rucker m Susanna Rader July 21, 1818
William Rucker m Catherine Byers March 30, 1828
Andrew J Rucker, age 21, born in Pocahontas Co, son of John and Mary Rucker, m Elizabeth Ann Heftier, age 16, of Greenbrier, May 25, 1865.
John R Thomas, age 28 born Alleghany County, m Frances J Rucker, age 19, born Greenbrier Co, daughter of Ballard and Matilda J Rucker, June 2, 1870
James E Richey, married Mary A L Rucker, April 30, 1874
John Rucker, of Greenbrier County, son of M and Elizabeth Rucker, died August 22, 1884, age 77 years.

Land office Richmond, VA , Book 118, page 404, Sep 1, 1864, John Rucker patented 112 acres of land on Bear Creek, running into Middle fork of Anthony Creek.

James C Rucker one of the heirs of Mardicai, sold land to William A Rucker, McMinn Co, Tenn. James C Rucker sold land to Hilton H Burks (son of Sarah C Burks, wife of Hilton). (The above Ruckers were from Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties.)

Copied from page 267 of family history

Elzaphan 3 (Elay) Rucker, James 2, Peter 1), born about 1760. Served in the Revolutionary War with his brothers, Elzaphan, Samuel and Lemuel were in the 8th Virginia Regiment (War D 19, 6) Their cousins in Culpeper were in the 1st Virginia Regiment.

(War 4, p 332), 16 Dec 1784. The pay of Elzy Rucker, Sergeant, was received by James Rucker.

He applied for a Revolutionary pension living at that time in Carter County, Kentucky, age 57 (from Pension Bureau).

We are assuming Elzaphan to be the son of James, only because James received his pay in the Revolutionary War, and because he lived for a while in Greenbrier County (personal tax book) until 1814.

Robert 4 Rucker (Elzy 3, James 2, Peter 1), born May 3, 1794, in Greenbrier County, married Elizabeth Vermillion, born Oct 14, 1794, in Greenbrier County, They moved to Gallia County, Ohio. (It is said Robert was the son of Elzy.)

Record of Susannah Rucker born Nov 24, 1787 died Jan 30, 1873, Fayette Twp, Lawrence Co, Ohio, married George W Willis SR both born Virginia and buried Getaway Church Cemetery.

Robert & Elizabeth (Vermillion) Rucker's Children:

1. Elliott 5 Rucker born Jan 15, 1815 married Margaret Elaeson.
2. Nancy 5 Rucker born Sep 15, 1816 married William Hatfield
3. Elzaphan 5 Rucker born June 8, 1818 married Mary C Arthur, Feb 1844
4. Uriah 5 Rucker born Sep 12, 1820 married Polly Stewart
5. Elizabeth 5 Rucker born Sep 21, 1822 married James Marcure
6. Polly 5 Rucker born April 19, 1825 unmarried
7. Susannah 5 Rucker born April 19, 1827 married Perry Peyton.
8. Charlotte 5 Rucker born Dec 20, 1830
9. Lucy 5 B Rucker born Sep 21, 1834
10. Amy 5 Rucker born March 26, 1837 married J A Neal
11. Rachel 5 Rucker married Martin Brown
12. Basha 5 Rucker married Joseph Strait

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Elzaphan 5 & Mary C (Arthur) Rucker, lived in Lawrence Co, Ohio.
Children:

1. Elizabeth 6 born Jan 8, 1845 married James Waddle
2. Wingate 6 James Rucker born Aug 9, 1848 married Rutha Jane David
3. John 6 Robert Rucker born June 17, 1848
4. Elliott 6 Jackson Rucker born June 26, 1850, Tulsa Oklahoma
5. Mary 6 Rucker born April 30, 1852 married James Adkins
6. George 6 Washington Rucker born July 1855 married Martha Vance
7. William 6 Henry Rucker born Jan 28, 1858 married Charlotte Cryder
8. Sarah 6 Rucker born Feb 7, 1860 married Jack Kayler
9. Amy 6 Rucker born April 24, 1862 married James Goleanor
10. Nancy 6 Rucker born June 17, 1864 married Lewis Huffman
11. Susie 6 Rucker born Oct 5, 1865 married Tanner Given

1820 Census of Lawrence County, Ohio
Robert Rucker------a Farmer--------Mason Township
2 males under 10 years of age
1 male 26-45 years of age
1 female under 10 years of age
1 female 16 & under 18 years of age

Uriah 5 & Polly (Stewart) Rucker, children not listed

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Rucker, W H, Berlin Twp, farmer, post office Fredericktown, was born in Noble Co, Ohio in 1856. He came to Knox Co in 1869 and was married in 1876 to Miss Lamyra Elliott, who was born in Berlin in the year 1860.
(they were no kin that was ever known to the Ruckers)

James Rucker, Wash. Thurman & Dan'l Brown, who preaches at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Lyon Co, KY, which was instituted April 14, 1812.

On Jas W Rucker in House of Representatives from Caldwell County, Virginia 1826-7-8-9.
In 1871 Eclatus Johnson married Susan Rucker, daughter of Thomas & Mary Rucker of Wayne Co, W VA.

RUCKER NOTES

1. Orange Co, VA Families, Vol II - Marriages
   Peter Rucker to Jemimah Crawford 1774
   Ephriam " to Elizabeth Randall , Jan 28, 1774
   John " to Betty Tinsley April 27, 1780
   Joel " to Nancy Oliver Dec 1786
   (Tabatha Oliver)

2. Masters, Baptists in Kentucky
   James Rucker was in KY in 1785 from VA
   James Rucker was at Tates Clear Creek Baptist (Church between Boonsburg & Richmond)

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1. Peter Rucker died 1743, came to Spotsylvania Co, VA abt 1720: died in Orange Co, VA; married Elizabeth.
2. John Rucker died 1742, Orange Co, VA served in Colonial Militia; married Susanna Phillips
3. Isaac Rucker, ante 1740-1798, soldier in American Revolution; married 1761, Mildred Hawkins Pluckett (ante 1740-1812).
4. John Rucker (1766/7 – 1812) married 1788 Nancy Shelton (1767-186) [Richard 5, Ralph 6]
5. John Dabney Lewis Rucker (1811-69) married 1837 Lucy Jane Tinsley (1820-53);Edward 4, Married Sarah Jane daughter of Pleasant Dawson, who raised a Co for War of 1812.
6. John Fleming Rucker (born Amherst Co, VA Sep 20, 1838 died Sturgeon, MO 28 December 1889)
7. Ray Southgate Rucker born Rolla, MO April 6, 1905
8. Booker Hall Rucker Sr born Sturgeon, MO August 14, 1869

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1. Peter Rucker married Elizabeth emigrated to VA 1704 from England, naturalized May 8, 1704.
2. John Rucker 1690-1742 married Susannah Phillips
3. John Rucker 1722 –1782 married Elinor Warren
4. John Rucker born 1752 married Sally Wiley Plunkett born 1754
5. Andrew ? Rucker born Nov 17, 1795 died June 2, 1840 married Nelly Rucker
6. Harris Ahmeo 1821-1874 married Sarah Fletcher Rucker 1822-1916
7. Hamline P
8. William Colby Rucker born Kenney, Dewitt County, Illinois Sep 28, 1875

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1. Peter Rucker died 1742 settled in Essex Co, VA married Elizabeth Fielding
2. John Rucker died 1743 of Orange Co , Capt Orange Co Militia; 1740 married Susanna ?
3. Ambrose Rucker died 1807 Amherst Co, Col Co Militia of Amherst Co; served in American Revolution; married Mary Tinsley
4. Reuben Rucker 1755-82 married 1776 Margaret McDaniel
5. Ambrose Rucker 1777-1839 married 1799 Elizabeth Parks 1776-1858
6. Mary A D Rucker 1809-63 married 1824 William Ballenger Rucker 1791-1861, in War 1812
7. William Ambrose Rucker 1840-1922 married 1862 to Annie Chapprelear of Fauquier Co, VA
8. Sudie Rucker born Fauquier Co, VA married 1901 William Price Wood of Richmond, VA
9. Sudie E Wood 1903 married 1925 Roger L Mann
10. Sudie Rucker Mann

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1. Peter Rucker (will dated 1743) from Holland 1699 to VA
2. Capt John Rucker 1703-4 will 1742 of Ruckerville, VA. Constable; Commd Capt Orange Co Militia 1740 married Susannah Phillips ? 1705/6 died 1742
3. Benjamin Rucker ca 1720/30-1810 High Sheriff
4. Rev James Rucker 1758-1819 to Rutherford Co, Tenn married 2nd 1788 Nancy Ann Read
5. (Next 3 generations left blank)
9. Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley born Tenn married Albert Boyd

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NAME	COUNTY	TAX LIST DATE
Rucker, Wiate	Bourbon	3/ /1791
Rucker, James	Fayette	7/2/1789

SECOND CENSUS OF Kentucky 1800 - Compiled by G Glenn Clift

NAME	COUNTY	TAX LIST DATE
Rucker, Aner	Woodford	1800
" , Ahmed	"	1800
" Ephraim	Franklin	8/10/ 1801
" Ephraim	Woodford	1801
" James	"	1800
" James Sr	"	1800
" Jeremiah	"	1800
" John Jr	"	1800
" John Sr	"	1800
" William	Mason	8/25/ 1800
" Wyatt	Montgomery	8/22/ 1800

Note: Some of Chief Justice John Mayball's ? relatives lived in Woodford Co.

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3624 Canyon Drive
Westland, MI 48185
February 20, 1979

Dear Mr Willis,

I saw your query in the Tri-State Trader. I will send you what information I have on the Rucker line. It is very meager. I am especially interested in extending the line back further than Ephriam Rucker and his sister ? Mary.

Sincerely,
Willard C Grant

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CHILDREN OF BENNETT EARLES

Bennett Earles born Lee County, VA Nov 5, 1804, son of Charles and Mary (Martin) Earles married Sep 7, 1826 to Nancy Booth, who died May 10, 1888, daughter of Daniel (1788-1855) and Mary Alexander Booth of Patrick County, Virginia.

Bennett and Nancy (Booth) Earles had the following children: (all raised in Symmes Creek)

1. Lousia J born July 30, 1827 died May 11, 1849
2. Mary born Feb 24, 1829 married 1st George Pemberton 2nd Richard Sutton (1818-1895) Children: Richard and William Pemberton
3. Daniel Jackson born Dec 15, 1830 died Aug 22, 1912 married Dec 24, 1854 Elizabeth Dodge Hollenbeck
4. Richard R born Nov 24, 1832 died Oct 17, 1862
5. Nancy M born Dec 5, 1834 died Jan 28, 1852
6. Martin S born Feb 11, 1837 died Dec 1, 1865 in Union Army
7. Elliott N born Feb 3, 1840 Veteran Union Army
8. William J P born June 13, 1841 died June 20, 1864 after 11 months in Andersonville Prison
9. Lacrectia E born June 26, 1843 died Nov 6, 1843
10. Eruline F (Keeney) born Oct 1844 lived in Union Township.

I got these from the Register of Marriages, Montgomery Co, VA:

1791, 5 Apr David Willis—Sarah Stapleton. Richard Wells, surety. That is a marriage bond. The actual marriage (minister's return) says 7 Apr 1791, David Willis –Sarah Stapleton. Min - Isaac Renfro.
1793, 1 Jan John Willis ---Esther Brown, Jetham Brown father. Jetham Brown, surety.
1807, 1 Dec Joseph Willis---Susanna Beckett. David Willis, guardian of wife. David Willis, surety.
1822, 22 Apr Robert Barnett ---Nancy Willis, David Willis, father. Charles Willis, Wm W Willis, sureties. (mar 25 Apr) Richard Buckingham, minister.
1823, 21 Jan Thomas Barnett----Sally Willis, David Willis, father. Charles Willis, Wm W Willis, sureties.
1823, 14 July James Willis ---Betsey Hall, Leonard Hall father. Charles Willis, Wm W Willis sureties. (married 15 July, James Watts, minister)
1830, 10 Feb Isaiah Willis----Mary Vest (21 years of age, 1 Feb 1830; Joanah Shelor affidavit as to age.) William Goodson, surety.
1830, 29 Nov Charles Willis---Juliett Walters, George Walters father. George Walters, surety.
1839, 28 Dec John Bones---Catharine Willis, William W Willis father. Edward McDonald, John Woolwine, Bartalot Martin, sureties.
1853, 19 Dec William Leonard ---Eliza Virginia Willis, Elizabeth Willis mother. William M Fishburn, surety.
1799, 7 Feb Samuel Langdon ---Anne Clifton, Richard Clifton, surety.
1815, 2 Aug Saml Langdon -----Zilla Booth. Isaac Booth, surety.
1816, 18 Nov Robert Booth ----Adah Booth, Isaac Booth father. Isaac Booth surety.

You may be able to improve on what I have for Andrew J Boothe. About his daughter Harriett Booth Boring, you wrote that the tombstone says she was 34—4—2 when she died. Could check your notes on that? That makes her born 1858, when it seems like she should have been born around 1854.

You have helped me a lot on this research and it would not be right for me to take your money.

Hope this information will be of use to you. Let me know if you find anything more about that Booth association to investigate their legal heirship to an estate in England.

Sincerely,
George Pesely

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DATA OBTAINED FROM CEMETERIES

E P WILLIS
Chesapeake, Ohio
South Pointe, Ohio
Thursday, Dec 22, 1932

(Data obtained from the "OLD BAPTIST CEMETERY" at Getaway, Ohio on Symmes Creek, six miles back of Chesapeake, Ohio, grom grave markers, accompanied by Mr and Mrs John Lambert. (son of Henry Lambert) and Mrs Mollie Langdon Meehling, all of Huntington, WVA. Monday , March 21, 1932.)
(Those are in addition to those shown on another sheet.)

George Wilson- born Nov 10, 1850 – died Feb 24, 1919.
Elizabeth – wife of Geo Wilson – died Mar 4, 1902- aged 57 Y 5 M 8 D.
EC Langdon – died Sep 3, 1888 – Aged 58 Ys 10 Ms 14 Da
AH Keeney – 1845 –1918
Bennie B – Son of A H & E Keeney – born May 26, 1867 – died Feb 13, 1881
Minnie – daughter of A H & E Keeney – Died Nov 3, 1871 – aged 2 yrs 6 ms 11 das
Samuel Langdon – born Jan 26, 1763 – died Aug 9, 1861 – aged 98 yrs 6 ms 13da
Drew Zila – Wife of S Langdon – born March 21, 1795 – Died May 5, 1864. (This was Zilla Booth, sister of Daniel and Adah the first wife of Robert Boothe, her cousin who married her.
Spurgeon – Son of Elisha & Sarah A Langdon – died Jan 9, 1865 – Aged 1 yr 2 mo 9 da
James B – son of Elisha & Sarah A Langdon – died Mar 11, 1861 aged 5 mo & 13 da
Sarah Ann – wife of Elisha Langdon – died Dec 21, 1864 – Aged 36 yrs 9 mo 29 da
(Sarah Ann Pigman – her maiden name)
Enoch Langdon – born July 5, 1842- died May 15, 1902
Rebecca Langdon – born June 7, 1852 – died Aug 25, 1898 – Aged 46 yrs 2 mo 19da
(This was Rebecca Paul and parent of Marshall Langdon 1874-1962)[Daughter of Sardine & Sarah Willis Paul]

Samuel K Hastings died Jan 12, 1926 age 80 yr 3 mo 7 da born Oct 5, 1845
Martha Hastings, wife, died Dec 13, 1924 age 80 yr 5 da born Dec 8, 1844
C Frank Hastings died July 16, 1914 age 36 yr 10 mo 6 da born Sep 10, 1877
Andrew J Booth 1st Lieut Co A 173rd OVI 1864-5 born 1824 died Oct 22, 1878
His wife Electa J Willis Booth born Sep 27, 1827 died Feb 20, 1897
Her brother George W Willis Jr , Corporal born Dec 8, 1820 died Mar 21, 1865 at Cheryville, MD enlisted Aug 10, 1861 Co E 5 WVA V I & Co D re-enlisted Dec 19, 1863 in 1st WVA V I Capt 1864 held 4 months in Libby Prison

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Berry Patterson born 1824 Virginia Died 1899 Lawrence County, Ohio Buried Labanom entered service at Ironton, March 5, 1865 – Co I, 189th O V I Det Regt – at Nashville, Tenn. Sep 28, 1865.

William Pigman born Lawrence County, Ohio in Co F Ky VI disabled and died on way home in 1863.

A J Booth 1st Lieut. Co A 173rd OVI 1864-5 died Oct 27, 1878 buried Getaway, Harmony Church Cemetery. Was the son of Daniel and Mary McAlexander Booth.

Evalina B Booth, sister to A J, born June 14, 1818 died Nov 22, 1886 Married Shadrack Ward born 1815 Lawrence Co, Ohio died 1904 and buried Woodlawn Cemetery Lot 47

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Lorenzo Carter first permanent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio built the first log cabin there in 1797. Which became the center of the settlement; the first church service was given in this cabin; the first wedding; and the cabin also served as the first jail.

From: Jeanette G Pearson
Walla Walla, Washington

Rev JOHN KING, Fayette County, War of 1812

JOHN KING born 6 Mar 1786 Loudoun Co, Virginia died 4 Feb 1863 Fayette Co, Ohio
Married 1st 25 Feb 1808, Ross Co, Ohio To
Rachel Hixon, dau of Timothy Hixon (born Oct 23, 1763 Loudoun Co) & Sarah (?) of Ross Co, Ohio.
Born 12 April 1792 Loudoun Co, Virginia?
Died 19 Dec 1843, Fayette Co, Ohio
Married 2nd 24 April 1845 Highland Co, Ohio
Alcina Baldwin, widow of John Cherry; daughter of Col Baldwin (R W)
Born 19 Nov 1792 Elmira, Chemung Co, New York
Died 29 Sep 1878 Fayette Co, Ohio
Married 1st 24 Oct 1811 Chemung Co, New York, John Cherry

Rev John King was the son of John King Jr & Elizabeth McCune of Loudoun Co, VA. His father died ca 1792 and ca 1805, John King and his mother removed to Ross Co, Ohio.

Served as a Private in William Kilgore's Co of Ross Co, Ohio. Removed to Fayette Co, Ohio ca 1813 (from History of Methodist Church in Washington Court House, Ohio)

Buried in Sugar Grove Methodist church cemetery.
There were no children from second marriage.
Children of Rev King & Rachel Hison:
1. Bennett married 24 Mar 1831, Ross Co, Ohio, Susan Proud lived MO.
2. Sarah H married 18 Feb 1830, Fayette Co, Ohio, John Proud lived MO.
3. Timothy H married 15 Mar 1838, Fayette Co, Ohio, Sarah Smith lived Allen Co, Ohio
4. John A married 12 July 1836 Ann Elizabeth Mclaughlin, lived MO & Kan.
5. Reuben married 22 Apr 1840, Ross Co, Ohio, Elizabeth O'Neil lived MO.
6. Wesley C married 11 Nov 1841 Fayette Co, Ohio, Eliza B Brown lived Ill.
7. William A married 9 Nov 1847 Fayette Co, Ohio, Harriet Painter lived Fayette Co, Ohio
8. Elizabeth married 28 May 1846 Fayette Co, Ohio, Alfred Todhunter, Fayette Co, Ohio
9. Rachel Ann married 24 May 1859 Fayette Co, Ohio, Levi Hopkins lived Ross & Fayette Cos, Ohio
10. Infant son,
11. James C married 3 Oct 1861 Fayette Co, Ohio, Mary Irion lived Fayette Co, Ohio
Born 2 Dec 1836, Fayette Co, Ohio (1850 Census age 13)
Died 14 May 1878, Fayette Co, Ohio

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Letter written over 100 years ago by George W Willis Jr of Hawkins Creek, Lawrence County, Ohio, while in Service, Co E 5th W VA Inf.

Charleston
West Virginia
July 3, 1864

My dear wife and children

After my best respects to you all I can inform you that I am not very well at this time I have got the Diarrhea and has had it for 34 days but I am getting a good deal better sense we have got back here which was July 2d 64 well Betty you and Purlina wrote me a letter being dated June 2d I received it on last b)? day knight and this is Sunday following I am in hope these few lines may find you all in the best of health you wrote for me to write to you and tell you who was our Officers, General Hunter is our Major Gen. He is over all the West Va., troups and General Sullivan he is wat is called Major General he has charge of the first Division and Creek has the charge over the 2d Division which is the one we 5th Va is in and we are in the 1st Brigade 2DIV. 8 army Corps General Haze is our Brigadier General there is 6 or 8 Regiments in a Brigade one General over each Brigade our Regmental Officiers is not change yet ust veterans still serve in our old Regt. yet same as before well Betty we have bin to old Stanton Lexington Salem Libberty Buckhannon on the James River and from there to Lynchburg we was gone two months and had to do a good deal of hard fighting. Well, Betty we had liked to all Starved to death on this trip we had to live on quarter rations for 20 days 5 days a bite now and then as we could get it at houses by force we had to rob for our lives or Starve and 5 days without anything our wagons meet us 15 miles the other side of our old Camp Gauley with plenty of provisions so when I saw the wagons I was a good deal like Jacob of old when he saw his Sons wagons I could not keep from shedding tears and had like to a fainted and when I got something to eat I lay down thinkfull to God for his mercies and goodness to me and went to sleep after which I awoke I felt much better and come on untill I have got just below the mouth of Elk River in site of Charleston. This is all at this time.

G W Willis

Later captured, held 4 months in Libby Prison till Richmond was taken. Died March 21, 1865 in Co D 1st WVA det. Inf. Near Cumberland, MD.

His eldest son William T Willis, Co H 5th WVA Inf. Died Dec 28, 1862 at Parkesburg, PA in US Army, Gen. Hospital.

His 2nd son Oliver (Dink) Willis served in Co A 173rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (died 1914 at South Pointe, Ohio.)

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SURNAME EXCHANGE

Pollock, Idaho

Dear Mr Willis:

Please accept my thanks for your patience. I have had a son who has been ill with a blood ailment and I have had to make many trips to Boise to the clinics and hospital which has taken me from my office for many many days.

The name Willis is not uncommon. There were well over 300 families by the surname as early as 1790, so there are ever so many now. Every census I search has so many families by the surname, so I would appreciate it very much if you'd fill out the enclosed pedigree chart and also make a list of the books you think would best help you from the list I'm sending you. It is by no means complete but I will try to help you from the pedigree chart you return.

Very Sincerely,
Joyce Owens

PS
John Willis Born about 1757 (prob Ireland) married Sarah Park, living in Pittsburg when son Benjamin was born in 1792. Married prob 1780-90 near Pittsburg. Benj. married Hannah Himbleright or Hamblewright 1824, Pittsburgh (?).

This data just sent in by a reader.

HISTORICAL RAND ATLAS, ILLUSTRATED
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GEORGE W KEYS

George W Keys was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1821. His parents, George O and Eliza (Funk) Keys are both deceased; Mr Keys was married in this County, Jan 18, 1946 to Elizabeth L Waller, born in charlotte County, East VA Aug 27, 1828. Her parents were Coleman O and Eliza Funk Keys are both deceased; Mr Keys was married in this county, Jan 13, 1846, to Elizabeth L Waller, born in Charlotte County, East VA Aug 26, 1828. Her parents are Coleman G and Nancy O K (Williams) Waller, who came to this county in 1832. Her mother died Feb 2, 1881. The following children of Mr and Mrs Keys are;
William H Keys born Nov 19, 1848, resides in this county.
Coleman G Keys born Jan 17, 1848; resides this county.
Margaret A Keys born Aug 23, 1849; died Sep 1, 1850
John G Keys born Jan 2, 1831; resides in this county
Nancy M Keys born Oct 5, resides at home
Mary E Keys born Aug 6, 1854; resides at home
James H Keys born (twin) July 17, 1856; resides in this county
Susan J Keys (twin) July 17, 1856; died Sep 17, 1857
Albert H Keys born Oct 8, 1858; resides in this county
Flora J Keys born Sep 5, 1860 ; died Jan 29, 1863
Frank Keys born May 19, 1863; resides at home
Levi B Keys born Oct 25, 1864; resides at home
Catherine I Keys born July 17, 1867; died Oct 12, 1867

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Two of Mr Keys sons served in the late War.
William N enlisted in 1864 in the 173rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the War.
Coleman G enlisted in 1865 and served to the close of the War.

Two brothers of Mrs keys were also in the War.
William G Waller and Coleman B B Waller the later killed at the battle of Lynchburg. Mr Keys is a farmer of Perry Township. His address; Rock Camp, Lawrence County, Ohio.

COLEMAN G WALLER

Coleman G Waller was born in Lunnenburg County, Virginia, Oct 4, 1802. His father William Waller died in 1802 and his mother Elizabeth (Lambert) Waller is also deceased. Mr Waller has been married twice. His first wife was Nancy O K, daughter of William and Mason (Biggs) Williams, she was born January 14, 1798 and their marriage took place in 1824 and she died February 2, 1881. Their children are: William G Waller born July 28, 1825, resides in Lawrence Co, Ohio; Margaret A Waller born Dec 9, 1826 died March 29, 1858; Elizabeth L Waller born Aug 27, 1828, resides in this county; Susan P Waller born April 26, 1830 died July 30, 1857;Coleman B Waller born Jan 5, 1832, killed in War 1864; John C Waller born 1834 died 1841; Nancy Waller born 1835 died 1841; Mr Waller's second wife is Mary E Adkins. She was born in Pike County, KY, Feb 21, 1850 and they were married in this county, July 6, 1831. Her parents are Lewis and Sarah Adkins, who settled in this county in 1862. Mr Waller has held several Public Offices. He had two sons in the late War, William G Waller enlisted 1861 and served to the close of the War. He was wounded at the battle of Dublin Depot, VA. Coleman B Waller enlisted 1862 in the 5th VA Volunteer Infantry and was killed in the battle of Lunchburg, War 1864. He was orderly Sergeant of his company. Mr Waller is a farmer of Perry township. He came to this county in 1832. His address: Rock Camp, Lawrence County, Ohio.

WILLIAM G WALLER

William G Waller and Eliza L Mace were married in Lawrence County, Ohio, April 15, 1871. He was born in Charlotte County, West Virginia, July 28, 1825. She was born in this county, Dec 29, 1848. Her parents are Isaac P and Caroline S (Hurt) Mace, who came to this county in 1842. The parents of William G Waller are Coleman G and Nancy O K (Williams) Waller, who settled here in 1832. (Nancy O K Williams Waller died Feb 2, 1881. The children of William G and Eliza L (Mace) Waller are: John R Waller born Feb 16, 1872; Lazarus V Waller born June 17, 1873; Edward C Waller born Aug 29, 1874; Benjamin F Waller born Jan 17, 1876; Mary L Waller born Aug 10, 1877; Seward J Waller born Nov 15, 1878; Margaret A Waller born July 27, 1880; Mr Waller was in the War of 1861. He enlisted in 1861, in the 9th VA Vol Inf and served during the War. He was wounded at the battle of Dublin Depot, VA. His brother Coleman B enlisted in 1862, in the 5th VA Vol Inf and was promoted to orderly Sergeant of his Co. he was killed at the battle of Lunchburg in 1864. Mr Waller was formerly married to Catherine Crawford. She was born in Cabel County, VA (now W VA) in 1822 (and they married in 1845). Her death occurred in 1869. The following children by this marriage are: George W Waller, Sarah E Waller, Adeline Waller (deceased), Coleman G Waller, William L? Waller, Nancy A Waller, and Daniel B Waller. Mr Waller came with his parents to this county in 1832. He owns a farm in Perry Township. His address: Rock Camp, Lawrence County, Ohio

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Maggie Jane Carter born 1883 Parents: Elisha, Steed, Dodge, Shay, Wilgis, Mackley.

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Mina Carter born Sep 20, 1871 parents William and Mary (Tulger?) Carter

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Frederick Carter born Dec 17, 1873 parents William and Mary (Tulger?) Carter

STEED FAMILY

In 1850 U S Census, Lawrence County, Ohio

Perry Township: 1850

Henry Steed	age 44	Saw Miller	bpl. Virginia
Matilda "	50		Virginia
Sarah " daug.	17		Virginia
Sylvester " son	15		Ohio
Matilda " daug	14		Ohio
Henry " son	12		Ohio
Elisha '' son twin	10		Ohio
Lidia " daug twin	10		Ohio

Apparently Henry Steed & family came from VA 1834-5 most of them born here.

Aaron Steed	age 21	lived next to Maury Steed	bpl Ohio
Harriet (Willis) wife	20		Ohio
Mary " daug	1		Ohio
Roberta Willis	17		Ohio

(sister of Harriet – daug of Geo W Sr & Susannah Rucker Willis)

Sylvester Steed son of Henry married Roberta Willis, Aug 17, 1853

Samuel Steed	age 23		bpl Virginia
Mary (Polly) Willis	22	wife	Ohio
Theodore Steed	1	son	Ohio

Mary Polly, Harriet & Roberta Willis, were sisters
Samuel & Sylvester Steed brothers & cousin to Aaron Steed.

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Aid Township 1850

Margaret Steed	age 40		bpl Virginia
Sylvester "	18		Virginia
Wilhima "	16		Virginia
Albina "	13		Ohio
Elvira "	10		Ohio
Amanda "	6		Ohio
Margaret "	4		Ohio
George "	2		Ohio
John "	2 months		Ohio

Apparently a recent widow from VA 1834/5
Apparently sister-in-law to Henry Steed

All the Steeds found listed in 1850 US Census in Lawrence County, Ohio

Compiled by Robert M Willis, Ironton, Ohio

GIBSON FAMILIES
In 1850 U S Census, Lawrence County, Ohio

Windsor Township 1850

Robert Gibson	age 38	farmer	bpl Ohio
Marena (Willis) "	35	wife	Ohio
James "	15	son	Ohio
George "	12	son	Ohio
Amanda "	9	daug	Ohio
John "	6	son	Ohio
Susanna "	4	daug	Ohio
Robert "	2	son	Ohio

Robert & Marena Gibson buried Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery, Union Township, Getaway
B 1812 1815
D 1887 1873
Robert Gibson married August 1, 1833 to Marena Willis.

Union Township 1850

William Gibson	age 67	laborer	bpl PA
Frances "	40		VA

Lawrence Township 1850

Lewis Gibson	age 26	laborer	bpl Ohio
Mary "	25		Ohio
Elizabeth "	5		Ohio
Amos "	4		Ohio

John Gibson	age 35	farmer	bpl Ohio
Cinthia "	35		New York
Cinthia Jane "	10		Ohio
Oliver P "	9		Ohio
Julia Ann "	8		Ohio
Mary D "	7		Ohio
Sarah "	10 months		Ohio

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Henry Willis Jr	age	37	bpl Ohio
Sarah (Gibson) " wife		35	Ohio
Greenberry "		7	Ohio
John "		5	Ohio
James "		3	Ohio

Lawrence Township 1860 census

Sarah Willis widow	age	43	bpl Ohio
Greenberry " son		17	Ohio
John " son		15	Ohio
James " son		12	Ohio
George " son		10	Ohio
Almeda " daug		8	Ohio
Henry (Jeff) " son		5	Ohio

Sarah Gibson married March 18, 1840 to Henry Willis Jr

Greenbury & John Willis served in Union Army, Civil War.
This sheet compiled by Robert M Willis.

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DANIEL BOOTHE

Daniel's first wife died between the middle of 1850 and June 1853. On June 16, 1853, he married Martha Arbaugh (born about 1803). He died before Dec 26, 1853, when the Journal Record of the Probate Court has an entry for "Elisha Boothe and Andrew J Boothe , heirs at law of Daniel Boothe deceased vs Martha Boothe, widow and relict of Daniel Boothe deceased." Daniel left no will and she claimed she needed more money than she was getting. She remarried on Jan 5, 1856 to James McCorkle.

Children of Daniel and Mary (McAlexander) Boothe:

1. Lucretia born 1807, VA; married William Spears, May 24, 1824
2. Nancy born 1809, VA; married Bennet Earles, Sep 7, 1826
3. Betsey born about 1811, died about 1854-55. Married Bird Smith, Oct 29, 1829 (he remarried Oct 21, 1855)
4. William born 1810-1815 married Lucinda Comcane (?), Aug 6, 1846
5. Daughter born 1815-1820 probably Zillah (born 1818) who married Nathan Chafin, Jan 8, 1843
6. Eveline born 1818 married Shadrack Ward, June 1, 1837
7. Elisha born 1821 Ohio; married Elizabeth Lambert, Aug 4, 1844
8. Andrew J born 1824, married Electa Jane Willis, Feb 19, 1846, Children: Roxie, Callahan, Harriet, Caroline, Andrew, Electa, Laura, PC
9. Henrietta born about 1825 married William Willis, Feb 6, 1845

These ages are from the census so may be a little bit off. Henrietta's name appears also as Hannah and Hannahette. If you have more to add on any of these, from data collected by yourself or by E P Willis, I would appreciate it very much. The reason I list some of these as children of Daniel instead of Robert is the general index to deeds. Vol 16, pages 566 to 572 had a whole bunch of transactions all involving the same three pieces of land in Lawrence Co., in which Andrew J Boothe is the grantee (buyer) and 8 persons are grantors (sellers) all for the same price.

They must have been the other heirs of Daniel Boothe, so that Andrew was buying their rights to the land so he could own it. They are:

Willis, William R
Smith, Bird
Ward, Shadrack
Spears, William
Earles, BennetBoothe, Elisha
Boothe, William
McCorkle, Martha

I figure the daughters were listed under their husband's names and his widow had already remarried (her deed is dated Feb 26, 1856.

Robert Boothe left a will but only mentions two of his children in it, so I kind of have to give him what's left over from Daniel.

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JAMES WARREN

JAMES WARREN – home to this county from ENGLAND when he was THIRTEEN years old in 1843, with his parents. He commenced labor by digging Ore for the LAGRANGE FURNACE; from there he went to JUNIOR FURNACE in SCIOTO COUNTY, from there to T BUCKHORN FURNACE in this county; then to WASHINGTON FURNACE; then to VINTON VALLEY, now LINCOLN FURNACE, in ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO. Where he resided FOUR years, he then removed to COAL GROVE, where he bought the FARM he now lives on, which he FARMED for FIVE years. When he bought the FARM he now lives on, which he FARMED for FIVE years, when he rented it and went into the GROCERY and GENERAL MERCHANDISE business and he remained in that business ever since. Mr WARREN has never been married and through industry and good management he has accumulated quite a competency, his Birth-Place was SOMERSETSHIRE, ENGLAND, and the date OCTOBER 4, 1829.

His father JOHN WARREN, died AUGUST 7, 1858, and his mother CECELIA (HANNA) WARREN, died APRIL 5, 1832. Mr WARREN served in the late WAR as SECOND LIETUENANT of COMPANY D, 1st NATIONAL GUARD of LAWRENCE COUNTY, but the REGIMENT was never ordered to the FRONT. His brother WILLIAM WARREN, enlisted in 1861 in the 5th VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY and SERVED THREE YEARS. He was in many hard fought battles and in the battle of WINCHESTER, JULY 24, 1864, where his right leg was AMPUTATED and he died in CONSEQUENCE, AUGUST 7, 1864, leaving his wife to mourn his loss. Mr WARREN'S , Post Office address is IRONTON, LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO.

(PARTIAL LETTER)

of Samuel Lawson on OCCUPATION ROCK now called FARMER'S HILL CREEK, so now we have PETER here in 1692.

In my note, not proven, my Elzaphan 1778-1855 had a sister Susan or Susannah, he had an Indian living with him (census records) was he the HENRY whose parents were killed by Indians? Henry did not know the name of his parents!! Or his age!! He was HENRY RUCKER and my father always spoke of his cousin Willis Rucker- I think of the James and Elizabeth Deatley line.

So as yet I am not much help with Susannah, but will keep on,

Best luck, to you and your wife,
Sincerely ,
Cousin Eva Rucker Davidson

MERCY McANALLY & ADAM MITCHELL

Mercy McAnally born May 15, 1798 died Aug 3, 1877 dau of Jesse & Elizabeth (Morgan) McAnally married Adam Mitchell born Jan 5, 1800 died May 14, 1855 son of Hugh & Anna (Davis) Mitchell
Children of Mercy and Adam:
Elizabeth Ann Mitchell born Jan 19, 1823 died 1903 married Randall Ward
William C Mitchell born Jan 20, 1826 died 1829
Margaret Mitchell born Dec 2, 1827 died May 10, 1871 married Peter Ward
Mary Mitchell born 1828 married Lamb J Duncan
James H Mitchell born Aug 5, 1829 died 1873 married America Phillips
Jesse M Mitchell born April 29, 1833 died May 16, 1907 married 1st Mary Anne E Vaughn 2nd Sarah Ann Carter.
Charles A Mitchell born Mar 4, 1835 died July 3, 1911 married Nancy Jane Vaughn 1839-1902 (my gr-grandparents. RMW)
William Wesley Mitchell born Aug 1, 1838 died Sep 25, 1924 married Mary Jane Carter.
Mercy Ruhamer Mitchell married John Hurd
Adam M Mittchell married Elizabeth Minerva Mitchell (1st cousins)

CHARLES McANALLY

Charles McAnally born 1686 Scotland. Kidnapped when a boy and brought to America. Left near Philadelphia to shift for himself .

See Family Reminiscences by O R McAnally 1837

Charles married Huston and died Pennsylvania.

Their Children:
John McAnally born 1725 died 1796 married Ruth Huston
Charles " born 1731 died Aug 7, 1810 married R H born 1736 died 1806
Mary " married Sharron

According to all records I can find Charles came to the U S in 1794 and lived in Pennsylvania. Married a Huston and raised three children. When he died they moved to Virginia and later Charles Jr moved to this Area, Stokes County, NC

From C O Willis
Madison, N C

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CHARLES McANALLY JR

Charles McAnally born Sep 11, 1731 died Aug 7, 1810 married R H born Dec 24, 1736 died Oct 14, 1806. Both buried NcAnally Family Cemetery near Madison, N C, Stokes County. by C O Willis, Rt 1

Children of Charles & R H:
John McAnally
Sarah " married Joseph Banner
Jesse " born Oct 8, 1760 died Jan 20 1800
Mary " married Constantine Ladd
Lois " married R C Evans
Ruth " married Tarrence Burns
Ruhamer " married Holner

JESSE McANALLY

Jesse McAnally born Oct 8, 1760 died Jan 20, 1800 married Elizabeth Morgan born Jan 31, 1764 died July 5, 1844. Both buried McAnally Cemetery on Dan River, Stokes Co.

Children of Jesse and Elizabeth (Morgan) McAnally:
Mary McAnally born Sep 4, 1784 married George Booth
Charles " born July 5, 1786 died Feb 24, 1844 married Sarah Banner
Ruhamer " born Nov 28, 1788 married James C Wright
John " born 1790
Polly " born 1793 married James Booth
Elizabeth " born Nov 23, 1796 married James Davis
Mercy " born May 15, 1798 died Aug 3, 1877 married Adam Mitchell
Jesse " born Jan 20, 1800 (the day father died) married Mary Polly Wright

Mercy McAnally married Adam Mitchell born Jan 5, 1800 died May 14, 1855 [my gr-gr-grandparents - Robert M Willis]

LUNSFORD DEATHS

(Union includes Charles and there about; Upper includes Ironton & Coal Grove Township)

(F means female; M means male)

NAME	SEX	PARENTS	DEATH DATE	TWP.
C P Lunsford	F	C J & Martha (Vermillion)	1787	Mason
Darline "	F	Albert & Dora (Thompson)	April 6, 1895	Decatur
Dennison "	M	Basil & Martha	April 12, 1884	Mason
Donald E Jr "	M	Donald E & Helen (Blake)	Dec 2, 1926	Union
Donald Roy "	M	Gordon & Della (Hill)	April 29, 1938	Upper
Eddie E "	M	Levi & Eliz (Hicks)	March 17, 1870	Aid
Edmond "	M	Hiram & Lucy (LaEdon?)	June 18, 1871	Union
Edwin Lloyd "	M	Buford & Hazel (Casey)	Dec 6, 1926	Upper
Effalenra "	F	Elijah & Margaret (Morris)	Feb 24, 1881	Windsor
Elijah M "	M	J N & Viola (Dawson)	May 2, 1907	Rome
Elmer Elwood "	M	A J & Martha (Vermillion)	Dec 24, 1875	Mason
Ethel "	F	John & Belle (Jenkins)	June 11, 1900	Aid
Florence "	F	Jasper & Viola (Dawson)	July 15, 1905	Rome
Franklin "	M	L H & Ella (Brooks)	July 19, 1898	Windsor
Georgia O "	F	Edgar C & Nannie (Muncy)	Feb 28, 1895	Symmes

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