

**RADFORD MONROE REAMS**

**AND HIS WIFE**

**JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE**

**ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS**

**BY**

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## PREFACE

This book is being written to preserve the genealogical research done by Harriet Haley Reams, referred to herein sometimes as Aunt Harriet, the author Radford Reams Goodloe, Senior and others. Hopefully it will make the information available to present and future family members and others who might not otherwise have access to it. The research could probably never be duplicated in its entirety.

Radford Monroe Reams, I and Jessie Furman Coffee were my maternal grandparents, whence my interest in them. It is unknown why or how the name Monroe got into the family. It is also unknown whether the M. in Joshua M. Reams, I & II was for Monroe or some other name. Joshua M. the 1<sup>st</sup> was born long before James Monroe became president of the United States, and Radford Monroe was born forty years afterward, so it is doubtful that they were named for the president.

The author, Radford Reams Goodloe, Sr. is referred to herein as the author or RRG. His wife is Virginia Margaret Smith Goodloe and the pair is sometimes referred to in this work as R&V.

All dates have been put in the form Year - Month - Day to be consistent with the way people use all other numbers, that is the most significant one first and least significant last.

Superscript, subscript or footnotes have not been used. References have been incorporated right at the point in the text where they are brought up. It is not necessary to look at the end of the chapter or end of the book to find the them. Items requiring a full page or more start on the following page.

The author would prefer to call the family tree diagrams herewith Ancestor Charts, but his computer program uses Pedigree Chart and he does not have access to change it, so Pedigree Charts it is.

As far as dedication goes, we dedicate this book to all who helped with it and to all who it will help.

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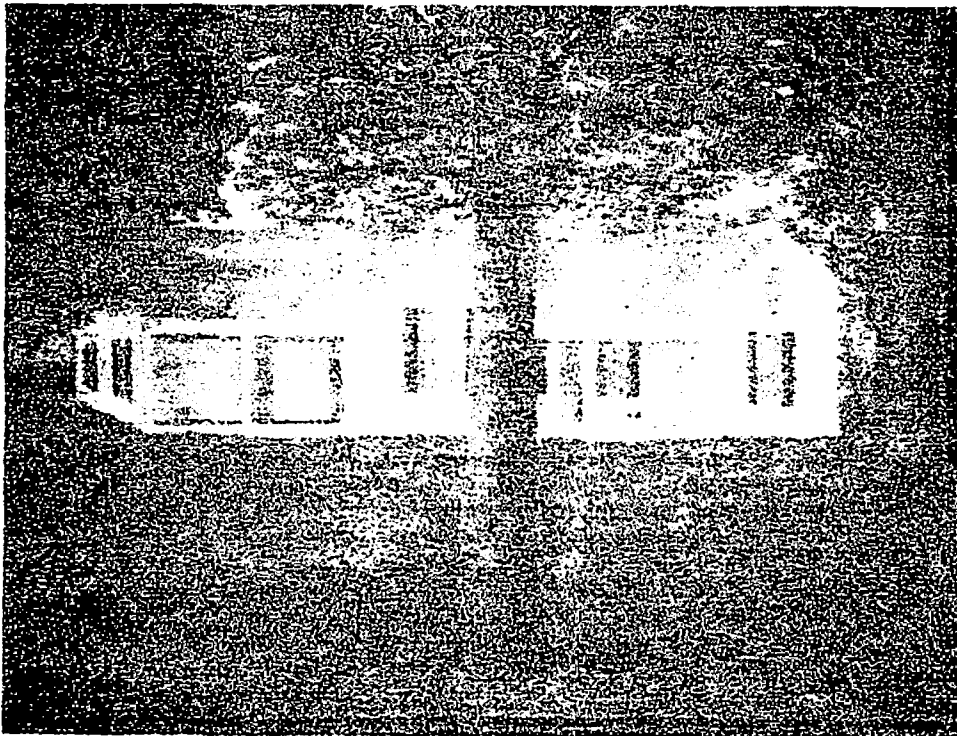
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## THE HOUSE ON REBEL HILL

Mentioned several times in the following pages is the house on Rebel Hill in McMinnville, Tennessee. This house was built by Chatham Coffee, father of Jessie Furman Coffee, about 1857, shortly after he bought the property. It was only the 5<sup>th</sup> house in that area. As you go north on North Spring Street the road bears right at the bottom of the hill about a half mile from Main street and Rebel Hill street splits off going slightly left. The location of the house was in the fork between these streets on the first significant rise. At one time Chatham Coffee owned all the way to the top of the hill, but at the time the author first remembers the place, around 1925, Jessie and Radford only owned back to the mud lane, now Madison street, which went across between North Spring and Rebel Hill streets at the low point between the house and the higher rise. Even so most of the farm buildings were still there, a woodshed attached to the back of the house, a brick smokehouse, a corn crib and a barn. At that time a place in the smokehouse had been partitioned off and held a large amount of sawdust in which ice was stored.

Exactly how the hill got it's name is uncertain, but it obviously dates from the Civil war. A recent CD type map shows a "peak" labeled Rebel hill about 1000 feet northwest of where the house stood, or close to where McMinnville's old water tank stood or stands.

The picture here shows the house on Rebel Hill as drawn by Aunt Harriet. The author was born in the room at the front left in the picture.



The house stood for about 100 years and burned about a year after it was sold by the heirs following Jessie Furman Coffee Reams' death in 1953.

## RADFORD AND JESSIE'S MARRIAGE

The record of this marriage from a family bible is reproduced below. Since the record is in the same stylized printing as the birth records of the children in the bible, it does not appear to have been entered at the original time, and obviously the death dates have been added. This marriage lasted 45 years 3 months and 18 days until the death of Radford in 1934.

Radford Monroe Reams Born at Spring Hill, Tenn June 20, 1857. Died Oct. 21, 1934	Jessie Furman Coffee Born at McMinnville, Tenn Jan. 30, 1868. Died Aug 3, 1958
MARRIED By R. L. Cooper      July 3 <sup>d</sup> , 1889.	

At the time of his marriage, Radford had been running the Southern Standard for seven years and was known to his fellow newspapermen all around middle Tennessee and farther. Below are shown remarks from two of them on his marriage.

THE HERALD would extend sincerest congratulations to our brother of the quill, R. M. Reams, editor of the McMinnville Standard, who has but very recently taken unto himself a wife. He is said to be the handsomest member of the Tennessee Press Association, he is full of energy and that modern aggressive spirit—so we bespeak for him and his bride a bright and happy future.

THE DEMOCRAT tenders hearty congratulations to Brother Reams, of the Southern Standard, who has recently taken unto himself a wife. We cannot always find it in our heart to congratulate a woman who becomes the wife of a country editor, but in this instance we feel justified in doing so. Mr. Reams is a worthy young man and we feel sure will make a model husband, as he is a good editor. Here's looking toward you, Bro. Reams, and may long life and happiness a-plenty come to you and your good wife.

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JULY 1889



Up until World War I started in 1914 and the U. S. got involved in 1917, the period of Radford and Jessie's marriage coincided with one of the longest periods of peace in U. S. history. They lived in a small town at what today would be a slow pace, with no big rapid changes. Nationally a few things made the history books such as the invention of the airplane in 1903, San Francisco earthquake of 1906, the financial panic of 1907, and Roald Amundsen reached the south pole in 1911. In general, except for some local lawlessness in 1896, things were peaceful in McMinnville for those 28 years.

The photograph below shows Radford and Jessie with their four oldest children. It had to be made about 1900 +/- one year as Mary looks almost as old as Evelyn. According to the note on the back of the picture from which this was copied, at top are Chatham and Mary, then Radford M. Reams I and Jessie F. Coffee Reams, and at the bottom Lindon and Evelyn. Since Mary was born in 1896 and Harriet was born and Evelyn died in 1902 that pretty well dates the picture.



## GRANDFATHER & SIBLINGS

Radford Monroe Reams I was born in 1857 June 20 in Spring Hill, Maury county just over the line from Williamson county Tennessee. He was the son of Joshua M. Reams II and wife Harriet Haley. He was the oldest of four boys, with no sisters. The next oldest brother, Gustavous Adolphus Reams was born 1859 June 27. Uncle Gus, as he was called, never married. He was a traveling salesman of law books. At the last he was unable to look after himself and was taken in by The Little Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic home for the aged in Nashville, Tennessee. Gustavous Reams died there 1937 December 30. An obituary from the Southern Standard is shown below. The surviving sister was only a half sister (Lena May Leftwich) as explained later in this section.

The death of Mr. Gus A. Reams, occurred at Home for the Aged, in Nashville early Thursday morning, 20th, after a brief illness. Double pneumonia is given as cause of death. Mr. Reams was about 78 years of age, a brother of Mr. R. M. Reams, for many years editor and publisher of Southern Standard. Remains were brought here by flight company for burial in family plot, Riverside cemetery. Funeral services were conducted from home of his sister-in-law on Rebel Hill, this Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock by Dr. J. Frank Leeper. Mr. Reams was never married and his only surviving next of kin is a sister, Mrs. Wm. Steger, who resides in Brooklyn, New York.

The two younger brothers both died in infancy. Walter Lee Reams born 1864 September 25 died 1865 July 25. Joshua Henry Reams born 1865 February 19 died 1866 June 4. So the only surviving descendants of Joshua M. Reams II are through Radford Monroe Reams I.

The following is copied from "History of Tennessee" by Will T. Hale and Dixon L. Merritt, volume VIII p. 2300. Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago 1913. Parenthesis information inserted by RRG.

"The grandfather of the McMinnville (Tennessee) editor was Joshua Reams (M. I) who came with three brothers Henry, John & Robert and two sisters and their widowed mother Martha from Dinwiddie county, Virginia in 1805 and located near Lewisburg in Williamson county,

Tennessee. Joshua was a young man when he came to Tennessee, and in the next few years was married to Mary Winslow. The Winslow family had it's original seat in Maryland, but came to Tennessee from North Carolina, locating in Hardin county. Joshua and Mary Winslow Reams were the parents of fourteen children (see family group sheets next pages), named Cornelia who died in infancy, William, Joseph, Martha, Absolom H., Frances, Mordecai, Elizabeth, Robert, Permelia, Joshua, Fredonia, John and George. Joshua (M. I) Reams, the father of this family was a carpenter by trade and for many years was the landlord of the old tavern in Spring Hill, Tennessee. He died in 1862 at the age of seventy-two.

"The parents of Radford Monroe Reams I were Joshua M. Reams II and Harriet Haley Reams. The father was born in Williamson county 1831 June 15 and died in 1865, and the mother was born in Maury county in 1838 and died in 1892. They were married in Maury county near Columbia in 1855, and of their four children Radford M. was the oldest.

"Joshua M. Reams II, the father, was reared in Williamson and Maury counties, and when a boy learned the trade of carpenter, an occupation which he followed for a number of years, and from that gradually into contracting and building. Later he was a

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband JOSUUA M. REAMS</b>			
Birth	1789	PROBABLY VA	B:
Death	1859 JULY 17	SPRINGHILL, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: SP:
Marriage	1812 DEC 9	WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	SB:
Father	JOSHUA REAMS (b 1752)		
Mother	MARTHA "PATSY" UNKNOWN POSS. SWINEBROAD (b EST 1754)		
<b>Wife MARY "POLLY" WINSLOW</b>			
Birth	1798	VA OR NC	B:
Death	1882 JAN 4 OR	MAURY OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: SP:
Overseer	R. N. HERBERT (m 1869 DEC 2)		
<b>Children</b>			
1	<b>F CORNELIA REAMS</b>		
Birth	1814 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
2	<b>M WILLIAM B. REAMS</b>		
Death	bef 1839	on the farm on LEWISBURG PIKE, 9 miles from Franklin	B:
Birth	1816 ESTIMATE	WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: SP:
3	<b>M JOSEPH REAMS</b>		
Death	bef 1839	on the farm on LEWISBURG PIKE, 9 miles from Franklin	B:
Birth	1818 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: SP:
4	<b>F MARTHA REAMS</b>		
Birth	1820 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
5	<b>M ABRAHAM HENRY REAMS</b>		
Birth	1821 SEP 27	SPRING HILL, MAURY COUNTY TN	B:
Death	1900 SEP 28	CANNON COUNTY TN buried MILTON Cemetery	E: SP:
Spouse	MARTHA LANE BORGES (m 1853 JAN 4)		
6	<b>F FRANCES REAMS</b>		
Birth	1823 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
Spouse	JERUSA VAN HOOK (m 1848 SEP 5)		
7	<b>M MORDECAI REAMS</b>		
Birth	1823 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
8	<b>F MAY ELIZABETH REAMS</b>		
Birth	1826 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
9	<b>M ROBERT REAMS</b>		
Birth	1828 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
Spouse			
10	<b>F PERMELIA REAMS</b>		
Birth	1830 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN	B: E: SP:
Spouse	ROBERT DOSS (m 1832)		

merchant at Spring Hill and at Franklin and conducted stores at those places during the war. Merchandising remained his vocation from that time until his death. He was affiliated with the independent Order of Odd Fellows."

# Family Group Record

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Husband		JOSHUA M. I REAMS	
Wife		MARY "POLLY" WINSLOW	
Children			
11	M	JOSHUA M. II REAMS	
	Birth	1831 JUNE 15	MAURY COUNTY TN
	Death	1865 OCT 24	MAURY COUNTY TN
	Spouse	HOUSEWIFE HARRIET L. HALEY (m 1856 AUGUST 28)	
12	F	FREDONIA REAMS	
	Birth	1833 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN
	Death	AT AGE 4 YEAR	
13	M	JOHN REAMS	
	Birth	1835 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN
	Spouse	ELIZABETH J. HARVEY (m 1857 MAY 24)	
14	M	GEORGE W. REAMS	
	Birth	1837 ESTIMATE	LINCOLN OR WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN
	Spouse	MARY E. DAVIS (m 1864 MAR 3)	
Prepared 10 Dec 2001 by:		Comments:	
R. Reams Goodloe, Sr.			

**CHILD NOTES: ABSOLOM HENRY REAMS**

General: Death date and burial place from "Our Loved Ones" in Cannon County Graves by Morgan Lewis. Birth date and place in a handwritten letter from his daughter Mary. The letter is dated 1909 May 17.

**CHILD NOTES: FREDONIA REAMS**

General: Age at death given in letter of 1909 MAY 17 from MARY REAMS to R.M.REAMS, SR.

**CHILD NOTES: JOSEPH REAMS**

General: Death info from 1909 May 17 letter from his niece MARY REAMS to R.M.REAMS I

"Up to the time he was twelve years of age, Radford M. Reams I attended the country schools of Maury county, and then made his first acquaintance with the art of printing. He was taken into the office of the North Alabamian and Times at Tusculmbia, Alabama and served a three year apprenticeship. He worked with this paper until 1876, in which year he came to McMinnville and was employed by Mr. Wallace on the New Era. In 1882 Mr. Reams bought an interest in the Standard with H. P. Newton and J. B. Ritchey. He bought out all the other interests in 1885 and has been sole owner and editor of the Standard since that time. (until 1924) The Southern Standard was probably the original "Mugwump" paper of Tennessee, taking an independent stand in politics in the early nineties. At the present time (1913) the policy is independently Democratic, and as a weekly journal it enjoys a large circulation.

"A strong prohibitionist, Mr. Reams has for more than thirty years been on the firing line in all temperance and prohibition movements in the state. When he started the campaign against liquor there were between seventy-five and one hundred brandy distilleries and two or three whiskey distilleries in Warren county, and five saloons in

McMinnville. The town and county are now entirely clear of such business. In making this aggressive fight against saloons Mr. Reams created some bitter antagonism, but some of those who once opposed him on this issue are now among his strongest friends and supporters

"In 1889 he married Miss Jessie Coffee, a daughter of Captain Chatham Coffee. Six children were born to their union, of whom five are living (1913) –Chatham Coffee, Lindon Lewis, Mary Morford, Harriet Haley and Radford Monroe Jr. Mr. Reams, like his paper, maintains an independent attitude in Democratic politics. He is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church, to which denomination his wife also belongs. Besides his editorial work he is engaged in writing fire insurance, and for a number of years has served as United States Commissioner."

The book "Warren County Distinguished Personalities of the Tennessee Bicentennial 1810 - 1996" has a five page article on Radford Monroe Reams I. It is believed to have been written by James A. Dillon Jr., Warren County historian. Much of it is quoted below.

"This individual who spent over fifty years in the newspaper business, was an editor over forty-five of those years and owned his own paper for over forty-two years, became one of the most noted and acclaimed newspapermen in Tennessee during his era. His command of the English language, which was self taught, was unexcelled. His editorials could be forceful, vitriolic, condemning, complimentary, mirthful, but always directed at the issue at hand. A devoted church man, family man, zealous Democrat in politics, student of progressive farming practices, and advocate of better education, he promoted these issues to the utmost. Disdainful of alcohol in any form, he was an avid prohibitionist. A lover of beautiful things, he campaigned tirelessly for a more beautiful McMinnville and Warren County in a time when few people saw the need or had the inclination to spend time cleaning up or beautifying. His obituaries were masterpieces of compassion, sympathy and heartrending grief, which he so beautifully described with his word-engineering. A driving force in our community for almost sixty years, Radford Monroe Reams left us a legacy in journalism that will likely never be matched. Strong in opinion, direct in his answers, and sometimes quick to retort, he was an individual you could strongly like or dislike, but Reams was unswerving in his espousal of an issue and tenacious in pursuing his goal to its ultimate end. He won many more battles than he lost, attesting to his persuasive ability with the pen.

". . . in 1876, having served a three- year apprenticeship working for the (North Alabamian) newspaper in various capacities, he moved to McMinnville to work with the McMinnville New Era, which was the sole newspaper in Warren County at the time and thriving under the fine editorship of David Franklin Wallace, the owner, who had assumed the editorship of the paper in 1857 two years after its founding.

"Thus at age nineteen Reams began his career as a newspaperman in Warren County which was to continue until his retirement in 1924. In October of 1879, a new newspaper was started by R. P. Baker, with Dr. John Paine as editor. Named the Southern Standard it was purchased in 1880 by A. M. Burney, who ran the paper until late 1881, when it was suspended. The equipment and supplies were subsequently

purchased by Dr. J. B. Ritchey, a well known druggist, and W. C. Womack, a local merchant, who revived the paper in January of 1882 as an agricultural paper. In September of 1882 the newspaper was purchased by R. M. Reams and Horace P. Newton, who formed the Standard Publishing Company. Under new ownership and capable editorship, the fledgling newspaper blossomed. By 1883, a new printing press had been installed and the paper enlarged from four to eight pages. Two years later, in 1885, Reams purchased Newton's interest, becoming the sole owner.

"The 'Standard,' as it was commonly called by the citizens, became a voice for progress both in Warren County and Tennessee. As noted earlier, Reams had strong ideas and beliefs. These ideas and beliefs were translated in laws, regulations, and projects which could be passed and undertaken to move the county and state ahead. Reams had come to the county when the county fair was at its peak of popularity. A fair, in Reams's thinking, could present new and novel ideas, different and better breeds of livestock, better cooking and canning procedures, instructions on better health habits, and thoughts on sewing and new styles of dress, plus providing means to bring the people together and so creating a better attitude toward unity within the county. The fair closed in 1880 because of lack of financial support, but Reams saw a need for its revival and over the next thirty five years wrote numerous articles and editorials on reviving the county fair. It did not happen until 1916.

"A dedicated and avid prohibitionist, the Standard editor took up the banner of the dries soon after assuming control of the paper. When he started his campaign to erase alcohol consumption from the county, there were almost a hundred distilleries making brandy and whiskey. In addition there were five saloons in McMinnville, and alcohol was available in some form in every part of the county at any time. Addiction to alcohol was rampant and was seriously deteriorating the health of the population. It must be noted however, that opposition to the manufacture and use of alcohol was almost non-existent, since brandy distilling was one of the most lucrative industries in the county and produced the greatest cash flow to our farmers and merchants. Two large warehouses in Depot Bottom, which were usually full during the fall months, attested to the amount of brandy and whiskey being made and the financial impact it had on the county's income. None of these facts deterred Reams in the least.

"Reams often referred to the drunken condition of people on the streets, especially on weekends, and to the numerous fights that resulted from drinking along with injuries and death occurring from the fights. He was quick to point out the terrible plight awaiting the families of those addicted to alcohol. By 1890 he had enlisted a strong ally in the appearance of the W.C.T.U. or Women's Christian Temperance Union, which had organized an active chapter in Warren County and had recruited some of the region's most notable men to assist the women's goal of banishing alcohol in any form by passing prohibition laws.

"Warren County experienced a great many of its most troublesome times in 1896. In that year, clandestine groups of men perpetrated several acts of violence that led to the deaths of several citizens of the community. Under the guise of Klansmen that they may or may not have been, they determined to remove and discourage anyone acting in any way to stop the manufacture and use of alcohol. The newspapers in Nashville and Chattanooga referred to the lawlessness in Warren County and urged

everyone to stay away from the area, proclaiming it a "no man's land," Reams pen became more forceful and vitriolic in the face of intimidation and threats. Sensing that all forms of law and order in Warren County were being lost, the people rallied, they began talking, suspected culprits were arrested, and the Internal Revenue Service brought in additional agents to stop illegal whiskey making and the illicit selling of such wares. New officials were elected, and by 1902 McMinnville voted dry. The county would follow in a few years and the making and consumption of legal alcohol was stopped. Reams never wavered during his twenty-two year campaign to bring prohibition to Warren County.

"When Reams came to Warren County, the courthouse was situated in the middle of what is now East Court Street between the present courthouse and the post office. The original permanent courthouse had been located in the middle of the present park. When he first saw what is now the park, it was full of rubble from partial demolition of the old courthouse and was used primarily as a parking area for farmers and shoppers who came to town mostly on the weekend to buy their necessities. It contained several trees but little sod of any kind and during the summer months became a real eyesore, with the animal droppings, watermelon rinds, empty containers, and assorted trash left by the occupants. To Reams this was an abomination to the citizens and left a bad impression on visitors to the county. He engaged in a personal campaign to make an attractive park out of the area which could be enjoyed by townspeople and county residents alike.

"His editorials and articles caught the attention of a group of prominent ladies who formed the Women's Civic league. Although the city fathers were slow to act on the matter, pressure from their wives, with urging from Reams's continuing editorial action, finally paid off and work was begun to construct the park, fence it off, plant trees and shrubs, rect sidewalks and benches, and otherwise beautify the central area of downtown. By 1890 things were taking shape, but Reams didn't relent. Most people kept livestock at their homes to provide milk and meat. This meant that most of the citizens had cows, hogs and chickens. Laws and regulations relating to fencing of the various animals were non-existent, so many citizens had little or no fencing and their animals were prone to roam. It was not uncommon for Reams to come to town and find that someone's hogs had rooted up the park lawn. This galled him immensely and he began a campaign against "the town hog." Small squibs and short articles would appear in the paper stating "the town hog has been at it again!" He didn't stop until action was taken which resulted in stricter fencing laws being enacted, a much needed improvement in modernizing the town as well as protecting citizens' lawns and gardens.

"Having grown up on a farm as a lad, Radford maintained a lifelong interest in agriculture. In 1885 he began the publication of "The Highland Rural Home," a handbook on progressive farming practices. A year later he added another publication entitled "Progress," containing articles geared to attaining maximum production on the farm with the latest methods and improvements. An active member of the McMinnville Presbyterian Church (South), he was an elder and chairman of the board of elders for most of that period. He served as a trustee in the building of their lovely new sanctuary in 1900, which stood on the corner of North Spring and Donnell Streets. This building

was sold to the Baptists in 1930 after the church had merged with the Main Street Presbyterian congregation. Reams served as a trustee of Cumberland Female College for several years in the 1880s and 1890s.

"Always a promoter and supporter of education, he labored long and hard for the establishment of a city educational system, which was achieved in 1886. Thereafter he served for fifteen years as a member of the City Board of Education, acting as chairman for a portion of those years. Always active in the improvement of the educational system, he was embroiled in one of McMinnville's most fascinating political battles in the period 1924 to 1928, when he sold his home on Rebel Hill for a new and much needed high school. At the next city election, a newly installed board decided the Reams location was not the best and accepted an offer of a free site of several acres where the General Shoe plant was located in future years. Cooler heads prevailed in the city mayor and alderman race of December, 1927 when both sides came together, picking a neutral site on North Chancery Street where McMinnville Central High School was built. Reams's home was returned to him, and he resided there for the remainder of his life.

"Although he was emphatically Democratic in his political views he stayed aloof from actual participation in any races until 1906, when he announced his candidacy for the office of circuit court clerk. Some insight into his views of things may be seen in the tract which he published concerning his candidacy,

shown on this page. It is likely that his unusually practical approach to campaigning coupled with his rigid stand on some unpopular views in the past contributed to his defeat, which he took in stride.

"An interesting note to his candidacy was the comment of many of the state newspapers, which was most favorable and complimentary regarding his character and role as a newspaper editor of great distinction. He was an active member of the Tennessee Press Association for many years, serving as president of the group several times.

"He served for eighteen years as an United States Commissioner, an office that could accept one's oath of allegiance and issue citizenship papers. Radford Monroe Reams died at his home on October 21, 1934, after several years of failing health. He

From 1906

## SOUTHERN STANDARD

SUPPLEMENT.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

**To the Voters of Warren County:**

Without the "burnt shovels of many voters," without the suggestion or advice of any one, but consulting only my personal interests and inclination, I have deliberately returned to become a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk of Warren County as the August term in 1906. I have not been prompted to take this step by any great desire to serve the people, nor by patriotic or philanthropic motives. I honestly confess that the salary of the office furnishes the only inducement to me to seek the position. At the same time I am not before the people as an object of charity or a victim of misfortune. Neither am I asking the office of your hands to give me a start in life or to relieve me over any particular financial difficulties. While being confident of my ability to make a fair and honest record at the aid of a citizen, so long as I may be blessed with good health, and the increasing demands of a family of growing children make this a most strenuous task every year, and a term of this nature will be a very great help to me, and a favor from the people I would gratefully appreciate.

My views upon public servants and official duties have been so frequently and freely expressed through the editorial columns of this newspaper for more than twenty years, that it is hardly necessary to make any further declarations on those points, more than to say that if elected I will give my very best efforts to the discharge of the duties of the office as a public trust, and not as a private asset. I believe that public service should be adequately compensated in cash, but if given the opportunity it will be my aim to render 100 cents worth of service for every dollar of salary received.

I do not ask any citizens to vote for me with any hope of special favors or reward from me, further than the honest, faithful discharge of official duties. I do not ask the vote of any citizen who has not upon fair investigation that I am not fully competent to perform all the duties of the office in a business-like manner, or that I am in any way unworthy of the trust. I have always endeavored to merit good character, integrity and qualifications for the duties of the various employments should be the first consideration of voters in selecting public officials, and now that I have accepted the name of a candidate I am perfectly willing to be weighed in those balances and judged by those standards. If I can win on this platform I will be very grateful for the expression of public approval. If I lose I will accept defeat with good grace and without any complaint for any one.

Sincerely,  
R. M. REAMS.



had sold his cherished Southern Standard in 1924 to Tom Price because of his health.

"His funeral services were held at his home on Rebel Hill on Tuesday, October 23, with Reverend F. L. Leeper, former pastor of the McMinnville Presbyterian Church, and A. H. Huffs, pastor of the McMinnville Baptist Church, giving the eulogies. Internment was in Riverside Cemetery.

"Thus ended the colorful and productive career of an individual who never wavered from his ideals and dreams and saw many of them reach fruition."

The brief statements on pages ten through thirteen are about all that is known about the early life and education of Radford M. I. At the age of 32 he married Jessie Furman Coffee daughter of Chatham Coffee, a prominent McMinnville businessman and farmer. The marriage occurred in 1889 July 3 at the McMinnville Presbyterian church. It was officiated by the Reverend F. L. Leeper who 12 years later himself married the bride's sister Hallie.

Radford Monroe Reams, I was not deeply interested in genealogy as evidenced by the letter he wrote to his oldest son 1919 August 11 and reproduced on the next page.

The then owners of the Southern Standard in 1986 July, put out a special "Heritage" issue which reproduced some items from many years back. Page 56 of that issue reproduces part of a page from the 1902 October 4<sup>th</sup> edition, written by Radford Monroe Reams I. The layout is such that it could not be scanned at one time so columns one and two are shown on the page following the letter and the third column on the page after that. Also in the 1986 "Heritage" issue on page 66 is a supplement from a 1906 edition, in which Editor Reams announces his candidacy for Circuit Court Clerk. A position similar to the one his father-in-law held in the previous century. He was not elected as far as any records have been found. This announcement is shown on the previous page.

5/11/19

Dear Chatham:

I inclose herewith a letter I received from Memphis some days ago, together with some notes of the Reams family history. See if you can get time to call on the lady and give her these notes. If you are interested at all in tracing up genealogies I will turn over to you all the letters and information I have on the subject. The A. A. Reams referred to in my notes probably has more information in his possession regarding the family than any one else I know of. The family is so numerous and spread out into so many branches that tracing them up will be a very tedious job to any <sup>one</sup> not having a special fancy for that kind of exploration, and I have none of the fever.

Lindon has made an offer for twenty acres of land two miles from town which I think likely he will get. He made his first shipment of cream to Murfreesboro this morning. Our local creamery will be in operation early in next month. Lindon has quite a pretty bunch of heifers and calves coming on. All well at home except your Uncle George and Aunt Lella. Neither of them seem to be doing any good. I think they are both in very critical condition.

I have now in hand an 8-page paper, 5 columns, to get out for the Sou. Commercial School, and one of 8 or 12 smaller pages for Billingsley, a church monthly. Both want the first issues by Sept. 1st, but I am afraid I will not be able to get both out by that time. Could make it alright if I had another operator so could run the machine double time

*Apprentice*  
*W. H. H.*

From October 4, 1902 Special Edition

# SOUTHERN STANDARD McMinnville.

The first issue of The Southern Standard was published the last week in October, 1879, the paper being established by Mr. R.P. Baker, with Dr. John R. Paine as editor. Some time during the next year the paper came into possession of Prof. A.M. Burney, who ran it as a "sky blue" organ through the high and low tax campaign of 1881. About the close of that year the paper suspended. The printing plant, consisting of a Washington hand press and a few hundred dollars worth of material, was purchased by Dr. J.B. Ritchey and Mr. W.C. Womack, and they revived the paper in January, 1882, making it an agricultural paper.

In September, 1882, R.M. Reams, the present publisher, and H.P. Newton, another practical printer, bought equal interests in the paper with Dr. Ritchey, and formed The Standard Publishing Company.

In the summer of 1883, the paper having been firmly

established on a permanent, self-sustaining basis, a cylinder press was bought and the paper enlarged, its form also being changed from four to eight pages.

In the spring of 1885 R.M. Reams bought the interests of Dr. Ritchey and Mr. Newton, and has continued to publish the paper ever since. Thus it will be seen that The Standard is nearing the close of its twenty-third year, twenty years of which time the present owner has been connected with its publication, and more than seventeen years as its sole publisher and editor. There are very few other papers in the State which have been published through the same period without changes of editors and publishers.

We believe we have just cause to feel proud of the character and standing of the paper. In the first issue of our connection with the paper we put up the motto which it still carries, "A newspaper of today; pure in tone and expression; progressive in all things." and we have



J. FRED MURPHY,  
Formerly Southern Standard.

Mr. Murphy was born in Warren County in 1874, and began work on the Standard in 1887, and after serving his apprenticeship has been with the Standard ever since, with the exception of six months, when he was in the government printing office at Washington, D. C. Mr. Murphy is a splendid printer, and manages the mechanical department of the Standard in a very satisfactory manner. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and Royal Arcanum, being very popular in both orders. He is clever, affable, honorable and upright, and possesses as many friends as any young man in Warren County.



R. M. REAMS (Flashlight Photograph by Lively.)

The photographs for more than ninety per cent of the illustrations in this edition were made by W. S. Lively & Sons, McMinnville, many of them by flashlight and at night. No photographic studio in the State turns out finer work than Messrs. Lively, and theirs is the only studio in the State at present doing flashlight work, either day or night.

What has not been mentioned is that after his father died, Radford Monroe Reams I's mother, Harriet Haley, married again. This marriage was to Henry Peyton Leftwich, 1872 March 20 in Tennessee. Harriet and Henry had one child, a daughter Lena May Leftwich born 1875 May 25 in Athens, Alabama, and died 1965 February 10 in Whittier, California. She is

**Tenn., R. M. REAMS, Editor.**

earnestly endeavored to work to that motto all these years. We have striven to make The Standard a clean, moral, high-toned journal, which could be read in the family circle with the utmost freedom. The Standard can always find enough to fill its columns that is of interest and value without digging into the filth and garbage of current news.

While Democratic in its sympathies and inclinations, The Standard has long since ceased to follow blindly every wild dash of the Democratic band-wagon. The Standard has demonstrated that a weekly newspaper can still be independent and live and prosper.

While the patronage the paper receives is not all we could wish, we perhaps have much cause for congratulation, and will continue to give our best efforts to make The Standard useful and beneficial to the town, county and State.



W. J. BROWN.

The subject of this sketch was born and reared in Warren County, and is a member of one of the honored and respected old families of the county. He began setting type in the Standard office several years ago, and has proven a valuable attaché. He is also manager of the McMinnville Bill Postum Company, and has filled the position with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to the company. He is genial, accommodating, honest and fair in all his dealings, and numbers his friends by the score.

discussed following the Harriet L. Haley Reams Leftwich obituary. Family stories are that Henry Leftwich was a ne'er do well and something of an alcoholic, and that Radford and Gustavous paid him off to "go get lost". He died at an old soldiers home in Nashville 1910 and is buried in Nashville. Anyway Harriet spent her last years without him in McMinnville. Note that her obituary does not mention him, although he lived eighteen years after she died.

Harriet Haley Reams Leftwich died 1892 March 1 at 4 p.m. in McMinnville. The author has a copy of the Funeral Notice and the obituary quoted here which was no doubt written by Radford M. the first and published in the Southern Standard.

"Died in this place Tuesday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Harriet Reams Leftwich, aged 53 years, 2 months and 22 days.

"After life's trials and cares and disappointments, rest sweet rest, 'asleep in Jesus'. Only those who have loved and lost mother can know the grief of such a parting, and only through hope and trust in Christ's tender love for her whom He takes to Himself and for those He leaves here for yet a brief season can there come reconciliation to the deep affliction. Life's burdens had borne heavily upon her, some of the years were laden with more of the bitter than the sweet. Much physical pain and suffering imprisoned her

trials and disappointments in her own heart, giving all the brightness and joy and sunshine of her life to her loved ones. She leaves two sons, Messrs. R. M. and G. A. Reams and one daughter by her second marriage, and no mother ever gave to children more unselfish love and devotion she did to these. But her sacrifices are now over, and she has gone to the reward of the faithful. She has entered into the unspeakable joys of eternal rest. Out into the deep unfathomable recesses of the great beyond has her spirit passed to the God who gave it. She was ready, yea, anxious to go, and we know that she is at peace. A little further down the tide of years those she loved here and has left behind will pass over the stream which flows between time and eternity and join her on the bright, beautiful shore, where there is no more parting, but life and love and joy forevermore. A little while longer dear, sainted mother and we are coming to thee."

Lena May Leftwich attended Cumberland Female College in McMinnville in 1892 and 1893. She made the highest possible grades in all her classes in the quarter ending 1893 January 6. Her subjects were Book-Keeping, English Literature, History of Philosophy, Instrumental Music and Mental Science, as shown on her report card which Ruth Ellen Hergesheimer Northrop, her great grand daughter, now has and the author has a copy. At the college musical recital on Friday night 1893 May 19 she played Beethoven's Sonata, Opus 14 No. 2.

Lena May Leftwich married William Morgan Reger, Sr. 1898 March 17 in McMinnville. See descendants charts on the following pages. He was son of John K. Reger who died 1898 and spouse Elizabeth Ann Myers and born in South Branch, New Jersey. John & Elizabeth Reger's house stood next to the Dutch Reformed church. Lena and William soon moved to New York and lived on Long Island. They had two daughters and one son, all of whom moved west. Many descendants live in California and Colorado. Lena May died at age 88 in 1964 February 10 in Whittier, California. Her granddaughter Elizabeth Hergesheimer, still lives in Whittier.

**LENA MAY LEFTWICH**  
b 1875 MAY 25-ATHENS AL  
d 1964 FEB 10-WHITTIER CA

sp: **WILLIAM MORGAN, SR. REGER**  
b 1872 NOV 14-LONG BRANCH NJ  
m 1898 MAR 17-MCMINNVILLE TN  
d 1945 SEP 1-HOLLIS L. I. NY

**HARRIET ELIZABETH REGER**  
b 1899 MAR 1  
d 1976 APR-PLACENTIA CA

sp: **GEORGE FOUQUET**  
b 1897 MAR 25-LONG ISLAND NY  
m 1917 OCT 16  
d 1976 APR-COLORADO SPRINGS CO

**DOROTHY ANN FOUQUET**  
b 1921 DEC 3-NY

sp: **JACK RAYMOND DAVIS**  
b estimated 1920  
m 1951 SEP 29  
d 1983-COLORADO SPRINGS CO

**GEORGE FOUQUET DAVIS**  
b 1952 APR 13

sp: **SHAWN BOSWELL**  
m 1977 SEP 24-PROBABLY CO

**TEGAN MARIE DAVIS**  
b 1981 JUL 19-PROBABLY CO

**CHASE FOUQUET DAVIS**  
b 1984 JUN 19-PROBABLY CO

**THOMAS ERNEST DAVIS**  
b 1955 MAY 26-FUKUOKA, JAPAN

sp: **TONI LEMASTERS**  
m 1980 OCT 4-PROBABLY CO

**RYAN THOMAS DAVIS**  
b 1981 JUL 3-PROBABLY CO

**c CHRISTOPHER DAVIS**  
b 1998 JUL 4-COLORADO SPRINGS CO

**JACKI ELAINE DAVIS**  
b 1991 FEB 9-PROBABLY CO

**BETSY ANN DAVIS**  
b 1956 JUL 26-FORT CAMPBELL KY

**sp: JIM BISSET**  
m 1983 JUN 4 div-PROBABLY CO

**JESSICA BISSET**  
b 1986 OCT 22-PROBABLY CO

**JON RALPH DAVIS**  
b 1958 APR 10-WURZBURG, GERMANY

**sp: DENISE RODRIGUEZ**  
m ESTIMATED 1980-PROBABLY CO DIVORCED 1985

**BRANDI NICOLE DAVIS**  
b 1980 OCT 17-PROBABLY CO

**SHERRI THERESA ELGIN DAVIS**  
b 1982 MAR 8-PROBABLY CO

**JOSEPH WOODS**  
b 1998 OCT 24

**FRANK ALBERT WOODS**  
b 2002 JAN 15

**sp: SANDY VITEK**  
b EST. 1959  
m 1992 DEC 28-PROBABLY CO

**ROBERT ROY DAVIS**  
b 1960 DEC 27-WURZBURG, GERMANY

**sp: CHERYL KAY UNKNOWN**  
m 1983 DEC 18-PROBABLY CO

**DESTINEE DAVIS**  
b 1986 JUN 16-PROBABLY CO

# Descendants of LENA MAY LEFTWICH

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**CHARLES EDWARD DAVIS**  
b 1963 OCT 15-FORT CARSON CO

sp: **MARGIE TEALS**  
m 1983 DEC 18 div.-PROBABLY CO

**NICOLE KATHRINE DAVIS**  
b 1987 NOV 15-PROBABLY CO

sp: **JENNIFER ECKROTE**  
b 1991 FEB 13-PROBABLY CO  
m 1995 MAR 4

**JACOB ZACHERY DAVIS**  
b 1993 JUL 30-PROBABLY CO

**BROOKE LYNN DAVIS**  
b 1998 MAR 3-PA

**MaKENZIE DAVIS**  
b 1999 AUG 23

**BREANN GLORIANA DAVIS**  
b 2000 SEP 28-OCEANSIDE CA

**LISA MARIE DAVIS**  
b 1965 AUG 15-COLORADO SPRINGS CO

sp: **JAMES P. FINCH**  
b 1965 APR 14  
m 1992 JUNE 13-COLORADO SPRINGS CO

**TYRA FINCH**  
b 1995 DEC 22-DENVER CO

**GARRETT FINCH**  
b 1998 JUN 29-DENVER CO

**CATHERINE REAMS REGER**  
b 1904 JUL 7-BROOKLYN NY  
d 1986 JAN 4-FULLERTON CA

sp: **CHESTER ARTHUR GORDON**  
b 1902 MAR 29-NY NY  
m 1929 MAR 19 AND 1966 MAY 25-JAMAICA L. I. NY AND FULLERTON CA  
d 1984 JUL 2-FULLERTON CA



## Descendants of LENA MAY LEFTWICH

ELIZABETH ANN GORDON  
b 1934 APR 24-JAMAICA L. I. NY

sp: JOHN HOWARD HERGESHEIMER  
b 1932 OCT 22-HOLLYWOOD CA  
m 1954 JUN 5-WHITTIER CA

MARK REES HERGESHEIMER  
b 1956 JAN 5-WHITTIER CA

sp: TRESA LOUISE HATCHER  
b 1961 JUL 20-WA  
m 1982 JUL 3-WHITTIER CA

COURTNEY LAUREN HERGESHEIMER  
b 1984 DEC 27-LA MIRADA CA

PETER DAVID HERGESHEIMER  
b 1958 MAR 14-WHITTIER CA

sp: ELIZABETH ANN HAMMEN  
b 1959 OCT 9  
m 1979 SEP 1-WHITTIER CA

JEFFREY GORDON HERGESHEIMER  
b 1985 MAY 1-FULLERTON CA

DAVID SCOTT HERGESHEIMER  
b 1988 OCT 4-FULLERTON CA

ERIC ALAN HERGESHEIMER  
b 1990 OCT 9-FULLERTON CA

RUTH ELLEN HERGESHEIMER  
b 1964 MAY 14-WHITTIER CA

sp: CHRISTOPHER ROLAND NORTHROP  
b 1962 FEB 28-LOS ANGELES COUNTY CA  
m 1985 AUG 17-WHITTIER CA

WILLIAM MORGAN, JR. REGER  
b 1912 DEC 28-NY  
d 1977 OCT

## Descendants of LENA MAY LEFTWICH

sp: PHYLLIS CHRISTINE "PAT" FORD  
b ESTIMATED 1915, MAR 27-CHIO  
m EST. 1935

WILLIAM MORGAN III REGER  
b 1936 ? FEB 1-SANT LOUIS MO

sp: ELIZABETH UNKNOWN  
b EST. 1937  
m EST. 1957

WILLIAM MORGAN IV REGER  
b abt 1960

RONALD FORD REGER  
b 1937 ? AUG 18-IDAHO

GAYLENE REGER  
b EST. 1961

An obituary which appeared in "The Daily News" of Whittier in 1964 February 11<sup>th</sup> follows:

"REGGER: Funeral services for Mrs. Lena M. Reger of 318 N. Washington Avenue, Whittier, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Seiwert-Barber Chapel with the Rev. John B. McGee officiating. Internment will be in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Reger has been a resident of this area since 1946, and for many years an active member of the First Methodist Church of Whittier and the J. U. Class.

At her death 1964 February 10<sup>th</sup>, she is survived by her children, Mrs. Catherine R. Gordon of Fullerton, Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Fouquet of La Habra Heights, and William M. Reger of Oakland; four grandchildren including Mrs. John Hergesheimer of Whittier; and 11 great grandchildren."

The author has limited knowledge of her descendants so look at the descendants charts on the following pages for the vital information. Lena May and William's oldest child was Harriet Elizabeth Reger who married Izadore George Fouquet. George was born in Ozone Park, Long Island, New York and later lived in Detroit, Michigan. The only child of Harriet and George Fouquet was Dorothy Ann who married Jack Raymond Davis at Fort Belvoir, Virginia 1951 September 29. Dorothy Ann and Jack had seven children whose dates spouses and offspring are listed in the descendants chart. RRG and Virginia visited Dorothy Ann Fouquet Davis in Colorado Springs, Colorado 1993 October 9 and 10 met several of her children but don't remember which ones. Dorothy Ann confided in R&V that one reason she had so many children was the example of the authors mother, Mary Morford Reams Goodloe who managed to raise eight. Much of the Reger descendant information is from Dorothy Ann and Elizabeth Ann.

Lena May and William's second child was Catherine Reams Reger, born 1904 July 7 in Brooklyn, New York. She married Chester Arthur Gordon twice, the first time 1929 March 19 and the second time 1966 May 25. He was born 1902 March 29 in New York City, the son of Chester Mosse Gordon and Mabel Bergen and died 1984 July 2 in Fullerton, California. Catherine was something of a poet and had a book of poetry titled "Of Many Things" published in 1975 by The Carlton Press, New York. She died 1986 January 4 in Fullerton. Catherine and Chester had only one child, Elizabeth Ann. The author met Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Gordon Hergesheimer and her daughter Ruth Ellen when they came to McMinville about 1991. Ruth Ellen is Betty's youngest child, born 1964 May 14 in Whittier, California and married 1985 August 17, also in Whittier, to Christopher Roland Northrop. RRG and his wife Virginia later visited with Betty and her husband John Howard Hergesheimer in Whittier, California 1992 May 13 & 14, and met their sons and families. The author has maintained annual correspondence with Betty and John Hergesheimer and Ruth Ellen since then. Both sons were born in Whittier, the oldest Mark Rees 1956 January 5 and Peter David 1958 March 14. Mark married Tresa Louise Hatcher 1982 January 3 and they have a daughter Courtney Lauren born 1984 December 27 in LaMirada, California. Peter married Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Hammen 1979 September 1 in Whittier and they have three sons. They are Jeffery Gordon born 1985 May 1, David Scott born 1988 October 4 and Eric Alan born 1990 October 9. All three were born in Fullerton, California.

Lena May and William's third and last child was William Morgan Reger, Jr., born

1912 December 28 in New York and died 1977 October. He married Phyllis Christine "Pat" Ford and they had two children. The first was William Morgan Reger III, born 1936 ? February 1 in Saint Louis, Missouri, and the other was Ronald Ford Reger born 1937 ? August 18 in Idaho. The question mark after the birth year is because the ? information is uncertain. Dorothy Ann and Elizabeth Ann lost touch with this branch of the family. William Morgan Reger III married an Elizabeth and had William Morgan Reger IV. Ronald Ford Reger married and had a daughter Gaylene.

Radford Monroe Reams I died 1934 October 21. Copies of four eulogies follow. The main one by long time friend, pastor and brother-in-law, F. L. Leeper. The other three by editors around the state were printed in one long column in the Warren County Times.

## R. M. REAMS

### A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

By Rev. F. L. Leeper.

After about forty years of close association with Mr. Reams, I esteem him as in the front ranks of the strongest men I have known.

While a young boy he lost his father, and with his younger brother, G. A. Reams, he had to begin the struggle for their own and their mother's support. Consequently he had little opportunity for school privileges. As a boy he entered the printing office and thoroughly mastered the trade.

By careful reading and through his profession he acquired a good education, and was well informed in all social, political and religious lines. He became a master of words, and his editorials were always clear, strong and logical, winning for him a high place among his fellow-workers of the state.

When I first came to McClintockville the town was cased by eight or ten bar-rooms. The local opinion, law had been enacted a short time before. I found him as editor of the Standard battling for its abolition in the town. The county was diked all over with licensed milk and blind-tigers. The feeling of the whiskey party was very bitter against all opposed to their interests. Reams officers had been houn-dered in the county. In the face of threats and of money-lenses he continued to battle until the town was dry. He then be-

came an active fighter for the eighteenth amendment.

In politics he was conscientious, fighting for what he believed was right and true. Fighting with his party when he believed his party was right, and against his party when he believed it wrong. His fundamental political principles seemed to be, Rightness, represented by righteous men. This principle governed all his activities both as editor and as a voter.

In religion he was clear and strong in his convictions, able always to give a reason for the hope that was in him. While broad in his sympathies and willing to work with all churches, he was a positive Presbyterian. For over forty years he was a Huling Elder in the local Presbyterian Church, G. O., and a full force in one of the strongest societies. I was over-associated with him for years he was a constant representative of his church in the Presbytery, and by his activities there was a high place in the esteem among his fellow-elders and the ministers of the Presbytery.

In the home he was gentle and considerate to all relations to wife and children, genial in all intercourse with friends.

He was one of the hardest workers I ever knew. To him "life was real, life was earned" and therefore in each day "He must be up and doing."

## Editorial Comments

From Other Papers.

### RADFORD M. REAMS

Among the older generation of Tennessee's newspaper fraternity, the news from McClintockville Monday that Radford M. Reams, former publisher and editor of the Southern Standard, was dead revived many memories of an individual, who was in every way a credit to his lifetime profession. He was a man of ideals and throughout his life he lived up to them. Not so many newspaper men today are old enough to recall him, but those who are old enough, remember him with the highest measure of esteem, and regret his passing.

Mr. Reams, a native of Henry county, began his career at twelve years of age in the composing room of a newspaper at Tusculum. That was in 1868, the year when Andrew Johnson left the White House. He worked in Tusculum as an apprentice for six years and then moved to McClintockville to work on the old New Era. In 1882, he purchased an interest in the Southern Standard and three years later bought the entire ownership. He continued as writer and editor until a few years ago when his health failed.

For years Mr. Reams was a familiar figure in the meetings of the old Tennessee Press Association of other days, and he cherished the memories of the men in that picturesque body with whom he came into contact year after year, whether their views coincided with his or not, for he appreciated his fellow men. His newspaper reflected his own high ideals and he made it worthy of the splendid community in which he spent the greater part of his life. — WASHINGTON BULLOCK.

**FORMER MOUNTAINVILLE EDITOR  
DIES AT 77.**

R. M. Reams, 77, for half a century editor of the Mountainville Southern Standard, died at his home in Mountainville Sunday. He was a former president of the Tennessee Press Association, and during his active newspaper work, was among the most brilliant newspaper men in Tennessee. He was buried Tuesday. — Mountainville Times.

**R. M. REAMS.  
1857-1934.**

We pause for a few lines as a tribute to the memory of R. M. Reams, whose death was noted in last week's issue of the Times.

Mr. Reams was a man with whom the Times Editor was closely associated for ten or twelve years, having gone to work in his office when a mere lad at one dollar per week in order to learn the printing trade. This was in October, 1889, just after the death of my father, forty-five years ago, when I was only a small boy. Unlike the youth of today we did not become discouraged, and quit the first week, because the wages were not princely; but we stuck close to the job for ten or twelve years and finally acquired practically all of what we know today about the printing trade. Mr. Reams was a good man to work for and he was the last surviving member of our old association in the printing office of some 250 men since having passed in the home years ago. He took me in his office and made my first oldest brother to learn the trade, which is always an expense and burden in a newspaper office. To his untiring aid we owe today our station in life and in the newspaper field and what we have been able to accomplish in a business way. Mr. Reams was a father to us when we had none and we shall never forget his many, many acts of kindness and help which he favored us, when we could not help ourselves. Unlike the world today he was a man who prized honor and integrity above glory and riches and this heritage which he left to his children and loved ones, will stand out when everything else that could be said has been forgotten. His record as a good citizen, churchman, newspaper man, have been touched upon in a tribute from Rev. F. L. Loper, published elsewhere in this paper, and these traits of Mr. Reams are too well known to need any comment from us. Suffice to say he rounded out a long and useful life in this community and died as he had lived, honored and respected by all who knew him. While his body rests in the grave his memory lingers with us. We bow in respect to his memory, which we shall always cherish.—Hillock Brown in Warren County Times.

## ANCESTORS OF RADFORD MONROE REAMS I

Very few of the ancestral families of Radford Monroe Reams I have been identified. It is known that his paternal grandmother was a Winslow but her parents are unknown. It is believed his paternal great grandmother was named Marmon or Marymoon, the former being the same as the latter with some vowels left out as might be the case with semi-illiterate writers.

### REAMS

The immigrant ancestor of this Reams family has not been determined. However, it has been established that he is not the Eberhard Ream or Reim that came to Pennsylvania from Germany (from dates and from records of the Pennsylvania Reams) and from which a Frederick and an A. A. Reams descended. See appendix 4 for notes written a few years previously by this author regarding the immigrant. The subject Reams family can be traced back to a John Reams who lived in Virginia. See pedigree charts on the following pages. From the charts it can be seen that Radford Monroe Reams I descends from John Reams through William, Joshua, Joshua M. I and Joshua M. II. Radford M. I's parents and siblings have already been discussed. His grandparents family was also mentioned and named in the quote from the Tennessee history book.

There are two ancestral Reams homes still standing in Williamson county Tennessee, neither of which have been in the family for many years. One is known as Walnut Winds, constructed about 1850 on the Franklin - Lewisburg pike by Dr. Hezekiah Oden, husband of Vaturia Reams. Vaturia and Hezekiah both died during the civil war, leaving six small children. Vaturia's sister Mary Susan Reams moved into the house to care for the children and never married herself. The other house, known as the Reams place or Menden Hall, was built by Rev. Thomas Logan Douglas in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was bought by Robert Reams and his wife Elizabeth North before the civil war. It is about four miles from Franklin also near the Franklin - Lewisburg pike. Vaturia, Mary Susan and Robert were all children of Henry B. Reams and first cousins once removed of Radford M. Reams I. Henry B. was son of Joshua Reams.

Both of these homes are on the national register of historic properties and have been written up in two published books. The "National Register Properties Williamson County, Tennessee" published by Hillsboro Press 1995, has Walnut Winds, property # 289 on page 143 and Menden Hall, property # 540 on page 146. The other book, "Historic Williamson County -Old Homes and Sites" by Virginia McDaniel Bowman copyright 1971 has Menden Hall on page 65 and Walnut Winds on page 67. Both books can be found in the library in Franklin.

Of Radford M I's uncles and aunts, the one on which we have the most information is Absolom Henry Reams. He was first a minister then became a doctor. Absolom's daughter Mary did correspond with Radford M. I on some occasions. She was a school teacher. One of her letters gives the names of Joshua M. Reams I's children the same as in the history previously quoted. She said that all the Reams in Williamson county in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century were Whigs and Hard Shelled

Baptists. However her brother Herchel Burger Reams became a minister and presiding elder in the Methodist church. Mary Reams was the subject of an article in the Sunday, Nashville Tennessean magazine of 1947 December 7 starting on page 5, by Betsy McCrary Bratten. It includes two pictures. She was 81 years old at that time and living in Mechanicsville, Tennessee on Short Mountain. The article is recommended reading for those really interested in Reams history.

There have been two previous books written on this family. The first, entitled "The Reams, Reames Family and Allied Families" by Harry Clyde Smith was published about 1953 and apparently not copyrighted, although there is a copy in the Library of Congress. There is also a copy in the Tennessee state archives. The second, entitled "1650 - 1987 Reams Family Genealogy" by Mildred Reams Kantorowicz was copyrighted in 1987. The latter book deals practically entirely with the descendants of William's older brother Thomas. If you are interested in that branch of the family this author recommends Mildred Reams Kantorowicz' book. Her address about 1997 was 2616 Old Hardin Road # 25, Billings MT 59101. As possible points of later contact, she had sons Richard, Kenneth & David and daughters Karen and Anita, all believed to be Montana residents. Again note two different spellings of the surname in the same family. Most of the closer ancestors and cousins used only one "e". The Eberhard Ream descendants who happen across this document are referred to "A Genealogy of the Stokey and Ream (Grove, Clem & Denniston) Families" by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, 1939 printed by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania.

Harry Clyde Smith's book is more general and it includes Radford Monroe Reams I, and all five of his children who reached adulthood, on page 136. Almost everyone mentioned in each of these two books, and that would be in excess of two thousand people, is related to the living descendants of Radford Monroe Reams I, in some manner. The author's "Family Origins" computer file can tell you exactly what that relation is, if you present a specific question of two people. Or you can figure it out using appendix 3. However there is no point in duplicating information if nothing is added to it, so in general only family members for which additional information has been found will be discussed in this document.

First is presented Aunt Harriet's seven page "The Reams Family" on the following 7 pages. The Hale & Merritt quote on her page 2 is in error as noted above. The subject branch of the Reams family is not from the German immigrants, or from Pennsylvania.

## THE REAMS FAMILY

The sources for the early history of the family are:

"The Reams, Reames Family and Allied Families" by Harry Clyde Smith

"The Name and Family of Ream or Rhiem" the Media Research Bureau,  
formerly of Washington, D. C.

"A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans" by Will T. Hale and Dixon  
L. Merritt - Vol. VIII, pp. 2300-2302

The family Bible of Josma M. Reams II

"The Christian name and circumstances concerning the Immigrant Ancestor remain traditional. Tradition says, 'His name was John. He came to America about 1650; did not have much, but married a woman who was well off and who supplied him with money with which to buy materials with which to construct their home. They had a large family of children.'" (Smith)

The Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 4, p. 274, states, "The Reames name has been identified with Dinwiddie County, Va., since the earliest period. Reams Station was the scene of two important military engagements. It lies about two miles west of the original town of Reams, in the eastern part of the county."

### 320 JOHN REAMES

"Generally accepted by the various branches of the Family as the Immigrant Ancestor, the time and means of, and his age at immigration and marriage definitely are unknown quantities to this compiler." (Smith)

Married Alice  
Sons

Thomas  
Richard  
Edward  
William

### 160 WILLIAM REAMS - c1720-1794

"Unless William Reams either was born in the latter days of his parents marriage or was married comparatively late, his birth date was much earlier than that ascribed to him. While there is a strong suspicion that he might be a grandchild of John, there is no absolute evidence or proof of such suspicion." (Smith)

Probably born in Prince George County, Va.

### 161 Married Mary "Nancy" Marmon (probably Mary Ann)

His will, written 2 Oct. 1789, bequeathed "To my beloved wife Mary 1 feather bed and furniture. All of residus of the estate during her life; at death to be divided among all my children then living." The will was probated at the March court 1794. The children were not named. Known were:

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Jeremiah - 11/6/1746--3/11/1789  
Ezekiah  
John  
Joshua

87 JOSHUA REAMS - 1752-1841(?)

81 Married Martha \_\_\_\_\_

"Born 1752 in Dinwiddie Co., Va. Removed to N.C.; children to Tenn. Was in the war with the Creek Indians, 1812-1813." (Smith)

Children

William R. - 1788-1841  
Joshua M.  
Henry  
Robert  
Daughter  
John  
Patsey  
Martha

"The brothers Joshua, Henry, John and Robert Reams, who are said to have been of German descent and of Pennsylvanian parentage, removed in 1805 from Dinwiddie Co., Va., to Lewisburg, in Williamson Co., Tenn. Of these brothers, Joshua married Mary Winslow and had issue of her of fourteen children." (Media Research Bureau)

"Joshua and his brothers went together to Williamson Co., Tenn., presumably from Pennsylvania via Dinwiddie Co., Va., but the census gives their birthplace as N. C." (Media Research Bureau)

"We have much documented data that indicates that the line is of English, not German origin." (Smith)

"... the Reams family have been identified with this state (Tennessee) since 1805. (The) origin is traced back to Germany, and the name was first brought to America by three brothers who settled in Pennsylvania during the time of William Penn. (No source for this information is given.) . . . Joshua Reams . . . came with three brothers, Henry, John and Robert, and two sisters, and their widowed mother, from Dinwiddie county, Va., in 1805, and located near Lewisburg, in Williamson county, Tennessee." (Hale and Merritt)

"William R. Reams came from N. C." (Smith)

80 JOSHUA M. REAMS I

There are conflicting birth and death dates for Joshua M. I.  
Born 1789 or 1790; died July 17 or 18, 1859 or 62 or 67.

He married Mary "Polly" Winslow on Dec. 5, 1812

Mary Winslow was born in 1798; died Jan. 1852

They are buried in the town cemetery in Spring Hill, TN



"Joshua K. Reams was a carpenter by trade and for many years was landlord at the old tavern in Spring Hill, Tenn." (Hale and Merritt)

#### Children

William B.  
Joseph  
Martha  
Absolom Henry  
Frances  
Mordecai  
Elizabeth (May)  
Robert  
Permelia  
Joshua M. - Born June 15, 1831; died Oct. 24, 1865 (from Family Bible)  
Fredonia  
John  
George  
One who died in infancy

The Media Research Bureau and Hale and Merritt give the above names of Joshua M.'s children. Smith's list is the same except he omits "one who died in infancy" and adds Cornelia (?). She was named in Robert's will as a child of Joshua.

A letter to Ruford Monroe Reams, son of Joshua K. II, from Mary Reams, daughter of Absolom Henry, written May 18, 1909, reads: "The old home was 9 mi. from Franklin, 1/4 mi. west from Lewisburg pike. The family lived there till 1839, then went to Spring Hill. The place on Lewisburg pike was a farm. Grandfather Reams was a carpenter, also kept a tavern at Spring Hill. The oldest child died at Fayetteville. The next two, William and Joseph, died on the farm on Lewisburg pike. The others in order as follows: Martha, A. H., Frances, Mordecai, Elizabeth, Robert, Permelia, Joshua, Fredora (died at age 4yrs.) John, George. My grandparents, Joshua Reams and Mary Winslow, were married between the years 1805-10. Grandfather Reams' mother came to Tenn. from Dinwiddie County, Virginia about the year 1805. She was a widow and had six children. Henry, the oldest boy, settled on West Harpeth; the next were twins, Joshua (my grandfather) and John. John married and moved to Lawrence Co. Robert, the youngest boy, was twice married--first wife's name was Davis, second, Womack. There were two daughters: one married Jack Butler; the other, named Patsy, married Adam Orman. These two daughters, with the four sons above mentioned, came with my great-grandmother Reams from Dinwiddie County, Va., about 1805. I have a few other points that may or may not be reliable. My brother Joshua met a Mr. Reams in Oklahoma who said that it was a tradition in their family that long ago three Reams brothers came across the waters and settled in different states. My father said he had always heard it said that the family came originally from Pennsylvania, but he did not know when."

JOSHUA M. REAMS II

Born in Williamson County, Tenn., June 15, 1831--died Oct. 24, 1865  
Married Harriet L. Haley, Aug. 28, 1856--"3 miles north of Columbia,  
Henry, County, Tenn."  
Harriet L. Haley born Dec. 8, 1838--died March 1, 1892  
Harriet Haley Reams married H. P. Leftwich March 20, 1872

"When a boy he learned the trade of carpenter, an occupation which he followed for a number of years, and from that gradually got into contracting and building. Later he was a merchant at Spring Hill and at Franklin, and conducted stores at those places during the war." (Hale and Merritt)

Children

Radford Monroe . . .	born	June 20, 1857 . . .	died	Oct. 21, 1934	
Gustavous Adolphus . . .	"	June 27, 1859 . . .	"	Dec. 30, 1937	NEVER MARRIED
Walter Lee . . . . .	"	Sept. 25, 1864 . . .	"	July 25, 1865	
Joshua Henry . . . . .	"	Feb. 19, 1866 . . .	"	June 4, 1866	

RADFORD MONROE REAMS

"He was born in Spring Hill in 1857, and in childhood went to Tusculum, Ala., to live with his uncle, following the death of his father. In 1870 he began his apprenticeship in the printer's trade on the North Alabamian and Times. In (1876 he) came to McMinnville, entering the office of the McMinnville News Era . . . as a journeyman printer. With several associates he bought The Southern Standard in 1899, and in 1895 became its sole owner. Mr. Reams was widely known as a brilliant and courageous editor. Prompted by ill health he disposed of The Southern Standard in 1924." (Newspaper notice at time of death)

Married Jessie Furman Coffee on July 3, 1889 in McMinnville, TN.  
Jessie Furman Coffee born Jan. 30, 1868; died Aug. 3, 1953.

Children

Chatham Coffee . . .	born	Oct. 24, 1890 . . .	died	May 9, 1964	
Linton Lewis . . . . .	"	Jan. 3, 1892 . . .	"	Mar. 19, 1958	
Evelyn . . . . .	"	Sept. 15, 1893 . . .	"	July 13, 1902	
Mary Marford . . . . .	"	Aug. 19, 1896 . . .	"	Apr. 7, 1973	
Harriet Haley . . . . .	"	Nov. 14, 1902 . . .	"	JAN 4, 1990	
Radford Monroe II. . .	"	Apr. 9, 1906 . . .	"	JUL 1, 1985	6:45 PM C.A.F.

CHATHAM COFFEE REAMS

Married Avaligne Edgington on Dec. 12, 1923.  
Avaligne Edgington Reams born Sept. 22, 1896; died July 7, 1977.  
Both are buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, TN.

Son

Benton Edgington . . . born July 2, 1925

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BENTON EDGINGTON REAMS

Married Nancy Anne Slaven on Aug. 21, 1948  
Nancy Slaven Reams born July 30, 1928

Children

Suzanne Montgomery . . . born Nov. 3, 1953 in Miami, Fla.  
Hugh Edgington . . . . . " Sept. 28, 1954 at Fort Ord, Cal.  
Nancy Redmon . . . . . " May 16, 1957 in Annapolis, Md.

LINDON LEWIS REAMS

Married Hudie Wooten on Mar. 17, 1923  
Hudie Wooten Reams born Mar. 31, 1884

Daughter

Dorothy Jane . . . born Jan. 25, 1928

DOROTHY JANE REAMS MILLER

Married Ralph E. Miller on April 7, 1945.  
Ralph E. Miller born June 30, 1924.

Children

Pearcy Ann . . . . . born Sept. 14, 1947  
Betty Catherine . . . . . " Mar. 4, 1949  
David Ralph . . . . . " Mar. 16, 1952  
Joe Thomas . . . . . " Apr. 24, 1959  
Frank William . . . . . " Mar. 27, 1964

MARY MORFORD REAMS GOODLOE

Married James Camp Goodloe II on July 19, 1919.  
James Camp Goodloe born May 19, 1895; died Aug. 7, 1941  
Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN

Children:

Radford Reams . . . . . born June 14, 1920  
Mary Kate . . . . . " June 25, 1924  
Jessie Coffee . . . . . " Jan. 3, 1926  
James Camp III . . . . . " Jan. 5, 1929  
Evelyn Elizabeth . . . . . " June 29, 1932  
Samuel Ross . . . . . " Jan 17, 1934  
Thomas Smartt . . . . . " Mar. 20, 1936  
Faith Ray . . . . . " Aug. 17, 1940

RADFORD REAMS GOODLOE

Married Virginia Margaret Smith on Jan. 31, 1943  
Virginia Margaret Smith born July 20, 1921

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Children

Radford Reams II . . . . born April 28, 1950  
James Calvin . . . . " Mar. 24, 1952  
Wallace Camp . . . . " Aug. 24, 1954  
John William . . . . " Dec. 22, 1957

*m Merrietta Jones  
dau Kathryn  
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MARY KATE GOODLOE MOORE

Married John Loyd Moore II on Feb. 15, 1952  
John Loyd Moore II born Oct. 10, 1922

Children

Oscar Pruitt . . . . born Nov. 2, 1946  
John Loyd III . . . . " Dec. 31, 1952  
Patricia Kay . . . . " Aug. 21, 1954  
Ray Douglas . . . . " July 11, 1956

JESSIE COFFEE GOODLOE WILSON

Married J. Ward Wilson II on Oct. 31, 1948  
J. Ward Wilson II born May 29, 1925

Children

Janice Ann . . . . born June 15, 1949  
June Lee . . . . " June 18, 1950  
Jay Ward III . . . . " Oct. 18, 1951  
Jylynn Irene . . . . " Aug. 1, 1953

JAMES CAMP GOODLOE III

Married Maria Winton Bailey on June 5, 1952  
Maria Winton Bailey born Oct. 3, 1931

Children

James Camp IV . . . . born Sept. 2, 1953  
Alice Calhoun . . . . " June 5, 1955  
Barbara Coffee . . . . " Mar. 13, 1958  
Mary Reams . . . . " June 3, 1962

EVELYN ELIZABETH GOODLOE WILLIAMS

Married Fred Lee Williams II on Dec. 26, 1958  
Fred Lee Williams II born Jan. 11, 1918

Children

Lyn Beth . . . . born Dec. 4, 1959  
Hilda Gay . . . . " Aug. 27, 1962

SAMUEL ROSS GOODLOE

Married Nancy Ellis on June 21, 1957  
Nancy Ellis born March 6, 1937

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Children

Linda Dianne . . . . born Feb. 12, 1958  
Samuel Ross II . . . . " June 2, 1962  
Charles Ray . . . . " Dec. 11, 1966

THOMAS SMARTT GOODLOE

Married Susan Anderson  
Susan Anderson born Nov. 8, 1940

Children

Thomas Smartt II . . . . born Nov. 21, 1960  
Philip Anderson . . . . " Mar. 10, 1962  
David Timothy . . . . " Mar. 12, 1966  
Daniel Ray . . . . " July 9, 1967  
Timothy Reams . . . . " Jan. 10, 1972

RADFORD MONROE REAMS II

Married Clarretta Rhea Hennessee on May 22, 1933  
Clarretta Rhea Hennessee born April 24, 1910

Son

Radford Monroe III . . . born Dec. 2, 1934

RADFORD MONROE REAMS III

Married Barbara Jane Chennelle on Sept. 6, 1958  
Barbara Jane Chennelle born Jan. 31, 1939

Children

Carolyn Sue . . . . born June 21, 1959  
William Radford . . . . " Jan 2, 1961  
James Edward . . . . " Mar. 12, 1963

The first Joshua Reams, without the M., son of William served in the war with the Creek Indians in 1812 - 1813. He died in his early fifties, probably in Dinwiddie county Virginia or in North Carolina, before 1805. His widow and six children decided to emigrate to Tennessee and did so in 1805. One son, William Reams, is known not to have emigrated.

Smith lists three daughters, one name unknown, and lists Patsey and Martha as two different children, but since Patsy is a common nickname for Martha there were probably just the two daughters. He also lists the first Joshua's wife as Martha. Here is what Radford Monroe Reams I, wrote about his ancestors:

"My grandfather, Joshua Reams, after whom my father was named Joshua, with three brothers Henry, John and Robert, and two sisters – one named Patsy – came with their widowed mother to Tennessee from Dinwiddie county Virginia, about the year 1805. They settled in Middle Tennessee. A Winslow family also moved from the same Virginia county to Tennessee the same year, and my grandfather and Mary Winslow were married between the years 1805 and 1810. His three brothers and two sisters all married and scattered over different parts of Middle and West Tennessee. My father was named Joshua Reams. He had four brothers, Absolom, Robert, John and George, four sisters, Martha, Frances, Mordecai and Permelia. These were all married and raised reasonably large families."

Now this list is incomplete as shown in the list in the history book quotation on the first page under "Grandfather Reams", and the family group sheets following that page. Both Hale & Merritt and Smith say there were fourteen children in this family. Furthermore, Mordecai is usually believed to be a male name. We have no other information on this child, so he or she must have died young. Also the Williamson county Tennessee marriage records show that Joshua M. Reams I and Polly Winslow were married 1812 December 5, a bit later than grandfather thought. Bondsman was Henry B. Jackson. Polly probably had an older sister named Sally, as there was a Williamson county marriage of Sally Winslow to Joseph W. Ellis on 1808 March 5, G. G. Washington, Bondsman and A. Potter witness.

Three of the four Reams brothers who first came to Tennessee together had a total of 28 children. Record of John Reams having children has not been found.

The 1820 census of Tennessee microfilm roll 125 lists Henry, John, Joshua and Martha Reams in Williamson county.

## HALEY

Radford Monroe Reams I is descended from Thomas Haley of North Carolina through his son Chesley Haley and Chesley's daughter Harriet, Radford's mother. Chesley Haley and his wife Ava Jane Crafton had fifteen children, twelve of which grew to maturity and married. This family can be found in the 1880 and other censuses of Maury county Tennessee. The author has no additional information than what was on the sheet prepared by Aunt Harriet, who apparently had access to Chesley's bible. That sheet is reproduced on the next page. Additional research on the Haley family could no doubt turn up many more cousins.

THE HALEY FAMILY

Source: Family Bible of Chesley Haley

Chesley Haley - descendant of Thomas Haley of North Carolina  
 Ava Jane Crafton - descendant of Staples Crafton of Virginia

(42) Chesley Haley - born Feb. 16, 1807, died June 27, 1860  
 Ava Jane Crafton - born Mar. 24, 1810, died Oct. 29, 1869

(42 & 43) Chesley Haley and Ava Jane Crafton married on May 10, 1827.

Children

	Maria Jane	- - - -	born	Apr. 1,	1828	- died	Mar. 22,	1905
	William N.	- - - -	"	Dec. 18,	1829	- "	Feb. 18,	1876
	Sarah Elizabeth	- - - -	"	Dec. 15,	1831	- "	May 10,	1870
	Milly Ann	- - - -	"	Oct. 16,	1833	- "	Aug. 30,	1855
	James A.	- - - -	"	Sept. 1,	1835	- "		
	Harvey N.	- - - -	"	Apr. 19,	1837	- "	Feb. 14,	1897
(21)	Harriet L.	- - - -	"	Dec. 8,	1838	- "	Mar. 1,	1892
	Mary E.	- - - -	"	Feb. 18,	1841	- "	July 16,	1902
	Infant son	- - - -	"	Feb. 24,	1843	- "	Mar. 6,	1843
	Infant daughter	- - - -	"	Feb. 5,	1844	- "	Feb. 16,	1844
	Eugenia E.	- - - -	"	May 3,	1845	- "	Feb. 15,	1874
	Iowa T.	- - - -	"	July 25,	1847	- "	Aug. 26,	1877
	John Chesley	- - - -	"	Nov. 22,	1848	- "		
	Ava Emma	- - - -	"	Sept. 6,	1850	- "	Aug. 9,	1903
	Laura Belle	- - - -	"	May 2,	1852	- "		

Marriages

	Maria Jane Haley	-	Tunious A. Wilson	- - - -	Feb. 20,	1845
	Sarah Elizabeth Haley	-	John S. Pope	- - - -	May 8,	1849
	William N. Haley	-	Jane B. Mangren	- - - -	Feb. 4,	1852
	Milly Ann Haley	-	W. J. Begley	- - - -	Sept. 8,	1854
	Harvey N. Haley	-	Frances T. Mangren	- - - -	Jan. 17,	1856
(20 & 21)	Harriet L. Haley	-	Joshua M. Reams	- - - -	Aug. 28,	1856
	Mary E. Haley	-	W. J. Begley	- - - -	Mar. 9,	1857
	James A. Haley	-	Bridget Pagen	- - - -	Nov. 22,	1857
	Ava Emma Haley	-	Peter White	- - - -	May 23,	1866
	Laura Belle Haley	-	Polk Davis	- - - -	Aug. 7,	1867
	Harriet Haley Reams	-	Henry Peyton Leitch	- - - -	Mar. 20,	1872
	Iowa T. Haley	-	Columbus Spencer	- - - -	Apr. 18,	1875
	John C. Haley	-	Pallie B. Denton	- - - -	Dec. 31,	1878

Children of Joshua M. and Harriet Haley Reams

(10)	Radford Monroe	- -	born	June 20,	1857	- died	Oct. 21,	1934
	Gustavous Adolphus	- -	"	June 27,	1859	- "	Dec. 30,	1937
	Walter Lee	- - -	"	Sept. 25,	1864	- "	July 25,	1865
	Joshua Henry	- - -	"	Feb. 19,	1866	- "	June 4,	1866

For further descendants see "The Reams Family".

## CRAFTON

Radford Monroe Reams I is descended from Staples Crafton through his daughter Ava Jane Crafton who married Radford's maternal grandfather, Chesley Haley. Staples Crafton of Lunenburg County Virginia married Elizabeth D. Alderson 1800 January 4. The author found this bit of information in a book in the library in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. So Radford Monroe Reams I is descended from an Alderson family, but Elizabeth's parents are unknown. The author's grand daughters Kathryn and Sarah Goodloe are also descended from a Crafton of Lunenburg County, through their Jones ancestors.



## GRANDMOTHER & SIBLINGS

Jessie Furman Coffee Reams, was born, lived and died in the same house on Rebel hill in McMinnville. The address was 617 North Spring street which was in the sixth block north of main street. The author has often walked those six blocks. Jessie was born 1868 January 30, the youngest of three sisters. Three of the most important events in her life happened in less than a year and a half after her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday 1889 January 30. Her father died 1889 March 5. She got married 1889 July 3 and her mother died 1890 June 26.

The 1880 census of the house on Rebel Hill lists C. (Chatham) Coffee age 54, M. E. (Mary Evelina) Coffee age 48, Hallie Coffee age 24 and J. F. (Jessie Furman) Coffee age 12 all born TN and three nieces H. (Hannah) Black age 24, Ann Black age 22, and Bettie Smithson age 18, all born Arkansas.

Jessie's oldest sister Hallie Morford Coffee was born 1855 December 4 and in 1901 January 4 at age 45 became the second wife of Frank Leonidus Leeper, a Presbyterian minister. F. L. Leeper had several children by his first wife, but none by Hallie. Hallie and F. L. lived at an angle across Rebel Hill street from Jessie and Radford. Hallie became blind in her later years but learned to read braille and enjoyed reading braille books. When the author was a small boy visiting his grandmother Reams he often would walk over and visit with Aunt Leeper and sometimes played with F. L.'s granddaughter Frances who was only a few years older than he. In those days there were not a lot of automobiles around and both households maintained horses and large gardens. Hallie died 1938 December 21.

Jessie's other sister Lelia Coffee (if she had a middle name, the author does not know what it was) was born 1858 August 14. She married George Washington Lewis in 1877 September 3. Some 47 years later, when the author was a 4 year old or so and visiting his grandmother Reams in the house on Rebel Hill, Lelia and George were living there with Radford and Jessie. Radford II was still living at home then also. George Lewis ran a coffee roasting and grinding business, just off Main street on North Spring street in McMinnville at this time.

Lelia and George had four children but we can find very few records of this family. The first child died in infancy, she was Evie Allen Lewis born 1878 June 22 and died 1879 February 27. The second, named for his maternal grandfather, was Chatham Coffee Lewis, born 1879 December 10 and died under age 5 in 1884 September 11. The third child a daughter, Lelia Lee Lewis was born 1882 April 27 and married Horace England of Springfield, Tennessee in Stuttgart, Arkansas about 1902. It is unknown why the marriage was in Stuttgart, that may be where her parents were living at the time. By the time the author came along, this couple were living in Nashville and Horace was in the insurance business. The author's parents, Mary Reams and J. C. Goodloe, lived with Lee and Horace a short while after the former were married, in Lee's home on Beechwood Avenue in Nashville, shown in the photograph on the next page. This picture was taken in 1998 but the house looks much the same as it did in 1925. Lee and Horace had two children, both daughters. Elinor Elizabeth England was born 1905 March 6 in



1411 Beechwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

Logan County Kentucky. She became a mathematics teacher and later married Denton Rossell in 1942 in Nashville.

Denton was born about 1910 in the state of Washington and they went back to live in Seattle. Denton was in the imported oriental art business. They did not have any children. She died of cancer 1977 November 7 or 11, and was cremated.

Lelia Lee and Horace's other daughter Lee Lewis England was born 1914 November 1 in Springfield, Tennessee and died 1982 February 4. She married Calvin Richard Bramham 1941 November 29 in Nashville. C. R. Bramham was born 1906 July 5 in Union City, Tennessee and died 1991 January 10. Both he and his wife gave their bodies to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Lee Lewis and C. R. had three sons, no daughters. William Horace "Bill" was born 1947 January 14. Robert Michael "Mike" was born 1951 April 20 and Calvin Richard, Jr "Rich" was born 1953 August 19. Bill or Rich had not married but Mike had been married four times the last the author heard in 2001. R & V enjoyed a visit with Bill in Jensen Beach, Florida in 1992. Lelia Lee Lewis England died 1954 July 26 and Horace England died 1963 November 5. Both are buried in Springfield Tennessee Horace married a second time 1956 February 26 to Mary Thompson of Summerville, Georgia. She was born 1907 August and still alive Christmas 2001.

The fourth and last child of Lelia and George Lewis was Sophia Allen Lewis, born 1886 October 10. This is where one of the family mysteries comes in. Sophia

Allen married, it is estimated about 1904, J. Fagan. Sophia and J. had two children, Dorothy and George J. Fagan. It is unknown whether Dorothy or George was the oldest but they were probably born in the 1905 - 1910 time frame. It is also unknown whether the father was also named George. After the children were around age ten or so this family disappeared from the record. Frances Leeper told the author that the family did not live in McMinnville so they must have moved away. They have not been found on the 1920 Tennessee census. Since they do not appear in the Radford M. Reams I or Aunt Harriet's records, there is probably a reason they were omitted.

Jessie died 1953 August 3 at age 85 and a half. It is unknown who wrote the following obituary or for which paper it was written.

"McMinnville, Tennessee 1953 August 3 –Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Coffee Reams, 85, widow of R. M. Reams, Sr., distinguished McMinnville newspaper publisher and editor will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family residence 617 North Spring Street. The Rev. Geddes Orman minister of the Main Street Presbyterian Church will officiate and burial will be in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery.

"Mrs. Reams last surviving member of a family that played a leading role in the early life of McMinnville and whose history goes back to pre-Civil War days, died today at the home where she had spent her entire life. She had been in failing health for several months.

"Born at the Rebel hill residence where she resided throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Reams was a daughter of Captain Chatham Coffee and Mary Evelina Morford Coffee. Her father, a McMinnville banker and extensive land owner in later years, served with distinction as a member of General Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry during the War Between the States. She was educated in the public and private schools of the city and was married 1889 July 3. Her husband a church and civic leader for more than half a century was editor and publisher of the Southern Standard for 52 years before disposing of the publication in 1924.

"Mrs. Reams was one of the few remaining members of the old Spring Street Presbyterian Church, USA and was prominent in activities of the local congregation as long as it existed here.

"She is survived by three sons; Chatham C. Reams, Chattanooga, Lindon L. Reams, McMinnville and R. M. Reams, Jr., Nashville; two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Goodloe, LaVergne and Miss Harriet Reams, who made her home with her mother; also 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren."

The author has a copy of another obituary which appeared on the internet in 2001 and says it is from the Southern Standard 1953 August 6. Since it is mostly duplication, only the additional information is quoted here.

"Died Monday morning at 9:12 o'clock —pallbearers were R. R. Walker, F. H. Cantrell, Frank Patrick, Morris Davies, and Frank Colville. Her husband had been engaged in the newspaper business in McMinnville since 1876, when he became associated with David F. Wallace in publication of the McMinnville New Era, and had

joined J. B. Ritchey and Horace P. Newton in the purchase of the Standard in 1882. The paper had been founded three years earlier by R. P. Baker. Mrs. Reams' husband became editor and publisher and owner of the paper in 1885 and remained its guiding hand until 1924 when he sold his interests to Thomas C. Price. — High Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements."

Two stories need to be told at this point. One, Jessie's father Chatham Coffee was among the organizers of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church in 1869. Rev. F. L. Leeper, if not the first pastor was hired by the 1880s to preach there. He later became Jessie's brother-in-law. Their building was on the northwest corner of North Spring and Donnell streets. The church was disbanded before the 1930s as the family was going to the Main Street Presbyterian Church when the author was visiting McMinnville as a boy. Spring Street was a "southern" church and Main Street was a "northern" church.

This is a real miracle. During the years, the old Spring Street Presbyterian Church building partially burned and it was sold to a Baptist congregation. It is unknown to the author which event happened first. Sometime after Radford M. Reams II moved back to McMinnville, which must have been in the early 1970s, he was visiting with a friend in the basement of the building. He happened to put his hand up on the window sill, which being in the basement was high up. He felt a book, took it down and looked at it, and it was his mother's bible. Remember, this was more than 40 to 50 years after his mother went to that church. (Source for this story was Clarretta Hennessee Reams.)

James A. Dillion, Jr. in his essay on Chatham Coffee, says that Chatham (and Mary Evelina) had a son who died in infancy. Aunt Harriet did not mention this son verbally or in her records, and the author has found no other mention of him, so the dates are unknown. Chances are that he came in the ten year span between Lelia 1858 and Jessie 1868. He is not named on the large square monument in the Coffee plot in Riverside cemetery in McMinnville which has names of ten family members on it. Chatham is no doubt thinking of his family when he acquired a lot large enough to hold this many graves. His granddaughter Evie Allen Lewis is the earliest death recorded thereon. They are listed here in the order in which they were interred.

1879 Evie Allen Lewis  
1884 Chatham Coffee Lewis  
1889 Chatham Coffee  
1890 Mary Evelina M. Coffee  
1895 Patrick H. Coffee  
1909 Alexander S. Coffee  
1929 Leila Coffee Lewis  
1931 George W. Lewis  
1934 Radford M. Reams I  
1953 Jessie Coffee Reams



## ANCESTORS OF JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE

Much more is known about the ancestral families of Jessie Furman Coffee than those of her husband Radford Monroe Reams I.

Jessie's father Chatham Coffee became a legend in his own time according to Warren county historian James A. Dillon, Jr., who made a ten page writeup about him. The following quotes much of that essay.

"It appears Chatham continued his education in McMinnville, probably at Carroll Academy, and around 1842 he attended Cumberland University at Lebanon. Since Cumberland was established about this time, it is possible he was in the first class of this venerable institution. By 1844 Chatham was back in McMinnville probably working for his older brother Patrick Henry who was already well established in business. That he was active in the affairs of McMinnville and was a highly moral individual is attested to by two facts; in 1848 he was an officer in the Highlands District Lodge # 60 Sons of Temperance, a temperance society, and since he was the first treasurer of Warren Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, it is most likely he was one of the organizers of this moral fraternity which was chartered in November 1847, the first Masonic Lodge in Warren County. Coffee remained active in Warren Lodge throughout his life. The Sons of Temperance apparently became defunct after the Civil War.

"In 1847, Coffee entered the mercantile business. Stores in those days were 'general' stores selling groceries, clothing, drugs and hardware. Just what name he used in his early business career is unknown, but by the middle 1850's he was operating as C. Coffee and Company.

"At age twenty-four, Chatham Coffee married Mary Evelina Morford 1850 July 11. Evelina was only 18 at the time. . . Chatham and Evelina Coffee prospered in the 1850's. The coming of the railroad, stable banking and a mushrooming economy based on livestock raising and apple brandy made merchandising profitable. Two daughters were born: Hallie Morford on 1855 December 4 and Leila on 1858 August 14. An unassuming, pragmatical individual known as a devoted husband and father, Chatham Coffee was respected by all who knew him. Little did his associates realize the transformation this quiet, mild mannered gentleman would make when circumstances required it.

"The ominous rumblings between the North and the South that portended the War Between the States was an obscure thing to Chatham Coffee. Not politically motivated, Coffee confined his activities to family, business, church and community. He obviously liked things as they were and felt it would continue. This feeling was mutually felt by many Warren Countians who believed that ultimately the hotheads would cool down, Lincoln would be flexible and compromising and there would be no war of any consequence. Even when Tennessee voted to secede in 1861 and began raising troops for the Confederacy, Coffee believed, along with others, that once the initial confrontation and skirmishes occurred, both parties would reconcile their differences and this Union would be preserved. (This state of mind of the community is recorded in some detail in the diary of L. Virginia French, a friend and neighbor of the Coffees)

"By April 1861, the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment commanded by Col. John H. Savage was formed and began training. Company D was commanded by Chatham's brother, Patrick Henry Coffee, who ultimately became a member of the reimental staff in 1862 and served until late 1863. (This is recorded in Battles and Campaigns fo the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment CSA by Thomas A. Head) Even with the battles of Forts Henry, Donelson and Shiloh, many citizens including Chatham felt the turmoil would soon cease. The initial federal occupation of McMinnville and Warren County in summer of 1862 brought the reality of war home and changed many minds concerning the war. Suddenly people realized, among them Chatham Coffee, that they were fighting for their very existence. War had become a brutal truth.

"In September 1862, Chatham closed his store and organized his cavalry unit from Warren and Coffee Counties. Upon organization he was elected Captain of the unit which had just over 100 members. By October of 1862 as General Braxton Bragg began his retreat from Kentucky, Coffee's company became a part of Major D. C. Douglas' partisan ranger battalion operating in Middle Tennessee. As Bragg withdrew from Perryville to establish headquarters in Murfreesboro; Douglas' battalion, operating under command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, staged numerous raids behind enemy lines in and around Nashville in November and December 1862. (As recorded in 'Tennesseans in the Civil War, Part I, Douglas' Battallion Cavalry' p.40.) Just prior to the battle of Stones River, Coffee's company, operating with Forrest, participated in the sweep around the rear of the Union army on December 26 through 31, throwing panic into the rear echelons of Rosecran's army.

"The battle of Stones River ended 1863 January 2 and Bragg withdrew the army of Tennessee to winter quarters at Tullahoma, with his right flank centered at McMinnville and his left flank at Columbia. Since cavalry was a vital part of Bragg's defense because of the wide, lightly defended front, a reorganization of cavalry units was begun resulting in Coffee's company becoming company H of the 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment commanded by Col. James H. Edmondson. Reorganization was completed 1963 February 25, with Robert Bruce as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. And William Burley as 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. The company, along with the regiment, was assigned to Forrest with orders to protect the army's left flank. Incidentally, Co. L was commanded by fellow Warren Countian Capt. O. F. Bruster and later by Capt. John M. Rust.

"Under Forrest, the 11<sup>th</sup> cavalry began a series of engagements resulting in the capture of Thompson Station on March 5 and Brentwood on March 25. Union cavalry was decisively defeated in both affairs causing Rosecrans to reinforce his right flank and delay his impending advance against Bragg's army. In this series of battles, Coffee's unit displayed outstanding ability, and Coffee himself made a highly respected impression on the "Wizard of the Saddle" for his leadership, attentiveness and ability to perform the mission, and the unusual loyalty and devotion shown by his men. This impression made by Coffee played a significant role in his later exploits.

"During the summer of 1863, as Bragg retreated slowly into North Georgia, Coffee's company was part of Starnes', Cox's and Dibrell's Brigades at various times. Continually harassing union forces, they were constantly operating behind enemy lines, interrupting supply lines, attacking depots and creating havoc with Federal Forces

advances. On 1863 August 27, the 11<sup>th</sup> was assigned duty at Kingston, Tennessee. The 11<sup>th</sup> cavalry as a part of Dibrell's brigade contributed greatly to the decisive defeat of federal forces at Chicamauga in the fall of 1863, and soon thereafter was reassigned to General Wheeler's cavalry corps assigned to the army of Tennessee now commanded by General Joe Johnston. From late 1863 to April 1864 Coffee's company under General Joe Wheeler's brigade operated in East Tennessee

"Rejoining the Army of Tennessee in April of 1864 at Dalton, Georgia, Coffee's company displayed unusual military ability in the retreat toward Atlanta. Resaca, Dallas and Kennesaw Mountain were battles which involved Coffee's unit. Relentlessly, Sherman's army rushed Johnston's beleaguered and outmanned Army of Tennessee back towards Atlanta. Always short of men, food and supplies, the Army of Tennessee faced a force three times its size that had ample supplies of everything, and Johnston knew that all he could do was fight and retreat again.

"Anxious to learn just what strength Sherman had, Johnston devised a mission to be performed by a cavalry company. Their orders, travel behind enemy lines into Middle Tennessee and scout out the troop concentrations, supply depots and communications routes. The absence or presence of such items could determine future military actions. The daring incursion 250 miles behind enemy lines required the use of a highly dependable, versatile and capable company with a commander of equal qualities. Johnston's choice: Captain Chatham Coffee's cavalry company. On 1864 July 11, Coffee received his orders and began his march into Middle Tennessee. Skillfully evading enemy troops, Coffee made his way north into Middle Tennessee. While scouting enemy strengths was tantamount in his mind, he also wanted to see his family.

"On a bright sunshiny Thursday of 1864 August 11, Coffee slipped into his home atop Rebel Hill and spent two nights with his family and visiting friends. McMinnville was heavily guarded by union troops at the time, and one of the 11 constantly manned forts or outposts was located just northeast of the Coffee home on the site now occupied by the Luther West (Logan Molloy) home. At this same time, the 15<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment also passed through McMinnville enroute to Chattanooga. Captain Coffee seemed to have a complete disdain for the federals and their ability to catch him. By Saturday August 13, everyone in McMinnville knew Coffee was home. The Yankees were furious. Ransacking the house, as Evelina Coffee sat in the living room smiling, they found nothing. As they departed she ran to the porch and cried, 'there are two places you didn't look, the cistern and the well.' (Family tales say Evelina was wearing a very large hoop skirt that day.)

"The next week was very rainy, and streams were out of banks and impassable, Additionally, federal troops were flooding into the area striving to capture Coffee's unit and also to meet the threat of General John B. Hood's army moving through Alabama and headed for Tennessee. The influx of union troops plus bad weather cut off Coffee's return through Georgia to rejoin Johnston's army.

"There was only one avenue of escape, through East Tennessee towards Bristol. September 1864 was spent observing federal troops and supply depots as they worked their way through East Tennessee, sometime eluding federal troops, sometimes fighting through them. They arrived at Saltville, Virginia in late September and

participated in the important battle of Saltville on 1864 October 2. Saltville furnished all the salt for the Confederate armies in the east. A commodity vital to the preservation of meats for the soldiers, its loss would have been crucial. The Confederates prevailed, routing the federal troops, and Saltville with its precious salt was safe for the moment.

"The battle over, Coffee moved south to rejoin Dibrell's brigade; reaching Georgia he found his regiment was with Hood advancing into Middle Tennessee. Coffee turned east and rejoined Johnston's army retreating slowly northward. Constantly in battle, Coffee's company participated in their last battle at Bentonville, North Carolina, on March 19. On April 26, 1865 General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his tattered remnants of the once proud Army of Tennessee to Northern forces, but Coffee's war was not yet over. An attempt was being made to get Confederate President Jefferson Davis and members of his cabinet out of the United States and into Mexico. Captain Coffee's company, among others, was asked to escort the President on a southern route through Georgia, Alabama, into Texas and on to Mexico.

"The race was on. Federal authorities knew Davis was trying to escape, and the full resources of the union army were marshalled to stop his escape. The race ended at Washington, Georgia 1865 May 11, when Davis and his escort, including Chatham Coffee's company were captured. When captured Coffee still had 53 men in his company, a remarkable fact considering most units through casualties, sickness, and desertion had less than 10% of former strength. This attested strongly to the admiration and respect Coffee's men had for him and the ability he had shown in caring for them.

"The war over, a war-weary Chatham Coffee headed home. He was 40 years old, but in many respects was much older. The abuse and torment heaped upon Confederate soldiers as they journeyed home was intense and sometimes horrible as they encountered federal troops occupying the towns on the homeward journey would strip them of anything of value, taunt them with vile demeaning language and physically abuse them. A man already defeated could become even more bitter, but if Chatham had any of these feelings he held them within him.

"Like so many southerners, Chatham Coffee knew that the war was over. Chatham's only desire was to pick up the pieces, rebuild his homeland, re-establish his business, raise his family and be a good citizen. This was a pattern established by leaders such as Robert E. Lee, John H. Savage, and Benjamin J. Hill who urged all Confederates to take the oath of Allegiance to the United States and work with authorities to rebuild the land. In keeping with this plan, Chatham Coffee journeyed to Nashville and on 1865 June 30, he took the Oath of Allegiance in Circuit Court before Judge R. McP. Smith, U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner. It was signed by Coffee's normal signature 'C. Coffee' (This document is in the files of the Warren County Historical Society.) This was a far cry from past days when Coffee and his company had been personally cited for exceptional bravery and extraordinary feats in various missions by Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joseph Wheeler. C. Coffee was once more an ordinary citizen of the United States.

"Returning home Coffee established a general merchandise store with J. F. Morford, Jr. on Main Street. Morford was his wife's brother. In 1868 a new mercantile



business with Lorenzo Dow Mercer was set. That same year his youngest daughter Jessie Furman was born. (Family records). He worked diligently to rebuild his business and community. In 1869, he was one of the organizers of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He was an active and devoted member of this group until his death.

"Chatham operated his business, C. Coffee and Company until 1877. At that time he became a working director of the National Bank of McMinnville. It appears from the charter that Coffee was one of the Incorporators of the Bank of McMinnville in 1868, along with P. H. Marbury, S. L. Colville and others. Being a merchant and operating principally through the barter system in his store, he saw the urgency of a sound banking system. Because of economic conditions the necessary \$50,000 in capital could not be raised and the bank never opened.

"By 1874, William H. Magness, a prosperous DeKalb County merchant, initiated a renewed effort to organize another bank. With his financial backing, the National Bank of McMinnville was organized, and Chatham Coffee was one of the incorporators and an original director of the bank (according to Walter Womack in "McMinnville at a Milestone", 1960 p.87) which exists today as the First National Bank of McMinnville.

"After becoming working director, which was tantamount to actually operating the bank, Coffee soon closed out his mercantile business. Magness had moved to Alabama to open another bank and was not active in the (McMinnville) bank. Another, younger man had appeared on the scene: his name Jesse Walling. Walling was slowly gaining control of the National Bank by purchase of the stock.

"A new bank was organized in 1881, the Peoples National Bank. Its cashier was Chatham Coffee, who resigned his position at the National Bank to assume the job with Peoples. In those days the cashier actually operated the bank...

"Between 1886 and 1889, Chatham Coffee, along with Samuel L. Colville, was instrumental in bringing the Peoples National Bank to an equal and stable position with the National Bank of McMinnville. That he was respected for his banking ability was made evident when Coffee was elected Vice President in recognition of his outstanding job as cashier.

"In late February 1889 Captain Coffee was confined at his home for several days. At first it was not considered serious, but by March 1 his condition had worsened and was serious. Three days later Dr. A. B. Ramsey and Dr. Thomas C. Black, the attending physicians, advised Coffee his condition was terminal and he would not live long. After supper Tuesday night with family members and the Rev. F. L. Leeper, his minister, Chatham Coffee calmly made his funeral arrangements and attended to necessary business matters. At 6:30 Wednesday morning, with Dr. Ramsey and Rev. Leeper at his bedside, Chatham Coffee surrendered for the last time to his heavenly Father. He had truly fought the good fight. He was 63 years old. His devoted Evelina followed him to the grave almost 15 months later on 1890 June 26. She was 59.

"How did Chatham Coffee attain his military expertise and develop into the deliberate, methodical brilliant cavalry officer that drove thousands of federal troops into a frenzy trying to capture or contain him and his company? What charisma and leadership traits did he possess that compelled his men to follow him through three years of hell without adequate food, clothing arms or mounts, and increasingly aware

that their cause and its chance of success was futile ? We can never truly know the answer to those questions. Chatham Coffee was the silent type. Not prone to conversation. His military training at best was meager, but he possessed the inherent Scotch-Irish disdain for fear and a seeming fascination for battle. One thing is sure. His exploits in the Confederate army of Tennessee certainly attested to the fact he was an exceptional cavalry officer and leader who calmly and deliberately pursued his mission. Men like Chatham Coffee enabled the Confederacy to endure for four long years against insurmountable odds.

"Men like Coffee also helped put the South back together in spite of even greater obstacles created by the brutality of an oppressive reconstruction. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Chatham Coffees who survived the War Between the States."

The article quoted in the last few pages has been published previously in part or in whole in at least three books. The earliest believed to be 'The Warren County Journal Volume 6' by Larry Craig Boyd pp 14 - 24, also in 'The Warren County Story' by Eugene Wiseman in 1995, and in 'Warren County Distinguished Personalities of the Tennessee Bicentennial' 1810 - 1996. pp. 123 - 133.

Found among Aunt Harriet's papers, was the original Parole of Captain Chatham Coffee by the Federal Army. It is in too bad a condition to be photocopied and readable but here is how it reads:

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Head-Quarters Cavalry Corps, M. D. M.  
*Washington May 9<sup>th</sup> 1865*

I, the undersigned, *C Coffee*, a *Captain* of the *Eleventh* Regiment of *Tennessee Cavalry* do solemnly swear that I will not bear arms against the United States of America or give any information, or do any military duty whatsoever and that I will not permit or council any of the men under my command to do any act in hostility to the United States, or inimical to a permanent peace upon the basis of a united nationality, until regularly relieved by the United States of this obligation

*C. Coffee, Capt.*

DESCRIPTION

Height *6 foot 2 inches*    Hair *dark*    Eyes *dark*    Complexion *fair*

I certify that the above Parole was given by me on the date above written with the following conditions: The officers and men of the above named organization are allowed to return to their homes, not to be molested by the military authorities of the United States, so long as they observe their parole and obey the laws which were in force previous to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1861, where they reside

By order of Brevet Major Gen. WILSON

*Lot Abraham*

Capt. And Acting Provost Marshall C. C. M. D. M

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It is on a 6" x 8.5" piece of paper. Italics above are what is handwritten in. The rest was a printed form. Apparently the parole was not just for Capt. Coffee, but for his entire company. It is assumed the place is Washington Georgia, not Washington D. C., the parole does not say. The Encyclopedia Americana says Jefferson Davis was captured

at Irvinville, Georgia on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Irvinville is some 150 miles south and west of Washington. With no additional research at hand, it is left to the reader to explain the discrepancies between Dillon's statements, the Parole (an original document) and the encyclopedia.

### COFFEE

Jessie Furman Coffee was a descendant of Edward Coffey of Virginia through John, James, Ambrose, Jesse and her father Chatham. An obituary of her father is shown on this page. Edward may or may not have been the son of the immigrant John Coffey. No records can be found to prove or disprove this relation, and many people have searched diligently. See Coffey pedigree charts on the next pages. Both spellings of Coffee and Coffey are found among this branch and many other branches of the family. More than two dozen books have been written on various branches of the Coffee family in the United States.

One of the most authentic and pertinent to our branch is "James B. Coffey, Vol II: Ancestors" by Marvin D. Coffey, copyrighted and published by him in 1984. Marvin Dale Coffey died 2001 June 26. The sheet by Aunt Harriet titled "Genealogy of the Coffee Family" contains some errors and bits of false information and is mainly redundant to other information herein, so we will not quote it. However we will reproduce her 3 pages of "The Coffee Family" following the pedigree charts

*Death of Capt. Coffee.*

Capt. Chatham Coffee died at his home in this place, of pneumonia, after a week's illness, at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

Chatham Coffee was born in McMinnville, Tenn., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1835. He attended the schools here until prepared for college, when he entered Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., where he remained for two years. He then returned to his native town and engaged in business. He was one of McMinnville's successful merchants before the war. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1860, he was married to Miss Mary F. Morford, a sister of Messrs. J. F. and G. R. Morford.

In the fall of 1862 he entered the Confederate Army as Captain in Gen. Forrest's regiment, and served his country faithfully until the close of the war in 1865. His men were devoted to him, and all esteemed him as being an exceedingly just and pure man, even amid the excitements and temptations of army life.

In the fall of 1865 he resumed business as a merchant in McMinnville, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. F. Morford. In 1868 he entered into a partnership with Mr. L. D. Mercer, and they conducted a mercantile business for a number of years.

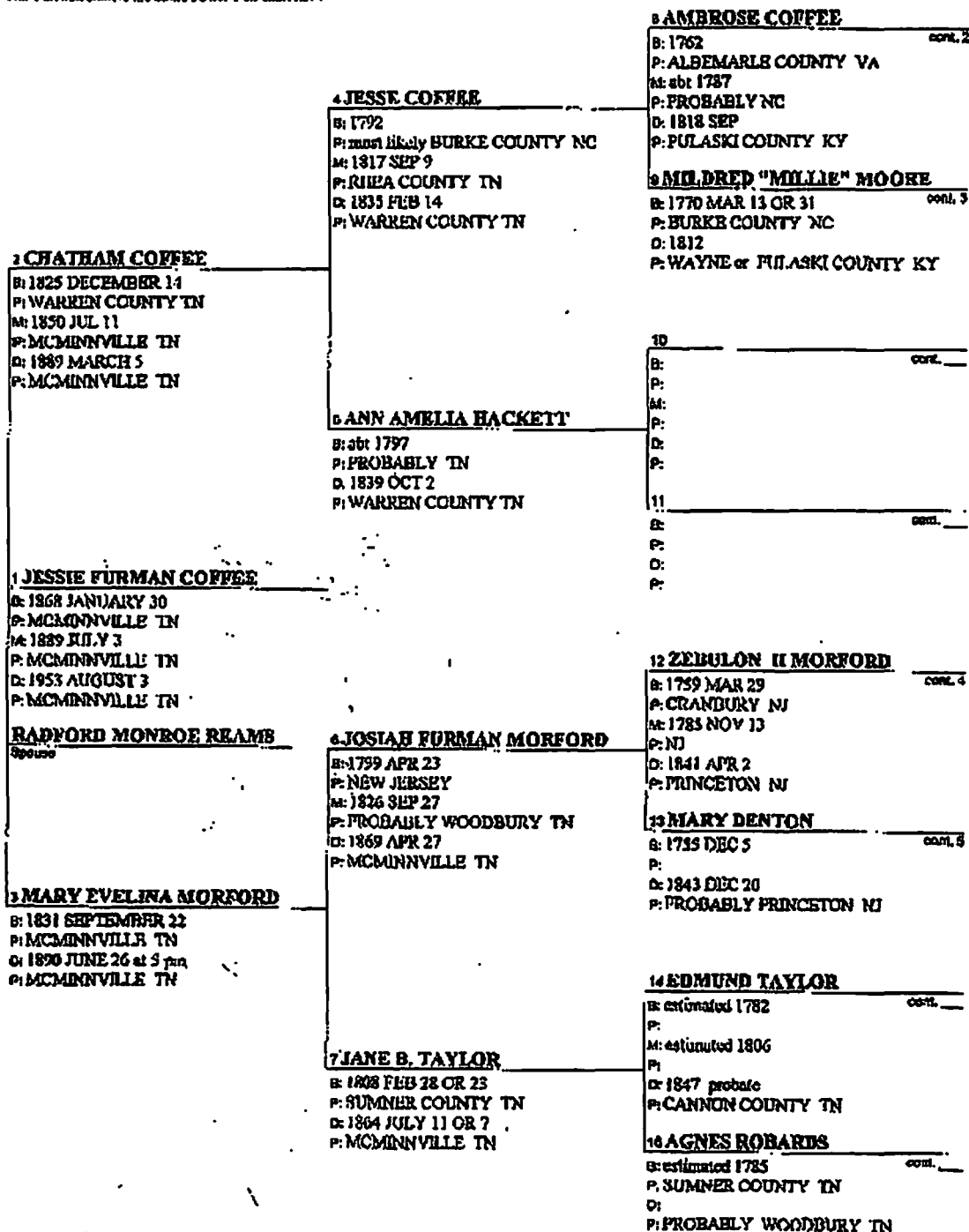
In 1877 he was elected Vice President of The National Bank of McMinnville, and was at the head of that institution as the principal working director until the organization of The Peoples National Bank of McMinnville, in the fall of 1882, when he was elected to and assumed the duties of cashier of the latter institution, which position he continued to fill until January, 1889, when he was elected Vice President, but to retain all duties of regular cashier.

In the death of Capt. Coffee the community loses one of its most valuable and useful citizens—a man who was loved, honored and admired by all who knew him, while to his family it is a loss for which there is no reparation this side of eternity. He was exceedingly kind and gentle, though firm, in all his dealings with men, never harsh at any time, and very charitable and generous in his opinions and expressions regarding his fellow men. It can be truly said of him that he was one of nature's noblemen. In his home circle he was all that a loving, gentle, devoted husband and father could be. His home was his kingdom; mutual love and affection ruled its every product, and there every hour which could be spared from his business duties was spent in blissful communion with his family. His death was as calm and peaceful as his life had been. He died fully believing and trusting in the Saviour, and expressing his readiness and willingness to go. He will be buried this (Friday) afternoon. The funeral will take place from the residence, where funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock by Rev. F. L. Loper.

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

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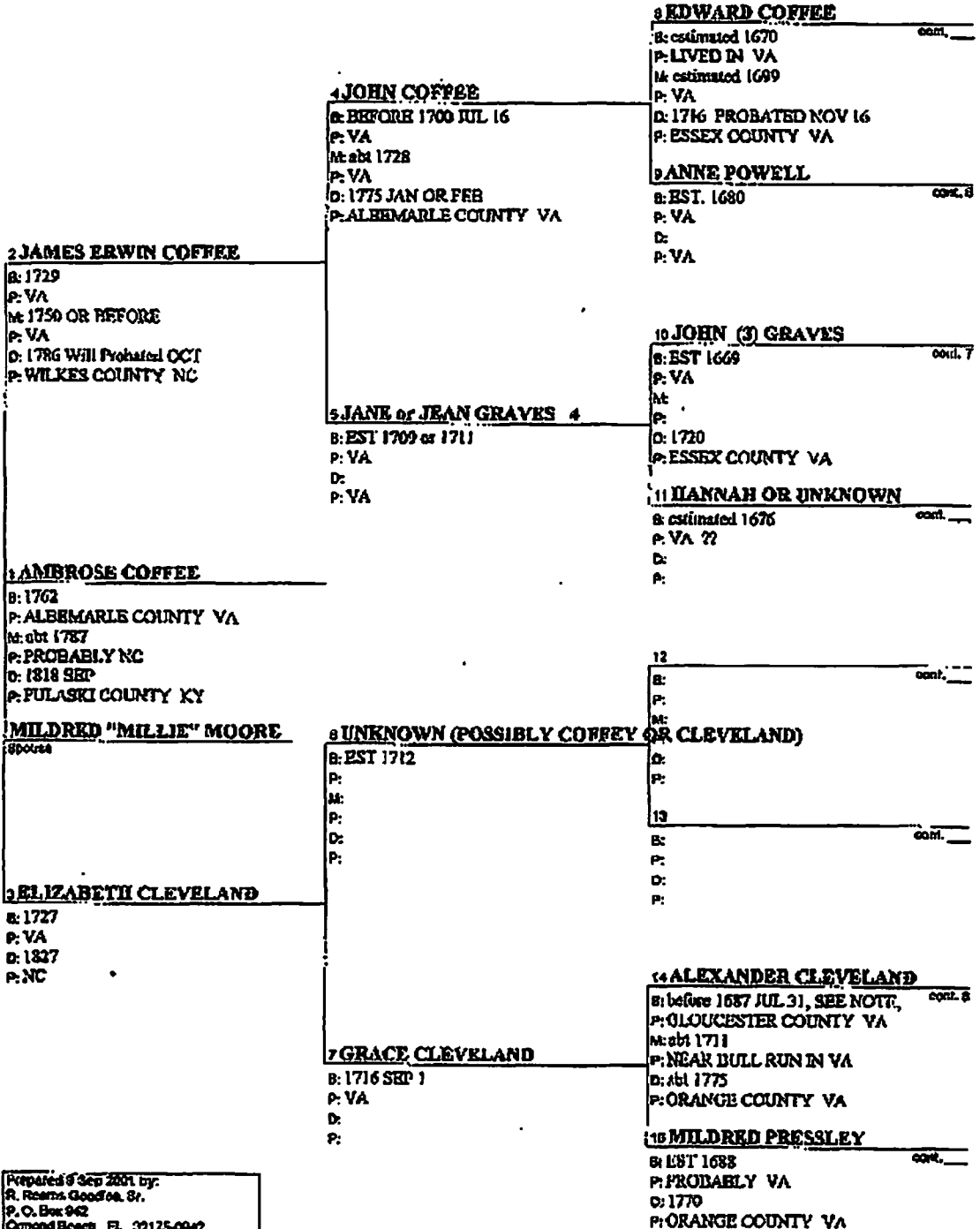


The index distinguishes between Coffee and Coffey. However the same person may be spelled one way one place and the other way another place.

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 1



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THE COFFEE FAMILY

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(1408) John Coffee was an emigrant and was in Virginia as early as 1637.  
 (1409) He married Mary Joliff of Elizabeth City County, Virginia. His second wife was Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_. Edward Coffee was probably his son.

(1404) Edward Coffee married Anne Powell in 1700 and they lived in Essex County, Virginia. Edward Coffee's will, probated in 1716, names his wife Anne and children

(352)	John . . . . .	married Jane Graves	(353)
	Elizabeth . . . . .	" Joshua Stapp	
	Edward . . . . .	" Grace Cleveland	
	Martha (Patsy) . . . . .	" John Cleveland	
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176 James Coffee was the son of John and Jane Graves Coffee. He was born in 1729 and died in 1786. He married Elizabeth Cleveland, daughter of Alexander Cleveland, who was a first cousin of Oliver Cromwell. James Coffee was a Baptist preacher and lived at one time in Essex and Albemarle Counties, Virginia. He moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1779 or 1780, where his will was probated in October 1786.

Children of James and Elizabeth Coffee

- John
- Archelaus
- James
- Reuben
- (38) Ambrose . . . . . married Mildred Moore
- Eli
- Rice
- Joel
- Lewis
- Martha . . . . . married Martin (or Marshall) Durham
- Elizabeth . . . . . " Robert Whiteside

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Ambrose Coffee was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1762 and died in Pulaski County, Kentucky, in 1818. He was an early emigrant to Kentucky. He was at Fort Boonesborough on Oct. 16, 1779. He was living in Uladian County, Kentucky, in 1786. He is listed in the Virginia State Library List of Revolutionary soldiers. He is named in his father's will.

(38889) Ambrose Coffee married Mildred Moore, of Burk County, North Carolina, daughter of Jesse and Alice Johnson Moore.

Children

(44)	Elizabeth	born	1792	died	Feb. 14,	1835
	Jesse	"	1795	"		1836
	Hiram	"	1801	"		1872
	America	"		"		1835
	Myra	"		"		1858
	Thomas Jefferson	"	1806	"		
	George Washington	"		"		
	Holland	"	Aug. 15, 1807	"	Oct. 1,	1846
	Madison	"		"		

Ambrose Coffee was married a second time to Lucinda Day.

Children

Greenup . . . . . born Feb. 10, 1815  
 Emily . . . . . did not reach maturity.

Holland Coffee was a colorful character in the history of Texas.

(44) Jesse Coffee married Ann Hackett of Rhea County, Tennessee, about 1819. She died on Oct. 2, 1839.

Children

	Patrick Henry	born	Sept. 16, 1821	died	Feb. 27,	1895
	Chatham	"	Dec. 14, 1825	"	Mar. 6,	1869
	Elizabeth	"	May 3, 1828	"	Apr. 4,	1859
	Ann Amelia	"	Apr. 27, 1830	"	Apr. 15,	1867
	Andrew Jackson	"	Aug. 9, 1832	"	Dec. 19,	1855
	Alexander Smartt	"	Feb. 10, 1835	"	Mar. 24,	1909
	Jesse H.	"	Feb. 10, 1836	"	July	1836

Jesse Coffee bought a lot in McMinnville, Tennessee, in 1818 (Warranty Deeds, Ek. 1818C, p. 80). Other members of his family who are known to have been residents of Warren County, Tennessee, were his uncle, Joel Coffee, and his sisters Elizabeth, America, and Myra. In 1824 Jesse Coffee bought thirteen acres adjoining McMinnville on the west (Warranty Deeds, Warren County, Ek. 1824 E., pp. 14-17). In 1825 he built the first brick house built in McMinnville (McMinnville at a Milestone, pp. 60-61). The house still stands at 301 West Main Street. On Feb. 15, 1826 he sold this property to James Shepperd for \$3000.00 (Warranty Deeds, Ek. 1826 F, pp. 13-15) and on the same date bought from James Shepperd for \$1000.00 one hundred acres on Hickory Creek (Warranty Deeds, Ek. 1826 F, pp. 354-357). The house he built on this property was on the old

Kentucky Road about three-quarters of a mile west of Viola. It was an inn and was known as the Jesse Coffee House. (McMinnville at a Milestone, p. 184). This house still stands and is owned by Sam Bonner.

- (22) Chatham Coffee married Mary Evelina Morford on July 11, 1850.  
(23) Mary Evelina Morford was born Sept. 22, 1831, died June 26, 1890.  
They are both buried in Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Children

Hallie Morford . . . born Dec. 4, 1855 . . . died Dec. 21, 1938  
Lelia . . . . . " Aug. 14, 1858 . . . " Dec. 12, 1929  
(11) Jessie Furman . . . " Jan. 30, 1868 . . . " Aug. 3, 1953

Chatham Coffee owned several small parcels of land in McMinnville, Tennessee, in the 1850s (Warranty Deeds, Ek. 1851, p. 28; Ek. 1853 S, pp. 215, 260-261). It is known that prior to the Civil War he owned a fairly large tract of land on the north of McMinnville at the top of what became known as Rebel Hill, but a record of the deed has not been located. He built on this property just before the Civil War. This home was occupied by the family until sold in 1958. It burned a year after it was sold.

Chatham Coffee was captain of Company H of Forrest's Eleventh Tennessee Cavalry during the Civil War (McMinnville at a Milestone, p. 270). When Peoples National Bank was organized in 1881 Chatham Coffee was cashier (McMinnville at a Milestone, p. 88).

For further descendants see "The Morford Family" and "The Reams Family".

Compiled by Harriet Reams---1981

These pages deserve some comment. The children of Edward Coffey and James Coffey are not shown in chronological order. There is no record of Ann or Annister Coffey being married. She did have an illegitimate son, James. The children of James Coffey son of Edward split up in the way they spelled their names. Ambrose and Rice used Coffee, the others stuck to Coffey as far as can be determined.



Annister's brother Austin, not listed on that page is the one who married a Chenault or Shenalt. A document found about 1980 by Allen Poe, a North Carolina genealogist, in Orange county (NC) order book (1740-1750) reportedly shows a deed by Alexander Cleveland (Jr.) in 1750 "Deed of gift to my niece Elizabeth wife of James Coffey and daughter of my sister Grace Cleveland" leads some researchers to believe that Elizabeth was illegitimate and possibly the daughter of Edward Coffey, Jr., who Grace later married. Allen Poe says the gift was livestock. There have been two or three quotes of this record, with some different wording. This author would like to see the original. Elizabeth being a daughter of Grace is contrary to what her son Rice wrote, saying his Grandfather was Alexander Cleveland. The statement Alexander Cleveland who was a first cousin of Oliver Cromwell is entirely erroneous and based on a book of fiction. This is explained under the Cleveland ancestors.

Aunt Harriet's "The Coffee Family" first page skips over the family of John and Jane Graves Coffey. Their family group record is shown on the following pages. The second page also has some errors. Strike sentences 2, 3 and 4 under Ambrose Coffee. He was not at Fort Boonesboro in 1779, that was another Ambrose Coffey, an immigrant. There is no Ulodian county in Kentucky now, and never has been according to the lists of the Kentucky Historical Society. These errors have been repeated and/or copied to/from other places. They are also found in an essay on Chatham Coffee by James A. Dillon, Jr., a Warren county Tennessee historian. The next sentence is also questioned as Ambrose father of Jesse was only 14 years of age when the revolution started. The list of Ambrose' children is incomplete. His oldest child was Alice or "Ally" b.1788 who married John Mills. Also by his first wife he had Mildred born 1809, who probably died young as there is no further record. The second wife of Ambrose Coffee was not Lucinda Day and maybe not Elizabeth Rice as Marvin Coffey listed but a widow named Mary, possibly Mary Elizabeth. Lucinda was the wife of a different Coffee. The author does not believe that Ambrose married a third time as Marvin Coffey suggests, one reason being that his widow went by the name of Polly, which is a nickname for Mary.

The following quote from Harold G. Elrod explains the errors of the Kentucky transcriber and Marvin D. Coffey (pp. 60/61) in interpreting an indenture made by Ambrose Coffee's children in 1826.

"Ambrose died after 1818 June 22 (September in Pulaski county Kentucky). His household goods were appraised 1818 October 17 then sold 1818 November 25. Among Ambrose's papers were found a note bearing the name Jesse Whiteside (then a resident of Overton county Tennessee) and "Also \$800 by assignment 1818 March 23, a part of a bond executed by E. C. Faris & T. Quarles to George Norton which was assigned to Vincent Garner and from said Garner to said Coffee \$800". Among the purchasers at the sale were Michael Elrod, Polly Coffee, Joel Whiteside, Eli Coffey and Sale Coffey.

On 1821 June 25 the proceeds from the estate of Ambrose Coffey were divided between Polly Coffee, his wife and administratrix, and their twelve living children. On 1821 July 7, a Polly Coffee married James McHenry, Vincent Garner surety.

On 1826 April 18 the heirs of Ambrose Coffey acknowledged Vincent Garner's title to land for which he, Vincent, had contracted with Ambrose Coffey in the latter's

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<b>Husband JOHN COFFEY</b>			
Death	1775 JAN OR F	ALBEMARLE COUNTY VA	B:
Birth	BEFORE 1700 I	VA	E:
Marriage	EST 1700	VA	SP:
Marriage	abt 1728	VA	SS:
Father	EDWARD COFFEY (b estimated 1670)		
Mother	ANNE POWELL (b EST. 1680)		
<b>Wife JANE or JEAN GRAVES 4</b>			
Birth	EST 1709 or I	VA	B:
Death		VA	E:
			SP:
Father	JOHN (3) GRAVES (b EST 1669)		
Mother	HANNAH OR JOHANNA UNKNOWN (b estimated 1676)		
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1 M JAMES ERWIN COFFEY</b>			
Birth	1729	VA	B:
Death	1786 Will Pro	WILKES COUNTY NC	E:
			SP:
Spouse	ELIZABETH CLEVELAND (m 1750 OR BEFORE)		
			SS:
<b>2 M WILLIAM COFFEY</b>			
Birth	abt 1731	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
Death	abt 1828	NELSON COUNTY VA	E:
			SP:
Spouse	ELIZABETH OSBORNE (m abt 1758)		
			SS:
<b>3 M JOHN D. COFFEY</b>			
Birth	abt 1733	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
			E:
			SP:
Spouse	DORCAS CARTER (m abt 1757)		
Spouse	NANCY RICHARDSON (m PROBABLY IN THE 1760s)		
			SS:
<b>4 M EDMOND S. SR OR EDMUND B. SR. COFFEY</b>			
Birth	abt 1735	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
Death	1808 WILL PRO	NELSON COUNTY VA	E:
			SP:
Spouse	NANCY BARNETT (m EST 1770)		
			SS:
<b>5 F WINIFRED COFFEY</b>			
Birth	abt 1739	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
			E:
			SP:
Spouse	NICOLAS MORAN (m EST 1759)		
			SS:
<b>6 M THOMAS COFFEY</b>			
Birth	1742 MAR 7	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
Death	1825 APR	WILKES COUNTY NC	E:
			SP:
Spouse	ELIZABETH SMITH (m abt 1762)		
Spouse	SARAH "SALLY" FIELDS (m abt 1778)		
			SS:
<b>7 M REUBEN COFFEY</b>			
Birth	1744	ESSEX COUNTY VA	B:
Death	1813	BURKE COUNTY NC	E:
			SP:
Spouse	SARAH (SALLY) SCOTT (m bef 1772)		
			SS:
<b>8 M BENJAMIN COFFEY</b>			
Birth	1747	SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY VA	B:
Death	1834 JAN 4	HAWKINS COUNTY TN	E:
			SP:
Spouse	MARY "POLLY" HAYES (m EST 1774)		
			SS:
<b>9 F ELIZABETH COFFEY</b>			
Death	abt 1807	PROBABLY WILKES COUNTY NC	B:
Birth	EST. 1749	VA	E:
			SP:
Spouse	THOMAS FIELDS (m AROUND 1765)		
			SS:

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**FAMILY NOTES**

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**HUSBAND NOTES: JOHN COFFEE**

General<sup>1</sup>: TWIN WITH EDWARD JR.

**WIFE NOTES: JANE or JEAN GRAVES 4**

General<sup>2</sup>: JANE IS CALLED JEAN IN BOTH HER FATHER'S AND HER HUSBAND'S WILLS. FOR CONTINUATION OF THIS LINE SEE JAMES COFFEY & ELIZABETH CLEVELAND IN FILE GOODLOE ZIP  
dob from MORMON ANCESTOR FILE TM ver C413 1994 MAR 22 to put list between her siblings.

**CHILD NOTES: JAMES ERWIN COFFEE**

General<sup>3</sup>: DAR BOOK p.470 LIST AS DESCENDANTS OF JAMES COFFEY:  
PENELOPE J. ALLEN (SAMUEL E.) #108886  
MARY WHITESIDE HELMS (JOHN E.) # 83394

**CHILD NOTES: WILLIAM COFFEE****CHILD NOTES: JOHN D. COFFEE**

General<sup>4</sup>:

**CHILD NOTES: EDMOND S. SR. OR EDMUND S. SR. COFFEY**

General<sup>5</sup>:

**CHILD NOTES: WINIFRED COFFEE****CHILD NOTES: THOMAS COFFEE :**

General<sup>6</sup>: A LIST OF THOMAS'S CHILDREN IS IN COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE #51 p.15 AND IN THE BOOK THOMAS COFFEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS BY LAWRENCE H. COFFEY. COPYRIGHT 1931 AND ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED BY NEWELL SANDERS, CHATTANOOGA.

**CHILD NOTES: REUBEN COFFEE**

General<sup>7</sup>: "THE COFFEYS OF WAYNE COUNTY" SAYS REUBEN & SALLY ONLY HAD 5 CHILDREN. MARVIN COFFEY SHOWS 13.

**CHILD NOTES: BENJAMIN COFFEY.**

General<sup>8</sup>: ACCORDING TO MDC AND THE 1790 & 1800 CENSUS, BENJAMIN AND POLLY HAD FIVE BOYS AND FOUR GIRLS. RECORDS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO IDENTIFY THE OTHER BOY, POSSIBLY JESSE. OR THE OTHER THREE GIRLS, POSSIBLY JANE OR SARAH. SEE MDC p.54.  
"ROSTER OF SOLDIERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BURIED IN TENNESSEE" SHOW BENJAMIN AS b.1745. HE IS BURIED IN HAWKINS COUNTY TN.

**CHILD NOTES: ELIZABETH COFFEE****SOURCES**

1. KENNETH VANCE GRAVES, EDITOR. BIMONTHLY PERIODICAL PUBLISHED SINCE THE 1980s. THE GRAVES FAMILY ASSOCIATION, 20 BINNEY CIRCLE, WRENTHAM MA 02093 USA. # 91 p.19.
2. Ms. V. A. Vanderwegen, E. 9141 Hwy 106, Union WA. Plastic ring bound, 50 pages no copyright. This source, p.Cy-1, shows John with middle initial B.
3. KENNETH VANCE GRAVES, EDITOR. BIMONTHLY PERIODICAL PUBLISHED SINCE THE 1980s. THE GRAVES FAMILY ASSOCIATION, 20 BINNEY CIRCLE, WRENTHAM MA 02093 USA. # 92 p.51.
4. Ms. V. A. Vanderwegen, E. 9141 Hwy 106, Union WA. Plastic ring bound, 50 pages no copyright. This source shows James with middle name Erwin.
5. Susan A. Henderson. Probably done on computer, 46 pages including index. Susan A. Henderson, 555 Ash Street, Winnetka IL 60093. This source shows middle name ERWIN also.
6. Ms. V. A. Vanderwegen, E. 9141 Hwy 106, Union WA. Plastic ring bound, 50 pages no copyright. This source shows

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JOHN with middle initial "D".

7. Susan A. Henderson. Probably done on computer, 46 pages including index. Susan A. Henderson, 555 Ash Street, Winnetka IL 60093. This source also shows middle initial "D".

8. COFFEE / Y COUSINS NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED QUATERLY SINCE DEC. 1980. As of December 1999 Publisher is Bonnie Culley, 1416 Green Berry Road, Jefferson City MO 65101-3620. ISSUE 83 p.10.

9. MARVIN DALE COFFEY. EXCELLENT COFFEY BOOK. COFFEY. p. 49.

10. BENNIE COFFEY LOFTIN?. COFFEYs WHO LIVED IN WAYNE COUNTY KY. p. 25.

11. MARVIN DALE COFFEY. EXCELLENT COFFEY BOOK. COFFEY. p. 52.

lifetime. Mentioned in this indenture are "John Mills and Polly his wife and Polly his wife the former Polly Coffey, Jesse Coffey, Hiram Coffey, Betsy Coffey, America Coffey, Wina Coffey, Jefferson Coffey, Washington Coffey, Greenup Coffey and Emily Coffey. A negotiation dated 1818 March 23 is mentioned in this instrument.

The foregoing information is interpreted as follows.

1. The agreement of 1821 June 25, was made to divide up Ambrose's estate prior to Polly Coffey's (Ambrose's widow) marriage to James McHenry. Notice the timing, just one week before the marriage.

2. The agreement of 1826 April 18, was between the children of Ambrose Coffey, and was intended to give Vincent Garner clear title to his land. The text and signature from the Court Records are all in the same handwriting. It is evident that we are not looking at an original document.

In selecting the crucial text from the copy of the indenture, we have deliberately inserted "and Polly his wife" twice, as it was so entered in the Deed Book. However, the second "and Polly his wife" was crossed out by the transcriber. But he/she was tired, and also misread and miswrote "Ally" as "Polly". Everything makes sense when we recognize this error. Ally, the wife of John Mills, was indeed the former Ally Coffey, and one of the children of Ambrose."

Getting back to Aunt Harriet's "The Coffee Family", the siblings of Chatham Coffee are also shown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page, all born in Warren county. None of his brothers ever married. The oldest, Patrick Henry Coffee, was in business in McMinnville for many years, moved to Texas in 1858, and came back to fight as a captain and later a regimental officer in the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee regiment during the civil war. He came back to McMinnville in 1870 for about seven years, after which he got a job with the Post Office in Washington. He came back the last time in 1894, about a year before his death. Andrew Jackson Coffee died in 1855 at age 23. Alexander Smartt Coffee lived in the Carthage Tennessee a good part of his life. The youngest child, Jesse H. Coffee, twin with Alexander died at age 4 months. There is no record at hand, but the H. in Jesse H. Coffee's name could have stood for Hackett, his mother's surname. The two girls both married but have no surviving descendants. Coincidentally they both had 3 children, both lost their first child, sons, at age one, and both then each had two daughters who never married. Family group records for Elizabeth and Ann Amelia are on the next page. Elizabeth Coffey married Howard Mercer Black 1853 February 24. He died five years later 1858 April 8 and she died the next year in Fayetteville, Arkansas, leaving two daughters under age 3 orphan. Both lived until their early twenties and died in McMinnville. Ann Amelia Coffee, named for her mother, married David Coleman

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<b>Husband HOWARD MERCER BLACK</b>			
Birth	1830 FEB 27		B:
Death	1858 APR 8		E:
Marriage	1853 FEB 24 0	PROBABLY MCMINNVILLE TN	SP:
<b>Wife ELIZABETH COFFEE</b>			
Birth	1828 MAY 3	WARREN COUNTY TN	B:
Death	1859 APR 4	FAYETTEVILLE AR	E:
			SP:
Father	JESSE COFFEE (b 1792)		
Mother	ANN AMELIA HACKETT (b abt 1797)		
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1 JESSIE COFFEE BLACK</b>			
Birth	1854 MAR 8		B:
Death	1855 MAY 19	UNKNOWN	E:
			SP:
<b>2 F HANNAH BLACK</b>			
Birth	1816 JUN 22		B:
Death	1881 JUN 26	MCMINNVILLE TN	E:
			SP:
<b>3 F ANN BLACK</b>			
Birth	1857 SEP 26		B:
Death	1892 JAN 3	MCMINNVILLE TN	E:
			SP:

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<b>Husband DAVID COLEMAN SMITHSON</b>			
Birth	1834 JUL 23	WASHINGTON COUNTY AR	B:
Death	1877 OCT 14	AR 7	E:
Marriage	1857 APR 1	WARREN COUNTY TN	SP:
			SS:
<b>Wife ANN AMELIA COFFEE</b>			
Birth	1830 OR 31 AP	WARREN COUNTY TN	B:
Death	1867 APR 16		E:
			SP:
Father	JESSE COFFEE (b 1792)		
Mother	ANN AMELIA HACKETT (b abt 1797)		
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1 M FRANK SMITHSON</b>			
Birth	1858 APR 1	WASHINGTON COUNTY AR	B:
Death	1859 APR 3	MADISON COUNTY AR	E:
			SP:
<b>2 F BETTIE SMITHSON</b>			
Death	1914	TN	B:
Birth	1861 MAR 19	WASHINGTON COUNTY AR	E:
			SP:
<b>3 F ALICE SMITHSON</b>			
Birth	1865 DEC 8	ELIAS COUNTY TX	B:
Death	UNK		E:
			SP:
Prepared 20 Oct 2001 by: R. Reams Goodloe, Sr. P. O. Box 942 Ormond Beach FL 32175-0942 386-677-3443			Comments:

Smithson 1857 April 1. Their second child, Bettie Smithson was born 1861 March 19 in Arkansas. She and Elizabeth's two daughters are some of the many people who lived in the house on Rebel Hill. She was a county home demonstration agent and died in an automobile accident in 1914. Her sister Alice, born 1865 December 8 in Texas, presents another of the family mysteries. That is all we know about her. She possibly died very young also. Why did Radford and Jessie never mention her ?

Ambrose and Mildred Coffee had eleven children. Jesse was the third. The first one was Alice.

The dates we have on Alice "Ally" Coffee come from a descendant, Harold G. Elrod, 14 Cromwell Court, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. She was born in 1788 in North Carolina as was her husband John Mills, and they married at age 16 in North Carolina, 1804 March 19 in Wilkes county. Their first child was born in 1805 in Tennessee. John Mills died before 1850, and she after 1850 in Hancock county Tennessee.

The second child of Ambrose and Millie was Elizabeth, born about 1790 in North Carolina, She married George Washington Jewell, who had the same first names as one of her brothers. The Jewells owned and operated the Indian Queen hotel on West Main Street in McMinnville, before they moved to Texas in the 1850s. They had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Jewell, probably born about 1830, who married 1859 in Texas, William J. Mosley. G. W. J. died 1901 in Texas, and Elizabeth died 1911 in Texas. Mary Elizabeth and William had one son Porter Mosley. The author has been in e-mail contact with Joe Mosley, a descendant of Porter who lives in Dallas and hopes to get more information on this family. See addendum p. 154.

Jesse Coffee, the father of Chatham, was Ambrose and Millie's third child, born 1792 in North Carolina and died 1835 on Valentine day at age 43. He and Ann Amelia

RHEA COUNTY, TENN.

No.	MARRIAGE LICENSE.	RETURNS.
	<p><i>Sept 9th 1817</i></p> <p>This day issued to <i>Joseph Coffee</i> to marry <i>Anna R. Hackett</i> <i>D. Rawlings</i> Clerk.</p>	<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE, RHEA COUNTY.</p> <p>I solemnized the Rite of Matrimony between the within named parties, on the <i>9</i> day of <i>Sept</i> 18<i>17</i> <i>Matthew Donald</i> <i>Min. G.</i></p>

Hackett were married in Rhea County Tennessee 1817 September 9 by Matthew Donald a Minister of the Gospel. A copy of the marriage record is reproduced above.

The correct names of this couple are known from the many records in Warren County, not from the errors of the clerk in Rhea County.

Thanks go to Virgil Coffee, P. O. Box 2, McIntosh, New Mexico 87032, for getting the copy of this record. Virgil spells his name Coffee, but has yet to determine from which Coffee immigrant he descends.

The brick house mentioned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet of Aunt Harriet's "The Coffee

Family" built by Jesse Coffee in 1825 is now the oldest house in McMinnville. It is at 301 West Main Street or on the southwest corner of Main and High streets. It has had long write ups in the Southern Standard of 1974 page 11-A and in the Warren County News, section B page 1 in 1977 August 18. Also what appears to be a more recent article in the Southern Standard but the date and page number were omitted from the clipping. Those interested in more details of this house should refer to these articles or historic sources in McMinnville. The house and lot with outbuildings was sold by Jesse for \$3,000 in 1826, the year after it was built. (This sale actually amounted to a swap for several hundred acres of fertile farm land near Viola in the south part of the county).

Jesse built another brick "mansion" on this property, which was on the "Kentucky Trail", a stagecoach line at that time and used part of it as an inn. The historian James A. Dillon, Jr. called it a mansion. It was beautifully restored by Sam and Melba Bonner the then owners, in the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Jesse Coffee and his wife Ann Amelia Hackett were both buried in what was then the church cemetery at Blue Springs in Viola, Warren county Tennessee. The cemetery has now become the site of a roadside park on Tennessee highway 108. The author visited the site about 1998 but could not find their stones among the few remaining.

Hiram was Ambrose & Millie's fourth child, born 1795 in North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Ann, surname unknown around 1816. It unknown if Hiram and Elizabeth had any children, although there are some possibilities. This is a subject that needs further research. Hiram died 1836 January 29 in Mississippi at age 41.

Next came America, the fifth child, born 1801 in Burke county North Carolina. She lived for awhile in McMinnville and it is believed that is where she met her husband Samuel Lusk as that is a well known name in McMinnville. They probably married about 1820. They may have helped her sister & brother-in-law, the Jewells, run the Indian Queen Hotel. They later moved to Texas. She died in 1872 supposedly in Texas. They had one child, name and gender unknown, who married a Giddings.

Myra was the sixth born about 1803 in North Carolina. She married William Edmundson. No record of children has been found. She died 1835 September 3 in Tennessee. Information on Myra is wanted.

Seventh was Thomas Jefferson Coffee, born 1805 February 16. This was about the time that Ambrose, Millie & family moved from North Carolina to Kentucky so it is uncertain in which state Thomas Jefferson was born, North Carolina, Tennessee or Kentucky. However it is on record that he married Malinda Graves Williams Haley 1827 July 17 in Boone county Tennessee. At some point in time they moved to Texas. She died 1857 Christmas eve at Oyster Creek, Brazoria county Texas. He died there less than a year later 1858 November 1. Thomas Jefferson and Malinda had seven children, about which little is known. The family group sheet follows on the next page.

George Washington was the eighth, born in December about 1806, probably in Kentucky. He married Mary Catherine Isler about 1825. George and Mary had three children all believed to have been born in Jackson, Mississippi. The first was Camilla born about 1830 who married a man named Rohrer. The second was Eugenia, who married twice and has many descendants. Read more about her in the section about her Uncle Holland Coffee. Her younger brother was also named Holland, or possibly

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<b>Husband THOMAS SEPVerson COFFEE</b>			
Birth	1805 FEB 16	NC of TN or KY	B:
Death	1858 NOV 1 or	BRAZORIA COUNTY TX	E:
			SP:
Marriage	1827 JUL 17	BOONE COUNTY TN	BS:
Father	AMBROSE COFFEE (b 1762)		
Mother	MILDRED "MILLIE" MOORE (b 1779 MAR 13 OR 31)		
<b>Wife MALINDA GRAVES WILLIAMS HALEY</b>			
Birth	1803 NOV 17	KNOXVILLE TN	B:
Death	1857 DEC 24	OYSTER CREEK, BRAZORIA COUNTY TX	E:
			SP:
Father	DAVID HALEY (b EST 1780)		
Mother	ELIZABETH UNKNOWN MAYBE GRAVES (b EST 1762)		
<b>Children</b>			
1 F	<b>LOUISA COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1829 JAN 10		B:
Death	1829 JAN 29		E:
			SP:
2 F	<b>MINERVA LAVINIA COFFEE</b>		
Death	1907		E:
Birth	1830 APR 2		B:
			SP:
Spouse	UNKNOWN LOHDELL (m EST 1850)		
Spouse	UNKNOWN LIGHTFOOT (m EST 1866)		
3 M	<b>AARON COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1832 DEC 17		B:
			E:
			SP:
Spouse	MARY SOMERVILLE SMITH (m EST 1857)		
4 F	<b>ELLEN COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1835 JUN 17		B:
Death	1866 APR 5		E:
			SP:
Spouse	WILLIAM BOWEN KYLE (m 1853 JUN 30)		
Spouse	JAMES TANKERSLEY (m EST 1863)		
5 M	<b>AMBROSE COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1838 MAR 7		B:
Death	1859 AUG 2		E:
			SP:
6 M	<b>HENRY COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1840 NOV 24		B:
Death	1857 NOV 9		E:
			SP:
7 F	<b>ROXANNA COFFEE</b>		
Birth	1842 OCT 28		B:
Death	1860 AUG 22		E:
			SP:
Spouse	WILLIAM WARD (m 1860 JAN)		
			SS:

Thomas Holland, he may be mentioned later.

Holland Coffee, ninth child of Ambrose and Millie is the best known of all the siblings. A replica of Holland Coffee's trading post on the Red River can be found at the Museum of the Great Plains, 601 Northwest Ferris Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The majority of the information on this family came from the book "Lost Links" by Francis & Moore dewey decimal Library # G 929.373 E pages 61, 65, 99, 156 & 157.



Information is also wanted on the last two children of Ambrose and Millie. The tenth, Mildred, was born about 1809 in Kentucky. She probably died young as the trail ends there. James Madison, the eleventh and last, was born about 1811 in Kentucky and died 1833 January 25 in Mississippi.

As previously noted, Ambrose married a second time 1814 May 27 in Wayne county Kentucky to a widow named Mary Cooper. The authors notes on this union from his "Family Origins" data base are copied below.

"NOTE: The only reference that gives Elizabeth Rice as the name of the second wife of Ambrose Coffey is ref: 27 on page 60 of Marvin D. Coffey's book "JAMES B. COFFEY VOL. II ANCESTORS" which is found on p.66 of his book. ."27. Corr. from Jacque Anderson, Rhodes MI (data from Gen. Clearing House)"

"There is a Wayne County KY court record (see Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse # 93 p.16) which shows AMBROSE COFFEY, widower married MARY COOPER, widow in 1814 MAY 27. To accept these as both correct, RRG concludes that her maiden name would have to have been MARY ELIZABETH RICE, but no proof of that has been found."

Mary did not have children by Cooper as far as is known. Ambrose and Mary had two children. Christopher Greenup born 1815 February 10 in Kentucky and died 1857 April 19 in Jackson, Mississippi. He married Louisa Green 1840 October 8 in Jackson. Records of children have not been found. Ambrose and Mary's other and last child was Emily born about 1817 in Kentucky. She did not reach maturity.

Ambrose was the seventh of eleven children of his parents James Coffey and wife Elizabeth Cleveland. All of them reached maturity and married and most had large families. Marvin Dale Coffey devotes a whole chapter in his book to this family, pages 55 - 77 inclusive. So for information on these people not presented here, Marvin's book should be referenced. Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey came to Bedford county Tennessee to live with her son Rice in later years and died there in 1827 reportedly at the age of 100. She is buried at Bell Buckle, Bedford county, Tennessee

As mentioned before, Holland Coffee is the most widely known of all of Ambrose Coffee's children. The following pages contain a writeup which the author did on Holland Coffee several years ago, edited with a few recent clarifications.

MY GREAT GREAT UNCLE HOLLAND COFFEE  
BY R. REAMS GOODLOE Sr.

HOLLAND COFFEE WAS BORN AUGUST 15, 1807 ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE OF ONE OF HIS OLDER BROTHERS JESSE. HE WAS PROBABLY BORN IN PULASKI COUNTY, KY, AS ACCORDING TO MARVIN D. COFFEY'S BOOK "JAMES B. COFFEY - VOL II ANCESTORS" HIS PARENTS, AMBROSE & MILDRED MOORE COFFEE, MOVED THERE ABOUT 1806. (NOTE 1) HOLLAND WAS ONLY FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN HIS MOTHER DIED. HIS FATHER REMARRIED THE NEXT YEAR, 1814 ON MAY 27. ACCORDING TO WAYNE COUNTY KY MARRIAGE RECORDS HIS STEPMOTHER WAS A WIDOW, MARY COOPER. ACCORDING TO MARVIN DALE COFFEY'S BOOK "JAMES B. COFFEY VOL. II ANCESTOR" THE SECOND WIFE WAS ELIZABETH RICE. HE REFERENCES GENEALOGICAL CLEARING HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE FROM JACQUE ANDERSON, RHODES MI. THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE FOUND FOR THIS NAME. AFTER AMBROSE DIED, HIS WIDOW WAS REFERRED TO IN COURT PAPERS AS POLLY. SINCE WE KNOW THE SECOND WIFE'S NAME WAS MARY, RRG BELIEVES SHE WAS STILL AMBROSE'S WIFE WHEN HE DIED. POSSIBLY HER MAIDEN NAME WAS MARY ELIZABETH RICE. ALTHOUGH MARVIN THINKS AMBROSE MAY HAVE MARRIED A THIRD TIME. IT WAS LESS THAN FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AFTER HE MARRIED THE SECOND TIME UNTIL HE DIED.

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HOLLAND'S EARLY YEARS. HIS OLDER BROTHER JESSE SETTLED IN WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND SEVERAL OF HIS SIBLINGS LIVED THERE AT LEAST PART OF THEIR LIVES. AT LEAST ONE HISTORIAN (NOTE 3) REFERS TO HOLLAND AS A TENNESSEAN. HIS UNCLE RICE LIVED AT WARTRACE, TENNESSEE. HOWEVER, HOLLAND MUST HAVE BEEN VERY INTELLIGENT, AS BY THE TIME HE GOT MARRIED, HE SPOKE SEVEN INDIAN DIALECTS AND ENGLISH AND WAS IN DEMAND AS AN INDIAN ENVOY AND TRANSLATOR (NOTE 3).

THREE OR FOUR OF THE COFFEE BROTHERS, GEORGE WASHINGTON, THOMAS JEFFERSON, HIRAM AND POSSIBLY HOLLAND CAME TO JACKSON MISSISSIPPI IN THE LATE 1820s OR THE EARLY 1830s BECAUSE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S DAUGHTER EUGENIA ELIZABETH COFFEE WAS BORN IN JACKSON IN 1832. AT LEAST ONE DESCENDANT, ANN HALLIDAY FOXWORTH (NOTE 4), THINKS HOLLAND CAME TO MISSISSIPPI WITH THE BROTHERS BEFORE MOVING ON TO TEXAS.

WHENEVER HOLLAND ARRIVED IN TEXAS, IT MUST HAVE BEEN PRIOR TO TEXAS BECOMING A REPUBLIC IN 1836. IT IS MOST PROBABLE THAT FROM THE EARLY 1830s UNTIL 1837 WHEN WE NEXT HEAR OF HIM, HOLLAND AND HIS PARTNER SILAS COLVILLE, WHO WAS FROM

**NOTE 1. THE STATEMENT FOUND IN SOME ACCOUNTS THAT AMBROSE WAS IN KENTUCKY AS EARLY AS 1786 APPLIES TO ANOTHER AMBROSE COFFEE, NOT THE FATHER OF HOLLAND. THIS OTHER AMBROSE COFFEE IS ALSO THE ONE WHO WAS AT FORT BOONESBORO. THAT WAS NOT HOLLAND'S FATHER EITHER.**

**NOTE 2. WAS IN ERROR.**

**NOTE 3. SEE "SOPHIA COFFEE, HISTORY'S FIREFLY" BY GLENDA PARKER MIDDLEBROOKS IN TRUE WEST MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER 1973. p.8 AND FORWARD.**

**NOTE 4. LETTERS FROM ANN HALLIDAY FOXWORTH, DATED 1982 SEP 23 AND 1985 DEC 12. HOLLAND SETTLED IN FANNIN COUNTY TEXAS ON THE RED RIVER, WHICH IS NOW THE BORDER BETWEEN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA. THE LOCATION HE PICKED WAS OPPOSITE THE MOUTH OF WASHITA RIVER COMING DOWN FROM THE NORTH. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY STRATEGIC LOCATION. IT WAS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE "CHIHUAHUA TRAIL" AND THE "WHISKEY TRAIL" AND WAS FURTHER ENHANCED WHEN A MILITARY ROUTE, KNOWN AS PRESTON ROAD WAS LAID OUT FROM AUSTIN IN 1840, TO MEET AT THIS POINT THE TEXAS ROAD WHICH CAME DOWN THROUGH THE INDIAN TERRITORY.**

TENNESSEE WERE BUSY SETTING UP AND BUILDING THEIR TRADING BUSINESS. MUCH OF THEIR BUSINESS WAS WITH THE INDIANS. DURING THIS PERIOD TEXAS WAS A RELUCTANT PART OF MEXICO. COLVILLE WAS AND IS A PROMINENT NAME IN MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE.

THOUGH HE HAS NO PROOF, THE AUTHOR BELIEVES HOLLAND AND SILAS FORMED THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN WARREN COUNTY TENNESSEE BEFORE GOING TO TEXAS. SEVERAL OF HOLLAND'S SIBLINGS WERE IN WARREN COUNTY AT THE TIME.

HOLLAND BOUGHT HIS FIRST LAND ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1837 AND ON AUGUST 8, 1838 WAS BEFORE THE FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS, OFFERING PROOF THAT "HE ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THAT HE IS SINGLE AND ENTITLED TO ONE THIRD OF A LEAGUE (NOTE 5) OF LAND UPON CONDITION OF PAYING AT THE RATE OF SEVEN DOLLARS FOR EACH LABOR OF IRRIGATABLE LAND FIVE DOLLARS FOR EVERY LABOR OF TEMPORAL OR ARABLE LAND TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS FOR EVERY LABOR OF PASTURE LAND WHICH MAY BE CONTAINED IN THE SURVEY SECURED BY THIS CERTIFICATE."

HOLLAND HAD TO PAY THE COMMISSIONERS FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE CERTIFICATE AND PAY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE FEES. EVEN THEN HE DID NOT HAVE A CLEAR TITLE. AN "INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE" REFUSED TO VALIDATE THE GRANT UNTIL THE BOUNDARY LINE WAS ESTABLISHED". HIS CLAIM THAT HE WAS IN TEXAS BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS CHALLENGED IN COURT, BUT HE WON THAT CASE. THE MAIN CHALLENGER WAS ONE JOHN HART AND HE DID NOT ACCEPT THE COURTS VERDICT. ABOUT A YEAR LATER HART AND SILAS COLVILLE HAPPENED TO MEET IN WARREN TEXAS. HART WAS KILLED IN THE ENSUING FIGHT. THERE IS NO MENTION OF CHARGES AGAINST COLVILLE, HE ACTED IN SELF DEFENSE. THERE WERE OTHER CHALLENGES BUT HOLLAND FINALLY GOT CLEAR TITLE BY A SPECIAL ACT OF THE TEXAS CONGRESS IN 1842. THIS TOGETHER WITH HIS PURCHASES BROUGHT HIS LAND HOLDINGS TO NEARLY 6000 ACRES.

HOLLAND WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT FANNIN COUNTY IN THE THIRD TEXAS CONGRESS, WHICH WAS MEETING IN JANUARY 1838. TWO OF THE BILLS WITH WHICH HE WAS INVOLVED WERE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION LAW, DESIGNED TO ADD TO THE SECURITY OF GENERATIONS OF TEXANS, AND A BILL OF DIVORCE FOR SOPHIA SUTTENFIELD AUGHINBAUGH. THEY BOTH PASSED, THE LATTER AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ONE JESSE AUGHINBAUGH.

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THE TELEGRAPH AND TEXAS REGISTER OF FEBRUARY 20, 1838. "MARRIED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ON THE 19TH ULTIMA BY \_\_\_ LUSK, ESQ. (NOTE 6) THE HON. HOLLAND COFFEE, LATE MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM RED RIVER, TO MRS. SOPHIA AUGHINBAUGH, LATE OF HOUSTON." IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MARRIAGE BRIDE AND GROOM SET OUT ON THE SIX HUNDRED MILE TRIP TO RED RIVER, VIA NACOGDOCHES.

**NOTE 5. A LEAGUE IS AN OLD SPANISH LAND MEASURE, EQUAL TO 4428.4 ACRES. THEREFORE ONE THIRD OF A LEAGUE WOULD BE 1476+ ACRES. A LABOR IS 1 / 25 OF A LEAGUE OR 177.136 ACRES. BOTH UNITS ARE BASED ON THE SPANISH VARA WHICH IS A LINEAR MEASURE EQUAL TO 33-1/3 INCHES. (PER THE TEXAS LAND COMMISSIONER, COURTESY COUSIN BERNARD M. COFFEY).**

**NOTE 6. ONE OF HOLLAND'S OLDER SISTERS, AMERICA, AND HER HUSBAND SAMUEL LUSK SETTLED IN WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS, TEXAS. WHETHER HE WAS A MINISTER OR A CIVIL OFFICER, OR IT WAS SOME OTHER LUSK WHO MARRIED THEM, IS NOT CERTAIN. HOWEVER IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN HIS BROTHER IN LAW, AND THAT HE WAS A LAWYER AND CIVIL OFFICER RATHER THAN A CLERGYMAN.**

ABOUT THIS TIME, SOMETIME IN THE EARLY 1840s, ANOTHER ONE OF HOLLAND'S SIBLINGS MOVED TO TEXAS. IT WAS HIS SISTER, ELIZABETH COFFEE JEWELL, WHO WITH HER HUSBAND GEORGE WASHINGTON JEWELL, HAD PREVIOUSLY OPERATED A HOTEL IN MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

THE CABIN TO WHICH HOLLAND TOOK HIS BRIDE WAS SAID TO BE A SMALL CLAPBOARD STRUCTURE, SURROUNDED BY A ONE HUNDRED FOOT SQUARE STOCKADE FENCE AGAINST POSSIBLE INDIAN ATTACK. SOPHIA REPORTS THAT A BAND OF WILD INDIANS ONE NIGHT DUG UP THREE OF THE PICKETS, UNHEARD. HOWEVER HOLLAND GOT UP BEFORE DAYLIGHT AND STARTED THE SERVANTS GRINDING COFFEE. THE INDIANS HEARING THE MILL THOUGHT IT WAS SOME DEVICE TO SLAY THEM AND DEPARTED.

HOLLAND IS KNOWN TO HAVE RANSOMED SEVERAL WHITE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHO HAD BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE INDIANS, WITHOUT ASSURANCE OF REIMBURSEMENT. ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS HE IS SAID TO HAVE WEPT BECAUSE WHAT HE COULD OFFER, THE INDIANS WOULD NOT ACCEPT. BUT HOLLAND WAS NOT WITHOUT HIS DETRACTORS. AS EARLY AS AUGUST 1835, WHILE TEXAS WAS STILL PART OF MEXICO, JIM BOWIE WROTE FROM NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI TO THE JEFE POLITICO OF THE NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT THAT HE (JIM) "HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP THROUGH THE INDIAN VILLAGES AND HAD HEARD THAT COFFEE, AT HIS TRADING POST 'ABOVE THE CROSS TIMBERS ON THE RED RIVER' WAS ABETTING THE INDIANS IN THEIR DEPREDATIONS ON THE ANGLO AND MEXICAN SETTLERS." IN THE SUMMER OF 1842 AS HOLLAND WAS RIDING NEAR DAGLEY'S LANDING, SOMEONE SHOT AT HIM FROM AMBUSH, THE BULLET GOING THROUGH BOTH BREASTS OF HIS COAT.

DURING THE EIGHT YEARS OF HIS MARRIAGE, HOLLAND WAS AWAY FROM HOME MUCH OF THE TIME ON BUSINESS AND AS GUIDE TO VARIOUS EXPEDITIONS. DURING THIS TIME HE ALSO GRADUALLY TURNED FROM TRADING TO PLANTING. HE BOUGHT MORE LAND AND MANY SLAVES, TWENTY-ONE AT ONE TIME. HE ALSO RAN UP DEBTS. AND TEXAS BECAME A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1845.

GEORGE WASHINGTON COFFEE DIED ON MARCH 17, 1840. BY 1846, EUGENIA COFFEE, MENTIONED ABOVE, WAS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD AND CAME FROM JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI FOR A VISIT, SOME ACCOUNTS SAY TO LIVE WITH, HER UNCLE HOLLAND AND AUNT SOPHIA. HER MOTHER WAS PLANNING ANOTHER MARRIAGE WITH AN OLDER MAN (NOTE 7) AND EUGENIA DID NOT WANT TO GO HOME. AT THE TRADING POST SHE MET CHARLES ASHTON GALLOWAY WHO WAS EXACTLY TWICE HER YEARS. HER DESCENDANTS THINK SHE DID NOT REVEAL HER TRUE AGE TO HIM BUT THEY BEGAN SEEING A LOT OF EACH OTHER. TRADITION SAYS THAT THEY WERE MARRIED IN A SHORT TIME, A NOTICE OF THE MARRIAGE WAS IN THE JACKSON "MISSISSIPPIAN" ON MAY 13, 1846.

ON MAY 17, 1846, HOLLAND WROTE A CODICIL TO HIS WILL OF MAY 7, 1841 "BEING APPREHENSIVE THAT SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES MAY SOON TERMINATE MY LIFE, AND DESIROUS OF MAKING THIS A PART OF MY FOREGOING WILL AND NOT HAVING SAID TESTAMENT NOW WITH ME AT THIS PLACE REQUIRE THAT WIFE SOPHIA SHALL BE EXECUTRIX OF MY ABOVE SPECIFIED WILL."

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THE NORTHERN STANDARD, CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS ON OCTOBER 10, 1846. "WE LEARNED THAT ON THE FIRST INST. A RECOUNTER TOOK PLACE IN GRAYSON COUNTY BETWEEN COLONEL HOLLAND COFFEE, WELL KNOWN AS ONE OF THE EARLIEST TRADERS ... WITH THE INDIANS ON THE WATERS OF THE RED RIVER AND MR. CHARLES A. GALLOWAY, A MERCHANT, RESIDENT OF WASHITA POST. COLONEL COFFEE IS

**NOTE 7: GEORGE WASHINGTON COFFEE'S WIFE, MARY CATHERINE ISLER'S SECOND MARRIAGE WAS TO CONGRESSMAN FREDERICK PLUMMER.**

SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED STABS WHICH PROVED MORTAL WE HAVE NOT FULL PARTICULARS. THE DECEASED WAS WARMLY ESTEEMED BY A LARGE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND NOTED FOR GREAT FRANKNESS AND NATURAL NOBLENES OF CHARACTER. THOUGH A LONG TIME RESIDENT UPON THE INDIAN BORDER HE WAS REMARKABLE FOR THE CONSIDERATE KINDNESS OF FEELING MORE ORDINARILY ATTENDANT UPON REFINED SOCIETY. HE WAS A WARM FRIEND AND A TRUE HEARTED GENTLEMAN, AND FELL INTO A DIFFICULTY RESPECTING A MATTER OF HONOR. HIS LOSS WILL BE GREATLY LAMENTED. ..."

A GRAND JURY REFUSED TO INDICT GALLOWAY FOR THE KILLING BECAUSE HE ACTED IN SELF DEFENSE.

HOLLAND IS BURIED AT THE TRADING POST. WHETHER HIS CODICIL WRITTEN IN MAY ANTICIPATED SUCH AN ENCOUNTER, OR THE APPREHENSION WAS FOR SOME OTHER REASON IS UNKNOWN. ANYWAY, MOST OF THE FAMILY HISTORIANS AGREE THAT HOLLAND WAS IN A RAGE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT, PROBABLY CORRECTLY, THAT GALLOWAY WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS NIECE. CHARLES A. GALLOWAY DIED SEVEN YEARS LATER, AFTER HE AND EUGENIA HAD 3 CHILDREN WITH A FOURTH ON THE WAY. SHE MARRIED HIS BOOKKEEPER, ALEXANDER GOODRIDGE AND MOVED TO NEW ORLEANS.

SOPHIA AND HOLLAND HAD NO CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN. SOPHIA MANAGED TO KEEP THE ESTATE SOLVENT AND WENT ON TO MARRY TWO MORE TIMES. THE NEXT HUSBAND WAS GEORGE N. BUTT FROM VIRGINIA. THE FIRST RECORD OF HIS BEING IN TEXAS WAS WHEN HIRAM COFFEE, HOLLAND'S BROTHER, SOLD HIM A SLAVE BOY FOR THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON FEBRUARY 8, 1848. SOPHIA'S FOURTH HUSBAND WAS JUDGE JAMES PORTER, AND SHE OUTLIVED HIM UNTIL 1897.

THOMAS JEFFERSON COFFEE DIED IN BRAZORIA COUNTY TEXAS ON NOVEMBER FIRST 1858. HIS UNCLE RICE WROTE A LETTER FROM TENNESSEE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1844, WHICH HAS BEEN PRESERVED AND WIDELY COPIED. IT ENDS UP AS FOLLOWS: "IF YOU SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE TELL YOUR BROTHER HOLLAND TO WRITE TO ME ALL THAT HE KNOWS ABOUT TEXAS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IS INTERESTING -- AND BE SURE THAT YOU DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOURSELF. IF MY RELATIVES WERE AWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF ENTERTAINMENT THAT IT IS TO ME NOW IN MY OLD AGE TO HEAR FROM THEM, THEY WOULD WRITE OFTENER. YOU WILL ACCEPT FOR YOURSELF, YOUR LADY AND CHILDREN, ALL MY BEST HOPES."  
SIGNED RICE COFFEE . RICE WAS 78 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME.

THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION AMONG SOME HISTORIANS BETWEEN GEORGE WASHINGTON COFFEE AND GEORGE WASHINGTON JEWELL, HIS BROTHER IN LAW. AUNT HARRIET INDICATED IN ONE OF HER NOTES THAT A DAUGHTER (NOTE 8) OF THE LATTER LIVED WITH HOLLAND AND SOPHIA FOR AWHILE. PERHAPS IT WAS BOTH, AND PERHAPS SOME OF THOMAS JEFFERSON'S CHILDREN ALSO.

**NOTE 8. SHERRIE S. MCLEROY OF 111 W. BELDEN, SHERMAN TEXAS 75090 ON THE RED RIVER. IN A JULY 1, 1991 LETTER SAYS HOLLAND AND SOPHIA RAISED TWO OF G. W. AND ELIZABETH JEWELL'S DAUGHTERS. SHE HAS PUBLISHED TWO ARTICLES ON HOLLAND AND SOPHIA, ONE IN THE FEBRUARY 1990 ISSUE OF "TEXAS HIGHWAYS" AND ONE IN THE DECEMBER 1989 ISSUE OF "TRUE WEST". ALSO A BOOK ON SOPHIA "MISTRESS OF GLEN EDEN" AVAILABLE FROM HER AT \$8.75.**



with him there. It is unknown whether she came with him originally or later. Many of his children grew up in this area and a seven mile stretch of Tennessee highway is named the Rice Coffee highway, and has a sign to that effect. It is the section of Tennessee highway 64 between U. S. 41 and Wartrace.

Reproduced following this paragraph is a letter from Rice Coffee written in 1844 November 15 to his nephew Thomas Jefferson Coffee, son of Ambrose, who then lived in Texas. It is even older than the Morford letter found later in this book. The author has received typed copies of this letter from more than one source but they would not fit within the margins of this book if photocopied, so it is being retyped.

"Dear Jefferson

I received your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of September and have read it with entertaining interest, for it is truly entertaining to me at all times to hear that my friends are doing well.

You request some information respecting the history of our ancestry. I have no written biography of the original Coffee family and can only relate to you traditional history and what has come within my own recollection.

I remember to have seen our paternal grandfather. His name was John Coffee. He was raised in some of the lower counties of Virginia. He died in Albemarle County. Our grandmother's maiden name was Jane Graves. My father's name was James Coffee. He also was raised in the lower part of Virginia, then lived in Essex and Albemarle where your father was born in the year 1762. He immigrated to Amherst County, where I myself was partly raised. On the maternal side of our family my mother's name was Elizabeth Cleveland and my grandfather's name was Alexander Cleveland. He was of English decent from a family of distinguished notoriety in the history of England, by the name of Cromwell. (That error again) He was raised in Virginia, born in the year 1662 and died in 1775 at 112 years of age. My father was born in 1729 and died in 1786. His children were nine sons and two daughters. My brother's names are John, Archelaus, James, Reuben, Ambrose, Eli, Lewis and Joel or Joel and Lewis. They are all dead except Eli and Lewis. Eli is living in Missouri and Lewis in Kentucky. I became acquainted with your grandfather Moore about the close of the Revolutionary war. He then lived in Burke county North Carolina. He had emigrated from Virginia. Some of them emigrated to Kentucky and I think they are still living there.

I am still living at the same place you left me, in retirement. As to politics I can only tell you that the question is running high in Tennessee as to the presidential election. It is generally supposed that it will be a close contest in Tennessee. Our connections here are supporting Polk. We cannot support Mr. Clay with his train of monopolizing schemes such as 50 million stock banks for 50 years under the direction of 6 or 9 responsible men, together with his bankrupt system. With all his dodging – with all his other political schemes of monopoly.

We should like to hear your opinion of the Texas question. We here are anxious to have that country united to the United States and we think that the United States should not stop at small sacrifices to secure a reunion. We think the people of Texas are entitled to the highest honor and remuneration for the sacrifices they have made in

protecting country that in it's present situation til the proper time has arrived for it's return, otherwise that valuable part of the territory of the United States might have been lost forever to this government.

If you should have an opportunity, tell your brother Holland to write to me all that he knows about Texas, and everything else that is interesting – and be sure you don't forget to write yourself. If my relations were aware of the amount of entertainment that it is to me now in my old age to hear from them, they would write oftener.

You will accept for yourself, your lady and children, all my best hopes.

Signed Rice Coffee”

(Note: the above letter was written two years before Texas became a state of the U.S.)

The author must make a confession that there was a failure to make a note of from whom the copy of the following letter was received. Said copy does not bear a date or addressee, but the original is probably 50 to 70 years old, and it too needs to be retyped to fit in this document. It was written by a great grandson of Rice Coffee, who by elimination must have been a son of Isham Coffee, as P. C. names all his paternal uncles. The letter contains some errors of hand me down information, but is mostly good data. See comments following the letter.

“John Reed Coffee, the ninth child and fifth son of Rice and Sally Bradford Coffee was born on a farm bought from General Andrew Jackson, by his father, located at Wartrace, Bedford County Tennessee.

He never had the opportunity of attending school except about 15 months, most of which was at Shelbyville, Tennessee. At the age of about 10 years his father allowed him to go to Bell Fonte, Alabama where he worked as a clerk in a store at the mere salary of \$5.50 per month. So attentive to business was he that at one time he was not out of the corporate limits (as told by himself to the writer) for a period of 3 years.

By industry and economy he was, at the age of 22, able to establish a mercantile business of his own, which he continued in Bell Fonte until 1840, when he was elected sheriff of Jackson county. At the beginning of the war with Mexico he enlisted at Bell Fonte as a private in the company of Captain Richard W. Jones. He was afterwards promoted and went to Mobile and organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Alabama regiment, and was elected it's Colonel, and as such participated in the siege of Vera Cruz. After the Mexican war he became a General in the Militia. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1849 he married Miss Mary Ann Cross the only daughter of Colonel Charles Cross and Eliza Talley.

While conservative in all things, he was a man of deep convictions, and was loved, honored and respected by all who knew him. He died at his home on the Tennessee river in Jackson county Alabama March 21<sup>st</sup> 1896, in the 82 year of his life.

Rice Coffee's grandmother on his mother's side was a Miss McMinn. His mother, Elizabeth Cleveland a sister to Colonel Benjamin Cleveland who commanded a regiment in the battle of Kings mountain in the revolutionary war. His grandmohter was a daughter of Oliver Cromwell. Rice's grandmother on his father's side was a Miss Graves. Rice's own grandfather on his father's side was John Coffee. Rice's own father was James Coffee, whose brothers Eli, Joel and sisters were Ambrose, Reubin,



Lewis, Elizabeth and Patsy. Elizabeth married Reubin Whitesides, Patsy married Marshall Durham.

Rice's children were: Joenash, Elvira, Henry B., Mary, Weightstel and Martha or Patsy as she was called, and Benjamin B. and John Reed. Rice's mother was born in 1727 and died in 1827. Rice's wife's maiden name was Sally Bradford, whose mother's name was Margaret. Sallie's grandmother's maiden name was Nellie Reid, a daughter of John Bell Reid. Rice's wife's father was Bennett Bradford. Bennett Bradford's children were: Hannah, Polly, Sallie, John, Benjamin, Henry, Nelly, James and Hamilton.

Rice was born in Amherst county Virginia April 1776 and died at Wartrace, Tennessee July 24<sup>th</sup> 1853. His wife Sallie was born June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1770, died September 3, 1840. Rice was a cousin to General John Coffee who commanded a brigade and died near Florence, Alabama July 7<sup>th</sup> 1813 and who was with General Jackson in war.

My father's father was Henry Bradford Coffee. He married Sallie Edmondson. My father's brothers were, Garland Rice, Richard Edmondson, William Elmore, Willie and Isom Lane; sisters Elizabeth, Elvira, Mary and Martha. My grandfather Henry Bradford Coffee was a nephew of General John R. Coffee. General Coffee was really the man who won the battle of New Orleans, but a President was needed. General Coffee would not accept, so to aid Jackson, Coffee gave all of the credit to Jackson and by so doing put him on the road to the white house. These are facts well known to all of us here".

Author's comments on P. C. Coffee letter. There is no Bell Fonte on present day Alabama maps. There is a Bell Mina in Jackson county. Perhaps Bell Fonte was inundated by a Tennessee river dam or otherwise went off the map. It is unknown where he got the name McMinn, incorrect in any case. Elizabeth Cleveland was not Benjamin's sister, but either his aunt or first cousin as explained elsewhere. There's that Cromwell error again. P. C. lists James Coffey's children as his siblings. This could be carelessness in writing or a lack of knowledge. His first paragraph and sixth paragraph do not agree as to the number of Rice's children. Alexander Hamilton Coffee was the one left out of the sixth paragraph.

Rice's first daughter was named Jerusha as found in the graveyard. Henry Bradford Coffee and John Reed Coffee were brothers not cousins. P. C. seems to have gotten his two General Coffee's mixed up in the last paragraph. The General John Coffee who was Andrew Jackson's buddy was a distant cousin of Rice Coffee through the Graves family, not a close cousin. General John's mother was Elizabeth Graves and Rice's grandmother was Jane Graves. Both of these Graves women descended from Captain Thomas Graves who was in Jamestown, Virginia by 1609.

The General John Coffee who was Andrew Jackson's buddy was grandson of immigrant Peter Coffee. There was a third General John Coffey, an officer in the Georgia militia, but not of the Edward or Peter line.

## MORFORD

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from John Morford, through Zebulon I, Zebulon II, Josiah Furman, and her mother Mary Evelina Morford. See the Morford pedigree chart on the next page.

The father of Zebulon Morford, I is believed to have been John Morford of New England, perhaps and perhaps not, the immigrant

Josiah Furman Morford is the third direct ancestor of the author (maternal grandfather, great grandfather, and great great grandfather) to be included in "Warren County Distinguished Personalities of the Tennessee Bicentennial" 1810 -1996. It is thought to have been written by James A. Dillon Jr., Warren County historian. Much of the article is included below.

"Among the earliest settlers to Warren County no immigrant (immigrant to Tennessee, not to the United States) fitted the description of "Southern gentleman" more than Josiah Furman Morford. This erudite individual contributed greatly to the structure of our education, judicial and government systems in our early years. His knowledge, educational background, and keen mind had a good deal to do with our development from a backwoods frontier region into a thriving, progressive community in the early 1800s. Additionally this man's family continued to play an important role in our history into the middle of the twentieth century. As an attorney, plantation farmer, chancery court clerk and master, state senator, prominent Whig party member, and devoted Presbyterian, he was involved in all phases of our development.

. . . his father, "Zebulon Morford II moved to Princeton, New Jersey prior to 1785 where he met and married Mary Denton. A shoemaker by trade, he had a lucrative business and for additional income ran the Red Lion Hotel in Princeton for awhile and was involved in several real estate trades over the years that provided the family with a good income. After young Josiah finished his elementary and secondary education, he entered Princeton University in 1815 as a member of the sophomore class and was graduated in 1818 with a B. A. degree. Soon after graduation he came to Tennessee.

"There are two versions regarding his move to Tennessee, on that he was sent to Tennessee by his family to keep him from fighting a duel with Aaron Burr over a young girl in the family and the other that he came with an Uncle Denton who was about to fight a duel with Burr. Research of family files favors the second story. Years later, when Burr came to Nashville to visit Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage, he sent word that he wanted to visit Josiah, but Morford refused to let him come.

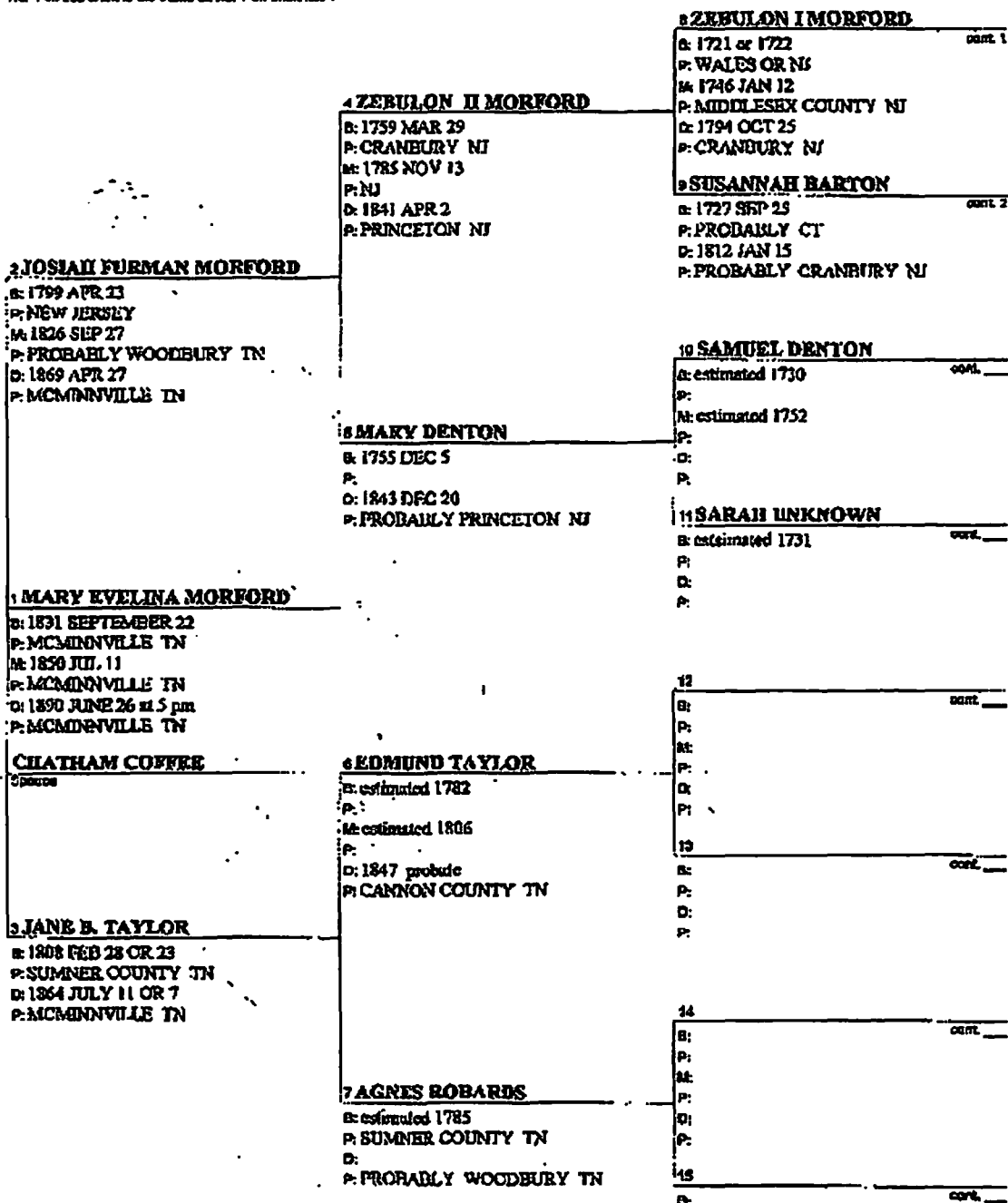
"Apparently Josiah Morford first came to Nashville, where he studied law under Henry Crabb who became a Judge of the Superior court of law and equity in 1827. After his admission to the bar he moved to McMinnville where he began a brilliant professional career as one biographer of Morford described him. Just how or why he moved to McMinnville is not known but he was probably very aware that the area was growing at a rapid pace with a large influx of new persons arriving daily and presented a great potential to a fledgling lawyer just starting in a new land.

"Morford arrived about the time that Adam Huntsman, Howard G. Harris, James McCampbell and other noted lawyers of the region moved further west. Josiah quickly

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1



established an excellent law practice and became well known throughout the area. Well read, an excellent debater, highly intelligent, and cultured in a somewhat rustic frontier society, he was well liked and respected.

"A few years after coming to McMinnville he was invited to "Dumb Supper" in the distant county village of Danville on the headwaters of the Stones River. This was in the home of Edmund Taylor, a man who had been active in the establishment of Warren County and who was trustee of Quincy Academy. The supper was prepared by the young ladies of that community and the young men would come and choose a plate. Each plate was assigned to a particular lady, and after the young men chose the plates and were seated, each young lady would come and stand behind her assigned plate and silently serve the one who chose her plate. Josiah chose the plate of Jane B. Taylor, the daughter of Edmund and Agnes Robards Taylor, were married in the village of Danville, later named Woodbury.

"A year later he was appointed clerk and master of the chancery court for Warren County. In the early years of chancey court, it appears that he not only served Warren County but all the surrounding counties in the same chancery district. As activity in chancery court increased over the ensuing years, his work became confined to Warren County.

"Shortly after their marriage, Morford moved with his bride to the house located on lot 37 of the town plat (now The Flower Basket). They would reside here until he purchased a large farm on the Nashville Highway eight miles west of McMinnville, built a large home on it in 1840, and moved his family there. Over the years the Nashville Road farm grew into a very prosperous plantation of over one thousand acres. The 1854 tax list of the 15<sup>th</sup> district of that day shows Morford as the owner of six slaves, two carriages, a gold watch and a piano. Watches, pianos, and carriages were considered luxury items in that time and were taxable.

"When the more prosperous farmers of the district formed the Ridge Academy in 1854, it appears that Morford contributed liberally in formation and operation of the school located on the North Crisp Springs Road on property now owned by the Darrell Wallings. As the children grew up, they were sent to McMinnville to private academies to further their education.

"Politically, Morford was a Whig after the formation of that party in the 1830s. Being in a Democratic stronghold, with strong feelings against Andrew Jackson, he undoubtedly had problems in his role as clerk and master, but he maintained his loyalty to the party throughout his life. It is probable that Jackson's refusal to endorse fellow Tennessean Hugh Lawson White for the presidency in 1836 and his role in the removal of the Cherokee nation, resulting in the "Trail of Tears," had a great bearing on his political views.

"Morford was elected as state senator to the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly representing Warren and Franklin Counties in 1835. This General Assembly held two sessions, the first running from October 5, 1835, through February 22, 1836. The new constitution of 1834 had been overwhelmingly ratified on March of 1835 by the people, necessitating considerable legislative work by the 21<sup>st</sup>.

"Among the major items attended to by the legislature was the creation of a three member state supreme court, increasing the chancery divisions to three, and

establishing eleven judicial circuits. As an attorney and clerk and master, Morford saw the need for an expanded judicial system and supported all of these bills. Additionally the election date for all candidates running for either state or national offices was changed from the spring to the first Thursday in August. Local elections continued to be held on the first Saturday in March. Several new counties were created by this body, among which were the counties of Cannon and Coffee, both of which Morford supported vigorously. One action that delighted Morford was a resolution recommending Hugh Lawson White for President of the United States.

"Cholera was rampant in the urban areas of the state, and it can be imagined that Morford was glad to get back to his family and business. For some unknown reason, never explained he became very disillusioned with the Assembly and resigned as senator a short while after returning home. The vacancy was filled by the election of fellow attorney Andrew Jeffries Marchbanks, who served the remainder of Morford's term.

"Morford was a person who eschewed publicity, had strong family ties toward his children, and was a believer in good education for all of his children, both male and female. He was somewhat unusual in an era of male dominance, when there was a tendency once a person attained some fame to have numerous biographers, newspaper articles, and resolutions circulating, but low key as he appeared to be, this never happened to Josiah Furman Morford.

"J. F. Morford served as a presidential elector from the State of Tennessee in the 1840 election of William Henry "Tippecanoe" Harrison as the first Whig president. His election as a state elector is indicative of his party loyalty and clut among his fellow Whigs. With Jackson, James K. Polk, Samuel Laughlin, and Felix Grundy all supporting Harrison's opponent, Martin Van Buren, it is interesting that the state went for Harrison by a sizable majority. With Harrison's election it is said that Morford could have had a choice job with the government, but as far as we know, he never sought or accepted any. He was content to run his farm, practice law, and perform his duties as clerk and master in an exemplary manner. His small brick office, located on lot 66 at the corner of Smithville Road and the east-west road called North Oak Street by various people, came to be known as the chancery office, and since it faced the Smithville Road the citizens soon began calling Smithville Street the "Chancery" Street. After his son, Josiah Furman Morford Jr., referred to in later years as "J. Firm." built the imposing two-story brick home at the rear of the chancery office, the side street became known as Morford Street. Hence, Josiah F. Morford, without realizing it, attained a lasting fame by inadvertently naming two of modern McMinnville's most traveled and well-known thoroughfares.

"Josiah Furman's children aided greatly to the progress of McMinnville as they grew up. Josiah F. Jr., born in 1829 was educated in McMinnville, served as deputy clerk in his father's office for some twelve years, and then entered the mercantile business where he was very successful. He was a Democrat after the Civil War, a Cumberland Presbyterian, and a director of the People's National Bank

"A daughter, Mary Evelina, married Chatham Coffee, successful merchant, banker and noted Confederate cavalry officer, and Jane Morford married J. C. Biles, a merchant who later also served as clerk and master of chancery court. Sons Charles

Robert and Henry Clay both entered the Confederate army, Charles serving as a first lieutenant in the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment and Henry Clay serving in Company H. of the 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry commanded by brother-in-law Chatham Coffee. Harriet Frances and Edmund Taylor both died in young adulthood prior to the Civil War, and youngest daughter Rebecca Ridley married attorney general William Vance Whitson.

"Down through the history of Warren County, Josiah Furman Morford and his family, up to and including modern times, have played decided roles in its history and progress. This family is so representative of other early settlers, who settled down, stayed in the area, and worked diligently to make our community a better place to live.

"Josiah served as clerk and master until his death on April 27, 1869. His wife, Jane, had died on June 7, 1864, and was buried in the old City Cemetery on High Street. Upon his death, he was interred beside his much beloved mate of thirty-eight years.

"Present day Warren County (1995) has no citizens bearing the family name of Morford, but the Morford blood is prevalent in the veins of many present-day citizens who continue to contribute so much to our heritage.

Josiah Furman Morford's will is hand written in the Warren county court records pages 519 - 521 book not noted on copy. It is transcribed here:

Last will and testament of J. F. Morford Sr.

The sudden death of Alexander Black and the recent death of J. F. Colville and of my sister Susan has called to my mind the uncertainty of life; therefore I make this will: All my debts must be paid, I give & bequeath unto my wife Jane B. all my property, real, personal & mixed during her natural life. I have given my son in law Chatham Coffee a negro woman 14 or 15 years of age for which I paid six hundred and twenty-five dollars. I have given to Furman his own notes for six hundred dollars and thirty two dollars per their receipt. I don't want any of my property sold. There is no necessity for it at date of this my will. As my children respectively arrive at full age or marry, my wife will give to each of them a negro to be valued against Chatham's, that is a negro girl such as I gave Chatham at that time was only worth six hundred twenty five dollars. At this time she would be worth if only 14 or 15 years old double, say twelve hundred and fifty, but I don't want my children charged the value of the slave at time delivered but at the time I gave Chatham his, for instance should my daughter Jane marry and my wife wants to give her Melissa, who is about 14 years old at date of this will, worth \$1500 cash. Now value her against Chatham's at time I bought Chatham's for \$625 Chatham's negro was dull. Melissa very smart; my wife ought to say Jane take Melissa at \$800. I hope I am understood.

I hereby appoint my wife Jane B. my sole executrix & do not require her to give security. I also appoint her guardian of my infant children. I do not require her to give any security unless my children should see my estate wasted by her. If she should marry then this will is declared void. Let her take dower in my real estate and a child's part. I have no fear of her ever marrying.

If my negroes accumulate and become too numerous for her to manage she can give them to her children; I want all my children to have an equal share of my property, my wife can & is at liberty to sell any of my real estate & execute deeds or mgs. The

homestead which I have taken great pains to embellish, I hope will always be kept within the family. I request my wife always to keep house even if she should survive the marriage of her youngest daughter. Believe me she will never know a days happiness after she breaks up housekeeping and goes to live with her son or son in law. Jane be independent until the last breath leaves you. The above is written in my own handwriting without any interlineation and signed in the presence of S. L. Colville and Jno. Spurlock, and delivered unsealed to S. L. Colville this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1859.

Signed J. F. Morford

Sam L. Colville

I C. Coffee have rec'd by way of advancement a negro woman valued at six hundred twenty five dollars. She from J. F. Morford.

I J. Furman Morford have rec'd from J. F. Morford, my Father, six hundred dollars notes, this day given up to him, also thirty two dollars in my his notes.

J. Furman Morford

Codicil to my last will & testament now in the hands of S. L. Colville, made this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1868. I have advanced to some of my children seven hundred dollars, Evelina, Furman, Charles and to Jane five hundred. Chatham and Charles both owe me. Let one or the other pay to Jane, wife of J. C. Biles, two hundred dollars. To Henry seven hundred and to Becky seven hundred - without interest. I appoint all Sons and Sons in law my executors (to wit) Furman & Charles, Chatham & J. C. Biles. I don't want any of them to give security. After payment of my debts they can divide or sell as they may think best.

Signed

J. F. Morford

State of Tennessee, Warren County May term of Warren County Court A. D. 1869

This day this will together with the codicil thereto was presented in open court and was duly sworn in open court by the oath of Sam L. Colville, who is attesting witness to the will, and also by him as to the handwriting of said testator in relation to the codicil, and therefore it was ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand at office this the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May A. D. 1869.

Sam Henderson W. R. By J. W. Roberson D. clerk

Inventory of the personal property of Josiah F. Morford dec'd which come to the hands of his executors J. Furman Morford and C. Coffee.

1 old carriage, considerably damaged, 1 buggy and harness, 1 Set of double harness, 1 small horse 9 years old, 1 brown mare 7 years old, 1 two horse wagon & bed badly damaged, 3 cows, 2 calves, 12 head of stock hogs, 1 corn sheller, 1 set of carpenters tools, 2 two horse harrows, 1 one horse harrow, 1 pair of balances, 1 cutting box, 1 cider press." (Possibly continued on page 522)

Note that Mary Evelina Morford Coffee had an Aunt named Evelina Belmont Morford who married Robert Locke Weakley. The name Evelina was carried down in both the Morford and Weakley families and in many places was often misprinted as Evelyn. Some descendants of Robert Locke Weakley are also related to James Camp Goodloe who married Mary Morford Reams, but the story of that family is the subject of another book to be written. The Robert & Evelina marriage is one of the links between the Reams and Goodloe families.

Bibliography: A large Weakley genealogy by Samuel Anderson Weakley, mid 1900s title not at hand, and "Goodloe Genealogy" by Paul Miller Goodloe II, 1982. Copies of both of these books are in the Tennessee State Archives and other places. The Weakley book was not typed or typeset, it is unknown how many copies were made. The Goodloe book had a press run of 1000.

The following four pages are Aunt Harriet's paper on "The Morford Family"



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Enid Eleanor Adams, Certified Genealogist

(184) ZEBULON MORFORD I

Zebulon Morford I, according to family tradition, was born in family home in Wales named Morford Mills. There is no record of the names of his parents. Mrs. Adams thinks he was born in America and probably belonged to the family of John Morford who settled in Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey between 1699 and 1704.

(185) Zebulon Morford I married Susannah Barton. The New Jersey Archives, entitled "Marriages 1665-1800" lists "Morford, Zebulon, married Susannah Barton--Middlesex--1745 Jan. 12. Zebulon Morford, carpenter. His bondsmen was John Kar, a weaver, and the witnesses were Anne Madock and William Madock." Furman was the maiden name of Anne Madock. (Adams) This is probably how the Furman name came into the Morford family.

(370) "Susannah Barton was the daughter of Noah Barton who was born about 1668, probably in Connecticut; and the granddaughter of (740) Roger Barton, who was probably born in England. Susannah's father had purchased land in Cranbury in 1733" (New England Register).

1845  
6195 Zebulon and Susannah Morford resided in Cranbury, New Jersey. The record of Zebulon Morford's death is still to be found in the graveyard of First Presbyterian Church at Cranbury, New Jersey. "Z. Morford who departed this life Oct. 25, 1794, age 72 years."

(134) Zebulon Morford I, born in 1722, died Oct. 25, 1794  
Susanna Barton Morford, born Sept. 25, 1727, died Jan. 15, 1812  
Married Jan. 12, 1746

Children

	John . . . . .	born . . . . .	Nov. 10, 1747	
	Mary . . . . .	" . . . . .	Nov. 15, 1749	
	Noah . . . . .	" . . . . .	Jan. 29, 1751	
	Benjamin . . . . .	" . . . . .	May 10, 1754	
	Stephaen . . . . .	" . . . . .	Nov. 10, 1756	
(92)	<u>Zebulon</u> . . . . .	" . . . . .	Mar. 29, 1759 . . . . .	died April 2, 1841
	Susana . . . . .	" . . . . .	Aug. 28, 1761	
	Lewis . . . . .	" . . . . .	Dec. 10, 1763	
	Theodosia . . . . .	" . . . . .	Mar. 13, 1767	
	Charles . . . . .	" . . . . .	Sept. 27, 1769	
	Sarah . . . . .	" . . . . .	Aug. 7, 1772	

(92) ZEBULON MORFORD II

Zebulon Morford II went to Princeton, New Jersey, to live. He married Mary Denton, perhaps the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Denton and descendant of Sir Edward Denton of Denton Hall, War-nall County, Cumberland, England. There is no proof of this descent. Zebulon was a shoemaker, a lucrative trade, as all such work was done by hand. He kept the Red Lion Hotel for a year or two. In September 1798 Zebulon bought the property at 159 Nassau Street, Princeton, for 100 lbs. He sold the place in September 1815 for \$2250.00. The deeds are recorded in the Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, in Ex. 3, p. 358, and Ex. 11, p. 599. In 1816 he bought Castle Howard, now owned by Princeton University, for \$10,000.00 but lost this property. Zebulon Morford II was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, Princeton, from 1805 until his death in 1841.

Zebulon Morford II, born March 29, 1759, died April 2, 1841  
 Mary Denton Morford, born Dec. 5, 1765 (or 1765), died Dec. 20, 1843  
 Married Nov. 13, 1785

Children

Susana . . . . .	born July 24, 1786 . . . . .	died June 1859
Mary . . . . .	" May 12, 1788 . . . . .	" Mar. 1863
Samuel Denton . . . . .	" Sept. 20, 1790 . . . . .	" April 11, 1865
Charles . . . . .	" July 29, 1793 . . . . .	" Sept. 20, 1814
Harriet . . . . .	" April 23, 1796 . . . . .	" June 28, 1834
(46) Josiah Furman . . . . .	" April 23, 1799 . . . . .	" April 27, 1869
Robert Campbell . . . . .	" July 14, 1801 . . . . .	" Aug. 19, 1837
Evelina Belmont . . . . .	" Jan. 30, 1804 . . . . .	" Mar. 9, 1882

JOSIAH FURMAN MORFORD

Josiah Furman Morford entered Princeton University, then the College of New Jersey, in 1815 as a member of the sophomore class and was graduated in 1818 with a B. A. degree. He came to Tennessee soon after graduation. Two versions of why he came to Tennessee have come down in the family. One, that he was sent to Tennessee to keep him from fighting a duel with Aaron Burr over a young girl in the family. The other, that he came with a Denton uncle who was about to fight a duel with Burr. Years later when Burr came to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage he sent word that he wanted to visit Josiah F. Morford but he would not let him come.

According to a write-up in a newspaper (name of paper not known) at the time of Josiah Furman Morford's death he read law under Henry Crabb. Henry Crabb was admitted to the bar in 1814 and lived in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1827 he became a judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity of Tennessee (Tennessee State Library and Archives).

Josiah Furman Morford came to McMinnville, Tennessee, in 1820. The story has been handed down by Mrs. Hallie Morford Coffee Lesper, granddaughter of Josiah F. Morford, that when he came to McMinnville (or later) he attended a "Dumb Supper" in Woodbury, Tennessee. Such a supper was prepared by the young ladies and the

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young men would come and silently choose a plate. The young ladies stood behind the chairs and silently served the ones who chose their plates. Josiah H. Morford chose the plate of Jane B. Taylor without knowing who she was. She later became his wife.

On Sept. 7, 1826 Josiah Furman Morford married Jane B. Taylor, daughter of Colonel Edmund and Agnes Roberts Taylor of Woodbury, Tennessee. She was born in Sumner County, Tennessee.

Josiah Furman Morford practised law in McMinnville, Tennessee until 1828. In that year he was appointed Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Warren County, a position he held until his death in 1869, except for one year (1836) when he was a member of the State Senate. In March 1832 Josiah F. Morford bought fifty acres of land on the waters of the Barren Fork River about four miles west of McMinnville (Record of Deeds, Warren County, Tennessee, Bk. 1831 G, pp. 123-124). He and his family moved into the home he built there in 1840.

- (86) Josiah Furman Morford, born April 23, 1799, died April 27, 1869  
 (47) Jane B. Taylor Morford, born Feb. 23, 1808, died June 7, 1854  
 Both are buried in the old cemetery on S. High Street, McMinnville, Tennessee

Children

(23)	Josiah Furman . . . .	born Aug. 9, 1829 . . . .	died July 9, 1908
	Mary Evelina . . . .	" Sept. 22, 1831 . . . .	" June 26, 1890
	Harriet Frances . . . .	" May 11, 1834 . . . .	" Sept. 25, 1854
	Edmund Henry Taylor . . . .	" Mar. 23, 1839 . . . .	" Oct. 24, 1839
	Charles Robert . . . .	" Nov. 25, 1840 . . . .	" Jan. 1, 1900
	Jane . . . . .	" July 26, 1843 . . . .	" July 27, 1889
	Henry Clay . . . . .	" June 28, 1846 . . . .	" Nov. 10, 1911
	Rebecca Ridley . . . .	" Oct. 29, 1849 . . . .	" Mar. 29, 1892

MARY EVELINA MORFORD

- (2223) Mary Evelina Morford married Chatham Coffee on July 11, 1850. Chatham Coffee, born Dec. 14, 1825, died March 6, 1889. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Children

(11)	Hallie Morford . . . .	born Dec. 4, 1855 . . . .	died Dec. 21, 1938
	Leila . . . . .	" Aug. 14, 1858 . . . .	" Dec. 12, 1929
	Jessie Furman . . . .	" Jan. 30, 1868 . . . .	" Aug. 3, 1953

(11) JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE

- (10211) Jessie Furman Coffee married Radford Monroe Reams on July 3, 1889. Radford Monroe Reams, born June 20, 1857, died Oct. 21, 1934. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Children

Chatham Coffee . . .	born	Oct. 24,	1890 . . .	died	May 9,	1964
Lindon Lewis . . .	"	Jan. 3,	1892 . . .	"	Mar. 19,	1958
Evelyn . . .	"	Sept. 15,	1893 . . .	"	July 13,	1902
Mary Morford . . .	"	Aug. 19,	1896 . . .	"	Apr. 7,	1973
Harriet Haley . . .	"	Nov. 14,	1902 . . .	"	JAN 4,	1970
Radford Monroe . . .	"	Apr. 9,	1906 . . .	"		

CHATHAM COFFEE REAMS

Chatham Coffee Reams married Avalieng Edgington on Dec. 12, 1923. Avalieng Edgington, born Sept. 22, 1896, died July 7, 1977. Both are buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

Son

Benton Edgington . . . born July 2, 1925

LINDON LEWIS REAMS

Lindon Lewis Reams married Hudie Wooten on March 17, 1923. Hudie Wooten, born March 31, 1894

Daughter

Dorothy Jane . . . born Jan. 25, 1928

MARY MORFORD REAMS

(425) Mary Morford Reams married James Camp Goodloe, Jr. on July 19, 1919. James Camp Goodloe, Jr., born May 19, 1895, died Aug. 7, 1941. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

Children

(2) Radford Reams . . .	born	June 14,	1920
Mary Kate . . .	"	June 25,	1924
Jessie Coffee . . .	"	Jan. 3,	1926
James Camp III . . .	"	Jan. 5,	1929
Evelyn Elizabeth . . .	"	June 29,	1932
Samuel Ross . . .	"	Jan. 17,	1934
Thomas Smertt . . .	"	Mar. 20,	1936
Faith Ray . . . . .	"	Aug. 17,	1940

RADFORD MONROE REAMS, JR.

Radford Monroe Reams, Jr., married Clarretta Hennessee on May 22, 1933. Clarretta Hennessee, born April 24, 1910

Son

Radford Monroe III . . . born Dec. 4, 1934

A fairly long eulogy on Josiah Furman Morford, writer unknown, is copied below. And on the next page.

**The Late J. F. Morford.**

To the Editors of the Union and American,  
NASHVILLE, May 1, 1869.—Will you please pardon me for asking the insertion in your paper of this imperfect notice of one who has passed from the walks of life. I mean Josiah F. Morford Esq., and allow me to say, whilst I am averse to anything like fulsome eulogies upon the dead, I cannot refrain from the expression of my regard for the worthy man who no longer mingles with us in the busy scenes of life. Mr. Morford was born the 23d of April 1799. He was the son of Zebulon and Mary Denton Morford. He had four sisters, Susan, Mary, Harriet and Evelina.—Harriet being the mother of our esteemed County court clerk, P. Lindsay Nichol.—Evelina, now Mrs. Weakley, residing in Rutherford county, Tennessee. He had three brothers Samuel Denton, Charles and Robert. All of the family are now dead, except Mrs. Weakley. His brother Samuel Denton Morford died in New Jersey the 11 of April 1865, having been the cashier of the "Savannah Bank" there for over forty years. He died suddenly of heart disease; was not sick more than fifteen minutes. It is seemingly a strange coincidence that both brothers should die in the month of April, suddenly, and on Tuesday evening. The subject of this brief sketch died at his place suddenly, without the presence of any of his devoted children or friends, they being temporarily absent.

Mr. Morford was educated in his native State, at Princeton. He received a thorough collegiate education, in addition to

which he had stored his mind with a most extensive historic reading, besides being perfectly familiar with all the polite literature of the day. He was one of the best *belles lettres* scholars in the State. Soon after he graduated he came to Tennessee and read law in the office of Judge Crabb, being a fellow-student of the lamented Washington Barrow, and also, if I forget not, of Thomas Fletcher. I do know that they were intimate friends in their early struggles. After obtaining his license, he located at McMinnville, Tennessee, and began a brilliant professional career in the mountain district, with Rowan, Frank Jones, and others, when such men as Gibbs, Catron, Samuel Laughlin, and their contemporaries adorned the profession, either as members of the bench or of the bar. Amid this galaxy of legal lights he shone brightly until induced by the united efforts of the bar to take the position of Clerk and Master at McMinnville, which at that time was one of the most lucrative positions in the State—as under the system that then existed the chancery business for eight or ten counties was done at that place. He, however, up to the time I last looked upon his face, more bitterly regretted the acceptance of that office than any other act of his life; and has time and again told me that no young man with prospects of professional emolument ought ever to abandon the diligent and assiduous prosecution of his professional studies and duties, however alluring and tempting political or other offices might be. I do not remember by whom he was appointed. I am sure, however, that he held his office under the late Nathan Green, afterwards

Supreme Judge, and was succeeded; and subsequently under the Hon. Bromfield L. Ridley, who presided in that court for some fifteen or twenty years, and to the time of the war. Between Mr. Morford and Judge Ridley, besides their official relations, there was the closest personal intimacy and friendship. After Judge Ridley was displaced by the events of the war, and he was succeeded by Judge Steele, Mr. Morford was reappointed by the latter as Clerk and Master. And held his office as such at the time of his death. This office he held without the sacrifice of any principle on his part. He never deviated from his avowed principles at any period of his life. He was retained in office because of his tried and unquestioned integrity and his undoubted fitness for the place. Indeed, he seemed to be indispensable. He never engaged actively in politics, except having gone to the Senate of the State in 1836, and having been elected on the Harrison ticket in 1840; in both of which positions he distinguished himself. In the latter he came in contact with the Hon. Samuel L. Lighthill, whose character and ability as a political debater are well known to Tennessee politicians. Whilst Mr. Morford was firm in his political views, he was liberal and tolerant.

But after all his shining virtue was kindness for, and sympathy with the poor and distressed. No widow or orphan child ever suffered when he had means of relief at hand. He was especially kind to young men; he always kindly volunteered advice to them; and generously opened his hand to them when their wants were made known. Before his family circle was broken up, some few years since, by the death of his wife, there was no home more happy. I include parents, children and servants.

I will bring this communication to a close by saying, that few men possessed his mental endowments and culture, liberality of soul and magnanimity of character, in every regard that constitutes an elevated gentleman.

My apology for this notice is that I have known him from my childhood, in every phase of life; in the stern duties of his office, in the courthouse, in all of his business relations of life. I have known him in his domestic relations and in his private study, and I must say he was one of the best men I ever knew. He was always my friend; he was the friend of every one. He left as few enemies as any man who ever died. And no man who ever lived in the Mountain District of Tennessee ever went to his grave leaving greater regret and mourning over his loss than Josiah F. Murchard.

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

A clipping of an obituary of Mary Evelina Morford Coffee was found among Aunt Harriet's papers. It does not show what paper it came from, but is copied below.

#### "MRS. EVELINA MORFORD COFFEE:

After a long and painful illness this noble Christian woman died at her home in McMinnville, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She was the daughter of Josiah F. and Jane B. Morford. On July 11<sup>th</sup> 1850 she was married to Chatham Coffee, with whom she lived a happy life until his death, a little over a year ago. She leaves three daughters, two brothers, one sister and an innumerable host of friends to mourn her departure.

In early life she gave herself to the saviour, and was one of the first members of the Presbyterian church of this place. Her life was an earnest and humble walk of faith. She was a modest, retiring woman, and only to most intimate friends did she ever speak of her inward Christian life, but her faith was manifested by her daily works of love and mercy.

She was a woman of quick mind, clear judgement, tender feelings, and strong convictions. She was exceedingly gentle and quick in all her ways, yet she was

immovable as a rock in her devotion to the right. As a wife, a mother, a sister, a friend, a member of the church, or of society she was in all an humble earnest Christian, trying constantly to realize her Lord's will. She hath won the victory and obtained the crown. The community join their sorrow with the sorrow of her loved ones and extend to them their sympathy in their great bereavement.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 5 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. F. L. Leeper and Dr. G. T. Stainback."

The Morford family gives us one of the oldest documents of the family which we can quote verbatim. It is a letter written by Susan Morford, of Princeton, New Jersey, sister of Josiah Furman, to her niece Mary Evelina Morford of McMinnville in 1850 April, only about three months before Mary Evelina married Chatham Coffee. Aunt Harriet did have the original of the letter but said she mistakenly sent it to someone seeking Morford information, and never got it back. The author has a photocopy of the original in Susan's handwriting but it is too poor a copy to reproduce in readable quality, so it is transcribed here.

Princeton, April (1850)

My Dear Niece

I had intended to have written you before this time but your Father said in his last letter your were soon going to write to me soon. I have therefore been waiting for some time with the expectation of receiving your letter, but as it does not come, I have come to the conclusion that you are waiting for me to write first. I shall be very if you will write to me, I often wish that I could hear from my dear Brother and his family more than once a year, and more particularly to. Brother writes such short letters that I do not get half the information about you that I wish. Has your Father turned farmer? What kind of office is your Brother Furman engaged in?

I hope & pray that not any of my dear Nephews at the west will ever think of going to California to seek their fortunes.

Brother Samuel's third son William E. Morford sailed for the Pacific nearly a year ago, was finally brought up to the "Gold Diggings". All the crew deserted, and he among the rest to seek their fortunes in the gold mines. He has written a very interesting letter to his parents. I can only name a few things that he has told them. After walking about 300 miles he reached the mines, and worked about eleven days averaging \$104 a day, Was then taken sick with the fever and had a very severe time of it. He received four visits from the nearest doctor, which was 60 miles off, and paid \$600 which was \$150 per visit, leaving him with only \$60 in pocket. "After paying for my provisions which are high in proportion I had left diggin for gold" and was at the time he wrote a clerk in a mercantile house with a salary of \$150 a month and boarded. Board is 20 dollars a week and everything is enormous high. He adds "as soon as I can collect money enough, I shall return home for I can live much better in New York on 30 dollars a month than here on a hundred & fifty". He says there is no society here, gamblers are innumerable, a Spanish gambler will murder you with good will for your clothes or blankets. Who would go to such a place as that for all its wealth?; for what would it

profit a man if he was to gain all the gold in California and lost his soul.

Samuel D. Nichol, Sister Harriet's second son, has been to see me this spring.. He came to Philadelphia with his Father, to purchase goods. He is a very agreeable interesting youth. Looks very much like his mother. I wonder if I shall ever see any of my dear Brother Furman's children ? I hope so. My good friend W. J. Nichol has often talked to me about you. If I were not so old I would love to come to Tennessee to see you all, but I do not expect ever to have that pleasure. If I ever see any of you, it must be wherever I dwell.

Poor dear sister Evelina, how I pity her, the Lord has very lovingly laid his afflicting hand on her, pray that He may sanctify all her trials & that her children may be a great comfort to her. Robert appears to be a very fine youth, hope he will ease his mother of her burden. I received a letter from her by Samuel D. Nichol. They were just in the height of moving. Yesterday I received a letter from Sister Mary. She has always been very weakly but this last winter she has been more unwell than usual, with cough and pain in her sides. I also heard from Brother Samuel & family, they were well.

You live so far in the country, you must have some distance to ride to church. Have you good preaching ? Hope you have, it is one of the greatest of blessings, the means of grace in such rich abundance as we have it in Princeton. But, alas, we do not improve our privileges as we ought. We have the best of Preaching in Princeton. Tell Brother our present Pastor is a son of the late John C. Schench who used to be neighbor to us when we lived at Castle Howard, and Nephew of a former Pastor of the same family, whom he must recollect. He is a most excellent man and Preacher. When Brother lived (in) Princeton there was but one church, now there are four. Princeton is greatly improved since Brother lived in it. Some of the streets are very handsome. We have had very cold weather the last winter, sleighing for two months, which has not been the case for many years back.

I have not much news to tell you but hope you will accept this as coming from one who loves you all and thinks of you all very often Tell me how your Mother's health is. Brother used to say that she was not very healthy, but by his not saying anything in particular about it, I hope she is quite healthy now. Have you quite recovered your health ?

Do write soon, give Aunt's and my love to your Father & Mother, Brothers & Sisters. Farewell my dear Evelina. Accept a large share of love for yourself from your  
Affectionate Aunt

Miss Mary Evelina Morford

Susan Morford

Also there is an additional ten page "Morford Family History", which came through Aunt Harriet, but it is not believed that she did the work herself. But for preservation's sake, here it is on the following pages.



MORFORD FAMILY HISTORY

Jan. 12, 1746

Zebulon Morford, a native of Wales, married an English lady, Susana Barton. They soon came to America and resided in Cranbury, New Jersey. The record of Zebulon Morford's death is still to be found in the graveyard of First Presbyterian Church at Cranbury, N. J.—"Z. Morford who departed this life Oct. 25, 1794, age 72 years." Susana—born Sept. 25, 1727—died Jan. 15, 1812

Zebulon Morford, born in 1722, died Oct. 25, 1794.  
Susana B. Morford, born Sept. 25, 1727, died Jan. 15, 1812.

Children

John	born	Nov. 10,	1747
Mary	"	Nov. 15,	1749
Noah	"	Jan. 29,	1751
Benjamin	"	May 10,	1754
Stephen	"	Nov. 10,	1756
Zebulon	"	Mar. 30,	1759
Susana	"	Aug. 28,	1761
Lewis	"	Dec. 10,	1763
Theodosia	"	Mar. 13,	1769, died Jan. 31, 1841
Charles	"	Sept. 27,	1769
Sarah	"	Aug. 7,	1772

Noah, son of Susana Barton and Zebulon Morford married Lydia Ognover, who was born April 11, 1754, died Feb. 19, 1821.

Children

Hellen	born	July 25,	1777, died Jan. 1, 1805
Barton	"	Dec. 3,	1779
Anna	"	June 9,	1785, died Jan. 6, 1794
Phoebe	"	Feb. 8,	1788, died April 8, 1840
Stacey	"	Jan. 16,	1790
Catherine	"	April 2,	1792 " Jan. 31, 1799

Stephen, son of Susana B. and Zebulon Morford, married Miss Mary Hamilton of Philadelphia, on Mar. 17, 1779

Children

Charles  
Harriet  
Henry Percy  
Hamilton  
John Hamilton  
Edmond  
William Percy  
Margaret  
Francis Witherspoon  
Juliet Stuart  
Mary Jane  
Caroline Fitz Randolph

Edmond, son of Mary Hamilton and Stephen M. Morford, married Harriet Thompson, of Princeton, N. J.

Children

Anna Marie  
Edward Fitz Randolph  
John Alexander  
Harriet Dalcho  
Arelia Caroline  
Eliza Thornton  
William Percy

Amelia, daughter of Harriet and Edmond Morford married James S. Hart  
Son - James Morgan Hart  
Professor John S. Hart, L.L.D., died in Philadelphia Mar. 26, 1877

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Eliza, daughter of Harriet and Edmond Morford married James Thomson on  
Oct. 10, 1848, died July 1859. No Children.

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Harriet, daughter of Harriet and Edmond Morford, married Rev. Jacob D.  
Mitchell.

Children

- Mary Rebecca
- Edmonia
- Harriet
- Josephine
- Fannie
- Nannie Brice
- John Rice
- Thomas Halcombe
- Mildren Leftwick
- Susana Royal

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Fannie, daughter of Harriet Morford and Jacob Mitchell, married William Payne

Children

- James
- William
- Ida
- Josephine
- Duche
- Fannie

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Nannie, daughter of Harriet Morford and Jacob Mitchell, married on Dec. 13,  
1860 to Louis L. Amstede.

Louis

- Nannie, born Jan. 9, 1871
- Harriet, " Oct. 29, 1861
- Jacob Mitchell

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Mildred, daughter of Harriet and Jacob Mitchell, married John Humphreys

- Henry Osmund
- James Mitchell
- John Schoolfield

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Susana Royal, daughter of Harriet and Jacob Mitchell married Archie Clarke

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Margaret Ashburn, daughter of Mary Hamilton and Stephen Morford, married  
Martin Luther Hurlburt

Anthony Foster  
Alfred Mercer  
William Henry  
Mary Jane  
Francis Caroline  
George Canning

George Canning, son of Margaret Morford and Martin Hurlburt, married Sarah  
Howland

Illione  
Laura

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Mary Jane, daughter of Mary and Stephen Morford, married William A. Ashley

Cornelia Woodhull  
William Percy  
Caroline Morgan

Caroline, daughter of Mary Jane Morford and Wm. Ashley, married M. Roberts.

William Percy, son of Mary and William Ashley, married Miss Durham. No record  
of children.

Caroline Morgan, daughter of Mary Morford and William Ashley, married Robert  
Leng.

Robert Ashley  
William  
Mollie G.

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Julia Stuart, daughter of Mary Hamilton and Major Stephen Morford, married  
Oct. 1831 to Ames Botsford. No record of Children.

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Caroline Fitz Randolph, daughter of Mary and Major Stephen Morford, married  
James W. Morgan, Oct. 1826

William Percy  
James Garvin  
Garvin Lawson  
James William  
Mary Elizabeth  
William Hudwell  
Albion McDaniel  
Alexander Morford

James, son of Caroline Morford and James Morgan, married Annie Rowell

Annie Rowell  
Mattie  
James  
Caroline

Mary, daughter of Caroline Morford and James Morgan, married twice—first to G. Gaston Otey of Lynchburg, Va.

- Minnie G.
- John Mathews
- Carry Morgan
- Lindia Juliet
- Carl Stuart
- Rudolph Percy
- Annie Lind

Mrs. Mary Otey married second time to Augustus Forsberg of Stockholm, Sweden.

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Zebulon Morford, born March 29, 1759—died April 2, 1841, son of Susana Barton and Zebulon Morford, married Mary Denton, descendent of Sir Edward Denton of Denton Hall, Warnell Col, Cumberland, England. She was born Dec. 5, 1765 (or 1766), died Dec. 20, 1843.

Susana	born July 24, 1786	died June 1859
Mary	" May 12, 1788	" March 1863
Samuel Denton	" Sept. 20, 1790	" April 11, 1865
Charles	" July 29, 1793	" Sept. 20, 1814
Harriet	" April 23, 1796	" June 28, 1834
* Josiah Firman	" April 23, 1799	" April 27, 1859
Robert Campbell	" July 14, 1801	" Aug. 19, 1837 or 57
Eveling Belmont	" Jan. 30, 1804	

Mary, daughter of Mary Denton and Zebulon Morford, married William Little. He was born Nov. 11, 1819 and had two sons and a daughter when he married Mary Morford.

- Theodore Little
- John Little
- Mary Little

Mary Little, daughter of Wm. Little, married William Stiger  
Theodore Little married Sara Hedges of Newton, N. J.

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Samuel Denton, son of Mary D. and Zebulon Morford married Elsie De. Remier, June 25, 1818. She was born June 1795 and died Sept 1, 1851

Charles Augustus	born June 26, 1819
Anthony Denton	" Feb. 21, 1822
Mary Anthony	" Oct. 4, 1824
William Edwin	" Oct. 23, 1824-1827
Robert Halstead	" Dec. 6, 1829
John Henry Livingston	" Sept. 29, 1832, died July 16, 1876
Theodore	" June 23, 1835
Harriet Eveline	" May 2, 1837

Charles A., son of Elsie De. Remier and Samuel D. Morford, married Eliza, daughter of Col. James Lee of New York, on April 20, 1852

Mary Lee Born Dec. 28, 1854  
Denton " Mar. 25, 1856, married on April 17, 1873 to  
Alice Bell, daughter of Joseph Branch of New York.

Anthony, son of Elsie and Samuel Morford, married Sept. 1, 1846 to Margaret Ryerson, daughter of Judge Ryerson, Newton, N. J.

- Andrew Ryerson born June 18, 1847 died Aug. 4, 1847
- Charles Augustus " June 4, 1848 " 1850
- Anna Elizabeth " June 4, 1850 " 1850
- Mary Lynn " Feb. 6, 1852
- Elsie De. Reimer " Nov. 28, 1854
- Evelina Weakly " July 29, 1856
- Susana " Dec. 18, 1860
- Margaret Blauveth " Feb. 9, 1863
- David Ryerson " Aug. 6, 1866

Mary, daughter of Margaret and Anthony Morford, married Sept. 2, 1874 to David D. Smith.

Ralph

Mary Anthony, daughter of Elsie and Samuel Morford, married on Sept. 19, 1843 to Peter C. Adams.

- Charles Dederer
- Addie Reed
- Alice De. Reimer
- Robert Morford
- Herman C.
- Mary Evelina

Alice D. Reimer, daughter of Mary Morford and Peter Adams, married Edward Suffernan

- Robert Adams
- Elsie De. Reimer
- Phillip

Herman, son of Mary Morford and Peter Adams, married Mary G. Snipman

Mabel

William, son of Elsie De. Reimer and Samuel Morford, married Jennie Cochran

- William
- Katie

Robert, son of Elsie and Samuel Morford, married first to Sara C. Adamson, Sept. 9, 1852

- Mary
- Ada

Robert Morford married second time to Mrs. Francis Adams

John Henry Livingston, son of Elsie and Samuel Morford, married Emile Franklin

- Mary (dead)
- John H. L. Morford died July 16, 1876

Theodore, son of Elsie De. Reimer and Samuel Morford married Mary Morrison

- Lewis
- Evie
- Samuel Denton
- Theodore
- Mary
- Henry Cooper Kelsey
- Virginia Treadwell

Harriet, daughter of Mary Denton and Zebulon Morford, married Mr. Nichel  
William Charles born Sept. 13, 1828 Died July 2, 1869  
Samuel Denton " Aug. 6, 1830  
Philip Lindsley " Feb. 20, 1832

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Josiah Furman, son of Mary Denton and Zebulon Morford, married Jane B. Taylor  
on Sept. 7, 1826. She was born Feb. 28, 1808, died July 7, 1864.

J. Furman born Aug. 9, 1829 " July 9, 1908  
Mary Eveling " Sept. 22, 1831 " June 26, 1890  
Harriet Frances " May 11, 1834 died Sept. 27, 1854  
Edmond Henry Taylor " Oct. 21, 1837 " Nov. 25, 1841  
Jane " July 26, 1843 " July 27, 1889  
Henry Clay " June 28, 1846  
Rebecca Ridley " Oct. 29, 1849 " Mar. 29, 1892  
Charles Robert " Nov. 25, 1840 " Jan. 1, 1900

Mary Eveling, Daughter of Josiah Furman Morford and Jane B. Taylor, married  
Chatham Coffee, July 11, 1850.

Hallie Morford  
Lelia  
Jessie Furman born Jan. 30, 1868 died Aug. 3, 1953

J. Furman, son of Josiah F. Morford and Jane B. Taylor, married Ann E. Lusk  
on Jan. 4, 1854.

John Josiah born May 2, 1855 - died July 3, 1933  
Edmond Furman " Sept. 26, 1867 died Sept. 23, 1865  
Florence Jane " March 27, 1862  
Charles Milton " Feb. 24, 1866

Florence Morford, daughter of Josiah F. Morford and Ann E. Lusk, married  
David B. Carson, June 5, 1863, son of Judge J. E. Carson of Kentucky.

Mary Coffee born May 11, 1864 died May 22, 1884  
Blanch Bentley " April 14, 1866

John Josiah, son of Josiah F. Morford and Ann E. Lusk, married Sarah Haden,  
daughter of Dr. Haden of Columbia, Maury Co., Tenn., on Oct. 31, 1893. (Died Feb. 8, 1955)

Furman - born Oct. 13, 1894 - died June 8, 1923

Charles Milton, son of Josiah F. Morford and Ann E. Lusk, married Clara May  
Richmond, daughter of Ben Richmond of Memphis, Tenn., on Jan. 31, 1894.

Richmond Carson - born Apr. 14, 1900  
Florence " Dec. 12, 1903

Charles Robert, son of Josiah F. Morford and Jane B. Taylor, married Florence  
M. Spurlock on Jan. 30, 1867.

Hallie May born Mar. 3, 1868  
Evie Clare " July 24, 1870  
James Henry " Feb. 24, 1873  
Florence Pearl " May 4, 1879

Charles Robert married second wife, Mary C. Lusk on Sept. 19, 1883

Lusk born Dec. 5, 1834  
Mary " 1837 Josephine 1893  
Chatham Coffee 1889

Henry Clay, son of Jane T. and Josiah F. Morford, married Bernice Newsome on Jan. 30, 1872.

Edward Furman  
William  
Herry

Jane, daughter of Jane T. and Josiah F. Morford, married James C. Eiles.  
No children.

Rebecca Ridley, daughter of Jane T. and Josiah F. Morford, married William V. Waitson.

George Morford  
Jane  
Pauline Denton  
William Vance  
Morford  
Rebecca

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Eveling Belmont, daughter of Mary Denton and Zebulon Morford, married Robert Locke Weakley on April 10, 1823. R. L. Weakley was born April 16, 1800 and died Dec. 10, 1848.

Robert Locke	born	Jan. 21, 1824	
Mary Jane	"	Aug. 29, 1826	
Susana Narcissa	"	July 4, 1828	
Mathew Locke	"	Oct. 28, 1830	
Harriet Michel	"	Sept. 15, 1832	
John Pryer Hickman	"	Nov. 5, 1833	
Charles Furman	"	Nov. 16, 1835	
Samuel Morford	"	Sept. 9, 1837	
Lucien Brasen	"	July 6, 1859	died Oct. 23, 1863
Eveling Belmont	"	May 9, 1843	

Mary Jane, daughter of Eveling M. and Robert Weakley, married first on Mar. 18, 1845 to Rev. Jesse Wharton Hume.

Eveling Weakley	born	Nov. 22, 1845	
Mary Rebecca	"	June 15, 1847	died May 21, 1852
William Locke	"	Dec. 26, 1851	dead
Jessie Wharton	"	Dec. 15, 1854	died May 6, 1935

Rev. Jesse Wharton Hume died Aug. 16, 1854. Mrs. Mary J. W. Hume married second time to Dr. J. W. Davis on May 1, 1860.

Joseph Wallace	born	April 18, 1861	
Mary Elizabeth	"	Dec. 31, 1862	died Mar. 7, 1863
Samuel Locke	"	July 23, 1866	died July 25, 1874

Eveling, daughter of Mary J. Weakley and Rev. Jessie Hume, married on Oct. 4, 1864 to John Saunders Gooch.

Mary Elizabeth born Sept. 15, 1865

Susana N., daughter of Eveling Morford and Robert Weakley, married on June 27, 1847 to Thomas B. Tripp

Margaret Bradley	born	May 23, 1850	
Robert I.	"	Nov. 29, 1852	
John Wickman	"	April 12, 1855	
Henry W.	"	Sept 12, 1858	
Elizabeth E.	"	July 5, ---	died May 31, 1863
Susan T.	"	Sept. 22, 1864	
Mary T.	"	Aug. 8, 1865	
Lucien	"	Aug. 24, 1868	

Harriet, daughter of Eveling B. Morford and Robert Weakley, married on July 5, 1853 to Isaac Brunson.

Eveling B.	born	May 5, 1854	
Ustbel	"	--- 27, 1856	
Sellie	"	Feb. 9, 1859	
Lettie	"		
Infant daughter	"	May 3, 1863, died June 16, 1863	----
Lucien H.	"	May 8, 1864	
Robert S.	"	Nov. 3, 1868	
Gerland	"	Mar. 23, 1874	

John P. Hickman; son of Eveling B. and Robert Weakley, married on Nov. 17, 1858 to Lucy Ann Muse.

Mary E. Hickman	born	Oct. 29, 1859	
Infant daughter	"	May 4, 1861, died Aug. 30, 1861	
Susan H. Hickman	"	June 30, 1863	
Sam T. Muse	"	Aug. 7, 1865	
	"	Jan 8, 1869 Dead	
	"	Aug. 30, 1870	
	"	May 23, 1873, died Oct. 21, 1873.	

Charles F., son of Eveling B. and Robert Weakley, married on June 24, 1862 to Rachael H. Jones.

Charles H.	born	April 8, 1863	
Ruth L.	"	June 12, 1865	
Susan T.	"	Sept. 8, 1867	
Eveling B.	"	April 3, 1869	
Lucy	"	Dec. 17, 1870	
Sammuel E.	"	Dec. 1, 1872	

Lucien B. son of Eveling and Robert Weakley, married on June 4, 1863 to Addie Bradley. Lucien B. Weakley died Oct. 23, 1863.

Eveling B. daughter of Eveling and Robert Weakley, married on May 28, 1861 to Lycurgus Nelson

Weakley	born	June 24, 1864	
Lycurgus	"	June 21, 1867	
Robert	"	Aug. 21, 1870	
Mary C.	"	Nov. 4, 1874	



Samuel M., son of Evelina and Robert Weakley, married on Oct. 1873 to Josie Jones.

Theodosia, daughter of Susana Barton and Zebulon Morford, born March 13, 1767, married a Mr. Stout

Barton Stout  
Rev. Charles Stout

The Ohio Branch

A. John Morford was born in 1685, died in 1783, age 98 years. He was pastor or deacon of a Baptist Church at Salem, New Jersey, for over fifty years. Had three sons.

Thomas G. Morford, died age 84 years. Married to Jane Richardson  
William Morford, married Mary C. Fulks

Thomas C. and Jane Richardson had a son John. He had a son James who lived in Baltimore. James had a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Lewis

William Morford and Mary Fulks had a son John, who lived in Ohio

Charles Robert Morford - Nov. 25, 1840—Jan. 1, 1900  
 First wife - Florence M. Sparlock - Nov. 11, 1844—Nov. 17, 1881  
 Hallie Mai Mar. 3, 1868—Aug. 5, 1926  
 Evie Clair July 5, 1870—Mar. 30, 1927  
 James Henry Feb. 24, 1873—Dec. 22, 1927  
 Florence Pearl May 4, 1879—June 5, 1881

Hallie Mai Morford, daughter of Charles R. Morford and Florence Sparlock, married Robert H. Anthony on Oct. 8, 1890  
 Bessie born July 26, 1891, died 1932

Evie Clair, daughter of Charles and Florence Morford, married Chas. W. Rogers on Jan. 30, 1895.

Florence Morford born Dec. 15, 1895  
 Nellie Biles " Feb. 27, 1899, died July 17, 1900  
 Evelyn Hollingsworth " Aug. 28, 1901

James Henry, son of Charles R. and Florence Morford, married Elizabeth Howard Stovall, on Oct. 9, 1895

Catherine  
 Charles Robert  
 James

Charles Robert Morford married the second time to Mary Cassandra Lusk on Sept. 19, 1883.

Robert Lusk born Dec. 5, 1884  
 Mary Belmont " Mar. 8, 1887  
 Chatham Coffee " Apr. 18, 1889  
 Josephine Lusk " May 29, 1893

Robert, son of Chas. and Mary Lusk Morford, married Alice Payne on Feb. 28, 1911. No children.

Mary B., daughter of Chas. and Mary Lusk Morford, married Chas. J. Potter on Jan. 15, 1908

Mary Morford born Jan. 25, 1909

Chatham Coffee, son of Chas. and Mary Lusk Morford, married Jessie Lee Randolph on Aug. 26, 1915. No children.

Josephine, daughter of Chas. and Mary Lusk Morford, married Robert Grizzell on May 23, 1926. No children.

Mary Morford, daughter of Mary Morford and Chas. Potter, married Lee Denton Ross, on Feb. 18, 1933

Chatham Coffee Morford born May 29, 1934  
 Mary Lee " May 30, 1938

TAYLOR

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Edmund Taylor and his wife Agnes Robards of Woodbury, Tennessee through their daughter Jane B. Taylor, and Jane's daughter Mary Evelina Morford Coffee, Jessie's mother. The following is from the Cannon County Tennessee court records.

EDMUND TAYLOR ( In the name of God Amen. I EDMUND TAYLOR being  
To ( of sound mind & memory- But calling to mind the  
Last Will & Testament ( uncertainty of life, Do make this my last Will &  
Testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I commit my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried in a decent  
manner. 2<sup>nd</sup> I wish all my just debts paid in the first instance. 3<sup>rd</sup> My will is that the  
portion of my sons John, Nathaniel & Edmund shall be made equal to the  
advancements I have made to my other children - The Balance of my Estate both Real  
and Personal I give to my wife to use & occupy and enjoy during her natural life, and  
after her death, after making the shares of my children equally to be divided among my  
children, 4<sup>th</sup> I appoint my wife as sole Executor to act as Such during her natural  
lifetime and I do not require her to give any Security as Executor. In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842.

Signed Edmund Taylor (Seal)

Witness: James Taylor  
James Wood  
Wm. D. Gowen

p.46 State of Tennessee) May Term of said County Court A. D. 1847  
Cannon County ) Then personally appeared in open Court James Taylor  
and James Wood two of the subscribing witnesses to the within paper writing  
purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Edmund Taylor deceased who being first  
sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Edmund Taylor the  
testator in his life and that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last  
will & C on the day it bears date -

Witness Rezin Fowler Clerk of our said County Court at office the first Monday &  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A. D. 1847.

R. Fowler, Clk.

Registered at office in Woodbury May the 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1847.

James Robards Taylor, believed to be the oldest brother was born 1804  
February 10 and died 1879 July 4 and is buried in Woodbury. Jane therefore had a  
least four brothers and at least one sister. One sister was Agnes Taylor who was  
named for her mother, as was the oldest brother. Edmund senior apparently had a  
brother named James who left a will which was challenged and brought to trial at the  
Cannon County court in October 1848. In it he left property to his nephews Edmund  
Taylor and James Robards Taylor and 'Agnes W. Henderson' who is believed to have

been Agnes Taylor. He also left property to James Taylor Henderson and James Taylor Moore. The former could have been a son of Agnes. Since the will starts out with nephews, James probably had no children of his own and James Taylor Moore was most likely the son of another daughter of Edmund senior. Many references to this family can be found in the Cannon county Tennessee court records as they bought and sold slaves and city lots in Woodbury.

## MOORE

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Jesse Moore and his wife Alice Johnson through their daughter Mildred Moore, wife of Ambrose Coffee, their son Jesse Coffee who was probably named for his maternal grandfather, and Jesse's son Chatham Coffee, Jessie's father. Other members of these Moore and Johnson families intermarried with other Coffeys.

## DENTON

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Samuel Denton and his wife Sarah through their daughter Mary who married Zebulon Morford II. Thence through Josiah Furman Morford and Mary Evelina Morford, Jessie's mother. Mary Denton was born 1755 December 5 and died 1843 December 20, most probably in Princeton, New Jersey.

## CLEVELAND

Jessie Furman Coffee Reams is descended from Roger Cleveland through his son Alexander, and Alexanders daughter or grand daughter Elizabeth who married James Coffey. Thence through the Coffee line.

Whether you accept Elizabeth Cleveland, wife of James Coffey, as being the daughter or grand daughter of Alexander Cleveland she is still an ancestor to these Coffey and Reams families. The author has not 100% accepted the premise that she was illegitimate. There are many other ties between the Coffey and Cleveland families. Three of Alexander Cleveland's children, not including Elizabeth, married Coffeys. Cleveland is a very old and fairly well documented family. One of the more famous Clevelands was Ben Cleveland, hero of Kings Mountain in the revolution, who was nephew or first cousin of Elizabeth, depending on which generation you believe she belonged in. Articles and stories on Ben Cleveland can be found in many books and other publications.

A three volume set of Cleveland Genealogy books was published in 1899, over a hundred years ago by E. J. & H. G. Cleveland. E. J. & H. G.'s book has many errors but also contain much useful information. A copy may be found in the Tennessee archives. E. J. & H. G. were 'northern' Clevelands whereas the descendants of Roger and Alexander Cleveland from which Elizabeth comes are considered the 'southern' line.

The erroneous connection of the Clevelands to Oliver Cromwell is based on a published book of fiction, written by Antoine Francois Prevost in 1741, in French, and sold as a novel, both in French and in English. The title of the book in English was "The Life and Entertaining Adventures of Mr. Cleveland, Natural son of Oliver Cromwell, Written by Himself". A copy from microfilm is available from University Microfilms International, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1346 at an outrageous price. All of this is explained by John Arnett in the Cleveland Family Chronicles Research Society newsletter # 13 published March 1996 pp 14-15.

Alexander Cleveland was born before 1687 in Gloucester county Virginia and died about 1775 in Orange county Virginia. He had six children not including Elizabeth. This family is discussed by Marvin D. Coffey pp. 79 - 90 in his book. Alexander's father was Roger Cleveland, born 1659 and believed to be the immigrant ancestor. His first marriage was in England, from which he bore a son, John Cleveland. Alexander was from his second marriage, some say to a Dorcas or Dorothy, others say plain unknown, and it can speculated that it might have been to a Miss or former Miss Alexander.

People interested in their Cleveland relations should join the Cleveland Family Chronicles Research Society and receive the newsletter published four times a year. The editor, Victoria "Vikki" Lynn Jeanne Cleveland, is a descendant of Alexander Cleveland and eighth cousin to the author and those of his generation. The address is 328 Vincent, Salem, Illinois 66881-1831; e-mail [ClevelandFCRS@aol.com](mailto:ClevelandFCRS@aol.com); web site <http://www.clevelandfamilychronicles.com>. Most readers have thousands of Cleveland cousins out there.

## BARTON

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Roger Barton through his son Noah Barton and Noah's daughter Susannah Barton who married Zebulon Morford I in 1746 January 12 in New Jersey. Noah purchased land in Cranberry, New Jersey in 1733. Susannah was born 1727 September 22 and died 1812 January 15. This information appears in the "New England Historic and Genealogical Register" July 1952, Vol. 106 p. 162 and Oct. 1952 pp. 294 - 297 according to Mrs. Enid Eleanor Adams. Enid says Noah Barton was born about 1668, but that would make him 59 years old when Susannah was born. The descent was then through Zebulon Morford II, Josiah Furman Morford and Mary Evelina Morford, Jessie's mother.

## GRAVES

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Captain Thomas Graves of Virginia through his son Francis, Francis' son John and John's daughter Jane who married John Coffey, thence through the Coffey line. Jane was 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin twice removed of Elizabeth Graves, mother of General John Coffee of the Peter Coffee line. Elizabeth's descent from Captain Thomas Graves was through his son John, John's son Ralph and

Ralph Jr. and Ralph Jr's son Henry who was her father. Incidentally, Hannah Coffee, daughter of Peter Coffee, married James Weakley who is related, or possibly a direct ancestor of Robert Locke Weakley. See Samuel Anderson Weakley's book page 26 and forward.

For those readers interested in the Graves relations, there is a Graves Family Association. The president is Kenneth Vance Graves, 20 Binney Circle, Wrentham, Massachusetts 02093. He puts out an approximately 24 page printed newsletter bimonthly. Dues in 2002 are \$20 per year. Kenneth keeps promising a book on the Thomas Graves descendants but so far it has been postponed.

#### POWELL

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from William Powell, whose will was written on 1695 December 11 in Virginia, through his son Thomas Powell Sr. Thomas married Mary Place and their daughter Anne married Edward Coffey Sr. Thence the descent is through the Coffee / y line.

#### PLACE

Jessie Furman Coffee is descended from Francis Place, who was an immigrant ancestor, born in Durham, Oxfordshire, England and married in Virginia to Ann Williams or Williamson. Francis died 1655 November 10 in Lancaster county Virginia. Francis and Ann had a daughter Mary born 1637 or 1638 in Richmond county Virginia and died 1710 in Virginia. Mary married Thomas Powell Sr. and their daughter was Anne Powell who married Edward Coffey Sr. The descent is through the Coffee / y line from there

## CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

Radford and Jessie had six children all born at the old Coffee home place, "The House on Rebel Hill", in McMinnville and all given names with double initials. The family bible record of these six children is shown on the next page, copied from a copy. It appears that all of these entries were made at the same time at a later date. It does not show the names with double initials for Evelyn and Radford. Verbal information which has been passed down says the former was named Evelyn Elizabeth and the latter Radford Reger. Radford Reger changed his name to Radford Monroe Jr. When he started to school. The two oldest boys served their country during WW I. All of the children stayed in Tennessee. See the individual information later. Lindon and Harriet made their home at McMinnville.

MEMORIAL

Gutham Coffee Reams,

Was Born..... Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1890.  
Red Hill, McMinnville, Tenn.  
Baptised by Rev. F. L. Leeper, Oct. 28, 1890.

Lindon Lewis Reams,

Born Sunday, Jan 3, 1892

Baptised by Rev. J. D. Murray.

Evelyn Reams,

Born Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1893.

Baptised by Rev. J. D. Murray.

Mary M. Reams,

Born Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1896

Baptised by Rev. F. L. Leeper, Dec. 1899.

Harriet H. Reams,

Born Friday, Nov. 14, 1902.

Baptised by Rev. F. L. Leeper, Sunday, Aug. 1903.

Radford Monroe Reams, Jr.

Born Monday, April 9, 1906.

Baptised Aug. 29, 1910, by Rev. F. L. Leeper



## CHATHAM

The oldest was Chatham Coffee Reams born 1890 October 24. Chatham was named for his maternal grandfather. Chatham and his brother Lindon both served their country in World War I. Chatham did not get sent overseas. Here is what Benton, Chatham's son wrote about him.

**Memorial Obituary**

Entered Into Eternal Rest  
Saturday, May 2, 1964

**CHATHAM COFFEE REAMS**  
Former TVA Engineer Dies  
in Chattanooga

Chatham Coffee Reams, former Memphis engineer for 20 years and engineer with TVA, died about 4:30 p.m. yesterday at his home in Chattanooga. He had heart ailment since 1955, when he retired. He was an organizing member of Memphis Engineers Club and Memphis University Club. He had lived the past 30 years in East Tennessee. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee; a Mason, Shriner and a member of the American Legion.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lt. Condr. Benton E. Reams, stationed in Washington with the Navy; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Goodloe of La Vergne, Tenn., and Miss Harriet Reams of McMinnville, Tenn.; a brother, Radford M. Reams of Nashville and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Elmwood Cemetery with Memphis Funeral Home in charge.

"Chatham graduated from McMinnville High School in 1909 and borrowed money from a family friend to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he graduated as a civil engineer in 1913. One of his first jobs was with a flood control survey team in Ohio before moving to Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked in railway track design. He had lost a thumb in a childhood accident and was denied entry into the army until late in World War I. He became a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and was in training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma when the war ended. He then returned to his former job in Memphis. There he met his wife Avaligne Edgington."

"They lived in Memphis until moving to Rock Island, Tennessee where he was employed in raising the Rock Island Dam before relocating to Clewiston, Florida. There he worked on a Lake Okachobee flood control project. They then moved back to Memphis where he again was involved in flood control work by paving the Mississippi River levees. His next job was in McMinnville where he conducted soil and industrial power usage surveys in Warren and surrounding counties. He went with the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1934 and was a concrete inspector until Norris Dam was completed. He then joined the Maps and Surveys Division of TVA which later moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee where he was employed until his retirement. He and Avaligne are both buried in an Edgington plot in the Elmwood cemetery in Memphis (in the section known as Chapel Hill.)

"Chatham and Avaligne's only child Benton Edgington graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He married Nancy Ann Slaven, daughter of Navy Captain and Mrs. F. W. Slaven on Mare Island, California. He served

**Descendants of BENTON EDGINGTON REAMS**

7 Dec 2001

**BENTON EDGINGTON REAMS**  
b 1925 JUL 2-MEMPHIS TN

sp: **NANCY ANNE SLAVEN**  
b 1928 JUL 30-LONG BEACH CA  
m 1948 AUG 21-MARE ISLAND CA

**SUSANNE MONTGOMERY REAMS**  
b 1953 NOV 3-MIAMI FL

sp: **REX STUART "BEAU" II BRIDGES**  
b 1950 OCT 12-CA  
m 1973 JUN 10-ANNAPOLIS MD

**GENEVIEVE KATHRYN BRIDGES**  
b 1974 APR 4-PORTSMOUTH VA

**MACKENZIE CATHERINE RISHER**  
b 1999 JUL 7

**REX STUART II BRIDGES**  
b 1976 DEC 22-STATE COLLEGE PA

**MARYANN MONTGOMERY BRIDGES**  
b 1979 OCT 3-TURNERSVILLE NJ

**HUGH EDGINGTON REAMS**  
b 1954 SEP 28-FORT ORD CA

sp: **SOZANNE ELISE CUMMINGS**  
b 1954 NOV 20-FOUNTAINBLEU FRANCE  
m 1977 MAR 12-BOWIE MD

**JENNIFER ELIZABETH REAMS**  
b 1980 MAY 20-BRUNSWICK ME

**CAROLYN ANN REAMS**  
b 1981 DEC 14-STATE COLLEGE PA  
d 1982 NOV 29-BETHESDA MD

**EMILY CATHERINE REAMS**  
b 1983 NOV 10-BETHESDA MD

**NANCY REDMOND REAMS**  
b 1957 MAY 16-ANNAPOLIS MD

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## Descendants of BENTON EDGINGTON REAMS

8 Dec 2001

sp: JOHN WILLIAM "BILL" DEIBERT  
b 1961 JUL 29-RIDLEY PARK PA  
m 1987 AUG 9-ANNAPOLIS MD

JOHN BENTON "BEN" DEIBERT  
b 1992 APR 22-ANNAPOLIS MD

JULIE ANNE DEIBERT  
b 1996 JAN 15 09:30 EST-ANNAPOLIS MD

WILLIAM GEORGE "WILL" DEIBERT  
b 1997 NOV 3 17:17 EDT-ANNAPOLIS MD

on surface ships until attending submarine school, after which he was assigned to several submarines before becoming an Engineering Duty Officer working in construction, repair and related submarine assignments until retiring from Washington, D. C. with twenty years of service. Benton and Nancy had three children, see descendants chart next two pages.

The author and Benton have kept in touch through the years. Curiously we only saw each other one time in the years both were living in Maryland. That is probably because we were both busy working and raising a family. Benton and family lived in Bowie, Maryland for many years after he retired from the Navy and was working for the former Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He moved to Annapolis 1995, into his father-in-laws former home where his wife Nancy grew up. Benton & Nancy's son Hugh moved into the Bowie house.

Their oldest daughter Susanne and her family were long time residents of Poughkeepsie NY. Hugh is also a Naval officer and civil engineer. R&V met Hugh, his wife and living daughters when Hugh was stationed in Florida. R&V have met Benton's youngest daughter Nancy Redmon on at least two occasions, once in Tennessee and again in Maryland with her husband John William Deibert and children John Benton Deibert and Julie Ann Deibert. William George Deibert came along later. This family now lives in southern Maryland.

## LINDON

The second child of Radford Monroe Reams I and Jessie Furman Coffee was Lindon Lewis Reams born 1892 January 3. The source of the name Lindon is unknown, but his mother's older sister Leila married George Washington Lewis, so that is probably where the Lewis came from. Lindon married Hudie Jane Wooton, daughter of Ransom Gwyn Wooton and his wife Lillie Witherspoon, 1923 March 17. He as well as his older brother Chatham served in the U. S. Army in World War I. After the war Lindon went into the farming and dairy business which he continued the rest of his active life. His farm was on the old Smithville highway just north of McMinnville only two or three miles from his parents place. He like both of his brothers, only had one child. She was Dorothy Jane Reams born 1928 January 25, who married Ralph Ervin Miller in 1945 April 7 in Dalton, Georgia. Ralph was born 1924 June 30 in DeKalb County Tennessee and died 2001 September 30 in McMinnville. Dorothy and Ralph had five children and numerous grandchildren, see descendants on the following pages. Dorothy and Ralph always lived in McMinnville, their home is adjacent on the south side of what used to be her father's farm. R&V met Dorothy & Ralph's oldest child, daughter Peggy Ann and her husband Charles Bennett Watson and their youngest adopted son David Kim in Michigan in 2000. The same year R&V met Dorothy & Ralph's fourth child, Joe, at the church where he was pastor in Georgia, the year before he moved to Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. R&V probably saw these and some of the other children when they were young but those memories are not clear.

Dorothy was the executrix of Aunt Harriet's estate as she was the only grandchild of Jessie and Radford living in McMinnville at that time. Dorothy wrote the following about herself and family.

"During my childhood and growing up years I helped with several 'extra' jobs which Daddy had. In fact, my involvements in these activities were some of the highlights of my early years. First was the door to door delivery from the dairy. We had a delivery route in town, delivering to homes and restaurants in glass bottles, usually quarts or half gallons. Anytime I was not in school I carried the bottles of milk from the car to the back porches of some of the prominent residences in McMinnville.

During Grandfather's lifetime, he and Daddy had an insurance business – R. M. Reams & Son, Insurance. After Grandfather's death Daddy carried on the business until his death. At about age ten I became the official typist for the insurance business on a typewriter which probably belonged to Grandfather. I used the 'hunt and peck' method of typing, but it was fun. I still have the typewriter which is an antique by now.

Perhaps my most enjoyable 'helping' job was going with Daddy when he was substitute mail carrier on the rural mail route we lived on. By the time we drove up to each box, I would have the mail collected (letters, papers, magazines) and have it ready to put in the box as soon as we stopped. This was a big time saver for Daddy in doing the mail delivery.

**Descendants of DOROTHY JANE REAMS**

8 Dec 2001

**DOROTHY JANE REAMS**  
b 1928 JAN 23-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **RALPH ERVIN MILLER**  
b 1924 JUN 30-DEKALB COUNTY TN  
m 1945 APR 7-DALTON GA  
d 2001 SEP 30-MCMINNVILLE TN

**PEGGY ANN MILLER**  
b 1947 SEP 14-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **CHARLES BENNETT WATSON**  
b 1947 JAN 16-DETROIT MI  
m 1968 SEP 1-COOKEVILLE TN

**BENJAMIN LOGAN WATSON**  
b 1977 FEB 17-LOUISVILLE KY  
d 1977 FEB 19-LOUISVILLE KY

**JONAH KIM WATSON**  
b 1977 APR 16-KOREA ADOPTED

**DAVID KIM WATSON**  
b 1984 AUG 5-KOREA ADOPTED

**BETTY CATHERINE MILLER**  
b 1949 MAR 4-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **LARRY LEE BARR**  
b 1949 DEC 21-FORT LEE VA  
m 1972 DRDC 16-MCMINNVILLE TN

**RUTH ANN BARR**  
b 1977 NOV 7-LOMA LINDA CA

**ANGELA MARIE BARR**  
b 1979 APR 23-LOMA LINDA CA

**DAVID RALPH MILLER**  
b 1952 MAR 16-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **RHONDA DIANE THOMAS**  
b 1962 OCT 17-ILLINOIS  
m 1991 JUN 22-SPRINGFIELD IL

## Descendants of DOROTHY JANE REAMS

**JOE THOMAS MILLER**  
b 1959 APR 24-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **DARLENE MARIE DUPOIS**  
b 1961 MAY 27-WARE MA  
m 1980 DEC 3-MCMINNVILLE TN

**SANDRA MARIE MILLER**  
b 1982 AUG 16-MCMINNVILLE TN

**LAURA MICHELLE MILLER**  
b 1984 JAN 17-MURFREESBORO TN

**FRANK WILLIAMI MILLER**  
b 1964 MAR 27-MCMINNVILLE TN

sp: **TAMMY LYNN HILLIS**  
b 1963 AUG 5-CRATTANOOGA TN  
m 1982 MAR 20-MCMINNVILLE TN

**WHITNEY KATHERINE MILLER**  
b 1988 AUG 8-MURFREESBORO TN

Some of the other jobs Daddy had at different times were night watchman, constable, and construction work in building Camp Forrest at Tullahoma, Tennessee, early in World War II.

The year 1945 proved to be a turning point in our lives for both me and my parents. Ralph and I got married, then he was drafted into the U. S. Army Air Corps; Mother and Daddy sold the farm (all except 30 acres), and prepared to move to town, not more than a quarter mile from Grandmother's home on Rebel Hill. After Ralph's discharge in 1947, we moved back to the farm to the house on the hill, and have lived here for over 54 years. In 1959 we built a new house on the same spot as the old one, and lived in the chicken house while the new one was being built.

In 1954 Ralph began work with the Texaco Company, continuing there until 1969, when he went to the newly constructed Carrier Air Conditioning Company plant, from which he retired in 1986. During our early years on the farm we concentrated on different farming operations – dairy and beef cattle, hogs, chickens and hay to name a few. As we both got more involved in work outside the home, the farming operations were gradually phased out.

All the while, our children were being born, grew up, and left the nest as they pursued their various occupations and established their own homes and families.

It has been a wonderful life, and I thank God for guiding us, taking care of us and providing for all our needs.

'To God be the glory, great things He has done —' "

The author, being between 7 and 8 years older than Dorothy, remembers slightly earlier days when Uncle Lindon sometimes delivered the milk route with a wagon and mule team. To churn the butter, he would put the cream in a 10 gallon milk can and hang it on the back of the wagon with a rope or chain by the handles while he made his rounds. By the time he got through the route the butter was ready. This even worked after he changed to a motor vehicle.

Three of Dorothy and Ralph's children, Peggy, Betty and Joe, along with their spouses, are doing church work. David is a lawyer in Illinois and Frank built and is operating a skating rink in McMinnville.

## Lindon L. Reams Dies In Hospital Rites Thursday

Lindon L. Reams, retired farmer and insurance agent, died at the McMinnville Medical Clinic Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. following an illness of five weeks. He was 66 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of High Funeral Home Thursday at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Bill Middleton, John W. High and L. Daniel Harless officiated. Burial followed in Mt. View Cemetery.

A native of Warren County, Mr. Reams was a son of R. I. M. Reams, Sr., former publisher of the Southern Standard, and Mrs. Jessie Coffee Reams. He operated a farm and dairy here for many years and was also an insurance agent.

Born on January 3, 1892, Mr. Reams served with the armed forces during World War I and March 17, 1923, was married to the former Hudie Wooten, who survives. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He had also been a substitute mail clerk for 45 years, a court officer for a long period of time and a constable for 20 years.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Miller, McMinnville, two brothers, C. C. Reams, Chattanooga, and R. M. Reams, Jr., Nashville, two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Goodde, Averne, Tenn. and Miss Harriet Reams, McMinnville, and three grandchildren.

## Ralph E. Miller, 77

McMinnville resident and DeKalb County native Ralph E. Miller, 77, died Sept. 30 at River Park Hospital after an extended illness.

A retired Carrier employee and a member of Shellford Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, he was the son of the late Rev. W. E. and Nettie Loring Miller, and was preceded in death by sisters, Mable Bam and Willie Dean Curtis.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Reams Miller; daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Charles Watson of Old Hickory, Betty and Larry Barr of Miami, Fla.; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Rhonda Miller of Springfield, Ill., Rev. Joe and Darlene Miller of Soddy-Daisy, Frank and Tammy Miller of McMinnville; sister, Evelyn Sripes of Morrison; brother, Estop P. Miller of Nashville; and grandchildren, Jonah K. Watson of Detroit, Mich., David K. Watson of Old Hickory, Ruth Ann and Angela Barr, both of Nashville, Sandra Miller of Mobile, Ala., Laura Miller of Soddy-Daisy and Whitney Miller of McMinnville.

Memorial services were held Tuesday at Shellford Baptist Church with Rev. Joe T. Miller and Rev. Mike Gay officiating. Private graveside services were held Tuesday at Liberty Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International Bible program.

McMinnville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

*Southern Standard*  
(McMinnville, Tenn.) Oct. 3, 2001

EVELYN

The third child of Radford and Jessie was Evelyn Elizabeth Reams born 1893 September 15. Evelyn's maternal grandmother's middle name was Evelina, so that Evelyn may have derived from that. Another Elizabeth is not found in the immediate family. She stepped on a rusty nail or piece of glass (there are conflicting stories as to which) while playing barefoot in the yard, contracted tetanus and died 1902 July 13 at age 9 years 9 months and 28 days. The record of her death from the family bible,

MR. NOTES

*Evelyn Reams*  
*Died July 13, 1902.*

Funeral July 14. Bur. Rev. F. L. Leeper  
 Bible Readings - 2 Sam. 12, 15-23; 2 Kings 4, 18-26  
 Mat. 18, 1-6 & 10-14; Mark 10, 13-16.

**McMINNVILLE JOURNAL**

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1902

A DEATH IN THE HOME

Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Reams, of the home on Rebel Hill, died Sunday night, July 13, after a long and painful illness of several months. She was only nine years of age when she was stricken with tetanus, and her death was a great loss to her parents. She was a sweet, thoughtful child, and her death was a great loss to her parents. She was a sweet, thoughtful child, and her death was a great loss to her parents. She was a sweet, thoughtful child, and her death was a great loss to her parents.

along with the scripture used at her funeral is copied above from a copy.

At the left is a copy of the newspaper notice of her death, which appeared in a McMinnville paper the following Saturday, 1902 July 19<sup>th</sup>. It was probably written by her father and in the Southern Standard, or possibly by Rev. Leeper. Note that the notice is in error as to her age.



## MARY

The fourth child and second daughter of Radford and Jessie was Mary Morford Reams born 1896 August 19. She was named for her maternal grandmother. Mary married James Camp Goodloe II 1919 July 19 at 6 o'clock in the morning. They had an outdoor wedding at her parent's home on Rebel Hill in McMinnville and were married by the same preacher who had married her mother. See the wedding picture below. It is included because several of the prominent people in this book are in this one photograph. They are left to right Harriet Haley Reams, Lee Lewis England (later Mrs. Bramham), Evelyn Patterson (later Mrs. Fowle), James Camp Goodloe II, Mary Morford Reams (minutes after becoming Mrs. Goodloe), Reverend Frank Leonidas Leeper, Lindon Lewis Reams, Frances Leeper (later Mrs. Shepard), and William Ray Goodloe.



Evelyn Patterson, shown above, was the daughter of Jessie Wharton Hume listed on page 95, and her husband William Patterson, in other words Mary's third cousin.

Mary and J. C. had eight children who lived. See separate book to be written "JAMES CAMP GOODLOE II and his wife MARY MORFORD REAMS - Ancestors and Descendants" by Radford Reams Goodloe, Sr. for much more on this family.

## HARRIET

The fifth child and third daughter of Radford and Jessie was Harriet Haley Reams born 1902 November 4. Harriet was named for her paternal grandmother. Harriet was educated to be a school teacher and taught primary grades in the McMinnville city schools all her adult life until forced to retire. She never married. One of her avocations was working with a hand operated loom and she liked to display and sell her work in craft fairs around that part of the state. Aunt Harriet did much of the research presented in this book. One of the main purposes of this book is to honor her and provide a means for her research to be available to family descendants and others. Harriet died 1990 January 4 in the hospital in McMinnville. She had only been in the hospital about two weeks but had been in nursing homes for a couple of years or more. She is buried in the family plot in Riverside cemetery, McMinnville.

One of Harriet's co-workers made a handwritten five page tribute to her shortly after she died. It is quoted herewith:

"Harriet Haley Reams was born on November 14, 1902 and died January 4, 1990. McMinnville was always her home. Her mother was from the Coffee family, prominent in the early history of McMinnville, and her father was editor and publisher of the Southern Standard for many years. She was from a family of three daughters and three sons.

"After elementary and high school education in McMinnville, Harriet went to two Presbyterian colleges in Virginia. She then taught one year in a mission school in Indian Valley, Virginia before coming back to McMinnville to teach.

"Harriet and I were friends and co-workers for many years. Most of our thirty-four years of working together as teachers was in the second grade. Harriet was a fine teaching partner and we never even came near having a falling-out over anything.

"In the summer of 1931 we entered Peabody College and did three summers work for our Bachelor degrees. We were young and enthusiastic, wanting to try out ideas we got at Peabody. Mr. A. J. Smith, our principal, told us that he had not had training in primary education and that he would leave our work up to us. Those were happy years when we did not have a great deal of paper work and could 'do our thing'. We had morning and afternoon groups in the first and second grades. We got more accomplished than we ever did when our children were combined into one large group for the entire day. The morning children were put through their paces and went home at 11 o'clock. We ate a brief lunch without supervising children and brought in the afternoon group at 11:30. They were fresh and ready to work. There were no tired, sleepy children, and with smaller groups we could give more individual help.

"Perhaps because both our names began with 'H', people were confused as to which name belonged to whom. I have been called Harriet many times. My brother kidded us and called us the twins.

"Harriet was all business at school. She was a good planner and followed through. She was artistic and could make attractive posters and charts.

"After teaching at the old City Grammar School for some twenty years, we transferred to the new school, William Biles, in adjoining rooms. One whole side of each room was windows. We and our children planted daffodil bulbs. Mr. Nunley, our superintendent, brought trees from his farm, and we watched the squirrels, rabbits and birds from our picture windows as we called them. Harriet was an authority on birds and could give us help on recognizing various kinds. Once we saw strange looking birds outside. I hurried to Harriet's room to see what they were. They were pileated woodpeckers.

"I forgot to mention that Harriet got her Masters degree from Normal University (Illinois State), Normal, Illinois in 1948.

"When Harriet retired she attended seminars on senior citizen work, and she and Mrs. Marguerite Gregory started a center here. Harriet spent a summer in Penland, North Carolina where she learned weaving and other crafts; then taught them to others. She and Mrs. Gregory were interested in wild flowers, and each had quite a collection. In later years she gave hers to Rock Island Park.

"Harriet did much volunteer work for her community. She loved her church and gave much time to it. She served in many capacities – as elder, secretary, teacher, and leader in women's work. We Cumberland Presbyterians in this area had a youth camp for many years, and Harriet and Edith McKenzie helped out and taught some classes for us.

"Recognition was given Harriet by the Business and Professional Women's Club as 'Woman of the Year'. Just a few years ago the Exchange Club gave her a similar honor.

"In the past few years since Harriet has been in declining health she has been an inspiration to me. Each time I visited her she would be busy at something – perhaps making tray cards for hospitals, playing scrabble or reading. She was always cheerful and we had good visits. I know it was hard for her to give up her home, but she did not complain. She made herself contented.

"Harriet had her nieces and nephews to choose things they especially liked from her beautiful family antiques.

"And so, my long time friend leaves many memories to all her family, her many friends and her second graders.

By Hilda Newman"

A copy of the final accounting of Harriet's estate to the Chancery Court of Warren County is shown on the next two pages.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING

FINAL ACCOUNTING

IN RE:

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Comes now Dorothy Reams Miller the Executrix  
of the estate of Harriet Reams and gives the following  
account of monies which have come into her hands since  
January 23, 1990 and ending April 15, 1991.

		AMOUNT
BEGINNING BALANCE (Actual amount of cash, and estimated value of personal property)	Cash in checking	\$ 1,961.60
	Savings account	1,242.10
	Savings Bonds	6,897.95
	Teachers Retirement Check	474.25
	Health Ins. Refunds & Payments	1,192.36
	Interest paid by Bank	615.78
	Baton Vance	6,693.78
	Liberty U. S.	1,261.86
	M.F.S.	2,105.27
	AARP-GNMA	22,059.67
Security Federal	<u>3,681.88</u>	
ADDITIONS TO ACCOUNT: (source of additions)		<u>\$48,186.50</u>

TOTAL  
(beginning balance plus additions) \$48,186.50

EXPENSES:  
(to whom paid)

(See attached list)

See next page.

## EXPENSES:

Check #		Amount
3814	Kathy's McMinnville Flower Shop	\$ 107.50
3815	Blake Hawthorne - Funeral Service	100.00
3816	Helen Elkins - Organist	20.00
3817	Dorothy R. Miller - Filing Fee Reimbursement	129.00
3818	Warren Co. Health Dept. - 5 Death Certificates	25.00
3819	McMinnville Funeral Home	2,000.00
3820	Deborah A. Winters - X-ray/Medical Bill	31.88
3821	Middle TN Radiology	3.11
3822	Clarretta Reams - Phone Call Reimbursement	2.50
3823	McMinnville Internal Medicine Associates	4.20
3824	McMinnville Funeral Home - Bal. on Funeral	1,895.98
3825	Camp & Camp - Attorney fees	350.00
3826	First Presbyterian Church - Bequest	500.00
3827	Warren Co. Emergency Ambulance Service	21.00
3828	Jane Hall, Accountant - Tax Preparation	25.00
3829	TN Department of Revenue - State Income Tax	119.91
3830	Internal Revenue Service - 1989 Form 1040	75.00
3831	Mullican Monument Company - Tombstone	349.38
3832	McMinnville Internal Medicine Associates	605.65
3833	Clerk & Master - Copies of Letters Testamentary	15.00
3834	Faith Goodloe - Proceeds of Liberty Shares	1,261.86
3835	McMinnville Internal Medicine Associates - Bal.	34.86
3836	Reams Goodloe, Sr. - Distribution	3,200.00
3837	Mary Kate Goodloe Moore - Distribution	3,200.00
3838	Jessie Goodloe Wilson - Distribution	3,200.00
3839	James C. Goodloe, III - Distribution	3,200.00
3840	Evelyn Goodloe Williams - Distribution	3,200.00
3841	Samuel Ross Goodloe, Sr. - Distribution	3,200.00
3842	Thomas S. Goodloe, Sr. - Distribution	3,200.00
3843	Faith Goodloe - Distribution	3,200.00
3844	Benton Reams - Distribution	3,200.00
3845	Radford Reams, III - Distribution	3,200.00
3846	Dorothy Reams Miller - Distribution	3,200.00
3847	U. S. Postal Service - 10 Certified Copies	20.00
3848	Hugh Bailey, Accountant - Final Tax Return	150.00
3849	Internal Revenue Service - Fiduciary Return	378.81
3850	Jane Hall, Accountant - Tax Consultation	20.00
3851	Void	
3852	Dorothy Reams Miller - Postage Reimbursement	33.46
3853	Dorothy Reams Miller - Executrix Fee	2,000.00
3854	Benton Reams - Distribution	246.12
3855	Radford Reams III - Distribution	246.12
3856	Dorothy Reams Miller - Distribution	246.12
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## RADFORD

Radford and Jessie's last child and third son was Radford Monroe Reams II born 1906 April 9. He was originally named Radford Reger Reams in line with double initials for all their other children. Reger was the surname of Radford I's brother in law. But when Radford II started to school he wanted to be known by his father's name, so he changed his middle name to Monroe. However he became known to most people as "Fritz". Here is what Radford II's daughter in law Barbara wrote about him.

"His father doted on him and would come home for lunch every day just to read the comic section of the newspaper to him. His father nicknamed Radford II "Fritz" because he resembled a character in the Katzenjamer Kids comic strip. He dropped out of high school in the eleventh grade and after several jobs in McMinnville, he began working for the Tennessee Electric Power Board (a private power company). He married Clarretta Rhea "Ty-tee" Hennessee 1933 May 22. Soon after, he transferred to Nashville. Their only child, Radford Monroe Reams III was born there. With the advent of TVA, The Tennessee Electric Power Board was broken into numerous local electric utilities. Fritz move to the Nashville Electric Service and rose to the position of Service Supervisor. Upon retirement he and Clarretta returned to McMinnville. For many years he was active in the Baptist church, the Masonic Lodge, and the Shrine. He was instrumental in obtaining treatment for children who were burn victims, was a deacon in the church, and held several high positions in the lodge and shrine. He was good natured and kind. Everybody loves Fritz' was the comment most often heard. After a long decline he died of heart failure 1985 July 1 age 79."

The entries on the family bible pages reproduced herewith appear to have all been made at one time, after the change of name. Clarretta Hennessee was the daughter of Virgil Hennessee. The Hennessees were a well established McMinnville family. Clarretta was born 1910 April 24 and died 1995 November 14, both in McMinnville. Fritz worked at High Funeral Home in McMinnville in his young working life. This was in the days when the funeral establishments used their vehicles to provide ambulance service. Fritz got some of his thrills driving with the siren wide open and going as fast as possible. Fritz and Ty-tee both are buried in Riverside cemetery, McMinnville.

Fritz and Ty-tee's child was Radford Monroe Reams III born 1934 December 4 in Nashville, Tennessee. He married 1958 September 6 in Orlando, Florida, Barbara Jane Chennell born 1939 January 31 in Orlando. Radford III was a patent lawyer for General Electric in Louisville, Kentucky for many years. He and Barbara retired to Florida a few years ago. They have three children and three grandchildren. The only one of their family R&V have met is Carolyn Sue Reams, the oldest. She is divorced and living in Bradenton, Florida. The oldest son, William, lives in Austin, Texas and the youngest, James in Boynton Beach, Florida.



Radford Monroe Reams II  
dates unknown

Background upper left is the barn  
of the house on Rebel Hill.

**Descendants of RADFORD MONROE III REAMS**

8 Dec 2001

**RADFORD MONROE III REAMS**  
b 1934 DEC 4-NASHVILLE TN

sp: **BARBARA JANE CHENNELL**  
b 1939 JAN 31-ORLANDO FL  
m 1958 SEP 6-ORLANDO FL

**CAROLYN SUE REAMS**  
b 1959 JUN 21-PALM SPRINGS CA

sp: **STEPHEN MARSHALL GREENE**  
b EST 1958  
m 1980 FEB 5-FREDERICKSBURG VA

**WILLIAM RADFORD REAMS**  
b 1961 JAN 2-ALEXANDRIA VA

sp: **TERRY BLACK**  
b EST 1962-DAYTON OH  
m 1982 SEP 11 DIVORCED-DAYTON OH

sp: **LINDA JANE BURNS**  
b 1966 OCT 10  
m 1990 APR 21-AUSTIN TX

**RACHEL CLARETTA REAMS**  
b 1993 JUN 4-AUSTIN TX

**RYAN MONROE REAMS**  
b 1996 JUN 24-AUSTIN TX

**JAMES EDWARD REAMS**  
b 1963 MAR 12-ALEXANDRIA VA

sp: **PAMELA JO-ELLEN STEVENS**  
b 1959 APR 27  
m 1989 SEP 2-ASHLAND OR

sp: **GWEN ELIZABETH MOORE**  
b 1966 SEP 5  
m 1999 JAN 1-DELRAY BEACH FL

**SOPHIA ROSE REAMS**  
b 2001 FEB 20-BOYNTON BEACH FL

the youngest son Jim lives in Delray Beach, Florida.



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- \* Indicates people personally known or at least met by the author.
- ( ) Parenthesis show surname of spouse in some cases. Women are listed by their maiden name if the marriage is shown in the text.
- - Information shown between short dashes.
- c Indicates author has corresponded with this person.
- d/o Indicates daughter of
- DII Indicates died in infancy – under two years.
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## APPENDIX 1

### AHNENTAFEL NUMBERS

Ahnentafel is a German word meaning "table of ancestors". There is no single English word with the same meaning. The numbers are determined as follows: the first person on the chart or table is the youngest generation and given the number one. That and each other person's father's number is double his own number. Each wife's number is one more than her husbands. That is all there is to determining the numbers.

Following this system, there can be no duplication of numbers, and if all ancestors are accounted for there are no skipped numbers. However it is possible for the same ancestor to have more than one number if cousins have married along the line.

Look at the Pedigree charts on pages 52, 53 and 75 closely to see how this system works. Because of its structure and the above rules, it is possible to list ancestors in a table and know the relations without resorting to the tree chart format. Ancestors on the father's side always have the same set of numbers different from the set on the mother's side.

Ancestor chart or pedigree chart both mean the same thing and both use the ahnentafel numbering system

The ancestors of Radford Monroe Reams I and Jessie Furman Coffee sections of this book are listed in ahnentafel order.

The handwritten numbers on the graphically reproduced family sheets that Aunt Harriet prepared are the ahnentafel numbers for the author's children and the children of his brothers (not the children of his sisters). They were written on the originals long before this book was conceived.

## ERRORS TO AVOID

There have been several erroneous bits of information passed down as family history, and repeated but not corrected. Here are some of them that you should avoid in the future.

**Ambrose Coffee.** These errors originated because there were two or more Ambrose Coffees at about the same time in Kentucky. Ambrose the father of Jesse was a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> generation American who only went to Kentucky around 1804 or 1805. The other Ambrose was an immigrant who came to this country and Kentucky about the time of the Revolution. "He was in Ulodian County Kentucky in 1785" must be something someone made up out of thin air. There is no Ulodian County Kentucky, and according to the Kentucky Historical Society, there never has been. The latter Ambrose was the one who was at Fort Boonesboro with Daniel Boone. One of his descendants is Rod Coffey, 1729 S. Downing Street, Denver Colorado 80210. It was Ambrose Jr., son of the immigrant, who married Lucinda Day in Kentucky in 1812. It was also probably the immigrant Ambrose who is listed in the Virginia records of Revolutionary soldiers. Ambrose, the father of Jesse was only 14 at the time of the Revolution.

**Alexander Cleveland.** Repeatedly the statement is found that some Cleveland, or some Coffey who has a Cleveland ancestor, is descended from Oliver Cromwell. This is pure fiction. For the explanation see p.101.

**John Reams** patriarch of the Reams in Virginia and Tennessee. It has been repeated that this Reams family originated with three brothers who came from Pennsylvania or from overseas. The immigrant ancestor of the Reams in Pennsylvania is well documented and the dates preclude him being the ancestor of the Reams family from Virginia. See appendix 4.

APPENDIX 3

RELATIONS AMONG DESCENDANTS OF A COMMON ANCESTOR

Fill out the chart below, or as much of it as desired, according to these rules.

1. MUST BE THE FATHER OR MOTHER OF BOTH 2. AND 3.
  2. & 3. MUST BE FULL OR HALF BROTHERS AND / OR SISTERS
  4. AND ALL OTHER EVEN NUMBERS MUST BE A CHILD OF THE IMMEDIATE PRECEDING EVEN NUMBER ABOVE.
  5. AND ALL OTHER ODD NUMBERS MUST BE A CHILD OF THE IMMEDIATE PRECEDING ODD NUMBER ABOVE
- THEN THE RELATIONS SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES EXIST.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ SIBLINGS 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST COUSINS 5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND COUSINS 7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ THIRD COUSINS 9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ FOURTH COUSINS 11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_ FIFTH COUSINS 13. \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_ SIXTH COUSINS 15. \_\_\_\_\_

Users will probably find it helpful to fill in the persons date and place of birth and perhaps other information under the name.

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## RELATIONS AMONG DESCENDANTS OF A COMMON ANCESTOR

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IF 1 IS MALE HE IS:

FATHER OF 2  
FATHER OF 3  
GRANDFATHER OF 4  
GRANDFATHER OF 5  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 6  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 7  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 8  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 9  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 10  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 11  
G. G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 12  
G. G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 13  
G. G. G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 14  
G. G. G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 15

IF 2 IS MALE HE IS:

SON OF 1  
BROTHER OF 3  
FATHER OF 4  
UNCLE OF 5  
GRANDFATHER OF 6  
GRANDUNCLE OF 7  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 8  
GREAT GRANDUNCLE OF 9  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 10  
GREAT GREAT GRANDUNCLE OF 11  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 12  
G. G. G. GRANDUNCLE OF 13  
G. G. G. G. GRANDFATER OF 14  
G. G. G. G. GRANDUNCLE OF 15

IF 3 IS MALE HE IS:

SON OF 1  
BROTHER OF 2  
UNCLE OF 4  
FATHER OF 5  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
GRANDFATHER OF 7  
GRANDUNCLE OF 8  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 9  
GREAT GRANDUNCLE OF 10  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 11  
G. G. GRANDUNCLE OF 12  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 13  
G. G. G. GRANDUNCLE OF 14  
G. G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 15

IF 1 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

MOTHER OF 2  
MOTHER OF 3  
GRANDMOTHER OF 4  
GRANDMOTHER OF 5  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 6  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 7  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 8  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 9  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 10  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 11  
G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 12  
G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 13  
G. G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
G. G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 15

IF 2 IS FEMALE SHE IS

DAUGHTER OF 1  
SISTER OF 3  
MOTHER OF 4  
AUNT OF 5  
GRANDMOTHER OF 6  
GRANDAUNT OF 7  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 8  
GREAT GRANDAUNT OF 9  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 10  
GREAT GREAT GRANDAUNT OF 11  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 12  
G. G. G. GRANDAUNT OF 13  
G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
G. G. G. G. GRANDAUNT OF 15

IF 3 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

DAUGHTER OF 1  
SISTER OF 2  
AUNT OF 4  
MOTHER OF 5  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
GRANDMOTHER OF 7  
GRANDAUNT OF 8  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 9  
GREAT GRANDAUNT OF 10  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 11  
G. G. GRANDAUNT OF 12  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 13  
G. G. G. GRANDAUNT OF 14  
G. G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 15

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135 page C, WHEN THE RULES PAGE A ARE MET, THEN:

IF 4 IS MALE HE IS:

GRANDSON OF 1  
SON OF 2  
NEPHEW OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN OF 5  
FATHER OF 6  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 7  
GRANDFATHER OF 8  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 9  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 10  
FIRST COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 11  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 12  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 13  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 14  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 15

IF 5 IS MALE HE IS

GRANDSON OF 1  
NEPHEW OF 2  
SON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
FATHER OF 7  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 8  
GRANDFATHER OF 9  
FIRST COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 10  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 11  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 12  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 13  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 14  
G. G. G. GRANDFATHER OF 15

IF 6 IS MALE HE IS:

GREAT GRANDSON OF 1  
GRANDSON OF 2  
GRANDNEPHEW OF 3  
SON OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN OF 7  
FATHER OF 8  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 9  
GRANDFATHER OF 10  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 11  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 12  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 13  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 14  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 15

IF 4 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
DAUGHTER OF 2  
NIECE OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN OF 5  
MOTHER OF 6  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 7  
GRANDMOTHER OF 8  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 9  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 10  
FIRST COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 11  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 12  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 13  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 15

IF 5 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
NIECE OF 2  
DAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
MOTHER OF 7  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 8  
GRANDMOTHER OF 9  
FIRST COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 10  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 11  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 12  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 13  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 14  
G. G. G. GRANDMOTHER OF 15

IF 6 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 2  
GRANDNIECE OF 3  
DAUGHTER OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN OF 7  
MOTHER OF 8  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 9  
GRANDMOTHER OF 10  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 11  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 12  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 13  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 15

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136 page D, WHEN THE RULES ON PAGE A ARE MET, THEN:

IF 7 IS MALE HE IS

GREAT GRANDSON OF 1  
GRANDNEPHEW OF 2  
GRANDSON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 4  
SON OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 8  
FATHER OF 9  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 10  
GRANDFATHER OF 11  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 12  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 13  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 14  
GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 15

IF 8 IS MALE HE IS:

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 1  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 2  
GREAT GRANDNEPHEW OF 3  
GRANDSON OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 5  
SON OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN OF 9  
FATHER OF 10  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 11  
GRANDFATHER OF 12  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 13  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 14  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 15

IF 9 IS MALE HE IS:

GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 1  
GREAT GRANDNEPHEW OF 2  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 4  
GRANDSON OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
SON OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 10  
FATHER OF 11  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 12  
GRANDFATHER OF 13  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 14  
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF 15

IF 7 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GRANDNIECE OF 2  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 4  
DAUGHTER OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 8  
MOTHER OF 9  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 10  
GRANDMOTHER OF 11  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 12  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 13  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 14  
GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 15

IF 8 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 2  
GREAT GRANDNIECE OF 3  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 5  
DAUGHTER OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN OF 9  
MOTHER OF 10  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 11  
GRANDMOTHER OF 12  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 13  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 15

IF 9 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GREAT GRANDNIECE OF 2  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 4  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 6  
DAUGHTER OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 10  
MOTHER OF 11  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 12  
GRANDMOTHER OF 13  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 14  
GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF 15

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137 page E, WHEN THE RULES ON PAGE A ARE MET, THEN:

**IF 10 IS MALE HE IS:**

G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 2  
GREAT GREAT GRANDNEPHEW OF 3  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN THrice REMOVED OF 5  
GRANDSON OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 7  
SON OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN OF 11  
FATHER OF 12  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 13  
GRANDFATHR OF 14  
FOURTH COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 15

**IF 11 IS MALE HE IS**

G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
GREAT GREAT GRANDNEPHEW OF 2  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN THrice REMOVED OF 4  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 6  
GRANDSON OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 8  
SON OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN OF 10  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 12  
FATHER OF 13  
FOURTH COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 14  
GRANDFATHER OF 15

**IF 12 IS MALE HE IS**

G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 2  
G. G. G. GRANDNEPHEW OF 3  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 5  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN 3 TIMES REMOVED OF 7  
GRANDSON OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 9  
SON OF 10  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN OF 13  
FATHER OF 14  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 15

**IF 10 IS FEMALE SHE IS**

G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 2  
GREAT GREAT GRANDAUNT OF 3  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN THrice REMOVED OF 5  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 7  
DAUGHTER OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN OF 11  
MOTHER OF 12  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 13  
GRANDMOTHER OF 14  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 15

**IF 11 IS FEMALE SHE IS:**

G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
GREAT GREAT GRANDNIECE OF 2  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN THrice REMOVED OF 4  
GREAT GRANDDAUGTER OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 6  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 8  
DAUGHTER OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN OF 10  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 12  
MOTHER OF 13  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 14  
GRANDMOTHER OF 15

**IF 12 IS FEMALE SHE IS:**

G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 2  
G. G. G. GRANDNIECE OF 3  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 5  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN 3 TIMES REMOVED OF 7  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN TWice REMOVED OF 9  
DAUGHTER OF 10  
FOURTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN OF 13  
MOTHER OF 14  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 15



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138 page F, WHEN THE RULES ON PAGE A ARE MET, THEN:

IF 13 IS MALE HE IS

G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
G. G. G. GRANDNEPHEW OF 2  
G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 4  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 6  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 8  
GRANDSON OF 9  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 10  
SON OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN OF 12  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 14  
FATHER OF 15

IF 14 IS MALE HE IS:

G. G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 2  
G. G. G. G. GRANDNEPHEW OF 3  
G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 5  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 6  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 7  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 9  
GRANDSON OF 10  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 11  
SON OF 12  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 13  
SIXTH COUSIN OF 15

IF 15 IS MALE HE IS:

G. G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 1  
G. G. G. G. GRANDNEPHEW OF 2  
G. G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 4  
G. G. G. GRANDSON OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 6  
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 8  
GREAT GRANDSON OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 10  
GRANDSON OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 12  
SON OF 13  
SIXTH COUSIN OF 14

IF 13 IS FEMALE SHE IS

G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
G. G. G. GRANDNIECE OF 2  
G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 4  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 6  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 8  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 9  
SECOND COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 10  
DAUGHTER OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN OF 12  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 14  
MOTHER OF 15

IF 14 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

G. G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 2  
G. G. G. G. GRANDNIECE OF 3  
G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 4  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 5  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 6  
SECONDCOUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 7  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 8  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 9  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 10  
SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 11  
DAUGHTER OF 12  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 13  
SIXTH COUSIN OF 15

IF 15 IS FEMALE SHE IS:

G. G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 1  
G. G. G. G. GRANDNIECE OF 2  
G. G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 3  
FIRST COUSIN 5 TIMES REMOVED OF 4  
G. G. G. GRANDDAUGHTER OF 5  
SECOND COUSIN 4 TIMES REMOVED OF 6  
GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 7  
THIRD COUSIN THRICE REMOVED OF 8  
GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF 9  
FOURTH COUSIN TWICE REMOVED OF 10  
GRANDDAUGHTER OF 11  
FIFTH COUSIN ONCE REMOVED OF 12  
DAUGHTER OF 13  
SIXTH COUSIN OF 14

APPENDIX 4

SUBJECT: REAM, REAMS, REAMES, REHM, RIEM, RIEHM, RIHM, FAMILIES.

FROM: R. REAMS GOODLOE SR

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO EXAMINE THREE BOOKS ON THE ABOVE FAMILIES.

1. "GENEALOGY OF THE STUKEY, REAM, GROVE, CLEM AND DENNISTON FAMILIES" BY ELMER LEONIDAS DENNISTON. 1939
2. "REAMS - REAMES AND ALLIED FAMILIES" BY HARRY CLYDE SMITH. ca 1952
3. "REAMS FAMILY GENEALOGY" BY MILDRED REAMS KANTOROWICZ. 1989

IT HAS BEEN SPECULATED THAT THE REAMS OF VIRGINIA CAME FROM THE REAM OF PENNSYLVANIA. I THINK THIS CAN BE DISMISSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. IT IS WELL ESTABLISHED THAT THE ORIGINAL IMMIGRANT TO PENNSYLVANIA WAS JOHN EBERHARD REAM, SPELLED VARIOUSLY REHM, RIEM, RIEHM & RIHM, BORN IN LIEMEN, GERMANY 1687 OCT 6 AND EMIGRATED IN 1717 +/- ONE YEAR. THIS IS THE FAMILY FOR WHICH REAMSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA IS NAMED.

TRADITION SAYS THAT THE REAMS FAMILY OF VIRGINIA FROM WHICH OUR FAMILY DESCENDED, ORIGINATED WITH JOHN REAMS, AN IMMIGRANT OF AROUND 1650. WHETHER THIS DATE IS CLOSE, OR A GENERATION TOO EARLY, THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE BROTHERS THROUGH WHICH THE FAMILY DESCENDED WERE BORN IN VIRGINIA BEFORE OR ABOUT THE TIME EBERHARD CAME TO PENNSYLVANIA. THEIR YEARS OF BIRTH ARE LISTED FROM 1706 TO 1720. THIS SEEMS TO PRECLUDE THEM BEING SONS OR DESCENDANTS OF EBERHARD. BESIDES, EBERHARD'S FAMILY IS WELL DOCUMENTED.

EBERHARD'S FAMILY IS SPELLED VARIOUSLY AS REAM, REHM, RIEM, RIEHM, AND RIHM.

THE ONLY VARIATIONS I HAVE FOUND FROM THE VIRGINIA FAMILY ARE REAMS AND REAMES.

NO OVERLAPPING OF SPELLINGS, THOUGH THERE MAY WELL BE SOME AS BOTH FAMILIES HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THERE MAY POSSIBLY BE SOME INTERMARRIAGES. ONE THING IN COMMON IS THAT QUITE A FEW MEMBERS OF BOTH FAMILIES WERE "FRIENDS" OR QUAKERS IN THEIR FAITH.

GIVEN THE DIFFERENCES IN DATES, AND THE DOCUMENTATION OF ONE FAMILY VERSUS LITTLE DOCUMENTATION OF THE OTHER. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE REAMS OF VIRGINIA CAME FROM THE RIEHM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE QUESTION REMAINS, FROM WHERE AND WHEN DID THE REAMS IMMIGRANT COME TO VIRGINIA. SMITH SUGGESTS FROM ENGLAND. THIS AUTHOR WOULD VERY MUCH DESIRE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS QUESTION.

DESCENDANTS OF RADFORD MONROE REAMS AND JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE REAMS

NOTE: INFORMATION IS CARRIED IN FORMAT. MARRIED COUPLES WILL HAVE AT LEAST 3 LINES AS FOLLOWS:

(1) NAME, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE, DATE MARRIED, PLACE MARRIED. >IF NO LONGER MARRIED, BY DEATH OR DIVORCE, ITEMS 2 - 6 WILL BE COLONS<

(2) DESCENDANTS FULL NAME, DEARTERM, BIRTH DATE, PLACE OF BIRTH, OCCUPATION, AND WHEN APPLICABLE - DEATH DATE, PLACE OF DEATH, BURIAL PLACE,

(3) SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, DEARTERM, BIRTH DATE, PLACE OF BIRTH, OCCUPATION, AND WHEN APPLICABLE, DEATH DATE, PLACE OF DEATH, BURIAL PLACE,

CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME WILL HAVE THE SECOND LINE ONLY. CHILDREN NOT LIVING AT HOME WILL HAVE THE FIRST TWO LINES,

NUMBERING WILL BE THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS, WITH AN "S" BEING ADDED TO THE DESCENDANTS NUMBER FOR THE SPOUSE. YOU CAN EASILY DETERMINE BY THE NUMBER WHETHER AN ENTRY IS THE CHILD OF AN ABOVE ENTRY BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE SAME NUMBER WITH AN ADDITIONAL DIGIT ON THE RIGHT. OLDEST CHILD IS DIGIT 1 AND YOUNGEST CHILD IS LARGEST DIGIT. IF ONLY LAST DIGIT IS DIFFERENT, PERSONS ARE BROTHERS / SISTERS. IF ONLY LAST TWO DIGITS ARE DIFFERENT THEY ARE FIRST COUSINS. IF ONLY LAST 3 DIGITS ARE DIFFERENT THEY ARE SECOND COUSINS, ETC. NUMBERS IN THIS FILE START WITH RADFORD MONROE REAMS I. WHERE ALL INFORMATION WILL NOT FIT ON ONE LINE, ADDITIONAL LINE(S) WILL BE USED WITHOUT A NUMBER. COUNT THE NUMBERS AND YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON THE SHEET OR FILE. AS IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS AN "I" PREFIX SIMPLY MEANS IN-LAWS WHO ARE NOT BLOOD RELATIVES, BUT NO LESS LOVED.

MR. AND MRS. R. M. REAMS,::::,m. 1889 JUL 3, McMINNVILLE TN,  
00001 RADFORD MONROE REAMS, RAD, 1857 JUN 20, SPRINGHILL, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN,  
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, 1934 OCT 21, McMINNVILLE TN, BURIED RIVERSIDE  
CEMETERY, MCMINNVILLE TN,  
00001S JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE, JESSIE, 1868 JAN 30, McMINNVILLE TN, HOUSEWIFE, 1953  
AUG 3, McMINNVILLE TN, RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, McMINNVILLE TN,

MR. AND MRS. C. C. REAMS,::::,m. 1923 DEC 12, MEMPHIS TN,  
00011 CHATHAM COFFEE REAMS, CHATHAM, 1890 OCT 24, McMINNVILLE TN, CIVIL ENGINEER,  
1964 MAY 9, CHATTANOOGA TN, ELMWOOD CEMETERY, MEMPHIS TN,  
00011S AVALIGNE EDGINGTON, AVALIGNE, 1896 SEP 22, MEMPHIS TN, HOUSEWIFE, 1977 JUL 7,  
CHATTANOOGA TN, ELMWOOD CEMETERY, MEMPHIS TN,

LCDR.. AND MRS. BENTON REAMS, 217 Wardour, ANNAPOLIS MD 21401-1256,  
m.1948 AUG 21, MARE ISLAND CA,  
00111 BENTON EDGINGTON REAMS, BENTON, 1925 JUL 2, MEMPHIS TN, NAVAL OFFICER /  
RETIRED.  
00111S NANCY ANNE SLAVEN, NANCY, 1928 JUL 30, LONG BEACH CA, HOUSEWIFE /  
ANNAPOLIS TOUR GUIDE

MR. AND MRS. REX BRIDGES,::::,m. 1973 JUN 10, ANNAPOLIS MD, div. 1996  
MS. SUZANNE R. BRIDGES, P. O. BOX 197, ELIZAVILLE NY 12523  
01111 SUZANNE MONTGOMERY REAMS, SUZANNE, 1953 NOV 3, MIAMI FL

01111S REX STUART BRIDGES, REX, 1950 OCT 12, \_\_\_\_\_ CA, NAVAL OFFICER, -divorcee

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MS. GENEVIEVE BRIDGES, 17310 Queen Anne Road, UPPER MARLBORO MD 20774  
11111 GENEVIEVE KATHRYN BRIDGES, GENEVIEVE, 1974 APR 4, PORTSMOUTH VA,  
111111 MACKENZIE KATHRYN RISHER, 1999 JULY 7

11112 REX STUART BRIDGES II, BEAU, 1976 DEC 22, STATE COLLEGE PA, (DOESN'T USE JR.)

11113 MARYANN MONTGOMERY BRIDGES, MARYANN, 1979 OCT 3, TURNERSVILLE NJ,

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MR. AND MRS. HUGH REAMS, 3505 Madonna Lane, BOWIE, MD, 20715 m.1977 MAR 12, IN  
BOWIE MD.

01112 HUGH EDGINGTON REAMS, HUGH, 1954 SEP 28, FORT ORD, CA, NAVAL OFFICER / RETIRED  
01112S SUZANNE ELISE CUMMINGS, SUZI, 1954 NOV 20, FOUNTANBLEU, FRANCE,  
11121 JENNIFER ELIZABETH REAMS, JENNIFER, 1980 MAY 20, BRUNSWICK ME,  
11122 CAROLYN ANN REAMS, CAROLYN, 1981 DEC 14, STATE COLLEGE PA, d.1982 NOV 29,  
BETHESDA MD. buried ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
11123 EMILY CATHERINE REAMS, EMILY, 1983 NOV 10, BETHESDA MD,

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MR. AND MRS. J. W. DEIBERT, 673 Hillmeade Road, EDGEWATER MD 21037-3407,  
m.1987 AUG 9, ANNAPOLIS MD,

01113 NANCY REDMOND REAMS, NANCY, 1957 MAY 16, ANNAPOLIS MD, VETERINARIAN,  
01113S JOHN WILLIAM DEIBERT, BILL, 1961 JUL 29, RIDLEY PARK PA, COMPUTER PROGRAMMER,  
11131 JOHN BENTON DEIBERT, BEN, 1992 APR 22 at 06:02 EDT, ANNAPOLIS MD.  
11132 JULIE ANNE DEIBERT, JULIE, 1996 JAN 15 at 09:30 EST, ANNAPOLIS MD.  
11133 WILLIAM GEORGE DEIBERT, WILL, 1997 NOV 3 at 17:17 EDT, ANNAPOLIS MD.

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MR. AND MRS. L. L. REAMS,::::,m. 1923 MAR 17, WARREN COUNTY TN,  
00012 LINDON LEWIS REAMS, LINDON, 1892 JAN 3, McMINNVILLE TN, FARMER / DAIRYMAN, 1958  
MAR 19, McMINNVILLE TN, MOUNT VIEW, McMINNVILLE TN,  
00012S HUDIE WOOTEN, HUDIE, 1894 MAR 31, WARREN COUNTY TN, FARMERS WIFE, 1989 APR 17,  
McMINNVILLE TN, MOUNTVIEW, McMINNVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. RALPH MILLER,::::,m. 1945 APR 7, DALTON GA,  
00121 DOROTHY JANE REAMS, DOROTHY, 1928 JAN 25, McMINNVILLE TN, RETIRED,  
00121S RALPH ERVIN MILLER, RALPH, 1924 JUN 30, DEKALB COUNTY TN, MILL WORKER  
d.2001 SEP 30 McMINNVILLE TN of lung cancer.  
MRS. RALPH MILLER, 1036 Old Smithville Road, McMINNVILLE TN, 37110-6805, same as 00121  
above.

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MR. AND MRS. C. B. WATSON, 2012 Waterford Drive, OLD HICKORY TN 37138-2842,  
m.1968 SEP 1, COOKEVILLE, TN,  
01211 PEGGY ANN MILLER, ANN, 1947 SEP 14, McMINNVILLE TN, TEACHER,  
01211S CHARLES BENNETT WATSON, CHARLES, 1947 JAN 16, DETROIT MI, PASTOR, Children's  
Services  
12111 BENJAMIN LOGAN WATSON, 1977 FEB 17, LOUISVILLE KY, d.1977 FEB 19, BURIED LIBERTY  
CEMETERY McMINNVILLE, TN,

112112 JONAH KIM WATSON, JONAH, 1977 APR 16, KOREA,  
112113 DAVID KIM WATSON, DAVID, 1984 AUG 5, KOREA,

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MR. AND MRS. LARRY BARR, 7741 S. W. 127th Drive, MIAMI FL, 33183-4225,  
m.1972 DEC 16, McMINNVILLE TN,  
01212 BETTY CATHERINE MILLER, BETTY, 1949 MAR 4, McMINNVILLE TN, CHURCH WORK,  
01212S LARRY LEE BARR, LARRY, 1949 DEC 21, FORT LEE VA, CHURCH WORK,

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MISS RUTH ANN BARR, Public Health Nurse in NASHVILLE TN.  
12121 RUTH ANN BARR, RUTH ANN, 1977 NOV 7, LOMA LINDA CA,

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MISS ANGELA BARR, Apt. 720, 370 Oakley Drive, NASHVILLE TN 37211  
12122 ANGELA MARIE BARR, ANGELA, 1979 APR 23, LOMA LINDA CA, Music teacher at Antioch Middle School.

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MR. AND MRS. D. R. MILLER, 401 S. Glenwood Avenue, SPRINGFIELD IL, 62704,  
m.1991 JUN 22, SPRINGFIELD IL,  
01213 DAVID RALPH MILLER, DAVID, 1952 MAR 16, McMINNVILLE TN, LAWYER,  
01213S RHONDA DIANE THOMAS, RHONDA, 1962 OCT 17, \_\_\_ IL ?, TAX CONSULTANT, U. S. TREASURY

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MR. AND MRS. JOE MILLER, 12983 Emerald Creek Circle, P. O. Box 1088, SODDY DAISY TN 37384 m. 1980 DEC 3, McMINNVILLE TN,  
01214 JOE THOMAS MILLER, JOE, 1959 APR 24, McMINNVILLE TN, PREACHER,  
01214S DARLENE MARIE DUPUIS, DARLENE, 1961 MAY 27, WARE MA, TEACHERS AIDE,  
12141 SANDRA MARIE MILLER, SANDRA, 1982 AUG 16, McMINNVILLE TN,  
As of fall of 2001 attending University of Mobile, MOBILE AL.  
12142 LAURA MICHELLE MILLER, LAURA, 1984 JAN 17, MURFREESBORO TN,

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MR. AND MRS. FRANK MILLER, 3491 Harrison Ferry Road, McMINNVILLE TN 37110  
m.1982 MAR 20, McMINNVILLE TN,  
01215 FRANK WILLIAM MILLER, FRANK, 1964 MAR 27, McMINNVILLE TN, Owns and runs skating rink.  
01215S TAMMY LYNN HILLIS, TAMMY, 1963 AUG 5, McMINNVILLE TN, PAYROLL CLERK,  
12151 WHITNEY KATHERINE MILLER, WHITNEY, 1988 AUG 8, MURFREESBORO TN,

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00013 EVELYN ELIZABETH REAMS, EVELYN, 1893 SEP 15, McMINNVILLE TN, d.1902 JUL 13, McMINNVILLE TN, OF BLOOD POISONING, RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, McMINNVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. J. C. GOODLOE,:::;, m.1919 JUL 19, McMINNVILLE TN, AT THE REAMS HOME ON REBEL HILL, (R. R. G. HAS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEDDING PARTY)  
00014 MARY MORFORD REAMS, MARY, 1896 AUG 19, McMINNVILLE TN, HOUSEWIFE, 1973 APR 7, DONELSON TN, WOODLAWN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE TN,  
00014S JAMES CAMP GOODLOE II, J. C., 1895 MAY 19, RUTHERFORD CO. TN, CARPENTER, 1941 AUG 7, RUTHERFORD COUNTY TN, (Automobile accident), WOODLAWN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE TN,

MR. AND MRS. R. REAMS GOODLOE, SR., 767 Timothy street, ORMOND BEACH FL 32174-2909, m.1943 JAN 31, PADUCAH KY,  
P. O. BOX 942, ORMOND BEACH FL 32175-0904  
00141 RADFORD REAMS GOODLOE, REAMS, 1920 JUN 14, McMINNVILLE TN, radio N I 4 D,  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, RETIRED  
00141S VIRGINIA MARGARET SMITH, VIRGINIA, 1921 JUL 20, PADUCAH, KY, radio KB4NTE  
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE / RETIRED  
01411 JAMES GOODLOE, JAMES, 1946 JUN 6, NASHVILLE TN, d.1946 JUN 6, NASHVILLE TN,  
WOODLAWN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE TN,  
01412 JOHN GOODLOE, JOHN, 1946 JUN 6, NASHVILLE TN, d.1946 JUN 6, NASHVILLE TN,  
WOODLAWN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. R. REAMS GOODLOE, JR., 14322 S. E. 256th Place, KENT WA 98042-3622,  
m.1976 MAY 15, NASHVILLE TN.  
OFFICE 10725 S. E. 256th Street, KENT WA 98031  
01413 RADFORD REAMS GOODLOE, JR., REAMS, 1950 APR 28, NASHVILLE TN, CHEMICAL  
ENGINEER, PATENT LAWYER,  
01413S RHONDA GAYLE MERICKLE, RHONDA, 1951 JUL 2, NASHVILLE TN, REGISTERED NURSE  
MISS KATIE GOODLOE, 516A Gillett Hall, University of Missouri, 800 Virginia Street, COLUMBIA  
MO 65201  
14131 KATHERINE REAMS GOODLOE, KATIE, 1982 JUN 25, SEATTLE WA  
14132 STEPHEN RADFORD GOODLOE, STEPHEN, 1985 OCT 16, SEATTLE WA

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MR. JIM AND DR. REBECCA GOODLOE, 211 Papin Avenue, WEBSTER GROVES, MO 63119-3715,  
m.1979 JUN 16, TALLAHASSEE FL,  
01414 JAMES CALVIN GOODLOE, JIM, 1952 MAR 24, NASHVILLE TN, MICROBIOLOGIST,  
01414S REBECCA ANNE SMITH, BECKY, 1952 JUN 23, PLAINFIELD NJ, CHEMIST Ph.D.,  
MR. CRAIG GOODLOE, 233A Thomas Jefferson North, 202 West 18th Street, ROLLA MO 65401-2255  
14141 CRAIG DANIEL GOODLOE, CRAIG, 1981 NOV 6, SAINT LOUIS MO,  
14142 ANNA ELISE GOODLOE, ANNA, 1993 MAY 29 at 19:57 CDT SAINT LOUIS MO.

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MR. AND MRS. WALLACE GOODLOE, 3105 North First Street, OCEAN SPRINGS MS 39564-8566, m. 1977 NOV 19, ORMOND BEACH FL  
01415 WALLACE CAMP GOODLOE, WALLACE, 1954 AUG 24, NASHVILLE TN, ELECTRICAL /  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEER - INGALLS SHIPBUILDING. radio KC5VQG  
01415S MARIETTA MAE JONES, MARIETTA, 1955 AUG 11, SCOTTSBURG IN, REGISTERED NURSE,  
14152 SARAH REBECCA GOODLOE, SARAH, 1982 JUN 21, OCEAN SPRINGS MS, Taking courses at 2  
colleges and working with youth group at Wesley UMC

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MISS KATHRYN L. GOODLOE, P. O. BOX 2937, COLLEGE STATION TX 77841-2937  
room 304 Leggett Hall  
14151 KATHRYN LINDSAY GOODLOE, KATHRYN, 1979 NOV 27, PHILADELPHIA PA, radio KC5VQE

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN GOODLOE, 6505 Ridglea Drive, WATAUGA TX 76148-1753  
also P. O. BOX 612212, DALLAS TX 75261-2212 m. 1979 JUN 2, SOUTH DAYTONA  
SHORES FL

01416 JOHN WILLIAM GOODLOE, JOHN, 1957 DEC 22, BALTIMORE MD, radio KB4NTF, CAPTAIN WITH AMERICAN EAGLE AIRLINES

01416S ELIZABETH MARY VOLA, LIZ, 1958 APR 2, DAYTONA BEACH FL, SECRETARY,

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MR. AND MRS. SAGELY ALLMAN,;::::, 1946 MARCH \_\_, NASHVILLE TN, -div.

00142 MARY KATE GOODLOE - SEE BELOW.

00142S1 SAGELY JACOBS ALLMAN, NO INFORMATION -divorcee

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MR. AND MRS. OSCAR MOORE,;::::, NASHVILLE ?,TN,  
01421 OSCAR PRUITT (ALLMAN) MOORE, OSCAR, 1946 NOV 2, NASHVILLE ?,TN, WAS IN MOTORCYCLE BUSINESS, NOW DOING PLUMBING.

01421S1 NETTIE JEAN HATLEY, NETTIE, 1947 DEC 31, BENTON COUNTY, TN

014211 TIMOTHY PRUITT MOORE, TIM, 1964 FEB 8, NASHVILLE ?,TN,

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR MOORE,;::::, NASHVILLE ?,TN, div.

01421S2 MICKEY - NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE -divorcee

MR. AND MRS. RAY \_\_\_\_\_, , , , , , , ,

14212 KIM MOORE?, KIM, 1966 JUN 12, , , ,

14212S RAY \_\_\_\_\_, RAY, JAN 31, , , ,

142121 TIFFANY \_\_\_\_\_, ,1984 MAR 22, , , ,

142122 BRANDON \_\_\_\_\_, ,1985 MAR 16, , , ,

142123 RYAN \_\_\_\_\_, 1988 DEC 3, , , ,

14213 CONNIE \_\_\_\_\_ MOORE?, ,1968 APR 17, , , ,

142131 ???

142132 LOGANANNE ? b.1994 MAY 3

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR MOORE, 1008 Dobbins Pike (State Highway 174), GALLATIN TN 37066, remarried 1969 DEC 14.

S3 (Same as 01421S1 above) NETTIE JEAN HATLEY, NETTIE, 1947 DEC 31, BENTON COUNTY, TN

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MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN E. CARVER JR.,;::::, 1993 JUN 6 ? TN, div.

14214 TARA DENISE MOORE, TARA, 1970 NOV 26, NASHVILLE ?,TN,

14214S1 STEPHEN EDGAR CARVER JR., STEVE ?,1970 DEC 14,;:::: -divorcee

MR. AND MRS. KEVIN SWEETEN, 1019B Dobbins Pike, GALLATIN TN 37066, m.1998 MAY 23,

SEE 14214 ABOVE

14214S2 KEVIN SCOTT SWEETEN, KEVIN,;::::

142141 JOSHUA CLAY SWEETEN, CLAY, 2000 FEB 12

142142 DAVID KYLE SWEETEN, KYLE, 2002 FEB 7

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOORE II,;::::, 1952 FEB 15, NASHVILLE ?,TN,  
MRS. JOHN MOORE II, 1069 Morningview Drive, GALLATIN TN 37066  
SAME AS 00142 ABOVE. MARY KATE GOODLOE, MARY KATE, 1924 JUN 25, NASHVILLE TN,  
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE,

00142S2 JOHN LOYD MOORE II, JOHN, 1922 OCT 10, NASHVILLE TN, PLUMBER, d. 1991 JUL 1, GALLATIN TN, buried HENDERSONVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOORE III,;:::: ca 1972 JUNE, CHEATHAM COUNTY TN, - Div.

MR. JOHN MOORE III , 1069 Morningview Drive, GALLATIN TN 37066

01422 JOHN LOYD MOORE III, JOHN, 1952 DEC 31,  
01422S1 GRETA FRENCH,,,, -Her step-father named CLIFFORD- -divorcee  
MR. & MRS. JOHN MOORE III,::::, DATE & PLACE UNKNOWN - Div.  
SEE 01422 ABOVE

01422S2 SANDY GAIL BLAIR, SANDY, 1959 DEC 13 , , divorcee  
14221 JOHN LOYD MOORE IV, JOHN, 1984 APR 21, NASHVILLE ?,TN,  
MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOORE III, Date unknown, GALLATIN TN.  
01422S3 LINDA LEE ARNOLD

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MR. AND MRS. W. E. WHITTENBURG,::::, 1972 MAR 29, SUMNER COUNTY TN, -Div.  
1975 AUG 28, NASHVILLE ?,TN, RECORD DELETED  
01423 PATRICIA KAY MOORE, TRISH, 1954 AUG 21, MADISON TN,  
01423S1 WESLEY EARL WHITTENBURG, WES b.1947 SEP 10 d.2002 FEB 28 TN -divorcee

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES MCDANIEL,::::, 1994 JANUARY 1ST WEEK, TN ? Div.  
14231 ANGELA MICHELLE WHITTENBURG (WILSON), SHELLEY, 1973 APR 28, NASHVILLE (BAPTIST  
HOSPITAL),TN, ADOPTED BY WILSON  
14231S1 JAMES MCDANIEL, b.1971 JUL, -divorcee  
142311 JUSTIN SCOTT WILSON, 1995 MAY 19, not McDaniel's, ADOPTED BY MIKE THOMPSON  
142312 ERIC JOSEPH WILSON, 1995 MAY 19, not McDaniel's, ADOPTED BY MIKE THOMPSON

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL T. THOMPSON, 204 Dreamland Drive, GREENBRIER TN 37073  
m.1997 SEP 13 divorced 2000 FEB 14 ?? House burned 2000 - 1 - 25 ?  
14231 SAME AS ABOVE  
14231S2 MICHAEL TODD THOMPSON, MIKE ?, b.1968 JAN 27, YORK SC.  
142313 RYAN THOMAS THOMPSON, 1996 OCT 10,

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MR. AND MRS. K. D. WILSON,::::,m. 1979 NOV 2, SUMNER COUNTY TN, -Div.  
SEE 01423 ABOVE  
01423S2 KENNETH DOUGLAS WILSON, KEN?, b.1946 AUG 13 d.1998 DEC 21 from fall at work -divorcee

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MISS STACEY WILSON, 5208 LAKE D'VILLE, HENDERSONVILLE TN, as of 2002 Feb.  
14232 STACEY LYNN WILSON, STACEY, 1980 MAY 9, NASHVILLE ?,TN,

MR. AND MRS. BRYSON MOORE, 420 Wade Brook Drive, GALLATIN TN 37066,  
m. 1998 JULY 18, DAVIDSON COUNTY TN  
SEE 01423 ABOVE  
01423S3 BRYSON MOORE, b.194X JUN 20 ASHEBORO, RANDOLPH COUNTY NC

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MR. AND MRS. RAY MOORE, P. O. BOX 177, HENDERSONVILLE TN 37077-0177, 2101 Center  
Point Road, HENDERSONVILLE TN, m. 1981 JUN 13, HENDERSONVILLE TN,  
01424 RAY DOUGLAS MOORE, RAY, 1956 JUL 11, MADISON HOSPITAL - MADISON TN, PLUMBER,  
01424S KAREN SUE JONES, KAREN, 1958 FEB 21, BOLIVAR - HARDEMAN COUNTY TN, PART TIME  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR,  
14241 MELISSA MICHELLE MOORE, MELLISSA, 1981 DEC 17, HENDERSONVILLE HOSPITAL -  
HENDERSONVILLE TN,  
14242 LAURA BETH MOORE, LAURA, 1985 MAY 3, HENDERSONVILLE HOSPITAL - HENDERSONVILLE  
TN,



MR. AND MRS. J. WARD WILSON,;::::, m.1948 OCT 31, NASHVILLE TN, - Div. 1978 SEP 25,  
MRS. JESSIE G. WILSON, 7118 Bonito Street, TAMPA FL 33617-8406,  
00143 JESSIE COFFEE GOODLOE, JESSIE, 1926 JAN 3, SEAMSTRESS / ACCOUNTANT,  
00143S JAY WARD WILSON II, JIM, 1925 MAY 29, BOWLING GREEN KY, PROMOTER, DISAPPEARED  
1981 MAY 2, IN THE VICINITY OF MOBILE AL. ADJUDICATED DEAD AS OF 1986 MAY 10,  
BY COURT IN TAMPA FL, 1988 JUN 16, -divorcee

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MR. AND MRS. CRAIG MOREHOUSE,;::::, 1985 AUG 5, ORLANDO FL, - Div. 1991 SEP 6,  
MRS. J. W. MOREHOUSE, 449 D Street, CASSELBERRY FL 32707  
01431 JANICE ANN WILSON, JAN, 1949 JUN 15, BOWLING GREEN KY, EX THEATER MANAGER /  
COMPUTER PROGRAMMER  
01431S CRAIG ALLEN MOREHOUSE, CRAIG, 1949 OCT 24, CHICAGO IL, COMPUTER SALESMAN AND  
GAME WRITER, -divorcee

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MR. AND MRS. ROY PETTWAY, 10605 Bell Road, DULUTH GA 30136, 770\_\_  
m. 1976 JUN 12, ATLANTA GA,  
01432 JUNE LEE WILSON, JUNE, 1950 JUN 18, NASHVILLE TN, ARTIST / HOUSEWIFE,  
01432S LUTHER ROY PETTWAY, ROY, 1945 JUN 18, ATLANTA GA, SALESMAN / BUILDING  
MAINTENANCE,  
14321 ANNA RUTH PETTWAY, ANNA, 1980 JUL 31, ATLANTA GA,  
14322 LEAH BETHANY PETTWAY, LEAH, 1982 SEP 17, ATLANTA, GA,  
14323 DANIEL ASHER PETTWAY, DANIEL, 1986 FEB 9, ATLANTA GA,

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MR. AND MRS. J. WARD WILSON III,;::::, 1970 SEP \_\_, ORLANDO FL, - Div. 1973 ORLANDO  
FL,  
01433 JAY WARD WILSON III, JAY, 1951 OCT 18, ORLANDO FL, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE,  
HANDICRAFTS, CARPENTRY  
1433S1 PATTI ANN HIBBARD, PATTI, 1953 APR 25, . . . , -divorcee

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MR. AND MRS. JAY W. WILSON IV, m.1996 MAY 25, TAMPA FL. Div. by 1999  
MR. JAY W. WILSON IV, 11719 B Raintree Village Boulevard, TAMPA FL, 33617  
14331 JAY WARD WILSON IV, JAY, 1971 APR 18, ORANGE M. HOSPITAL, ORLANDO FL, SALESMAN  
14331S DENAE MARGUERITA BRIDGES, 1976 MAR 23, FULTON CO., GA. (has prior daughter b.1995  
SEP 8, KENNESAW GA.) -divorcee

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MR. W. SCOTT WILSON, \_\_\_\_\_, TAMPA FL 33617  
14332 WILLIAM SCOTT WILSON, SCOTT, 1972 FEB 25, ORANGE M. HOSPITAL, ORLANDO FL,

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MR. AND MRS. J. WARD WILSON III,;::::, 1979 OCT 6, AMITYVILLE NY, -Div.,  
SEE 01433 ABOVE  
01433S2 JEANNE MAIRE HETTERICH, JEAN, . . . , -divorcee  
MR. J. WARD WILSON III, P. O. BOX 1008, POLK CITY FL 33868, 863-984-9697  
Bought place to live in Polk county FL from I-4 go north on S. R. 33 five + miles to Deen Still  
road then west +/- four miles to Melody Lane; North on Melody lane to his 9 acres. street number  
unknown.  
as of 1-24-99

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MR. AND MRS. T. R. KRENTZ,;::::, 1973 OCT 20, ORLANDO FL, - Div.

MRS. JYLYNN KRENTZ, 1220 Krise Circle, LYNCHBURG VA 24503  
01434 JYLYNN IRENE WILSON, JYL, 1953 AUG 1, ORLANDO FL, REGISTERED NURSE & MIDWIFE,  
01434S TIMOTHY ROY KRENTZ, TIM, about 1950 OCT 20, , SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLER, -divorcee

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MR. KEVIN KRENTZ, 2268 NE 60th Street, SEATTLE WA 98115  
14341 KEVIN MICHAEL KRENTZ, KEVIN, 1974 MAY 30, FLORIDA HOSPITAL, ORLANDO FL,

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MISS AMANDA KRENTZ, P. O. BOX 3000, GARDEN VALLEY TX 75771  
14342 AMANDA JYLYNN KRENTZ, AMANDA, 1976 APR 22, FLORIDA HOSPITAL, ORLANDO FL,

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. GOODLOE, 384 Corinth Road, PORTLAND TN 37148-5259  
m. 1952 JUN 5, CLARKSVILLE TN,  
00144 JAMES CAMP GOODLOE III, JIM, 1929 JAN 5, NASHVILLE TN, TELEPHONE FIELD ENGINEER -  
RETIRED,  
00144S MARIA WINTON BAILEY, MARIA, 1931 OCT 3, MONTGOMERY COUNTY TN, HOUSEWIFE /  
TEACHER,

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DR. AND MRS. J. C. GOODLOE IV, 4633 Stuart Avenue, RICHMOND VA 23226, - 1316  
m. 1976 SEP 4, RICHMOND VA in UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CHAPEL,  
01441 JAMES CAMP GOODLOE IV, JIM, 1953 SEP 2, CLARKSVILLE TN, PhD. & PRESBYTERIAN  
MINISTER,  
GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
01441S DEBORAH JO CAMPBELL, DEB, 1953 JUN 10, RICHMOND, VA, M.A. in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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MR. AND MRS. CONRAD P. HACKETT, 204 Loetscher Place, Apt. 6B, PRINCETON NJ  
08540-6547. m. 2001 AUG 25 at 3 p.m. RICHMOND VA  
14411 JENNIFER ELIZABETH CAMPBELL GOODLOE, CAMPBELL, 1977 SEP 17, CHARLESTON WV,  
14411S CONRAD PETER HACKETT, CONRAD, 1972 AUG 28, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND..

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MR. AND MRS. LARRY DARNELL, 1434 Kittrell, FRANKLIN TN, 37064-7432.,  
m. 1978 OCT 28, CLARKSVILLE TN,  
01442 ALICE CALHOUN GOODLOE, ALICE, 1955 JUN 5, CLARKSVILLE TN, UNIVERSITY OF TN  
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AGENT,  
01442S LARRY DON DARNELL, LARRY, 1947 AUG 17, MOORE COUNTY TN, UNIVERSITY OF TN  
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AGENT,  
14421 ASHLEY MARIE DARNELL, ASHLEY, 1981 DEC 16, MEMPHIS TN, Attending University of TN,  
Knoxville  
14422 LAURA ANNE DARNELL, LAURA, 1995 JUN 29, NASHVILLE TN.

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MR. AND MRS. STEVE JOHNSON, 2201 Maplecrest, NASHVILLE TN, 37214  
m. 1982 MAY 1, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GALLATIN TN,  
01443 BARBARA COFFEE GOODLOE, BARBARA, 1958 MAR 13, CLARKSVILLE TN, TEACHER /  
HOUSEWIFE,  
01443S JOHN STEVEN JOHNSON, STEVE, 1955 APR 10, CHATTANOOGA TN, HARDWARE STORE  
MANAGEMENT,  
14431 VIRGINIA KATE JOHNSON, VIRGINIA, 1987 FEB 27, DONELSON TN,  
14432 JOHN JAMES JOHNSON, JOHN, 1990 MAY 3, DONELSON TN,

MISS MARY R. GOODLOE, 1650 Doubletree Lane (an apt.), NASHVILLE TN 37217  
01444 MARY REAMS GOODLOE, MARY, 1962 JUN 3, CLARKSVILLE TN, BS, MBA, MA, almost PhD,  
Professor of Mathematics Belmont College, Nashville TN.

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MR. AND MRS. FRED LEE WILLIAMS, Circle Hill Farm - 4657 BETHESDA RD, THOMPSONS  
STATION TN 37179-9228, m.1958 DEC 26, SMYRNA TN  
00145 EVELYN ELIZABETH GOODLOE, EVELYN, 1932 JUN 29, NASHVILLE TN, FARMWIFE,  
00145S FRED LEE WILLIAMS, FRED LEE, 1918 JAN 11, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN, FARMER,  
NOTE: FRED LEE WILLIAMS was previously married to EVELYN T. JORDAN, mother of  
SHANNON & JANE,

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MR. AND MRS. LON KAPRIVE, 3023 Regenwood, MURFREESBORO TN, 37129,  
m.1975 JUN 14, MURFREESBORO TN,  
I 01451 SHANNON JORDAN WILLIAMS, SHANNON, 1950 AUG 3, FRANKLIN TN, PERSONNEL  
COORDINATOR, - DEGREE IN HOME ECONOMICS,  
I 01451S LAMOND ANTHONY KAPRIVE, LON, 1948 JUN 12, PITTSBURGH, PA, APPRAISER,  
I 14511 ANTHONY LEE KAPRIVE, TONY, 1979 JUL 8, NASHVILLE TN, Has Philosophy degree from UT.  
I 14512 KATIE ANN KAPRIVE, KATIE, 1982 JUL 15, NASHVILLE TN, Attending University of TN, Knoxville

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES WEDGEWORTH, 56 Braums Point Road, HILTON HEAD ISLAND SC  
29928, m. 1978 JUL 21, MURFREESBORO TN,  
I 01452 NANCY JANE WILLIAMS, JANE, 1952 OCT 14, FRANKLIN TN, HOUSEWIFE,  
I 01452S JAMES HILMAN WEDGEWORTH II, JAMES, 1950 MAY 3, LAUREL MS, REAL ESTATE  
SALESMAN,  
I 14521 BRANDI JANE WEDGEWORTH, BRANDI JANE, 1980 OCT 25, NASHVILLE TN, Attending  
Washington & Lee University, Lexington VA.  
I 14522 MARSHA JORDAN WEDGEWORTH, MARSHA , 1982 SEP 19, SAVANNAH GA, Attending  
Pepperdine University, Malibu CA.  
I 14523 JAMES HILMAN WEDGEWORTH III, CHIP, 1985 APR 15, SAVANNAH GA,  
I 14524 DAVID WILLIAMS WEDGEWORTH, DAVID, 1988 OCT 15, SAVANNAH GA,

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MR. AND MRS. R. H. THOMPSON, 949 Highway 307, NIOTA TN 37826,  
m.1985 DEC 28, FRANKLIN TN,  
01453 LYN BETH WILLIAMS, LYN, 1959 DEC 4, FRANKLIN TN, CPA  
01453S ROBERT HOWELL THOMPSON, ROBERT, 1959 MAY 29, ATHENS TN, FARMER / BANKER,  
LOAN OFFICER, BANK OF ATHENS  
14531 WILLIAM ROBERT THOMPSON, WILL, 1995 MAY 29, ATHENS TN,

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MR. AND MRS. MARK LYTLE, 200 White Street, McMINNVILLE TN 37110,  
m. 1988 JUL 2, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN, ,  
01454 HILDA GAY WILLIAMS, HILDA, 1962 AUG 27, FRANKLIN TN, HOME ECONOMIST,  
01454S MARK JEWELL LYTLE, MARK, 1959 MAR 20, CLARKSVILLE TN, Rental and Contracting  
Business,  
14541 LAUREN ELIZABETH LYTLE, LAUREN, 1992 MAY 4, McMINNVILLE TN.  
14542 BRENNAN JEWEL LYTLE, BRENNAN, 1994 JUN 30, McMINNVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. S. R. GOODLOE,:::::, m. 1957 JUN 21, SMYRNA TN,

00146 SAMUEL ROSS GOODLOE, ROSS, 1934 JAN 17, NASHVILLE TN, SIGN PAINTER, d.1992 FEB 3,  
NASHVILLE TN, BURIED WOODLAWN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE TN. ROSS DIED OF  
HEART FAILURE AFTER LESS THAN 10 DAYS OF HOSPITALIZATION AND SURGERY,  
00146S NANCY ANN ELLIS, NANCY, 1937 MAR 6, NASHVILLE ?,TN, SECRETARY, RETIRED  
m.2nd Ed Holt see below. died 2001 OCT 25, Murfreesboro TN from abdominal cancer, buried  
Woodlawn.

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MR. AND MRS. MIKE GOODEN, 53 Otterbein Drive, LEXINGTON OH 44904-9341  
m. 1979 JUN 9, SMYRNA TN,

01461 LINDA DIANE GOODLOE, LINDA, 1958 FEB 12, NASHVILLE TN, TEACHER / HOUSEWIFE,  
01461S TIMOTHY MICHAEL GOODEN, MIKE, 1954 NOV 8, , FOOD PROCESSING MANAGEMENT,  
14611 LINDSEY MICHELLE GOODEN, LINDSEY, 1985 DEC 12, MURFREESBORO TN,  
14612 KATHERINE ELIZABETH GOODEN, KATIE, 1988 FEB 29, MINNEAPOLIS MN,  
14613 JESSICA LEIGH GOODEN, 1993 NOV 18, MINNEAPOLIS MN,

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MR. AND MRS. SAM GOODLOE,:::::, 1984 JUN 9, SMYRNA TN, Div. 1989 NOV.  
01462 SAMUEL ROSS GOODLOE II, SAM, 1962 JUN 2, NASHVILLE TN, MECHANIC,  
01462S1 MARY MICHELLE PEARSON, MICHELLE, , , -divorcee  
MR. AND MRS. SAM GOODLOE,:::::, 1990 AUG 31, GATLINBURG TN, Div. 1993 AUG.  
SAME AS 01462 ABOVE

01462S2 TINA MICHELLE SMITH, TINA, 1969 MAY 15, , SECRETARY, -divorcee  
MR. AND MRS. SAM GOODLOE, 2262 Browns Mill Road, LASCASSAS TN 37085  
m.1995 JUNE 24, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, MURFREESBORO TN  
SAME AS 01462 ABOVE

01462S3 PAMELA LOIS RIDOUT, PAM, 1966 JUL 19, SHEFFIELD AL,  
I 14621 BRANDON ROSS GOODLOE, BRANDON, 1995 FEB 8, MURFREESBORO TN, ADOPTED 1999  
JAN 15

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MR. AND MRS. C. R. GOODLOE,:::::,m. 1996 JUN 15, MURFREESBORO TN, Div. 2000 NOV 3.  
01463 CHARLES RAY GOODLOE, CHARLIE, 1966 OCT 11, NASHVILLE TN, MEDICAL TECHNICIAN /  
POLICE OFFICER - MURFREESBORO TN,  
01463S BETSY BURTON KORN, BETSY, 1965 MAR 20, BROWNSVILLE TN -divorcee  
MR. C. R. GOODLOE, 4624 Wayside Road, CHRISTIANA TN 37037 (same as 01463 above)

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MR. AND MRS., ED HOLT,:::::,m.1997 OCT 11 SMYRNA TN.  
SEE 00146S ABOVE  
00146SS2 ED HOLT, b.1930 SEP 26, WARRENSBURG, JOHNSON CO. MO; Tel. Tech; Presbyterian.  
Minister. Reportedly Ed has married a 3<sup>rd</sup> time to ANN.

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MR. AND MRS. THOMAS S. GOODLOE, 4701 Sweetser, EVANSVILLE IN 47714,  
m.1960 APR 30, EVANSVILLE ?,IN,  
00147 THOMAS SMARTT GOODLOE, TOM, 1936 MAR 20, NASHVILLE TN, BUILDING MAINTENANCE,  
00147S SUSAN ANDERSON, SUE, 1940 NOV 8, EVANSVILLE ?,IN, TEACHER / HOUSEWIFE,  
01471 THOMAS SMARTT GOODLOE, JR., THOMAS, 1960 NOV 21, EVANSVILLE IN.

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MR. AND MRS. PHILIP A. GOODLOE, 1000 Rheinlander Avenue, EVANSVILLE IN 47720-6052  
m.1987 MAY 23, EVANSVILLE IN,

01472 PHILIP ANDERSON GOODLOE, PHIL, 1962 MAR 10, EVANSVILLE IN,  
01472S LORI ANN ASHWORTH, LORI, 1967 APR 27, EVANSVILLE IN, HOUSEWIFE,  
14721 BRITTNEY ASHWORTH, BRITTNEY, 1985 DEC 9, EVANSVILLE IN,  
14722 JARRETT ANDERSON GOODLOE, JARRETT, 1988 OCT 8, TALLAHASSEE FL,  
14723 MEAGHAN ABIGAIL GOODLOE, MEAGHAN, 1990 AUG 29, TALLAHASSEE FL,  
14724 ZACHARIAH GOODLOE, ZACH, 1998 OCT 20, EVANSVILLE IN,

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01473 DAVID TIMOTHY GOODLOE, DAVID, 1966 MAR 12, EVANSVILLE IN,

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MR. DANIEL R. GOODLOE, 9933 Crestview Place, NEWBURGH IN 47630  
(HIS GRANDMOTHER ANDERSON'S HOUSE)

01474 DANIEL RAY GOODLOE, DANIEL, 1967 JUL 9, EVANSVILLE IN,

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MR. TIMOTHY R. GOODLOE, 9651 Highway 188, FRIENDSHIP TN 38034  
01475 TIMOTHY REAMS GOODLOE, TIM, 1972 JAN 10, EVANSVILLE IN,

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00148 GIRL, 1937 OCT 17, NASHVILLE TN, d.1937 OCT 17, NASHVILLE TN, BURIED WOODLAWN.

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MISS FAITH GOODLOE, 436 Stones River Road, LAVERGNE TN 37086  
00149 FAITH RAY GOODLOE, FAITH, 1940 AUG 17, LAVERGNE TN, TELEMARTETING,

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00015 HARRIET HALEY REAMS, HARRIET, 1902 NOV 14, McMINNVILLE TN, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TEACHER, d.1990 JAN 4, McMINNVILLE TN, RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, McMINNVILLE  
TN,

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MR. AND MRS. R. M. REAMS II, : : : : , 1933 MAY 23, McMINNVILLE TN,  
00016 RADFORD MONROE REAMS II, FRITZ, 1906 APR 9, McMINNVILLE TN, POWER COMPANY  
SERVICE SUPERVISOR, d.1985 JUL 1, 18:45 CDT DIED OF STROKE AFTER 1 WEEK IN  
HOSPITAL.

0 00016S CLARRETTA RHEA HENNESSEE, "TY-TEE", 1910 APR 24, WARREN COUNTY TN,  
HOUSEWIFE, d.1995 NOV 14, BOTH DIED IN McMINNVILLE AND BURIED RIVERSIDE  
CEMETERY, McMINNVILLE TN,

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MR. AND MRS. R. M. REAMS III, 861 Sweetwater Island Circle, LONGWOOD FL 32779-2353,  
m. 1958 SEP 6, ORLANDO FL,

000161 RADFORD MONROE REAMS III, RADFORD, 1934 DEC 2, NASHVILLE TN, PATENT LAWYER  
FOR GE -RETIRED,

000161S BARBARA JANE CHENNELL, BABS, 1939 JAN 31, ORLANDO FL, HOUSEWIFE

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MR. AND MRS. S. M. GREENE, : : : : , 1980 JAN 5, FREDERICKSBURG VA, -div.  
01611 CAROLYN SUE REAMS, CAROLYN, 1959 JUN 21, PALM SPRINGS CA, SECRETARY,  
01611S STEPHEN MARSHALL GREENE, , divorcee  
MISS CAROLYN S. REAMS, 5404 Fifth Street Court East, BRADENTON FL 34203,  
SAME AS 01611 ABOVE

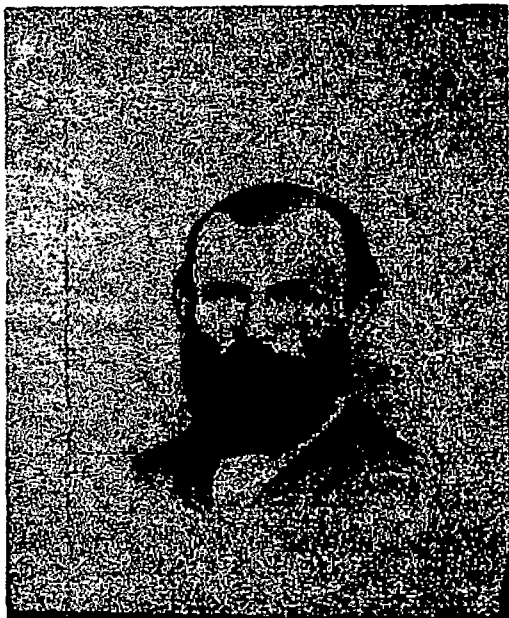
MR. AND MRS. W. R. REAMS,:::, 1982 SEP 11, DAYTON OH, - div.  
 01612 WILLIAM RADFORD REAMS, BILL, 1961 JAN 2, ARLINGTON VA, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,  
 01612S1 TERRY BLACK, TERRY, ,DAYTON OH, divorcee  
 MR. AND MRS. W. R. REAMS, 4302 Bamford, AUSTIN TX 78731, m.1990 APR 21, , ,  
 SAME AS 01612 ABOVE  
 01612S2 LINDA JANE BURNS, LINDA, 1966 OCT 10, , ,ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,  
 16121 RACHEL CLARRETTA REAMS, RACHEL, 1993 JUN 4, AUSTIN TX,  
 16122 RYAN MONROE REAMS, RYAN, 1996 JUNE 24, AUSTIN TX,

MR. AND MRS. J. E. REAMS,:::, 1989 SEP 2, ASHLAND OR, - div.  
 01613 JAMES EDWARD REAMS, JIM, 1963 MAR 12, ARLINGTON VA, MUSICIAN,  
 01613S1 PAMELA JO-ELLEN STEVENS, PAM, 1959 APR 27, , ,divorcee  
 MR. AND MRS. J. E. REAMS, 3715 Riverside Way, DELRAY BEACH FL 33445  
 m.1999 JAN 1, JUPITER FL  
 SEE 01613 ABOVE  
 01613S2 GWEN ELIZABETH MOORE, GWEN, , ,  
 016131 SOPHIA ROSE REAMS, SOPHIA ?, 2001 FEB 20, BOYNTON BEACH FL,

.Subscript 2 after dashed line means 2nd entry for that descendant

Statistics: Addresses	58	Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses have been deleted in this edition at the request of some family members, concerned, probably correctly, that a published list would be used by unwanted telemarketers. Family members may obtain the complete list with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses by request to address below. Or contact individuals for their numbers.
Generations	6	
People		
Alive in family	160	PLEASE SEND ALL ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND DELETIONS TO: R. REAMS GOODLOE, SR. P. O. BOX 942 ORMOND BEACH FL 32175-0942
deceased	21	
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divorced spouses	21	
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Chatham Coffee  
Probably late 1860s



Radford Monroe Reams I  
Jessie Furman Coffee Reams



Avaligne Edgington Reams  
Harriet Haley Reams  
Betty Catherine Reams  
Mary Morford Reams Goodloe



Lindon Lewis Reams (left foreground)  
Hudie Wooton Reams  
Jessoe Furman Coffee Reams  
Avaligne Edgington Reams

1949

At least three of the pictures on the previous page were made at the house on Rebel Hill in McMinnville. Chatham Coffee's was probably made at a studio in McMinnville.

This book would not be complete without a better reference to the  
"Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse"  
Edited by Mrs. Bonnie Culley  
1416 Green Berry Road  
Jefferson City MO 65101-3620

and to the Coffey Cousins web page at  
<http://freepages.genealogy.roosweb.com/~coffeycousins/coffeycousins.html>  
edited by Jack Coffee.

Note: the index of this book distinguishes between the spellings Coffee and Coffey.

#### Addendum 1. Mosley

Joe Mosley  
5447 Vickery Boulevard  
Dallas, Texas 75206

Has written a book on the descendants of Elizabeth Coffee entitled:  
"The Jewell family in Tennessee and Texas" subtitled:  
George Washington Jewell and his descendants.  
The book is 180 pages fully indexed. Out of print but he might be able to get you a copy if you contact him.

Joe is William Joseph Mosley Jr. son of William Joseph Mosley Sr. who was son of Porter Mosley mentioned on p.62. Joe is fourth cousin of the author and those of his generation.