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Faces of America

On the Cover:

DAVID MITCHELL JR.

1829–1910

David Mitchell Junior's piercing blue eyes gaze fixedly into the future. His grizzled beard and receding hairline suggest he is at least in his fifties, dating the photo to about 1880. This hard-working Minnesotan started life in Troy, Maine, the posthumous son of David Mitchell, an early pioneer of Forest City, Minnesota. His widowed mother, the former Sally Thompson, with two little children and newborn David, remarried to Lewis Call of Troy. The new family moved to Bradley in Penobscot County, Maine, known for its plentiful lumber.

Like his Mitchell uncles, teenager David spent several years in the coasting trade and the West India traffic. He then worked as a sawyer on the “noble” Penobscot River. In 1851 David married Belinda R. Anderson of Montville, Maine.

In 2008 their descendants commissioned a gravestone at Forest City Cemetery in Forest City, Minnesota. Their story is engraved there:

David and Belinda R. Mitchell, pregnant with George, traveled by ox cart with daughter Viola from Maine in 1856 to settle in Forest City, Minnesota. They were counted among the courageous families that endured the difficult first years of the settlement building and defending the Fort during the hostilities of the day. As farmers and educators they raised a family of eight children who migrated to other cities in Minnesota, Washington, and California. David and Belinda's progeny include many generations of hardy descendants who will forever be proud of the legacy of their pioneering spirit.

David's other siblings also went west—Lavinia to Wisconsin and Thomas to Iowa.

Belinda died in Minnesota in May of 1884. David spent his final years in Sacramento, California.

This portrait of David was given to his sister, Lavinia Mitchell Worthing, and ultimately passed down to Lavinia's descendant, Sally Mauerman Reism, who gives permission for its use here.

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Documentation of David's life is in the files of Carol Prescott McCoy, PhD, owner of Find-Your-Roots.com in Brunswick, Maine. Her article in this issue, “Rediscovering David Mitchell (1800–1829) of Troy, Maine” tells the story of David Mitchell senior's origins. The photo is from the Virginia Fenn Mauerman Collection, Magnolia, Wisconsin.

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FPLT

By treating problem solving as a process of pattern recognition, the known dichotomy of visual thinking vs. verbal thinking can be recast. . . .

—Felix T. Hong, “The role of pattern recognition in creative problem solving,”
Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology (September 2013):18

Pattern recognition may help solve difficult problems. Like a court reporter who focuses on the words of witnesses, lawyers, and the judge, mastery is not just in rapid key strokes, but in reading back the code. Intense practice allows stenotypists to interpret the code by seeing familiar letters in new and meaningful combinations.

Experienced genealogists recognize patterns. They come to expect them, despite ever-present individuality. The absence of—or break in—an expected pattern is as important as its presence.

In many places and times, mothers commonly gave birth every two years until age forty. Once established, breaks in that pattern may signal a miscarriage, military service, marital discord, illness, or famine. Or the break may be in record keeping. Did a minister place his own child first, forgetting to record other baptisms that day? Was the family too poor or ornery to pay the clerk? Were entries at the bottom of the page gnawed beyond legibility?

Tax records may survive when little else does. Genealogists recognize breaks in tax payment patterns. They can signal a son's departure taking his legacy to establish a household, or a daughter's marriage. The arrival of a

new, dowered wife might increase a tax payment.

Naming traditions are another pattern example. But names chosen for respect, not custom, can start new patterns. Descendants of women named Jael can look for roots in a particular New England family. Men named Absalom in a certain part of Tennessee likely descend from two brothers. Knowing such local patterns can prove invaluable.

NGS *Quarterly* authors recognize those patterns and more. Every case study reflects pattern recognition to help define identity and establish kinship. And FPLT? Google does not define it as used here for many, many pages. Only a stenotypist would recognize it. Stenotype machines used for court reporting, visual captioning, and other instantaneous word capture have no punctuation keys. Punctuation is necessary for comprehension and readback, so a combination of keys, in this case the four right-hand home keys, easily struck, become an unmistakable code. FPLT, the most important of these, simply means “period.”

—Melinde Lutz Byrne and
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Griete Smit's Parentage: Proof in the Absence of Vital Records

By Yvette Hoitink, CG

Netherlands church registrations, often dating back to the early seventeenth century, can document vital events predating the country's 1811 civil registration. Earlier court, manorial, tax, or town records may not provide direct evidence of parent-child relationships, but this brick wall may be overcome.

Tracing property records and studying a person's family, associates, and neighbors help prove parent-child relationships, even when no single record identifies them. Both methods helped identify the parents of Griete Smit of Bredevoort, Netherlands.

Griete was born during the Eighty Years' War (1568–1648), when the Netherlands fought for independence from Spain. Bredevoort, a fortified town in Gelderland, guarded the country's eastern border. It suffered greatly. Besieged in 1572, 1597, and twice in 1606, Bredevoort was burned and plundered. Part of the population was massacred. Fortifications strengthened after the last siege repelled the Spanish, but in 1646 when lightning hit the castle tower, stored gunpowder destroyed the building and surrounding houses. Records relating to Griete Smit's family were lost. Ironically, these catastrophes also resulted in new records.

GRIETE SMIT AND HARMEN NACHTEGAEL

Griete Smit and her husband, Harmen Nachtegael, appear in Bredevoort as parents of three children: twins Jan and Aeltjen, baptized in December 1640;

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and son Jan, baptized in November 1643.¹ They may have had children born before 1638, when baptismal recordings begin.² Bredevoort marriage registers start in 1639 and burial registers in 1759, too late to contain records of the couple's marriage and burials. Records of surrounding Aalten, Dinxperlo, Lichtenvoorde, Varsseveld, and Winterswijk parishes also start too late.³

Court records and the couple's children's baptism records permit estimating their birth, marriage, and death dates:

- At least twenty years old on 28 November 1627, when they first appear in court records, Harmen and Griete were born before 1608.⁴ Griete, likely no more than forty-five in 1643 when her last child was born, was born after 1598.⁵
- Griete married between 28 November 1627, when she was called "Grietken Schmitz vertrauwter [betrothed of] Herman Nachtegalen," and 31 January 1628, when they were called "eheluijden" [spouses].⁶

1. Nederduits Gereformeerde Gemeente [Dutch Reformed Church] (Bredevoort, Gelderland, Netherlands), baptisms 1638–1691, chronologically arranged, Jan and Aeltjen Nachtegal, December 1640; call no. 9, "Collectie Retroacta van de Burgerlijke Stand [Collection of predecessors to the civil registration]," 1605–1833, Record Group (RG) 3019; Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers [Achterhoek and Liemers Heritage Center (ECAL)], Doetinchem, Netherlands; consulted as finding aid with images, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers* (<http://www.ecal.nu>). Also, Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Jan Nachtegal, November 1643. The first Jan died before November 1643. By Netherlands tradition the next son would be given the same name as the deceased child. For a discussion of naming traditions, see Rob van Drie, *Dutch Roots: Finding Your Ancestors in the Netherlands* (The Hague: Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie, 2002), 96–97.

2. "Collection of predecessors to the civil registration," finding aid, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*, entry for Bredevoort.

3. *Ibid.*, entries for Aalten, Bredevoort, Dinxperlo, Lichtenvoorde, Varsseveld, and Winterswijk. Some Winterswijk church records, not turned over to the government when civil registration was introduced in 1811, are part of the Winterswijk Dutch Reformed Church archives, also at ECAL. This includes a fragment with baptisms from the 1620s, which mentions no one named Nachtegael. See Dutch Reformed Church (Winterswijk, Gelderland, Netherlands), baptisms 1620–1625, 1647; call no. 25, Hervormde Gemeente Winterswijk [Reformed Church Winterswijk], RG 0303, ECAL; consulted as finding aid with images, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

4. Manorial Court (Bredevoort, Gelderland, Netherlands), volontaire protocollen [voluntary protocols (vol. prot.)], 1627, fols. 36v–37r, Johan Schaers loan from Grietken Schmitz, betrothed of Herman Nachtegale, 28 November 1627; call no. 400, Rechterlijk Archief Heerlijkheid Bredevoort [Bredevoort Manor Court Records], 1533–1818, RG 3017, ECAL. Available on *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/56473>). Bredevoort's manorial court was an itinerant court that held sessions in the town of Bredevoort and the villages of Aalten, Dinxperlo, and Winterswijk. A court-appointed clerk, tasked with making a truthful record, created the protocols during or shortly after each session.

5. Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Jan Nachtegal, November 1643.

6. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1627, fols 36v–37r, 28 November 1627. Also, *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, Smit sale to Nachtegael, 31 January 1628; call no. 401, RG 3017, ECAL.

- Herman died between 31 December 1652, when he purchased land, and 13 December 1653, when “Margaretha Schmidts” was his widow.⁷
- Griete Smit died after April 1664, when she witnessed a baptism, and probably before March 1667, when her granddaughter Margreta Aeltjen Theben was baptized.⁸ In this time and place, only deceased relatives’ names were given to newborns, suggesting that Griete Smit had died before the baptism of her granddaughter Margreta—a variant of Griete.⁹

THREE SISTERS AND PARENTAL PROPERTY

Two deeds mention Griete with her relatives. On 31 January 1628 sisters Lijsbet, Hermken, and Agnes Smit sold property to their brother-in-law and sister Herman Nachtegael and Grietken Smit:

- Shares in their parental home in Bredevoort, located between Lambert Cortz’s and Herman Soldaets houses, Mentinck’s land and street, fronting the street, backing toward Griete Klock’s house, and including use of Mentinck’s street
- A share in the garden before the Misterpoort [one of Bredevoort’s town gates]
- A “Suermaets deel” [share of the commons at Zuurmaat]
- Two cow meadows on the Swanenbroeck¹⁰

That day spouses Herman and Grietken sold the sisters their share in the Lutke Koesinck farm in Ratum hamlet near Winterswijk.¹¹ This farm was probably part of Griete and her sisters’ inheritance.

TRACING THE SISTERS

Two apparent sisters, Agnes and Hermken Smitz, daughters of the late Peter Smit and Mechteld, had enough funds to lend money and purchase annuities later in 1628:¹²

7. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1652–1654, fol. 44, Van Broeckhuijsen sale to Nachtegaell, 31 December 1652; call no. 418. Also, *ibid.*, fol. 81v, Stoffels to Nachtegaell, 13 December 1653. Griete is a Dutch diminutive of Margaretha.

8. Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Harmen Evers, April 1664. Also, Margreta Aeltjen Theben, March 1667. Margreta Aeltjen was a child of Bertram Theben and Lijsbeth Nachtegal and a grandchild of Griete Smit.

9. Until the middle 1900s, Dutch children were usually named after their grandparents, living or deceased, but in Eastern Gelderland in the 1600s, only deceased grandparents’ names were used. This tradition in nearby Winterswijk is found in J. Das, “Genealogische moeilijkheden en mogelijkheden in Winterswijk,” [Genealogical difficulties and possibilities in Winterswijk], in *Mozaiëk van Wintereswic* [Winterswijk mosaic] (Winterswijk: Vereniging Het Museum, 1980), 67–68.

10. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628. “Markegronden” is land owned in common, translated here as commons.

11. *Ibid.*, fols. 6v–7r, Nachtegaell sale to Smit, 31 January 1628.

12. Annuities were a form of investment, whereby the purchaser would receive a fixed income in return for a one-time sum of money, similar to interest on a loan. The annuity could be bought off later, usually for the same sum.

- On 22 April 1628, Agnes Smitz, daughter of the late Peter Smitz and Mechteldt, received an annuity in return for money she supplied. Herman Huijninck, husband of Agnes Smitz, received 350 guilders of the main sum on 29 January 1639.¹³
- On 28 April 1628, Hermken Schmitz, daughter of Peter Smits and Mechteld his wife, both deceased, received an annuity of 6 “daler” [dollars].¹⁴
- On 12 May 1628, Hermken Smitz, daughter of the late Peter Smitz and Mechteld, lent 100 “daler.” Willem Krabbenborch, husband of Hermken Smitz, received the sum on 13 May 1637.¹⁵

Two sets of orphaned, apparently unmarried sisters named Hermken and Agnes Smits in 1628 are unlikely in a town with fewer than two hundred houses.¹⁶ The property’s value in fortified Bredevoort probably exceeded that of the exposed Winterswijk farm, leaving Griete’s sisters with cash on hand in January 1628, three to four months before Peter Smit and Mechteld’s daughters lent the money. Investing in annuities would safeguard the money. Absent other candidates for Griete’s sisters, lenders Hermken and Agnes likely were Griete’s sisters, implying Griete also was a daughter of Peter Smit and Mechteld.¹⁷ In 1641 Hermken Smit, widow of Willem Krabbenborch, married Gerrit Harkinck.¹⁸

13. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 23v–24r, Van Hengel annuity to Agnes Smitz, 22 April 1628.

14. *Ibid.*, fols. 26r–36v, Schnoeijenbusch annuity to Hermken Schmitz, 28 April 1628.

15. *Ibid.*, fol. 34v, Hermken Smitz loan to Krabbenborch, 12 May 1628.

16. Bredevoort had just 192 houses in 1635. See Bredevoort Manor, “Visite van alle heertsteden, browketels, backovens, eesten etc” [Visitation of all hearths, brewing kettles, baking ovens, malt drying installations, etc.], 30 May 1635; Archief Drost en Geërfden van Bredevoort [Archive of the sheriff and shareholders of Bredevoort]; call no. 177, RG 0098, ECAL; consulted as finding aid with images, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

17. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), judiciële protocollen [judicial protocols], 1588, 1589, 1595–1613 [gaps 1582–1587, 1590–1595]; call nos. 58–75, RG 3017, ECAL. Parts of these judicial records are hard or impossible to read because of poor penmanship and damage by water, mold, rodents, fire, and occasional torn-off pages. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614–1664, call nos. 387–425. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), sententiën [civil sentences] 1602–1650; call no. 191, RG 3017, ECAL. Earlier sentences are not extant. Also, Henk and Franciska Ruessink, transcriptions of voluntary protocols of Bredevoort 1614–1663, PDFs, Yvette Hoitink, *Heerlijkheid Bredevoort* (<http://www.heerlijkheidbredevoort.nl>) > section “Bronnen” > “Rechterlijk Archief.” Using PDFs from Ben Baneman, *Genealogiedomein* (<http://www.genealogiedomein.nl>), the author searched all transcribed church, census, and tax records of Bredevoort and the surrounding towns of Aalten, Dinxperlo, Groenlo, Lichtenvoorde, Varsseveld, and Winterswijk. She also searched the Gelderland province index of all church records of baptisms, marriages, burials, and memberships. See “Personen,” index, *Gelders Archief* (<http://www.geldersarchief.nl>).

18. Hermken Smit, widow of Willem Krabbenborch, had banns published in Bredevoort to marry Gerrit Harkinck on 26 September 1641. See Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), marriages 1639–1675, chronologically arranged, Harkinck-Smit, 26 September 1641; call no. 12, RG 3019, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

The third sister, Lijsbeth Smit, was one of three candidates:¹⁹

- Elisabeth Smitz, Herman Sanders's widow, married Henrich van den Bongardt by 1615.²⁰ Likely too old to be Griete's sister, she would have been married or widowed, not single, in 1628.
- Elijsabet Smits was Henrick Craen or Kramer's wife in 1624 and 1630.²¹ Unlikely to appear in court in 1628 without her husband or his consent, she is probably not Griete's sister Lijsbet.
- Lijsbet Smit and her husband, Casper Evers, lent money on 31 March 1637.²² Like Herman Nachtegael, Casper Evers was a "keurnoot" [assessor] of the Bredevoort manorial court, indicating their families were of similar social status.²³ Casper's wife Lijsbet, therefore, is the likely candidate for Griete's sister.

Griete, Hermken, Agnes, and Lijsbet Smit, or their husbands, appear jointly in baptismal records confirming they acted as sisters:

- In November 1642 Agnes Smit witnessed the baptism of Willemken, daughter of Gerrit Harckinck and Hermken Smitt.²⁴
- In August 1643 Grietjen Smidt and Gerrit Harckinck, second husband of Hermken Smit, jointly witnessed a baptism.²⁵
- In October 1644 Gerrit Harkinck witnessed the baptism of Lijsbeth, daughter of Casper Evers and Lijsbeth (Smit).²⁶
- In November 1643 Casper Evers, husband of Lijsbet Smit, witnessed the baptism of Jan, son of Hermen Nachtegal and Griete Smit.²⁷

19. Church, court, manorial, and tax records for Bredevoort and the surrounding areas were searched. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), judicial protocols 1588, 1589, 1595–1613, call nos. 58–75. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614–1664, call nos. 387–425. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), civil sentences 1602–1650, call no. 191. Also, Ruessink, transcriptions of vol. prot. Bredevoort 1614–1663, *Heerlijkheid Bredevoort*. Also, Ben Baneman, PDFs, *Genealogiedomein*. Also, "Personen," *Gelders Archief*.

20. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1615, fol. 65v, estate division of Herman Sanders, 19 October 1615; call no. 388, RG 3017, ECAL.

21. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1624, fol. 46v, will of Henrick Craen and Lijsbet Schmits, 28 September 1624; call no. 397, RG 3017, ECAL. Also, *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1630, fol. 16v, Henrick Kramer and Elisabet Smits to Stormb, 4 March 1630; call no. 403, RG 3017, ECAL.

22. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1637, fols. 21r–21v, Van Nee loan from Caspar Evertz and Lijsbet Smits, 31 March 1637; call no. 410, RG 3017, ECAL.

23. For Herman Nachtegal as keurnoot [assessor], see *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1650–1651, fol. 10, 15 March 1650; call no. 417, RG 3017, ECAL. For Casper Everts as assessor, see *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1661, fol. 34v, 16 September 1661; call no. 422, RG 3017, ECAL.

24. Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Willemken Harkinck, November 1642.

25. *Ibid.*, Gerritjen Kremer, August 1643.

26. *Ibid.*, Lijsbeth Evers, October 1644.

27. *Ibid.*, Jan Nachtegal, November 1643.

- In April 1660 “Griete Smitts weduwe [widow] Nachtegal” and Gerrit Harkinck, husband of Hermken Smit, witnessed the baptism of Willemken, daughter of Henrick ten Broecke and Mechtelt Krabbenborch, daughter of Hermken Smit.²⁸
- In December 1661 Lijsbeth and Harmken Smit, “tsamen 2 susters” [together 2 sisters], witnessed the baptism of Christina Maria, daughter of Henrick ten Broeck and Mechtelt Krabbenborgh, daughter of Hermken Smit.²⁹
- In October 1666 Casper Evers, husband of Lijsbet Smit, and “Agnies Smitts vrou van [wife of] Harmen Huijninck” jointly witnessed the baptism of Harmen Roloff, son of Derck Theben and Gerritien Nachtegal, daughter of Griete Smit.³⁰

TRACING THE PROPERTY

House in Bredevoort

If Peter Smit and Mechteld were Griete Smit’s parents, they would have owned the house, land, and farm these sisters inherited before 1628.³¹ Bredevoort manorial court records include only one house purchase by Peter Smit and no sales.³² On 20 August 1614 Peter Smit “van Bilstein” [from Bilstein] and Mechtelt bought a house in Bredevoort, a garden before the Misterpoort [gate], a part of the Suermaet, and two cow meadows on the Swanenbroek.³³ This combination of property is consistent with Griete’s acquisition from her sisters in 1628. The house was in Bredevoort, bordered by Merfeldt’s land, Dijenberch’s land and house, the Market, and Jan van Basten’s land towards one corner.³⁴

The 1614 neighbors do not match those of the house the four sisters inherited by 1628, but court and manorial records link the two sets of neighbors:³⁵

- In 1614 one side and the back of Peter Smit’s house faced Merfeldt’s land. On 27 October 1627 Adolph van Merveld [Merfeldt] and his wife Helena Drost sold Henrick Mentinck and his wife Deelen Nijhof a house and yard in Bredevoort, with one end facing Moselagen’s land, Griete Klocken, and the heirs of the late

28. Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Willemken ten Broecke, April 1660.

29. *Ibid.*, Christina Maria ten Broeck, December 1661.

30. *Ibid.*, Harmen Roloff Theben, October 1666.

31. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

32. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), judicial protocols, 1588, 1589, 1595–1613, call nos. 58–75. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614–1664, call nos. 387–425. Pre-1614 property sales were recorded with civil cases in the judicial protocols series. Post-1614 sales and other voluntary legal transactions were recorded in a separate series. Like the voluntary protocols, these judicial protocols were reliably kept by the court clerk.

33. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614, fols. 36r–36v, Van Cuijck sale to Smit van Bilstein, 20 August 1614; call no. 387, RG 3017, ECAL.

34. *Ibid.*

35. *Ibid.* Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

Peter Smits van Bilstein's house.³⁶ Mentinck's land bordered the house the Smit sisters sold three months later.³⁷ The timing and matching neighbor suggests the Smit sisters were Peter Smit van Bilstein's unnamed heirs in 1627. This also places Griete Klock's property, a 1628 neighbor, near the house.

- The other 1614 neighbor was "Dijenberchs land." On 13 May 1615 Albert Dijenberch van Rhemen and his wife, Geertruidt van Rees, sold Hans Cortz and his wife Stijnen two adjacent houses in Bredevoort, bordering Peter van Bilstein's yard.³⁸ Hans Cortz died before 25 March 1626, leaving a son Lambert Cortz.³⁹ Lambert Cortz was the sisters' neighbor in 1628.⁴⁰
- On 30 May 1615 Albert Dijenberch van Rhemen and his wife, Gertruidt van Rees, sold Harmen te Bockell and his wife, Aelken, their house in Bredevoort next to the house just bought by Hans Cortz, backing toward Peter Smit's house and yard.⁴¹ Herman te Bockel was also known as Soldaet.⁴² In 1628 his property was near the house that the Smit sisters had inherited.⁴³
- No deeds were found for Jan van Basten's (1614 neighbor) or Griete Clock's (1628 neighbor) property.⁴⁴ In 1613 and 1614 Peter van Bilstein, probably as court assessor, compiled a list of Bredevoort citizens taxed for a new garrison's upkeep. His entry, the next to last, follows entries for Jan van Basten, Herman te Bockel, and Hans Cortz. It precedes Hans Clock's entry.⁴⁵ The list is not ordered alphabetically or by taxable amount, suggesting it reflects the compiler's route. A 1616 list of contributors to maintaining Bredevoort's wells follows a similar order as the 1613 and 1614 lists. Its final six entries are Jan van Basten, Herman te Bockell, Hans Cortz, Peter van Bilstein, Clocks huiss [Clock's house] and Wopenreijnsens nije behuisonng op Merfelts stede [Wopenreijnsen's new house on the Merfelt plot].⁴⁶ A "fire bucket list" of 1620, recorded in a different order, implying a different route, shows Peter Smit in the same neighborhood. The first ward ends with Merfelt, Henrick ten Spoell, Claes Wever, Jurrien Smit, and Griete Clocken. The second

36. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1627, fols. 33v–34r, Van Merfeldt sale to Mentinck, 27 October 1627.

37. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

38. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1615, fols. 28r–29r, Van Rhemen sale to Hans Cortz, 13 May 1615.

39. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1626, fols. 16v–17r, debt owed to "wijlen Hans Cortz nu sijnen kinderen Lambert und Johan Cortz" [the late Hans Cortz, now his children Lambert and Johan Cortz], 25 March 1626; call no. 399, RG 3017, ECAL.

40. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

41. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1615, fols. 29v–30r, Van Rhemen to Te Bockell, 30 May 1615.

42. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1632, fol. 19, sale by "Herman te Bockel genant Soldaet" [Herman te Bockel called Soldaet], 9 June 1632; call no. 405, RG 3017, ECAL. In the local dialect, Herman and Harmen are variations of the same name.

43. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

44. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), judicial protocols, 1588, 1589, and 1595–1613. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614–1664.

45. Bredevoort Manor, "Settung . . .," tax list for upkeep of the garrison, 24 May 1613 and 5 February 1614; call no. 174, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*. Water damage makes parts of the document's introduction illegible, but the names of the tax payers are legible.

46. Bredevoort Manor, "Settunge tott reparatie der beijden gemeinen Putten und toebehoers" [Contribution for the repair of both common wells and amenities], 7 May 1616; call no. 173, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

ward starts with Gerrit Kuiper, Jan van Basten, Hermen te Bockel, Hans Cortts, Peter van Bilstein, and Stoffel Stoffelzen.⁴⁷ In 1617 Hans Clock's widow was called Griete.⁴⁸

Four lists place the Clock and Van Basten properties near Peter van Bilstein. See table 1. Other surviving citizen lists confirm this was the only house that Peter Smit owned in Bredevoort. He disappears from the lists before Harmen Nachtegael appears:

- Peter's absence from lists of Bredevoort citizens sharing in the division of common grounds in 1608, 1611, and 1612 suggests he did not then own a house in Bredevoort.⁴⁹
- His first appearance as property owner on a tax list taken 24 May 1613 and 5 February 1614 predates his recorded purchase of the house on 20 August 1614.⁵⁰ Recording of sales months or years after the fact was not unusual.⁵¹ Comparing neighbors lists confirms it is the same house, despite the date discrepancy.
- Peter Smit was absent from a tax list to pay for the garrison in 1627.⁵² The list includes consecutive entries for Henrick Mentinck, Gerrit Gijsberts, Jan van Basten, Herman Soldaet, Lambert Cortts, Joan Cortts, Sweer de Backer [Sweer the baker], Hans huys dochter [the house of Hans's daughter], and Griete Klocken. They include some of Peter's neighbors. As the name of Sweer de Backer is not on other lists, he might have used the house owned by Peter Smits (or his heirs) in 1627.

47. Bredevoort Manor, "Ordnung der rotten und emmers" [List of wards and buckets], 12 February 1620; call no. 41, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

48. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1617, fol. 21v, Hans Clock's estate settlement, 13 March 1617; call no. 390, RG 3017, ECAL.

49. Bredevoort Manor, "Koeweyijden upt Swanenbroeck" [Cow meadows at the Swanenbroeck], 1608 (copy, 1628); call no. 88, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*. The manuscript says this is a faithful copy from the administration of the steward of Bredevoort, created in 1628 by court clerk Willem Wisselinck. The steward's administration for this period has not survived, so the abstract provides the most reliable information available. Also, Bredevoort Manor, "Verdeylonge und affteickenonge der Swanenbroecks Deelen . . ." [Division and partition of the Swanenbroeck shares], 1612; call no. 90, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*. Also, Bredevoort Manor, "Namen der genner so Suermaets—Deelen in de Suermate ond Bredeforth gelegen holden und hebben" [Names of the ones who hold and have shares of the Suermaet located in the Suermaet under Bredevoort], 1612; call no. 91, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*. This manuscript says it was abstracted from the administration of the church masters. The original has not survived for this period.

50. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614, fols. 36r–36v, 20 August 1614. Also, Bredevoort Manor, a tax list for garrison upkeep, taken on 24 May 1613 and 5 February 1614.

51. The author's reconstruction of seventeenth-century Bredevoort property owners shows several people on citizen lists before their recorded purchases, sometimes by as much as two years.

52. Bredevoort Manor, "Onkoste totte Sauvegarde und anders" [Costs for safeguarding and otherwise], 21 September 1627; call no. 175, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

Table 1

Neighbors of the Smit House in Bredevoort

1614 NEIGHBORS ^a	1628 NEIGHBORS ^b	EXPLANATION
Dijenberch's land and house	Lambert Cortz's house	13 May 1615: Dijenberch to Hans Cortz. ^c Cortz had a son Lambert. ^d
	Herman Soldaet's house	30 May 1615: Dijenberch to Herman te Bockel. ^e Herman was also known as Soldaet. ^f
Merfeldt's land	Mentinck's land	27 October 1627: Mervelt to Mentinck ^g
Market	Street to the front	Consistent, the street was not identified in the 1628 record.
—	Griete Klock's house	Not in 1614 record. Peter Smit/van Bilstein was listed near "Hans Clock" in 1613/1614, ^h near "Clocks huis" in 1616, ⁱ and near Hans's widow "Griete Clocken" in 1620. ^j
Jan van Basten's land	—	Not mentioned in the 1628 record. Jan van Basten was listed near Peter Smit/van Bilstein in 1613–14, ^k 1616, ^l and 1620. ^m

a. Manorial Court (Bredevoort, Gelderland, Netherlands), *voluntaire protocollen* [voluntary protocols (vol. prot.)], 1614, fols. 36r–36v, 20 August 1614, Rechterlijk Archief Heerlijkheid Bredevoort [Bredevoort Manor Court Records], 1533–1818, Record Group (RG) 3017, Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers [Achterhoek and Liemers Heritage Center], Doetinchem, Netherlands.

b. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

c. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1615, fols. 28r–29r, 13 May 1615.

d. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1626, fols. 16v–17r, 25 March 1626.

e. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1615, fols. 29v–30r, 30 May 1615.

f. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1632, fol. 19, 9 June 1632.

g. *Ibid.*, vol. prot. 1627, fols. 33v–34r, 27 October 1627.

h. Bredevoort Manor, "Settung . . .," tax list for upkeep of the garrison, taken on 24 May 1613 and 5 February 1614; call no. 174, RG 0098, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

i. *Ibid.*, well contribution, Peter van Bilstein and "Clocks huis" [Clock's house], 7 May 1616; call no. 173, RG 0098.

j. *Ibid.*, list of wards and buckets, 12 February 1620; call no. 41, RG 0098. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1617, fol. 21v, Hans Clock's estate settlement, 13 March 1617.

k. Bredevoort Manor, tax list for the garrison, 24 May 1613 and 5 February 1614, Peter van Bilstein.

l. Bredevoort Manor, contribution for the wells, 7 May 1616.

m. *Ibid.*, list of wards and buckets, 12 February 1620.

- The 1635 hearth tax register contains no entry for Peter Smit, consistent with his death by 1627. An entry for “Nachtegall” (no first name) who owned an “eeste” [malt drying installation] and “backaven tott neringe” [baking oven as a trade] appears in a section listing people who owned hearths for business purposes.⁵³ By its nature this list gives an incomplete neighborhood picture. The Nachtegall entry appears between Bastiaen Crijsman and Lambert Cortz. Lambert was the neighbor of the house that Harmen Nachtegaele and Griete Smits purchased from the three sisters in 1628. Harmen Nachtegaele’s owning a baking oven is consistent with “Sweer de Backer’s” use of the house in 1627.
- In 1649–50 Herman Nachtegaele owned a house, a yard, three cow meadows, and two parts of the Suurmaet.⁵⁴ He does not appear near known neighbors, but descriptions of properties near landmarks, like the town wall or gates, suggest the list is not ordered by location. This list omits Peter Smit.

LUTKE KOESINCK FARM

Among the property the sisters divided in 1628 was the Lutke Koesinck farm in Raetman (Ratum), presumably inherited from their parents.⁵⁵ On 3 July 1620 Peter Smit and Mechteld purchased the Lutke Koesinck farm in the hamlet of Henxteel (Henxel), not Ratum.⁵⁶

The reference to Raetman in the 1628 record was a mistake, because Bredevoort’s property tax records in 1649–50 include only one farm named Lutke Koesinck or a variant. In Winterswijk, it lay in the hamlet of Henxel, where Huininck and Caspar Everts owned it.⁵⁷ On 24 July 1649 Herman Huininck and his wife, Agnes Schmidt, and Casper Everts and his wife, Elisabeth Smid, sold Lutke Koesinck in Winterswijk, a hamlet of Henxel. That sale confirms the farm’s location and the wives as Griete’s sisters.⁵⁸ It also shows the sisters owned property previously owned by Peter Smit and Mechteld.

53. Bredevoort Manor, Visitation of all hearths, 30 May 1635. The unbound pages of the list were scanned out of order. The entry for Nachtegall, at the bottom of page 3v (modern page number) is followed by the word “Lamb:” in the bottom right corner, indicating that that is the first syllable on the next page. The only page that starts with “Lamb” is now numbered as page 6(r), starting with the entry for Lambert Cortz.

54. Bredevoort Manor, “Quoijer vande huijsen, hoeven, landerijen ende groenlanden onder de stadt Bredevoort gelegen” [Tax register of the houses, farms, lands and fields located under the city of Bredevoort], 1649–1650, section 1, Bredevoort, fols. 14v–15r; call no. 384, Staten van het Kwartier van Zutphen en hun Gedeputeerden [States of the Quarter of Zutphen and their Deputies], RG 0005, Gelders Archief; consulted as finding aid with images, *Gelders Archief*.

55. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1628, fols. 6v–7r, 31 January 1628.

56. *Ibid.*, 1620, fols. 28v–29r, Basquez de Acuna sale to Schmit van Bilstein, 3 July 1620; call no. 393, RG 3017, ECAL.

57. Bredevoort Manor, Tax register of the houses, farms, lands and fields located under the city of Bredevoort, 1649–1650, section 2, Winterswijk, fols. 113v–114r, entry for Lutteke Koesinck; RG 0005; *Gelders Archief*. Pagination restarts with each section.

58. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1648–1649, fols. 48v–49r, Huininck and Everts sale to Koesinck, 24 July 1649; call no. 416, RG 3017, ECAL.

PETER SMIT AND MECHTELDT

Peter Smit and his wife, Mechteld, first appear in Bredevoort records on 16 July 1608.⁵⁹ Peter sometimes was called “van Bilstein” [from Bilstein], probably referring to his or an ancestor’s origin.⁶⁰ Several villages, farms, and castles named Bilstein are in modern-day Germany and France.⁶¹

No other Bilstein references appear in records of Bredevoort and surrounding villages.⁶² Peter and Mechteld may have come to the town after the Prince of Orange reconquered Bredevoort in 1606 and installed a garrison.

Peter Smit died before 22 February 1627, when Mechteld Olentz, widow of Peter Smitz, and her unnamed children purchased a garden. This is the only known record of Mechteld’s last name.⁶³ She died between that date and 22 April 1628, when her daughter Agnes was called the minor daughter of the late Peter Smitz and Mechteld his wife.⁶⁴ She might have died by 31 January 1628, when the sisters sold their inheritance.⁶⁵

Naming patterns consistently identify Peter and Mechteld as the sisters’ parents. Deceased parents were the first choice for children’s names. Lijsbeth and Agnes both had a son Peter.⁶⁶ Griete and Hermken named no son Peter, but

59. Ibid., judicial protocols, 1608, fols. 103v–104r, 16 July 1608, Peter Smitt and wife Mechteldt lend money; call no. 70, RG 3017, ECAL.

60. Ibid., vol. prot. 1614, fol. 9, Peter van Bilstein and Mechtelt loan to Hendrick ten Sandtberge, 9 February 1614. Also, *ibid.*, fols. 36r–36v, Peter Smit van Bilstein and Mechteldt house purchase, 20 August 1614. Also, *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1615, fols. 28r–29r, Peter van Bilstein neighbor of Albert Dijenberch van Rhemen, 13 May 1615. Also, *ibid.*, vol. prot. 1620, fols. 28v–29r, Peter Schmit van Bilstein and Mechteldt purchase, 3 July 1620.

61. *Geonames* (<http://www.geonames.org>), entries for “Bilstein.”

62. Church, court, manorial, and tax records for Bredevoort and the surrounding areas were searched. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), judicial protocols 1588, 1589, 1595–1613, call nos. 58–75. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1614–1664, call nos. 387–425. Also, Manorial Court (Bredevoort), civil sentences 1602–1650, call no. 191. Also, Ruessink, transcriptions of vol. prot., Bredevoort 1614–1663, *Heerlijkheid Bredevoort*. Also, Ben Baneman, PDFs, *Genealogiedomein*. Also, “Personen index,” *Gelders Archief*.

63. Manorial Court (Bredevoort), vol. prot. 1627, fol. 8r, Mechteld Olentz purchase, 22 February 1627.

64. Ibid., vol. prot. 1628, fols. 23v–24r, 22 April 1628.

65. Ibid., fols. 6r–6v, 31 January 1628.

66. For Peter Everts as son of Casper Everts, see Hof van Gelre en Zutphen [Court of Gelre and Zutphen], civil case files, 1662 [sic], Lumme ter Horst vs. Peter Evers, 27 July 1663; call no. 5455, Hof van Gelre en Zutphen, RG 0124; Gelders Archief. For Peter Huijninck as son of Harmen, see Dutch Reformed Church (Aalten), marriage register 1665–1732, chronologically arranged, Huijninck-Locken, 21 April 1672; call no. 3, RG 3019; ECAL, consulted as finding aid with images, *Erfgoedcentrum Achterhoek en Liemers*.

they might not have had two sons. All four sisters named a daughter Mechteld, suggesting it was their mother's name.⁶⁷

CONCLUSION

Genealogists associate wars with record loss, but Griete Smit's case demonstrates they can also lead to record creation. During the Eighty Years' War parts of the commons in Bredevoort were divided to pay for new fortifications. Safety regulations were strictly enforced, ensuring that wells were in good order and residents had sufficient fire buckets to withstand a siege. People were willing to have courts record their land transactions and loans, avoiding record loss to fire or marauding soldiers. The resulting records captured moments of the lives of Griete Smit, her sisters, and their parents, enabling reconstruction of their family ties.

Griete Smit, wife of Harmen Nachtegael, and her sisters Lijsbet, Hermken, and Agnes Smit divided their parental inheritance. Joint appearances in church, court, and tax records identify Lijsbet as the wife of Casper Everts, Hermken as the wife of, first, Willem Krabbenborch, and, later, Gerrit Harckinck, and Agnes as the wife of Herman Huijninck. Hermken and Agnes were recorded as daughters of Peter Smit and Mechteld. Two of the sisters had a son Peter and all four sisters had a daughter Mechteld, consistent with their parents' names. The four sisters inherited a house in Bredevoort, three types of land there, and a farm in Winterswijk. Peter Smit and his wife Mechteld had previously owned these properties. One record identifies Peter's widow as Mechteld Olentz.

Tracing the sisters of Griete Smit and the property she inherited from her parents leads to one conclusion: Peter Smit van Bilstein and his wife, Mechteld Olentz, were Griete's parents. Extensive research in the records of Bredevoort and surrounding villages found no evidence to contradict that conclusion.

67. For Griete's daughter Mechteld Nachtegael, see Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), marriages 1639–1675, Swarte-Nachtegal, October 1660. For Lijsbeth's daughter Mechtelt Evers, see Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), baptisms 1638–1691, Mechtelt Evers, January 1643. For Hermken's daughter Mechtelt Krabbenborch, see Dutch Reformed Church (Bredevoort), marriages 1639–1675, Ten Broecke-Krabbenborch, March 1659. For Agnes's daughter Mechtelt Huijninck, see Dutch Reformed Church (Aalten), marriages 1665–1732, Van Coudum-Huijninck, 28 October 1688.

Which William H. Harrison Married Mary Ann Burns of Central Georgia?

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Distinguishing people with the same name and similar ages in the same location can be challenging. Inaccurate documents that are out of place further complicate research—and even an apparently reliable source can be wrong. Careful analysis and correlation of all available evidence can establish an identity.

Multiple records might identify one marriage partner, but not the other. If many men of the same name compete for a husband's identity, a reliable process to eliminate invalid candidates can begin with a thorough understanding of the wife. Then learning what her husband did, and when and where, may identify him.

Death records of some of Mary Ann Burns's children name her, as does her 1867 marriage record. When her eldest child, William T. Harrison, died in Georgia in 1932, his death record called her Mary L. Burnes.¹ William's full-siblings' death records describe her differently or not at all:

- Mary Lavannah (Harrison) Bedingfield left no known death record, but her gravestone stands in Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery in Johnson County, Georgia, amidst Bedingfield children.²
- A 1911 obituary calls Julia Estella (Harrison) Vanlandingham a “daughter by a former wife of Mr. W. H. Harrison.”³

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1. *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1385727>) > Georgia Deaths, 1928–1940 > Film 4601574 > image 221, Georgia State Board of Health, certificate 24547 (1932), William T. Harrison.

2. *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi), memorial 101846129, digital image of Mary Lavannah Bedingfield gravestone, Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Johnson Co., Ga., 12 July 2012, by Loree Beacham.

3. “Death of Mrs. J. W. Vanlandingham,” *Wrightsville Headlight*, Wrightsville, Ga., 11 August 1911, page 1, col. 2.

- John T. Harrison's 1946 Georgia death record mistakenly lists his stepmother, Ruth Ann Rogers.⁴
- Youngest child, Gainor Green Harrison's 1952 death record does not name his mother; he was under age two in 1880 when Mary Ann (Burns) Harrison died.⁵
- In 1966 Sallie (Harrison) Stephens's mother is identified as Annie Burns.⁶

The last four records agree that the father was William H. Harrison. When his second wife and widow, Ruth, died in 1929, her obituary named surviving stepchildren Willie Harrison, John T. Harrison, Mrs. Henry [Sally] Stephens, and Rev. Gainor Green Harrison.⁷

MARY ANN BURNS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

In 1850 and 1860 Mary A. Burns, born about 1849, lived with James and Mary (Parker) Burns in Militia District 89 in southern Washington County, Georgia.⁸ She married William H. Harrison on 29 November 1867.⁹ Two years later William H. Harrison, likely her husband, purchased items at the sale of James Burns's estate.¹⁰

Married almost three years by 1870, Mary A. and her husband were enumerated with different names that year and in 1880:

- In 1870 William H. Harrison, born about 1849, with apparent wife Anna P., born about 1850, lived in Militia District 92, in southeastern Washington County.¹¹ In the household were three-year-old William T. and four-month-old John T.
- No William H. Harrison or Anna P. were in Washington County in 1880. However, Henry W. Harrison, thirty-three, and his wife, thirty-one, lived with sons William T., thirteen, and John T., eleven, in Johnson County, adjoining

4. Georgia Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 5750 (1946), John T. Harrison.

5. Ibid., no. 16223 (1952), Gaynor Green Harrison. For Mary's death, see "Johnson Items," *Dublin Post*, Dublin, Ga., 17 November 1880, page 3, col. 4, and 1 December 1880, page 3, col. 4.

6. Georgia Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 17616 (1966), Sallie Harrison Stephens.

7. "Mrs. Ruth Harrison," *Macon Telegraph*, Macon, Ga., 15 November 1929, page 18, col. 2.

8. 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., population schedule, Division 91, fol. 215r, dwelling/family 167, James Burnes household; microfilm M432, roll 87, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Also, 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co. Ga., pop. sch., p. 180, dwell. 163, fam. 156, James Burns household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 140. Also, Washington Co., Tax Digest, Georgia Militia District (GMD) 89, 1855, p. 33, James Burns, and 1856, p. 41, James Barnes [Burnes]; microfilms 239/57 and 57/64, Georgia Archives (GA), Morrow. For the marriage of James Burns and Mary Parker, see Washington Co., Marriage Book A:33, Burns-Parker, 6 June 1832; Probate Court, Sandersville; GA microfilm 20/76.

9. Washington Co., Marriage Book C:265, Harrison-Burnes, 29 November 1867; GA microfilm 20/76.

10. Washington Co., Sales Book C:499, James Burns, estate sale papers (1869); Probate Court, Sandersville; GA microfilm 16/70.

11. 1870 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Militia District 92, p. 231, dwell. 333, fam. 331, William H. Harrison household; NARA microfilm M593, roll 182.

Washington County to the south.¹² The family had expanded to include children Sally, Lavanah M., Julia E., and Green J. Henry's two oldest children's names, birth order, and ages are consistent with William H.'s 1870 household. Henry's wife's was "Margy." Her birth year was roughly that of Anna P. of 1870 and Mary A. Burns. William H. Harrison farmed in 1870, and Henry W. Harrison was a dry goods merchant in 1880. Farmers sometimes became merchants after the war.

The foregoing is sufficient to distinguish this William H. Harrison from others:

- He was born in Georgia about 1847–1849.
- Single in 1867, he married Mary and fathered at least six children by 1879.
- Sometimes he was called William, sometimes Henry.
- He lived in Washington County in 1870 and Johnson County in 1880.
- He was not enumerated with another family in the 1870 and 1880 censuses.
- He worked as a farmer and dry goods merchant.
- His wife Mary Ann's death left him a widower in 1880.
- He married Ruth in 1881 and is not mentioned in her 1929 obituary.

Who was Mary Ann's husband? Each of three Georgia-born William H. Harrisons living in Washington County in 1860 was a candidate.

CANDIDATE 1: SON OF JAMES C. AND SARAH (TAUNTON) HARRISON

William H. Harrison, born about 1841, lived with James C. and Sarah Harrison and seven children in 1850 and 1860.¹³ James C. farmed in Militia District 95.¹⁴

James C. Harrison married Sarah Taunton in Washington County on 11 January 1838. Ailsey Taunton, probably Sarah's relative, lived with them for a time.¹⁵ William and James C. registered to vote in the same election district after the war.¹⁶ William consistently paid taxes in Militia District 95.¹⁷

12. 1880 U.S. census, Johnson Co., Ga., pop. sch., Wrightsville, Militia District 1201, pp. 4–5, dwell./fam. 39, Henry W. Harrison household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 154.

13. 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Division 91, fol. 244r, dwell./fam. 609, James C. Harrison household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 87. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., fol. 192r, dwell. 249, fam. 241, James C. Harrison household.

14. Washington Co., Ga., Tax Digest, GMD 95, 1856, p. 16, and 1855, p. 9, James C. Harrison. For militia district locations, see William R. Henry, *Washington County, Georgia, Index to 1828 Tax Digest; Index to 1836 Tax Digest, With Genealogical Gleanings* (Warner Robbins, Ga.: Central Georgia Genealogical Society, 1987), ii.

15. Washington Co., Marriage Book A:79, Harrison-Taunton, 11 January 1838. For Ailsey Taunton, see 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Division 91, fol. 244r, dwell./fam. 609, James C. Harrison household.

16. Georgia, Returns of Qualified Voters under the Reconstruction Act, 1867, Washington Co., vol. 66, District 20, Precinct 7, unpaginated; GA microfilm 297/18.

17. Washington Co., 1869 Tax Digest, GMD 95, 1869, page 19, William H. Harrison; GA microfilm 61/75. Ibid., Tax Digest, GMD 95, 1874, second page, W. H. Harrison; RGSGS 034-06-001, Vol. 2-211; GA. Ibid., 1879, second page, Wm. H. Harrison; Vol. 2-2190. Ibid, 1884, second page, W. H. Harrison; Vol. 2-2192.

A family Bible record for this William says he was born on 9 November 1840, died on 15 July 1884, and married on 8 April 1869. His wife, Mary M. Harrison, died on 18 May 1926. The birth records of nine children show two bearing the middle name "May."¹⁸ William's identity is consistent with that of the young man in James C. and Sarah Harrison's 1860 household in Militia District 95.

Public records confirm this outline. On 8 May 1862 two William H. Harrisons joined Company B of the 59th Infantry Regiment and were with the unit throughout the war. Mary May's future husband was the private named "W. H. Harrison Jr." in his compiled service record.¹⁹ He stayed healthy during the war and surrendered at Appomattox. Mary Ann Burns's older brothers, William S. Burns and Jordan Minter Burns, joined Company D of the same regiment.²⁰

On 8 April 1869 in Washington County, William H. Harrison married Mary May.²¹ In 1870 William Harrison and Mary, ages twenty and nineteen, respectively, lived with infant John in Militia District 95, in northeastern Washington County.²² They lived near several May families, far from James Burns. In 1880 William H. Harrison, thirty-nine, lived in Militia District 94 with his wife Mary, twenty-eight, and children John, Martha, Willie, James, Minnie, and Anthan [sic].²³

In August 1876 Mary M. Harrison was received in the Antioch Baptist Church, in Militia District 95.²⁴ W. H. Harrison was active in the church until his death. He died in July 1884 and is buried in the church cemetery. Beside him are Mary M. Harrison, born in February 1851 and died in May 1926, and their

18. "Washington County Bible Records," item no. 167, Harrison family Bible record, 1873; GA microfilm 182/66. The Harrison page (unpaginated) documents a marriage between William H. Harrison and Mary May.

19. *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Georgia*, microfilm publication M266, 607 rolls (Washington, D.C.; NARA, 1959), roll 543, William H. Harrison (private and sergeant, Company B, 59th Georgia Infantry), forty-two cards. The service records conflated two William H. Harrisons into one file. Cemetery headstones suggest that the W. H. Harrison designated as "Jr." in the file was slightly older, but of lower rank.

20. *Ibid.*, roll 541, for Wm. T. S. T. Burns (private, Company D, 59th Georgia Infantry), twenty-one cards; and James [sic] M. Burn (private), ten cards.

21. Washington Co., Marriage Book C:334, Harrison-May, 8 April 1869.

22. 1870 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Militia District 95, p. 275, dwell. 156, fam. 154, William Harrison household.

23. 1880 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch. (local copy), ED 129, p. 35, Wm. Harrison household; GA microfilm 53/61. This local copy is reportedly at the probate judge's office in Sandersville. It does not contain all the federal copy information and has no family or dwelling numbers. Names are grouped by surname first letter by enumeration district. Enumeration district 129 covered Militia Districts 90 and 91 but "Militia District 94" is penned on page 35. Tax digests consistently place this William Harrison family in Militia District 95.

24. Antioch Baptist Church (Washington Co., Ga.), Minutes, 1858–1896, chronologically arranged, August 1876; GA microfilm 171/45. Also, *ibid.*, "List of Male Members Belonging to Antioch Church, Feb 7th 1874." After the name William Harrison, the words "died 1884" have been inserted.

child Mary M. Harrison.²⁵ Buried in this cemetery are many Mays, including W. H. May.²⁶

William, never a landowner, had personal property worth only \$120 in 1884.²⁷ His estate does not appear in Washington County probate records.²⁸ After William's death, his father, James C., apparently widowed, lived with his daughter-in-law Mary M. Harrison and her children (1890), and later with grandson William T. Harrison (1900).²⁹ Like his son, James C. belonged to the Antioch Baptist Church and farmed in Militia District 95.³⁰

In 1911 Mary Harrison, widow of W. H. Harrison, applied in Washington County for a pension for her husband's Confederate service in Company B, 59th Infantry Regiment.³¹ She reported that he served with his company until the surrender, and that he died in Washington County on 15 July 1884, leaving no property. W. H. May witnessed Mary's application and attested that he had known her for fifty years.³²

One document in her pension file shows a jarring inconsistency. A marriage license and certificate show that Mary A. Barnes and William H. Harrison married on 29 November 1867 in Washington County. C. D. Thigpen certified the license as a true and correct copy of the original, although the marriage book entry gives the bride's surname as "Burnes," not "Barnes."³³ Somehow the wrong marriage record made it to this file.

Widow Harrison's pension ended with her death. Mrs. E. D. Garrett attested that Mrs. Mary Harrison died in Washington County on 18 May 1926. Garrett,

25. *Find A Grave*, memorial 55805515, digital image of William H. Harrison gravestone, and memorial 55805541, digital image of Mary M. Harrison gravestone; and memorial 55805497, digital image of Mary M. Harrison gravestone; Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, Sparks, Washington Co., Ga., 2 August 2010, by "SCLay."

26. *Ibid.*, memorial 55805233, digital image of "W. H. May" gravestone.

27. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 95, 1884, second page, W. H. Harrison; RGSGS 034-06-001, vol. 2-2192, GA.

28. The guardianship of his children in 1890 pertained to William's father's estate. See Washington Co., Guardian Bonds B:98, Mary M. Harrison for minor children, 7 April 1890; Probate Court, Sandersville; GA microfilm 173/13.

29. Washington Co., Census Records, 1890, GMD 95, p. 50; Court of Ordinary, Sandersville; GA microfilm 165/48. Also, 1900 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., GMD 95, ED 90, sheet 4B, dwell./fam. 76, Will Harrison household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 228.

30. Antioch Baptist Church, Minutes, 1858–1896, chronologically arranged, March and April 1861. Also, Washington Co., Tax Digests, GMD 95, 1855, p. 9, James C. Harrison. Also, *ibid.*, 1869, second page of district, J. C. Harrison.

31. *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1560>) > Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879–1960 > Washington > H > images 87–93, Mrs. Mary Harrison (Washington Co., widow of W. H. Harrison, 59th Regt., Co. B), widow's pension application file, for image 88–89, Application for a Pension by a Widow, 9 November 1911.

32. *Ibid.*, image 89, W. H. May affidavit, 9 November 1911.

33. *Ibid.*, image 90, C. D. Thigpen, affidavit, 9 November 1911; and image 91, Harrison-Barnes marriage license and certificate, 29 November 1869.

likely a daughter, paid Mary's funeral expenses. An itemized statement, including a casket bill charged to Mr. J. J. Harrison, was submitted to the Pension Office.³⁴

Son of James C. and Sarah (Taunton) Harrison, William H. Harrison, a small farmer and a private in Company B, 59th Georgia Infantry Regiment, died in 1884. He married Mary May, despite the conflicting evidence from a misplaced or miscopied marriage certificate in Mary's pension file. This William H. Harrison was not Mary Ann Burns's husband.

CANDIDATE 2: SON OF JAMES G. AND REBECCA (COSEY) HARRISON

William H. Harrison, born about 1841, lived in 1850 with James G. and Rebecca Harrison in Hancock County, north of Washington. He had six apparent siblings, one possibly a twin.³⁵ The 1856 tax digest places the family in Militia District 96, in far north Washington County, distant from the Burns household.³⁶ The family farmed and prospered, accumulating six thousand dollars in real estate and seven thousand dollars in personal property by 1860.³⁷

Like Mary May's husband William H. Harrison, James and Rebecca's son William H. Harrison fought with Company B of Georgia's 59th Infantry Regiment, a volunteer unit from Washington County known as the "Jackson Guards."³⁸ This second William, a sergeant, was twice wounded, hospitalized multiple times, captured, and imprisoned.

In 1870 William, a grocery clerk, lived in the William Riddle household in central Washington County.³⁹ Rev. John J. Hyman, a prominent Baptist minister and frequent visitor to Riddleville,⁴⁰ performed the marriage ceremony of his sister Margaret Hyman to William H. Harrison in neighboring Jefferson County in 1872.⁴¹

34. *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1560>) > Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879–1960 > Washington > H > image 93, Mrs. E. D. Garrett, Application for Pension Due to a Deceased Pensioner, 30 July 1926.

35. 1850 U.S. census, Hancock Co., Ga., pop. sch., District 114, fol. 35v, dwell. 533, fam. 545; James G. Harrison household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 72.

36. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 96, 1856, p. 11, James G. Harrison.

37. 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., p. 293, dwell. 1022, fam. 1002, James G. Harrison household.

38. Lillian Henderson, *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia, 1861–1865*, vol. 6 (Hapeville, Ga.: Longino and Porter, 1964), 15 and 20.

39. 1870 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., GMD 93, p. 235, dwell./fam. 2, William C. Riddle household.

40. For Hyman, see *History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia: With Biographical Compendium and Portrait Gallery of Baptist Ministers and Other Georgia Baptists* (1881; reprint, Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1976), 282–83. For Hyman's family relationship, see "Rev. J. J. Hyman Dead," *Dublin Courier Dispatch*, Dublin, Ga., 1 September 1905.

41. Jefferson, Co., Marriages, 1865–1882, p. 10, Harrison-Hyman, 27 June 1872; Probate Court, Louisville, Ga.; GA microfilm 22/4.

William's father, James G., was a wealthy landowner.⁴² He could easily help his son William establish a mercantile business. In 1872 William paid taxes in Militia District 92 on money and notes worth more than one thousand dollars.⁴³ His father died intestate in 1873, and his children and wife divided his acreage.⁴⁴ William moved again before 1874 and managed a store in Sandersville.⁴⁵ He paid tax on 178 acres in 1874 and 1875.⁴⁶ Mrs. Margaret Harrison began paying tax on 178 acres in 1876.⁴⁷

William, born on 23 December 1841, died of pneumonia at Sandersville on 8 April 1876, and was buried in the Mineral Springs Baptist Church cemetery with glowing tributes.⁴⁸ One obituary identifies him as a Washington County deputy sheriff who left a wife and a small child.⁴⁹ Another describes him as a philanthropist, wounded several times and captured in the late war. He had a distinguished military career and was survived by his mother, brothers, sisters, his wife, and "little Ever Belle."⁵⁰

William set his assets in trust for his wife, perhaps because he suffered a lingering illness.⁵¹ The trust included land originally belonging to James G. Harrison.⁵²

William's only child was "Little Ever Belle."⁵³ Widow "Mary" (Maggie) A. Harrison appeared with daughter Eva B. Harrison, seven, in Jefferson County in 1880.⁵⁴ Maggie married Colonel R. N. Donovan in Jefferson County in 1882.⁵⁵ By 1900 the couple lived in Calhoun County, Alabama, with Maggie's

42. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 96, 1856, p. 11, James G. Harrison.

43. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 92, 1872, second page, W. H. Harrison; RGS GS 034-06-001, vol. 2-2191, GA.

44. Washington Co., Deed Book C:488, Harrison to Harrison, 1 January 1874; GA microfilm 172/9.

45. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 97, 1874, third page, W. H. Harrison & Co.; RGS GS 034-06-001, vol. 2-2191, GA.

46. *Ibid.*, W. H. Harrison. Also, 1875, third page, W. H. Harrison.

47. *Ibid.*, GMD 1253, 1876, second page, Mrs. Margaret Harrison.

48. Mineral Springs Baptist Church Cemetery (Warthen, Ga.), William H. Harrison gravestone; viewed by author, 30 November 2015.

49. "Died," *The Sandersville Herald*, Sandersville, Ga., 20 April 1876, page 2, col. 4.

50. *Ibid.*, "Obituary," 1 June 1876, page 2, col. 4. Also, William H. Harrison gravestone, Mineral Springs Baptist Church.

51. Washington Co., Deed Book D:219, Harrison to Harrison, 15 February 1876, Superior Court, Sandersville; GA microfilm 172/9.

52. *Ibid.*, C:488, Harrison to Harrison, 1 January 1874.

53. "Died," *The Sandersville Herald*, 20 April 1876, page 2, col. 4.

54. 1880 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ga., pop. sch., Wadley, ED 65, p. 29, dwell. 204, fam. 206, Mary A. Harrison household.

55. A record of the Donovan-Harrison marriage does not appear in Jefferson Co., marriage books, although it was announced in the newspaper. See "Married," *The Sandersville Herald*, 15 June 1881, page 3, col. 3.

married daughter, Eva B. Field.⁵⁶ Margaret Alberta Hyman Donovan, Robert N. Donovan, and Eva Harrison Field are buried in Edgemont Cemetery in Calhoun County.⁵⁷ Eva's death record names her parents as William "Harris" and Margaret Hyman.⁵⁸

William Henry Harrison, son of James G. and Rebecca (Cosey) Harrison, was a Confederate sergeant known for his heroism.⁵⁹ From a prosperous family, he married late in life. This William died in Washington County in 1876 at age thirty-four, and is buried at Mineral Springs Baptist Church Cemetery near his parents and twin brother, Joseph.⁶⁰ An unmarried grocer in 1870, his wife was Maggie A. Hyman, not Mary Ann Burns.

CANDIDATE 3: SON OF JOHN E. AND SARAH (FROST) HARRISON

The third William H. Harrison was too young to serve in the Civil War. Born about 1848, he lived with John E. and Sarah Harrison and seven other children in 1860.⁶¹ The family does not appear on Washington County tax rolls in 1855 and 1856. They may have farmed in Emanuel County, where John received land grants.⁶² Later tax digests place them back in Washington County in Militia District 92, near James Burns's family.⁶³

William H. Harrison resided with John E. and Sarah Harrison in 1860 but not in 1850.⁶⁴ The 1850 return may have errors. Two young boys are listed—James

56. 1900 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sch., Anniston, ED 42, sheet 2b, dwell. 35, fam. 46, Robert N. Donovan household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 5.

57. *Find A Grave*, memorial 40811702, transcribed dates from Eva Harrison Field gravestone; memorial 40872268, transcribed dates from Margaret Alberta Hyman Donovan gravestone; and memorial 40811703, transcribed dates from Robert N. Donovan gravestone, Edgemont Cemetery, Anniston, Calhoun Co., Ala., 18 and 19 August 2009, by Richard Finch.

58. Alabama Department of Public Health, death certificate, no. 15383 (1925), Eva Harrison Field; microfilm publication 1,908,272, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

59. 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Sandersville P. O., p. 293, dwell. 1022, fam. 1002, James G. Harrison household. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Hancock Co., Ga., pop. sch., District 114, fol. 35v, dwell. 533, fam. 545, James G. Harrison household.

60. *Find A Grave*, memorial 98236198, digital image of J. W. Harrison gravestone, Mineral Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Warthen, Washington Co., Ga., 3 October 2012, by "Emery1959." Also, memorial 77231641, digital images of James Garrett Harrison gravestone, Mineral Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, 28 September 2011, by "Georgia Girl." Also, memorial 95187409, digital image of Rebecca Harrison gravestone, 11 August 2012, by "Emery1959."

61. 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., p. 240, dwell. 622, fam. 604, John E. Harrison household.

62. Georgia Surveyor General, Land Grants Book WWWW:340, Jno E. Harrison, 25 January 1849; GA microfilm 53/4. Also, Book ZZZZ:352, 14 January 1857; GA microfilm 53/7.

63. Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 92, 1869, p. 19, Jno. E Harrison.

64. 1860 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Sandersville P. O., p. 240, dwell. 622, fam. 604, John E. Harrison household. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga., pop. sch., Division 91, fol. 249r, dwell./fam. 683, John Harrison household. The ages of the children given in 1850 also conflict with other records.

and Granbury. Oldest son James Greenberry became an entrepreneur and farmer in southern Washington County.⁶⁵ James usually went by the name Greenberry or Green B. Harrison.⁶⁶ The 1860 census shows two males born before 1850—James G. and William H. The younger son in the 1850 household likely should have been enumerated as “William,” not “Granbury.”

This Harrison family was well known in middle Georgia. William’s father, John Emmett Harrison, was a Baptist minister, like three of his six brothers.⁶⁷ He pastored churches in the counties of Washington, Johnson, Emanuel, Jefferson, and Montgomery. John married Sarah Frost in 1843 and supported his family by farming his 678 acres.⁶⁸

William and Anna Harrison farmed thirty-five acres near John E. in 1870.⁶⁹ In 1874 William paid taxes on 282 acres in Militia District 1203 in Johnson County.⁷⁰

A letter from Bethel Baptist Church in Washington County, where John E. Harrison was minister, dismissed Mary Ann and William Harrison, consistent with their move to Johnson County.⁷¹ In 1877 William paid taxes on land in Washington County and household items in Johnson County.⁷² Living nearby in Johnson County were Mary Ann’s brothers, William and Jordan Minter Burns.⁷³

William Burns and William Harrison may have been engaged in business together. Paying taxes on considerable livestock and a number of hired hands, neither claimed land in Johnson County.

Around 1879 the Harrisons moved to Wrightsville, the Johnson County seat, where William opened a dry goods business.⁷⁴ About a year later William Burns

65. “Death of a Good Man,” *Middle Georgia Progress*, Sandersville, Ga., 7 April 1896, page 1, col. 5. The obituary identifies James as brother of W. H. Harrison.

66. His headstone identifies him as Green B., son of J. E. and S. Harrison. See *Find A Grave*, memorial 83578483, digital image of Green B. Harrison gravestone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Pringle, Ga., 11 December 2012, by J. W. Latimer.

67. Johnson County Historical Society, *A History of Johnson County Churches* (Swainsboro, Ga.: Magnolia Press, 1986), 51–52.

68. Washington Co., Marriage Book A:143, Harrison-Frost, 11 May 1843. For his acreage, see Washington Co., Tax Digest, GMD 92, 1870, John E. Harrison.

69. 1870 U.S. census, Washington Co., Ga. agricultural sch., p. 67, William H. Harrison and John E. Harrison; GA microfilm 333/24.

70. Johnson Co., 1874 Tax Digest, GMD 1203, second page; RGSGS 034-06-001, vol. 3-7826, GA.

71. New Bethel Baptist Church (Washington Co., Ga.), Minutes, 1841–1899, p. 148; GA microfilm 174/54.

72. Washington, Co., Tax Digest, GMD 89, 1877, second page, W. H. Harrison, non-resident; RGSGS 034-06-001, vol. 2-2191, GA. Also, Johnson Co., Tax Digest, GMD 1202, 1877, second page, W. H. Harrison; RGSGS 034-06-001, vol. 3-7826, GA.

73. *Ibid.*, unnumbered p. 1, William S. Burns and James M. Burns [sic].

74. “Johnson Items,” *Dublin Post*, Dublin, Ga., 1 January 1879, page 3, col. 4.

became his partner.⁷⁵ Wrightsville merchant “Henry W. Harrison” paid taxes under the name William H. Harrison.⁷⁶

Typhoid fever struck Wrightsville in fall 1880 and Mrs. Henry Harrison died 19 November, leaving six children under the age of thirteen.⁷⁷ Mary Annie Harrison is buried in Westview Cemetery in Wrightsville, close to her sister Emma “Milly” Clark.⁷⁸ William Henry Harrison is buried with his second wife, Ruth Ann (Rogers) Harrison, at Beulah Baptist Church.⁷⁹ Also buried in the Beulah Cemetery are Mary Ann’s children William T. Harrison, Sallie Harrison Stephens, Mary Lavannah Harrison Beddingfield, and Julia Estella Harrison Vandlandingham.⁸⁰

CONCLUSION

Between 1860 and 1870 three men named William H. Harrison lived in Washington County, Georgia. All married women with similar first names. Nicknames, name variants, and an error in a pension file complicated identifying Mary A. Burns’s husband. Analysis and correlation of information from censuses, tax rolls, probate records, deeds, Bibles, and obituaries help identify which William H. Harrison married Mary Annie Burns in 1867.

Records of three William H. Harrisons eliminated two candidates. The son of John E. and Sarah (Frost) Harrison was in the right places at the right times, and did the right things, to be husband of Mary Ann Burns of Washington and Johnson counties, Georgia.

75. “Johnson Items,” *Dublin Post*, 21 January 1880, page 3, col. 2.

76. Johnson Co., Tax Digest, GMD 1201, 1880, third page, William H. Harrison; RGSGS 034-06-001, vol. 3-7826, GA.

77. “Johnson Items,” *Dublin Post*, 17 November 1880, page 3, col. 4; and 1 December 1880, page 3, col. 4. For ages of her children, see 1880 U.S. census, Johnson Co., Ga., pop. sch., Militia District 1201, ED 60, pp. 4–5, dwell./fam. 39, Henry W. Harrison household.

78. *Find A Grave*, memorial 116221740, digital image of Mary Annie Harrison gravestone, and memorial 116223009, digital image of Emma W. Clark gravestone, Westview Cemetery, Wrightsville, Johnson Co., Ga., 28 August 2013, by Loree Beacham. For proximity of the grave markers, see Johnson County Historical Society, *Searching for Our Ancestors among the Gravestones*, second edition (Wrightsville, Ga.: Johnson County Historical Society, 2000), 269. For marriage of sister Emma, see Johnson Co., Marriage Book A:138, Clark-Burns, date 1 September 1872; Probate Court, Wrightsville; GA microfilm 157/55.

79. *Find A Grave*, memorial 101833023, digital image of W. H. Harrison gravestone and memorial 101832696, digital image of Ruth Ann Harrison gravestone, Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Johnson Co., Ga., 6 December 2012, by Loree Beacham.

80. *Find A Grave*, memorial 101851645, digital image of Sallie Mayo Stephens gravestone; memorial 101846129, digital image of Mary Lavannah Beddingfield gravestone; and memorial 101849759, digital image of Julia Estella Vanlandingham; Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Johnson Co., Ga., 7 December 2012, by Loree Beacham. For the burial of William T. Harrison, see Johnson County Historical Society, *Searching for Our Ancestors*, p. 24.

Indirect Evidence Corrects the Parentage of Lemuel Offutt of Baltimore County, Maryland

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Many family trees identify Lemuel Offutt of Baltimore County, Maryland, as a son of Archibald Offutt of Kentucky. Indirect evidence rebuts that kinship and identifies James Offutt of Maryland as Lemuel's father. Tracing the error to its origin provides a genealogical cautionary tale.

Long-standing errors sometimes surface when publications disagree on a relationship or identity. Family historians can correct these errors by searching thoroughly, aggregating relevant evidence, and resolving conflicts. Then they can set the record straight by publishing a documented explanation. Lemuel Offutt, a prominent nineteenth-century farmer, provides such an opportunity.

Lemuel lived his adult life in Baltimore County, Maryland, where he married Maria Worthington Walters in 1832.¹ They had five children and settled on a two-hundred-acre property, *Norwood's Delight*, which remained in the Offutt family until 1949.² Lemuel served the county as a justice of the peace and commissioner.³ He died in 1865, days before his sixtieth birthday, and Maria died nine years later.⁴ Both are buried on Maryland Historic Trust property.⁵

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1. Baltimore Co., Md., Marriage Licenses, 1832–1839, fifteenth page, no. 358, Offutt-Walters, 3 September 1832; series CM174-6, microfilm WK 1397-1398, Maryland State Archives (MSA), Annapolis.

2. "Mount Welcome Retreat (Norwood's Delight)," inventory BA-0009, PDF, sect. 8, p. 2; Maryland Department of Planning, *Maryland Historical Trust* (<https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Baltimore%20County/BA-9.pdf>).

3. "Commissions of the Peace," *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., 19 April 1841, page 1, col. 4. Also, "Baltimore County Court," *Sun*, 15 November 1841, page 1, col. 1.

4. Walters and Blunt Family Cemetery (Granite, Montgomery Co., Md.), Lemuel and Maria W. Offutt marker; read and photographed by author, 18 May 2013.

5. "State Preserves Historic Mt. Welcome in Baltimore County," press release, 6 March 2013, *Department of Natural Resources* (<https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2013/03/06/state-preserves-historic-mt-welcome-in-baltimore-county/>).

Baltimore County records agree on Lemuel's life there, but accounts of his parentage conflict. Most family trees place him in Archibald and Jane (Odle) Offutt's family, originally of Montgomery County, Maryland, and later of Scott and Harrison counties, Kentucky.⁶ Fewer trees identify his parents as James and Rebecca (Offutt) Offutt, also of Montgomery County. Both couples had a son Lemuel, but little credible direct evidence links Lemuel of Baltimore County to either couple.⁷ Only his gravestone records his death.⁸

The less-often-reported parentage is correct. Archibald's son could not have married in Baltimore County in 1832. That groom grew up in Montgomery County as James's son.

REBUTTING AN INCORRECT CONNECTION

Evidence from varied sources establishes that Lemuel, the youngest of Archibald and Jane Offutt's four sons, did not marry and settle in Baltimore County.

Early Censuses and Probate Records Identify Children

Archibald's family lived in at least three counties. On 1 January 1803 Montgomery County issued him a license to marry Jane Odle.⁹ Seven years later

6. "Public Member Trees," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1030>), search for Lemuel Offutt, 1805–1865. Thirty-six of sixty-four public family trees identify Archibald and Jane as Lemuel's parents. Other publications name James Offutt and Rebecca Magruder, Lemuel's maternal grandparents, as his parents. See, for example, *1962 Year Book of the American Clan Gregory Society, Incorporated: Containing the Proceedings of the 1961 Annual Gathering* (Washington, D.C.: The Society, 1962), 26, no. 1372.

7. Both Lemuels descend from William Offutt who died in 1734. See James S. William Offutt, "Maryland Colonist: Patriarch of the Offutt Family in America," typescript, 16 pp., 1978; PDF, *ExLibris Rosetta* (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9618379), viewable at a FamilySearch center. Their fathers were acquainted; Archibald purchased five sheep at the estate sale held for Rebecca's mother in 1810, which James oversaw as administrator. See Montgomery Co., Md., Estate Record G:224, James Offut, account of sale of Rebecca Offut's personal property, 13 November 1810; series C1138-9, MSA.

8. Maryland's twenty-three counties began keeping death records in 1898, and the city of Baltimore in 1875. Compliance was poor with an 1865 requirement that county circuit courts record deaths; no Baltimore County records from that period exist. See "Death Records," finding aid, Maryland State Archives, *Guide to Government Records* (<http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=death>). Four local newspapers did not publish Lemuel's obituary: (1) *Sun*, 1865, (2) *Maryland Journal*, Towson, Md., May–June 1865, (3) *American and Commercial Advertiser*, Baltimore, Md., May–June 1865, and (4) *Baltimore County Union*, May–June 1865, Towson, Md. The author searched the *Sun* at *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (<http://www.proquest.com>), library subscription, and the other three on microfilm.

9. Maryland State Archives, *Guide to Special Collections* (<http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/pages/speccol/collection.aspx?speccol=3985>), MSA SC 3985-1-1, PDF, "[Photo]Copies of Original Marriage Licenses of Montgomery County, Maryland: 1798–1866," fol. 10r, Offutt-Odle, 1 January 1803. The original record is missing from the Montgomery County Circuit Court clerk's office.

their household included two boys and two girls, all under age ten.¹⁰ About 1815 the family moved to Scott County, Kentucky.¹¹ Their 1820 household included eight children.¹² By 1830 the family had settled in adjacent Harrison County.¹³

Archibald died of cholera in Harrison County in 1833.¹⁴ His estate's administrator was Nathaniel E. Offutt.¹⁵ On 9 February 1835 Jane and Lewis, "infants over 14," chose Nathaniel as their guardian. The court also appointed him guardian to Lemuel and Louisa Ann, under fourteen.¹⁶ Thus, Lemuel was Archibald's youngest surviving son. Credible, official, and contemporaneous records with participants' firsthand information—scrutinized by a judge—support that conclusion. The process allowed for challenge and correction.

Bible Records Corroborate Birth Order

A family Bible lists Archibald's children with their birth dates. See table 1. The addition of Sabret's birth in a different hand indicates that two people made the entries. His omission from the chronological list suggests erroneous copying from an earlier record. Sabret and his wife likely would not have remembered his eight siblings' exact birth dates.

10. 1810 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Md., p. 952, Arch^d. Offutt; microfilm publication M252, roll 14, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

11. Son Lewis B. was reported born in Kentucky in 1814–15, and daughter Jane (Offutt) Barnett in Maryland in 1815–16. See 1850 U.S. census, Harrison Co., Ky., population schedule, District 2, fol. 157v, dwelling 636, family 642, Lewis Offut (age thirty-five), and fol. 165v, dwell. 693, fam. 699, Jane Barnett (thirty-four); NARA microfilm M432, roll 203. Also, Scott Co., Ky., Commissioners [Tax] Book for 1817, p. 27, Archibald Offutt; Kentucky State Historical Society, Frankfort; microfilm 8,021, Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City. For Archibald's 1816 (not 1815) arrival in Scott County, see William Henry Perrin, ed., *The History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky* (Chicago: Baskin, 1882), 607.

12. 1820 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., Georgetown, p. 124, Archi^d. Offutt; NARA microfilm M33, roll 27.

13. 1830 U.S. census, Harrison Co., Ky., Western Division, p. 147, Archibald Offutt; NARA microfilm M19, roll 37. For a 1828 date of the family's move, see Perrin, *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, 607.

14. Perrin, *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, 607. For an account of the cholera epidemic, see Mrs. L. [Lucinda] Boyd, "Cholera—The Pestilence That Walketh in Darkness and Wasteth at Noonday," *Chronicles of Cynthiana and other Chronicles* (Cincinnati: Robert Clarke, 1892), 119–21.

15. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/search/collection/1875188) > Kentucky Probate Records, 1727–1990 > Harrison > Will records, 1832–1836, Vol. C > images 145–46, Harrison Co., Wills, 1794–1942, C:234–37, N. E. Offutt, "Archibald Offutt Inven'y & Apprsm," presented on 8 October 1833.

16. Harrison Co., Ky., Minute Book G, Volume 2 [1832–1835], p. 369, for Archibald Offutt, deceased, order, 9 February 1835; County Clerk, Cynthiana, Ky. Cohen Swiney, CS Genealogy Services, LLC, provided a copy of the page. Under Kentucky common law, fourteen was the minimum age for selecting a guardian. See Charles Humphreys, *Compendium of the Common Law in Force in Kentucky: to Which is Prefixed a Brief Summary of the Laws of the United States* (Lexington, Ky.: William Gibbes Hunt, 1822), 143.

Table 1
Transcription of Sabret S. Offutt Family Bible Record

“Children of Archibald Offutt

“Nathaniel E. Offutt
 Born Nov. 9th 1803 –
 Malinda Offutt born
 Jan 12th 1806 – Clarissa
 Offutt born Nov. 20th
 1809 – Lucinda B. Offutt
 Born March 14th 1813 –
 Jane Offutt born April
 1st 1815 – Lewis B. Offutt
 Born Nov 21st 1817 –
 Lemuel Offutt born
 Jan 14th 1820 – Louisiana
 Offutt born Nov 24th
 1824 –
 Sabert [*sic*] S. Offutt
 Born Dec 4th 1807
 Mary H. Offutt his wife
 was Born Oct 2nd 1810”

Source: Sabret S. Offutt family Bible record, 1803–1859, pages from unknown Bible; collection of Priscilla Offutt Winkler, Rushville, Ind. One person wrote the entries, and someone else added data for Sabret and his wife and the heading. The absence of Sabret’s children born before 1840 suggests a missing page or pages. Winkler inherited the pages in 1982 from her father, Clark Offutt, who received them from Sabret’s grandson. Handwriting attributed to Sabret or his wife is unknown, but they probably created the list.

With one exception, the Bible record, independent of the guardianship records, corroborates the ages of Archibald’s youngest children: Jane, Lewis, Lemuel, and Louisiana (Louisa Ann). Jane and Lewis were old enough to select guardians in 1835, and Louisa Ann was too young. If Lemuel was born on 14 January 1820, as the Bible record shows, he was fifteen on 9 February 1835, old enough to choose a guardian.

The guardianship record says Jane and Lewis were “over 14,” suggesting the court would not allow a fourteen-year-old to choose a guardian. Any of three possibilities might explain the court’s appointing one for Lemuel:

- An earlier date in the probate process, perhaps as early as Archibald’s death in 1833, may have determined the age of qualification.
- The birth date in the Bible record could be wrong.
- The court may have treated Lemuel as a minor because he lacked capacity for some reason besides age.

Table 2
Correlation of Birth Years of Archibald Offutt's Children in a
Family Bible Record and Three Pre-1850 Censuses

FAMILY BIBLE RECORD ^a		1810 CENSUS ^b		1820 CENSUS ^c		1830 CENSUS ^d	
NAME	BIRTH YEAR	SEX	BIRTH RANGE	SEX	BIRTH RANGE	SEX	BIRTH RANGE
Nathaniel	1803	male	1800–10	male	1802–4		
Malinda	1806	female	1800–10	female	1804–10	<i>Not enumerated in Archibald's household</i>	
Sabret	1807	male	1800–10	male	1810–20		
Clarissa	1809	female	1800–10	female	1804–10		
Lucinda	1813			female	1810–20	female	1810–15
Jane	1815			female	1810–20	female	1815–20
Lewis B.	1817	<i>Not yet born</i>		male	1810–20	male	1815–20
Lemuel	1820			male	1810–20	male	1820–25
Louisiana	1824					female	1820–25

a. Sabret S. Offutt family Bible record, 1803–1859, pages from unknown Bible; collection of Priscilla Offutt Winkler, Rushville, Ind.

b. 1810 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Md., p. 952, Arch^d. Offutt; microfilm publication M252, roll 14, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

c. 1820 U.S. census, Scott Co., Ky., Georgetown, p. 124, Arch^d. Offutt; NARA microfilm M33, roll 27.

d. 1830 U.S. census, Harrison Co., Ky., Western Division, p. 147, Archibald Offutt; NARA microfilm M19, roll 37.

Note: Birth-year ranges are calculated from official ages designated for the respective census. See Anne Bruner Eales and Robert M. Kvasnicka, eds., *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the United States* (Washington D.C.: NARA, 2000), 22–25. The calculations accommodate birthdays within the census year regardless of occurrence before or after the respective official census date.

Federal Censuses Support Birth Order

Although pre-1850 federal censuses name only household heads, comparisons to other sources can corroborate and reveal conflicts. Table 2 correlates birth dates in Sabret's Bible record with enumerations of Archibald Offutt's household.

The comparison reveals three mismatches for nine children in three censuses. Sabret's age range in 1820 differs from his birth year in the Bible record. Jane's and Lemuel's age ranges in 1830 appear consistent with their birth years, but a conflict appears when comparing the Bible record's exact birth dates with the official census date—1 June in 1830:¹⁷

17. For the date, see Ann Bruner Eales and Robert M. Kvasnicka, *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the United States* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2000), 23.

- Jane, born on 1 April 1815, would have been fifteen on the census date. That agrees with the 1815–20 range calculated for the “10 and under 15” age range when the birth month is unknown. Jane’s recorded birth date, however, shows she had turned fifteen before 1 June.
- Lemuel’s situation is similar. Reportedly born on 14 January 1820, he was ten, not “5 and under 10” on 1 June 1830.

The discrepancies do not change the conclusion. Whether Lemuel, Archibald’s youngest son, was born in 1820 or later, he was too young to marry in 1832.

Bible Death Records

The “Deaths” page in Sabret’s family Bible says Archibald, “Father & Grandfather of the foregoing,” died on 20 August 1833 and his son Lemuel died on 12 August 1838.¹⁸ Sabret, the probable scribe, knew those dates firsthand.

Independent records corroborate both deaths. Archibald’s probate records, which confirm information in a local history, document his passing.¹⁹ Original records of Lemuel’s siblings corroborate his death.

Land and Tax Records Offer Evidence of Death

Archibald died in 1833, when he owned 82½ acres in Harrison County. In 1835 his heirs began conveying to one another their respective one-ninth interests in the tract.²⁰ See table 3.

The deeds confirm Lemuel’s death in 1838. He made no deed conveying a share of his father’s estate.²¹ The August 1839 deed refers to “Lemuel Offutt Dec’d.” Subsequent transactions describe the heirs’ shares as eighths, not ninths.

Tax records also point to Lemuel’s death in 1838. That year Nathaniel Offutt paid tax on his own property and that inherited by his wards Lewis, Lemuel, and Louisa. Lewis, who owned a horse or mule, was also assessed separately, but only Nathaniel was over twenty-one.²² In 1839 Nathaniel appears for himself and as guardian for Louisa. Lewis B. is marked as over twenty-one, and Lemuel’s name

18. Sabret S. Offutt family Bible record, 1803–1859, “Deaths” page from an unknown Bible collection of Priscilla Offutt Winkler, Rushville, Ind. Winkler inherited the pages in 1982 from her father, Clark Offutt, who received them from Sabret’s grandson.

19. Perrin, *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, 607. Few issues of 1830s newspapers from Harrison’s county seat have survived. See Eric Nagle, “Introduction,” in *Vital Records from Newspapers of Harrison County, Kentucky, 1836–1900* (Dayton, Ohio: privately published, 1996).

20. Jane’s husband, William Barnett, eventually acquired the entire tract. See Harrison Co., Deed Book 17:378, Offutt to Offutt, 10 September 1839; County Court, Cynthiana; FHL microfilm 216,856. Also, *ibid.*, 22:18, Offutt to William Barnett, 14 January 1840, and Offutt to Barnett, 25 September 1843. Also, *ibid.*, 22:20, Offutt to Barnett, 1 January 1847; FHL microfilm 216,858.

21. Harrison Co., General [deed] indexes, 1794–1894, M–S; FHL microfilm 216,847.

22. Harrison Co., 1838 Tax Book, list 1, p. 26, N. E. Offutt and Lewis B. Offutt; Kentucky State Historical Society; FHL microfilm 8,023.

Table 3
Land Transactions of Archibald Offutt's Heirs

DATE	GRANTORS	GRANTEE	INTEREST CONVEYED
28 February 1835	Pleasant and Clarissa Lilly	Nathaniel Offutt	One undivided ninth part of 82½ acres ^a
14 September 1835	William and Malinda Ward and David and Lucinda Thompson	Nathaniel Offutt	Two undivided ninth parts of 82½ acres ^b
4 April 1836	William and Jane Barnett	Nathaniel Offutt	One undivided ninth part of 82½ acres ^c
27 August 1839	David and Lucinda Thompson	Lewis B. Offutt	One undivided eighth part of "Lemuel Offutt Dec'd intrest" in 82½ acres ^d
10 September 1839	Sabret S. and Mary Offutt	Nathaniel Offutt	One ninth of a tract containing 82½ acres ^e
14 January 1840	Lewis B. and Martha Offutt	William Barnett	One undivided ninth part and one fourth of an undivided ninth part of 82½ acres ^f
25 September 1843	N. E. and Rebecca S. Offutt	William Barnett	Six undivided ninth parts and one undivided eighth part of 82½ acres ^g
1 January 1847	Louisa Ann Offutt	William Barnett	One undivided eighth part of 82½ acres ^h

a. Harrison Co., Ky., Deed Book 14:419; Lilly to Offutt, 28 February 1835; County Court, Cynthiana, Ky.; microfilm 216,855, Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City.

b. *Ibid.*, 15:244, Ward and Thompson to Offutt, 14 September 1835.

c. *Ibid.*, 16:215, Barnett to Offutt, 4 April 1836; FHL microfilm 216,856. For Jane Offutt's relationship to William Barnett, see *ibid.*, 16:215, Barnett to Offutt, 4 April 1836. Jane Offutt married William Barnett on 9 February 1835, with permission from her guardian, N. E. Offutt. See "Kentucky Marriage Records, 1797-1954," *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/search/collection/1804888 : accessed 29 October 2016), digital folder 004260366, image 45, Harrison Co., Marriage Register, 1832-1850, p. 32, Barnett-Offutt, 9 February 1835.

d. Harrison Co. Deed Book 20:163, Thompson to Offutt, 27 August 1839; FHL microfilm 216,857.

e. *Ibid.*, 17:378, Offutt to Offutt, 10 September 1839; FHL microfilm 216,856.

f. *Ibid.*, 22:18, Offutt to Barnett, 14 January 1840; FHL microfilm 216,858.

g. *Ibid.*, 22:17, Offutt to Barnett, 25 September 1843.

h. *Ibid.*, 22:20, Offutt to Barnett, 1 January 1847.

is gone.²³ Although no probate record is indexed for Lemuel, Nathaniel was taxed in 1845 as administrator of “L. Offutt’s estate,” a slave worth five hundred dollars. Lewis and Louisa appear on the same page, Louisa as Nathaniel’s ward.²⁴ Lemuel was the only “L. Offutt” for whom Nathaniel could have been administrator.²⁵

Further negative evidence supports information about Lemuel’s death. No one of his name and approximate age appears in the 1840, 1850, and 1860 federal censuses.²⁶

Bible, census, land, probate, and tax records—in agreement and independently of one another—collectively prove that Lemuel Offutt, Archibald’s youngest son, could not have married Maria Walters in 1832 and become a long-time resident of Baltimore County.

MAKING A CORRECT CONNECTION

Original Maryland records establish that Lemuel Offutt of Baltimore County was a son of James and Rebecca (Offutt) Offutt of Montgomery County. Their evidence connects James and Rebecca’s son Lemuel in Montgomery County with his adulthood in Baltimore County.

Early Life in Montgomery County

James Offutt died on 2 December 1819.²⁷ His widow, Rebecca, and son John

23. Harrison County, 1839 Tax Book, list 1, p. 26, N. E. Offutt and L. B. Offutt. Lemuel does not reappear through 1845.

24. *FamilySearch* > Kentucky Probate Records, 1727–1990 > Harrison County > Estate descendants index, 1794–1851, Vol. 1 > images 28–29, Harrison Co., General Index of Estates, alphabetically arranged, negative search for Lemuel Offutt. Also, Harrison Co., 1845 Tax Book, list 2, p. 23, entries for Lewis B. and N. E. Offutt.

25. In 1830 Archibald is the only Offutt household head in Harrison County. In 1840 Nathaniel E. is the only Offutt. In 1850, when all household members were enumerated, the only Offutts (or variants) indexed are members of this same family and their offspring. See “U.S. Federal Census Collection,” database, *Ancestry* (search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen), searches for “Offutt” and variants in 1830 and 1840. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Harrison Co., Ky., pop. sch., District 2, fol. 160v, dwell. 621, fam. 626, N. E. Offut household, and fol. 157v, dwell. 636, fam. 642, Lewis Offut.

26. Searching for *Lemuel Offutt* and variants, born between 1815 and 1825, in the 1840, 1850, and 1860 U.S. censuses, the author used “U.S. Federal Census Collection,” *Ancestry* (search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen); and *FamilySearch*, “United States Census, 1840” (familysearch.org/search/collection/1786457), “United States Census, 1850” (/familysearch.org/search/collection/1401638), and “United States Census, 1860” (/familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181). She also searched *HeritageQuest* (www.ancestryheritagequest.com) for 1860.

27. James and Rebecca Offutt family Bible record, 1784–1857, in *The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments: Newly translated out of the original tongues, and with the former translations diligently compared and revised; By His Majesty’s special command; Appointed to be read in churches* (Edinburgh, Scotland: His Majesty’s Printer, 1762), record page; collection of James Hucorn Offutt III, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; photocopy and transcription by author, Offutt vertical file, Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Md. The deaths entered on this page appear to be contemporaneous to the events. On 13 November 1810 James (of William)

administered his estate.²⁸ Rebecca also was guardian of minor sons James and Lemuel.²⁹ James and Rebecca also had three daughters, including Rebecca, wife of Perry Wade.³⁰

Widow Rebecca Offutt died on 26 March 1824.³¹ John then became guardian to his youngest brother, Lemuel. Their brother James, then twenty-one, cosigned the bond.³² A few months later Perry and Rebecca Wade petitioned Montgomery County to appoint a commission to divide her parents' land. The commission decided that equitable partition was impossible and divided the six-hundred acres into four tracts for sale at public auction.³³

Lemuel took steps to gain a financial foothold while a minor. In January 1826 John, his guardian, petitioned Maryland's legislature on Lemuel's behalf for relief in a slave transaction.³⁴ The next month Lemuel paid \$187 for the

paid \$2.65 for "1 Big Bible" from the estate of his father-in-law, James Offutt (1725–1802). See *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/search/collection/1803986) > Maryland Register of Wills Records, 1629–1999 > Montgomery > Accounts, inventories, wills 1809–1811 vol G > image 139, Montgomery Co., Estate Record G:229, "A list of sales of the personal property of James Offutt, late of Montgomery County, November 13th 1810." William's widow, Rebecca, purchased it at the estate sale of her husband in 1820, and her son James Offutt, 1805–1857, purchased it at her estate sale in 1824. See *ibid.* > Accounts, inventories, wills 1818–1821 vol M > image 111, M:216, "A list of Sales of the Personal Estate of James Offutt of William late of Montgomery County deceased, made by John Offutt Acting Administrator on the 19th & 20th of April 1820." Also, *ibid.* > Accounts, inventories, wills 1821–1829 vol O > image 191, O:329, "A list of Sales of the Personal Estate of Rebecca Offutt late of Montgomery County deceased as made on the 24th day of May 1824 by Perry Wade, administrator." Felisa (Stauffer) Nicodemus, 1805–1857, James Offutt's granddaughter, probably acquired the Bible when her mother, Courtney Offutt Stauffer, died in 1937. Nicodemus passed it to James Hucorn Offutt Jr., the oldest grandson of Dr. Lemuel Offutt of Greensburg, Pa., by 27 February 1968, who in turn passed it to his oldest son, James Hucorn Offutt III. According to family correspondence, the Bible was rebound in the 1940s.

28. Montgomery Co., Estate Record M:136, Rebecca Offutt, John Offutt, Colmore Offutt, and Barton Duley, bond on estate of James of William Offutt, 18 January 1820; series C1138-14, MSA.

29. *Ibid.*, M:144, Rebekah Offutt, John Offutt, and Colmore Offutt, guardian's bond, 22 August 1820.

30. Montgomery Co., Judgment Record BS1:55, Perry Wade and Rebecca Wade, Petition to Divide Lands, 29 July 1824; series T3683-6, MSA. Montgomery County issued a marriage license to Perry Wade and Rebecca Offutt on 21 November 1820. See Montgomery Co., Marriage Licenses, 1798–1839, p. 65, Wade-Offutt, 21 November 1820; County Court, Rockville.

31. James and Rebecca Offutt family Bible record, 1784–1857.

32. *FamilySearch* > Maryland Register of Wills Records, 1629–1999 > Montgomery > Accounts, inventories, wills 1823–1826 vol P > image 105, Montgomery Co., Estate Record P:159, guardianship of Lemuel Offutt, 11 May 1824.

33. Montgomery Co., Judgment Record BS1:58, Perry Wade and Rebecca Wade, Petition to Divide Lands and Report of the Commission, 7 March 1825.

34. Maryland, *Index to the Journals of the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, as Prepared under Resolution 50, of 1849, and the Act of 1854, Chapter 146, vol. 3* (Annapolis: Requa and Wilson, 1857), 1304. For the bill's fate, see Maryland, *Journal of the Senate of Maryland, December 1825 Session* (Annapolis: The State, 1826), 66. For its subject, see *ibid.*, 11.

smallest division of his parents' land, *Cupid's Bower*, a 12½-acre island in the Potomac River. He paid twenty dollars in cash, promising to pay the balance to his parents' other heirs over three years. His brother James Offutt and brother-in-law Perry Wade were sureties.³⁵ Although Lemuel was a minor, his family supported this arrangement.³⁶

Lemuel soon attained legal age. He served as a court witness in 1827 and 1829.³⁷ In 1828 he negotiated agreements with two cousins in Kentucky, descendants of his mother's sister, Elizabeth (Offutt) Jones. Also in 1828 Lemuel acquired the interests of Elizabeth's son and grandson, Charles O. Jones and William Edmunson, in the estate of Zadok Jones, Elizabeth's unmarried son.³⁸ This investment's outcome is unknown.³⁹

Although Montgomery County's 1830 census is lost, Lemuel's presence there is documented.⁴⁰ Late that year he cosigned a bond to ensure James's performance as executor of Perry Wade's estate.⁴¹ He also worked in construction with John Offutt and Francis Stone, an arrangement they dissolved on 1 June 1832.⁴²

35. Montgomery Co., Judgment Record BS1:61, Perry Wade and Rebecca, his wife, Petition to Divide Lands, Report of the Commission, 23 November 1827.

36. Nothing in the law prevented minors from purchasing property, although they could void a transaction after reaching majority. See William Draper Lewis, ed., *Blackstone's Commentaries on The Laws of England in Four Books, Book II: Of the Rights of Things* (Philadelphia: Geo. T. Bisel, 1922), 466.

37. Montgomery Co., Court Minutes Book, November Term, 1827, Lemuel Offutt, witness, in *Negro Henry v. Saml. M. Beall*; and March Term, 1829, Lemuel Offutt, witness, in *Saml. M. Beall v. Robert F. Scott*; series C3114-1, MSA.

38. Montgomery Co., Land Records, Liber BS2:88, Jones to Offutt, bill of sale, 17 August 1828; and BS2:89, Edmunson to Offutt, indenture, 10 November 1828; digital images, Maryland State Archives, *MdLandRec.Net* (<http://www.mdlandrec.net>). Charles O. Jones was Zadok's brother, and William Edmunson, son of Elizabeth Jones Edmunson, was his nephew. They executed these indentures by power of attorney in Scott Co., Ky. For Lemuel's mother and her sister, see Montgomery Co., Register of Wills, original wills, roughly arranged by date and thereunder by surname, for James Offutt, 20 July 1802, proved on 11 August 1802; series C1142-4, MSA. Prior box numbers for the folders do not apply to their present arrangement.

39. Zadok Jones, who died intestate in 1822 with a personal estate valued at \$383, apparently owned no real property at the time. See Montgomery Co., Estate Record N:424, Inventory of the personal estate of Zadok Jones, late of Montgomery County, 21 December 1822; series C1138-15, MSA. Also, Montgomery Co., Land Records Liber P:142, Offutt to Wade, indenture, 1 December 1810; and P:617, Offutt to Wade, indenture, 11 December 1811.

40. No 1830 census for Montgomery County survives. See Alice Eichholz, ed., *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*, 3rd ed. (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2004), 299.

41. Montgomery Co., Estate Record R:233, administrator's bond in the estate of Perry Wade, 2 November 1830; series C1138-20, MSA.

42. "Notice [of dissolution of Offutt, Stone & Company]," *Frederick Herald*, Frederick, Md., 4 August 1832, page 4, col. 5.

Adulthood in Baltimore County

Three months after dissolving “Offutt, Stone & Company,” Lemuel married Maria Walters of Waltersville, Baltimore County, about forty miles northeast of Montgomery.⁴³ In 1834 Maria and Lemuel sold *Cupid’s Bower* to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. The transaction definitively merges the identity of young Lemuel of Montgomery County with that of adult Lemuel of Baltimore County.⁴⁴

Lemuel’s father-in-law, Alexander Walters, was a prosperous quarry owner, for whom Waltersville was named.⁴⁵ In 1835, as Alexander neared death, he conveyed *Norwood’s Delight* and *Peddicourt’s Banter* to Lemuel and Maria in consideration of “natural love and affection.”⁴⁶ The granite residence was designed in the Federal style of architecture that the “wealthy American mercantile class” favored.⁴⁷ Walters’ widow, Elizabeth, daughter Maria, and the Offutt grandchildren shared income from the quarry. Maria and the grandchildren received it all after Elizabeth died.⁴⁸

Back in Montgomery County, John and James Offutt struggled financially. In 1841, along with James’s wife Rosanna, they bought 231 acres in Darnestown, part of a tract called *Springfield*. They borrowed thirteen hundred dollars to finance the purchase.⁴⁹ James, living with his family in a log cabin on the

43. Baltimore Co., Marriage Licenses, 1832–1839, fifteenth page, no. 358, Offutt-Walters, 3 September 1832. For the distance between Potomac, Md., formerly known as Offutt’s Crossroads, and Granite, Md., formerly Waltersville, see *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/>).

44. Lemuel Offutt and wife to Ingle, Bradley, and Cox, deed in trust for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, 15 January 1834, file 319, Deeds and records concerning land title records, 1828–78; Records of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; Records of the National Park Service, Record Group 79; National Archives, College Park, Md.

45. Members of Johns Hopkins University, *Maryland: Its Resources, Industries and Institutions; Prepared for the Board of World’s Fair Managers of Maryland* (Baltimore: [Sun printing office], 1893), 126.

46. Baltimore Co., Land Records Liber TK255:215, Walters to Offutt, 24 September 1835; digital images, Maryland State Archives, *MdLandRec.Net*. Also, Baltimore Co., Wills 15:415–17, Alexander Walters will, 12 August 1835, proved on 8 December 1835; series CM188-15, MSA.

47. “Mount Welcome Retreat (Norwood’s Delight),” inventory BA-0009,” PDF, sect. 8, p. 3.

48. Baltimore Co., Wills 15:415–17, Alexander Walters will, 12 August 1835. For Elizabeth’s death, see Walters-Offutt family Bible, *The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Newly Translated out of the Original Greek: And With the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, By His Majesty’s Special Command; Appointed to Be Read in Churches* (Oxford, U.K.: Printers to Oxford University, 1784), unpaginated record of deaths, “Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, wife of Capt. A. Walters,” 14 July 1850; files of Beverly M. Griffith, Granite, Md.

49. Montgomery Co., Land Records, Liber BS10:465, Offutt to Kurtz, deed of trust, 24 July 1841.

property, was unable to pay the debt. He eventually sought protection under insolvency law.⁵⁰ Lemuel helped pay taxes on the land in 1853.⁵¹

In 1856 the bank sued John, James, and his second wife, Mary Ann. The Montgomery County Circuit Court, ruling in the bank's favor, authorized selling the land. James had died ten days before of a "protracted illness." On 30 July 1857 Lemuel paid off the mortgage.⁵² James's widow and children remained on the property, relying on Lemuel to pay the taxes again in 1860.⁵³

From that chronology and network of relationships emerge four indicators of Lemuel's parentage:

- James (of William) and Rebecca Offutt had a son Lemuel born in 1805 at the earliest, the same year that Lemuel of Baltimore County was born.
- Lemuel, a minor in Montgomery County, bought land from James and Rebecca's estate and sold it after marrying Maria Walters in Baltimore County.
- Lemuel left sequential records in Montgomery County until his 1832 marriage and then left records in Baltimore County.
- Lemuel associated with James and John Offutt, also sons of James and Rebecca, for more than forty years. Lemuel's financial support of James and his widow and children indicates a close relationship.

Naming patterns reinforce the intimate nature of the bond. James honored both brothers in 1826, naming his first child John Lemuel, who lived to age six. Twenty-five years later, James named his sixth-born son Lemuel, a sign of continuing affection.⁵⁴

50. For the residence, see "Offutt/Woodbyrne," property M:24-30, PDF, sect. 8; Maryland Department of Planning, *Maryland Historical Trust* (<http://mht.maryland.gov/mihp/MIHPCard.aspx?MIHPNo=M%3a+24-30>). James filed for protection under Insolvency Laws in 1850. See Montgomery Co., Insolvency Record ST S1:182-85, James Offutt, 9 April 1850; series T939-2, MSA.

51. Montgomery Co., Assessment Record, 1841-1857, Election District 4, p. 370, Offutt/Springfield; series CM684-2 and microfilm scan CR 34357-2, MSA. Lemuel's name appears with James's in the "Springfield" entry.

52. For the circumstances of his death, see "Obituary [Mr. James Offutt]," *Montgomery Sentinel*, Rockville, 7 August 1857, third page, col. 5. Per a court order in a later case, the *Sentinel* detailed the facts of *Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Georgetown v. John Offutt, James Offutt, and Mary Ann Offutt* for four successive weeks through 16 August 1879. The two cases' petitions and exhibits are filed together. See Montgomery Co., equity papers, case 128, James W. Offutt and William M. Isaacs, administrators of Lemuel Offutt v. John Offutt, Mary A. Offutt and others, proof of Order of Publication to defendants to appear, undated; MSA T415-54.

53. Montgomery Co., Assessment Record, 1858-1863, Election District 4, p. 248, Offutt/Springfield; series CM684-3 and microfilm scan CR 34258-1, MSA.

54. *The Comprehensive Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments, according to the Authorized Version, with the Various Readings and Marginal Notes Usually Printed Therewith; A General Introduction . . .* (Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1856), "Births [of children of James Offutt and Rosanna Offutt and James Offutt and Mary Ann Offutt, 1826-1857]," and "Deaths [1833]," family record pages; collection of Rebecca West Offutt, Darnestown, Md. Offutt was the widow of James Reverdy Offutt, son of James H. Offutt, Jr. An informant with firsthand information entered events before 1856, the Bible's publication year.

ROOTS OF THE MODERN ERROR

Copying errors and a “perfect storm” of research mishaps have perpetuated the inaccurate identity of Lemuel’s parents. First, although two county histories seem to agree, one offers incorrect direct evidence of Lemuel’s origin. Another compilation, more influential than the county histories, included both versions of Lemuel’s parentage. It, however, emphasized the claim built upon shallow research and faulty analysis.

Mug Books Muddy the Waters

An 1882 Kentucky county history lists Lemuel Offutt as one of nine children born to Archibald and Jane Offutt who had migrated from Maryland: “Nathaniel E., Sabert [sic], Lewis, Lemuel, Jane, Clarissa, Louisa A., Polly and Mrs. Thompson.” The account says that all “came to the years of maturity,” suggesting that they lived into adulthood.⁵⁵ It makes no further mention of Lemuel, leaving an open question about his fate.

A genealogical history of Baltimore City and County, published in 1897, seems to answer that question:

- Its profile of Lemuel’s son, James W. Offutt, describes Lemuel as a Kentuckian who “came to Maryland in early manhood and settled in Baltimore County.”⁵⁶ The information was secondary: Lemuel’s settlement predated the account by sixty-five years and was recorded two years after James’s death.⁵⁷
- The profile of Lemuel’s son-in-law, Dr. Thomas Z. Offutt, characterizes the elder Lemuel’s origins differently. It says the “two families were not related, one [Thomas’s family] being an old Montgomery County family, while the other [Lemuel’s] dates its history in Baltimore County back for many generations.”⁵⁸ Just six years earlier, Thomas had asserted that his father-in-law was born in Montgomery County to James and Rebecca Offutt.⁵⁹

Thus, the Baltimore history distances Lemuel from his Montgomery County roots with two pieces of erroneous direct evidence.

55. Perrin, *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, 484. If the Indiana Bible record is correct, Lemuel lived to age eighteen.

56. *Genealogy and Biography of Leading Families of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County* (New York: Chapman, 1897), 649.

57. “Death of Judge Offutt,” *Sun*, 7 January 1895, page 7, col. 7.

58. *Genealogy and Biography of Leading Families*, 986. For their relationship, see “Dr. Thomas Z. Offutt Dies At His Home Near Granite,” *Sun*, 1 February 1911, page 4, col. 7.

59. Thomas Z. Offutt, filled-in questionnaire, 6 January 1889; Biographical Dictionary of Maryland research files; J. Thomas Scharf Collection, 1730s–1892, MS 1999; Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore. Scharf never published the dictionary. Thomas’s knowledge of his father-in-law’s parentage could be secondary but seems well-founded. His father, Zadok Offutt, and Lemuel apparently were first cousins.

Baltimore County provides no evidence of an Offutt living there before Lemuel, who testified he arrived there in 1832.⁶⁰ In 1840 he was the first of that surname enumerated in Baltimore County in a federal census.⁶¹ The first land record indexed for an Offutt in Baltimore County is the deed from Alexander Walters to Lemuel Offutt, his son-in-law.⁶²

Shallow Research Begets Faulty Analysis

“The Offutt Family,” a compilation produced between 1977 and 1981, is unique.⁶³ The first volume includes lineages contributed by thirty-nine family researchers, and the compilers made limited attempts to “interrelate” them.⁶⁴ As the typescript expanded to seven binders, the authors welcomed feedback and corrections. The work contains numerous citations—complete and incomplete—to myriad sources. It includes photocopies of records, but its abstracts, extracts, transcriptions, and “Misc. Research Notes” are more prevalent. Numerous interfamily marriages caused the compilers to duplicate and cross-reference information. Most of the information now appears online.⁶⁵

“The Offutt Family” includes both claims of Lemuel’s parentage:

- J. Fred Offutt correctly identified Lemuel of Baltimore County as James and Rebecca’s youngest child.⁶⁶

60. *Evidence of the Contested Election in the Case of Ridgely vs. Grason to the General Assembly* (Annapolis: Maryland House of Delegates, 1865), 185. This direct evidence from firsthand knowledge was given under oath in court.

61. “U.S. Federal Census Collection,” database, *Ancestry*, searches for *Offutt* and variants in Baltimore County in 1790–1840. Also, *HeritageQuest*, searches for *Offutt* and variants in Baltimore County in 1790–1820.

62. Baltimore Co., land records indexes; series CE34 (1659–1800), CE32 (1798–1835), and CE33 (1798–1835), MSA. Also, Baltimore Co., Land Records, Liber TK255:215, Walters to Offutt, 24 September 1835.

63. Nelle Offutt Chesley and Edward P. Offutt, “The Offutt Family,” typescript, 8 loose-leaf binders, 1977–81; FHL microfilms 1,597,651, items 5–7, and 1,597,652, items 1–5. “The Offutt Family” is a major work for which every Offutt researcher owes a debt of gratitude. This correction is offered in the spirit in which the authors asked readers for constructive criticism, corrections, and amendments. Its citations, with contemporaneous Bible ownership, made it possible to locate and examine original records.

64. Chesley and Offutt, “The Offutt Family,” 1:2.

65. David Offutt, in *Our Family History: Offutt Family Genealogy* (dwomyfam.byethost8.com/index.htm), acknowledges “The Offutt Family” as his database’s underpinning. For his information on the two Lemuels, see “Lemuel Offutt, M, b. May 15, 1805, d. May 19, 1865” (dwomyfam.byethost8.com/p14.htm#i457) and “Lemuel Offutt, M, b. November 15, 1805,” (dwomyfam.byethost8.com/p41.htm#i1583).

66. Chesley and Offutt, “The Offutt Family,” 1:23–24. The assertion was part of the lineage of J. Fred Offutt, a descendant of Lemuel. Another contributor provided his information. The lineage includes the phrase “my great grandfather” next to Lemuel’s name.

- Contributor Eleanor O. Blank incorrectly placed Lemuel with Archibald and Jane. In three places she warned that he was “not to be confused with Lemuel [son of James and Rebecca].”⁶⁷

A chart depicting Lemuel as James and Rebecca’s son, “thought to be wrong,” was excluded from a later volume “to avoid confusion.”⁶⁸ The Archibald-Kentucky assertion emerged as dominant.

Minor Discrepancy Overemphasized

Blank’s conclusion apparently relied on a discrepancy regarding Lemuel’s birth month.⁶⁹ His cemetery marker gives May, but a Bible record, contributed by Felisa Stauffer Nicodemus, shows November. Compiler Chesley did not include a copy, transcription, or analysis of that record.

Examination of the Bible record that Nicodemus contributed confirms 15 November as the day and month of James and Rebecca’s eleventh and last child’s birth.⁷⁰ A patch obscuring the first name and the scratched-out birth year make the entry illegible, but “Lemuel” and “1805” are penciled on the far-right margin. Except for those markings and similar ones for James, born in 1803, the list of children apparently was made at one sitting. James (of William) probably entered his family data in 1810, when he acquired the Bible.⁷¹

Evidence for both May and November is questionable:

- Someone, probably Lemuel’s father, entered November in the Bible about five years after Lemuel’s birth. Believing the entry inaccurate, someone subsequently obscured it.
- Birth information on the grave marker did not come from an eyewitness, even if Lemuel himself recorded it. Further, the marker’s data are questionable. It gives Lemuel’s age at death as sixty, but if the dates are correct, he was six days short of that age.

Federal censuses yield indirect evidence of Lemuel’s birth month. In 1850 and 1860, respectively, unknown informants gave forty-four and fifty-four as

67. Ibid., 3:40, 3:168, and 4:233. Contributor Blank made the same connection in her section on the Beall Family, in *ibid.*, 1:127–28. Blank spent years gathering Offutt information and intended to write a book. She “generously” shared much of her research with Chesley. See Chesley and Offutt, “Offutt Family,” vol. 2, introductory page.

68. Ibid., 4:34.

69. Blank did not mention the Baltimore genealogical history that identifies Lemuel as a Kentuckian, but Chesley and an online tree based on her work cite it. See Offutt, *Our Family History*, “Lemuel Offutt, M, b. May 15, 1805, d. May 19, 1865.”

70. James and Rebecca Offutt family Bible record, 1784–1857.

71. Montgomery Co., Estate Record G:229, “A list of sales of the personal property of James Offutt, late of Montgomery County, November 13th 1810.”

Lemuel's age.⁷² Given the 1 June enumeration date for both censuses, the ages consistently support a November birth month, not May.⁷³

A discrepancy in a single element of a birth date is insignificant when compared to evidence in court, land, and probate records. Whether Lemuel was born in May, November, or another month, the conclusion of kinship to James and Rebecca remains.

Incomplete Bible Information

"The Offutt Family" also cites Sabret Offutt's family Bible record.⁷⁴ It offers substantial indirect evidence to contradict the claim that Lemuel of Kentucky married Maria Walters in Baltimore County in 1832. The manuscript's abstract of that record, however, is incomplete and disordered.⁷⁵

The abstract re-orders names and omits dates. Thus it misleads, lending credence to the mistaken theory that Lemuel was born in 1805 in Maryland before Archibald and Jane migrated to Kentucky. "The Offutt Family" omits data from the Bible record's "Deaths" page. Had it included either entry for Lemuel's birth on 14 January 1820 and death on 12 August 1838—the error might never have taken hold.

CONCLUSION

County histories first muddied the waters. Subsequent analysis relied too heavily on one Bible record and an incomplete transcription of another. Early and modern researchers who noted the conflict did not consult court, land, probate, and tax records—staples of thorough genealogical research. When those sources are given their due, the conclusion is secure: The parents of Lemuel Offutt of Baltimore County were James and Rebecca Offutt, not Archibald and Jane.

72. 1850 U.S. census, Baltimore Co., Md., pop. sch., 1st District, fol. 330v, dwell. 4452, fam. 1531, Lemuel Offutt; NARA microfilm M432, roll 280. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Baltimore Co., Md., pop. sch., 2nd District, p. 99, dwell. 707, fam. 676, Lemuel Offutt; NARA microfilm M653, roll 467.

73. For the enumeration dates, see Eales and Kvasnicka, *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*, 26.

74. Chesley and Offutt, "The Offutt Family," 3:41. Frances Kennedy Offutt—wife of Clark Offutt and mother of Priscilla (Offutt) Winkler, the Bible records' current owner—was a contributor.

75. The omission probably occurred before the research notes were sent rather than after their receipt. The appearance of just Sabret's dates suggests the contributor focused more on direct ancestors than collateral lines. An ambiguous note accompanies the partial transcription: "The above is copied verbatim from an 'old Offutt Bible' sent by Mrs. Clark Offutt. NOC [Nelle Offutt Chesley]." See Chesley and Offutt, "The Offutt Family," 1:29. Chesley likely saw only the transcription, not the Bible record itself.

Rediscovering David Mitchell (ca. 1800–1829) of Troy, Maine

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*David Mitchell died young, leaving little trace. Tracking his
widow documented his son. Tracking his land led to his parents.*

In 1888 David Mitchell of Meeker County, Minnesota, was the likely informant for his own biographical sketch. It claims he was born in Troy, Maine, on 25 October 1832 to David and Sarah (Thompson) Mitchell.¹ Consistent with the biography, the Minnesotan's daughter reported in 1910, soon after his death, that he was born in Maine in 1832 to David "Mitchel" and "Annie" Thompson.²

Did the Minnesotan have a same-name father? If so, no single record specifies that father's birth, marriage, offspring, or death. Neither Troy, nor nearby Unity, Maine, recorded the birth of David or another child to a prior David Mitchell.³ No census, church record, gravestone, land deed, or map names that father. He left no probate record. Obscure clues, however, identify an earlier David Mitchell as the Minnesotan's father, and they link him to other offspring, parents, and siblings.

A FATHER'S PRESENCE IN TROY

Despite the senior David's absence elsewhere, he briefly appears in Troy records. The town elected him a field driver in 1825 and 1826 and a school agent in 1826.⁴ As a voter from 1824 to 1826 he signed a petition to change

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1. "David Mitchell," in *Album of History and Biography of Meeker County, Minnesota* (Chicago: Alden, Ogle, 1888), 406.

2. California, Certificate of Death 330338 (1911), David "Mitchel"; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Sacramento. The informant, "Mrs. C. D. Boom," was David's daughter.

3. Ralph E. Hillman, ed., *Vital Records of Troy Maine Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine: Picton, 1995). Also, Elizabeth M. Mosher, transcr., *Vital Records of Unity, Waldo County, Maine Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine: Picton, 1995.)

4. Town of Troy, Maine, "Vitals 1788–1880, Town Meetings 1822–1840," p. 29 (elected field driver, 21 March 1825) and 39 (elected field driver and school agent for district 5, 6 March 1826); Town Office. This is the earliest extant volume of Troy records; it has no volume number. A field driver rounded up stray livestock. See Barbara Jean Evans, *A to Zax: A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists and Historians*, 3rd ed. (Midlothian, Va.: Hearthsides, 1995), s.v. "field driver."

the town name in 1826.⁵ That year the name changed from Joy to Montgomery, and in 1827, to Troy.⁶ In 1827 the town, formerly in Kennebec County, fell into newly created Waldo County.⁷

In 1822 David was first taxed as a poll.⁸ Beginning in 1823 he paid taxes on a 100-acre farm, which he gradually cleared. In 1823–26 he paid taxes on ten improved acres. In 1827 his improved acreage increased to twelve, and in 1828, to seventeen. He had one “scholar” in his household in 1826 and two in 1827–28.⁹ David then vanished from Troy tax records.

DAVID'S WIDOW

David died by 10 June 1829, when Sally Mitchell paid taxes on the land and two “scholars” and the improved acreage had reverted to fifteen.¹⁰ On 24 December 1829 “Mrs. Sally Mitchell” and Lewis Call published their intention

5. “List of the names of the inhabitants of the town of Joy who are Qualified by the Constitution of this state to vote for governor, senators and Representatives” 10 August 1824; “List of the names of the inhabitants of the town of Joy who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs,” 19 February 1825; and “List of the names of the inhabitants of the town of Joy who are qualified by law to vote in the choice of town officers,” 19 February 1826, manuscripts, Troy Historical Society, Troy, Maine. Also, Inhabitants of Joy, “Petition of Charles Hillman et als. [sic] that town of Joy may take the name of Montgomery,” 26 December 1825; Original Bills of Legislature (box 39, folder 4, item 6), Record Group (RG) 30; Maine State Archives, Augusta.

6. *Private Acts of the State of Maine, Passed by the Sixth Legislature, at its Session, Held in January, 1826* (Portland: State Printer, 1826), 615, “An Act to change the name of the town of Joy,” 23 January 1826. Also, *Private Acts of the State of Maine, Passed by the Seventh Legislature, at its Session Held in January, 1827* (Portland: State Printer, 1827), 765, “An Act to change the name of the town of Montgomery.”

7. See *Public Acts of the State of Maine from 1820 and 1824 to 1831 Inclusive* (Augusta: Printers to the State, 1842), 1109–17, “An Act establishing the County of Waldo,” 7 February 1827.

8. Town of Troy, Maine, “Records” (tax lists, 1822–36), for 1822, Highway Tax, p. 2; State and County Tax, p. 7; and Town Tax, p. 11; all for David Mitchell; Town Office, Troy. David was not taxed in 1819 or 1820. See Town of Joy, “Benjamin Joy’s Town Tax,” 1819 and 1820; Troy Historical Society. The 1821 tax list for Joy is not extant.

9. Town of Troy, “Records,” 1823, Town Valuation, p. 20, High Tax, p. 27, and State and County Tax, p. 32; 1824, Joy Tax, illegible pagination, Town Valuation, pp. 44–45, and Highway Tax, p. 51; 1825, Town Valuation, pp. 68–69; and 1826, p. 86; all for David Mitchell. Also, *ibid*, Town of Troy, 1827, p. 108[?], and 1828, pp. 138–39, for David Mitchell. Maine collected taxes “on or before the first day of November.” See *Public Acts of the State of Maine from 1820 and 1824 to 1831 Inclusive*, 22, “An Act to ascertain the Estate rateable within this State,” 27 June 1820. The state defined scholars as “between the ages of four years and twenty-one years.” See *Public Acts of the State of Maine from 1820*, 971, “An Act to provide for the sale and distribution of Ministerial and School lands,” 12 February 1824. Troy may have taxed children younger than four.

10. Town of Troy, “Records,” 1829, Highway Tax, pp. 170–71, Town Valuation, pp. 164–5, School House Tax 5th District, p. 185, Sally Mitchell. The town identified Sally as a widow. See Town of Troy, “Vitals 1788–1880, Town Meetings 1822–1840,” p. 85, town meeting, 14 September 1829, agenda item 5.

to marry. Both of Troy, they wed on 6 January 1830.¹¹ In 1830 Lewis, who had no prior or later land-tax assessment in Troy, paid taxes for thirteen improved acres.¹²

On 1 June 1830, six months after Sarah had married Lewis, their household included a boy under age five and a boy and girl between five and ten. It did not include the seven scholars that the town tax list attributed to him that year.¹³ Born in the 1820s, the three children likely were offspring of Sarah's marriage to David Mitchell. If one of them became the Minnesota settler, he had misreported his birth year as 1832—three years after Sarah, a widow, paid taxes on David's land and two years after her marriage to Lewis Call.

By 1840 Lewis headed a blended Call-Mitchell household at Bradley, Penobscot County, Maine.¹⁴ The only candidate for a son born in 1832, as Minnesotan David Mitchell had claimed, was a boy between five and nine years old. That boy, however, was Stephen Call, sixteen in 1850 and twenty-five in 1860.¹⁵

David's ages in five censuses, including the 1850 Call household, are consistent with birth in 1829.¹⁶ An unnamed boy in Sarah and Lewis Call's household in 1830 and 1840 could have been born in 1829.¹⁷ When David registered for the

11. Town of Troy, "Vitals 1788–1880, Town Meetings 1822–1840," p. 304, Call-Mitchell marriage intention, 24 December 1829, and certificate, 6 January 1830.

12. Town of Troy, "Records," 1829, Town Valuation, pp. 160–61; and 1830, Town Valuation, pp. 190–91, and Highway Tax, p. 200.

13. 1830 U.S. census, Waldo Co., Maine, population schedule, fol. 415, Troy, Lewis Call household; microfilm M19, roll 50, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For the official census date, see Ann Bruner Eales and Robert M. Kvasnicka, eds., *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*, 3rd ed. (Washington, D.C.: NARA, 2000), 23.

14. 1840 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, fol. 240, Bradley, Lewis Call household; NARA microfilm M704, roll 149. The household included three children born before 1830, when Lewis Call married "Mrs. Sarah Mitchell."

15. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, fols. 264v–265r, dwelling 39, families 41 and 42, Lewis Call household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 265. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, p. 159, dwell. 235, fam. 244, Lewis Call household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 445.

16. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., fols. 264v–265r, Bradley, dwell. 39, fam. 41, Lewis Call household. David Mitchell appears as age twenty-one (birth in 1828–29). Also, 1857 Minnesota Territory Census, Meeker Co., p. 190, Forest City, dwell./fam. 28, David Mitchell; NARA microfilm T1175, roll 3. David Mitchell is twenty-eight (birth in 1828–29). Also, 1860 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, p. 400, dwell. 100, fam. 76, David Mitchell household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 571. David Mitchell is thirty (birth in 1828–29). Also, 1870 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, p. 4, dwell./fam. 27, David Mitchell; NARA microfilm M593, roll 7. David Mitchell is forty (birth in 1829–30). Also, 1880 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, enumeration district(ED) 51, p. 18, dwell. 157, fam. 163, David Mitchell; NARA microfilm T9, roll 626. David Mitchell is fifty (born in 1829–30).

17. 1830 U.S. census, Waldo Co., Maine, Troy, fol. 415, Lewis Call household (included a boy under age five, born in 1824–30). Also, 1840 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, fol. 240, Bradley, Lewis Call household (included a boy between ten and fourteen, born in 1824–30).

Civil War draft in 1863, he gave his age as thirty-four, calculating to birth in 1828–29.¹⁸ Only his 1888 biography, his last three censuses, and two posthumous sources say he was born in 1832.¹⁹ Despite this late-in-life disparity, Minnesotan David Mitchell was born in Troy, Maine, in 1829, and he was the posthumous son of David Mitchell who died there that year.

Tracking the elder David Mitchell's widow documented his son. Tracking his land led to his parents.

DAVID'S LAND

Although David paid taxes in 1822–28 on a small farm, he registered no deed for it.²⁰ Absent a deed, inheritance is likely. The reality is complicated.

Troy town records in 1825 and 1827 refer to David Mitchell's land, its boundaries with John Bennett and John Conner, and its proximity to John Carlton's and Libbeus Simmons's land.²¹ The 1830 census neighbors of Lewis Call, who had married David's widow and paid tax on David's land, included Andrew Bennett, Reuben Carlton, John Conner, Libbeus Simmons, and John Smart.²² As shown in figure 1, Andrew Bennett's land adjoined that of William Mitchell.

Combined statements from three land records show that David was one of William's heirs:

- In 1810 William Mitchell and his wife, Jane, mortgaged their homestead. It lay in the western part of Lot 4, Range 9, in Township No. 4 in the first range

18. *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1666>) > U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865 > Minnesota > 2nd > Vol 2 of 4 > image 34, showing Provost Marshall General's Bureau, "Consolidated List, Class I: Second District; Minnesota," 4 vols., 2:295, no. 3.

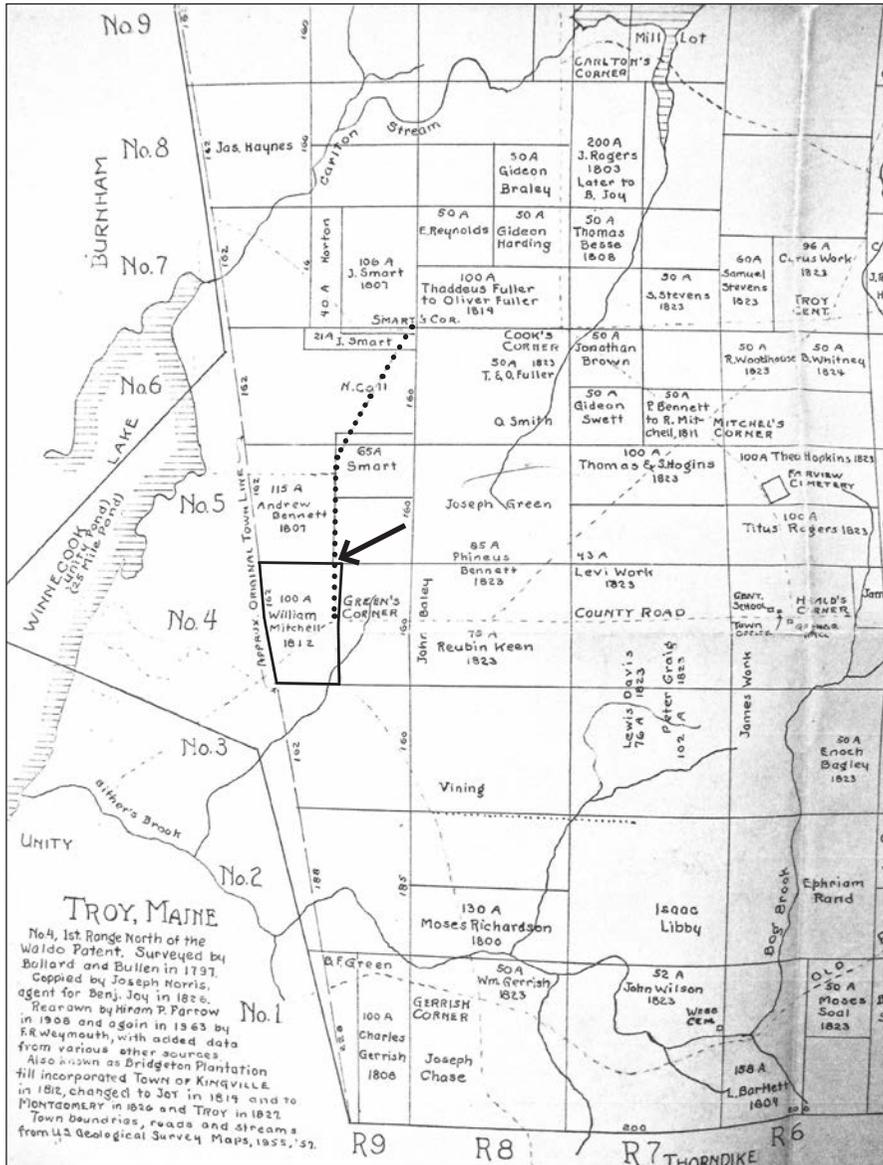
19. "David Mitchell," in *Album of History and Biography of Meeker County, Minnesota*, 406. Also, "Minnesota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1849–1905," *Ancestry* (http://interactive.ancestry.com/1058/mnsc_33-0444/5038624), 1885 Minnesota census, Meeker Co., Forrest City, p. 10, household 69, David Mitchell, age fifty-three (birth in 1831–32). Also, 1900 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, ED 109, p. 57, dwell./fam. 92, David Mitchell household; NARA microfilm T623, roll 775. David was born in October 1832. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Sacramento Co., Calif., pop. sch., Mississippi, ED 88, sheet 4B, dwell. 81, fam. 82, David Mitchell in Charles D. Bloom household; NARA microfilm T624, roll 92. David was age seventy-seven (birth in 1832–33). Also, "Death of David Mitchell," *Litchfield Independent*, Litchfield, Minn., 28 December 1910, page 1, col. 7. David died on 26 December 1910 at age seventy-eight. Also, California, Certificate of Death 330338 (1911), David "Mitchel."

20. Waldo Co., Maine, Index [to] Grantees: 1827–39, author's negative search for David Mitchell; Register of Deeds, Belfast, Maine. Also, Kennebec Co., Maine, Index Grantee, 1799–1820, and Index Grantee, 1820–1830, author's negative searches for David Mitchell; Register of Deeds, Augusta.

21. Town of Troy, "Vitals 1788–1880, Town Meetings 1822–1840," p. 16, 27 March 1824, agenda items 6–7, and 2:54, 10 September 1827, agenda items 2–4.

22. 1830 U.S. census, Waldo Co., Maine, Troy, fol. 415, Lewis Call, Andrew Bennett, Libbeus Simmons, John Conner, John Smart, and Reuben Carlton households.

Figure 1
Map of Troy, Maine, Showing William Mitchell's Land,
Later Held by David Mitchell



Map from Ralph E. Hillman, comp., "Troy, Maine," additions to early town maps; Town Office, Troy, Maine. Highlighted here are William Mitchell's 100-acre lot and "the road leading from David Mitchell's to the school house near John Smart's." The arrow points to the location of "a stake and stones" on that road, where Andrew Bennett's survey began. For William's land, see Kennebec Co., Maine, Deed Book 20:465, Mitchell to Joy, mortgage, 10 December 1810; Register of Deeds, Augusta, Maine. For the road and survey, see *ibid.*, 55:526-27, Smart to Bennett, 12 April 1825.

of townships, north, of Waldo patent. The final payment was due on 1 January 1812.²³ Figure 1 shows William on that one-hundred-acre lot in 1812.

- In 1823 Andrew Bennet Jr. of Joy mortgaged fifty acres on Lot 4, Range 9, bounded on the west by “land claimed by the heirs of William Mitchell.”²⁴
- In 1825 Jesse Smart sold three-and-a-half acres in parts of Lots 5 and 6 in Range 9 to Andrew Bennett. Its survey began “at a stake and stones on the road leading from David Mitchell’s to the school house near John Smart’s,” marked in figure 1.²⁵

The 1825 surveyor considered David—apparently one of the “heirs of William Mitchell” in 1823—owner of the deceased man’s land.

WILLIAM MITCHELL

In spring 1821 William Mitchell, fifty, died in Joy.²⁶ His widow, Jane, declined administration, saying it was “inconvenient,” and requested that one of William’s brothers fill the role.²⁷ The judge granted administration to “Joseph Mitchell 2^d.”²⁸ The ensuing records refer to David four times—more than any Mitchell besides administrator Joseph:

- 13 July 1821. David purchased a pair of “wheals” and one swine for \$3.00.²⁹
- 10 November 1821. He purchased two heifers, three sheep, one lamb, and an old plow for \$14.15.³⁰
- 24 November 1821. Commissioners allotted \$60 to David, one of William’s twenty-one creditors awaiting payment from the insolvent estate.³¹
- 8 October 1822. The administrator recorded a credit dated 30 September 1822 for \$201. He described it as “the am^o of the sale of the real Estate which was of s^d. deceased, situate in Joy the land on which the deceased last lived, sold to D. Mitchell.”³²

23. Kennebec Co., Deed Book 20:465, Mitchell to Joy, mortgage, 10 December 1810.

24. *Ibid.*, 43:400, Bennett to Joy, 21 April 1823.

25. *Ibid.*, 55:526–27, Smart to Bennett, 12 April 1825.

26. “Died,” *Weekly Eastern Argus*, Portland, Maine, 1 May 1821, page 5, col. 2. William had died before 23 March 1821, when Joseph Mitchell 2^d and William’s heirs traveled to Augusta to meet with the probate judge. See *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/search/collection/1386085) > Maine, Kennebec County Probate Estate Files, 1779–1915 > Case no M-3-R Metcalf, Thomas to M-5-R Moody, William, 1799–1865 > images 306–48, cabinet M-4-R, file 17, William Mitchell, for image 309, Joseph Mitchell 2^d, Administrator’s Account of His Services, 18 December 1821.

27. *FamilySearch* > Maine, Kennebec County Probate Estate Files, 1779–1915 > Case no M-3-R Metcalf, Thomas to M-5-R Moody, William, 1799–1865 > image 320, Jane Mitchell, “Widow’s request,” note to probate judge, 25 March 1821.

28. *Ibid.*, image 307, Letters of Administration to Joseph Mitchell 2^d, 10 April 1821.

29. *Ibid.*, image 337, First Account of Joseph Mitchell 2^d, 18 December 1821.

30. *Ibid.*

31. *Ibid.*, image 343, Rufus Burnham and James Parker, Commissioners Return [allowances to the estate’s unpaid creditors], 24 November 1821.

32. *Ibid.*, image 314, “The 3^d Account of Joseph Mitchel 2^d, administrator,” presented on 8 October 1822.

In June 1821 appraisers had reported the value of William's "homestead . . . containing 100 acres" as \$750, far more than the reported \$201 selling price in 1822.³³ That price was less than half the \$485.72 the administrator needed to pay William's debts on 30 September 1822, the date announced for a public sale of the land.³⁴ He reported selling it to David on that day.

Mortgage holder Benjamin Joy allowed William and his heirs to remain on the land for nearly twenty years, while they paid its taxes.³⁵ Joy, a Boston merchant, assigned the mortgage on 11 March 1829, perhaps soon after David's death.³⁶ Two years later the new mortgage holder, Rufus Burnham, quitclaimed the land to a new owner and profited \$527.³⁷ He subsequently gave \$10.50 to William's administrator, who promised to divide it equally among William's surviving children.³⁸

In 1822 William's administrator could not have legally sold land encumbered by the 1810 mortgage. Its final payment had been overdue for ten years. In 1823 a neighbor described the tract as "land *claimed* by the heirs of William Mitchell" [italics added].³⁹

The 1822 land sale, recorded only in a probate account, apparently was a sham, perhaps intended to satisfy William's creditors, who might not receive all the estate owed them. No legal land transfer occurred. The estate's administrator, its heirs, and the mortgage holder apparently made a private arrangement that lasted until David's death. They identified him as the land's purchaser, subsequent owner, and the person responsible for its taxes.

33. Ibid., image 345, for Rufus Burnham, Hezekiah Chase, and James Parker, estate inventory, 9 June 1821.

34. "Administrator's Sale," *American Advocate*, Hallowell, Maine, 14 September 1822, page 4, col. 5.

35. William paid the tax in 1819–20. See Town of Joy, tax lists, 1819, arranged by first letter of surname, William Mitchell, and 1820, unalphabetized list, Wm. Mitchell. David paid the tax in 1822–28, his widow in 1829, and Lewis Call in 1830.

36. Waldo Co., Deed Book 35:242, assignment of mortgage, Joy to Burnham, 11 March 1829, with appended copies of the 1810 mortgage and its 1829 assignment. Burnham paid Joy \$197.79 for rights to the mortgage.

37. Ibid., 8:394–97, Burnham to Green, quitclaim of formerly mortgaged land, 10 March 1831. Green paid Burnham \$725.

38. Grace P. Bonsall, "true copy of old receipt from records of James B. Vickery, Jr., Unity, Maine," typescript, 24 March 1955; in supporting documents for membership application, Mary Brewer Wilson, national no. 297125, add 409, on John Mitchell (1738–1830, Massachusetts), approved 1955; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C. The original document, dated "Unity, Nov. 1, 1831" and signed by "Joseph Mitchell, 2nd," acknowledged receipt of \$10.51 from Rufus Burnham and promised payments of \$1.51 to each of seven heirs of William Mitchell.

39. Kennebec Co., Deed Book 43:400, Bennett to Joy, 21 April 1823.

WILLIAM'S SONS

Two years after David's death William's heirs included four surviving sons:⁴⁰

- Amos Mitchell, born in 1806–7.⁴¹ He owned a schooner, *Two Brothers*, with his brother Samuel.⁴²
- Samuel Mitchell, born on 17 April 1812. His grave adjoins the cemetery lot where William Mitchell's remarried widow is buried.⁴³
- Stephen S. Mitchell, born on 26 December 1815. He is buried in the same cemetery lot as William Mitchell's remarried widow.⁴⁴
- William Mitchell, born in 1815–16. He is buried in the same cemetery lot as Stephen S. Mitchell.⁴⁵

Records that do not name David, who died in 1829, agree on his birth year:

- Taxed on one poll in 1819, William paid for two in 1820.⁴⁶ That increase suggests a son had become taxable—admitting to age eighteen but perhaps older.⁴⁷
- Besides himself, William's household in 1800, 1810, and 1820 included a male born before 1801. Those entries agree on a birth in 1794–1800.⁴⁸

40. Bonsall, "true copy of old receipt," typescript, 24 March 1955, from a document dated "Nov. 1, 1831."

41. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Orrington, fol. 205r, dwell. 9, fam. 11, Amos Mitchell, age forty-three. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Brewer, p. 14, dwell. 92, fam. 96, Amos Mitchell, fifty-three; NARA microfilm M563, roll 447.

42. Orrington, Maine, Account of Town Charges and Support of the Poor, tax list, p. 10, 21 December 1844, nos. 91–92, Amos Mitchell and Samuel Mitchell." Samuel's entry says "abatement of tax on ½ of Schooner two Brothers." Amos's has the fraction at the end of the entry. Their abatements are equal in value.

43. David Livingstone Swett, *Census and Cemetery Records of Orrington, Penobscot County, Maine, 1790–1800* (Camden, Maine: Picton, 1996), 473, citing his reading of Dean Hill Cemetery (Orrington), lot 250, gravestone of "Mitchell, Mrs. Jennie, wife of Benjamin Swett Senior," and lot 251, Capt. Samuel Mitchell. The author verified the Mitchell inscriptions on 19 September 2013. For Jennie's remarriage, see Hampden, Maine, Town Records 3:476, December 1840, "Mr Benjamin Swett and Mrs Jane Mitchell both of Hampden," marriage intention; Town Office. None of the December marriage intentions give a date.

44. Swett, *Census and Cemetery Records of Orrington*, lot 250, gravestone of Capt. Stephen S. Mitchell. His birth date is calculated from his death date and age.

45. *Ibid.*, lot 250, gravestone of William Mitchell, "s/o of William & Jennie Mitchell." He died in 1840 at age twenty-four. William and Stephen could have been twins.

46. Town of Joy, tax lists, 1819 and 1820, William Mitchell.

47. For the age of a taxable poll in Maine in 1820, see *Public Acts of the State of Maine from 1820*, 25, "An Act to ascertain the Estate rateable within this State," sect. 6 ("Form of the list [for 1820]"), 27 June 1820. Polls were "eighteen years old and upwards to twenty-one" and "twenty-one years old and upwards."

48. 1800 U.S. census, Kennebec Co., Maine, 25 Mile Pond, p. 87, William "Mitchel" household; NARA microfilm M32, roll 7. This household included one male under age ten. Also, 1810 U.S. census, Kennebec Co., Maine, Bridgetown Plantation, p. 99, William Mitchell household; NARA microfilm M252, roll 11. This household included one male, age ten through fifteen. Also, 1820 U.S. census, Kennebec Co., Maine, pop. sch., p. 687, Joy, William "Mitchel" household; NARA microfilm M33, roll 35. This household included one male age sixteen through twenty-five.

- William married late in 1796 and had a daughter born in January 1798.⁴⁹ Those events narrow the son's birth to 1799 or 1800.
- In 1821 William's widow requested that one of his brothers, not his eldest son, administer his estate. If the son had not attained his majority, he was ineligible, suggesting birth after 1799.

That son, born likely in 1800, but perhaps in 1799, was David. William's other sons were too young to be his second taxable poll in 1820 and the male born before 1801 in his census households. David's birth in 1800 agrees with his name first appearing in records in 1821.

CONCLUSION

David Mitchell attained adulthood after one census and died before the next. He left only a few obscure records, but they helped identify his wife, children, and parents. They also helped correct an improbable birth date that one of his sons claimed. Neighborhood analysis and other families' deeds helped pinpoint David's location.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Sarah "Sally" Thompson was born in Maine, reportedly at Camden, in 1800 and died at Linden, Iowa, in 1879.⁵⁰ She married (1) **David Mitchell**, probably at Joy (later Troy), Maine, about 1821. He was born in 1799 or 1800 and died in 1829.⁵¹ Sarah married (2) at Troy on 6 January 1830, **Lewis Call**.⁵² He was born in Maine in 1800 and died in Minnesota on 8 July 1868.⁵³

49. For the marriage, see Hampden, Book of Records 1:323, "5 Nov 1796 [marriage intention of] William Mitchel of the twenty five Mile Pond and Jenna Snow of this town." For their daughter's birth, see Swett, *Census and Cemetery Records of Orrington*, 2:458, citing his reading of Dean Hill Cemetery, lot 102, gravestone of Hannah S. Nickerson, who died on 25 October 1881 at 83 years and 9 months.

50. *Find A Grave* (findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi), memorial 51208450, digital image of Sarah Call gravestone (West Linn Cemetery, Linden, Iowa), 17 April 2010, by "KTurner." The marker identifies her as "Mother of T. J. Mitchell." For Camden, see "Maine Vital Records," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRYX-9TF6?i=2847&cc=1803978>), image 2848, Maine, Record of a Death, Louise C. [Call] Sewall, 13 September 1916. The record names her mother as Sarah Thompson, born at Camden. Marlene A. Groves, ed., in *Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine* (Rockland, Maine: Picton, 2006), shows no likely birth record for this Sarah Thompson.

51. See the narrative for documented explanations of David's birth and death years.

52. Hillman, ed., *Vital Records of Troy Maine Prior to 1892*, 39, citing Troy, vital records 1:304.

53. For Lewis's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, fol. 264v, dwell. 39, fam. 41, Lewis Call, age fifty. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, p. 159, dwell. 235, fam. 244, Lewis Call, age fifty-nine. For his death, see David Mitchell, affidavit, 5 February 1876, in Stephen Call (Pvt., Co. F Regiment 14, Maine vols.), mother's pension cert. 178,508; Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Department of Veterans Affairs, RG 15, National Archives (NA), Washington, D.C.

Sally and David Mitchell had three children:⁵⁴

- i. LOVINA T. MITCHELL, born at Joy on 30 July 1823; died at Magnolia, Wisconsin, on 14 March 1890;⁵⁵ married at Old Town, Maine, on 21 January 1838, Jonathan “Worthen [Worthing].”⁵⁶
- ii. THOMAS J. MITCHELL, born at Troy on 22 December 1826; died at Linden on 27 January 1906;⁵⁷ married at Montville, Maine, on 28 December 1846, Augusta Ann Howard.⁵⁸
- iii. DAVID MITCHELL, born at Troy on 25 October 1829; died at Sacramento, California, on 27 December 1910;⁵⁹ married at Freedom, Maine, on 23 March 1851, Belinda R. Anderson.⁶⁰

Sally and Lewis Call had six children:

- iv. OBADIAH CALL, born at Troy in September–October 1830; died at Bradley, Maine, on 1 July 1841.⁶¹
- v. STEPHEN CALL, born in 1834;⁶² died at Bradley on 30 November 1862.⁶³

54. Sarah said she was “Lovinia” Worthing’s mother. See Sarah Call, affidavit, 15 August 1874, in Stephen Call, mother’s pension no. 178,508, RG 15, NA–Washington. Sarah’s gravestone describes her as “Mother of T. J. Mitchell.” See *Find A Grave*, memorial 51208450, digital image of Sarah Call gravestone, 17 April 2010, by “KTurner.” This article documents Sarah’s son David’s parentage.

55. *Find A Grave*, memorial 107899359, digital image of Lovina Worthing gravestone (Bethel Cemetery, Janesville, Wisc.), 9 June 2015, by Jenean Hamilton. For Lovina’s birthplace, see her obituary “Death of Mrs. Worthing and Little Blanche,” *Janesville Daily Gazette*, 19 March 1890, page 4, col. 7.

56. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS3J-5935-V?cat=18172), digital collection 7834697, image 144, Penobscot Co., Records of Marriages 1:111, “Jonathan Worthen of Orono & Miss Lovina T. Mitchell of Bradley,” 21 November 1838.

57. *Find A Grave*, memorial 15638227, digital image of T. J. Mitchell gravestone (West Linn Cemetery, Linden, Iowa), 17 April 2010, by “KTurner.”

58. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9NW-ZJB5), digital collection 007595753, image 200, Montville, Maine, Intentions of Marriage [and] Marriages, p. 124, Mitchell-Howard, 28 December 1846.

59. California, Death Certificate 330338 (1911) “David Mitchel.” Also, obituary of David Mitchell, *Litchfield Independent*, 28 December 1910, clipping, Meeker County Minnesota Historical Society, Litchfield, Minn.

60. *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1961>) > Maine Marriage Records 1713–1937 > Waldo > 1851 > M > images 3–4, Freedom, Maine, Copy of an Old Record of a Marriage in “Clerk’s Book Vol. 4,” Mitchell-Anderson, 23 March 1851.

61. *Find A Grave*, memorial 90118602, digital image of Obadiah Call gravestone (Evergreen Cemetery, Bradley, Maine), 12 May 2015, by Dale and Patti [Mower]. Obadiah, son of “Lewis and Sarah Call,” died at age ten years, nine months, indicating birth in September–October 1830.

62. In 1850 Stephen was age sixteen and in 1860 he was twenty-five. See 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, fol. 265r, dwell. 39, fam. 41, Stephen Call. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, p. 159, dwell. 235, fam. 244, Stephen Call.

63. Sarah Call, affidavit, 15 August 1874, in Stephen Call, mother’s Civil War pension no. 178,508, RG 15, NA–Washington.

- vi. ELIZABETH “LIZZIE” CALL, born at Bradley about 1836;⁶⁴ died likely in Minnesota between 1862 and June 1865;⁶⁵ married probably in Minnesota in 1859–60, John Wigle.⁶⁶
- vii. LEWIS CALL, born at Bradley in 1837–38;⁶⁷ died there on 14 May 1852.⁶⁸
- viii. LOUISA CALL, born at Bradley on 27 September 1842; died at Orono, Maine, on 13 September 1916;⁶⁹ married at Bradley on 25 November 1861, George F. Sewall.⁷⁰
- ix. OBADIAH CALL (again) was born at Bradley in September 1844; died there on 30 November 1847.⁷¹

64. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, fol. 264v, dwell. 39, fam. 41, Betsy Call. Betsy was age fifteen. See 1860 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, p. 5, dwell. 43, fam. 38, John Wigle household. Elizabeth Wigle was age twenty-three.

65. Apparent daughters “Elizzie” and Ada lived in Minneapolis with their father in June 1865. See *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1058>) > Minnesota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1849–1905 > 1865 > Hennepin > image 138, 1865 Minnesota census, Hennepin Co., Minneapolis, fam. 624, John Wiggle household. Lizzie’s children married in Iowa at the home of her half brother Thomas Mitchell. See Dallas Co., Iowa, Marriage Register 1 (1880–1902), fol. 12, John Calvin Towne–Addie Waggle, 31 March 1881, and fol. 42, Andrew Wycoff–Lizzie Waggle, 19 December 1883; District Court, Adel, Iowa; microfilm 1,034,112, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Both records identify the brides as daughters of John “Waggle” and Lizzie Call. Addie was born in 1860–61, and Lizzie in 1862–63. See 1870 U.S. census, Dallas Co., Iowa, pop. sch. Linn Twp., p. 3, dwell./fam. 18, Thomas Mitchell household; NARA microfilm M593, roll 385. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Dallas Co., Iowa, Linn, ED 50, p. 22, dwell. 195, fam. 196, Thomas Mitchell household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 335.

66. 1860 U.S. census, Meeker Co., Minn., pop. sch., Forest City, p. 5, John Wigle household. John and Elizabeth had married within the census year.

67. 1850 U.S. census, Penobscot Co., Maine, pop. sch., Bradley, fol. 265r, dwell. 39, fam. 41, Lewis Call, age twelve.

68. Town of Bradley, town records 3, Record of Deaths, p. 4, Lewis Call; Town Clerk. Lewis died on 14 May 1852 at age 13 years and 10 months. This death record is a transcription made in the 1930s from his gravestone.

69. “Maine Vital Records,” *FamilySearch*, image 2848, Maine, Record of a Death, Louise C. Sewall, 13 September 1916. The record names her parents as Louis Call, born at Troy, and Sarah Thompson, born at Camden.

70. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org/search/collection/1803978) > Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 > Delayed returns for vital records 1670–1891 > Scribner, 1875–Sidebotham, 1885 > image 1454, Maine, Record of an Old Marriage, filled-in card from Maine State Archives, certified by the Bradley, Maine, town clerk.

71. *Find A Grave*, memorial 90118602, digital image of Obadiah Call gravestone (Evergreen Cemetery), 12 May 2015, by Dale and Pattie [Mower]. Obadiah shares a gravestone with his same-name brother.

Botetourt County, Virginia, Petitions for Exemption from Civil War Service

[Petitions for Exemption from Service, 1862, BC 1044257; Botetourt Co. court records, box 70; Records Center Annex, Library of Virginia, Richmond.]

We hereby certify that we have examined John W Bonsack of the 48th Regt Va Militia and find him unfit for the duties of a soldier on account of slight displacement of the spinal column accompanied with partial loss of Motion in the lower extremities

March 12th 1862

Chas Williams
S Meredith

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with Wm Boothe and have herd him say that he could not see out of his right eye but very little none to do any good before there was any sign or certainty of the present war given from under our hands April 14 1862

David J Davis
James C Switzer
Charlotte C Old
Mary Gibson
John Hammon Sr
Martha Graim

Botetourt County Va March 20th 1862
Committee of Exemption from military duty
for the County of Botetourt:
Gentlemen

Wm H H Buhrman, son of Rev A Buhrman, one of our neighbors, has been under the late proclamation of the Governor of Va, subjected to immediate military duty, and that under the circumstances he ought to be exempted, we beg leave to make the following statement of facts, and hope it will meet with your favorable consideration. Mr. Buhrman has three sons, two of whom volunteered for service in the army at the commencement of the war, the other he is desirous should remain at home 1st because he is the principal and only miller in a grist mill of considerable importance to his neighbors 2d because he is the manager and assistant in a tannery in operation for a large section of country; & 3d because he owns no servants; and cannot possibly hire suitable assistants at this time. We believe that the services of Wm H H Buhrman in the capacity named, are essential to the citizens of the community.

Very Respectfully [illegible word]
Davis M Wood
C M Reynolds
Wm E Walker
Jno S Shields
Rich'd G Haden

—*Transcriptions contributed by Leslie Anderson, MSLS*

Finding Christiana Hogan and Her Husbands in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana

By Erick Montgomery

A tantalizing glimpse of Christiana was the research's starting point. Her beginning was not in doubt, but resolving her identities as wife and mother needed research in five states.

One Tennessee record connected Christiana Hogan to her parents, three children, and two husbands. It left other questions unanswered. Who were those husbands? Did she have other children? What was her life beyond that singular glimpse?

Investigating Christiana's friends, associates, and neighbors (FAN) identified immediate and extended family members. Following them from North and South Carolina to the frontiers of Kentucky and Tennessee led to Posey County, Indiana, her final residence. Discoveries included Christiana's (1) siblings entangled in estate settlements in Tennessee, (2) sister Rebecca McFadin living among extended family in Posey County, and (3) slander suits brought by Christiana's second husband.

CHRISTIANA IN 1827

In 1827 Edward Hogan left his Warren County, Tennessee, estate to his wife and executrix, Elizabeth, for her widowhood. His daughter "Christianna Hogan, now Christianna Bean," received "one dollar out of my estate and no more." Edward left Christiana's share to her three children, Lucinda Lockhart Sanders, Elizabeth Sanders, and James Sanders, and the residue went to "all my lawful [unnamed] heirs."¹ That residue included livestock, farm implements, and

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1. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills and Inventories 1:1, will of Edward Hogan, 27 January 1827; County Court Clerk's Office, McMinnville, Tenn.; Warren Co. microfilm 81, Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA), Nashville.

household furnishings, as well as enslaved women Cely, Fanny, and Ailecy, and children Susan, Mary, and Tom.²

The following were reportedly Christiana's three Sanders children:³

1. Elizabeth Sanders, born in Kentucky or Tennessee in 1809–10. She was living in 1860. About 1828 she married George Boren, who was last enumerated with Elizabeth in 1850.⁴
2. Lucinda Lockhart Sanders, born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on 28 December 1811. She died in Pike County, Illinois, between 1845, when her youngest child was born, and 1848, when her widower remarried.⁵ She married Archibald H. Brooks.⁶
3. James C. Sanders, born in Tennessee on 25 December 1814 and died in Warren County, Tennessee, on 17 May 1887.⁷ He married Julia Ann Durham.⁸

2. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills and Inventories 1:11, inventory of Edward Hogan's estate, October court session 1827.

3. June Baldwin Bork, *Wayne County, Kentucky, Pioneers: Biographical Sketches and Civil Court Records*, 5 vols. (Huntington Beach, Calif.: J. B. Bork, 1974), 4:116. Without documentation, Bork says James Sanders, son of John, left three children: "Lucy Sanders married Archibald Brooks; Elizabeth Sanders married George Washington Bohan; and James Sanders Jr."

4. 1850 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., population schedule, 14th Civil District, fols. 57v–58r, dwelling/family 768, George Boran; microfilm M432, roll 898, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Also, 1860 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., pop. sch., McMinnville P.O., p. 74, dwell./fam. 557, Elizabeth Boren; NARA microfilm M653, roll 1274. These censuses show Elizabeth with ten Boren children born between 1829 and 1849.

5. Pike Co., Ill., Births, Deaths, and Marriages Book 1:126, Brooks-Newton marriage, 18 May 1848; County Clerk, Pittsfield, Ill.; microfilm 1,314,768, Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City. Also, photocopy provided to the author by Donna Sousa, 9 January 2000, including two handwritten pages identified as "written by Orpha Lucy Brooks [1866–1953], daughter of Joab Brooks and Elizabeth Hume Dennis Brooks Brooks," "Our Great Grand Brooks History-Blue Blood," manuscript; author's files. It identifies Joab Brooks as a son of A. H. Brooks and Lucy Lockheart Sanders. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Pike Co., Ill., pop. sch., Twp. 3S2W, fol. 37r, dwell. 207, fam. 211, Archibald Brooks; NARA microfilm M432, roll 124.

6. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills and Inventories 3:20, will of Lucy Dean, 11 October 1847, proved sometime in 1849.

7. 1850 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., pop. sch., 14th Civil District, fol. 58v, dwell./fam. 776, James Sanders. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., pop. sch., p. 461, dwell./fam. 805, James Sanders. Also, 1870 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., pop. sch., 14th Civil District, McMinnville P.O., p. 150, dwell./fam. 6, James Sanders; NARA microfilm M593, roll 1568. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Warren Co., Tenn., pop. sch., 14th Civil District, enumeration district 137, p. 417b, dwell./fam. 112, James Sanders; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1284. Also, Durham-Sanders Cemetery, Warren Co., Tenn., grave marker of James Sanders, transcribed and photographed by author about 1975. Also, "Personal Points and Pithy Paragraphs from North Warren," *Southern Standard*, McMinnville, Tenn., 28 May 1887, page 4, col. 3, "Mr. James Sanders, Sr., died at his home a few days ago, and thus was released from a life of suffering, having been blind for some time and suffering intensely otherwise."

8. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills and Inventories 3:246–47, will of James Durham, 31 January 1852, probated 2 April 1855; TSLA Warren Co. microfilm 83.

CHRISTIANA'S FIRST HUSBAND: [—?—] SANDERS

Christiana's father was a Hogan, her children were named Sanders, and by 1827 her surname was Bean. Sanders, apparently her first husband, likely died by 1827. The absence of early nineteenth-century Warren County, Tennessee, records hampers, but does not prevent, identifying both husbands.⁹

Lucy (Sanders) Dean, Christiana's Sister-in-Law

In 1847 widow Lucy Dean made bequests to her siblings, including Gabriel Sanders. She also named two married nieces and a Sanders nephew whose names match those of Christiana's reported children.¹⁰

Christiana's father's and sister-in-law's wills and sparse biographical information about her Sanders children suggest that:

- Christiana Hogan was born in Tennessee before 1796, if she was at least thirteen when her first child was conceived.
- By 1809 she married a brother of Lucy (Sanders) Dean.
- Between 1809 and 1811 she and Sanders lived in Kentucky.
- Christiana returned to Tennessee by December 1814.
- Surviving Sanders, she married [—?—] Bean before 1827.

Christiana's Sanders In-laws

On 1 September 1800 Lucy Sanders, Christiana's sister-in-law, married Michael Dean in Pulaski County, Kentucky.¹¹ The Deans' residence fell into Wayne County, Kentucky, when it was created in 1801, but they soon moved to Warren County, Tennessee, where Michael died in 1835.¹² This apparently childless couple set down roots in Tennessee. Did Lucy have family in Wayne County?

9. Warren Co., Tenn., inventory of records, PDF, "Index to County Microfilm Reels," *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<http://share.tn.gov/tsla/preservation/microfilmindex.htm>). Warren County's preserved records include land deeds from 1808, plats from 1824, estate records from 1827, circuit court minutes from 1842, chancery court minutes from 1847, county court minutes from 1848, and marriage records from 1852.

10. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills and Inventories 3:20, will of Lucy Dean, 11 October 1847, proved sometime in 1849.

11. Pulaski Co., Ky., Marriage Bonds 1:45, Dean-Sanders, 1 July 1800; County Clerk, Somerset, Ky.; FHL microfilm 804,052.

12. Wayne Co., Ky., Tax Lists, for Michael Dean: 1801, List 2, p. 2; 1802, List 1, p. 6; 1803, only list, p. 8; 1804, only list, p. 11; 1805, illegible; 1806, only list, p. 11; County Court Clerk, Monticello, Ky.; FHL microfilm 7,834,522. Michael is not listed in 1806 or afterward. Also, Warren Co., Tenn., Deed Book A:137–38, Tennessee, grant to Dean, assignee of Mabane, 7 July 1809; TSLA Warren Co. microfilm 91. Also, "Watkins, et. al. v. Dean, et. al.," *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of Tennessee During the Years 1836–7*, 10 vols. (Nashville: State Printers, 1838), 10:321–28.

Lucy's father was Revolutionary War veteran John Sanders from Lunenburg County, Virginia. He brought his family from Buckingham County, Virginia, to Madison (later Garrard) County, Kentucky.¹³ By 1800 John lived in the part of Pulaski County that became Wayne County, where he died testate in October 1833.¹⁴ He made his son Gabriel his executor and mentioned deceased son, James Sanders, who had received his share during his lifetime.

John's children with his first wife included Lucy Dean, Sarah Fletcher, Elizabeth Hiatt, Mary Murphy, Nancy Mayfield, and Gabriel Sanders.¹⁵ Lucy named these five siblings in her 1847 will. She did not name six deceased siblings, including Francis, Stephen, and Edward Sanders, and Phebe Dowell.¹⁶ The fifth, James, had been named by her father in his will, and the sixth, John Sanders Jr., predeceased her father in 1815.¹⁷

John, the father, had other children with his second wife, widow Sally Bustard a.k.a. Buster, after their 1804 marriage: Minerva Sweeney, Julia Hutchinson, and Hiram P. Sanders.¹⁸

13. John Sanders, petitions for pension, 28 August 1832 and 24 June 1833; in pension application of John Sanders (Pvt., no company, militia, Virginia, Rev. War) R9180; *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files*, microfilm publication M804, 2,670 rolls (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1974), roll 2,116. Also, Madison Co., Ky., Tax Lists for Sa(u)nders, John: 1789, list of Michael McNeely, p. 4; 1791, List 2, p. 5; 1792, List 1, p. 7; 1794, List 2, p. 8; 1795, List 1, p. 15; 1796, List 3 (Michael McNeely), p. 18; FHL microfilm 7,834,478. Also, Garrard Co., Ky., Tax List, for John Saunders: 1797, Michael McNeely's list, p. 21; 1799, List 3, p. 9, 22 April 1799, John Sanders; FHL microfilm 7,834,436.

14. Wayne Co., Will Book B:9-10, will of John Sanders, 23 October 1833, proved on 2 November 1833; County Clerk; FHL microfilm 1,943,577. Also, Pulaski Co., Tax List, 1800, List 2, p. 18, 1 August 1800, John Sanders; Tax Assessor, Somerset, Ky. Also, Wayne Co., Tax List, 1801, List 2, p. 8, John Saunders; FHL microfilm 7,834,522.

15. Madison Co., Will Book A:98; will of James Shackelford, 10 March 1795, proved on 4 August 1795; County Court Clerk, Richmond; FHL microfilm 183,266. First wife Betsey was a daughter of this James Shackelford.

16. Wayne Co., Civil Cases, Circuit Court, 1846 to 1881, box 13, case no. 19, Williams v. Sanders, 25 October 1842; and 1843 to 1844, box 42, case no. 111B, Sanders v. F. Sanders Heirs, 13 April 1842; Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

17. Harlan Ogle, *Wayne County, Kentucky, Court Orders, Book "A" 1801-1822, Volume III, 1811-1815* (Monticello, Ky.: Wayne County Museum, 2008), 34 and 47, citing the estate of John Sanders Jr., John Sanders Sr., administrator.

18. Wayne Co., Marriage Bonds 1:70, Saunders-Bustard, 9 June 1804; County Clerk, Monticello; FHL microfilm 591,550. Also, Bork, *Wayne County, Kentucky, Pioneers*, 4:117. Also, Augusta Phillips Johnson, *A Century of Wayne County, Kentucky 1800-1900* (Louisville: Standard Printing, 1939), 240-41, "From an Old Bible." This Bible was published in Edinburgh in 1775 and the writing is much faded. It is surely Sarah (Jones) (Buster) Sanders's and has exact dates for her two marriages and the births of children with both husbands. This source shows Hiram's middle name as "Bewley," likely a transcription error.

Which Sanders Brother was Christiana's Husband?

No Kentucky or Tennessee record documents a Sanders marriage for Christiana Hogan. The Sanders who married Christiana died between 1814, after conceiving his youngest child, and 1827, when Christiana's father called her Christiana Bean. No known evidence shows Christiana Sanders divorcing in Tennessee or Kentucky.¹⁹

Two of John Sanders's sons died in this period: John Jr., deceased by August 1815; and James, called "dead" by his father in 1833. John Jr. paid Wayne County taxes occasionally between 1806 and 1815, but county court orders documenting his death do not mention a widow or children.²⁰ James Sanders paid taxes there in 1806, 1807, 1812, and 1813.²¹ John Jr. first paid poll taxes in 1806, suggesting a birth before 1786. James was between sixteen and twenty-one in 1806, and over twenty-one in 1807, suggesting a birth in 1786.

Census entries for James Sanders or Saunders in Kentucky in 1810 are poor matches.²² No James Sanders or Saunders appears in extant Tennessee 1810 census rolls.²³

In 1812 James Saunders and Edward Hogan were taxed in the same district in Warren County.²⁴ Also taxed were John Saunders, John Saunders Sr.,

19. State legislatures granted divorces in Tennessee from 1796 to 1834 and in Kentucky from 1792 to 1849. James and Christiana Sanders did not petition successfully in either state. See, "How Do I Find Divorce Records?" *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/how-do-i-find-divorce-records>). See, also, "Acts of Tennessee 1796–1850: Index to Names," *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/acts-tennessee-1796-1850-index-names>). Also, Sandra K. Gorin, *Divorces by the Kentucky General Assembly, 1792–1850* (Glasgow, Ky.: Gorin Genealogical Publishing, 2010).

20. Wayne Co., Tax Records, for John Sanders Jr.: 1806, only list, p. 31; 1807, List 1, p. 27; 1808, not listed; 1809, List 1, p. 20; 1810, only list, p. 25; 1811, only list, p. 27; 1812, only list, p. 31; 1813, List 1, p. 4; 1814, not listed; 1815, 90th Regiment, Capt. Ganner's Co., p. 27; not taxed after 1815; FHL microfilm 7,834,522. Also, Wayne Co., Court Orders A:280, John Sanders Jr., administrator appointment, August term 1815; Court Clerk; FHL microfilm 7,901,930. John's father was administrator. Also, *ibid.*, Book A:286, John Sanders Jr., inventory, December term, 1815.

21. Wayne Co., Tax Lists, 1806, only list, p. 38; 1807, List 1, p. 27; 1812, only list, p. 31; 1813, 90th regiment, Catron's Co., p. 4; FHL microfilm 7,834,522.

22. The 1810 U.S. census lists nine James Sanders householders and two James Saunders in the Kentucky counties of Adair (roll 5, p. 23), Christian (roll 9, p. 105), Fayette (roll 6, p. 39), Fleming (roll 6, p. 78), Franklin (roll 6, p. 162), Green (roll 6, p. 247), Hardin (roll 6, p. 284), Jessamine (roll 7, p. 52), Lincoln (roll 7, p. 135), Montgomery (roll 7, p. 381), and Washington (roll 8, p. 296); NARA microfilm M252.

23. Only two 1810 U.S. census population schedules survive for Tennessee: Rutherford County, and a partial list for Grainger County. Neither enumerates James Sanders or Saunders. See 1810 U.S. census, Rutherford Co., Tenn.; NARA microfilm M252, roll 63. Also, Pollyanna Creekmore, ed., *McClung Historical Collection Special Studies No. 1: Grainger County, Tennessee Federal Census of 1810, Population Schedule (Third Census) and County Tax Lists for 1810* (Knoxville, Tenn: Lawson McGhee Library, 1956).

24. "Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783–1895," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2883>), image 50, Warren Co., 1812, p. 67, John B. Parker's district, Edward Hogan and James Saunders. The 1812 list is the last extant Warren County list until 1836.

and William Saunders. Were these Saunders men simultaneous taxpayers in Tennessee and Kentucky? Warren County deeds hold no records for them before or after 1812.²⁵ In 1813 James was taxed for one hundred acres that he had entered and surveyed in Wayne County, but he never completed the process.²⁶ If he died early in the following year this would explain his failure to finish the claim, or to be taxed for it again in 1814. It would also allow the timely conception of Christiana's son James C. Sanders, in the spring of 1814, leaving a widow who could marry again to a Bean soon afterward.

Could James have fought, and possibly died, in the War of 1812? Three Kentucky and five Tennessee soldiers named "James Sanders" served in the militia during the war, and one James Sanders/Saunders served in the regular army. Although some can be eliminated, none with certainty can be associated with Wayne or Warren County, nor do their service records give any hints of a marriage to Christiana Hogan.²⁷

25. Warren Co., Tenn., Deed Books A–Z and 1, March 1814–July 1867; TSLA Warren Co. microfilm rolls 91–98. Also, Betty Moore Majors, *Warren County, Tennessee Deed Book A (1808–1818)* (Signal Mountain, Tenn.: Mountain Press, 1992).

26. Wayne Co., Tax List, 1813, 90th Regiment, Catron's Co., p. 4; FHL microfilm 7,834,522. Also, e-mail correspondence between the author and Kandie Adkinson, Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office Section, between 9 April and 18 May 2015 revealed no records regarding James Sanders's land entry and survey in Wayne County. Ms. Adkinson stated the following: "I checked my resources for South of Green River patents—the patent series in which James Sanders should be listed. The Kentucky General Assembly allowed residents to pay taxes on property in the South of Green River area without having actual ownership of the land. Usually, however, the warrant and survey were sent to the Land Office in Frankfort (that's 'us') pending the payment of the patenting fees, etc. Those papers involving James Sanders are not here. He could not deed the property to someone else until the patent was completed."

27. *Military Service Records, A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives Trust Fund Board, 1985), 31–34. The underlying textual records appear in War Department, Record Group 94. A search was made for "James Sa(u)nders" in *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who served During the War of 1812*; National Archives, microfilm publication M602, rolls 182–83. This index is arranged alphabetically by surname. The Kentucky soldiers were all privates and had no connection to Wayne or Warren counties: (1) served in Allen's First Rifle Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, Capt. William Ellis's Company from Bourbon County, transferred to Capt. Michael Glaves's Company, First Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Militia, reported disappeared and presumed dead on 8 May 1813; (2) served in Miller's Third Regiment, Kentucky Detached Militia, Capt. Frederic W. S. Grayson's Company from Bullitt County; substitute for Benjamin Henson, on furlough; and (3) served in Lt. Col. Young Ewing's Fourth Regiment Mounted Kentucky Volunteers, Capt. James Forbis, from Barron County; discharged at Buseron, Indiana Territory. The Tennessee soldiers were all privates (1) served in Col. John Coffee's Regiment, West Tennessee Volunteers, Capt. Alexander McKeen's Company, from Rutherford County; (2) served in Col. Metcalf's First Regiment, West Tennessee Militia, Capt. Andrew Patterson, from Bedford County, died 21 February 1815 at New Orleans; (3) served in Col. Cocke's Second Regiment, West Tennessee Militia, Capt. Bird Nance's Company from Rutherford County; (4) served in Col. A. Cheatham's Second Regiment, West Tennessee Militia, Capt. Richard Benson, from Robertson County; (5) served in Col. Alexander Lowry's Second Regiment, West Tennessee Militia, Lt. Col. Hammons, Capt. Gabriel Mastin, from

James left no probate in Wayne County.²⁸ Pre-1827 Warren County estate records are missing.

James Sanders appears to have been the first husband of Christiana, even though direct evidence has not been found. Adding weight to this conclusion, a Wayne County abstractor of court records asserts that James Sanders was father to three children, Elizabeth, Lucinda, and James Sanders, who are known to be Christiana's children. No confirmation is found within the county's records.²⁹

CHRISTIANA'S SECOND HUSBAND: [—?—] BEAN

Although Bean families lived in Tennessee between 1814 and 1827, none appear in the spotty surviving Warren County records. Instead, information about Christiana's parental family led to her second husband.

Edward and Elizabeth Hogan's Children and Heirs

In 1841 a Marshall County, Tennessee, suit in chancery court was filed over division of Christiana's father Edward's slaves.³⁰ The case names ten of Edward's children, his widow Elizabeth, her current husband Peter Luna, and the three Sanders grandchildren. Edward's heirs in Tennessee were the Lunas; Granville H., Robert, and Squire E. Hogan; Elizabeth Boren; James Sanders; Delila Burlison; and Polly Randolph, wife of John. A Nashville newspaper notice alerted nonresident heirs.³¹ Those out of state were Anthony, Marcus,

Robertson County; mustered out 10 April 1815 at Camp Wilson Springs, Mississippi Territory, power of attorney in service record file from James Sanders of Robertson County to Francis May of Davidson County, 20 September 1814. Additional information provided by archives staff member David Kirkpatrick (Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort) to author, "War of 1812 Service Records," e-mail, 9 March 2015. Also, staff member Tom Canon (TSLA) to author, "War of 1812 Service Records," e-mail, 10 March 2015. Also, Mary Saunders (or Sanders), declaration of widow for a pension, 14 November 1878, Pension Application No. 33457, for service of James Saunders (or) James Sanders (private, Capt. Vail's Company, 7th U.S. Infantry, War of 1812); War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Her husband James *Saunders* was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, about 1786, served in the 7th Infantry, and died in 1861 in Nashville.

28. Ogle, *Wayne County, Kentucky, Court Orders, Book "A" 1801-1822*. No entry was found relating to an estate of James Sanders.

29. Bork, *Wayne County, Kentucky, Pioneers*, 4:116.

30. Marshall Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Minutes A:9-12; Stephen C. Chitwood v. Peter Luna and wife, Anthony Hogan, Granville H. Hogan, Marcus Hogan, Squire E. Hogan, Andrew C. Hogan, James Hogan, Christiana Bean, Lucinda L. Brooks, Elizabeth Boren, James Sanders, Robert Hogan, Delila Burlison, and Polly Randolph, 17 February 1841, as well as Asa Holland v. the same defendants, and Thomas Brents, v. the same defendants. The three cases continued on pages 23-24, 84-87, 392, and 455-57, which entry is dated 22 November 1848; TSLA Marshall Co. microfilm 2.

31. *Ibid.*, A:9-11. For Asa Holland, Stephen C. Chitwood, and Thomas Brents, see "Chancery Notice(s)," *Daily Republican Banner*, Nashville, 19 June 1841, page 2, col. 5.

James, and Andrew C. Hogan, Christiana Bean, and Lucinda L. Brooks. Boren, Sanders, and Brooks were Christiana's children.³²

Polly Randolph sued in September 1850 to cancel the Marshall County decree saying three Hogan children—Jane Cox, Richard Hogan, and Rebecca McFaddin—had been omitted.³³ The court set aside the decree.³⁴ The final decree cancelled Richard and Jane's unclaimed shares as well as a balance due to Marcus.³⁵ The remainder was distributed in ten parts: six-tenths to the creditors; and one-tenth each to Mrs. Polly Randolph, Mrs. Rebecca McFadden, Robert Hogan's heirs, and the heirs of "Christian Sanders."

Where was sister Rebecca (Hogan) McFadden? Might Christiana be living near her? Information about an earlier Hogan generation leads to them both.

The Hogan FAN

Edward Hogan's father also was Edward Hogan, who settled along the Green River in Tryon and Rutherford counties, North Carolina, by 1772.³⁶ His 1794 will named his wife Christian and son Edward.³⁷ After Christian Hogan's death an unnamed "second son" (Richard) received an enslaved woman, Cloe. This event affirmed an earlier deed recorded in Rutherford County naming Richard as eventual heir to Cloe.³⁸ Unnamed "daughters" were also heirs, including Mary "Polly," wife of Anthony Metcalf.³⁹

By 1775 young Edward and his brother Richard had raised a crop in the Harrodsburg, Kentucky, settlements, qualifying them to preempt land.⁴⁰ By 1780 they were in the Cumberland settlements of what later became Tennessee,

32. Marshall Co., Chancery Court Minutes A:9–12.

33. Warren Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Minutes 1:235–36, 249, 258, 272, 274, 322, 379–81, 411, 435, 468–69, 2:410, and 3:176–77. Polly Randolph et al. v. Jno. Randolph et al., September term 1850–March term 1861; TSLA Warren Co. microfilm 26.

34. *Ibid.*, 1:379–81 and 411, for orders of a new division of slaves since Elizabeth's death in 1848 and instructions to the clerk and master.

35. *Ibid.*, 3:176–77, for final decree and division.

36. Lincoln Co., N.C., Deed Book 2:22–23, Sharp to Hogan, 18 November 1772; 2:151–52, Hogan to Haslip, 13 February 1775; and 2:439–40, Haslip to Hogan, 20 December 1775; Register of Deeds, Lincoln. Also, Rutherford Co., N.C., Deed Book A–D:106–107, N.C. grant to Christian Hogan, 28 October 1782; Register of Deeds, Rutherfordton.

37. Rutherford Co., N.C., probate papers, Edward Hogan will, 1794; series 286.74.1, box CR.086.801, folder 5200.86.352; State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh.

38. Rutherford Co., Record of Wills, "Oldest Book," p. 34. Edward Hogan to Christian Hogan and Richard Hogan, 31 December 1788.

39. Rutherford Co., Probate Book B:41–42, Anthony Metcalf power of attorney to James Miller to recover any legacy from his "father-in-law" Edward Hogan, 12 October 1794. Also, Clayton G. Metcalf, *A Study of Metcalfs, Andrews and Smith* (Enterprise, Ala.: p.p., 1979), 113–15.

40. "Early Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants in Kentucky Co., Virginia," *Kentucky Secretary of State* (<http://landofficeimages.sos.ky.gov/landofficeimages/SingleTiffImage.aspx?i=0579.tif>), image of Settlement and Preemption grant no. 0579 to Richard Burk, assignee of Edward Hogan, 18 February 1780.

qualifying them as North Carolina pre-emptioners.⁴¹ By 1781 Edward was in Lincoln County, Kentucky, serving as a militiaman under Major Hugh McGary.⁴²

There, on 25 March 1783, Edward Hogan filed bond to marry Elizabeth Hendrix. Her father, John Hendrix, had consented on 22 March.⁴³ On 5 March, the couple had been indicted for cohabiting. Elizabeth was charged with fornication. Edward was accused of adultery, suggesting his relationship with Elizabeth began during his prior marriage.⁴⁴

The couple went to the Cumberland settlements, taking up Edward's claim on Drakes Creek in Davidson County, North Carolina, which soon became Sumner County, Tennessee.⁴⁵ His brother Richard Hogan and his wife, Rebecca, settled at nearby Station Camp Creek by 1784.⁴⁶ In 1795 Richard leased Sumner County lands to Anthony "Metcalph," his sister Polly's husband.⁴⁷ While in Sumner County in 1802, Richard sold Cloe to Elizabeth Hogan.⁴⁸

41. *North Carolina Land Grants* (<http://www.nclandgrants.com:8081/grant/?mars=12.14.2.1179&qid=61719&rn=1>), file no. 1182, Edward Hogan (warrant no. 278), Davidson Co., entered 13 February 1784, issued 17 April 1786, Book 66:188, grant no. 159, Drakes Creek, survey of Edward Hogan preemption rights. Also, *ibid.* (<http://www.nclandgrants.com:8081/grant/?mars=12.14.18.178&qid=61720&rn=2>), file no. 316, Thomas Cocke, assignee of Richard Hogan (warrant no. 700), Sumner Co., issued 17 November 1790, Book 76:184, grant no. 309, survey of Richard Hogan's assigned preemptive rights.

42. Margery Heberling Harding, *George Rogers Clark and his Men; Military Records, 1778–1784* (Frankfort, Ky.: Kentucky Historical Society, 1981), 102. From transcription of document 165 (28 December 1781–16 January 1782); Illinois Papers, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

43. Lincoln Co., Ky., original (loose) marriage bonds and consents, alphabetical, Hogan-Hendrix, 25 March 1783; County Clerk, Stanford, Ky.

44. Virginia Supreme Court, District of Kentucky Order Books, 1:9, presentment, Edward Hogan and Elizabeth Hendricks, 5 March 1783; Kentucky Department for Archives and Libraries, Frankfort. "Edward Hogan for living in adultery with Elizabeth Hendricks." And "Elizabeth Hendricks for committing fornication with Edward Hogan."

45. Lincoln Co., Ky., Order Book 1:70, Ebenezer Miller, executor of Clough Overton, deceased, v. Edward Hogan, 18 June 1783. "Sheriff returned that defendant is 'no inhabitant of this County.' Suit abated." Also, *North Carolina Land Grants*, file no. 1182, Edward Hogan (warrant no. 278), Davidson Co., Book 66:188, grant no. 159, Drakes Creek. Three Drakes Creeks flow in Sumner Co., this one into the Cumberland River.

46. Lincoln Co., Ky., Deed Book 1:27, 51, and 186; County Clerk's Office, Stanford, Ky.; Richard Hogan and wife Rebecca to Robert Mosby, 16 June 1784 (1:27); clerk requests release of Rebecca's dower, as she cannot come to court, 2 October 1784 (1:51), and Richard Hogan and wife Rebecah of Davidson County, N.C., to James Lapsley, 8 September 1785 (1:186). Also, *North Carolina Land Grants* (<http://www.nclandgrants.com:8081/grant/?mars=12.14.2.1178&qid=61720&rn=1>), file no. 1181, Richard Hogan (warrant no. 276), Davidson Co., entered 13 February 1784, issued 17 April 1786. Also, Book 66:188, grant no. 158, Station Camp Creek, Survey of Richard Dodge preemption rights.

47. Sumner Co., Tenn., Deed Book 1:192; Register of Deeds, Gallatin; TSLA Sumner Co. microfilm 108.

48. Sumner Co., North Carolina and Tennessee Land Grants, Book 1:519; TSLA Sumner Co. microfilm 185. Elizabeth Hogan could be Richard Hogan's daughter, or his sister-in-law.

Christiana's Maternal FAN: The Hendricks Connections

Elizabeth's father, John Hendricks/Hendrix, consented to her 1783 marriage and the 1784 marriage of his daughter Rebecca to James Hays.⁴⁹ William McFadin married a likely third daughter, Rachel Hendricks, in Sumner County, after posting bond on 18 October 1789.⁵⁰ Edward "Hogin" was bondsman. Family tradition says Rachel (Hendricks) McFadin and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Hogan were sisters, and these records imply it is true.⁵¹

John Hendricks died before 3 January 1791 in Sumner County, Southwest Territory (later Tennessee).⁵² In Warren County, Kentucky, in March 1800, John's widow, Rachel Hendrix, declared that their son Thomas was John's "heir and legal representative."⁵³ Thomas and his wife, Sarah, of Warren County, twice assigned power of attorney to Richard Collins to reclaim a 400-acre tract on Two Mile Creek in upstate South Carolina that John had held through a 1766 land warrant.⁵⁴

Like the Hogans and Hendrickses, the McFadins had lived in Tryon/Rutherford County, North Carolina, where progenitor John McFadin's 1776 will was probated in 1777.⁵⁵ Witness David Dickey continued to associate with Hogans in Rutherford County, serving as executor of Edward Hogan's 1794 will.

49. Lincoln Co., Ky., original marriage bonds, Hays-Hendricks, 10 May 1784.

50. Sumner Co., Tenn., Bond Book 1787-1835, p. 26, McFaddin-Hendricks, 18 October 1789, Edward Hogin, bondsman; Sumner County Archives, Gallatin.

51. Maude A. McFadin, *The John Stephen McFadin Family of North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana and Kansas* (North Newton, Kans.: Mennonite Press, 1971), 16.

52. Sumner Co., Bond Book 1787-1835, p. 54, John Hendricks admin. bond.

53. Warren Co., Ky., Court Record Book A:218, relinquishment of dower by Rachel Hendrix, 2 June 1800, and recorded February 1804; Clerk's Office, Bowling Green.

54. Sumner Co., Bond Book 1787-1835, p. 49, Hendricks-Lynn marriage bond, 16 October 1790. Also, Spartanburg Co., S.C., Conveyance Book K:332, power of attorney from Thomas Hendrix heir-at-law of John Hendrix, deceased, to Richard Collins, 7 March 1800; Register of Deeds, Spartanburg. Also, Warren Co., Ky., Deed Book D4:234-35, power of attorney from Thomas Hendricks to Richard Collins, 7 March 1800. Also, "S213184: Colonial Plat Books (Copy Series)," *South Carolina Department of Archives and History* (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/Thumbnails.aspx?recordId=108108>), "Hendrick, John, plat for 400 Acres on Two Mile Creek." Series: S213184, Volume: 0015, Page: 00400, Item: 02; South Carolina Department of Archives and History; online image. Also, Brent H. Holcomb, *South Carolina's Royal Grants, Volume Four: Grant Books 25 through 31, 1772-1775* (Columbia: SCMAR, 2009), 139, citing Book 27:295; SCDAH. That John Hendricks had moved to Tryon Co., N.C., from S.C. is shown in his deed of part of the S.C. tract in 1775. See Spartanburg Co., Conveyance Book K:250-53, Hendricks to Miles, 13 August 1775. He also entered a grant for one hundred acres next to his own land on the south side of the Green River, 22 October 1778. See Albert Bruce Pruitt, *Abstracts of Land Entries, Tryon and Lincoln Co., NC, 1778-1780* (n.p.: privately printed, 1987), 25.

55. North Carolina, "Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9061>) > Lincoln > Original Wills, Lewis, Mary-Reinhardt, Conrad > images 496-98, for John McFadin, will, 25 March 1776, proved July 1777.

A widower with three children, Andrew McFadin remarried in Warren County, Kentucky, in 1799 to Vollie Burlison, a widow with five children.⁵⁶ In 1805 her son Moses Burlison married Delila Hogan, Christiana's sister.⁵⁷ Moses and Delila followed the Hogans to Warren County, Tennessee, where Moses claimed his own land grants and a tract for Aaron Burlison's heirs.⁵⁸

About 1807 William and Andrew McFadin squatted at McFadin's Bluff in Indiana Territory. Two years later the bluff was surveyed into lots and renamed Mount Vernon.⁵⁹ Andrew's son Andrew married Rebecca Hogan, Christiana's sister.⁶⁰ The younger Andrew died at Mount Vernon in Posey County, Indiana, in 1847, survived by his wife, Rebecca, and two sons.⁶¹

Christiana Bean in Posey County, Indiana

Stephen Bean's family were the only Beans in Posey County. In 1820 Stephen's household had five whites; males under 10, 18–26, 26–45, and over 45, and a woman, 16–26.⁶² Stephen was engaged in “manufactures.”

From 1821 through 1830 Stephen and his wife, Christiana, became embroiled in legal quarrels with neighbors.⁶³ Gossip-fueled innuendo impugned Mrs. Bean's moral character, so Stephen, with his wife, charged several neighbors with slander in circuit court. Although court dockets name Stephen's wife as Christiana, the original petition and court minutes call her Catherine.⁶⁴ A

56. Warren Co., Ky., Marriage Records, MSS 230, box 1, folder 3, McFadin-Burleyston marriage bond, 12 March 1799; Manuscripts and Folklife Archives Library, Special Collections; Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. Also, McFadin, *John Stephen McFadin*, 33–35.

57. Warren Co., Ky., Marriage Records, MSS 230, box 2, folder 9, Burlison-Hogan marriage bond, 9 March 1805.

58. Tenn., General Grants M:294–96, grants 7456 and 7457, Moses Burlison, 21 March 1814, and grant 7457 for the heirs of Aaron Burlison, 1815; TSLA.

59. John C. Leffel, *History of Posey County, Indiana* (Chicago: Standard Publishing, 1913), 46–47 and 87–88.

60. Warren Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Minutes 1:235–36, Polly Randolph et al. v. Jno. Randolph et al., September term 1850–March term 1861. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Posey Co., Ind., pop. sch., Mt. Vernon, 24 July 1850, p. 171, dwell./fam. 49, Rebeca McFadin; NARA microfilm M432, roll 166.

61. Posey Co., Ind., loose probate files, filed alphabetically, Andrew McFadin, 1847; Circuit Court Clerk, Mount Vernon, Ind.

62. 1820 U.S. census, Posey Co., Ind., Mt. Vernon, p. 1, Stephen Bean; NARA microfilm M33, roll 13.

63. Posey Co., Circuit Court Order Book B:250, May term 1822; 279, September term 1822; 312, May term 1823; and 325 and 331, May term 1823; for James McFadin v. Stephen Bean. Also, Order Book B:287 and 301, February term 1823, for Stephen Bean and wife v. James Breeze, slander. Also, Order Book C:301, August term 1826; 141, February term 1827; and 282, February term 1829; all for Stephen Bean v. Levi Robinson, trespass, assault and battery. Also, Order Book C:298, February term 1829, for Stephen Bean and wife v. Jedy Pitts and wife.

64. Posey Co., Complete Record A:221–33, February term 1829, Stephen Bean and wife Catherine v. Jedy Pitts and wife Betsy. Also, Complete Record C:321–25, August term 1830, Stephen Bean and Christiana his wife v. Jedy Pitts; Posey County Circuit Court.

deponent referred to her as “Old Kit.” The attorney initially left Mrs. Bean’s first name blank, but later inserted “Catherine,” above a caret, thinking it was her formal name, and the court clerk followed suit.⁶⁵

Stephen Bean still lived in Mount Vernon in 1830. Counted in his white household were a boy under age five, two boys and a girl five to ten, a boy ten to fifteen, a woman in her thirties, and a man in his fifties.⁶⁶

Birth dates calculated from the two censuses say Stephen was born between 1770 and 1775 and Christiana between 1794 and 1800. This places her comfortably in Edward and Elizabeth Hogan’s family.

About October 1832 Stephen died a pauper in Mount Vernon. On 6 November 1832 Mason F. Green was paid for making Stephen’s coffin.⁶⁷ No probate of Stephen’s estate was filed in Posey County. Christiana (Hogan) Bean is not mentioned in Posey County after 1830, but she and Stephen had children.

Christiana’s Bean children

Black Township, Posey County, overseers of the poor apprenticed four “poor” Bean children on 9 July 1833. Their parents were not named, but no other Beans lived in Posey County:⁶⁸

- Stephen Bean, a seventeen-year-old poor boy, was apprenticed to Benajah Moss Jr. for four years to learn cabinetmaking until he reached twenty-one.
- Harriet Bean, a fourteen-year-old poor girl, was indentured to George Crum for four years until she reached eighteen.
- Shelby Bean, a twelve-year-old poor boy, was apprenticed to Thos. J. Duncan for nine years to learn the trade of gunsmith until he reached twenty-one.
- Hogan Bean, a ten-year-old poor boy, was bound to James McFadin for eleven years until age twenty-one.

65. Posey Co. Circuit Court Records, Stephen Bean v. Levi Robinson and Stephen Bean and wife v. Jedy Pitts and wife, original loose papers; Indiana State Archives, Indiana Commission on Public Records, Indianapolis; photocopies in author’s collection. Mrs. Bean was referred to as “Old Kit” in the deposition of James Breeze, presented to the circuit court during the September term, 1822. Also, Christine Rose, *Nicknames Past and Present* (San Jose, Calif.: Rose Family Association, 2002). Kit and Kitty are commonly used nicknames for both Catherine and Christiana.

66. 1830 U.S. census, Posey Co., Ind., Mt. Vernon, p. 172, Stephen Bean; NARA microfilm M19, roll 29.

67. Posey Co., Commissioners’ Record C:197, Minutes, 6 November 1832; FHL microfilm 549,425. This film is defective and has no visible page numbers. The original minute book could not be found at the courthouse, although the film was made there in the 1930s.

68. Posey Co., Deed Book F:225–29, Stephen, Harriet, Shelby, and Hogan Bean apprenticeships, 9 July 1833.

“Miss” Bean and Stewart Bean died in Posey County in the summer of 1833, and the commissioners paid for shrouds, coffins, and digging their graves.⁶⁹ They apparently were Stephen and Christiana’s children.

Son Stephen Bean was probably conceived in 1815. James Sanders, Christiana’s first husband, likely died between 1814 when her son James C. Sanders was conceived, and 1815 when her son Stephen Bean was conceived.

The Bean Children’s Continued Association with the Hogan FAN

Two surviving Bean children were part of the Hogan/Hendricks FAN in Posey County. The youngest known child, Edward Hogan, born between 1822 and 1828, enlisted as Edward H. Bean, served in the Mexican War, returned to Mount Vernon, and married Amanda Whitehouse.⁷⁰ He worked from Mount Vernon as a boatman on the Ohio River and likely had a daughter, “Christina,” who died in 1860.⁷¹ In 1860 “Hogan Ban,” Amanda, and three children lived adjacent to Rebecca McFadin.⁷² He apparently died by 24 September 1864, when Amanda married Jesse McCain in Posey County.⁷³

Elder brother Stephen S. Bean, born about 1815–16, married Juliette Hall in Posey County in 1838 and died there in 1845.⁷⁴ At the end of Rebecca (Hogan) McFadin’s life, Stephen’s daughter Julia was caretaker to her widowed elderly grand aunt.⁷⁵ “Aunt Becky” died insolvent on 3 February 1873 in Mount Vernon.⁷⁶

69. Posey Co., Commissioners’ Record C:278, order to pay for burials, September term 1833.

70. *Register of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798–1814*, microfilm publication M233, 81 rolls (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, n.d.), roll 22, register for July 1846–October 1850, p. 15, Edward H. Bean. Also, Posey Co., Marriage Book: C-3:174, Bean-Whitehouse, 13 August 1849; County Clerk.

71. 1850 U.S. census, Posey Co., Ind., pop. sch., Mt. Vernon, p. 176, dwell./fam. 121, E. H. Bean. Also, 1860 U.S. census, mortality sch., Posey Co., Ind., Mt. Vernon, p. 154, Christina Bean; Indiana State Library; FHL microfilm 2,259,482. She died of croup.

72. 1860 U.S. census, Posey Co., Ind., pop. sch., Mount Vernon, p. 681, dwell./fam. 189, Rebecca McFadin, and dwell./fam. 190, Hogan Ban; NARA microfilm M653, roll 290.

73. Posey Co., Marriage Records 5:142, McCain-Bean, 24 September 1864; County Court; FHL microfilm 549,432.

74. *Ibid.*, 2:382, Bean-Hall, 27 May 1838; FHL microfilm 549,430. Also, Posey Co., Probate Order Book F: 332–33, estate of Stephen Bean, 1845.

75. McFadin, *John Stephen McFadin*, 51.

76. Posey Co., Probate Order Book 10:182 (bond posted by administrator, Asa C. Williams, 11 April 1874), 407 (cause continued to next term, 14 January 1875), 483 (real estate sold to highest bidder, 24 March 1875), 528 (estate is insolvent, March term 1875), and Book 11 (1875–1877), 152 (final report, no balance on hand, 1875), Rebecca Mcfadin probate.

McFadin family lore remembers Julia Bean as a “forty-second cousin on the Hogan side.”⁷⁷ It alleges she inherited Rebecca’s few possessions, despite Rebecca’s two surviving sons in Missouri and Illinois.⁷⁸

CONCLUSION

Christiana Hogan, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Hogan, was born about 1795 in Sumner County, Tennessee. She married, first, about 1809 James Sanders of Wayne County, Kentucky, and had three children. About 1815 she married Stephen Bean and moved to Posey County, Indiana, near her sister Rebecca (Hogan) McFadin and the Hogan and Hendricks extended family. Christiana’s father effectively disinherited her, and did not acknowledge her Bean children.

Christiana initially seemed invisible except in her father’s 1827 will, but identifying and tracking her FAN through the American frontier identified her. Chancery court records in Tennessee and circuit court records in Indiana led to her later litigious and fruitful life with Bean.

77. “Genealogical notes of Mrs. O. B. (Alice Harper) Hanby,” Alexandrian Library, Mount Vernon, Ind. Also, McFadin, *John Stephen McFadin*, p. 51.

78. McFadin, *John Stephen McFadin*, p. 51.

A Divorce Action

State of Kentucky, Fayette Circuit Court, September term, 1810

Rebecca Looney, *Complainant*

AGAINST

In CHANCERY

Robert Looney, *Defendant*

This day came the complainant by her attorney, and exhibited her bill, which charges that, about twenty five years ago, she intermarried with the defendant, and has by him, now living, seven children, five of whom live with her; that she resides in the county of Fayette: That on the day of May, one thousand eight hundred and six, the defendant abandoned her, carrying with him considerable property, and has since resided in the state of Tennessee, living in adultery with another woman; and prays for a divorce, and that she may be quieted in the possession of the property she now holds. And the defendant having failed to file his answer agreeable to law and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction fo the court that he is not an inhabitant of this commowealth: It is ordered that unless the defendant appears here on the first day of the next January term of this court, and answer the complainant’s bill, the same will be taken for confessed.—And it is ordered that a copy of this order be inserted in some authorized paper for eight weeks successively, according to law.

A copy test

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REVIEWS

Jeramiah White: A First Family of Ohio: Collateral Lines of Greiner, Eyer, and Artz. By Alice Ruth (White) Kiel and Frank Wilson Kiel. Published by Skyline Ranch Press; 133 Skyline Drive; Comfort, TX 78013; sky133@hctc.net; 2016. ISBN 978-0-9834180-2-9. xxiii, 190 pp. Appendixes, bibliography, figures, index, maps. Hardback. \$40 plus tax \$2.50, plus insured shipping \$7.00.

The present volume grew from the authors' extensive research, the first part of which appeared in 2000 (*Hendrik Gerrit Kiel: Dutch Immigrant to Pennsylvania — A Genealogy: Collateral Lines of Stratford, Wilson, and Briggs*). The study encompasses Alice R. (White) Kiel's family researched in Ohio, Württemberg, and online.

The earliest identifiable White ancestor, who resided in colonial New Jersey, likely was of Irish descent. The second generation settled in Ohio after the Revolutionary War. Collateral Greiner, Eyer, and Artz lines have German origins and settled in parts of Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, rural Schuylkill County, and southeastern and north central regions of the state.

A minor criticism is that the numbering of photographic images and maps is confusing. Some photographs are labeled as maps. For example, in chapter 2, images labeled Map 2-4 and 2-7 show forts in Crete, where one ancestor was a mercenary soldier for the Republic of Venice, and a photograph of Pittsburgh.

Through an engaging narrative style and numerous illustrations, the authors provide a vivid story of immigrant ancestral families. Anyone specializing in this time and place would find ideas here for their own research strategies.

The book is well written, well arranged, and a good example of how to produce an engaging family history.

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It Didn't Start with You: How Inherited Family Trauma Shapes Who We Are and How to End the Cycle. By Mark Wolynn. Published by Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House, LLC; 375 Hudson Street; New York, NY 10014; <http://www.penguin.com>; 2016. ISBN 978-1-101-98036-1. viii, 240 pp. Appendixes, glossary, index, notes. Hardback. \$28.00.

Genealogists study the transmission of identity from one generation to the next. Identity begins as biology: each individual's unique pattern of DNA. The author of *It Didn't Start With You*, a counselor who treats people with psychological problems, begins by discussing the growing knowledge of genetic and epigenetic inheritance. Jean-Baptiste Lamarck proposed that traits acquired by parents could be inherited by their children. Current epigenetic research suggests effects might be acquired and passed on by activating or silencing genes, thus altering the expression of DNA. Wolynn quotes the Book of Ezekiel: "The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge" (p. 40).

Human identity, of course, is not only biological: what children receive from their parents and forebears is also cultural and psychological. They are who they are because of the thousands of choices their

ancestors made, influenced by events and by their economic, political, and social circumstances.

The conscious part of the past might not be the problem; it can be expressed by straightforward biography. The hidden emotional and psychological part of identity, that unconscious legacy first explored by Freud, is the subject of Wolynn's insightful book. His thesis is that much mental pain and dysfunction reflect trauma experienced not by those affected, but passed on to them from their parents, grandparents, or wider family. For example, the Holocaust harmed not only its victims (and perpetrators), but also their children and grandchildren. So did the Depression, so does war, and so do domestic calamities. Trauma may be suppressed or forgotten, but its ripples survive in subliminal attitudes, beliefs, or behaviors that become burdensome parts of the family and personal dynamic. Trauma to a preverbal child cannot be expressed in words or stored in conscious memory, so hovers like a nameless ghost. Epigenetic research is in its infancy, so it is far too soon to say how much emotional heritage is psychological, and how much might be genetic or epigenetic.

Case studies illustrate Wolynn's points. What in your family's past hobbles you? Was your mother cold because her mother froze with grief after the loss of a sibling or child? Have you failed to achieve your potential because the grandfather you identify with had PTSD or alcoholism? Do you sabotage relationships because a parent was absent/sick/depressed when you most needed her or him? Wolynn has his patients create psychological genograms for their families, searching for wounds spanning generations. Panels of questions seek the roots of depression, anxiety, phobias, and other afflictions. When likely causes are found, Wolynn suggests

how to confront them. His method, like standard Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, turns the light of conscious reflection on unconscious familial "core beliefs" or "maladaptive schemas." As therapists know, once a cause is identified, forgiveness and healing can begin.

The classical advice to the troubled came from the Delphic Oracle: "Know thyself." A modern oracle might add: "Know your family." This book makes sense. A common American attitude is that life starts with a blank slate, unencumbered by an ancestral past. Thoughtful genealogists know better. The most important part of a family history may not be on paper or online.

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Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate your Food Traditions. By Valerie J. Frey. Published by The University of Georgia Press; Main Library, Third Floor; 320 South Jackson Street; Athens, GA 30602; <http://ugapress.org>; 2015. ISBN 978-0-8203-3063-1. 292 pp. Appendixes, bibliography, index, notes, suggested reading. Paperback. \$26.95.

Valerie Frey has put forth a wonderful book that will help anyone capture precious family recipes, assuming the holders will part with them. This book offers detailed information of how to begin, how to tackle recipes that don't offer cooking terms used today, and much more.

This 292-page tome is not light reading. It is a useful, detailed template that starts with chapter 1, "Setting a Course," and takes readers on a step-by-step journey to complete the project. In the end, those

wanting to capture that famous bread pudding recipe from Aunt Sally or that special pie recipe from Grandma, will know they have saved their family's historic recipes. Later generations will enjoy those cherished recipes, preserving the stories behind them.

This book's size and detail might imply the task of collecting family recipes is laborious. Collecting recipes and stories should be fun. This book is for people who like to follow a detailed guideline. The author cites sources well and recommends other helpful books.

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The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation after the Genome. By Alondra Nelson. Published by Beacon Press; 24 Farnsworth Street; Boston, MA 02210-1409; <http://www.beacon.org/>; 2016. ISBN 978-0-8070-3301-2. xiii, 200 pp. Index, notes. Hardback. \$27.95.

The Social Life of DNA takes its title and methodology from Arjun Appadurai's *The Social Life of Things*, a book that argues for tracing the circulation of objects in society to understand what they mean and why they are important (p. 8). The author, dean of social science and professor of sociology and gender studies at Columbia University, follows this approach in detailing the many ways in which genetic ancestry testing is now used. The book emphasizes "the interconnection of genetics, racial politics, and aspirations for social repair" (p. 163).

The author began research for this book to investigate the possibility that

genetic testing might aid descendants of American slaves who are unable to identify specific African homelands. Nelson cites as an example the preservation of a seventeenth-century African burial ground after it was uncovered at a New York City construction site in 1991. By igniting public support for a permanent memorial, activists provided impetus for genetic research that led to one of the earliest direct-to-consumer (DTC) testing companies and the first to target African Americans.

Besides information about the development of DTC DNA testing, the book surveys findings like the 1998 Jefferson-Hemings DNA study that confirmed the shared ancestry of descendants of a slave and a founding father. Nelson also included lesser-known developments, like a similar but unproven claim alleging descent from President James Madison.

A central thesis of *The Social Life of DNA* is summed up by the author's observation that "today's racial politics . . . are too often marked by historical amnesia" (p. 6). It is in that context that Nelson devotes several chapters to describing legal challenges that led to the use of genetic genealogy for a lawsuit seeking reparations for slavery.

The greatest impact of *The Social Life of DNA* may well be its contribution to the national discourse on racial politics, reminding readers that "all human beings regardless of race, are more than 99.9 percent the same" (p. 13), while offering a nuanced historical perspective on the country's past as a slave society.

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Co.	County	<i>contr.</i>	contributor
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Par.	Parish	Regt.	Regiment
St.	Saint	Twp.	Township
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