



Louisiana Ancestors War of 1812

By Damon Veach

The historic Locust Grove Cemetery, once the private burial ground of the Luther Smith family, is now owned and maintained by the State of Louisiana. It is located in West Feliciana Parish, on a well-marked but small wooded road branching off from Highway 61, just north of St. Francisville. This peaceful little graveyard was the center of attention earlier this month when the General Robert McCausland Chapter of U.S. Daughters of 1812 held a patriotic ceremony to dedicate a bronze marker which was placed on the grave of General Eleazar Ripley, one of the heroes of the second conflict that our nation fought against England to establish its sovereignty.

Shaded by gnarled moss-covered trees, this cemetery is the resting place also for young Sarah Knox Taylor, daughter of General (and later President) Zachary Taylor, and first wife of Jefferson Davis, later beloved President of the Confederacy. Sarah had died of malaria here at Locust Grove Plantation, home of her young husband's sister, Anna Davis, wife of Luther Smith. Another close relative of Jefferson Davis who lies buried here is his brother, Dr. Benjamin Davis.

Eleazar Ripley was born in 1782 in New Hampshire, of distinguished ancestry. Educated in law, he served two terms in the Massachusetts Legislature. He married the daughter of a minister, Love Allen. She bore him a son and a daughter. When hostilities began with England in 1812, he enlisted in the army and was given a commission as Lieutenant Colonel by President Madison. For two years, his regiment was involved in bloody conflict with the British and Indians, and for his leadership, he was promoted to full Colonel.

It was in the summer of 1814 that he reached the peak of his military career, when he was called on to take command to the Battle of Lundy's Lane, due to the sudden wounding of Generals Scott and Brown, his

American independence. Previous soliders of the War of 1812 who have been memorialized in this manner are: General Robert McCausland of West Feliciana; General Philemon Thomas of East Baton Rouge; Lieutenant David McCans of East Feliciana; Private Philip Richardson of East and West Feliciana; General John Joor of Wilkinson Co., Mississippi; Coporal Joseph Felps of East Feliciana; Captain Zachariah Lea of Pike Co., Mississippi; Private James Groves of Sabine Parish; Private Robert Fluker of St. Helena; Private James Isaac Taylor of East Feliciana; Private Charles Daniel Comeaux of East Baton Rouge; Coporal Fergus Duplantier of East Baton Rouge; and Lieutenant John Jones Austin of West Feliciana.

Most of these were ancestors of chapter members and served from the old West Florida section of Louisiana. Several of the graves were in abandoned family cemeteries which were located and restored by this historical-minded, and dedicated, group of ladies. One of their outstanding members is Mae Haase who probably rates the title of "outstanding preservationist" for her work in many historical/genealogical societies throughout Louisiana. Mrs. Haase is secretary of the State Society of Daughters of 1812 and chapter vice-president for the McCausland Chapter.

Sister Dorothy Bachelot, 317 W. University, Lafayette, La., 70501, would like to learn the parents of Celestine Ducote who married Constance Gagnard. They were from Avoyelles or St. Landry parishes. They had a son named Joseph Celestine Ducote who was born around 1826 in Mansura, La.

Also needed is information on the parents of Adeline Mary Meche, who married Eugene Bearb in 1849 in St Landry Parish, and the parents of Euremie Roy, a Canadian

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It was in the summer of 1814 that he reached the peak of his military career, when he was called on to take command to the Battle of Lundy's Lane, due to the sudden wounding of Generals Scott and Brown, his superior officers. Here his success earned him the battlefield promotion to Major General. His fame was further increased in the attack on Fort Erie, and Congress presented him with a gold medal. Unfortunately, he was severely wounded by a shot in the neck, from which he never fully recovered. After the end of the war in 1815, he remained in the army for five years, building up the east coast defenses.

Meanwhile, his wife had died, and his two small children had been sent to his brother, General James Ripley, in Maine. In 1820, Eleazar traveled to Louisiana and set up a law office in New Orleans, but he soon moved to the small town of Clinton. In 1832, he was elected to the State Senate, and in 1834, to the U.S. Congress. In 1830, he had married Mrs. Aurella Smith Davis, the widow of Dr. Benjamin Davis. The couple had only one child, a daughter who died in infancy.

Ripley's children by his first wife came to live with him. The daughter soon married Judge Thornton Lawson, but they left no descendants. In 1836, Ripley's young son, serving in the army in Texas, was put to death by General Santa Anna, along with a group of other American captives.

In 1839, death brought to an end the quarter of a century of public service of Eleazar Ripley. He died after a short illness at his plantation in East Feliciana and was buried in his wife's family burial grounds, called "God's Acre."

The dedication of the marker to General Eleazar Ripley marks the 14th consecutive year that the McCausland Chapter has dedicated a marker to a soldier of this early war to maintain

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Sister Bachelot would also like to have the baptismal records of: Felicia Guidry, daughter of Joseph Guidry and Emilite Saunier; Denis Istre, son of Fostan Istre of Lyons Point; Melanie Bearb; and Edmond Bachelot, born about 1847 in the Orleans area or along the River toward Baton Rouge.

Felicia Guidry was married to Joseph "Omer" Constantine in 1870. Denis Istre was born in 1849 and married Leontine O. Edmond Pierre Bachelot in 1870. Pierre Bachelot and M. Wiltz.

Jacquelyn R. Smith, St., New Orleans, La., would like help on St. Jacques Landry. They had Vivian M. and ????. They married to Louis Germain. They had two children — Eleanor. Louis died in 1870 and Vivian remarried. Their two sons were Jacques.

After Mary Cl. Landry is married to Jacques Landry. His brother's wife was Amelia C. Landry had two children — Albert and Jacques Landry. They lived in a Jourdon.

Correspondence should be sent to The Time, 3800 Howland, 70140.



PRE-SEASON
WINTER CLOTHES

(DAVIS)
4/24/79
no help
5-3-79
David

I'm writing to inquire what genealogical records and service you offer.

The ancestor for whom I search is named

William C. Davis

b. ca. 1790 Virg

m. March 1811 in Jessamine Cnty.
to Hannah Mann

d. between 1850 + 1860

resided. Jessamine Cnty. Kent.

I understand that though his state of birth is Virginia it's possible it was the same area Jessamine covered later. One of my biggest problems is the name is so common to the area. There are 6 Wm. Davis marriages in the old marriage index of the county according to Daryl Conway, of the courthouse, who has been kind enough to help me by mail.

The marriage bond was witnessed by James + Elizabeth Davis, whether these are his parents or a brother I don't know. Do you think you can help me?

The Kentucky Historical Society sent me a list of materials available in their library but

They can't offer service by mail, I would need to hire someone. I don't mind doing that except I don't know what to suggest someone look for at this time. Do you have a list of library holdings belonging to your society?

Any help will be much appreciated.

Karen Davis
775 Monserate
Chula Vista, Calif.
92010

Jan. 19 19

DAVIS

PEDIGREE CHART

Karen Davis
NAME
775 Monserate Chula Vista Cal.
STREET ADDRESS OR P.O.

Mitchell
B Aug 19, 1900
d Sept 14 1900

Harvey
B. Sept 26 1901
d.
M. Hawkins NEELY
2 boys - 2 girls

Vinnie Jessie
B Mar. 8 1903
d
M. Frank BENNETT
3 boys - 2 girls

Lennie
B June 18 1904
d Sept. 15 1904

Mildred Inez
B July 10 1906
d
M. Homer YOUNG
1 boy 1 girl

John Perry
B Mar 7 1909
d
M. Maud Lee HALL
2 boys 2 girls

Robert James
B Mar 7 1909
d Dec 24 1944
M. Dallas HOUSTON
2 boys 3 girls

Jesse Jackson

John Brown DAVIS
BORN 3 Oct. 1869
WHERE Kentucky
WHEN MARRIED 19 Nov. 1899
DIED 19 June 1942
WHERE Scott City Kent.

Jessie Jackson O'CONNOR
BORN 27 Sept. 1879
WHERE Scott City, Ark.
DIED 14 Feb 1918
WHERE Scott City, Ark.

John Perry DAVIS
BORN 7 March 1842
WHERE Kentucky
WHEN MARRIED 6 Oct 1863
DIED Feb. 1919
WHERE Scott City, Ark.

Sarah Jane DOZIER
BORN
WHERE Kentucky
DIED 1909
WHERE Scott City, Ark.

James E. DAVIS
BORN ca 1813
WHERE Kentucky
WHEN MARRIED 17 June 1839
DIED ca 1901
WHERE Jessamine City Kentucky

Elizabeth KINES
BORN ca 1822
WHERE Kentucky
DIED ca 1904
WHERE Jessamine City Kent

16 William C. DAVIS
b ca 1780 V. Ky.
d ca 1855 Kent
M. 29 March 1811
Hannah MANN
d. ca 1865 Kent
17
Virginia CONTINUED ON CHART

Children

Mary Jane DAVIS

Benjamin DAVIS

★ James R. DAVIS

Elizabeth Davis KINES

Paulina Davis SECRET

Joseph DAVIS

Henry DAVIS

George DAVIS

Oliet DAVIS

Russell DAVIS

Mary DAVIS

William C. DAVIS

★ John Perry DAVIS

Mary Jane Davis LEACH

James R. DAVIS

Children

Lucy Ann Davis KINES

Thomas Jefferson DAVIS

★ John Brown DAVIS

Sarah Elizabeth Davis O'Connor

John Perry is my husband's father

ROY L DAVIS
775 MONSERATE AV
CHULA VISTA CA 92010

United States Post Office

Argos, Indiana, November 18, 1953.

The Filson Club,
118 Breckenridge Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

The name of your club has been given to me as a possible source of information concerning my mother's side of our family.

Her maiden name was Huldah Davis, daughter of John J. and Mary Davis. John J. Davis came to Henry county, Indiana, from Kentucky. I am quite sure he is a member of the Davis family of which Jefferson Davis belonged.

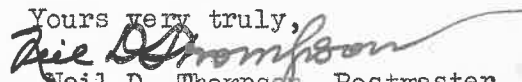
One of my cousins, Judge Harvey J. Curtis, son of Jane (Davis) Curtis, oldest child of John R. Davis, my grandfather, was for twelve years a member of the Indiana State Appellate Court and is therefore to be considered as a reliable source of information.

He told me that in 1882 he, with his mother Jane, went to Louisville and from there to some place near that city where a Davis family reunion was held. He told me that Jefferson Davis attended that reunion and that he must have been well acquainted with his mother, as The President addressed her fondly as cousin Jane. Judge Curtis stated that he sat on the lap of Jefferson Davis and was told many incidents concerning the war and the capture of President Davis. Judge Curtis was Six years old at the time, old enough to carry the memory of the incident with him.

Judge Curtis' mother admonished him to keep the facts of that meeting confidential, pointing out that Indiana might look with disfavor on such a family connection at that time, so soon after the war. This was done until early this year.

Any light that you might throw on this subject which might connect my grandfather with, possibly William or John Roger Davis, uncles of Jefferson Davis, would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,


Neil D. Thompson, Postmaster.

of paper sent to the
 to Hon. W. C. C. 1844
 Letter to Hon. C. A. Michliff 21. Dec. 1844
 " to Hon. G. M. B. 23. Jan. 45
 " to Hon. C. A. Michliff Feb. 19. 45
 Let the J. B. Patton April 16
 for W. M. Callahan Aug. 3. 45

Kentucky 1662

Vancey Davis

widow of Jesse Davis

who died on the 23. October 1818
 of Shelby Co. in the State of Kentucky
 who was a Lieut. & Capt. in the commanded
 by Captain of the Troop commanded
 by Gen. Washington in the Virginia
 line for 1 year & 8 days Lieut. 163.65
 10 mos. & 23 " Capt. 218.00
 \$381.65

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
 at the rate of 381 Dollars 55 Cents, per annum,
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 23. day of Dec.
 1837 and sent to P. Davis
 207. Davis

Amounts to the 1st of Sep. 37. 2480.07
 Semi-annual allowance ending Mar. 38. 190.77

Certificate of Pension issued the 23. day of Dec.
1837 and sent to J. Davis
Davis

Amount to the 1st of Sept: 37. 2480.07
Semi-annual allowance ending the 1st of Dec: 38. 190.77

\$ 2670.84

{ Revolutionary Claimer }
Act July 4, 1836,
Section the 3

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In the name of God, amen this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen I Jesse Davis of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky do constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament. I do dispose of the goods and chattels as it hath pleased Divine providence to bless me with in manner and form following. Imprimis I do give to son Presley Davis and have deeded the same to him a certain tract of land, also a feather bed and furniture and sundry other things all which he has in his possession which I allow to be his full proportion of my estate. Item. I do give and have given to son Elijah Davis a certain tract of land and deeded the same to him, also one negro named Sam slave for life household furniture, stock &c all which he has in his possession to him and his heirs forever which I allow to be his full portion of my estate. Item: I do give and have given to my son Wilson L. Davis a certain tract of land and deeded the same to him, also one negro man named Sam, slave for life, also one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever; which I allow to be his full portion of my estate. Item. I do give and have given to my son William M. Davis a certain tract of land which I have deeded to him, also one negro boy James also one feather bed and furniture, also one saddle horse of the value of one hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever which I allow to be his full portion of my estate. Item. I do give and have deeded to my son Jesse Davis the plantation and tract of land whereon I now live, but hold an obligation on said Jesse Davis for one half of the plantation and half the orchard to include the

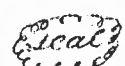
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any other time when she shall think it necessary to give to any of my daughters any part of the said property not exceeding one third to each, and should any of the legacies bequeathed be taken by prior claim or otherwise not now seen, my wife has it in her power by this bequest to give them a sum she shall think necessary not exceeding one thousand dollars, and after the ^{death} of beloved wife my will and desire is it be equally divided between my three daughters Elizabeth, Nancy & Harriet Davis and sister

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Sign'd Seal'd Publish
pronounc'd and declar'd

Jesse Davis . . . 

In presence of us

x Josiah Marshall

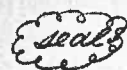
Francis Kennies

x John McCloskey

N.B. seeing a just cause I do hereby make this alteration in my will, that is, at my death I will to my daughter Nancy, one dollar, all the balance that I have bequeathed to her in the foregoing part of this will, I do will and bequeath to my son Elijah, and should my daughter have any increase it is my desire that Elijah shall as they become of age divide the same equally amongst them. And should she die without increase, it is to be ^{equally} divided between my then surviving children, unless said Elijah should find it necessary for her the said Nancy's support, and then he may impart it to her as he thinks proper. Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of Oct. 1818.

Witness

Jesse Davis



Richd L. Murphy. Witness

Nimrod Shumate. Isaac Newman

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Receipt No. 103465

Jesse Davis
W 8652

Mrs Mary H. Stauchiff

R.K.

Know all men by these presents That, I Nancy Davis of Shelby County, Ky. the residuary devisee of Captain Jesse Davis dec^d, nominate & appoint - ^{they or either of them} Wm Todd & Henry Northrup my true lawfull - atty in fact with power of substitution, to receive from the United States a certain Military Land warrant due unto the Jesse Davis from the United States in virtue of services rendered in the Va Line, during the revolutionary war. To surround said warrant due as aforesaid for Captain Jesse Davis' services, to the Commissioner of the Public Land office at Washington City for the same purpose scrip, to locate said scrip, or ^{one} ^{warrant} - ant, or to sell or transfer the ^{same} ^{if rec^d} ^{on said} warrant, as witness my hand this 25 day of October 1842

Nancy Davis 
witness
Martha

State of Kentucky }
Shelby County } Lt

I Rich^d. D Waters a justice of the peace in & for said County, duly commissioned & qualified as such hereby certify that Mrs Nancy Davis came before me and acknowledged the foregoing power of atty to be her act & deed; and made oath that she is the identical person who is a pensioner of the United States as the widow of Captain Jesse Davis dec^d. and the same person who is a residuary ^{devisee} in said Davis' will in Nelson County Ky. and she further states that she will recollect her husband while in the service of the Revy war in the Va Line, Given under my hand this 25 day of 1842

Rich^d. D Waters J.P.

The words (they or either of them) placed & interlined before signing this day above written

R.D. Waters J.P.

State of Kentucky }
Shelby County }

I James Whitaker Clerk of the County
Court in & for said County hereby certify
that Richard D. Waters whose signature is
affixed to the foregoing Certificate was at
the time of signing the same a
Magistrate duly commissioned & qualified
to act as such in & for said County and
will this act as such full faith & credit is
given.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto signed my name and
affixed my seal the
10th day of October 1842

James D. Whitaker Clk.
By B. D. Whitaker De

Drawn of Attorney
Elijah Davis

Filed Mar 26 1842

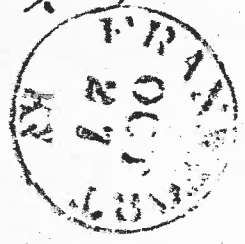
If any additional paper should be necessary write to the Clerk of
Nelson or to Elijah Davis of Nelson let me hear from
you soon.
oct 26 1842 W. H. Davis

For and in consideration of the sum of
 one hundred dollars in hand paid to
 Nancy Davis the receipt whereof is hereby
 acknowledged, the said Nancy Davis the widow
 of Captain Jesse Davis did hereby
 sell transfers & signs to Wm Todd and
 Henry Northup, all her right title & claim
 to a three hundred acre military Land
 warrant due from the United States in
 virtue of the services of Captain Jesse Davis
 in the Va Continental line during the Revolu-
 tionary war, and also all scrip that may issue
 on said warrant as witness our hand & seal of
 said Nancy Davis this 25 day of Oct 1842
 Henry Northup
 Nancy Davis (mark)

State of Kentucky
 Shelby County
 I Rich^d. Waters a Justice of the peace in
 for said county do hereby certify that Mrs
 Nancy Davis came before me & acknowledged
 the execution of the above transfer given
 under my hand & seal this 25 day of Oct 1842
 R. D. Waters J. P. C.

Learned through Mrs Becker the sister of E Davis that
 he declined making the sale to you & then I felt obliged
 to take the conveyance as said E Davis was here at
 the great barter & confirmed the statement. I was
 in agreement to your terms.

By this will Capt J Davis divides the residue of every hundred
 shares to three daughters Elizabeth, Mary & Harriet and in equal
 parts one part to Mary and her third as proportion to her share to be
 equally divided amongst her children if she have any and if not then
 equally divided amongst all the children the will is
 dated 5th April 1818 and God bless the memory of the deceased
 known 15th July 1842



To Henry Northup Esq
 of Wm Davis's
 of 41, 1st & 2nd warrants

Appointed
 of 41, 1st & 2nd warrants

1842
 23-

The Auditor of Virginia certifies, that a Certificate issued the 29th March 1784
in the name of Jesse Davis, as a Captain of Infantry, for £184.0.9. which
Certificate was given for services prior to 1782. to wit, as Lieutenant from
the 1st Jan'y 1777. to the 8th Jan'y 1778. and as Captain from the 8th Jan'y 1778.
to the 1st November following — dated 4th April 1833 —

The original on file with the Pension papers of Mrs Nancy Davis of
Kentucky, the widow of Capt. Jesse Davis, dec'd

We James Reynolds and Nancy Reynolds Citizens of Nelson
County and State of Kentucky, do hereby state, that
the family Record of Capt. Jesse Davis is now in
our possession and has been for many years
and that said record shows that said Jesse Davis
was married to Nancy Milton of Prince William County
Virginia on the 8th day of February 1780 and that
said record also shows that said Jesse Davis died on the 23rd Oct.
1818 and that his Widow Nancy Davis has remained
a Widow ever since the death of her husband
ever under our hands this 6th day 1837

The family record of Capt. Lefr Davis is now in
our possession and has been for many years
and that said record shows that said Lefr Davis
was married to Nancy Milton of Prince William County
Virginia on the 8th day of February 1788 and that
said record also shows that Lefr Davis died on the 23rd Oct.
1818 and that his Widow Nancy Davis has remained
a Widow ever since the death of her husband
given under our hands this 6th day 1837

James Reynolds

Nancy Reynolds

Subscribed and Sworn to before me Elyah Davis
a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Nelson
and State of Kentucky this 6th day 1837

Elyah Davis J.P. &c

I Elias Hinkelaid a Citizen of Nelson County and
State of Kentucky do hereby state that I have lived
a close neighbor to Capt Lefr Davis and his widow
W^m Nancy Davis for upwards of fifty years and I
have this day examined the family record of the S^r Capt
Lefr Davis and that s^d record is of ancient date and
I have every reason to believe is genuine and
Exhibits that Lefr Davis was married to Nancy Milton
of Prince William County Virg^a on the 8th day of Feb^y
1788 and that Lefr Davis died on the 23rd Oct. 1818
and I also state that his widow W^m Nancy Davis has
remained a widow ever since the death of her husband
given under my hand this 6th day 1837 Elias Hinkelaid

Subscribed and Sworn to before me Elyah Davis a Justice
of the Peace in and for the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky
this 6th day 1837

Elyah Davis J.P. &c

State of Kentucky
Nelson County

I Nathaniel Wickliffe Clerk of the County Court
for the County aforesaid do Certify that Elyah Davis whose
signature are affixed to the annexed and foregoing offi:
cials is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said
County, and that his said signature is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the
seal of said County Court this 7th day
of January 1837

Nath^l Wickliffe

Husband: GEORGE WASHINGTON JR. DAVIS

Born: in:
 Married: August 10, 1803 in:
 Died: in: HART CO, KY (FARM AT DAVIS BEND)
 Father:
 Mother:
 Other Spouses:

Wife: ANN GOFF

Born: 1786 in: VIRGINIA
 Died: in: HART CO, KY (FARM AT DAVIS BEND)
 Father: WILLIAM GOFF
 Mother: BETSY WHITTON
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 Name: JAMES DAVIS
 Born: 1805 in:
 M Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse:

2 Name: A.B.DAVIS
 Born: 1817 in:
 M Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse: ELIZA JANE GENTRY

3 Name: DOCIA DAVIS
 Born: 1819 in:
 F Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse: WILLIAM ARMOUR

4 Name: ELLIOT DAVIS
 Born: 1820 in:
 M Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse:

5 Name: MARY JANE DAVIS
 Born: 1821 in:
 F Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse: WILLIAM ARMOUR

6 Name: ELIZA JANE DAVIS
 Born: 1821 in:
 F Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse: GEORGE DALE WELDON

7 Name: JEMIMA DAVIS
 Born: 1825 in:
 F Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse: JAMES H. HEDGEPEETH

8 Name: ANN DAVIS
 Born: 1826 in:
 F Married: in:
 Died: in:
 Spouse:

Davis family Ark 6 1964 X
ELIJAH DAVIS

(The original hand written family record, written by Elijah Davis April 1, 1870, is in the possession of Lovell Y. Pulliam 1298 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.)

I, Elijah Davis, of Nelson Co., Ky., on this
1st day of April 1870, in my 83rd year, thinking it would be some gratification to some of my after posterity to know something of their ancestry when I am gone to the other world.

By tradition of my father and mother, I give the following account of my family:

My family resided formerly in Prince William County, Virginia.

My great grandfather was William Davis, great grandmother was a Bland of whom I say nothing more.

My grandfather, Isaac Davis, lost his life in a burning house trying to save his papers and money a short time before the War of the Revolution. My grandmother Davis was a Kincheloe. They left ten sons.

My father, Jesse Davis, joined the Army of the Revolution with six of his brothers besides several of his Wickliffe relatives, my father being the captain of the company.

Five of my uncles perished in the war. None but my father and one uncle returned. Shortly after the war closed most of my family, both sides, emigrated to Nelson County, Ky., and settled in the neighborhood where the village of Chaplain now stands, and emigrated west and settled in different counties as far as Texas. Few live in the

neighborhood except myself and have lived in the same land since my birth.

Perhaps no man living could be exercised with thoughts as I am.

In the casualties of war, I lost five uncles in the War of the Revolution, two sons and three nephews in the war with Mexico.

The Davises came from Wales, the Kincheloes, on my grandmother's side, from Ireland, my mother, a Milton, from England, my grandmother, a Ross, from Scotland.

I have five sons, Charles Wickliffe Davis, Edmon M. Davis, Thomas Jessie, Newton and Elijah M., also one daughter, Margaret Young Davis. These are my offsprings by my first wife, Margaret Young Davis, who was a Young before wedded to me, and six years after her death I married Miss Annie Neel, of Nelson County. She bore me three daughters, Sallie, Bettie, and Callie Davis. My son, Charles, Wickliffe Davis, had one son, Newton Davis, Jr., who had the war spirit of his grand-sires and his uncles, Jesse and Newton Davis, seniors; he joined the Union army during the Civil War in the United States, served his country with zeal and honor in the protection of the Stars and Stripes which was presented to the Little United Colonies, now the United States.

So you hear after generations of my kindred. Can see that my sires and my offsprings and grandson have heard the call of my country to arms in the defense of the Revolution to the close of the unfortunate Civil War, 1861 to 1865. I am proud of my beloved which have been lost in the just defense of our home and country.

On this 1st day of April 1870.

ELIJAH DAVIS.

P.S. Jefferson Newton Davis, great grandson of Elijah Davis, with the same war spirit of his great grand sires took up the arms for the defense of his country and joined the 10th U.S. Infantry and did service during the insurrection on the Isthmus of Panama and was honorably discharged from the service from injuries received in the discharge of his duty.

Murray Hathaway Davis, son of I. B. Davis, the great grandson of Elijah Davis, also Alexander Turpin Davis, great grandson of Elijah Davis, had the war spirit of his great grand sires.

Hathaway Davis joined the United States Marines, was in action in Haiti to settle the insurrection among the natives, was then dispatched to France to fight for the freedom of the world, was engaged in the famous Chateau Thierry in the onslaught with the greatest army of the Germans, called the Prussian Guards, and, proud to say, hurled this great army of the Germans back in disaster and confusion, which settled the fate of the Kaiser's army, and was the cause of the freedom of poor down-trodden France, and won fame for Old Glory, which is this day waving over Europe, including the entire dominatinf German Empire, which bowed in acknowledgment of defeat to the American army.

Alexander Turpin Davis came to the call of his country to arms in defense of his home and country, enlisted in Company B, 133rd Regiment of Machine Gun Battalion, and was unfortunate to fall the victim of bronchial pneumonia and died at Camp Boie, Texas; he surrendered his young life in the service of his country, for home and liberty; his service was great. He gave his life that his country might live.

(P.S. unsigned and undated.)

Mrs. M. Arthur Payne
312 East Fifth Street
New Albany, Indiana 47150

ELIJAH DAVIS

I, Elijah Davis of Nelson County, Kentucky, on this 1st day of April, 1870, in my 83rd year, thinking it would be some gratification to some of my after posterity to know something of their ancestry when I am gone to the other world.

By tradition of my father and mother, I give the following account of my family:

My family resided formerly in Prince William County, Virginia. My great grandfather was William Davis, my great grandmother was a Bland, of whom I know nothing more. My grandfather, Isaac Davis, lost his life in a burning house, trying to save his papers and money a short time before the War of the Revolution. My grandmother Davis was a Kincheloe. They left ten sons.

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Perhaps no living man could be exercised with thoughts as I am. In the casualties of war, I lost five uncles in the War of the Revolution, and two sons and three nephews in the Mexican War.

The Davises came from Wales, the Kincheloes - on my grandmother's side, from Ireland, my mother was a Milton, from England, and my grandmother, a Ross from Scotland.

From a paper in possession of Elijah Davis' grand-daughter, Mrs. John Davis, of Lyndon, Kentucky.

PRESENTED TO

The Filson Club, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky

By Mrs. J. E. Newton
Lyndon, Kentucky

Date March 30, 1954

From - KY. HIS. SOC. REG., Vol. 20, No. 60.
Under Nelson County Marriages

Isaac Davis and Clarissa Kincheloe were married in Nelson County, January 10, 1799.

Elijah Davis and Peggy Young were married in Nelson County, February 15, 1812.

Jesse Davis (bro, of Elijah) and Elizabeth Weller were married in Nelson County, August 18, 1813.

? What to do. Sent F.L. Sept 12.

Davis

August 18, 1991

James Bentley, Director
The Filson Club
1310 South 3rd Street
Louisville, Kentucky, 40208

Dear Mr. Bentley,

My great-great-great-great grandfather, Isaac Davis, Sr., acquired, during his lifetime, large tracts of land in the State of Kentucky. I am confused as to how he came into possession of these tracts of land; could you possibly steer me in the right direction? I appreciate your taking the time to read what I think may become a rather lengthy letter.

There is a reference to Isaac Davis, Sr. in the Daaper Mss, 4xx47. This is a letter by Isaac Davis, Sr. to Colonel Daniel Smith of Washington county and is dated March 1, 1780. Isaac, in this letter states that he shall have "several warrants more by the 1st of May." Isaac, in his will probated Sept 2, 1805 Albemarle county, Virginia, WB4 pp. 177 and 323, gave a life interest to Elizabeth Blakely (wife of his deceased son Thomas) "one half of my land in the State of Kentucky lying on the Cumberland River and now in the Indian boundary" and gave to his son, Isaac Davis, "all my lands in the State of Kentucky lying on the north side of Kentucky ^{River} to him and his heirs forever," and "it is further my will that my lands in the

State of Kentucky on Cumberland River shall be sold by my Executors when they think proper ...". Isaac's executors were sons Robert Davis and Isaac Davis. Isaac Davis (Jr.) will was probated August 28, 1835 in Orange county, Virginia WB 8 p. 159. In his will Isaac Davis stated "I give to my son, Thomas and my son, Isaac Davis ... likewise to each of them one third of my tracts of land lying in the State of Kentucky on the clear fork of Cumberland River to them and their heirs forever." In 1803 I. Davis, Jr. paid tax receipts on 102,676 acres in the State of Kentucky. There is, also, a deposition by Isaac Davis, Jr., in the Orange county court dated October 1, 1833. (Isaac Davis, Jr. was born in Albemarle county, Virginia and moved to Orange county, Virginia in 1786. This deposition was given ^{two} years before his death and in the same year, his son, Isaac Davis (III) died, suddenly. This Isaac Davis (III) died intestate. His estate was appraised in Orange county, Virginia November 1, 1834 WB 8 p. 79. He died before his father.) The deposition is called "Petition to Albemarle County Court" ... "survey 45,000 acres on Kanawha River at its confluence with Ohio River. May 15, 1784 patent of 1800 acres in Fayette county, Kentucky to I. Davis, Jr. — assignee of I. Davis, Sr."

In "Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds", by Jillson a few Isaac Davis tracts are shown here.

Lincoln Co.

Isaac Davis - 2000 acres Book I p. 311 11/27/1782 Clear Fork

Jefferson Co.

Isaac Davis - 800 acres "A p. 100 5/26/1780 Licking "

" " 800 " an additional 800 acres same day

" " 1002 " "A p. 100 5/26/1780 Licking "

" " 1000 " "A p. 100 5/26/1780 Small Mt Co. "

" " 560 " "A p. 223 12/12/1782 Wolf Creek "

" " 500 " "A p. 227 12/14/1782 Mill Creek "

" " 300 " "A p. 300 10/29/1783 Bend Fork "

" " 300 " "A p. 328 1/12/1784 " " "

" " 600 " "A p. 373 7/24/1784 " " "

Isaac Davis, Jr. 1000 acres "A" p. 173 9/22/1780
Chaplin's Fork

Clark county, Kentucky Deed Books 1814 to 1817, deeds cover thousands of acres to Isaac Davis of Orange county, Virginia, and his wife, Elizabeth; also, by his attorney Robert Blackliff - e.g. DB 12 p. 464.

Isaac Davis, Sr., arrived in that part of Louisa county that was later annexed by Albemarle county sometime in the mid-1740's. (Both counties are in Virginia.) His first purchase was 400 acres Feb 26, 1747 in Louisa county from William Carr of Spotsylvania county, Virginia, land near Dalton's Corner on Jacob's Run (Louisa Co. Deed Book, Book A p. 411). (See DB 5 p. 413 Albemarle county 2/12/1771, where Isaac Davis, Sr., made a gift of this land and one negro slave, Jude, to his eldest son William Davis.) Tradition tells us that Isaac Davis, Sr., was born in 1710. All we

can say, with certainty, is that Isaac Davis, Sr., was living near Fredericksburg, Virginia, prior to his arrival in Louisa county. See British Mercantile Reports (1775-1803) Virginia Gen. V 8 # 2 (April-June 1964) p. 76. Tradition states Isaac was born in New Kent co. There are arguments that support his birth in either Spotsylvania or Prince William counties. I have not yet resolved Isaac's birthplace. (Knowing more about Isaac's warrants and his accumulation of land holdings in Kentucky may help me.) Tradition gives us the name of his wife as Sarah Winston. The name, Winston, is found among the descendants of Isaac Davis, Sr. Sarah was supposedly born in 1714 and died April 13, 1800 in Albemarle co. Isaac Davis, Sr., died in Albemarle co., August 20, 1805, at the age of 95.

Isaac Davis, Sr., was one of the early magistrates of Albemarle co. It is noted that in 1769 as well as other years Isaac was a vestryman, along with Thomas Jefferson and several other leaders, of Behoir Church, situated in Fredericksville Parish located at that time in Albemarle co. Along with his son, Isaac Davis, Jr., Isaac Davis was a signer of the Albemarle County Declaration of Independence on April 21, 1776. Dr. George Gilmer, in a letter to Mr. Jefferson at the outbreak of the Revolution refers to Isaac Davis leading the Albemarle Company to Williamsburg. Dr. Gilmer was Captain of the Company and spoke of "old" Isaac Davis marching at the head of the troops as an in-

dedication of the determination and zealous spirit that animated the people." On this famous march to Williamsburg July 11, 1775 old Isaac Davis was accompanied by his son, Isaac Davis, Jr., and son-in-law, Richard Durrett. Other than land purchases and other details in Old Isaac's will this is all I know about this man.

As Isaac Davis, Jr., was very much involved in Kentucky I shall present a fairly full profile on this man. Isaac, Jr., was born June 9, 1754 in Albemarle co. He died August 8, 1835 in ^{Orange} ~~Albemarle~~ co. Isaac, Jr., married Elizabeth Kirtley October 9, 1781 in Saint Mark's Parish, Culpeper co., Virginia. Elizabeth was born April 1, 1776 in Culpeper co. and died in March of 1821 in Orange co. Isaac Davis, Jr. moved from Albemarle co. to Orange co. in 1786 (see affidavit - Orange co. for war pension 10/1/1833) Isaac, Jr. served in the Virginia House of Representatives from Orange co 1789-1796. On Aug 23, 1803 he was appointed Sheriff of Orange co. Isaac Davis, Jr. was appointed a Captain in the Virginia Militia March 8, 1781 in place of his brother-in-law Captain William Dalton who resigned. This appointment was made in Albemarle co. Something should be said about Elizabeth Kirtley's antecedents. Elizabeth was a daughter of William Kirtley b. 1725 Captain of the Convention Guards 1779-1781. William Kirtley married Sarah Early, sister to John Early of Middlesex co., Virginia. William Kirtley was a son of Francis Kirtley of Spotsylvania co., Virginia. Francis was a Captain of Foot

(Also, served
as a justice
for Orange co.
March 24, 1801.)

in the Spotsylvania Militia, commissioned April 29, 1756. Francis Kittle was married to Margaret Roberts. Margaret was a daughter of Colonel John Roberts of Saint George Parish, Spotsylvania co, and died Sept 10, 1724. Colonel Roberts fought in the Colonial Wars. (July 7, 1730 John Roberts, son and heir of John Roberts, late of Spotsylvania co, deceased and Francis Kittle of Saint Georges Parish, Spotsylvania co, to Roger Oxford of same parish and county - 6000⁺ of tobacco for 100 acres in Saint Georges Parish, at the great forks of Rappahannock River - formerly granted said Roberts deceased by patent July 12, 1718 conveyed by said Roberts deceased to Francis Kittle by deed of gift in Spotsylvania September 4, 1722. "Elizabeth Roberts and Margaret Kittle acknowledge their rights of dower." Captain Isaac Davis, ^{was the} third surviving son of Isaac Davis, Sr.

Isaac Davis Sr. and his wife had seven children that we can record. There may have been several other children that did not survive. Likely given names would have been Sarah and John.

William Davis, the oldest son, was born around ¹⁷⁴⁰ ~~1750~~. In Deed book 9 p 458 dated Jan 18, 1781 is mention of the property his father gave him. Also, mentioned were his wife, Elizabeth of Rockingham co. and two of his brothers. He was alive in 1803. William was not shown in the Albemarle co. census of 1810. I do not know if he served in the Revolution, nor whether he had children, nor when he died. Ann Davis married Samuel Smith June 12, 1774 in Albemarle co.

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and had issue. She died before her father. Robert Davis was a Captain in the Revolution. Sept. 11, 1783 Order Book p 86 Albemarle Co. allowed two days leave from service with Continental Army. Oct 25, 1818 D.B. 21 p 307 Albemarle Co. Bartlett Eller deeded him 400 acres on Seven Mile Creek near the Ohio River in Kentucky. Will was written Feb 7, 1828 recorded May 4, 1829 Albemarle Co. There was issue. Susanna Davis married William Dalton who was a Captain in the Revolution. There was issue. Thomas Davis married Elizabeth Early, dau. of John Early of Middlesex Co. April 24, 1783 in Orange Co. He died March 12, 1797 Orange Co. Will dated March 6, 1797, probated April 24, 1797. No. Issue. Elizabeth married second William Blakey Jan 18, 1798 Orange Co. Elizabeth Davis, b. 1753 died 15 July 1815 married Richard Durrett born 1746 died 9 Nov 1820. Richard Durrett was a Captain in the Revolution. They had issue.

In passing I'll mention the children of Isaac Davis, Jr. and Elizabeth Kitchy:

- 1) Frances Davis born Oct 5, 1782 m John Davis Durrett, son
died before 1829 of Richard Durrett, Jr.
m Nov 20, 1797 Orange Co.
Issue
- 2) Sarah Davis born July 27, 1785 m Anthony Twyman
m Feb 16, 1807 Orange Co.
Issue
- 3) Mary Davis born Oct 17, 1787 m David Whitelaw
m Aug 11, 1814 Orange Co.
Issue

- 4) Thomas Davis born Sept 12, 1791 in Virenda Henshaw
in 1815 Madison Co.

Issue

- 5) Isaac Davis born Jan 31, 1794 in Harriet Bowcock Garth
in April 29, 1817 born Dec 3, 1801

Marriage at the "Barracks" Albemarle Co., Rev.
Jacob Watts performed the ceremony. Harriet (called
Bow) was the daughter of Garland Garth
and Susan Crenshaw. Garland was a son of
Thomas Garth and Judith Bowcock, all of
Albemarle Co. Susan Crenshaw was a
daughter of Nicholas Crenshaw and Mary
Carr (see Nat'l Gen. Soc. Quant. VXXII #4
Dec 1944)

Isaac Davis died 1833 or 1834 intestate. His
estate was appraised Nov 1, 1834 WB 8 p 79
Orange Co.

Issue (I would like to add
that I maintain the original "Barracks" Bible
and it is in excellent condition.)

- 6) Elizabeth Davis born Feb 20, 1796 in Davis Durrett
in Feb 11, 1816 Orange Co. son of Richard
Durrett, Jr.

Issue

- 7) Elijah Kirtley Davis born Aug 2, 1798
Died April 10, 1851 never married

- 8) Matilda Davis born Dec 24, 1800

Died young

- 9) Susanna Winston Davis born Feb 9, 1803

in George Smith Blakey

in Feb 5, 1821 Orange Co

Issue

- 10) Robert Davis born May 26, 1806
Died before 1829 as he was not mentioned
in the will of his father.

Thank you for your time and patience
for taking the time to read my material.
I hope you can provide me with some
suggestion.

In parting may I add two comments.
I have fond memories of the Filson Club. I
was a guest of the Club during 1952 and it
was in your Club I first became aware of
genealogy from a personal point of view. There
were two sisters who were, then, directors of
the Club. Not only did they teach me some
of the mechanics of research but they showed
me a most wonderful time in their home.
I wish I could remember their names.

Also my two dearest friends and distant
relations, now departed were members of the
Club - Margaret Crenshaw Bridges and William
Howard Courtenay and his lovely wife.

Sincerely,

Henry B. Hunt, Jr.

6006 Hunt Ridge Road #2532
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Verhoff
JRB

1840 Kentucky State Census read for all counties

name-- D A V I S

ADAIR County-----Benjamin Davis
ALLEN County-----Johnathan Davis
 John Davis
ANDERSON County---John T. Davis
 Allen Davis

BARREN County-----Benjamin Davis
 Asa Davis
 Elijah Davis
 Thomas Davis
 Josiah Davis
 Clement Davis
 Green B. Davis
 Edmund Davis
 Zackariah Davis
 John Davis
 Francis Davis
 Hardin Davis
BATH County-----Jgretius(??) Davis
 David Davis
 Rebecca Davis
 Booker Davis
BOONE County-----William Davis
 Thomas Davis
 William M. Davis
 Levi Davis
BOURBON County---William Davis
 Henry Davis
 John Davis
 Nathaniel Davis
 James Davis
 Henson Davis
 Sarah Davis
 Capt. Davis
BRACKEN County---Philip Davis
BUTLER County-----Garrett Davis
 Robert Davis
 William Davis
 Benjamin T. Davis
 Benjamin Davis
 Charles T. Davis
BREATHITT County--John Davis
 Elizabeth Davis
Breckenridge Cty--William Davis
 Thomas P. Davis
 Samuel W. Davis
 Elias Davis
 John Davis
 Isaac Davis
BULLITT County---Robert Davis

CALDWELL County---James S. Davis
 John Davis
 James Davis
 Lewis Davis
 Eleanor Davis
 Philip Davis

From
Miss Abner Burner
Russ Breacher
655 Upland Rd
Knoxville, Ky
40206

name D A V I S

CALLOWAY County-----	William Davis	
	Joseph Davis	
	Jsanah (??) Davis	
	A. H. Davis	
	Sally Davis	
	Elbert Davis	
	Ely Davis	
CAMPBELL County-----	Richard Davis	
CARROLL County-----	Susannah Davis	
	Hardin Davis	
	John Davis	
	Samuel D. Davis	
	James Davis	
	John Davis	
CASEY County-----	none---	
CHRISTIAN County-----	Ashes C. Davis	
	William L. Davis	
	Thomas Davis	
	William Davis	
	Evertt Davis	
	Abel Davis	
	Clement Davis	
	James Davis	
	John Davis	
CARTER County-----	Aaron Davis	
	David Davis	
	Mezekiah Davis	
CLARK County-----	Eliza Davis	
CLAY-County-----	Joshua Davis	
	Hiran Davis	
	Job Davis	
CLINTON County-----	Jno. M. Davis	
	John Davis	
	Peter Davis	
	William Davis	
	James Davis---who was 83 yrs and a War Vet. Pens.	
	John Davis Jr.	
	Abesalom Davis	
	Robert Davis	
CUMBERLAND County----	William Davis	
DAVIES County-----	Peter Davis	
	John Davis	
ESTILL County-----	none---	
EDMONSON County-----	J. S. Davis	
	Israel Davis	
	Robert M. Davis	
FAYETTE County-----	James B. Davis	(city of Lexington)
	Anne Davis	"
	Mary B. Davis	"
	Elisa Davis	"
	Peter Davis	county
	Garredd Davis	"
	John Davis	"

FLEMING County-----John W. Davis
Theophilous Davis
Jno. N. Davis
Nancy Davis
Francis R. Davis
Jepe Davis Jepe 76 yrs & War Vet Pens
James Davis
under J. Siver was William Davis 83 yrs War Vet
Eleoford Davis
John Davis
Elias Davis
Robert Davis
Mary Davis
Anthony D. Davis
FLOYD County-----Thomas Davis
Elias Davis
FRANKLIN County-----Joseph Davis
Mrs. Davis
GALLATIN County-----John Davis
John Davis
GARRARD County-----William Davis
Levi Davis
Samuel Davis
GRANT County---none---
GRAVES County-----Jepe Davis
John F. Davis
Nathaniel Davis
Thomas Davis
James Davis
James N. Davis
GRAYSON County-----Thompson Davis
William R. Davis
Robert Davis
Benjamin Davis
Leah Davis
William Davis
GREEN County-----Jacob G. Davis
John Davis
Washington Davis
GREENUP County-----Francis Davis
Amos Davis
Jemmy(?) Davis
James Davis
John Davis
Henry Davis
Richard Davis
Edmond Davis
Jobe Davis
Alex. Davis
Nathaniel Davis
George M. Davis
HANCOCK County-----Samuel Davis
HARDIN County-----Thomas V. Davis
T. J. Davis
Robert B. Davis
John K. Davis
Lott Davis
Moses Davis
Thomas Davis
John Davis
Robert P. Davis
R. S. Davis

HARLAN County-----Sally Davis
Rachel Davis
Dicy Davis

HARRISON County-----Greenup Davis
Erastus Davis
George Davis

HART County-----John Davis
James Davis
Elisha Davis
James Davis
John Davis
Ann Davis

HENDERSON County-----John H. Davis
John Davis
Elizabeth Davis
Charles N. Davis
Thomas B. Davis
William L. Davis
Henry Davis
William Davis
Samuel Davis
Allen Davis
Benjamin Davis

HENRY County-----George D. Davis
Jos. Davis 77 yrs War Veteran Pensioner

HICKMAN County-----B. T. Davis 10 slaves
John Davis
Peter Davis
Henry Davis
James Davis
Samuel Davis
Jonah Davis
William Davis
Joseph Davis
W. C. Davis
J. P. Davis
Joseph Davis
Richard Davis
S. D. Davis
W. B. Davis
J. L. Davis
Gabriel Davis

HOPKINS County-----Thomas S. Davis
Vincent F. Davis
William Davis
William Davis
?? Davis
Jacob E. Davis
William M. Davis
Sarah Davis
William Davis
John Davis
John Davis
David Davis
Thomas Davis, Sr.
Lews (Levi-Lewis) Davis
Thomas Davis Jr
Benjamin Davis
Joseph Davis
Gerael Davis

my kin

Jefferson County-----Berry Davis (city of Louisville)
Harain S. Davis "

W. M. Davis
David H. Davis
Stephen Davis
J. E. Davis
W. S. Davis
Jera W. Davis
Simon Davis
Joseph Davis
Stephen Davis
J. A. Davis
Jno. Davis
Moses Davis
Jas. Davis
El Davis
D. Davis

Sarah Davis (county)
William G. Davis "
Thomas B. Davis
Richard S. Davis
Isaac Davis
Thomas Davis
Samuel Davis

JESSAMINE County-----George Davis
Albert Davis
Henry Davis
William Davis
John H. Davis
William Davis
Joseph H. Davis
William Davis
Jophua Davis
Abfalome (??) Davis
Michael Davis
William Davis
Jepe Davis (Jesse)

KENTON County-----Henry Davis
Elizabeth F. Davis
George Davis
William Davis
Thomas Davis
Henry Davis

KNOX County-----James Davis
John Davis

LAUREL County-----George Davis
James Davis
Gabriel Davis

LAWRENCE County-----William Davis
S. Davis
Jas. Davis
William Davis
H. Davis
Jas. Davis

LEWIS County-----Thomas Davis
Solomon A. Davis
Thomas Davis
William Davis
Nathan Davis
M. Davis
Mat Davis
R. Davis
Moses Davis
Thomas Davis
Davis Davis
Joseph Davis

LINCOLN County-----James Davis
James Davis
Berry H. Davis
Robert L. Davis
B. F. Davis
John Davis
William Davis
James Davis
William Davis
William Davis
Thomas Davis

LIVINGSTON County-----Alexander Davis
William Davis

LOGAN County-----George Davis
Polly Davis

MADISON County-----Richard Q. Davis
Lewis Davis
Jeffrey Davis----free colored family/man
William Davis
Larry Davis
Sam Davis
William Davis Jr
H. B. Davis

MARION County-----William Davis
Tompson Davis
Hardin Davis
George Davis

MASON County-----Benjamin Davis
Henry L. Davis
James Davis
Otho H. Davis
Otho H. Davis again
Nathan Davis
Mrs. Ceve(Levi) Davis
Thomas Davis

MC CRACKEN County-----William L. Davis
Nancy Davis
John Davis
Joseph Davis
Robert Davis
Edward Davis

MEADE County-----Isaac Davis
H. G. Davis
Francis W. Davis
Joseph C. Davis

MERCER County-----Allen Davis
David Davis
Charles W. Davis
Thomas Davis
William Davis
Corns. B. Davis
William R. Davis
Nancy Davis
R. M. Davis
George W. Davis
Robert M. Davis
Samuel W. Davis
Jas. A. Davis
Randolph Davis
Lucy Davis
Peter Davis

MONROE County-----Ann Davis
Ann Davis

MONTGOMERY County-----Jonah Davis
John Davis

MORGAN County-----D. Davis
Jepe A. Davis
Bnsor C. Davis
Joseph Davis
John Davis
Jeremiah Davis
Daniel Davis
William A. Davis

MUHLLENBURG County-----J. T. Davis
Wm. Davis
Benjamin Davis
Edwin Davis
Thomas Davis
Charity Davis
Yashan Davis
Isaac Davis
Wm. Davis
Elias Davis

NELSON County-----Benjamin Davis
Thomas Davis
Archibald Davis
James Davis
Judy Davis
William Davis

NICHOLAS County-----Peter Davis
James Davis
James Davis

OHIO County-----Thomas Davis
Westley Davis
Solomon Davis
Alfred Davis
Hesikiah Davis
Hannah Davis
Elizabeth Davis

OLDHAM COUNTY***NONE----

OWEN County-----George W. Davis
Benj. R. Davis
Burrel Davis

James Davis
George W. Davis
John Davis

PENDLETON County-----Fielding Davis
PERRY County---none-----
PIKE County-----John Davis
Henry Davis
John Davis
PULASKI County-----Robert Davis
Jackson Davis
Robert Davis
Martha Davis
James Davis

ROCKCASTLE County---none---
RUSSELL County-----John Davis

SCOTT County-----Elijah Davis
L. Davis
H. T. Davis
L. H. Davis
John Davis, Jr.
George Davis ~~xx~~
L. Davis
SHELBY County-----L. K. Davis
Bryant Davis
Wm. Davis
Wdw. Davis
Jas. Davis
Johactoo(??) Davis
Thomas Davis
Presby Davis---Mrs. Nancy Davis 86 yrs pens.
J. D. Davis
Wm.
John Davis, Sr.
Silas Davis
Elizabeth Davis
SIMPSON County-----Rebecca Davis
Patty Davis
SPENCER County-----Jno. M. Davis
Jno. Davis 32 yrs. war veteran pensioner
Jas. Davis, Jr.
Jas. Davis, Sr.
Vincent Davis
Jno. Davis
F. Davis

TODD County-----Joseph Davis
William G. Davis
Jacob Davis
Mary Davis
Samuel Davis
TRIGG County-----Elizabeth Davis
Altha Davis
Miles Davis
Levi Davis
TRIMBLE County-----Meredith Davis
James Davis

UNION County-----Abner Davis
Wm. Davis
Jno. Davis
Thos. Davis

R. H. Davis
Peter Davis

WARREN County-----Daniel Davis
Mrs. Mary Davis
Mrs. Sarah Davis
Robert Davis
Alsa H. Davis
John Davis
Wmson (??) Davis
James Davis

WASHINGTON COUNTY---none---

WAYNE County-----George Davis
James G. Davis 60 yr. war vet pensioner
Robert Davis
James Davis
Thomas Davis
Lerena Davis
James Davis
Wm. Davis
Rhoda Davis

WHITLEY County-----W. B. Davis
Will Davis
Preston Davis
John Davis
Will K. Davis
James M. Davis

WOODFORD County-----Julia Davis
Sandford S. Davis
Aily Davis
John H. Davis
Jeptha D. Davis
Absolum Davis

The End

Counties where no Davis head of family lived was: Casey Oldham
Estill Perry
Grant Rockcastle
Washington

Total Davis head of families was 483 men--

Note: some county census are not clear so could have overlooked some

*Davis family
(Jefferson C. Davis)*

December 29, 1975

Mrs. R.O. Payne
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Anaheim, California 92801

Mrs. Payne:

We do not have any real help for your question about Jefferson C. Davis. We have several sources that mention his family "from Kentucky" but nothing more specific, and no one seems to have investigated the general's background. The information you have from the Dunn book must have some primary sources behind it, but we don't know what they are.

We have information in a general file on the Davis family that some of J.C. Davis personal papers are held at the Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Those papers might provide some clue to his Kentucky connections.

We do not have an index to the 1840 census of Kentucky, but one of our library users has made a list said to contain all the Davis names in that census. There is a William Davis listed in 33 counties. The William listed for Madison Co. includes the designation "Jr" and might be a clue. In the Madison Co. Marriages we have from 1785-1851 there are several W. Davis men, but none who married a Mary Drummond or a Charlotte.

Findings Drummond might help, but in our 1830 census index, there is no head-of-household by that name. We see only David Drummons in Nicholas Co. There was a William Davis listed 36 counties that year, but none in Nicholas Co.

In the 1820 census a David Drummond was listed in Harrison Co., also Amos Drummonds, and Parker Drumond in Nicholas Co. We do see some Drummonds in our Nicholas Co. marriage and wills but they do not tie-in to your names.

Our file indicates that Jefferenn C. Davis died at Chicago Nov. 30, 1879. If a library near you has a back-
~~ground~~ of the New York Times, or any major newspaper of that era, (P~~ro~~ably on microfilm) you might see if his obituary has any useful information.

Sincerely yours,

MFS/ncw

December 12, 1975

Librarian
The Filson Club
118 West Breckinridge
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Librarian:

I would like to request your help with research I have been attempting with no great success.

I wish to learn more about the family background of JEFFERSON COLUMBUS DAVIS and what part of Kentucky his forebears lived in. He was a rather notable Civil-War-period military person and though he and his seven brothers and sisters were all born in Clark Co., Indiana, their parents had moved there from some part of Kentucky.

Jacob B. Dunn, in his book Indiana and Indianans (1919), p. 1563, gives J. C. Davis's parents' names as William Davis, Jr. (29 Jul 1800 to 21 Mar 1879) and Mary Drummond (24 Jun 1801 to 24 Nov 1881) and notes that William Davis, Sr., b. ca. 1773, died in Kentucky in 1840 aged 67 and that his wife Charlotte _____ died in Kentucky 6 May 1851.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope for reply.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Betty H. Payne

Mrs. Robert O. Payne

*Jeff C Davis
d. at Chi'
11-30-79
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Permanent address
4455 Douglas Avenue
Riverdale, New York 10471

Address until February 1, 1976
c/o Dr. & Mrs. G. D. Smith
1951 Catalpa Avenue
Anaheim, California 92801

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Ky 1830 under

40	Mr. Davis in Butler 40	Nephew 40
Boase	Barren	Hardin
Brack	Callaway 40	Hendon
Clinton	Bowman 40	Harrison
Garland	Fleming 40	Hart
Grayson	Gallatin	Henderson 40
Hickman	Cumhugh 40	Green
Clinton	Christian 40	Jefferson 40
Lincoln	Edmund	Jessamine 40
Wingate	Madison 40	Todd 40
Warren	Wm. G. Logan	Spencer
Wagon	Kennis 40	Wayne 40
	McCracken 40	Waller
	Lawrence 40	Union 40
	Nelson	Trigg
	Muhlendurg 40	Shelby 40
	Nelson 40	Woodford
	Pike	Whitley 40
	Mercer 40	

© J May 5-27-176 - no help

Drummond ~1830

David Drummond - Nicholas

to Wm May or Charlott (Apparent del.)
Vol 1-4 Vol R Ky County records

1810 Cum - no Charlott Wood family

Donald Anne Foreman Taylor
Susan Hill Taylor & Lewis Amer-

4-3 { address Paris, Ky.
Miles Hilary Harding Davis 11-25-1871
Mayme O'Neil
Married 4- -1901

Children

- 1- Mary Soule Davis 3-6-1902
- 2- Helene Kincaid Davis 1-29-1904
- 3- Hilary Ewalt Davis 1-19-1908
- 4- Infant Dgtr 12- -1910
- 5- Miles Madison Davis 1-8-1911
- 6- Anne Harding Davis 9-29-1918

12- -1910

address 240 Rader Ave Lexington Ky.

4-3-1- { Mary Soule Davis 3-6-1902
Herbert Thomas Sledd
Married 11-29-1923

Children

- 1- Herbert Davis Sledd 3-19-1925
- 2- Soule Thomas Sledd 10-26-1926
- 3- Helene Sledd 1-31-1930

4-3-3 { address - Middlesboro Ky.
Hilary Ewalt Davis
Charles Wesley Rhodes
Married 1-1-1935

Children

- 1- Davis Dudley Rhodes 10-11-1935

11- -1935

4-4 { address Merriam, Kansas.
Richard Oliver Davis 10-14-1874
Marie Nelson
Married 12-25-1901

Children

- 1- Dorothy Anne Davis 9-8-1904
- 2- Elizabeth Davis 4-25-1909

address Merriam, Kansas.

4-4-1 Dorothy Anne Davis
Walter A Meyers
Married 6-14-1930

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see 5-6-7-8 find

Genealogy Anne Foreman Taylor family - 829 Court Street
1st. Anne Kate Taylor Davis family Sub or Mary Lewis Davis Morganfield Ky.

4- { Mollie Catherine Davis 10-14-1850
James M Davis 1-28-1845
Married 1-17-1865

5-17-1916
5-9-1923

Children

- 1- Allen Taylor Davis 12-20-1867
- 2- Clarence Metcalf Davis 2-14-1869
- 3- Miles Hilary Harding Davis 11-25-1871
- 4- Richard Omar Davis 10-14-1874
- 5- Hugh Erans Davis 8-24-1876
- 6- Charles McFarsey Davis 10-9-1879
- 7- Fannie Sue Davis 3-2-1884
- 8- Mary Lewis Davis 11-29-1888
- 9- Infant Son 9-18-1892

8-31-1894

11-9-1892

4-2- { address - Charleston, Mo.
Clarence Metcalf Davis
Name Warren
Married 9-10-1898

Children

- 1- Paul Warren Davis 10-25-1899
- 2- Mary Lucile Davis 11-11-1903

4-2-1- { address - Charleston, Mo.
Paul Warren Davis 10-25-1899
Mac Bryant
Married 9-10-1919

Children

- 1- Paul Warren Davis Jr 2-27-1921
- 2- Betty Sue Davis 10-7-1926

4-2-2- { address - Charleston, Mo.
Mary Lucile Davis 11-11-1903
Walter L Beck
Married 8-27-1922

Children

- 1- Bessie Hannelle Beck 7-20-1923
- 2- Mary Lucile Beck 8-2-1926

3rd Anne Foreman Taylor & Susan Nell Taylor (Diller)
address 1051 - Hubbard St. Detroit, Mich.

4-5 { Hugh Evans Davis 8-24-1876
Nancy Mary Terril
Married 12-5-1900
Children

1 Mary Evans Davis 11-27-1901

2 Hannah Jack Davis 10-28-1906

3 Nellie Lucile Davis 10-2-1910

address Morganfield Ky R.F.D. 3.

4-5-1 { Mary Evans Davis 11-27-1901
Mason Johns
Married 12-3-1919

1- Billy Hugh Johns 8-14-1921

2- Lewis Mason Johns 1- -1923

3- Charles Evans Johns 10- -1929

4- Helen Marie Johns 11- -1931

address Housharr, Ky.

4-5-2 { Hannah Jack Davis 10-28-1906
John Davis
Married 8- -1925

Children

1- Freeman Sloan Davis 11-10-1926

2- Ralph Eugene Davis 4-16-1930

4-5-3 { address 1051 Hubbard St., Detroit, Mich.
Nellie Lucile Davis 10-2-1910
Earnest (Big) Berry
Married -

Children

1- Davis Elaine Berry 9-24-1930

2- son 7- -1935

2nd Anne Fannan Taylor. Susan Hill Owen Family

address Sturges, Ky.

4-6 { Charles McGarvey Davis 10-9-1879
Doy Hughes
Married 10-26-1899

Children

1 - Ingt Daughter 10- -1901

10- -1901

2 - Horace Haldean Davis 9-7-1904

2-15-1933

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address 829 - Court St Morganfield, Ky.

4-7 { Fannie Sue Davis 3-2-1884

(single)

address same above

4-8 { Mary Lema Davis 11-29-1888 (single)

JAN 5 1953

2421 N. E. Irving St
Portland 12, Oregon
December 30, 1953

Filson Club
Louisville
Kentucky

Dear Sir:

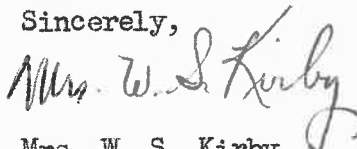
Please advise me who has copies of the Lexington Gazette from about September 1800 through March 1801.

Do you suppose there is an index of names? Would anyone be so kind as to check the name Benjamin Davis for me?

Benjamin Davis, (possibly the son of Thomas Nicholas Davis to Kentucky, Mason Co., in 1788 and died about 1805 in Lewis Co) ~~now~~. It is Benjamin Davis I am interested in as he was killed in October 1800, Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, then Hamilton Co, Ohio. He left widow Nanay and minor children. Charles Bruce killed him and the trial against him was held at Hamilton, Butler Co, Ohio in March 1801 (as near as I can determine). It is possible that notice of the death and trial was in the Lexington Gazette as Benjamin Davises people lived in Mason Co and around Lexington, Ky.

I wish to find the names of the minor children of Benjamin Davis. Possibly the death notice or trial would show them.

Sincerely,



Mrs. W. S. Kirby
(Nee Davis,)

Davis family

November 20, 1957

Mrs. J.D. Gillett Hill
123 Lincoln Avenue
Lincoln, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Hill:

As you do not identify the area in which Harrison Davis lived, I have consulted the Kentucky Census for 1800 and find one of this name listed in Henderson County. I find Robert McGary listed, at this time, in the same county.

We have two versions of the Will of James Davis of Henderson County. One is an abstract copied by Annie Walker Burns in which she lists his wife as Patsey and his children as John, Robert, and Harrison. In Early Kentucky Wills by Estelle King the name of Patsey Davis is given. The names of the witnesses are: John, Robert, and Harrison Davis. This Will was written October 7, 1800 and proven December 2, 1808. In order to secure the correct information as contained in this document, it will be necessary to write the County Clerk at Henderson, Kentucky and request a copy.

It is our pleasure to answer any genealogical questions if the answers are readily found. Due to the smallness of our staff, we are unable to undertake extensive genealogical research. As I have found nothing about Martha Davis and Col. Robert McGary and their children, I would think that some amount of professional help would be necessary. I give you the names of two genealogists either of whom will be happy to undertake this investigation for you. They are; Mrs. Harry P. Gorman, 2404 Woodbourne Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Charles E. Craik, 118 Oxford Place, Louisville 7, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Thomas Cullen
Curator and Librarian

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Nov. 12 - 1957

MRS. J. D. GILLET HILL 123 LINCOLN AVENUE LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

The Filson Club
Louisville, Ky

NOV 14 1957

Dear Sirs:

Is there any way I could find out about
some of my early Ky. ancestors. I have data
filling a number of books but there are
discrepancies which I should like
corrected.

I would like information on Harrison Davis
See The Filson Club publication no. 27 There
is reference to him - "Petition of Ky. Inhabitants
to Gen. Assembly of Va." Oct. 1788

I want the dates of Harrison Davis and
his daughter Martha. Who was he and
was he related to Jefferson Davis?

MRS. J. D. GILLET HILL 123 LINCOLN AVENUE LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

Also date of Martha's marriage to Col. Robert
McGary & their children. Her birth date?
How did Robert McGary acquire the title
of Colonel? Martha died when & where?

I will be glad to pay for the time it
takes to look this up.

Sincerely yours,

Wm H. Hill

250 West Main Street
Int. Sterling, Kentucky
November 8, 1949

The Filson Club
Louisville, Kentucky

NOV 10 1949
Ans Jan 1 1951

Gentlemen:

I am trying to trace my ancestry to Revolutionary days through Amos Davis, a brother of Garrett Davis.

I wrote the Maryland Historical Society but they replied that their staff is too small to make genealogical investigations. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Historical Society of Kentucky with reference to the Davis and Garrett families.

If your society is able to
furnish the information I want,
please write me the approximate
amount you will charge to do
the research. If you cannot do
the research, please return the
enclosed copy.

Very truly yours,
Georgia Kendall (Mrs. Howard)

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KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Old State House
Frankfort, Kentucky
15 Dec 1948

My dear Mrs. Kendall:

I believe you are going to have to do some more work on these Davis and Garrett families than I have been able to do so far.

I did not bother with our Montgomery county records, as I suppose you have there in Mt. Sterling more than we have here. I checked into the Maryland records we have here, and did find some clues, just enough to be tantalizing.

Amos Garret lived in Harford county, Spesutia Hundred, Maryland, in 1776; indeed, he signed the census sheet of that time, though I'm not clear what office he held; it looks like a notary signature, but is certainly official. He was 53 and with or near him were: Francis Garret 48, Milcah 19, and Francis Jr., 13. There seems some evidence that the family stemmed from Harford, though the names Garret and Jeremiah and Amos Davis ran quite late in St. Mary's County, as below:

St. Mary's:

31 Dec 1826 Amos Davis married Ann Yates

1 Feb 1836 Jeremiah Davis married Ann Eliza Huntington

3 May 1851 Jeremiah Davis married Caroline Cahay

Sometimes I have excellent luck locating these Maryland marriages, but was disappointed not to find the marriage of Jeremiah Davis and -----Garret. I did find the following census record, which I suppose could refer to Jeremiah Davis, father of Garret Davis born 10 Dec 1801:

Frederick County, Md.:

Efrom Davis age 41; Jaramiah age 4; Darkis age 35; Anna age 8; Mary 6; Nansey 3.

I also checked the Maryland Revolutionary soldiers list, which we recently acquired. On page 345 I find Amos Davis named 16 Oct. 1780 in a list of Cecil County recruits. Amos Davis is also named, in another short compilation we own, page 13, as taking the oath of allegiance 5 Feb 1777 Washington co. I do not find a single Garret listed.

We would be very glad to have you use our records for furthering this investigation.

Sincerely,

I. Hardin
Librarian

NOTICE: REPLY TO THE
LIBRARIAN AT THE
KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

ANNTAFEL of Jefferson Clark Davis, 3941 East Desmond Lane, Tucson 12, Arizona

II Parents

2. Leonidas Adolphus Davis 1874-1942 Craven Co., N. C.
3. Harriet Estelle Parker 1876-1956 Craven Co., N. C.

III Grandparents

4. Jefferson Culbreth Davis 1845-1887 Craven Co., N. C.
5. Clarissa Jane White 1847-1936 Craven Co., N. C.
6. Simmons Baker Parker 1847-1923 Wayne Co., N. C.
7. Julia Etta McKinne 1856-1913 Wayne Co., N. C.

IV Great-grandparents

8. Richard Davis 1820-1886 Craven Co., N. C.
9. Catherine Prescott 1823-1905 Craven Co., N. C.
10. James Speight White 1806-1877 Craven Co., N. C.
11. Letitia Grady 1809-1879 Craven Co., N. C.
12. David Parker 1815-1845 Halifax Co., N. C.
13. Emily Wood c1815-1864 Halifax Co., N. C.
14. David Fulghum McKinne 1813-1867 Wayne Co., N. C.
15. Ann Eliza Whitfield 1816-1894 Wayne Co., N. C.

V Great-great-grandparents

16. Lawson Wesley Davis 1791-1865 Craven Co., N. C.
17. Margaret Perkins 1798-1852 Craven Co., N. C.
18. Austin Prescott Craven Co., N. C.
19. Lavicey Craven Co., N. C.
20. James Allen White c1776-c1837 Craven Co., N. C.
21. Mary Stuart Craven Co., N. C.
22. Henry Grady 1772-1834 Duplin Co., N. C.
23. Elizabeth Outlaw 1774-1828 Duplin Co., N. C.
24. Hardy Grimstead Parker 1772-1854 Edgecombe Co., N. C.
25. Harriet Davidson c1782-c1865 Edgecombe Co., N. C.
26. John Wood
27. Elizabeth Mangum
28. William McKinne 1771-1842 Wayne Co., N. C.
29. Elizabeth Fulghum 1779-1816 Wayne Co., N. C.
30. William Haywood Whitfield 1788-1851
31. Nancy Herring

VI Great-great-great-grandparents

32.	Lawson Davis	cl1755-cl1840	Craven Co., N. C.
33.	Dorcas	cl1760-cl1840	Craven Co., N. C.
34.	Edmund Perkins		Craven Co., N. C.
35.	Morning		Craven Co., N. C.
36.			
37.			
38.			
39.			
40.	Benjamin White	-1814	Craven Co., N. C.
41.	Susannah		Craven Co., N. C.
42.	James Stuart		
43.	Sarah (Needham?)		
44.	Alexander Grady	cl1744-1821	Duplin Co., N. C.
45.	Anna (Nancy) Thomas	cl1746-1825	
46.	James Outlaw	1744-1826	Duplin Co., N. C.
47.	Elizabeth Grady	1751-1830	
48.	Cader (Kader or Kedar) Parker,	cl1750-1807	Edgecombe Co., N. C.
49.	Ann Weeks	cl1750-1846	Edgecombe Co., N. C.
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54.	Henry Mangum	-1819	Halifax Co., N. C.
55.	Sarah		
56.	William McKinne, Jr.	1749-1780	Wayne Co., N. C.
57.	Mary Jernigan	1752-1814	Wayne Co., N. C.
58.	Raiford Fulghum		
59.			
60.	John Whitfield	1765-1815	
61.	Jeminah Haywood	1776-1837	
62.	Edward Matchett Herring		
63.	Elizabeth Whitfield	1857-1794	(Davis)

Davis Family F.L. Sent
Jan 11, 93

Rec'd -
Dec 7, 92

December 2, 1992
Midlothian, Virginia

The Filson Club
1310 South Third
Louisville, Kentucky 40208

Dear Librarian;

I am researching my family genealogy. Two of my ancestors were licensed river boat pilots on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. My g g grandfather, Benjamin DAVIS, was licensed to pilot "from Cincinnati to New Orleans", according to a cousin who said she saw the now lost license about fifty years ago. His son Silvester DAVIS was listed in the 1870 Census as a pilot and in 1880 as a policeman.

The persons in question are:

Benjamin DAVIS, Pilot, Married in Louisville in 1834, listed in 1848 Louisville city directory as steam boat pilot living in Portland, probably died about 1865 and spent many years in Louisville as a falls pilot who took boats unloaded at up river levee (foot of 4th St, etc) over the falls to be reloaded around foot of 33rd Street.

He was said to have been licensed to pilot from Cincinnati to New Orleans. Ben is variously listed as born in KY and TN. May have begun career around Carrollton, KY.

Silvester DAVIS, lived on Montgomery St or Portland Ave in Portland. 1870 US Census lists as sb pilot, age 32. From 1880 on he was listed as policeman.

My questions are, do you have listings of licensed pilots that may include either or both of these men or can you give me references or directions on where I may search. Western Kentucky Univ referred me to you as a possible source. I am primarily interested in Benjamin's places and dates of birth and death and verification of his profession.

I have inclosed SASE for your response. Hand written notes on this paper will suffice and be most appreciated. If there is a charge for services rendered, please note that also. Thank You.

Sincerely;

Richard P. Davis

Richard P. DAVIS (Filson Club Member # 11381)
5712 Sandstone Ridge Terrace
Midlothian, VA 23112

Davis

November 19, 1988
R 3 Box 154
Warsaw, In. 46580

I'm doing research on the family name Davis. I have an Asel/Azel Davis that lived in the Bowling Green, Ky. from about 1800 until his death in 1848.

From tax records, I've learned that he owned quite a bit of land in Warren and surrounding counties.

He was born in Va., 30 Oct. 1774. He was married 28 May 1799, in Washington Co., Ky., to Frances "Fanny" Houchens/Houchins. He died 18 Aug. 1848 and is buried in Warren Co., Ky. I have not been able to find a will record for him.

According to census records, he had eleven children. I've only been able to prove the names of eight. Elizabeth Mary; Frances; Ellender; John Sales; Nancy; Dianna S.; Asel, Jr; and Hester Ann.

I live close to Ft. Wayne and go to the library often. Would they have any books that would have more information on the Asel Davis family?

Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clara Bennett

Asael Davis - Tregg - 1824
Asael Davis - Tregg - 1849 - we do not have the actual will

26 May 1961

Statement of Service: DAVIS, James
Civil War (Confederate)

Rank: 1st Corp
When Enlisted: May 15, 1863 at Buchanan Co., Va.
Mustered out: Not shown
From Roll of Co. H, 14th Regt. Cav., Ky Volunteers, Confederate States Army. Formerly May's Battalion Ky and Va Mounted Rifles - 10th Cavalry.

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Statement of Service: DAVIS, James
Civil War (Confederate)

Rank: Private
When Enlisted: September 2, 1862 at Lexington, Ky.
Mustered out: Now shown
From Roll of Co. H, Fifth Regt Cav., Ky Volunteers Confederate States Army.

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Statement of Service: DAVIS, James S.
Civil War (Confederate)

Rank: Private
When Enlisted: September 10, 1862 at Jessamine Co., Ky.,
Mustered out: Not shown
From Roll of Co. B, Eighth Regiment Cavalry, Ky. Volunteers, Confederate States Army.

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"I certify that the above are true and correct statements of service for the above mentioned persons as found on file in the office of The Adjutant General, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Frankfort, Kentucky."

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

EUGENE P. REYNOLDS
Major, AUS (Ret)
Records Custodian

CHARITY BRYAN DAVIS

Concerning Charity Bryan, who is listed tenth in Hazel Spradler's compilation of the children of Joseph and Aylee Bryan, in her book, "The Boone Family".

The descent is as follows: Morgan Bryan 1, Joseph 2, Charity 3.

According to census records of Jefferson and Oldham Counties Ky. Charity Bryan was born between 1770 and 1780, in North Carolina.

She married John Davis in Shelby County, Kentucky 8 December 1797. Her parents names are given on the marriage certificate as Joseph and Alse Bryan. Minister was W.B. Elam.

John Davis was probably born in North Carolina. I do not have his father's name, but he had brothers named Evan, William, James. A sister Nellie married an Ellisberry; another sister, Charity married a Boulware; a third sister, Sarah married a Dugan or Wiggins. I can find no personal record of John Davis except his marriage. A man of this name with Kentucky militia died in the War of 1812, but I have no proof that this was our man. There were more than 25 men named John Davis on the Kentucky lists in that war.

The 1820 census of Jefferson County Kentucky gives Charity Davis as head of the family, so I presume that John died prior to 1820. No other persons are given at the home in this census.

The 1830 census of Oldham County, Kentucky gives Charity Davis, head of family, between 50-60 years of age. With her are two men between 20-30. One female under 5. (Oldham was formed from part of Jefferson Co. in 1823)

Charity and John Davis had the following children:

- (1) Bryan b. 6 January 1800
 d. 16 August 1874 in Shelby Co. Kentucky
- (2) Urith b. 2 February 1801
 d. 28 February 1831 in Shelby Co. Kentucky
- (3) James G. b. about 1805 or 1807
 d. January, 1857 in Monroe Co. Mo.
- (4) Evan b. 1811
 d. 23 December 1846 at Santa Fe (New) Mexico

Various Kentucky Records:

Records of old Long Run Baptist Church in eastern Jefferson Co. Ky. This church was also called Flat Rock and Pleasant Grove. The cemetery is still called Long Run. These records are in the library of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Charity Bryan Davis - page 2

Various Kentucky records, continued -

May 1818, Charity Davis admitted to membership of Long Run Church by experience.

February, 1824 - Martin, a black man belonging to Charity Davis secluded from the church. He had been baptised April 1822.

There was schism within the church concerning the ethics of lying to the Indians about a child or a loved one to keep him from being killed. Charity Davis went with the group that was called The Lying Church.

COUNT OF APPEALS, STATE OF KENTUCKY - Deeds (listed in Wilson's)

Banks to Davis:

Charity Davis claims 200 acres on Floyds Fork, under the title of Benjamin Netherland, this land being within the 22,000 acre survey of Henry Banks of Virginia. The 200 acres of land adjoins the land of James Davis. Payment of \$40.00 made to quiet title.

dated November 1, 1827
Jacob Swigert, C.C.

MONROE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

October 18, 1836 - Charity Davis sells 110 acres to James Harrington. This land described as being on Floyds Fork.

November 14, 1837 - Evan Davis sells land to Bryan Davis.

Deed Book D-2 p.238 Charity, Bryan, James and Evan Davis sell land to John Harrington.

I believe that Charity Bryan Davis, her sons, James G. and Evan went to Monroe County Missouri between 1837 and 1839. With her also may have been the two children of Urith, who died in 1831. The child under 5 referred to in 1830 census was probably Urith's daughter.

A suit was filed in Monroe County Missouri court in 1839 by Charity Davis to recover money for a team of horses sold.

Evan Davis married in Monroe County in 1839.
(complete record on this in later pages.)

The 1840 census of Marion twp. Monroe County, Missouri has the following -

Evan Davis, head of family. Males: 1 btw. 15-20
1 btw 20-30
1 btw 30-40
Females 1 btw 10-15
1 btw 20-30
1 btw 60-70

8 blacks

Charity Bryan Davis - page 3

On the basis of this Monroe Co. Mo. census I would like to present the following hypothesis. These people would all be in the proper age groups to be identified in this way:

Males -	1 btw 15-20	might be grandson, Robert Enochs
	1 btw 20-30	son, Evan Davis, hd. of household
	1 btw 30-40	son, James G., unmarried
Females -	1 btw 10-15	granddaughter, Alliee Enochs
	1 btw 20-30	dau. in law, Malinda Williams
	1 btw 60-70	<u>Charity Bryan Davis</u>

At this date, January, 1963, I have no further record of Charity Bryan.

Did she return to Kentucky ?

Did she continue to live in Missouri until her death ?

When did she die?

Not in 1850 census Monroe Co., Mo.

Two brothers and at least one sister of John Davis were among the early settlers of Monroe County Missouri. Stories from these older people have references to "walking down Aunt Charity's lane" in Kentucky, but no one recalls that she might have lived in Missouri.

SECOND GENERATION - Children of Charity Bryan and John Davis

(1) Bryan Davis b. Jefferson County, Ky. 6 January 1800
m. Jefferson Co. Ky. 26 January 1823 to
Nancy Conneymers, dau. Benjamin Conneymers.

642 Shelby County Kentucky census 1850 - Dist. # 1

Bryan Davis	age 50	b. Kentucky
Nancy	47	"
Sarah	19	"
Mary	12	"
B.F. (m)	10	"
Joann	7	"
Nancy	5	"
James G.	45 or 47	" (age not clear)

Bryan Davis died 16 August 1874. He is buried in Long Run cemetery near historic Long Run Baptist Church, northeastern Jefferson Co. Ky.

Shelby County Estate Records - Book 35, page 300

Bryan Davis names son, B.F., daughters, Mary, Joann, Nancy, and a grandson, James McLand? McKann? McGuire? To each he left \$1.00. To daughter Sarah he left the farm, providing she stayed single and cared for her mother until her death. If she married she was to receive only \$1.00, same as the other heirs.

Charity Bryan Davis - page 4

SECOND GENERATION, continued

- (2) Urith Davis b Shelby Co. Kentucky 2 February 1801.

She was married in Oldham County Kentucky 23 April 1825 to Wilson Enochs (Enochs), son of David Enochs and Elizabeth Wilson.

They had two children: Robert, born about 1826-27.
Alliee, born btw. 1827-1831.

Urith died 28 February 1831. She is buried in Long Run Cemetery, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Of her children I know only that they were living in Monroe Co. Mo. in 1857. The daughter, Alliee, was married to a man named Pennell.

(Her husband, Wilson Enochs, remarried in 1833. He was living in Shelby Co. Kentucky in 1850. Robert is listed with him in that census. By 1860 he (Wilson) was living in Monroe Co. Mo. He and several others were named in a suit filed by Bryan Davis for recovery of property in the estate of Evan Davis, his brother, who died in 1846. Suit filed in Monroe Co. Final settlement made 2 May 1870, when land belonging to Wilson Enochs and others named was sold for debts.)

- (3) James G. Davis b. Shelby County Kentucky about 1805-1807.
never married.

He died about January 1857 in Monroe County, Missouri. His estate was inventoried 2 February 1857. Heirs named were Bryan Davis of Shelby County, Kentucky; Polly Davis and Alsey Davis, children of Evan Davis, deceased, now in Ray County, Mo. and Robert Enochs and Alliee Enochs Pennell, children of Urith Enochs, formerly Davis. All but Bryan Davis and the children of Evan Davis resided in Monroe County. This was signed John J. (or L) Pennell, as principal, Evan Enochs and Christopher Fields, seconds.

Real and personal property listed:

One negro boy, Thomas, age 16, valued at	\$900.00
One roan mare, 16 years old	25.00
One note on hand from Evan Enochs	90.00
	<u>\$ 1015.00</u>

Balance after stone - - - - - \$759.25

Since his mother, Charity Bryan, is not listed as an heir we can presume that she died prior to 1857.

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SECOND GENERATION continued

- (4) Evan Davis b. in Kentucky about 1811.
 m. Monroe Co. Mo. 3 September 1839 to Malinda Williams
 dau. of Edward Williams and Mary Vaughn.

In 1842 he purchased land in Union twp, Monroe Co., Sections
 25 and 26, twp. 54, range 12.

Evan Davis and Malinda Williams had three children:

A son who died in infancy

A daughter Alsey, b. 20 July 1841

A daughter, Mary Ann (Polly) b. 13 September 1842.

From War Department Records:

Evan Davis enlisted July 15, 1846 in Co. A, Second Regiment,
 Missouri Mounted Infantry, under Colonel Sterling Price.

Regt. 35 Company muster-in roll of organization stated above.

Roll dated Fort Leavenworth July 22, 1846.

Joined for duty and enrolled for period of 12 months, July 15, 1846
 valuation of horse \$50.00

Company muster-roll for July 15 to December 30, 1846

December, 1846 - Doss.

December 23, 1846 - died in Santa Fe.

From National Archives.- dept of Pensions

In 1848 an application for pension was made for the two small daughters
 of Evan Davis by their guardian, Martin Dunkin, whom Malinda Williams
 Davis married in 1847. This pension was granted under the Act of
 July 21, 1848. It was paid for the maximum time of 5 years. \$3.50
 per month, commencing Dec. 23, 1846 and ending Dec. 23 1851.

THIRD GENERATION children of Evan Davis and Malinda Williams

Alsey Davis was married in Ray County Missouri about 1861-62 to
 James B. Noel, son of LeRoy Noel. They had three children, only one
 living to adulthood. His name was Hiram Tucker Noel; probably he
 was born after the close of the Civil War. He was said to be living
 near Brush, Morgan County, Colorado in the 1920's.

Alsey Davis died 18 February 1870. She is buried in a farm cemetery
 of the Wild family in Grapegrove twp. Ray County, Missouri, about
 four miles north of the town of Millville. The name on her tomb-
 stone is given as ALICE.

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THIRD GENERATION children of Evan Davis, continued

Mary Ann Davis was married in Ray County Missouri 16 August 1861 to William Harrison Weeks, son of George Washington Weeks and Lavina Ellen Powers. (b. 25 March 1837)

In the spring of 1862 they went to Madison County Iowa, where William H. Weeks had purchased a farm in 1859. They continued to live on this farm for the rest of their lives.

William Harrison Weeks died March 24, 1915

Mary Ann Davis died 8 May 1927.

Both are buried in Hamblin Cemetery, Monroe twp. Madison Co. Iowa.

FOURTH GENERATION Children of Mary Ann Davis and William H. Weeks

Alva B.	b. 14 April 1863	d. Lincoln, Nebr. 21 June 1945
Mary Etta	b. 14 Nov. 1864	d. Des Moines, Ia. 1 April 1899
William E.	b. 19 Jan. 1867	d. Winterset, Ia. 18 May 1957
Lizzie	b. 3 April 1869	d. 3 April 1870
Elmer D.	b. 25 Jan. 1872	d. Madison Co. Ia. 17 Nov. 1939.
Henry H.	b. 16 April 1875	d. Colo. Spgs Colo. 11 Oct. 1961.
Clyde C.	b. 5 March 1877	d. Kansas 1957
Dorsey May	b. 29 April 1879	
Jessie Blanche	b. 23 Nov. 1881	
Alta Maud	b. 10 July 1884	

Alva B. Weeks was married in Colorado City, Colo. 19 Nov. 1892 to Nina Christine Schmidt, daughter of Jacob and Frederike Schmidt of Goppingen, Wurttemberg, Germany. (b. 30 Nov. 1870)

FIFTH GENERATION Children of Alva B. Weeks and Nina Schmidt

Ela	b. 16 April 1897	Madison Co. Ia.
Albert B.	b. 26 Aug. 1898	Madison Co. Ia.
Mary Freda	b. 27 Aug. 1904	Westcreek, Colo.
Alvin Kenneth	b. 5 Jan. 1914	Madison Co. Ia.

SIXTH GENERATION GRANDCHILDREN OF ALVA B. WEEKS.

Ela Weeks married in Madison Co. Ia. Lester Clyde Campbell. They had one child, Ruby, b. 13 June 1917.

Albert B. Weeks married Esther Caves at Spokane, Wash. 9 July 1923. They had two children. Beverly Louise, b. 23 March 1927 and Albert B. Jr. b. 19 June 1928.

Mary Freda Weeks married in Omaha, Nebr. Elton Anson Thomas 21 Febr. 1922. They had two children - David Lloyd, b. 29 July 1927 and John William, b. 4 April 1930.

Alvin Kenneth Weeks m. in Topeka Kansas Ruth M. Burcham 19 Sept 1935.

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Sixth generation, grandchildren of Alva B. Weeks, continued.

Alvin Kenneth Weeks and Ruth Burcham had three children ; David Larry b. 14 Aug. 1936; Kenneth Lee b. 30 December 1937; Judith Kay, b. 13 March 1940.

SEVENTH GENERATION Great-grandchildren of Alva B. Weeks

Ruby Campbell m. Toledo, Ohio to Carl L. Richardson 11 July 1940
They had one child, Charlotte Novella b. 19 March 1949.

Beverly Louise Weeks m. _____ Brooks 1948.
Two children;; Stephanie, b. 1950; Carter, b. 1954

Albert B. Weeks Jr. m Patricia Hennessy June 1954.
son Douglas, b. 1955.

David Lloyd Thomas m. 1 Sept 1946 Mary Lou Artman at Kearney, Nebr.
David Lloyd Jr. b. 21 March 1949; Carol Jean b. 8 January 1951
at Lincoln, Nebr. at Syracuse, New York.

Judith Kay Weeks m. at Idaho Falls, Idaho 6 June 1960 to Ronald
Fearson. One daughter, Ronda Lee b. 28 April 1961.

FIFTH GENERATION Children of Henry H. Weeks and Daisy Simmerman
married Madison Co. Iowa 1896

Wrest, b. March 1897 - married twice - no record of children.
Henn, b. 1899 -1900 married - lives Montana, several children.

Children of Blanche Weeks & John Hilton Powers
m. Nov. 1911, Madison Co. Ia.
Mary Winifred Powers 1918 m. 1949 to Elmer Pope.
They have 2 children dia, b. 10 July 1951
John Paul , b 23 Nov. 1954

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(Additional information received April, 1963)

* Simpsonville dist. Shelby Co. Ky. census 1810

John Davis, head of family	Males -	1 over 45 1 btw. 26-45 (John?) 3 under 10
	Females	1 btw 26-45 (Charity?) 2 under 10

(1810 was before birth of Evan.
From birthdates of others, there
could have been 2 more children,
a boy and a girl, who did not
live to maturity.)

8 blacks

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Oldham County Marriage Book (Kentucky)

May 7, 1849 Alice K. Enochs, dau of Wilson Enochs
and
John J. Pinnell

(her first name miscopied
Ky. Brides as "Mice".

1860 census of Marion Twp., Monroe County, Missouri

John J. Pinnell
Alice K.
Joseph W. age 5
Edward G. age 1
Robert W. Enochs, age 32.

MFS is making an
this (not much)
found

Quincy, Missouri

April 22, 1980

Filson Club Library
118 W. Breckenridge St.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

I am researching early settlers of Kentucky, looking
for an ancestor, Nathaniel Davis.

He was born in Amherst Virginia about 1865, reportedly
married a Polly H. Tate, date unknown. After the Rev. War
he moved to Kentucky where he was in the business of making
salt. Now, where were the salt mines of Kentucky located?

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mary K. Gilbert

NQ 12, p 42
Nathaniel
1800 - Jeff & Mont
(10 - Fern
- Nathaniel Wilson
no man in Amherst 1763-1800 w Tate at 1 mile 1793

Settled in Sept 1835
Brimmer - Caldwell Co - put up with him in 1833 age 80

Jean's Book
Nathaniel in Caldwell
Co. 1835
W. H. H. in
1835

HUSBAND

William Davis

Birth April 2, 1794

Chr.

Death December 29, 1865

Burial Davis Chapel Cemetery

Father

Mother 1822 ?

Other Wives (if any)

Place near Kingsport, Tenn.

Place

Place Kyles Ford, Tenn. (Hancock Co.)

Place about 4 mi. S. of Kyles Ford, Tenn.

Mother (Maiden Name)

Place

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

1850 Census of Hancock Co., Tenn.

Hist. of East Tenn. - Goodspeed

pp. 1218, 1219

Monument records

WIFE

Ellen Baldwin

Birth February 13, 1803

Chr.

Death October 31, 1865

Burial Davis Chapel Cemetery

Father John Baldwin

Other Husb. (if any)

Place Wythe County, Virginia

Place

Place Kyles Ford, Tenn. Hancock Co.

Place about 4 mi. S. of Kyles Ford, Tenn.

Mother (Maiden Name) Elizabeth Newberry

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED		MARRIED
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.

1 John Davis about 1822 Hancock Tenn. Date March 23, 1845 (or 1841) To Martha Kenner

2 Elizabeth Davis " 1824 " " Date To Peter LIVESAY

3 William B. Davis (Major) 6 3 1827 " " Date Jan. 18, 1850 To Sarah Mitchell

4 Mary S. Davis 18 3 1830 " " 22 1 1910 Date To Andrew Jackson LIVESAY

5 Catherine Davis about 1834 " " Date To

6 Julia Ann Davis " 1836 " " Date To Wilson Fleenor

7 George W. Davis 20 8 1840 " " 8 7 1895 Date January 20, 1861 To Martha Testerman

8 Leonard A. Davis about 1845 " " Date To

9 " " " " " " Date To

10 " " " " " " Date To

11 " " " " " " Date To

12 " " " " " " Date To

13 " " " " " " Date To

14 " " " " " " Date To

15 " " " " " " Date To

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

Ellen Davis

B. Jan. 1857

D. Sept. 1875

Arthur Davis

B. Oct. 11 - 1852

D. Dec. 26 - 1879

John Davis

B. Dec. 8 - 1828

D. Dec. 16 - 1883

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Oldest Bro. of Rev. Geo.
W. Davis

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Geo. W. Davis. b - Aug 20, 1849
d - 7-8-1895

5271 - 11. Feb. 8

John Davis

7181 - 21. Feb. 9

7671 - 8. Feb. 8

John Davis

8281 - 21. Feb. 9

From - Reports of Historians of Edmund Rogers Chapter D.A.R.,
Glasgow, Ky., loaned us through Mrs. E. H. Ray. *Davis Family*

From the family Bible of Hardin Davis now in possession of
Maurice Davis Drane, Glasgow, Ky.

Births

John Davis of Hanover Co., Va. born Feb. 22, 1730

John Davis and his consort left four sons and four daughters
all of whom were married.

Hardin Davis born Aug. 21, 1771 -- Wed.

Elizabeth Winn consort of Hardin Davis, born Oct. 13, 1776 -- Sun.

Their children;

John Winn Davis	born March 20, 1798 --Tues.
Edwin Bauniste Davis	" April 23, 1800- --Wed.
Thomas Davis	" July 31, 1801 --Fri.
Edmund Davis	" Oct. 29, 1802 -- Fri.
Clement Davis	" April 30, 1804 --Mon.
Mary Davis	" Nov. 5, 1805 -- Tues.
Elizabeth Hardin Davis	" May 25, 1808 --Wed.
William Augustine Davis	" Sept. 17, 1809 --Sun.
Joseph Walter Davis	" May 20, 1812 --Wed.

Rachel Jones born June 24, 1810 -- Sun.

Amanda Hardin Davis born Jan. 10, 1835 -- Sat., daughter of
Edmund and Rachel Jones Davis

James Jones born Sept. 30, 1800 (son of Sampson Jones)

Children of James and Elizabeth Hardin Davis Jones

Mary, Amanda, Clement C., Martha Ann born Oct. 16, 1833;

Elizabeth, Thomas H. born April 30, 1836; Sampson wise born
April 4, 1839; James Jr.

Walker Davis born Nov. 26, 1837 -- son of John Winn Davis

Children of William Augustine and Anne Hyde Davis

Hardin Armstead Davis born Jan. 5, 1844 -- Friday

Clara Davis " Aug. 25, 1845

Children of Edmund and Mary Elizabeth Day Davis

Valeria Sophia Davis born July 30, 1844 -- Tues.

Frances Virginia Elizabeth Davis born Feb. 4, 1850 --Mon.

Children of Wm. and Frances Virginia Elizabeth Davis Trigg

Thomas Hardin Trigg born Sept. 2, 1868

Mary Day Trigg " April 5, 1870

Haiden Brents Trigg " June 22, 1871

Children of Wm. and Valeria Sophia Davis Drane

Nellie Drane born April 2, 1872

Edwin B. Drane " " 3, 1875

Maurice Davis Drane" " 15, 1879

Marriages

John Davis	married	Mary Glazebrook
Anna Davis	"	Joel Smith
Polly Davis	"	Ragland
Nancy Davis	"	Charles Massie, Adair Co.
Lucy Davis	"	Thomas Massie, Adair Co.
Hardin Davis	"	Elizabeth Winn
John Davis	"	Sally Whitehead
Richard Davis	"	Frances Crenshaw
George Davis	"	Anna Turner
John Winn Sr.	"	Molly Bowles
Thomas Winn Sr.	"	Ann Ellis
Polly Winn	"	George Wayte
Rhoda Winn	"	David Edwards
Rhoda Winn Edwards	"	Simms
Arrived in Barren Co., Ky. in spring 1831		
Sally Winn	"	William Patman
Nancy Winn	"	Austin Smith
John Winn, Jr.	"	Polly Johnson
Joseph Winn	"	Sarah Brown
Jesse Winn	"	Eliza Austin
Hardin Davis	"	Elizabeth Winn Dec. 28, 1796
Hardin Davis	"	Sarah Pemberton Montague Mar. 20, 1817
Sarah Pemberton born Mar. 17, 1772		
Edmund Davis	married	Rachel Jones Nov. 5, 1829 --Thurs.
Edmund Davis	"	Mary Elizabeth Day Dec. 28, 1841 --Tues.
William Augustine Davis	"	Anne Hyde Jan. 25, 1843
Amanda Hardin Davis	"	Euclid S. Burton Jan. 11, 1855 --Thurs.
Frances Virginia Elizabeth Davis married Wm. Trigg Nov. 6, 1867		
Valeria Sophia Davis married Wm. Drane June 7, 1868 -- Sun.		

Deaths

Mary Glazebrook Davis	died	1789
Edwin Bauniste Davis	"	Apr. 23, 1800
Mary Davis	"	1805
Elizabeth Winn Davis	"	Sept. 4, 1814 --Sun.
John Winn, Sr.	"	1815
Molly Bowles Winn	"	1815
John Davis	"	Oct. 1823
Eliza wife of John Winn Davis	"	Sept. 17, 1829
Thomas Davis	"	" 7, 1833 --Sat.
John Winn Jr	"	Nov. 1837
Martha Ann Jones	"	" 18, 1837
Rachel Jones Davis	"	Sept. 14, 1840 --Mon.
James Jones	"	June 17, 1842 --Fri.
Sampson Wise Jones	"	Oct. 20, 1842
Joseph Walter Davis	"	Jan. 16, 1843 --Mon.
Sarah Pemberton Davis	"	Sept. 11, 1846 --Fri.
Hardin Davis	"	Aug. 16, 1852 --Wed.
Thomas H. Jones	"	Sept. 21, 1855
Mary Jones	"	
Euclid S. Burton	"	April 23, 1856 --Wed.
Elizabeth Hardin Davis	"	July 14, 1859 --Thurs.
Clement Davis	"	May 29, 1864 --Sun.
Nellie Drane	"	Aug. 5, 1872 --Mon.
Emily T. Day wife of A.W.R. Harris died Sept. 25, 1872 in Louisville, Ky.		

Edmund Davis died Oct. 30, 1875 --Sat.

Anne Hyde Davis and daughter Clara Davis died in St. Joseph, Mo.

Edmund Davis' Slaves

Names of twenty-one of these slaves with date of birth are given--
dated from Aug. 19, 1819 to Dec. 2, 1858.

The following travelogue is written on the margin

Hardin Davis and family left Charlottesville, Va. Wednesday April 7, 1807, 23 miles to Massie's 8th; 13 miles to Waynesboro, 9th; 17 miles to Greenville, 10th; 23 miles to Lexington, 14th; in all from Charlottesville to Lexington 76 miles. Then to Threshers' on the 15th; Wilson's, 16th; Harshbarker's, 17th; Walls, 18th; to Sunday, 19th; Manson's 20th; Sawyers, 21st; Shrinkler's, 22nd; Straw's, Kilegen's-- lost some 8 days from the account, crossed Clinch Mountain, May 3rd, Sunday; crossed Cumberland Mountains, May 6th; crossed Cumberland River May 7th, wagon overset May 8th; chair overset May 19th. May 24th arrived at Col. Murrell's in 1807.

William Augustine Davis left his father's residence in Barren Co., Ky. April 11, 1824 for Charlottesville, Va. John W. Davis went to Missouri. His home was 7 or 8 miles from Clarksville on the west bank of the Mississippi and the first good landing place above St. Louis.

MAR 16 1959

308 South High Street
Bloomington, Indiana
March 13, 1959

Mr. Richard Hill
Executive Secretary, Filson Club
103 West Breckinridge Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Re: Genealogy, Davis & Mason

Dear Mr. Hill:

I began, a short while back, the pleasant but difficult task of doing genealogical research in the family of my maternal Grandfather, Joseph Warrick Clifford, M. D. (1863-1942), and have now found both pairs of his Great-Grandparents in Kentucky. It looks as if I will be unable to make the necessary trips to Kentucky for some time, due to my position with Indiana University and my large family of children at home.

We contacted our good friend, Chris Savage, Indiana University School of Journalism, concerning the procurement of a local history of what is now Louisville and Jefferson County. When I disclosed to him my motive, he suggested that perhaps you could help me with the desired published history as well as more information regarding the Davis and Mason families.

Here are the bits of information acquired to date:

Davis: Henry Davis, who married Mary Ann Gross, a Pennsylvania Dutch girl, helped to build the first fort in what is now Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, and later ran a grocery store there.

Henry & Mary Ann (Gross) Davis were the parents of Jesse Davis, (Grandfather of my maternal Grandfather in paragraph I), who was in the War of 1812 and fought in the Battle of New Orleans.

Mason: John Mason married Hannah Hutchinson (called "Ritter" which appears to have been a nickname for "Hannah"), and they settled in Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co., Kentucky. He was an Indian Scout and helped protect the other settlers.

John & Hannah "Ritter" Mason were the parents of Nancy Mason, (Jan. 6 or 16, 1798- Jan. 12, 1896), and two sons that I know of- James and Simeon, who later lived South and West of Arthur, Pike Co., Indiana, both well-to-do farmers.

Davis-Mason: Around 1813, Jesse Davis married Nancy Mason. After the Battle of New Orleans, (he was a guard on the front breast-works and his clothing was riddled by bullets but he was uninjured), he shouldered his rifle and walked back to Kentucky.

He and Nancy settled on a farm about 4 miles from what is now Oakland City, Indiana, and they eventually owned around 400 acres in Monroe and Patoka Townships.

Jesse and Nancy (Mason) Davis were the parents of 13 chil-

dren, 12 of whom survived, those 12 being:

Jackson Davis

Sarah (Sallie) Davis Houchins

Gemimi (Jemima) Davis Chapman

John Davis

Gross Davis

Mary Ann (called Nancy) Davis Black

*Hannah (Ritter) Davis McCandless (Dec. 29, 1828-Jan. 6, 1903)

Serena Davis Collins

Candace Davis Carter

Benoni Davis (shell-shocked in the war)

Elizabeth Davis Ashby (Mother of 92½ yr. old Rev. Wm. Rufus Ashby)

Tasa (Anestasia or Tacie) Davis Clifford (Mother of my Grandfather)

- * Her husband, Joseph McCandless (Oct. 27, 1825-May 10, 1862) is said to have died of malnutrition in the Andersonville Prison, and in 1864, she became the wife of Jacob Hurt. One of Hannah's daughters was the Mother of Wesley Harris of Bicknell, Indiana. Another of her daughters was Sarah H. Terry (Mother of Mary (Mrs. W. R.) Sloan of Baytown, Texas.)

Sarah H. Terry was a well-known writer, author and poet listed in Who's Who of Louisville, 1926, and in Who's Who of Kentucky, 1936. She was Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Kentucky, 1906-1907; Grand Treasurer, 1909-1911; and Grand Secretary, 1911-1941. She was a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., and a teacher of the Philathea Class in the church for many years and until her death. Sarah Hannah Hurt Terry was born September 19, 1867 and died February 23, 1941.

I also have records of most of the names of the sons and daughters of these 12 children of Jesse & Nancy Davis in my files, but felt that these would not necessarily be of any help to you.

I will deeply appreciate any information you can give me about the local histories mentioned in paragraph II; any existing genealogies of these two families; and any references or sources of information which you may be able to advise.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Griffin
Barbara (Mrs. Lloyd D.) Griffin

There have always been rumors of a cousinship between Jesse Davis and Jefferson Davis of the Confederacy.

REC'D JUN 8 1940

Davis
family file

Pravre du Chien

Note

June 6 - 1940

Wisconsin

June 1 1940

My delay in writing you is due to sickness in the family.

Because of my friend having closed her gallery I am sending the copy of a photo made some years ago of Mrs Jefferson Davis (Sarah Knox Taylor). I can not vouch for its historical certainty but it was found among the old photographs of H. L. Dousman whose wife was well acquainted with Davis and Taylor family. Being a historian I do not say positively it is an actual picture but legend says it was. Some years ago a New York woman claimed to have a picture of Mrs Davis. Before I could write to her I lost the address. The Astor Library in New York City may have a picture of Mrs. Davis.

I am enclosing a few historical pictures concerning Prairie du Chien. I wish some of your members would visit us here. We think we have the most beautiful scenery on the upper Mississippi besides the 267 years of whites at the junction of the Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers.

I am hoping to visit Louisville this year and get a broader perspective of your locality.

Did it ever occur to you that Jefferson Davis marriage ceremony was performed by Father Van Gsche S. J. a Jesuit Missioner. There was a Catholic Parish at Louisville with a resident priest in 1835 and of course at Bardonia as early as 1804 or sooner. One of the Trappists who came there in 1804 organized St Gabriel's

in 1817. He was then at Florissem
(St Louis). Bishop Flaget came
as Bishop to Bardston in 1808.
The Dominican Order had a school
in Ky. before 1832, also Sisters
Schools had been established.
Dars would have no prejudice
against a Catholic Priest as he
had a years schooling in a
Catholic school in Ky where
he was a small boy, even
President Hoover was married
by a Catholic Priest. Of course
this marriage was only a civil
marriage. When Protestant
could not get conveniently
a minister, justice of peace or
a judge they often in early
days were married by a
priest. There is no reason
why the priest should not
marry such couples.

I advise that you have the earliest Catholic marriage records of the first Catholic Church at Louisville, also at Bardston and I will write St Louis to see if among marriage records Davis might occur.

My article on "Jefferson Davis in Wisconsin" is not ready for publication but a copy of one draft of it could be sent to you if you cared for to anticipate my publication.

My article antagonizes all the ~~last~~ Biographies of Davis now in & listed. They copied from each other. I got my information from Records in War Department.

P. L. Scanlan



Davis, Jefferson

June 6, 1940

Mr. P. L. Scanlan,
Prairie Du Chien, Wis.

Dear Mr. Scanlan:

I was truly sorry to hear that on account of illness in your family you had not written. I do hope that all are well and in good health now.

We thank you for the picture purported to be Mrs. Jefferson Davis our own Sarah Knox Taylor. It is a lovely picture evidently from a portrait. Also we want to thank you for the other photographs you sent concerning Prairie du Chien.

Your suggestion that Sarah Knox Taylor and Jefferson Davis were married by a priest is a new idea to me. I see no reason for it as there were more protestant ministers here than Catholic and Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) had been organized for some years. However, we have nothing to indicate who performed the marriage ceremony as no return was made.

We will look forward to the appearance of your book on Jefferson Davis and hope you will have a notice sent us when it is published.

Very sincerely,

Ludie J. Kinhead, Curator

Davis Family

The Filson Club

Historical Society

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Mr. Ted James
1912 Eastlake Blvd. #411
Colorado Springs, CO

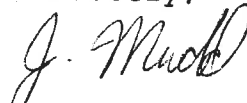
Dear Mr. James,

In reference to your letter of February 23, 1993, we were unable to uncover any information on John Delmont Davis. Checking the 1900 Kentucky Soundex, we failed to find a J. D., John, or John D. Davis with a wife, Margaret, in Jefferson county, Kentucky.

In addition, we searched several of the Louisville city directories: 1893; 1895; 1897; 1900; 1905; 1908, and though there were several John Davis' listed, there was not a J. D., John D., or Delmont Davis.

As a suggestion, you might try researching the cities of New Albany and Jeffersonville in southern Indiana, across the river from Louisville.

Sincerely,



F. E. "Jerry" Mudd
Volunteer

1912 Eastlake Blvd. #411
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
23 Feb 1993

The Filson Club
1310 S. Third St.
Louisville, KY 40208

Dear Sirs:

I was referred to you by the Louisville Public Library Reference Department.

I am doing family research and have had difficulty in getting information on a great-uncle John Delmont Davis. I am convinced he lived in Louisville, Ky in the 1890's and as late as 1908. My documentation is the obituary of his daughter, Myrtle Alma Davis. She married a Walter Meeker in Muncie, Indiana.

In the obituary of Myrtle Alma Davis (Meeker) from the Clinton, IA Herald of 26 Oct 1954 it states "The former Myrtle Alma Davis, daughter of J. Delmont and Margaret Sells Davis, was born Dec. 19, 1890 at Anderson, Ind. She was reared in Louisville, KY, until the age of 18 -----Mrs. Meeker was active in local music circles, having been first violinist as a young girl with the Louisville Symphony orchestra and later concert mistress with the Clinton Philharmonic orchestra."

From continuing information on Myrtle she was active in the Presbyterian church. However, this does not preclude she was so in Louisville. As a sidelight--Myrtle (Davis) Meeker's husband remarried after her death to a Mabel Hazel (Sells) Jones (her former husband was Dr. Aubrey V. Jones. Her former marriage took place 12 Sep. 1910. "In Louisville she a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member and past worthy high priestess of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Louisville, KY, Chapter 1."

I noticed that the maiden name of the mother of Myrtle was SELLS. And the maiden name of Walter Meeker's second wife was also SELLS. Whether there was any connection--arouses one's curiosity.

In the obituary of Mabel (Sells-Jones) Meeker 18 May 1970 in Clinton, IA Herald, it states she had a brother, who preceded her in death.

I realize that I have given quite a bit of information--but my main search is for JOHN DELMONT DAVIS. He was born in 1878 in Ohio, according to the 1880 Clark County (Springfield) census. So if your club can assist me in my research, I would appreciate it.

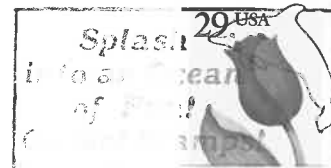
Assuming that you have researchers who will do work for a fee, please let me know what services and charges they offer.

Thanking you for your interest and assistance.

Sincerely,

Ted James
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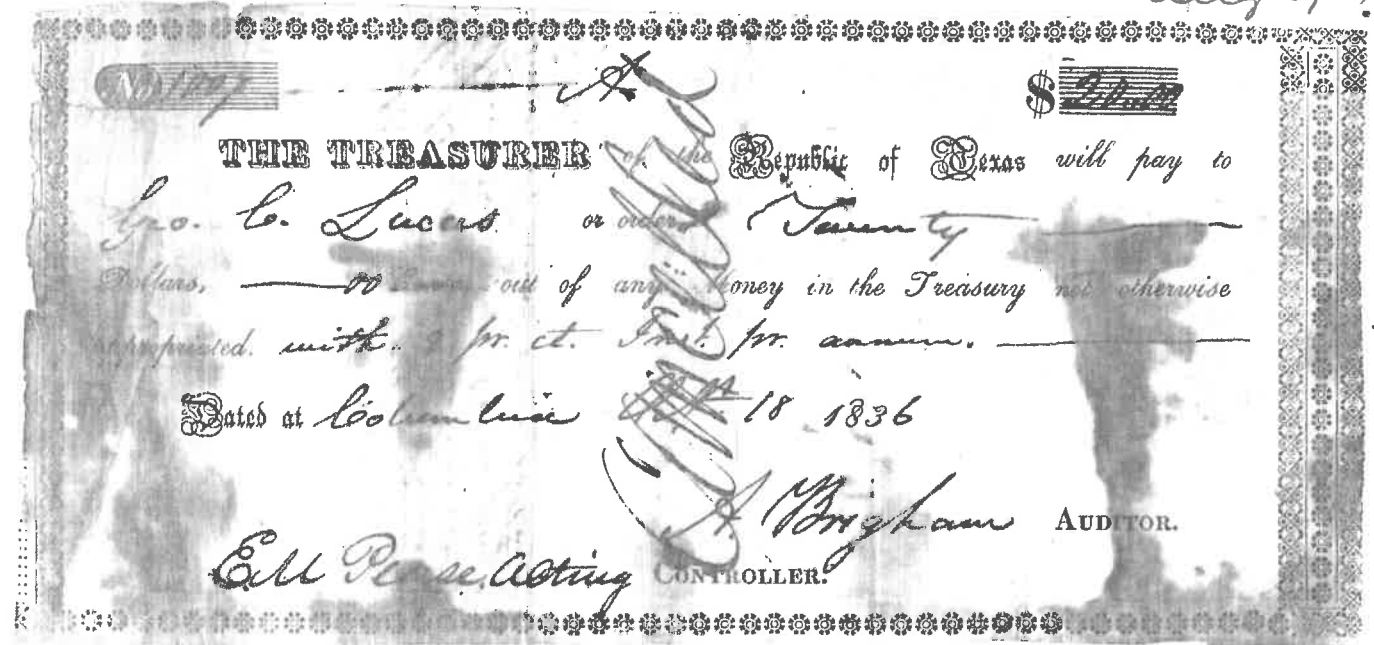
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THE FILSON CLUB
1310 So. Third St.
Louisville, KY 40208



Dones Aug 6, 96



Red Oak, Texas
July 27, 1996

978

Dear Ms Hanson,

I caught you on the radio at Dallas on this
date and enjoyed you very much.

The following is a request for any information you
may have on my 4th Grandfather

ROBERT MONTGOMERY DAVIS SR. born 1805 KENTUCKY
died 1863 KAUFMAN CO TX

WIFE - MATILDA

born 1810 KENTUCKY

ON 1840 CENSUS MERCER CO. KY

CHILDREN - EDWARD	born 1832 KY
MARTHA	1835 ✓
ROBERT MONTGOMERY	1837 ✓ MERCER CO
SARAH E.	1838 ✓
WILLIAM	1841 ✓

4 SLAVES

ROBERT SR. IMMIGRATED TO KNOX CO. MO ~~IN~~ 185 BEFORE 1850

CAN YOU TIE ME IN TO ANY OF THE EARLY DAVIS'S IN

MERCER CO. KY AND PERHAPS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT
OF THE C.S.A - JEFFERSON DAVIS?

ENCLOSED YOU WILL PLEASE FIND A CHECK
FOR 15⁰⁰ AND JUST LET ME KNOW IF MORE IS
NECESSARY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR GREAT
WORK.

SINCERLY,



MIKE W. THOMPSON

732 E. HIGHLAND

RED OAK TX 75154

(58) 59, 190

Robert Montgomery Davis - b. 1885

August 27, 1996

*Mike W. Thompson
732 E. Highland
Red Oak, Texas 75154*

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for listening to The Family History Show, and for your kind remarks.

After looking at what records we have here on Mercer Co. Kentucky, I am not able to tell you about the parentage of your Robert Montgomery Davis, but feel the answer may be in a Will recorded in Mercer Co., and if you haven't checked with the clerk in Mercer Co., this may be your best bet to determine who Robert Montgomery Davis's parents may be.

I do enclose to you some Davis Family records that I have found in Bible Records and Family Information of Residents of Mercer Co Kentucky.

It appears that there are more than one Davis family in Mercer Co., so it's hard to determine which one to concentrate on.

If you can supply any additional clues, I'll be glad to take another look.

Sincerely,

Nettie Oliver

Orestes, Indiana

Box 23

January 15, 1956

Filson Club

Louisville, Kentucky

We are working on the genealogy of the Davis family of Kentucky. I am a member of the Indiana Historical Society. It was the belief of this Society that your Club might be able to help in a little research.

Our branch of the Davis family goes back to Silas Davis. He was born in Kentucky in 1792. This is confirmed by the 1860 census. He was married to Ruth D. Mott, also born in Kentucky in 1800. Silas was in Captain William Walker's company of Kentucky militia, commanded by Colonel John Davis, in the War of 1812. In the same company were Squire, George, Jacob and William Davis. (Report of Adjutant General) We believe their names might help locate him.

An old Bible entry mentions Bracken county Kentucky, whether he was born and lived there or whether he came there later from possibly Harrodsburgh or Boonesboro is problematic. We have checked many records of Bracken, Fleming and Mason counties without coming up with anything.

He did not apply for pension and did not receive any bounty land grants.

About 1819 Silas and wife Ruth moved to southeastern Ohio. We could never establish the county. Here four children were born, John, Louisa, Charles and James. A Jackson family from Sullivan county, Tennessee came to Ohio with them and later to Indiana with them. We have believed that they might have lived near the Kentucky, Tennessee line.

The family was consistently Methodist and legend is that they were of Welsh, Scotch-Irish descent.

In 1830 Silas and Ruth came to Rush county Indiana and in 1848 they moved to the Miami Indian Reserve in Madison county in Indiana. We have an authentic history to date.

If Silas was born in Bracken county, the only Davis family listed is Samuel and Sarah in the tax census of 1790. Samuel received a land grant in Bracken county for military services. Samuel died in 1817 and is buried in the Stockton grave yard in Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

This could mean something but of course if Silas was born in southern Kentucky and only lived in Bracken county prior to moving into Ohio there might be no connection.

I hope that you may be able to help us in this matter. If you would like to have any material on the family to date, I would be glad to send it to your club.

A Silas Davis is mentioned as a teacher in the first school in Charleston, Clark's Grant, Ind. This could be our Silas and might connect with Jefferson, county, Ky. history.

Very Sincerely

Raymond Davis

FL Sent
Sept 12, 91

September 9, 1991

3562 Chelton Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
Home No. (216) 991-7653
Off.No. 1-800-743-2773, ext. 8863

Filson Club
1310-South 3rd Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40208

To Whom it May Concern:

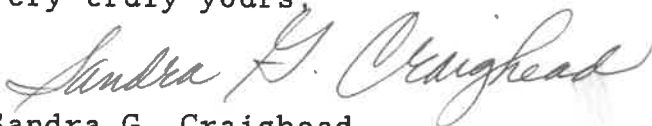
I am doing genealogical research on a few families from the Frankfort (Franklin County) Kentucky area during the period 1840 to 1905.

- (1) Can you tell me if your institution has any records such as birth, death, marriage, wills, deeds, tax records, etc. from this county?
- (2) Have they been microfilmed or published in book form?
- (3) Do you have an inventory of records for Franklin County which I could use as a guide if I came to your institution to study?
- (4) Is it possible I could get a copy of the Franklin County inventory?
- (5) Were there ever any city directories for the City of Frankfort, the county seat for Franklin, and if so, do they still exist?

I would appreciate whatever advice you could give me in researching the Bishop, Arnett, Grant, Finney and Clay families from this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate whatever help you offer me. I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,


Sandra G. Craighead

SGC/
Enclosure

The Wilson Club, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky

Davis

By Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Nichols
(estate)Hodgensville, Ky. March,
Date 1989

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

Emily Davis was
born February 25th
1841Chinch will Davis
was born February 28th
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born April 8 1847Cecil Davis was born
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1830Walter Davis was born
March 1st 1832Burd Davis was
October 8 1833rdJane Davis was born
June 19th 1835Emily Davis was
born April 1831Louisa Davis was
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born June 19 1835

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Conly Davis was
born February 25th
1841
Church will Davis
was born February 22nd
1844

Malissa Davis was
born April 8th 1847
Becil Davis was born
January 16th 1849

Contham Davis was
born September the 10th
1837

Goldby Davis born
3rd April 1834

Louisa Davis was born
November the 19th 1838

Louisa Davis is
born March 21st 1836

Joseph A Davis was
born the 16th of August
1830

Edith Davis is
born 2nd of April 1830

Willis Davis was born
March the 1st 1832

Burde Davis was
born October 8th 1833
Jane Davis was born
June 19th 1835

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Marcipa Davis, daughter
of William Davis and
Nancy his wife, was born
the 24th Sept. 1825.

Melipa Davis, daughter
of the above named couple
was born the 17th March
1827.

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was born October the
16th 1828.

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the 7th of October 1830
Joseph A. Davis born
the 26th March
1832.

DEATHS.

Melipa Davis depar-
ted from this life October
the 18th 1832.

Elihu Davis In departed
this life July 16th 1840.

Katharine Davis ~~Davis~~
departed this life
August 2th in the year
of our lord. 1854.

Mary Jane Bell
departed this life
Feb. the 2nd 1860.

Elihu Davis
departed this life
March 16th 1865.

Elihu Bell Departed
this life April the 17th day
1874.

George W. Bell Departed
this life July the 28th
1877.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

William Davis a son of Elisha

Davis & Katharine Davis

Was born July the 15-1804

John Davis a son of ditto

Was born May the 16-1806

Elisha Davis a son of ditto

was born June the 3

1808

Ezekiel Davis a son of ditto

was born April the 12

1810

Joseph Davis a son of ditto

was born January the 30

1812

Mary Davis a daughter

of ditto Was born February

the 13-1814

Katharine Davis a daughter

of ditto was born February the 1803

Maria Davis dep

arted from this life Oct the

the 18th 1832

Uncle David D. G.

left this Jan 13, 1847

Grand E. H.

left this Jan 1847

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Granville Clark, Junr
Sept 14 1840
Mary Ann Clark
Sept 14 1840
Sept 14 1840

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

Conly Davis was
born February 25th
1841
Church will Davis
was born February 28th
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Malissa Davis was
born April 8 1847
Becil Davis was born
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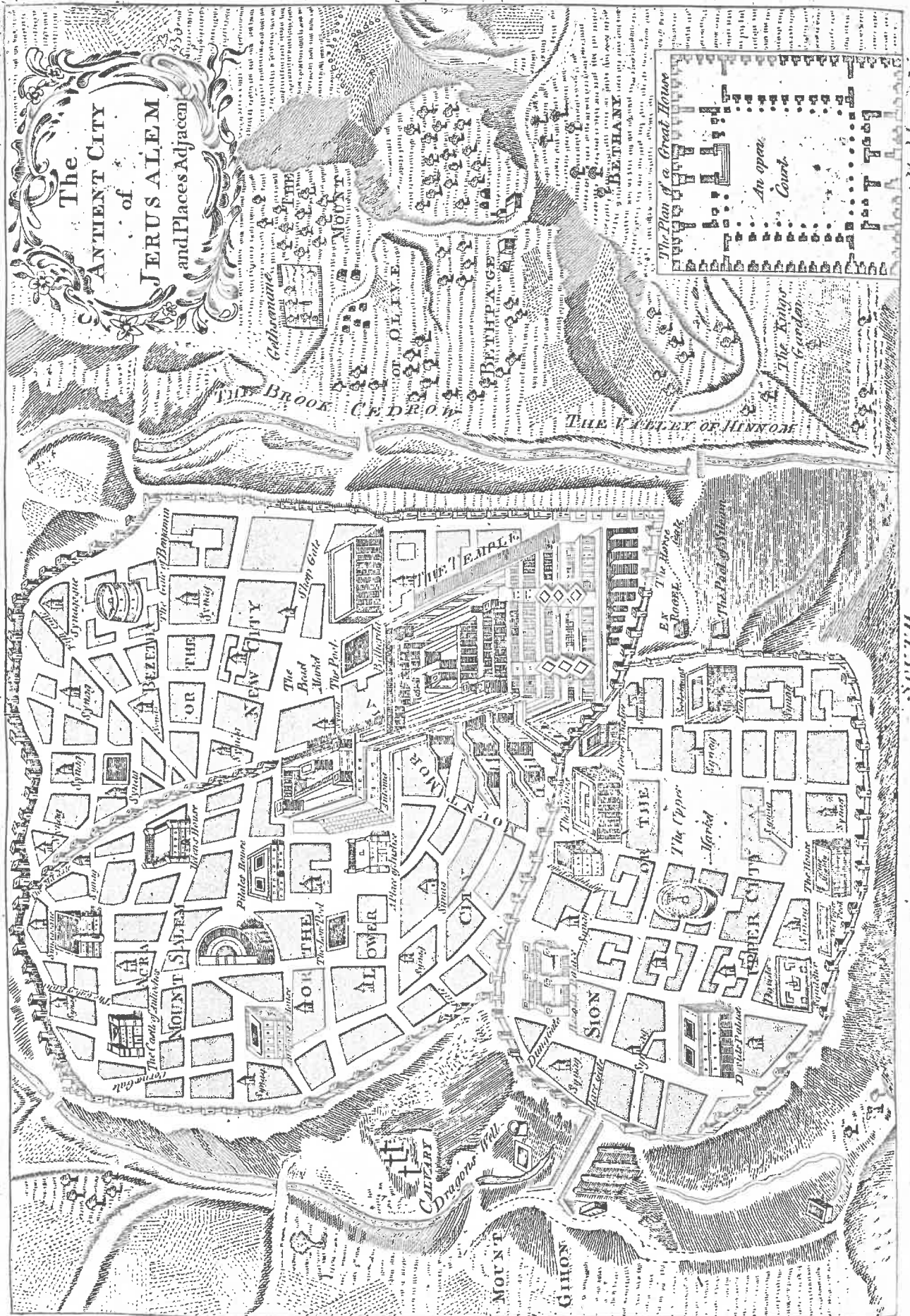
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June 19th 1835

EAST



NORTH

WEST

SOUTH

Hartford, Kentucky
April 4th 1949-

Miss Lottie Reichard
The Filson Club
Louisville, Ky.
Dear Miss Lottie:

APR 5 1949
MAILED
APR 14-1949

Could you please
help settle an argument which
has been going on for three days
about the family of Jefferson
Davis, Pres. of the Southern
Confederacy?

- (1) Was his first wife the
daughter of Zachary Taylor?
- (2) How long did she live?

(3) Who was the 2nd Mrs. Davis?

(4) Please give names of children of Jefferson Davis, and how many lived to be grown?

(5) Are any descendants of Jefferson Davis living today, and if so, are they children by the 1st or 2nd wife?

(6) Was the real name of daughter "Winnie" Davis, Varina - or was said name the name of her Mother?

(7) How old was "Winnie Davis" when the Civil War was in progress?

Your valued help will
be most deeply appreciated -
Sincerely,
Winifred Simmerman.

April 14, 1949

Miss Winifred Simmerman,
Hartford, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Simmerman:

I am sorry not to have answered your letter of April 4th sooner but last week was spent in cataloging.

I will answer your questions in so far as I can as the come:

1. Jefferson Davis married first Sarah Knox Taylor, daughter of
& Col. Zachary Taylor, bond was signed by her uncle
2. Hancock Taylor and was issued June 17, 1835. She
died Sept. 15, 1835.
The marriage bond was issued in Jefferson County, Ky.
see Marriage book.

3. Jefferson Davis married 2ndly Feb. 26, 1845, Varina Howell.

4. Children, of course by second wife:

Samuel Emory Davis born 1853 and died at 2½ months
Margaret Howell Davis, who married Addison Hayes, and left
children

Jefferson Davis 1878, ^{died} as young man

Joseph Davis, also died young

Winnie Davis born June 27, 1864, died Sept. 18, 1898.

Her name was Varina Anne Jefferson Davis. She lived
in New York with her mother and wrote after Jefferson
Davis Death, She died at Naragansette Pier but buried
in Richmond, Va.

Hoping the above answers your questions in a way to help, I am,

Very sincerely,

Ludie J. Kinkead, Curator

Hayward, Calif.,
April, 30, 1962.

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas Cullen,
The Filson Club.,
118 West Breckinridge St.,
Louisville, 3, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Cullen:-

Sometime in January 1962, my sister, Mrs. Clyde O'Neal of 2328 Warren Road, Walnut Creek, Calif., wrote to you making inquiries concerning our paternal grandfather - William Thomas Davis. At that time we thought that he was born in Todd Co., Ky., but since that letter was written, we have found an old land document, the date of which is too blurred to decipher, but was registered in Graves Co., Ky. It is a transfer of land to William Thomas Davis from Mrs. Suzan Davis (widow). We wrote to Mayfield Ky., the seat of Graves Co., but all their records were destroyed by fire. So I am herewith writing to Mrs. W. E. Satori, 317 Lotis Way, Louisville, 7, Ky., asking her to read the 1850 Graves Co., census

Now, I think we might have another area to explore, and would like your assistance or suggestions regarding this, as you have been so helpful heretofore. My mother always claimed we were related to Jefferson Davis of Confederate fame. I would think that his genealogy record would be fairly complete. Don't you think it would be worth while to explore this thoroughly? If so, would you know where this record might be found?

My sister is unable to follow through at this time, so I am taking over for her, and, I must say, am finding it utterly fascinating.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Violet Davis Janzen
Mrs. Violet Davis Janzen,
24804 Canyon View Ct.,
Hayward, California.

Sept. 27, 1969.

Ladies or Gentlemen :

Could you please advise me as to whom I might write, or contact when I come to Louisville soon, that knows most about Davises in Kentucky, prior to 1800?

Having studied first tax record of Hopkins Co. (1807), 1810 and 1820 census records, and eliminating ones I know not a father or brother of the man I am looking for (the father of my great grandfather, John Davis Jr., born in Ky. 1796) there are only 3 or 4 left who might be of his immediate family. I have birthdates of his 3 brothers and 7 sisters, last in 1814, and most marriages, beginning in Hopkins in 1818.

Hopkins Co. was formed from Henderson, which had been part of Christian (as was adjoining Todd, where Jefferson Davis was born). Even Mercer (where most of those in Hopkins Co. when it was formed, had lived after going there in 1880s, from Va.) as well as old Christian, was part of the big, old, county of Lincoln.

I would pay someone to help me if necessary, but research of what I already know would be useless, so if you could advise me further I would be,

Always gratefully yours,

(Mrs) Lilly P. O'Bryan

Apt. 301, 5225 Conn Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

P.S. Of course I have been to DAR Library, National Archives and Library of Congress Genealogy Room, but feel that someone must have found more information on this family than I could locate here.

599 Bay Ave.
Holland, Michigan 49423
July 19, 1978

Filson Club, Inc.
118 W. Breckenridge St.
Louisville, Kentucky

I have just returned from a quick trip to Harrodsburg, Ky. to see if I could run down some background on my family. I visited Glenworth, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Ison, but known to me as "homeplace," the family estate of Robert Mosby Davis and Sarah Ann Harris Davis, who were wed in May, 1835. I have the family Bible of their daughter Sarah Davis Latham, wife of R. Turner Latham (my grandparents), and at the head of the list of family members, births and deaths, is Robert Mosby, born Dec. 16, 1775. Therein, I am stopped. I cannot seem to trace Mosby or Davis or other relatives beyond that, probably because they came from the East.

I have a complete file of Davises which Mrs. W. S. Conover of Harrodsburg, Ky. has loaned me, but I am still unable to find Robert M. Davis. However, Mrs. Ison, at the family home, pointed out to me the outline of a home which burned and which was said to have been the home of Widow Robards, connected with Jan Robards who eloped with Andrew Jackson. Apparently Robert Mosby had some connection with the Robards, although the only marriage I found for him was in 1814 to Harriet Smith. Also, when I showed Mrs. Ison a burial invitation from our Bible for Sallie D. Burgin, Mrs. Ison believed that the D. in that notice stood for Davis because the Burgin property adjoined the Robert Mosby Davis land, and so she may have been a sister.

To make a long story short, would it be possible to find genealogical records for Robert Mosby, Robert Mosby Davis, b. 1806; Harris (Sarah Ann who married R. M. Davis); Smith, (Harriet), who married Robert Mosby; Robards (Widow, and Jan)? I have a fair run down on all the children of R. M. Davis and Sarah Ann, and their descendants; but I cannot get farther back than Robert Mosby. Of course, there could not be more overwhelming numbers than Davises and Smiths. However, I lived with my grandmother as a child (Sarah Davis Latham) and she told me many times of her father's relationship (cousin) to Jefferson Davis, and also mentioned a meeting of the two of them at one time, in Lexington, I believe. I have tried to document that Davis relationship and cannot do so.

Also, I began a search on my paternal grandparent, R. Turner Latham, who was the son of Old Doctor Latham - the only name I ever heard, although we have his portrait. In talking with Mrs. Conover, Harrodsburg historian, she felt that there was a tie-in with Gaithers in this relationship, and she also thought that the Latham family might be out of Burgin, or Georgetown. The only Gaither connection I know is that ~~James~~ Crittenden Davis, a son of R. M. Davis and brother of my grandmother, married Maria Gaitner on Nov. 22, 1870. Crit was a widely known harness-racing fancier. Also, another brother, Henry H. Davis married

Burgin -
Mercer Co.
Georgetown -
Scott Co.

2.

Mosby - Davis - Latham

Anna Latham on Oct. 15, 1861.

In talking with Mrs. Conover, she seemed to recall that there was a connection with the Lathams and the family of Jane Clemens, mother of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), of Adair County. I have read a book on her life and see only mention of friends, Dr. Nat Gaither and John Gaither, and Archibald Robards and John Robards - but that does not seem logical.

In this respect, I guess the genealogical records I want on the Latham search, are Dr. Latham, R. Turner Latham, and Anna Latham (all one family), and possibly Gaithers.

I shall be glad to pay whatever fee there is for photographic copies of any of these names. Or if you have a suggestion as to how best proceed in this, I shall be grateful.

Sincerely,

Mary Sare

Mary Davis Latham Sare

Names which I am researching

-(Harriet Smith)

1775 -

Robert Mosby (all of Harrodsburg, Ky. from 1806 on)

{ Robert Mosby Davis

{ his wife, Sarah Ann Harris

Sallie D. Burgin, R.M. Davis' sister

Widow Robards

Jan Robards

Old Dr. Latham

R. Turner Latham - *husband of Sarah (Sallie) Davis*

Anna Latham

Gaither (Maria and others)

Davis

July 26, 1978

Mrs. Mary Davis Latham Sare
599 Bay Ave.
Holland Michigan 49423

Mrs. Sare:

We can give you a few pieces of information but nothing that is very significant. Unless you can come to Kentucky again, you will probably need "professional" help in one or more county courthouses or other locations.

Kentucky required birth registrations during 1852-1862, and we see in a Mercer Co. listing Sallie Davis born August 1852 at Harrodsburg to Robert and Sarah Ann, also a son, no name recorded, born to them April 4, 1855 at Joseph Chapel (a village s.e. of McAfee, n.w. of Pleasant Hill).

In copied records of Mercer Co. Marriages for 1786-1830, we see that Robert Davis married Dec. 27, 1797, Polly Robards, dau. of William; and Thomas T. Davis m. May 29, 1792 Eliza Robards, dau of William, with Lewis Robards as bondsman. James Mosby m. Eliza Robards March 8, 1820, and Robert's marriage to "Harriett" Smith is listed as July 12, 1814. There are other Mosby and Davis marriages in the list. Robert M. Davis was the bondsman for the marriage of Williamson Mosby and Elizabeth Speed on April 19, 1830.

Robert Mosby Davis was of the same age as Jefferson Davis, but apparently no one of his brothers. Jefferson's father was Samuel E. who served in the Revolutionary War in Georgia as you may already know, and his grandfather was Evan, who moved from Philadelphia to Georgia. We do not have a census index or list of taxpayers for Georgia for the late 18th century, but in 1887 there were already more than 100 Davis households in North Carolina, and this suggests there may have been a good many also in Georgia. We are not able to tell you how Robert and Jefferson were related.

In the records we have of Mercer Co. and Scott Co. (Georgetown) we do not see the name Latham. The index to the 1850 Kentucky census lists 30 Latham households, with half of these in Todd Co. (Elkton), the other half in 10 other counties but none in Scott.

We can suggest if you wish, reputable searchers who work in our library, and we also have the names of people in Mercer Co. and Todd Co.

Sincerely yours,

See Mosby
Sare file

(b135x 711235- young school
(arrived 1855?)

1800-
Robert Dudley Davis
on May 1835
Sarah Ann Harris

(Sarah Davis
Sarah to Aug 1852 Harris by

R. Thomas Latham

Old Doctor Latham
Buried near Co. S. 4.

Wm - Thomas Vear 1811-30
1786-1810

Cutler Davis
m m 22, 1870

Anna's Barber

Henry H. Davis
on Oct 15, 1861

Anna Latham

Robert W. W. W. W.
m 1814 W. W. W. W. W.
Dec 16

Harriet Smith

photo
C. W.

Sarah Ann Harris
m 1811-1800
on 1811-1800
on 1811-1800

Sarah 4/18/55
at Joseph's Chapel
on 1811-1800
on 1811-1800

→ Mary Davis
m
— Sarah

Robert Davis m 12-27-97
Polly, Roberts, den
C. W. W.

John T. Davis m 5-29-92
Eliza Roberts, den W. W.
m. K. L. L.

Davis

Bought by E. L. Davis
in the year of 1800

E. L. Davis is great grand father
of Ansel Davis

THE
HOLY BIBLE:

CONTAINING THE
Old & New Testaments:

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL TONGUES,
AND WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED.
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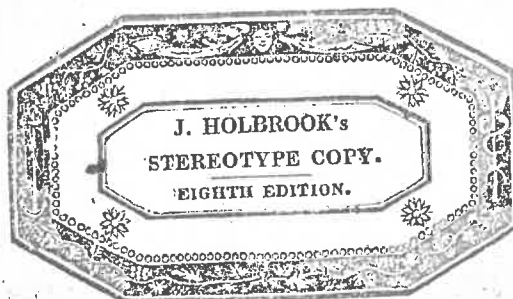
TOGETHER WITH THE
APOCRYPHA.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,
AN INDEX:
AN ALPHABETICAL TABLE

OF ALL THE NAMES IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, WITH THEIR SIGNIFICATIONS;

AND, WHAT HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN ADDED,
AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIVES AND MARTYRDOM OF THE APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS.

WITH PLATES.



BRATTLEBOROUGH, (Vt.)

1817.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Marcia Davis, daughter
of William Davis and
Sally his wife, was born
the 24th Sept. 1825.

Melissa Davis, daughter
of the above named couple
was born the 17th March
1827.

Mamuray Davis
was born October the
16th 1828

Effie Davis was born
the 7th of October 1830
Joseph C. Davis born
the 26th March
1832

DEATHS.

Melissa Davis depar-
ted from this life October
the 18th 1832

Elisha Davis Sr departed
this life July 16th 1840

Katharine Davis ~~Deer~~
departed this life
August 2th in the year
of our lord. 1854

Mary Jane Bell
departed this life
Feb. the 2nd 1860

Elihu Darice
departed this life
March 18th 1865

Elihu Bell departed
this life April the 29th day
1874.

George W. Bell depar-
ted this life July the 28th day
1877

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

William Davis a son of Eli
Davis & Katharine Davis
Was born July the 15-1804

John Davis a son of ditto
Was born May the 16-1806

Elihu Davis a son of
ditto was born June the 3
1808

Ezekiel Davis a son of ditto
was born April the 12
1810

Joseph Davis a son of ditto
was born January the 30
1812

Mary Davis a daughter
of ditto was born February
the 15-1814

Katharine Davis a daughter
of ditto was born March
the 10-1816

Matilda Davis dep
arted from this life Oct the
18-1832

Wm. Davis aged 80
left here Jan 13-1857

Samuel E. Davis
left here Jan 13-1857

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

Conly Davis was
born February 25th
1841
Church will Davis
was born February 28th
1844

Malissa Davis was
born April 8 1847

Cecil Davis was born
January 16 1849

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Burt Davis was
October 8 1833
Jane Davis was born
June 19th 1835

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Granville Clark & Sarah
Joseph Davis married
15th March 1841
in the Church of St. John
April 11th 1841

APOCRYPHA.

¶ I. ESDRAS.

CHAP. I.

1 *Josias his charge to the priests and Levites. 7 A great passover is kept. 32 his death is much lamented. 34 His successors. 53 The temple, city, and people are destroyed. 56 The rest are carried unto Babylon.*

AND Josias held the ^a feast of the passover in Jerusalem unto his Lord, and offered the passover ^b the fourteenth day of the first month;

2 Having set the priests according to their daily courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the temple of the Lord.

3 And he spake unto the Levites, the holy ministers of Israel, that they should hallow themselves unto the Lord, to set the holy ark of the Lord in the house that king Solomon the son of David had built:

4 And said, Ye shall no more bear the ark upon your shoulders: now therefore serve the Lord your God, and minister unto his people Israel, and prepare you ^c after your families and kindreds,

5 According as David the king of Israel prescribed, and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son: and standing in the temple according to the several dignity of the families of you the Levites, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of Israel,

6 Offer the passover in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the passover according to the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto Moses.

7 ^d And unto the people that was found there Josias gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves: these things were given of the king's allowance, according as he promised to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites.

8 And Helkias, Zacharias, and || Syelus, the governors of the temple, gave to the priests for the passover two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.

9 And Jeconias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and Assabias, and Ochiel, and Joram, captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the passover five thousand sheep, and || seven hundred calves.

10 And when these things were done, the priests and Levites having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,

11 And according to the several dignities of the fathers before the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses: and thus did they in the morning.

12 And they roasted the passover with fire, as appertaineth: as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots, and pans, || with a good savour,

13 And set them before all the people: and afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

14 For the priests offered the fat until night: and the Levites prepared for themselves, and the priests their brethren, the sons of Aaron.

15 The holy singers also, the sons of Asaph, were in their order, according to the appointment ^e of David, to wit, Asaph, Zacharias, and Jeduthun, who was ^f of the king's retinue.

16 Moreover, the porters were at every gate; it was not lawful for any to go from his ordinary service: for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

17 ^g Thus were the things that belonged to the sacrifices of the Lord accomplished in that day, that they might hold the passover,

18 And offer sacrifices upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josias.

19 So the children of Israel which were present ^h held the passover at that time, and the feast of sweet bread seven days.

20 ⁱ And such a passover was not kept in Israel since the time of the prophet Samuel.

21 Yea, all the kings of Israel held not such a passover as Josias, and the priests, and the Levites, and the Jews, held with all Israel that were found dwelling at Jerusalem.

22 ^j In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josias was this passover kept.

23 And the works of Josias were upright before his Lord, with an heart full of godliness.

24 As for the things that came to pass in his time, they were written in former times, concerning those that sinned, and || did wickedly against the Lord above all people and kingdoms, and how they grieved him || exceedingly, so that the words of the Lord rose up against Israel.

25 ^k Now after all these acts of Josias it came to pass, that Pharaoh the king of Egypt came to raise war at Carchamis upon Euphrates: and Josias went out against him.

26 ^l But the king of Egypt sent to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, O king of Judea?

27 I am not sent out from the Lord God against thee; for my war is upon Euphrates: and now the Lord is with me, yea, the Lord is with me hasting me forward: depart from me, and be not against the Lord.

28 ^m Howbeit Josias did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not

^a Before CHRIST
cir. 623.

^b 2 Kings 23,
21.
^c 2 Chr. 35, 1.
^d Lev. 24, 5.

^e 1 Chr. 8,
25. & 24, 1.
^f 2 Chr. 35, 2.

^g 2 Chr. 35,
7.

^h Or, Jehiel,
2 Chron. 35,
8.

ⁱ Or, five
hundred
entire,
2 Chr. 35, 9.

^j 2 Chr. 35,
12. and so of
the bullocks.

^k Before
CHRIST
cir. 623.

^l Or, with
good speed,
or, willingly,
2 Chron. 35,
13.

^m 2 Chr. 35,
14.

ⁿ 2 Chr. 35,
15. of David
and Asaph.
^o 2 Chr. 35,
15. the king's
serv.

^p 2 Chr. 35,
16.

^q Exod. 12,
15. & 13, 6.

^r 2 Chr. 30,
21.
^s 2 Chron.
35, 18.

^t 2 Chr. 35,
19.

^u Or, were
ungodly.

^v 2 Chr. 35,
20.
^w cir. 610.

^x 2 Chr. 35,
21.

^y 2 Chr. 35,
22.

Davis

August 13, 1996

Mrs. E. Marie Cannon
903 Decker Road
Lupton, MI 48635-9613

Dear Mrs Cannon:

I have taken another look at your Kentucky Ancestors, and cannot tell you after a search a great deal more.

The Court record of the law suit in 1959 that you have sent is a interesting document, and is a wonderful find to show relationships. It also raises some interesting questions. In this it clearly states that John Davis died in 1886, and his wife Nancy Elizabeth Nelson Davis, died June 26, 1939. I have carefully looked the Kentucky deaths 1911-1945, which we have here, and no Nancy Davis, Elizabeth Davis, N -E- Davis, or a Nannie Davis or Eliza Davis, appears on the Kentucky deaths. Do you know if she could have died out of state. Also it mentions her as being the daughter of a Jerry Nelson, and he does not appear in the Kentucky census indexes for 1850. 1860 or 1870. It also states that Nancy Elizabeth did not remarry.

I have looked further for Nancy Elizabeth and have found her in the 1900 census still living in Hardin Co. (I enclose a copy) Note it says her father was from North Carolina.

In another attempt to find out the parentage of John H. Davis, and not finding a possible connection to Hardin Co., I did find in the neighboring county of Nelson on page 55 in the Bardstown district. a C.C. Davis, 44, wife Sarah E. 37, with children: James W. 19, John H. 17, Irene 14, Mary 13, Laullen 11, Della 9, Charles 7, Acey 5, Malvina 4, and Olivia 9 months. This John H. Davis would be the right age.

I have looked at Nelson County marriages for John H. to Nancy Elizabeth without success. We do not have the marriages for Hardin Co. after 1850.

One last mystery, it says in the document that the land that was owned by John H. and his wife belonged to her father Jerry Nelson. Why can I not find him listed in Hardin Co. records earlier?

Nettie Oliver

Any new clues may help.

1870

1870
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1848

1870
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Cassa - 285
~~A.T. - 258~~
 Alice 261
 * Allen - 435
~~Sarah - 335~~
 Floyd - 433
~~Hughes - 338 - or 308 -~~
 Geo. 357
 Jesse - 435
 * Glen - 430
 Glen K. 435
~~Sarah - 426 - Sonora -~~

18

b.

1852

1865

~~24~~
~~45~~
~~129~~
~~132~~
~~149~~
~~181~~
 184

In (Vine Grove Cemetery)
 (Harden Co. Cemetery. Inscriptions)

Nannie E. Davis - 1856 - 1921
 J. M., 1854 - 1934

~~24, 36, 43, 42, 106, 118, 122, 140~~
~~224, 233, 235 -~~

1870 - A.T. Davis - 55 Farmer - Key
 Melinda - 55 - K.H. - Gra -
 Matilda - 19
 William - 14
 Ananda - 11 -
 (Hineq Nelson) 100 F. at Home.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

STATE FILE NUMBER

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DECEDENT NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
1. William S. Davis					2. Male	3. Nov. 2, 1983	
RACE - (e.g., White, Black, American Indian, etc.) (Specify)		AGE - Last Birthday (Yrs.)		UNDER 1 YEAR	UNDER 1 DAY	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
4. White		5a. 80		5b. MOS	5c. HOURS	6. Oct. 14, 1903	
LOCATION OF DEATH (Check one and specify)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INSIDE CITY LIMITS OF		<input type="checkbox"/> INSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS OF		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (if not in either, give street and number)	
7b. Detroit						7c. Holy Cross Hospital	
STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country)		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)		SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)	
8. Kentucky		9. USA		10. Widowed		11. No	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY			
13. 366-03-4763		14a. Millwright		14b. Automotive			
CURRENT RESIDENCE - STATE		COUNTY		LOCALITY (Check one and specify)		STREET AND NUMBER	
15a. Michigan		15b. Macomb		15c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INSIDE CITY LIMITS OF		15d. 18607 Brohl	
FATHER - NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME		FIRST MIDDLE LAST
16. Isham D. Davis					17. Ida Wilcox		
INFORMANT		MAILING ADDRESS		STREET OR R.F.D. NO.		CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP	
18a. (Signature) John D. Davis		18b. 39347 Carrie Dr.		Sterling Heights, MI		480	
19. IMMEDIATE CAUSE		(ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c).)		Interval between onset and death			
(a) Cardio respiratory Failure				1 hour			
(b) Congestive Heart Failure				1 month			
(c) Ischemic Heart Disease				5 years			
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in PART I		AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No)		WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER? (Specify Yes or No)			
Liver & Renal Insufficiencies		20. No		21. No			
PLACE OF DEATH (Home, Nursing Home, Hospital, Ambulance, etc.) (Specify)		IF HOSP. OR INST., indicate DOA, OP, Emer. Rm., Inpatient (Specify)		24a. <input type="checkbox"/> This case reviewed and determined not to be a medical examiner's case			
22a. Hospital		22b. Inpatient		24b. <input type="checkbox"/> On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated			
23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated		(Signature and Title)		DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)		HOUR OF DEATH	
23b. Nov. 3, 1983		23c. 12:50 A M		24b. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.)		24c. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour)	
NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print)		24d. ON		24e. AT		M	
23d. Luis Nino M.D. 27201 Ryan Warren, Michigan							
ACC. SUICIDE, HOM. NATURAL OR PENDING INVEST (Specify)		DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)		HOUR OF INJURY		DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
26a. Natural		26b.		26c.		26d.	
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)		PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)		LOCATION		STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP STATE	
26e.		26f.		26g.			
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify)		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME		LOCATION		CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP STATE	
27a. Burial		27b. Cadillac Gardens East		27c. Clinton Township, Mich.			
DATE (Mo., Day, Yr.)		NAME OF FACILITY		ADDRESS OF FACILITY			
27d. Nov. 4, 1983		28a. Fred H. Kaul Funeral Home		28b. 27830 Gratiot Roseville, MI			
FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE (Signature)		REGISTRAR (Signature)		DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.)			
28c. Fred H. Kaul		29a. Edward A. Thomas		28d. NOV 3 1983			

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF FACTS RECORDED ON THE RECORD OF THE PERSON NAMED HEREON, AS FILED AT THE DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

COLEMAN A. YOUNG, MAYOR
CITY OF DETROIT

NOV 3 1983
DATED

EDWARD A. THOMAS
REGISTRAR, VITAL RECORDS
DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1880
26
1854

1853
81
1872

1853
67
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1870
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1853

possibly buried in Hardin Co.

John H. Davis - Nancy Elizabeth Nelson
b. ca. 1856 b. ca. 1856

1880 - census - Hardin Co. - 1.

Isam Denver Davis b. 1879

M. Ida Florence Welcox
in Sonora Ky.
1902

find John H. Davis -
1880 - Sondey

Wm. Sidney Davis b. 1891 Ky.
Oct 14, 1903

1880 Sondey - John H. Davis Vol. 11 - Ed. 71

Sheet 17 - Line 32 -

E. Davis - 26 - Ky

M. E. 5 - Ky

W. T. 3 - Ky

Dist #6, Allison

I. D. 1 year old.

M. Stella Edith Smith
Nov 21, 1920

History of Eliz Farm & Hardin Co - (key Daniel McClure -
[1977] no clue)

1860
1850
58, 60 -

(1860)

(no luck) (1860)

A. T. Davis - 232 ✓

Allen - 047 ✓

Augustine - 48 ✓

Elizabeth - 045 ✓

Floyd - 39 ✓

* John - 44 ✓

* John K - 24 ✓

Oth. - 95 ✓

R. M. - 34 ✓

Robert - 93 ✓

William C. - 309 ✓

(1860 Hardin)
Allen Davis - 35 - Ky

Martha E. 28

John H. 3 years -

Ben L. 1 -

D/20

Hardin Co. Ky. Census Inquir - 4 volumes

1870 - Nelson Co. Census -

pg. 55 - Bardstown -

C. C. Davis - (44) - Wife Sarah E. (37)

James W. 19

John H. 17

Irene 14

Mary 13

Laullen 11

Della 9

Charles 7

Avery - 5

Matrina 4

Olevia 9/12

next door is a Welch -

Nettie Oliver
The Wilson Club,
Louisville, Ky. 40208
Dear Nettie

I thank you for information you
have sent me. It is very much
appreciated,

I have enclosed check for \$45.00 To
continue search. I have also
enclosed some material that we
found among my father & grandfather
things. Grandfather Isam Denver Davis
who is son of John & Nancy Elizabeth
Nelson Davis. This is description
of Property they owned & names of
their children I know now.
That Great Grandfather Davis died in
1886, at age of 36. Nancy Elizabeth Nelson
Davis, at age 85, (1939). Also know
her father name was Jerry Nelson,
I would like to find out ^{who} John & Davis
Parents were, I will send information

as I can. On a more Personal
 note, I know it is a lot of work.
 I do not know how this lawsuit
 ever turned out. Did not know
 any thing about it until my
 Brother found Papers, just felt
 it holds a lot of information.
 Thank you so much for your
 help. I really feel like I know you.

Sincerely
 E. Marie Cannon.

The Filson Club

Historical Society

ORGANIZED MAY 15, 1884, FOR COLLECTING, PRESERVING, AND PUBLISHING
HISTORICAL MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY THAT PERTAINING TO KENTUCKY

Mrs. E. Marie Cannon
1903 Decker Road
Lupton, MI 48635-9613

Dear Mrs Cannon:

After a lengthy search through what records we have at The Filson Club, I am not making any real progress on your Davis ancestors, and the parents of your John H. Davis remains a mystery.

I have examined the entire 1860 and 1870 census for Hardin Co. and do not find an appropriate Davis family that has a 6 or 16 year old son John H. in the household. I did find in the 1860 an Allen Davis 35 with wife Martha E., 28 with a 3 year old son, which looks like JaP H. It's very difficult to read.

In the 1870 census for Hardin Co., I find a A.T. Davis 55, with wife Verlinda 55, and children: Matilda 19, William 14 and Amanda 11. In this same household is a 100 year old woman named Linea Nelson. You had mentioned that the last name of Nancy Elizabeth was Nelson, so thought it was worth mentioning.

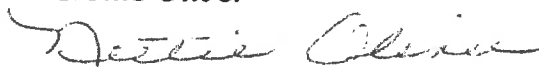
I have checked through what cemetery records we have for Hardin Co., and do not find a John H. or a Nancy Elizabeth Davis, but do find in The Vine Grove Cemetery, a Nannie E. Davis 1856-1921 and a J.M. Davis 1854-1934. Could this possibly be John H. and Nancy Elizabeth?

Can you tell me a specific year that these two may have died? We have here the Kentucky death records for 1911-1945. I have looked at our death index, but there are so many Davis deaths that I am not able to tell which certificate to look at.

Let me hear from you, and if you can supply any new clues, I'll be glad to take another look.

Sincerely,

Nettie Oliver



June 25, 1996

The Filson Club.

Nettie Oliver;

Dear Ms. Oliver

Thank you so much for answering my letter inquiring about some research, I am trying to find out about the Davis family. I am sending you information that I have at this time & will send you more as I can. I only wish now I had to talk to my Dad more.

My Great Grandfather name was John H. Davis. He married a Nancy Elizabeth Nelson. On the 1880 Census in Hardin County Kentucky 10th Census.

Roll 417 Page 84, it shows them with 3 children. I show Denver Davis who was 1 year old at time, is my Grandfather. He was born March 14, 1879. I believe his parents John & Nancy were 26 at that time. They were farmers. My Grandfather told me they come out of Virginia.

My Grandfather Isiah D. Davis married
 I da Florence Wilcox in Sonora, Ky,
 January 15, 1902. They had 4 children
 that I know of. My Dad, Wm. Sidney Davis
 was their oldest & he was born in
 Reyer, Kentucky Oct. 14, 1903.

My Father Wm S. Davis married my Mother
 Stella Edith Smith Nov. 21, 1920. & I being
 the eldest was born in Lunsford, Ark.
 Nov. 11, 1921. (I have enclosed ^{copy} my Birth
 Certificate.)

I know my Great Grandparents are
 buried some where in Hardin County
 (that would be John H & Nancy Elizabeth)
 I do not know where. I am trying
 to find out who my Great Great Grandparents
 were. That would be John & Nancy's Parents.
 I know that my Grandfather Isiah D. Davis
 & Grandmother I da Florence along with
 a 16 yr. old son are buried in Wolf Creek
 Cemetery, in Eldorado, Illinois.
 I'm sure they lived in Arkansas

a little while & then lived in
Eldorado, Ill.

I remember my father saying that

Jefferson Davis was a cousin.
My Grandfather & an Uncle have a resemblance,
I do not know this to be true.

If I can be of any help answering
questions I will do my best.

If you will send me the Papers
& fee for joining Telson Club I will
join & become a member. My Dad
talked a lot about Louisville Ky &
Elizabeth Town Ky.

I have enclosed a check for \$40.00.

Please let me know what to send.
I would love to be there to go thru
things. I was there on June 3rd & was
very impressed. My Phone No. is
517-473-3323.

Respectfully
E. Marie Conroe

U- In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Generation Dist. No. 71

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living June 1, 1890, will be **OMITTED**. Members of Families who ha

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Big Spring Dist., in the Co. of Big Horn,
enumerated by me on the 14th

House Number		The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.		Personal Description.		Civil Condition.	Occupation.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give month in fraction; there- after, years.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced, D. Married during Census year,	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.
105106		Turpin R. M.	W M 51				1	Farmer
		Turpin A. H.	W F 41	Wife			1	Horse Keeper
		Hynes V. G.	W F 19	Son-in-law				At Home
106107		Villwhite J. D.	W M 51				1	Horseman
		Villwhite E. C.	W F 47	wil.			1	Horse Keeper

1	Housekeeper	1	1	By	By
1	Farmlaborer	1	1	"	Gen
lt 1	At Home	1	1	"	"
	" "			"	"
1	Farmer			Ind	Ch. B.
1	Housekeeper			By	By
lt 1	At Home	1	1	"	Ind
	" "	1	1	"	"
				"	"
				"	"
1			1	By	By
1	Farmer	1	1	Stally	Stal
1	Housekeeper		1	By	By
				"	Stal
				"	Stal
	Farmer			"	By
	Housekeeper			"	"
				"	"
1	Farmer	1	1	"	"
1	Housekeeper	1	1	"	Stal
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1	Farmer			"	"
1	Housekeeper			"	"
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lt	Farmer			"	"
				"	"
lt 1	Farmer			"	"
1	Farmer			"	"
1	Housekeeper			"	"


Presented
To

Mrs Nancy Elizabeth Davis.
By

Mr & Mrs J. W. Davis.



WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY



That Mr. Isham Denver Davis
and Miss Ida Florence Wilcox

WERE UNITED BY ME IN THE BONDS OF

HOLY MATRIMONY

At Lonora Ky on the 15th day of
January in the year of our Lord 1902.

in Presence of _____

Signed _____

THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER, AND
SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.
GEN II 24

MARRIAGES



Mr. H. S. Davis 1920

Miss Elith Smith 1920

Mr. Joe Davis 1935

Miss Gene Maraga 1935

Mr. Glen Skelton 1935

Miss Oella Davis 1935

	Hynes N. G.	W F 19	S. Ireland		At Home
126/16	Willhite J. D.	W M 51		1	Housekeeper
	Willhite E. C.	W F 47	Wife	1	Housekeeper
	Willhite J. F.	W M 14	Son	1	Farm labor
	Willhite A. A.	W M 11	Daughter	1	At Home
	Willhite E. A.	W F 8	"		"
	Willhite M. G.	W F 4	"		"
126/15	Griffith Louis	W M 34		1	Farm labor
	Griffith M. G.	W F 31	Wife	1	Housekeeper
	Griffith M. A.	W F 10	Daughter	1	At Home
	Griffith A. B.	W F 9	"		"
	Griffith E. C.	W F 6	"		"
	Griffith J. R.	W F 4	"		"
	Griffith M. B.	W F 1	"		"
	Collard Thomas	W F 22	Hired	1	
	Collard G. J.	W M 4			
128/13	George Ford	W M 24		1	Farm labor
	George M. G.	W F 24	Wife	1	Housekeeper
	George Jos. J.	W M 5	Son		
	George J. P.	W M 3	"		
	George J. S.	W M 1	"		
128/10	Millburn Ben	W M 26			Farm labor
	Millburn H.	W F 28	Wife		Housekeeper
	Millburn O. A.	W M 3	Son		
	Millburn Geo.	W M 12	"		
128/11	Davis John H.	W M 26		1	Farm labor
	Davis E.	W F 26	Wife	1	Housekeeper
	Davis M. G.	W F 5	Daughter		
	Davis W. J.	W M 3	Son		
	Dallin J. D.	W M 1	Son		
128/12	Best John C.	W M 31		1	Farm labor
	Best M. G.	W F 24	Wife	1	Housekeeper
	Best M. L.	W F 8	Daughter		
	Best M. L.	W F 1	"		
	Best Grace	W M 4	Brother		Farm labor
	Best Valentine	W M 21	"		"
	Best W. J.	W F 20	Wife	1	Farm labor

Isham D. Davis, Former Resident, Dies in Michigan

Isham D. Davis, 88, of Roseville, Mich., and former resident of this city passed away Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in Clinton Valley Hospital in Roseville.

Son of the late John and Nancy (Nelson) Davis, he was born in Hardin County, Kentucky March 14, 1879. He was a retired carpenter by trade and a member of the Stevensburg Masonic Lodge No. 212 in Cecelia, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, ~~John~~. He is survived by two sons, Joseph Davis of St. Louis, Mo., and William Davis of Roseville, Mich., with whom he made his home. A daughter, Mrs. Odel Rogers resides in Los Angeles, Calif. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A short funeral service was held at the Kaul Funeral Home in Roseville, Sunday night with the Masonic ritual being performed.

The body has been returned to Eldorado by the Bean Funeral Home and is lying in state there where friends may call.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. from the chapel of the funeral home. Rev. Loy Moore will officiate and burial will be in Wolf Creek Cemetery.

IN MEMORY OF

Isham D. Davis

DATE OF BIRTH

March 14, 1879

DATE OF DEATH

April 22, 1967

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Roseville Lodge No. 522 F. & A. M.

Sunday, April 23, 1967

at 8:00 P. M.

Kaul Funeral Home

Roseville, Michigan

PLACE OF INTERMENT

Wolf Creek Cemetery

Eldorado, Illinois

MEMBER OF

Stephensburg Lodge #212 F. & A. M.

Cecilio, Kentucky

Mrs. Ida Davis Dies at Home

Mrs. Ida Florence Davis, 51, died at her home yesterday from a lingering illness. She had been suffering from paralysis for months and had been in a critical condition for the past few weeks.

She is survived by the husband, I. D. Davis, two sons, Joe of St. Louis, and W. S. of Detroit, and one daughter, Odell of this city.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the First Methodist church, conducted by Dr. I. S. McKown. Interment was made at the Wolf Creek cemetery.

10th Census
1880

MARIE

Name of Person whose name is first in family			Relationship to head of family	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of male person, male	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during census year	Married during 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Salvation Army Will Unveil Susan Speed Davis Memorial



SUSAN SPEED DAVIS
As She Was

The Salvation Army will unveil a memorial to Susan Speed Davis, a popular singer and actress, on Monday, June 1, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial, which is a bronze statue of Davis, will be unveiled at 11 a.m. and will be the first of a series of memorials to be unveiled by the Salvation Army in the coming months.

Davis, who was born in 1927 in Los Angeles, was a member of the famous "Speed Davis Trio" and was known for her hit song "The Way You Look Tonight." She was also a member of the "Speed Davis Quartet" and was known for her work in the film industry.

The memorial to Davis is the first of a series of memorials to be unveiled by the Salvation Army in the coming months. The next memorial to be unveiled is that of the late actor James Dean, which will be unveiled on June 15. The final memorial to be unveiled is that of the late actor John F. Kennedy, which will be unveiled on June 25.

The memorials are being unveiled by the Salvation Army as a way of honoring the lives of these famous people and as a way of reminding people of the importance of their lives. The memorials are also being unveiled as a way of reminding people of the importance of the Salvation Army's work in the world.

The memorial to Davis is a bronze statue of Davis, standing in a pose that is reminiscent of her famous song "The Way You Look Tonight." The statue is 10 feet high and is made of bronze. It will be unveiled at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Monday, June 1, at 11 a.m.

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1000 S. Main Street
Portland, Oregon 97201
503-228-1111

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am writing to you

regarding the information in the news release that was sent out by the Oregon
Department of Transportation at the bottom of the letter. In your
letter, you stated that there is still a need for the construction of
a new bridge over the Willamette River. I am writing to you to let you know
that we are still interested in the project. We are still interested in the
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Sincerely,

John [redacted]

We are still interested in the project and we are still interested in the project.
We are still interested in the project and we are still interested in the project.

Roy B Davis
634 Robertson Road S.
Murray, KY 42071
270-753-9279

Publicity & Commissions

Since 1992 I have been working in wood and mixed media to create full-sized coffins, cremation urns and reliquaries. I have also produced a series of seven sculptures in the form of half-sized coffins commemorating ancestors and family members who have passed on – sometimes under rather dramatic circumstances. My inspiration came from my late sister with whom I spent many hours talking about the lives and deaths of our paternal grandparents whose dramatic deaths long before we were born left indelible marks on our lives.

Since 1992, I have built scores of custom coffins, crematory urns, and reliquaries for people and pets throughout the United States.

January, 2016

Designed and built matching urns for Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith. Mr. Smith is a noted and well-loved journalist and television newsman/publisher and hosted the highly regarded tv news show "Comment on Kentucky" on KET for more than 30 years. He is also a noted supporter of the arts and social issues.

February, 2007

CBS News feature

"Planning Your Own Funeral"

Features Rick Lynn, licensed riverboat pilot who owns Steamboat Coffin built by Roy Davis

June – November, 2006

Invitational Exhibition

"Life InSight: The Human Experience

Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft

Louisville, KY

Two cremation urns, one reliquary

Summer, 2006

TV feature

Kentucky Farm Bureau's Bluegrass and Backroads

Episode 305: "Salsa Sisters," "Miniature Donkeys," "Custom Coffin Maker"

(This episode played on RFDTV cable channel many times throughout the United States in 2005 and 2006)

October, 2006

Feature Article, Kentucky Living Magazine

"Coffins with a Smile"

December, 2006

Feature article, Murray (KY) Ledger-times

"Oh, Christmas Tree!?: New twists on traditional tree"

June 25, 2004

TV Feature, E!Online

"You're Gonna Dig This Cool Casket Commentary – Episode 3: Scream Play Coffin Swim"

October 19, 2004

News Article, Louisville Courier-Journal

"What A Way To Go: Some people forsake traditional funerals to make a personal, final statement"

January 26, 2003

Feature article, Louisville Courier-Journal

"When it comes to Kentucky's past, expect the unexpected: Deadly Business – Bert & Bud's Vintage Coffins (Murray)"

September/October, 2003

Feature Article, The Spirit of the Trace Guide

"Thinking INside the Box: A Murray artist celebrates life with his custom made burial coffins"

July, 2002

Feature Article, Maxim Magazine

"Circus Maximus"

Beer bottle-shaped coffin commissioned by Maxim and awarded as prize in nationwide contest.

July, 2002

News article, The Paducah (KY) Sun

"Custom Coffins: The craftsmanship of Murray's Roy "Bud" Davis is featured in a national magazine ... but don't call what he does a retirement business."

October 28, 2002

News Article, Entrepreneur.com

"Expanding Your Target Market: Your first, obvious target market doesn't have to be your only target market. Follow the example of this creative entrepreneur, and look outside the box."

Jan, 2001

News article, The Mayfield (KY) Messenger

"Grief, art mix at Ice House"

January-February, 2001

Solo Exhibition

"Come at Once, Fannie is Dead"

Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild, Mayfield, KY

Exhibition of eight commemorative coffins.

Feb, 2001

News Article, The Hickman (KY) Courier

"Rest in both peace and style"

April 3, 2001

"The Misdiagnosis of Death"

Commissioned to build and demonstrate a coffin with a replica of a patented periscope device to ensure the coffin's occupant wasn't buried alive.

May-July, 2001

Group Exhibition "Kentucky Woodworkers"

Kentucky Art & Craft Foundation Gallery

Louisville, KY

Steamboat coffin

June 24, 2001

Art review, Louisville Courier-Journal

"Design dominates Art and Craft Gallery's two shows"

Steamboat coffin

October, 2001

Solo Exhibition

"Come at Once, Fannie is Dead"

Gallery on the Square

Danville, KY

April/May, 2000

Group exhibition

"Art Faculty Exhibition"

Murray State University

Steamboat coffin

May 7, 2000

News article, Louisville Courier-Journal (and several Gannett papers nationwide)

"Grand Finales: Murray...coffins find customers coast to coast"

June, 2000

News article, USA Today

"Custom coffins find customers coast to coast"

July 16, 2000

News article, The News-Press, Ft. Meyers, FL

"Coffins get made to order"

July, 2000

News Article, Fox News OnLine

News Article, ABC News Online

January, 1998

News Article, The Hickman (KY) Courier

"Man makes decorative coffins"

August 20, 1998

News Article, Murray (KY) Ledger-Times

"Davis to display coffins at Yeiser Art Center"

August-October, 1998

Solo Exhibition

"Come at Once, Fannie is Dead," Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY

Eight commemorative coffin sculptures

Sep 1, 1997

Article, Louisville Courier-Journal

"Louisvillian takes honors for...business card." Vintage Coffins business card wins award in syndicated columnist Jane Applegate's national "1997 Best and Worst Business Card contest.

February, 1997

Group Exhibition

"Baseballs: An Inspiration for Art," Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

Sculpture, "Dead Ball Rules"

Fall, 1996

Group Exhibition, Studio 121, Murray, KY.

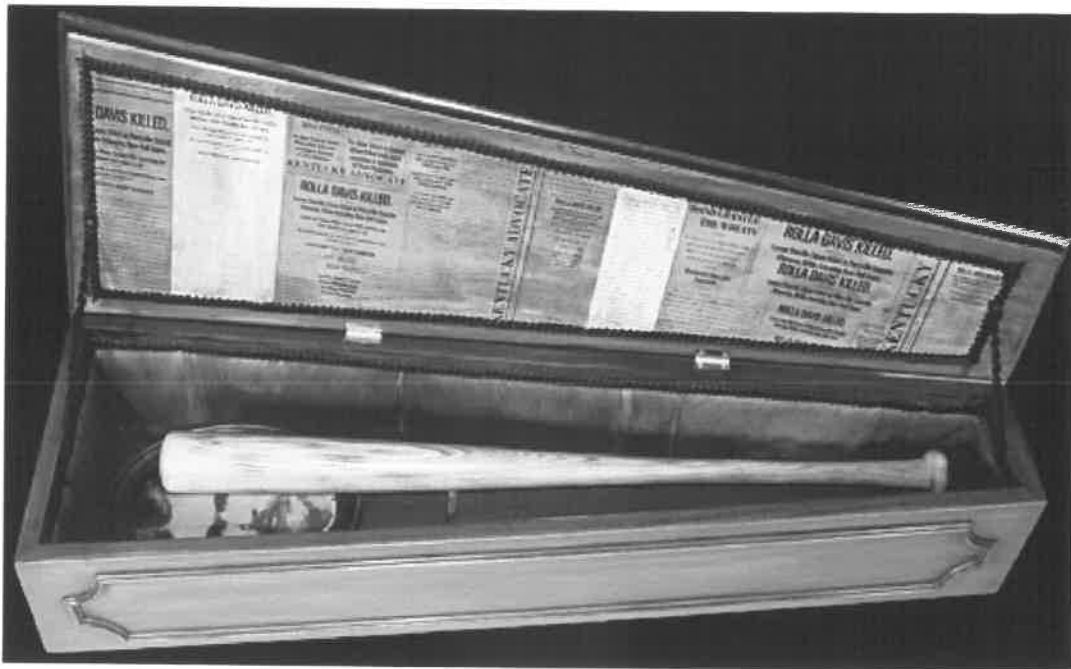
Prior to 1996

Previous work has been exhibited at the Clara M. Eagle Gallery at Murray State University; the Lexington Art League; Two Street Studio, Paducah; Singletary Center for the Arts, Lexington; as well as museums and galleries in Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey, New York and New Zealand.

I come from a long line of Kentucky people who made a living working with their hands. My Uncle Claude Schroeder was a master carpenter. He taught me how to grip a handsaw and point my index finger toward the tip of the blade. "It helps you keep your line straight," he said. His brother, Uncle John Schroeder, was a master cabinetmaker who taught almost 40 years at DuPont Manual High School in Louisville. Their father, Henry Schroeder, worked at a factory but caned chair seats in his spare time. My great-grandfather, Clinton Helm, was the blacksmith in Junction City, Ky. His son-in-law Billy Dinwiddie, who raised my orphaned father, was the undertaker in Junction City (that's working with your hands, too.) My father never made his living with his hands, but later in life took up woodworking as a hobby. I still use some of my father's tools. My grandmother Alice Schroeder and great-aunt Effie Davis were quilters. And my mother was an accomplished seamstress who also baked and decorated exquisite wedding and birthday cakes and learned upholstery from her brother, John. My sister Alice Jane Davis followed in her footsteps. Except for wedding cakes and undertaking, I use all these skills – woodworking, upholstering, even sewing – and feel the presences of all the Helms, Davises and Schroeders who knew how to make things. I am proud to be carrying on quite a family tradition, as well as helping to revive the age-old tradition of coffin building.

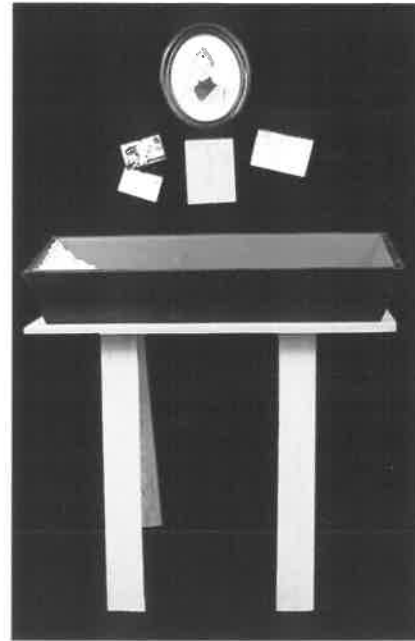
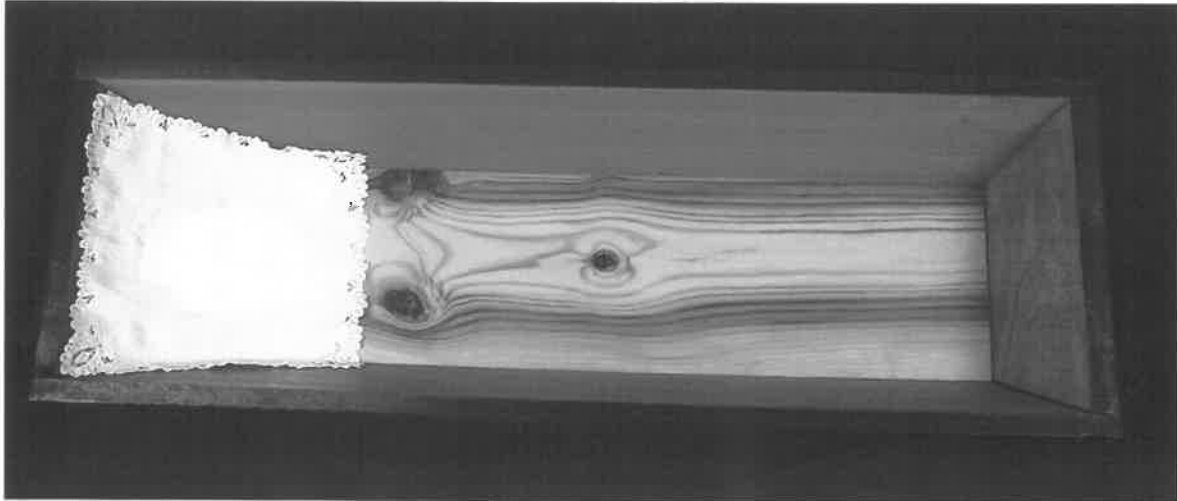
After living in Ohio and New Jersey for more than thirty years, I returned to my home state of Kentucky in 1987, took up working with wood in 1992, and began building coffins in 1994. A lot of people thought I was nuts and, at times, I thought they just might be right. But here I am now, Kentucky's only full-time custom coffin maker. I find that very rewarding. I also get tremendous satisfaction from watching my skills improve and learning something new with each coffin and urn I finish.

**Rolla L. Davis
(1865-1908)**



Rollie Davis was born in Boyle County, Kentucky near Perryville. In 1892 he married Fannie Helm, had 3 older sons and a daughter who died in infancy and lived briefly in Louisville where my father was born in 1904. Rollie was a hard drinker and an abusive husband and father. The family returned to Danville where Rollie's drinking and abusiveness led Fannie to divorce him in early 1908. Rollie was banned from Danville to his hometown of Perryville. On July 4, 1908 he was murdered at a baseball game in Perryville where Samuel and Thomas Wheat beat him with baseball bats after Rollie had tried to stop Samuel from behaving lewdly in front of the ladies at the game.

Fannie Helm Davis Miller
(1872-1909)



Fannie married my grandfather Rollie Davis in 1892. After years of abuse, she divorced him in 1908 and quickly married Edgar Miller who took her and my father to live in Cincinnati. Miller was also abusive. Moreover, her family in Junction City, Kentucky, were less than sympathetic. In 1909 Fannie took her own life by soaking a handkerchief in chloroform and placing it over face. She was buried in a pauper's grave in Cincinnati. My father was taken and raised by her sister Jenny in Junction City.

The sculpture consists of:

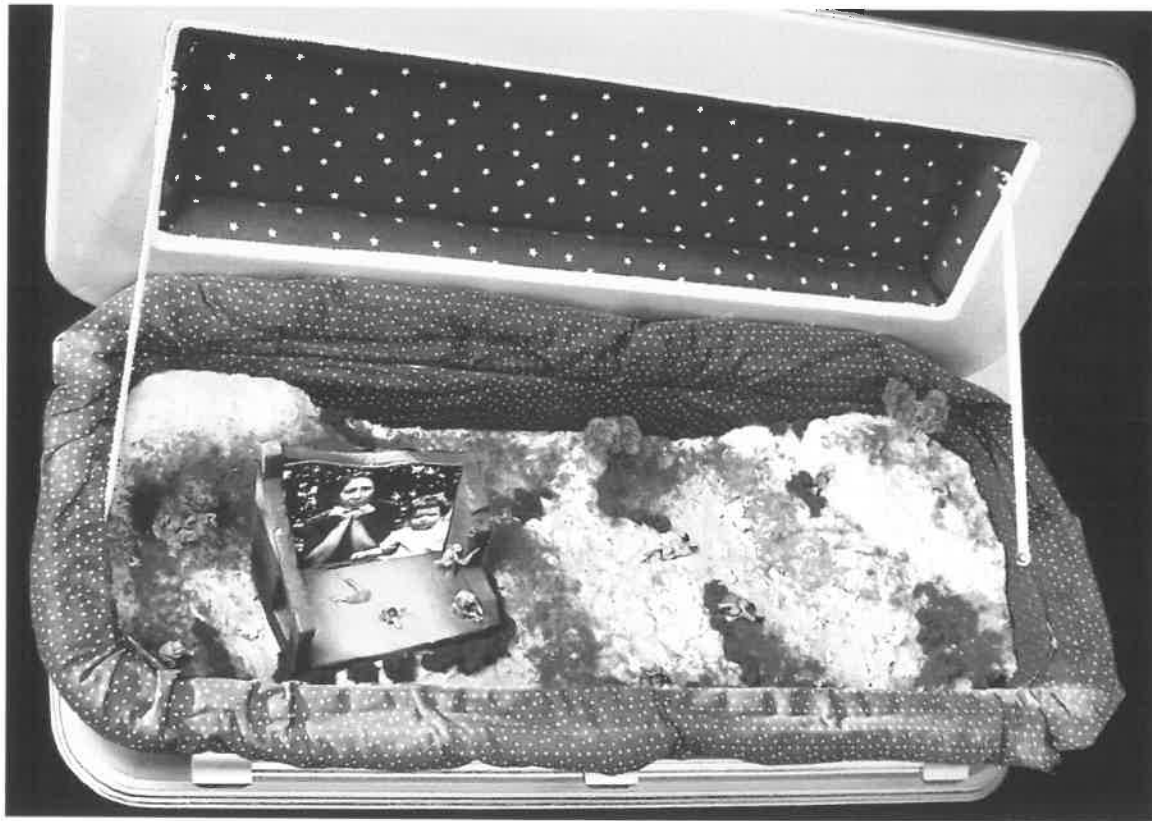
- A breadbox style coffin 7"x40"x14"

- a lace handkerchief with an image of Fannie's face

- a coffin stand 31.5"x40"x13"

- other memorabilia including a portrait of young Fannie, a news article about her death, a telegram from Miller to her family saying, "Come at Once, Fannie is dead," and poignant postcards from Fanny to Jenny.

Sgt. Charles John Riggle
(1923 - 1944)



Johnny Riggle was my mother's nephew, Aunt Mary's boy, one of four sons to serve in the Army in World War II and one of two who landed at Normandy. He survived that only to be killed by a sniper in Luxembourg the following October. He looked out the window of an abandoned house and was shot. His death affected the whole extended family, especially his mother and my mother who had been especially close to him. Aunt Mary's note to my mother describes a dream she had after learning of his death. In it, he has come home but has been "cut in two below his arms." Just as he began to speak, Aunt Mary woke up.

Opened Coffin and Stand - 56"x39"x19"

48 Star Casket Flag - 112"x56"

The coffin contains a simulated battle scene with American soldiers defending a house surrounded by German troops. The interior back wall of the house is covered by a picture of Johnny's mother and his younger sister. On the floor lies a soldier cut in two, just as in the dream. On a stand in front of the coffin is a photograph of Johnny and a copy of the handwritten note from his mother.