

Ray family 330 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.
July 6, 1940

Mrs. Lottie J. Kinbead
Creston
The Filson Club
Louisville, Ky.

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My dear Mrs. Kinbead:

Your reply to my letter is appreciated. I shall try writing Mrs. Charles T. Ray on the chance she may know something about my line of Rays.

It is an unexpected opportunity to have you write as you did about checking my Ray line. I am enclosing a statement that I prepared recently which gives about all we know about our Ray family. As you will see there are conflicting statements about ^{the} home prior to North Carolina and also regarding his mines, that is the mines of "Gen. James Ray.

much of the information comes from
a bunch of old letters recently
found among the possessions of an
old aunt of mine. I hoped
that the Historical Society might
find the information of sufficient
interest to justify publishing. In
this way I hoped to hear from other
members of the family in Kentucky
and elsewhere who might add to
my knowledge of the Rays. When
you write please let me know the
name of the editor of your magazine
so that I can submit the material
to him after it has been rewritten
and shortened somewhat.

To return to your kind offer,
I realize that you have my requests
on your time and are frequently
imposed upon, so please do not go
to any trouble but after taking
a look at ~~this~~ paper if you have
any suggestions to offer relative to

tracing the Rays back before their
departure from North Carolina or
as to who James Ray's wives were
I would appreciate I would
be pleased to have the benefit of
your ideas. Perhaps this material
may suggest the name of some one
in Kentucky who might know more
about this line of Rays.

I have just heard from a genealo-
gist in North Carolina who has been
doing some searching for me. She
has been able to find no clues.

My brother and I found Mr.
Thurston to be a very charming
and interesting gentleman. My re-
gret is that I did not make his
acquaintance years ago.

Yours very truly,
James A. Lee

"General" James Ray was born about 1761. As well as his grand children knew he came from England, Ireland, or Scotland. His grand daughter, Jane Keller Yarbrough (letter to Mrs. Lucinda Lee, Oct. 4 ---) stated that she thought he was born in Scotland, and he and his brother and step-father came first to Virginia and from there went to Kentucky. However, Miss. Cora M. Ray (letter to James A. Lee, July 1, 1939) stated that there is a tradition in her family that before the Revolution her ^{great} grandfather, Nicholas Ray of Maryland, went to Kentucky to visit his cousin James Ray at Harrodsburg Fort. Further, she stated that she has been told that James Ray's father went from Maryland to what is now North Carolina and died there leaving a wife and several children. Her own Ray ancestors were from Manchester, Eng. They settled in Maryland before moving to Kentucky.

As a boy James Ray was the playmate of Daniel Boone's eldest son, who was living in the Washington District, near Holeman's Ford, eight miles from Wilksboro, on the Yadkin River in the extreme northwest part of North Carolina (Mann Butler's Hist. of Ky.). He, his younger brother, William, their mother and step-father, Hugh McGary, and several other families assembled in ^P ~~P~~owell's Valley at the head of the Holston River, joined Boone's party and traveled together through the Wilderness.

When McGary's party had arrived at the head of Dick's River, Boone, with 21 men went to Boonesborough and left his previous associates to find their way as well as they could by his directions through the pathless forest to Harrodstown.

The families with McGary, having gotten bewildered, left the horses and cattle with James Ray, John Denton and John Hays, all boys, opposite the mouth of Gilbert's Creek, on the east side of Dick's River, while they attempted the route by themselves. McGary finding no passage for the families at the mouth of Dick's River, on account of lofty precipitous cliffs, went by himself to explore the way; by accident he (fell on) the road between

Harrodsburg and Harrods Station, and taking the eastern end, it brought him to the latter place, where he got Josiah Harlan to pilot the Families, as well as the three boys, into Harrodstown. Thus was formed the first domestic circle of Harrodsburg by Mrs. Denton, Mrs. McGary and Mrs. Hogan, with their families. They were the first white women on the Salt River. The young woodsmen were not, however, relieved until three weeks had elapsed (Humphrey Marshall, Hist. of Ky., vol.1, p. 48. and T. S. Arthur, Hist. of Ky., p. 40).

The party reached Harrodsburg on Sept. 8, 1775 (Collins Hist. of Ky.).

William Ray was killed Mar. 6, 1777 by Indians. How James Ray escaped and out ran the Indians to the Fort and gave the alarm, and his and McGary's numerous adventures with the Indians are told in Willard Rouse Jillson's Tales of the Dark and Bloody Ground; Collin's Hist. of Ky.; T. S. Arthur and W. H. Carpenter, Hist. of Ky. from its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time; and other histories of Kentucky. Mann Butler's Hist. of Ky. p. 37 narrates how James Ray introduced George Rogers Clark to Harrodsburg.

Records of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, show that one James Ray served in the Revolutionary War as a private and sergeant in Capt. Archibald Anderson's company, 2nd Maryland Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Thomas Woolford and Col. Thomas Price, successively. He is shown to have enlisted Mar. 4, 1777, to serve three years, and his name last appears on a company muster roll for Sept. 1779, with the remarks, 'On command' (on detached service). The records also show that one James Ray served in the War of 1812 as a captain in the 5th Regiment Kentucky Mounted Volunteers Militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Samuel South. He is shown to have entered service Sept. 19, 1812, and to have served 12 days. The Maryland Archives (vol. 18, p. 156) state that James Ray enlisted Mar. 4, 1777 and was discharged June 10, 1780 from the 2nd Regiment of Md. troops in Continental service.

The Bureau of Pensions, Dept. of Interior, has James Ray enlisting in Va. in March 1777 and serving for over two years as a private under Col. John Bowman, serving as a lieutenant from August 1780 to September 1782 under Capt.

Gatloff and as a captain from Sept. 1782 for three months under Col. Ben Logan.

He was allowed a pension on this service record on July 7, 1832 at the age of 71 years. At the time he was living in Mercer County, Ky. He died May 9, 1835, leaving the following surviving children: William, Jesse, Polly, Duncan, John, Catherine Keller, Jane Wilson, Martha (Patsy) Alfred, Jefferson, Harvey, Lucinda Frost.

This record does not mention his son James for he had been disinherited for running away and joining General Jackson at New Orleans.

James Ray was a member of the House of Representatives from Mercer County in 1801, '02, '03, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '14, '15, '18 (Collins Hist. of Ky.).

In Mercer County, there was no man of his day who excelled Capt. James Ray in his activity, bravery and efficiency, as a pioneer commander and Indian fighter (Collin's Hist. of Ky.).

James Ray settled at Madisonville, near Shawnee Springs. He was twice married (letter of S. K. Yarbrough, July 24, 1896). His first wife being a Shelby it is said. However, John T. Ray (letter to Dr. James O. Ray, June 5, 1899) states that James Ray was twice married, first to a Yancom. While Kentucky Pioneers and Court Records (by Mrs. H. K. Mc Adams, 1929, P. 118) is authority for James Ray married Millie Yocum, July 5, 178²~~1~~ in Lincoln County.

On Feb. 7, 1787 he married Elizabeth Talbott (marriage records of Mercer County, and letter of John T. Ray of June 5, 1899).

It has been said that James, John and Lucinda were children by his first wife, but John T. Ray (letter of June 5, 1899) states that the only children by his first wife were James and William. And Mrs. Jane W. Yarbrough, a granddaughter (letter of S. K. Yarbrough, July 24, 1896), states that Jesse and William were by his first wife and others were children by his second wife.

The children of James Ray were: James, William, Jesse, John, Martha, Jane, Lucinda, Polly, Catherine, Harvey T., Islem, Betsy and Jefferson (the youngest child).

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Islem Ray was killed by lightning at an early age.

Betsy Ray died at the age of 15 or 16 years.

Harvey T. Ray married Elizabeth A. W. Cozine Sept. 21, 1830 (Ky. Pioneers & Court Records by Mrs. H. K. McAdams). They had no children. He died in Missouri.

Polly Ray married Martin Duncan Sept. 16, 1806. (Ky. Pioneers & Court Records by Mrs. H. K. McAdams). There were nine children, survived only by one, Madden Duncan of Harrodsburg.

Jesse Ray, another older son of James Ray is mentioned in letter of John dated July 28, 1815. He, Jesse, had just come through the wilderness with his wife late in the season. She was hurt during the trip, but had completely recovered. Jesse had worked hard and was making a good crop.

Jane Ray, one of the daughters of James Ray (died 1849), married a Mr. Wilson (letter of Dr. G. C. Alford, Dec. 11, 1857). We have mention of one child of hers, a daughter who married a man named Daniel P----- against the will of her relatives, who then had nothing more to do with her. She then lived in the Green River country and corresponded with Dr. Alford. They had two children, a boy and a girl.

According to letter of S. K. Yarbrough, July 1896, Jane had two children, both were dead in that year.

William Ray according to John F. Ray (his letter to W. H. Ray, Apr. 3, 1902) left Kentucky and went to Louisiana and was shortly, about 1800, followed by his brother James. William shot and killed Lebanon Dean in Mercer County, Ky. The old elm tree was standing in 1902 in the woods where he killed Dean. The man who owned the land in 1902 would not let the tree be cut down, and as the Deans were such bad characters the Ray family induced William to leave Kentucky for fear of further trouble. However, John Ray wrote to James Ray who had gone to Louisiana perhaps a year before as the Jesse Ray was with him in Louisiana (letter of Dec. 24, 1813).

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Jefferson Ray, the youngest child of James Ray, was born in 1802 (John T. Ray to Dr. W. H. Ray, Apr. 3, 1902). He married a Miss. Robinson. Six or seven children survived only by Mary (Mrs. J. P.) Steele of Harrodsburg who was alive in 1899 (letter of S. K. Yarbrough, July 1896). But according to John T. Ray, son of Jefferson (letter of June 5, 1899 to Dr. James O. Ray) his father had eight children, four were living in 1899. The only other son died in St. Louis in 1897. Jefferson, himself, died in 1868. It was he who brought the suit against Mr. Alford.

Catherine Ray (Kitty) married Sam Keller. She died Aug. 29, 1879 at Mc Afee, Ky. Their daughter Sarah married Frank Leathers. A daughter by this marriage, Kate Ray Leathers, married James Sorrell, ~~who lived at Harrodsburg~~. They had a son Melville ^r ~~Cater~~ Sorrell who lived at ^{Harrodsburg} ~~the same place~~ (Lexington Herald, June 8, 1924).

Jane W. Yarbrough was the only child of six to survive her mother, Catherine Keller. She had a son, Samuel K. Yarbrough (his Letter of July 24, 1896), who in 1896 had a wife and two girls ages four and two respectively.

John Ray, son of the first James Ray, was educated for the practice of physics (medicine). In 1815, he wrote to his younger brother James at Opelousas La., that he had just come out to Harrodsburg on April 1 with a supply of drugs and begun the practice of his profession. He states that there are too many of his profession to allow him to make much. He married Sarah Huckly of Lexington, Ky., about Sept. 12, 1815.

In 1839 (letter of Apr. 30, 1839) he wrote that his eldest son was accidentally killed at about five years of age(He was born in 1817). He lost three daughters in one fall with inflammation of the brain. Frances was the oldest (16 yeas of age) well advanced in her education, Elizabeth was about 13 years old, and Sarah about ten years old. At that time he had four children, that is John about nine years old, James about seven, Sarah Elizabeth about five and Charles nearly three years old.

John Ray lost eleven children, none living in 1858. He married a second time, and died in 1873. His only heir was a grand daughter.

Martha (Patsy) Ray married Dr. G. C. Alford (his letter Dec. 11, 1857). They had several children, two dying a few years prior to 1857. They lived at Duncansville, owning a farm and negroes. Dr. Alford in 1857 wrote concerning a trip or visit he expected to make down to Louisiana to see Mrs. Lucinda Lee and James Ray, her brother, in the next spring. On Sept. 30, 1858 Mrs. Lee gave a power of attorney to John B. Frost of Madisonville, Ky. He was to represent her in a suit instituted in the circuit court of Mercer County, entitled "Heirs of Gen. James Ray vs. G. C. Alford". Martha died without children in August 1857.

Lucinda Ray, said to be a full sister of James Ray, Jr., and a child by the first wife, Shelby, married Oct. 30, 1827, Dr. John B. Frost, an attorney of Harrodsburg. It was in his name and favor that Mrs. Lucinda Lee afterwards made and gave a power of attorney to act for her in a suit of the 'Heirs of Gen. James Ray vs. G. C. Alford' (in the year 1858). He died at Bremen, Ky., Nov. 10, 1872.

Their eldest child, Sarah Rebecca Frost was born about 1829. She married in 1844 to Matthew S. Lyon. In 1858 they lived at Madisonville, Ky., and had five living children (had lost two). In 1868, they lived at Evansville, Ind., and had seven or eight living children.

The second daughter of Lucinda and John Frost was named Frances Juliet Frost. She was married about 1853 to Thompson A. Lyon, half brother of Matthew S. Lyon. In 1858, they had lost an infant and had one child living. They too resided at that time in Madisonville. The two men (Lyons) were partners in the tobacco and dry goods business. In 1868, they had four children and lived at Louisville. He was with Equitable Life Assurance Co.

The third child, a son, John Henry Frost, ~~born April 1939, married Sallie J. Milling of Indiana, Mar. 21, 1866. In 1868, he had three sons, John H. Frost, J.~~

born April 1839, married Sallie J. Milling of Indiana, Mar. 21, 1866. In 1868, he had three sons, John H. Frost, Jr., born Dec. 29, 1866, and Eddy, born May 1867, and another boy. John H. Frost was a farmer living on a farm about ten miles from Madisonville.

Their youngest child, Mary Elizabeth Frost, born about 1840, married Charley Nau who was clerk of Webster County Circuit Court in 1868. They had three children at that time and expected a fourth soon.

John B. Frost married a second time. His second wife was a Miss. Nicky (sister of Dr. Ray's wife). They had one child which died at eight months and during the War his wife died^{d.}. He then quit Madisonville and went to the farm giving his residence and contents to Mary Elizabeth.

When John came home from the army and married, he left the farm to him and married a third time, the widow of Spurrer of Muhlingburg County. They had one child, ^aJohnnah, born Jan. 8, 1867.

James Ray it has been said was born between 1795 and 1798, however, John T. Ray (letter of June 5, 1899) has stated that James was a son of the first wife, ----- Yocum, which would put his birth prior to 1787.

Record of the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department show that one James Ray served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Charles Harvey's Company, 10th (Barbour's) Regiment of Ky. Mounted Militia, from Aug. 20 to Nov. 12, 1813, and to have been paid for two months and 24 days service.

He ran away from home when a young man of from 16 to 18 to go with General Jackson at New Orleans. He is said to have swam the river at midnight to get away. He fought at the battle of New Orleans under Jackson. After that battle (Jan. 8, 1815) he drifted up to Opelousas in St. Landry Parish, knowing that he incurred his father's anger by leaving home. There he got into the services of Judge George King, the then congressman from that district. He served Judge King as private secretary and notary from 1816 to 1829. Finally due to business disagreements with the Judge he left his service. While in the service of the

Judge's niece, Miss. Amelia Matilda Humphreys (born in Baltimore in 1800). They were married and lived in Opelousas for a few years then moved into the country about three miles from Opelousas. They had three children, James Ray born on Jan. 6, 1825, Elizabeth, supposedly Elizabeth, born (we think) in 1826, and Lucinda born June 27, 1827.

James Ray (the father) seems to have kept in some sort of communication with his family in Kentucky. In the year James Ray received a commission as registrar of the land office at Opelousas through General Jackson then President of the United States. As to whether or not he ever actually served in this office we are left uncertain by the doubt of acceptance expressed in his own letter to Jackson, the President, written in 1835 (we have the letter).

Mrs. James Ray died in Opelousas, July 7 or 8, 1851. Her husband ^{was dead in} ~~died on~~ March, 1839 (letter of John Ray, Apr. 30, 1839). Settlement of his estate in March 1854 states that the estate of James Ray No. 741, opened in March 1836. Letter of Geo. R. King to his cousin, Mrs. Amelia Ray dated Feb. 12, 1836 indicates that her husband had recently passed away.

James Ray, son of James Ray, Jr., was born Jan. 6, 1825, studied medicine At University of Louisiana and graduated about 1851. He moved into Opelousas in the latter part of that year. On the 20th of January 1853 he married Margaret Hill, the only daughter of Dr. George Hill of that place. They had five children. George H. Ray was born Oct. 20, 1853 and was named for his grand father George Hill. Amelia M. Ray was born Dec. 15, 1854. She was named for her grand mother Amelia Matilda Humphreys. James O. Ray was born Dec. 29, 1856. He was named for his grand father James Ray. Lawrence B. Ray was born Jan. 11, 1860 and William H. Ray was born Feb. 23, 1862.

Eliza (~~father~~ elder sister of James Ray) daughter of James Ray, Jr., died suddenly of apoplexy in their home near Opelousas in 1851. She never married.

Lucinda, daughter of the second James Ray, married James A. Lee, Mar.25, 1854. They were married by the Rev. A. E. Goodwyn in the Parish of St. Landry,

July 1, 1953

Mr. Lon B. Rogers
Pikeville
Kentucky

Joseph Ray,
Rev. War

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I want to apologize for being so long in replying to your letter of May 13. Our staff is so small and some of them have been on vacation, and we are behind in our correspondence.

Unfortunately, we do not have Lineage Book 76 of the DAR. The last volume we have is 59. I understand, however, that the Louisville Free Public Library has a complete set of these Lineage Books, and I am sure that they will be glad to look up the reference in Book 76 if you will write them.

I have looked in the year book of the SAR, but do not find the name of Joseph Ray listed as a Revolutionary soldier. The list that they give seems to be all pensioners, and it is possible that Joseph Ray never received a pension notwithstanding his Revolutionary service.

I regret that I have not been able to get the information you want, and with all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Richard H. Hill
Secretary

RHH:td

LON B. ROGERS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

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May 13, 1953

Mr. Richard H. Hill, Secretary
The Filson Club
118 W. Breckinridge St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Hill:

A cousin of mine sent me a reference to Lineage Book 76, page 128 (presumably DAR) in Huntington, W. Va., library giving Revolutionary record of Joseph Ray, Sr., my great-great grandfather. 59.

If you have this record, will you examine it and make an exact copy for me of the service record, and of the line, for which I shall be glad to pay a reasonable fee.

Joseph Ray, Sr. is supposed to have settled Raywick, in Marion County, Ky., now, formerly a part of Washington County, by which name it was known at the time of his death, for his will is recorded there.

Could you also examine the SAR year books of Kentucky for Revolutionary Service of this ancestor?

None

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Lon B. Rogers.

Betty Lynn Duley Sept. 3, 1948

Karen Duley Aug. 3, 1949

Jack Ray Duley II Dec. 28, 1950

Rott. Allen Duley May 30, 1952

Children of

Jack Ray Duley March 28, 1925 Rosiclare, Ill.

Lacey Ann Allen June 25, 1925 Louisville, Ky.

m. Sept. 25, 1947 Louisville, Ky.

son of

William Peyton Duley 7/19/1881 Livingston Co. Ky.

Muriel Agnes Warford 5/21/1892 Elizabethtown, Ill.

m. 11/20/1912 Elizabethtown Ill.

son of William Wood Duley 6/2/1843 Livingston Co. Ky.

died April 1928 " " "

Elij. Betty Gammon 7/31/1845 Murfreesboro, Tenn.

died 7/4/31 Livingston Co. Ky.

m. 12/27/1865

son of Enoch Duley II 1/18/1818 Livingston Co. Ky.

died 1906 " " "

Willetta Wood 6/1/1814 Christian Co. Ky.

died 1906 Livingston Co. Ky.

m. 11/24/1840

son of

Enoch Duley I

12/28 /1773

Georgetown, Md.

died

8

/1864

Livingston Co. Ky.
also Kentucky Co. Ky.

Mary (Polly) Ray

6

/1778

Northern Md.

died

daught. of

Joseph Ray

1735 - 1819

enlisted as private

Dec. 24, 1776 in 2nd Maryland Regiment and

served until Nov. 1, 1780, re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1782

Capt. Thomas Masons Co., 2nd Battalion, Maryland
Line. He was born in Maryland; died in Ky.

Historical Society

Ray

Dear Cousin Willy. I have ans. those questions on the sheet as best I can and I think I have ans. them correctly. Some I did not know. Am sending you back the sheet as you can see it. I will tell you something I guess you ~~you~~ do not know. I do not know who John Ray Newton's Rays grand father married. But she was quite a wealthy lady. I do not know when he died but many years ago. But will tell you something about his death. He and his wife and family had some little family trouble, I think about her money. He went away, staid for 2 or 3 days, went home. when he got in sight of home he took a dose of poison, went on home. When he got there they were all ^{had} to see him he was sorry for what he had done, but it was too late. He called all his family around him talked to them and bade them all good by. Then called for water an drank and died immediately.

You know about uncle John Ray, Newtons father, how his mind was for years before he died.

Your grand father Samuel Ray married Mary Chism. John Ray Newton Rays father married Anna Hayes, my fathers oldest sister. The next was Charles Ray they called him uncle Charley-he lived on the bank of Scaggs Creek just where you cross it going from Gamaliel to Glasgow. I do not ^{know} who he married I do not know whether there were any girls in the family or not never heard them speak of any. Cousin Patsy Chism was a daughter of ^{Charles} Ray (written about that is the word MISTAKE) and not his sister she married Breed Chism-not Nathan. She had 3 sons William, John and Nath an one daughter, Marthy. She and Breed seperated long while ago. She never married ^{again} He married again and lived somewhere about Thompkinsville Guess you have seen some of his girls by his second wife they used to come to town. I have been at cousin Patsys house, she was a nice lady and raised her family nice she lived at the edge of Barren county.

Priscilla Scott was Obediah Howards daughter, my grand mothers sister she married William Scott-they called him uncle Billy Scott. I dont know about the Woods relations but think they had some cousins.

Nancy Chism, Trot Chisms grand mother was a sister of George Martin. Capt. Sam Martins father. I can not tell you about Joseph Gist but have heard him spoken of often as uncle Joe Gist. My fathers sister Sally married a Gist-his name was Walter-we called him uncle Wat he moved to Mo. many years ago. The Howards, Rays and Chisms all came from the Carolina States to Ky.

Dear cousin if I could see you I guess I could tell you a lot more about our relations but this is about all I can write now. Be sure and write me again real soon. Much love God bless you and help you to do much good in the church of our blessed Redeemer.

As ever your loving cousin,
Kibbie Conner.

This is an exact copy of letter written to Rev. W.E. Thomas. There is no date or address given.

RAY

Ray Samuel Sr Died May 28-1892

Buried at Bethlehem Church
Menroe County Ky

his wife

" Mary Chism " Feb 16 -1892

44444 their his sister his mother and father

Margt Chism-daughter of John and Catherine Ray

Deeds

Abigale & James Thomas to John Ray-- D B "B" p. I -- 200 acres on Peters Creek. Barren County Sept 18-1801 (SEE County of Overton Tenn.)

Robert Ray;; appraisment of estate filed by Martha Ray, his wife.
Barren Court Aug 1829, #2 page 625-626

Chas Ray & Jane---- D B "U" page 256 Barren County Clerk

CHISM

James T Chism born Aug 20-1784

Pheby Breed Chism " June 10-1784

children

Nathan Breed Chism born May 14-1804

Mary Chism Sept 24-1805 married Samuel Ray

James Thomas Chism June 3-1810

John G Chism May 26-1813

Will

JAMES CHISM--W B #2 page 30-31--356, June 1-1819, Witness-John Ray, John Mc Pherson, James Johnson::Executors David Hardin, Michal Chism (brother) and Pheby Chism, his wife. Leaves all to his wife with remainder in children. Probated Barren Count, July Ct 1819.

BREED

EVERY BREED, Vol #1 page 35-36-37 Barren County Will Book Dec 5-1800

Witness David Hardin, Christopher Howard, Wm B Gist
Execute J Nathan Breed (his brother) and Joseph Gist

Leaves estate to sisters and brothers, probated March 1801

Mayfield

John & Sally (SARRAH) Mayfield Deed Book (Before) "A" page 83 Barren Co Ky
Conveys Dec 22-1804-- 100 acres adjoining Thos Mayfield & part of tract originally granted to "M".

John Mayfield Jr & Nancy --- D B "G" page 81 Barren County Clerk

Gideon Mayfield & Sally D B "G" " 321 " " "

SALLY MAYFIELD-- Dower of slaves from estate of her husband John Mayfield.:: Feby 4-1829--W B #2 page 613 Barren Co Clerk

HOWARDS

Jesse Howard born 1795 died Jan 19-1852

Lucy (Mayfield) Howard- born 1798 died July 4-1861

H B Howard born Dec 25-1818

Rachel (Payne) Howard Aug 29-1819 married Feb 1842 died May 7-1855

Matilda Jane " May 5-1843

Wm G " Feb 2-1845 died Oct 5-1855

Smith B " March 14-1847

Harmon C " June 2-1849

Jesse D " March 10-1852

Cansada (Morehead) " June 9-1853 married Aug 5-1855

Thomas Scrivner " Aug 10-1858

Roxana " Sept 5-1860

Flem Childress " Feb 24-1864

1784
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1759

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FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

Samuel Ray and
Mary Christy 201.
May 8th 1822.

L. C. Ray to
Adeline C. Wells
Dec 16th 1846.

John Ray to
Cecilia E. Sumner
Nov 9th 1848.

Samuel Ray to
Ellen S. Howard
Sept 13th 1858.

Jonathan Jackson
to Mary Ray
May 16th 1850.

Saml. Thomas to
Phebe Ray
Dec 11th 1855.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

Samuel Ray, was
born Oct 6th 1801

Mary Ray, died
Feb 16th 1865.

Mary Ray, was
born Sept 24th 1805.

Phoebe Ray, died
Nov 8th 1871.

J. C. Ray, was born
Feb 16th 1823.

John Ray, was born
May 7th 1824.

Samuel Ray, was
born Nov. 8th 1827

Mary Ray, was born
April 30th 1833.

Phoebe Ray, was
born Jan 2nd 1836.

J. S. Thomas was
born Oct 21st 1854

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

John Ray was born
April 25th 1795

Charles Ray was
born Jan 7th 1797

Samuel Ray was
born Oct 6th 1801

Fancy Ray was
born Jan 26th 1804

Elizabeth Ray was
born Dec 25th 1805

Martha Ray was
born Sept 4th 1808

Charles Ray died
March 31st 1873 -
in his 77th year.

Fancy Ray died
July 24th 1846

Samuel Ray - May 28 - 1892
wife

Mary Chism Ray Feb 16 - 1892

Martha Ray Chism June 25 - 1880

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FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

Balus Kist was born
Dec 9th 1799.

Gathonia Kist was born
Nov 2th 1824.

Benjamin Kist was born
Apr. 18th 1829.

Lucinda Kist was born
July 22nd 1827.

Rhoda Kist was born
Feb 5th 1827.

Maria Ann Kist was born
Oct 11th 1830.

John R. Kist was born
Nov 26th 1832.

Silas P. Kist was born
Oct 28th 1834.

Elizabeth Talus Kist was born
May 29th 1826.

Fancy Jane Kist was born
Aug 16th 1838.

Lucinda Kist died
Aug 10th 1828.

John R. Kist died
June 27th 1852.

Balus Kist died
Jan 24th 1840.

Fancy Kist died
July 24th 1845.

Silas Preston Kist died
Feb 15 1918 - Dalem. Nebr.

Margaret Black Kist - his wife
died - Nov. 14 - 1914 Dalem Nebr.

Ray Bible

Record copied from Bible given to The Filson Club by Mr. Eugene Ray, May 15, 1934. Bible published 1871.

MARRIAGES

Samuel Ray and Mary Chism May 8th, 1822.
J. C. Ray to Adaline E. Wells Dec. 16th, 1846.
John Ray to Norcissa A. Duncan Nov. 9th, 1848.
Samuel Ray to Ellen T. Howard Sept. 13th, 1858.
Jonathan Jackson to Mary Ray May 14th, 1850.
Sam T. Thomas to Phebe Ray Dec. 11th, 1855.

BIRTHS

Samuel Ray was born Oct. 6th, 1801.
Mary Ray was born Sept. 24th, 1805.
J. C. Ray was born Feb. 16th, 1823.
John Ray was born May 7th, 1824.
Samuel Ray was born Mar. 3d, 1829.
Mary Ray was born April 30th, 1833.
Phebe Ray was born Jan. 2nd, 1836.
A. T. Thomas was born Oct. 21st, 1856.

DEATHS

Mary Ray died Feb. 16th, 1865.
Phebe Ray died Nov. 8th, 1871.

BIRTHS

John Ray was born April 20th, 1795.
Charles Ray was born Jan. 7th, 1797.
Samuel Ray was born Oct. 6th, 1801.
Nancy Ray was born Jan. 25th, 1804.
Elizabeth Ray was born Dec. 25th, 1805.
Martha Ray was born Sept. 4th, 1808

DEATHS

Charles Ray died March 31st, 1873, in his 77th year.
Nancy Ray died July 24th, 1845.
Samuel Ray - May 28, 1892)
 wife) In different handwriting
Mary Chism Ray - Feby. 16, 1892.) and ink
Martha Ray Chism - June 25, 1880)

BIRTHS

Balus Gist was born Dec. 9th, 1799.
Catharin Gist was born Nov. 28th, 1824.
Benjamin Gist was born Apr. 15th, 1826.
Lucinda Gist was born July 22nd, 1827.
Rhoda Gist was born Feb. 5th, 1829.
Martha Ann Gist was born Oct. 11th, 1830.
Hohn R. Gist was born Nov. 26th, 1832.
Silas P. Gist was born Oct. 28th, 1834.
Hesikiah Balus Gist was born May 29th, 1836.
Nancy Jane Gist was born Aug. 10th, 1838.

DEATHS

Lucinda Gist died Aug. 10th, 1828.
John R. Gist died June 21st, 1852.
Balus Gist died Jan. 24th, 1840.
Nancy Gist died July 24th, 1845.
Silas Preston Gist died Feb. 15, 1918 Salem, Nebr.
Margaret Black Gist - his wife - died Nov. 14, 1914 Salem, Nebr.) Different
hand-writing
and ink.

Memorandum, Ray Family, Page 3.

John Wesley Ray, Senior.

John Wesley Ray, Senior, was born in Waynesboro, Wayne County, Tenn., on the 8th day of February, 1826, making him 95 years old on his last birthday, February 8th, 1921.

John Wesley Ray, Senior, came to Texas in the year 1839, with his father, Grievous Ray, when the latter moved to Texas from Tennessee.

At the age of 26, or on the 10th day of February, 1852, John Wesley Ray, Senior, married Miss Mary Vernon, at Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas.

Miss Mary Vernon was born in Manchester, England, exact date not known, but probably around 1836. She died on the 20th day of January, 1895, and was buried in the old family burying ground at Salado, Texas, Bell County.

Their children were:

John Wesley Ray, Junior. (See below for further record)

C. Richard Ray. Married Miss Gertrude Jarrell.

Frank Ray

William Ray

Robert Ray

Lulu Ray Married James Stinnett.

Emma Ray Married John T. Tyler.

Annie Ray Married Mr. Pruitt.

Eva Ray, and Married Mr. Fisher.

Addie Ray. Died in her teens.

John Wesley Ray, served with the confederate Army, in the Civil War.

He was also a Master Mason, as the records of the Grand Lodge of Texas shows he filed his original application with the Grand Lodge of Post Oak Island Lodge, No. 181, at Beaukiss Texas.

Initiated as an E. A. August 13th, 1859.

Passed to F. C. Degree, Oct. 15th, 1859.

Served as Junior Steward of the Lodge in 1861.

Raised to the M. M. Degree, December 12th, 1859.

Demitted January 7th, 1871.

Affiliated with Salado Lodge No. 296, Salado, Bell County, Texas December 17th, 1871. Records show him a member of last named Lodge.

This would make him a Master Mason for the past 61 years, on December 1 th, 1920, and on December 12th, 1921, he will have been a Master Mason for 62 years.

Please do add this to your research file. Will be pleased to exchange pedigree and family group sheets with anyone searching, Most of this family was born in Ky. with the others born in Tenn. & Ala. on the way to Texas. Recently, decedents have been found around Tyler, Texas.

Copy of newspaper clipping found in the belongings of Mollie Ray Lee (deceased) and presented at the 1968 Alabama Manning Ray Reunion held the third Sunday in August at the County Line Primitive Baptist Church located between Abbeville and Eufaula in Henry County, Alabama. Albert Lee Ray (Manning's youngest son) was pastor of this church during his lifetime. This Ray Reunion is held annually at the same time and place.

Please make copies of this article and send to all family groups within your clan as we

believe this information to be the main trunk of the large Ray family tree. Additional copies are available at 50¢ per copy. Contact William W. Nordan, Abbeville, Alabama 36310, President of the Alabama Manning Ray Reunion and Ray Genealogical Representative for South Alabama. We would appreciate receiving pedigree and family group sheets from all Rays and other possible relatives.

This clipping was printed in August of 1894 someplace in Texas.

our ancestors had to contend with. They were often awakened by a band of Indians at their door demanding entrance, with tommyhawk in one hand and scalping knife in the other, ready to massacre the whole family, regardless of age or sex. I fear that we who live in this age do not appreciate that we enjoy, that ours is a land of civilization and Christianity where we have liberty to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, without fear of a savage foe to mar our peace. So we ought to consider ourselves a highly favored people of the Lord.

The Ray family has a large representation in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and other states, even from Maine to California. We think if all the Ray family could be assembled at one place it would partly resemble the company that St. John saw in his vision.

Father, Mother and Children

Joseph Ray, born March 1, 1770

Mary Ray, born July 2, 1779

Leonard P. Ray, first son, born September 24, 1796

Phoebe Ray, born March 26, 1795

David L. Ray, born June 13, 1800

William H. Ray, born October 9, 1802

Rachael Ray, born June 21, 1805

Anna Ray, born June 14, 1808

Manning Ray, born September 10, 1810

Stephen B. Ray, born April 18, 1813

Moses Ray, born December 22, 1815

Benjamin F. Ray, born July 8, 1818

Elijah Ray, born January 18, 1821

The only one now living is the writer, S. B. Ray.

THE RAY FAMILY REUNION

Met at the Belzora crossing on the Sabine River, 2 1/2 miles south from Hawkins, August 14th about noon. The first day was spent in getting conveniently near together to make the occasion pleasant and in forming acquaintance with each other. By sundown there was a goodly number present and about that time supper was announced. We all gathered around one common table loaded with good things to eat.

After supper a crew fitted out with fishing tackle, proceeded to the lake to try for the fish and returned in the morning with about 50 pounds of fish. The rest of the crowd spent the night in camp.

The next day was passed in general rambles. Some went driving for deer, some squirrel hunting, some fishing with hook and line, others went swimming and others rambled about conversing. We got neither game nor fish that day except a few squirrels. In the evening a good many visitors left for their home. After supper the second night we formed a circle for the purpose of holding divine service in the form of a prayer meeting, which was the most interesting part of the reunion to many of us, as nearly all the adults present were professed Christians.

After devine service, Perry Ray, the temporary chairman, called a business meeting for

the purpose of permanent organization, to elect officers, etc.. Rev. J. J. Ray of Upshur was elected chairman and J. L. Ray, secretary. J. L. Ray not being present, W. W. Ray was elected secretary pro tem. On motion a committee of five was appointed as a committee on arrangements. We then adjourned.

The third morning all minds were set on home and we soon separated and all started on their journey homeward, the time having been very pleasantly spent.

In this meeting, by actual count, there were seventy-four of the Ray relatives and eighty-nine visitors present, a total of 163.

The next meeting will be at Beaver's Lake, two miles west from Hawkins beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1895.

A letter from old Uncle Stephen Ray was read and the meeting requested that it be published. No one was present from a great distance, but Smith, Wood and Upshur Counties were pretty well represented, and the newspapers of these counties are earnestly requested to copy.

W. W. Ray, Sec. pro tem

Sketch Of History

Our father, Joseph Ray, was raised in South Carolina, our

mother, Mary Ray was raised in Pennsylvania. They married in Kentucky in 1793 and raised a family of eight sons and three daughters, each one of whom lived to raise a large family of their own. In the course of time the Rays became numerous and they saw it was necessary to divide and search for more territory for their stock to graze upon, as some of the Patriarchs did. So some went north and some south. For some unknown reason some of them changed the spelling of the name to Rhea, Rha and Rey, but Ray is the real spelling. The Rays have always been noted for their Christianity, a large per cent being of the Baptist faith and order. Our father had two brothers who were Baptist ministers. Thomas Ray spent most of his ministry in Illinois. William Ray spent most of his in Tennessee. At an early date of the settling of that country the Ray family sent out a good many men to the ministry to warn men to prepare to meet their God.

At the early settling of our country the Indians were very troublesome. Often going on the war path without the whites knowing anything of their intentions. Our mother's only brother was killed by them. His name was George Phouts. He was killed in Tennessee. Our father also had a brother killed by the Indians. We who live now know but little about the troubles

- 1 Stephen b May 29 - 1788
married Julia Handley
- 2 Elizabeth, b Dec 3 - 1790
married Hezekiah Ray
- 3 Mary, b June 7 - 1791
married John Barber
- 4 Rachel, b Jan 9 - 1793
married Amos Kirkpatrick
- 5 Julia, b Nov 1 - 1794
married Sherwood Handley
- 6 Rebecca, b Aug 7 - 1796
married H. B. Hutchinson

7 Dennis, b Aug 20-1798
married Nancy Hays

8 Samuel, b Aug 22-1800
married Susan Lacey

9 Lydia, b Nov 4-1802
married Mr. Perry

10 Zachariah b July 29-1806
married, ^{1st} M. Ursula Phillips
~~2nd~~ M. Elizabeth Ann
Miller.

I have names of some of
Zachariah Puy's descendants.

TURNER WILSON

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VANDIKE 5528

Ray

November 3, 1930

Mr. Eugene Ray
Wiser Caulbert Bldg
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir,

Several years ago,
I wrote to Dr. A. B. Ray of
Tomkinsville, Ky. enquiring
of the genealogy of the
Ray family. He answered
my letter, saying that he
knew nothing of my branch
of the family, and suggested
that I write you. I mis-
placed his letter in some
way, and lately I have
taken a renewed interest

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in these matters, and, in looking over some old correspondence, I have uncovered his letter, and your address.

My great-great-grandfather was Nathaniel Roy of Cumberland County Ky. He lived in Washington County before removing to Cumberland and married Sarah O'Bannon in Washington County in 1796. His daughter was Nancy Roy and she married my great-grandfather, James Turner, and

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in 1853, they removed to Union City, Tenn., where they both died in 1873, and are buried there. Family tradition states that Sarah O'Bannon's mother was a Bentley. My family has been away from Kentucky for many years, and I know of no one to whom I can write, and if you know of this line, I shall greatly appreciate any information which you may have, concerning the

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Reys, O'Bannon & Bentley.
I have done some research
work in the library here,
and I believe that they
must have come from
Northampton & Shenandoah
Counties in Virginia before
emigrating to Kentucky,
which I imagine was
at a very early date. How-
ever, I cannot connect them
up, as I do not know
the name of Nathaniel's
father or mother. I notice

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that there was a John
Ray in Washington who
was the father of many
sons, and I think that
Nathaniel was the son
of one of these sons. Nathaniel's
name is on the tax
list of 1792 in Washington
and his marriage in 1796
is recorded in that County.

Thanking you for
any information, I am,

Very truly

Turner Wilson

Sent. F.L.
Oct. 3, 91

Rec'd Sept 12, 91

Ray

Sept 5 1991

Dear Nettie

All of Elvins People Hancock
Bartlett, Asher, Rays, Bilderback
Harding, Nethertans, Bearger, McQuire
Was in the 1st group of People to KY
With Daniel Boone and James Harrod.

I need help on Allen Ray. I
have Ray Papers, ~~the~~ Draper Paper do
Not mention Allen. Allen had the 1st
Grist Mill in KY where would that be?
He was killed in an accident in his
dalt mine 1827. He married Jane
McQuire, they had 2 children his dau
was 6 weeks old when he died. Then James
Andrew Evans and went to Indiana. Is Ray
Buried at Cave Hill Cemetery? Who was his
father? Where was he married all questions
I Can't answer. Where do I start? Thank
You. Sincerely Pauline

1. Ray, Nancy b. 22 Sept. 1763 m. Joseph Beard

11. Ray, John Sheckles b 16 Dec. 1765 Anne Arundel County, Maryland, d. 28, June 1847; m. Catherine Beard 27 Sept. 1787, she b. 25 Dec. 1767 Baltimore, Maryland, d. 30 June 1851. Issue:

A. Ray, Stephen b. 29 May 1788 Anne Arundel County, Maryland, d. 16 July 1871; m. (1) Susan M. Hundley, dau. of wealthy Anthony Hundley of Washington County, Kentucky. She b. June 19, 1789 and m. 29 Nov. 1809, she d. 24 July 1853. (2) Jane Veach b, 29 Dec. 1813, m. Jan. 21, 1854, d. 13 Dec. 1878 at Dundas, Ill. Born at Larue County, Ky.

Issue by first wife -

1. Ray, Marietta b. 13 July 1811, d. 29 Aug. 1862, m. 9 Aug. 1831 to William Waide (Waide), a blacksmith, who d. early and left her with three children. She and her children moved to Parker County, Texas about 1857 and lived there until some time in 1862, moving to Arkansas where she died. She was 51 years old.

(a) Waide, Susan (b) Waide, Mit (c) Waide, Wm. Jr.

2. Ray, Stephen Decatur b. 1 Jan. 1814, d. in Arkansas 20 Nov. 1862. He m. Elizabeth --- b. July 24, 1819, d. in Missouri March 10, 1845. He was a farmer - 2nd wife, a widow, Mary J. Hughes, April 9, 1855 - was married by his father, Stephen Ray in Clinton, Ky. Her maiden name was Davis. Several children by first marriage and two by second.

(a) Ray, Stephen Harry m. Miss Evans about 1880

(1) Ray, a dau.

(2) Ray, Harvey b. 1890

(b) Ray, Pamela who married Mr. Bargett.

II Issue by first wife, Elizabeth

(a) Ray, Christopher Columbus b. March 7, 1837

(b) Ray, Melissa Jane, b. Feb. 13, 1839

(c) Ray, George S. b. Jan 16, 1841

(d) Ray, John B. b. Feb. 8, 1843

(e) Ray, Sherwood H. b. Oct. 2, 1844.

3. Ray, Sherwood, b. March 27, 1816, d. at San Felipe, Texas Sept. 30, 1843. He moved to Texas before the war between Texas and Mexico and for his services to the Republic of Texas, received a grant of 33,000 acres of land. He married a widow in Texas, Nancy Jane Blair June 16, 1842. Died when only 27 years old.

4. Ray, George Washington b. May 24, 1819; died June 2, 1892; m. July 18, 1848 to Margaret J. Harris. He conducted a private school in Clinton Ky., which made the town an educational center at the time. He later turned the school over to his cousin, Francis Marion Ray, and practiced law in Owensboro, Ky., where he was very successful for many years, but his health failed and he went to Barren Springs, Ark., where he died. He had an adopted son, who died early. MEXICAN Wife Margaret died April 2, 1893 and was buried by his side in Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky. 34. 1. 1893

5. Ray, Matthew, b. July 31, 1822, d. Aug. 1851 in California where he had gone after the discovery of gold there. He died as the result of a wound received when he dropped his pistol

4.
under tree

6. Ray, John S., b. March 13, 1826, died Oct. 31, 1861. A school teacher and lawyer. At the beginning of the Civil war he joined a company of confederate Cavalry at Clinton Ky. his pistol was accidentally discharged wounding him in the thigh. He refused to have his leg amputated and died from the wound.
7. Ray, ~~Mr~~ William W. b. Oct. 21, 1829, d. March 23, 1853 in New Orleans, La. of tuberculosis. He was a physician.
8. Ray, Franklin, b. Dec. 21, 1833; d. April 23, 1834.

Issue by second wife, Jane Veach Ray -

9. Ray, Harvey Veach (named for his mother's brother) b. 13 March 1855 on a farm near Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, d. 29 April 1942 Kansas City, Missouri; m. Alice Belle McKee 21 Jan. 1891 Kansas City, Mo. She b. 16 Nov. 1867 Cairo, Ill, d. 18 Sept. 1947, Liberty, Missouri. Both buried Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. Issue:

(a) Ray, Helen Blanche b. 31 Aug. 1893, Mobile, Ala; m. Russell David Ray (2nd cousin) 15 June 1922, Kansas City, Mo at her parents home at 4236 Mercier St. He b. Sept. 21, 1893. Issue:

(1) Ray, Dorothy McKee b. 21 March 1928; m. O. Donald White 10 October 1953, Liberty, Missouri. Both graduated from William Jewell College, Liberty. She has appeared in "Candida" and at the present time is appearing in "Camelot" on the New York Stage. (1961)

(b) Ray, John McKee b. 1 Jan. 1896 Mobile, Ala, d. 17 Dec. 1968 Kansas City, Mo; m. Mildred Augusta Adameon b. 19 August 1896 St. Clair County, ~~Mo~~ Chalk Level Township, Missouri m. 30 Oct. 1920 Kansas City, Kans. Issue:

(1) Ray, Peggy Jeanne b. 1 Jan. 1922; m. Lawrence Franklin Smith 13 Dec. 1947 - he b. May 14, 1911. Issue -

a. Smith, Scott Cordell b. 26 Oct. 1951 - adopted b. North

(2) Ray, Mary Alice b. 16 June 1924; m. John Joseph Dolan 15 July 1950 - he b. 16 April 1921 Berlington, Kans. Issue -

- a. Dolan, John McKee b. 21 Sept. 1951
- b. Dolan, Joseph Martin b. 14 May 1954
- c. Dolan, Catherine Elizabeth b. 27 Nov. 1957

Clinton, Hickman Co., Ky.

10. Ray, Charles Morehead b. 30 Jan. 1857, m. Oraella Brown, dau. Milton C. Brown & Elizabeth Miller, 21 Sept. 1865. Oraella b. 21 Mar. 1867 and they were m. Nov. 17, 1886 in Archer, Florida. He d. Sept. 2, 1946 at the age of 89 years. She d. early Thursday AM Jan. 24, 1952. Observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary
 a. Ray, Annie, b. June 5, 1887, d. Feb. 6, 1903
 b. Ray, Clara, b. July 31, 1889, d. Feb. 13, 1903. Nov. 17, 1903
 c. Ray, Alin, b. Feb. 23, 1891, d. March 4, 1891
 d. Ray, Harvey Elwood, b. 28 Feb. 1893, m. Ruth ~~Ray~~. He d. Wed. 10:30 AM April 23, 1952. Ruth b. 5 Sept. 1894, d. 4 Nov. 1937 - was an invalid last year or so. He remarried in 1945 to Bernice ~~Ray~~. She is still living
 (1) Ray, Elizabeth, dau. of Ruth, b. 16 March 1921, m. Earle Roberts in the Brintwood Baptist Church, Friday, March 24, 1950, Lake City, Fla.

1a. Roberts, Francis b. July 8, 1951

2a. Roberts, Dalsey, b. Aug. 6, 1953

She is divorced and lives at 2236 Park St. Jacksonville, Fla with the two children. (1960)

- B. Ray, Elizabeth b. 3, Dec. 1789, m. her cousin, Heskiah Ray, son of Nicholas and Susannah Sheckles. He was killed by a fall from a horse. Had son John Sheckles.
- C. Ray, Mary b. June 17, 1791, d. Aug. 27, 1845, m. John Barber or Barber, and had children
 1. Barber, Lydia Ann m. John Rice Robinson about 1867.
 2. Barber, Nancy, m. W. L. Young
- D. Ray, Rachel, b. Jan. 19, 1793, d. — m. Feb. 9, 1828 to Amos Kirkpatrick who was b. May 30, 1779. Had children.
 1. Kirkpatrick, Ray, m. Margaret Smith and had children
 1a. Kirkpatrick, Amos,
 2a. Kirkpatrick, Luther
 3a. Kirkpatrick, Sallie
 4a. Kirkpatrick, Rachel.
- E. Ray, Julia b. Nov. 1, 1791, d. Jan. 21, 1852; m. March 23, 1815 to Sherwood Hundley who was b. Jan. 27, 1791.
- F. Ray, Deborah, b. Aug. 7, 1796, d. — m. H. B. Hutchinson
- G. Ray, Dennis, b.
- H. Ray, Samuel, b. Aug. 22, 1800, d. April 8, 1876; m. Susan Litsey. He was a farmer in Hickman Co., Ky.
- I. Ray, Lydia, b. Nov. 4, 1802, d. Aug. 5, 1887, m. first — Miller, then a Mr. Perry - had one child.
 1. ~~Kirkpatrick~~ Perry, Claude Ray
- J. Ray, Zachariah, b. July 29, 1806, d. Nov. 6, 1859 m. 1st M. Drusilla Ph who was b. July 19, 1811, d. Nov. 7, 1836. 2nd to Elizabeth Ann Miller b. May 26, 1816, d. July 11, 1888.

Zachariah Ray and his nephew, John Sheckles Ray, son of Heskiah Ray went to Kentuckytown, Grayson Co., Texas (now named Whitewright, Texas) from Raywick in 1852

- J. Ray, Zachariah lived in Grayson County, Texas and by his second wife had issue -
1. Ray, ~~xxxx~~
 2. Ray, David - Physician
 3. Ray, Alfred Judson - Physician, m. Matilda Caroline South
 - la. Ray, John Arthur, Whitewright, Texas m. Elsie Provencher?
 4. Ray, Nancy C. (Nannie) 1838-1910 m. Dr. Wm. F. Head - 1833-1873
 - la. Head, Pascal 1865-1939 m. Sallie King in 1891 - she b. 1873-
 - al. Head, Lucy m. --- Stange, Whitewright, Texas (DAC Vol 9 p 228)
- III. Ray, Fanny (Frances) b. July 15, 1769, d. Oct. 4, 1845; m. June 15, 1790 to Thomas K. Knott Jr., who was b. Dec. 14, 1763, d. Aug. 17, 1862.
- IV. Ray, Deborah, b. Jan. 25, 1772, d. --- m. John Thurman
- V. Ray, Joseph b. April 28, 1774, d. --- m. Peggy Ratter
- VI. Ray, Samuel, b. July 13, 1776, d. --- m. Rosanna Everhardt
- VII. Ray, Polly (Mary) b. July 23, 1778, d. --- m. Enoch Dooley - April 16, 1806
- VIII. Ray, Elizabeth b. May 4, 1782, d. --- m. Jonathan Rogers.
- IX. Ray, Loyd, b. April 13, 1784, d. --- m. Nancy Wickliffe
- X. Ray, Eleanor, b. May 8, 1786, d. Aug. 23, 1849, m. June 29, 1817 to Josiah Edwards who was b. July 22, 1774, f. March 9, 1825.
- XI. Ray, William b. Sept. 8 12, 1788, d. --- m. Sallie Ray.
- XII. Ray, Lydia, b. May 27, 1792, died unmarried and an invalid.

Ray Family

May 2, 1951

Mrs. Sylvia Burnside
R#1, Box 445
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Burnside:

Replying to your letter of April 10, you are asking about the Ray Family. You evidently got your information from the First Census of Kentucky which showed where Benjamin, Francis, James, Joseph and William were paying taxes in 1789-1790. Apparently, Benjamin is the one you are interested in.

I looked in Woodford County but found nothing. In Clark County, Kentucky can be found the Inventory of Benjamin Ray, Aug. 15, 1795. Apprs. George Miller, Philip Bush and A. Eubanks.

We do not have the staff to do a thorough research, such as your letter calls for in its present condition. If you want certain wills, marriages and can give us the counties in which they could be found, I will be glad to make another search but if you want a thorough genealogical search I would suggest that you write to any of the following people who do this work professionally.

They are:

Mrs. R. L. Johnson, The Puritan, Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Eugene H. Ray, The Weissinger Gaulbert, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. W. E. Bach, 163 Bell Court West, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. M. C. Darnell, 218 Conway St., Frankfort, Ky.

I do not know their rates but feel sure you will find them reasonable.

Sincerely,

Ludie J. Kinkead, Curator

K/a

APR 25 1951

April 10 1951

To whom it may concern
I am writing in regard of people by the
RAY their are some census records say the
RAY come from Virginia to Ky their census
records show their was some Ray register in
Difference county

Benjamin Ray was in Woodford co Ky the
3-19-1790

Francis was in Fayette co Ky 1-11-1790

James " " " " " " 1-11-1790

Joseph was in Madison co 3-10-1789

William " " Jefferson co 8-31-1789

I wonder if you have any thing on these
I are Benjamin Ray B. 1800 married + had a family
and his 1 wife died, and he married second time
to Mrs Anne McLaughlin nee McLaughlin
then moved to Missouri, to Pulaski co, Mo
would you have any thing on these, and who
his father was, + mother, please let me know
if you can give me any good information
with a chance all the information have for what
you can give me Sincerely your
Mrs Burnside

P. I. Box #45 Tucson

for information will you
please tell me the
names and addresses?

I will appreciate it very
much.

Thanking you in advance

I am sincerely

(Miss) Cora M. Ray
822 College St.

Ray

Beltan Texas

July 7-1924

My dear Mrs. Ray-

I was so glad to get
your letter and will be so
glad to get all the records
you can give me about
the family, all names, dates
and other records including
war services, and if you
can please tell me whether
they are doctors, lawyers,
preachers, farmers or soldiers.

I am enclosing what I
have of John Shuckler Roy's
family and his father's.

I have no record of a son
John of John Shuckler Roy.

I hope you can prove our
Johns are the same.

My uncle Charles G. Roy is
also very fond of his wife.

I have never met her but
every one who has is very
much delighted with her.

Can you tell me the
date of her birth? I want
it for my records. My
uncle says she has never
told him and she says she
will not tell him until
he tells her his. If I could
see her I might persuade
her to "swap" information
privately.

If you know of any
Rays to whom I can write

- 9 Loyd b. April 13-1784
married Nancy Trickleps
- 10 Eleanor b. May 8-1786
married William Beard (or
Josiah Edward Beard)
- 11 William, b. Sept 12-1788
married Sallie Ray
- 12 Lydia b. May 27-1792
never married.

John Sheekles Ray and
Catherine Beard had
children -

Joseph Ray, born 1735 or 36
in Ann Arundel Co, Md.
married Mary Sheekles
about 1763 or 65, went to
Marion Co. Kentucky 1769
died 1819.

He was a private in
2nd Co, 2nd Battalion of
Maryland Militia,
Capt Thomas Mason
Jan 1-1782.
His was surmised by

Mrs. Elma Ray Saul
of Kensington, Maryland.

His children were -

1 Ann or Nancy born Sept 22-1763
married Joseph Beard

2 John Shuckles, b Dec 15-1765
died June 28-1847, married

Sept 27-1787 to Catherine

Beard who was born Dec 25-1767
died June 30-1851

3 Francis, b July 15-1769

married Thomas H. Knott
and was grandmother of
Gov. Proctor Knott of Ky.

+ Deborah, b Jan 25-1772

married John Hummer

5 Joseph, b April 28-1774

married Peggy Rutter

6 Samuel, b July 13-1776

married Rosanna Erhardt.

7. Mary (Polly) b July 23-1778

married Enoch Rudie

8 Elizabeth, b May 4-1782

married Jonathan Rogers

Ray Family

November 22, 1944

Mrs. Henry C. Gray,
1717 East Kane Place,
Milwaukee 2, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Gray:

I was so glad to hear from you, but you are not going to be so glad to hear from me, for I cannot help you/

In the First Census of Kentucky 1790, compiled by Charles Brunk Heinemann from the tax lists, I finda William Ray as paying taxes in Jefferson County Aug. 31, 1789. I do not find him mentioned as owning or selling land in Jefferson County up until 1810.

In Petitions of the Early Inhabitants of Kentucky to the General Assembly of Virginia, 1769 to 1792 by James Wood Robertson, our Publication No. 27, I find a William Ray was the signer of a Petition from Lincoln County to form a new county, ~~Marshall~~ ~~County~~, and Madison County 1785.

In Biographical and Historical Sketches of Early Indiana by William Wesley Woollen, I find a sketch on page 56 there is quite a sketch of James Brown Ray which states that he was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, February 19, 1794. Strange as it maybe I cannot find anything about William Ray in the early Jefferson County records.

I have not seen Aileen or Mrs. Gray for about a month and I miss it very much.

You will have to come to Louisville for Christmas and come and see if you are not a better searcher than I am.

Regretting I do not find what you want, and with very best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Ludie J. Kinkead, Curator

We do not have
records of Boone Co

REC'D NOV 3 1944

HENRY C. GRAY
1717 EAST KANE PLACE
MILWAUKEE 2, WISCONSIN

October 31, 1944

Dear Miss Aincaid;

Just so you will recognize me, I want to say Henry and I have been living in Milwaukee over a year now. The library here is very poor for genealogy, so I am writing to ask a question I don't believe will be hard for you to answer.

James Brown Ray, fourth governor of Indiana was the son of William Ray b. 11-26-1740, Belfast, Ireland, (Rev. soldier) and (Phebe?) Ann Brown b 1756 Maryland.

William married Ann after the Revolution maybe in Kentucky as he settled there early in Boone or Jefferson county, and moved to Butler county, Ohio in 1810. I recall there was a rather prominent family of Browns in Jefferson county. Do you know who this Ann might be?

I have read of Rays in Kentucky too, in Boone county. But who this James was of if any connection with our William I don't know. We have Williams pension record (he served under Wayne ect. 3 yrs. etc) Also know he had a sister who came with him from Ireland in 1772 and married a Marquel in Kentucky, where she stayed. But there is the end of my record.

Some years ago the S.A.R. (Indiana) marked his grave in Vigo County. But of course they were not interested in his wife's family or what they did for the country.

I hope this will not be any trouble to you for I know you must be busy as always. If you see Aunt Aileen, or any of the Grays give them my best. Last week we had such a nice visit from Jane Whitney.

With very best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

Maum A Gray

Boone 1799 Campbell
Campbell 1799 & Harrison from
Sent
Census of Jeff Co

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Ray

HOWARD H. PECKHAM
Director

September 29, 1953

Telephone PLaza 6503

Manuscripts Division
Filson Club
118 W. Breckinridge Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

The Historical Bureau is planning to publish a volume of the messages and papers of James Brown Ray, Governor of Indiana, 1825-1831. Ray was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1794, the son of William and Anne (Brown) Ray. The father was a Revolutionary War soldier. The family moved to Butler County, Ohio, about 1810 and James Brown Ray came to Brookville, Indiana, from Ohio in 1818. We know nothing about those first 15 years of his life, which he presumably spent in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Do you have any information on the family, as to where they lived in the county, etc., or do you have any letters written to or by James Brown Ray? Thanking you for any help you can give us,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Riker

Grand Lodge of Nebraska



OFFICE OF CHAS. WAYNE RAY, GRAND MASTER

North Platte, April 6, 1927.

My Dear Mrs Ray:

Your lovely letter is of much interest to me. I did not expect a prompt reply for I know how busy the state and National officers are in the spring. I attended our State meeting in Kearney and Mrs York Hinman, of our Sioux Lookout Chapter, was elected Vice Reg. She will attend the meeting in Washington.

I attended the meeting in 1907. When the building was not completed. I was living in the city at that time. I have never been able to go East so early in the spring, and attend the National meeting, since I came to Neb.

I have our Ray line through William Ray who came to America with the family of Isaac Wayne served as 1st Lieut under Col. Anthony Wayne, after the war moved to Jefferson Co Ky married Ann Brown, moved to Butler Co O. + Vigo Co. Ind. His grave near Terra Haute has been marked by the Ind. S. A. R. I have helped make out

papers for a number who have entered the S. A. R. on this line. I have not been able to trace Ann

Brown's parents. I have written to Miss Lucy Lee and hope to straighten out the Lee, Donham and Gordon line.

Among my correspondents about Ray family

history is Miss Mable Lindley, Sec. of the Nebr.
Genealogical Society, 1715 S. 20th St. Lincoln Nebr, she
has probed up, by pension papers, on Thomas Ray
from N. C. m. Betsy Pearce. she tried to trace
it back for the Founders + Patriots. your Ray came
from S. C. I see.

My Mills line is Joseph Mills of Simsbury Ct, all
my mothers people were N. E. families Fitch
Mills, Tuttle, Dutton, Shepherd, proved and others
if I had time. Gov. Bradford, for Mayflower etc.
I have never lived where there were other
patriotic societies besides D. A. R so have not

joined them
Just at present I am in bed with Lumbago and
although I am better, am still in much pain
but am seldom sick so cannot give up now. I
want to write several letters while I can do nothing
else.

Again I want to thank you for your answer, so many
ladies do not care to be bothered by others and I know
from our magazine and year book, what a busy
woman you are.

With best wishes, Sincerely,

Arethusa Erwin Ray

There are 50 families of Rays in T. H. related to my
husband. There is or was a medical Association
of 400 Dr Rays so Mr Ray was told by a Dr in Tenn.
Mr Ray said he looks in the Newberry library in Chicago,
on the Rays were too numerous to count.

Mrs C. W. Ray

409 W 6th St.

North Platte

Nebr.

Army during the war.
Joseph married May Shecker
and had twelve children.
Their oldest son John Shecker
Ray married Catherine Beard
and had ten children.

I have all their names
and names of some of
their descendants.

Does your husband belong
to either of these families?

I would like to know
his full name and your

Ray Belton Texas

June 18 - 1924

My dear Mrs. Ray

I am trying to get records
of the Ray and other branches
of my family, to go in a
history - one of these days -
and will be so glad if
you will tell me about
your husband's part of
the family, or give me the
names and addresses of
some members of his

family you think can
tell me about them if
you cannot.

My great grandfather was
Nicholas Ray, born in Maryland
and died in Marion Co. Ky.

He was married twice first
to Susannah Shuckles by
whom he had nine children
and second to Mrs Prudence
Peter Taylor by whom he
had one child Samuel Taylor
Ray, known as Saml T. Ray of

St. Mary's Kentucky. He was
married three times and
my father Samuel M. Crog
Ray is the oldest child of
the third wife, and
Judge Charles T. Ray of
Louisville is the youngest.
Nicholas Ray went to
Kentucky after the
Revolution, but his brother
Joseph went before, so
I have been told. Both
were in the American

much anything you
can tell me about them.
If any of them served in
any of the wars I will be
glad to know about it.
Or anything which will
be interesting to future
generations.

Thanking you in advance
for your kindness I am
Respectfully

(Miss) Cora M. Ray
822 College St.

2
full name - before you
were married.

Places of birth, and
marriage, and if your
husband is not living, the
date of his death.

Full names and dates of
birth, marriage and death
of your children, grand
children and great grand
children if you have any
and names of sons and
daughters in law in each

generation.

Full names and dates of birth, marriage and death of his parents and all their children, grand children, great grand children and as far down as they go, with sons and daughters-in-law in each generation.

Full names and date of birth, marriage and death of his grandparents

great grand parents and as far back as you can go, with names and dates of all the children and other descendants of each generation and to whom they were married.

If you tell me all you can I may be able to connect them with other records I have.

I will appreciate very

NOV 23 1965

James F. Huebner
733 Calle de Casas Lindas
Tucson, Arizona 85706
November 21, 1965

Filson Club Library
118 Breckenridge St.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Miss Dorothy M. Lower of the Fort Wayne Public Library referred me to your office.

I am seeking information about John Ray, my 4th great grandfather, who lived in Lexington, Kentucky between 1780 and 1800. He was supposed to have been a Primitive Baptist minister although I have heard that he was a Methodist minister. Could you suggest where I may find any reference to him in Church or other records ?

John Ray was the father of my 3rd great grandmother, Elizabeth Ray who married James Fitzgerald (possibly spelled Fitzgerald) in Lexington about 1809-10. I have written the Fayette Co. clerk at Lexington about two months ago and they have not answered . Could you tell me where I may find a record of their marriage ?

I was told that there is a sketch of an Edwin Ray, also a minister, in the Biographical Encyclopedia of Kentucky. Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of this sketch ? If you charge for this service please advise me.

Any suggestion you may have concerning my search would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Huebner

330 West 42nd Street

New York City

September 24, 1933

Mrs. Eugene H. Ray
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Ray,

I am in hopes that you can enlighten me on my Ray ancestors about whom I know very little.

Several weeks ago I was vacationing at my Lee ancestral home in Maryland and put in all my time looking up a few facts about the Lees. One trip I made was to St. Mary's County where I had the pleasure of meeting Judge Cavalier and his daughter Mrs. Thrift. They were telling me about your visit to Maryland and that you very probably knew much about the Ray family. This was in answer to my inquiry about the possibility of the Rays living there in the early years of Maryland.

My father's mother was Lucinda Ray and she was a descendant of General

James Ray of Kentucky. I am familiar
with his career which has been referred to
so often in histories of Kentucky, but all
I know about his ancestors is that he
and his step-father Hugh Mc Gary were
said to have come from Yadkin River
in North Carolina.

In case you do not have the information,
have you any suggestions as to where I
might be able to find it?

I would greatly appreciate any
assistance you can give me in tracing
these grandparents.

Very truly yours,

James A. Lee

Ray
Jan

In *Virginia* - April 1922.

"Before the gates of the Wilderness Road"

by Judge Benjamin Chalkley page 188

In Aug 1760 - Col. Geo. Smith of the Virginia under Byrd, and out against the Cherokees was in command at Ft. Lewis. Capt. DuBlage commanded a company under Smith. Joseph Ray was contractor & commissary for the Army.

papers - In 1771 Col. Jas. Oyster & Jos. Ray made a tour of 9 mo through Ky and 11 mo in 1772. In 1769 they made a similar tour of six months.

Could the Joseph have been the father of John who wrote the book?

Society

~~William~~ William Howell a
former ~~from~~ Tenn. he was living
in Hopkins County Ky.

Mary Jane Shelby was 19 years
old in 1850 census
I am looking for Mary Jane Shelby
birth certificate ~~to~~ find
out her father & mother
is. So I can trace the Shelby

In close is a Postcard
and a Stamp envelope. If
you want me to pay for
this service please send
the post card back and I will
send you the money

Bill D. Krone
Gen Delivery
Salt Lake City
Utah 84101

I was looking Filson Club
History Soc. V. 19-1945

Dear Sir: ^{and/or help} 10-15-80 ^(RAY)

I am looking for Proof [PROOF]
John W Roy is the son of James
Roy that line in Hopkins County
was the father John W Roy. I
have checked the 1830 + 1840 Censuses
James Roy of Hopkins County had
a son of ~~the~~ (John W Roy) James
Roy ~~son~~

In the 1850 census had John W
Roy was living with Orerton
Kelly of Hopkins County.
I need proof that James John W Roy
is the son of James Roy
that James Roy is the son
of General James Roy the Indian
fight. one of the first Roy
family of Kentucky. on John
W Roy death certificate had father
James Roy and wife.

In 1852 John W Roy married
Mary Jane Shelby Birth Place
Ill. In 1850 census Mary
Jane Shelby was living with

If you are fortunate in getting my Waggoner line for me, I will join the Fort Jefferson Chapter Paducah: I am only fourteen miles out, and belong to the U. S. C. there.

Hoping to get this at your convenience,

trudially
Gale Chapman Brittain
(Mrs. C. L.)

Mrs. G. C. Brittain Kevil Ky. | Ray
May 3rd, 1925

My dear Mrs. Ray:

I am sending you the Ray data I have gotten since writing to you. Am waiting for another letter from C. M. Ray: he is most provoking in his deliberateness. Notice he goes back to the Joseph whom you mentioned.

copied from letter from Charles M. Ray - Lake City - Fla..

I have no record going beyond my great grandfather and as I remember the family tradition, his father was an Englishman who migrated to America and settled on lands now in the City of Baltimore Md., where great grandfather Joseph Ray, was born in 1735. There I think was

Have had two letters from daughter of D. B. Ray in Oklahoma and she says a half sister has a family record D. B. wrote before he died: she is trying to locate the sister; when she gets it, will send me a copy, and I will send it on to you.

Mrs. Ray it would give me a great deal of pleasure to assist in forming a D. A. R. chapter any place, but such a thing at Keril would be impossible. This is only a little village: we live on a farm.

I have no cousins, except two or three Rays, with one exception. Lena Chapman of Union County - whose mother was a Holmes. I talked with some ladies of La Center - a near by town, but failed to arouse any interest there. Mrs. Moss isn't here any longer.

the birthplace of grand father, John Shackel Ray who settled in central Kentucky when father was a very small boy. Father's name was Stephen, and when a young man he was Sheriff of Washington County Ky. later was a Baptist minister and editor. He was born in 1788. I am sixty-eight years old."

Ray

Kevil Ky.

March 10th 1925.

Dear Mrs. Harding:

I am trying to establish a Revolutionary record through my Ray line of ancestry. I know this is a busy time for you, but want to ask you to speak to Mrs. Eugene Ray, your State Regent, in my behalf.

I can think of no better way to get direct communication with her.

My mother's grandfather was a John Ray of Mercer County. The old marriage record of

Mercer County, gives:

James Ray. married 1787.

John Ray - married 1790.

Who was this John Ray?

State History tells of Gen. James Ray's mother, with her family, being in the Fort at the time James, a sixteen year old boy, was pursued by the Indians, so it seems reasonable to think John Ray was younger brother of Gen. James. Then in will of James Ray he names John as a son: Can Mrs. Eugene Ray tell me where he was married & to whom? I will deeply appreciate any personal interest you may take in this.

Remember me to your husband, and Dan, and tell aunt Florence to write to us.

Cordially

Gale Chapman Brittain

JUL 3 1968

June 28 1968

Ray Family

Filson Club Library
118 W. Breckenridge St.
Louisville Ky. 40217

Dear Sir;

I am doing some research on the Ray and the Fields Family of Pikeville Pike county KY. I have some material but have run into a blank wall and was wondering if there is a county history of Pike county where I might go on.

The Ray family I am looking for is Eli Ray who married Susanah Cloay in 1860. They had a daughter Martha, she had a brother named James Ray who was married to Sarah E.---- Ray. In May 13 1911 they sold some land to Marions Field who married Martha. July 13 1912 Marion Fields and his wife Martha Ray Fields received a deed of Conveyance from Eli Ray for some land.

Marion Fields and Martha Ray Fields had a son Troy Fields who was born April 27 1894 Pikeville Ky. died May 16 1948 Port Townsend Washington. He was a professional Soldier in the U.S. Army. He married Grace M. Doughty March 15 1922. They had five boys and one girl.

I have written to the county clerk and receive this data but they dont seem to have death records or marriage records of Marion Fields or ~~with~~ Martha Ray fields.

What I would like very much is the parents of Marion Fields.

Thank you for reading this letter I am

Mrs Percy C. Komen
Mrs Percy C. Komen

870 56 th

Port Townsend Washington 98368

Ray

The Daughters of the American Revolution
in Nebraska

STATE REGENT
MRS. CLARENCE S. PAINE
STATION A,
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



COMMITTEE
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
MISS MABEL LINDLY
1715 SO. 20TH ST., LINCOLN

Sept. 11, 1927

Mrs. Eugene H. Ray,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Mrs. Ray:-

Two years ago when I was in Washington, I intended to speak to you in regard to your husband's line, but there seemed to be so many other things to claim our attention that I gave it up. Last year, when Mrs. Paine returned from Continental Congress she said that she has talked to about the Ray line and that I had the same one.

My Revolutionary ancestor is Thomas Ray who served in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina. I know that he married Betsy Pearce for I have a certified copy of the marriage license. I do not know the names of the parents of either Thomas Ray or Betsy Pearce. I am very anxious to find these names in order to open up the lines farther back. I am hoping that one or the other will develop a Mayflower. Do you know whether these are New England or Southern lines? I descend through Thomas Ray's son, James who married Tabitha, but I do not know her surname. Do you have a complete of the children of Betsy Pearce and Thomas Ray with dates of birth, death and marriage?

I have a cousin in Los Angeles who is as much interested as I am in tracing the line. We would both be glad to pay a moderate amount to get the names of the parents of Thomas Ray and Betsy Pearce. Do you know of any good genealogist who would have access to the original records in North Carolina who charges are moderate?

I am sending you under separate cover, the last number of the little genealogical magazine that the Nebraska Genealogical Society has been publishing. We are going to suspend publication with the October number-for a short time.

Very truly yours

Mabel Lindly

SEP 15 1952

JAMES P. RAY'S BIBLE

Pub. E. Morgan & Co., Cincinnati
1848

James Pinky Ray, son of Brice Ray and Nancy Ray, born Oct. 24, 1824

Lydia Elizabeth Ash, daughter of Vincent & Mary Ash, born Feb. 27, 1833

John S. Hedden's children:

Samuel Kercheval Hedden, born Feb. 27, 1861
(changed to Clarke)

Mary Downs Hedden, born Oct. 3, 1862

John Henry Hedden, born Aug. 3, 1864

Alalene Hedden, born Mar. 27, 1870

Geo. Vincent Hedden, born Jan. 23, 1868

Chas. Wm. Hedden, born Sept. 12, 1872

James Pinkney Ray and Lydia Ash married Mar. 30, 1848

John S. Hedden and Lydia E. Ray married Jan. 10, 1860

James Pinckney Ray, son of Bryce and Nancy Ray, died Nov. 5, 1849, aged 25 yrs. &
11 days

Lydia E. Hedden, died Oct. 7, 1897

Geo. Hedden, died Mar. 29, 1895

Hedden,
John Simpson, died Jan. 21, 1906

John Henry Hedden, died Feb. 22, 1936

Samuel Clark Hedden, died May 13, 1942

Mary ^{owns} Davis Hedden, died Dec. 22, 1946
(called Mollie)

Alalene Hedden, died Mar. 9, 1950

I think Andrew Ray, who married Rebecca Jane Franklin, sister to Benjamin Holmes Franklin, and moved to Mo. was a brother to James Pinckney Ray. This family lived in Anderson Co. near what is now called Glensboro, then Camden or Camdenville.

Dr. J. M. Ray was my 2nd Cousin
he was son of Mr. Ray. he
son of Saml J. Ray. My Grand
Father had brother -

Am sorry that I cannot
give you any assistance
in your research, wishing
you success. Truly yours
Hale-Ray

6277 Grand Vista on
Cincinnati, Ohio,
Aug 29 - 1928 -

Ray

My dear Mrs Ray:-

When I received
your letter, we were looking
for my oldest-brother to visit
us. I delighted answering
hoping that he could give
me some information, about
the family you and I were
talking about - at Col Rays,
when a young man he taught
school in the neighborhood
of Mr Jim Ray. who lived

fly - and he had a good many
Wothers - I once thurs their
name - but - how forgotten, they
all lived in or near Lebanon
Ky. my father said his uncle
Frank had the family record
but - we failed to get it; I
know my Grand father for
three generations were named
Nicholas - my brother Nicholas
had the family tree. That for
back. (He is dead) if I can
get it from any of the
family. Will send it to
you. The none of the names
you mention are familiar to me.

at - what - was there known as
"Rays cross Roads" in Metcalfe co
he had two children. Belle
and Samuel. Belle married
Will Mitchell - both dead. I had
not - what - became of the boy.
They were no relations of ours,
my brother says that he once
heard his Grand father say
that one of the three brothers
who came from the old coun-
try went - to S. C. - but - he
knew nothing of them, our
Grand father came when a
child from Westmoreland co
Maryland 15

La. They made their home at Franklin, La., where her husband had a drug store. Three years later they moved to New Iberia where they spent the remainder of their lives. On Feb. 3, 1864, he was exempt from service in the Confederate Army as an apothecary.

Their children were: Charles Hill Lee, born in Opelousas, Jan. 22, 1855; Richard Henry Lee born in Franklin, April 14, 1856; Anne Lee born in New Iberia, Jan. 9, 1858; Virginia Lee born in New Iberia, Jan. 5, 1859; Cordelia Lee born in New Iberia, Nov. 20, 1860; and Philip Lee born in New Iberia, July 14, 1865.

She passes away in New Iberia, Nov. 11, 1896 and Mr. Lee Jan. 8, 1904.

Richard Henry Lee died in New Iberia, Feb. 23, 1858.

Cordelia died at the same place, Dec. 12, 1861.

Philip did not marry, he attended college at _____, was employed in his father's business for many years and later went into the hotel business in Atlanta. He died at New Orleans June 2, 1908.

Virginia never married. She remained at the home of her parents until her father's death when she moved to New Orleans. She died in that city on _____.

Annie married John Adamx Gebert in New Iberia, July 14, 1887. They lived there the remainder of their lives. She passed away Aug. 3, 1934 and her husband preceeded her, dying _____.

They had the following children: James Lee Gebert, born July 10, 1884; Katherine Lucy Trout Gebert, born Nov. 9, 1889; Annie Gebert, born Feb. 24, 1892; Helen Gebert, born Feb. 16, 1893; Edeth Lytle Gebert, born Aug. 27, 1895; Ruth Ward Gebert, born Aug. 12, 1898; John A. Gebert, Jr., born Feb. 25, 1903.

Charles H. Lee graduated from the Maryland College of Pharmacy, now part of the University of Maryland. He was employed in his father's drug business which he took over at his death. He married Dora Glassell Weeks of New Iberia. Feb. 12, 1884. She passes away Nov. 23, 1907 and her husband followed Sept. 11, 1914. Their children were: Charles H. Lee, Jr., born Dec. 12, 1884; James

A. Lee, 2nd, born Apr. 5, 1889; Edward Weeks Lee, born Oct. 3, 1890; James A. Lee,
Born Aug. 7, 1894; and Dora Conrad Lee, born Mar. 30, 1897.

Filson Historical Society

2.
Court House & looked back, all
thru the marriage records &
couldn't find these names,
so suppose they were married
in some other Co. This particular
marriage date is all I need to
make my line complete to become
a member of the D.A. R. So
you see why I am working
so hard. Thought possibly
you might of sometime
happen to run onto these
names - & would be able
to give me just a little
help. Thanking you in
advance. I remain

most sincerely
Mrs. C. E. Durrell
33 55 N. Meridian Indpls. Ind.

Ray Indianapolis Ind.
Jan. 13, 1923.

Mrs. Eugene Ray.
306 Keisenger Laubert Apt.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs Ray:-

Please excuse me for taking
the liberty to write to you but
your name was given to me
by the Kentucky State Historical
Society. I wrote to them for
some references. I have been
trying to find the marriage
date of Martin M. Ray and
Nancy Wasson - which took
place many years ago -
someplace in Ky. When I
was in Louisville Ky, in
Aug. last year, I went to the

P. S. "Martin M. Ray" was my-
great grandfather.

Filson Historical Society

MAY 12 1951
ans May 14-1951

May 9, 1951

Dear Ludie J. Kimbroad,

I recd your nice letter thank a lot. I notice you found some on Benjamin Ray Aug 15, 1798 was that when he was born. Would you be so nice to send what information you have on this Benjamin. I would certy appreciate it as I really not able to pay to have a search for it if you can find time to do this I will send you a dollar for a copy of what you have. I am trying to find from what co the Ray come to md + what year, then I can go on to Virginia if at any time in your work that you mite run on to Ray that come to md + date when I will ~~give~~ pay a \$1.00 copy. So let me hear from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours

Mrs Sylvia Burnside
Tucson, Arizona

Gen. Del

I am going to write some of the names you gave me + see if they will exchange information.

always been handed down.

I have been working on this Bolling-Ray line for four years and have been unable so far to prove this marriage.

Was Samuel Ray a brother of John and who were their parents?

I shall be glad to repay you either by check or otherwise for any assistance you may give me in perfecting this record.

Hoping for an early reply

I am - Yours sincerely

Dora B. Kurby

Washington Iowa. Jan. 10, 1924. ^{Ray}

Mrs. Eugene Ray,
The Weissinger
Louisville, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Ray:

In Proceedings of 32nd Congress N. S. D. A. R. I see it stated that you have considerable Ray history and bible records, and am sending out my call for help.

My father was Wesley Blackman Bolling (Bolding) and his father - Wm. Bolling's mother was Naomi Ray. Our record says that John Bolling married

getting it all - but now it is hard to find - for I am the youngest of a large family some of the old records have disappeared.

The first emigrant from Wales to Virginia came in 1635 and there were two or three generations of Johns following his time. It would be interesting to have the line complete from the time of the emigrant.

I found your name in the Proceedings of the 32nd (D. A. R.) Continental Congress. Together with the statement that you had in your possession, bible records &c. of the Ray family of Ky. So of course it looked promising.

Washington Iowa. Jan. 21, 1924. ^{Ray}

My Dear Mrs. Ray:

Your letter of the 19th came today and I am interested in what you have told me, for now John Ray was deputy surveyor in Lincoln Co. Ky in 1781. He removed to Mo. and was one of the framers of the first State Constitution. Shoemaker in his "Struggles for Statehood" says he was a member of the Constitutional Convention held at St. Louis in 1820 "being from Ky. and a slave owner." I do not

Naomi Ray. The Virginia Historical Society claims that John Bolling married a Miss Kemmon.

I am wondering if we have the wrong John Bolling, or if he was married twice.

Do you have any record of the John Ray, born in Va. moved to Ill. and then to Mo. Died while attending the State Legislature at St. Louis in 1820. Was associated with Daniel Boone in his work. Ray Co. Mo. is named in his honor. This John Ray was the father of Naomi - who married John Bolling. The name John William and Archibald had

ing to one who has had such a long search for the Rays. I wrote to Mrs. Wm. Rodes your State Regent for your address. Please pardon the liberty I have taken but you no doubt understand how "desperate" one gets when just one item bars her from proving his and perhaps three more Revolutionary ancestors. I shall be delighted to hear from you at any time in regard to the Ray family. There was another Naomi Ray. I think a niece of gr. grand mother's.
Yours sincerely Dora B. Hurts.

know the names of any of his children except father's grand-mother Naomi. John and Naomi Ray Bolling had five sons who were Methodist preachers - but only one daughter that I ever heard of - her name was Martha. Neither of the names have been handed down in our family - but several male descendants have been called "Ray" - our own son being one of the honored ones at the special request of my father. If I had become interested in our family history before my father died I should have had no difficulty in

Ray family

DEC 31 1947

Judson Road
Longview, Texas
December 29, 1947

The Filson Club
118 West Breckinridge St.
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

A friend gave me your address as I had for a long time failed to get the information I needed concerning my great, great grandfather who was born in your state. In one of his grandson's books, I found a sketch of his life in which he states that he, Leonard Phouts Ray, was born in Christian County September 24, 1796, that he joined the United States Army September 7, 1814, served until March 17, 1817, that he was married in Warren County, Tennessee, October 8, 1818, and moved immediately to Alabama. The information I want in particular is about his parents or brothers and sisters before 1796. I wrote the Kentucky Historical Society once and learned that they had no record of his name in the regular units of the army. I had presumed he enlisted in Kentucky.

I have the suggestion from someone in the family that his mother was Pennsylvania Dutch and that her surname was Phouts. I suspect that this information may be deduction based on the Phouts in his given name and not fact that has been handed down. I have never at any time in any research found the name Phouts or any form similar to it.

I would surely appreciate any information you can give me. If you do not have what I ask, please suggest where I might write to find it. Thanking you for whatever you can do for me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Myra Lynn Ray Roberts
Myra Lynn Ray Roberts
(Mrs. Earl Roberts)

Burkesville, Ky.
April 15, 1932.

My Dear Mrs. Ray -

On the accompanying sheet you will find a bit of information about the various Rays who had part in the early settlement of this community. I also filled in the sheet you enclosed in your letter to give you further information. I wish I could find more. I am inquiring for a Ray burying ground but so far have found none.

Enclosed are some kodaks that might prove interesting some time. I am sorry the old book is not legible, but this gives some idea of its appearance.

Some time soon I am going to send you some old music, and if it has age enough to make it of value you may place it in the Filson Club. If not, then you can discard it. I have had quite a bit of it given to me, and while there is nothing unusual about the music itself, the style of binding and printing looks quaint.

When I have some leisure time this summer, I wish you would come down and lets go over some of these old records and ferret out some interesting history.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ira Dixon McGee

Mrs. Curtis M. McGee,
Burkesville, Ky.

Roy
Los Angeles Calif
January 25

Mr. Eugene Roy,
Wise, Gaullert Bldg
Louisville Kentucky

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Dr. R. B. Roy of Tompkinsville. I wrote to him some weeks ago asking him if his family records contained any mention of Nathaniel Roy of Cumberland County, and I now receive an answer from him advising me to get into communication with you, as you have a complete record of the Roy family. My ancestor, Nathaniel Roy, settled in

Cumberland County, Ky.
at the beginning of the
nineteenth century. His
wife was a Miss Obarison
or O'Bannon and their
daughter Nancy Ray and
my great grandfather James
Turner married in Cumbe-
land County some time
around 1810. This is all
I know of the Rays and I
am anxious to know the
genealogy of the family.
I am unacquainted with
Dr. Ray, and I thought it
was very nice of him to
take an interest in my
inquiry, and I assure
you of my deepest appreci-
ation of any information
which you may give me
if you find that rather
it belongs to you, or not.

of the family.
Very respectfully

Sidney Wilson
7282³/₄ Fountain Ave
Los Angeles Calif.

Filson Historical Society

Kevil Ky. Ray
March 30th, 1925

My dear Mrs. Ray:

Thank you for taking the time to answer my letters of inquiry.

My mother's father was Alexander Goodlet Ray born in Washington Co. Kentucky, married Mary Kinlow, a first cousin. He had a brother William - a doctor of Springfield Ky. and brothers by the names of Arthur - James - and John C. who was a surgeon in war of 18/2. Their father was a John Ray of Mercer County, and I believe must have been a son of Gen. James Ray; the names of William - James and John have come in thru the family so regularly. Have recently gotten in communication with a John Ray - a lawyer - living in Phoenix Arizona, who is my cousin, and he referred me to

another John in Lake City, Florida,
whom he thinks can give me some
information. He also says a
Ray who was a Baptist minister
living in Oklahoma, wrote a book
he called the 'Ray Family'. I have
written these cousins within the last
few days, and if I get any worth-
while information from them will
send it on to you. I am not a
D. A. R., but am quite anxious to
be - that was my motive in trying to
trace this line. Mrs. George Partridge
of Morganfield - Regent there I believe -
is trying now to trace my Houston
and Waggoner lines for me. She is an old
family friend - Union County - being our
native county. I am writing to Monroe
County for the copy of will of Gen. James Ray
thought that - might help, in following
up his son John.

Most cordially
Gale Chapman Brittain
(Mrs. C. L.)

Mrs. Newton Eblen
552 Oakhurst Road
Largo, Florida

March 31st. 1958.

The Filson Club,
118 W. Breckinridge St.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sirs:

I heard you have records of early families in your State, and I am writing to see if you have records of my Great-grandfathers Charles Norman and Charles Lindsey Ray. They moved from Kentucky many years ago. After leaving Kentucky they lived in the Carolinas and Penn. before moving to Ala. Great-grandfather Charles Norman was born May 8th. 1798. He died May 28th. 1876 in Cleburne County Ala. He is buried in the old Norman burying ground on land patented to him Aug. 17th. 1838. According to his tomb he was the first lawyer in Cleburne County Ala.. His oldest child, Jane Caroline Norman was born June 26th. 1823. I do not know if she was born in Kentucky or not.

I believe my Great-grandfather Charles Lindsey Ray was born around 1800. Two of his children are buried in Concord Churchyard in Cleburne County Ala., James Ray and my Grandfather Joseph Green Ray. These sons may have been born in Kentucky.

Thanking you for any information you can give me regarding the Ray and Norman families.

Yours very truly,


Frances Ray Eblen.

Mrs. Newton C. Eblen.
552 Oakhurst Road,
Largo, Fla.

Ray

RAY FAMILY

For several extensive letters
on the life of General James Ray,
see DRAPER MES 12 C, p.16 through 20
February 1843 and July 1843.
and others.

(name) is the son of
Luke Eratus Ray (wife
Marietta Brown). Luke E.
Ray was the son of
Benjamin Ray (wife Betsy
Potter) Benjamin Ray
came from North or
South Carolina to Four-
hole Creek, Virginia (now
West Virginia) near
Huntington. Further
back than Benjamin
Ray, I cannot go. Be-
sides Luke E., he had
a son, Elijah. I do not
know the names of his

[Ray Omer, Michigan.
March 22-1923.

My dear Mr. Ray:-
My son, Henry Ray
Mead, is a S. A. P. and
I found your name
in the Bulletin he
received in December.
May I ask if you
can give me any
data concerning the
Ray family? My father
Henry Bascom Ray (wife
Sybil Duncan, of the
Virginia family of that

other children. Do your records show my branch of the Ray family? Or are you able to give me address of any persons by that name who could help me? I should very greatly appreciate it. I am sending this to Mr. Ewing to forward to you.

Sincerely yours
Margaret Ray Mead.

(Mrs. Justin F. Mead)

Historical Society

Thomas L. Ray- had a son

Washington Ray, who married in Breckinridge county,
Jan. 5/1827- Frances Jarvis-- They had a daughter

Mary J. Ray who married Dec. 2/1852 Henry W. Basham, also
in Breckinridge county, Kentucky.

Washington Ray died in in 1864 in Breckinridge county,
leaving the following children,

Moses Ray,
Emily Ray,
Thomas L. Ray, Jr.
William H. Ray,
Jane Basham,
Sarah Ellen Nelson,
James M. Ray,
Margaret Chasman,
Frances Barger.

Do you know who Thomas L. Ray, Sr. was _____

Do you know when he was born _____

" " " where " " " _____

Do you know who his wife was _____

Do you know when he died and where _____

In the name of God Amen I Frederic Augustus
Kaye of Louisville Jefferson County Kentucky being
sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
knowing that it is appointed unto all men
once to die; do make & ordain this my last will
& testament in the manner following viz.

First I commend my soul to him who gave
it & my body to the earth, to be buried in
a decent Christian manner, believing that at
the general resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God.

The worldly estate with which it has pleased
God to bless me, I give, demise & dispose of
as follows: My just debts being paid, —

I give & bequeath to Mary Dorothy my dearly
beloved wife the use & possession of all my
earthly substance, both real & personal during
her natural life. At her decease it is my
will & desire & I hereby give & bequeath to my
beloved sons Frederic Augustus, William Henry
one half an acre lot in Louisville known on the plan
of said town by Number one hundred & seventy
nine lying on Market street, with the buildin-
gs thereon standing & all the appurtenances &
privileges thereto belonging. The ground of said
lot to be equally divided among them,
each one to have the same number of feet
on market street, each one to have the same
width length wise of the lot. Frederic Augustus
to take his third on the west side of said lot
on which the brick house now stands.
William the middle third of said lot with the
wood building thereon standing; & Henry the
one third on the east side of said lot with
the buildings thereon.

Revolutionary War Pension Office = Ray
Washington D.C.: "File R. 8612"

John Ray - Born - Sept. 3^d 1756. served in
Md. line - 1776 - was a private in Capt.
Burgess company of "Flying Camp".
Served in 1780 in Ky., under Gen. Geo.
Rogers Clark; in 1782. under Capt. Vanmeter
In 1832 applied for a pension which
was granted.

Lived in Anne Arundel Co. Md. moved to
Ky. in 1779, lived in Nelson Co. Bullett in
1780 - also lived in Washington Co. and

Henderson, but - was a resident of Union
County in 1832 and died there.

Widow of John Ray - Margaret Ray -
living and applied for pension on his
service.

S. A. R. Year Book. Ky. Society 1896. page 233 -
Rev. War. Pension Office - Washington D.C.
file R. 8612.

Records in County Clerk's office at
Court House Ittison Co. Ky.
Fidelity Bible -

Did you send me this?

Ray

1.

Memorandum, showing ancestry of the Ray family (our branch) in America.

From an old family Bible, we gather that the origin of the Ray Family, or at least our particular branch of the name, was in Scotland. Afterwards, our ancestors moved to the Northern part of Ireland, and thence to America, either via England, or else from Ireland direct.

The same authority states that our ancestors were among the first settlers of Virginia.

I have traced the line back to 1757, as follows:-

James Ray

James Ray was born in Virginia, probably at Petersburg, about 1757.

The Old Family Bible above referred to states that he died in 1817, at the age of 60 years, which would make his birth date about 1757.

The record also states that he lived at Petersburg, Virginia, but does not state definitely that this was his birthplace. He married Miss Amy Harmon, of Petersburg, Va., date not given. Their children were:

Amy
John
Eaton
Hix, or Hicks,
James, Jr. and
Grievous.

Amy married a gentleman named Harmon, who was her second cousin. James, Jr. died at the age of four years. Two of the boys, (names not shown) moved to Kentucky and Tennessee. One of them, (name not shown) moved to southern Illinois. Grievous Ray moved to Texas in 1839. James Ray, Senior, left Petersburg, Va., and moved to Booneville, Kentucky, Owsley County in the year 1805. He died at his home in Booneville, Kentucky, in 1817, at the age of sixty years.

Grievous Ray

Grievous Ray was born in Petersburg, Va., on the 18th day of June, 1801. He lived at Petersburg with his father, until he was four years old, when, in 1805, he moved with his father, James Ray, Senior, to Booneville, Owsley County, Kentucky.

After becoming a young man, Grievous Ray moved to Waynesboro, Wayne County, Tennessee.

Grievous Ray married Miss Maria Branch, born in Nashville, Tenn. They were married at Waynesboro, Wayne County, Tennessee, about the year of 1825.

Their children were:

John Wesley Ray, Senior,

Roswell Ray

Thomas J. Ray

Amy Ray

"Deedy" (Nickname, probably for Elizabeth or something similar. Unable to give correct name.)

Grievous Ray and family moved to Texas in the year 1839. He settled in the central portion of the State, as records indicate he had business dealings in the counties of Grimes, Burleson, and Williamson.

Grievous Ray was a Master Mason. The records of the Grand Lodge of Texas show that he filed his application for membership with San Gabriel Lodge No. 89, located at Georgetown, Texas.

He was initiated as an E. A. on May 15th, 1852.

Passed to the F. C. Degree, June 19th, 1852.

Raised to the Degree of M. M. July 17th, 1852.

Served as Tiler of the Lodge in 1852.

Demitted in 1863.

His wife, Maria Branch Ray, died near Austin, Texas, in 1888.

Grievous Ray died near Austin, Texas, Jan. 15th, 1890.

They are both buried in a country church yard, on Walnut Creek, about ten miles out from Austin, Texas.

Donated 4 April 2001

Descendants of Jessie Ray

Generation No. 1

1. JESSIE¹ RAY was born Abt. 1810 in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and died August 13, 1849 in Edgar County, Illinois. He married SARAH ANN BAIRD February 16, 1833 in Coles County, Illinois. She was born 1812 in Tennessee, and died March 01, 1856 in Coles County, Illinois.

More About JESSIE RAY and SARAH BAIRD:

Marriage: February 16, 1833, Coles County, Illinois

Children of JESSIE RAY and SARAH BAIRD are:

- i. GRANVILLE R.² RAY, b. 1830; d. November 09, 1861; m. HARRIET M. COX, April 16, 1850, Coles County, Illinois.

More About GRANVILLE RAY and HARRIET COX:

Marriage: April 16, 1850, Coles County, Illinois

- ii. ARDILLA RAY, b. 1837, Indiana; m. JOHN W CAMPBELL, June 27, 1851, Coles County, Illinois.

More About JOHN CAMPBELL and ARDILLA RAY:

Marriage: June 27, 1851, Coles County, Illinois

2. iii. JOSEPH HARRISON RAY, b. May 12, 1837, Coles County, Illinois (Census Indiana); d. January 12, 1913, Tyro, Montgomery County, Kansas.
- iv. ELIZABETH C RAY, b. 1838, Coles County, Illinois; m. HENRY TINSLEY, April 14, 1859, Coles County, Illinois.

More About HENRY TINSLEY and ELIZABETH RAY:

Marriage: April 14, 1859, Coles County, Illinois

- v. MARTHA A. RAY, b. 1840, Coles County, Illinois; m. DAVID WINKLER, April 16, 1859, Coles County, Illinois.

More About DAVID WINKLER and MARTHA RAY:

Marriage: April 16, 1859, Coles County, Illinois

- vi. MURTILDA C. RAY, b. 1842, Coles County, Illinois; d. Fort Scott, Kansas; m. ANTHONY COX, December 22, 1858, Coles County, Illinois.

More About ANTHONY COX and MURTILDA RAY:

Marriage: December 22, 1858, Coles County, Illinois

- vii. SARAH EVALINE RAY, b. 1843, Illinois; m. GEORGE WASHINGTON COLLINS, December 21, 1863, Coles County, Illinois.

More About GEORGE COLLINS and SARAH RAY:

Marriage: December 21, 1863, Coles County, Illinois

3. viii. JOHN WILLIAM RAY, b. July 17, 1845, Illinois; d. March 24, 1920, Santa Barbara, CA.
- ix. ELIZA T. RAY, b. 1847, Indiana.

Generation No. 2

2. JOSEPH HARRISON² RAY (*JESSIE*¹) was born May 12, 1837 in Coles County, Illinois (Census Indiana), and died January 12, 1913 in Tyro, Montgomery County, Kansas. He married MARY JANE ADKINS November 13, 1862 in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois, daughter of GOWIN ADKINS and LOUISA HAMMON. She was born October 30, 1844 in Hiettsville Precinct, Coles County, Illinois, and died May 04, 1908 in Tyro, Montgomery

County, Kansas.

More About JOSEPH RAY and MARY ADKINS:

Marriage: November 13, 1862, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois

Children of JOSEPH RAY and MARY ADKINS are:

- i. MATILDA CATHERINE³ RAY, b. May 22, 1864.
- ii. MILLIE ANN RAY, b. January 24, 1866.
- iii. ROBERT WESLEY RAY, b. March 01, 1868.
- iv. LOVINA JANE RAY, b. January 11, 1869.
- v. WILLIAM HENRY RAY, b. March 16, 1872.
- vi. MARGARET ELLEN RAY, b. July 14, 1875.
- vii. FRANCIS M. RAY, b. July 14, 1875.
- viii. ADRILLA RAY, b. October 18, 1877.
- ix. MARTHA ANGELINE RAY, b. January 03, 1879.
- x. JESSIE BELL RAY, b. June 10, 1883, Tyro, Montgomery County, Kansas; d. January 01, 1963, Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas; m. THOMAS DAY KELLER, March 09, 1902, Tyro, Montgomery, Kansas.

More About THOMAS KELLER and JESSIE RAY:

Marriage: March 09, 1902, Tyro, Montgomery, Kansas

3. JOHN WILLIAM² RAY (*JESSIE*¹) was born July 17, 1845 in Illinois, and died March 24, 1920 in Santa Barbara, CA. He married MARY JANE HALL October 30, 1877. She was born November 07, 1859, and died March 23, 1931 in Wenatchee, WA.

More About JOHN WILLIAM RAY:

Burial: Santa Barbara, CA

Migration: Bet. 1877 - 1878, Traveled from Missouri to Lagrande, Orgeon in a covered wagon

More About MARY JANE HALL:

Family Bible: October 1917, Given by Stella Bruys

More About JOHN RAY and MARY HALL:

Marriage: October 30, 1877

Children of JOHN RAY and MARY HALL are:

- i. GRACE ALICE³ RAY, m. JAMES BARNES, September 28, 1901.

More About JAMES BARNES and GRACE RAY:

Marriage: September 28, 1901

- ii. CARL WILBUR RAY, b. October 31, 1881, Oregon; d. July 04, 1928, Santa Barbara, CA; m. MARY "ABBIE" WARD, June 08, 1909, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington; b. 1891, Iowa.

More About CARL RAY and MARY WARD:

Marriage: June 08, 1909, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington

- iii. HARRISON B. RAY, b. 1883.
- iv. LEO E. RAY, b. 1885.
- v. EDITH M RAY, b. 1886.
- vi. BLANCHE VIOLA RAY, b. April 10, 1888, Lagrande, Union County, Oregon; d. May 06, 1980, East Wenatchee, Douglas County, Washington; m. WILLIAM "TED" HUBBARD, March 09, 1911, Ephrata, Grant County, Washington.

More About BLANCHE VIOLA RAY:

Burial: May 09, 1980, Sunnyslope Cemetery, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington

More About WILLIAM HUBBARD and BLANCHE RAY:

Marriage: March 09, 1911, Ephrata, Grant County, Washington

- vii. MABEL ALTHA ZETA RAY, b. August 18, 1891, Baller (?) City, Oregon; d. June 13, 1955; m. ROBERT

FRANCES JEFFERS, August 09, 1917, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington; b. 1891, Brownsville, Nebraska.

More About ROBERT FRANCES JEFFERS:
Occupation: Rancher

More About ROBERT JEFFERS and MABEL RAY:
Age when Married: Age 26
Marriage: August 09, 1917, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington
Married by: Rev. H.E. Hobart at First Christian Church
Witness were: J.S. Ray and Mrs. J.F. Ray

- viii. HARLAN ALLISON RAY, b. November 14, 1892, Lagrande, OR; d. April 10, 1979, Wenatchee, WA; m. MARGARET HENRIETTA BUTLER, December 01, 1917, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington; b. April 21, 1896, Little Falls, MI; d. September 02, 1990, Park Side Manor, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington.

More About MARGARET HENRIETTA BUTLER:
Burial: September 05, 1990, Wenatchee City Cemetry, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington
Education: Attended school briefly in Malaga, Chelan County, Washington
Occupation: Worked seasonally in the local apple packing sheds.
Residence: Moved with family to Seattle, then to Malaga, Chelan County, Washington in 1910.
Retirement: 1963, Moved to Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington
Service Organizations: Was a 55-year member of the Bee Hive Grange and active in the Squilchuck Ladies Community Club

More About HARLAN RAY and MARGARET BUTLER:
Marriage: December 01, 1917, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington

- ix. JOHN FOSTER RAY, b. April 02, 1894, Oregon; d. In California while residing in a men's home; m. RUBY SCHUCK, June 24, 1917, Chesaw, Okanagan County, Washington.

More About JOHN RAY and RUBY SCHUCK:
Marriage: June 24, 1917, Chesaw, Okanagan County, Washington

- x. MARYBELLE RAY, b. November 07, 1896.
xi. CECIL ARNOLD RAY, b. October 13, 1897, Lagrande, OR; d. December 12, 1985, Cashmere, Chelan County, Washington; m. LORENA VIRGINA GILLESPIE, September 22, 1911, Santa Barbara, California; b. April 04, 1897, Illinois; d. September 14, 1983, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington.

More About CECIL ARNOLD RAY:
Education: Attended the Squilchuck school.
Occupation: Worked in the fruit, sold automobiles for Pohlman Motors, was a clerk for K&R Market, and then he operated his own cherry orchard until he retired.
Religion: Member of the Central Christian Church
Residence: 1901, Moved to the Wenatchee at the age of four
Retirement: 1962
Service Organizations: Member of the Beehive Grange
Social Security Number: 539-07-6464

More About LORENA VIRGINA GILLESPIE:
Burial: East Wenatchee, Douglas County, Washington

More About CECIL RAY and LORENA GILLESPIE:
Marriage: September 22, 1911, Santa Barbara, California

- xii. ADA RAY, b. December 06, 1900; d. 1931, Santa Barbara, CA; m. JOHN STEPHENS, July 21, 1921, Santa Barbara, California.

More About JOHN STEPHENS and ADA RAY:
Marriage: July 21, 1921, Santa Barbara, California

Kevil Ky. / Ray.

June 29th 1925

My dear Mrs. Ray:

You are wonderful!

Four years I have wished I could join the D. A. R's, and now in a few weeks, you have gotten two lines for me. I will certainly go to Halington, just to meet you, and thank you personally for what you have done for me.

I had written the Pension Department at Washington, weeks and weeks ago for any information they might have on their Revolutionary War Files of John Ray, but as yet, have heard nothing from them. I had the date of John Ray's birth and death, also of his wife, Margaret, from my Mother's family Bible.

I had written a cousin in Morganfield to look for deeds at County Clerk's Office

and she made enclosed copy of a deed made by John Ray - selling a small tract of land to his son, Alexander G. Ray (who was mother's father). so it looks to me like that is straight.

I am sending it all to you, as I don't know what to do with it; now that I have it.

Wasn't John Ray, son of Joseph Ray of Va. ? An old man Ray in Liberty, Missouri wrote me that there was a William Ray in early seventeenth century in Scotland. His son Richard moved to Manchester England - then to Maryland in 1750 - Joseph - a son of Richard was born in ~~Maryland~~ Manchester May 25 - 1735 - came to America and married Mary Shickels etc. We have all that data. That Joseph could not have been the Joseph of Bedford Co. Va. whose will was filed 1767 - as his children were Andrew & John, and Mary and Priscilla. Wasn't he great grandfather John's father? This one little line proves confusing to me.

Cordially
Gale Chapman Brittain
(Mrs. C. L.)

Revil Ray
July 13th

Dear Mrs. Ray:

I have just sent to Washington a certified copy of the deed John Ray made to Alexander G. Ray. I am so eager for that line to go thru, I wouldn't wait for them to ask for it. I asked the Union County Clerk to mail direct to them, but he didn't do it - even waited to write me asking for his \$1.00 fee. So I have my opinion of him! Here is good news from Frankfort. This Clerk was certainly prompt and courteous.

I know nothing about Drakes Creek and have no idea how to find it.

You know everything: don't you know that too? But I do know Highland Creek; it is in Henderson and Union Counties! Don't that fit? Ferguson Bell must have had a relative of Thomas Chapmans, as his wife was Sarah Bell, and I have

always had an idea that there is
where the Strother connection
begins; as Thomas and Sarah's son
was named John Strother, and
each succeeding generation has
had several Strothers - down to
my own eleven year old son.
Perhaps Sarah Bell's mother was
a Strother. They lived in Frederick
County Va.

Doesn't this prove the Revolutionary
Thomas Chapman my ancestor?

Have found no record of John Ray's
marriage. Have written a cousin to
find the old gentleman in Union Co.
you spoke of. Mother thinks he must
be Levellyn Ray son of Lew uncle
Arthur. There is a chance they may
have the Bible John Ray referred to,
in his pension application.
Have written Shannelown Clark, also a
cousin in Uniontown to write some
acquaintance there.

Mrs. Ray do you have Union County
relatives? You seem so well acquainted
there? I can get nothing from Mrs. Prentice.
She won't even answer my letters.

Cordially

(Mrs. C. L.)

Gale C. Brittain

Ray
Garnely
see
H. ...

December 10, 1965

Mr. James F. Huebner
733 Calle de Casas Lindas
Tucson, Arizona 85706

Dear Mr. Huebner:

Although our staff is small and we are not able to devote too much time to genealogical research, I have picked up a few facts for you in regard to your Ray ancestors.

In our transcribed marriage records of Fayette Co., Kentucky I do not find the marriage of Elizabeth Ray and James Fitzgerald. County clerks can be very remiss in answering requests but I know of no other course for you to follow in procuring this record. Perhaps another letter would prompt the clerk to send you the information.

I am enclosing a biographical account of the Rev. Edwin Ray. The cost of this copy is twenty-five cents. History of Methodism by A.H. Redford (three volumes) contains a number of references to Rev. John Ray. I have examined the data and the only information of a genealogical nature is the date of his birth- January 21, 1768. It was in 1792 that the name of James Ray, among other "preachers", appeared for the first time in the list of Kentucky Appointments in the Methodist Church. His duties as a minister seem to have taken him into Tennessee and North Carolina. He located in Montgomery Co., Kentucky in 1801 and his family resided there until 1831. I do not know the date of John Ray's death.

In History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, p.488 will be found a biographical account of Dr. John D. Ray, son of Dr. L.G. Ray, and grandson of Rev. John Ray, "a prominent minister of the Methodist Church. Dr. L.G. Ray is said to have been born in Edgecomb Co., North Carolina February 14, 1799.

If you would care to have professional assistance with your genealogical research, I suggest that you write one of our local genealogists, Mrs. C. E. Craik, 418 Oxford Place, Louisville 7, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Thomas Cullen
Curator and Librarian

RECORD OF THE RAY FAMILY.
MARRIAGES.

Ray family

Samuel Ray and Mary Chism, May 8, 1822.

J. C. Ray to Adaline Wells, Dec. 16, 1846.

John Ray to Norciessa Duncan, Nov. 9, 1848.

Samuel Ray to Ellen Howard, Sept. 13, 1852. *3-1853*

Jonathan Jackson to Mary Ray, May 14, 1850.

Sam T. Thomas to Phebe Ray, Dec. 11, 1855.

Births.

Samuel Ray was born Oct. 6, 1801. *Died May 28-1892-Bethlehem Ch. Monroe Co Ky*

Mary Ray was born Sept. 24, 1805. *" Feb 16-1892 " " " "*

J. C. Ray was born Feby. 16, 1823.

John Ray was born May 7, 1824.

Samuel Ray was born Mar 3, 1829. *D nich 27-1897*

Mary Ray was born Apr. 30, 1833.

Phebe Ray was born Jan. 2, 1836.

John Ray was born Apr. 20, 1795. *+*

Charles Ray was born Jan 7, 1797. *+*

Samuel Ray was born Oct. 6, 1801. *Died May 28-1892-Bethlehem Ch Monroe Co*

Nancy Ray was born Jan. 25, 1804.

Elizabeth Ray was born Dec. 25, 1805.

Martha Ray was born Sept. 4, 1808.

Deaths.

Nancy Ray died ~~July 24, 1845~~ July 24, 1845.

Phebe Ray died Nov. 8, 1871.

Charles Ray died March 31, 1878, in his 77th year. *1873*

Mary Ray died Feby 16, 1865.

This record is transcribed from a bible now the property of Ben Chism, living in the Bethlehem neighborhood of Monroe County, Ky. Mr. Chism states that the record was kept by Samuel Ray.

(Miss Katie V. Ray-# 6277 Grand Vista Ave. Cinn. Ohio.

1811 Hezekiah Ray (2)
+ Elizabeth Ray John T. Ray

1812 Wm Ray
+ Sarah P. Ray - Richard Ray

1817 Josiah Edwards Best
+ Eleanor Ray Joseph Ray Sr.
Eleanor Ray ^{1st} married the second

time to Herbert Waggoner July 27, 1827

Maryland Census of 1790 shows
in Ann Arundel County the following:

Heads of Families - Free white Free white - Slaves
males over 16 - males under 16 - females

John Ray	2	3	6	2
Joseph Ray	3	2	5	14
John Shuckels Ray	1	1	1	2

1799 Jonathan Payne

+ Elizabeth Ray

1802 Joseph Ray

+ Nancy Brown Peter Brown

1806 Mary Ray Joseph Ray Sr.

+ Enoch Duley

1807 Samuel Ray

+ Rosannah Everhart

1808 William Ray

+ Susan M. Hundley Anthony Hundley

1810 John Thurman

+ Velora Ray Joseph Ray Sr.

1811 Lloyd Ray

+ Nancy Wiseliff

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Frances Ray daughter of Joseph Ray and
Mary Sheekels married a Mr. Innot,
Proctor Innot's grand mother was
Frances Ray.

Sept. 1914

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To Capt. Elias Delashmut's Muster Roll

Aug. 13, 1757 sergeant Joseph Ray.

Did you see this?

(1)
Joseph Ray and Mary Sheekels

anna Ray ^{B.} Sept. 22, 1762 -

John S. (Sheekels) Ray July 15, 1765 -

Frances Ray July 15, 1769 -

Helorah Ray Jan. 25, 1772 -

Joseph Ray Apr. 28, 1774 -

Samuel Ray July 13, 1776 -

Mary Ray July 23, 1778 -

Elizabeth Ray May 4, 1782 -

Loyd Ray Apr. 13, 1784 -

Eleanor Ray May 8, 1786 - Aug. 23, 1849

William Ray Sept. 12, 1788 -

Lydia Ray May 27, 1792 -

Washington County Marriages
Parents

1797 Joseph Ray

+
Peggy Rutter

James Rutter

Children of
 Joseph Ray & Mary Shuckells Ray.
 (Who lived in Maryland
 before coming into Ky.)

- Anna Ray - Birth 1762
- John Shuckells Ray " 1765
- Francis Ray ——— 1769
- Delora Ray ——— 1772
- Joseph Ray ——— 1774
- Samuel Ray ——— 1776
- Mary Ray ——— 1778
- Elizabeth ——— 1782
- Lloyd Ray ——— 1784
- Eleanor Ray — 1786.
- William Ray 1788
- Lydia Ray - 1792
- Francis Ray was grandnephew of Gov. Knott.

First great grand mother
 of Mrs. John C. Alderson.

Ahnentafel Chart for George W. RAY

First Generation

1. **George W. RAY** was born 15 Sep 1828 in , Calloway, KY. He died about 1862 in , Barry, MO.

1850 and 1860 U. S. Censuses of Barry County, Missouri.

!Fragment of a Ray Family record in the possession of Loyd M. Bishop, 140 Cooley, Ponca City, OK 74601

!Death Certificates of Mary I. Ray Porter and Elizabeth Ray Sherry which states the names of their father as being George W. Ray.

Family legend says that George was killed during the civil war activity in Southwest Missouri. As the story goes, he was working at the mill when he heard that there were Yankees in the area. He jumped upon his most spirited horse and went to investigate. He happened upon a patrol of Yankees that challenged him. His horse was skittish and bolted, and he was shot and killed.

His youngest child was just a baby at the time, and his wife Elizabeth died just a few months later. Their children were placed in an orphanage, probably the one that was operated by Mary Phelps, the wife of John Phelps, who later became governor of Missouri.

There was a George W. Ray who was a member of the Missouri State Guard, who was killed in action during the Battle of Wilson's Creek near Springfield, Missouri. His name was mentioned in the United Confederate Veterans 10th reunion at Joplin, MO; 26-27 Sep 1906 as being a casualty of the war. It has been discovered that this George W. Ray, who was about the same age, was from Jasper County, Missouri, and is not the same person as the subject of this article.

However, there is some confusion added to this story by a 1861 tax list (excerpted) that showed that the Ray's were favoring the Union, which is inconsistant with the family stories that say the Rays were Confederate sympathizers.

It is doubtful that the exact date of George W. Ray's death will ever be found, but the family stories do state that the youngest child was a baby when he died. Since Manda was born in May of 1861 according to the 1900 census of Parker County, Texas, Elizabeth would be the youngest. She was born in April 1862 as is stated in her marriage license application in Dolores County, CO.

According to Elizabeth Ray Sherry's obit in the Pawnee newspaper, she came from a family of five girls and three boys. The 1860 census listed three boys and three girls, This would mean that there would have to have been two more girls born after the 1860 census was taken. Hence Manda in 1861, and Elizabeth in 1862, complete the list of children. George probably died in 1862 or early 1863.

Of the Children of George W. and Elizabeth that have been found by this researcher to February 1992, only Mary I. , Manda, and Elizabeth had definitely been located. James M. Ray lived with Mary I and Franklin Porter in 1880, but what happened to him after that is uncertain. Manda was living in Parker County, Texas in 1900, and it is not known when she died.

The family of William Ray was located in September of 1993. The result of finding a Christmas card which had been mailed to Martha Ann Porter from a Maud L. Ray from Oklahoma City.

This researcher has been unable to find a record of marriage for George W. and Elizabeth. The marriage has not been recorded in Barry County, and the records of Newton and McDonald County do not exist for the 1850 time period. They almost certianly would have been married in Missouri since the family moved from Kentucky in 1847. There is no record in Calloway County, KY.

Some cousins of the Porter family report that Mary I. Ray was part Indian. If Mary's mother was indian, this could be a possible explanation for there being no recorded marriage since such marriages at the time were considered illegal. It is possible that they married in McDonald County, MO, where the marriage records of that time have been

estroyed by fire.

George married **Elizabeth RUSSELL** about 1850. Elizabeth was born about 1826 in , , MO. She died about 1862.

Second Generation

2. **John RAY** was born about 1787 in , Brunswick, Virginia, USA. He died about 1870 in , Barry, Missouri, USA. John married Isabel FOSTER about 1822.

1830 U. S. Census of Calloway County, KY

!1840 U. S. Census of Calloway County, KY

!1850 and 1860 U. S. Censuses of Barry County, MO

!National Archives record of Land Patent 22361, Springfield, MO.

!Family record of the John Ray Family passed down via Mary I. Ray Porter to her daughter Martha Ann Porter Bishop, through her son E. Glen Bishop to Loyd M. Bishop, 140 Cooley, Ponca City, OK 74601

!Research of Dorothy Thomas, 1336 Sandy Hill Drive, West Covina, CA 91791

!Probate records of Barry County, Missouri.

!War of 1812 Bounty Land Warrant Application in 1850 and 1855, Barry County, Missouri.

John Ray was born in Brunswick Co. Va in 1787, the son of Nathaniel Ray. His mother is unknown. He moved to Allen and Warren County areas of Kentucky with his father, later moving to Calloway County, Kentucky. apparently John's father died in the early 1820's.

In 1855, John was 65 years old and living in Barry County, Missouri. He applied for a bounty land warrant for service in the War of 1812. According to his affidavit, he was a private in the 7th Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Militia under Company Commander, Captain Micah Taul The regimental commander was Colonel Barbour. John enlisted in Lincoln County, Kentucky in September 1812 and was honorably discharged at Cincinnati, Ohio, in March 1813. He had previously applied for a bounty land warrant in 1850, but since that land had already been disposed of, he applied for a new warrant

John was granted a patent on 160 acres west of the Tennessee river, land described as the NW1/4, S33, T4, R1E. This land is now located in Calloway County on the Marshall County border. According to the tax records, the Rays remained in Calloway County from 1824 until 1848 when they removed to Missouri. John and Isabell's oldest children (Nathaniel F. and Samuel C. Ray) both appear on the tax rolls the year they reached their majority. Isabell's name also appears in 1833 when she apparently acquired, most probably through probate of an estate, a horse that was subject to taxation.

After the Rays moved to Barry County, Mo, John patented land in the northwest part of the county near a town called Gadfly, now known by another name. He patented 40 acres of land from the U. S. Government on 13 May 1857, described as the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 24 Range 28 West. John is listed on the 1860 census in Barry County, MO, but not on the 1870 census. He died sometime between those years, probably 1869 or early 1870 since the probate of his estate was started in 1870.

3. **Isabel FOSTER** was born about 1801 in , , South Carolina, USA. She died after 1860 in , , Missouri, USA.

The proof of Isabel Foster's last name is the Death certificate of her youngest son James A. Ray. James died in Grandby, Newton County, MO, in 1910.

No proof of the marriage of John and Isabel has been found to date.

Third Generation

4. **Nathaniel Jr. WRAY** was born about 1751 in , Brunswick, Virginia, USA. He died about 1821 in , Allen, Kentucky, USA. Nathaniel was married was married about 1784.

Based upon information sent to this researcher by Jim Washam, Rt 7, Box 166, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

Nathaniel was married twice. The first wife's name is unknown. It is believed that John Ray was the only child of Nathaniel Wray and the Unidentified first wife. Nathaniel had eight other children who were probably the offspring of he and his second wife Nancy. Because of the gap of years between the birth dates of John and the second child Hix Jones Ray, all the other children are listed with this second marriage.

Although the spelling of the surname appears both as "Ray" and "Wray" in the Virginia records, it was apparently changed to "Ray" when they moved to Kentucky.

Fourth Generation

8. **Nathaniel Sr. WRAY** was born about 1730 in , Brunswick, Virginia, USA. He died about 1787 in , Brunswick, Virginia, USA. Nathaniel was married was married about 1750.

Research of Pat Scheele, 414 South Elm, Meade, NB provides the information for the family of Nathaniel Wray, Sr.

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

8 Nathaniel Sr. WRAY

B: Abt 1730
 P: ,Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 M: Abt 1750
 P:
 D: Abt 1787
 P: ,Brunswick, Virginia, USA

4 Nathaniel Jr. WRAY

B: Abt 1751
 P: ,Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 M: Abt 1784
 P:
 D: Abt 1821
 P: ,Allen, Kentucky, USA

2 John RAY

B: Abt 1787
 P: ,Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 M: Abt 1822
 P:
 D: Abt 1870
 P: ,Barry, Missouri, USA

1 George W. RAY

B: 15 Sep 1828
 P: ,Calloway, KY
 M: Abt 1850
 P:
 D: Abt 1862
 P: ,Barry, MO

Elizabeth RUSSELL
 (Spouse of no. 1)

3 Isabel FOSTER

B: Abt 1801
 P: ,,South Carolina, USA
 D: Aft 1860
 P: ,,Missouri, USA

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16 John BISHOP
B: Abt 1800
M: 19 Aug 1821
D: Aft 1860

17 Sarah ROGERS
B: Abt 1800
D: Aft 1870

18 Isaac Alford INGRAM
B: 17 Feb 1816
M: 1834
D: Abt 1855

19 Sarah HAYNES
B: Abt 1816
D: Abt 1895

20 Simeon Hall PORTER
B: 14 Mar 1799
M: 17 Nov 1853
D: 30 Jan 1887

21 Cathrine "Kitty" Ann GREEN
B: May 1822
D: 1 May 1907

22 George W. RAY
B: 15 Sep 1828
M: Abt 1850
D: Abt 1862

23 Elizabeth RUSSELL
B: Abt 1826
D: Abt 1862

24 James PADGETT
B: Abt 1803
M: 14 Feb 1833
D: Abt 1854

25 Jane N. TAYLOR
B: Abt 1810
D: Abt 1854

26 Thomas W. TATE
B: Abt 1810
M: 30 Oct 1836
D: Aft 1880

27 Mary Ann Sarah ELLIOTT
B: 1818
D:

28 John White WILSON
B: 3 Sep 1836
M: 28 Sep 1856
D: 28 Aug 1929

29 Miranda Jane RAY
B: 16 Jun 1838
D: 4 Jan 1906

30 Roland Addison CLARK
B: Nov 1827
M: 13 Oct 1853
D: 8 Mar 1912

31 Mary Elizabeth BAUGH
B: Sep 1829
D: 6 Mar 1906

8 Alfred McKinney BISHOP
B: 28 Aug 1832
P: VA
M: 21 Dec 1854
P: Union, GA
D: 11 Jan 1900
P: Republic, Greene, MO

9 Mary Ann INGRAM
B: 6 Mar 1839
P: Gaddistown, Union, GA
D: Abt 1900
P: Republic, Greene, MO

10 Franklin Merrill PORTER
B: 7 Jul 1854
P: Oskaloosa, OT, Clay, IL
M: 29 Sep 1872
P: Greene, MO
D: 26 Aug 1923
P: Woodward, Woodward, OK

11 Mary Isabell RAY
B: 18 Mar 1851
P: Gadfly, Barry, MO
D: 1 Feb 1929
P: Lela, Pawnee, OK

12 John William PADGETT
B: 25 Sep 1844
P: Woodford, KY
M: 25 Mar 1866
P: Paoli, Orange, IN
D: 26 Apr 1915
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK

13 Elizabeth Frances TATE
B: 2 May 1842
P: Paoli, Orange, IN
D: 11 Oct 1923
P: Bartlesville, Washington, OK

14 Oliver Elmer WILSON
B: 14 Jun 1862
P: Plainfield, Hendricks, IN
M: 18 Sep 1884
P: Hendricks, IN
D: 31 Aug 1948
P: Newkirk, Kay, OK

15 Ida Salina CLARK
B: 22 May 1863
P: Danville, Hendricks, IN
D: 31 Dec 1942
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK

4 James Taylor BISHOP
B: 30 Nov 1881
P: Gaddistown, Union, GA
M: 27 Apr 1903
P: Lela, Pawnee, OK
D: 24 Feb 1954
P: Pawnee, Pawnee, OK

5 Martha Ann PORTER
B: 11 Dec 1882
P: Halltown, Lawrence, MO
D: 15 Jun 1954
P: Pawnee, Pawnee, OK

6 John William PADGETT
B: 22 Jan 1881
P: Tuscola, Douglas, IL
M: 1 Oct 1905
P: Bliss (Marland), Noble, OK
D: 3 Mar 1935
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK

7 Annie Elizabeth WILSON
B: 15 Mar 1888
P: Danville, Hendricks, IN
D: 12 Dec 1984
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK

2 Everette Glen BISHOP
B: 30 Jul 1904
P: Lela, Pawnee, OK Territory
M: 3 Jul 1929
P: Perry, Noble, OK
D: 13 Sep 1967
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK

1 Loyd Morgan BISHOP
B: 9 Mar 1938
P: Ponca City, Kay, OK
M:
P:
D:
P:

3 Frances Christine PADGETT
B: 22 Jul 1906
P: Ford, Noble, OK Territory
D: 30 May 1994
P: Ponca City, Kay, Oklahoma

(Spouse of no. 1)

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Please contact if you are researching these individuals or lines.

Wilson Historical Society

Gen. Jas Ray

From Dr. Jno. Ray

20th Feb. '43

1st Letter

No. 1

Drapen MSS 12 @ 16 p. ²16

Madisonville, Ky. - 20th Feb. 1843

D Sir

In compliance with your request I subjoin the principal Historical facts of my father, most of which are quite familiar with me up to the present time - My father was a man of stern integrity and all matters emanating from him was considered in-exceptionable.

The late Genl James Ray of Mercer County Kentucky immigrated from the State of North Carolina (county not known) to Kentucky in the fall of 1775 was at that time about 14 years of age - He had a mother, a step Father, and two Brothers(all minors), his Mother was then married to Col Hugh McGary.

They set out from North Carolina in company with Col Daniel Boone and came to Kentucky together. Col Boone & Col McGary as their guide & head. Genl Rays mother came in company with the first white women that ever crossed the mountains to the west. I think there were some twenty or thirty families in the company. After coming through the Wilderness and arriving in the Kentucky valleys, the company divided. Col Boone headed his particular part and went on and settled at a place in Ky called Boonsborough and built a station or fortification. And Col McGary pursued on with his particular party to a place now the City of Harrodsburg. Here they erected a temporary fortification in case of invasion. Each mans family were stationed in this fort whilst the men belonging thereto, was employed in improving their several newly made tenements. Every one seemed to enjoy himself with a great deal of pleasure and happiness. Ample reward seemed to be promised for their toil and seclusion of life in the vast richness of soil. They raised some crop the next season after their arrival in the Country, and occasionally an immigrant would arrive & station with them, in this way a little strength accumulated.

From the time of their arrival in the County up to 6th March 1777 they had remained unmolested - they had not seen a foe (the yellowman). They were entirely ungarded in all their intercourse & transactions, for they did not even dream of Indians being in the Country. Every man of them was at his different station making his improvement till the above memorable 6th March 77 - Genl Ray and his Brother William, both Boys then perhaps 16

& 18 years old. A young man 22 or 23 years of age and rather an elderly man name not recollected were all four at work, clearing ground and boiling sugar water at their camp in the vicinity of their work. About 12 O'clock Genl Ray & his Brother feeling a little tired went to their camp to get some water & to rest themselves - They had come and were lying down and after lying there a little while, some noise was heard like moving animals or being. They could not account for, Yet it did not seem to excite them. But as it became more plain they cast a look in the direction from which it seemed to emanate - When to their great surprise, they discovered a party of 47 picked or Shawney Warriors running in single file with trailed Arms within a few yards of them. There was at that time Genl Ray, his brother William & the young man at the camp. They all sprang to their feet. W^m Ray had his Gun at the camp with him. Genl Ray had left his Gun where he had been at work. The young man I think was not a gunner & had no gun at the place - When springing to their feet the Genl pointed out a course for his Brother & the young man to run, & he struck for the clearing to try and get his Gun left there. But the Indians wishing to take them prisoners, a part of them ran heading him and had succeeded in getting between him and his gun. Seeing this he gave up a farther effort to get his Gun - And turned his course they way which he had directed W^m & the young man to run - He soon overtook William Ray but the young man was not then with him. He and William then ran together for some distance. But W^m being a fleshy young man & having a heavy Rifle to carry could not make the speed that was necessary. He was not active & was not an expert runner. The Genl said that he felt every presence of mind about him, and being sensible that his Brother would soon be taken or shot, he told him as they ran together to throw down his gun and give himself up. That by doing so he would fare better. This it appears he was determined he would not do, but as the Indians approached pretty near him, he turned round and aimed to shoot them, but an Indian seeming to anticipate him, fired at William, at the crack of the Gun William fell, Genl Ray then having remained with his Brother till he could be of no farther service to him, then made his desperate effort to affect his own escape. He could himself have ran much faster whilst with his Brother, but he could

not brook the idea of leaving him, till he was disabled. As soon as his Brother fell, he then set out at his full speed and in running something near a mile, he found that his leather legging (which was a common for all to wear in them days) was cramping his kneeds to such a degree, that he found that if he could not get relieved that the Indians must soon take him. He thought of this expediant. As he ran, he drew his butcher knife, and descending a steep hill, he sprang behind a large tree and with 2 or 3 swipes with his knife, he cut lose his leggins which was laced up with a strap and tore both of them off. While he was thus consealed the Indians some ten or fifteen passed on ahead of him and fired off their guns in a tree top that lay near him, supposing that he must certainly be thare. About the time those guns ware fired he became extricated from his leggins - He sprung forward from his ambuscade - They then commenced firing at him as he ran, and throwing their war cloubs - making a desperate effort to stay him. - He soon out ran them, so far that they finally gave up the chase and turned back. After he found they had given up persuit, he turned back himself and followed on till he got back inside of the camp again - he wished to ascertain if he could, what disposition they ware making of his Brother, he staid lurking about for some time , but could not see what they ware doing with him. After finding that he could derive no sattisfaction in relation to his Brothers fate, He now set out with all speed to the Fort at Harrodsburg, distant about four miles, which place he reached a little before night. The allarm was then sent out to all the men belonging to the fort who ware improving in various places - They ware all got in that night and the fort strengthened as well as they could for one night. The next morning, at dawn of day an out house situated a quart of a mile from the Fort which contained some flax which they had raised the year befor, was set on fire. This was done in order to draw the men out of the fort. This was Indian cunning which the whites at that day had but little conception of. It had the desired effect - A portion of men sprung out, but not without their guns. They ran on toward the fire, the Indians ware lying in ambush on each side of the path leading from the Fort to the burning cabin - Upon the approach of the whiles, the Indians fired. The Whites rather fell back a little to the cover of large

Timber, made a stand and commenced the warfare. This firing soon drew from the fort all its Male strength, made a stand, fought the Savages with desperation. The efforts of the Whites ultimately prevailed - Kept the ground and compelled the Indians to retreat, with a loss of 5 or 6 of their number killed on the ground. Number of wounded not known. One of the Indians killed in this Battle, had on the Buckskin hunting shirt which their victim W^m Ray had on when they dispatched him the day before. It seemed plain from their manner of conducting this assault that is the assault the day before this battle, that they did not intend to kill - But to take them prisoners. This indeed was positively understood by them afterwards. - By taking them all the necessary information could have been acquired to have enabled them to take the fort almost without an occasion to fire a gun. If Genl Ray had not had the good luck to have made his escape the wretched inhabitants of the country would have been cut to pieces almost without opposition. And this occurrence would have deterred immigrants to the West for a series of years. I look upon this escape of Genl Ray and his successful effort to save the inhabitants at the Fort, an interposition of Divine Providence.

The men belonging to the Fort marched out the next day after the fight at Harrodsburg to the camp where they were routed from two days before. They found W^m Ray at the camp, striped, tomhawk^d, & scalped, they buried him near the spot where he was killed.

The Indians seemed to lurk about for a few days, making no other assaults, and left for their country. But it was not long before they were visited again by a more numerous train, attacking their fort, killing whenever they could catch a man exposed - and killing of what little stock they had on hand. All the grain that was made in the country in the first year after Indian depredations commenced, was made while the labourer were strongly guarded whilst at work. The Indians making frequent assaults on the Fort - They at length came to the conclusion that they could not storm the Fort and resolved on conquering its inmates by starvation. This stratagem - I think was commenced in the early part of the Summer of 1780. There arrived a strong force from their country, North of the Ohio River. Built an extension

encampment within a quarter of a mile of the Fort. At this incampment they remained for the term of six or eight months. Daily firing on the Fort so that no person could in safety venture out. This in truth seemed like subduing by starvation. It was soon settled down that they could not long subsist in this way. Genl Ray who was the most expert and celebrated hunter belonging to the Fort proposed an expediant for relief. He kept within the Fort a noble horse, active and powerful, that he would leave the Fort at a dead hour in the night, between midnight and day. When let out at the Fort gate he would put the spurrs to his steed and ride with rapidity till he thought he was out of the reach of the Indians, he would then ride moderably till he would get some ten or twelve miles from the Fort he would then kill as much meat as his horse could with convenance carry, having his Bridle always hung to his arm whilst butchering his game - he would then sally up within some 3 or 4 miles of the Fort and stop, keeping a sharp lookout till a little before day brake, he would then sally up and when coming on the dangerous ground, which was just around the Fort, he would again spurr his horse and come into the Fort in a brisk lope - This was his practice to do twice a week, which amply furnished the Fort with meat. This service was continued to be performed by him as long as their perilous situation required it.

After he had been performing this kind of servises for some months alone, Two other men names unknown proposed that they would perform that service a while, if he had no objection, stating that it seemed a hardship to burden him with all this service; He was willing if they ware, They accordingly fixed themselves and set out a little before day brake as had been the practice of Genl Ray and between day brake and sun-rise there was a platoon of guns heard fire in the direction that they ware to travel. Those men never returned and no intelligence could ever be given of their fate - But it was taken as a matter certain that they fell by the hands of the Savages. The Genl was then of necessity compelled to resume his former occupation in furnishing the inmates of the Fort with meat as had been his custom for a length of time. Until it was known that the Savages had raised the siege - After this siege was raised there seemed to be at all times squads of Savages lurking in the country ready to shoot down the whites at all times

when exposed, made it necessary that they should be at all times upon their guard.

Not long after the above incidents, and not being so incessantly annoyed, the men of the fort had ventured out and raised some small crops of corn - A Major Bonaan had raised a small crop of corn some 4 miles from the Harrodsburg Fort and cribbed it on the premises. Sometime after it had been cribbed the corn was kneaded in the Fort. A party consisting of Genl Ray, Major Bowman & others went thare to shell a portion of the corn. They all the party ware in the crib shelling - Ray & Bowman had just started in a race of shelling 100 years upon a king of bit. They had their butcher knives stationarily fixed in a log or block, in a way in which it inabled them to shell very fast. Whilst under the pressure of a hard race, the Indians had crept up, poked their guns through cracks of the crib and fired upon them. I think without effect, each individual sprang to his feet and bolted out of the crib taking positions, fired upon the enemy, kept the ground and whiped them.

After raising the siege at Harrodsburg Fort, many other stations and Forts ware begining to be erected in various sections of the country. The flow of emigration seemed to be perpetual, notwithstanding - the peril & risk, McAfees Station near Harrodsburg - Bryants Station near Lexington and many others which ware alternately attacked and annoied by the Savages. In the progress of events Bryants Station was besieged by a very formidable body. A heavy fire was kept up for several days. It become very doubtful with the whites, whither they would be able to sustain the fort & dispatched an express to the Harrodsburg Fort for assistance. Immediately a requisition was equiped for the relief of Bryants Station. This force was pretty formedable headed by some gallant spirits. Upon their arrival at Bryants Station, the enemy had raised the siege some 12 hours previous to their arrival. It was now resolved that the Indians should be persued. The number of Indians ware computed at 400 - whilst the whites ondly numbered about 200.

The Whites ware commanded by Col^s Todd & Trigg - They ware persued and fought the celebrated Blue Lick Battle, in which the Savages ware victorious, cutting the white ranks to pieces. In this tragedy Genl Ray was an actor, he bore then the commission

of Major. The first high ground after corssing the Licking River was occupied by the Savages. The River at that time was very deep fording. The whites crossing at the same place whare the Indians had crossd it. By the time the whites ware fully across the River the Indians commenced a fire upon the front, The Indians being placed in an eligible situation and doubling the whites in numbers, produced an appaling shock to the Whites. Genl Ray commanded a Battalion in front. At the first fire of the Savages, Genl Ray dismounted, having a Rifle, took a position at a tree and fired twice; the second fire was deliberately aimed at a certain large Indian in the act of running down his bullit. He knew it was with the disired effect as the shots seemed to double him. After firing this second round the Indians ware perceivably advansing upon him, which caused him to take a glance at his own party, and to his astonishment found them retreating with precipitation, & all in disorder - of course. His ondy alternative was then to retreat also. After commensing his retreat, he found a great number of the Savages before him & between him and the ford of the River (here was his perilous situation). It did not look like there was any possibility for him to escape through a crowd of the enemy. He had jumped off his horse at the first onset and let him go. He was persuing on his course toward the ford of River with many Indians ahead of him induced him to think thare was no chance for him to escape under Heaven. He was persued behind by Savages and his rout before him full. In this hazzardous condition there came running by him nearly at full speed a fine Bay mare having lost the saddle, and the bridle lying over her neck, seemed to be terribly frightened. As she ran by him he made a desperate effort, caught his hand on the mane and lit upon her back with his gun still in possission. Thus mounted he placed his gun and bridle both in his left hand, with his right he drew from his belt a long knife, and as he would pass the Indians who ware before him he would brandish his knife to deter them. He litterally rode over many of them before reaching the River. He was fired at by an Indian before reaching the river at so close a distance that its powder burnt his face. When arriving at the ford of the River, the scene appeared awful - The Indians Tomahawking & butchering the whites at an awful rate. He plunged into the water in the midst of the slaughter, and passed through in safety. After crossing the River he discovered

that many of the Savages had crossed before him and were still persuading the Whites. He had not road far after recrossing the river till he over took Capt W^m McBride who called to him and asked if he could help him. He McBride said that he was run down and the Indians in close persuit, Ray replied that he would help him, told him to step to a log which laid near and get up behind him. He took McBride by the hand, who was nearly exhausted, and pulled him up behind him, carried him out of the reach of the enemy - put him down and directed him the course to travel.

In this Battle many of the choisest spirits of Ky perished. Cols Todd & Trigg both fell, together with many other brave officers and soldiers.

The next morning after this battle, whilst the Whites and Indians were still scattered in a confused situation, Genl Ray reconsitering the forest for the purpose of trying to collect his men espied an Indian on horse back coming meeting him. As soon as the Indian discovered that he was a white man, wheeled his horse to his right about, and dashed off with all speed. The Genl persued him with full speed, the Genl soon came up with him, with his sword drawn, on coming in reach, the Genl commenced striking at him aiming to cut him in the neck. The Indian seemed to keep his ey - cocked on the Genls motion and as he would strike at the Indian he would throw up the muzzel of his gun glansing the stroke of the sword over his head. He struck at him very often in the shase. The Indian still continued to parry off the stroke - At length the Indian ran himself in the midst of a company of the Whites. When the Genl discovered thè Whites - said Boys this is my pet take care of him. Upon this the Indian discovered that he was surrounded by the Whites sprang off his horse and raised his gun in a shooting position. Said Genl Ray, take care boys there is danger in him, he seems to point his gun first at one and then at another, without firing they began to think his gun was not loaded. At length he pointed his gun at a Major Gray who was sitting on his horse. Upon discovering this the Major wheeled his horse around, turning his back to the Indian. The Indian fired & with effect Gray fell a dead man. The Indian was then dispatched forthwith. Upon examining the Indians gun, it was found that the Genl had cut it full of gashes with his sword.

Incidents in relation to the fort at Harrodsburg continued.

In the progress of events, some of the men of the Fort were clearing a turnip patch a short distance from the Fort. They at length discovered that there were Indians watching their movements. The labourers kept up a sharp look out and secretly sent a messenger to the Fort giving the intelligence of the locality of the Indians. A small force sallied out, Genl Ray being one of the party, came round on the rear of the Indians, discovered their position, fired upon them, killed some 4 or 5 of the Indians - One of the Indians crossing a fence was fired upon by Genl Ray whilst on the fence. He ran but a short distance till he was come up within a dying condition. For this dexterity in a youth, the commander of the party gave Genl Ray the Indians gun whom he had killed. -

Whilst every body was strictly confined to the Fort, danger being apparently at hand at all times - Some gentleman of the Fort was induced to believe his gun did not shoot correctly. So about noon day he fixes himself a target about an hundred yard distant from the Fort gate against a large tree, and shot out of the Fort gate at his target, having shot some 3 or 4 times; He had just fired again and was walking on to his target when Genl Ray stepped up to the gate where he shot from, as soon as the gentleman arrived at the tree, the Genl halloed to him to know where his ball had struck. The gentleman then exposed his body a little around the tree and putting his finger to the bullet hole; at this instant, he was fired upon by an Indian in ambush - and shot mortally. Genl Ray then having his gun in his hand immediately sallied out meeting the wounded man on the way, merely passing him and keeping his eye strictly on the place where he saw the smoke of the Indians gun rise from - As he progressed he discovered the position of the Indian, but was not yet fare enough to make a sure fire, having his gun in a shooting position and walking on. But before he could see enough of him to shoot at, he was fired upon by a platoon of guns, he thinks not less than two hundred, - none of which hitting. He wheeled and ran toward the Fort. When he reached it they had closed the gate & shet him out. The Indians persued him and commenced a heavy firing upon the Fort. The Genl was now in the most hopeless condition. He ran around to the

opposite side of the Fort and hid behind a stump till the inmates of the Fort dug a hole under a house and took him in.

During their confinement in this Fort, the Genl one day sauntering about, viewing passing events, espied an Indian crawling along on his side, with his gun, adjacent to the Fort. He discovered in an instant his object. The Indian had discovered a lady washing at the Fort spring, which was inclosed by a kind of temporary wall adjacent to the Fort. The Genl saying not a word to any person - stepped back into the Fort, picked up his gun, and slyly advanced to an eligible position to intercept the design of the Savage, and awaited till he approached within gun shot. He fired at him, and at the crack of the gun the Indian turned over on his back and continued to throw up his arms and feet for some time, as if in the agonies of Death; An the Indians aim was to shoot the Lady at the spring - The Indian remained where he was killed till night and was then removed by his Savage friends -

A little Dutchman who was attached to this Fort whose name was Barney Stagney had often used the expression that the Indians could not kill him, that they had often shot at him unsuccessfully. One day when the Indians were pouring a tremendous fire upon the Fort, Gen Ray said to Barney, Now Barney you say the Indians cant kill you - suppose we hoist you on top of the Fort now and see what will be the consequence; Barney begged to be excused. He sometime after this, sauntered out of the Fort for some purpose, the Indians killed him and cut off his head.

As time progressed the Country gradually strengthened by imigration, so that they became able to carry the war into the enemys county. Many campaigns ware carried on to the Indian country with diversified effect. I think the first campaign was commanded by Genl Harmer who fell and his army cut to pieces. Genl Clarke then conducted campaigns into that country. Genl Ray went every campaign which was carried on against the Savages, fought in every battle that was faught with the Miami Indians.

Took a hand in nearly all the fighting which took place in Kentucky - He was very often employed in persuing the Indians when they had murdered or stolen horses. An one day whilst in the field plowing, rec^d intellegence that the Indians had stolen some horses out of a neighborhood 4 or 5 miles distant. He started

forth within persuits of them, leaving his horse hitched to the plow and did not return again for nine or ten days -

He was at all times active in the prosecution of the Indian War till its termination which lasted seven years. And what was the most surprising, he never rec^d the slightest wound during the whole of his adventures -

He again embarked in the late war. In 1812 he joined the ranks a common soldier, and joined that portion of the army commanded by Genl Hopkins, destined for the Peoria Towns,* Genl Ray was then 60 years of age. Upon Genl Hopkins finding him attached to the Army - immediately gave him a promotion to his first Major General. This Campaign was the last Military servises of his life. He at this time was Major Genl at home. He had been honoured from time to time every grade of Military officer from Capt to Major General. He enjoyed a seat in the Legislative counsels of the State for about 20 years (anterior to his death)

The Genl was at all times in easy circumstances. But never was very wealthy. He did not seem to thirst for wealth, He always appeared to be well sattisfied with a mere competency. He was truly a philanthropist, never appearing to be as well sattisfied & happy, as when performing acts of kindness to his fellow men. The string of his door latch was never found pulled in. My own opinion is that he died without leaving any human being his enemy.

The poor and oppressed always found his house an Assylum.

Whither he left behind him any written sketches of his Pioneerings, I am not able to say, as I reside some two hundred miles from his late residence, and have of course been but little conversant with his domestic concerns; But I am inclined to think he left none.

Genl Rays first wife was Amelia Yocom, whom he had two sons. She died in early life - His second wife who was my mother, was Elizabeth Talbott, sister of the late Hon. Isham Talbott, late senator in the Congress of the U. S. from Kentucky. - My mother died in 1810. My father then continued to live a Widower til his death; He died at his old family mansion in the County of Mercer, on the 9th May 1834 (Aged about 81 years -

*See Dillon's Hist. Indiana, 2nd Edⁿ, 499

In relation to Col Hugh M I can say but little. He has been a long time dead, and at what time he died I cannot particularly ascertain.

Col McGary was an intreped officer. Performed many assential servises to the Country. In Battle it was thought he was more daring than discretionary. I am unable to give any particulars of his Pioneering.

I pray you to accept of my thanks for any notices you may take of my venerable Fathers name as a Pioneer And to consider me a subscriber for your work.

I am with much Respect

Your Obt Servt

Lyman C. Draper Esq

John Ray

N.B. Send our Postmaster a Prospectus. I think we can obtain subscribers here.

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Memo. For some reference to Gen. Ray, Major. Harlan & Capt Gordon, Lee Demund Jennings' pension papers.

L.C.D.

Gen. Jas Ray - Col

McCary, _____

From Dr Jno. Ray

4th July 1843

No. 2

Lyman C. Draper Esq
Pontotoc
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Madisonville, Ky. 4th July 1843

D Sir

Your favour of 3rd May came to hand in due time. But circumstances has prevented my answer sooner. I feel a regret that I cannot answer your interogatories more satisfactorally - However I will reply to them as they come up -

The Father of Genl Ray I never any of his history - I do not know that I ever heard Genl Ray speak of him, ondy in a way that he seemed to have but little knowledge of him, himself, having died when I think Genl Ray was ondy 5 or 6 years old - I do not know what his name was - nor at what age he died. He died in N. Carolina. His Widow then married Col. McGary and in a few years after their marriage, they migrated to Ky -

As to Genl Ray boyhood history previous to his imigration to Ky I know nothing. I do not recollect of hearing the Genl say anything particular in relation to his boyhood whilst a Citizen of N. Carolina. I presume that he had pretty well forgotten early incidents - I never to my knowledge heard him say what County he resided in in N.C. but have often heard him remark that he had lived on the Yadkin River (and I presume in Rowan County.)

Genl Ray was born of poor, but respectable parentage, His father died when the Genl was quite young, of course he rec,^d but little or no education. He was compelled to brave the stormy gales of this life unaided - He was literally a self made man -- And to have to make himself in the backwoods of Ky in that day, would seem to hold out but a lean prospect to acquire any qualifications, however by the dint of exertion and industry, he was able to soar above mediocrity - He was quite a business man. He acquitted himself both as a legislator, & military officer, with honour to himself and credit to his country. -

The Genls Mother's maiden name, Mary Buntin; She died about the year 1780. at the age of about forty five years.

Genl Ray never had any Sisters. The brothers ware William and John; William you are aware of the fate of. John continued to reside in Mercer, Ky. till he reared a large family. At length about the year 1818, he removed to the State of Illinois - whare he died some ten years ago.

Ex Gov. Ray of Illinois is not a relation of mine -

Now for the relation of the transaction of 6th March 1777.

I have not Genl Carke^s acct at hand but take your extract as correct. I feel confident that I well understood my father in this relation, having heard him express the transaction so often. And my father was strictly truthful, and of good memory - Genl Clarke in his diary says, that on the 6th of March 1777. Tho^s Shores and William Ray killed at the Shawanee Spring - William Ray was killed, and if Tho^s Shores was killed there never way any evidence of it, for his remains never ware found in the country. The strongest conjecture upon the subject was, that he was taken prisoner by the Savages and transfered to their country. He never was found dead, nor returned to the country - This is a matter that I am sure Genl Ray well understood. Genl Clarke had not then arrived in the Country as I have understood.

My father's relation of the transaction is about this (which is pretty much a repetition of my former sketch to you) himself. W^m Ray, Tho^s Shores, and and a middle aged man, named not now recollected, ware clearing ground and boiling sugar water, at about 12 Oclock. the young men the two Rays & Tho^s Shores feeling somewhat tyred labouring - repaired to the camp to rest, leaving the elderly man still at work in the clearing. Some one or two hundred yards from the camp. Shortly after the arrival of the three young men at the camp, The Indians ran upon them pretty much in flanking order. W^m Ray had his Gun at the camp Genl Ray had left his in the clearing, Upon the approach of the Indians, they all three sprung up at once. The Genl seemed to possess much pressance of mind. He pointed out a course for them to run and told them to make their escape. With this, he started a different direction himself in order to get his Gun that he had left in the clearing - he had not progressed but a short distance, till he found that a part of the Indians had got between him & his Gun, finding this the case, he then turned his course the way he had directed William and the young man to run, soon caught up with William, but saw nothing of the young man. The young man had from some motive or chance parted with W^m Ray & went some other direction. This is the last time seen by any white man. His remains never ware found in the country - The Genl impression amongst all, was, that he was killed might be true, Yet it might not be true.

Now the Old or Middle-Aged man's case - This Man was considered - A non-compos-mentis. Soon after the three had been routed from the camp and ran some distance, the Indians despairing of Ketching the young Rays, they the Ind^s commenced firing upon them. Upon this old mans hearing the report of the guns, & so many, is excited his curiosity to look about a little- He concluded to come to the camp and see what the boys ware about. So he picked up an old shot-gun which he carried with him, which he called Belzabub - and came in to the camp and found the Boys missing, he then became fearful that some mischief might be going on, he could not comprehend it but felt fearful that there was danger at hand. After saundering about the camp a little, he come to the conclusion that he would secrete himself in a concave spot some ten paces from the camp, in which a Tree had fallen & broke off & sunk down in to cavity which afforded a kind of hiding place - He went down in this in this sink taking Belzabub with him & laid down close as he could get under the side of the old log - In a few minutes the Indians returned back from the chase bring back W^m Ray in a wounded condition. They Tomhawked & scalped W^m and remained about the pbase some hour or more - during this time he said he laid close & still. That the log he was lying in the side of was occupied by them as a common sitting place during their stay - He was lying in a situation that he could see all their movements - He says at one time there was a great tall yellow fellow stepped up in front of and stared him in the Eyes for two or 3 minutes. He said dad drabit, was a great mind to let Belzabub off at him. Well it was something the most singular that they did not discover him - He remained till they all marched off, then he got up and struck for the Fort, which place he reached the evening in safety missing the Indians in some way - which it is hard to account for, as he must have passed near about them in getting into the fort -

In relation to the little Skermish with the Savages on the 7th of Mar - You have most of what I knew about it before. What I can say in addition, is that I think that party which sallied out of the fort to fight was every man his own commander. It was a hasty momentary transaction. No previous organisation took place as I understood. Genl Ray was one of that band. Clarkes diary says, Archibald McNeal died of the wound rec^d in this Kirmish. This no doubt is a fact. Col. McGar was shot through his arm in this

little Battle. I do not know who else were wounded in this transaction - In this little fight the Indians who wore W^m Ray Hat & hunting shirt was killed which they had taken from him when they killed him the day before.

In relation to Genl Rays saving the life of W^m McBride, this cannot be doubted. It is a transaction that I have so often heard the genl speak about, & too in the presance of McBride who is still alive unless he has died very recently. McBride is a man whom I have intimately known all my life - I never before understood that there was any man by that name killed at the Blue Lick Battle. I have recently had a conversation with a gentleman (who was not at the battle, but lived in the country at that time, & who had many friends in this battle; who seems to be clearly of opinion that there was no man by the name of McBride killed in the Blue Lick defeat. He also recollects famillarly the story of my fathers having taken up McBride and carrying him out of danger. -

Genl Ray in speaking of Marshall and Butlers History of Ky. said that to his knowledge they contained very many errors. This I believe is pretty much the sentiment of all or most of the old settlers.

The Major Gray whom I spoke of as having been shot off his horse by an Indian whom my father had been chasing, I can say nothing particular about. My father merely spoke of it as a circumstance, leaving the impression that Genl Ray was not familiarly acquainted with him, himself. It may be possible that I may be mistaken in the name (Major Gray) but the circumstance is true beyond a cavil.

The expeditions on which Genl Ray went subsequent to the Blue Lick Battle, I do not precisely know. I am very certain that he was in the celebrated and memorable defeat of Genl Harmer. On this expedition I think my father was a Major. I am of opinion that he was with Wayne Logan - Also with Genl Clark in his expedition against the French the Alies of the Savages, at Kas-Kas-Kia - and at Vincenns. In what capacity he acted on those expeditions, I am not able to say. I am of opinion that on all expeditions he had or held some official station.

Genl Ray married Amelia Yocom his first wife in Yocoms Fort, Mercer County, I think in the year 1779 by whom he had two children, Sons, William and Jesse.

William the first son - died in 1841. in the State of Illinois in which state he resided. Jesse is now living in the County in which I reside. He married his second wife Elizabeth Talbott I think in the year 1785 in the County of Mercer; By whom he had eleven children, of whom eight are still living. His two youngest sons, Jefferson & Harvey, now owns and occupies his old family residence in Mercer, by the old man last bequest.

I do not suppose that my father left any manuscripts that would be servisable to you, but cannot say with certainty about it, as I reside far from the old mans late residence, that I have not had an opportunity to examine his papers.

You ask me to tell so far as I am able, Cal McGarys history subsequent to the Indian Wars.

My first recollection of McGary extends to about as far back as 1798 or 1800. He was at that time a resident of the Town of Henderson, shortly after my knowledge of him, this robbery of which you speak, took place. And so far as I could understand this matter, public sentiment seemed to be against the Col. Previous to this McGary stood highly respected, as a soldier & citizen he stood above reproach - except by acts too daring and hazardous in war. In the domestic circles of life He maintained quite a popular standing. If he was in reality stained with this transaction it must undoubtedly have been the effect of halucination of the mind. That he was not corporeally depraved. Col McGary has living in our vilage a son & daughter. And two other daughters in our vicinity. I have often of late questioned his son in detail to his fathers history. He is no getting old and seems to have a bad recollection, consequently can give but little satisfaction.

The names of Col McGarys children yet a live are Daniel, Catharin, Elizabeth, an Nancy. Daniel is amongst his oldest & the three ladies are amongst the youngest. The old man had three different sets of children, having had three wives - Daniel says he was old enough to go on campaign in company with his father into the Indian country. It seems that this detachment or army was commanded by Col Ben Logan; it was directed against the old Pickaway-Town. Upon their approach to this Indian Village, it seems that there but few Indians thare perhaps some little resistance was set up by the Savages. But they ware soon subdued. Mostly taken prisoner - Here McGary committed an act that he was

always censured for afterwards, Viz after the prisoners were arrested and everything at rest, Col McGary from some cause judged that one of the Prisoners present was a commander at the Blue Lick Battle. He asked the Indian the question whether he was not at the Blue Lick Battle, his answer was in the affirmative. As soon as he answered McGary dispatched him with his Tomahawk - Rashness seemed to be one of his characteristic attributes.

You ask whether I ever heard my father speak of McGary's history previous to immigrating to Ky?

I am unable to give you any concise history of Col McGary. His son Daniel who is my neighbor seems to be short of recollection in relation to his father's history.

He thinks his father was a native of N. Carolina, this I have no doubt of myself -

Heretofore when giving you my imperfect sketch of my father, I think I omitted a fete of his perhaps worthy of notice. That is, whilst in the habit of furnishing his garrison with meat, his habit was to leave the fort at a late hour of night, repair to a distant forest through the course of the next day would kill his load of meat, then to come in a late hour of the next night. This it would seem to be the most perilous part of his trip as the Savages by this time had become to understand all their manoeuvres and was on the sharp look out for the fort feeder by day & night, he knew well that he was always watched by the enemy. Consequently when arriving within a quarter of a mile of the Fort, he would put his horse in a brisk gallop & continue that gate until he arrived within the fort gate. In coming one night with four deer on his horse, when arriving within one or two hundred yards of the fort, which was considered the most dangerous part of the ground, One of his Deer fell off, he noticed it fall, he immediately resolved in his own mind that he would make an effort to recover his Deer, struck a circle not letting his horse brake his former gate, came along near where his Deer was lying, sprung from his horse, threw up the Deer across his saddle, sprung on again and brought all his meat in the fort gate in safety. He said the saving of the meat was not the great object, but thought perhaps cowardice might be imputed.

I sometime ago addressed a note to John Montgomery the pensioner to whom you have alluded. Making the inquiry of him whether the Col John Montgomery who was under the command of Genl Clarke was a relation of his and if he knew anything of his history. I will here subjoin his reply.

"Doctor John Ray, Sir

I recd a few lines from you yesterday. You inform me that a gentleman of the South is about publishing sketches of the old Indian fighters and pioneers of the West. the first inquiry is to know if I am a son or relation of Col John Montgomery who was attached to Genl Clarkes expeditions. I answer that he was a cousin of mine. Said John Montgomery in the year 1778 joined Clarkes Regiment, and passing by Louisville, proceeded to a french Village called Kas, Kat-Kia, and took it. And in February 1779 he was with Clarke at the taking of Vincennes from the enemy -
I am with respect yours
John Montgomery

I presume from the above note that the old gentleman has said perhaps as much as he knows, about Col Montgomery military services. I have learnt since receiving this note from him, that he has departed this life. if so, no father interogatories.

Now Sir in conclusion, must say that I much regret not being able to give you more extended information. You have my warmst wishes for success.

Your Obt Servt John Ray -

Lyman C. Draper Esq.

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May Genl James Ray

b.c. 1760 N.C.
of Mercer Co, Ky

(m 1781 Amelia Yorkum
d 1783)
m 1787 Elis Talbott - Hedges
d 1810

settled at Dadesville
his mother Mary Buntin d 1780
b 1735 I

brother Wm
brother John

Dr. John m 1815 Sarah Heikley - Mercer Co, Huckley

Catherine (Keller) m. Sam
d 1819

Polly (Mary?) (Duncan) (Ray) m. Martin Duncan 1806

William

Jesse m. Madeline 1843
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d 1808

Harvey T. m 1830 Elis Coyne

Lucinda (Frost) (Lee) m 1827 John B. Frost

Mary (Duncan)

Henry [Harry?]

James Jr. atty - went to Louisiana?
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THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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— OF —

Eugene Howard Ray

DESCENDANT OF

*Lieut. Alexander M^C Dougal
South Carolina Line, Service #30576.*

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TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE KENTUCKY SOCIETY

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, Eugene Howard Ray being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of forty nine hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Lieut. Alexander M. Douglass who was born in Dublin, Ireland on the 1st day of May 1738 and died in Hardin Co. Kentucky on the 3rd day of March 1841 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Louisville County of Jefferson State of Kentucky on the 7th day of September 1871

(1) I am the son of Samuel Ray born 1829, died 1897, and his wife Ellen Thomas Howard Ray born 1833, died 1911, married 1853

(2) grandson of Jesse Howard born 1795, died 1832, and his wife Lucy Mayfield Howard born 1798, died 1861, married 1812

(3) great-grandson of John Mayfield born , died 1829, and his wife Sarah M. Douglass Mayfield born 1770, died 1846, married

(4) great-great-grandson of Lieut Alexander M. Douglass born 1738, died 1841, and his wife Hannah Done M. Douglass born , died , married 1766

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and he, the said (No.) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)

Eugene Howard Ray Residence, #366 - Wessinger Louisville Ky

Occupation, Attorney

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ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"SECTION I. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907.*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Alexander M^o Dougal was born in Dublin Ireland, May, 1738 and came to Philadelphia in 1762. Later he removed to Wilmington N. C. and in a short time to Union District, S. C., where the Rev. Alexander M^o Dougal became a private in the South Carolina Line. Lieutenant under Capt. Blenheim Wat times (1781-2) probably commanded. (Pension Rolls Washington D. C. Service S. C. Number 30576)

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In Wilmington N. C. he married Hannah Done. Both he and his wife were rigid Presbyterians and showed their attachment to their church by having their first children christened under its authority, but about the beginning of the Revolution, he united with the Baptist Church and was ordained about 1775 to the ministry. During the war he divided his time between "cultivating his farm, exhorting sinners to repent and fighting Tories" (History of Ky. Baptist by Spence Vol. 1. p 382.)

As early as 1802, he was sent to aid in the ordination of Jacob Lock, at Mt. Pabor Church in Barren Co. Ky. In 1803 he became pastor of Nolichucky Valley Churches in La Rue Co. Ky., until his 95 years, when he resigned. (First Baptist Encyclopedia, by Mrs. Bathart, D.D. 1881 p 770)

He and his wife are buried at Nolichucky Church, La Rue Co. Ky. He left to a son a tract of 728 acres of land in Union District South Carolina and gave names of children. (Will Book 6 p 49. Hordun Co. Ky)

Full maiden name of applicant's wife

Elizabeth Armstrong Ray

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT

(Added to blank by order of Trustees, July, 1915.)

Name.	Date of Birth.	Residence.
Children of Alexander & Hannah Doane M ^c Dougal		
Hezekiah M ^c Dougal	Oct 3 rd - 1767	
Alexander "	2 nd Nov - 5 - 1769	Died young
Sarah "	Dec 25 - 1770	John Mayfield
Nelly "	Oct 20 - 1773	- Fowler
Hannah "	Jan 2 - 1776	Died unmarried
Martha (Patsy) "	Aug 23 - 1778	- Waider
Mary "	Feb 23 - 1781	Squire La Rue
Elizabeth "	June 14 - 1783	Chas Middleton
Robert "	July 14 - 1785	Died Sept 15 - 1797
John "	Sept 9 - 1787	Eliz Willett
Isabella "	May 17 - 1790	- Lewis
Darcas "	Aug 24 - 1792	- Whitehead

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The following are references to the authorities for the above statement:

Va. State Library - List of Rev. soldiers, 1911 page 286 - B.W.H.P. May 1784-34
 Report of Librarian of State of Va. of Rev. soldiers - 1911-12 page 196 (I.V.S.R.) U.D. 21, 1;
 U.D. 23, 1. Year Book Ky. society Sons of the American Rev. 1896 P. 158
 Pension office, Washington D.C. service number 30576, S. C. and from
 family bible & records

(Signature of applicant)
(Name in full.)

Eugene Howard Ray
(Also to be signed at bottom of second page.)

[The following form of acknowledgment is required.]

STATE OF _____ }
 COUNTY OF _____ } ss: _____ 1

Personally appeared _____

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature,

[L. S.]

Ray

John Ray born about 1767 in Union District S.C.
married in about 1792-3- Catherine----- and had
the following children,

John Ray, born October 6-1801-died March 31-18

John Ray Sr. born about 1767 in Union District S.C.
married in about 1792-3 Catherine-----
had the following children,

John Ray, born April 20-1795,
Charles Ray, born January 7-1797, died March 31-1873,
Samuel Ray, born October 6-1801, died May 28-1892,
Nancy Ray, born January 25-1804, died July 24-1845,
Elizabeth Ray, born December 25-1805,
Martha Ray (Patsy) born September 4-1808.

John Ray Sr. lived in Union District S.C. until his son
Samuel was a small boy, about six or seven years of age,
when he removed to Barren county Kentucky. There he took
up land on Peters Creek, later when Monroe county was cut from
Barren, his plantation was located there and there he died
in about 1832.

John Ray wrote "Ray's Arithmetic" in the years immediately
following the Revolutionary war-1786-7-8-9. He made the book
by sewing paper pieces together-made the pen from a goose
quill, made the ink from polk berries, set the examples down
in the book and taught school in Barren county first from
that book (as will be seen from page 24)
The book was later compiled and published by a member of the
Ray family- it was in series # 1-2- etc. the first appearing
about 1823- the second in 1827- this book was placed on the
market and used in all schools about that time.

John Ray was a member of the old Maryland family by that name-
the immigrant ancestor being Nicholas Ray.

Ray

LINNIE W. BARRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
401 FIDELITY UNION BUILDING
OFFICE 2-7936 : RES. 5-1015
DALLAS, TEXAS

May 7, 1928

Mrs. Eugene H. Ray,
The Weissinger Gaubert,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My Dear Mrs. Ray:

Mr. A. P. Mershon, Secretary, Association of Descendants of Henry Mershon, has given me your name, suggesting that you are perhaps familiar with some records of the Mershons and Harts of Fleming County, Kentucky.

My great great grandfather and gr.gr. grandmother were:

Richard Hart, born May 4th, 1769
Francina Mershon, born April 9, 1771,
Married March 27, 1792, in New Jersey.
Francina Mershon Hart died July 10, 1833,
in Fleming County, Kentucky.

They had children named Elijah, Henry, Sallie, Rebecca, Joab, Pamela and John.

My great grand parents James Chambers Barkley and Rebecca Hart were married in Fleming County, Kentucky, November 9, 1817.

I shall appreciate any information you may be able to give me regarding genealogy of Francina Mershon or of her descendants, if you have this information.

Also, I wonder if your husband and I are of the same family of Rays. My grandmother (father's mother) was Eliza Catherine Ray, daughter of Dennis Ray and Nancy (Hays) Ray; he was son of John Sheckle Ray (1765) and Catherine Beard; he was son of Joseph Ray (1735) who married Mary Sheckle; Joseph Ray was son of William Ray, b. Manchester, England, came to America, settled in Maryland about 1730.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may give me, I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Linnie Wright Barrett

Ray Family

A list of two pages of household effects of Nathaniel Ray sold, after being appraised. Will and Record Book, Page 36. Dated Dec. 23rd, 1807. The (later) Gen. John Edward King signed this as County Clerk. The Administrators were

Sarah Ray,
Thomas Bently
William Ray

(From what I could gather, I believe William Ray was a brother of Nathaniel Ray, and that Sarah Ray was his wife.)

The sale totalled 443 pounds, 2 shillings, 3 pence.

Book A, pages 234, 235. Nathaniel Ray took up two grants of land, 75 and 72 acres. June 1801 and June 1806.

Sept. 3d, 1798, William Ray took up 90 acres of land.

March 1803, Joseph Ray took up 61 acres.

Again in June 1805, the above was granted 40 acres.

In the old marriage book the following marriages with Rays were solemnized....

Randolen Thompson to Polly Ray, Sept. 17, 1801.

David Robertson to Elizabeth Ray, Nov. 11, 1802. (William Ray performed this marriage)

William Hall to Sally Ray, Dec. 15, 1808.

We have so much interesting information about the Lincoln family and we believe that the Thomas Lincoln who was constable in our county two terms, and who took up two grants of land here was none other than the father of Abraham Lincoln. His bonds as constable are still preserved, and the dates of all this hover between 1802 and 1805.

Ray
2038 West 91st St.,
Cleveland, Ohio,
July 14, 1927.

Mrs. Eugene H. Ray
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Madam :- Recently in
Richmond, Va., while search-
ing the records of Madison
County, Kentucky, in the
archives of the Va. State Library
I found the name of Joseph
Ray, M. D., and at once an
inquiry arose in my mind
whether he was the author

of Ray's mathematical series of text-books. If this Joseph Ray, whose name I found as a practicing physician in Madison Co., Ky, in 1788, I shall feel obliged if you will confirm my belief and will also give me any additional information about him, as I am preparing some articles for the press, and think this would prove mighty interesting reading to the thousands who have studied his mathematical books.

When I found the name of Joseph Ray, I was looking for information of my great Grandfather William Pemberton who lived two years at Boonesborough, having gone there one day after the Indians had massacred some people in that locality.

Do you happen to know the year of this massacre? your name was suggested to me by a lady in the library at Richmond, Va.
Very truly yours,
H. C. Pemberton.

Carlisle, Ind. Ray
May, 31, 1926.

Elizabeth A. Ray,
Louisville, Ky.

My Dear Miss Ray -

In January I
rec'd a letter from you stating that
the clerk of Jefferson Co. (to whom I
had written) had handed you my
letter of inquiry on the Ray line. I
think I have everything required to
make me eligible to the D. A. R. except one
date, that of the marriage of Wm Ray, Sr.
The one I spoke of in my letter. I
am very desirous of getting this date
and any help you can give me will
certainly be appreciated. If I can get
this, then I can work on the Lee line
later. I have been wanting to write for
so long but it seems I get right out-
of one big task into another. Just fin-
ished (as chairman) of poppy week drive
last ^{past night} and during the rush, I memorized
a reading to give on the Memorial Day
program at the cemetery yesterday -
Today I've been trying to rest and have
put in a good part of the day listening
to the big race (at Indianapolis) over

The radio, but so much static
couldnt hear plainly part of
the time. I have been wondering
if you are a relative of mine.
There are many Rays near Terre
Haute, all relatives of mine
Are you acquainted with Chas.
Ray - formerly of Riley, now
minister at North Platte, Neb?
I'll inclose a letter from his
wife - Helen is their daughter
and she was taken in the
D. A. R. on the same line I
have. You see W^m Ray came
over here from Ireland
in 1772 and lived with Isaac
Wayne. (The father of Anthony

Wayne) I have his war record
from Washington. It doesnt
say anything about his marriage.
at the close of the war ~~the~~
married ~~to~~ a woman by the name
of Ann Brown and settled in Ky.
Remained there some years then
moved to Ohio, Butler Co. Ann
Brown Ray was from Maryland.
They moved from Ohio to Ind.
and are buried near Riley, Ind.
Now the question is - Were they
married in Maryland or Kentucky?
This is the one thing that bars me
from the D. A. R. but I should
think if others got in without
it I should also, since we
know the names of all the
children, who they married and
where he & his wife are buried
will do now. Please write soon if possible

Carlisle Ind
Wm O. J. Steffy

JAMES H. RAY & SERENA M. LACY FAMILY

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THE RAY BOOK

A Central Kentucky Family

1705-1993

Volume I

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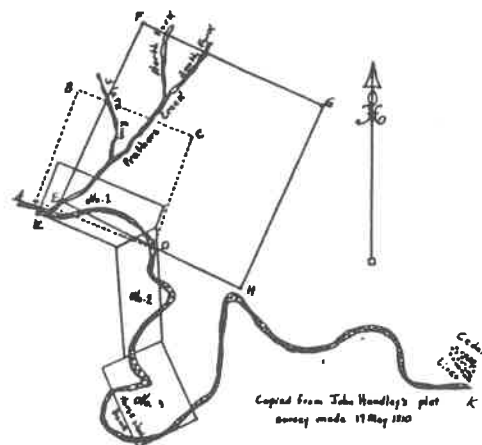
Ann Tyson Sipes

8 November, 1993: On this date, we were pleased to announce the publication of *The Ray Book*. This 1202-page volume represents over nineteen years of research about the Ray relatives of Alleen Ray Sipes, whose grandparents, Tom Ray and Rose Buckman Ray, were born in the Stithton area of Hardin County, Kentucky. It outlines the results of the author's study of Maryland records going back as far as 1668, of early Kentucky and Virginia land records of the settlement period; as well as the Kentucky court records, deeds, marriages, census, and tax records in the counties of Bullitt, Jefferson, Hancock, Hardin, Meade, Nelson, and Washington. Abstracts of hundreds of these records, listing their sources, are shared within these pages, proving the line of descent from William Ray, Sr. of Anne Arundel County, Maryland through eleven generations of descendants; especially through his daughter, Anne Ray Brashear, who lived in present-day Bullitt County and was buried in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, and his oldest son, John Ray, Sr. who lived in present-day Marion County, Kentucky, near Raywick.

Outlines of John Ray, Sr.'s first three children, John Ray, Jr., Richard Ray, Sr., and Benjamin Ray are presented with brief histories of the counties where they lived. The largest portion of the book beginning on p. 266 and continuing through p. 999 lists the descendants of Absalom Ray, the fourth son, and his wife, Susannah Mattingly who lived in present-day Marion County, Kentucky. The family of their daughter, Elizabeth Ray Alvey is

covered fairly well. The descendants of their son, Elias Ray (who m. Peggy Lamkin), are traced extensively down to the present generation, through three of his children: Absalom (m. Mary Ellen Peak), Nancy Ray (m. Charles Bryan), and Nicholas Washington Ray (m. Sarah Ellen Howard Vowels).

Descendants are noted within the context of history of the places and times in which they lived. The book includes 65 pages of endnotes documenting the sources of the author's information and 135 pages of a surname index listing over 12,500 names. In addition to Rays, the index includes the following surnames in significant numbers: Alvey, Bickett, Buckman, Brashear, Brown, Crowds, Fackler, Grimes, Hager, Hall, Hardesty, Hobbs, Jones, Knott, Lancaster, Mattingly, McCamish, McCracken, Mills, Newton, Norris, Pendleton, Pike, Ritchie, Shircliff, Sipes, Skeeters, Smith, Staples, Thomas, Thompson, Vessels, Vowels, Whelan, Wimsatt, Wiseman, and Yates, as well as many, many others. 105 photographs are included, as well as maps, diagrams, and illustrations.



RAY

1 July, 1999
St. Joseph, Missouri

The Filson Club
Manuscript Division
1310 So. Third Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40506


Hello!

My g. grandfather, Benjamin Ray, died June 1819 in the area of Irvine, Estill County, Kentucky.

YOU
Do have microfilms of any newspapers dated that era, and location?

Also, our local public library, St. Joseph, Mo. stated to me they would order film through your interlibrary plan for my search. Would you please send me list of the oldest newspapers in the Louisville, Ky./ Gallatin County, Ky / Irvine, Estill County, Ky. area?

Thank you


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Lynn G. Ray
4415 Piccadilly
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Jan 30, 97

Dear Mrs Ray:

I have taken a look at your request , and cannot find very much to tell you about the children of Dr. John Ray., but will tell you of what I have found. The letter that you have written asking for copies has been turned over to Cassie Bratcher here in our library, and the copies are forthcoming.

I have examined what records we have for Hopkins County, Kentucky, but cannot identify anything about Dr. John Ray.

There seems to be quite a bit of materials on James Ray, father of Dr. John, but only bits of information on Dr. John.

I have found and enclose to you a typed narrative of the Ray family, and it does mention some of the children of Dr. John Ray. I cannot verify this or tell you if it is accurate, but it may help as a guide.

We do have a large compilation on the Ray family in Kentucky, but unfortunately, it does not have this branch of the family included.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

Nettie Oliver

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TO: THE FILSON CLUB QUARTERLY
1310 S. 3rd ST
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
40208

7 JAN 97

AT: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Ms Neddy Oliver

RE: THE GENERAL JAMES RAY & HIS SON DOCTOR JOHN RAY

FM: LYNN G. RAY
4415 E. PICCADILLY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

I am doing family history research and found a book about some early Kentucky families. The title of the article is "The family and fortune of General James Ray, Pioneer of Fort Harrod by Kathryn Harrod Mason. There are footnotes at the bottom of each of the pages that refer to other periodicals. I would like to see if I may get copies of these articles. Below is a list. If you find any other related articles I would greatly appreciate if you would send them too.

1. The Filson Club History Quarterly, 1945, " The Career of General James Ray, Kentucky Pioneer," by Kathryn Harrod Mason.
2. Draper Mss., 12C17 concerning the children of Mary Buntin Ray James, William, and John.
3. Draper Mss., 12CC136-137 A list of Matthias Yocum's children and information concerning the family.
4. Filson Club History Quarterly, Vol 7. No 2. Article on Ray's career Mason, op. cit. See Altsheler, Brent, "C. C. Graham M. D., 1784-1885.
5. Draper Mss, 12C39. Age of James at the time of the Battle of Blue Licks.
6. Draper Mss, 12C16-19, Son Dr. John Ray's account of his father James Ray's life.

James Ray's son Dr. John Ray is living in Hopkins County near Madisonville, Kentucky around 1830 and is married to a Sarah Hickley. They were married in Mercer County on September 12, 1815. Are there any records that show a list of their children and contributions to the community.

Enclosed is \$15.00 to cover expenses for copies and mailing. Also, I have enclosed another \$15.00 for Ms Neddy Oliver. I would like to ask her to do some family research for me. I will include my family background as far as I know it. I am trying to find a family link between Dr. John Ray and my great-great-grandfather James H. Ray, possibly the son of Dr. John Ray who lived in near Madisonville in 1850.

Thank You,

LYNN G. RAY



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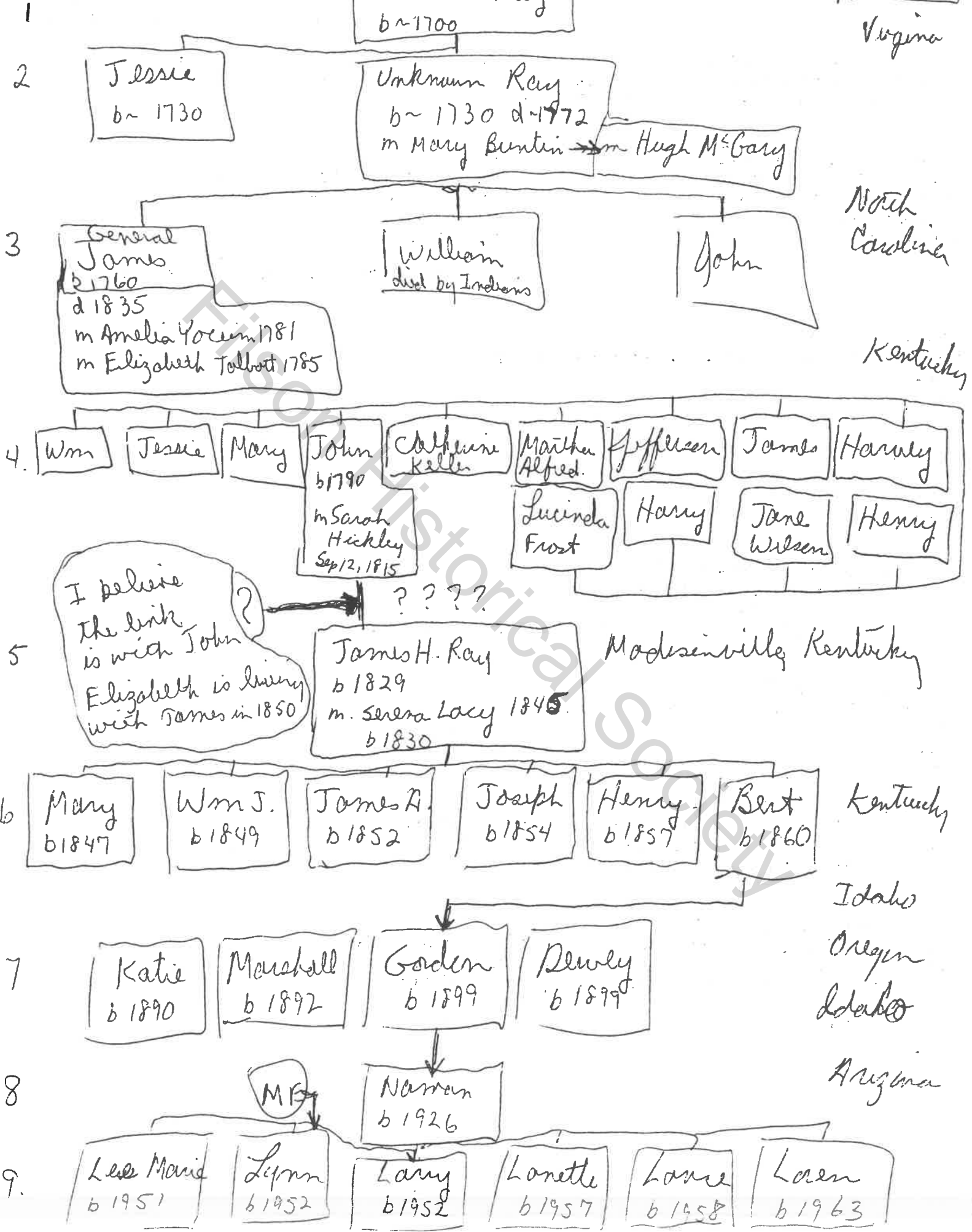
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ggest child of William Randolph of Turkey
and died January 22, 1720. She married
n's Point on James River; and she was the
Robert E. Lee. Among her children were
Henry Lee of Lee Hall; (2) Richard Bland,
he Virginia House of Burgesses, of the Vir-
e First American Congress at Philadelphia;
her children left issue.

THE FAMILY AND FORTUNE OF GENERAL JAMES RAY, PIONEER OF FORT HARROD

By KATHRYN HARROD MASON

In Kentucky's pioneer history the name of General James Ray of Mercer County is one of the most loved and respected. While today's historians may know him principally as a brave and enterprising boy whose heroic exploits embroider the legends surrounding Fort Harrod,¹ it is fitting that some attention be given to other aspects of his life, particularly to his family and business affairs.

General Ray came to Fort Harrod in 1775 at the age of 14 or 15 with his Mother, step-father, Hugh McGary, and his two brothers, William and John, after a long journey from North Carolina in the party headed by Daniel Boone. The chronicle of his long, useful life in the first years of Kentucky's history, is a heart-warming exception to those of other pioneers, less fortunate than he, less qualified to deal with the constant danger and strife that they found in the wilderness, and still less equipped to make the transition from Indian fighter to peace-time citizen. From the day he made his spectacular race with Blackfish's Indian warriors to sound a warning of danger that for seven years gave the settlers no peace of mind or body, James Ray led a charmed life, as it seemed to his fellow-frontiersmen—a life which ended in peace and material comfort in his fine home on the brow of the hill only a short distance from the scene of that first race to the fort, fifty-eight years before.

This boy, who could not read or write, taught himself these essential arts, and prepared for a time when his physical talents would be the lesser of his assets. In the course of his life which was spent in Kentucky, General Ray achieved an unpretentious economic security. Among the many documents concerned with various aspects of his career, perhaps the most interesting are to be found in early court records in Mercer and Lincoln Counties. A study of his will, and the appraisalment of his estate, afford us a picture of Ray, the gentleman farmer, as well as a view of the last years of his life in this prosperous central Kentucky community.

Before examining these documents in detail, it might be well to go back many years, to the time of his arrival in Kentucky. Unfortunately practically nothing is known of his life in North Carolina, not even his father's name, nor the place of his birth. His mother, who was Mary Buntin before her first marriage, had three sons, James, William, and John.² Shortly before the family

¹ For an extended discussion of his adventures and military services, as well as his contributions of a civic nature in the legislature and in Mercer county, see *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, 1945, "The Career of General James Ray, Kentucky Pioneer," by Kathryn Harrod Mason.

² Draper Mss. 12C17.

moved to Kentucky from the Yadkin River country, not far from Daniel Boone's home in North Carolina, the "Widow Ray," as she was called, married Hugh McGary, whose brave deeds and civic contributions are blotted out in the memory of his tragic part in the disaster at Blue Licks. But the rigorous life on the new frontier proved too much for the frail woman, and when her son William was killed by Indians that fateful March 6, 1777, she "took to her bed" with a long and serious illness which ended in her death in 1780.

It was the next year that James married Amelia Yocum, a daughter of Matthias Yocum who came to Kentucky in the fall of 1779 from Bottetourt County in Virginia.³ The young couple had two sons, William and Jesse. 'Milly' died in 1783 on the first day of December. The young widower remarried in 1785—the fifteen-year old Elizabeth Talbot, who bore eleven children. In 1810 Ray was once more a widower, but did not marry again.

For several months before his death in 1835, the General was confined to his bed, carefully watched over by his devoted family and friends. Colonel Thompson, his neighbor, remained at his bedside a large part of the time, while the faithful chronicler of that pioneer period, Dr. Christopher C. Graham,⁴ was in constant attendance. The will, which was dictated to Colonel Thompson a few days before Ray's death, is found in *Will Book*, No. 9, in the Mercer County records:

"I James Ray of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky make this writing my last will and testament to have full force and effect as such.

"I give to my daughter Mary Duncan a negro girl named Joanne, this in addition to what I have heretofore given her, and which she has received. The negro girl or woman Johanna, with her future increase is given for the use of said Mary Duncan during her natural life. And at her death to go equally to the children of Said Mary Duncan.

I have heretofore conveyed for the use of my Daughter Catherine Keller, by two deeds of Trust, the trustee in one being Benjamin F. Pleasant and in the other Joel P. Williams, certain property named in said deed. Now I hereby ratify and confirm the conveyance aforesaid, and at the death of my said Daughter Catherine my will is that the property thus placed in Trust, Shall belong in absolute right to such of the children of said Catherine as may then be living—

"I give to my Daughter Jane Wilson two negroes now in her possession, the one a woman named Martha Ann the other a girl named Sally, the Daughter of Martha Ann with the future increase of said negroes. Also twenty acres of land on which said Jane now lives, lying on the west side of the Shawnee run, to be laid off to include the Dwelling house and be bounded by the road on one side and the land of John Dean on the other, to her and her heirs—I give to my Daughter Martha Alfred during her natural life the use of two negro girls named Mary and Amanda—the former now in possession of said Martha Alfred, the other, Amanda, to be delivered at the end of one year from the time of my death, in the mean time to be kept at my home place—And at the death of my said Daughter

³ For a list of Matthias Yocum's children and information concerning the family, see *Draper Mass.*, 12CC136-137.

⁴ For documents see article on Ray's career, Mason, op. cit. See Alsheler, Brent, "C. C. Graham. M. D., 1784-1885" in the *Pilson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No. 2.

Martha Alfred, these two negroes and their increase to go to her lawful heirs—I give to my Daughter Lucinda Frost, one negro Woman, which she has now in possession named Margaret, Also my two hundred acres of land lying in Henderson's Tract in Henderson County to her and her heirs—

"I give to my son Harry Ray to him and his heirs, one hundred acres of Land to include his Spring and the house in which he now lives, and to be laid off to adjoin the land of John Dean and the land called the White House tract, lately purchased by Mr. Snell—This bequest is not to take effect till the expiration of one year from my death, then the right to be conveyed by my Executors or such of them as may qualify, in the mean time. I lend to my said Son Harvey the use of said hundred acres of land. I also lend to my Said Son Harvey for one year from my Death—the use of a negro man named Abraham. And at the end of said year to be the property of Said Harvey in absolute right.

"I give to my son James Ray my watch.

"I give to my son Jefferson Ray to him and his heirs the residues of the tract of land on which I live be the same, more or less—Also I give to Jefferson my negro man Washington and my negro woman Sally—to Said Jefferson I also lend for the term of two years from my death the use of my negro man Jim and the negro woman Lucy, to be kept on the plantation where I live, and at the end of the two years my will is that said Jim and Lucy be free. And I hereby emancipate them accordingly, their freedom thence to commence—

"Mr. Samuel Keller owes me three hundred Dollars, due about a year hence. This debt I give to be equally divided when collected between my three sons William Ray Jesse Ray and John Ray—

"My will is that my Executors pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, and to raise funds for this purpose, they are hereby authorized and directed to sell as much of my live Stock as will answer the purpose, upon such credits as they think proper and suitable—The balance of my Stock of every kind and all my Household & Kitchen furniture, and farming utensils, I give to my said Son Jefferson. This Son will have my home Place and the means in his hands to extend the kindness of a Brother to any of his Sisters who may happen to be in distress, And I confidently trust in his generosity and affection to do so —

"I hereby appoint my Friend George C. Thompson, and my son in law Samuel Keller Executors of this my will and hereby direct that when Mr. Keller qualify as such, no security be required of him.

"In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 7th day of May 1835.

witnesses
BENJAMIN DAVIS
JOHN H. THAYER
GEORGE C. THOMPSON

JAMES RAY (seal)

Mercer county Sct.
County Court 1835

"The foregoing last will and testament of James Ray Decd. was this day produced into Court and proved by the oath of John H. Thayer and George C. Thompson two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded.
May 11th, 1835.

Attst. Tho Allin"⁵

⁵ Mercer County Court House, *Will Book*, No. 9, pp. 544-45, 46. James Ray's signature is on the margin of the first page.

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2 Heifers 1 yr. old	6.00
1 Old black horse	40.00
1 Sorrel horse, Blaze face	45.00
1 Sorrel mare & colt	60.00
another Sorrel mare & colt	\$85.00
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1 Bay filly 2 yrs old	55.00
2 Sorrel horses, 2 yrs. old	80.00
1 Sorrel horse	50.00
1 Sorrel mare Blaze face	30.00
60 head of sheep	45.00
20 Grown hogs	50.00
15 Shoats	4.00
11 Hives of Bees	33.00
1 Wagon	35.00
2 large ploughs	6.50
2 Shovel ploughs	3.00
4 Hoes	1.50
3 axes	2.00
3 augers	2.00
Handsaw, chisel and drawing knife	1.50
About 20 pounds Wool	5.00
1 Keg powder about 15 lbs.	5.62 1/2
1 pr. Steelyard	2.00
1 Press	12.00
1 Bureau	10.00
1 Mantle Clock	15.00

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1 Dining table	8.00
1 Small square table	1.25
1 Rifle gun and shot pouch	12.00
1 Small looking Glass50
1 Bureau and book case	10.00
another Dining Table	3.00
6 Windsor chairs	6.00
1 Curtain Bedstead, curtains, bed and furniture	20.00
1 Fancy Bedstead, Bed and furniture	18.00
1 Common Bedstead, bed and furniture	15.00
1 Common Bedstead, bed and furniture	14.00
2 Extra coverlids	4.00
1 Watch	25.00
26 Volumes of Old Books	2.50
1 Family Bible	2.00
1 Dictionary, 2 vols. History of the Revolution, of acts of congress....	1.50
1 vol. Life of Christ	3.00
1 Vol. Guthries Geography and two vols. 2.50 Journals of Legislature..	12.75
articles of table furniture	10.00
articles of kitchen furniture	4.00
1 Loom75
1 Coffee mill25
1 Grind stone	20.00
1 Mans saddle	31.52
About 394 lbs. Hemp	

"The undersigned having been appointed by the county court of Mercer for that purpose have proceeded to appraise the personal estate of James Ray, dec'd. and being duly sworn respectfully report the above to the Court as a full and true-appraisement of the Same, so far as it has been presented to us. Given under our hands this 6th day of June, 1835.

John Basey, George W. Clay, H. P. Horine.

The foregoing list of property with the addition of the following, the undersigned respectfully return to the court as a full and perfect inventory of the estate of James Ray, dec'd. as it has come into our hands, viz.

A note given by Noah G. Hayden payable 1st Sept. next.....	\$12.00
A note given by Robert Jones payable 11th April, 1834.....	10.00
A note given by Sam'l. Keller payable 5th May, 1836	300.00
Cash	40.00

GEO. C. THOMPSON
SAM'L. D. KELLER
Executors

Mercer Court Sct July County Court 1835

The foregoing Inventory and appraisement of the estate of James Ray dec'd. was this day produced into court and ordered to be recorded.

Attest THO. ALLIN C. C."

While this list would appear quaint and perhaps meagre to owners of Mercer County land today, we must recall the fact that farming machinery had not reached a high degree of efficiency in the early nineteenth century. Furthermore, the great difficulty of transportation from New England manufacturing centers precluded the wide use of advanced types of equipment in Kentucky. Nearly all they had was made nearby with the tools that were available in this isolated district.

As was pointed out earlier in this paper, little is known of Ray's background. The only clue we have at this time is a letter written by Elijah Calloway, Walnut Grove, N. C., in which a brother of James Ray's father is mentioned. In reply to an inquiry from Dr. Lyman C. Draper of Madison, Wisconsin, Calloway stated that although there were many Ray families from that same branch of the family in the district of Walnut Grove, none of them seemed to know where Ray was born. The writer stated that they had come to Surry County, North Carolina from Augusta County Virginia, "originally." He added that Jesse Ray, the uncle of James, was "every a way a gentleman of trouth."¹⁶

Following the Act by Congress which liberalized the pension laws for service in the War of the Revolution, the General applied and received a sizable yearly allowance.¹⁷ Among the papers on file in the National Archives Pension Records Office in Washington, D. C., are affidavits of Catherine Keller, John Slavens, and Benjamin Wilson, supporting Mrs. Keller's claim for reconsideration of her father's pension grant. While there is no record to show that the petition was granted, there is an appended list of James Ray's children as she gave it in 1852:

"William Ray (since dead)
Jesse Ray, since dead
Polly Duncan Ray
John Ray
Catherine Keller Late Ray
Jane Wilson Late Ray since dead
Patsy Alfred late Ray
Jefferson Ray
Harvey Ray
Lucinda Frost, late Ray since dead."¹⁸

In comparing these names with those found in the will, we see that Catherine's list is not complete. For instance the names of James Ray, Jr., and

¹⁶ Written on June 10, 1845, Draper Mss., 5DD19-20. The date of Ray's birth is not established. While in his pension declaration made in July 7, 1832, he said that he was in "the 72d year of my age", he could have meant that he was seventy-one at that time. He was but twenty years of age at the time of the Battle of Blue Licks, according to Bowman, Draper Mss., 12C39. His son, Dr. John Ray, wrote that his father was "about 14 years of age" when he came to Kentucky in 1775, adding in the same letter that he was sixty years old in 1812, when he served under Hopkins (he undoubtedly meant fifty). The nearest to a definite date we are able to give, based on this data, is that Ray was born in 1760 or 1761; Draper Mss., 12C16.

¹⁷ For a discussion of this subject see Mason, *op. cit.*

¹⁸ National Archives, Pension Records, S. 31314.

Henry Ray, which appear in Ray's will, are omitted. Polly, evidently was a nickname for Mary Ray Duncan. The same is probably true of Patsy Alfred, who was referred to as Martha Alfred, by her father. Altogether, twelve names appear in these lists, with the thirteenth child's name undisclosed. Dr. John Ray, one of the sons, stated positively in a letter to Draper that his mother had eleven children.¹⁹ There is good evidence that Amelia had but two. Considering the high infant mortality rate in those days, it would not be surprising if one of the eleven children died in infancy.

What became of this large family? While it is not possible to account for all of them, or for that matter, to give a complete chronicle of any one, some interesting facts have been unearthed.

Taking them in order as named in Catherine's list, William was the oldest, the first son of Amelia and James Ray. It is possible that he was named after that chubby, ill-fated brother of the General. Dr. John Ray, his brother, wrote that William died in 1841 in the State of Illinois, where he made his home; that he had raised a large family. The same correspondent stated that Jess, the younger of Amelia's children, was still living not far from Madisonville, Kentucky, in 1843. Nathaniel Hart recalled that William once tried to shoot his father—that the General bore the scar in his face the rest of his life.²⁰

The vicinity of Fort Harrod is rich in tradition about Mary Duncan or Polly Ray as her sister refers to her. A few years ago, Miss Neva Williams, a member of the staff of the *Harrodsburg Herald*, found occasion to gather some data on Mary Ray Duncan, largely from the lips of one of her descendants. In quoting from her manuscript we learn that

"Even to this day there are traditions of her beauty and loveliness of character. Early in 1800 . . . there came to Harrodsburg from Maryland a young man—Martin Duncan. From early fragments of his history one gleams that he must have had learning above the average for those days . . . being the possessor of books—that seems to have set people apart in those early days . . . being a noted 'fiddler.' This pronounced talent marked many of his descendants."

They were married and lived on the land deeded to Mary by the General—a farm located on the State road known as the Frankfort-Louisville pike. The house, still standing when Miss Williams wrote her article, was known in later days as the 'Harvey Woods place.' The children of this marriage were listed as:

Asa—died of cholera in Mercer, 1833, burial unknown.

Daniel—moved to Texas, married there.

Abner—moved to Iowa.

Martin, Jr.—unmarried. Very handsome, reputed to be handsomest man of his day. Died of typhus.

James—married in Kentucky. Moved west.

¹⁹ Draper Mss., 12C17; see also, statements by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, Draper Mss., 18J36.
²⁰ Dr. John Ray to Lyman C. Draper, Draper Mss., 12C17; Col. Nat. Hart to Draper, Draper Mss., 14CC192

Madden—married Sarah Wade Davjs; no children; raised a niece, Mrs. N. H. Skiles, Lansing, Ohio.

Green—very fleet of foot.

Talbot—moved to Anderson County, Kentucky. Married; had son, Asa.

Elizabeth (Patsy)—Married Henry Britton.

Mary Ray Duncan—married Burton. Buried in Martin (or Talbot) burying ground. Very fleet of foot. Died of typhus as young woman.

John Ray Duncan—married Eliza Graham, lived and died in Mercer; was in the Civil War, a Major. Prominent in affairs at Duncansville in Mercer. His parents lived with him in their last days and were buried in the Grapevine (Christian) Church cemetery.

Children—Dr. Charles Talbot Duncan, no children; Mrs. Emma Duncan Gray, Harrodsburg and Miami Florida, 2 daughters.

Dr. John Ray was a physician. In the marriage records of Mercer County, 1785-1830, there is an item: "Ray, John, Hickley, Sarah, September 12, 1815." Farther down the page, we find: "Ray, John, Bunton, Mary, January 10, 1790."²¹ In his three long letters to Dr. Draper, the devoted son gives no information about himself, confining his remarks to legends and facts concerning his distinguished parent.²² Since the letters are headed Madisonville, Kentucky, we may assume that he practiced medicine in that locality. The letters are written in a fluent style, with an amusing degree of under-statement, a fine objectivity, and sincerity. At one juncture, the insistent Draper called attention to what he considered an error in his statements; Ray, indignant over a shadow on his reputation, answered promptly that: "I now recollect that . . . you intimated that there might possibly be some clashing with my statement . . . in regard to William McBride and the Blue Lick battle. This is a matter about which you had it amply in your power to settle whilst in Kentucky last summer as to the facts . . . as detailed by me, there cannot be a shadow of doubt . . ."²³ At another point he remarked, "My father was a man of stern integrity and all matters emanating from him was considered unexceptionable."²⁴

Another entry as copied by the D. A. R. historian, concerned Harvey T. Ray and Eliza A. W. Cozine, who were married September 21, 1830.²⁵

Martha, or Patsy, evidently married a physician, since her husband is referred to as "Dr. Alford" in Miss Williams' manuscript. The informant also said that Ray had four daughters, which would mean that the missing name is that of a boy.

James Ray, Jr., was licensed to practice law in 1810,²⁶ while the two youngest sons, Jefferson and Harvey, lived on the farms given to them by their father.

²¹ McAdams, Mrs. Harry Kennett, *Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records*, Lexington, 1929, p. 136. See also, *Kentucky Mercer County, Marriages 1785-1830*, as copied by Jane McAfee Chapter of the D. A. R., Harrodsburg, Kentucky, p. 58

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²⁶ Kentucky Historical Society, *Register*, Vol. 8, p. 50.

In view of the singular distinction attained by General James Ray, it is surprising that no more is known about his descendants. The little that has been established, however, helps to round out a reassuring picture. Certain we may be that this young boy, born and raised in the American wilderness, hoped for no more than he was able to provide his children—a secure and happy home with ample physical comfort, an opportunity for education and public usefulness, community respect—a just and satisfying heritage for which his Scotch-Irish ancestors had fought tenaciously over two hundred years, from Scotland to Ireland, to Virginia, to Carolina, and, finally, to Kentucky.

The Rennicks.

Alexander Rennick, of Virginia, married Jane McKamie of the Eastern shore of Maryland, the niece of the Rev. Francis McKamie, and went immediately to the home he had prepared for her, adjoining Mercersburg, Penn. They had one daughter and five sons; the daughter was a remarkably beautiful and talented girl; she had every advantage bestowed upon her that could be procured by money and station in life. She was the pride and darling of her parents and brothers; she had just graduated, in a noted high school, with the highest honors, when she eloped with an Irish tinker, named Hamilton, whom she met on the street on her way to and from school. He was very handsome and full of Irish wit, a smooth tongue and plenty of assurance. He was poor and perfectly trifling and her family was rich; it would be a good scheme, but alas, for human hopes, her mother never forgave her, and after the birth of the first child, they drifted to Washington county and settled there; they had several other children when he died and left his family in the deepest poverty and none of the children old enough to be of any help to the mother.

She was still young and beautiful, and the bravery with which she took up the burden of supporting her family attracted the notice and admiration of a

rich old bachelor, who married her and raised the children, raised them well too, for every one of them was a credit and comfort to her. He settled them all round him on farms or as merchants.

She was again left a widow, and all her children being married and settled in homes of their own she was so lonely in her home, at their earnest request, broke up house keeping and lived round among her children. All vied with one another who should make her happiest and who should keep her longest.

At the marriage of her oldest great granddaughter, as the family were about separating, the discussion arose as to whose time it was to have the dear grandmother. During the rather heated contest, several friends approached to hear the conclusion of the matter; among them was a very pleasant looking old gentleman who seemed to be intensely amused at the warfare of words, and laughingly said, "Mrs. B., I would go with no set of people who quarreled about me that way; come and live with me; I need you more than they do, who have all large families, and I have no one; my children have all gone and left me, I am alone" she turned to him in her quick, bright way and said, "I will," he stepped up, shook hands with her and said "It is a bargain, I will see you to-morrow," bowed and

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A Note From Ann:

Thanks a lot for your kind response to the first newsletter. Please note again that we have a new address:

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We came safely through the Mother's Day storm, 14 May, but my parents' home was severely damaged in Vine Grove. They are living temporarily at our old house on the farm on Rabbit Run. Their house is being repaired and they'll be able to move back within the next couple of weeks.

In the first issue I made corrections through Chapter 13. This time, I'd like to continue with Chapter 14, but I will first insert those corrections that have come since April in their appropriate place. As corrections continue to come to me I will insert those at the beginning of each subsequent issue, as I feel they take precedence over additions. The exception to this are those additions that came to me while typesetting the book was being accomplished. As I explained in the first issue of this

newsletter, the book began to fall apart in the computer during this process. A difficult decision was made to leave out some of those additions. Among the corrections are those additions that I had in my files before November 1993 when the book went to the printer. There are many additions that have come since publication in November, 1993. I will begin to publish these in the next newsletter.

Please continue to send corrections or documentation. Since the first issue, I received some documentation about the Maryland Rays, your ancestors. I will share that with you later.

I still have books for sale. Come see us. Think about coming to the reunion the Sunday before Labor Day.

Corrections

Chapter 5. Since the first issue I have received corrections for Anny Ray Brashear's family from Aubrey Brashear in Longview, Texas. Aubrey writes that they are still searching for the father of Annie's first husband, William Brashear. He is thinking more and more about a William Brashear who died in 1789, but needs proof.

p. 107. Aubrey points out that Joseph Brashear (AAE) is buried near his mother, Anny Ray Brashear Cummins, and **between his two wives, Elizabeth Cummins and Charlotte Wheeler**. The cemetery is on Joseph

Ray Reunion

Descendants of Tom Ray and Rose Buckman (Ch. 17), will meet at St. Martin's Church, Flaherty, KY, 3 Sep, Sunday before Labor Day, at noon. Descendants of Tom Ray's brothers and sisters are most welcome. **Dinner in Parish Hall at 1:00 sharp**. Bring your basket dinner, albums, and lawn chairs. If you play a musical instrument, please share your talent with us. Several brought their instruments for a wonderful song-fest last year. There are facilities for the children to play, volley ball nets (bring your ball), horseshoe pits. We may organize a trip over to St. Patrick's to see Ab and Mary Ellen Peak Ray's gravesites. Mark your calendars. For more information, call Ann and Joe at (502) 828-3415.

Brashear's old home place near Bethel Church, 2 1/2 miles south of Sample, KY. Aubrey and wife, Gaynelle have visited this spot and made pictures of the stones.

p. 114. Thomas Brashear (AAEH) b. 23 Nov 1820 d. **18 Jun 1886**. Henrietta Agnes Skillman b. 3 Nov 1822 d. **18 Jun 1895**. Henrietta Skillman was the daughter of John & Polly Haynes Skillman, according to a letter dated **12 Jul 1935 to Kathryn Brashear in Longview, TX from Estee Stith Crabbe in Sloat, Plumas Co., CA, copy of letter owned by Aubrey Brashear.** a.2. Nora Brashear (AAEHAB) b. 25 Jan 1880 d. 21 Aug **1962**.

p.114. a.3.1.b. Kathryn Clay Scroggin b. 6 Apr 1978. There is no child as noted under c. Clay Scroggin.

p. 115. In the paragraph describing Charles Aubrey Brashear's WW II experiences, is a typographical error. In the sentence, " Sailed 13 Oct 1943, C.B.I. theater, Ledo Roads, etc.--" Delete the word **Ruma**. Towards the end of the paragraph are the sentences--"He is owner of the Brashear Production Service Co., Inc. and works in an East Texas area." "He told me that at one time the East Texas field had 30.000 wells." Sorry, Aubrey. You can tell I don't know much about oil production.

p. 116. 3. Joseph Russell "Rusty" Brashear and wife, Melanie, now have two children: 3.b. Aaron Clarke Brashear b. **5 Mar 1994, Longview, TX.**

p. 116. Samuel Scott Brashear b. **13 Aug 1888** d. 22 Oct 1954, bur. in **Grove Hill Cem., Dallas, TX.** his 1st. wife, Lenore Routh, is bur. in Sulphur Springs, TX, City Cemetery. 4.b. Samuel Scott Brashear, Jr. m. **7 Feb 1948** Doris White.

p. 117. 3. Mark Russell Brashear's wife, Cindy Kay Maddox's birthday is unknown. As it appears now, her wedding date is in place of her birthdate. 4. Samuel Mitchell Brashear b. 24 Nov 1956. *Samuel Scott Brashear (AAEHAD) b. 13 Aug 1888 and second wife Mary Hebert had no children.*

p. 118. b. Thomas Cowan Brashear b. 7 Aug 1905 m. **26 Nov 1931**, Myrtle Ruth Crisp b. **8 Mar 1912**.

p. 118. b.1.b. Linda Ruth Brashear and Clayton L. Lewellyn have **Four Children.** b.1.b.1. Gordon Landon Llewellyn b. **7 Jul 1982**. b.1.b.2. Clayton Garrett Llewellyn b. **4 Dec 1984, Dallas, TX.** b.1.b.3. Lucas Kyle Llewellyn b. **23 May 1987, High Point, NC.** and b.1.b.4. Cody Christian Llewellyn b. **16 May 1991, High Point, NC.**

p. 118. b.1.c. Thomas Preston Brashear b. 17 Nov 1959 m. Catherine Ann Mitchell b. **15 June 1962, Alexandria, LA.** Their children should be numbered 1. and 2., not a. & b.

p. 118. b.1.d. Mary Ann Brashear b. **4 Jan 1961, Sulphur Springs, TX** m. Michael Rawson. They have two children. d.1. Mason Thomas Rawson b. **10 Dec 1990, Sulphur Springs, TX** and d.2.

Mallory Ann Rawson b. 15 Sep 1992, Sulphur Springs, TX. I have misnumbered the children under Linda Ruth Brashear and Thomas Preston Brashear. The children should be given numerical numbers instead of small letters which their parents have, to follow true outline form.

Chapter 13. Doris Edlin of Elizabethtown wrote in June and sent some corrections. She told me that Barbara Ritch, daughter of Carrie Ray Ford, has written a book, *Coal Camp Kids*, and some of the corrections or additions are from this book. Mabel Schrank told me during last fall that a nun was visiting her and reading Barbara's book to her. Mable's eyesight is failing, and she was so joyful that the sister was reading the book to her. p. 368. b.1.a. David Michael Edlin m. Margaret "Peggy" Perry b. 3 Jan **1959**. b.1.a.3. Andrew Tyler Edlin b. **28 Jan 1992**. b.1.b. Mary Ann Edlin b. 17 Nov **1956** m. 8 Sep 1978, William E. Nelson b.1.c. Janet Louise Edlin m. Thomas R. Hargis b. 15 Mar **1959**. b.1.d. Carol Marie Edlin and David A. Goodman were divorced in **September 1993**.

p. 369. b.1.e. Laura Jean Edlin and Everett R. Cardwell have a second child-e.2. Michael Thomas Cardwell b. **10 Dec 1993**. 4.a. Christopher Lon Ray b. 15 Apr 1961 and wife, Ellen Mather, have a child, 4.a.1. James Travis Ray b. **17 Sep 1993**.

p. 370. e. Carrie Anne Ray (ABDCABDE) d. **1974**. She

and her husband William Joseph Ford had **five children**. e.1. **Philip Ford b. 23 May 1928 d. 4 Feb 1931 of diphtheria**. e.2. **Edwin Ford**. e.3. **Barbara Ford b. 1932 m. Hub Ritch in 1960**. She is author of the book, *Coal Camp Kids*. e.4. **Quentin Ford**, and e.5. **Rose Marie Ford b. 1936 d. 1937**. I hope that I can make contact with Barbara Ritch.

Chapter 14. Maggie Buckman Olson shared several pages of corrections and additions. Maggie is a direct descendant of Joseph William Ray and has probably studied the family longer than I have.

p. 448. Joseph William Ray m. 9 Feb 1869, Margaret Ann Gertrude Shircliff. Maggie cites the Meade Co., KY Marriage Book C, 1859-1877, # 638, while I cited Miller's compilation (maybe I mis-cited, my book has been loaned out). This marriage is listed in St. Patrick's Records as being on **8 Feb 1869**, as well as being recorded at St. John's on the same date.

p. 448. Maggie pointed out that two of the children were simply listed in Joseph William and Margaret Ann Gertrude Shircliff Ray's family outline. She provided their vital statistics. **Joseph William T. Ray (ABDCACD) b. 28 Sep 1877, bapt. 14 Oct 1877 by James O'Connor at St. Patrick's Church, p. 20**. Maggie states that this baptism is listed twice, and the birthdate is different in second listing--**27 Sep 1877. Joseph William Tibertius Ray d. 6 Nov 1879**.

He is listed in McDowell's Cemetery Book as J.W.T. Ray, s/o J.W. & A.G. Ray b. 20 Sep 1877 d. 6 Nov 1879.

p.448. **Anna Mary Ray (ABDCACH) b. 18 May 1888, bapt. 22 May 1888 by James O'Connor at St. Patrick's Church, Stithton**. Maggie says she died about 1891 and is probably buried at St. Patrick's without a marker.

p. 459. Rosa Adeline "Addie" Lancaster b. 10 Apr 1872 d. **6 Sep 1962**. Maggie cites St. Patrick's Death Records, Addie was buried 8 Sep 1962.

p. 460. Charles Kendrick Ray b. 4 Apr 1896 d. **7 July 1950**. Maggie cites St. Brigid's Cemetery inscriptions.

p. 474. Mary Catherine Lillie Belle Ray b. **4 May 1875**, according to the St. Patrick's Baptismal Records, p. 14. Maggie had a note in her records that Thomas "Tom" Hardin Hager, Jr. d. **4 Oct 1931**. See footnote 31.

p. 483. William Martin Ray m. **7 Jan 1913**. Maggie cited several sources for this date: Meade Co., KY Marriage Bk. E, p. 196, # 4117 being only one. The records at both St. Martin's and St. Patrick's indicate the same date.

p. 493. d. Frances Christine Ray m. in **1946**.

p. 496. 4. Linda Lou Ray m. George Randall Bradley b. **14 Feb 1947**.

p. 497. f. Mary Denis Ray m. **20 Apr 1942** to J. Leo Berry.

p. 499. Edna Pauline Sipes Ray, m/2, O. Laughlin Boyd b. **19 Jun 1928**. Their dau., Lisa Gail Boyd, b. **19 Oct 1960**.

p. 507. b. Michael Thomas Buckman and Lisa Virginia Jarman have a **second child**, b.2. **Olivia Jordan Buckman b. 20 Oct 1994 at HMH, Elizabethtown, KY**. Olivia was born after her parents moved back to Kentucky where Mike got a promotion and transfer with Southern States Farm Stores. He works for the Louisville branch on Grade Lane.

Chapter 16. p. 554. Mr. Rudy Hall called to tell me to correct the death date for his father. a. Christopher Columbus "Christy" Hall b. 2 Jan 1896 d. **25 Nov 1971**. I listed Christy's death to be the same as his mother's, Margaret Symphrosia Ray Hall. My original records had the correct date. I'm truly sorry for this error.

p. 573. Phyllis Ray Mitchell visited and pointed out some errors. Her first child, d.1.a. Russell Thomas Evans, b. 20 Mar 1962 was adopted by Phyllis's second husband, Ivy E. Mitchell, and given his surname. Therefore, Russell Thomas **Mitchell** b. 20 Mar 1962 . d.1.b. Deanna Ray Mitchell b. **27 Nov 1965 m/2 David Rogers Carrico on 31 Dec 1994**. d.1.c. Samantha Aileen Mitchell and Julian Glenn Hinds have **two children now**. Their **second child is Tyler Glenn Hinds b. 18 Nov 1992**. d.2. James Russell "Chubsy" Ray's second daughter's name is **Julie Beth Ray b. 9 Feb 1982**.

p. 577. Mildred Corbett sent corrections to her family's listing. 2. Joseph Connor

Corbett m. 25 Aug 1962, Marilyn Ann Coomes. Their daughter Cheryl Corbett and husband Ward LaPaglia's third child is 2.a.3. **Mark Joseph LaPaglia b. 15 July 1992.** I omitted Joseph Connor Corbett's son- 2.b. **Steven Joseph Corbett b. 15 May 1969 m. Ellen _____.** They have a child, **Morgan Taylor Corbett b. 3 Sep 1994.** Steven and Ellen live in Indianapolis. p. 577. c.1. Linda Carole Yates m. Richard Henry Shoffner b. 13 Dec 1941. They have two children. Their first, Susan Kelly Shoffner b. 26 Mar 1967 m. 14 May 1994, **John Patrick Prichard b. 18 Jul 1967.** Linda Carol Yates and Richard Henry Shoffner's second child- b. **April Dianne Shoffner b. 20 Jun 1975.**

Chapter 17. p. 592. I hope to hear soon from Leo and Myra Butterman McCracken's family. **Myra passed away last fall (1994).**

p. 593. 3. Elmer Leroy McCracken and wife, Anna Young McCracken's family deserves a sincere apology. I misinterpreted the list that was given to me. Their daughter, Carol McCracken Nelson, m/2 Gene Mark Haas. Carol and Gene do not have any children of their own, as indicated at the bottom of the page. Carol's brother, **Robert Leroy McCracken, b. 28 Jul 1949 d. 27 Dec 1991.** Robert Leroy McCracken's family appears on the top of p. 594. p. 594. 4.d. Leonard Ovid "Pete" McCracken m. Betsy Lynn Calloway b. 5 Sep 1967.

p. 595. 6.a. Eva Marie Goode and husband, Dean Wesley Grigsby, have two children. 6.a.2. **Devan Blaine Grigsby b. 22 May 1993.** 6.c. Blaine Steven Goode m. 25 Sep 1993 at the **Salem Church of Christ, in Salem, IN, Holly Rochelle Moore.**

p. 596. I have been unable to contact Dorothy Haskins Robbeloth. Her cousins have provided a few corrections. d.1.a. Edward Lee Robbeloth m. Terry **Haub.** d.1.e. **Catherine Mary Robbeloth m. Larry Cress.** d.1.f. Michael Kim Robbeloth m. Sandy **Gowers.** Dorothy lives near Fredericksburg, IN.

p. 597. Her son, g. Paul Thomas Robbeloth, lives in Indianapolis. p. 597. Don VanMeter wrote from California after he received his book. e.1.a. Donna Jean VanMeter b. 6 Mar 1955 m. 4 Sep 1976, Rick **LaKomy.** p. 621. After the death of her first husband, Burton Hager, Martha Whelan Hager m/2 **Joseph Leo Masterson.** I have reversed one of her daughter's names. It should be Marty **Masterson Hurley.** Also it should be Geraldine **Masterson Shanenhan.** Thanks, Bill and Martha.

p. 639. 1.c. Henry Raymond Sipes b. 15 Oct 1968 m. 24 Feb 1995, **Margaret Kelly Cravens b. 3 Jul 1969, Louisville, KY.** p. 641. 5.a. Joshua Sipes b. 31 Oct 1972, raised as Joshua Ainsworth, m. 26 Feb 1994 at **Cataula Church of Christ, Cataula, GA, Dana Lynn Shiver b. 5 Jan 1972.** They

have one child, 5.a.1. **Courtney Nicole Ainsworth b. 9 Apr 1995.** p. 645. Anne Whelan Kuhn sent corrections for her family's listing. f. Wilma Elizabeth Ray m. **William Wilson "Monk" Whelan b. 16 Sep 1916, d. 9 Jan 1994.** f.2. Elizabeth Anne Whelan m. Ronald Lee Kuhn b. 16 Jan 1942. p. 646. f.2.b. Donald Edward Kuhn b. 25 Sep 1975 d. 30 Jan 1992, bur. in **Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, KY.**

Chapter 18. Robert Lee Alvey of Carson, CA wrote in April 1994 after receiving his book. He told me that Francis William Ray and Frances Lillian Gay Buckman on p. 660, moved to northern California sometime around 1910-1913. They had three children listed in 1920 census of Tulare County, CA that were not listed in *The Ray Book*. He and Maggie Olson have corresponded about this family and the following information comes from Maggie who cites the records shared with her by Bob as well as records she has searched.

p. 660. Francis William Ray and Frances Lillie Gay Buckman were m. 20 Nov 1894, **Hardin Co., KY.** Francis William Ray (ABDCAGA) d. 1 Aug 1957, **Martinez, Contra Costa Co., CA.**

p. 661. Frances Lillie Gay Buckman Ray d. 5 Jun 1950, **Martinez, Contra Costa Co., CA.** Both death dates are taken from their death certificates, copies of which Bob Alvey sent to Maggie Olson.

p.661-662. In the listing of this couple's children, some additions have been provided by Maggie. g. **Mildred C. Ray** (ABDCAGAG). h. **Garland Mathew Ray** (ABDCAGAI). j. **Angela R. Ray b. ca 1909 in KY.** k. **Inez A. Ray b. ca 1911 in KY and l. Etta M. Ray b. ca 1913 in California.** These last three children were listed with the parents on the 1920 Tulare Co., CA census. The five oldest children were not on this census listing with their parents. They had probably married or otherwise gotten out on their own at that time. Does anyone have any more information about this family?

p. 662. **Mary Teresa Symphronia Ray** (ABDCAGC) is this lady's full name. She married **Oscar I. Buckman**. Does anyone have any more information about this family?

p. 674. **Mary Jo Mudd** noted that b.1. **Rita Jane Pike b. 21 Apr 1935.** Rita's husband, **John Marshall Vessels d. suddenly 14 Mar 1994.**

p. 682. **Maggie Olson** writes about **Letitia E. Ray** (ABDCAGH) **b. 2 Sep 1888.** Maggie cites the St. Patrick's Records note her birth as 3 Sep 1888, bapt. 9 Sep 1888, spon. **Catherine Shircliff** by **James O'Connor**, p. 45. Tombstone's inscription is 2 Sep 1888.

p. 687. **James Speridian Ray** (ABDCAG) m/2 **21 Jan 1915 to Mary Emeline Campbell Buckler.** Maggie Olson cites **Hardin Co., KY Marr. BK. 1, 1914-1916, # 90.** Wife's parents, **S.J. Campbell** and **Mary J. Cambell**, also **St. Patrick's Bapt. Records**, p. 132

notes the birth of the triplets, **Henry Joseph, James Bernard and Mary "Emerine"** to **Samuel Joseph Campbell** and **Jerusha Pike**, b. 31 Jul 1870. They were baptized by **Robt. A. Abell**.

Chapter 20. **John Alvey** sent some corrections and additions close to time of publication.

p. 725. 3. **Gerald Joseph Vowels b. 11 Jan 1935 m. Mary Kathryn Kanger.** His son, **Gerald Joseph Vowels, m. Kathy Sue Bearden b. 13 Oct 1956.** **Gerald Joseph Vowels b. 4 Jun 1956 and Kathy Sue Bearden** have **four children**, partially listed at top of p. 726.

Their **fourth child is Angela Marie Vowels b. 30 Aug 1980.** p. 726. b. **Kathy Jean Vowels b. 25 Feb 1958 m. 20 Oct 1979, Louisville, KY, Alan Michael Brashear b. 4 Sep 1953, Louisville, KY. They have three children: b.1. Alan Michael Brashear, Jr. b. 20 Sep 1982, b.2. Bryan David Brashear b. 30 May 1984, and b.3. Rebecca Marie Brashear b. 3 Jul 1987, all born in Louisville, KY.**

p. 726. c. **Michael E. Vowels b. 11 Aug 1959 m. 9 May 1981, Louisville, KY, Lucinda Marie Miller b. 18 Nov 1955, Louisville, KY. They have three children. Lauren Michelle Vowels b. 12 Nov 1983, Krista Marie Vowels b. 17 Jun 1987, and Michael Edward Vowels, Jr. b. 3 May 1989, all born in Louisville, KY.**

p. 726. d. **Richard A. Vowels b. 11 Dec 1961, Louisville, KY m. 14 May 1983, Louisville, KY, Charlotte Ann Linkenberg b. 3 Aug 1960, Louisville, KY. They**

have two children, Bradley Allen Vowels b. 17 Mar 1986 and Frank Allen Vowels b. 16 Sep 1990.

p. 726. **Martha Rose Vowels b. 28 Nov 1940 and John Charles Roemele's daughter, Sally Roemele, b. 5 Aug 1964 m. 13 Mar 1981, Fairfax, VA, Richard K. Quinn b. 5 Jan 1963. They have two children, Sarah Roemele Quinn b. 19 Jul 1981 and Richard K. "Harley" Quinn, Jr. b. 26 Mar 1986.** **Martha Rose Vowels Roemele m/2, 3 Sep 1971 Robert J. Hewett, Sr. Their son, "Rob" Hewett was single and in the US Air Force at time of publication of the book in Nov 1993. Robert J. Hewett, Sr. has four children from his first marriage. 1. Douglas Hewett b. 17 May 1955 m. 14 May 1977 Yvonne G. Pope. They have two children, Christopher Hewett b. 6 Dec 1984 and Jenni Hewett b. 23 May 1987; 2. Michael Hewett b. 14 Jun 1957 m. Rattikorn Boonyavatana b. in Thailand.. They have a child, Allysa Jo Hewett, b. 12 Dec 1990; 3. Karen Hewett b. 15 Jun 1962 m. Tim White b. 6 Aug 1966. They have three children, Caleb White b. 10 Mar 1988; Elyse White b. 17 Aug 1990; and Rachel White b. 6 Jun 1992. 4. Jeffery Hewett (fourth son of Robert J. Hewett, Sr.) b. 6 Jun 1966, m. 3 Jul 1989 Norma E. Sanchez b. 12 Oct 1968, Panama. They have a child, Elizabeth Hewett b. 30 Dec 1990.**

p. 739. Another family's update came while we were typesetting the book. I want to repeat how sorry I am that this

happened and so many descendants were omitted. Louise Vowels and Felix Crutcher's family was listed as first given to me in 1975. One of Louise's family prepared a beautiful computer printout of all the additions over those 18 years. Please note too that the outline form rather fell apart on this p. 739. b. Mary Louise Vowels was the second child of William Thomas Eugene Vowels and Anna Clara Pike (p. 736) She m. Felix Edward Crutcher b. 11 Jul 1905. b.1. Felix Eugene Crutcher m. **Doris Jane Ray**. b.2. Joseph Lamar "Sam" Crutcher m/1 **Kay Francis King** b. 12 Jan 1936 d. **9 Jun 1980**. Four of their children have m. and have children. 2.a. Mark Steven Crutcher m. **29 Nov 1980, Brenda Crawford** b. **25 Mar 1959**. They have two children- **Jeremy Ryan Crutcher** b. **31 Jul 1981** and **Kelly Leigh Crutcher** b. **9 Dec 1986**. 2.b. Kimberly Jo Crutcher m. **24 Mar 1978, Louis A. Thomas** b. **19 Sep 1951**. They have **Michael Dwayne Thomas** b. **30 Nov 1979**. 2.c. Craig Eugene Crutcher m. **24 Oct 1986, Graciela Gonzales** b. **4 Jun 1956**. They have **Samantha Kay Crutcher** b. **26 Jun 1989**. 2.d. Kerry Lynn Crutcher m. **Wayne Miller** b. **14 Aug 1957**. They have three children- **Tabatha Nicole Miller** b. **16 Mar 1982, Brandi Lynn Miller** b. **10 Apr 1983** and **Kassandra Jo Miller** b. **3 Feb 1987**. 2. e. Todd Edward Crutcher was single at time of publication in November, 1993. Joseph Lamar Crutcher and Kay

Frances King were **divorced in 1969**. He m/2, **21 Jun 1991, Linda Casey**. p. 739. 3. Mary Clare Crutcher m. **6 Aug 1955, David Leo Mills**. Their four children have all married and have children: 3.a. Barbara Elaine Mills m. **15 Dec 1979, John Christopher** b. **2 Dec 1948**. They have two children, **Amanda Sue Christopher** b. **18 Nov 1983** and **Rebecca Elaine Christopher** b. **18 Dec 1985**. 3.b. Melissa Ann Mills m. **23 Jun 1979, William Monroe** b. **17 Aug 1957**. They have two chn.: **James David Monroe** b. **16 Oct 1980** and **Mary Elizabeth Monroe** b. **23 Feb 1986**. 3.c. Samuel David Mills m. **10 Aug 1991, Fasika Shiferow**. They have **Christine Mary Mills** b. **24 May 1992**. 3.d. Jeffery Robert Mills m. **15 Aug 1987, Cindi Cox** b. **17 Aug 1965**. They have two chn.: **Lauren Nicole Mills** b. **26 Oct 1988** and **Nathaniel Robert Mills** b. **15 Apr 1991**. p.739. b.4. Linda Louise Crutcher m. **6 Sep 1958, James Eugene "Buck" Burnett** b. **8 Sep 1936**. Their oldest child, 4.a. Cynthia Louise Burnett m. **27 Sep 1980, Michael Hooper** b. **19 Dec 1955**. They have two chn.: **Ashely Alexandria Hooper** b. **11 Dec 1983** and **Allan James Hooper** b. **7 Dec 1987**. p. 740. 5. Barbara Allen Crutcher m. **25 Jul 1964, Edward Joseph Schmuck**. Their oldest child, 5.a. Scott Edward Schmuck m. **17 Dec 1988, Kimberli Kay Clark** b. **15 Jul 1964**. They had **Matthew Edward Schmuck** b. **26 Feb 1991**. **Scott and Kimberli were divorced in Aug 1992**. There

may be other additons to this family since November 1993. p. 774. Bill Bassett called to tell me that f.1. Betty Jo Bassett b. 6 Jun 1946 m/2 **Darrell Friel**.

A Final note

Corrections to Chapter 23 and 24 will be continued next time. The third issue will probably not be coming out until October or November, 1995. Please continue to send your corrections and additions to me. The corrections that I know about are nearly completed. Additions will begin in Issue 3.

I try to watch the Kentucky obituaries in the Courier

Deaths

Margaret Ray Thomas d. in June 1995 at Lebanon, Marion Co., KY. p. 193.

Lucy M. Stephen of Hammond, IN, d. Friday, 16 Jun 1995. p. 382.

Venita Clement Howlett Foto d. April 1995 bur. 9 Apr 1995. Louisville. p. 683

Cathy Padgett d. 29 Mar 1995, Louisville, KY. p. 868.

Journal and the Meade County Messenger. Sometimes, when school is in session I miss them.

Please help me in this regard.

RAY NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 1

April 1995

A Note From Ann:

Dear Family and Friends:

It has been a little over a year since *The Ray Book* was published. I have received many letters telling me that the material is being enjoyed. I'm so glad for this. As you know, much of my material came from you, the family members. The family stories are probably the highlight of the book.

I want to thank each and every one of you who have written to me. Your letters have been very encouraging to me. I have felt very humble as well, knowing that I have been the repository of your trust and have come up lacking in some instances.

Errors have been found in the text of the book. One of the purposes of the news letter is to make corrections. Please accept my sincere apology for these errors. I believe that some happened as a result of my proofreading my own copy before typesetting was begun. Some omissions occurred through my own decision when lists continued to come after the typesetting had begun in April, 1993. Typesetting was a very tedious process converting WordPerfect text to Pagemaker. Being a computer

novice, I made some mistakes that caused some of these problems during conversion. Other problems were beyond my control.

One chapter, Chapter 13, was such a huge document that many names were omitted. A long list of added names was given to me in late August 1993. At that point in time, over half the book had already been typeset and frames for pictures had been added. As we tried to add names, this chapter literally fell apart before our eyes. The omissions were unfortunate, and I'm truly sorry. Omissions occurred in other chapters as well. The book could not have been any bigger and been bound safely.

The second purpose of the newsletter is to make new additions. Many folks have already sent additions to me since publication. Sadly, some of our family members have passed away. Happily, new little ones have come into this world. Many families were never contacted, and as they have learned of the book have wanted their family to be included.

I hope to send this newsletter free for at least one year. I hope in that time to have corrected all the errors

that have come to my attention and to make the additions that have come to my attention in the first year since publication. I hope to be able to do this in the first four issues. The newsletter will be sent to all the folks who have purchased the book from the author. If the book was received as a gift, I may not have those recipient's addresses. I'd appreciate your helping me in this regard and giving me changes of addresses as well. If you would like to send a self-addressed stamped envelope for me to mail the newsletter that would be appreciated, but not necessary during this first year.

Author's Change of Address

Please note that Joe and I have moved. After 29 years back in Meade County, we have finally gotten a Meade County post office. I'm afraid people will look for us in Ekron, but we live 1.2 miles from Flaherty off KY 144. We live very close to the "new" Flaherty Elementary School and welcome company. Our Phone number remains the same. (502) 828-3415.

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Please continue to let me know of errors or additions that need to be corrected or listed. Let me set the record straight. If you would, type the corrections or print them clearly so that further mistakes will not be made. Also, please note the page number on which the error occurs.

A few last words

In November of 1993, when the book went to the printer, we set a pre-publication price of \$55 to extend until February 1994, after which the price rose to \$70. After an initial sale of about 300 books, book sales have gone down drastically and I have about 300 books left. We have very recently lowered the price to \$65.00 plus \$4.00 postage and handling. Kentucky residents must add \$3.90 for KY sales tax.

After several more years, I do plan to publish Volume II, containing families of the remaining children of John Ray, Sr. of Washington County, KY, the younger siblings of Absalom Ray, who was the fourth of 16 children; as well as of John Ray, Sr.'s two brothers, Joseph and Nicholas Ray, who also moved to Washington County with large families from Maryland. In the present Volume I, Absalom Ray and Susannah Mattingly Ray's children are only listed through Elias Ray who m. Peggy Lamkin. The bulk of the book after Chapter 10 covers Elias Ray and Peggy Lamkin Ray's family. What I've learned about Elias Ray's younger

siblings will be listed in Volume II. Please refer to p. 213 (Chapter 10) for the names of his younger brothers and sisters.

Volume II will have to wait for several years though, as I have promised my own parents that I would work on their lines for a while. You see in my father's family tree, I have a Ray of my own, a Ray from Vermont, who came to America about the same time that your Rays came into Maryland.

Joe and I wish you each and every one a nice spring, a Happy Easter. God bless us every one. Ann T. Sipes

Manner of making corrections

As you go through the section, **Corrections**, the chapter and page will be given for each. The person's name and vital statistics will be given and that part that had been given incorrectly in *The Ray Book* will be **bolded** and correctly listed. In other words, the **bolded text** should be the correct name or date. To save space, the incorrect text will usually not be listed first. Additions will simply be **bolded**. In this issue additions and corrections will appear together under **Corrections**. My hope is to give corrections priority in the first couple of issues, but do not want to lose solitary additions as they come up in the chapters.

CORRECTIONS

Chapt. 3, p. 44. Baptismal records of St. Barnabas show

the family of William Ray and wife, Ann _____. It has been brought to my attention by Marie Ownbey of Guffey, CO, that **this William Ray II** who is accepted as being the father of William Ray III who was born 1705 (and became the father of John Ray, Sr.) **took as his wife one Elizabeth _____**. In some records shared by Edith Ray Saul of Maryland, he is shown to have married an Elizabeth Pritchett. Miss Saul listed all the children listed in the St. Barnabas records plus two more. Yet there is no documentation for this marriage. Bunny Alvey wrote to me that the mother of the children is listed as Ann _____. If anyone can shed light on this mystery, we'd all appreciate it. Documents to verify the true wife are out there somewhere, hopefully.

Chapt. 5, p. 103. Nancy Brashear (AAC) b. ca 1770 m/1 26 Aug 1787, Jefferson Co., KY, believed to be Nelson Co., by Robert Pulfrey, (although my source for Jefferson Co. found in footnote 48), **Howson Clifton**, b. 1762. Robert Pulfrey writes that this couple had **two children**, the first being **Nancy Clifton (AACA)** who m. **John Duckworth**. This would give her brother, **William Clifton** b. 1791, Washington Co., KY d. 15 Jan 1855, **the letters (AACB)** and change those of his children accordingly.

Chapter 5, p. 103. 1. a. William Walter Clifton m. Alta Wagoner d/o Jacob B. Wagoner b. 1821/2, NY, d. 1932,

Rochester, MN. 1. a. 1. Thomas Guy Clifton m/1, 18 Jun 1915, **Killdeer, ND**. His wife, Minnie Louise Engel d. 7 Dec 1918, **Rhoades Twp., McKenzie Co., ND**.

Chapter 5, p. 104. a.1. Robert E. Pulfrey b. 2 Oct 1942, Fort Sam Houston, **Baxar Co., TX**. They are living in **Bel Air, MD**.

a. 2. Ellen Jean Pulfrey m. **Harold Reid Hershey, Jr. b. 4 Aug 1946**. Thomas Guy Clifton m/2, 14 Nov 1923 **Lena Barkema**. They had two children, **William George Clifton b. 21 Aug 1924 m.**

Audry Lynner, and had 1. Laura Lee, Neta Ann, James William, and Thomas Guy Clifton; and 2. Ethel Marie Clifton b. 5 Sep 1931 m.

Clifford Okland and had Ronald Guy, Susan, and Beverly Okland. Nancy Brashear Clifton m/2, 7 Aug 1795, **Washington Co., KY**, Robert Scott. Mr. Pulfrey sheds light on the moving boundaries around

Revolutionary times of Virginia and Pennsylvania and this will be shared in a later issue after corrections are completed.

Chapt. 8, p. 184. It has been brought to my attention that the **county court clerk's office** was burned in Marion County, Kentucky, not the courthouse. Indeed, I went back to my Marion County notes and found this: "On July 5, 1863, Col. John Hunt Morgan, in command of two brigades of Confederate Cavalry arrived at Lebanon. A Col. Charles Hanson was in command of 300 Federal troops of the 20th

Kentucky Infantry. After Morgan set fire to several private homes Col. Hanson surrendered. He had telegraphed to Danville for reinforcements but felt they would never get there. Morgan's soldiers set free the Confederate prisoners from the jail. They went to the County Clerk's and Circuit Court clerk's offices, set fire to the records for the purpose of destroying the indictments against the Confederate soldiers. The building housing those offices was set on fire and all the records of circuit and county courts since Marion County was organized in 1834 were utterly destroyed."

Source, William T. Knott's "History of Marion County", published in parts in the 1880's in a newspaper in Lebanon. Copy studied in the Library of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Chapt. 8, p. 192. Martha Jane MacDonald of Colorado Springs, CO shared these corrections and a few additions too. 1. Bernard Ray b. 27 Apr 1908 m. in Finley, KY Margie Benningfield, d/o James **William Benningfield and Eva Buckman**. Their six children are somewhat mixed up. 1.b. should be **Martha Jane Ray b. 13 Mar 1931 m. 28 Dec 1955, Orange, CT, William Robert MacDonald b. 5 May 1930, Hamden, CT. They have four children: 1. Terrence G. MacDonald b. 3 Oct 1956, m/1 Debra Foote in 1985. They were m. in Kenya. In Jan 1994 "Ted" married Josephabella Pidalla from Iloilo, Republic of**

the Phillipines; 2. Mary Regan MacDonald b. 27 Dec 1957 m. 11 Sep 1993, Brian Elliott. They live in Denver; 3. Thomas William MacDonald b. 19 Apr 1960 m. 1986, Cyndi Laurent from Flint, MI, have one child, William Robert MacDonald, II., and 4. Timothy Paul MacDonald b. 2 Feb 1962. 1.e. should be Bernard Eugene Ray m. 1956, Mary Ann Mattingly. They have three living children, Bernie, Dwayne and Maria and two children deceased, Marcia and Cabrini. 1.f. should be Elizabeth "Betty" Ray, m. 1957, Gordon Campbell. She d. ca 1973. They adopted one daughter, Pamela. 1.d. should be Catherine Nadine Ray.

Chapter 10, p. 227. Bunny Alvey sent several pages of corrections and additions to Elizabeth Ray and Charles Alvey's large family. Bunny and Harold continue to work on the Alvey clan. In this issue we'll focus on overt errors and some additions which concern these folks. In Angeline Alvey and James Mills family we know now there were **Three children. 1. Elizabeth Ann Mills (ABDBAA) b. ca 1836, m. Benedict Joseph Girten on 25 Nov 1856.** What is known now about their family will be added in a later issue this year. 2. **Louis Pettie Mills b. 1838 d. 8 Apr 1910 should be relettered (ABDBAB) and his children accordingly. Louis Pettie Mills was named for Fr. Louis Petit, pastor at Raywick. He and Mary Elizabeth Beaven had 10 children: 1. Mary Ann Mills b. 1859; 2. Henrietta b. 11 June**

1861; 3. Lucy Ellen Mills b. 1 Aug 1862; 4. James Benedict Mills b. 28 Apr 1864, had Three Children; 5. John William Mills b. 1866 (p. 229); 6. Elizabeth Ann Mills b. 18 Apr 1867 d. 28 Feb 1890; 7. George Thomas Mills b. 28 Oct 1868 (p. 229); 8. Martha A. b. 1872 d. 1942 m. 27 Nov 1906, James M. Joyce b. 1861; 9. Louis Robert Mills b. 1874 (p. 230); 10. Charles Joseph Mills b. 1877 (p. 230). Additions to these families in later issue.

Chapter 10, p. 230. John Absalom Mills (ABDBAC) b. 20 May 1842 m/1, 20 Jan 1866, Jane Russell. They had one child Mary Ellen Mills b. 10 Dec 1868 m. 30 Oct 1893, Louis Albertus Spalding. They had a child, Robert Otto Spalding b. 25 Oct 1894. John Absalom Mills m/2, 13 Oct 1880, Mrs. Bridget Curry.

p. 233. Charles Roland Alvey b. ca 1864 d. 14 Apr 1939 and Rosanna Catherine Crawley (sister of wife of Louis Oscar Alvey-see Steven Alvey) had Eight Children. 1. Charles Owen Alvey b. 21 Jan 1897; 2. James G. Alvey b. 1899; 3. William C. Alvey b. 1902 m. 31 Mar 1927, Carvie Whitley b. 1904. He was a button maker, living in Akron, OH. 4. Alexander Foster "Red" Alvey b. 1904- p. 233, his dau., Peggy Dean Alvey ((ABDBBGAA), b. 5 May 1931 m. Donald Guy "Froggy" French. Her son, Donald Alexander French b. 1960, m. Helene Hagan.

5. Rosa Alvey m. a Stacer; 6. Naomi "Omie" Alvey b. 1908 m. a Maidlow; 7. Mary B. Alvey's

dau., Wanda Lee Thompson Bickett, had three children, 1. Terry Lee Bickett 2. Timothy Bickett was omitted; and 3. Kimberly Ann Bickett. 8. Frances Lillie Alvey b. 27 Oct 1912 m. a Bishop. There are many more additions to Charles Roland Alvey's family, which will be made later.

p. 235. Fr. E.J. Durbin baptized Helena Edmonia Alvey at St. Vincent's, Union Co., KY.

p. 238. Martha Evelyn Alvey b. 9 Mar 1892 d. 17 Dec m. A.B. Sale. Ethel Ray Alvey b. 1896 d. 3 Oct 1983 m. 12 Feb 1913, Samuel Omer Norris.

p. 239. Samuel Ray Norris b. 1916 and Era Mae Vickery had Three children. The second one named Karla Ann Norris b. 1949 m. 22 Jun 1968, David Vernon Howard. Karla Ann and David Vernon Howard had Alicia Howard b. 1969 m. 5 Dec 1987, Thomas Carr. They have three children; 1. Adam Carr b. 1988; 2. Arron Carr b. 1990; and Whitney Ann Carr b. 21 Jul 1992.

p. 240. Joseph Francis Alvey b. 8 Sep 1858 m. Alice Ann Blandford. Their daughter Emma Louise Alvey b. 1893.

p. 241. 1.c. Catherine Alyne Dyer b. 1920 m. 28 Apr 1939, William Leonard Markham, Jr. b. 1918. e.5. Murrell Theophilus Alvey b. 1903 d. 1967. William Marion Alvey and Mary Ursula Shanks also had a seventh child, Bernadette Dorothy Alvey b. 1909 m. 28 Apr 1927, Joseph Cambron Borop.

p. 242. 2.f. Robert Eugene Alvey and Ruth Ann Rowley

had Three children. 1. Barry Wayne Alvey; 2. Cindy Lea Alvey b. 16 Jan 1959 m. 27 Jun 1980, Zachary David Hibbs b. 1959. 3. Robert Eugene Alvey Jr. b. 16 Feb 1962 alone was listed.

p. 242. 3. Martin Otho Alvey b. 1896 m. 3 Nov 1923, Georgie Padgett. They had five children: 1. William Earl Alvey b. 14 Jun 1924; 2. James Otho Alvey b. 31 Aug 1926; 3. Willis Alvey b. 7 Mar 1929; 4. Virginia Ann Alvey b. 2 Nov 1931 and 5. Bettie Jene Alvey b. 12 Apr 1937. The fifth child of Charles B. Alvey and Sarah Liggett was William Iloff Alvey m.

Margaret Corbett. They had six children: 1. William Iloff Alvey, Jr. b. 7 Jun 1932; 2. Margaret Elizabeth Alvey b. 1 Feb 1934; 3. Mary Ruth Alvey b. 13 Jan 1937; 4. Jackie Ray Alvey b. 21 Jan 1939; 5. Larry Edward Alvey b. 13 Oct 1942; and 6. Thomas Lloyd Alvey b. 4 Jun 1945.

p. 242. i. Daniel E. Alvey m/1 Mary P. Bashan.

p. 244. b.1. Chester C. Crowdus b. 1884 d. 1960.

p. 246. Mary Gip Crowdus b. 1895 d. 1985 m. 7 Jan 1915, Thomas Arch Thompson b. 1894 d. 20 Dec 1945. They had two children; 1. Pearl Kathleen Thompson b. 1915 m. Thos. Augustine French and 2. Thomas Walker Thompson b. 1 Jul 1919 d. Jun 1921.

p. 246. d. Richard Henry Lyon b. 1865 d. 1935 m. 31 May 1910, Anna Benita Thompson. p. 247. a. Mary Elizabeth Alvey b. 10 Mar 1861 d. 14 Feb 1940 m. Patrick Nathaniel Livers.

p. 250. 10. Agnes Livers b. 18 Aug 1900 d. 14 Jul 1963 m. James Girten. They had two children: 1. Robert Girten b. 20 Feb 1922 and 2. Tena Girten m. a Watson.

p. 251. 1. Mary Janet Alvey m. Charles Michael Gagliano. 3.a. Jeffery Michael Alvey b. 27 Mar 1971.

p. 252 7. Patricia Louise Alvey b. 12 Feb 1965.

p. 253. e. 2. Cynthia Lee Alvey m/1 James Robert Horner. 2.a. Stacey Leigh Horner adopted by Richard Ford, Jul 1993.

p. 254. 6. Thomas Ray Alvey and Ella Catherine Drury had Four children. Before Kenneth, they had Rita Jane Alvey b. 20 Dec 1933 d. 15 Oct 1935.

p. 258. William Liston "Cotton" Alvey and Gay Nell Rowley had Seven Children. Not listed was Diane Alvey b. ? m. ___ Shrodes. They have two children; Janelle Shrodes and ___ Shrodes.

p. 259. c. Anna Mary Alvey b. 23 Jul 1872 d. 23 Apr 1943 m. 22 Jan 1895, Henry Edgar Beaven b. 1868 d. 1941.

c.1. Charles Warner Beaven b. 6 Jun 1896 d. 15 Oct 1989

c.2. Joseph Spalding Beaven m. Mary Magdalene Alvey b. 1902 d. 1979.

Many additions to the Alvey family by Bunny Alvey will be added at a later time.

Robert Lee Alvey, 23617 Archibald Ave. Carson, CA 90745 brought up several other Alvey questions for Chapter 10.

p. 238. Amanda E. Alvey (ABDBDH), because she is the

8th child of John Edmund Alvey (ABDBD).

p. 226. Bob has caught my contradiction between p. 225 and 226.. Elizabeth Ray Alvey, the mother of this great clan of Alveys, appears in the 1860 Marion County Census. Her son, Stephen, lived with her. Bob states that Charles Alvey (her husband) is listed in the Marion Co. KY tax lists with 240 acres of land on Rolling Fork in 1855 and these same acres are listed with Elizabeth Alvey in 1856. "Charles probably died in the 1855/1856 time frame." Elizabeth must have died soon after 1860. Thanks, Bob.

Bob also questions that Raymond Alvey (ABDBI), p. 225 and 243, is actually the son of Elizabeth Ray and Charles Alvey. Bob has information that Raymond may be the son of Jeremiah. We'll look forward to documentation concerning Raymond Alvey's parentage.

Chapter 12. p. 296. Aline McDonogh wrote to remind me I had misspelled her last name. I continue to want to put a "u" where it doesn't belong. Aline McDonogh shared most of the family of Mary Catherine "Kate" Ray.

p. 297. d.2. Mary Aline Redmon m. Charles Bernard McDonogh. They had one child a. Jacqueline Ann McDonogh b. 6 Jun 1939.

p. 307. b.1. William Eugene Ray m. Norma Jean Stovall.

p. 308. d.2. Bernard Delano Logsdon b. 28 Jan 1934.

p. 310. f. Claude Ervin Priddy b. 24 Feb 1911 d. 12 Mar 1994.

p. 310. 1.a.1. Kimberly Ruth Cornwell b. 3 Apr 1974 m. Doug Henning. They have one child, Christianna Nicole Henning b. 10 Jan 1994.

p. 310. Hazel Eileen Priddy b. 1 Nov 1932 m. 1 Jul 1950, James Layman Gray b. 24 Jun 1920 d. 18 Mar 1990. Martha Jane Gray Stubblefield m/2 May 1974, Hans Schmuck.

p. 311. e. Barbara Ann Gray m. 6 Jul 1979, Steve Schmutt b. 7 Mar 1958. e.1. Brandon Schmutt b. 24 May 1986. g. Rebecca Lynn Gray b. 2 Oct 1970 m. 7 Jul 1990.

Chapter 13. p. 340. Kate Miraglia wrote from Akron, OH after she received her book to tell us about some errors. 1. Jerome Bernard Ray b. 29 Dec 1914, Big Springs, KY. p. 345. 4.c. Stephen Thomas Miraglia b. 29 Jan 1947 m/1, 9 Jun 1973, Patricia Ann Bowes. d. Mary Lorraine Miraglia b. 9 Nov 1957 d. 6 Dec 1957.

p. 246. 8. Mary Eleanor Ray Foster m/2 Carl Segal. They live in Port Charlotte, FL. I hope this finds you and your husband much better, Kate. I need your children's addresses.

Chapter 13. p. 418. W.P. Ray of Concord, NC writes of his family. 3. William Pancratius Ray II b. 2 Mar 1936 m. Tommie Bates b. 27 Feb 1938. a. Teena Celeste Ray b. 7 Feb 1959 m. 30 Dec 1978, Gregory James Bradley b. 8 Nov 1958. They have Three children. The third is Kacie Michelle Bradley b. 1 Sep 1991.

Chapter 13, p. 426. Teresa Martha Ray b. 28 July 1884, John Raymond Wiseman b. 30 July 1881 in Rineyville, KY. In August, 1993, I received some corrections to my original WordPerfect printout about Teresa Ray and John Raymond Wiseman's family from Rita Ruckriegel. (It was at this point that the typesetting of Chapter 13 began giving us a lot of trouble.) In the opening paragraph on p. 427, I made a statement that the farm in Rineyville was "believed to be the birthplace of John Raymond Wiseman". Rita writes that most of what is in this paragraph was written in John Raymond Wiseman's own Bible. It is his story about his parents and his own life dated 9 Apr 1962. Teresa and John Raymond moved to the Midway farm on the J'town/Middletown Road on **21 Aug 1921** (p. 428). Rita's parents also told a story about **Sr. Agathena** (pp330.-332). While she was stationed at the Loretto Academy of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe, NM, and in poor health, she was unable to walk to the communion rail one morning. With some distance separating her from the priest distributing Holy Communion, the Host was seen to leave the priest's hand and float into her mouth. An elderly nun who was a witness to this happening confirmed it during a visit of Elias Wiseman and his wife, Lela, in 1955. p. 430. Eleven Children of Teresa and John R. Wiseman. p. 432. 4.d. **Carol Ann Ruckriegel** b. 2 Jul 1959. 5. **David Earl Wiseman** b. 18 Dec

1940 and **Joyce Ann O'Bryan** have two children: a. **Christopher David Wiseman** b. **2 Oct 1972** and b. **Pamela Ann Wiseman** b. **14 Jul 1975**. p. 434. d.1. **Joan Marie Wiseman** b. 18 Jan 1947 and **James Earl Thomas** have Three children: 2. **Rebecca Kathleen Thomas** b. **19 Feb 1975** and 3. **Damon Matthew Thomas** b. **24 Feb 1977**. d.2. **Rosella Ann Wiseman** b. 30 Apr 1950 and **Joseph Paul Miller** have Three Children: 1. **John Preston Miller** b. **18 Jan 1975**; 2. **Lucas Joseph Miller** b. **15 Mar 1977**; and **Mark Andrew Miller** b. **23 Apr 1980**. e.1.a. **J.Anthony Mills** b. 4 Jul 1960 m. **Jane McKinnon**. e.1.c. **Andy Mills** b. 18 Sep 1964 m. **Kelly Cox** and has **Landon Clay Mills** b. **May 1990**; e.1.c. **Andrea Mills** b. 15 Aug 1972 m. **Jeff Dunn** and has **Nathan Allen Dunn** b. **Mar 1993**. e.2.a. **Karen Wiseman** b. 28 Apr 1968 m. **Paul Minnis**. They have **Benjamin Minnis** b. **Oct 1992**. e.3.b. **Julie Ann Neumann** b. 17 Sep 1965 m/1, **Charles M. Esparza** and has **Anna Marie Esparza** b. **Nov 1983** and **Ashley Nichole Esparza** b. **Jul 1985**. Julie m/2 **Darryl Windell**. e.3.c. **Rebecca Sue Neumann** b. 9 Jul 1969 m. **Douglas Usseler**. p. 435. 5. **Mary Lorena Wiseman** b. 11 Oct 1952 m. **Larry Cooper** and has three children: **Sarah Jude Cooper** b. **Apr 1982**; **Zachary Wiseman Cooper** b. **Jun 1985**; and **Aaron Christian Cooper** b. **Jan 1987**. p. 436. g.1.c. **Robert Stephen Wiseman, Jr.** b. **1973**. p. 437. i.2. **Patricia Doris Wiseman** and **Raymond Bruce**

Barr have Three children: i.2.b. **Sherry Denise Barr** b. **24 Feb 1970** m. **Paul Howard** and has **Austin Lee Howard** b. **7 Jul 1993**. i.2.c. **Mark Anthony Barr** b. **1979**. i.3. **Daniel Edward Wiseman** m. **Mary Jane Englert** and has three chn.: **Adam Christian Wiseman** b. **10 Sep 1981**; **Eric Joseph Wiseman** b. **21 Mar 1984**; and **Alex Mitchell Wiseman** b. **13 Dec 1987**. i.4. **Joseph Louis Wiseman** m. **Penny Julian** and has **Jennifer Christine Wiseman** b. **1976**. i.5. **Stanley Thomas Wiseman** m/1 **Constance M. Kreutzer** and had **DeAnna Marie Wiseman** b. **31 Dec 1974**.; he m/2 **Lydia Satterly**. She had two children by her first marriage. i.6. **Martha Louise Wiseman** m. **Larry Edward Reading** and has three children: 1. **Jennifer Elaine Reading** b. **21 Dec 1973**; 2. **Beverly Lynn Reading** b. **4 Sep 1976**; and 3. **Brian Edward Reading** b. **20 Dec 1977**. i.7. **John Patrick Wiseman** m. **Freda Kay Hoffman**. i.8. **Marie Bernadette Wiseman** m. **Scott James Barnett** and has **Jeremy Michael Barnett** b. **8 Jun 1981**. i.9. **Bernard Alan Wiseman** m. **Kim Ann Byrd** and has **Crystal Dawn Wiseman** b. **23 Mar 1982**. i.10. **Dennis Joseph Wiseman** m. **Pamela Rose Dillard** and has **Mielissa Rose Wiseman** b. **28 Feb 1993**.

To Be Continued

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of the marriage of
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