

Dear Mr. Lyons

Thanks so much for the information on Mr. O'Shea. I was ~~so~~ happy to get it.

I don't know if any of the enclosed papers will interest you, if they interest you, you are so welcome to them. If you do not care for them and it won't be too much trouble you can return them and I can pass them on to some one else.

This Mrs. O'Kell from Kansas has sent me so much on the Mastersons. She seems to travel lots and enjoys looking up information on our forefathers. Most of my information on the

Haydens are in books and I
know you have all of that.

If you want to keep these
records just burn a candle
for me and say a prayer
me.

Yours Truly
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August 7, 1977

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My dear Viola:

So glad to have your Family Line and learn that you too are "one of ours" -- GEO. WASH. MASTERSON was a bro. of ROBERT & JOHN GREEN. Both Deacon Donald Edw. Masterson & Elmer Pfeiffer are descendants of Robert, while my gr-father, Geo. Wash. Masterson, b. 1840, was a son of John Green, and a nephew of G. W. & Robert.

While I think of it, would you send me Deacon Don's address? I forgot to put his address on his folder and noticed I told him that ROSE, AGNES & DOUG were "children of my gr-father" (I omitted "brother, John Morgan"; John Morgan was the youngest bro. of Grandpa; I first met his son, Leo, back around 1930, and then when my husband was at the Lv. Airport during WW II, Mom used to go in to visit at Leo's; it was several years later that Fr. Don met Rose and Agnes.

Am glad to hear you're contacting nearby Masterson Descendants, as its this way we'll get a more complete picture. I have three of four Notebooks full of Masterson material and sometimes just a Date is all I need "to complete the picture."

Have used every clue imaginable, checked Estate Records in Ky. and Md., etc. and thought perhaps the name "Hilary" or "Green" might indicate the maiden name of Betsy (the widow Thompson), wife of Joseph -- with no results. Also working with the national historian of the Thompson Family who watches out for me. When talking to the different ones, see IF they have any tradition, bible records, etc. on their Family; if so, I'd appreciate hearing about them.

In Granddad's family, there is a Tradition that Betsy (who married Joseph in Nelson Co. in 1814) was of a "titled Scotch family" and during religious persecution, because of their influence, wealth and size of Clan, they were given a choice of either renouncing their Faith and keeping their possessions OR emigrating -- so they were given a Ship, bearing their "Coat of Arms", a sum of money, etc. and they stopped in London and picked up quite a few "luxuries" to bring to this country. Rose & Agnes remembered a HUGE meat platter "with an Insignia on it" (How I'd like to have seen this; it would give us the needed clue.

Where are Geo. Wash. and Rebecca buried? Is 7/12/1916 her date of death? Since the Cravens Family was included in that ABELL Book from which the Article was taken, I'm sure the Cravens were connected somehow to that Family. IF your PETER BROWN was a gr-son of the PETER BROWN who died in Nelson Co. in 1796, then I can get more info about them in Md. Looks like the 2nd Peter Brown of Wash. Co. area died by 7/22/1850. so might be in Wash. Co. 1850 Census.

Best wishes,

By: Viola O'Bryan
Aug. 19, 1977

MY GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS - MY GRANDMOTHER
C'BRYAN'S FOREFATHERS

Zachariah Masterson was from St. Marys CO. Maryland. He was married twice. By his first wife, he had a son, named Joseph. His first wife died and he married a Tabitha Brownfield, a widow, in 1804, after he came to Ky.

Joseph and his father, Zachariah imigrated to Ky. with Zach's sister (Elizabeth Masterson, who married Jacob Miller and is a great, great granddfather of Tom Miller, who for years was president of the bank at New Hope) and they settled on lower Rolling Fork near Sulpher Springs and possibly other members of the family as early as 1785 and settled on lands bordering Rolling Fork River in Nelson Co., bordering present Nelson Co.

Joseph joined the Catholic Church.

He died 1875. He was Grandmother O'Bryan's grandfather and Zachariah was her great grandfather.

Children of Joseph Masterson and Elizabeth Thompson Masterson: These were my Grandmother O'Bryan's father, Aunts and uncles, and my father's great aunts and uncles - my great, great aunts and uncles.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH MASTERSON

HILLARY MASTERSON

Ben Masterson's father

JOHN GREEN "

MR. NICK MASTERSON'S FATHER

JAMES "

CAROLINE "

LUCINDA "

JULIA "

GEO. WASHINGTON - GRANDMOTHER O'BRYAN'S FATHER

URIAH MASTERSON

ELIZABETH MASTERSON HICKS

ROB HICKS MOTHER
AND AUNT FANNIE BROWNS GRANDMOTHER

ELIZA MASTERSON

MERIDITH MASTERSON

ORA MASTERSON'S FATHER

ROBERT MASTERSON

MRS. NANNIE WOODS FATHER

HELEN MASTERSON

ALL Reared large families except Uriah who died a young man.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASTERSON, Born June 11, 1824

Died Jan. 19, 1905

He married Rebecca Cravens in 1844 or 45.

This is copied from "BRIEF SKETCHES OF FAMILIES OF ABELL"
Written by May Newcomb of New Hope, Ky. 1928.

This book is in the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

She is the daughter of Aunt Fannie Newcomb, Grandmother O'Bryans
sister - George Washington Masterson was her Grandfather.
She was employed by the Gov't. and worked in Washington, D.C.
when she wrote the book "BRIEF SKETCH" - PAGE 23.

BY: MAY NEWCOMB - NEW HOPE, KY.

George Washington Masterson called "Wash" was a son of Joseph
and Elizabeth Thompson Masterson, pioneers of Ky.

Joseph was a son of Zachariah Masterson, Elizabeth Thompson
(widow) from St. Mary's Co. Maryland, was from a prominent
Maryland Catholic family which came to Ky. at an early date.

It is not known whether she was born in Maryland or brought
by her parents from England.

NELSON COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS:

Joseph Masterson - Elizabeth Thompson widow, on Sept. 3, 1814.

Surety and consent, Zachariah Masterson, father of Joseph.

NOTE: The above Joseph Masterson was Grandmother O'Bryan's
Grandfather and Zachariah was her great grandfather

May Newcomb who wrote the book was her niece.

BRIEF SKETCH OF FAMILIES OF ABELL, (by Mary Newcomb - 1928:

of New Hope, Ky. Their mothers were Masterson sisters - She was my Dad's first cousin.

p. 23. GEORGE WASHINGTON MASTERSON, called "Wash", was a son of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH THOMPSON MASTERSON, pioneers of Ky. JOSEPH was son of ZACHARIAH MASTERSON. Elizabeth Thompson (widow) from St. Mary's (Co), Maryland, was from a prominent Maryland Catholic family which came to Ky. at an early date. It is not known whether she was born in Md. or brought by her parents from England.**

JOSEPH and his father emigrated** to Ky. with his sister (Zach's) Elizabeth Masterson Miller (wife of Jacob Miller and they settled on lower Rolling Fork near Sulphur Springs - MSP) and possibly other members of the family as early as 1785 and settled on lands bordering Rolling Fork River (in Nelson Co) bordering present Nelson Co. Joseph joined Cath. Church; he died in 1875.

CHILDREN of Joseph and Elizabeth:

- Hillary ✓
- (John) Green ✓
- James
- Carline
- Lucinda
- Julia
- George Wash.
- Uriah
- ✓ Elizabeth
- Eliza
- ✓ Merideth
- ✓ Robert
- Helen

ALL reared large families except Uriah who died as a young man.

GEO. WASHINGTON MASTERSON, born 11 June 1824 died 19 Jan. 1905; he married REBECCA CRAVEN, ca 1844-45; they had 9 children. (My great grandfather, V. O. Bryan)

MSPikell's notes: This was sent to me by Virginia Schilt of Ohio. She writes: "I found this book in the Library of Congress in Washington D. C. I quit copying because I was sure they weren't my family. Now the Library claims they can't find the book. The help there is so poor and put books away wrong, then they're lost forever because they can't be found where they belong."

NELSON CO. MARRIAGE RECORDS: Joseph Masterson - Elizabeth Thompson, widow, on Sep. 3, 1814. Surety and consent, Zachariah Masterson, father of Joseph.

MSP Note: There are obviously several errors in above, as proven by Nelson Co. Records. They settled IN Nelson Co. -- Eliz. Masterson and her husband and John Masterson settled in lower Nelson Co. while Charles, Hugh and Zachariah were around New Hope, nearby the Pottenger Creek Settlement.

In the 1880 Census of the children of Joseph & Betsey, each of them state that their father was born in KY (obviously it is self-evident since he was born in 1793 and Zachariah came in 1782-85); he was son of Zachariah's wife who is not known; then in 1804, Zachariah married the widow of John Brownfield, Tabitha Masterson Brownfield; she was a dau. of JOHN who had lived in Nelson Co. early then went to ~~Nelson Co~~ Mason Co. and died there in 1812. His 1st wife was "Susannah" or Lurannah, some say but think this is due to the "formation" of the letter L in the script of the day. She was a SISTER of Capt. Pottenger's wife, and were from Prince Geo. Co., Md. That is WHY today the Mastersons in Nelson Co. receive an invitation to join in the Pottenger Reunion.

Joseph's children also each said in 1880 Census that their mother was "born in Md" but I have not yet found out her Maiden Name.

The Article in "Brief Sketch" says that All but Uriah raised large families. This isn't quite true as Helen who married J. L. Cheshire after she was 50 never had any children; Eliza, marked "Elizzia" on tombstone, also never married and Uriah was living with his sister, Lucinda w/o Francis Smith in 1850 at age 30.

+ Great grand father Geo. N. Mastersons Aunts & Uncles V. O. Bryan
Known bros. and/or sisters of JOSEPH were:

NANCY who married a JAMES MASTERSON 1/29/1811; they moved to Hardin Co. then to Spencer Co., Indiana as did Zachariah & Tabitha (I'm pretty sure) and many of Tabitha's bros. and sisters from Mason Co., Ky. and Brown Co., Ohio

MARY m. William Grubb on 1/31/1804 - believe she too went to Spencer Co., Ind.

Jenny m. Isaac DeWitt on 8/7/1811

Marriages of Joseph & Elizabeth's children:

Hillary b. 10/15/1815 d. 1889; m. MARY RUTH SMITH d/o Basil 30 Oct. 1840 in Hardin Co.

John Green b. 1818 d. 1904; m. ROSEANN SMITH (1820-1898) on 2/11/1839 in Nelson Co. She was also d/o Basil

James - tradition at New Hope (from Agnes Masterson & Rose Clark says that "he left Nelson Co. and never was heard of") I have since found through Census Records and verification of his daughters by my elderly Aunt he went to Daviess Co. and died there; I'm in touch with some of his Desc. He was shown in 1850 as age 30 (as was Uriah) so they may have been twins; he married Susannah M. SMITH also a d/o BASIL on 21 Sep. 1839

✓ (Ann) Caroline listed as age 23 in 1850 Census of Nelson Co. Married there 2/15/1847 to Henry Thomas. (My aunt said she remembered her visiting them in New Hope around 1885 and was a "very old lady" and very rich; had liveryman, etc. They were said to have had one crippled son, but the 1850 Census shows then a dau. Martha age 2. (They were said to be some of the 1st in the Area who raised "Ky. thoroughbreds")

(Here again tradition that she married a THOMPSON kin to her mother's first husband has not been proved; of course, many Thomas' Families had been "Thompsons" earlier)

Lucinda - age 33 in 1850 Nelson Co. Census; she married FRANCIS SMITH 7/16/1841; and, believe it or not, he WAS a brother of the 3 above SMITH Girls. They were in 1870 Census of Nelson Co. but my Aunt says she remembers her "Uncle Frank" and "Uncle Ed" Smith came to New Hope from St. Joe, Mo. when Basil's or one of the Estate's was settled; they stayed at their home and were "very successful" looking. I've never ckd Mo. Census.

Julia (listed as Juliet Amanda) on Mar. Records. She married HENRY WATSON in Nelson Co. 2/4/1844 (Henry A. Watson), with Greene Masterson as bondsman. I do not have them on 1850 Census and she was not on 1860 Census of Henry but there were 9 children from age 14 to 2, so she d. ca 1858.

Geo. Wash. -- as shown earlier - *my great grandfather - V. O. Bryan*

See 1840 Nelson Co Census

Uriah - dsp after 1850; was ⁱⁿ 1850 Census of Nelson Co. with Francis & Lucinda Smith; age 30

Elizabeth - married W. W. Hicks in Hardin Co. They lived in Nelson Co. north of New Hope; she was 32 in 1860 and William Hicks was 30. They had 5 children listed then

Masterson - 3

Eliza or Elizzia - was an old maid; her tombstone in St. Vincent's, New Hope shows she was b. 10/18/1822 and d. 1/5/1892. She and Helen had been left 10 A. of the "homestead of Joseph" and when Helen married, she lived with them and willed her part to her sister, Helen Cheshire.

(Joseph) Merideth: 1860 Census shows him then 30 and listed as "J" -- he married Ellin Peake 5/5/1851; the 1870 Census shows them with six children. The old "Merideth Masterson" is still standing and is a log house - now unoccupied not far from New Hope.

Robert - b. 1832 seems to be the youngest son of Joseph & Elizabeth; he married Elizabeth Cravens (I think she was a sister of Rebecca d/o Elizabeth T) in Nelson Co. on 1st Aug. 1853. In 1880 Census they were shown with 7 children

Helen - lived with parents and she and Helen received 10 A. plus the house, etc. She married J. L. Chesher 26 Sep. 1882 when she was 57, if her age in 1880 Census was correct. J. L. Chesher had a son by his 1st marriage to Eliza Mattingly d/o Richard & Elizabeth (a cousin of Martha Wight who married GEO. WASH. MASTERSON b. 1840 s/o John Green and nephew of "Uncle Wash" b. 1824

Note: The ages vary from Census to Census and it is rarely ever than one can follow straight thru without any "change" from decade to decade. Of course, the single ladies would "see to that."

Hillary Masterson lived in Hardin Co. after his Marriage and in 1850 is listed in the Southern Dist. Suppose that's why Elizabeth Hicks, James Masterson are in Hardin Co. Mar. Records as they evidently lived with him. He was shown with 5 children at that time (in Dist #2)

JAMES MASTERSON had married first to _____ before he married Susan Smith; had a son Joseph 11 and a dau. Mary E., 8 who are his 1st wife's children. Thomas, 6; Cisily, 3 and Susan, 11 mos. in 1850 Nelson Co. Census.

I had written a letter to Ky. State Hist. Soc. as it states in Records there that ZACHARIAH MASTERSON was one of the 21 children of JOHN MASTERSON of Mason Co. tho it was his 2nd wife, Tabitha (widow Brownfield) who was this John's daughter. A lady in Daviess Co. wrote me telling me of Cisily and Susan who m. a Leninger - and it didn't mean a thing until I went to bed and thinking it over, said, "Aunt Sue Leninger" tho I knew there was NO Aunt Sue as far as I'd traced.

Next time I went to St. Louis where my elderly Aunt lived (then about 91), I asked her and right off, she said, "Oh, Aunt Sue really wasn't an Aunt but my Dad's 1st cousin but we called her "Aunt" -- I don't know her father's name but he was a bro. of John Green. So with the Nelson Co. 1850 Census, marriage records, Basil Smith's Will which proved Susan's 2nd marriage in Daviess Co., I wrote the lady and filled her in. She was thrilled and later we met; found out that my cousin and she had gone to school in Owensboro together. So we have most of his Line complete. They are just lovely people and we get together each time we're in Owensboro, etc.

So that's the way "we put our families back" -- and in your Conversations with the various Mastersons, please SEE if any of them have a family Bible, tradition, etc. that they would care to send a copy of - the more the better.

Have found the same tradition about BETSEY _____ THOMPSON, widow, in several of our families; that they were "titled Scotsman" and were given money, ship carrying flag with their Coat of Arms, etc. since they chose NOT to give up their Faith; their property was confiscated BUT the Clan was too popular (or populous) to kill them (Rose and Agnes remember a meat platter "with an insignia" on it -- that would give

GEO. WASHINGTON MASTERSON

1824 - 1905

GEO. WASH. MASTERSON b. 6/11/1824 d. 1905
Wife, Rebecca Cravens 1826 d.

Both buried in St. Vincent's Cem.
New Hope, Ky.

Their son: Richard b. 8/21/1855 d. 8/19/1932

Married 1st: Annie McDaniel (12/15/1859-9/30/1884)

2nd: Mary McSherry b. Ireland 1860 d. 1918 (they were divorced)

All buried at St. Vincent's

Next to Geo. W. and Rebecca's Graves are two stones: (identical)

R. Masterson and Wash Masterson

Nothing more can be read, but these may have been children of theirs, who died when young.

Frances Masterson Newcomb b. 10/13/1864 - d. 3/13/1929

(She is evidently the mother of the lady who wrote the ABELL BOOK (& Allied Fam).)

GEO. WASH. MASTERSON & his brother, Robert, both married CRAVENS; they were said to have been Sisters, but I have NO proof

G. W. & Rebecca Masterson owned land in Larue Co., as shown by the following:

1885: Elizabeth Cravens grants 13 A on Middle Creek (Deed Bk 15 p. 538) to
Rebecca Cravens

1889: G. W. M. buys 2 tracts of land in Larue Co (Commissioners Deed 1-366)

1890: G. W. M. buys land in Larue Co. from Ben C. Settles heirs (Com. D. 1-384)
on the Rolling Fork

1890: G. W. M. " " from Minnie & Oneida Settle (C. D. 1-384)

G. W. M. " " from Thos. W. Price et al (C. D. 1-384)

Deed Book 15-538: 4 Aug. 1885: ELIZABETH T. CRAVENS of Larue Co. to REBECCA MASTERSON
wife of G. W. Masterson of Nelson Co., for \$390.00 - 13 A. on Middle Ck.
(this would be same as the 1st listed above)

1886: G. W. & Rebecca Masterson sell land in 1886; 13 A. on Middle Ck. to John
P. Collins (Deed Bk. 17-75)

1893: G. W. & Rebecca sell 13 A. on Nolynn Ck. to S. E.
Simpson (Deed Bk. 22-299)

1897: G. W. & Rebecca sell 153 A. on Rolling Fork to John Bell (Deed Bk. 24-504)

NELSON CO. WILLIS: PETER BROWN - 1/15/1795 - Oct. 12, 1796:

Wife - Frances

Children: Jereboam, PETER, Charles, Francis

Daus: Elinor, Rose, Mary Ann

10/4/1839: PETER BROWN appointed Guar. for Martha Jane Mudd, inf. of Daniel (Order
Bk. E-320 - Wash. Co., Ky.)

7/20/1850: PETER BROWN gave another report on Guardianship of Martha J. Mudd

7/22/1850: Richard Crutcher, step-father of Martha Mudd gave report of Guardian-
ship of PETER BROWN "former Guardian" and "ward" are said to
be deceased (Will Bk. I, p. 151-Wash. Co).

THIS would evidently be PETER BROWN s/o the above PETER whose Will was probated in
Nelson Co. in 1796 (and may be father of YOUR PETER)

NELSON CO. CENSUS (Selected Masterson names):

1850 Census

Joseph 57	G. W. MASTERSON (Wash) 24, farmer
Elizabeth 57	Rebecca 22
Robert 18	John R(iley) 3
Helen 16	Malicie 2
Elizabeth 24	

1860 Census - New Hope, Dist. #1

New Haven, Dist.

House 124; Family 117

House ___; Family ___

JOSEPH MASTERSON 64

GEORGE (Wash) MASTERSON 33

Elizabeth 66

Rebecca 31

Helen 23

Riley (John R) 13

Eliza 26

Melissa 11

ANNA 9* (Yours)

Lucy 7

Mary 2

Joseph 20 Laborer

1870 Census: New Haven Dist #7

Dist #7 - near Larue Co.

p. 2078 House #238 Fam. #238

House #37; Family #37; page 1881

JOSEPH MASTERSON 70

G. W. MASTERSON (Wash) 46

Eliza 40

Rebecca 44 Lizzie, age 12

Helen 34

Riley 21 Olivia (or Clara)

Lucy 17 Fanny 5

George 15 Julia 2

1880 Census: New Hope

ELIZA MASTERSON 55

G. W. MASTERSON 55

Helen 45

Rebecca 53

Riley 32

Richard (Geo. ?) 24

Mary L. 22

Fanny 15

Julie V. 12

Geo. Burk 13, orphan

NOTE: All children of JOSEPH & ELIZABETH MASTERSON show, in 1880 Census, that their father was born in Ky (1793)*and their mother, born in Maryland (1791). **When Joseph & Betsy married in 1814, his father, Zachariah signed Bond for him and gave Consent since he was under-age

JOHN MASTERSON

(This was compiled years ago for someone in Tennessee, I'm told)
Copy received from Mary Virginia Schilt,
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

MASTERSON FAMILY TREE

Compiled from records "EARLY VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS" AND FAMILY BIBLES - 1719-1725

William, Hugh and Moses - three Masterson brothers from Ireland whose forefather was AARON from Scotland, were immigrants to Virginia.

We are descendants from WILLIAM, who married a Tucker from England. To this union were born six children:

JOHN, CHARLES, WILLIAM, JEREMIAH, HUGH & RACHEL

Then he died and his widow married a Guthridge and had more children.

We are descendants from JOHN, the eldest who married two wives and had twenty-one children. He first lived in Virginia and then moved to Mason Co. Ky. We are descendants by his last wife KETURAH HATHAWAY.

William moved to Missouri: JEREMIAH to Ohio, HUGH married a Hinton (Nelson Co.) Ky. and RACHEL married JACK MASTERSON and moved to Salt River, Ky.

(Wonder if this JACK is the "Jackson Masterson" mentioned below)

JOHN MASTERSON - married Lourenah(Susannah) Willett

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|----|-----------|----------------|---------|--|
| 1. | Tabitha | born 1-30-1775 | Married | John Brownfield
and Zachariah Masterson |
| 2. | Jemima | " 8-21-1774 | " | <u>Cornelius Washburn</u> |
| 3. | Dorcas | " 10-30-1776 | " | <u>John Loudon and
Joshua Jordan</u> |
| 4. | Rachel | " 10-26-1778 | " | <u>Samuel Ewing and
David Vance</u> |
| 5. | Charles | " 11-6-1780 | " | Ester Smith |
| 6. | Lourannah | " 9-21-1782 | " | George Phillips |

JOHN MASTERSON - married 2nd Keturah Hathaway

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| 7. | Aaron | " 2-25-1784 | " | <u>Elizabeth Clements &
Caroline M. Higgins</u> |
| 8. | Jonathan | " 3-6-1785- | " | <u>Polly Hathaway &
Malinda Gaddy</u> |
| 9. | Rhoda | " 9-4-1786 | " | Joseph Abbott |
| 10. | Anna | " 10-23-1788 | " | Jacob Johnson |
| 11. | Jeremiah | " 1-10-1790 | " | Frances (Fanny) Reeves |
| 12. | John, Jr. | " 9-3-1791 | " | <u>Elizabeth Harrison</u> |
| 13. | David | " 10-22-1793 | " | <u>Emily Reynolds and
Nancy Thompson</u> |

MASTERSON FAMILY TREE - CONT. 2

		<u>Married</u>	
14.	William	Born	6-10-1796 " Betty Hewitt and Nancy Baldwin
15.	Keturah	"	7-14-1798 " Robert Miller
16.	Phillip Hathaway	"	10-23-1799 "
17.	Mildred	"	9-10-1801 " Daniel Foley
18.	Ignatious	"	9-9-1803 " <u>M. Reynolds and B. Mofford</u>
19.	Mary (Polly)	"	12-1-1805 " Eli Hewitt
20.	Porlina	"	11-11-1807 "
21.	Elizabeth	"	7-15-1809 " Asa Baker

(END OF "MASTERSON FAMILY TREE" as compiled in TENNESSEE)

In the "Masterson File" at Frankfort is a letter from M. W. Taylor, Santa Monica, Calif. "member of the California Masterson Assn" (when I wrote, the letter was returned: It states: "John Masterson, grandfather of _____ lived in Spencer Co., Indiana as early as 1812 - came down the Ohio. Had two sons: John Jr. and Hugh, who served in Indiana Militia in 1812.

Circumstantial evidence: John Masterson, Senior's father was JAMES (one served in Col. Todd's line in Va. and later moved to Ky) where he died in 1790 (Fayette Co.)

NOTE: From M. Pickell - this James mentioned other than JAMES who was born in Fairfax Co. Va. in 1752, went to N. C. and then to Fayette Co. Ky. Was at Harrodsburg, etc.

her bro. and sisters went. This 2nd wife of
Zachariah Masterson, widow of John Brownfield,
who had gone back to Mason Co (In all he had 21 children by his
two wives).
But the JOHNS who stayed in Nelson Co. are something else. Some
of them lived down on the Sulphur Lick Road, as did Jacob Miller
not far from the Rolling Fork and were members of the Rolling Fk.
Baptist Church. Later some of them owned quite a lot of land
between New Hope and New Haven and Mom's oldest bro. was named
"Thos. Jefferson Miller" after one of them.

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My dear Viola,

How very nice of you to write and I'm grateful to Deacon Don for asking you to. Actually he and I can go back to the same gr-great grand-father, JOSEPH MASTERSON who married the widow, Betsy _____ Thompson in 1814 in Nelson Co.

JOSEPH was the son of Zachariah and his 1st wife, who lived in the Pottenger's Creek Sta. before they built their homes - about 1782 and had come in from Pennsylvania. Joseph was born in Nelson Co. in 1793 but I've never learned who his parents fore-fathers were.

So very many Mastersons came in with Capt. Sam Pottenger (his wife and John Masterson's wife were sisters. This John later went to Mason Co. and died there in 1812), but still there were several JOHNS left in Nelson Co. as well as Hugh Jr. and Sr., William Jr., Sr. and "the Younger", Zachariah and a sister Elizabeth who had married Jacob Miller in Pennsylvania. How I'd like to get them all straight, but the ONE thing I'd most like to know is: WHO was Betsy Thompson, widow? She was born in Md. and a very devout Catholic, so JOSEPH was a convert and so far ALL Mastersons whom I've found in Nelson Co. descended from them are Catholics.

*Also Chas
& Jeremiah*

My mother, Mary Emma Masterson, was born in NEW HOPE in 1879; her father was GEORGE WASH. MASTERSON and his 2nd wife, Martha Wight, was her mother. His father was JOHN GREEN (who sometime went by GREEN BEAN), and he was a brother of ROBERT from whom Deacon Don is descended.

I have been to New Hope so very many times and have met several of my grandfather's relatives: his nieces, Agnes Masterson, Rose Clark, and their bro. Douglas Masterson (I'd met their bro. Leo when we lived in Louisville in Wartime). They are children of John Morgan, my grand-father's youngest bro. I have never met any of "Aunt Mag's" family, but my Uncle Vincent and Courtney have told me so much about her that I feel like I knew her; she married Thos. O'Bryan and lived not too far "across" from the Masterson homestead (the Jos. Masterson) which is about 5 mi. out the Cem. Road (St. Vincent's). Was your father of this O'Bryan Family?

Really I'd appreciate ANYTHING you know about the Nelson Co. Masterson's, especially any "folklore" that may give us a clue as to who and what relationship the earlier ones are. I have all the Census, Marriage (up to 1800) and most of the other Records there from the Court House, but have not copied the marriages of the MASTERSON GIRLS unless I knew who they married as it takes so much time; also the Baptismal Records which my son copied at St. Vincent's (he's a Dominican Priest).

I'd be glad to give you anything I have: Joseph & Betsy's children and most of their families, etc. My Grand-dad had a blacksmith shop there about 1875-1891 when they moved to Daviess Co - then to Louisville.

Most sincerely
Mary Emma Masterson

This seems to be a marriage
license of our great, great, etc
grandparents

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *Joseph
Masterson & Zachariah Masterson* are held and firmly
bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the sum of fifty pounds current mo-
ney; to be paid to the said Commonwealth, to which payment well and truly to be
made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, ex'ors and adm'ors, jointly and severally by these
presents; sealed with our seals and dated this *3rd* day of *Sept.* 1814

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if there is no
lawful cause to obstruct a marriage, intended to be solemnized shortly, between the
above bound *Joseph Masterson* ^{son of the above bound Zachariah} & *Pellie Belsey*
Thompson ^{she} both being about the age of
twenty one years

then the above obligation to be void; else to remain in full force.

WITNESS
Ben Grayson *Joseph Masterson* ^{his} (Seal.)
Zachariah Masterson ^{his} (Seal.)
mark mark

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February 17, 1971

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that, under the Militia Loan of 1 April 1784, a certificate of public debt, Number 1641, in the amount of £0.17.6, was issued in the name of ZACHAH MASTERSON for a tour of active duty in the Washington County Militia, which he performed as a member of Captain George Mier's Company during September 1781.



W. H. Work

WILLIAM H. WORK, Chief
 Division of Archives and Manuscripts

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 Militia Loans of 1784 and 1785, "Public Debt," Records of the Comptroller General, at the Division of Archives and Manuscripts

*My grandfather five times back
 Mr. Philip Hutchens grandfather five times back
 Deacon Don Masterson's grandfather about six times back, I believe
 V. Bryan*

13414 W. 91st St.
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Sept. 5, 1977

Miss Viola O'Bryan
619 Chapel House
Louisville, Ky. 40203

Dear Viola:

Spent sometime in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, checking Census Records of Spencer Co., Indiana, and believe I have enough "evidence" to show the ZACHARIAH MASTERSON who died there in 1829 was OUR Zachariah. Will pass the information along when I have a chance to work up the Census.

Glad to have your PETER BROWN as there were about three in and near Nelson Co. ca 1800 or so. I know most of them were from St. Mary's Co., Md. and will try to run the various families down when I have a chance.

Thought you might be interested "for historical accuracy" in the 2 pages on James & Richard Masterson. Actually RICHARD was several years ahead -- and had almost 50,000 A. of land in various Grants, Entries, etc. as he was a Deputy Surveyor. Had over 30,000 A. in 1782, 3 & 4 in Fayette Entries alone and about 40,000 A. in Va. Grants. Have quite a bit about him since I've written to one of his Desc. for sometime (and had quite a lot before that). He's descended from Sir Thos. Masterson.

Both Richard & James were born in Fairfax Co., Va. and lived in Ky. in Lexington at same time ca 1790; then when Richard moved up to Gallatin Co., it was said they visited back and forth and one of James' family died and is buried in Gallatin Co. Also Virginia Schilt said when an elderly dau. later talked of JAMES she always referred to him as "Cousin Jimmy." *f. Richard*

The "Masterson Family Tree" is interesting in that the family names are carried down in almost all of the Nelson and Spencer Co (Indiana) M's. The No. 1 "Tabitha" b. 1773 married 1st John Brownfield and then later in 1804 she married our ZACHARIAH (I don't know his first wife tho). So I'm sure that they and many of her brothers and sisters (we have Court Records, Mar. Records, etc. from Spencer Co) were down in and around Rockport, Ind.

A JOHN Masterson died in Louisville in 1831, naming ZACHARIAH his Executor and chief legatee and "to receive his share of money from his mother's estate in Pa" and listed to get \$1.00 was a bro. AARON & sister, Mary Reberson. I've not been able to prove that this is OUR ZACHARIAH, but may be.

Haven't been able to do much work since I got back -- catching up on the work; then this week end, our oldest gr-dau (14) wanted to be with us; she sprained her ankle but still wanted to come, so we waited on her.

So glad to have your letter - I did have Uncle Wash's Cem. Record at St. Vincent but on Aunt Rebecca, I had only her birth date: 7/12/1826, so didn't know when she died. Will put the date (12 July 1916 down) thanks. Is that correct? YOUR Geo. Wash. Masterson was an Uncle then of my Grandfather, Geo. Washington, b. 1840, s/o John Green (bro. of G. W. b. 1824). *over*

MASTERSONS

DEPOSITIONS:

JAMES MASTERSON - taken at David Todd's office in Lexington June 24, 1816 - I came to Ky. in June 1779, returned that Fall (to N. C.) and came back to Ky. in the Spring of 1780 and made it my home ever since. Had some acquaintance in Harrodsburg in 1781 and 1782. Knew generally those in Lexington these years. Knew Joseph Lindsay by sight; he was in contractors's service. Knew Silas Harlan - had no particular acquaintance with him. They were killed at the Battle of the Blue Licks; Knew Col. John Smith, who now lives Shelby Co. - who lived at Harrodsburg^{gh} Was at his house between Spring of 1780 and '81, when the Commissioners were sitting at Logans Station (Stanford). I knew no other than John Smith at Harrodsburg.

Knew a Capt. John Smith at Lexington who was taken prisoner at Ruddle's in Fall of 1779 or Spring of 1780, and was absent for several years, and returned, settled in Lexington and removed to Green River and is now dead. Did not know Geo. Hart or John Harrison.

I have been at the Station of Capt. John Gordon, Simeon Bledsoe, Jeremiah Rogers, Samuel Talbott, Wm. Carry and Wm. Cotton as Character Witnesses (Vol. 32 Ky. St. Hist. Soc. P.265)

JAMES MASTERSON- Taken at Office of Chas. Humphries July 20, 1819, in Lexington; desposes - he came to Lexington first in 1779 and shortly after returned to N. C. and again came to Lexington in April 1780. I saw Arthur Lindsay several times in the Year 1780 - had no particular acquaintance with him. I don't know where he was killed. I heard report of his death three, four or five years after I settled in Lexington. I drew but ONE Lot in Lexington (he and Caleb Masterson were original LOT Holders in Lexington)

Both James Masterson and Caleb Masterson were on Capt. Robert Patterson's Co. of Militia on Duty in the late Shawnee Expedition and continued in the Service after their return for the defense of the Country of Ky from the 2nd day of Aug. till the 20th of Nov. 1780 (Illinois Papers) #48 - Va. State Library - Payroll)

ASHE'S TRAVELS: James Masterson here also at the erection of the BLOCK HOUSE and Fort, with his hunter's costume and his wife, who with Mrs. Stephin Collins ran out of their homes in the Fort to the Rescue of the Schoolmaster McKinney attacked in his house by a Wild Cat in 1781. I knew perfectly well, in their long residence near Lexington with the members of their family. Beside the character of the first settlers and members of their family. Beside the character of the first settlers and residents so well known ever since the first location of Lexington, which are only a small part enumerated, which are sufficient to give the lie to this tale of Catacomb - to show the light in which Ashe's ~~st~~ Travels were viewed (Ashe's Travels - was very uncomplimentary to Life in Ky. and the Settlers. (VOL. 32 Ky. State Hist. Soc. Pg. 114)

JAMES MASTERSON - built the Masterson's Station, which was used as first ME Church ca 1790 or earlier; still standing in 1870 - 5 Mi. N. W. of Lexington.

JAMES MASTERSON - Revolution War Pension Appl: Spy, Clark's Ill. Regiment T-BV1 - P179.

JAMES MASTERSON - Warrant #8422 N.C. born 7th Apr. 1752 in Fairfax Co. Va. between Alexander (sic) and Georgetown resided on Pamphin River NC when he entered the Service; removed to Ky. in 1779. In May 1779 he came

to Ky. and arrived at Boonesborough, whence he went to Bryant's Station and then to Lexington, where at that time there were only one block house and two cabins and only one white woman in the place. Stayed until Fall when he returned to N. C. When returning soon after to Ky. (with his wife) he was over *(She did not complete this sentence)*

RICHARD MASTERSON - born 1752, in Fairfax Co., Va. died Carrollton Ky. 1806.

DEPOSITIONS: Will Book A pg. 253, dated 13 June, 1797 in Mason Co. Depo. of Richard Masterson for perpetuating of John Fitzgerald's Improvement on the N. Fork of Licking on South side; "In May 1776, he, the said Deponent, in company with James Paterson and John Fitzgerald made a cabin and "deded" trees which cabin was made by the company and allotted to John Fitzgerald";

In May 1775 surveys were made in what is now Mason Co. by Company composed of Samuel and Hayden Wells. Thos and John Tebbs, John and Matthew Rust, ~~Samuel~~ Thos. Young, Wm. Triplett. RICHARD MASTERSON AND Jonathan Higgs.

KY. GENEALOGIST, VOL. 10, P. 73.

In April 1775, a group came from Monongahela Co., Va. to Ky. and in May a party of ten, including RICHARD MASTERSON made surveys. Kenton and Williams lived on Lawrence Creek and later Kenricks and Fitzpatrick came.

HIST. OF MASON CO.

RICHARD MASTERSON'S Land, marked and improved in 1775, lay on the North Fork at the mouth of a small branch on "Southside beginning at the War Road running up said creek for quantity to include his improvement" his claim embraced 1,000 Acres.

The 3rd Co. of 1776, in Feb. made up of Sam Wells, Hayden Wells, Thos. Tebbs, Matthew Rust (or Rush) John Rush, Thos. Young, Wm. Bartlett, RICHARD MASTERSON and John Higgs - marked and improved claims on No. Fork at mouth of a small branch "on south side beginning at War Road running up said Creek for Quantity to include his improvement of 1,000 Acres.

At a Court Session 22nd Apr. 1780 at St. Asaph's, was certified: RICHARD MASTERSON'S Land, marked and improved in 1775, lay on North Fork at mouth of small branch on South Side.

DEPOSITION OF Hayden Wells taken in Montgomery Co. in 1805 states he in company with RICHARD MASTERSON, Samuel Wells, Wm. Triplett and others descended the Ohio and landed at Limestone for exploring and improving (Mont. Co. Tenn.)

DEPOSITION Of Gen. Henry Lee at house of John Johnson, Washington, Ky. on 27th Nov, 1805 states in winter of 1779 or 80 he lived at Lexington where a number of "the old improvers" of the neighborhood lived amongst them: RICHARD MASTERSON, Simon Kenton and Wm. Triplett: in 1783, he went from Lexington in Co. with MASTERSON and others to go to Limestone. In 1784 came out with sd. MASTERSON and others to go to Limestone to survey his own entry.

MASTERSON CONT. 3

GALLATIN CO. KY. The First Co. Court of Gallatin Co. was held in home of RICHARD MASTERSON IN Port William (Now Carrollton) Ky. on May, 14, 1799.

METHODISM in Early Ky: The Conference requested Bishop Ashury to visit Ky. and assured the petitioners that if they could obtain 5,000 Acres of land. In complying with this request, Bishop Asbury arrived in Lexington on May 12, 1790, proceeded at once to home of RICHARD MASTERSON, about 6 mi. away, where he preached and held the FIRST Conference in this Area.

This FIRST Meeting was at the "MASTERSON'S STATION" built by JAMES MASTERSON WHICH was used as First ME. Church aa. 1790, was still standing in 1870.

JAMES AND RICHARD MASTERSON are believed to have been cousins. James came to Ky. from N. C. and Richard from Virginia.

The children of Richard (in later years) - NOTE: Mrs. Pikell did not complete this sentence