

and CLARK CO. INDIANA.

Basil Prather born in 1741 according to tombstone in New Chapel Church Cemetery, Clark Co., Ind. died 1822 in Clark Co., Ind. Tombstone and will lost in 1937 flood. His wife, Clorinda Prather, born in 1748 in Maryland and died in 1812 in Clark Co., Ind. is buried beside Basil. They were married about 1765 as his first child William was born in 1766. Basil Prather was born in Frederick Co., Md., one of the twelve children of Aaron Prather born _____, married Jane Prather, his cousin, daughter of Jonathan Prather and Elizabeth on Oct. 10, 1738. The will of Aaron Prather dated Mar. 7, 1777 (Registry of Wills, Annapolis) mentions Samuel, Basil, Bary, Ruthie, Mollie, Walter, Elisha, Baruch, Zacharia, Verlinda, Eliza and Aaron Jr. Basil Prather on Feb. 28, 1778 took Oath of Allegiance in Washington Co., Md. (On John Barnes Return, page 17, Vol. 6, of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly). Copied from original list, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore is the name Basil Prather, p 278-#123 Key to County shows this is Montgomery Co., Militia evolutionary List Index.

Basil Prather left Maryland and took his family to Iredell Co., N.C. He is in the 1790 Census of Salisbury District, Iredell Co., and State Records for N.C. by Walter Clark mentions Bassil Praeter of Rowan Co. (Vol. 19 p 179-5-3-1783). He may have fought in North Carolina as Basil Praeter, Militia # 6907 Salisbury District Comptrollers Office Certificate 1785. From Montgomery County, Md., Liber G.P. 37-23, Nov. 1797 at Rockville, Jeremiah Berry of said county in the consideration of natural love and affection I have and bear Basil Robertson Prather of State of North Carolina, do give him a negro woman (Minty) age 41 years and said Jeremiah Berry (of Richard) affixed his seal, 23 Nov. 1795 in presence of Richard Anderson.

In 1789 Basil Prather, planter, sold cattle, household furniture etc. to Aaron Prather, Montgomery Co. Records. Several of the sons of Basil Prather married in Rowan County, N.C. but we have no records of any daughters. When the Prathers moved to Clark Co., Ind., the Jacobs, Holemans and Swartz came with them as Prathers had married into these families. In a list of voters of Clark Co., Indiana Territory, 1802, Basil Prather and George Huchleberry, Abraham Huchleberry and Martin Huchleberry voted. (National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 3, page 6). Basil Prather bought 3000 acres of land from Commissioners in 1789. In 1789 he sold 400 acres. In 1816, 1817, 1818 the Basil Prather heirs sold 1564 acres. As he did not die until 1822, evidently his sons had taken over his property. (All in Clark County, Indiana Court Records.) (Clarks History of Clark Co., Indiana, page 54) Basil Prather came from North Carolina in 1801. His sons Thomas, William, Walter, Basil R., Judge Samuel, Lloyd, John and Simon were all married excepting the last named. (Pages 674-675) Basil Prather, the founder of the family came to this country about the beginning of the last Century. He was one of the founders of the New Chapel Church, the 2nd Methodist meeting house established in Indiana and the oldest existing religious society in the State. (Page 255) The organization of the Union Class was effected at the residence of Basil R. Prather, whose house for a number of years had furnished as a place of worship. About 1804 a round log house was erected on an acre of land in tract #37 deeded to M.E. Church by Jeremiah Jacobs and Walter Prather. This deed is recorded Jan. 29, 1811.

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In Census of 1820 of Clark County, Indiana, Basil R. Prather Sr. had 15 in his household, while Will Prather, Jennings County, had wife and six children. William Prather, oldest son of Basil and Clorinda Robertson Prather was born 8-17-1766 according to his family record made in a handmade arithmetic owned by his descendants.

William Prather married (1) Arry Gaither in 1792-12-20. Wife's birth given as 12-14-1770 and died 2-13-1794. One daughter Nancy born 1794 (by first wife) married John Swartz. (Bible of Mary Ann Huchleberry and Hiram Prather) William Prather was a Major in Clark County Militia by 1808. (Bairds History) He married (2) Lettice McCarroll born in Maryland (1850 Census), just where I do not know but in North Carolina as McCarroll family lived in Rowan County. Will is mentioned as buying 12 acres in Clark County, Indiana (grant #16, 3-14-1811). He moved to Jennings County, Indiana in 1816. He had a mill near the residence of the Swartz family. (pages 115-120) Two of his children were of the Swartz family. 1797 and Chloe R. Prather born 7-13-1799. Ary Prather born 7-18-1797 and Chloe R. Prather born 7-13-1799. By the notes in his arithmetic it seems that he lived in Iredell County. He was a school teacher in North Carolina. The obituary of William Prather in Western Christian Advocate, published at Cincinnati, Ohio on 5-11-1853, states Will Prather born 8-15-1866 in Maryland. His parents belonged to Methodist Episcopal Church and removed to North Carolina in 1778. Will Prather came to Clark's Grant, Indiana in 1799. Took part in guarding frontier, moved to Jennings County, Indiana in 1816 and was County Judge for 7 years. He had 13 children, 105 grandchildren and 89 great grandchildren. After his death his widow Lettice Mc Carroll Prather moved to North Vernon, Indiana. (Representative Men of Indiana).

In the Census of 1850 Lettice gave her birthplace as Maryland, and Thomas Prather in the same census also gave Maryland as the place of his birth. He was born about 1770 and living in Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana with his wife Rachael, born 1769 in Maryland, and children, Eliza, Will, Jere, Aaron, Greenberry and Chloe all born in North Carolina before 1805. Thomas Prather married Rachael Gaither 3-20-1790 in Rowan County, North Carolina and bondsman was brother William. John Prather and Ann Cambell married 9-17-1790, Rowan County, North Carolina. Bondsman, Hiram P. Walter Prather and Martha Jacobs married 6-15-1791-Rowan County, North Carolina. Bondsman, Will Prather.

Samuel Prather and Eda Ann Holman. Basil Robertson Prather and Rachael Holman. Simon Prather and Elizabeth Simmons, 8-27-1813, Clark County, Ind. Lloyd Prather and Nancy Redmon, 6-21-1824, Louisville, Kentucky. With William Prather, eldest son of Basil and Clorinda R. Prather, who married Lettice McCarroll, probably in 1795 in Iredell County, North Carolina, this concludes the 8 sons. Birthdates of Prather children added later.

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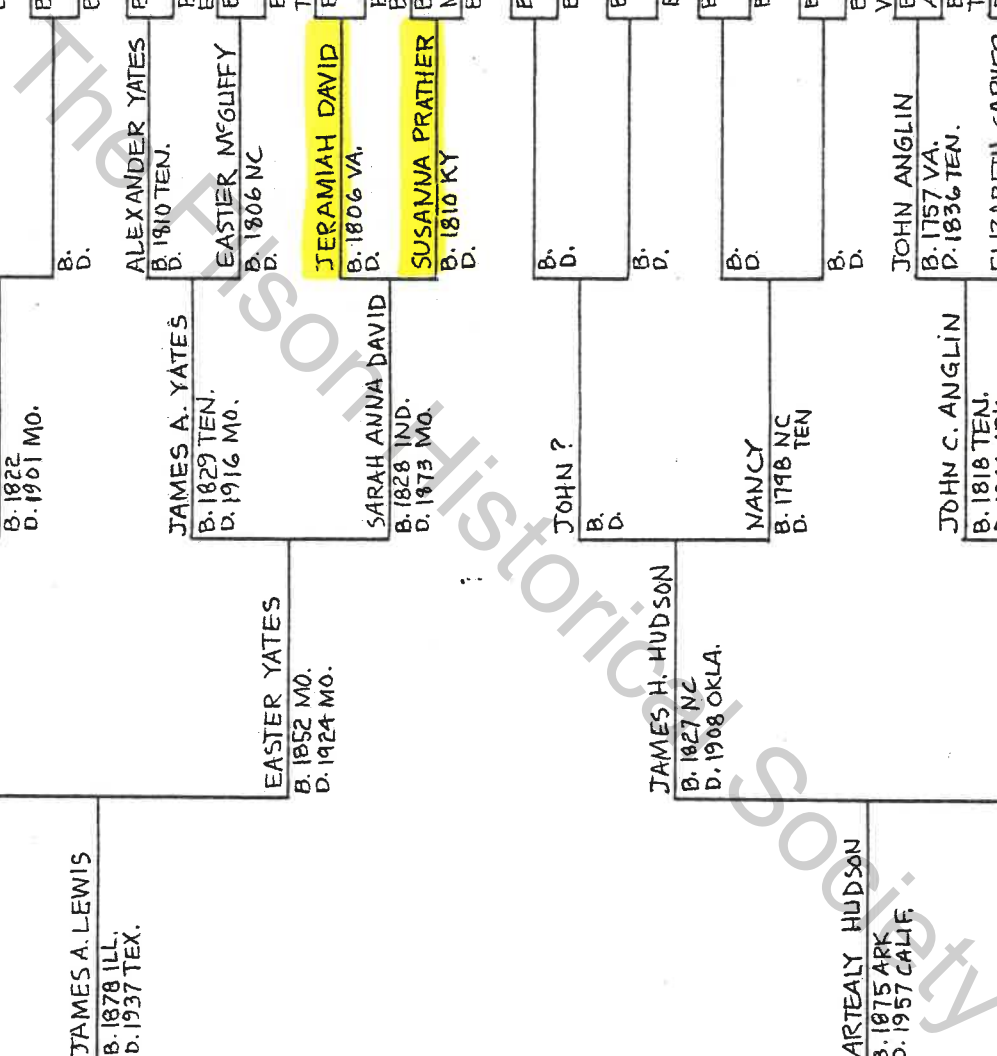
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BASIL PRATHER

Basil Prather was born May 3, 1731 in Prince George County, Maryland, the 5th child of Col. Thomas Prather and his wife Elizabeth Clagett. Basil was in the third generation of his family born in Maryland, his great-grandfather having come to Maryland in 1658. He was born on his father's plantation "Spriggs Request" and his father, who was then Captain Prather of the Maryland Militia, and who was also a surveyor, moved with his large family in 1748 to Western Maryland in that part which was to become Washington County. 1.

During the French and Indian War, Thomas Prather was one of the most conspicuous commanders of the Maryland forces, becoming Colonel in 1756, and Commander in Chief of the Frederick Militia in 1763. Basil, along with several of his brothers, served in the colonial forces during this war. Colonel Thomas Prather, although having spent his life in the Colonial Army, and being 72 years of age at the outbreak of the Revolution, served the new Republic to the best of his capacities including serving on the Committee of Observation. 2.

Following the Indian War, Basil Prather was one of the very early explorers into what was to become Kentucky. In 1775, in company with his nephew Thomas Prather and others, they explored the area near present Springfield and Harrodsburg, Kentucky where they built cabins and staked out land claims of three thousand acres. Basil Prather continued his explorations and land speculations until the outbreak of the Revolution when he returned to Maryland in early 1776 and was commissioned as Captain in the militia. By order of the Frederick County Committee of Observation, Feb. 5th, 1776 "Basil Prather recommended as Captain". 3.

In the summer of 1776 as the war in the north began to spread, Prather and his friend Van Swearingen, a Marylander who had also explored the country west of the mountains, were commissioned in the Continental Army when the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment was formed by Congress, July 15th, 1776. This regiment was formed for the protection of the western frontier where the British were intriguing with the Indian tribes and this was ever a quarter where western Marylanders were fronted with danger. Van Swearingen was made Captain and Basil Prather, First Lieutenant. The regiment was not long to remain on the western frontier however, for on Nov. 23rd, 1776 the 8th Pennsylvania was ordered to march, with all possible expedition, by the nearest route, to Brunswick, New Jersey, or to join Gen. Washington wherever he may be. 4.

This was a grueling and ill-fated march in the deep of winter and the regiment was greatly reduced, for at the end of it, the muster reveals that out of the original number of 684 men, "thirty six were prisoners of war; fourteen missing; fifty-one dead; one hundred twenty-six deserted." There were many wounded and all were suffering the effects of combat and the terrible winter march. A report by Timothy Pickering gives a clue as to their condition: "Quibbletown, Feb. 28, 1777 - I desired the doctor by all means to visit them. They were raised about the Ohio, and had traveled near 500 miles --- for 150 miles over the moun- 5.

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"Captain Basil Prather of Maryland & Kentucky and his Lewisville home, 'Fox Hill'"
By William A. Prather. 1970

-tains, never entering a house, but building fires and encamping in the snow. Considerable numbers ----- have died. The Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel among the dead.-----" The muster lists ten companies and Capt. Lieut. Basil Prather is in command of one of them.

In the late summer of 1777 Washington was preparing to defend against the impending approach of Burgoyne's army when he formed the famed "Rangers" under the command of his close friend Col. Daniel Morgan. This small unit was originally conceived to be a force of picked riflemen to be used to combat the Indian units under Burgoyne's command. Three companies were formed from all the 8th Pennsylvania and detached from the regiment to Col. Morgan's command. These companies were commanded by Van Swearingen, John Hardin, and Basil Prather. It was this force of Morgan's that so decimated the British ranks in the desperate fights at Freemans Farm in the latter days of September and early October, that the Continental Army had its first victory when Gen. Burgoyne surrendered on October 17th. Van Swearingen was captured in the first engagement but was freed at the surrender and the commanders of these three companies of the 8th received a commendation, rare in those days: "Capt. Van Swearingen, First Lieut. Basil Prather, and Second Lieut. John Hardin, with their commands, were also with Morgan, and greatly distinguished themselves in the series of actions that resulted in the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga."

The 8th was also engaged in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and spent the winter of 1777-1778 encamped with Washington at Valley Forge. Following the winter they were ordered to march on March 5, 1778 to Pittsburgh and to once again engage in the protection of the western frontiers. During the march they were engaged in actions against hostile Indians and in similar actions around Pittsburgh. During the following winter this terse note was inserted in the records of the 8th: "November 25th, Capt. Basil Prather, for good conduct yesterday, allowed to hunt with any three men he chooses." What the nature of this 'good' conduct was, is not clear, but it is clear that his superiors knew how to reward him, for his love of hunting is traditional and was inherited by generations of descendants. He resigned from the 8th on April 1, 1779.

Following his resignation from the 8th Pennsylvania, Basil Prather joined the forces of Virginia which were engaged along the Ohio with the British and Indians. This was under the command of Gen. George R. Clark and it afforded Prather the chance to once again return to the rich lands over the mountains where his vision of the future lay. He was made a Captain of Virginia and in 1781 he was Adjutant General at Fort Nelson, the present site of Louisville, during the Illinois Campaign.

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Basil Prather received many grants of land in Kentucky and in Indiana, some of which were as far south as Hickman on the Mississippi. This was in Chickasaw country and his descendants could not take possession of these lands until 1830. Some of the original lands granted him still remain in the family. Some of these grants in Indiana were recorded as follows: "To Basil

Prather for consideration of Military Service from the Commissioners of the Illinois Grant to make conveyence for officers and soldiers who served under Gen. George Rogers Clark!"

10.

In the years following the Revolution, Captain Prather was engaged in the acquisition of land and travelled between his fathers home in Maryland and his new home at the falls of the Ohio. He also maintained a residence in Pennsylvania on the Monongahela and was associated with the estimable Colonel Virgo, the man to whom General George Rogers Clark was so indebted to in his great service in the capture of St. Vincennes. It was indeed that Clark would again become indebted to this man, for when Clark's fortunes turned against him, it was Virgo who would honor all his drafts when presented.

Colonel Thomas Prather, Captain Prather's father, died in 1785 at his home on the Potomac in Washington County, Maryland. Basil was in Maryland to settle the estate and then returned over the mountains. During 1788 he was engaged in the activities of land development along the Ohio and when in that year the Rev. Dr. Manassah Cutler, one of the directors of the Ohio Company, journeyed from New England to view the new settlement made at the mouth of the Muskingum on the Ohio, he met Captain Prather, Colonel Virgo, and also one of Basil Prather's brothers, Charles, who founded the present town of Wellsburg, W. V., on the Ohio.

The Rev. Cutler was most descriptive of the beauties of this virgin country and he travelled for several days with Captain Prather and Colonel Virgo. There was a scare when they thought they had encountered hostile Indians and Captain Prather with his negro Eneas, went ashore and tracked the Indians until they discovered that they were hunting a bear which they had finally killed. The Indians gave Prather some bear meat and they all dined on it that night. Many prominent historical persons were met on this trip including General Tupper and the great Indian Chief Corn Planter. They also explored some Indian mounds: "The directors ordered that the surveyors measure the ancient works. --the Governor requested to attend. -- some of the oldest trees were cut to count the rings of age. After dinner the Governor came with Col. Virgo, Capt. Prather, and others-----measured the great mound, ditch, & etc."

11.

In 1789 Captain Prather met Frances Meriwether of the Virginia family which had moved to Louisville. They met at a ball given in the fort at Jeffersonville, across the river from Louisville on the Indiana side. She was much younger than he but they were married February 26, 1789 in Louisville. He then purchased the three hundred acre tract on Beargrass Creek where he built the home which was a Louisville landmark for over one hundred and fifty years. Basil Prather was known for his hospitality and courteous demeanor and in the words of contemporaries in the 'History of the Ohio Falls Counties' he is described as follows: "----he came of the large family of Prathers of English extraction residing in Maryland and Virginia. He embraced a military life, and when the troubles between the colonies and the mother

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country arose he took the side of the patriots, and served as a captain throughout the war, declining any pay for his services. After the war he married Miss Fanny Meriwether, of the Kentucky and Virginia families of that name, a lady much younger than himself, with whom he resided happily in easy fortune, and indeed opulence for that early time, upon a large and fertile farm which he purchased in the Beargrass district just above the city of Louisville. He first met his wife at a ball in the fort which was then situated at the old town of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

He died about 1803, much regretted, for he was a man of warm, impulsive and affectionate nature, and of commanding character and ability. He was exceedingly handsome, six feet three inches tall, and finely proportioned, almost the ideal soldier. His manners were cordial and engaging, and he exercised a widely known hospitality -----".

Basil Prather was one of the first settlers in Jefferson County having land surveyed for him prior to 1781 and he was also one of the commissioners appointed to settle and adjust the many claims and conflicting land titles which arose from a disputed grant on the site of Louisville. Captain Prather was also one of Louisville's early 'city fathers' for in May of 1790 he was elected one of the Trustees of the Town of Louisville.

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Frances Meriwether, Captain Prather's wife, was born in Virginia on August 15, 1770, the great-great-granddaughter of Nicholas Meriwether who owned 'The Island House' on Jamestown Island in 1656 and founded the large and influential family of Virginia Meriwethers. Both Governor David Meriwether and Meriwether Lewis were cousins of Fanny Meriwether, and many of the family were early residents of Louisville. Her grandfather, William, was a Captain of Virginia in the Revolution.

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Basil and Fanny Prather had five children, two of whom died young. Of those who left descendants there were Mary Meriwether Prather who married Elias Newman, Martha Meriwether Prather who married Dr. Warwick Miller, and Thomas Prather who married Elizabeth Cox.

Captain Basil Prather died in January of 1803 and was buried in the family cemetery on his home place at Louisville. From the inventory of his personal estate we know that he was engaged in stock raising, farming, and had planted apple orchards. He was well prepared to dispense the hospitality for which he was known for in the cellars of his home there was a barrel of peach brandy and a keg of apple brandy. There were fourteen servants listed. There was a library, only thirty-three books, but probably one of few in that time and it contained a three volume set of 'Don Quixote' among others. Captain Prather was among the first in another Kentucky tradition also, for he bred horses, there were fifteen listed, of more than the usual value for that day. His old commander, General Clark, who at that time lived on the Clark farm, 'Mullberry Hill', which was the neighboring tract to the Prather place, was one of the many who had residual business with the estate.

20.

The estate was administered by Captain Prather's half brother, Thomas Prather. This Thomas Prather was the youngest son of Colonel Thomas Prather and he was to become one of the most prominent business and social leaders of Kentucky. He founded the old Bank of Kentucky and was the first president of it. It is said that he was Kentucky's first millionaire and his home stood on old 'Prather Square', the block in mid-town Louisville bounded by 3rd, 4th, Liberty, and Walnut. He was a close friend of Henry Clay and his daughter married Henry Clay, Jr. His granddaughter, Nannie Clay (McDowell) inherited the Clay home, 'Ashland'. Originally Broadway was named Prather Road after this Thomas Prather, and he was associated with many philanthropic endeavors in early Louisville. 21.

Captain Prather's son was also named Thomas and he was born March 16, 1795 on the old Prather place in Louisville where he lived all his life and is buried in the grave yard there along with his wife, Elizabeth Cox Prather. This Thomas Prather was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under General Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans. 22.

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"Fox Hill"

For one hundred and fifty four years the old home built by Captain Basil Prather for his young bride Frances Meriwether stood as a landmark, steeped in the traditions of Kentucky hospitality and blue-grass horse raising. This old home was built in 1790, there on the Newburg Road, and, as the old deeds recite, on "the waters of Beargrass Creek". The house was one hundred feet across the front and contained eighteen rooms in its two main floors, with a third floor ball room and spacious cellars beneath.

The old home burned in 1944 and the owner, Ben H. Collings, built over the old foundations, the home that stands today. He salvaged as much of the old as was possible such as the great brass locks, and built in the traditional style, keeping even the third floor ball room. Ben Collings' estate was the last private owner of this historical farm and now it is owned by the City of Louisville. Of the original three hundred acres on which Basil Prather built, about a hundred acres remain which is remarkable considering the high value of real estate in Louisville.

When Captain Prather died in 1803, his heirs divided the property and his son inherited the part on which the house stood. This son, Thomas Prather, was born there and lived there for all his life. When Thomas Prather died he willed the old place to his wife and children, and his wife, Elizabeth, lived there until her death in 1864. Thomas Prather's son, George Meriwether Prather, purchased the other interests in the place and lived there until 1870 when he sold the old home place to Henry Krupp for \$21,000.00, reserving the family graveyard from this sale. George M. Prather and his brother William then moved with their families to California. The last part of the land was sold in 1910 when Dr. John W. Prather, great-grandson of Basil Prather, sold the small tract of 3 ½ acres he had inherited from his father, Richard Cox Prather. This John W. Prather was born in the old home as were many of Basil Prather's great-grandchildren.

Captain Prather raised horses on the estate as did most of the subsequent owners including the last owner, Ben Collings. When Prather died his estate was inventoried and reveals much to indicate how life was on this type farm of early Kentucky. Fourteen servants were required for the house and farm, and an ample supply of both peach and apple brandy were laid in for the winter. There were pewter utensils for every day use as well as silver and 'queensware' for more formal times. Some of the farm was in apple orchards for barrels of apples were sold in the time the estate was administered.

The trees which line the south side of the estate, along Trevillian Way, are Osage Orange or bodoc, a native of Arkansas which was widely distributed over the southern states in the period of 1850 to 1870. This tree, before the time of wire fences, was planted closely and grew into a thick hedge row that stock could not penetrate. The trees that remain are very old and no doubt date from that time.

In 1885 Henry Krupp sold the estate to the former Confederate Calvary officer, and popular Kentuckian, General John B. Castleman. General Castleman was a noted civic and social leader of Louisville and during his later life he devoted much of his efforts to the establishment of the Louisville Parks System, and he is credited with the foresite to purchase many of the fine parks of which Louisville is so proud. General Castleman lived there till 1894 when he sold the place.

The name "Fox Hill" has been the one by which the estate has been known over much of its history. The origin of the name is obscure but older members of the Prather family referred to it by that name in the early 1900's although when Thomas Prather made his will he referred to it merely as "--the old place of my father, where we now live--". It may simply be that the hill on which it stands was known as Fox Hill, or that Elizabeth, wife of Thomas, called it by that name in memory of one of her ancestors homes in Virginia. General Castleman named the place "Castleford" and referred to it by that name in the deed in which he sold it. His last home in Louisville was named "Castlewood" after his ancestral home.

"Fox Hill" was then owned for some years by Robert Carrier, a wealthy lumberman from Mississippi, who sold the place to the Frank Sneads of Louisville. During the Snead's occupancy, during World War 1, the shade trees and ancient well were a popular gathering place for many in training at Camp Taylor. Indeed it was under those trees that the officers of the First Division held their reunion in later years. "Fox Hill" was also the site of veteran gatherings of both the 'blue and gray' when General Castleman lived there, and even then it was no stranger to armies, for during the Civil War, the Union Forces built fortifications along here, as shown on an old map of Louisville.

The last owner, before the city, was Ben Collings, who changed the name again, this time to "Colonial Farms". The traditional hospitality was well known during his life and until the last, fine horses grazed the blue grass hills and bottom along the "waters of the Beargrass." This historic place should be a fitting tribute to the soldiers of our country who lived there, and to the continuing progress of the Louisville Parks System.

Collings Home, Razed By Fire, Was Early Louisville Landmark

Exact Age Is Unknown

A Louisville landmark and the scene of a century and a half of Kentucky hospitality disappeared last week when the Ben H. Collings house on Newburg Road burned.

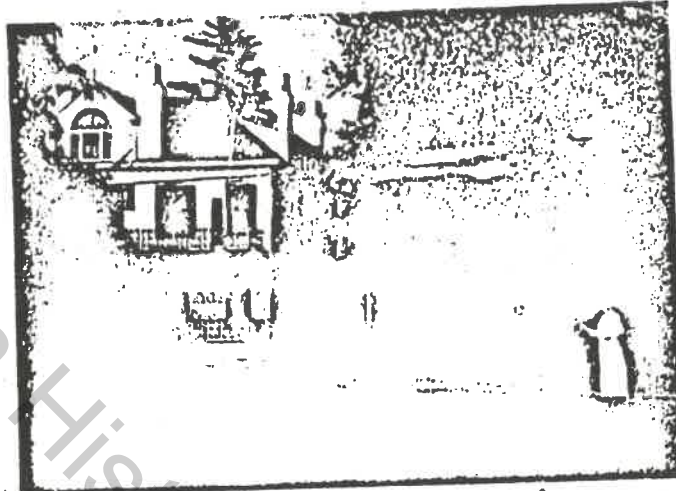
In its early days the home was known as "Fox Hill." When Collings bought it from the Frank Sneads in 1939 he changed the name to "Colonial Farms."

The date the house was built is shrouded in obscurity and the age can only be conjectured from the dates inscribed on the tombstones of former residents in the graveyard adjoining the recently added swimming pool.

Over Century and a Half Old.

Mrs. Snead, 3318 Linnet Road, said the residence was 125 years old when her husband bought it in 1916 from Robert Carrier, a millionaire lumberman from Mississippi. However, there is some evidence, according to Mrs. George Nicholas, 2023 Cherokee Parkway, whose husband is a descendant of the Prather family who took title to the place in 1803, that there was a residence on the tract between 1785 and 1789.

When Basil Prather, a Revolutionary War captain, was deeded the land in 1789, by Robert Daniel the family graveyard already had been started with the burial of Rebecca Daniel, indicating that the Daniels had established a residence on the land in their four-year possession, according to Mrs. Nicholas who has



HERE IS FOX HILL as it appeared in 1916, the scene of brilliant social events for a century and a half before it was destroyed this week by fire. In the last few years, the 100-foot porch was removed and great stone columns were raised across the front of the house.

traced the history of the house. At the death of the Revolutionary War captain the house passed to his son, Thomas Prather, namesake and relative of Thomas Prather, the early prominent Louisville merchant and banker from whom Prather Road, now Broadway, was named.

Reunion Held At Well.

After Prather's death in 1840, the house was occupied by the families of Judge Alex Humphrey and Gen. John B. Castleman.

During World War I days soldiers from Camp Taylor went to Fox Hill to refresh themselves with the clear, cool well water on the grounds. The well was

deep and shaded by old trees—about the only shady spot in that area, Mrs. Snead said. When the First Division came back a reunion of the officers was held at the well. The antique water supply was again tapped during the 1937 flood when the well was the only source of drinking water in the section for many days.

The structure contained eighteen rooms, none smaller than twenty-two feet square feet. The ceilings were fourteen feet high.

The old home kept its original form all during the years, with the exception of the removal by Collings of a porch 100 feet long and fourteen feet wide, Mrs. Snead said.

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~~Thomas~~
Thomas Praxter 2nd
James Praxter

Thomas Praxter 3rd
b. 1770 Frederick
Co Md.
In Maryland

Thomas Praxter
b. 1700 in Prince Geo

Filson
Co. Md.
Praxter 1725 -
to

Elizabeth Clayson
who died 1767
and Thomas Clayson

Major Robert W
Praxter
- Geo Infantry -

Thomas Praxter
b. May 9, 1726

Richard Praxter
Capt May 3, 1771
more from mark color

Historical Society

Richard A. Stowe
8801 W. Eucalyptus Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

September 6, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Oliver:

Two researchers who spent their lifetimes researching the Prather-Prater families and related lines in America and England were the late E. Stout Lillard, a staff member of the Library of Congress, and Mrs. Kathryn R. Bonner, publisher of a Prater-Prather Family Association Newsletter. When combined, their collected papers fill nearly ten cubic feet of files containing documents, correspondence with hundreds of other reserchers, charts, family group sheets, and many miscellaneous items including a few photographs.

I'm pleased to be able to report that Mrs. Kathryn Bonner entrusted both her materials and those she had received from Mr. Lillard to me to develop a finding aid and to locate a suitable repository for them.

The Special Collections division of the Kentucky History Center of the Kentucky Historical Society has accepted the Collection and a copy of my finding aid, *Development of the Lillard-Bonner Genealogical Collection*. These materials have been processed and are now accessible to patrons during the regular hours of the Special Collections facility in Frankfort, KY.

Development of the Lillard-Bonner Genealogical Collection contains a short history of the Collection, brief biographical notes about Mr. Lillard, Mrs. Bonner, and other contributing family reserchers, a rather detailed inventory of the Collection's 283 items, and an every-name index to the inventory.

This finding aid is available in electronic form, and I would be happy to e-mail you the file at no cost to you. It runs almost 150 pages of small type. My master is on WordPerfect for a Macintosh, but I think it will open in other formats. So, if you have access to e-mail, let me know the address, and I'll send it to you. My e-mail address is rastowe@mstar2.net.

Also, I hope that you will inform members and friends of the Filson Club of the availability of the Collection, as the Prather family has had a significant presence in Louisville, Jefferson County, and the surrounding area of Kentucky since pioneer days (as you well know).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Stowe

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8801 West Eucalyptus Avenue
Muncie, IN 47304

Nov 24, 98

Prather

November 19, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Oliver:

Thank you very much for inviting me to follow up my phone call with a letter.

Our brief conversation some weeks ago was about the Col. Robert Jobson Collection in your library. I had been researching the Prather surname on behalf of my wife's family and in your library had been shown two folders on Prather, one of which was marked as being part of the Jobson Collection.

An early Prather researcher, Virgil Prather, amassed a large amount of material on the family. He constructed a rather extensive genealogy of the family (characterized by a distinctive typing style using an *italic* font). I have seen copies of various portions of this work—in at least two different versions—in various places, including several pages in your other "Prather Family" folder.

The "word" when I talk with Ms. Linda Anderson (at the Kentucky Historical Society library) and others is that Virgil Prather's materials, hopefully including correspondence and notes on sources (which, incidentally, are seldom cited in the typed mss.) were passed on to Col. Jobson. Therefore, as I entered your fine library, I entertained hopes that there might be volumes of materials which would contain documentation or leads regarding some of Virgil's more intriguing assertions, particularly those pertaining to my wife's ancestry. However, all that I was brought was the single file folder, and it seemed to contain no Virgil Prather materials.

As we discussed on the phone, that may well be all that Col. Jobson received or at least all that has survived. However, I sincerely hope that you would try another search to see if some things have been overlooked or possibly not yet prepared for the use of your patrons.

Any clue that you can furnish as to the whereabouts of Virgil's materials will be greatly appreciated. If any cost is involved, please let me know. And thank you again for your offer to help!

Sincerely,

Richard Stowe

Virgil Prather material?
Where is it?

Draft
 Richard A. Stowe
 18 November 1998

William B. Prather, 116
 b. abt 1781, VA
 d. 15 Jul 1851, Washington co, KY
 & Ruth Wilson
 b. bef 1785, MD ?
 d. 13 Jan 1846, Washington co, KY
 m. 7 Oct 1802, Jessamine co, KY

Basil Prather
 b. abt 1803
 d. bef 1810

Rev. Henry Harvey Prather
 b. abt 1806, Washington co, KY
 d. 22 Jan 1872, Washington co, KY
 & Frances Maria "Nancy" Morgan
 d. Feb 1860, Washington co, KY
 m. 12 Mar 1836

Rev. Henry Harvey Prather
 b. abt 1806, Washington co, KY
 d. 22 Jan 1872, Washington co, KY
 & Millay Bourne
 d. bef 1835
 m. abt 4 Mar 1829, Nelson co, KY

Rev. Henry Harvey Prather
 b. abt 1806, Washington co, KY
 d. 22 Jan 1872, Washington co, KY
 & Mary Ann Hardin
 m. 24 Mar 1861, Washington co. KY

Thomas Wilson Prather
 b. 12 Nov 1808, KY
 d. 15 Jan 1889
 & Elizabeth Coulter
 b. 1813
 d. 1847, Washington co, KY
 m. Nov 1830

daughter Prather
 b. bef 1810, KY

Dorinda Adeline Prather, 238
 b. 1812, Washington co, KY
 dp. Nelson co. KY
 & William Calvin Morgan Jr.
 m. 3 May 1830, Washington co, KY

Drucilla Prather
 b. 30 Apr 1816, KY
 d. 12 Jan 1892
 & John J. Driskell
 b. 1817, Mercer co, KY

Elizabeth Ellen Prather
 b. 1818
 d. aft 1854, Mercer co, KY

William Washington Prather
 b. 13 Apr 1819
 d. 22 Nov 1852, Washington co, KY
 & Mary Catherine Goodnight
 b. 6 May 1822
 d. 8 Nov 1879
 m. 1841

Amanda Prather
 b. abt 1821
 d. aft 1850, Mercer co, KY
 & William H. Simms
 m. 1845

Elgin Isaiah Prather
 b. 1835, KY
 d. 24 Apr 1915, Washington co. KY
 & Paralee Prather
 b. abt 1838
 m. 16 Feb 1860, T. Prather's, Washington co, KY

Dorinda F. Prather
 b. 1837
 & Levi A. Burns
 m. Apr 1857, H.H. Prather's, Washington co, KY

William Devaune Prather
 b. abt 1838
 d. abt 1865, near New Orleans, LA

Thomas M. Prather
 b. abt 1840
 & Elizabeth Ann Prather
 b. abt 1845
 m. Apr 1862

Basil D. Prather
 b. 17 Nov 1842
 d. 13 Sep 1916, Maroa, Macon co, IL
 & Rebecca Kays
 b. 28 Aug 1843
 d. 25 Apr 1919
 m. 7 Sep 1865

Wilson D. Prather
 b. 1844

Henry C. Prather
 b. abt 1847
 dp. IL

Frances Maria "Fannie\Nancy" Prather
 b. 25 Aug 1848, KY
 d. 2 May 1926, Decatur, IL
 & William M. "Billie" Kays
 b. 7 Sep 1846, near Sulphur Springs, KY
 d. 17 Sep 1924, near Giro, Gibson Co. IN
 m. 7 Sep 1865

James Prather

Eliza Prather

Winfield Prather
 d. bef 1850

daughter Prather
 d. bef 1840

Isaiah Prather
 & Mary Elizabeth Sutton
 b. abt 1848
 d. Aug 1868

Isaiah Prather
 & Fannie Hardin

William M. Prather
 d. 12 May 1862
 & Arthusa Prather
 m. 1862

Preston Prather

Henry Harvey Prather
 d. 18 Jun 1862

F. Prather

Rosell Prather

Eliza A. Prather

James Prather

Elizabeth Prather
 d. Feb 1862

Calvin M. Driskell
 b. abt 1837
 d. 1880

Rebecca Driskell

Ethridge Driskell
 b. abt 1839

Pauline Driskell
 b. abt 1843

Luther Thomas Driskell
 b. abt 1845, Mercer co, KY
 d. 1880

William G. Driskell

Cyntha Arthusa Prather
 b. 1842
 d. aft 1870, Mercer co, KY
 & William Marshall Prather
 b. 5 Apr 1839

Dorinda Adeline Prather
 b. 12 Aug 1843
 d. 4 Jan 1887
 & Uriah Robinson
 b. 1823

Dorinda Adeline Prather
 b. 12 Aug 1843
 d. 4 Jan 1887
 & William James Campbell
 m. 12 May 1864

Ruth Ann Prather
 b. 1844

Abraham Prather
 b. 1848

← MY
 WIFE'S
 ANCESTOR

The Filson Society

Prather

September 21, 1932

Mrs. Jesse H. Coffman,
Ava, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Coffman:-

I am very sorry that I cannot answer your letter of September 16th in regard to the father of Stephen Prather. I have one suggestion that may be of assistance. In the Kentucky State Historical Society, Frankfort, Ky., you can find the vital statistics of Kentucky, or rather most of the counties, from 1850 to 1860. The death records as a usual thing give the names of the parents, and where the individual was born with dates. Therefore if you write the Kentucky State Historical Society and ask them to have these records examined, you might find something. I am sorry I cannot tell you what this might cost.

I imagine you know how the counties in Kentucky have been divided and redivided. Webster County was formed in 1860 from Henderson, Hopkins and Union counties; Union in 1811 from Henderson; Hopkins in 1806 from Henderson; Henderson in 1798 from Christian; and Christian in 1796 from Logan, which in turn was formed from Lincoln in 1792.

There was in Lincoln County an Edward Prather who married Mary Dennis June 13, 1786, but that is the only marriage I find by that name there. I have made a search, though of course not a thorough one, of the material we have from the section where Stephen

Mrs. Jesse H. Coffman #2
September 21, 1932.

Prather lived, but without result. Of course all we have are some local histories. You might run a query in a newspaper there, say at Dixon, and thus try to locate a family Bible, which might give some information.

Hoping the vital statistics may help, I am,

Yours very truly,

Ludie J. Kinkead, Curator.

The Filson Historical Society

JESSE H. COFFMAN
DENTIST
AVA, MISSOURI

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Sept. 16, 1932

Dear Mr. [Name obscured]

Sometime ago I wrote you in regard to the Prather family, "you suggested the book "Louisville Tint Families" which I ordered and found valuable. If you would be kind enough to also say if I had a specific question to ask you I would try to answer it."

I am very anxious to learn the name of Stephen Prather's father and where he lived. Stephen Prather was born 1762 died [Name obscured] Thomas Prather born 1816 -

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I am very anxious to learn the name of Stephen Prather's father and where he lived. Stephen Prather was born 1762 died about 1856. His son Thomas Prather born 1816 - died 1872. Their home was near Slavy blers Ky. they lived near the Hopkins and Nelson County lines.

Any information will be thankfully

Yours Very truly,
Mrs. J. A. Hoffman

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Note. This is by Kathleen Jennings and was later published in book form with other Louisville family sketches, *Louisville's First Families*, by Kathleen Jennings.

L.J.K.

*Given by Mrs. Eddie G. Middleton
Louisville Ky - Feb. 2 - 1952*

Louisville's First Families

Early Settlers Who Established Society Here, And Their Descendants Who Have Sustained the Social Tradition. A Series of Genealogical Sketches.

THE PRATHER FAMILY.

A PUBLIC spirited citizen identified with the growth of Louisville no less than with the social life of his day was Thomas Prather, born in Maryland in 1870 of English extraction. He crossed the Wilderness Trail to seek his fortune in the new country and was one of the city's first merchants, having opened a store here as early as 1794. Success marked his every venture and riches poured in upon him. He was the capitalist of his day, and famed for his philanthropies. Broadway, for many years Prather street, was named for him. Prather was president of the first bank in Louisville, the old Bank of Kentucky, which he opened on January 1, 1812, and which did business on Main street near Fifth. When the bank suspended specie payments he resigned his office with the remark: "I can preside over no institution which declines to meet its engagements promptly and to the letter."

His generosity in contributing to charitable and civic endeavors won for him the title of "Oh, put me down for the balance." Prather. He gave five acres and Cuthbert Bullitt gave three to the city for a hospital site in 1817. Interested in the general welfare, Prather and Bullitt served on many committees together. With Peter F. Ormsby they were appointed by the Board of Trustees, in 1820, to purchase suitable fire engines (two or three) for the use of the city.

The property for the hospital site

ville Winston were Penelope (Mrs. Ernest Allis), the mother of Mrs. William B. Harrison, and Kate (Mrs. Frederick Hussey), the mother of Mrs. Barbour Minnigerode and Mrs. Arthur H. Middleton. Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Mabel Husey, of Paris, are the other daughters.

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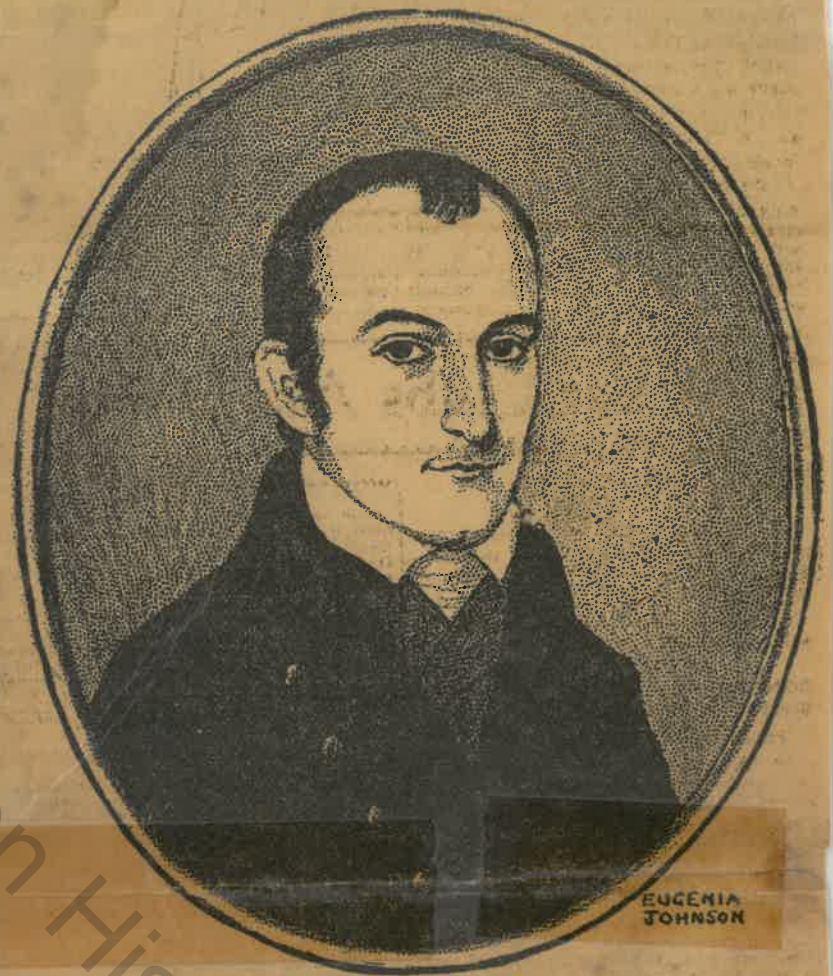
Mary Jane Prather married Worden E. Churchill, and after his death married Dr. Charles M. Way. Her sons were Worden P. Churchill and W. H. Way.

Matilda Prather married Samuel Smith Nicholas, the distinguished lawyer and jurist. Their handsome home was on Fifth street between Chestnut and Walnut. Their daughter, Julia, Mrs. James C. Johnson, lives with her daughter, Miss Mary Johnston, at Fourth and Broadway. Their sons, George and Samuel Smith Nicholas, have a number of descendants here. George Nicholas married Emma Hawes and had a daughter, Tina Nicholas, who married John Churchill. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Churchill is John Churchill, who married Lucy Jones.

By a second marriage to Mary Anna Pope, George Nicholas had ten children. One son, George Nicholas, who married Miss Evelyn Thompson, lives in Crescent Hill and another son, Pope Nicholas, lives in Shelbyville, but is in business in Louisville.

Samuel Smith Nicholas, Jr., who married Nannie Carter, daughter of Capt. Frank Carter, has two daughters





THOMAS PRATHER

A sketch made from Jouett's likeness of this estimable gentleman, who is said to have done more for the advancement of Louisville than any other one man. The Jouett portrait of Thomas Prather is owned by his great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. J. Harbour Minnegerode.

was given with the proviso that it should revert to the Prather and Bullitt heirs if used for any other purpose. When the new million dollar City Hospital was planned a change of site was considered until the deeds were looked up and disclosed this restriction. One of the numerous Prather heirs recounting the incident said "It looked for a time as if I might have fifty dollars for a new frock."

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The other son, William Prather, married his first cousin, Penelope Pope, the daughter of Alexander Pope, whose wife was Martha Fontaine. This marriage establishes a wide connection of families socially prominent. William and Penelope Prather had seven daughters: Kate, who married Orville Winston; Sue, who is Mrs. John Zanone; Matilda, who married Goldsborough Robinson; Julia and Martha, who died young, and the twins, Penelope and Margaret, the latter, Mrs. John Luce, and her sister, better known as Miss Eppie Prather, the only descendant with the surname, Prather. Mrs. William B. Hardy and Humphrey Robinson are the children of Goldsborough and Matilda Robinson, who live here. Mrs. Alex P. Witty and Prather Zanone are the daughter and son of Mrs. Zanone. The daughters of Kate and Or-

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Capt. Prather died in 1803. Richard Prather, another member of the Maryland family to settle here, was one of the "City fathers," being elected a trustee of the town of Louisville in 1797. His wife was Mary Churchill, a daughter of Armistead and Elizabeth Bakewell Churchill, of Virginia, who were among the prominent pioneers of 1787. Eliza Prather, the daughter of Richard and Mary Prather, became the wife of James Guthrie, that distinguished citizen, the founder of the L. & N. The Guthries had a daughter, Mary, who married John Caperton, and who was the mother of John H. Caperton.

Following her first husband's death, Mary Churchill Prather married Alexander Scott Bullitt, this being his second marriage also.

After hunting U-boats in the Irish Island Navy Yard. In doing their duty



one of the offenders being caught and found that those who had been on the ground were gone. Officer Kraft discovered a party in one of the cars filling a bag. The man's name is given by the officers as Clarence Rainbolt, of 139 West Market street, who, they state, is employed at the Government depot at Jeffersonville, and is making \$80 a month. Rainbolt was arrested and a charge by the

The Filson

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WILLIAM A. PRATHER
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WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI
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TIMBER CRUISING - TIMBERLAND APPRAISALS - DAMAGE APPRAISALS - MANAGEMENT - SELECTIVE MARKING

January 24, 1970

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas Cullen
Curator
The Filson Club
118 W. Breckinridge
Louisville, Kentucky

*ans'd
3-25-70*

Dear Mrs. Cullen;

About a year ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Filson Club and of using the library facilities in some research on my family history, and on the history of the old estate on the Newburg Road, lately acquired from the Collings Est. by the City of Louisville. Mr. Charles Parrish was most helpful, and I want to express my appreciation to him and the other members of the Filson Club organization.

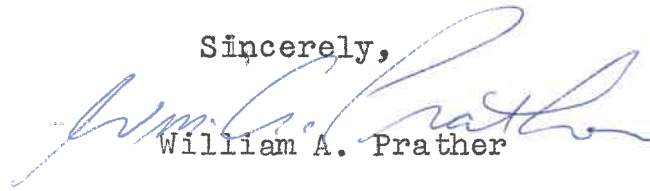
I am enclosing a copy of the summary of this work for your possible interest and retention if desired. This work concerns Basil Prather of early Louisville and while on the subject, I would like to point out a minor detail or two about some research written in your 'Filson Quarterly', Vol. 39, Page 220. This article is about the yellow fever epidemic which struck Hickman in 1878, and mentions quite a bit about the Prather family.

There are two minor inaccuracies in the article which I would like to point out, although I know they were copied from the newspaper records of the time. George Basil Prather was a brother of Doctors Hugh Logan Prather, Richard Cox Prather, and John William Prather, and not a cousin. Dr. John William Prather of Woodland (my grandfather) was a medical doctor, graduate of the University of Louisville, as were his brothers. The piece further comments about how Richard Cox Prather, Sr. snapped off the markers on his sons graves to symbolize their early death. For your possible interest I am enclosing a photograph of the graves of Hugh Logan Prather and Richard Cox Prather, Jr. The elder Richard did indeed snap off the marker on one of the graves, Richard, Jr., and for nearly one hundred years this broken piece has remained leaning against the shaft as you can see.

Richard Cox Prather was the eldest son of Thomas Prather, b.1795, d.1843. Thomas was born (and died) at 'Fox Hill', the home of his father, Basil Prather, in Louisville. Richard was also born there as was his son Dr. John W. Prather.

Thanks again for your kindness and if some future research should reveal photographs of the old house, I would certainly appreciate hearing of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William A. Prather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping tail.

William A. Prather

The Filson Historical Society

Prather family

DR. R. E. PRATHER
408 MADISON STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

June 27, 1967

WILSON CASE - Kentucky Historical Society
118 West Breakinridge Street,
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

July 5, 1967

Basil Prather - his son:
Sihon (Simon) Prather, his son:
William (William) Prather.

Dr. R.E. Prather
408 Madison Street
Denver, Colorado 80206

Dear Dr. Prather:

Your fine club and were successful
in the early days of Kentucky and
across the Ohio River (once Knox County). My lineage
has two places of birth and death of my
The reference, page 54, you have cited in regard to Basil
Prather is found in Capt. Lewis C. Baird's History of
Clark County, Indiana published in 1909 by the B.F. Bowma
Co., of Indianapolis, Indiana. You may be able to find a
copy for sale in a book store in that city.
Indeed I do regret that I am not able to supply the infor-
mation you seek about Sihon (Simon) and William Prather. I
believe some one may be able to locate their tombstones
in Clark County, if the flood of 1937 did not destroy the
markers.

There was a minimum of loss of court records in that flood
despite the fact that Jeffersonville was inundated. Therefore,
I am sure that in the court house you could find wills of
Simon and William, if they died testate. Or, perhaps, an inven-
tory of their estates would approximate the dates of their deaths.

The Indiana State Library at Indianapolis has a very fine gene-
alogical department and you may be able to obtain from that source
the information you need. The Indiana Daughters of the American
Revolution have copied many old tombstone inscriptions.
I am enclosing a brief account of the Basil Prather family which
I found in Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolu-
tion Buried in Indiana. The book was compiled by Mrs. Roscoe C.
O'Byrne, Brookville, Indiana and published in 1966. Perhaps Mrs.
O'Byrne can give you some help.

Enclosed is your check for three dollars. We do no professional
genealogical research but we are happy to furnish small bits of
information, if they are easily found. The cost of the copied
pages will be fifty cents.

P.S. - Can you tell me the author's name, publishers, etc. of the
book "CLARK'S HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY". I would like to own a copy of
same. Do you know where it can be purchased?

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Thomas Cullen
Curator and Librarian

JUN 30 1967

DR. R. E. PRATHER
408 MADISON STREET
DENVER, COLO.
80206

June 27, 1967

FILSON CLUB - Kentucky Historical Society
113 West Breckinridge Street,
Louisville, Kentucky #40203

RE: Basil Prather, - his son:
Sihon (Sion) (Simon) Prather, his son:
Williams (William) Prather.

Gentlemen:-

Last April 19 we visited your fine Club and were successful in our search for my ancestors in the early days of Kentucky and across the Ohio in Clark County (once Knox County). My lineage has two noticeable blanks the dates of birth and death of my

Great Grandfather Sihon (Sion) (Simon) Prather, and
My Grandfather Williams (William) Prather.

My father (Charles E. Prather - son of Williams Prather) left Kentucky or Clark County, Ind. when he was eighteen years old.

* We read much of "CLARK'S HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA" in your library - believe page 54 gave us considerable information that I lacked. My Great, Great Grandfather Basil came from North Carolina about 1801, was a Captain in the American Revolution and buried in Clark County.

Might add that I saw the Marriage Record Book in the Courthouse last April over at Jeffersonville, Ind:- SIHON Prather married Elizabeth Simmons on September 23, 1813. WILLIAMS Prather married Augusta Woodward April 1, 1852 Found Sihon in the 1830 and 1840 Census and Williams Prather in the 1850 and 1860 Census in Clark County, Ind. Sihon probably was born in North Carolina. However, date of his death I cannot find. Neither the birth or death dates of Williams Prather. I have written three letters to the Clark County officials and have nothing - say that records were destroyed in the flood. Can you help me or let me know to whom I can turn? Check for \$3.00 is enclosed for time spent on this. If it does not cover please let me know. Thank you.

Yours truly,

R. E. Prather

408 Madison Street,
Denver, Colorado #80206

* P.S.- Can you tell me the author's name, publishers, etc. of the book "CLARK'S HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY". I would like to own a copy of same. Do you know where it can be purchased?

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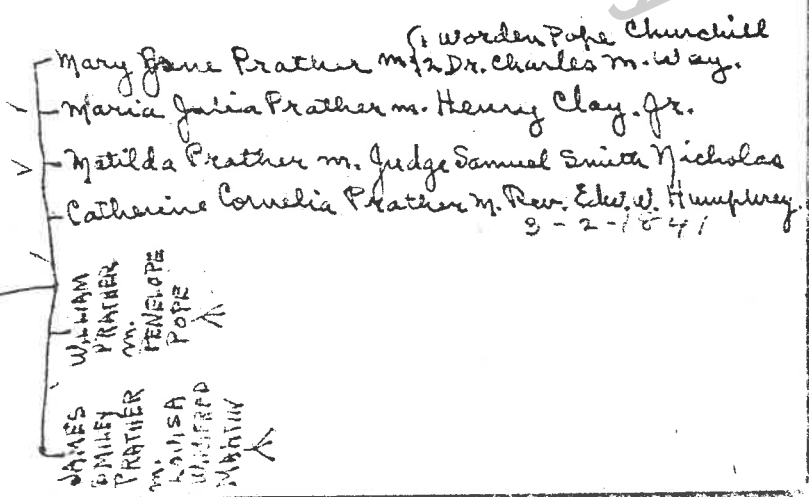
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JEANNETTE
(born 1790 in
Washington Co. Md.)
first wife (1 son by 2nd wife)

THOMAS PRATHER
of Annapolis, Md.
b. 1740 in Washington Co. Md.
(then was in Medfield Co. Md.)
d. 1823 in Ky.
m. MARI-DA FONTAINE



SAB J THOMAS PRATHER (m. 1725 Elizabeth Clagett, dau of Capt. Thomas (II) and Mary (Keene) Clagett of 'WESTON' Prince Georges Co. Md.)
of Royal and Barotial Descant.
(6 sons) by 1st wife.

RICHARD PRATHER
b. 1721
d. 1789
in Washington Co. Md.

only 1 child
THOMAS PRATHER
b. 1751, Md.
d. 1786, Mercer Co Ky
m. MARY
5 children
Margaret Prather m. William Hillard, I
Elizabeth given to Eleanor McKinney
Stephen Thomas

only 4 sons admitted
Thomas remained in Md
Basil died without issue
Henry remained in Md
Samuel remained in Md

* most people of old Capt. Basil Prathers name BASIL - but combinations of the family put up as late as 1869 still spell it BAZIL. There was an old BAZIL family in Maryland in Colonial days and the name is some blood tie between the BAZIL and the Prathers so think this makes

CAPT BAZIL PRATHER of Annapolis, Md.
b. 1731
d. 1803
m. FRANCES MERRIWETHER

Martha Merrimether Prather m. Warwick Miller
Mary m. Prather m. Elias Newman of Jefferson Co. Ky

THOMAS PRATHER of Annapolis
b. 1745
d. 1848
m. ELIZABETH COX
RICHARD COX PRATHER
GEORGE MERRIWETHER PRATHER

Henry Prather of Pennsylvania
Thomas Hicks Prather of Pa
Abraham Prather of Pa

9 can find all on this chart by Court Records etc. S.D.

CHARLES PRATHER
b. 1735
d. 1810
in Brooke Co. Va.
(now W. Va.)
m. RUTH
only 3 sons admitted

Henry Prather of Pennsylvania
Thomas Hicks Prather of Pa
Abraham Prather of Pa

James Prather
b. 1736
d. 1818
in Alleghany Co. Md.
m. SARAH BEATTY
m. 2. 1790
RUTH
CROWHOSES

William Prather, said to have gone to Ky
CHARLES PRATHER
BAZIL PRATHER
HENRY PRATHER
Elizabeth m. Charles Wells
JOHN PRATHER

correctly spelled is BAZIL PRATHER.

Thomas Claggett and Margaret ___ Prather had issue:

1. Thomas Prather (b1751) Married Mary ___.

Note: The foregoing is data; I have been able to gather so far but you will notice that the connection with the Claggetts is established.

signed: Frances B. Culver
Formerly Registrar Sons of American Revolution
of Md. Hist. Society

COPY OF AFFIDAVIT

Susie S. Sibley, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, Affiant,
Affiant, Susie S. Sibley, on oath states that the following is copied from the "book of common prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other rights and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter or Psalms of David, pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches" (Edinburgh printed by Adrian Watkins, His Majesties printer) MDCCLV "Thomas Claggett Prather was born on the 9 day of May 1726.
Margaret Prather was born 14 Sept. 1730.

Thomas Prather was born 16 Dec. 1751.

Thomas Claggett Prather was killed at the battle of Loyal Lanning 11 Oct. 1758 in the 33 year of his age."

This book was brought from old England by Margaret Prather, who died at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky in 1822 and is now in the possession of Susie S. Sibley, a lineal descendant of the said Margaret Prather.

signed Susie S. Sibley

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Susie S. Sibley this the 4 day of December 1917.

signed John M. Scott
Notary Public Jefferson Co.

the chief justices from 1749 to 1760 and a judge of the court of Oyer and Terminer in 1761. On 10 December 1762, "Colonel Thomas Prather" was commissioned High Sheriff of Frederick County. He was again appointed a justice of Frederick County in 1768 and served in that capacity until the outbreak of the revolution. (See "Maryland Commission Book" 1726-1766)

Thomas and Elizabeth Clagget Prather had issue:

1. Thomas Claggett Prather (b 1726) of whom hereafter
2. Richard Prather (b 1727)
3. Margaret Prather (b 1728)
4. Mary Prather (b 1729)
5. Basil Prather (b 1731)
6. Henry Prather (1732)
7. Charles Prather (1735)
8. James Prather (b 1737)
9. Sarah Prather (b 1739)
10. Elizabeth Prather (b1743)

4. Thomas Claggett Prather (Thomas (3) Thomas (2) Jonathan (1)) was born 9 May 1726 in Prince Georges County and died 11 October 1758. The inventory of his estate was appraised in Frederick Co Md. 18 August 1759. His Administratrix was his wife Margaret, who, on 21 November 1761, made oath in the Court proceedings with her second husband Thomas Freeman.

Thomas Claggett Prather is evidently the same as the "Thomas Prather" who served in the French and Indian War as Second Lieutenant in Captain A. Bealls Company from 9 Oct. 1757 to 31 May 1758, and as First Lieutenant in Captain Ware's Company from 16 June 1758 to 12 Oct. 1758, being then recorded as "killed" (Md. History Mag.

wherein several children by her former husbands, Jonathan Prather

are mentioned as follows:

1. George Prather (d. 1698) Married May ___ and had no issue.
2. William Prather (d. 1670) Married Ann ___ and had no issue.
3. Thomas Prather, of whom hereafter.
4. Jonathan Prather (d. before 1710) married Elizabeth ___ and had no issue.
5. John Prather (d. about 1718) Married Katherine ___ and had no issue.
6. Jane Prather Married James Mullikin and had no issue.

2. Thomas Prather (Jonathan) was born probably in Clavert Co. and died in Princes Georges County, Md. in 1712. His will was dated 30 Dec. 1711, and proved 15 March 1712. His wife was Martha Spriggs, who survived her husband and married again Captain Yoakley (d 1734) Mrs. Martha Sprigg Prather Yoakley died in Charles County Maryland in 1742. Her will was dated 19 June and 13 November 1724 Her children by her first husband were:

1. Thomas Prather of whom hereafter
2. John Smith Prather (d 1763) married 1726 Elizabeth Native
3. Phillys Prather
4. Aaron Prather married and had no issue
5. Elanor Prather, married and had Thomas Williams
6. Rachel Prather, married Joseph Milburn Semmes.

3. Thomas Prather (Thomas (2) Jonathan (1)) was born about 1704 in Prince Georges County, Md. and married about 1725 Elizabeth Claggett. About 1748 he moved with his wife and children to Fredrick Co. Maryland.

He was a justice of Prince Georges County in 1747, and one of the first justices of Frederick Co. in 1748. He was one of

Thomas Claggett was born about 1640: died 1703, emigrated to Maryland 1670. He was an officer in the British Navy, formerly: was coroner of Calvert County Militia; Justice of the County 1680. He married Sarah Patterson of London, their son:

Thomas Claggett was born about 1678, died 1732 in Prince Georges County, Md. He was Justice in 1770 and County Commissioner Member of the Md. General Assembly from Prince Georges Co. 1712 Judge of the Orphans Court 1730. He married Mary ___ Their daughter:

Elizabeth Claggett married about 1725 Thomas Prather, Jr. (about 1704) "See Prather"

The foregoing is a summary of data collected from various records and sources by the said Francis B. Culver. (Baltimore, Md. 24 Sept. 1924) Some say she was "probably Mary Keene: others, that she was the widow of Richard Hooper.

CLAGGETT COLONIAL SERVICES

Capt. Thomas Claggett (1635/40-1703) was Captain of Calvert Co. Md. Militia 1683; Commissioner of Calvert Co. 1680; Coroner 1683 (Md. Colonial Dames Register)

Capt. Thomas Claggett (1675-1732) was member of Md. Assembly from Prince Georges County 1712; Justice 1707; Judge 1730. (Md. Colonial Dames Register)

SPRIGG GENEALOGY

Thomas Sprigg (Emigrant) wife Catherine (sister of Governor Stone of Maryland or Gov. Stone married sister of Thomas Sprigg) Aug. 1661 - Catherine of Resurrection Manor, Calvert County, Md. made a joint deed conveying 600 acres, Warrell Hundred, Talbot Co.

Militia Revolutionary War. You can write to the State Librarian, Richmond, Virginia. I do not find him in Master Roles.

(signed) Frances B. Culver

MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY THE SAID FRANCIS B CULVER

Prather References

1680 August: Came Jane Prather of Calvert County, Md., widow of Jonathan Prather, late of the said county, deceased. (Annapolis Testamentary Proceedings #12 A, P108) that Jane Prather married John Smith of Prince Georges County, see his will date Sept 3 and proved Sept. 23, 1707. (Annapolis Will Book No. 12 P 150)

1710 - 1713 Will of Jane Smith, widow of John Smith of Prince Georges County, leaves to her sons William, Thomas, and John Prather, etc. personal estate. (Annapolis Wills XIII p 623) Her will was made 27 July 1710 and proved 7 Dec. 1713.

1712 - That Thomas Prather of Prince Georges County died in 1712 (see his will dated 30 Dec. 1711 and proved 15 March 1712) leaving property to his wife Martha and son Thomas Prather etc. (see Annapolis Will) This Martha, wife of Thomas Prather, Sr. was Martha Sprigg (see will of her father Thomas Sprigg).

1742- That Martha (Sprigg) Prather married Stephen Yoakley of Charles County and died in 1742. (see her will dated 19 June 1742 and proved 13 Nov. 1742) leaving property to her son Thomas Prather etc. She was then Martha Yoakley.

✓ 1725- That Thomas Prather (b 1704) married Elizabeth Claggett (see will of her father Captain Thomas Claggett- d 1732).

1726- That Thomas Claggett Prather was born 9 May 1726 son Thomas Prather and Elizabeth his wife (see register of Queen Anne Parish

Church, Prince Georges Co., Md.)

1758 - That Thomas Claggett Prather was killed 11 Oct. 1758. in the French and Indian Wars (see Md. Historical Magazine V 284)

PRATHER COLONIAL SERVICES

Thomas Prather (b 1704-) was justice of Prince Georges County, Md. 1747 ; of Frederick County 1748-1755; High Sheriff of Frederick County 1762. (Md. Commission Book pp. 80,8 at Md. Historical 87, 92, Society Balt. Md., 100, 107, 114, 124, 132, 125, 147, 150, 168, 175, 179, 187, 190, 202, 205.)

Thomas Claggett Prather (1726-1758) was second Lieutenant of Cap. A. Baills Co. 9 Oct. 1757 to 31 May 1758; 1st. Lieutenant of Capt. Ware's Co. 16 June 1758 to 12 Oct. 1758 when killed in French and Indian War. (Md. Hist. Mag. V 284)

Rev. War Service

Thomas Prather (born 1751) was a signer of the "Oath of Fidelity in Washington County, Maryland in 1778. (Md. Oath of Allegiance Washington County, Md. at Md. Historical Society Balt. Md.)

CLAGGETT FAMILY

Robert Claggett was born about 1490 in County Kent, England. His son Richard Claggett was born about 1525/30: Married a daughter of Sir

Robert Gouder, their son:

George Claggett was born about 1750: was Mayor of Canterbury England.

His son:

Edward Claggett was born about 1605/7 of London; was a Royalist and held a commission under King Charles II. He married Margaret Adams, daughter of Sir Thomas Adams, Lord Mayor of

His son:

nine children. (See Thomas will; the first recorded in clerks office of Mercer County Kentucky; probated in 1786.)

Mary did not survive him long. Thomas' mother, Margaret, had come to Kentucky with her second husband, Thomas Freeman, at the same time and settled at the fort (Harrods fort now Harrodsburg).

After death of Thomas and Mary, the grandmother and Thomas Freeman reared the children. They lived outside the fort and often she had to take the children into the fort for protection from the Indians. Thomas Prather, born 1751, was a son of Thomas Claggett Prather, who was a Colonial soldier, killed in battle of Loyal Hanna. (See Md. History Mag. Vol. 5 page 284; Margaret's record in prayer book; Md. Archives in History Society at Baltimore and Washington.)

The account of this battle is described in detail in Scharf's History of Western Maryland. This establishes the line of Martin E. Walker, Jr. and Ann Witherspoon Walker consecutively back to English History through the Prather, Claggetts and Spriggs. Their coat of arms have been secured by Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Frankfort, Kentucky (also a lineal descendant) through Frances B. Culver Historical Registrar of Md. Hist. Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

PRATHER FAMILY

1. Jonathan Prather lived in Calvert County, Md. where he died about 1680, leaving his wife, Jane Prather, a widow. She married again, John Smith (died 1707) of Prince George's Co. Md. and died in 1713 in Prince Georges County. Mrs. Jane Smith left a will dated 27 July 1710 and proved 7 December 1713

Col. Thomas Sprigg Prather, b. 1702, in Prince Georg's Co., Md. d. 1785, in Md. N. June 10, 1725, to Elizabeth Clagett, b. 1708, at St. Richards Manor, d. 1765. Dau. of Thomas Clagett, Jr., & Mary (Keen) Clagett of St. Richards Manor. Children of Col. Thomas & Elizabeth (Clagett) Prather, were:

1. Lt. Thomas Clagett Prather, b. May 9, 1726; killed in battle of Loyallanna, Pa. Oct. 11, 1758. (French & Indian war) Burial in Prather Cem. west of Clear Springs, N. 9, May 1750, (his cousin) Margaret Prather, daughter of Phillip & Catherine Hunt) Prather. Margaret was b. 14 Sept 1730, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince Geo. Co., Md. After the death of her first husband, Margaret (Prather) Prather mar. 2nd Thomas Freeman, Esq., of Md. and they went to Ky. with her son. She died 30 July 1820, Franklin Co., Ky., bur. in old Lillard cemetery at Lawrenceburg, Ky.
2. Lieut. Richard Prather, b. 1 Aug., 1727; d. 26 Nov. 1789, Washington Co., Md. Mar. 25 June 1755, Lucy Jacques, b. Feb., 1729; d. 3 May 1775, dau. of Denton Jacques, Sr. She was the mother of all his children. Richard Prather m. 2ndly, 30 Aug., 1782, in Berkeley Co., Va. (now W. Va.) to Lydia Covenhover, who survive him. No issue by 2nd wife. Richard Prather left will 7 children.
3. Margaret Prather, b. Oct. 14, 1728, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince Geo. Co., Md. Died young, unmarried.
4. Mary Prather, b. Jan. 6, 6, 1729, in Queen Anne's P. d. 1790, in Fayette Co., Pa. Mar. 1750, Aaron Moore, 9 Oct. 1725; d. Oct 1785, in Fayette Co., Pa., son of George and Elizabeth (Lucas) Moore, dau. of John Lucas. Aaron & Mary (Prather) Moore, moved from Md., to Fayette Co., Pa., 1769, and took up land, and thought they were in Monongahalia Co., Va. They were parents of 10 children and became Ancestors of President Jefferson Davis (C. S. A.).
5. Capt. Basil Prather, b. 3 May 1731, Queen Anne's Parish; d. 1803, at his farm (d. "Fox hill, near Louisville, Ky. N. 1st. in Md. Name unknown, by whom he had 3 ch. Capt. Henry Prather, of Mercer Co. Ky. 1749-1820, who m. Elizabeth Wilson, 1786, in Nelson Co. Ky., and Richard Prather, d. 1801, Nelson Co. Ky. M. Mary Churchill of the family for whom Churchill Downs at Louisville is named. Capt. Basil Prather M. 2nd 26 Feb. 1789, Jefferson Co. Ky. Frances Merriwether, b. Va. 15 Aug. 1770; 24 Feb. 1850, dau. of George Merriwether decd. and g.dau. of Wm. Merriwether. 5 ch. In the spring of 1775, Capt. Basil, Thomas & Henry Prather went to Va., to Ky. and built cabins to establish claims for lands, and later returned to Md. and served in the Revo. war.

Children of Thomas & Elizabeth (Clagett) Prather, continued:

6. Henry Prather, b. Sept. 11, 1732, Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's Co., Md. Died 29 Aug. 1775, Antrim Township, Cumberland Co., Province of Pennsylvania. Mar. 9 May 1754, Elizabeth Hicks, b. Feb. 11, 1736; d. 17 Sept., 1805, dau. of Nicholas and Christian Hicks. He was a 2nd Lieut. in Capt. J. Beall's Co., Oct. 9, 1752 to Nov. 8, 1758, French and Indian War; Md. He was Justice of the Peace, 1770-1771, now Franklin Co. then Cumberland Co. Pa. 6 children.
7. Martha Sprigg Prather, b. 15 March, 1734, Queen Anne's Parish, P. G. Co, md. Died 15 March, 1734 (infant). Twin of Elanor (below).
8. Elanor Prather, b. 15 March, 1734, Queens Anne's Parish, P. G. Co., Md. Mar. _____ Friend. Elanor died, after 1785.
9. Charles Prather, b. 18 Sept. 1735, Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's Co., Md. Founder of (and Proprietor) Charlestown (now Wellsburg) Brooks Co., Va. (now West Virginia.) died at Wellsburg 25 Sept. 1810; married about 1760-61, Mrs. Ruth (Tarnhill) Radford, widow of John Radford (d. 1759) of Maryland. She was born 1732 and died at Wellsburg, 7 Oct., 1807. Both are buried at Wellsburg. Charles served in Md. Colonial Militia, French and Indian War, Frederick Co., Md. He also took Oath of Allegiance 1778, Washington Co., Md. Charles Prather sold out his land and moved to Brooks County, Va., (now W. Va.) where in 1778, he bought five hundred acres of bottom land from Jonathon Israel and Friend Cox (First settlers who built cabins in 1772). Charles Prather, who in selling lots, included a proviso in the deeds restraining buyers, from operating a Ferry across the Ohio River, in competition with himself & family. The Ferry that operated between Wellsburg, W. Va., and Brilliant, Ohio, (Car drivers 25 cents, with passengers 30 cents) operates under the original Prather Charter signed John Adams, 2nd President of the U. S. A. The settlement plotted 1790, Chartered as Charlestown, (named for Charles Prather the following year, and became the County Seat 1797, in 1816, to avoid confusion with two other towns of the same name, it was renamed Wellsburg, in honor of Charles Wells, Prather's son in law. Among their 3 children was Elizabeth Prather M. 24 July 1784 (as his second wife) Charles Wells, b. 6 Apr. 1745, Baltimore Co. (he had married first Rachel Owings on 27 Dec. 1764, and by her had 10 children before her death on 17 May 1783). By Elizabeth (Prather) Wells he had 12 children making a total of 22 children he fathered. Twenty Wells a dau. and 20th child called Twenty in Charles Well's Will

Children of Thomas & Elizabeth (Clagett), continued:

10. Capt. James Prather, b. Jan. 27, 1735, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince Geo. Co., Md. Birth recorded in Queen Anne's Parish Register, page 321. He served in French & Indian War, and the Revo. War, in Md. He died 22 April 1818, in Allegany Co., Md. M. 1st Name unknown, who died before 1779. They were parents of four daughters. M. (2) 1779, Sarah Beatty, b. ca. 1755; d. before Feb. 10, 1829. D. in Allegany Co. Daughter of Judge Thomas Beatty, 1703-1768, and his wife Mary Beatty.
11. Sarah Prather, b. Feb. 2, 1739, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's Co., Md. M. _____ Sharon.
12. Ann Prather, b. Jan. 1, 1740, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's Co., Md. M. Lt. Col. Theophilus Phillips, of Pa. (Revo. War), both buried in Pa. Their dau: Mary Phillips, Mar. Thomas Prather, son of Thomas & Margaret Prather.
13. Elizabeth Prather, b. Jan. 10, 1742, in Queen Anne's Parish, Prince Geo. Co., Md. "Died young unmarried"

After the death of Elizabeth (Clagett) Prather, 1765, 23 years after her last child was born. Col. Thomas Prather, M. (2) 1767, Jeanette Smiley, and by her had one

1. Son:

1. Thomas Prather, b. 1770, in Md. Little is preserved of his early youth beyond the fact that he was an industrious young man of good qualifications, who crossed the mountains about 1790, and coming down the Ohio river from Pittsburgh, established a Store in Louisville, Ky. The exact date of his coming down the Ohio is not known, although it is certain that he was keeping a Store here as early as May 1-1794, as evidenced by an order of Col. John Thurston, of that date for one pound of six penny nails and a quire of paper. Being successful in business he made annual trips to Philadelphia, Pa., to lay in his stock of goods, and in 1805, when returning home from one of those trips, he met with John J. Jacobs, then a young man from Pomney, Va. Becoming interested in him he invited him to live temporarily in Louisville, and after a time took him into partnership, thus laying the foundation of a long and successful business connection, under the firm name of Prather & Jacobs. Mr. Prather had then enlarged his business, and in addition to his Mercantile establishment, was engaged in the manufacture of salt at Bullits Lick (Near Shepherdsville), as this being the chief source for the West, the business became large and lucrative. Thomas Prather, and John J. Jacobs, became Louisville's first Millionaires. Thomas Prather, M. Feb. 12, 1800, Matilda

Children of Col. Thomas & Martha (Sprigg) Prather, continued:

4. John Smith Prather, b. 1706; d. 1763 (Named for Stepfather
 M. Feb. 17, 1726, Elizabeth Muthall (His Mother's niece.
 8 ch.

5. Philip Gittens Prather, b. 1707-8
 M. 1728, Catherine Hunt, she died abt. 1735-38; dau. of John Hunt, of Md.
 Their ch:
 - a. Margaret Prather, b. 14 Sept. 1730; d. 1820; m. (her cousin) 1st Lt.
 Thomas Clagett Prather, b. May 9, 1726; killed in battle of Loyallanna,
 Pa. Oct. 11, 1758; (French & Indian war) Married 9, May 1750. Margaret
 M. (2) Thomas Freeman, Esq. no issue by Freeman. Margaret died 30 July
 1820, Franklin Co., Ky. at the home of her granddaughter Margaret
 (Prather) Lillard, and here was the first burial in the old Lillard family
 cemetery near Lawrenceburg, Ky. Margaret Prather mher g.dau. M. Ephraim Lillard
 - b. Martha Prather, b. 17 Jan. 1753; nothing further known.
 - c. Thomas Prather, b. 1751; d. 1786; married July 17, 1776, in Westmoreland
 Co. Pa. to (his cousin) Mary Phillips b. July 17, 1760, in Pg., dau. of
 Lt. Col. Theophilus Phillips, and his wife Ann (Prather) Phillips of Pa.
 (Rev..soldier. Thomas and his wife Mary (Phillips) Prather moved to where
 is now Harrodsburg (Then Fort Harrod) Mercer Co., Ky., where he died 1786.
 - d. John Hunt Prather, b. 1735; M. Ellender Turner; moved to Madison Co. Ky.
 where he died 1813. (Ancestors of the Madison Co., & Garrard Co. Ky. Prathers.

5. Phillip Prather M. (20 Margery___? Their son Phillip Prather 11 was b. 1750-1
 Conococheague Manor, Frederick Co. Md. and taken by his parents, in Sept., 1756,
 to Rowan Co., N. C. (that part which later (1771) was made into Guilford Co. N. C.
 He M. 16 July 1775, on Haw River in same Co., by Rev. Bucklejohn, to Susannah
 Hubbard, b. 1757; d. 9 Aug. 1848. Phillip Prather, 1, and his children by his
 second wife moved from N. C. to S. C. (Pendleton Co., which became District of
 Pickens. Phillip and his wife were parents of 10 children.

6. Aaron Prather, b. 1711 In P. G. Co., Md., d. near Rockville, Montgomery Co. 1777.
 M. Oct. 10, 1738, (his cousin) Jane Prather, b. 1710, d. 1779; dau. of
 Jonathan & Elizabeth (Biggers) Prather. Son Basil Robertson Prather M. 1742;
 M. 1765, Chlorinda Robertson; 1742 they moved from Md. to Rowan Co. Nc., later
 Fredell Co. N. C. to Clark Co., Ind. 1801. Ancestors of the Indiana Prathers.

Quishorn, ^{Procter} ^{Fawcett} Sept 17, 1943 -
H. Cab. 2219 Club-Road

RECD SEP 19 1945

Dear Miss Ingham,

As I thought this

clipping might interest you

I am sending you from

Quishorn Sep - Sat 9 Monday

I cut the date, hope I haven't

got the date.

Mr Willard wrote to me that

Carson Prather was from about

The Filson Hist

1709, also that Lettie McConnell
Prather, gave her birth place, as
Va. in 1850 Census of Jennings
Co. Ind. Also Mr Richard Lee Dea-
th of Cal. gave the marriage of
Lettie McConnell to William
Prather as in Lancaster Co. Va.
and of course, one of the sons
of Basil Prather was
named Simon not Simon.
Glad you like the "Brosnan's
Dale. Sincerely (Mrs) E. B. Stebbins

book.
I dont know when I will be home.
I think I'll go to Washington to
visit before going home. My
boy will not be released for
a year longer.
I hope you are quite well
again. We go to Raleigh, to
State Archives, every week, and
to Duke library, and N. of?
Car at Chapel Hill. All are very
interesting. Remember me to Mrs
Dale. Sincerely (Mrs) E. B. Stebbins

Responded 10/7/95

Prather family

ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION
of
THOMAS PRATHER, 1604-1666, DESCENDANTS & ALLIED KIN

Compiled & Edited by:

E. Jack Prather,
Genola Arnold Prather
Kandie Prather Adkinson

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E. Jack Prather
335 N. Broadway
Georgetown, KY 40324-1305

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Mail To: _____

April 23 1953

Dear Sirs

I'm searching for the family history
of Nancy Ann Slaten, she was born
17 July, 1871 Louisville Kentucky to
W. H. Slaten born
8 Jan 1840
and -
S. J. Prather born
5 Aug 1839

APR 28 1953

I'm in need of the Father + Mother's full
names and where they were born
and who their parents are -
I have the names of W. H. Slaten's other
children and when they were born but
not the places - or were they died or when.
Please let me know if you can help me
and how much I should send.

Thanking you -
Sadie M. Moxley
Rt 2. Box 5
Elsinore, Calif.

Nancy Ann Slaten
married William Thomas Moxley -
about 1892 -

Prather
family

10 September 1970

Mr. W.M. Redditt, Jr.
P.O. Box 1222
Shreveport, Louisiana 71102

Dear Mr. Redditt;

The state of Kentucky did not begin registration of births and deaths in an organized degree until January 1911. There are, however, some isolated cases of this type of registration before 1911. I suggest you write the Kentucky State Board of Health, Department of Vital Statistics, Frankfort, Kentucky and inquire if birth records for the city of Louisville include the date of 5 June 1870.

In our library are almost all city Directories from 1832 to the present time but in the early days there are some gaps in this source of information. Street addresses in 1870 and 1880 can be located in various wards of the city but census records do not follow the locations in alphabetical manner, however. The 1870 census is some shorter than that of 1880 but in some instances one must devote a great deal of time to hunting families and individuals through these listings. If Henrietta Elizabeth Prather's parents died in this county, it would be easier, I think, to hunt Henrietta through a will or an estate settlement. Or her marriage might give the name of one parent.

Of course, we do not undertake genealogical research as our staff is small. For work of this type I suggest you write Mrs. Clyde W. Hamm, 3507 Pinecone Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40222. We have had many Prathers in Louisville since Thomas and Basil Prather arrived about 1800 or a little later and were among the truly prominent and prosperous citizens of early Louisville. Our Broadway was called, originally, Prather's Row in honor of Thomas Prather.

Sincerely,

Evelyn R. Dale

Acting Curator

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1 September 1970

The Filson Club
118 Breckinridge St
Louisville, Kentucky 40200

Re: Henrietta Elizabeth Prather
born 5 June 1870. Louisville.

Gentlemen:-

I am trying to ascertain the parents and grand
parents of Henrietta Elizabeth Prather, born in
Louisville, Ky., 5 June 1870. She should be listed
on both the 1870 & 1880 Federal Census records.

Does your library possibly have City Directories
for this period that would show the Prather families
living there then? If found in the City Directory,
would there be any way of knowing in what Ward they
lived?.

Is it possible that birth records were kept this
early?

Does your manuscript department contain any printed
information on the Prather family?

Am enclosing \$1.00 for Xerox copies of anything
that you might find that would be of help to us.

I remain, yours truly

W. M. Redditt Jr.
W. M. Redditt Jr.

Mrs. Harry East Miller
June 30, 1936

Prather family

June 30, 1936

Mrs. Harry East Miller,
320 Perkins St.,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

In going over some old mail today I am embarrassed to find that your letter received January 22nd had not been answered. You are asking about the Prather and Dickenson families.

You state your father was William Lindsey Prather. In the 1864-5 City Directory of Louisville, I find the entry,-

Prather, William L., farmer residence Newburgh Road,
4 miles from City.

We have made abstracts of the first four will books of Jefferson County, copies of these abstracts being part of our archives.

In Book 3, pages 354-355, is recorded the will of Thomas Prather, Sr., dated Sept. 15, 1843, proven Jan. 8, 1844. He mentions wife Elizabeth to whom he leaves "my interest in my mother's place". Mentions sons Richard C., Thomas and George M., (to last named leaves ~~xxxx~~ his interest in land on Mississippi River, 400 acres) son William Lindley Prather and daughter Nancy Jane interest in 400 acres of land on Mayfield Creek, Ballard Co., also mentions daughter Elizabeth F.

This William Lindley must be William Lindsey Prather, your father, which would make him the son of Thomas and Elizabeth.

In the marriage records of Jefferson County, I find

"Thomas Prather, Jr. and Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Richard Cox license issued Feb. 23, 1818 returned 24th by D.C. Banks, who was a Presbyterian minister.

Harry East Miller #2
June 30, 1936

Mrs. George Nicholas of this city has done some work on the Prather family I think, and if you still want some one to do this genealogical research for you, I suggest you write to her. Her address is 1080 Baxter Avenue, Louisville. I think you will find her charges reasonable. In writing her I suggest you give her more dates than you did me. Give the dates of your parents birth and death and when and where they married. Any one hunting up this material will probably have to work in the Court house for marriages after 1845, for that is as late as we have copied them.

I hope the above takes your line back one generation. Of course I am not sure that the Thomas who died with wife Elizabeth is the same as the one who married Elizabeth Cox, but if you send dates that may help.

Yours very truly,

Indie J. Kinkead, Curator

Historical Society

Mr Harry East Miller

320 PERKINS STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

REC'D JAN 22 1935

The Filson Historical Club, -

Dear Sir, -

The Reverend Charles
Henry Prather of Louisville, wrote
me, that I could get some
information about my mother's
and Father's people, who resided
in Louisville until after the
war and came out to California
in the late 40's, where I
was born. Both my parents
have been dead for over ten
years and our family records
are all scattered. My mother's

name was
Laura Coleman the
daughter of John Dickes
and my Father's name was
Wm Lindsay Prather.

I have often heard my
mother speak of John
Marshall, as a Cousin and
my Father speak of Basil
Prather of the Revolutionary
War - Could it be possible
with such slight informa-
tion for you to furnish me
with any family data? Any
expense, incurred by your
Society, in looking up any

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320 PERKINS STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

records, will be gladly
paid by me.

I had the pleasure of visiting
beautiful Care Hill Cemetery
with the Rev. C. H. Prather three
summers ago and saw the
Prather tomb - lot 6 3 Section 9-1
grave no. 12 - it was with
deep regret that it was im-
possible for me to stay
and look up some records, at
that time -

Trusting that I am
not encroaching too much

on your time and hoping
that I will soon hear from
you, believe me

Very Sincerely

Nepal Prather Miller

Mr Harry Earl Miller

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The Filson Historical Society

Freeman, November 29; another John Prather married Anna Elliott, July 30, 1808; Thomas Prather married Caroline Moran, September 28, 1816; and Thomas Prather married Emily Pulley, August 28, 1848; Edmond Prater (Prather) married Mary Jenkins, the daughter of Edward Jenkins, December 14, 1789. There is also a John Prater (or Prather) Jr., who married

I am sorry I cannot give you the information for which you ask but trust this may lead you to something.

Yours very truly,

September 1, 1933

Louis J. Kinkead,

CLARK

Mrs. Jesse H. Coffman,
Ave., Missouri

P.S. - Madison County was formed in 1785 from Lincoln. I have searched the Lincoln County records but can add nothing further to that I wrote

My dear Mrs. Coffman:

I congratulate you upon finding the father of your Stephen Prather, born 1752, died 1856, and his father you say was Thomas. From your letter I judge that Thomas' father was John H. whose will you have found dated August 10, 1804, probated January 3, 1814, Madison County, Kentucky. From this I judge he died probably the last part of 1813.

We have the marriage records of Madison County. I have just looked over those and I find a good many Prathers. Some of these I give you below.

John Prather married Louise Willis, January 24, 1842; Philip Prather married Susanah Green, September 25, 1802; James Prather married Hannah Freeman, November 29, ¹⁷⁹² another John Prather married Anna Elliott, July 30, 1808; Thomas Prather married Caroline Moran, September 28, 1816; and Thomas Prather married Emily Pulley, August 28, 1848; Edmond Prater (Prather) married Mary Jenkins, the daughter of Edward Jenkins, December 14, 1789. There is also a John Prater (or Prather) Jr., who married Peggy Dover, April 29, 1791. These may or may not interest you, but some of those names are in the will of your John H.

I wonder if you should not go to Maryland for your search on the Prathers.. I find in the Maryland Records by Brumbaugh, Volume 1, page 261, in the records of All Saints Parish, Frederick County, this entry: Thomas Prather and Elizabeth. Daughter; Elizabeth born January 10, 1742/3. In Volume 2 of Brumbaugh, page 44, in Dorchester County, I find that on December 9, 1752, Colonel Thomas Prather was holding a lease on 214 acres of land for which he paid annually 1-1-4 3/4 on which there were fines due of 2-2-9 1/2. He was 60 years old and it makes the statement that Elizabeth and Thomas Clegett Prather were both dead.

We have the calendar of Maryland Wills through Volume 8, which brings it only to 1744; too early to be of assistance to you. I merely want you to see however that I notice the name Prather in the Index.

In the will of Martha Yoakley, widow, Charles County, dated June 19, 1742, proven, November 13, 1742, I notice she mentions Aaron Prather, daughter Eleanor Williams, Thomas Prather, John Smith Prather, Philip Prather.

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September 1, 1933

MRS. JESSE HAYES COFFMAN

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MISSOURI

Mrs. Jesse H. Coffman.

Aug 23, 1933

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Yours very truly,

Ludie J. Kinhead,
Curator

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Dear Sir -
about a year ago asking for help in regard to information
Stephen Prather - my great grand-father
I have found his father's father
John H. - who died in Madison Co. Ky. His will (Book B, page 13 names John Ellender, son Philip and other children John, Edward, Thomas, James Sarah and Cate. Dated Aug 10, 1814, probated Jan 3, 1814.
I do not know his birth & death dates nor who

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MRS. JESSE HAYES COFFMAN
AVA
MISSOURI

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Aug 23, 1933

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Dear Sir

Since writing you about a year ago asking for help in regard to information on Stephen Prather - my great grand-father¹⁷⁶² - I have found his father to be Thomas - and recently have found another ancestor John H - who died in Madison Co. Ky.

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MRS. JESSE HAYES COFFMAN
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MISSOURI

Ellender (his wife) was. Your letter
was so lovely and unusually kind and
human that I have presumed
to write again. It seems that
I just can't give up this
matter and I have made some
most interesting contacts.
May I hear from you
again?

Yours very truly -
Society

Prather

MEMBERS OF THE OLD MEN'S CLUB OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MO.
WHO WERE BORN IN KENTUCKY BUT DIED IN MO.

- Shotwell, Jabez-November 28, 1791, ^{died} charter member ~~and~~ first clerk
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Vaughan, John-September 3, 1795-January 22, 1875 ^{Dt.} charter member
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Chrisman, George T. May 7, 1794-September 13, 1875
Graham, George T. May 7, 1794 ^{Genl.} a hatter
Williams, Howard-December 5, 1797 - d. Dec 26, 1873
Ford, John R.-May 8, 1801
Bledsoe, Hiram M. August 2, 1798-October 25, 1876
Renick, Rev. Robert - March 16, 1798-May 20, 1875
Locke, David-Sept. 3, 1799 - d. Jan 12, 1878
Baird, James-July 11, 1803-June 11, 1875
Prather, Philip-Feb 27, 1799-December 6, 1885
Chanslor, Isaac- January 23, 1799 - d. April 26, 1883

*Prather
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November 7, 1968

Mr. Robert L. Eardley
1520 Custer Avenue
Billings, Montana 59102

Dear Mr. Eardley:

The surname of Prather is not an unusual one in Kentucky. Many of the Prathers I have known had Maryland ancestry but no doubt, many were found in Virginia, also.

I believe Sarah's parents will be found in the place where she married William Dunbar. We have very few marriage records of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. Their court house burned a few years ago and many records were lost.

There is available in Louisville a very good professional genealogist, Mrs. Clyde W. Hamm, 3507 Pinecone Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40222. You might write her of your genealogical problem and ask if she feels research in Jefferson County, Kentucky would be advisable. Also, she might find names of heads of household in the 1810 census (and some following) of Breckinridge County. Have you explored any records in Stark County, Illinois?

Sincerely,

Evelyn R. Dale
Acting Curator

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Robert L. Eardley
1520 Custer Avenue
Billings, Montana 59102
November 2, 1968

Filson Club Library
118 W. Brenkinridge St.
Louisville, Ky.

Gentlemen,

I recently received information that indicates that ancestors of mine of the name of Prather may have resided in Jefferson County at one time. An ancestor Wm. Dunbar married a Sarah Prather who was born in Virginia about 1792 and they lived in Breckinridge Co. for a short time before moving to Stark Co., Illinois in 1834. I know nothing more concerning the origin of the Prathers.

Do you have any advice as to where I could search to find information concerning Sarah's parents? Anything you might offer would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Robert L. Eardley

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118 WEST BRECKINRIDGE STREET

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40203

January 6, 1986

Mr. Walt Lowe
Arkansas Educational Television
350 South Donaghey Street
Conway, Arkansas 72032

Dear Mr. Lowe:

I have been able to find a few things for you about the Prathers in Mercer County Kentucky. There were several Prather families in early Kentucky - some very prominent ones in Louisville - and more than one family in Mercer County.

I have numbered the enclosed photocopies so I can more easily explain them.

1. The 1830 census for Mercer County Kentucky. The woman was probably Newton Prather's mother as this was after his father's death.

2. 1820 census for Mercer County Kentucky. (Note the various spellings of the name Prather in these records.) Although there is no woman listed who would be old enough to be Henry's wife and the mother of these children, when I checked the microfilm I see that the page is divided so that the column for females 45 and over is on the facing page. There is 1 female in that age category. Evidently the person making this list didn't notice that. Also Henry had several slaves.

3. Henry Prather's will abstract - Mercer County Kentucky. These two listings, where you see one son named Isaac in one place and Newton in another, makes you believe that this son is indeed Isaac Newton Prather.

4. I'm not sure who this is. It could be a misprint - J. Newton rather than I. Newton - but the names were too similar for me to ignore.

Mr. Walt Lowe
January 6, 1986
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5. This is another one I'm not sure of. This could well be Henry's parents. The place is right. The time is fairly close, depending on how old this Henry Prather was when Thomas died in 1786. The names are many of the same as Henry's children who are listed in his will. There was a Thomas Freeman listed on the 1795 Mercer County tax list. In another section of the 1795 tax list there was a Henry Prather.

6. This really makes me wonder whether there were two Henry Prathers. Although fairly young men did serve in the defense of the various stations, I don't know whether this man could have been old enough to serve in 1778-1781 and still be the son of Thomas (see #5 above - born in 1751).

7 & 8. These census records are self-explanatory.

9. 1840 census record for Charles Baker, Madison County Kentucky. I also checked the 1850 census records. Although several Charles Bakers were listed there were none in Madison or Mercer Counties.

10. Marriage records for Charles Baker and Fanny Sanders.

11. This is the pension abstract for Charles Baker of Madison County Kentucky. If your Charles Baker was born in 1800 in Madison County, it is very possible that this is his father (although in the 1800 tax list for Madison County, there were several other Bakers listed). You will note that on the top of the second page where Catherine Baker is talking about her children, she says that her son Charles took the family Bible with him to Missouri. In a will index we have here for Madison County Kentucky I find a will for Charles Baker in Will Book H, page 233 (1843). Although we have the index we don't have microfilm of the will books. If this would be of help to you, it should be available on microfilm at a branch of the Mormon Library or the books themselves in the County Clerk's office in Richmond, Kentucky.

After looking over this information, I'm not sure whether I've helped or just confused things further. Searching early 1800s records often does not produce definite answers, in large part because the only name on the census records was the head of the household, but also because birth and death records were not kept except by the families themselves.

Mr. Walt Lowe
January 6, 1986
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I did look through various general volumes such as the histories of Madison and Mercer Counties, several different Kentucky histories, Swem's Virginia Index, and our own individual family files for each of these family names. If you have questions about this material or other things you'd like for me to look for, I'd be glad to try again.

Sorry this took a little longer than I anticipated. As I told you on the phone, we have had several staff members off over the holidays, and then a "flu" bug paid us a visit and several more of our staff ended up being off.

Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Jan Frederick

Mrs. Michael C. Frederick

Madison Historical Society

25 E. 22d St.
Tulsa, Okla. 74114
Aug. 3, 1967

The Filson Club
118 W. Breckenridge St.
Louisville, Ky. 40203

Dear Librarian;

Could you please give some help with the family of (Capt.) Basil Prather. Particularly his children. He settled at Louisville abt. 1790.

I have a note that he may be found in Kathleen Jennings' "Louisville's First families".

Another clue is that he may have had a estate named "Fox Hall" on which there was a cemetery.

If you find anything that you think would be useful to me, please send photo copy, for which I enclose 2 \$1.00 bills.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



A. E. Pierce.

Filson Historical Society

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29 March 1971

Mr. Mike Crain
Box 319
Campbellsville College
Campbellsville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Crain:

I regret to say that I have no information about the service of George Cocanougher in the War of 1812. In fact, I fail to find his name in Wuisenberry's Index to Kentuckians in the war but this index is not perfect, by any means. Have you asked the National Archives, General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. for a record of his service?

I have checked early wills of Washington Co., Kentucky and I do not find this gentleman. As you live fairly close to Springfield, county seat of Washington, I suggest that you visit their court house and search primary source records for this family.

The Louisville street now known as Broadway was named, originally, Prather Street in honor of Thomas Prather, a wealthy and prominent citizen who came, early, to Louisville. I believe the name of Broadway came into existence about 1850 or, perhaps, a little later. Certainly, I have never heard that construction of this street relied on funds by the late Henry Watterson who was not a man of wealth, by any means.

We would be glad to have you visit The Filson Club and make use of any of our records which would be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Evelyn R. Dale
Curator

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Evelyn R. Dale
Curator

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MAR 24 1971

Box 319

Campbellsville College
Campbellville, Kentucky
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The Fibon Club
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Fellow Historians:

For many years I have been doing research on my family ancestry. Recently I have discovered that I am a direct descendant of George Cocanougher (Cokenhour), a veteran of the War of 1812. I am writing to see if you have any information about where he served during this time. He was a resident of Washington County, Kentucky. He lived from 1793-1845. Any information about him would indeed be helpful.

John Cocanougher (Cokenhour - old spelling), a son of the previous mention George, lived from 1831-1893 for the most part in Washington County, Kentucky.

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also. He fought in the Civil War. Would you perhaps be able to tell me where he also served?

A final request is for information concerning the street in Louisville, Kentucky, named Broadway. I have heard that this was constructed largely by funds made available by Henry Watterson. Is this true, if not what is? I shall anxiously await your responses. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Mike Crain
Box 319 C'ville College
Campbellsville, Ky. 42718

Recd
Mar 7, 94

Prather

P.O. Box 213
Marshfield Hills, MA 02051-0213

4 March 1994

Nellie Oliver, Genealogy Specialist
The Filson Club
1310 South Third Street
Louisville, KY 40208

Dear Ms. Oliver:

Thank you for your reply to my request for research. I am a member and would like to request a maximum of three hours of research. I presume you will bill me when the research has been done if you have staff time. Otherwise, I would be interested in knowing the name of a genealogist who is knowledgeable of Bardstown, KY.

I am trying to identify a Richard Prather who married Mary (Polly) Churchill [see Todhunter, The Churchill Family Genealogy] in Jefferson County on 23 February 1794. Richard Prather died intestate in Nelson County before 11 May 1801 when an inventory of his estate was made. Richard and Mary (Churchill) Prather were the parents of Eliza Churchill Prather who was born in Nelson County and married James Guthrie in 1821.

A Richard Prather was listed in Nelson County in the 1790 Census of Kentucky along with a Thomas Prather. I have also looked at Residents of Nelson County Virginia (Now Kentucky) Recorded in Tithable and Tax Lists, vol. 1-4. In a 1792 listing of tithables for Nelson County, Richard Prather was listed as over 21 years of ages. In 1793 Richard is listed as having one cattle and one "retale" store. Richard does not appear in the listing of tithables after 1793, but there is listed either Prather and Smiley, Prathers and Smiley or Smiley and Prather for the years 1794-1796. In the 1796 listing of tithable, Smiley and Prather are listed as having 2 lots worth 100 pounds in "Beardstown" [Bardstown].

I would be interested in any information you might have about Richard Prather and the store of Smiley and Prather in Bardstown. I am particularly interested in the parents (and ancestry) of Richard. Any information that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Esther Coke

The Filson Club

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March 30, 1994

Esther Coke
P.O. Box 213
Marshfield Hill, Ma 02051-0213

Dear Ms. Coke:

After an attempt to find an answer for you concerning the parentage of a Richard Prather in Nelson Co., I have not been successful.

I had no trouble in finding materials concerning the Prathers, as they were one of the earliest families in Louisville, and we have quite a bit on this branch. However, I am not able to find a connection to the Richard in Nelson Co.

At the end of an article in our files on Louisville's first families, on the Prather family, (I enclose a copy), Richard is mentioned as another member of the Maryland family, and was a trustee of the town of Louisville in 1797.

I am also enclosing to you other Prather references, and materials that may shed light on your search.

Please send to me \$15.00 for one hour search, as this is all that is allowed to me at any one request. If I can help you further, I'll try to do so.

Sincerely,

Nettie Oliver

Nettie Oliver

The Filson Historical Society

Jonathan Prather, Jr. →
d. 1680⁸ Calvert Co., Md.
in England, Va. ? ca 1630-35
Gene -

Thomas Prather
b. 1604 in Wiltshire, Eng.
in Va before 1638
in Mary —

d. 1713 Pr. Geo. Co., Md.
m. 2nd John Smith
of Calvert Co., Md.

Prather's
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Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date 2-5-86

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Thomas Linticum
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 1701
 p.b.
 m. 1724
 d. 1766
 p.d.

2 Zachariah Linticum
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 1735
 p.b.
 m. 1757 (first)
 d. 1808
 p.d.

5 Sarah Burton
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 1706
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

1 Thomas Prather, Sr.
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 1770
 p.b.
 m. 1793
 d. 1850
 p.d. Bardstown

8 John Prather
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 1715 June 12
 p.b.
 m. 1735
 d. 1796
 p.d. Montgomery Co., Md.?

3 Sarah Prather
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 1738
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d. 1787

7 Reckel Odle Odell
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 1717
 p.b.
 d. 1784
 p.d.

Nancy (Anne) Williams
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 177- d. 1843
 p.b. p.d.

8 Thomas Linticum
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 1674
 p.b. Anne Arundel Co., Md.
 m. 1698
 d. 1741
 p.d.

9 Deborah Wayman
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

10 Jos. Burton
 (Father of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

11 _____
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

12 Wm. Prather
 (Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b. Calvert Co., Md.
 m. 1698
 d. 1748
 p.d. Pr. Geo. Co., Md.

13 Ann Yates
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. Baltimore?
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

14 Thomas Odell Jr.
 (Father of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

15 Margaret Beall
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

16 Thomas Linticum
 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 1643 Wales
 m.
 d. 1701 Anne Arundel Co.

17 Jane
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

18 Leonard Wayman
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

19 Dorcas Abbott
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

20 _____
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

21 _____
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

22 _____
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

23 _____
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

24 Jonathan Prather
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.

25 Jane
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. See on next of chart
 b.
 m.

26 George Yates
 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.

27 Mary Wells-Stockett
 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.
 b.
 d.

28 _____
 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.

29 _____
 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.
 b.
 d.

30 _____
 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.

31 _____
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.
 b.
 d.

PRATER (PRATHER), ETCH-ATER, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND

ORIGIN AND MEANING OF FAMILY NAME: (son of rhydderch or Rhudderch, the brown reddish ^{one)}
The name Prather, originally Prator, is English-Welsh.

The meaning:

This surname means "a reeve" (a Government Official) from Latin praetor.

An early recorded example of this surname is from Lincolnshire in about 1150 when a Willielmus Prator is mentioned.

ARMS:

Sable, three wolves' heads erased argent on a chief or, a lion passant of the first.

CREST:

A pegasus courant sable, ducally gorged or.

OTTO:

None recorded.

AUTHORITY:

The Heraldry Center Northgate Canterbury Kent England

Sir Bernard Burke's The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Smith's Dictionary of American Family Names.

PICTURES AS ABOVE DESCRIBED:

The shield is sable (black). Thereon are three wolves' heads erased (torn forcibly from the body), argent (silver).

The chief (upper third of the shield) is or (gold).

Thereon is a lion passant (walking) of the first color mentioned sable.

The pegasus of the crest is courant (murring) sable (black) ducally gorged (ducal coronet around the neck) or (gold).

SYNCOLORE:

Sable- gold its name from the fur lining of royal robes, it indicates constancy and nobility.

Silver- charity, chastity and clear conscience.

Sable with silver - "Most fair", said by the ancient heraldist.

The wolf was a "Wrangler in Parliament".

The lion, king of beasts, was emblematic of deathless courage.

The ducal coronet was the ancient symbol of command.

PRATER-PLOTT-TRYE-QUINTYNE

Our ancestor proved to be John Prater, Gentlemen, born about 1480, in England, died before June 20, 1547, and his wife Elene died 1557 of Inglesham Manor, which must have been quite large as his land lay in Wiltshire, and Berkshire and Gloucestershire, right on the Thames river. If you look at a map of England, where Wiltshire, Berkshire, and Gloucestershire meet on the Thames, you will see just where his manor was. Both John and Elene Prater are buried in the Chancel of Inglesham Church, which was the Church on his Manor in Wiltshire.

Their first son and heir was George Prater, (Our ancestor) born 1510 at Inglesham Manor, Wiltshire, who inherited the bulk of his estate including Inglesham Manor, and Stanton Manor and Latton Manor etc; in Wiltshire, England. George Prater married about 1534, Jane Plott, born 1515, daughter of Richard Plott, of Plewrye Manor, in Berkshire. George Prater, died 1564 at Latton Manor, Wiltshire, and is buried in Latton Church. His wife Jane (Plott) Prater died at Latton Manor, Wiltshire and is buried in Latton Church beside her husband. She was buried Feb. 5th, 1587. (Latton Church Parish Register)

The second surviving son of George and Jane (Plott) Prather was our ancestor. He (Anthony) inherited Stanton Manor, Wiltshire. Born about 1555; died 1593 at Stanton Manor, Wiltshire. He married 1572, Judith Trye born 1550, West Kington, Wiltshire. Judith died Feb. 16, 1578 and is buried in Trye burial section, south aisle of East Kington Church in Wiltshire, where Anthony placed a monumental inscription to her Prater coat-of-arms, and names of all their six children including their youngest son (Our ancestor).

Thomas Prater, born 1577; who married 1599 at Clyffe Pipard Church, Wiltshire, Margaret Quintyne born 1578; died 1628, Wiltshire, daughter of Henry and Alice Quintyne of Bushton, Wiltshire. Anthony Prater died 1593 at Stanton Manor, and buried Aug. 21, 1593 at Church of Stanton, St. Bernard, Wiltshire

English records

Anthony's son: Thomas Prater and Margaret (Quintyne) Prather (our ancestors) had a son, Thomas Prater, born 1604 at Eaton Water House, in North Wiltshire, Prater property, who ran away from home and came as a stow-away on ship "Marie Providence", landed 1622 at Elizabeth City, Va., where John Powell (Probably a relative) paid the ships Captain for Thomas P Prater's transportation and he agreed to work for Powell until transportation was paid. Thomas remained and worked for John Powell for several years and in 1627 when he received his own land, he married Mary___?, but she was of English ancestry.

It may interest you to know that Richard Prater, older brother of our ancestor Anthony Prater, Gentleman of Stanton Manor, Wiltshire, was the first son and only heir of George and Jane (Plott) Prater, so inherited the bulk of the Prater property, and this Richard died 1680, owned and lived at Nunney Castle in Somersetshire, about two miles southwest of Fromme, Somersetshire. This Castle was built 1290 by Sir John De Le Mere, Knight, who is buried there in St. Peters Church at the Manor land village of Nunney, on a blue top tomb w/coat-of-arms, and recumbent statue with a lion at his feet. Richard Prater married Margaret Ashfield, and he and his wife are also buried there with recumbent figures and the Prater and Ashfield and other coat-of-arms around ends and sides of tomb. Richard's son and heir George Prater and his wife Mary Fitzjames are also buried there and other owners who were Lords of the Castle. This Castle is a compact, well built Castle with moat and drawbridge, and large iron gates with coat-of-arms on it. One of our Praters owned a Castle, and were of top Strata Gentry.

Brief English Lineage:

John Prater, Gentleman, b. ca. 1480; d. before June 20, 1547, in Wiltshire, Eng.
M. Elene___?, who died 1557, at Inglesham Manor, Wiltshire, Eng.

Their son:

George Prater, b. 1510, at Inglesham Manor, Wiltshire, Eng. d. 1564, at Latton Manor.
M. ca. 1534, Jane Plott, b. 1515, at Blewerye Manor, d. Feb. 3, 1587, at Latton Manor.

Their son:

Anthony Prater, b. ca. 1545; d. 1593, at Stanton Manor, Wiltshire, Eng.
M. 1572, Judith Inye, b. 1550; d. Feb. 16, 1578; buried in West Kingston, Wiltshire, Eng.

Their son:

Thomas Prater, b. 1577, at Stanton Manor. M. 1599, Margaret Quintyne, b. 1578, d. 1628

Their son:

Thomas Prater, b. 1604, landed 1622, at Elizabeth City, Virginia,

Thomas Prater, (Now spelled Prather) was born 1604, at Eaton-Water, a Manorial estate of the Praters near London, in North Wiltshire, England, not far from the Cathedral Town of Salisbury. When under age, in the spirit of adventure, he ran away from home and came as a stow-away on the Ship "Maria Providence" landing in "Elizabeth Cittie" (City) Virginia, in 1622. (Which is now known as Newport News, Virginia) About 1627, he received 50 acres of land there and married 1627, (Mary _____), but she was of English ancestry.

He procured the name of the Ship on which our ancestor arrived from a volume titled "Persons of Quality who left England to settle in the American Plantations, 1600-1624."

Children of Thomas & Mary Prater were:

1. Jonathan Prater (Prather) b. 1630, in Virginia, d. 1680, in Calvert Co., Md. s. ca 1654, in Virginia, Jane Goldsmith, b. ca. 1635, in Virginia, d. 1713, in Prince Georges Co., Md. Dau. of George & Mary Goldsmith, of Baltimore Co., Md. Jane Prather, m. 2nd ca. 1682, John Smith, of Mattapony Landing on the Patuxent River- now Prince Georges Co., Md.
2. Samuel Prater (Prather), went to Dorchester County, Maryland where he died 1679, leaving will; no male issue.
3. William Prater, Ensign in British Navy, went to Maryland 1659 (Maryland Provincial Records.) It is said he returned to England.
4. Richard Prater (Prator) was granted 100 acres by Thomas Browning, Aug. 16, 1663, in Rappahannock County, Virginia. (Old Rappahannock County, Virginia Grants.) Nothing further known.
5. John Prater (Prator), also went to Rappahannock County, Virginia prior to Aug. 24, 1664. (Old Rappahannock County, Virginia Grants.)

Jonathan Prater, b. 1639, in Virginia, married ca. 1654, in Virginia.
 Gene Goldsmith, b. ca. 1635, in Virginia, div. of George and Mary Goldsmith, of
 Baltimore County, Maryland. Jonathan & Gene come to Calvert County, Maryland,
 about 1655, where they settled and built "Prater's Hall" which was worked as a
 Manor, or perhaps it should be a plantation, but it was in Calvert County,
 Maryland, and owned by Jonathan Prater, the first of the family in Maryland.
 (It was our ancestor Jonathan 1, first spelled with h.) Prather.

The name was spelled Prater in England, and in the early American records,
 but gradually assumed the name Prather, although some of the present day
 branches still spell it Prater.

Jonathan & Gene come to Maryland, about the same time Spriggs, and Governor
 Stone. At all events the Prathers bore arms, and were of the same splendid
 stock, as the other Manor owners.

The Prater coat-of-arms that has come down in the family:

Prater Water Co., Wilts England, Arms: sable, three wolve's heads erased
 argent on a Chief or, A lion passant of the first.

Crest: A pegasus courant sable ducally gorged or.

"Prater's Hall" unfortunately was built on land surveyed 1653, for Cornelius
 Kennedy, so a law suit followed and they lost it, but moved to 100 acres
 granted to them by Lord Baltimore in his Calverton Manor, (Now Collington, Leesville, Md
 (Then Calvert County, but now Prince George's County, where Jonathan Prather 1,
 died in 1680, when his widow Gene Prather, was granted administration papers
 on his estate, and an inventory of personal property returned to the Court.

His widow, Gene married (2) about 1682, John Smith, a wealthy Scots planter
 of Mattapony Landing, on the Patuxent River now Prince George's County, Maryland.
 No issue by second marriage. John Smith, was a bachelor with no children of
 his own. He was every kind and generous stepfather to Gene's little boys and
 girls. As the boys reached their 18th year he gave each of them 200 acres of
 a large plantation which he named "Orphans Gift" Plantation in Prince George's
 County, Maryland, where Gene died 1713.

Will: Gene Smith, widow of Jno. Smith, Prince George's Co., Md. July 27, 1710
 Dec. 7, 1713. To sons William, Thomas and Jno. Prather, & the sons of Jno. Prather, viz:
 Jonathan and Thomas all household goods. Eliza eld. dau. of Jno. afd., Priscilla,
 eld. dau. of Wm. afd., Mary, eld. dau. of son Jno., and to Gene, dau. of James
 Mullikin, personality. Son William, a servant George Dunbar. Grandchild, Ann, Martha,
 Gene, Susannah, ch. of son Jno., To Thomas, Jno., Philip, Elanor & Rachel ch. of son
 Thomas; to Wm., Priscilla & Margaret, ch. of Wm. And to Jno., & the young next to
 John, children of son John, personality.

(In 1680 Jonathan Prather, 1, died suddenly of heart attack).

Jonathan Prather (Prather), 1, born 1630 in Virginia, married (ca. 1654, in Virginia) Jane Goldsmith, born ca. 1635 in Virginia, dau. of George and Mary Goldsmith, of Baltimore County, Maryland. Jonathan died 1680 in Calvert County, and Jane died 1713 in Prince George's county, Maryland.

Children of Jonathan 1, and Jane (Goldsmith) Prather, were:

1. Jonathan Prather, 11, b. 1662, in Calvert County, Maryland
Married Elizabeth Biggers - Had 11 children
Elizabeth was dau. of John Biggers, of Twoood, Prince George's Co., Md.
Jonathan 11 died 1736, in Prince George's Co., Md. Elizabeth d. 1737
2. Jane Prather, b. 1664 in Calvert Co., Md.
Married James Mullikin, 11, 1663-1718 - 7 children
James was son of James & Mary (Darnall) Mullikin.
3. George Prather, b. 1668, in Calvert Co., Md.
M. Mary Bignall
Had issue
4. William Prather, 1670-1747, - Prince Geo. and Calvert Co., Md.
M. c.a. Ann Yates
Dau. of George & Mary (Wells) (Stephett) Yates, of Baltimore Co., Md.
Direct descendants of Magna Charter Barons and English Royalty.
William & Ann Prather, had 3 children.
5. Col. Thomas Prather, 111, b. 1673, in Calvert Co., Md.
Married c.a. 1695, Martha Sprigg, b. 1677, in Calvert Co., Md.
6 children.
Martha was dau. of Lt. Thomas Sprigg, 1630-1704, & Elanor (Muthall) Sprigg, of Northampton Baron, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Thomas Prather, died 1712, in Prince George's Co., Md.
Martha (Sprigg) Prather, married (2) Capt. Stephen Yockley
Martha died 1742, in Charles Co., Md.
6. John Prather, b. 1676 Calvert Co., Md. D. 1718, P. G. Co., Md.
M. Catherine _____ who died 1737, P. G. Co., Md.
2 sons 4 daus.

Manor of Cornwallleys, was granted in England in 1633, surveyed 1638, 2000 acres, in St. Marys County, Maryland. Also known as Cross Manor, oldest house in Maryland which was built of brick in 1642 is in perfect state of preservation and is now occupied by his descendants. It is famed for its boxwood.

Registry for this Manor by right of decent from Sir Thomas Cornwallleys and wife Penlope Wiseman, including the families Ellicot Jones, Biscoe and Morris. The Jones family through Earl of Glendower, which was the original for Jones, had been charged during the Revolution, as means of escape from Wales to Maryland. Extensive estates were added to the Cornwallleys Grants, A mighty man of the Colony.

Cornwallleys Resurrection Manor, 1650, 4000 acres.

Cornwallleys St. Elizabeth Manor, 1638, 2000 acres.

Northampton Manor, Prince George's County, Maryland 1661, 2000 acres, Thomas Sprigg 1st registrants, Sprigg and descendants.

St. Elizabeth Manor, 1633 survey : 2000 acres

St. Trigoes, hundred acres

St. Elizabeth Manor is now Mulberry Fields, for many generations it was home of Loker family, the 1639 Grant was made at an earlier date, 1633, Somervell and Loker lineage: Morris and Parron. He was Lt. Governon of the province.

Registry for this Manor by right of decent from Thomas Cornwallleys, his wife Penlope Wiseman, Morris, Biscoe and Jones.

Goddington Manor, Kent County, Maryland 1659; 1000 acres.

Thomas Goddington and Thomas Sprigg acquired by proprietor Arthur Miller,

Thomas Sprigg in 1699 1000 acres, Northampton Manor, Prince George's County,

Maryland 1661, 2000 acres. Thomas Sprigg 1st Registrants Sprigg and descendants.

Col. Thomas Prather, Sn., married Martha Sprigg, who died 1742. She was daughter of Thomas Sprigg, and his wife Elcron Nuthall, who was daughter of John Nuthall, who married Elizabeth Holloway Bacon. John acquired St. Elizabeths Manor, and part of Cross Manor, and after Sir Thomas Cornwallleys decded it to him, as he had been his Steward, he sold it for a horse, saddle and bridle, and the Court sustained the sale. Through the relative Mrs. Baker, this and the transfer is contributed.

Sprigg Arms: Chequy on, and az, a fesse ermine.

Crest: A laurel branch vert.

Motto: Via Unita Fortior.

Page 956 Burkes General Arms.

Nuthal-Nuthall C. Cattenal, Co., Chester- Arms:

Arms: Argent a Shackbolt sa.

Crest: A Falcon rising ar. beaked and ducally gorged on.

Prather

HUSBAND'S NAME Jeramiah David (1850 census Virginia)

When Born 1806-11 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died 1854 Where Council Bluffs, Potowatmee Co. Iowa

When Buried _____ Where _____

When Married 29 Jul 1824 Where Jackson Co. Indiana

Other Wives (if any) Number (1) (2) etc. _____

His Father Thomas? His Mother's Maiden Name _____

Jeramiah David 19
(Husband's Full Name)

Susannah Prather
(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from _____

1880 Carroll Co. Ark

1870

1860 Barton Co. Mo.

1850 Pottawatomie Co. Iowa

1840 Gasconade Co. Mo

1830 Bartholomew Co. Ind.

1820 Hardin Co. Ky

Date 1 Jan 1981

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City Piedmont State Calif.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Susannah Prather

When Born 1808-10 Where Kentucky

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died after 1880 Where Clifty, Arkansas

When Buried _____ Where Union chapel Cem. Benton Co. Ark

Other Husb. (if any) Number (1) (2) etc. _____

Her Father Basill Prather b.1785 Va. Her Mother's Maiden Name Mary George b.1784 N.C.

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
	1 Boy (Thomas?)			ca 1825			Ind.				Date _____ To _____ d.
	2 Mary			ca 1827			Ind.				Date _____ To _____ d.
F	3 Anna			1828			Ind.		1873		Date <u>ca 1847</u> To <u>James A. Yates</u> d.1916
F	4 Elizabeth		25 Feb	1830	Morgan Co.		Ind.		1897		Date <u>31 Oct 1853</u> To <u>Andrew Jackson Yates</u> d.1884
M	5 Basill			1834			Ind.				Date _____ To _____ d.
M	6 John			1836			Ind				Date _____ To _____ d.
F	7 Lucinda			1839			Mo				Date _____ To _____ d.
F	8 Malinda		4 Dec	1842			Mo		1932		Date _____ To ⁽¹⁾ <u>Prez Welch</u> ⁽²⁾ <u>CL Reed</u> d.
F	9 Julia Ann			1844			Mo				Date _____ To _____ d.
M	10 Jeramiah			1848			Mo				Date _____ To <u>Mandy Wishon</u> <u>1868</u> d.
	11										Date _____ To _____ d.
	12										Date _____ To _____ d.
	13										Date _____ To _____ d.

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The Kentucky Historical Society,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

As a member of the California Genealogical Society I have been searching its set of the KENTUCKY REGISTER in tracing my family tree on my mother's side. She was Matilda Elizabeth Prather, daughter of George Meriwether Prather. Grand-dad Prather was the son of Thomas Prather and Elizabeth Cox; Thomas Prather was the son of Basil Prather and Fanny Meriwether; Elizabeth Cox, his wife, was the daughter of "Richard and Nevil Cox", according to our family Bible. Mother is still living with us here, going strong, and will be 89 years old this May.

My mother's mother was Eliza Ann Cocke, daughter of William Archer Cocke and Matilda Harriet Bridgeford. William A. Cocke was the son of Thomas W. Cocke and Sally A. Crawford (Daughter of David Crawford).

Present genealogical literature has of course permitted me already to trace both the Meriwether and Crawford lines back to the emigrant ancestors. By the way, - the thing which started me out on this more or less "fool" hobby was an ancient "true copy" of the will of George Meriwether, dated Louisa County, Va., July, 1775, and attested by John Poindexter. I have had the will photo-stated and a typescript made; and will be glad to send copies of both to interested parties, - in exchange, I hope, for some information. George Meriwether married his 1st cousin Martha Meriwether. After the Revolution they started for Kentucky, but he died en route.

There are several lacunae in the ancestral line which occur at the time of the Revolution. I can trace the families from their beginnings up to the Revolution; but then there is a gap, and I find my known ancestors taking up bounty lands in Kentucky after the war. I cannot positively identify the antecedents of Basil Prather, altho I strongly suspect he was the son of Col. Thomas Prather of Conococheague (near Hagerstown) and his wife, Elizabeth Claggett. If so, he appears to have been 58 years old when he married Fanny Meriwether in Kentucky in 1789. (She was then about 19). But - I wouldn't put it past a Prather! Most of them had something on the ball.

Likewise, altho I've been able to trace the Cocke family right up to the Revolution, I've been unable to connect our William Archer Cocke with the correct branch of the older Virginia clan.

About the Bridgefords I know exactly nothing. And again, - who were Richard Cox's antecedents? And what was the maiden name of his wife Nevil?

Kentucky Historical Society,
January 22, 1959.

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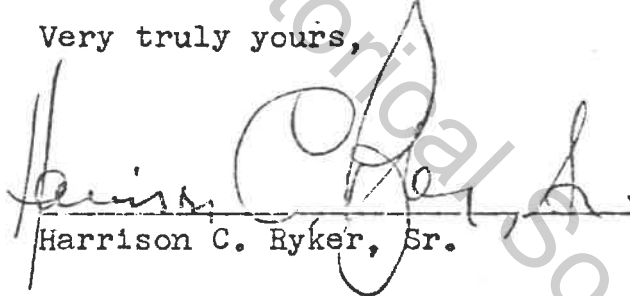
My grandfather, George M. Prather, and his brother William Lindsay Prather left Kentucky and moved with their families to California in 1870, together with "Grand-ma Dickinson", widow of Sam Dickinson. In the "Lindsay Prather" line there have been several girls bearing Nevil as a middle name. Where did a Nevil or Neville enter the picture; and for that matter, where did the Lindsays come in?

The above precedes my main purpose: all volumes of the REGISTER from Vol. 21 on, have a very detailed name Index; but the first 20 volumes in the CGS library have no such index. I already have found considerable information in the later indexed volumes, but suspect that much more is contained in the first 20 volumes.

Do you publish detailed indexes for the first 20 volumes; and, if so, what would a set cost?

I will greatly appreciate receipt of this information. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply. Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,


Harrison C. Ryker, Sr.

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1310 South Third Street
Louisville, KY 40208

Dear Librarian:

In doing work on Richard Prather of Bardstown (died in 1801; married Eliza Churchill in 1797; on tax lists for Nelson County beginning in 1792), I found reference to a "retale" store in Bardstown called variously Prathers & Smiley, Prather and Smiley and Smiley & Prather that was on the tax list for 1795 and 1796 to which I had access. I would be interested in obtaining more information on Richard Prather and the store of Prather & Smiley.

Since I am a member of the Filson Club, is there any research that you provide for members, or would you be able to recommend someone who could help me with my search? I would appreciate any information that you could send me. Enclosed you will find a self-addressed envelop for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Esther Coke

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Col. Thomas Prather, 111, b. 1673, Calvert Co. Md. 1712 at his home "Orphans Gift" Prince George's Co. Md. ca. 1695, Martha Sprigg, b. 1677, Calvert Co., Md. Died 1742, Charles Co., Md. Dau. of Thomas and Eleonor (Nuthall) Sprigg of Northampton Manor, Prince Geo. Co. Md. She m. (2) Capt. Stephen Yackley of Charles Co., Md. no issue by second marriage.

Children of Col. Thomas and Martha (Sprigg) Prather:

1. Eleonor Prather, b. 1699
 m. Thomas Williams

2. Rachel Prather, b. 1702; d. abt. 1724, m. Pottinger 1728, son of John & Mary Pottinger, Rachel (Prather) Pottinger, ca. 1697; d. 1 Oct., 1764. of "Chandler's Invention", Chas (Anderson) Semmes. Their

- a. Eleonor Semmes b. 173
- b. Rachel " b. 173
- c. Elizabeth " b. 173
- d. Catherine " b. 173
- e. Clare " b. 174
- f. Joseph " b. 1 Dec. 174

England, 7 Sept., 1761; bur at Stonyhurst 26 Sep
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 h. Martha Semmes b. 17
 i. Teresa Semmes b. 17
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and A. Adams).

, at Stonyhurst, unmarried; was Semmes) (Priest). 1765.

After the father's one other of hers.

3. Col. Thomas Sprigg Prather, b. 1702, Prince Geo. Co Md., d. 1785 in Md. Married June 10, 1725, Elizabeth Clagett, 1708-1765, dau. of Thomas Clagett Jr., and Mary (Keen) Clagett of St. Richard's Manor. 13 children.

PRATHER-SPRIGG

Col Thomas Prather, died 1712, Prince George's County, Maryland

His Will:

Prince George's County, Maryland

Dec. 13, 1711.

Dec. 15, 1712.

To son Aaron and hrs. 166 acres plantation part of "Orphans Gift" and 56 acres part of "Andrews" at decease of wife, and personalty at 18.

Son Thomas and hrs., 166 acres a part of "Spriggs request" at 18, of age, and personalty at decease of his mother.

Son John Smith Prather, at 18, yrs., and hrs. 166 acres a part of "Spriggs request."

Phillip Prather, and hrs., 166 acres a residue of "Spriggs request."

Dau. Elanor, personalty.

Dau. Rachel Prather, personalty.

Wife Martha Extr., life interest in lands afd. devised son Aaron and residuary legatee.

Martha (Sprigg) Prather married (2) Capt. Stephen Yoakley, of Charles Co., Md.

Martha Yoakley, died 1742, in Charles Co., Md.

Her Will:

June 19, 1742.

Nov. 13, 1742.

To Rachel Sims, 5s.

Son Aaron, 5s.

Grandson Aaron, son of Aaron, L50, at maturity on time of marriage.

Grandson Sarah Williams, personalty clarity.

Personality to children Elanor Williams, Thomas Prather, Phillip Prather, and John Smith Prather, residue of personal estate.

Sons Thomas, Phillip and John Smith Prather, "Spriggs request" at Callington.

In accordance to their fathers Will, should said Thomas fail to deliver the deeds to his brothers afd. his share be divided between them.

Ext. Thomas and John Smith Prather, and Thomas Williams.

Thomas Prather I b. 1604 Came from England 1622

Johnathon Prather I b. 1631 d. 1680

Thomas Prather II. b. 1675 d. 1712 → Grandfather of the first

Baron Prather b. 1710 d. 1777 Louisville Millionaire

Basil Prather b. 1740 d. 1822 Thomas Prather b. 1770

Judge Samuel Prather b. 1780 Buried Cave Hill d. 1823

Sion Prather b. 1810 d. 1863 Clark Co. Indiana

Jefferson Prather b. 1840 d. 1924 Pioneer Buried

Morris Alvin Prather b. 1875 d. 1929 Watson, Indiana

Lucille Marie Prather b. 1917 - New Chapel Cemetery

Virginia Ann Meek b. 1937 -

John Dana Reed b. 1957 -

Angela Marie Reed b. 1977 -

Compiled by John R. Reed

January 1989 from

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SARAH VEECH GARVIN I

Sketched from a portrait in the home of her granddaughter, Mary Jane Bell, on Fourth street. Sarah Veech Garvin was the daughter of John and Agnes Weir Veech and the wife of William Garvin.



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THOMAS PRATHER

This sketch is made from Jouett's likeness of this estimable gentleman, who is said to have done more for the advancement of Louisville than any other one man. The Jouett portrait of Thomas Prather is owned by his great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. J. Barbour Minnigerode.

The Prather Family.

A PUBLIC-SPIRITED citizen identified with the growth of Louisville no less than with the social life of his day was Thomas Prather, born in Maryland in 1770, of English extraction. He crossed the Wilderness Trail to seek his fortune in the new country and was one of the city's first merchants, having opened a store here as early as 1794. Success marked his every venture and riches poured in upon him. He was the capitalist of his day, and famed for his philanthropies. Broadway, for many years Prather street, was named for him. Prather was president of the first bank in Louisville, the old Bank of Kentucky, which he opened on January 1, 1812, and which did business on Main street near Fifth. When the bank suspended specie payments he resigned his office with the remark: "I can preside over no institution which declines to meet its engagements promptly and to the letter."

His generosity in contributing to charitable and civic endeavors won for him the title of "Oh, put me down for the balance," Prather. He gave five acres and Cuthbert Bullitt gave

three to the city for a hospital site in 1817. Interested in the general welfare, Prather and Bullitt served on many committees together. With Peter F. Ormsby they were appointed by the Board of Trustees, in 1820, to purchase suitable fire engines (two or three), for the use of the city.

The property for the hospital site was given with the proviso that it should revert to the Prather and Bullitt heirs if used for any other purpose. When the new million dollar City Hospital was planned a change of site was considered until the deeds were looked up and disclosed this restriction. One of the numerous Prather heirs recounting the incident said "It looked for a time as if I might have fifty dollars for a new frock."

Thomas Prather was married in 1800 to Matilda Fontaine, a daughter of Capt. Aaron Fontaine, one of the pretty Miss Fontaines, as they were called, though they were also known as the alphabet Fontaines there were so many of them. Matilda and her eight sisters were all famous for their beauty and intellectuality, and all married distinguished men. From Matilda Fontaine is supposed to come the fresh blonde prettiness of the Prather women.

The Prather residence stood in Prather square, the block bounded by Third and Fourth, Walnut

and Green, Walnut street taking its name from the fine row of walnut trees on the south side of the house. This house was built by Judge Fortunatus Cosby, who married Mrs. Prather's sister, Mary Ann Fontaine.

It was on the way home from Philadelphia where he had been on business that Prather met a young man, John J. Jacob, of Hampshire county, Virginia, starting out to seek his fortune. He urged Jacob to come to Louisville, and afterward took the young gentleman into partnership, forming the firm of Prather & Jacob. John J. Jacob married Ann Overton Fontaine and built a home across Walnut street from his brother-in-law Prather's home, where the Pendennis Club is today.

Thomas and Matilda Prather had six children, two sons and four daughters. James Smiley Prather married Louisa Martin and their children were: Mary (Mrs. George Robinson Hunt) and Blanche (Mrs. Edward Mitchell). Mrs. Hunt, who died not long ago, has two daughters in Louisville—Ellen Pope Hunt, the wife of George Weissinger Smith, and Kate Hunt, who married Samuel Hutchings.

The other son, William Prather, married his first cousin, Penelope Pope, the daughter of Alexander Pope, whose wife was Martha Fontaine. This marriage establishes a wide connec-

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tion of families socially prominent. William and Penelope Prather had seven daughters: Kate, who married Orville Winston; Sue, who is Mrs. John Zanone; Matilda, who married Goldsborough Robinson; Julia and Martha, who died young, and the twins, Penelope and Margaret, the latter, Mrs. John Luce, and her sister, better known as Miss Eppie Prather, the only descendant with the surname, Prather. Mrs. William B. Hardy and Humphrey Robinson are the children of Goldsborough and Matilda Robinson, who live here. Mrs. Alex P. Witty and Prather Zanone are the daughter and son of Mrs. Zanone. The daughters of Kate and Orville Winston were Penelope (Mrs. Ernest Allis), the mother of Mrs. William B. Harrison, and Kate (Mrs. Frederick Hussey), the mother of Mrs. Barbour Minnigerode, Mrs. Arthur H. Middleton, Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, of Springfield, Mass., and Mabel Hussey, of Paris.

Thomas and Matilda Prather's daughters all married prominent Kentuckians. Mary Jane Prather married Worden P. Churchill, and after his death married Dr. Charles M. Way. Her sons were Worden P. Churchill and W. H. Way.

Matilda Prather married Samuel Smith Nicholas, the distinguished lawyer and jurist. Their handsome home was on Fifth street be-

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Louis Seelbach, Jr., &
Dorothy Harrison, daughter
of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. B. Harrison
son married May 1946.

Prather

tween Chestnut and Walnut. Their daughter, Julia, Mrs. James C. Johnston, lives with her daughter, Miss Mary Johnston, at Fourth and Broadway. Their sons, George and Samuel Smith Nicholas, have a number of descendants here. George Nicholas married Emma Hawes and had a daughter, Tina Nicholas, who married John Churchill. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Churchill is John Churchill, who married Lucy Jones.

By a second marriage to Mary Anna Pope, George Nicholas had ten children. One son, George Nicholas, who married Evelyn Thompson, lives in Crescent Hill, and another son, Pope Nicholas, lives in Shelbyville, but is in business in Louisville.

Samuel Smith Nicholas, Jr., who married Nannie Carter, daughter of Capt. Frank Carter, has two daughters in Louisville this winter, Emma Nicholas and Mrs. Harry Lee Williams, although the latter's home is in Chicago.

Maria Julia Prather married Henry Clay, Jr., the son of the Great Commoner, and her daughter, Nannie Clay, now Mrs. Henry McDowell, inherited Ashland, near Lexington, the home of Henry Clay.

Catherine Cornelia Prather married the Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Edward P. Humphrey, their son being the late E. W. C. Humphrey,

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father of Edward P. Humphrey, Lewis C. Humphrey and Dr. Heman Humphrey. Dr. Humphrey, who was a native of Connecticut and the son of a distinguished minister, the president of Amherst College, had as his charge a church in Jeffersonville at the time of his marriage to Miss Prather. Later he was minister of the old Second Presbyterian church, and this church granted him a leave of absence of eight months to go abroad after his wife's death. In 1847 he was married to Martha Pope, a daughter of Alexander Pope and Martha Fontaine, who was the widow of her cousin, Charles Pope. Dr. Humphrey and his wife, Martha Pope, had one son, Judge Alexander Pope Humphrey.

Capt. Basil Prather, born in 1740 in Maryland, was an elder half-brother of Thomas Prather. He fought through the Revolutionary war, declining any pay for his services, and later came to Louisville. He has been described as exceedingly handsome, six feet three inches tall and of cordial and engaging manners. He is numbered among the commissioners of Louisville in 1790, and owned farm land near Louisville and in other parts of the State, bequeathed to his heirs on which they settled.

At a ball given in the fort built on the site of Jeffersonville he met Fanny Meriwether, of the

Prather

pioneer family, and shortly afterward they were married. His bride was years younger than himself. They settled on a farm in the Bluegrass district, living in opulence. Their daughter, Martha Meriwether Prather, married Dr. Warwick Miller, a son of Judge Isaac Miller, of Pennsylvania, who was an early settler.

Capt. Prather died in 1803.

Richard Prather, another member of the Maryland family to settle here, was one of the "City fathers," being elected a trustee of the town of Louisville in 1797. His wife was Mary Churchill, a daughter of Armistead and Elizabeth Bakewell Churchill, of Virginia, who were among the prominent pioneers of 1787. Eliza Prather, the daughter of Richard and Mary Prather, became the wife of James Guthrie, that distinguished citizen, the founder of the L. & N. James and Eliza Guthrie had two daughters, Ann Augusta and Mary Guthrie, both of whom married and have descendants here.

Ann Augusta Guthrie married Dr. William Caldwell, and was the mother of James Guthrie Caldwell, who married Nannie Standiford; of Junius Caldwell, who married Ella Payne, of Georgetown; and of Ann Eliza Caldwell, who married Ernest Norton, and was the mother of Caldwell Norton.

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Mary Guthrie married Richard Coke, of Logan county, and has a grandson, Dr. Richard Coke, who makes Louisville his home.

Mary Guthrie married a second time, John Caperton, and was the mother of John H. Caperton, who married Virginia Standiford, and has a son, Hugh John Caperton, whose wife was Dorothy Bonnie.

Following her first husband's death, Mary Churchill Prather married Alexander Scott Bullitt, this being his second marriage also.

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George H. ... at the ... 1889

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THE

NEW TESTAMENT

Thomas Albert Prather died
Laura Hartling Prather died Aug 29/93
OF OUR

LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL GREEK,

AND WITH THE FORMER

TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED.

NEW YORK:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

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Prather

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*Grand children
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Rosee North*

WELL KNOWN

And Estimable Woman Expires
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News 19.

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Sunday Rites Arranged
For Former Resident

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The 12th day of Feb, 1901.

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to Laura Hartling Dec 31, 1903

REGISTER OF DEATHS.

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died Aug 20th 1897.

Sophia Prather died
May 17th 1900.

James A Prather died
Jan. 16th 1918.

Baby boy Henry
died Dec, 30th 1905

Nora B. Henry died Aug 1, 1941,
Thomas Albert Prather died
Sept 1, 1945

John J. Henry died Sept 17, 1945 -
Nora + John Henry are buried at
New Albany.

James, Sophia + Jennie Prather buried
in New Chapel cemetery at Watson

Thomas A Prather buried at Sellen

REGISTER OF BIRTHS.

James A. Prattie was
born September 3rd 1843,

Sarah Prattie was born
October 12th 1843,

Jennie F. Prattie was
born June 12th 1870,

John G. Henry was
born February 19th
1868.

Morah B. Henry was
born December 12th 1868,

Baby boy Henry was
born Dec. 30th 1905.

FAMILY RECORD.

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James ~~David~~ Prather
was born on the
3rd of Sept 1848

Sophia Prather
was born on the
12th of October 1843

Nora Belle Prather
was born on the
12th of December
1862.

Jessie Florence
Prather was born
on the 15th of
July 1870.

Thomas Albert
Prather was born
on the 21st 1874
August August

Thomas Albert
Prather was born
on the 24th of
August 1874

FAMILY RECORD

DEATHS

Thomas F. Prather
Died on the
5th of June 1882
at 12:30 P.M.
Night

Melania Prather
Died on the
29th of January 1888
at 1 o'clock morning

Jennie H. Prather
Died March
20th 1897 at
9:30 morning

DEATHS

1882

Christina Gail Werner
Died October 25
8 o'clock evening

Michael Ernest
Died October
28th 1886 at 11
evening

Sophia S. Prather
Died May 17 1890
at 2:30 P.M. evening

Jas. A. Prather
Died Jan 16
1918

Thomas Albert Pral
Died

Thomas F Prather & wife
Mahala Bennett Patrick Prather

children

James Albert - grand children

Sarah - married Frank Hillman

Son - Frank -

Louisiana

Laura Bell

Benjamin died in infancy

John Bell
6th Prather
Res in Prather
Married Prather
Bennett Prather

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July 18th of 1870

James A. Prather
was married to
Sophia Stark
on the 10th of March
1868.

James Albert
Prather was
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married to John Henry

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Service by Husband & 1 Bur

Thos Prater

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...the text exchange places [Comp. 17:8.]
For "an eternal gospel" read "eternal good tidings"
For "ever-ripe" read "ripe" with marg. Gr. become dry.
For "that come" read "that come on"
For "the God" read "God"
For "Har-Magedon" add marg. Or. *At-Magedon*
For "of Almighty God" read "of God, the Almighty"
For "do him service" read "serve him"

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of the church of christ
1930. Wed. night
Baptised
1899
1079.
age 17 yrs.

mother Isaac Hanson
Minister

April 1 1900

Theresa Prather was married to
Laura E. Hartwig Dec 31. 1903

Helena Prather born Feb 14 - 1905

Earl Prather born April 9 1906

Roscoe Prather born Feb 15 - 1908

Stanford Prather born Oct 16 1910

Kenneth C. Prather born Sept 6 1916

Helena Prather was married April 8. 1925

Earl Prather was married 1925

Roscoe Prather was married 1926

Stanford Prather was married April 15 1936

Kenneth C. Prather was married Sept 8 - 1940

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Springfield, Ill.

March 10, 1980

Dear Mrs. Kochler,

My son and his wife were in England last summer. While they were in London, they took one day to go by train, then to rent a car to Ingleham Church where John Prother, our ancestor, was buried in 1547. I am enclosing two pictures of the church. I thought you might like to have them.

John learned that the Ingleham Church is the best example of sixteenth century small church architecture in all England. It is no longer an active parish but the grounds and building will be maintained by the Anglican Church. The area of a nearby

parish told John that the Ingleham building is to be restored soon. It would seat about fifty people. There had been burials in the chancel. The carvings in the floor were covered over by a memorial to a local minister of the early 1800's. John took a picture of the interior but it was so dark inside that it did not develop. Most of the stones in the graveyard were illegible.

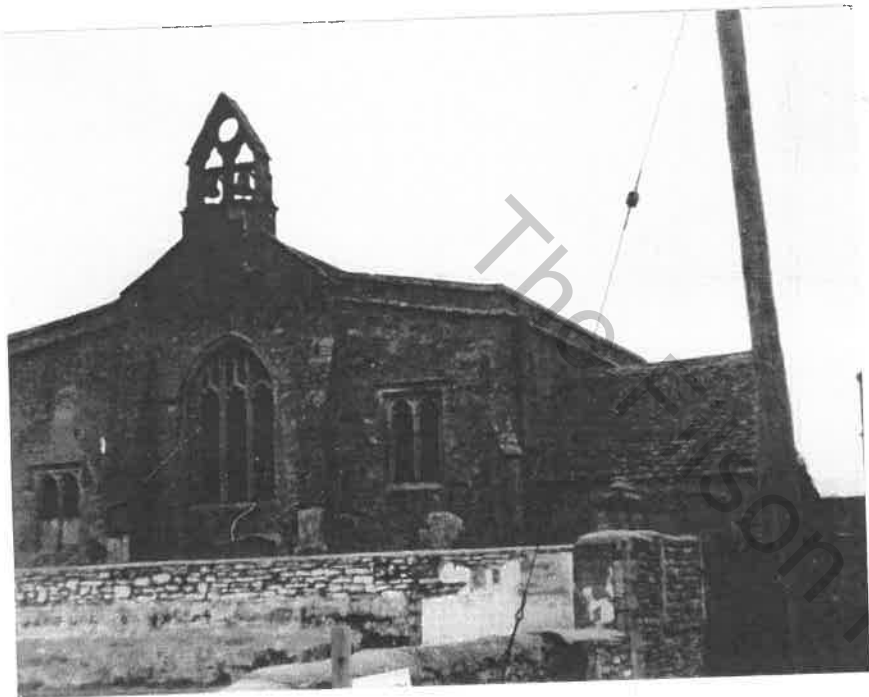
The church is not in the village of Ingleham. It is down the road about a mile. During the plagues of the middle ages the people of the town burned all buildings except the church and rebuilt the village at the present location.

John was fascinated and thrilled with his visit to the church. He has corresponded with the vicar of the nearby parish.

Sincerely,

Alice Wakefield

The Filson Historical Society



Mrs. Merl Wakefield
1905 North 24th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62702



Please do not fold

*Mr. Thomas Kochler
1017 Springdale Drive
Jeffersonville,
Indiana 47130*



Historical Society

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas ^{Senior} of Washington
County and State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound and
perfect mind and Memory, Thanks be to God, concerning the Uncertain-
ty of this Mortal life, and that it is Appointed for all men Once to
die, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in Maner
and form following (that is to say) first and principally I recommend
my Soul to the Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the Earth
to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter
named Nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same
Again at the General resurrection of all flesh, by the mighty pow-
er of God, and as touching my worldly Estate, where with it has pleased
God to bless me, I give and Bequeath in Maner and form
following, . . . Impressed, First and principally I will that all my
Just debts and funeral Charges be paid -
Item, I give and Bequeath to my Sons, Richard, Charles, and James
to w^{it}er ten Shillings ^{Current} Common Money each and no more
Item, I give and Bequeath to my Daughters, Mary, Elonor,
Sarah, and Ann, five Shillings ^{Current} Money Aforesaid
Each, and no more -
Item, I give and Bequeath to my Son Basil One Negro boy
Call Harry, to him his heirs and Assigns forever -
Item I give and Bequeath to my Youngest Son Thomas One
Negro boy named Jack to him his heirs and Assigns forever
Item I give and Bequeath all the remaining part of my Estate
my wife's third, Excepted, to my Sons Basil and Thomas and
Daughter Elizabeth to be Equally divided Amongst them

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Lastly I do hereby Appoint my beloved wife Jennet and my son Basil
Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament making nul and void
all other Wills and Testaments by me made Rectifying and Confirming
this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of June 1785

Signed Sealed Published & Declared
by the Testator to be his last Will and
Testament, in presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names in the
presence of the Testator and in presence
of each other, at the Testators request -

Thomas Prather 

Thomas Brooke, Elizabeth Brooke, Jane Winters

On the Back of the Original Will of the said Thomas Prather
are the following provisions to wit

Washington County N. September 20th 1785. Jane Jennet Prather &
Basil Prather made Oath that the within & Instrument of Writing is
the true & whole Will & Testament of Thomas Prather late of said County
deceased, that hath come to their hands & possession, & that they do not
know of any other, On the 29th day of September 1785. Jane Jane
Winters & Thomas Brooke two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within
last Will & Testament of Thomas Prather late of said County deceased & made Oath
on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named
Sign & Seal this Will, that they heard him public pronounce & declare the same to be his
last Will & Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehen-
sion & disposing mind Memory & Understanding, & that they respectively subscribed
their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator
& in the presence of each other & that they saw Elizabeth Brooke do the same
On the 8 day of October 1785. Jane Jennet Prather the Widow of Thomas Prather
late of said County deceased & Quited her claim to the several Bequests & devises
made to her in the Will of her said Husband deceased & Quited in favor thereof her
claim or third part of the deceaseds Estate real & Personal Cert by Thomas Brooke

"Fox Hills", the Old Bayle Pratter
homestead, Louisa, Ky

Nannie Pratter, consort of Wm A. Coche
12-14-1850 6-26-1854

Nannie Matilda, only ch of Wm A. &
Nannie P Coche d 7-17-1855 14m 19d

Capt Frances, w. of J. R. Williams
8-15-1770 2-24-1850

Capt Bayle Pratter (Gostone) m. Frances
Meriwether, she m (2) J. R. Williams
served as Capt. Rev War, Pa
Half bro of Thos Pratter of Louisa.
Ch: Mary, Thos, Martha

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Will of Wm A. Coche 8 May 1844 10 Jun 1844

w: Matilda

Ch: Thos, Wm, Edw, Jas, Eliza

Louisa's
1st 7am

Daughter of
Geo. Meriwether
Meriwether

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