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Dear Mrs. Hager:

From Mr. Sigfus Olafson I have learned that you, like me, are a descendant of Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins) and Joseph Workman. He has indicated that you might be interested in exchanging material on our connections. I would be pleased to share any information which I have gathered.

My lineage is through their daughter Matilda, who married Micajah Goodwin White. I understand that yours is through their daughter Dorcus, who married William Lee Barker. If you have the names of his parents, I would appreciate your sending the information in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. Actually, I should have asked for his mother's name since I believe his father was Joseph Barker who settled on Big Creek.

As you probably know, Anderson in her WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY is quite indefinite about the ancestors of the above-mentioned Joseph WORKMAN. His death record would indicate that his parents were Nancy _____ and Joseph Workman. Even with this as a lead, it is difficult to determine precisely which Joseph Workman this refers to. For a while I thought the father might have been the Joseph who died in Wyoming County; however, I am now more inclined to believe that the father was another Joseph living in Tazewell County when it was formed. There was still another Joseph in Tazewell County with wife Phoebe who could have been "our" Joseph's grandparents. With so many individuals by the same name (and I haven't even mentioned another younger one), it is difficult to determine their precise relationships. I would certainly be interested in your thoughts on the subject.

Perhaps someday we might be able to get together and compare notes. In the meantime I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely, your cousin,

Agnes B. Pearlman

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Hewett, West Va.
June 5, 1975

Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman,

I was very pleased to hear from you, as Mr. Olafson has spoke of you often. I thought I might get to meet you when you were here but didn't have the opportunity.

I hope I can answer your questions. I am new at genealogical research and may make mistakes. Joseph and Jane Barker were the parents of William Lee Barker who married Dorcas Workman. According to census reports and tombstone records Joseph was born in Montgomery Co. Va. in 1793, he died in 1859. Jane was born in Bedford County Va. in 1785 according to her tombstone. Census records give her as having been born in 1795. ^{D1864} I have been unable to come up with any information about the parents of Joseph Barker but I did find the following marriage record in Bedford Co. Va.. Mr. Olafson tells me it is probably the right one. According to their records Joseph Barker married Jincy Bowles in 1811 in Bedford Co. Va. Elisha Bowles was surety on bond. As I donot have the money to travel to the different counties I am interested in, I have been doing my research by mail and by books on the different counties. Bedford Co. is the only county that has been helpful to me in my inquiries.

Now concerning the Workman's. Most of my information has come from Mr. Olafson and Mr. Sayre of Buckhannon. I also saw the book Archives of The Pioneers of Tazewell County, by Nettie S. Yantis.

I dont think that the Joseph and Pheobe who were suppose to be the parents of Joseph and James Workman were ever in Tazewell Co. According to S-Yantis Abraham Workman who lived in Tazewell Co. and died there was the son of Joseph and Pheobe Workman of Penn. This was from his Rev. Pension application. I think our Joseph who married Elizabeth(McNeely) Elkins was the son of Joseph and Nancy _____ Workman but who knows who were the parents of Joseph and Nancy. Mr. Olafson seems to think that Nancy might have been a Hewett since they named one of their sons James Hewett Workman.

I suppose our Elizabeth was a McNeely but I do not have any idea who her parents were. She was probably the daughter or granddaughter of David McNeely who settled early in this area.

The Joseph Workman who was in Wyoming County was not old enough to be the parent of our Joseph.

I have an idea that some of the Joseph Workman's were from the Workman's who settled in Greenbrier County around 1785. I have not seen any material on these families so could not prove this. They surely had families and they had to spread over the different parts of the country so it is possible.

I hope I haven't confused you. I am enclosing charts I have fixed of my husbands and my families. I have gained a generatáon on him so it takes ^{two} ~~to~~ charts to show my family. You may share these with any one who might be interested in our families.

I prepared these charts as we are having our Barker family reunion tomorrow. We had our Stollings family reunion on Father's day. My grandfather Stollings is still living at the age of 88.

Mr. Olafson has been most helpful and encouraging to me. He has so much material to share with other people. I am so glad that he is preparing his material for the Archives and for our local library. Most people look at me as if I am crazy when I start telling about something that happened to an ancestor 200 yrs. ago but to me I enjoy it. It is part of our heritage and each family should know more about their families, they might understand themselves a little better. I find these oddities passed down from family to family and if we understood this we might understand ourselves better.

You will have to excuse my spelling. I hadn't typed for several years until I started my research about 7 months ago, so I am always hitting the wrong key and I hate to erase. Ha. I would enjoy meeting you when you are in this area. Several years ago My grandfather Barker decided he wanted to find some of his grandmother Dorcas Barker's people so he had my dad drive him to Pond Fork. I think he found one woman who was a cousin of Dorcas. I believe she was a Green. My grandfather died 20 years ago. I wish I had him around to talk to. My family says he could tell things about the family that had been passed down to him by Uncle Floyd S. Barker. Of course he never wrote it down so it is lost to me. Grandmother Dorcas has at least one grandson still alive. That is Mr. Sidney Barker of Big Creek. If you need any more information I will be glad to share with you.

*Your Cousin
Janet E. Hager*

Some added notes from Tazewell Co.

May 28, 1805, ordered at Joseph Workman Sr. be exempted from payment of taxes in Tazewell Co. because of old age and infirmity. May be the father of our Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins.

After I saw the Workman Family History I checked out Zacheus Elkins in Mr. Olafsons records and he has him as a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. Joseph having been killed in War of 1812. So undoubtedly there is something to the story about Joseph Workman's marriage to the Widow Elkins.

In 1793 in Wythe Co. James Workman signed a petition to form Tazewell Co. In 1795 this was signed James Workman Sr. So he must have had a son named James. also signing in 1795 were Abram Workman, Joseph Workman, Joseph Workman, Thomas Workman and Isaac Workman.

In 1796 James Workman, Jacob Workman, Joseph Workman Sr. signed.

in 1797 James Workman signed

In 1798 Joseph Workman, Joseph Workman Sr., Abraham Workman Abraham Workman Jr. and Moses Workman signed

in 1799 Abraham Workman, Daniel Workman, and Moses Workman signed. I suspect that Daniel Workman is the same as the Daniel who settled in Greenbrier Co. in 1785.

Death record of Abraham Workman who married Margaret Letner in 1786 shows him to be son of Joseph and Pheobe Workman of Penn. He died in 1858 at age 92.

Thomas Workman b 1772 m. Sarah Dickerson in 1805.

Moses Workman m. Ca. 1802 Elizabeth Muncy.

This family in the Mormon Church Library Genealogical records.

James Workman supposedly settled the Island at Logan in 1793 or 94 but he still shows up in Tazewell Co. records until 1820 paying taxes on Personal Property. He is not in 1820 Census of Tazewell Co.

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Burwell S. Hager
B 1840 Logan Co.
M
D CA 1914 Boone Co.

Delmer D. Hager
B 1884 Boone Co.
M 1916
D 1933

Francis E. Lucas
B 1850 Boone Co.
D. CA 1935 Boone Co.

William Hager
B 1828 Van W. Va.
M 1951
Janet E. Barker

Minnie C. Woods
B 1894 Clay Co.
D 1974

Samuel A. Woods
B 1854 Nicholas Co.
M
D 1928 Clay Co.

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Mary E. Morris
B 1856
D 1926 Clay Co.

Rev. Benjamin Hager
B 1814 Cabell Co.
M 1833 KANAWHA Co.
D 1898 Boone Co.

Elizabeth Brooks
B 1812 Jaywell Co. Va.
D 1896 Boone Co.

Fry Lucas
B 1831 Logan Co.
M
D Boone Co.
2nd Virginia (Miller)

Mary Joney
B 1835
D

Columbus C. Woods
B
M
D

Sarah R. Stephenson
B.
D.

Joshua Morris
B
M 1843 Fayette Co.
D CA 1860 Nicholas Co.

Nancy Say
B Bedford Co. Va.
D CA 1885 CLAY Co.

Philip Hager
B Penn.

Catherine Vannatter
B 1770 D 1850-60

Richard Brooks
B 1774 D 1853

Margaret Clancy

Rev. John Lucas
B 1784 D

Mary Fry
B 1788 D

John Joney
B 1781 D

Mary Hager
B 1799 D

Woods

Campbell?

Joshua Stephenson

Nancy Dodrill?

William Morris

Sarah Hansford

Peter Say
B M 1809 Bedford
D 1821 Bedford Co.

Polly Steen
B
D Fayette Co.

Philip Hager Penn. Bucks Co.

John Vannatter

William Brooks B 1752 D 1841 TAZEWELL Co. Rev. WAR

Nancy Anne Locke B 1749 D 1844 "

James Clancy Sr.
Phebe

William Lucas? PITTSYLVANIA CO. VA. REV. WAR
B 1749

George Fry? TAZEWELL CO. VA. REV. WAR

William Joney

Leah Gatliff
Philip Hager
Catherine Vannatter

John Vannatter

James Gatliff Rev. WAR.
Martha FARRIS D 1799
Philip Hager

Joshua Morris Rev. War
B 1752 D 1825
Francis Simms
B 1759 D 1795

William Morris Sr. 1722-1792 Rev. WAR
Elizabeth Stepp
Thomas Simms Sr.

William Morris
born in England
He settled Kanawha
Valley with his
sons. His wife
B. 1729 - D 1795

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Date May 1975

Anderson Barker

B 1848 LOGAN Co.
M 1873
D 1880 LOGAN Co.

George C. Barker

B. March 1876
M.
D. Nov. 1954

Jane Garrett

B 1849
D

William Lee Barker

B. 1820 Bedford Co.
M. 1837
D 1875 LOGAN Co.

Darcas Workman

B 1818
D 1903

John Garrett

B 1805
M
D

Jane Garrett

B 1849
D

Eliza Godbey

B. 1815
D.

William D. Cooke

B. 1817
M.
D. 1862

William H. Cooke

B. 1846
M.
D.

Fannie Perrell

B.
D.

Joseph Ball Jr.

B. 1824
M.
D

2nd wife

Rebecca Ball

B. 1850
D.

Welilah Comer

B. 1828
D.

Joseph Barker

B 1793 Montgomery Co.
D 1859 M 1811 Bedford Co.

Jane Bowles

B 1785 Bedford Co.
D 1864 LOGAN Co.

Eliska Bowles

Elizabeth d. 1838

Joseph Workman

B 1791
D

Joseph Workman

B 1757
D Nancy Hewitt?

Joseph Workman
Phoebe

Elizabeth (Mrs) Collins

B. 1792
D 1896

Benjamin Garrett Jr.

B 1776 D 1865

Benjamin Garrett Jr. Rev. War
D 1817 North Carolina

Nancy James

Catherine McComas

B 1773 Shenandoah Co.
D after 1850

David McComas?

William Godbey

B 1776
D

Eliza

B
D 1826

William Cooke

B 1784
D 1853

John Cooke Sr. Born 1752 London Eng.
D 1832

Nilly Pemberton D 1812 SCOTLAND

Catherine Stewart

B 1790
D 1838

Ralph Stewart

Mary Clay

James Stewart Sr.
Ann Coffey
Mitchell Clay
Phoebe Belcher

Jane

B
D

Joseph Ball Sr.

B 1783
D during civil war

Catherine Comer

B 1792
D

Augustus Comer

B 1751 D 1824

Catherine Rush

Augustus Comer

Catherine Rush

Rev. War
RALPH STEWART
B 1752 D 1835

MARY CLAY
B 1772

JAMES STEWART Sr.
d 1757
Mr. in Ireland Rev. War

Mitchell Clay
D 1811

Rev. War
Augustus Comer
B 1751 D 1824

Catherine Rush
D 1841

Jedrick Comer

B 1787 M 1814 D 1848

Polly Mitchell

B 1757 D 1823

Joshua Mitchell

Elizabeth Stiggard

Rev. War
Augustus Comer
B 1751 D 1824

Catherine Rush
D 1841

my father
Robert L. Barker
B 1905
M 1934
Lda P. Stallings

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DATE May 1975

Willie E. Stollings

B Feb. 13, 1887

M
D

Charles Stollings

B 1855

M
D 1892

Margie Fowler

B 1854

D

my mother

Ada P. Stollings

B 1914

M Robert L. Barker

Edna Mullens

B. Sept. 1, 1890

D June 25, 1969

Peter M. Mullens

B 1854

M
D 1912

Mary Ann Vance

B
D 1910

Nelson Stollings

B 1826

M
D

Lurana Workman

B 1822

D 1890

John P. Fowler

B 1827

M
D 1911

Lettie Belle Adkins

B 1831

D 1915

Spencer Mullens

B 1820

M
D

Lydia E. Adkins

B 1824

D

Paris Vance

B 1826

M
D

Nancy Maynard

B 1830

D

Josiah Stollings

B 1790

D

Larry Estes

B 1799

Abraham Workman

B 1782

D

Mary Ballard

B 1782

D

Thomas Fowler

B

D

Elizabeth Gillespie

B 1805

D

Isaac Adkins Sr.

B 1790

D 1854

Elizabeth

B 1792

D

Salomon Mullens

Sarah

Isaac Adkins Sr.

B 1790

D 1854

Elizabeth

Richard Vance

B 1792

D

Mary Sutherland

B

D

William Maynard

B 1800

D

Sally Campbell

B 1861

D

Jacob Stallings

D 1819
North Carolina

Sarah

Joel Estes

North Carolina

Nancy

Joseph Workman

Nancy Hewett?

Joseph Workman?
Phoebe

Theophilus Gillespie

D 1812
Samuel Gillespie
Elizabeth

Rev. WAR. N.C.

N.C.

KY.

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July 16, 1975

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Dear Cousin:

And this is the day for writing Workman cousins! I was so pleased to receive your letter, and in the same mail I received one from Mr. Sayre. In fact, by the time I finished answering his and discussing a number of points on the Workman family with him, I decided to make copies of my response and mail to you. The remarks are pertinent to our ancestry.

I would like to ask one or two questions not covered therein. Do you think it possible that the Abraham who married Mary "Polly" Ballard was the brother of the Joseph who married Hannah and Elizabeth Reed rather than of the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins? Also, could you clarify a discrepancy in the date for "our" Elizabeth's death? You show her as having died about 1896 whereas I have 1861-1864 in my notes. Finally, I would truly appreciate your sending whatever vital data you have on the family group of Abraham and Polly.

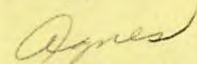
It would be such fun to attend a family reunion. I never have been to one and am waiting for the opportunity. I do hope your Stollings gathering was fun.

Now for the Gatliff family: Your husband is descended from Leah (Gatliff) and William Toney while my line of descent is through Leah's sister, Mary Gatliff, who married James Alexander Pine. I am enclosing a family group outlining the family as I have it. There is no long paper on hand for the copy machine, so some miscellaneous data is cut off.

I notice that you have Squire Gatliff as the father of Leah. Could you let me know how you arrived at that conclusion? Although I have often thought that he might be the father, I decided that he was probably Leah's brother due to the circumstances discussed below and the fact that some Gatliff descendants through Charles stated that there were brothers Squire and Reese. James Gatliff, husband of Martha and proven father of all the other children on the family group record, was reported killed on the Roanoke in 1758. Many papers on estate administration, etc. are recorded in Augusta County, Virginia. When a suit was filed against the estate years later and (after the death of Martha) processed, Squire and Reese were not mentioned; but, of course, Squire was already dead and Reese could have been. The same would account also for their not being mentioned in Martha's will. A will by Squire Gatliff written in 1773 and proven in 1777 left everything he had to Leah. Subsequently, after the will was proved in Montgomery County, Virginia, Leah's brother Charles sued her and her husband William Toney to invalidate the will. The court in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, ruled in Charles favor, and he was declared "heir-at-law" but no relationship to the decedent was stated. I am most interested in your comments.

I shall also be interested in your comments on the Workman material enclosed and shall look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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July 16, 1975

To Mrs. Wm Hager

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Cousin:

For indeed we must be! I was delighted to receive your most recent letter and appreciated the time you took to clarify certain discrepancies. Your correspondence as well as some received from Mrs. William Hager has prompted me to review and reevaluate all my Workman family notes.

While the reevaluation has provided some answers, it has also raised new questions. Following are some observations.

Regarding the birthplace of the Abraham Workman, born 25 January 1761, who settled in Tazewell County, Virginia: Just as I accept his word for the date of his birth, I am inclined to accept the fact that he meant Washington Township when he said Township. There is such a township in York County, Pennsylvania. At the time of his birth York County extended into much of the western area (Allegheny formed in 1788 from Westmoreland and Washington; Washington in 1781 from Westmoreland; Westmoreland in 1773 from Bedford; Bedford in 1771 from Cumberland; and Cumberland in 1750 and York in 1749, both from Lancaster).

As for the parents of Abraham: When I last wrote, I should have had the "±" after the date of the marriage of Phoebe McMay/McMeagher/McRay on 4 August 1761, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, York County, Pennsylvania. The register from which I obtained this information was a transcription and translation--most of the original being in either Dutch or German. I do wish I could see the original to see if the date could have been 1751, a date which would allow a perfect set-up for the southwest Virginia Workman connections. The confusion in the name also is due to the transcription. The entry appeared:

MARRIAGES

1761	Joseph Workman,	with Phebe M'Ray
Aug. 4.	son of Abraham,	dau. of Hugh (Juh. Mecmeher

*M'Meagher, sugg.

I believe the transcriber made the suggestion, "M'Meagher." It is not clear whether the line with the asterisk was in the original. I believe not since such a line does not appear with the other entries. Interestingly, there are no baptisms for any children, indicating attendance at another parish. I have not yet researched the other parish records for Pennsylvania. Although a Phoebe Workman lived in Brooke County, Virginia, in 1810, she was too young to have been the above.

In fact, all the evidence would indicate that Joseph and Phoebe came to southwest Virginia with their son Abraham and other children. This would have been the Joseph "of old age and infirmity" in 1805. He would have been the Joseph Workman, Sr., who signed the petition in 1798 to form Tazewell from Wythe Co.; the second Joseph that year would have been his son (with wife Nancy); and the third Joseph on the petition would have been his nephew or grand-nephew (see different interpretations). Beginning in 1805 he was apparently exempt from taxes although he might

for some reason have been well enough to have been assessed in 1809 and 1814. In 1815 Pheby Workman was listed as a taxpayer in Tazewell County. Since as a rule single women could not be so designated, this was probably his widow, Phoebe, who had either died or remarried by 1816--or had become, like her husband before her, too "old and infirm" to be assessed.

From the accumulated evidence, I consider Phoebe (McMay/McRay) and Joseph Workman the progenitors of our branches of the Workman family. I should make one or two comments about their reputed 1761 wedding date. It certainly could be correct since I'm sure then, as now, marriages sometimes took place after the birth of one or more children. Another possibility is that the marriage was performed by a traveling minister and not entered into the home church register until later, thus producing confusion in dates. Then, too, so often in the old script, an "0" can easily be mistaken for a "1" since the style of writing gave so much more emphasis to the down-stroke, often producing a faint or non-existent up-stroke. So much for speculation on this score, however. Please refer to attached page for likely children and grandchildren of Phoebe and Joseph. I list your James and my Joseph among them fully aware that these two could have been sons of the elder Joseph by a prior marriage.

One of the major clues to the identity of the brothers and sisters is the sworn statement of Jacob Workman: In 1816, when there was a suit to determine title to certain lands on Big Sandy River, he made sworn statement regarding coming to Guyandotte River twenty-three years before with his brother. This would place him there about 1793, the very time when Joseph and James were certainly "planting corn" on the island of the Guyandotte. Here again is probably a case of erroneous interpretation of writing when Jacob's name became in later published accounts Nimrod. That the name should have been Jacob is amply demonstrated by voluminous documentation of his existence and presence while Nimrod remains a phantom. Admittedly, there could have been a Nimrod who died shortly after, but I believe not. Thomas also probably spent time with Jacob, James, and Joseph at the island. Certainly there is a tradition among Jacob's descendants that he and five other brothers moved into southern West Virginia about 1800.

Here I shall make a few corrections of erroneous impressions to be derived from the dates given in Anderson's WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY. Disregard completely the dates given on page 624 for Jacob and his siblings. There is absolutely no documentation that I have been able to find for such late dates; in fact, most of them were born ten to twenty years earlier. On page 606 the dates are generally more accurate. Joseph #4777 on page 606, however, is the same Joseph as #5017 on page 624. On page 606 in the reference to James Hewett Workman's death taking place about 1840 in Clay County, Ohio--erroneous on two points: He was still very much alive in the 1850 Boone County, Virginia, census; and there is no Clay County, Ohio. Although I have not followed through, I believe the 1840 date (repeated twice) probably refers to an earlier James (possibly the father of your Joseph). The only Clay Counties existing at that time were in Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois. All other Clay Counties in the U. S. were formed after 1854--including the one in West Virginia.

The book on which I am working covers primarily the families of southern West Virginia and their connections with emphasis on those to whom I am related. Among the major surnames are CHRISTIAN, MITCHELL, WHITE, MOORE, WORKMAN, GORE, PINE, BRANCH, ROBERTSON, LEWIS, NORWOOD, YARBOROUGH, FULLER, THOMPSON, plus

These comments valid if first alternate is accepted.

July 16, 1975

many, many more. The ones mentioned are a few of my direct lines.

I forgot to mention that on page 611, the first three words should read MICAJAH GOODWIN WHITE, not ~~JAMES~~ GOODWIN WHITE.

If you have more detailed information on the family groups of Hannah (Reed) and Joseph Workman and Elizabeth (Reed) and Joseph Workman, I would appreciate receiving it. Your article does not have too many of the dates, etc. I would be pleased to send the same to you on Matilda (Workman) and Micajah Goodwin White and/or on Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins) and Joseph Workman if you are interested.

Of more immediate significance, however, would be corrections, additions, and questions concerning the attached pages, I have become very wordy.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. In order to save time in rewriting, I am sending copies of this communication to the following correspondents:

Mrs. William Hager
Mrs. Frances H. Whitman
Mr. David Turner
Mr. Sigfus Olafson

Another P. S. I just finished typing the alternate lineages and wished to comment that the record allows one to accept the seemingly obvious writing that "your" Joseph's father, like "mine", was also named Joseph. The "Jos." on the death record does not have to be construed as "Jas." on either your Joseph's or on Hannah (McNeely) Workman's death record. (Although still possible!)

Joseph WORKMAN, son of Abraham, married 4 August 1761 Phoebe McNEELY/McMEAGHER/McRAY, according to transcription of the marriage register of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York County, Pennsylvania. Their likely children:

1. Abraham, born 25 January 1761 in Washington Township, Pennsylvania, married in Montgomery County., Virginia, 13 September 1785 Margaret LIGHTNER. May be found in Tazewell County, Virginia, 1810 tax list and censuses of 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850. At least seven, possibly ten, children. Names of children not yet fully determined, but Joseph, born about 1802, who married Margaret, could be a son.
2. James, born about 1762, married Hannah. Probably the James who was in Wythe County about 1797 signed a petition to form Tazewell and with his brothers in 1794 had planted a crop on "the Island" of Guyandotte River. Moved with his family and listed in 1810 on Kanawha County, Virginia, Census. Apparently had ten children, the eldest possibly James born 1779±; the next Joseph with wives Hannah and Elizabeth Reed; among others John, born 1799± who married Jane Moore. The Elizabeth who married George McNeely and the Hannah who married Daniel Jarrell could belong here or among children of James' brother Joseph.
3. Joseph, born about 1763 in Pennsylvania, ~~settled in Boone County, West Virginia, area,~~ married Nancy ??Hewitt??. With brothers, planted crop on "the Island" of Guyandotte River about 1794. Pioneer settler of area which became Boone County, West Virginia. He and wife may have died about 1800 since they disappear from records. Their children were, according to tradition; Isaac, born about 1781, who married Susan, and can be followed in census Giles 1810, Kanawha 1820, Logan 1830 & 40, and Boone 1850; Abraham, born about 1784, married 9 Nov. 1809 Mary "olly" Ballard; Joseph, born between June and October 1790, married Elizabeth (?McNeely) (Elkins) 7 Nov. 1813; ~~also likely, are~~ Elizabeth who married George McNeely and the Hannah who married Daniel Jarrell, mentioned above as possibly James' children. The death record of Hannah (Workman) Jarrell shows her father as Jos. Workman, and the proximity of the McNeely's would seem to favor Elizabeth's inclusion in this group.
4. Isaac, born about 1765, is apparently the only one of the brothers who moved to another part of Virginia. He is listed in the 1810 Loudoun County census. The Isaac born about 1781 (shown above) might be the correct Isaac for this spot, but the arrangement shown seems to me more likely.
5. Ann, born about 1768, who married in Montgomery County, Virginia, 16 June 1788 Samuel Muncey. I have not yet traced records on her, but information on her death record, if available, might furnish significant clues about parentage.
6. Thomas, born about 1772 in Pennsylvania, indicating that the family had not yet made the move to Virginia, married (Was this for the first time?) Sarah Dickerson/Deskens 24 October 1805. His family may be traced through census records from Tazewell 1810, 20, 30 to Boone in 1850. Still trying to separate identity of his children from those of Abraham.
7. Jacob, born between 1770-1780, married Eleanor Jones. He made sworn statement in 1816 that he had accompanied brother to Guyandotte River twenty-three years before. He settled in that part of Cabell which became Wayne County, and his family can be followed there in censuses of 1810, 20, and 30. He had apparently died before 1850 when his widow, aged 74, was living with children.
8. Moses, born 1780-1785, married 17 June 1801 Elizabeth Muncey. While in Tazewell County in 1810 and 1820, he was in Lawrence Co., Kentucky, by 1830. Did he marry secondly Sarah Marrs?
9. Phoebe, born ?about 1780-1785, married Isaac Roberts.

See more 2½
likely
possibility
on page 2

POSSIBLE WORKMAN FAMILY LINEAGE: ALTERNATE TWO

The preceding page does not take into account the presence in 1776 of an adult James Workman, "said to be the first white man to build a cabin within the Gilmer County area." It is, of course, possible that as a young man of fourteen a James born about 1762 might have built the cabin. Much more likely, however, is that the preceding family group be changed, eliminating James in the group. The elder James (with a much earlier birth date and an even larger family) would be perhaps a younger brother of the Joseph who married Phoebe. Another of their brothers would have been Daniel/Nimrod--names which can be easily misread (Nimrod for Daniel or vice versa) if the initial "D" and other letters are quickly written in the old style. Note samples below:

If the family groups (or most parts thereof) following prove to be correct, several otherwise difficult-to-explain traditions and facts are quite reasonable. The seemingly conflicting accounts of precisely who went to the Island then fall into perspective. Depending on who told the story in later years and depending on which of the two generations represented there quite early was mentioned in the account, the impression left was different: It would have been "my grandfather and brothers came to the Island," "my brother and I were on the Guyandotte," etc. By careful study of the census records and tax lists, one can clearly determine when and which ones actually moved to (West) Virginia.

Children of Phoebe & Joseph Workman would then be:

1. Abraham, born 25 January 1761, etc.
2. Joseph, born about 1763, with wife Nancy, etc.
3. Isaac, born about 1765, etc.
4. Ann, born about 1768, etc.
5. Thomas, born about 1772, etc.
6. Jacob, born about 1770-1780, etc.
7. Moses, born 1780-1785, etc.
8. Phoebe, born perhaps 1780-1785, etc.

Children of Daniel/Nimrod might then be: ^{Nim.}

1. Joseph, born ante 1760 with wife Hannah, whose son Joseph married Reed's ^{Wythe}
2. Samuel, who married Martha Rhea in Rockbridge in 1785
3. John, who already had wife Sina in Rockbridge in 1797
4. Benjamin in Rockbridge in 1799

Children of James were possibly:

1. James, born 1770-1780
2. Joseph, born ca. 1780 (if #1 in Daniel/Nimrod family non-existent)
3. Male born 1784-1794
4. Female born 1784-1794
5. Female, born 1786-1800
6. John, born ca. 1799, married Jane Moore
7. Male, born 1800-1810
8. Male, born 1800-1810
9. Female, born 1800-1810

The above lists are probably not complete. I would also like to make another comment concerning the elder James. He and his family are in Kanawha County in 1810, and I have not picked them up later. Is it possible that they went to that area subsequently covered by Clay County, West Virginia, or to one of the Ohio counties? Most of the children attributed to Joseph and Phoebe above can be followed easily in their migratory pattern.

I would be most interested in any suggestions, comments, or corrections and additions to the above which might also prove or disprove any or all the speculation.

July 14, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman,

I have some new ideas about the Workman family and thought I would share them with you. I have been studying my material and what I think seems logical.

As you may know Ragland states that Dorcas Workman Barker was a grand-daughter of James Workman. You and others tell me John Workman who married Jane Moore was a son of James.

John and Jane Workman were next door neighbors of William and Dorcas Barker with William acquiring their land in 1856. John Workman is buried on the Barker farm at Barkers Fork. No other graves nearby.

I believe John Workman to be a brother to Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth McNeely Elkins and that they are the sons of James Workman, as Ragland states. Dorcas Workman Barker was still alive when Ragland wrote his history and she probably told him who her grandfather was.

As I have looked over the Tazewell History I believe the Joseph Workman who was a brother of James and Jacob did not leave Tazewell Co. until after 1805 and that he probably came to this area about the time Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth Reed came to Wyoming County. I may be wrong but this is my idea and that is what we are all searching for, is idea's that will help us solve the Workman family mystery.

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Dear Cousin:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 14, which crossed in the mail mine to you of July 16.

Although the enclosed analysis of the WORKMAN family was quite wordy in my communication to you, there were still many options that I did not discuss. The one you mention in your letter is an important one which I omitted due to the fact that I felt I was becoming too lengthy in the discussion. Yes, I am aware that Ragland identified the grandfather of Dorcas(Workman)Barker as James and, like you, believe that is a distinct possibility. You must be aware, though, that Jasper (Dorcas' brother) identified their grandfather as Joseph when he reported his father's death. Which of the two is an error, I do not know. Generally, I accept the official report until it is proved incorrect since I know how confusing a narrative account can become. As you know, Ragland identifies the three who planted corn on the Island as James, Joseph, and Nimrod Workman, brothers. Dorcas may simply have said that her grandfather was the one who planted corn on the Island, and at that point Ragland in his notes may have had nothing more and simply assumed James. On the other hand, Dorcas could have been explicit (if indeed she talked to Ragland), and her grandfather may really have been James.

It is so easy to confuse the Joseph who married the Reed's and the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. Whether both of these Joseph's had a father named Joseph or whether one was the son of James still remains to be ascertained. There were apparently only about ten years between their ages, the first born about 1780 and the latter in 1790.

One reason I had usually tied the John who married Jane Moore to the "Reed" Joseph as a brother is because the Reed and Moore families lived in the same Monroe County vicinity--if Jane Moore's parents are the ones I believe they are. Although I have not yet proven the relationship, I think that Jane Moore is the sister of "my" Anne Moore who married James Pine Christian and that another of their sisters, Sarah, married John Dingess. Sarah was the daughter of Margaret (Edmonson) and George Moore, of Bath Co., Va., then Greenbrier, then Monroe, then Giles Counties. By the way, do you have the information from a grave stone for John Workman, whom you say is buried on the Barker Farm? If so, I would appreciate receiving the data thereon.

Another few observations on the two Joseph Workman men. If the death record of the one who married the Reed women did not identify his mother as Hannah, I would have been inclined to think he was a son of the elder Joseph and Phoebe. Again, unless the death record (which was reported by "friend" James H. Workman) is found to be in error, one must work on the hypothesis that his mother was Hannah. Even our Joseph could have been a son of Joseph and Phoebe, but his death record identifies his mother as Nancy, not Pheby.

Very little has been said of the other younger Joseph, born about 1802, with wife Margaret. He may well be the son of the James of the Kanawha County 1810 census, of whom I have not found later records. Interestingly, Joseph, Jr.'s 1830 household is one of the few that has another male in his age bracket and apparently two females too old to be his daughters. If James died shortly after 1810, then many of his children would have found homes in the families of relatives--most still being quite young. Thus, they would have been missed in the 1820 census as far as separate identities would have been concerned. Surprisingly, the household of Elizabeth (McNeely) and Joseph Workman was also missed in 1820. By 1830 Elizabeth and Joseph appear (with her eldest son of Eikins surname as well as their own children). James H. also missed in 1820.

If the John who married Jane Moore were James' son, as commonly supposed, and if his father died shortly after 1810, he could have lived in the same household as the McNeely-Joseph and thus developed closer ties than otherwise. Of course, this John could have been this Joseph's brother rather than one of the other Joseph's brother. As I said once before, there are simply too many with the same given names; and it's difficult to fully document precisely which was which. It would certainly be helpful if an ancient family Bible should appear.

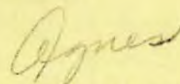
By the way, after my recent comparison of the writing of Daniel and Nimrod, I do want to say that they both might have existed. The Isaac, born about 1780, has among his grandchildren one named Daniel and another named Nimrod. Was this Isaac's wife a Perry?

Before closing, a word or two about the children of Moses, born 1780-1790, who was in Tazewell County, then Lawrence County, Kentucky, then Logan County, (West) Virginia. I believe there are several errors in the listing of his children in Schreiner-Yantis book and on the L. D. S. records. According to another of my correspondents descended from the Elizabeth who married Philip Heninger: Elizabeth was the daughter of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham Workman. The Moses who married Mary Blankenship in 1845 was probably the son of Abraham or Thomas since the above Moses' son, Moses, was only about fourteen years of age in 1845 and was still single in 1850. The elder Moses apparently did marry twice as I intimated in my recent account.

In the first paragraph on this page, I stated rather categorically that James Workman of the Kanawha County 1810 census was missing from later listings. I am aware that there is a James in Kanawha 1820 and Logan 1830 who might be the same although the latter is younger than the former was supposed to be. I realize, too, that the enumerator can sometimes miss the proper column; so these might be one and the same man. I still have not found James H. in 1820 though.

Once more, I seem to have gone on and on; but it would be great if the answer to the relationships could be found.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mr. Sigfus Olafson
Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Mr. David A. Turner

July 21, 1795

Mrs. Pearlman,

I will try to answer some of your questions. I may have told you I am new at genealogy. I started in Jan. and thought I would work back as far as I could without going to much expense and then stop. I enjoyed it so much I am hooked, but I don't have the money to pursue my lines the way I would like, so I am depending on Books and letter writing to help me.

I have one more idea on a Workman connection. Joseph b. 1815 and Nancy Marrs were neighbors of William Barker in 1850. I find in marriage records of Tazewell Co., James Marrs and Sally Workman married Dec. 26, 1810. I wonder if Joseph is a son of James and Sally Marrs, and if he is a cousin of Dorcas Workman Barker.

I haven't checked out all the family of Abraham Workman b. 1782 and his wife Mary Ballard b. 1782. I know that their dau. Lurana Workman Stollings was a first cousin of Dorcas Workman Barker. This was family tradition.

Frenchie Workman age 91 grandson of James Madison Workman knows that his great-grand father was Abraham and Mary Ballard Workman. James Madison married Cynthia McNeely.

According to Hardesty Amanda Workman b. 1826 dau. of Abraham and Mary Workman, married Mitchell Clay b. 1820. No children.

I have the older Abraham Workman as marrying Margaret Letner, Sept. 12, 1786. You have her as Lightner.

I will have more information of the family of Abraham and Mary in a few days.

Bill's (my Husband) nephew is a descendant of Joseph Gore and Martha Pine. Do you have information as to the parents and grandparents of these two people.

Now to the Gatliff family. You are probably right about the family parents. My theory was based on the following.

Montgomery Co. Tax List 1790

Survey Book A page 254

Survey of Squire Gatliff, Feb. 20, 1776 by the Loyal Land Co. 43 acres on the East side of New River adjacent to Robert Wiley. A note dated Jan. 17, 1783 says "William Toney in possession who married heir-by-law of Squire Gatliff."

Squire Gatliff was in Battle of Point Pleasant. Thomas and Charles Gatliff were Frenchmen. I don't know where I picked up these two notes.

From ANNALS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BY SUMMERS page 679
April 2, 1777: The last Will and Testament of Esquire Gatliff dec'd was produced into court and proved by the Oaths of witnesses thereunto subscribed and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Leah Gatliff admin. with the will annexed is granted her on the Estate of said Squire Gatliff, whereupon she entered into and acknowledged her Bond with Michael Woods and Peter Dinges her Security in the sum of Two hundred pounds for her true and faithful discharge of Administration of said Estate.

Court at Fort Chiswell, Mont. Co.

Mr. Olafson said she had to be 21 yrs. old to be administrator.

Some more records from same book.

Court in Botetourt Co. Oct. 10, 1771

Martha Gatliff plaintiff in case against Jonathan Smith. She lost April 10, 1771 Esquire Gatliff on Jury

Oct. 9, 1771, Esquire Gatliff won case against Joseph Smith
Feb. 20, 1776 Squire Gattliff bought land (still alive)
April 1777 court appraised estate of Squire Gatliff Dec'd.

I thought Mr. Olafson had Leah Toney in his 1840 census reports, but he says not. She is in the 1815 Cabell Tax list already a widow.

Children of William and Leah Gatliff Toney.

Squire Toney b. 1783 m. Nancy Brown

William Toney b. 1787 m. Polly Caperton

James Toney m. Elizabeth Smith

John Toney b. 1781 m. Mary Hager

There were probably others including a son named Jesse.

I don't know now where I got the death date of Elizabeth Workman. I will have to search again. When I first started I didn't keep very good records, but I have found that is important if I keep on with my research.

We have our Stollings family reunion on Fathers day each year and our Barker family reunion on the first Sunday in July each year. If you are in this area at this time you are welcome to attend. Most of our attendance is direct descendants of my grandparents but you would be welcome. I have around 80 first cousins, 80 2nd cousins and a few 3rd cousins. There are 5 generations in the Stollings family as my grandfather is still alive and I have a little grandson 17 months old. My cousins dont include all the second and third cousins I have who are 1st cousins of my parents. I think I am a kin to every one around here.

Janet

Mrs. William Hager

Dave Turner is a Gatliff descendant. I have never talked with him.

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Dear Cousin:

Your letter of July 21 arrived today. My, but we're keeping the postal service busy.

You asked about Martha (Pine) and Joseph Gore: It just happens that I am apparently one of their descendants, too. I sometimes believe I am related to almost everyone in Boone and Logan Counties. I am enclosing a family group for Martha and Joseph showing at least births and marriages for sixteen children. I believe it unlikely that you will find a complete list of their offspring in any one place. I do not have absolute proof that Joseph was a son, and all evidence I have linking Isabel to the family is circumstantial, albeit substantial. I am a descendant of Isabel J. (Gore) and Jordon D. Mitchell. By Joseph's second marriage to Rachel, there was one daughter, very likely named Rachel, who married a Mr. Barton. By the third marriage to Louisa, there might have been a daughter named Frances--although Frances could have been a child of one of the latter two spouses by a prior marriage. The various wills on record in Monroe County are not clear on the relationship of the women named. Rachel was the widow of Richard Toler and the daughter of S. () and James Swinney. Louisa was the widow of a Mr. Spradling and the daughter of Mary () and David Meador.

Joseph's parents, as shown on the group sheet, were Ann Catherine (Keller) and Henry Gore. Ann Catherine was born 10 Sep. 1751 (of New York City) and died 2 Oct. 1840. After Henry was killed by Indians on the banks of New River in 1791, she married 25 Feb. 1793 Henry McDaniel/McDonald. Henry's will was probated in Shenandoah County, Virginia, 28 April 1791. Henry Gore was born 10 Sep. 1736 and baptized 26 Sep. 1736 in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, the son of Mary (Maderas) and John Gore. He was first married to Margaret _____.

Martha Pine was the daughter of Mary (Gatliff) and James Alexander Pine. I have already sent the Gatliff family information to you--or at least some of it. As for James Alexander Pine: He is shown in all legal records as James Pine, but members of the family always referred to him as Alexander Pine. You know how often West Virginians are known by their middle names. I know nothing of his parents except that I believe it likely that his father was also probably named either Alexander or James. He and Mary were apparently married about 1775. A family group is enclosed.

As for a few of your questions: The wife of the older Abraham Workman is shown as having married Margaret Letner/Lightner. I truly do not know which spelling is correct. It depends on the source how the name is spelled.

By the way, the note dated Jan. 1783 which says "William Toney in possession who married heir-by-law of Squire Gatliff" refers to the very piece of property which the court later gave to Charles Gatliff, Leah's brother. I might add that I have never encountered anyone who spent more time in court in the early days than

Leah and William Toney--whether in Botetourt, Montgomery, Greenbrier, Giles, or whatever county they found themselves in. The courts settled all sorts of disputes for them. I might add that her mother Martha Gatliff was also prone to litigation.

I have not yet entered a number of my latest sources on the Pine family group record; however, it is complete as far as names are concerned.

Another comment about Leah (Gatliff) Toney. I have often wondered whether she might have been married first to one of her Gatliff cousins since she was listed on several early tax lists as Leah Gatliff. My conclusion was, however, that she was entered during that period when she was in possession of her brother's property as his heir at law.

As for the Gatliff family being Frenchmen: That quotation is probably the one from Morton's HISTORY OF MONROE COUNTY. Although I have an open mind on the subject, I seriously doubt that they were. One of them may have married a French woman to cause someone to so inform Morton. You will notice, though, that there is nothing to back up his statement; and his account of the family is quite sketchy.

The estate of Leah's husband, William Toney, was appraised in Cabell County 20 May 1811. I do not know how much earlier he died. I have conflicting data as to the parentage of Polly Caperton's husband, William Toney. Are you certain that he was Leah's and William's son?

Thanks for the invitation to the family reunions. Maybe I can make it one of these days.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

July 31, 1975

Dear Mrs. Pearlman,

Just a few notes to add to your records on the Workman family. I tried to locate the Dorcas Workman Barker family Bible sometime ago. I found out it burned a few years ago in a home fire. Bad Luck.

You ask about the grave of John Workman (Jane Moore). There is no stone at the grave site. Here is what my Dad told me about the grave. The Workman who is buried on the Barker farm was either the Father or Brother of Benjamin Workman who was son of John and Jane. He had a son named Jack? (not sure) who carved his name on a tree on this point. His son was killed in a war and his father ask to be buried on this spot. Since John did not have grandsons old enough to serve in the Civil War, I think that John had a son who was killed in the Mexican War as John died 1847-1850 period. The Workmans left the Barker farm around 1856, as William Barker ^{Purchased} ~~purchased~~ the land in that year. If we could find record of a son killed in the Mexican War we would have the answer. I have been to this grave but it was around 24 years ago.

Some added notes on the Workman family from Pioneers of Tazewell County by S-Yantis. The Workman family signed petitions during the 1790-1799 period in Wythe Co. to form a new county. What puzzles me is how they were allowed to sign when they were supposed to be living here. (Present Logan Co.)

1793 James Workman signed

1795 Abram, JOseph, Joseph, Thomas, Isaac, and James Sr. signed

1796 James, Jacob, and Joseph Workman Sr. signed
1797 James Workman
1798 Joseph Sr., Joseph, Abraham Sr., Abraham, Moses and Thomas
1799 Abraham, Daniel and Moses
1815 Tazewell Tax List Thomas Workman
1820 Tazewell County Census Thomas age 45 and up.
Abraham age 45 and up.

Another note from Immigrants to Va.

Robert and Mark Warkman in Virginia in 1684 New Kent Co. They were the sons of Mark Warkman of London England.

Thank you for the information you sent on the Gatliff and Gore families. It set me straight on a few points.

I have established for sure at Jane the wife of Joseph Barker (on my charts) was the dau. of Elisha and Elizabeth Bowles. Elisha died in Bedford County in 1838. I obtained a copy of his will and there was enough evidence in the will to establish parentage.

Received a copy of a letter written to you by Mr. Sayre. The two of you are so far ahead of me in research, I think I will study the material awhile before making a comment. I can't compete with professionals but will make comments and send ideas as they came to me. Everytime I get an idea and send it to you, you don't have to answer unless you have a question or I request an answer. Will close for now and happy Hunting cousin.

Janet Lager
you have a Cousin living in Buttons Willows Calif. George Godbey
Grandson of George and Elizabeth (Barker) Godbey.

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Dear Cousin:

Thank you for your letter of July 24, which arrived in the same mail as one from Mr. Olafson. I appreciated much of the new information as well as your further analysis of the possibilities regarding the early connections.

Like you, I shall answer from "head to typewriter" with all the attendant risks, particularly lack of organization. Nonetheless, by doing so, I can send this quick response since I have some facts just discovered which I did not have at the last writing.

First, a few comments regarding earliest ancestors. I am inclined to believe that the New Amsterdam-New Jersey-Pennsylvania-West Virginia route is the correct one, based primarily on the derivation of given names so prevalent among the Workman descendants in Boone and Logan Counties: Annetje (Anna) which appears later as Anita; Harmintje (Hannah), subsequently converted to Armita and Minta - Akaminta, incidentally, being my sister's middle name; Femetje (Phoebe), so often appearing as Meta; even relatively late Josephus (Joseph), appearing in its original form. I could give many more examples, but these should suffice for the moment.

Shortly after writing my last letters, I found in my notes reference from Schreiner-Yantis' TAZEWELL PIONEERS that "Philip Heninger, son-in-law of Abraham Workman," reported Abraham's death in Tazewell County as of -- --- 1858." I personally checked microfilm copy of the Tazewell County death register yesterday, and this is correct. As you know, the name also appears as Heneger, etc., and I wonder if it might be a variation of Honaker. Anyway, this definitely establishes the Elizabeth Workman who married Philip Heneger as the daughter of Margaret (LIGHTNER) and Abraham Workman rather than as the daughter of Moses, as listed later in Schreiner-Yantis' book. The John L. Workman with wife Sophia (with whom the elder Abraham was living in 1850) can, I believe, also be definitely attributed to Margaret and Abraham. That one of their daughters married Philip Greever is also likely since the Greever family lived in close proximity to the others. If her name was Mary, then she had died before 1850 (probably about 1840 if one may judge by a lapse between ages of living children in 1850), and Philip had remarried--the Philip born about 1804, that is. On the other hand, if her name was Nancy, she might be the one listed as the wife of the elder Philip Grever in 1850--although I believe this was Nancy Ritter who married Philip Grever in 1822. I attribute a remarriage to the younger Philip Grever because his wife's name was Eliza at that time, and she would not have been a daughter of Margaret and Abraham since they already had a proven daughter ~~Eliza~~ who married Philip Heneger. I have several other possibilities for children of Margaret and Abraham but shall wait until another day to discuss them.

As for the Abraham who married Polly Ballard: I have two new proven daughters to add to the family group: The Boone County, Virginia, Death Register (microfilmed copy of which I checked this past week) shows that Lucy Chandler, born on Little Cole, died on Spruce of Cole 22 December 1856 at age 45 years, 10 ~~months~~, 15 days, daughter of Abraham and Mary Workman, married to Thomas Chandler, who reported her death. The Logan County, Virginia, Death Register revealed also that Melia Stone, born Coal River in Kanawha County, died on Guyandotte -- --- 1860 at age 47 of disease of lungs, daughter of Polly & Abraham Workman, wife of C. I. Stone, who reported the death. There are now only three daughters of theirs unaccounted for.

August 3, 1975

Now for information on Isaac Workman and his wife Susan: Again from the Boone County death register. The death of Susan Workman 3 August 1855 on Pond Fork was reported by her son Joseph Workman. He stated that she was aged 75 years and that she died of Dropsy. Under place of birth, there was the notation "unknown." I must point out, however, that this means he did not know the place of birth of her parents since the clerk in this series of deaths has listed beside the names of parents two places of birth in many instances, thus indicating that the clerk believed the question place of birth referred to the parents rather than to the deceased. In other cases where only one place of birth was listed, I know that both parents were born there. As for Susan's parents, ~~the~~ script is virtually illegible for the surname. The names, however, were Charles and Rachel Ley/Rey/Leid/Reid/Lea/Rea/Low/Row/Leek/Reed/Leg/Reg. I hesitate to venture even a guess although if one may judge by other related families, the most likely seem to be Reed or Rea (usually spelled Rhea) although the initial letter really looked more like "L" pointing toward Low. I plan to recheck the film on a better reader next Thursday to see if I can make out exactly what the name is.

Concerning the Reed and Moore connections: I thank you for sending the information from the death register concerning the birth place of the Susannah Moore who married Benjamin Reed. I already had her as a tentative daughter of Margaret (Edmonson) and George Moore, and your letter confirmed it. Another tentative daughter is the Hannah Moore who married 1 Jan. 1817 in Monroe County to Henry Jones. Remember that Jacob Workman married Eleanor Jones. I wonder if there is a connection here? I have the marriage record of Susannah Moore to Benjamin Reed 16 Nov. 1815 in Monroe County also. One of the two sons of Margaret Edmonson and George Moore I believe to be the James Moore who married 17 Sep. 1822 Nancy Shumate in Giles County. Margaret and George apparently had two sons and seven daughters, one girl apparently dying before reaching maturity. So if the tentative children I have attributed to them in this and the last letter prove to be correct, I have only one daughter and one son unaccounted for.

Speaking of the Moore family, I believe that there is probably an even earlier connection with the Workman family--possibly the wife of one of the Joseph's or even of the early James or Daniel. The Moore family who settled in the Bath-Rockbridge area came from Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Augusta County marriage records which give names of grooms only show the marriages of Jasper Moore in 1759, Moses Moore in 1761, and Daniel Moore in 1793. Later there is an Amos and a Thomas Moore in Giles County. Levi and David also early Moore names.

You asked how I could be sure that Dorcas (Workman) ~~Barker~~ and the Jasper Workman who reported Joseph Workman's death in Boone County were sister and brother. I accept Anderson's account of that particular generation since the information was provided to Anderson's mother by their nephew William Wallace Workman, born in 1852 and who did not die until 1942. I believe he would have known precisely who his aunts and uncles were, and unless there were simply an error in transcription or printing, the children of Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins) and Joseph Workman should be correct. When I said "their nephew" above, I was referring to the nephew of Dorcas and Jasper, not to the Anderson's. I realize, of course, that there was another Jasper Workman of almost identical age to the above whose parents I have not identified; however, the Jasper who married Martha Chambers is listed in the Boone County Marriage Register as the son of Jos. & E. Workman--one of the few times where the "o" in Jos. is unmistakable.

As for the various men named Moses Workman: Let's take first the one born between 1780 and 1790. I believe he was married twice because of analysis of the census and marriage records in relationship to all others. He is in the Tazewell County, Virginia 1810 tax list with a household of his own and, I believe,

the one who had married Elizabeth Muncy 17 June 1801. The Obadiah, born about 1807 and married Rebecca Lambert is probably their son (if not Thomas's). As you know, Obadiah is a name associated with the Muncy family. In 1820 Moses Workman is still in Tazewell County--with a male in the household who fits into Obadiah's age group, a number of females, and two males under ten years of age, one of whom could be the Moses who married Elizabeth Scarbrough, the other probably Jesse, son of Phoebe--noting that there is an extra older female in his household born 1770-1780, perhaps Phoebe. In 1830 Moses Workman is no longer in Tazewell County but appears on the census records of Lawrence County, Kentucky. Jesse and his wife, both aged 15-20, are also in Lawrence County; and Phoebe is out of Moses' household apparently already married to Isaac Roberts, who is listed as head of household in Cabell County--undoubtedly that part which later became Wayne and just across the river from Lawrence County. Jacob Workman is also listed in Cabell County, Virginia, in 1830. By 1840 the elder Moses appears with his family in Logan County, Virginia, the remaining children fitting into the proper age categories except that the one I have assumed as the younger Moses is no longer with them. In 1850 the widow Sarah (indicating that the elder Moses must have been the one who married Sarah Marrs 11 July 1820 in Tazewell County, Virginia) is living with Abijah, who was apparently born in the census year of 1820--probably the son of Elizabeth and Moses (she maybe died in childbirth), or a somewhat "premature" son of Sarah and Moses. Despite identity of his mother, Sarah would have raised him. I realize that if the younger Moses mentioned above were indeed Moses, Sr.'s son, this would mean he had two sons by that name, one with Elizabeth and the one who was 19 years of age in 1850 by Sarah. There is, of course, the distinct possibility that the Moses who married Elizabeth Scarbrough could have been one of the "other children" of Phoebe. As you can see, I accept the tradition that Phoebe had children prior to marrying Isaac Roberts since it was her grandson who so stated. I think it is quite possible, however, that she had married one of her Workman cousins, thus having the same married as maiden surname.

There was perhaps a son named Moses in Thomas' household as well--the one who first appears in Logan County in 1840. I suppose these Moses could be reversed, but I have yet to find any evidence which would place Thomas near the Tug Fork. I have Jacob's children accounted for without any Moses, so the above seems the most likely in spite of a few complicating considerations which I won't discuss at this time.

To backtrack Briefly: Regarding the Joseph who reported the death of his mother Susan. This would have been Josephus, born about 1809-10, who appears in the household of his parents until the 1840 census, when he is head of his own household. All other possibilities can be eliminated on the basis of good cause. Do you know the name of Josephus' wife?

Mr. Olafson mentioned that he had provided you with a copy of the letter in which he discusses the issue of Thomas. In addition to a possible son named Moses, I think the Amos who married Jemimah Walker could have belonged to his family. Certainly I agree with Mr. Olafson concerning Martha, who lists "Thomas and S. Workman" as her parents when applying for marriage to Alexander Church. Harvey Workman was, I'm sure, one of their sons. He died 4 Oct. 1856 at age 37 in Boone County of consumption. The death was reported by "Mrs. Workman, mother" and names of parents given as "unknown." This would just seem to indicate that the mother gave the information to someone who then went into the courthouse at a later date and reported it to the clerk--one of the sure ways in which errors can creep into the data given. David is probably the other

son. Further analysis of my records revealed another interesting possibility concerning the identity of the oldest Isaac, whom I originally attributed to Joseph and Phoebe and placed in Loudoun County. Frankly, I agree with you that this was rather far-fetched; but at the time I could not seem to account for him in any other way. I now think that he must be a bachelor brother living with his brother Thomas through 1820. At least, that would explain the presence of the extra male in Thomas' age group. It would also explain the seeming lack of descendants. I am inclined to accept his existence as reported by his grand-nephew.

In finally completing my census profile of the Workmans in all southern West Virginia Counties plus Giles and Tazewell Counties, Virginia, and Lawrence County, Kentucky from 1810 through 1850, I have been able to account for the eldest James Workman--although the following involves the most speculation of all. Starting with the 1810 Kanawha County, Virginia, census with James, Sr., as head of household born before 1765 with wife (probably Hannah) in the 1765-1785 range. The next two listed in the age 16-26 group I believe to be his son James, Jr., and James, Jr.'s, wife (in this case the enumerator having placed their ages in the wrong column). In addition to the John M. ~~1816~~ who married Jane Moore, I believe one of the "under 10" males to be the Joseph, Jr., who married Margaret. Joseph, Jr., along with perhaps one of the other children would be the ~~child~~ of James, Jr. In this case three generations would be making their home together (as we find in several instances in the 1850 census where the picture is clearer). Between 1810 and 1820, Hannah apparently died, and James, Sr., in 1820 must have been with his son, Joseph, who married the Reed's. James, Jr., and his wife have a household still containing John M. and Joseph, Jr., plus a female under 10. James, Sr., would then be the extra male in the household of Joseph in Giles County. Two of the younger males who are not with James, Jr., in 1820 but show up with him in 1830 must have been children of James, Sr., who went to live with other relatives after the death of their mother. Whether John M. is the son of the junior or senior James cannot be stated with certainty, but I am inclined to believe he is the son of the elder one. James, Jr., and his wife are no longer around in 1840, so this is probably the James who died about this time--rather than the James Hewett Workman that Anderson mentions. James, Jr., probably did move someplace, but I have not been able to determine where as yet.

I hope the preceding paragraph was not too confusing. One of the major reasons I do not attribute Joseph, Jr., with wife Margaret to the senior Abraham is because there are others in Tazewell and Wythe Counties who fit the proper age categories and home-leaving dates better. I recognize, nonetheless, that unlikely combinations are possible, that children do not always live with their parents and grandparents, etc.; but Joseph, Jr., fits much more neatly into the group outlined above. I wish space, time, and money permitted me to send along the more than hundred pages of charts, census records, and abstracts I have accumulated on the Workmans so that you could see why certain "possibilities" become impossible and unexpected solutions become just that. By the way, where have you placed Squire T. Workman and Russell Workman?

Your information from the pension record of Daniel Workman was appreciated; however, I had mailed to the National Archives only several days before for copies. I do not have the one for him and for Abraham and feel that I should to have as complete a record as possible.

 Could you send me the information given in death record of Susannah Reed. In your comments, you failed to mention the date; and it would save me considerable time if I had it.

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When I mentioned that it was difficult to keep "your" Joseph and "my" Joseph clearly identified, I did not mean in terms of knowledge but in terms of expression. When saying the word Joseph, it simply becomes awkward always to find it necessary to modify the word with repetition of the wives' names, etc. Also, until we actually prove the parentage of each one, there is always the possibility that either could be the son of the other's father.

Concerning the census records and dates: I must say that I was pleasantly surprised and amazed that very few dates did not conform from year to year--one of the exceptions being the one previously quoted for James, Jr., and his wife. Another was for Thomas and Sarah in 1840; for Joseph, Jr.'s, wife only in 1840; for John M. in 1840; for Isaac and Susan in 1840 and 1820; and for James H. and Ruth in 1850. So you can see that 1840 seemed to account for most of the proven errors. Believe it or not, the children work out perfectly. In those cases where at first glance there seems to be a discrepancy, careful charting reveals that the child was born ~~before~~ during the census year or a few months before or after. With the charting, one can also see where the child may have died, although the Workman groups seemed to be exceptionally hardy once they reached age five.

You ask about the information I gave regarding the death record of Hannah (Workman) Jarrell. I do not have access to that particular death register at this time. I did recheck my notes and found that I had personally made the death abstract from a microfilmed copy of the original. The name was given as Hanna Jarrell, age 57, who died -- July 1867 on Pond Fork of breast complaint, husband Daniel Jarrell, father Jos. Workman, reported by A. Jarrell, son. This may be a case where Jas. looks like Jos. Certainly her date of birth would place her in the family of either James, Sr., or James, Jr., rather than any of those named Joseph. The Joseph with wife Nancy seems to have been dead before 1810.

I have more to say about the earlier generations but shall save it for a future letter. Although I have mixed fact with speculation, I believe we will be able to solve the relationships by working together. Once the breakthrough is made, we should be able quickly to pick up several generations.

Until next time,

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P. S. When you send the death data on Susannah (Workman) Reed, could you also send what you have on the death of Jane (Moore) Workman? Thanks so much.

Second P. S. At the risk of becoming far too lengthy, I have decided to finish addressing my remarks to the remaining questions you pose in your letter of July 24, but still leaving comments regarding the earlier generations until later.

I think it unlikely that James in 1810 Kanawha County census would have been in Charleston. My recollection of that census enumeration is that Charleston inhabitants are interspersed throughout the listing--the remaining presumed to be living in county area. I believe he was living somewhere in the area subsequently encompassed by Boone County.

Enclosure -- Letter to Mr. Olafson of August 4, 1975

cc: Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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August 4, 1975

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Dear Mr. Olafson:

I was part-way through a rather rambling letter to Mr. Sayre when your second letter--that of July 29--arrived. Thank you for both.

I took my letter to Mr. Sayre as the place to comment on Thomas Workman's family and have enclosed a copy of it herewith. I enclose it also for what it gives from a few death register entries which I just abstracted.

I appreciated receiving also your discussion of Jane (Moore) and John Workman's family. Could you answer one question in this regard. In previous communication with me, you identified the Virginia who married Isaac Raeburn Ferrell as the daughter of Cynthia and James M. Workman. Do you consider the most recent information correct? That she belongs to Jane and John?

By the way, you may be interested in my theory about the identity of the female whom we identify as 'Mary M.' in the household #260 of Jane Workman in 1813. I believe she is the wife of George Washington Workman and that the woman later called Mari M. as Maryah, and have not taken the time to see if she was living in the household that year; if so, I believe this would confirm the identity since she is the correct age, and I do not think Jane would have had two daughters nearly born within five years of each other. Mr. Sayre lists the Thomas who has wife Elizabeth Jane (natter) as a son of Jane and John Workman. Do you have anything on them?

Your systematic approach of taking one family at a time is marvelous. I started to do the same but found that there were too many loose ends on all of the groups to focus on only one or two in my letter to Mr. Sayre. Thus, it became more disorganized than I would have liked.

Since all of us are Anderson's blood, I would like to review the basis on which I made my first statement to say. The information for the Boone County census was obtained from the census lists. Anderson's father from the tradition of the family is said to be: namely, William #4576, son of Jane #2975. William was born in 1748 and would thus have been 27 years of age when his grandfather, the oldest, died. I therefore would take his word for the information given about himself, his father, and his grandfather. His word would also have been generally reliable concerning his aunts and uncles, one minor exception being his naming of his Aunt Matilda's husband for easily understandable error since I know from intimate family sources that this Micajah Goodwin White was 'called Goodwin by all who knew him.' (As you recall, in Anderson's account he is listed as James Goodwin White.) I even believe that William would have had fairly accurate knowledge of at least some of his great aunts and uncles; therefore, I accept the five listed as being all or part. They are probably all since the two _____ and Joseph Workman, their parents, seem to have died before 1800.

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When I say that William's knowledge of his great-aunts and great-uncles would have been fairly accurate, place the emphasis on "fairly." Usually the grand-nephew or grand-niece knows the names of at least those of his grand-uncles and grand-aunts especially loved by his or her parents or of those who have caused trouble or consternation in the family or of those for whom someone was named. He or she often forgets the names of those who died many years previously or "moved away" if none of the above-named criteria existed. It seems that the Boone County information is most accurate for those individuals most closely related to Miller--except in the obvious instances where a family Bible was obtained for dates, etc.

As for the "siblings" was grand-uncle of the family: Here again I use the variation of closeness of the informant to gauge the accuracy of the information given. In this case it was a grandson of Jacob whose correspondence with a great-grandson of Phoebe provided the basis for the information given. ~~XXXXX~~ The informant in this case was Alexander, born in 1837 (one generation earlier and 25 years older than the Boone County informant). Thus, "the brothers" to whom he referred were his great-uncles. I would accept the names as at least a partial list. I believe that Anderson probably provided the approximate dates which prove to be so misleading. Rather than Phoebe moving in company with her brother Jacob, I believe that she and Moses followed Jacob to the area. Between 1830 and 1840 they could have traveled back and forth across the river.

It is true that there were rivers in Dover and some of the other Kentucky counties across the river but that the distances even in the early years could be measured in the minutes. Because of the terrain, today one can go from Huntington to Wayne to Louisa, West Virginia, in each direction and get back in Huntington within an hour or two without benefit of any superhighway.

Anyway, I suspect that the sworn statement of Jacob that he had been on the Island with Ann in 1773 as the basis for the Alternate One recently sent and used the names listed on page 64 as a start for constructing a tentative family. I wish I could see the original correspondence because I believe that Jacob probably said that he came with six brothers when he spoke to his grandson and that the missing sixth is James. Why Ann was left out as another sister, I do not know. Maybe she belonged to someone else.

One more comment about Phoebe: That she had children before marrying Isaac Roberts is not the kind of information anyone would make up about his great-aunt but the kind of information generally known in intimate contemporary circles. Because of Anderson's early birth date, I am inclined to accept the fact that she did have Yorkman children, probably out of wedlock.

As before, I have done a little history but believe Mr. Sayre and Mrs. Hager might be interested in some of the above.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure Letter of August 3, 1975 to Mr. Ralph H. Sayre

cc. Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Mrs. William H. Hager

Update on WORKMAN data to be added to August 3 and 4, 1975, material:

Rechecked the death register today and simply outline below the appearance of the maiden surname of Susan Workman, who died 3 Aug. 1855 at age 75 in Boone County, Virginia:

Charles & Rachel

I believe the name is definitely Leip, Lelt, Leik, Lelf, Leij-- Leil?

I found another entry of interest:

Margret Nelson, born Logan County, Virginia, died Hewetts Creek, Boone County, Virginia, of flux at age 27 on 28 Aug. 1855, daughter of Jane & John Workman, reported by husband, Greenville Nelson.

My interpretation of this is that Greenville was either married to two sisters consecutively (after the death of an even earlier wife) or that Margaret's full name was Margaret Ann Moore. I am inclined to believe in the existence of two women: Ann, born about 1824, and Margaret, born about 1827.

The following is added for you, Mr. Olafson, on the chance that you do not have the information:

Anna (or Ama) Elkins, born "not known," died Jarrell, Boone County, Virginia, 29 Sep. 1855, married; died of flux age 87 years 6 months, parents--Wm. & Elizabeth Smith; reported by Augustin Wall, friend.

As a matter of information for those of whom you do not have it in your notes: the John M. Workman who married Jane Moore was also known as "Jack" and "Jackson."

Apropos of the Valentine Workman and the Valentine B. Nelson, both aged two in 1850: In light of the death reported above, I believe Jane (Moore) Workman's last child might have been Valentine, born about the same time as her daughter Ann's son, Valentine B, and that Valentine Workman died sometime between 1850 and 1860. Speculation, of course! *Consistent with the reports, however.*

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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Dear ~~Workman~~ Cousin:

Enclosed is more lengthy correspondence on the Workman family--my most recent letters to Mr. Olafson and Mr. Sayre.

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No further words necessary at this time, I'd say.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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Enclosures *August 3, 1975 letter to Mr. Ralph Sayre*
August 4, 1975 letter to Mr. Sigfus Olafson

August 12, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman,

Mr. Sayre and yourself are always one jump ahead of me. I had some notes ready and then received correspondence from both of you which answered my questions. You seem to be doing a good job of getting the Workman family untangled.

Here are a couple of notes to add to your records, but knowing you I guess you already have them.

Tazewell Marriage Bonds

Mary Workman m. Philip Greever Oct. 21, 1818

Marinda Workman b. May 24, 1819 m. Robert Kilgore Green

Who was Anna Workman (no. 622 in 1860 Boone Census) age 55 with Josephine age 14.

I found this record in Saffells Rev. War records
Pvt. James Workman enlisted in Penn. Feb. 8, 1776, deserted April 8, 1776. Capt. Samuel Watsons Co. in Battalion commanded by Col. Arthur St. Clair and Co. l. James Wood of Penn. This battalion fought at Fort Ticonderoga in 1776.

These are from Hardestys History of Wayne Co.
Pleasants Workman among first settlers of what is now Wayne Co.
Joseph Workman b. 1801 in Eastern Virginia m. Nancy Osburn b. 1800

1 Alderson Workman b. 1830 m. Rebecca McClure

a William M. Workman b. 1851 m. Charlotte R. Swan

Henry Workman b. 1820 in Tazewell Co. m. Nancy Dalton b. 1830

1. John Workman b. 1852 m. Mary McCloud

a. William Workman b. 1852 m. Elizabeth Maynard

b. Moses Workman b. 1877

c. Lilla Workman b. 1879

d. Alice Workman b. 1883.

When you are going through death records of this area I would appreciate it very much if you would watch for Mary Ballard Workman. I need the names of her parents. Mr. Olafson thinks she was the daughter of Elijah and Mildred Dahoney Ballard. I would also appreciate names on the following; Catherine Hager who died in 1850-1860 period. Joseph Barker who died in 1859. I know I am imposing too much on your kindness and I appreciate you very much. When I have the opportunity to question some of the Workman family I will let you know what I find. I have been wanting to visit Frenchie Workman who is 91 years old. His daughter's mind is real good and I would only have the problem of his talking too much.

Since I don't have anything to add to data on the Workman family I will say thanks and close.

Oh! yes when I see Uncle Frank I am going to question him about the grave on the Barker farm. Although he is younger than my dad he seems to remember more of our history. I guess the reason being he lived with Grandfather Barker until his death. The trouble with questions is we get so many different answers. Ha. If John Workman went by the name of Jack maybe it could be his father who is buried there, as dad seemed to think the son's name was Jack.

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August 20, 1975

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Dear Cousin Janet:

Thank you for your letter of August 12. I appreciated your notes on some of the Workman lines although, as you guessed, I already had most of the information.

One question was raised with one of your quotations from the Tazewell County, Virginia, marriage bonds:

Marinda Workman b. 24 May 1819 m. Robert Kilgore Green

When I copied the ministers' returns for Tazewell, the entry appeared as follows:

Marinda Workman married 7 July 1832 John Ourey

I wonder if the same Marinda is involved? Since "Ourey" seemed to me an unusual name, I spent considerable time trying to find out if the name could have been Owey, Oney, Ownsby, Owens, or even Curey (since a "C" in script often can be mistakenly interpreted as "O"). I had no luck in finding Marinda after her marriage. Where did you find the marriage bond quoted?

Speaking of unusual names: Because of information uncovered this week, I believe we would be safe in assuming that the maiden surname of the Susan Workman who died 3 August 1855 was Leit (alternate spelling Leet). If you notice the tracing I sent, it certainly looked most like Leit--with the old-fashioned ending "t". I had never before encountered the name so was hesitant to accept it as such at the time I first saw it. This week, though, I received the pension application papers of the James Workman living in 1833 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. James was born 15 September 1757 (place not given). At the time of his first enlistment in 1775, he entered service in Lancaster County, where he "was visiting relatives." His residence was already Washington County, Pennsylvania, though. Among the numerous individuals mentioned in his pension papers were Dan- Leet (written in distinctive and clear fashion), Alex- Reed, and Dan- Moore. In her book, Anderson lists this James as a son of Samuel. Of interest is the fact that he died near Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia.

In response to your requests: I went to the library yesterday and searched through the Logan and Boone County, (West) Virginia, death registers which we have here: 1854-1859 inclusive. There was no entry for Mary (Ballard) Workman; neither could I find any for Catherine Hager. Although Joseph Barker's death had been registered, it was not too complete. Note, too, that the date is 1858, not 1859:

Joseph Barker died Logan County, Virginia, 7 April 1858, cause "not known"
born Bedford County, Virginia. (Spaces for names of parents and wife were blank.) Reported by son (not named)

From Mrs. Whitman (to whom my first lengthy analysis was sent), I have learned that the Philip Greever who married Mary Workman in Tazewell County in 1818 was the elder Philip, born about 1777. Mary was the second of his three wives, and she lived only a short time after marriage. Mrs. Whitman received this information many years ago from a Miss Ida Greever of Burkes Garden. Mary was probably one of the older daughters of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham Workman, having been born between 1786-1789.

I can now report that John L. Workman, who appears in 1850 Tazewell County, Virginia, census with wife Sofia, was definitely a son of Margaret and Abraham. As a widower he married secondly 17 January 1858 Grisilla/Prisilla (Suiter) Lambert, a widow. His
parents

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parents were shown as Peggy ~~and Abram~~ Workman and hers as Rebecca and Wm. Suiter. This information also forwarded to me by Mrs. Whitman, who belatedly received my correspondence since she had moved. She is a descendant of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham Workman.

Now for some information of basic significance to your line and mine as well as to Mr. Sayre's line. I feel a little sheepish about not having noticed previously that there is a discrepancy between the WPA abstracts of the Boone County, West Virginia, death entry for Joseph Workman (widower of Elizabeth (McNeely)Elkins) and the entry as it actually appears on the Boone County death register. My Workman family files carries the WPA abstract and is the one which I have used these many months to assume that Joseph's father was definitely Joseph. Only yesterday while transcribing my general West Virginia records one by one into my various surname files did I notice that the copy I personally made from the original entry in Boone County shows that Joseph's father's name was abbreviated Jos./Jas., so difficult to distinguish. It is thus possible that Ragland was correct in quoting Dorcas Workman when he stated that her grandfather was "James." Such an interpretation makes for considerably easier deciphering of the family of James Workman who is listed in the Kanawha County, Virginia, 1810 and 1820 census records. More on this in another letter.

By the way: Have you anything which would clarify the birthplace given for your ancestor Abraham Workman (wife Mary "Polly" Ballard) # 423 in 1850 Boone County, Virginia, census? It seems to me that the writing clearly places his birth in N. C., which I translate as North Carolina. Is the microfilm which I use not clear? Does it actually say Pa.? Or N. J.? Or something else?

I have nothing on the Anna Workman, age 55, with Josephine, age 14, in the 1860 Boone County census #622. Perhaps Mr. Olafson can identify her for you.

As I receive data from you and our other correspondents (help which I truly appreciate), many details are falling into place. Within a few weeks I should be able to send a revised, more accurate projection of the early generations.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure (Today's letter to Mr. Ralph Sayre)

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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of August 12. I am delighted that with each letter from you and our other correspondents, additional questions concerning our Workman kin are answered. Enclosed is copy of a reply I just wrote to Janet Hager; several items of which should be of special interest to you. I am also sending her a copy of this letter since I shall cover different points.

Regarding Squire T. Workman: It is my opinion that he is a son of Susan (Leit) and Isaac Workman--based on his age and the year he established household of his own (1840). By 1850 he had moved to Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, and is in household #213/216 with wife Nancy _____ and eight children. I have not been able to find Russell Workman in 1850.

Our local library will have to order the Sonoma County, California, microfilm for me, so it is possible you will receive your answer from the recorder there before I can check the film. The reason some of the West Virginia and Virginia counties are so readily available is because I paid to have them placed here on indefinite loan several years ago.

In your August 11 letter to Mr. Olafson, you discussed the Thomas Workman, born about 1772, who appears in the Boone County, Virginia, census of 1850 in household #437. There is no doubt in my mind that this is the same Thomas Workman who appears on the Tazewell County, Virginia, tax lists, and whose "improvement" ~~is~~ what later became Boone County is mentioned in 1809. There is no evidence of another Thomas in the area. When he disappears from the Tazewell County census, he appears in that of Logan County in 1840 with younger children in the proper age categories. The only discrepancy I have found about him so far is the age given for him as well as his wife in 1840. I do have one question which I have asked before: Was he perhaps married before he married Sarah Deskins? He was 33 years old when he married her. There was another male in his 1820 household born before 1794 who could have been either an older son or a bachelor brother.

Regarding the death record of the Joseph Workman who married the Reed women: The Alleghany County which was mentioned as place of birth in the death record refers to Alleghany, Pa., not Va. The last time I checked the Wyoming County death register at the county seat--not on microfilm, it was clear that the abbreviation referred to Pennsylvania, not Virginia. This is also in conformity with the census reference to place of birth. Since Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, was not formed until 1788, he was probably born in that part of Washington County which became Alleghany. Joseph's closer ties to eastern West Virginia may have been through his mother's relatives rather than through his father. His mother, Hannah, might have been a Reed or Moore or someone connected to them. At the first opportunity, I hope to check western Pennsylvania marriage records. The answer to your Joseph's parents' identity is likely to be found there--whether Joseph and Hannah or James and Hannah.

If the birth place given for the Isaac Workman, born about 1780, is correct in the 1850 Boone County census, and if he is indeed the brother of the Joseph Workman who married the McNeely, then his parents were in Virginia much earlier since Virginia is given as his place of birth--Isaac's. "Your" Joseph's parents may have followed "my" Joseph's

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parents to the area.

As I mentioned to Mrs. Hager, I wish to collect a few more significant clues before returning to any further evaluation of the earlier generations--particularly information from Logan County, Ohio, where Daniel moved. A computerized index to the 1820 Ohio census shows the following Workman families there: JAS M WORKMAN, JOHN WORKMAN, and SANTEL WORKMAN*--the latter undoubtedly DANIEL WORKMAN whom we know was there. The author had marked the name with an asterisk to indicate that the reading was questionable. I have not seen the actual census. In Fairfield County, Ohio, there is an AMOS WORKMAN--pertinent to explore since "my" Joseph and his brother James Hewett Workman both named a son Amos, apparently the only Boone County Workman's to do so, unless I inadvertently overlooked one.

Have I mentioned to you my speculation that the James Hewett Workman with whom we are familiar might have been named for another James Hewett Workman, either his father or uncle? This might account for some of the discrepancies in Anderson's accounts on pages 606 and 607. I am convinced that there is a grain of truth about the Ohio deaths--even though we know that the persons to whom she attributed them and the county to which they supposedly went are incorrect.

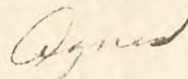
From Mrs. Whitman, quoting Greever's BURKES GARDEN: Margaret "Peggy" Workman married James Patton Thompson in 1810 in Kilmacronan, Washington County, Virginia. No parents were given.

Apropos the use of terminology on some of the birth and death registers: In 1860 in Logan County, James P. Christian was listed as "friend" in reporting the death of his grandson. It certainly would have been more helpful had the recorders been more explicit.

Another question: You had calculated the birth date of Jane (Moore) Workman on the basis of her death date, and you believed that it conflicted with that of Susannah's birth date. According to the information sent to me by another correspondent, there is no conflict. She indicated that the death occurred 7 July 1875 at age 75, which would place Jane's birth in 1800 (about a year after Susannah's birth 27 April 1799). Unless day and month are specifically given in listing of age, no assumptions can be made in that regard. Because I have not seen the original, I cannot be certain of the precise information given. Were months and days as well as years given in listing her death? How did you arrive at the fact that she was born in 1799 also?

That's about all for today. Hoping to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures (Letters to Mrs. Hager) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

cc: Mrs. Hager
Mr. Olafson

August 22, 1975 Friday

Dear Cousin,

I have collected some information on the Workman family. I am sending this now and will send the rest later.

I spent Wenesday in the Boone courthouse and Thursday in the Capitol at Charleston, and I am surprised at what I found out about the different families connected to mine.

I first viewed the copy of the old records and this is what I found.

Joseph Workman died 8-17-1879 of Gravel. Son of James and Nancy Workman. Born in Augusta Co. Va. reported by son Jasper Workman. This record was typewritten into a new book.

I then got the old record book and checked it to see how the death was recorded. It list parents of Joseph as Jas. and Nancy Workman. The A is real clear and the O's in other records are clear, so I think the record is correct. Since Mr. Sayre say's that the death record of his Joseph states Joseph and Hannah as parents, I would say that the record stands for itself. I think there has been a mixup of the names of the wives of James and Joseph. I suspect that James settled in this area and that the father of Mr. Sayre's Joseph was never in this area any length of time. The Wyoming County records didn't burn during the Civil W^{ar} as the Clerk, Mr. Cook removed the records to a safe place according to Bowman.

Jane Workman died 7-4-1878 of old age. Parents were George and Margaret Moore. Jane born in Monroe Co. I forgot to check her age. Some of the records don't list the age.

As the other death records are of later Workman's I will send those later.

There was also another Joseph Workman listed as having died in 6-6-1879 of Dropsey. He was listed as son of James and Rebecca Workman. I find no son listed for James and Rebecca named Joseph. I think I am totally confused by all the information on the Workman family.

I hope these records help you some. I would also like to say that in making a copy of the old records someone has made some terrible mistakes. I didn't have the opportunity to check real good but in one instance I saw a daughter of Greenville and Ann Nelson, listed as a dau. of Greenville and Ann Melvin. I think someone needs to correct mistakes like that because someone who doesn't know much about Genealogy might go off on a Wild Goose Chase if they view the new record without the old.

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August 26, 1975

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Dear Cousin Janet:

How delighted I was to receive your letter of August 22, which obviously crossed mine of August 20 in the mail! Our independent "discoveries" concerning the discrepancies in the death entry for Elizabeth McNeely's Joseph Workman apparently occurred about the same time.

It is most reassuring that your inspection of the manner in which the clerk wrote confirms what I had in the interim come to accept: that Joseph's father was indeed named James. My reevaluation of the early generations has been much easier using this relationship as an hypothesis. It has also been aided by the recognition that Anderson had mixed names and generations on page 606 much more than I had previously thought.

On the basis of new-found documentation but still subject to revisions on completion of research in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, the enclosed Workman Family Lineage reflects my current thinking. The only major discrepancy with most of the known facts is in the name of the mother of Hannah and Elizabeth Reed's Joseph Workman, but even here there is no discrepancy if one allows for a second marriage of the Joseph who married Phoebe McMay/McRay.

In one of your letters you questioned why the Workmans would have signed petitions in Wythe 1799 to form Tazewell. Since at that time they were living within the bounds of what shortly became Tazewell, they were simply interested in being closer to the county seat--the major consideration for citizens each time an area became sufficiently populous that their request for a new county would be acceptable.

Your mentioning the mistakes which are made even when officials copy their own old records brought back memories of one "dead end" I encountered until I had the opportunity to come back East and search the original bonds myself. In the index to Bath County, Virginia, bonds someone had inadvertently indexed the name of George Moore as George Moon. Although in one part of the bond, it might not have been too easy to decipher the name, the signature was unmistakable. When I showed the original bond to the present clerk, the staff quickly made a change in the index. Unfortunately, the previous error is "frozen" on microfilm. Many offices are not as accommodating in making corrections. Logan and Wyoming Counties have several critical errors in either the index or registry itself for several of my near relatives. In fact, until I became interested in genealogy, I did not realize that the entry for my birth had me "Baby" Branch--simply because the physician had reported my birth and had not ascertained my name. That was revised to reflect my given names after I sent the certified copy on file in Charleston to the clerk.

Although the death of my grandfather, Albert Christian, was reported by one of his younger sons, the name given for Albert's mother is not correct. Albert's parents were Paren and Isabel (Mitchell) Christian, but Albert's son gave the name as Mary Mitchell. The confusion probably came about because Paren's brother, Patterson Christian, married Isabel's sister, Mary Ann Mitchell. The Wyoming County clerk will file a documented correction with the original, and I plan to send such a correction

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to them. They have in their books a number of such "correction sheets." I mention this in detail to show how easily the wrong information can be given, particularly, it seems, for a mother's name. In fact, my mail just arrived; and I have another example to offer. My uncle, Thomas Richard "Tom Dick" Christian, died ~~here in De~~ California in 1957. The death certificate arrived today, and I notice that in reporting the death his wife has given the names of his parents as Mary (Mitchell) and Albert Christian when in fact his parents were Emma Lodosky (Mitchell) and Albert Christian. The name Mitchell in both generations is correct since Albert married one of his cousins--for his first wife, that is. No wonder we have such difficulties when we begin to sort out the earlier generations, individuals of which we have not known personally. Not only do we have to cope with errors in the records but with multiple relationships. My "Uncle Cage," of whom I heard often as a child, turned out to be not only my ^{great} great-uncle but my great-grandfather as well.

Like you, I have been puzzled about the identity of the Joseph Workman, aged 34, who died 6 June 1879, son of Joseph & Rebecca Workman, reported by I. L. Workman, friend--this from the WPA abstracts of the Boone County register. Is this the way you interpreted the person who reported the death? The closest possibility would seem to be Joseph, born about 1843, the son of Rebecca (French) and Benjamin Reed Workman. That's rather a "stab in the dark" since I haven't completely analyzed this later generation. Off hand, however, I can't think of any other possibilities. Rebecca P. (Chambers) and James Workman didn't have a son Joseph, as far as I know, unless Austin J. Workman had that as a middle name; but Austin was still alive in 1870, living in Raleigh County, West Virginia, at that time. I notice that you show the deceased Joseph's parents in this case as James and Rebecca. Was this another case where the record used an abbreviation? And the WPA interpreted it one way and you another?

Again, thank you for the information, and I shall look forward to receiving some of the later abstracts since I do not have easy access to those.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mr. Ralph Sayre
Mr. Sigfus Olafson

Joseph WORKMAN, son of Abraham, married 4 August 1761 Phoebe McMAY/McMEAGHER/McRAY, PER TRANSCRIPTION OF MARRIAGE REGISTER OF Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York County, Pennsylvania. Whether Joseph married again is not known although he could have had a second wife Hannah. Likely children of Phoebe and Joseph are:

1. Abraham WORKMAN, born 25 January 1761 in Washington Township, County "not recalled," (per pension papers), State of Pennsylvania; married 13 September 1786 in Montgomery County, Virginia, Margaret LIGHTNER/LETNER; he died -- --- 1858 Burkes Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia, of "general debility" (per death register). Tentative children: Mary who mar. 21 Oct. 1818 Philip Greever; Sally who mar. 26 Dec. 1818 James Marrs; Margaret Phoebe who mar. James W. Henager; Joseph who mar. Margaret _____; Elizabeth Ann who mar. Philip Henager; John L. who mar. Sophia _____^{or} Grisilla/Priscilla (Suiter) Lambert; Robert who mar. _____; Marinda who mar. John Durey/Curey &/or Robert Kilgore Green; another daughter _____.
2. Ann WORKMAN, born ca. 1765, who married 16 June 1788 in Montgomery County, Virginia, Samuel MUNCEY. Where did they settle?
3. James WORKMAN, born 1765-1775, who married Nancy _____ ?HEWETT; in Kanawha County, Virginia, 1810 & 1820 enumerations, and Logan County, Virginia, 1830 census; they apparently moved or died between 1830 and 1840. Tentative children: Abraham who mar. Mary BALLARD; Joseph who mar. Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins; female _____; Elizabeth who mar. George McNeely; James Hewett who mar. Ruth Alsted; John who mar. Jane Moore; female; male; male _____; Hannah who mar. Daniel Jarrell; and another male _____.
4. Thomas WORKMAN, born ca. 1772, who was apparently married twice. By his first wife _____ he apparently had John M. (whose middle name may have been Moses and who could have been the husband of Elizabeth Scarbrough). Thomas apparently married secondly 24 October 1805 in Tazewell County, Virginia, Sarah DESKINS/DICKERSON. Likely children were: James who mar. Rachel Fickle &/or Mary Ann Houghbok; female _____; male _____; Martha who mar. Joseph McNeely & Alexander Church; male _____; Harvey who died single; David who mar. Elizabeth _____; and another female.
5. Phoebe WORKMAN, born ca. 1769-1775, who reputedly had at least one son Jesse Workman before her marriage to Isaac Roberts.
6. Jacob WORKMAN, born 1770-1780, married Eleanor JONES: HE apparently died before 1850. Their children: Joseph P. who mar. Nancy Osborn; Stephen who mar. Catherine Edwards; Pleasant who mar. Sarah Ferguson; Jacob who mar. Harriet McGinnis &/or Elizabeth Deane; Nancy _____; William who mar. Phoebe Vaughn & believed dead before 1840; and James who mar. Nancy _____.
7. Joseph WORKMAN, born ca. 1779, who Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is known to have been married at least twice: first 5 Mar. 1807 in Monroe County, Virginia, to Hannah REED and secondly to Elizabeth REED on 9 Apr. 1817 in same county. By Hannah he had Benjamin Reed who mar. Rebecca French; John who mar _____; and Robert who may have mar. Sarah Jane Kirk. By Elizabeth he had Charles W. who mar Phoebe Margaret Bailey; Mary who mar. Franklin Sizemore; James Madison who mar. Mary Elizabeth Webb; Malinda Jane who mar. Edward Sizemore; Raymond Shanton who mar. Surilda Webb & Lucina Roberts; William Washington who mar. Eva Stanley & _____; and George Floyd who mar. Sarah Belcher.
8. Isaac WORKMAN, born ca. 1780, in Virginia (signalling approximate date of move of parents), married Susan LEIT. Their likely children: Russell who mar. _____; female _____; Squire T. who mar Nancy _____; Elias who mar. Nancy _____; Josephus who mar. Mary Burgess; female _____; and another female _____.
9. Moses WORKMAN, born 1780-1790 (see next page for continuation of lineage)

POSSIBLE WORKMAN FAMILY LINEAGE: ALTERNATE THREE

(Continued from previous page listing children thought to belong to Phoebe and Joseph)

9. Moses WORKMAN, born 1780-1790, seemingly married twice: first to Elizabeth MUNCY 17 June 1801 in Tazewell County, Virginia, and secondly to Sarah Marrs on 11 July 1820 in the same county. By his first wife he probably had Eleanor who mar. Acles Fannon; Obadiah who mar. Rebecca Lambert; Moses who mar _____; female _____; Nancy who mar. Eli Gore; Elizabeth who mar. Isaac Adkins, Jr.; and Abijah who mar. Nancy ??Perry_____. By Sarah he had a male _____; female _____; Henry who mar. Nancy Dalton; female _____; female _____; another female _____; and Moses.

A few words of explanation: I have not placed too many dates (even those which I have) in the descriptions of the children's children but shall do so another time when taking each of the nine families separately. The listings within the paragraphs above are in the order of birth as reconstructed from the census records.

The above nine families can be documented in southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia and include those individuals who were there in 1810, 1820 and 1830. By 1830, 1840, and 1850 the grandchildren of the nine can be fairly well documented as well.

Further research may require some switching of a few of the off-spring; for example, the Robert attributed to Abraham may belong to Thomas (Robert had own hslid. 1840 Tazewell) the James attributed to Thomas may belong to Abraham (James had own hslid. 1830 Wythe) Russell and Squire T. might belong to James rather than to Isaac since I still have not accounted for two males who were "out" in 1840 (John in Monroe may be one) Thomas and Sarah had a son out before 1850 unaccounted for
As you will notice, many of the girls are not yet identified.

The above tentative lineage is consistent with all the traditions so well known if we consider Nimrod as Jacob and if we assume that an older James, son of Daniel, was the one who built in Harrison and Gilmer County area. I believe that Daniel's family, like him, probably moved westward.

August 28, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman and Mr. Sayre,

Dear Cousin's,

I thank you both for all the good work on the Workman family. Hopefully you will have the mixup solved before long.

I will send my list of Workman deaths a little later. I thought I was going to the courthouse yesterday to finish it, but did not get to go.

The Marinda Workman who married Robert Kilgore Green is mentioned in Netti S-Yantis's book on The Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County. I think it is mentioned in one of the family genealogies. I neglected to write down the page.

You have Martha Workman dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Workman as the wife of Dr. Alexander Church. I had from Mr. Olafson's records that she was the wife of Joseph McNeely. I guess he has changed this.

Mrs. Pearlman thank you for the death record on Joseph Barker. His tombstone had death as Dec. 27, 1859. I have no idea when the stone was placed. It seems like I am at a dead end on my Barker, Hager and Woods family. Maybe they will fall into place one of these days. I have the family of Elizabeth Stapp (wife of William Morris Sr.) back to 1605.

Mr. Olafson finally set Sept. 4, as date to form a genealogical club. He is getting such a good response from the County ~~wh~~ we now have hope of a permanent group. Wish him luck.

Janet Hager

For your record of Workman names which run in families.

1 Abraham and Mary Workman had a son named James Madison Workman.

William and Dorcas (Workman) Barker had a son named James Madison Barker.

2 Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins Workman had a daughter named Dorcas.

John and Jane (Moore) Workman had a daughter named Dorcas.

William Barker acquired John Workman's farm by Trn. in 1856. Before that they were neighbors. Our family tradition has Abraham and Joseph as brothers. There has been several marriages between the two families and they have always claimed to be cousins. I have seen the death record of my Joseph and it states that Jas. and Nancy are the parents of Joseph. The A is clear.

There are other similar items of interest I could name.

There was a mill road from Meadow fork
to Barker's Fork. (Marked in Blue ink)

(Match Colors to information)

X fire tower here

This map not drawn by scale but
3 miles as the crow flies will
cover the distances from where
I live.

ROADS

MOUNTAINS



Grave Yard back of the old William Barker home

descendants of Benjamin son
of John + Jane live here.
also descendants of James
Madison son of Abraham

FORK
Lurana buried here
descendants of
LURANA dau. of
Abraham live
here

descendants of James
Madison live here

Frenchie Workman lives here
descendant of Abraham

Where I Live
" " was raised
" Dorcas Dent lived
" Dorcas Dent and her
brother Benjamin are
buried here

Workman Graye where
John Workman lived 1846
Dorcas Barker buried
Here.

10 miles

TO Madison

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Mrs. William Hager
Mr. Sigfus Olafson
Mr. Ralph H. Sayre

Greetings to all:

Since we first engaged in this intensive exchange to solve some of the Workman family relationships, I had tried to contact Mrs. Thelma Anderson, who lives not too far away. Last week she returned from her vacation, and I was successful in reaching her by telephone. A day or so later--after she had had the chance to study some of her original notes--we spoke again.

She mentioned that at the time of publication she was hesitant about publishing some of the material in the chapter on the Workman family in Virginia since she had done no research herself in that area. She is most interested in having any corrections and/or additions, so I have furnished her with a few for which we have documented evidence: Wife of John #5254 being ~~M~~ Jane Moore; parents of James Madison Workman who married Cynthia Emerine McNeely being Mary "Polly" (Ballard) and Abraham Workman; correct name for husband of Matilda Workman #4842 being Micajah Goodwin White; etc.

Of special interest insofar as the early generations are concerned is the fact that she indicated there is a possibility of mixing of generations on page 606. As you know, I had come to believe this was quite likely.

She could find nothing in her notes which would clarify the information regarding the death of a James Workman about 1840 in Clay County, Ohio. She said this was an obvious error but that the information appears in her notes in this way. Since then, I have checked the 1840 census for all those counties which ultimately figured in the formation of Clay County, West Virginia, but with negative results. I also checked Gallia County, Ohio, where several of James Hewett Workman's children died later in the century. Of interest is the fact that there is a Clay Township in Gallia County, but I found no Workman surname in 1840 or 1850. I also checked Clay County, Kentucky, and Clay County, Indiana, again with negative results. Next week I will follow through with Clay County, Illinois, and Clay County, Missouri, the only two Clay Counties remaining which were formed before 1850. I believe it is the death of the James who had wife Nancy _____ whose death took place about 1840--where, I'm determined to find out.

I inquired of Thelma Anderson about the documentation which places Joseph Workman #11 on page 29 as a son of Femmetje "Phoebe" Ragel and Isaac Workman. She indicated there was no documentation to support the placement other than the fact that she believed that the Isaac Workman #4778 on page 606 was the eldest son of Joseph. When she learned that I had found a marriage of a Joseph (probably the same one) whose father was identified as Abraham, she said that she would be inclined to change his parentage to Anna Maria Andries and Abraham Workman. Certainly the fact that he entered service at the same time into the same company and under the same conditions as Abraham, Jr., would also seem to substantiate such a shift.

Although from the census records it would appear that the family of Ruth (Alsted) and James Hewett Workman "stayed put" in Boone County from 1850 to 1860, analysis of the birth records of Wyoming County show that the birth of their youngest daughter Ruth (called Rosie by Anderson) took place on Slab Fork 6 July 1854. Much moving around by many of the families took place between census years. Incidentally, in case you do not have the vital data, "Rilda" and Shanton Workman had a daughter on Slab Fork 20 April 1853 and named her Phebe.

In the attempt to complete identifying the children of Mary "Polly" (Ballard) and Abraham Workman, I checked the McCormack surname in the 1850 Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, census. There were four separate households, the most likely daughter being Mary E./C. who married Samuel McCormack; she was aged 32 and he 30. Their children were Salina J., William F., and Creed F. Perhaps you can check with Mr. Bill Workman to see if Mary and Samuel strike a responsive chord. If not, there was Ann, aged 36, with Jerry McCormack, aged 54; and Sarah, aged 41, with Jerden McCormack, aged 48. The final household was apparently a boarding house with a single John McCormack from England. Sarah would have been too old to have fit into the census records properly, so Abraham's daughter was probably Mary or Ann. There was no George Collins in Kanawha County in 1850.

Although I have been able to identify the parents of the various Workman men and women who married between 1853-1859 in Logan, Wyoming, and Boone Counties, I am still at a loss regarding the parents of Joseph Workman who married Lydia Lowe. He was listed as son of Jas./Jos. & _____ Workman. Most likely parentage would have been Ruth and James H.; however, Anderson shows this Joseph as having married Anninta Workman. Is it possible that he married twice? The Mary Workman who married Emerziah Evans 11 Feb. 1858 was 22 years old, single. Her parents were apparently Nancy and Elias (Aly/Ely). So often in the early records Albert is Elbert and Alexander is Elexander, etc. Is this the way you have her identified, Mr. Olafson?


I wish to add my comments to the discussion of given names. Since there is no evidence of any son being named James Madison Workman before the presidency of James Madison, I think it likely that the name first entered the family in the president's honor. Subsequently, of course, others would have been named for this cousin or uncle.

Some of the remarks I had planned to make are no longer applicable since one or another of you has already answered the other's questions. I was pleased to receive the sketch of environs of Hewett, Dent Fork, Barket Fork, etc.

I was also happy to receive the details on Pheby (Workman) Jones. I would agree that she seems to fit neatly into the category of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham Workman's daughter. Her age is right, and the place is right, and the internal inferences one can make from the names of her children is right. As I may have mentioned, I have searched diligently for James W. Henager with wife Margaret or Phoebe but without success. I am inclined to believe that if there was such a marriage, it may have occurred much later and involved grandchildren of Margaret and Abraham. Until I encounter evidence to the contrary, therefore, I am going to place Pheby Workman tentatively as daughter of Margaret and Abraham with her birth date as 12 May 1793, marriage to Charles Jones 11 November 1811 in Tazewell County, Va. and death in Sonoma County, California, 4 September 1873.

More later.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. This past week have found a number of families with OUREY surname in Wythe Co., Va. Name probably correct.

Sept. 3, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman and Mr. Sayre,

Dear Cousins,

First Mr. Sayre, I didn't keep a copy of the first letter's I wrote to you, but I thought I wrote you about the relation of my Mother and Dad. Mother being a descendant of Abraham and Mary Workman dad being a descendant of Joseph and Elizabeth Workman. They always knew they were cousins. Also Dad's Brothers Frank and Winford Barker married descendants of Abraham and Mary Workman and they knew they were cousins to their wives.

To both of you. In S-Yantis Montgomery County Tax List I found the following record on page 78. James Worthman gone to Carolina. At first I assumed this meant James Workman, then I decided it probably meant Worthman. I now believe it meant James Workman as Abraham was born in North Carolina about 1782. These tax list were for 1782-1790. I haven't seen the original 1850 census but Mr. Olafson has Abraham as born in North Carolina.

When I have the opportunity I will go back to the courthouse and check the original records for the ages of the other Workman death's I sent you. The new copy they have doesn't list the age. I checked the two most important ones My Joseph and the widow of John Workman which was Jane. I hope to check the records at Logan one day soon. I scanned them at the Archives at Charleston but was looking for my own descendants instead of Workman's.

I hope you soon have the Workman's separated but I still see many questions to be answered before it is done. If we could only locate the marriage records of the older Workmans.

We have the problem of a person using different name's.
Take for instance my Ancestor Jane Bowles Barker. She was married
under the name of Jincey. She appears in other records as Jane and
also Virginia. The first James could have had two names and
may have been married under the other name.

I am going to have to revise my family charts before long, I
have added several lines to my husband's chart and made a few
changes in it and in my Barker chart.

I hope one day to meet both of you. Maybe you can make
arrangments next summer to attend one of my family reunions.
We would love to have you.

Jant

Workman Death's in Boone Co. 1864-1900

Hannah Workman	d. 11- -1869		James and Elizabeth Chambers
Jane Workman	d. 7-4-1878	Old age	George and Margaret Moore
	age 78 yrs. 11 months 29 days		report by Benjamin Workman son
Benjamin Workman	d. 9-17-1879	consumption	John and Jane Workman report by Rebecca C. Workman wife
Charles Workman	d 8-24-1879		George and W. Workman report by G. F. Workman
Joseph Workman b. GilesCo.	d 6-6-1879	Dropsy	James and Rebecca Workman report by I. L. Workman
Joseph Workman	d 8-17-1879	Gravel	Jas. and Nancy Workman
	age 95 yrs. born Augusta Co.		report by Jasper Workman son
Theora Workman	d. 5- 01879	Dropsy	Moses and C. Workman
Martha Workman	d, 8-27-1883	Dirreah	Joseph Workman report by Joseph Workman father
(Male) Workman <i>age 2</i>	d. 4-20-1888		James and Nancy Workman report by James Workman father
James Workman	d. 12-30-1896		Joseph and Elizabeth Workman
T. B. Workman	d. 7-20-1900	Heart D.	Jack and Jane Workman
James Workman	d. 5-23-1866	Whooping C.	Jasper Workman report by Jasper Workman father
John W. Workman	d. 9- -1866	Cold	Toncil and Lucy Workman report by Toncil Workman father
Martha Workman	d. 1871		James and Mary Workman report by Ruth Workman friend
W. B. Workman	d. 10-19-1873	diphtheria	Ruth Workman
Edar Workman	d. 12-4-1879		George and G. Workman report by George Workman father
Mary B. Workman	d. 10-19-1879	diphtheria	Ruth Workman
Etty Workman	d. 9-3-1881	croup	N and L. Workman report by Catherine Workman mother X
James Workman	d. 1-15-1881	fever	A. and M. Workman report by A. Workman father
W. C. Workman	d. 5-25-1881	fever	J. M. and C. E. Workman report by C. Workman mother
W. W. Workman	d. 4-27-1881	consumption	J. and J. Workman report by Telly Workman mother X
Alenn Workman	d. 11-7-1883		

Those with X have to be mistakes

Workman Death's Cont.

Ruth Workman b. Va.	d. 2-28-1885	report by James White son-in-law
Willard Workman	d. 8-29-1885	old age Nibert and Delilah Workman report by Nibert Workman father
Nella Workman	d. 12-23-1886	Wallace and Martha Workman report by Wallace Workman father
Louaus Workman	d. 4-28-1888	dropsy Joseph ^{Wid} Ebby _____ X report by Amos Workman husband
Elizabeth Workman	d. 5-6-1889	dropsy James and Lucy _____ X report by Amos Workman husband
Alice Workman	d. 4-8-1892	Isaac and Janie Vance report by Jasper Workman father-in-law
Martha Workman	d. 10-20-1892	scrofula Jachariah and Eveline Price report by Wallace Workman father X
Clayton Workman	d. 3-15-1893	Amos and Flora Workman report by William Workman uncle
James Workman	d. 3-15-1893	Elswortha ^{and} Nancy Workman report by Elsworth Workman father
James Workman	d. 5-5-1893	Thomas and Ophelia Workman report by Ophelia Workman mother
Warnie Workman	d. 9-20-1895	flux Thomas and Jemima Workman report by Thomas Workman father
James Workman	d. 12-30-1896	no further information
James Workman	d. 11-11-1896	Allen and Nancy Workman
Joseph Workman	d. 2-5-1897	consumption no other information
Manda Workman	d. 9-22-1897	Columbus and Amanda Workman
Charles A. Workman	d. 7-29-1898	stomach Hugh and Laticie Workman
William Workman	d. 11-15-1898	measles Hugh and Leticia Workman
Mary Workman b. 1876	d. 11-11-1901	fever James and Nancy Workman report by Nancy Workman

I didn't have time to go back to the old records and check the ages on all of these. I did check the age of my Joseph Workman and Jane Workman widow of John.

Janet E. Hager

Sept. 8, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman
Mr. Sayre

Cousins,

I have had some idea's I wanted to share with you. Henry Clay Ragland said that among the settler's on Borden's tract in or around 1740 was the Workman family. We run into Workman's in Augusta Co. as early as the 1760's. In the 1782-87 Va. Taxpapers we find William and John Workman in Augusta Co. Could this be relatives of the James Workman who married Nancy (Hewett??). Mr. Sayre's Joseph could be the son of a Joseph and Hannah and the grandson of Joseph and Pheobe of Penn. Our Joseph was born in Augusta Co. and it is possible that our Workman's were never in Penn. or at least back as far as James (Nancy).

Our Genealogical Society got off to a good start with 10 people present. We hope to have more next time.

Mr. ~~Sayre~~ Sayre, thanks for the material on Madison Woods. You didn't have to look so deep. I just thought his wife might have been a Kellison and that through family ties you might be able to give me the name of some one who could help me with the Woods family.

Mrs. Pearlman, you ask the question where Anna Workman and Samuel Muncey might have settled. I don't have the answer but there are quite a few Munseys in Mingo County, West Va.

Mrs. Pearlman,

I read somewhere that Alexander Pine was found under a Pine tree and thus given the name Pine. I can't remember where I read this as it was before I started writing to you. Have you heard the story.

Do you have your Christian line worked out? I keep reading where Thomas Christian was a grandson of Iseral and Anne (Henry) Christian but I still haven't seen the name of Thomas's father in print. You don't have to do anything but answer yes or no. I thought if I knew what information you needed on your family line I could watch for it.

I find James Pine listed in the tithables of 1778 in Rockbridge, Co. Va. A lot of the early settler's of this area found their way to what is now West Va. It is possible that our Workman's did to.

If a person could find a list of the people who settled on Borden's tract we might find a clue to the Workman family. Mr. Sayre's Joseph has to come in somewhere and his age and our Joseph's are to close to give us much leaway in this matter.

Janet E. Hager

The are also lots of Edmunsons listed in the book History of Rockbridge Co. Va. by Oren Norton.

I also found a Capt. George Moore listed as a soldier in Halifax Co.

History of Halifax Co. by Carrington

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Dear Cousin Janet:

Thank you so much for your recent communications. Since I have been suffering from a severe bout with flu, I have not been able to answer promptly.

Congratulations on getting your genealogical society under way. I wish you much fun and success. Do let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

I am returning a photocopy of the abstracts you made of the Boone County Death Register in order to make it easier for you to forward the ages. Several are of particular interest to me: The Ruth Workman with James White, son-in-law; the death date given for Clayton Workman (which conflicts with the one given by Anderson); death date of the James who died in 1896, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Workman (also a conflict with other data). Incidentally, the T. B. Workman is actually Tuncil Price Workman. Could it have been T. P.? Several of those which you marked as mistakes would not necessarily be so. By 1880's there were several Amos Workman's; and even one might have had two different wives die during consecutive years.

I agree with you it is possible that the James Worthman "gone to Carolina 1787" might have been James Workman. Although he was back in Virginia by 1790, it is possible the 1790 North Carolina census might have others located in the county which he left. There might even be significant marriage bonds in North Carolina or South Carolina. I will check the records at the first opportunity. It will require a trip to the Los Angeles Library, where microfilm of the early Carolina marriage bonds are available.

You asked for thoughts concerning the relationship of our Joseph to the William and John listed as Augusta County taxpayers 1782-87 in Virginia. Without more information on which to base an opinion, I would hesitate to venture a guess. Although Jasper listed the birthplace of his father as Augusta County, I believe it likely that Joseph was born in that portion of Augusta County which eventually became Tazewell County (since in 1860, when Joseph was still alive, he gave his own birthplace as Tazewell County, Virginia). Of course, since Tazewell County was not yet in existence in 1790 when he was born, he would have been referring to a section which became Tazewell County.

Regarding Alexander Pine having been born under a pine tree: Yes, I have heard the story and mentioned it several years ago in an article which I wrote for the WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY. Although many descendants believe the tale to be true, I really question its validity--even more than at first since I have found many documents which identify Alexander as James Pine. If indeed anyone was found under a pine tree, I believe it had to occur a generation or so earlier than attributed. And, as I said, I doubt that it is so. The surnames Pine and Pyne are found in many early records, and it really is not necessary to adopt such an apocryphal tale to account for their presence.

Although I still have many unanswered questions concerning my Christian family, I can state that there is absolutely no evidence that my Thomas Christian was descended from

Anne (Henry) and Israel Christian. In fact, Anne Henry married Col. William Christian the son of Elizabeth (Stark) and Israel Christian. Anne's and William's only son, John Henry Christian died unmarried, a relatively young man. There is much erroneous information in print about the Christian family, a good deal of it caused by duplication of names. There were several Capt. William Christian's, Maj. William Christian's, Lt. William Christian's; and then the same man would also receive promotions so that he would appear in different records with different titles. Those who are not familiar with the numerous individuals with the same name are all too ready to attach their ancestor to the most prominent, namely the William who married the sister of Patrick Henry. A preponderance of evidence would indicate that my Thomas' parents were Judah () and Allen Christian. I have probably the largest collection of Christian family data in the United States and hope to begin publishing some of it within the next few months. Frankly, it's long overdue.

Speaking of the Borden tract, you will notice that several Christian families settled there along Christian's Creek in Augusta County, Virginia. Some of their descendants as well as the descendants of the so-called Charles City County Christian's eventually settled in southern West Virginia. Both families are from common progenitor on the Isle of Man off the coast of England.

Since writing my last letter, I have been sorting and checking my McNeely notes one by one, and the thought occurs to me that the cousin relationship of the Mary (Ballard)-Abraham Workman children to Elizabeth (McNeely)-Joseph Workman children might have been through one or another of the mothers--not that we really need any more possibilities. If you recall, Elizabeth Workman married George McNeely 3 February 1812 in Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, and Margaret "Peggy" Ballard married William McNeely 25 December 1810 also in Kanawha County.

It is possible that you and Mrs. Ruth Petracek might have material to exchange on either the Woods or Bowles family. A year or so ago she published a workbook on the Woods and Wallace families. By writing to her you might find out whether it has anything which might be of help to you. I believe the cost of the book is \$12.50. Her address is 935 River Lane, Santa Ana, California 92706.

To return for a moment to the McNeely family: It is likely that our Elizabeth McNeely is a sister to the William and George mentioned above. Other possible siblings are Richard McNeely who married Mary Blankenship 22 July 1799 in Monroe County, (West) Virginia; Nancy McNeely who married 1) William Dingess and 2) Claibourn Rucker; David McNeely who was probably married twice and who seems to have died in Shelby County, Indiana; Samuel McNeely who married Margaret Christian 5 September 1820 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia; Robert McNeely who married Nancy Christian 15 September 1812, also in Cabell County. Three more who might have been siblings but could have been the child of one of the above were Alexander McNeely who married Mary Clendennin; James McNeely who married Milly/Mary Wall 5 August 1813 in Tazewell County, Virginia; and Sarah McNeely who married Major White 4 June 1823 in Cabell County. Do you have anything which would clarify the relationship of any of these? I have some earlier data but will save it for a later letter.

Maybe one of these days I can visit the Godbey cousins here in California although I might get back East before traveling out here.

Sincerely,

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September 17, 1975

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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Because of the flu, I am belatedly answering your most recent letters.

First, let me say that I have had the opportunity of seeing the 1870 Sonoma County, California, census and found Phoebe Jones, age 75, born in North Carolina, living with Rebecca and William H. Atchison--apparently her daughter and son-in-law. Rebecca was shown as having been born in Ohio. If Phoebe proves to be the daughter of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham Workman, then it would appear that Abraham also lived for several years in North Carolina. I am now more anxious than ever to study some of the Carolina records. Although I'm inclined to believe James, too, was in North Carolina, I suppose South Carolina is a possibility.

Several comments concerning Abraham's birthplace are in order, I believe. One must remember that at the time of his birth Washington County, Pennsylvania, was not in existence; therefore, even if he was born in the area subsequently covered by either Washington or Allegheny County, he would have been born in another county, namely, York. In his pension application, he specifically states that he does not recall the name of the county in which he was born although he does name the township as Washington. Also, at the time he entered service in Monongalia County, Virginia, this Virginia County extended into what is present-day Pennsylvania. Just this evening I restudied some of my early maps and was struck for the first time by this fact.

I was most interested in your search for Pheobe's correct surname. Another possibility which occurred to me recently was, believe it or not, McNeely--this when I found it spelled in some census records as McNeaghy. I am still hopeful of someday seeing the original parish register so that I can judge the writing for myself.

I appreciated receiving the information on the families of John T. Workman, son of Hannah (Reed) and Joseph Workman. I had previously speculated that the John and Perrella #786 in the Monroe County 1850 census were of this family, and your notes confirm it. John had his own household in Monroe County in 1840 as well. This would mean that the John and Sally #189 in 1850 Logan County census probably belong to Elizabeth (Muncy) and Moses Workman.

In your sheet outlining possible lineage, you speculate that a Moses Workman, born about 1794, son of Margaret (Lightner) and Abraham, married Sarah Marrs. This could not be if one accepts the evidence from the census records. He was born between 1780 and 1790 and was at least ten years older than Sarah. To have married Elizabeth Muncy in 1801 would tend to set his birth date at 1785 or before. This and the placement of a Moses as one of the "six brothers" makes his parentage Phoebe (McMay/McRay) and Joseph Workman. I cannot find any evidence that there was another Moses in the area who fits this time frame. Also, as I think I mentioned before, analysis of the 1820 and 1830 census as well as that of 1840 points toward one man who had two marriages. For the reasons just mentioned, I think 1777 a few years too early for his birthdate (the one you speculate in giving his age later in your analysis as the one who married Elizabeth Muncy).

By the way, you state that the Kanawha County 1820 census has an Isaac, James, and Thomas Workman. I believe if you recheck you will find that they are Isaac, James, and Ham Workman. This would have been Mary (Ballard) and Abraham Workman. The only Thomas for that year was still in Tazewell County.

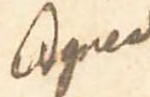
September 17, 1975

In spite of the death record or just allowing for a second marriage of the Joseph who married Phoebe, I do believe that your ancestor Joseph who married the Reed's was the son of the elder Joseph, and I believe your Joseph's birth date was 1779 or before. Your Joseph would have been the youngest of the brothers who came to the Island, and he apparently remained a bachelor longer than most.

You ask whether Phoebe could have also had the name of Hannah. It's possible, but I believe it more likely that in reporting the death of Joseph, James H. inadvertently gave the given name of Joseph's first wife instead of the name of his mother. All one need do is go down the list of reports for those about whom one has knowledge to see how many errors of this sort occur. This, of course, does not really help in establishing identity where one does not already have the facts.

I could discuss more but believe it would simply be in circles. After the results of the Carolina research are in, I think we will have more to go on.

Sincerely,



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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Your letter of September 13 just arrived, as did one from Mr. Olafson on a Chambers family connection about which he and I had wondered. The data just uncovered about the maiden surname of the wife of Robert Chambers of Monroe County about 1800 has perhaps an indirect bearing on the origins of our Workman family.

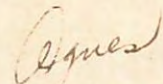
In a small history published on the Chambers family Robert's wife had been listed as Hannah Thorn; however, for sometime Mr. Olafson and I had believed from other evidence that the name was more likely Doarn or Doren. It now appears that we were correct and that actually the name had been Van Doren, another of the families which came to New Amsterdam during the 1600's, then moved into New Jersey and before 1800 found themselves in that part of Greenbrier County, Virginia, which became Monroe.

I have not seen the book by Theodore F. Chambers to which you refer, EARLY GERMANS OF NEW JERSEY. I would point out, however, that at least the family of Jacob Workman (of Cabell/Wayne) must still have pronounced the name with the Dutch inflection since in the 1820 Cabell County Census the name is spelled Wortman or Wartman. Have I mentioned to you also that the Sutphin family of Boone County, West Virginia, also migrated from New Amsterdam, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and finally ^{into} southern West Virginia?

Most of the evidence we have tends to support a sibling relationship between James Hewett Workman, born about 1795, and the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins). In giving the information to Good or Bowman, it is unfortunate that no degree of the cousin relationship was given between the Rev. Andrew Workman and Charles Workman by the informant. One option of the relationship of "your" Joseph to "my" Joseph on which I have not dwelt is that of half-brothers. It is not at all uncommon for half-brothers to have the same given names--although a little unlikely with only about a ten-year span between their ages.

Thank you for the copy of the Ohio 1820 and 1830 Workman family listings. By the way, I have seen the original for 1820 Logan County, and the Santel M. is definitely Daniel M.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Peariman)

CC: Mrs. Hager & Mr. Olafson

Oct. 8, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman,

I think it is about time I answered your letter. I finally went back to the courthouse Monday and checked some of the Workman deaths for you. I forgot to take the paper you sent back to me so I missed one or two you had marked. I will check those later. I have marked them on the paper.

I rechecked our Joseph's death record and it isn't written on the old record as I thought. I don't know what was the matter with me the first time I checked this. I would have sworn it was different. Any way it looks like this. *Joseph Nancy Workman*
The new record says Jas. and Nancy Workman. I think the old record is probably a copy of an older record because of the handwriting.

Here are two death records I know you already have but will send anyway.

Matilda White, age 69 yrs. 4 mo., died April 27, 1883, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Workman, born Kanawha Co. Husband Micajah reported by Flormel White dau. This last name wasn't clear.

Micajah White age 74yrs. 7 months, died Dec. 4, 1883, son of Perry and Nancy White, born Giles Co. reported by Flormel White dau. Name not clear.

Now for some information I picked up from books. Have you read Kegley's Virginia Frontier?

A list of Capt. Robert McClenachan's Co. of Botetourt Co. Va. included Daniel Workman.

Pension application of John Hewett declared he was born in Botetourt Co. Nov. 14, 1763.

Several items about James and Martha Gatlive. James served in French and Indian Wars. See Hening's Statutes, Vol. 7. Page 199

From: German Element of the Shenandoah Valley by J. W. Wayland.

Conrad Workman served with George Rogers Clark but did not receive land.

From: History of Rockingham Co. by J. W. Wayland

1777 Thomas Hewitt, Rockingham Co. Justice

Page 69 Thomas Hewitt, Capt of Militia

Page 81, 1780 Thomas Hewitt , Justice

Page 85, 1781 Thomas Hewitt, Gent. , made sheriff.

Page 101, Thomas Hewitt furnished supplies for army in 1782.

I could find no Workman or Hewitt marriages listed in these books.

Our Genealogical Society has got off to a good start with 14 members. We hope to be able to help people with their work. Do you know where we could get a copy of the old Logan and Boone death records of 1854-1860. There doesn't seem to be a copy in West Va. The library where we meet is purchasing a Micro-film reader and we will soon be able to use micro-film. They are also purchasing a Zerox machine.

I am sorry about my terrible reading of records. I think from now on I will take some one with me to approve my reading of records.

Thank You
Janet

² widower of James Hewitt WORKMAN

Workman Death's Cont.

- * Ruth Workman b. Va. d. 2-28-1885 *Every Question is answered don't know except that she is unmarried*
report by James White son-in-law ✓
- Willard Workman *Age 77* d. 8-29-1885 old age Nibert and Delilah Workman
report by Nibert Workman father
- Nella Workman d. 12-23-1886 Wallace and Martha Workman
report by Wallace Workman father
- [Floann] Louaus Workman *Age 63* d. 4-28-1888 dropsy Joseph ^{Perry} Ebby _____ X
report by Amos Workman husband ✓
- Elizabeth Workman *age 65* d. 5-6-1889 dropsy James and Lucy Ladd? X
report by Amos Workman husband ✓
- Alice Workman d. 4-8-1892 Isaac and Janie Vance
report by Jasper Workman father-in-law
- Martha Workman *age 22* d. 10-20-1892 scrofula Jachariah and Eveline Price
report by Wallace Workman father X
- Clayton Workman *Age 45* d. 3-15-1893 *Correct* Amos and Flora Workman
report by William Workman uncle ✓
- James Workman d. 3-15-1893 Elsworth and Nancy Workman
report by Elsworth Workman father
- James Workman d. 5-5-1893 Thomas and Ophelia Workman
report by Ophelia Workman mother
- Warnie Workman d. 9-20-1895 flux Thomas and Jemima Workman
report by Thomas Workman father
- James Workman d. 12-30-1896 no further information
- James Workman *age 73-2-6* d. 11-11-1896 ~~Joseph Elizabeth Allen and Nancy Workman~~ ✓
- Joseph Workman *age 68 at Brush Creek* d. 2-5-1897 consumption no other information
- Manda Workman d. 9-22-1897 Columbus and Amanda Workman
- Charles A. Workman d. 7-29-1898 stomach Hugh and Laticie Workman
- William Workman d. 11-15-1898 measles Hugh and Leticia Workman
- Mary Workman b. 1876 d. 11-11-1901 fever James and Nancy Workman
report by Nancy Workman
- Hannah Jarrell *Age 57 July 1867* Logan Co. Jos Workman

I didn't have time to go back to the old records and check the ages on ~~add~~ of these. I did check the age of my Joseph Workman and Jane Workman widow of John.

Letha Collins age 35 Died May 1883 dau. of Abraham + Ruth Workman? *who is this* ✓
Janet E. Hager

Workman Death's in Boone Co. 1864-1900

Hannah Workman	d. 11- -1869		James and Elizabeth Chambers	✓
Jane Workman	d. 7-4-1878	Old age	George and Margaret Moore	✓
	age 78 yrs. 11 months 29 days		report by Benjamin Workman son	
Benjamin Workman	age 37 d. 9-17-1879	consumption	John and Jane Workman	✓
			report by Rebecca C. Workman wife	
Charles Workman	d 8-24-1879		George and W. Workman	
			report by G. F. Workman	
Joseph Workman b. Giles Co.	d 6-6-1879	Dropsy	^{? Benjamin} James and Rebecca Workman	<i>it says James</i>
<i>age 34</i>			report by I. L. Workman	<i>I forgot his age</i>
Joseph Workman	d 8-17-1879	Gravel	Jas. ¹⁸⁶⁵ and Nancy Workman	
	age 95 yrs. born Augusta Co.		report by Jasper Workman son	
Theora Workman	d. 5- 01879	Dropsy	Moses and C. Workman	
Martha Workman	d, 8-27-1883	Dirreah	Joseph Workman	
			report by Joseph Workman father	
(Male) Workman	age 2 d. 4-20-1888		James and Nancy Workman	
			report by James Workman father	
James Workman	d. 12-30-1896		Joseph ^{Allen} and ^{Nancy} Elizabeth Workman	
T. B. Workman	d. 7-20-1900	Heart D.	Jack and Jane Workman	✓
James Workman	d. 5-23-1866	Whooping C.	Jasper Workman	
			report by Jasper Workman father	
John W. Workman	d. 9- -1866	Cold	Toncil and Lucy Workman	
			report by Toncil Workman father	
Martha Workman	d. 1871		James and Mary Workman	
			report by Ruth Workman friend	
W. B. Workman	d. 10-19-1873	diphtheria	Ruth Workman	
Edar Workman	d. 12-4-1879		George and G. Workman	
			report by George Workman father	
Mary B. Workman	d. 10-19-1879	diphtheria	Ruth Workman	
Etty Workman	d. 9-3-1881	croup	N and L. Workman	
			report by Catherine Workman mother X	
James Workman	Age 63 d. 1-15-1881	fever	A. and M. Workman	
			report by A. Workman father	
W. C. Workman	d. 5-25-1881	fever	J. M. and C. E. Workman	
			report by C. Workman mother	
W. W. Workman	d. 4-27-1881	consumption	J. and J. Workman	
			report by Telly Workman mother X	
Alenn Workman	d. 11-7-1883			

Those with X have to be MISTAKES

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Dear Cousin Janet:

The notes you sent on the Boone County vital records are most appreciated. It's now possible to identify most of those who died during the 1870's, 80's, and 90's. You wondered about the Letha Collins, age 35, who died May 1883, daughter of Abraham and Ruth Workman: I believe this is one of those errors in giving a parent's name. She is probably Letha, the daughter of Ruth (Halstead) and James Hewett Workman. This Letha would have been aged 35 at that time, and she is the only one who would fit the description and time frame. I wonder if Letha's husband was also her cousin, possibly the grandson of Mary (Ballard) and Abraham Workman through their daughter Susan who married the Collins?

The Ruth Workman who died 28 February 1885 (reported by James White, son-in-law) was undoubtedly the widow of James Hewett Workman. She was the only elderly Ruth Workman with such a son-in-law. Even though listed as unmarried, that was not at all uncommon in giving the marital status of a widow or widower. I could quote hundreds of instances where the designation "unmarried" instead of "widowed" was given in cases where I have the marriage bond but know that the spouse had died earlier.

As for the father of the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins: I suppose we will simply have to keep an open mind on whether he was named Joseph or James. Even if the abbreviation were perfectly clear, I would be hesitant to accept the entry as definitive without corroborating evidence. I still have not been able to check the early North Carolina marriages, where I am hoping to find a clue.

Thank you for the notes from the books although, as you guessed, I was familiar with most of them. I had not seen the HISTORY OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, however. At one time, it covered the area later encompassed by Monroe County.

You asked about the 1853-1860 vital records for Boone County. The originals are at the Virginia State Library in Richmond, Virginia. It is my understanding that the original books can be viewed only with special arrangements and permission. Whether they sell microfilmed copies, I do not know. The copy to which I have access is in

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a branch library of the Utah Genealogical Society, which is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. They make their libraries available to the public, so I am able to make use of the facilities. We are also able to borrow the film for two-week periods from Salt Lake City for only 60¢ for the two-week period.

For your purposes, it seems that the best possibility would be to write to the Virginia State Library to see if they (or a designated microfilm company) can sell you the reel of microfilm which includes Boone County, (West) Virginia. There are ten reels for the entire state of West Virginia, but the copy for many of the West Virginia counties is almost illegible. Boone and Logan Counties are perhaps among the most legible; Wyoming and Pocahontas Counties, on the other hand, are almost impossible to read--Wyoming particularly having suffered severe fire and water damage to the original from which the film was made.

By the way, you may wish to enter in your notes that the Micajah White, aged 74, who died 4 December 1883 was the son of Benjamin and Nancy White--not Perry and Nancy. This is a case where the abbreviation Benj. came out looking like Perry on the death register. The death was reported by Micajah's daughter Frances.

You may be sure I shall keep you informed of any discoveries on the McNeely and workman lines.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Oct, 22, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman
Mr. Sayre,

I was going through my notes and found the Story I had made a copy of about my g.g. uncle Floyd Stollings. This was published in 1926 and may be where the story of Abraham Workman (Mary Ballard) being born in North Carolina started from. Anyway here is a quote from the story.

Abraham Workman, maternal grandfather of Mr. Stollings, likewise came to this section in an early day, his former home having been in North Carolina, near the Virginia border.

I hope this is of some help to you. Will send anything else I find that might help as time goes on. Good luck on your research.

Cousin
Janet

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November 12, 1975

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Mrs. Sigfus Olafson

Dear Workman family correspondents:

I wish to thank each one of you for your recent letters and am taking this means of bringing you up-to-date on my recent efforts.

Regarding the North Carolina search: Because of a death in my brother's family (his step-son was killed in an automobile accident), I have not had the opportunity yet of going to Los Angeles to follow through. The 1926 account supplied about Abraham Workman "having been in North Carolina near the Virginia border" seems to confirm the census entry. I recently came across material which indicates that around 1790 certain parts of eastern Tennessee were considered to have been in North Carolina, so the answer may be in the Tennessee records (perhaps for Sullivan County or one formed from Sullivan). Be assured that I shall let you know the results.

I noticed the photograph of Nimrod Workman and his daughter in the WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY and wish that it had been possible for one of us to interview him. It is possible that one of the Mingo County families has the information apparently missing in Boone or Logan.

Although ordered several months ago, I just received for our genealogical group a copy of Wintz' KANAWHA COUNTY MARRIAGES. Those for Workman are as follows:

-- --- 1802	James McVially and Polly Workman (I believe the transcriber probably made a mistake and that the name was 'McNeally.)
9 Nov 1809	Abraham Workman and Mary Ballard by Jacob Stolling
5 Jan 1812	George McNeely and Elizabeth Workman by Jacob Stolling
9 Oct 1838	Robert Workman and Jane Risk (Here is probably the marriage of the son of Hannah (Reed) and Joseph Workman, who reputedly married Sarah Jane Kirk. Which is correct: Risk or Kirk?)
2 Apr 1868	B. W. Workman and Amanda J. Peters
14 Jan 1864	Geo. W. Workman and Eliza Baldwin
20 Nov 1864	Jasper Workman and Rispa Ballard (This would be the son of Elizabeth (McNeely) and Joseph Workman. Curiously Jasper's marriage to his first wife was also on 20 Nov but in 1855.)
27 Aug 1861	Rufus Workman and Mary A. Mahone
13 Aug 1863	James Workman and Caroline H. Wilson

I am not able to identify all the above. Perhaps one of you can.

From the Logan County, (West) Virginia, Land Book, the death dates of at least two of the Workman men can be more precisely determined by the listings:

John Workman, husband of Jane Moore, deed late 1846 or early 1847.

Moses Workman, husband of Sarah Marrs, died late 1847 or early 1848.

Their property tax was charged to their "estates" in the later years. I had hoped the Land Book would solve the Joseph/James dilemma, but that was not to be.

The Logan County Death Register, however, answers some questions we have concerning spouses, etc. for later generations.

Could truly appreciate this info. it is important to know that the W/V border.

- Thomas Tomblin, aged 73, died 11 June 1925, Whirlwind, Logan County, West Virginia, of tuberculosis, buried Tomblin Cemetery;
son of Polly (Workman) and Alex Tomblin
Note: It is my guess that Polly was a daughter of Elizabeth (Nancy) and Moses Workman and that she was born ca. 1811.
- William Henry Workman, aged 71, died 4 February 1922 Chapmanville District, Logan County, W. Va., buried Whirlwind, W. Va.; died of heart trouble;
son of Aibge Workman and Nancy (Perry); reported by wife Mary.
- Robert Workman, aged 59, died 11 May 1922 Chapmanville District, killed by train, buried in Kinser Graveyard; son of Mary Jane (Thompson) and Will Workman
- Margaret Jane Workman, aged 78 widow, died 29 January 1925 Chapmanville District of "old age" and buried Whirlwind; daughter of Polly (Workman) and Alex Tomblin, the parents having been born in Virginia.
- Louis Workman, born 5 October 1861 in W. Va., died a widower 27 October 1926 of acute gastroenteritis Omar, Logan County, buried Atensville, W. Va.;
son of Nancy (Quin) and Moses Workman.
Note: Which Moses is this?
- Sarah Conley, aged 77, born September 1834, died a widow 2 June 1931 Chapmanville, Logan County, of a paralytic stroke, buried Stonewall Conley;
daughter of Jane (Workman) and Jim Dalton.
Note: There is a discrepancy between the age and birth date; if born in 1834, she would have been 97. I have not yet located Jane and Jim Dalton in the census records to verify ages. Jane was probably also a daughter of Moses Workman by either Elizabeth Muncy or Sarah Marrs, probably Sarah.
- Nose Dempsey, aged 75 widower, died 22 April 1928 Mud Fork, Logan Co., of paralysis;
son of Barbara (Workman) and Billie Dempsey, both of whom were born in Virginia.
Note: Was this another daughter of Sarah (Marrs) and Moses?
- Pete Dalton, born 23 October 1861, died 7 December 1931 Chapmanville of bladder and kidney trouble, Chapmanville, buried Charlay Conley Cemetery;
son of Jane (Workman) and Jim Dalton
- James Matterson Pauley, aged 87 widower, died 23 April 1929, Foley, Logan Co., of burns, buried Chambers Cemetery; son of Mary (Workman) and Henry Pauley.
Note: James Matterson is a variation of James Madison. His mother Mary Workman was born about 1806. Was she the daughter of Thomas or of James? I am inclined toward James since she was living in the same vicinity as Jane (Moore) and John Workman as well as Dorcas (Workman) Barker.
- Elias Workman, aged 49, died 4 October 1928 Whirlwind, shot; son of Sarah (Workman) and James Workman.
- Will Workman, born 8 February 1842, died 12 October 1929 Chapmanville District, buried Adams Cemetery, died of cancer; parents not given.
- Abiga Workman, born 1 September 1853, died 9 October 1930 of apoplexy, Chapmanville District, buried Shade Smith Cemetery; son of Polly (Mullins) and Moses Workman
Note: Which Moses Workman was this?
- Amos Workman, aged 35, died 16 February 1931 of fractures to body, in Logan, Logan Co., buried Huntington, W. Va.; son of Elizabeth (Skaggs) and Amos Workman.
- Josephine Workman, aged 83, died 3 February 1935 Monclo, Logan County, of pneumonia, buried Jeffrey, W. Va.; daughter of Nancy (Jarrell) and Isaac Workman.
Note: I failed to note whether she was single, married, or widowed. This is probably the Josephine of the 1900 census, whose mother was still living then. Josephine may have married a cousin named Workman.

I would guess that the Polly Workman who married in Kanawha County in 1802 was a sister of Elizabeth Workman who married George McNeeley and Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. Needless to say, no proof. If such should prove to be the case and if the Polly is a nickname for Mary as was so common, then the Mary Workman who married Henry Pauley would probably not have been their sister.

We now have not only two Joseph's whose siblings and parents we need to clarify but two Mary's or Polly's whose siblings and parents we should identify. Perhaps the answer to the riddle will be found through Mary (Workman) Pauley's descendants.

Back to my comments on Josephine's mother. If Nancy Jarrell were indeed the first wife of Isaac Workman and still living in 1900 after Isaac had married another, then Nancy and Isaac must have been divorced. Josephine's age as given in 1900 is a few years too early.

I am intrigued by the discrepancy between the middle name and/or initial of the John Workman who was son of Hannah (Read) and Joseph Workman. Since the middle initial seemed quite distinct on the tombstone as "M" and the fiduciary record seemed to show the middle name as "Theo," I am wondering if a careful reading of the fiduciary record might reveal that the middle name was M'Rea, or even just Rea in which the "Mc" or "M" was omitted. If I had the book and page number, perhaps I could order the microfilm and recheck.

By the way, I have discovered the surname, Dickerson, in Washington County, Virginia; and it is possible that Thomas Workman's wife was named Dickerson rather than Deskins, as we had speculated. More on this at a later date. If you recall, the marriage register did spell the name Dickerson.

Also, at a later date I will send the abstracts I have made from the land book and from a Logan County Surveyor's Book, both of which give the waterways on which the various Workman families owned land. This helps in identification of some of the groups.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Nov. 18, 1975

Dear Mrs. Pearlman,

Things have been slow on the genealogical side but I have added quite a few dates to my family tree. Also finally found my Pinnell family of which I had searched so long.

Here are some more Workman deaths for your records. Not much information.

Virginia Workman, age 78, died Dec. 27, 1904

Virginia Workman age 80, died Jan. 1905

J. L. Workman, age 66, died Sept. 9, 1906, fell over cliff

Rebecca Workman age 87, died Feb. 12, 1911, widow

Amanda Workman, age 64, died Nov. 28, 1915

Here are two I already sent with additional data.

Joseph Workman age 34, born Giles Co. son of Jos. or Jas. And

Rebecca Workman died June 6, 1879

Joseph Workman age 68, died Feb. 5, 1897 at Brush Creek

I only have 6 dau. for Abraham and Mary Workman on my family group sheet. Lucy, Melia, Lurana, Amanda, Frances and Susan. I need the full name of Susans husband and dates on most of these. Oh! yes I found g. g. grandmother Lurana's death record. Jerana Stollings, age 70 years, died Aug. 9, 1892. My grandmother had told me her name was Jeranie but when I saw her name in the census records it was Lurana. I guess Jerana was a Nickname.

Nov. 18,

Received your letter and I express my sympathy for your family loss.

I do not receive the Hillbilly therefore did not see the article on Nimrod Workman. The Mingo county Workman's seem to use the name Nimrod quite a bit.

Before I started writing to you I sent Mr. Sayre several names and addresses of Workmans from different telephone books in this area. I think he mailed out 35 inquiries and recieved 2 replys.

I knew John Workman died between 1846 and 1850. Your information establishes a nearer date.

I ask my uncle to repeat the story about the Workman grave. He says it is Jack Workman. Jack had a son in the war and would go on the hill to pray for his return. When Jack died his family buried him on the site of his prayers.

Some of the Workman family still lived on the Barker farm during the 1870's. Uncle Frank said a few years ago when he started farming the site of their home he found a toy pitcher about the size of a thumb. This farm is where we have our Barker reunions.

Could John and Jane Workman of had a son in the Mexican war and if so which one. Or did he die during the war. Also could there have been a later Jack Workman who had a son in the Civil War.

Most of those Logan Co. deaths are in the vicinity of Harts Creek and Chapmanville. My dau. married a Conley and I will ask her about the Conley cemetaryes. Her husband has a brother in law who is a Dalton and might be able to find out something about the Dalton Workman connection.

I think the Sarah Conley age 77 was born 1854 instead of 1834 There is a James D^Alton son of William and Marie age 18 in the 1850 who could have married Jane Workman between 1850-1854.

My copy of Mr. Olafsons 1850 census shows the wife of Henry Pauley as Hannah Workman instead of Mary. There were two Henry Pauleys, one in Logan co. one in Boone. It could be I confused their wives.

Abiga Workman born Sept 1, 1853 son of Moses and Polly (Mullins)
Workman. Moses son of Moses and Sarah.

I find these Dickerson names in Montgomery Co 1810.
Elijah, Griffith, Leonard, Morrie, Moses, and Obediah

In Monroe Co. 1810

Charles, Jacob, John and Samuel Dickerson.

Janet

March 8. 1976

Dear Agnes,

I guess it is about time I checked in.

I know you are busy with your book so you don't need to bother with an answer now.

When you are ready to advertise your book let me know and I will place a notice in our Genealogical Notes Column in the paper. I will also send a notice to the Logan Radio station. All free of course.

I haven't been doing much in the line of research this winter. By April I should get started again. I have been busy answering letters and working on family group sheets. I have started around 150 of these. They are all connected with my family in some way. I hope soon to branch out and fill group sheets on other families.

The Society is coming along slow but sure. One day I hope to see it a big success.

Mr. Olafson is still going strong. I don't see how a 79 year old man has enough energy too take part and do all the things he does. I don't have that much energy and I am half his age.

we'll be looking forward to your book.

Janet Hager

Logan County is getting a new History some time this summer.

It is by Bob Spence of the Logan News.

Here is a death record. I didn't copy complete date

Alexander McNeely age 90 died 1897
son of Richard and Pally McNeely

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December 2, 1975

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Dear Cousin Janet:

Your letter of November 18 was most welcome. I enjoyed the article on Chester Workman. Did you wish to have it returned to you?

Enclosed is a partial family group record showing the information I have to date on the family of Mary (Ballard) and Abraham Workman. Some additional information (particularly census numbers for the children and their families) is cut off since my original forms are 8½ x 14 rather than 8½ x 11, as is the copy. You will notice that there are a number of question marks, indicating proof is needed.

If your records can supply any additional data, needless to say, I would appreciate receiving it.

Since sending my last letter, I discovered the marriage record of Nancy Quinn and Moses Workman in Wayne County, West Virginia records (where her name was shown as Queen). They were married 31 January 1856. From the difficult-to-read script--where initials only were given for parents' names--I would judge that this Moses was the son of Rebecca (Lambert) and Obadiah Workman.

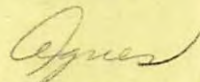
Regarding the name of your great-great-grandmother: Lurana or Jeranie. Quite coincidentally, just this week I had occasion to examine the pension application file of a Robertson family in which the wife's name was listed as Lurana, but in testimony and affidavits was listed as Jemima. Just as Polly became a nickname for Mary, perhaps Jeranie or Jemima somehow were used for Lurana. These are the first two incidences I have encountered, however.

It would be my opinion that the Jack Workman who prayed for his son's return from war would have been the husband of Jane Moore. At least three of their sons would have been old enough to have entered the Mexican War: James M., George Washington, and Thompson. It would be interesting to know which one.

Chester Workman's claim of descent from Lidian Chief Logan may be valid; but more likely, investigation would prove it unfounded. Mr. Olfson says that of numerous such traditions in the various families (descent from Indians, that is), he has yet to see a documented case where such has proved to be so.

Does your family have any such traditions?

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. Jacob Workman married Mary Martin in Mecklinburg Co., N. C., 9 July 1791

Dec. 3, 1975

Mrs. Pearlman and Mr. Sayre,

Our local library finally received the copy of the Workman Family History by Thelma Anderson that they ordered in the spring. I have had the opportunity to read the entire book and have a question or two.

One of you has said that Joseph Workman probable father of James, Joseph, and Jacob was the son of Abraham (No. 43 H) and Annetje (Anne Smith) Workman. The way I understand the book Joseph was the son of Isaac and Femmetje (Ragel) Workman (No. 81 H). Abraham (43 H) and Isaac (81 H) being first cousins.

Of course you have had the opportunity to examine other records and may have proved this false but I thought I would mention it.

I believe the Hannah Workman (1810-1867) who married Daniel Jarrell to young to be a dau. of Joseph and Nancy Workman because there is a great age difference between her and the other probable children.

Mrs. Pearlman I once ask about the Workman family signing petitions in Wythe Co. between 1793 and 1800 and you answered that it was because they were interested in forming a new county. The point I was getting at was the Workman's who were signing the petitions were supposed to be on the Island at Logan (in Kanawha Co.) instead of Wythe Co. and therefore should not have been present to sign petitions.

Another point I want to raise. S-Yantis in her book on Tazewell Co. states that James Workman paid taxes in Tazewell Co. in 1820 although his name wasn't on the 1820 census list. Which James was this.

Now to the McNeely's. Ragland states that David McNeely was the father of the McNeely family that settled in this area. I find David McNeely in the 1810 Cabell Co. tax list along with John, Richard and William McNeely. Richard McNeely still alive in 1850 Logan Co. census age 74. I believe these McNeely's John, Richard and William to be brothers of our Elizabeth McNeely and sons of David.

David McNeely Sr. and Jr. served Rev. War in Botetourt Co. Va. and it is probably David Jr. who came to what is now Logan Co. As there was also a William McNeely who served in the Rev. War it is possible that the William above is him and a brother to David but I doubt this. I think the William above to be son of David. I have not followed the tax list to see when the above McNeely's disappeared (Or died).

I wish I could be of more help to you but all I can do is watch your work and make suggestions.

Your cousin,

Janet

I also believe that if Joseph Workman married a Hewitt (Nancy) that she was a sister of John Hewitt who served Rev. War from Botetourt Co.

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December 11, 1975

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Dear Cousin:

Before turning to holiday preparations, I shall take a few moments to respond to your letter of December 3.

Regarding parentage of Joseph Workman, probable father of James, Joseph, and Jacob: Not too long ago I spoke with Mrs. Anderson personally to learn her source for attributing Joseph to Femmetje (Ragel) and Isaac Workman. After searching her records, she informed me that the placement was "conjecture" and that he could just as easily have been the son of Annetje (Smith) and Abraham Workman. On being informed of the marriage entry identifying Joseph as the son of Abraham, she said that she intended to change her records.

As for Hannah (Workman) Jarrell's relationship to the others, I am keeping an open mind on the subject. Although there is a great age difference between her--as a younger child--and Abraham--as the eldest, twenty-six years is certainly not too much for the child-bearing years (between 18 and 44). Several of my proven grandmothers had children, also proven, over comparable periods:

Nancy (Goodwin) White (between ages 20-53, yes, 53) over a thirty-three-year period, there being 3 to 5 years between her "change-of-life" babies;

Matilda (Workman) White (presumed niece of above-mentioned Hannah) had her children between ages 19/20 to 45/46 over a twenty-six-year period;

Isabella J. (Gore) Mitchell (between ages 19-44) over a twenty-five-year period.

This just names a few which come quickly to mind. Although Matilda's exact birth date is not known, the time span over which she gave birth is known to be correct. Her first child was born 8 August 1833 and her last 27 May 1859.

In fact, the twenty-to-thirty-year time span over which so many early mothers had their children complicates our reconstruction of the families since the youngest is invariably the same age as his or her nieces and nephews. In the cases where the father marries a younger woman for his second wife, he fathers children over an even greater time span.

The above examples are on my mother's side of the family in southern West Virginia, but the same thing applied to my father's side. My grandmother, Sue T. (Robertson) Branch, was ~~eighteen~~ years younger than her oldest brother; and she used to say that she grew up with her brother's son. However, Sue was not the youngest sibling, her youngest sister being born twelve years later--making thirty years difference between the eldest and youngest. I could cite many more examples not in my direct line.

Perhaps I did not make my comments clear concerning the signing of the petitions in Wythe and Tazewell Counties prior to 1800. There is no solid evidence that the Workman brothers remained on the Island continuously after planting the corn. We know, in fact, that Jacob moved elsewhere; James, too, is documented as having returned for his family, a return that could have lasted anywhere from one to ten years or so. Without more details, we cannot determine precisely how long they stayed on the Island.

I do not recall at the moment which James paid taxes in Tazewell County in 1820, but whoever it was could have owned land there without actually living there. By that time, Abraham & Margaret or Thomas could have had a son James old enough to pay taxes also.

To turn for a while to the McNeely family: Speculating about the relationship between the very early ones is about as risky---perhaps even more so---than speculating about the questionable Workman's. At one time I thought I had them, the McNeely's, perfectly sorted out only to find documents which proved that there were several more individuals with the same given names than I had at first thought.

I believe that our Elizabeth was undoubtedly the sister of some of the McNeely men in the area, but there is evidence to indicate that she might have been a cousin to some of the others.

First, for the known facts: The David "Jagger" McNeely, whom Ragland mentions, was born between 1776-1780--to young to have been either of the two who served in the Revolutionary War. It is my impression from the evidence I have that he might have been a nephew of one of them. The tax rolls which I abstracted today showed that he moved to Indiana between 1831 and 1832. Previous abstracts of estate records in Shelby County, Indiana, indicate that he died there before October 1835, leaving a widow Olive J. Whether she was a first or second wife, I do not know. David was probably a son of either George or William McNeely--both of whom had Botetourt County, Virginia, connections. By 1810 George McNeely, born before 1765, was in Kanawha County; and William McNeely, with three in household over 16 (and whom we can identify from other records), was in Cabell County. I have not yet been able to determine how they are related to the Rebecca (Barnett) and William McNeely who were married 30 April 1767 in Amherst County, Virginia. Rebecca and William did have a son William mentioned in their will as well as a daughter Molly or Matty who was married to a Muncy.

The following is most tentative, but I believe that they were children of either George or of William:

- Richard McNeely, born ca. 1776, mar. 22 July 1799 Mary Blankenship in Monroe Co., Va.
- Nancy McNeely, born 1776-1780, mar. 1) William Dingess whom she divorced before his death; mar. 2) Claibourn Rucker 17 Jan 1832 in Shelby Co., Indiana
- David "Jagger" McNeely, born 1776-1780, mar. Olive J. _____, died ante Oct. 1835 in Shelby County, Indiana
- George McNeely, born ca. 1787, mar. 3 February 1812 in Kanawha County, Virginia, Elizabeth Workman
- Samuel McNeely, born 1780-1790, mar. 5 September 1820 Cabell County, Virginia, Margaret Christian
- William McNeely, born 1780-1790, mar. 25 Dec. 1810 Kanawha County, Virginia, Margaret "Peggy" Ballard, died ante August 1834 Shelby County, Indiana
- Elizabeth McNeely, born ca. 1792, mar. 1) Joseph Elkins; mar 2) Joseph Workman on 7 November 1813 in Cabell County, Virginia
- Robert McNeely, born 1776-1796, mar. 15 September 1812 in Cabell County, Virginia, Nancy Christian, died ante May 1830 Shelby County, Indiana
- Joseph McNeely, born 1790-1800, no further information
- Alexander McNeely, born ca. 1798, mar. Mary Clendennin
- James McNeely, born 1796-1799, mar. 5 August 1813 Milly/Mary Wall in Tazewell County, Virginia
- Sarah McNeely, born 1795-1804, mar. 4 June 1823 Major White in Cabell County, Va.
- Five females born between 1810-1820, names unknown.

Some of the younger off-spring may be children of David. Richard also had children during the later period; however, some were siblings if one may judge by other records.

John McNeely, born ca. 1785, living in 1850 in Shelby County, Indiana.

You will notice the numerous references to Shelby County, Indiana. I discovered the McNeely families there quite accidentally several years ago when I was searching the Shelby County records for Allen Christian, whose pension application for Revolutionary War service revealed that he had moved there before 1830. When back East last spring I went to the county seat there and photocopied numerous documents which identify many of the relationships. Nancy (McNeely) (Dingess) (Rucker) and some of the other McNeely kin were involved in lawsuits which make interesting reading.

There were more numerous Ballard-McNeely-Dingess-Rucker connections than the previous page would indicate.

One final word on the possibility of a David McNeely being the father of many of the individuals listed on the previous page: If such was the case, then he had died before the settling in Cabell-Kanawha, ~~as a result of a fall from a horse~~ unless he happened to be in the household of one of his sons and was deceased by 1820. Such is, of course, a possibility.

I'll keep you informed of progress and hope you will continue to do the same for me.

Sincerely,

Agnes Branch Pearlman

CC: Mr. Ralph H. Sayre

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December 19, 1975

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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Another quick up-date in response to your letter of the eighth! Thanks for the additional data on Rees, Robert, et al.

As for the Henry Workman who married Nancy Dalton: My records would indicate that he was a younger brother of Abijah/"Bije" Workman--not the same person. Abijah apparently married as his first wife Nancy Perry and then Frances Nelson. Census records bear out the fact that we are dealing here with two individuals. I shall send you the details after the holidays when I have more time.

I have checked all North Carolina counties in existence ^{prior to} 1800 except Surry and Burke (and Sullivan, later included in Tennessee). . . . checked them for Workman marriages, that is.

There were not any in the following counties: Chatham, Chowan, Pasquotank, Person, Perquimans, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Wilkes, Stokes, Guilford.

Caswell had marriage of Isaac Workman 11 Oct. 1799 to Susannah Sullivant.

Rowan had marriage of Will Workman --Feb. 1795 to Catherine Garon; Thos. Workman, secty.

Rowan had marriage of Daniel Wortman 13 Sep. 1779 to Margaret Keratzer.

(I wonder if this was the one found later in Greenbrier County?)

Rowan had marriage of Anne Workman to Ephraim Goss 23 Mar. 1795.

Orange had marriage of Jonathan Workman 28 Aug. 1797 to Charity Dixoa.

Orange had marriage of Lydia Workman 15 Oct. 1794 to David Williams.

These counties, as well as Stokes and Guilford had marriages after 1800. I abstracted all through 1825. Will send them later if you are interested.

That's all for today.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mrs. Ann Hager ✓

Dec. 30, 1975

Dear Cousin,

Just a few lines to let you know we appreciate your seasons greetings. We wish you many Seasons of Happiness.

I will check my records later to see if there is any thing I have forgotten to send you concerning the Workman Family.

Enclosed is an article concerning our gg. Uncle William Workman I thought you might not have seen.

I will be waiting for the time your book come's off the press. Good Luck.

Love

Janet

You ask about the tradition of Indian blood in our family. Yes we had the tradition but it was through our grandmother Barker who was a Cook and had no Workman Blood. I think I have proved this untrue as I have her family pretty well worked out now.

My husband has the same tradition in his Morris family. If it be true the blood would come through the Seay, Steen, Henson line of his family which I have been unable to place earlier than 1809 in Bedford County when Peter Say married Polly Steen dau. of Abby Henson.

*article placed in
WORKMAN family file*

*B 1853 Boone Co. Marriage record
Eveline Workman dau. of James H. and Ruth Workman married
1869 James George
Eveline Workman dau. of James H. and Ruth Workman married
Abner W. Turley in 1875*

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January 12, 1976

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Dear Cousin Janet:

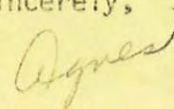
I appreciated your letter of December 30 with the article about g-g-g-uncle William Workman (at least that's his relationship to me). He was quite a remarkable and distinguished man.

The Surry and Burke County, North Carolina, marriage bonds were negative for the Workman surname, prior to 1825, the period checked. Unfortunately, even the Los Angeles library did not have the marriage records for the Tennessee Counties which were part of North Carolina at various times prior to 1796.

I just acquired a 1783 map of North Carolina which shows that Sullivan County, formed 1779, extended westward from Surry and Wilkes. Surry and Sullivan were the only two western counties bordering on Virginia; and I believe that we will ultimately find records in Sullivan County on the Workman family. The other three North Carolina counties existing at that time which later fell into Tennessee were Greene, Watauga Old Fields, and Washington. These three were south of Sullivan.

That's about all for now.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Dear Janet,

Thanks for your letter of
March 8.

I was pleased to hear of
the progress of your genealogical
group and of how well you're
doing on your group sheets.
That's quite a job! I have
almost 10,000 now.

I appreciate your offer
to advertise my book when it's
finally ready. Time flies and
with too little to devote to
its preparation, I'll be lucky
to manage by July.

Mrs. William Wager
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Hoping to be back East in the autumn.

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April 23, 1976

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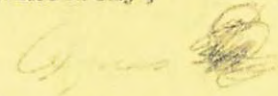
Dear Janet:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed letter I just wrote to Merle C. Rummel.

Your comments on the possible identity of those by the name John Toney would be of interest to me.

Hope all is going well for you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. Could you send Family Groups on John F. Toney with his wives Mary Hager and Mary Ferguson? Thanks so much!

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April 23, 1976

Mrs. Merle C. Rummel
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Dear Mrs. Rummel:

Or is it Mr. Rummel? We have in one of our local clubs a male and a female named Merle! Be that as it may, I was delighted to receive your letter regarding the Toney family. I shall be pleased to help in any way I can.

Although I do not have a Toney line, I am most interested in all the southern West Virginia families--especially any of those with even remote connections to my lines. And you can guess that includes almost every surname in the area. I am descended from Mary Gatliff, sister of the Leah Gatliff who married William Toney 22 August 1782 in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia. For your records: this William Toney's estate was appraised 20 May 1811 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia. The parents of Leah Gatliff were Martha M. (Farris) and James Gatliff.

Regarding the children of Leah (Gatliff) and William Toney:

Squire Toney, born ca. 1783, mar. 15 Nov. 1813 Nancy Brown in Cabell Co., Va.
Your records on their children are more complete than mine.

William Toney, born ca. 1787, mar. 2 Apr. 1815 Polly Caperton in Giles Co., Va.

My records show Mary "Polly" Caperton as the daughter of Rhoda (Stodghill) and Hugh Caperton--not Erskine as you have it. Polly (Caperton) and William Toney had the following; all born Logan Co.:

Overton C. Toney--probably Overton Caperton Toney--born ca. 1783,
died between 1887 and 1888. Left will in Logan County, West Virginia. Never married.

Rhoda L. Toney--probably Rhoda Leah Toney, named for both grandmothers--born ca. 1818, married Guy Dingess who predeceased her. She died 1892 or 1893 and left will in Logan County, W. Va.

Elizabeth "Bettie" Toney--born 4 July 1820, mar. Charles F. Dingess; she died 5 December 1859 at Island Creek, Logan County, W. Va., in childbirth. Exact dates obtained from death register.

Juliantis Toney--or Julie Yantes Toney--born ca. 1822; died unmarried in 1885 in Logan County, where she also left will.

Hugh Toney, born ca. 1831, became a Logan County merchant; died unmarried between 1894 and 1895; left will in Logan County, West Virginia.

Mary J. A. W. Toney, born ca. 1841, apparently died unmarried.

John Toney, born _____. I have nothing further on him except that Mrs. Hager believes this to be the husband of Mary Hager. I believe, like you, however, that this John Toney may be the one with widow Nancy (_____) in the 1850 Wayne Co., (W.) Va. census. The Wayne County John Toney does have a daughter named Leah, which might indicate a tie. I might mention that the Wayne County records are most complete and quite excellent in giving details, so it should be possible to establish relationship.

Edmund Toney, born _____. I have no further information on him. Have you?
 Jesse Toney, born ca. 1798, probably the Jesse Toney of Monroe County, (W.) Va. Although I have seen material on him at Mr. Olafson's, I did not copy the data.

Before asking you some questions, I would like to make several comments regarding some of the data given above. I personally abstracted the Toney information from the Logan County, West Virginia, will book so can vouch for the information--other than possible typographical errors. I also abstracted the death register information. If you wish to have it, I have miscellaneous data on nine children of Rhoda L. (Toney) and Guy Dingess--as it could be determined from the vital records and will books of Logan County. From the census of 1860 you will notice that Elizabeth (Toney) Dingess, wife of Charles F. Dingess, left three children when she died in 1859.

To whom does the James Toney who married 7 February 1819 Elizabeth Smith in Cabell County, (W.) Va., belong?

Now for some information which conflicts with some of the data you have, and I would certainly appreciate your comments. According to THE CAPERTON FAMILY, by Bernard M. Caperton the John Toney who built the first brick house in Giles County, Virginia, was born in Fluvanna County, Virginia, and settled in 1780 at the mouth of East River. He married 1783 Mary Fletcher in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Mary (Fletcher) and John Toney had a son named Jonathan Toney, who married Elizabeth Caperton, also a daughter of Rhoda (Stodghill) and Hugh Caperton. Please note among the children listed below that two of the daughters of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Elizabeth (Caperton) and Jonathan Toney married men named Toney. One of the girls was a Mary Toney who married a John Toney.

If indeed the John Toney who married Mary Toney was an older brother of the William Toney who married Leah Gatliff, then there is some confusion someplace.

April 23, 1976

Elizabeth Caperton was born 22 September 1794 and died between 1863 and 1864. She married 23 October 1811 Jonathan Toney, who was born 1785-90; he died 1835-6.

Their children were as follows:

Mary Toney, born _____, mar. John Toney, brother of Eli (below); they moved to Richmond, Indiana

Rhoda Toney, born 21 October 1820, mar. Ralph Hale; she died 6 May 1892. No issue.

Malinda Toney, born _____, mar. Elias "Eli" Toney, brother of John (above); moved to Richmond, Indiana, then to California in 1861.

Elizabeth Green Toney, born 1824, died 1901, mar. Gordon Lewis Jordan, son of Sallie (Chapman) and Hugh Jordan.

George Washington Toney, called Washington, born 14 September 1830 in Glenlyn, Giles County, Virginia, died 1911 Huntington, Cabell Co., W. Va.; mar. Catherine Motley, born 20 September 1840, died 1902.

Clara Toney, born 1833, died 1914; mar. 1856 Fleming S. Cannaday, 1833-1861, of Glenlyn, Virginia.

How does the above compare with what you have? Is the John Toney who married Mary Fletcher the same John Toney who later also married a Mary Toney--as did his granddaughter?

This is about all I have time for today. At your convenience, I would certainly appreciate having the vital data on the family of Margaret (Sutherland) and William Toney. Do let me know if there is anything further you would like to have me check in my files.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mrs. Janet Hager

P.S. I cannot identify the woman in Huntington but will be happy to make inquiries.

April 28, 1976

Dear Cousin Agnes,

So glad to hear from you. I know you are a good genealogist and I can depend on you. It looks like we have opened up another can of worms equal to the Workman family.

When Mr. Rummel wrote me about the Toney family I had done no research on them. I used what information I had collected from Mr. Olafson and intended to check it out some day. I am working on so many families I check them out as time permits.

Mr. Olafson had John F. Toney as a son of Jesse Toney as he did the other children of William and Leah (Gatliff) Toney. I done some checking on my own and since the other Toney's checked out as children of William and Leah, I added John F. to this list. He also had John F. Toney married to Mary Hager.

According to census data John F. would have been born around 1781, too early for the marriages of either Carey or Pointdexter which occurred in 1788 and 1789. Of course most census ages are wrong but usually not that much.

Mr. Rummel thinks my John F. Toney is the one who married Mary Ferguson in Kanawha Co. in 1809. This may be right but does not prove his relationship to the Kanawha Co. Toneys.

Mary Hager Toney probably had three Mullins children ages 10, 8, and 7 in the 1850 census of Boone Co. I doubt that John F. and Mary Hager Toney had any children of their own. I have not found records of the Mullins children to prove their parentage. Mary Hager's sister Rosanne was supposed to have married 2nd a Mullins and the children with Mary Toney could be nephews and nieces. I haven't checked the actual census to see.

John F. Toney and wife Mary ? should have been in Indiana in 1827 as their daughter Mary who married Fry Lucas was born in Indiana.

Babe Fowler is checking the Giles County marriages for me for a marriage record of John Toney and Mary Hager. If it isn't there he probably did marry Mary Ferguson first. I haven't been able to find land records in Boone Co. to prove relationships although John F. Toney and Fry Lucas had several land deals from 1847 to 1858. The last one in 1858.

I am enclosing a family group sheet for John F. and Mary Toney who ever they are. Death records listed were checked by myself.

The following was taken from a History of the Olive Branch Church. Members in 1835 from Pond Fork included the following. James Workman Sr., James Workman Jr. Rutha Workman, Thompson Workman, Nancy Walker and Sarah McNeely.

1836 Met at Bro. Squire Workman's. James Workman Sr. and Jr made motion to ordain William Walker.

1824 Mary Workman was member of Turtle Creek branch of ^{the} church.

The Genealogical Society has collected the old Boone and Logan County records from Richmond and are ready to deposit them in the library. Mr. Olafson's material is being xeroxed by a member in Charleston and will be placed in the library. The library has a few genealogical books. We purchased the Handy Book for Genealogist to place in the library. I think we are off to a good start. This Society has been a dream of Mr. Olafson's for years and I am so glad for his sake that people are taking an interest and sending us their charts and information so we may have a research center.

Mr. Olafson has been sick the last few days. I hope he is soon better. I realize he is old and won't be with us for ever. The problem is, I have just got acquainted with him and there is so much he can teach and tell me. I guess I am selfish but I want him to stay with us a few years longer, God willing.

Our Barker Family reunion will be July ~~July~~ 4th this year. I hope you can be with us.

Love

Janet

The Charts I sent you last year on my family are so out of date they should be thrown out. Some day I will send you new ones.

Apr. 29.
Mr. Olafson is better.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name John F. Joney

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<u>Sigfus Olafson</u>	Birth			<u>c 1781</u>				
	Chr'nd							<u>Member of Church Oct. 9, 1830</u>
<u>Census records</u>	Mar.							
	Death							
<u>death records of Boone Co.</u>	Burial							

Places of Residence _____
 Occupation _____ Church Affiliation Olive Branch ^{great Church} Military Rec. _____
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. _____

His Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler Janet E. Hager Places of Residence _____

Address Box 146 Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____

City, State Hewitt 25108 Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. _____

Date _____ Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 <u>David? (David) Joney</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Cynthia Wheeler</u> P	Birth			<u>1814</u>		<u>Siles Co.</u>	<u>Va</u>	<u>notice</u> <u>birth place</u>
		Mar.							
		Death	<u>26 Oct.</u>		<u>1882</u>		<u>Boone Co.</u>	<u>W. Va</u>	
		Burial							
M	2 <u>Adam F. Joney</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Mary Ann Cooper</u>	Birth			<u>c 1820</u>		<u>Kanawha</u>	<u>Va</u>	
		Mar.	<u>11 May</u>		<u>1854</u>		<u>Boone</u>	<u>Va.</u>	
		Death							
		Burial							
F	3 <u>Julia Joney</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Noah Foster</u>	Birth	<u>25 Oct</u>		<u>1817?</u>				<u>2nd</u> <u>Bailes</u> <u>Cooper Jr.</u>
		Mar.							
		Death	<u>25 Oct</u>		<u>1893</u>		<u>Boone Co.</u>	<u>W. Va</u>	
		Burial				<u>reported my nephew Adam Cooper</u>			
M	4 <u>John P. Joney Jr.</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Sarah Thompson</u>	Birth			<u>1831</u>				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 <u>Mahala Joney</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Alfred Hager</u>	Birth			<u>1834</u>				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	6 <u>Mary Joney</u> Full Name of Spouse* _____ <u>Iry Lucas</u>	Birth			<u>1827</u>			<u>Indiana</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death	<u>19 Feb</u>		<u>1887</u>	<u>Ramage</u>	<u>Boone Co.</u>	<u>W. Va</u>	
		Burial							
	7 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth							<u>Notice Birth dates</u> <u>1814, 1820, 1820, 1827, 1831, 1834</u> <u>Could be more children or children of</u> <u>two marriages.</u>
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10 _____ Full Name of Spouse* _____	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

These death records gave John + Mary Joney as parents

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Santa Ana, California 92706
June 14, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I was pleased to find your letter in my waiting mail when I returned from a month-long trip to Colorado, where my husband and daughter had meetings. I had no sooner returned and unpacked than we received a call that my husband's eldest sister had died, so we had to pack up and leave again. We finally returned home day before yesterday, and here I am at the typewriter.

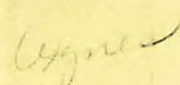
Thank you for sending the family group for John F. Toney and his wife Mary --as you say, whoever she might be. When I go to the library Thursday, I will check the Boone County marriage record for 1854 and see if it gives the maiden name of Adam F. Toney's mother. I will let you know the results. Although this John F. Toney might be the son of Leah (Gatliff) and William Toney, the given names of their children would seem to indicate another set of parents. Only additional research will reveal the answer.

I appreciate your sending the information on the early Workman activities in the Olive Branch Baptist Church. I was interested in the fact that both James Workman, Sr., and James Workman, Jr., as well as a Thompson Workman were members in 1835. Thompson may have been one of the previously unidentified younger brothers of James Hewett Workman. This brother would probably have been born between 1800-1818 or 1815-20. If you recall, Jane (Moore) and John Workman named one of their sons (born about 1830) Thompson, perhaps for his uncle. This is the only reference I have seen thus far to the older Thompson. Squire Workman might also be a son of James Workman, Sr. It is interesting how some of the family became quite active in the Baptist circles while others were equally devoted Methodists.

Your Genealogical Society seems to be doing a wonderful job. By next month I should have several of my little volumes ready and will see that you get copies for your library.

Speaking of next month, I'm disappointed that I will not be able to attend the Barker family reunion. Please extend my regards to all the kin--both distant and near. I hope you are able to solve some of the genealogical puzzles although by now you probably have more of the answers than most. My trip to West Virginia this year is scheduled for autumn, and I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. Re the Workman's: Have we considered the possibility that James Workman, Sr., as well as his son, James Workman, Jr., may also have been named James Hewett Workman?

June 15, 1976

Dear Mrs. Pearlman,

How is the book coming along. I got to thinking about you and thought I would check in.

The Society is growing and we are learning new ancestors all the time. We now have 29 members. We have donated 29 Vol's. of census, birth, death, marriage and other records to our local library. We also have a bundle of loose papers to donate when we locate a filing cabinet.

We have the following records in process of being prepared.

1870-80	Boone County	Census	
1870-80	Logan	"	"
1850	Cobell	"	"
1850	Wyoming	"	"
1880	Raleigh	"	"

All these are typed with added Genealogical material. David Turner has joined our Society and he is a great help.

If we had copies of the 1850 Kanawha and Fayette County Census we would have all the Counties around us covered for 1850.

We have ordered the new history of Logan Co. to be published this fall.

Our Barker reunion will be July 4th if you happen to be this way, you are invited to attend.

"Babe" Fowler is coming up from Roanoke for our next meeting if she doesn't change her plans. Our members are going on vacation at that time so very few of us will be here to meet her. I think Mr. Olafson wrote to see if she wanted to come in August instead of July 1st.

Have you learned anything new on the Workman's, + McNeely's. Also about John and Mary Joney.

I finally located my Barker ancestor. Jacob Barker deserted his family before 1800 came to Kanawha County and changed his name to Jacob Welch and married Elizabeth Hill. Our family always said the Barkers were here around 1798 but I had been unable to prove it until now. This is the same Jacob Barker who married Susan Garner and were ancestors of the Summers County Barkers.

More later

Janet Hager

P.S. Have you heard from Ralph Sayre Latley. When his mother passed away in March he sent me a note and said he didn't know when he would get back to over

June 24, 1976

Dear Cousin,

Our letters crossed in the mail as usual. I am afraid I repeated what I told you in an earlier letter.

A couple of notes on the Workman's. Dave Turner says James Workman was living across the river from Charleston in 1810. This makes Mr. Sayre right about that.

Second my aunt found some old letters from Uncle Winfred Workman ^(b. 1872). Son of Benjamin + grandson of John + Jane (Moore) Workman.

In these letters written from Calif 1924-1937, he talks about his Cousins, Children of Juncil Price Workman. He also mentions a special good Cousin Alongo Workman from Hayden, Colorado. Did John + Jane have a grandson Alongo. If not this could be the grandson of James Madison Workman and show relationship between John + Abraham Workman.

Uncle Winfred has a grandson
Elliott Walter Orcutt III
living in the Los Angeles Area.
no address available.

Aunt Nette has the letters in
her possession.

Mr. Rummel of Muncie visited
yesterday on his way to Gila. He
plans to publish his Joney Book
next spring. He said he couldn't
possibly trace all the Joney
descendants in this area. He still
thinks my John J. was a son of
Carey + Elizabeth (Doran) Joney.

More Later
Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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June 28, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Your letter of June 15 crossed mine of June 14 in the mail.

I am most impressed by the endeavors of your genealogical society. It will be of real benefit to have the census records you mentioned, particularly with the added genealogical material.

In checking the Boone County, (West) Virginia, marriage register, I found the following:

Adam F. Toney, age 33, single, school teacher, married
Mary Ann Cooper, age 19, single, on 11 May 1854
Both were born in Kanawha County, Virginia
Parents: John & Mary Toney and Thompson & Mary Cooper
Married by A. Workman

So you see, I was not able to determine Mary Toney's maiden name. I believe they were probably born in that part of Kanawha which became Boone County. Further, I believe the minister was probably Andrew Workman.

For the reasons mentioned in a previous letter (work on the indexes), I have done little on the Workman and McNeely lines lately. One interesting observation, however, is that when Phoebe is written as "Phebah" it can look very much like "Hanah" or "Thenah" in script. This I noticed on another line, and it could prove significant for the early Workman generations. The similarity occurs when the upward sweep of the "P" is light and the "b" is short and unjoined. See samples below:

Phebah *Thenah* *Hanah*

I haven't heard from Ralph Sayre recently either. In his last letter, though, he said that circumstances would force curtailment of his genealogical work and correspondence, for awhile.

Your Barker family discoveries were most interesting. How did you find the information?

Until next time,

Sincerely,

Agnes

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 3, 1976

Mrs. William Hacer
Box 148
Newett, W. Va. 25108

Dear Janet:

Another two letters crossed in the mail--a circumstance which seems to occur more often than not with our correspondence.

We are spending the July 4 holiday in the mountains at our vacation home, and I am using my "high-school" typewriter which I keep there for any typing I might wish to do there. It's difficult to use a tiny, old manual after having become accustomed to a large, new electric. Actually, my new one isn't so new anymore, though.

I was most interested in the information which you found in the old letters now in your aunt's possession. I cannot, however, answer your question about a grandson Alonzo for Jane and John Workman. Now that our local branch of the National Archives has most of the 1900 U. S. Census and Soundex, it is possible that I could check the Workman families in Colorado (hoping that Alonzo was there at that time). Although we now have the 1900 West Virginia Census records, the Soundex has not yet arrived for either Virginia or West Virginia. We do have both for Colorado, however, and it wouldn't take long to check the Soundex particularly. I'll let you know the results. I might also be able to contact Elliott Walter Orcutt in Los Angeles. Santa Ana is only twenty-three miles from Los Angeles. It would help to have a family group record for Winfred. Do you have one? If so, I would appreciate a copy.

That's all for now,

Agnes

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *Winfred Workman*

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
1900 Census Records	Birth	Oct.	1872				
Boone Co. Records	Chr'nd						
	Mar.	30 March	1892		Boone Co.	W.Va.	
	Death	c	1937	Los Angeles		Calif	
	Burial						

Places of Residence

Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. *Mar. and Arminata (Minnie) Epling sisters to 1st wife*
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father *Benjamin Workman* Mother's Maiden Name *Rebecca C. Ball*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Lena Epling*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
	Birth						
	Chr'nd						
	Death	by	1898				
	Burial						

Compiler *Janet E. Hager* Places of Residence

Address *Box 146* Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

City, State *Hewett W. Va 2508* Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date *July 8 1976* Her Father *William Epling* Mother's Maiden Name *Martha E. Hager*

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Hazel Workman</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	June		1894				
		Mar.							
		Death							<i>died single</i>
		Burial							
2	<i>Wilda Workman</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Elliot Walter Orcutt II</i>	Birth	July		1899		Boone Co.	W.Va.	
		Mar.							
		Death							<i>died before 1937 buried 70 miles from Los Angeles</i>
		Burial							<i>Near an Orange Grove</i>
3	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							<i>Wilda had son Elliot Walter Orcutt III</i>
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

Aunt Minnie Workman also died in Los Angeles.

Uncle Winfred has a niece in the Los Angeles Area.

Sadie Workman wife of Bill Reynolds

Sadie B. Oct 1899

She is in ill health.

I checked the 1900 Census for Boone + Logan Co. I could find no Alongo Workman.

Thomas Workman (son of James Madison and Cynthia (McNeely) Workman) m. Jermina Nelson and had son Alongo according to the Workman Family History.

Uncle Winfred's last letter was written in April 1937. He died shortly afterwards. He was in the hospital when he wrote the letter.

Mr. A. ^{F.} Workman of Florida says he thinks Theora wife F. of "Big" Clay Workman died in the 1940's. Theora was A. ^{F.} Workman's Aunt and the dau. of Juncil P. + Lucy (McNeely) Workman.

Mr. A. F. Workman } son of Oscar French and Madara
4322 Collins Rd. } (Linville) Workman. Age around 76 years.
Orange Park, Fla.
32073 }

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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August 10, 1976

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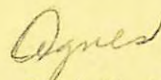
Dear Janet:

Thank you for the Winfred Workman family group record. At the first opportunity I will follow through on the contact with his grandson if I'm able to locate him.

Enclosed is a complimentary copy of the 1840 Census & Index for Logan County, Virginia, which I have just published. For anyone you might know who would wish to purchase a copy, they are available from me for \$2.00 per copy. My other two volumes will be ready later this month: WEST VIRGINIA'S SOUTHERN COUNTIES 1850 CENSUS SURNAME INDEX (80 pages @ \$5.00) and GENEALOGICAL INDEX TO BOWMAN'S REFERENCE BOOK OF WYOMING COUNTY HISTORY (100± pages @ \$7.00).

After these and other publication efforts are completed, I should have more time once again for research.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Aug. 11, 1976

Dear Agnes,

We have discussed the Workman family so long, when I get an idea I always think of You.

Thomas Workman was married to Sarah Deskins or Dickerson. I have decided it is Dickerson, since some new material fell into my hands.

William Godby, my ancestor, married Nancy Dickerson in 1798, dau. of Obediah Dickerson.

I was sent several pages of A Godbey family History. This book states from family tradition, that William Godby married second, Nancy, dau. of Nimrod Workman. This Nancy was born around 1800-05 according to census records. I have never checked the original 1850 Logan County census. Mr. Olafson says Nancy is the wife of William Bodby. Another source told me she was the dau. of William Godby. William's dau. Nancy is married to Ralph Lucas and living with him in the 1850 census (living with her husband).

I now believe that Thomas Workman is the elusive Nimrod, we have been looking for, and that William Godby married 2nd his first wife's neice. *dau. of Thomas + Sarah.*

Mr. Olafson and Dave Turner are both gone for two weeks so I had no one to discuss this with.

Do you have a copy of Bagland's history of Logan County? It was published in the Logan Banner over the July 4th holiday.

I wish I had all your Logan County records here at this time. I am in the process of typing the 1880 Logan County Census and I am sure you could add lots of data to our records. I believe this will be the best Census we have for our Library, although there is a lot of information not included.

I just typed your Christian family today, so you can see I still have a good 5 weeks typing ahead. On top of that it is canning season.

Janet Lager

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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August 16, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Well, we did it again--writing letters which crossed in the mail, that is.

I was delighted to receive the additional information regarding the early Workman family. I would agree that Thomas Workman probably married Sarah Dickerson (rather than Deskins). Since I do not recall at what point you joined the Workman family discourse, I will bring you up to date on one or two points which may have been mentioned prior to your joining the correspondence. I have seen microfilm of the original marriage record for Thomas Workman 24 October 1805 in Tazewell County, Virginia. Although his bride's name is somewhat smudged, it has letters and letter spacing which could be transcribed as either Dickerson or Dickinson or Dickenson. At this point, I do not recall which of my correspondents thought these surnames were not likely since there were none of that name in Tazewell County. Since there were several Deskins families there, it was thought the latter might have been intended. In view of the fact that you know that your William Godby married a Nancy Dickerson in 1798, it is obvious that the Dickerson family (or at least one branch of it) was making its way to southwestern Virginia by that time. Incidentally, Sarah Dickerson was born in Halifax County, Virginia, according to my notes.

As I have mentioned before, it is my belief that Thomas Workman had been married before he married Sarah (this based on analysis of the various early census records). Indeed, it would appear that if the younger Nancy Workman who reputedly married William Godby as his second wife were actually a daughter of Thomas she would have had to be by ~~Thomas's first~~ first wife--if Nancy were born between 1800 and 1804 as the census would seem to indicate.

Previously, someone had mentioned the possibility that Thomas could be the elusive Nimrod. Certainly, it was not at all uncommon for the first given name to be used on official documents and the middle name to be used by members of the family. As a matter of fact, this was the case with my own father, who usually signed documents as William N. Branch, and who was always known as Norwood (pronounced Nord) by the family. Perhaps the answer for Thomas Workman may be obtained through a descendant of his son David Pierce Workman. Instead of answer, I should have said proof.

Yes, I do have a copy of Ragland's History of Logan County. In fact, I made an index for my personal use several years ago and sent a copy of it to Mr. Olafson. It's handy to have the index when referring to it. I had contemplated rewriting the history with corrections and additions but have too many other "irons in the fire" even to consider such a job at this time.

I would really love to see the census records you are typing. Are you filling in surnames of wives and the spouses of the children?

Sincerely,

Agnes

Aug. 22, 1976

Dear Agnes,

First: Thanks for the 1840 Logan County census. It keeps me from calling Mr. Olafson every time I have a problem.

2nd; Dave Turner transcribed the 1880 Logan County census. He then added everything he had on the families, such as maiden names, who their children married, birth, marriage, and death dates where available. I then added what I had. Mrs. Ferrell (one of our members) then added what she could. Then my mother went thru the book and added what she could. It will be our best census ever I think.

I talked to Dave and we decided that if you were not coming here this fall, I would mail you my copy sometime and let you fill in and correct what you can. We are sure there need to be corrections. Dave said the micro-film was next to impossible to read. I wish I could afford to zerox you a copy but it will run around 210-220 pages when finished. I now have 140 pages typed. I am making 4 carbon copies, so you can imagine what I am going thru. If you are coming to Madison this fall you can pick up the census then.

You ask about how I found out about my Barker Ancestor. I believe I told you the story how he deserted his family came to this area and married again. He was supposed to have changed his name to Griffith and settled near Griffithville. When his wife found him she would not bother him.

Well "Babe" Fowler found in the 1801 Kanawha County Court Order book where Jacob Welch formerly Barker was taken in adultery with Polly Froit and proved in Court. I checked this out and she had sent me the order word for word.

The next year 1802 Jacob Welch married Elizabeth Hill and settled at Camp Creek in Boone Co. They had one daughter Sarah who married Alexander Griffith. I now have a copy of Jacob Welch's will that proves the relationship of Sarah Griffith to him.

Jacob Barker had at least 8 children by his first wife (real) Susan Garner. They came to Logan County in 1798 looking for him. Sometime around 1803-04 Jacob paid a visit to Susan and she became pregnant with Anderson Barker (who married Letitia Godby) and Susan returned to Buckingham Co. for his birth. She returned to Logan Co. around 1823-24 with Anderson. Joseph Barker coming around 1832-33. Jacob Welch died in 1829 and Susan Barker died in 1848. These are dates the DAR papers do not have.

My family knew they were related to the Summers Co. Barker's but did not know how. Now we know that Wm. Barker who married Sarah Hobbs was a brother to my Joseph Barker. The only thing I need now is to find the County where Susan (Garner) Barker took her husband Jacob to court for non-support before he came to this area.

We have not received a copy of the 1820 Va. census index. If you have one handy would you check Bedford and Buckingham counties for Joseph and (Frances) Susan Barker.

Janet Hager

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 27, 1976

Mrs. William Hoyer
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I just received your letter of the twenty-second and was delighted to hear of the progress on the 1880 census.

Since I am still hoping to come East in the fall, I shall wait until that time to pick up the copy you mentioned. After making any corrections or additions, I would then return it to you. I feel sure that very few would be necessary since all of you are so knowledgeable about the families of the area. It always helps, however, to have as many individuals as possible check copy if for nothing more than to recheck for omissions and oversights.

Enclosed are photocopies of the Barker entries from the Index to 1820 Virginia Census. Some days my copy machine makes excellent copies, but you can see by the enclosed that today was not one of those days. After three attempts to make a satisfactory "page 22," I gave up and am enclosing all three in hopes that you will be able to decipher what you need. You will notice that each is clear in a different section. Apparently there was no Joseph or Susan in Buckingham or Bedford County.

Sincerely,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 3, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I am so disappointed that I will not be able to come to West Virginia this autumn. A combination of circumstances will prevent my making the trip, but the major factor is the catastrophic loss and damage to our family heirlooms which were being shipped to California.

The entire household of furniture was loaded onto a moving van in Huntington, and before reaching Dayton, Ohio, the van had caught fire. Over half the load was totally destroyed, and the half which arrived last Monday had hardly a piece which had not been damaged by fire, smoke, water, or the ax which was used to break open the van. I must remain close to supervise the refinishing and repairs. It is a most distressing task. I only hope that from this point on, the adjustment with the insurance carrier will go efficiently and pleasantly.

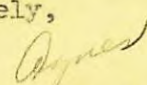
If you have a copy of the 1880 annotated census which could be placed in the mail, C.O.D. certified, I would be pleased to check it and return to you. Just let me know what you think the best procedure would be. As noted, I would be willing to pay all postage costs both ways; and having a copy here, however briefly, would enable our Society to make a copy for its library.

Another Workman family researcher is now in contact with me, and she just mailed me a copy of the letter Alderson Workman mailed to her father in 1907. When he names the brothers of his grandfather Jacob Workman, he adds, "and I don't know how many more." The ones he names (no dates given) are those listed in Anderson's book on page 624. So my speculation that there was at least one more seems to be correct. He also said in the letter that he had "always understood that Grandfather W. came from N. Carolina." So it would appear that just as your ancestor Abraham came with his father from North Carolina to Virginia, so it was for Jacob. The researcher is going to try to locate the remainder of the correspondence and her father's notes to see if there are any other clues not carried forward in Anderson's book. From her notes, it would appear that the Phoebe who married Isaac Roberts was somewhat younger than I had estimated, so you might wish to correct your notes accordingly.

Because of numerous demands, my research--including those specifics which I had promised to check regarding the Workman line--will have to wait perhaps for another month. I will get to it in time, however.

I hope all is going well for you and your Boone County Genealogical Society. You are all doing a magnificent job!

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Oct. 11, 1976

Dear Agnes,

I am so sorry about your family heirlooms. I have always said you can replace furniture but not the pieces that have a family background. I do hope some of it can be saved.

I am mailing my copy of the 1880 Logan Census under different wrap according to your instructions. There is no rush to get it back. I plan on taking it to the college at Logan and the State Archives sometime this fall. You may print in the information you can add to this census.

Since the death record of our Joseph Workman gives his place of birth as Augusta Co. Va. in 1784, I would say the Workman's traveled down thru North Carolina and then back to Virginia. It looks like we should be able to locate the Workman marriages some where, but I have begin to think it is impossible.

The society has added several items to their collection recently, including the Giles Co. marriages and 2 Vols. of Pike Co. ^{Ky.} History including marriage records. If we have something you

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need checked, let us know and we will
try our best. We now have all the records
of Boone & Logan County 1853-1861 that
were placed in Richmond before the War.

Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
November 12, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

As you are aware from the return receipt, I have received your copy of the 1880 Logan County Census.

Although my time this past week was quite limited, I did read the material and noticed that I can make many additions and a few corrections. These I hope to finish during the Thanksgiving holiday. Since you indicated that there was no rush, I hope that this schedule will be satisfactory. Do let me know if there should be any problem.

Not too long ago I abstracted the Workman family entries from the 1850 Kentucky census and came across one family which poses additional name possibilities for the family of Mary (Ballard) and Abraham Workman. See the enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Olafson for details.

After Thanksgiving, when I hope to complete major outstanding projects, I will be in touch again with additional details on the Workman and McNeeley research.

Until then, most sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
November 12, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, West Virginia 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a brief note to add to the Workman family file:

In the Johnson County, Kentucky, 1850 census, page 124, dated 28 September, is the following family numbered 583/583:

George Collins	29	M	Farmer	\$150	Virginia
Mary "	27	F			"
Sanford "	8	M			Kentucky
John W. "	3	M			"
Melvina "	1/12	F			"
Elizabeth Workman	24	F			Virginia

I wonder if the above Mary Collins was formerly Mary Workman, whether the above Elizabeth Workman is a previously unidentified sister, whether Mary's middle name was Susan and thus the wife found with him in 1870, Boone Co., W. Va., whether Elizabeth's middle name was Susan and he married her after Mary's possible death, or whether there is another answer to the relationships. Johnson County, Kentucky, records might offer a solution; but I have no time at present to pursue such research.

My regards to your family and hoping this finds you well.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mrs. William Hager

Pearlman

1860 Boone County Census

556 Farmer \$50.00

George Collins	43	born Montgomery Co. Va.
Susan R.	36	" " " "
Rebecca	18	" " " "
married David Holstein in 1873		
Sarah	15	born Montgomery County Va.
Ann	12	" " " "
William m. 3-28-81	8	born Boone County, married Litha Workman
Mary	6	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Russell b. 5/30/56/	4	born Boone County married Anne Holstein
Madison	1	born Boone County

1880 Boone

Susan Collins age 61

Agnes

Above is the census record of George Collins. This is not the same one you sent who lived in Johnson Co. Ky.

Enclosed is my family chart I promised you some time back. If you don't need it Place it in your Genealogical library.

Janet

13 *Lissa All Cook*

b. 28 Dec 1880
at Hewitt, W. VA.
d. 14 Dec 1945
at Curry, W. VA.

27 *Rebecca C. Ball*

b.
at Boone Co.
d. 18 Mar. 1892

54 *Joseph Ball Jr.*

b. 1824
at Monroe Co.
md. 22 Feb 1847

55 *Dalilah Comer*

b. 9 April 1827
at Monroe Co.

108 *Joseph Ball Sr.*
1783-1860

109 *Catherine Comer*
1792-1867

110 *Fredrick Comer*
1787-1848

111 *Polly Mitchell*
1796-1867

112 *Josiah Stollings*

113 *Lovey Estes*

114 *Abraham Workman*

115 *Mary Ballard*

116 *Thomas Fowler*

117 *Elizabeth Gillespie*
1805-188-

118 *Elias Adkins Sr.*
1797-

119 *Susannah Fry*
1801-

120 *Solomon A. Mullins*
1782-1858

121 *Sarah Breenfield Cathey*
1788-1860-70

122 *Isaac Adkins*
1790-1854

123 *Elizabeth Adkins*
1790-1860-70

124 *Richard Vance*

125 *Mary*

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56 *Nelson Stollings*

b.
at
md.

57 *Lurana Workman*

b.
at
d. 1892

58 *John Patrick Fowler*

b. 10 July 1830
at 1851-52
md.

59 *Letty Belle Adkins*

b. 1831
at

60 *Spencer A. Mullins*
1820

b.
at
md.

61 *Lydia Evaline Adkins*

b.
at

62 *Paris Vance*
1826

b.
at
md.

63 *Nancy Maynard*

b.
at

28 *Charles Emmer Stollings*

b.
at
md. 24 Jan. 1879
d. 7 Mar. 1892

14 *Willie E. Stollings*

b. 18 Feb. 1887
at Anchor, Boone, W. VA.
md. 24 Dec. 1908
d.
at

29 *Margery Ann Fowler*

b. 7 April 1854
at Boone Co. VA.
d. 28 Feb. 1889

7 *Elda Pearl Stollings*

b. 25 Aug. 1914
at Manila, Boone Co. W. VA.
d.
at

30 *Peter Madison Mullins*

b. 6 Oct. 1853
at Atenville, Logan Co. (W) VA.
md.
d. 1912

15 *Edna Mullins*

b. 1 Sept. 1890
at Atenville, Lincoln Co. W. VA.
d. 23 June 1969
at Manila, W. VA.

31 *Mary Ann Vance*

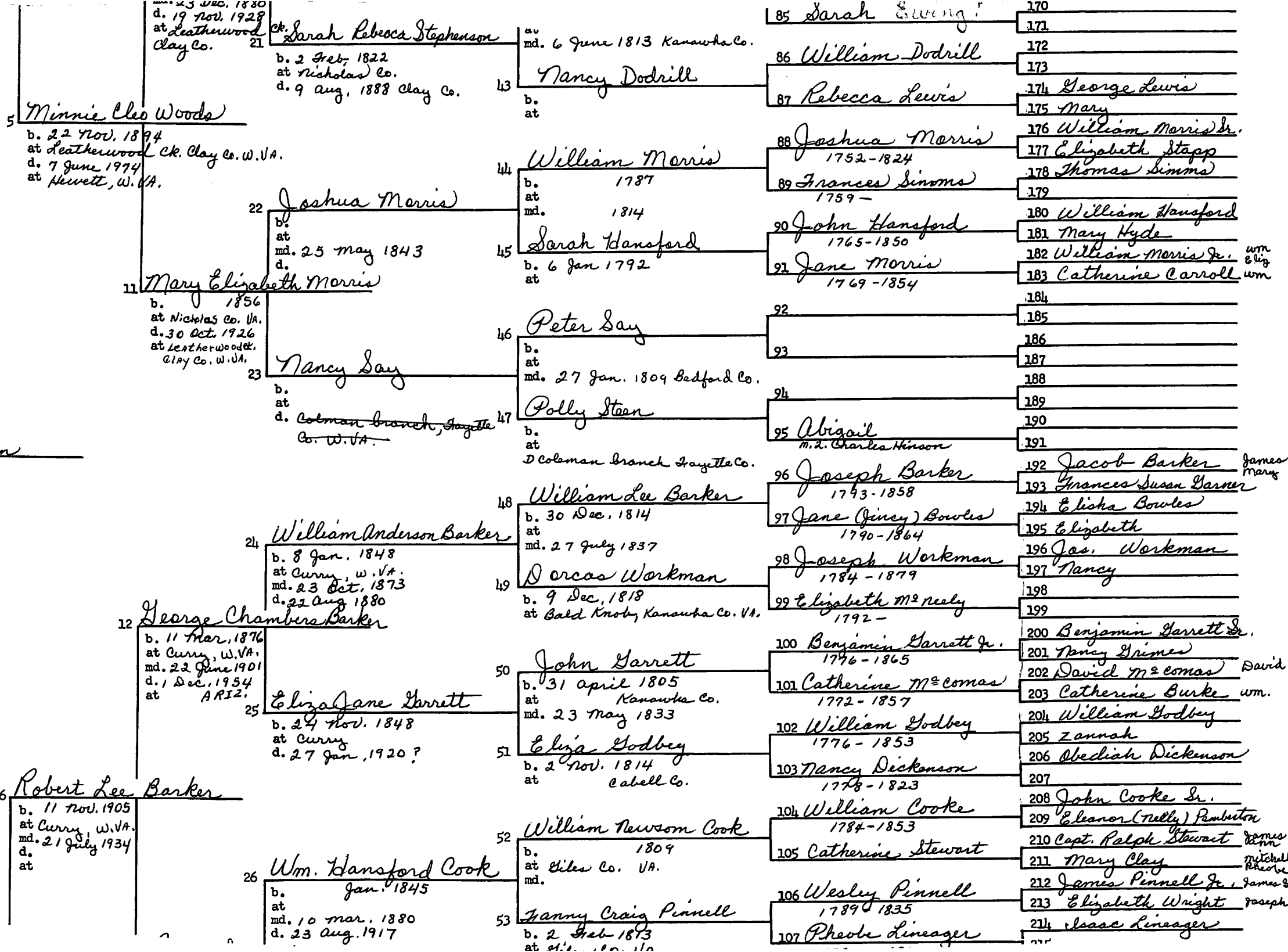
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d. 7 June 1910

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- 218 *Augustine Comer* Michael
- 219 *Catherine Rush*
- 220 *Augustine Comer* Michael
- 221 *Catherine Rush*
- 222 *Joshua Mitchell*
- 223 *Elizabeth Stiggard*
- 224 *Jacob Stollings*
- 225 *Sarah*
- 226 *Joel Estes*
- 227 *Nancy*
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- 230 *Elijah Ballard*
- 231 *Mildred Dahoney*
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- 240 *John Wesley Mullins*
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- 248 *Abner Vance*
- 249 *Susannah Howard*
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- 251 *Mary Jarrell*
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3 *Janet Ethel Barker*

b. 19 Mar. 1935
at Curry, Logan, Co. W. VA.
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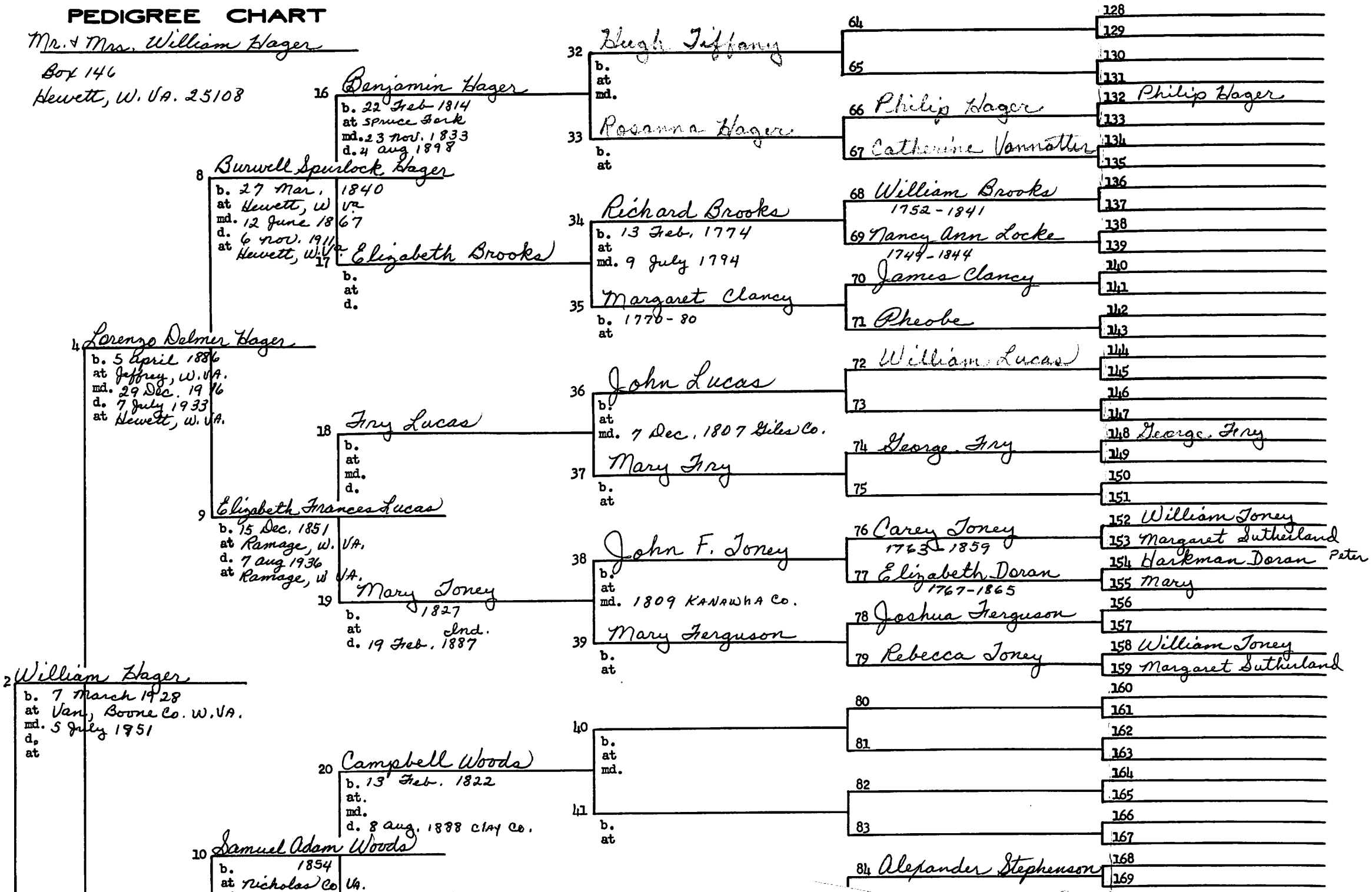
Hager Children

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PEDIGREE CHART

Mr. & Mrs. William Hager

Box 146
Hewett, W. VA. 25108



16 Benjamin Hager

b. 22 Feb. 1814
at Spruce Fork
md. 23 Nov. 1833
d. 4 Aug. 1898

8 Burwell Spurlock Hager

b. 27 Mar. 1840
at Hewett, W. Va.
md. 12 June 1867
d. 6 Nov. 1911
at Hewett, W. Va.

17 Elizabeth Brooks

b.
at
d.

4 Lorenzo Delmer Hager

b. 5 April 1886
at Jeffrey, W. Va.
md. 29 Dec. 1916
d. 7 July 1933
at Hewett, W. Va.

18 Fry Lucas

b.
at
md.
d.

9 Elizabeth Frances Lucas

b. 15 Dec. 1851
at Ramage, W. Va.
d. 7 Aug. 1936
at Ramage, W. Va.

19 Mary Joney

b. 1827
at
d. 19 Feb. 1887 Ind.

2 William Hager

b. 7 March 1928
at Van, Boone Co. W. Va.
md. 5 July 1951
at

20 Campbell Woods

b. 13 Feb. 1822
at.
md.
d. 8 Aug. 1898 Clay Co.

10 Samuel Adam Woods

b. 1854
at Nicholas Co. Va.

32 Blugh Tiffany

b.
at
md.

33 Rosanna Hager

b.
at

34 Richard Brooks

b. 13 Feb. 1774
at
md. 9 July 1794

35 Margaret Clancy

b. 1770-80
at

36 John Lucas

b.
at
md.

7 Dec. 1807 Giles Co.

37 Mary Fry

b.
at

38 John F. Joney

b.
at
md.

1809 KANAWHA CO.

39 Mary Ferguson

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Philip Hager

Philip Hager

Catherine Vannatter

William Brooks
1752-1841

Nancy Ann Locke
1749-1844

James Clancy

Pheobe

William Lucas

George Fry

Carey Joney
1763-1859

Elizabeth Doran
1767-1865

Joshua Ferguson

Rebecca Joney

Alexander Stephenson

Nov. 15, 1976

Dear Agnes,

After Thanksgiving will be alright to return the 1880 Census. I am sorry it took so long for you to get it. I didn't realize that Library Rates would be so slow. We will appreciate anything you can correct or add.

Ruth Petracek called me while she was in Summers County and ask me to meet her. I was sorry I couldn't but I don't drive and it was impossible for me to get someone else on such short notice.

We are going to publish some small (100pp) books on Boone County in the future. Maybe you can do some short genealogical sketches for us.

I wish I could check the Johnson County Ky. records for you because I could also check the Hager + Mullins family for myself. Maybe when summer comes I will get the opportunity.

I found these 3 Workmans in Ky. You probably have the names from the 1790 tax list of Ky.

Daniel Workman	Bourbon Co.	Mar. ? - 1791
Joseph	"	Jefferson Co. Aug. 20, 1789
Samuel	"	Hayette Jan. 11 1790

There were also several McNeelys. If you haven't seen the list, I can send you their names.

I continue to pick up information on the Kager family but I still haven't tied the ends together maybe some day I will. Of course it may be like my Barker family after the problem was solved and all the pieces fell in place it was a let down, even if I did prove the family tradition was partly true.

Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 28, 1976

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Please forgive the delay in returning the 1880 Logan County, West Virginia, census. Although I had basically finished making whatever additions and corrections I could during the Thanksgiving holidays, I had hoped to receive further information to add. As yet, it has not arrived so I am returning your manuscript.

Attached to the front is a sheet showing the page and family number to which I have entered data. The only critical error is on page 145, family Lo 7, where you show the surname as Patterson when it should have been Christian. I entered the information lightly in pencil in case you wished to use your typewriter to have everything uniform. Certainly Patterson Christian should be entered under the letter "C." I meant that all the notations I made on all the pages are in pencil.

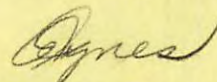
I was quite pleased to receive the copy of your pedigree. You have certainly added many generations in the relatively short time you have been engaged in research. I will make a copy for our society.

Enclosed is check for \$1.60 to cover cost of mailing the manuscript to me. I have made a copy for our genealogical society. If I obtain the additions for the other families, I shall send the information along to you. One of the members of our society has a book on the Lawson family which may contain the names of parents and spouses of those still left blank.

I have also enclosed a leaflet listing the books I managed to finish during 1976. I do wish printing costs were not so high. Nonetheless, some of your genealogical group might be interested in one or another of the indexes.

If plans work out as I hope, I may finally get to meet you during the coming year. At least, I'd love to get to West Virginia in either the spring or fall.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

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 4 Tr 69 Altizer
 5 Lo 75 Avis
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 9 Tr 58 Ballard
 20 Ma 113 Browning
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 Tr 148 Browning
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 23 Lo 295 Browning
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 24 Lo 287 Browning
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 26 Tr 51 Browning
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 42 Tr 36 Christian
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 56 Ch 136/137 Dalton
 65 Ha 9/10 Dingess
 Lo 215
 67 Ha 13/16
 70 Ma 14 Ellis
 Ma 120
 71 Tr 86
 72 Tr 116 Ellis
 Tr 118
 80 Ma 131 Ferrell
 81 Ma 130 Ferrell
 82 Ch 241/244 Gore
 83 Tr 70
 106 Tr 9 Justice
 Lo 322
 Tr 37
 Tr 37 Christian
 107 Tr 1 Justice

Note: ^{The father} Rev. Jesse Browning m. 1) Mary "Polly" Curry
 m. 2) Mary "Polly" Johnson

112 Lo -2 Lee
 112 Ch 125/127 Lilly
 125 Tr 152 McDonald
 137 Lo 279 Mullins
 145 Lo 7 Christian
 146 Ha 164/165 Perry
 147 Tr 56
 Tr 39 Perry (my notes show Virginia
 Lo 259 was a mulatto)
 Lo 35
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 Ch 7/8
 164 Tr 28 Spratt
 180 Ma 57 Christian
 188 Ch 32/33 White
 189 Lo 31
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 191 Lo 89
 193 Ha 220/240
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 Ch 37/38 Whitman
 194 Ch 39/40
 178 Ch 27/28 Toney
 178 Ch 155/157 Toney
 83 Ch 155/157
 105 Tr 32 Johnson
 181 Ch -201 Vance
 148 Tr 55 Perry
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2001 North Westwood Avenue
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January 1, 1976 [1977]

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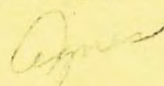
Dear Janet:

When I wrote the other day, I failed to mention several questions which I had entered on another sheet of paper.

Re: 1880 Logan County, West Virginia, census--
Which Elijah Ferrell is the son of Martha (Duty) and Evan Ferrell?
Is it Elijah at Ha 283/303 or Lige at Tr 105? You will notice that both men have had the same parents attributed to them. The other question is directed more to myself concerning the Dingess family: I am trying to distinguish between the two men named Peter Dingess, both born about 1828-9. My notes are contradictory concerning their parents and marriages.

I'll write more another day.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Jan, 5, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Received your letter dated Jan. 1. You mention an earlier letter asking some questions. I have not received this earlier letter. The last letter I have from you is telling me you wanted to keep the 1880 Census over Thanksgiving.

If you have a copy of your letter I would appreciate your sending it to me. That is the first time I know of that I haven't received a letter.

I will answer your last questions when my copy of the 1880 Census gets here. I would be working in the dark without it.

We are going to publish some small books on Boone County. Would you be willing to do a short history of McCajah and Matilda White, their ancestors and descendants say from 10 to 20 pages. You would have plenty of time as our first book is just in the planing stage. I think we may have enough material to fill the first book of about 100 pages.

More later
Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
January 11, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, mentioning that you had not received my previous letter. By now, it is probably in your possession. At least, I hope so since it was the cover letter for returning your 1880 CENSUS. If it has not yet arrived by the time you receive this, be sure to let me know; for I will certainly then have to get busy at the typewriter making a new copy of your census for you.

It is likely that my later letter arrived first since the January letter was mailed in Santa Ana and the December one in Idyllwild, a remote mountain community where we have a vacation cabin.

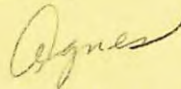
I would be pleased to write a short history of Micaiah and Matilda (Workman) White. Have you decided on the format yet? When you do, let me know so that I can prepare the material to conform to what you have in mind.

Our society just finished Volume II of their bicentennial project, FOR KING OR COUNTRY. I know how helpful it was to have the different entries conform to a general format. Any member of the society contributed the genealogy and short history of their Revolutionary ancestors. It was not necessary for the ancestor to have served in the American or English forces--only that he or she should have lived during that period. I submitted several sketches for both Volume I and Volume II.

For your projected volume, you did mention that you wanted ancestors and descendants and that it should be from ten to twenty pages. I think it is a wonderful idea. Boone County, West Virginia, promises to be one of the best documented counties in the country with the dedicated efforts of so many of you.

I'll send copy of that missing letter if it has not yet arrived.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Jan. 8, 1976

Dear Agnes,

Received the 1880 Census Thursday.
Thanks a million for the added info.

At this time I have no way of distinguishing between Elijah + Lige Ferrill. I don't have the note book so that was probably Dave's work. You'll notice I put question marks after Lige. Dave also put the work in Alphabetical Order.

I separated the two Peter Dingesses by the marriage record of Peter Dingess to Catherine Meade Clarke 4-14-1873 which gave the name of Parents.

Peter C. Dingess (CH-96-98) was known as "Coffee Pete" and died 16 Jan. 1890 at age 62.

I checked these because my grandson is descendant of "Coffee Pete".

Thanks Again
Janet

PS: we had 6 inches of snow Thursday night

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
January 15, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I finally had time to check several sets of records which I had hoped to review before returning the 1880 census to you. From them, I was able to obtain the following additions for that census:

- Ma-11 Obediah Blankenship -----If this is the right one, an Obadiah was mentioned as son in 1883 will of Hiram Blankenship; will probated in Logan County, W. Va.
- Lo-51 L. D. Chambers household-----The James L. should be James R. for James Russell. He married 15 November 1885.
- Ch-31-32 Hannah Dingess was born 19 November 1819, daughter of Fanny; probable widow of Ben, born 7 March 1825. These are former slaves of the Dingess family and are listed in the Dingess family Bible with birth dates, etc. I copied info from W. P. A. abstracts.
- Ch-33-34 James Dingess household-----Albert was Albert T.; Mary C. should be Mary E. for Mary Ellen, who married 1 December 1887 Don J. Morgan; William should be William T.; and George was George S. I realize that the initials were not given on the census for most of these children. I obtained them from other sources.
- Ha-14-19 Micajah Dingess-----I am not certain of his parentage but believe it likely he is a son of Dr. Peter & Mary Ann (Stone) Dingess, this speculation on the basis of early census records which leave some of Mary Ann's and Peter's children unaccounted for.
- Ha-15-20 Napoleon B. Dingess-----he was son of Julius & Eliza (Smith) Dingess.
- Ch-1-1Peter M. Dingess-----son of Guy & Rhoda L. (Toney) Dingess. Make entry also under John R. Chapman household.
- Lo-54 Anthony Lawson household-----Is it possible that his wife is Martha Pine Gore, daughter of John & Margaret (Dingess) Gore? Bowman gives Martha's husband as Thomas Lawson, but I have found no record of such a Thomas and Martha and wonder if Anthony might even have been a Thomas Anthony Lawson or some such.
- Lo-39 James Lawson-----son of Lewis & Polly Lawson. He is mentioned in Logan County will of his father.
- Ha-337-356 Melvin Lawson-----son of John & Emily (Butcher) Lawson. Melvin mentions his mother Emily Smith in 1884 will. Emily (Butcher)(Lawson) had before 1880 married George Smith. She is in son's household. Her parents were Joshua & Sarah (Clark) Butcher.
- Ha-300=321 Jacob Phillips household-----Cleota J. McCoy, the grandchild, was child of _____ & Bennis (Phillips) McCoy. Lewis Blankenship, also a grandchild, was son of _____ & _____ (Phillips) Blankenship. His mother was either Millie or Judah Phillips, both daughters of Jacob Phillips who married men named Blankenship. Jacob Phillips mentions all three daughters in his will, using their married surnames.
- Ch-233-236 Reece Phillips-----Could perhaps be a son of Jacob Phillips; if so, however, he was not mentioned in father's will or was mentioned by a different given name.

- Ch-101-103 D. J. M. Mitchell-----This was D. James M. Mitchell. His wife was Louisa Vickers. Their daughter Mary V. married 27 September 1883 Reuben H. Berry, son of R. & N. (Cornett) Berry.
- Tr-122 Mose Mounts-----His wife Lilly was probably the daughter of Lloyd & Flora (Spratt) Ellis. She is the right age, and Lloyd Ellis mentions in his will his daughter Lilly Mounts.
- Lo-16 J. R. Perry-----If this J. R. Perry is James R. Perry, which I believe to be the case, then his first wife was Matilda Ellis, daughter of Flora (Spratt) & Lloyd Ellis
- Lo-323 Juliet Raines-----daughter of Asbury C. & Martha (McDonald) Chambers, mentioned as sister in will of her brother Leander D. Chambers. You may wish to note back in A. C. Chambers household Lo-268 that Leander apparently never married.
- Lo-72 J. E. Robertson-----was John Edwin Robertson, son of Edwin & Chloe (Stone) Robertson. Some sources spell her surname Stoen.
- Ha-307-328 George Lawson-----son of John & Emily (Butcher) Lawson. His wife Clova Ann was daughter of Edwin & Chloe (Stone) Robertson

So much for the corrections and additions which can be documented. Most of the information was obtained from the abstracts I made several years ago of Logan County, West Virginia, wills to the year 1900. I later compared the original wills and my abstracts with the W. P. A. abstracts and found several errors in the W. P. A. records.

I do have several questions which you might be able to answer since you have in your genealogical library the alphabetized 1850, 60, and 70 census records with the annotations made by Mr. Olafson. Did Uriah Elkins marry twice? first to Mary Ann Canterbury and then to Martha Canterbury? Or is the Uriah Elkins at 1880 Census Tr-80 a different Uriah than the Uriah W. Elkins who in 1856 had a wife Mary Ann Canterbury? Most of my records show Uriah's wife as Mary Ann. Could an error have been made in copying the 1880 census. Do let me know what you have on this.

On the daughters of Jacob Phillips mentioned previously. You might be able properly to identify the Blankenship and McCoy relationships from the 1860 or 1870 records available to you.

Do you happen to know from the earlier annotations the maiden surname of Polly, wife of Lewis Lawson. If so, I would appreciate receiving it and would suggest adding the surname to your 1880 annotations.

I will certainly miss seeing the old Hinchman home when in Logan and know that Logan residents and the family must be distressed by the loss of this landmark. I used to pass it often on my way to school there. I am especially sensitive to fire losses since that moving van fire last year. In fact, several members of my immediate family have had home fires within the past several years. My brother barely escaped with his life several years ago in Meriden, Connecticut, when fire destroyed the apartment house in which he was living. Five were killed and several injured. Only about four years ago, my son's home in Newport Beach, California, was destroyed by fire also. The North Carolina plantation manor of my great-grandfather was also destroyed by fire--plus others.

More later,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Jan. 19, 1977

Dear Agnes,

As you know by now I received the census and your letter.

I am now working a 1850 Boone census that Dave Turner abstracted and started to work. I took what official records I had and entered those first. I then took Dave's 1860 Boone Co. census and Mr. Olafson's 1880 Boone census to enter those name's I didn't have. Boy am I finding a lot of contradiction's in their work. I wish there were more records to work from.

You ask about our format on our books. You may use your own judgement, but this is what I have done with the Jacob Stallings family.

I wrote about some of the possibilities of where Jacob might have lived before coming to what is now Chapmansville in 1796. I then wrote a short story about his being a farmer and minister. I then included a list of his children and whom they married, with dates where possible. Since this is a Boone County history I then followed the children and grandchildren of Jacob who came to Boone County, telling a few details about what these children done for a living and where they lived. I then gave a list of their children and followed my own line down to my grandfather Stollings. I then included a copy of Jacob's Will from Cabell Co. in 1819 and his estate appraisal. I am not much of a writer but after polishing my story, I was pleased with the results.

We received advertisements on For King or Country. I didn't order a copy but wondered if it might be worth purchasing for the Society. We try to purchase material that will help our members here in Boone County as we can't purchase every thing that comes over my desk.

Janet Hager

you should have some of our
- 15 degree weather along with all
the snow.

Jan. 19, 1977

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[Faint handwritten signature]

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Jan. 20, 1977

Agnes

Received your latest letter, so delayed mailing the one I wrote yesterday.

Thanks for the new information.

I have seven children for Dr. Peter + Mary (Stone) Dingess but they do not include Micajah Dingess. HA-14-19

From Mr. Olafson's notes Polly the wife of Lewis Lawson was a daughter of Peter + Sarah Dingess.

I will have to check the other families you ask about when I go to the library. I have an 1850 Logan census here at home. I typed it from one of Mr. Olafson's note books which didn't have very many additions and there were several mistakes in what had been added. I have added a great deal to this census but there are still families I know nothing about.

I sometimes hesitate to send out info I have not checked out myself but since Mr. Olafson hasn't made to many mistakes, I trust most of his work.

over

I think we might have 2 more daughters
for Isaac + Susan (Leip) Workman.

Phebe Dotson (widow of Wm.) died 2-28-1887
age 85 dau Isaac + Susan _____ (blank)

Rhoda Dotson born 1812 wife of Isaac
Dotson was supposed to be a Workman
according to Judith Voss.

Children I have for Dr. Peter Dingess

- 1 John M. Dingess B. 3 Nov. 1824 M. Matilda M^cDonald
- 2 Zatto C. Dingess B. 1831 M. Elizabeth M^cDonald
- 3 Amazetta " B. 1835
- 4 James " B. 1840
- 5 Mary A. " B. 1843 M. James H. Allen
- 6 David W. B. 1845 M. Venila
- 7 William D " B. 1821 M. Luanna Berry

If the Peter Dingess in the 1840 Logan Census
is Dr. Peter that leaves ~~the~~ son and 2 daughters
unaccounted for.

I had a note that Tolbert S. Godby married
a daughter of Dr. Peter Dingess but I could
find no Dolly among his children.

Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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February 5, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I can hardly believe the temperatures for southern West Virginia these past weeks. And here we are basking in the beautiful sunshine. Unfortunately, however, northern California is suffering from a drought. One of my Huntington cousins wrote to say that Huntington did not even own a snow plow. I doubt that many of the West Virginia towns have one if such a large municipality does not. I do hope that you have not been too uncomfortable and that there is not too much of an economic crisis due to the fuel shortage. Also incredible is the fact that there is not enough gas when West Virginia has such an abundance of natural gas.

Enough of the weather; now for genealogy. You asked about purchasing FOR KING OR COUNTRY for your Society. For the sake of our Society, I would love to see as many sold as possible; however, because of the limitations of your budget, you may wish to defer purchase at this time. The Boone County material in the book is that which I have submitted, so you already probably have most of the information. Certainly it is a book which should be in the state archives, and the West Virginia State Archives has already purchased Volume I. If one of your members visits there, perhaps he or she could examine the copy to see whether you want one in your own library. Volume II has also been published and has sketches on many Virginia and West Virginia families. I furnished material for several of those accounts.

I will begin working soon on my contribution to the book your group is preparing on Boone County families. I appreciate your letting me know how you handled yours, and I will follow those guidelines. I know that space will probably be a problem (it does cost a lot to publish these days), but I would strongly urge that the lineage be brought down to you and your children and grandchildren. This is particularly important for future generations. What seems so obvious and easy for us today could otherwise prove to be a real problem for later descendants. The only other suggestion that I might make is that after you have all the material that a complete index be included in the book. I'm sure you know how much such an index helps in doing research.

Another correction for your 1880 Logan County Census annotations: In household Ch-18-19 Fulton D. Ferrell was not the son of George and Nancy Ferrell. Judging by the 1850 census #227, he was the son of James and Elizabeth Ferrell. One of my cousins (a first cousin to my mother) is the only surviving grandson of George and Nancy Ferrell through their son Oscar Fenton Ferrell, called Fent by the family. I wrote to the grandson asking him about the Fulton D. Ferrell who married Eliza Godby. He said that his father had never mentioned such a brother, and that he believed Fulton was of the so-called Chapmansville Ferrell line. I had already believed this to be the case since several years ago I had prepared a complete family group record for George and Nancy, and no Fulton was listed.

February 5, 1977

Regarding some discrepancies and typographical errors in the Henry Conley, Sr., household 1880 Logan Co., W. Va., Chapmansville Dist. 93/95: Eliz., age 7, should be shown as daughter of Henry & Ruth (Adams) Conley. If indeed the three Dingess children shown in the household are the step-children of Henry Conley, then their parents should be John & Ruth (Adams) Dingess--not Peter & Jane (Adams) Dingess. Apparently these brothers who married sisters gave several of their children identical names, which as usual causes much difficulty in research. Which Rose Dingess actually married Rush F. Scaggs? Was it Rose, daughter of Peter & Jane? Or was it Rose, daughter of John & Ruth? My records are contradictory on this point!

Question!

Changes should be made at Conley's & at Dingess's entries.

I appreciate your additional material on the Dingess family. Mr. Olafson also sent me some. Between that, what you sent, and the abstracts which I have in my files, I believe I have now worked out the relationships of the Dingess families of Logan County in the nineteenth century, at least those born before 1850. It would appear from the circumstantial evidence that Micajah Dingess was more likely the son of William Anderson & Gertrude (Smith) Dingess than of Dr. Peter & Mary Ann (Stone) Dingess. Although both had an unaccounted for male in their pre-1850 households, when Micajah does make his appearance on the Logan County census records, he was living in the same neighborhood as William Anderson and Gertrude. Of course, that could have been because of other family ties.

Question!

Is it possible that Julius C. Dingess was a son of Peter and Sarah (Farley) Dingess rather than of John and Chloe (Farley) Dingess as my records now show? His household location in 1840 and 1850 (of his widow) would seem to point to John and Chloe, but there is an unaccounted for male born 1810-1815 living with William A. Dingess in 1830 who is probably a younger brother, of William that is. I notice that many of Micajah's children were born in Kentucky, so it is likely that the Kentucky marriage records--or birth records for the children--would provide some clues. Maybe they were over in Pike County, or perhaps Lawrence.

For Ch-114/116 William Dingess 1880 Logan County, W. Va., household: He is quite likely the son of William & Gertrude (Smith) Dingess. At least he would fit age-wise, etc.

Enough of the Dingess groups so that I can turn my attention to the Workman family once again. I do appreciate the additional information you sent concerning names of some of the unidentified children of Susan (Leit) and Isaac Workman. At the risk of repeating myself:

Isaac Workman married 11 October 1799 Susannah Sullivant in Caswell County, North Carolina; security, Russell Sullivant.

It is my belief that this is the same Isaac who appears in Boone County with wife Susan. The simplest explanation would be that he was married twice--first to Susannah Sullivant and then to Susan Leit. I am inclined to believe, however, that he was married only once and that the blurred writing on Susan's death record is perhaps some kind of abbreviation for Sullivant. You know how similar the "S" and "L" often were. Since engaging in this speculation, I have not been able to recheck the death register. Note that Russell Sullivant is security, and the name of Russell apparently enters the Workman line through one of Isaac's sons. I also have not had a chance to check the original marriage bond of the Isaac Workman in Caswell County, North Carolina. It is possible that the individual abstracting the record misinterpreted the surname. The Caswell County records might offer some additional clues to the Workman stay in the state of North Carolina.

February 5, 1977

After writing the previous paragraph, I decided to check my 1850 Boone County, (West) Virginia, census for Phoebe Dotson. She and William are heads of Family No. 416, and I notice that she was born in North Carolina--further evidence of a North Carolina connection for this family. Although I found Isaac Dotson in the 1840 enumeration, I could not find him or his widow/wife Rhoda, born ca. 1812, in 1850. Were they dead by then?

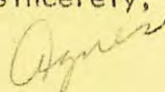
Question!

Another of my Workman family correspondents, Mauna Rae Hinton, just sent me an entry she found on the Computer File Index: Benjamin Workman, son of Abraham Workman and Margaret Litner, born --- 1801, at Burkes Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia. I have never found any other records for such a Benjamin so do not know whether he remained unmarried, died before 1840, or moved away between 1830 and 1840. In any event, his presence in the family would cause the Robert Workman I had tentatively placed in the family of Abraham and Margaret to be moved to the family of Thomas ^{with Thomas} and Sarah (Dickerson) Workman on a tentative basis. There was a son there born ^{with Thomas} 1805-1810 and out in 1840 who would fit the Robert who appears on the 1840 census of Tazewell County. Benjamin's presence would also cause a slight reordering/~~of~~ the children of Abraham and Margaret.

Mauna Hinton says that the same records show the marriage for Abraham Workman and Margaret Letner as having taken place 30 September 1786 in Washington County, Virginia, rather than on 13 September 1785 in Montgomery County, Virginia, as I have it. Since I obtained my information from the marriage bond records of Montgomery County, it could simply be a difference naturally occurring between the bond and actual marriage date and place--although there does seem to be a discrepancy between the years.

I hope I have covered everything we have been ~~work~~ing on lately. Until next time . . .

Most sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Feb. 11, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Would you believe that the sun has been shining for several days and that yesterday it was 64 degrees. The snow has melted on the south side of the mountain and the birds I fed this winter are starting to sing like it is spring. A lot of people have suffered this winter but we have been lucky. There is no gas line up this way so we burn oil and coal. We stocked up early so we haven't been cold. My husband is a carpenter and brick mason so he is now without work. Hopefully he will return to work soon.

You are right about our society being small. People are now paying their dues for the new year which began Jan. 1st. We have ordered the 1820 Index to the Va. census. We try to order material that will help the most members. 2 books we ordered last year have been a big help to us. Vol. 1 and 2 of the Pike County Historical Papers, including 1822-1865 marriages of Pike Co. Ky. There are no Dingess marriages in Pike Co.

My Mullins family were in Pike County several years and the people down there have been real good to help me. They tell me I am related to two thirds of the people in that area.

Ch-18-19 Fulton D. Ferrell. I had already corrected this mistake. I don't know if David or I made this mistake but I should have caught it before I typed it as I am working on the Godby Family and knew better.

Ch-93-95 Henry Conley: Dingess children should be listed as children of John & Ruth Dingess. I don't know how I made this mistake. Rose married Rush Scaggs. I don't think Peter & Jane had a daughter named Rose.

I copied the death record of Susan Workman from a zeroxed copy of the original. This copy was real plain and this is the info as copied.

Susan Workman, died 3 aug. 1855, age 75, dau. of Charles & Rachel Leip, death reported by son Joseph Workman. I believe this to be Joseph b. 1802 with wife Margaret in 1850 Boone County census although it could have been Josephus.

From Summers History of South West Va. I have the date of marriage of Abraham & Margaret Letner Workman as 12 Sept. 1786 in Mont. Co. The computer files are often wrong as I have found the Archives records of the Morman Church and the DAR records to be wrong or incomplete.

I think we will find the answer to the Workman family in N.C. or Ky.

Mr. Sayre mentioned one time that he thought James Workman lived near Charleston in 1810. Dave Turner says that the neighbors of James in 1810 points to the fact that James lived just across the river from Charleston.

Mr. Olafson didn't want us to number the pages in our book because the publisher would arrange the material before printing. The only thing I know to do would be fix an index for each story. Since he is financing the book we obey orders. You might write and suggest an index to him.

Marriage record from Pike County

Emly Lawson married Elizabeth Maynard dau. of Wm., 9 Dec. 1858. If you don't have a copy of the Pike County marriages I will send you those with Logan County connections. Let me know.

From Judith Voss concerning Isaac & Rhoda Workman Dotson. She sent this last summer.

From census records we find Isaac Dotson living in Logan Co. in 1840 age 20-30, two females under 5 and wife 20-30. In 1850 census of Kanawha county we find Isaac, Rhoda and seven children, also a Mary age 70 and Silas age 10. We find 1860 census Boone County, Isaac & Rhoda Dotson with 8 children. 1870 Census of Kanawha co. we find Isaac Dodson and wife Kate with 3 children, George 20, Frances 17, Margaret 15. In 1880 Kanawha co. census Isaac & Rhoda Doddson, George Doddson age 29 and Roxy age 23. From combined census records we get 11 children, 10 accounted for.

Janet

tomorrow at the home of his brother-in-law, Raymond Workman of Cyclone, by the Rev. Sanford Osborne. Burial will follow in Brown Cemetery at Cyclone.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. today at the residence of Raymond

Workman.

Evans and Evans Funeral Directors in Oceana is in charge of arrangements.

ELMER WHITE

Funeral services for Elmer White, 56, of Naugatuck will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the residence by the Rev. Kenny Gore. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Pecks Mill.

White died Sunday at his home, apparently of a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 15, 1920, a son of the late Ruben Anderson and Sarah Runyon White.

He was a retired miner.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; five sons, James Harvey of Virginia, Richard of Naugatuck, Lewis Russell of Rt. 1 Delbarton, and Elmer Jr. and David Allen, both at home; six daughters, Sarah Ellen, Liddie Marie, Gladys Irene, Mary Jane, Carolyn Michelle and Melissa Gail, all at home, and three brothers, Willie of Naugatuck, John of Logan and Robert of Ohio.

Friends may call today at the residence.

Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton is in charge of arrangements.

SANDRA WORKMAN

Miss Sandra Kay Workman, 29, of Ghorveh, Iran, formerly of Verdunville, was found dead on Jan. 31 at her home. The cause of death is unknown.

Miss Workman, the daughter of Mr.

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February 16, 1977

Virginia 25108

your letter of February 11.

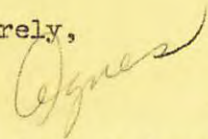
much trouble, it would be most helpful to have the Pike on which relates to Logan County families.

your family have not suffered as a result of the cold. I probably be happy to return to work, however. Enclosed is a clipping from today's paper showing the contrast in weather where we're having a heat wave.

Los Angeles Temple Library, which will be closed for three weeks for use again, I will recheck the marriage, land, and records for the Workman family in North Carolina--particularly in the 1920s. I'll let you know the results.

Over the next several weeks, I shall limit my correspondence to finish work on the manuscripts in progress.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Los Angeles Times

Pike Co. Marriages of Logan Co. families

	Fieldin Baldwin	Priscilla Estep (Shade)	4-18-1830
Boone	Jesse Baldwin	Lucy Estep (Joel)	2-18-1832
	Nathan Chafin (Polly)	Matilda Varney (Andrew)	10-19-1837
	Barnabus Curry	Elizabeth Browning	2-28-1831
	Mark P. Dunkin	(John King - gdn)	
	Mark P. Dunkin	Anna Canada (Charles)	11-2-1829
	Anderson J. Ellis	Jennett Debord (Chas)	10-17-1848
Boone	Joel Estep	Rebecca Hall (Reuben)	6-18-1831
	John Farley	Matilda Stafford (Nancy)	6-30-1833
	Thomas Farley	Nancy Maynard (Wm.)	5-6-1841
	Joseph Hatfield (Ealen)	Nancy Evans (Ferrell)	9-20-1827
	Ephraim " (Valentine)	Nancy Vance (Elizabeth)	8-28-1828
	Richard Maynard	Charlotte Taylor (Mary A.)	1833
	Randolph M ^c Coy	Elizabeth Sansom (John)	4-16-1846
	Hiram M ^c Coy	Chloe Sansom of age	9-12-1837
	Wm. Meade	Elander Rutherford	5-14-1823
	John Stafford (John)	Louisa Spratt (Isaac)	7-12-1830
	Ralph Steele	Lucy Ferrell (John)	6-29-1823
	Ben Williamson (Ben)	Esther Deskins (John)	5-8-1829
Raleigh	James H. M ^c Geinis	Mary Welliams (Wm.)	8-6-1851
	Lewis Dempsey	Nancy Stepp	10-21-1852
	Thomas M ^c Neely	Arminda Staten	9-9-1853
	Risby Roberts	Jane M ^c Coy (Sam)	3-3-1855
	Aaron Stepp	Parlee Jane Maynard (Richard)	12-20-1855
	Thomas Runyon	Milly Harens (Mary)	6-19-1856
	Hannah Cline (Wm)	Andrew J. Frances	12-28-1857
	Hiram Williamson	Matilda Jane Maynard (Alvis)	7-6-1858

Emily Lawson	Elizabeth Maynard (Wm.)	12-9-1858
Thomas Collins (George)	Elizabeth Cook	1-7-1843
W. H. Farley	Betsy Phillips (Henry)	3-6-1823
John Blair	Polly Baisden	5-10-1823
Anderson Blair	Louisa M ^c Coy (Richard)	9-19-1850
Eli Canada	Susannah Toler	9-13-1833
Richard Canada	Maria Beecham	11-29-1848
William Chapin	Sarah Deskins (John)	11-9-1836
Jacob Cline	Nancy Fuller (John H.)	1-12-1826
Levi Collins	Nancy Johnson	10-2-1836
Abraham Millard	Elizabeth Wooten	3-10-1833
John Deskins (John)	Martha Bevins (John)	10-15-1840
Henry Farley	Polly Starr (Eliz.)	3-10-1822
John Farley	Polly Alley (Paul)	6-3-1847
Thomas Farley	Nancy Allen Pinson	12-25-1860
Aly Hatfield (Valen)	Ann E Vansal (Herrell)	9-20-1827
Ellison Hatfield	Sarah Stator	9-3-1865
Wm. C. Maynard (Wm.)	Nancy Alley (Paul)	3-16-1848
Andrew M ^c Coy (John)	Nancy Justice (Geo. Sr.)	8-31-1837
John M ^c Coy	Peggy Bures	12-2-1827
Abraham Millard	Rachel Burgett (John)	2-23-18 54
Anderson Murphy (John)	Judith Retherford (Leuben)	11-24-1842
Alexander Pasley (Moses)	Betsy Smith (John)	10-25-1838
Jacob Phillips	Elizabeth Tesee	12-5-1823
Alexander Runyon	Sarah Starr	7-2-1821
John Starr	Juliet Taylor (Jesse)	7-9-1839
Malachi Stator	Margaret White	8-11-1833

William Staton	Nancy M ^e Coy	7-27-1834
James Taylor (Mary A.)	Lucretia Williamson (Ben)	9-21-1822
John Thompson	Sarah Slater (James)	4-17-1828
Humphrey Trent	Martha Smith	6-12-1825
Andrew Varney (Alex)	Nancy Letherford (Reuben)	3-1-1833
Francis Varney (Alex)	Polly Williamson (Nancy)	3-17-1839
Arthur White	Rebecca Millard	1-22-1824

Agnes

I probably missed some but hopefully you can look them up from our copy when you come this way. No answer needed to my letter until you have finished your work.

Janet Hager

March 25, 1977

Dear Agnes,

I hadn't intended to write for a while but Dave Turner thinks I should. We discovered some old record books at the courthouse and we think they may be the originals. Several of these books are missing but I copied the death records from those available.

Joseph Workman died June 6, 1879 of Gravel, Age 95 years son of James and Nancy Workman, born Augusta Co. Va., death reported by Jasper Workman, son.

I believe we can now safely ~~say~~ say that Joseph Workman was a son of James and Nancy.

I now have the death records copied for these years 1866, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 1900, 1902.

The records for 96, 98, 99, 1900 & 1902 give the birth dates of deceased persons.

Janet

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April 1, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Needless to say, I was delighted to hear from you regarding the discovery of what seem to be some original Boone County death records--particularly as they seem to clarify the parentage of "our" Joseph Workman. From the way you presented the abstract, I assume that no abbreviations were used in this record. Certainly, that his father's name was James is consistent with all accounts except that of Thelma Anderson; and I have long felt that she had confused the parentage in her notes.

By the way, when did you wish to have the White family data you requested for your publication? I do not wish to hold you up; however, I have been so busy recently that I have not had the chance to prepare the copy. Let me know so that I can have it to you in time.

Could you check something for me? On page 3 of the 1874 Boone County Marriage Register, an entry should appear for James Mitchell. At your convenience, could you please send information found there?

I appreciate having the Pike County, Kentucky, abstracts. As always, some questions arise:

In my notes, I have Aly Hatfield marrying Ann Ferrell, daughter of Evans Ferrell. On the Pike County abstracts, you show her as Ann Evans, daughter of Ferrell Evans. Which is correct?
Did Joseph Hatfield also marry on the same day a Nancy Evans as shown on your abstracts?

My notes have Margaret White marrying Hezekiah Staton.
The Pike County abstracts give his name as Malachi Staton.
Which is correct?

There is no rush on the above..

I can hardly wait until autumn--for I do expect to get back this year, having missed last--since all of you have done so much to get the Boone County records in order for future generations; and I want to be one of the first to make use of all your abstracts and annotations.

Until next time,

Agnes

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Apr. 15, 1977

Dear Agnes,

✓ Marriage of James Mitchell as recorded.
James Mitchell Age 23 born Boone Co. married
Melissa Miller Age 16 born Boone Co. ^{marriage date} Feb 20
1874 by Rev. Jas. H. Sidebottom - no parents
listed.

The records I mentioned were the Assessors
returns to the County Clerk. They are deteriorating
but the writing is plain. The years I haven't
copied are missing and I find that the
County Clerk did not record 1875 or 1884 so
evidently those years were never recorded.

James Workman was spelled out in
the death report as father of our Joseph
Workman.

The Pike County marriages were as I
sent them to you but you must remember
they were copied from a book. Those I
have actually checked appear to be right,
so probably they done a good job on the
book.

I don't actually know when we will need
your White Genealogy. We hope to have
our 1st book ready for publication next
month.

over

I spent today in the Boone Courthouse until noon and with Mr. + Mrs. Turner this afternoon. I copied the death records for 1865, 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870 from the County Clerks book. I hope to copy 1882, 1883, and 1897 soon which will take me up to 1900.

Janet Zager

P.S. The original death record of Hannah Jarrell was not in the books I found. The County Clerks records looks like Jas. Workman.

Here is one other record I found.

Isabell Mitchell died 20 March 1866 Crook district of Palsy age 66 years, father George Miller, she born Kanawha Co., Micajah Mitchell, Husband.

May 16, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Enclosed is a list of marriage records I copied from Kozee's Pioneer's of Eastern and Southeastern Ky. I thought they might interest you.

Our first book entitled Kith and Kin of Boone County West Va. is ready to go to the publisher's. It will be about 125 pages and contain the 1854-1861 Boone County marriage records, half of the 1850 Boone County Census and short genealogies of the Comer, Javins, Pauley and Stollings families. It will also include the names and addresses of our members.

We are already making plans for our second book, with enough material already promised to complete it. I don't know when we will want your White family material but probably sometime this summer.

I have now copied all the Boone County death records from 1865-1900. I hope to type them this winter and place them in our library.

Janet Hager

Johnson Co. Ky

- 2 May 1855 Lorenzo D. Chambers + Margaret J. Aupier ✓
1 Aug 1852 Eliza Workman + James M. Sackett

Lawrence Co. Ky

- 1 Sept 1831 Sol Baisden + Mary A. Chapin ✓
9 Feb 1832 Nancy Workman + Lewis Bench ✓
8 Nov. 1845 Jane Workman + James Dalton ✓
26 Apr 1837 Polly Workman + John Frazer ✓
10 Nov. 1850 Edward Lilly + Susan Butcher ✓
31 July 1822 Phoebe Workman + Isaac Roberts ✓
6 Feb 1855 Susan Workman + John Speary ✓
24 Apr 1850 Alderson Workman + Rebecca McClure ✓
16 Nov 1854 Alfred " + Loctory Adkins ✓
24 Apr 1850 Harvey " + Ellen McClure ✓
21 May 1828 Jesse " + Elizabeth Marcum ✓
19 Sept 1858 Spencer " + Sarah Webb ✓

Floyd Co. Ky.

- 18 June 1820 Joseph S. Baisden + Lucinda Osborn ✓
30 May 1821 Henry Conley + Polly Thompson ✓
25 July 1809 Daniel Hensley + Jemima Davis ✓

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May 25, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

As always I appreciated your letters with the genealogical abstracts.

Of course, I still have not identified the parents of the Eliza Workman who married James M. Tackett in Johnson County, Kentucky. I thought it interesting that Lorenzo Dow Chambers had married Margaret J. Auxier there. As you might be aware, there are several Chambers-Workman connections; and learning of this Johnson County connection to Logan, West Virginia, families might ultimately prove helpful.

Thank you for the Mitchell abstracts. I had previously copied the one showing the father of Isabel Mitchell (wife of Micajah Mitchell) as George Miller. Since she was known to the family as having been born Isabel Gore (presumed daughter of Joseph and Martha Pine Gore), I can only speculate as to how the name George Miller appears on the register. The most probable cause is that the clerk inadvertently entered the name of the person reporting the death in the wrong column. It is so unsettling to have incorrect information entered on official documents.

Congratulations on completing the first volume of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. Please let me know the cost so that I may send my check for a copy immediately. I will look forward to having it in my library.

I am finishing some of the projects on which I have been engaged and am now ready to prepare the White family material. Is David Turner furnishing information on his part of the White family? If so, I will get in touch with him to see where I should "pick up" the line. I'm sure you would not want too much overlapping in the book. He and I are both descended from Benjamin Harrison "Chickasaw Ben" and Nancy (Goodwin) White--he through their son James P. and I through Micajah Goodwin White.

I am still hoping to visit West Virginia during the autumn of this year. If tentative plans work out, it would be sometime in October.

In the meantime, I will continue to abstract census records on the families in whom I am interested. With so many master indexes becoming available, the job is considerably easier than in the past.

Until next time, happy searching,

Agnes

June 1, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Just a short note to announce our book.

I don't have the Eliza Workman who married James M. Tackett in Johnson Co. Ky. Placed either but Dorcas Hobbs is a Tackett researcher. The next time I write her I will ask if she knows the identity of Eliza.

The death record of Isobel Mitchell is among at least 5 records we have found wrong in abstracting the records.

Dave isn't doing anything on the white family for us. I did ask him to submit something on the Farrell family but I don't believe he will until Mr. Olafson invites him to do so.

I have decided to do a small book on the Barker family. I have the info, I just don't know how to word it.

Hope to see you in October.

Janet Hager

Tell Ruth Petreck I haven't forgotten her. I just don't have any new info.

NOTICE

The Boone County Genealogical Society is proud to announce the publication of their first book entitled, "KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA", it should be off the press June 6th. It contains the 1854-1861 marriage records of Boone County, the first half of the 1850 Boone County Census in alphabetical order with added genealogical material, and short genealogies of the Comer, Javins, Pauley and Stollings families. It also contains the names and addresses of our members. Edited by Mr. Sigfus Olafson it contains 122 pages and the cost is \$5.00 if purchased from a member or \$5.50 if purchased by mail. Orders may be sent to the Society at Box 146, Hewett, West Va. 25108.

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June 11, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Enclosed is check for copy of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. I will look forward to receiving my copy.

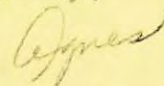
You might be interested in another correspondent who recently wrote to me for the first time. I just received a letter from her today in which she enclosed a pedigree chart. In her lineage are a JARRELL and a TONEY line. I notice that you also have both these lines, albeit through different individuals. She is:

Mrs. Thelma Rogers
120 Pleasant Street
Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550

Her ancestors are John Gibson Jarrell, born 1809, and his wife Margarete Toney. She also is descended from John Jarrell and his wife Nancy Brown, apparently born about the same time although she does not give any dates for them.

I've started working on the White family account.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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July 4, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
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Dear Janet:

Just as we were leaving for a brief holiday stay at our mountain retreat in Idyllwild, the postman arrived with my copy of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. And I am delighted to have it.

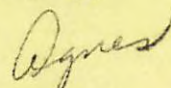
All of you did an excellent job. Now that I have this copy as a model, I feel much more secure in proceeding with work on my White family account for the second volume. I will try to get it to you within the month.

Reading the list of members of the Boone County Genealogical Society served to remind me that I should have joined long before now. Somehow, it didn't occur to me or I would have done so. Let me know what the dues are, and I shall remit by return mail.

I am very anxious to continue research on my Workman and McNeely lines but feel I must postpone such work for awhile longer to finish the outstanding projects.

By the way, I would be pleased to prepare the final copy of my White family account for the printer if you would like to have me do so. Should I put it on a stencil or place it on "camera ready" copy for off-set printing. My typewriter at home has almost any style of print you would want, so I simply need to know only whether it will be mimeographed or off-set.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

July 8, 1977

Dear Agnes,

We have 5 new members since we published our book, plus Mr. Olafson left one member off ~~the list~~ when he made up the list.

Our dues are \$6.00 per year from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. Since the year is half gone you may join for \$3.00. You will also be able to purchase a book for \$2.00. Since you already have a book you might wish to give one as a gift.

I wish now that I had included the children of Josiah and Lovey (Estes) Stollings in my Stollings Genealogy. Although they all remained in Logan County except Nelson and Lurana Stollings, I should have included them. Of course I was trying to follow Mr. Olafson's first instructions. The next time around I will be better prepared to write about a family.

I have been able to prove most of the dates that appeared in the Workman Family History, concerning the family of William and Dorcas (Workman) Barker. Marvin Nelson a descendant of their son James who married Vesta Ferrell has a typed copy of the family records taken from their Bible in 1933 before the Bible was destroyed by fire.

I am trying to prepare some Barker material for private publication. I can't seem to make much head way as I am not a writer. I also need to do some more research, which I can't afford to do.

Janet Hager

The information in the P. S. below would tend to substantiate the fact that both Joseph and Phoebe (McMay/McRay/McMehger, etc.) Workman lived past 1800 and that their daughter Phoebe was probably a "change-of-life" baby. One by one, we are obtaining documentation of the family of Joseph and Phoebe!

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July 22, 1977

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Dear Janet:

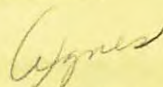
Thank you for your letter of July 8 giving me details of membership in the Boone County Genealogical Society. Even though only half the year remains, I am enclosing amount for full year with a little extra to be applied however you deem proper. Check for \$10.00 is enclosed. I will take advantage of receiving an additional copy of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, which I can then donate to our Orange County Genealogical Society for its library. I had planned eventually to give my personal copy, but it will be nice to have the extra one to give.

You mention regretting not including the children of Josiah and Lovey (Estes) Stollings in Volume I. Perhaps you could do so as an addendum in Volume II. Since the books will be companion volumes, that is a good way to handle such material.

I have just completed the rough draft of my White family account for Volume II of KITH AND KIN. It was not until I actually began to type the data that I realized how many gaps there were in my notes. Not wishing to hold up publication, yet wanting to take enough time to obtain the needed vital statistics, I called Mr. Olafson to see if I should send it "as is" or take the time to obtain the additional material. He said that if he received the copy in September, it would still be early enough since he probably would not be turning it over to the printer until late September or early October. You can imagine how relieved I was to know that there was still time to do the kind of job desired. I can now order microfilm of the Boone County vital records for the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in order to abstract the White family data contained therein.

I would appreciate your doing something for me: Could you let me know the names and addresses of any Boone County Genealogical Society members who have White family lines? Of course, I know of David Turner's relationship; in fact, he has been most helpful through the years, and I will be giving him credit for his contributions in my account. If there are any other members with White lines, I will want to contact them to obtain whatever special information they may have which should be included. Had I not been so involved with other commitments during these past weeks, I would have been handling this at that time; however, I am thankful that it will still be possible to follow through on this and other prospects.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. Just received a letter yesterday from Mauna Rae Hinton with abstract of death record of Phoebe Roberts: Wayne County, W. Va., "Pheba Roberts died January 25, 1860; age 60. Mother: Pheba Workman; Father: Joseph Workman. Cause of death: Cancer on face."

July 26, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Thanks so much for your membership dues and the "little" extra. You are a welcome member of our Society. I am having membership cards printed this fall, as I believe the Society is here to stay, and our budget will now be able to afford them.

I don't believe we have a member (besides Dave Turner) who is working on the White family. We have one member who is connected to the Floyd White-Rhoda Duncan family but not a descendant. The connection between the two families has never been made as far as I know.

Dave Turner is a accurate researcher who has been a lot of help to me. He is willing to share what he has. He thinks we should republish the 1854-1861 marriage records of Boone County, because of all the mistakes, but Mr. Olafson won't even look at Dave's corrections).

Thanks for all the Workman help. I finally got around to preparing group sheets on the family, so I could keep track of them. I am sure tho, that I will never get around to charting all the later families!

I wonder how many of the older Workman's actually belonged to Joseph and Phoebe. It is possible now that some of the children we placed with James and Nancy belonged to Joseph and Pheobe.

Janet

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August 13, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

Thanks for your response to my recent letter. I am pleased to be associated with your excellent (our excellent) genealogical society.

As far as I can tell about the Workman family, we have not attributed anyone to James and Nancy who should belong to Joseph and Phoebe. It is, of course, possible that there were other children of Joseph and Phoebe who moved to different areas or who stayed in North Carolina. I expect to review my files soon, though, and will let you know if I believe anything should be changed.

Since Dave Turner has furnished so much White material to me, I hope he will share in the authorship of the article I am writing for Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. I wrote to him and asked what he would think about that.

In a letter to me, Mr. Olafson said he was considering having corrections and additions to Volume I included in Volume II. That's what our Orange County Genealogical Society did with FOR KING OR COUNTRY.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Agnes

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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October 11, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

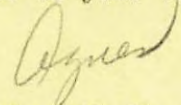
How disappointed I am that once again I could not make a trip back to West Virginia in the autumn of the year! I find it difficult to believe that circumstances have prevented such a trip for the third year in a row.

After exchange of letters and telephone conversations with David Turner, the White family manuscript for Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY was finally completed and mailed direct to Mr. Olafson. I hope the results were satisfactory. I sincerely regret the delay, but in retrospect realize that I tried to solve too many of the unanswered problems. Neither David Turner nor I realized the number of gaps in our records (particularly for the White families not descended from Benjamin Harrison "Chickasaw Ben" White) until we actually began to prepare the final draft. All in all, however, we covered the Boone County families fairly completely for the nineteenth century. Although we accumulated much twentieth century material, it will just have to be kept for another article.

Although I am anxious to get back to genealogical research on some other families, it will have to wait until I complete a project for our museum. I am in charge of narration and music for a slide presentation.

By the way, have you ever come across any leads on our McNeely line?

Regards to your family,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Oct. 10, 1977

Dear Agnes,

I was looking forward to your visit and now Dave tells me that you are not coming.

I have neglected to write for so long because I thought I would have the opportunity of talking to you in person.

Enclosed are a couple of death dates I thought might interest you.

I have been studying the James Workman family. I have come to the conclusion that there was no Nimrod Workman but that in the years of telling who settled on the Island some people said James Workman and that others used his nickname Nimrod until they became two different persons in the minds of people. Here are a list of children I believe belong to James Workman and his wife Nancy, what is your opinion.

- 1 Abraham born 1782 m. Mary Ballard
- 2 Joseph born 1784 m. Elizabeth McNeely
- 3 Elizabeth born 1796-1800 m. George McNeely
- 4 Polly born m. James McNeely
- 5 James H. born 1794-1800 m. Ruth Halstead
- 6 Female born 1784-1794
- 7 John born 1800-1810 m. Jane Moore
- 8 Male born 1800-1810
- 9 Nancy born 1800-1810 m. William Godbey as his 2nd wife
- 10 Hannah born 1810 m. Daniel Jarrell

I still question Hannah as being a daughter of James.

As you know our next book Vol. II Kith and Kin will be ready by the 1st of Nov. You will be allowed to purchase a copy for \$2.00. Other copies will be \$5.75 by mail.

I still haven't done anything with the McNeely family. I hope some one come up with enough information some day to start piecing them together. (As Mr. Olafson says, my type writer isn't spelling too good today. Ha.)

I am trying to put together a genealogy of the Barker Family of Southern West Va. I have the material but don't know what to do with it or how to number the different generations. In some families I have as many as 10 different generations. I have thought about starting with the number 1 and number each person as mentioned as 1 2 3 4 5 and ect. Then when I refer back to that person I can use the number assigned to him or her.

I am still looking forward to meeting you some day. Maybe you should schedule your visits for the spring. It might change your luck.

Janet Hager

Mary Workman age 75 born in VA.
d. 27 Nov. 1852 Carter Co. Ky.
dan of Fanny Mullins

Josephine Workman died age 83,
3 Feb 1935, Monclo, Logan Co. buried
at Jeffrey, W. Va. dan. of Nancy (Jarrell)
and Isaac Workman

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October 17, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

Once again we have written letters which crossed in the mail! Like you, I had not written because I expected to be speaking with you in person. In addition, I was involved with finishing the White family manuscript.

In response to your questions concerning the Workman family: As for the existence of a Nimrod Workman, I believe such a person existed. Whether this was a separate individual from those of whom we have other records, we can only speculate. If so, I believe he would have been a bachelor brother who died before 1810. The other possibility, of course, is that this was a middle name of one of the other brothers: Joseph Nimrod, James Nimrod, Jacob Nimrod, or Thomas Nimrod Workman. I am more inclined to believe that if this were the case Jacob or Thomas are the more likely ones to have born the name since Ragland mentions both Joseph and James. Since Jacob had moved away and might not have been so much in mind, then Thomas is left as the one the family probably referred to as Nimrod--if, indeed, he Nimrod proves not to have been a different person entirely.

My tentative reconstruction of the family of James and Nancy () Workman is much the same as your list with a few variations. Note the comments below:

1. Abraham Workman, born about 1784, possibly in North Carolina, married 9 November 1809 in Kanawha County, Virginia, to Mary "Polly" Ballard.
2. Polly Workman, married in Kanawha County, Virginia, 1802 James McVially (according to marriage abstract) but name could be James McNeely. (I have not seen original bond or return so do not know which name is correct.)
3. Joseph Workman, born between June and October 1790 (year given in his sworn statement for bounty land) in that part of Augusta County, Virginia, which later became Tazewell County, married in Cabell County, Virginia, 7 November 1813 Elizabeth (McNeely)(Elkins), widow of Joseph Elkins.
4. A daughter, born between 1784-1794 not yet identified.
5. James Hewett Workman, born about 1795, married about 1820 Ruth Halsted, daughter of Amos Halsted.
6. Elizabeth Workman, born about 1799, married 3 February 1812 George McNeely. (Although I have based Elizabeth's estimated age on that of 1850 Boone County census, I am inclined to believe that the age given there was in error. In the 1840 Kanawha County census, her age would have placed her birth between 1780 and 1790, putting her in the fourth position above.)
7. John Workman, born about 1800, married about 1823 Jane Moore, daughter of George and Margaret (Edmondson) Moore.
8. Nancy Workman, born about 1802, married as his second wife William Godby. (Note: If the Polly Workman mentioned above does not belong in this

- family, then the Mary "Polly" Workman who married Henry Pauley might belong here. This Mary was born about 1806.)
9. Squire T. Workman, born about 1805, married about 1831 Nancy _____.
(It is quite likely that his name was Squire Thompson Workman and that he is the one often referred to as Thompson in early church records. I believe that the key to parents' names might be contained in his death record--probably in Kanawha County. They are not available here on microfilm.)
 10. Hannah Workman, born about 1810, married Daniel Jarrell. (Since her death record lists her father as Jas./Jos., I believe this is the correct family for her. Since her mother was listed as Hannah, that could have been the formal name for Nancy. The only other possibility for her parents would have been Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman, but there is no female in their family in any of the census years which would fit for her. There is such a spot in the family of James.)
 11. Thompson Workman, born between 1815-1820. (If Thompson is a different person from Squire T., then he would fit here. If not, then this would be another unidentified child.)

As you can see, the above is not very different from the list you sent. I would appreciate any comments you might care to make on my evaluation.

Good luck on your Barker family genealogy. I sympathize with your efforts to find a satisfactory numbering system. In a lengthy genealogy, there is much to be said for the simplicity of consecutive numbering. Certainly, it makes reference to the various individuals much easier (as in Anderson's WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY). In the shorter works, however, I rather like the coding for the various generations from a progenitor.

Thank you for the death records. I am intrigued by the one for Mary Workman, aged 75, born in Virginia, died 27 November 1852 in Carter County, Kentucky, daughter of Fanny Mullins. As far as I can tell from my 1850 abstracts, she was not listed in any county that year. With that information, however, I plan to recheck Carter County. I wonder if she was the Mary Martin who married Jacob Workman 9 July 1791 in Mecklinburg County, North Carolina. They may have been divorced if the same Jacob as the one who married Eleanor Jones. If Mary's mother Fanny later remarried, she could have been known as Fanny Mullins. Another puzzle.

Even Josephine Workman's death records poses problems which I have tried previously to solve. Her parents were listed as Isaac and Nancy (Jarrell) Workman; yet when Isaac and Nancy married, Nancy's surname appears as Ferrell and Nancy as a widow of another Workman. Since you can check both registers, you might refer to the marriage of Isaac Workman in Boone County 24 April 1855 to see how your register lists Nancy's name.

I look forward to hearing from you and especially to meeting you one of these days.

Sincerely,

Agnes

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

A 2nd enclosed for Volume II of Keith & Kin,

Oct. 19, 1977

Dear Agnes,

I have a hunch about our McNeely family. I kept reviewing some old marriage records I had copied from books. This may have some bearing on our family if it is the right John Breckenridge.

~~AM~~

Amherst County Va.

Martha McAnally, dau. of John married John Brackenridge
12 July 1791.

David McNally married Nancy Kyle 18 Mar. 1790

Elijah McNally married Caty, dau. of Ann Skelton 12 Apr. 1790

Michael McNeely m. Rebeckah Morrison 8 Apr. 1771

William McNeely m. Rebecca, dau. of James Barnett 30 Apr. 1767

John Breckenridge sold the property at Logan to William Dingess who married Nancy McNeely. Were they brother-in-Laws or were Nancy and David children of Michael and William McNeely above and first cousins to Martha?

If so are Michael and William sons of Robert McNeely who had 3 sons Baptised in Tinkling Spring Church and listed thus:

Michael Baptised 10 Mar. 1741

George Baptised 20 June 1743

William Baptised 20 June 1743

There was an Andrew McNeely who had a daughter Mary Baptised 10 Mar. 1749.

There is a William McNeely in the 1810 Tax list of Cabell County who does not appear in the 1815 Tax List. Could this be the answer to our problem.

Of course Amherst County is also the marriage place of Benjamin White and Nancy Goodwin.

My Barker family were in Amherst County a while and I now believe that Susan Barker may have traveled to this area around 1800-1802 with the McNeely, White and Dingess families. I don't believe she traveled with several small children by herself.

Our book should be ready to mail by Nov. 3rd and you may purchase one copy for \$.200. Additional copies are \$5.75.

Janet.

P.S The White Family of Boone County are excited over the book.

Excuse my typing. Too much to do. ha

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October 24, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Hewett, West Virginia

Dear Janet:

Just before your letter of October 19 arrived, I had had an opportunity to restudy my McNeely family notes. It would appear from your comments that we are on the same track, as it were.

I wish to comment particularly on the children of Robert McNeely, who were baptized by Reverend John Craig. You will notice that Michael was baptized "at Michael Woods." The twins, William and George, were baptized at Wallis' South Side Ridge. We know that there were very close connections between the Woods and Wallace families; furthermore, that there were also connections to the McNeely family. The question is: Exactly what? You will recall that one of the grandsons of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins) Workman was named William Wallace Workman. As far as I have been able to determine, Wallace was not a common name in the Workman family, so it could easily have come through Elizabeth.

I have a copy of Robert McNeely's will written 11 September 1756 and proved 12 May 1757 in Albemarle County, Virginia. At the time of writing, his wife was pregnant (possibly with a son David?????); the children listed were James, Michael, William, Mary, Jean, Dorothea. You will notice that George was not mentioned so he may have died as a youngster. The witnesses to Robert McNeely's will were Michael Woods, James Woods, and William Woods. I believe but have no evidence other than the names and location of baptism that Robert's wife Dorothea was probably a Woods or Wallace.

If my speculation is correct, James McNeely and Michael McNeely may have moved to Madison County, Kentucky, by 1788 since at that time Hannah McNeely, orphan of James McNeely, chose Michael McNeely as her guardian. Again those named Woods were present at court.

Present in Botetourt County in 1785 were the following:

William McNeely, 7 persons in the household (white persons) 1 dwelling, and 4 other buildings. He is probably the William McNeely who married 30 April 1767 Rebecca Barnett in Amherst Co., Virginia, and possibly the one who wrote his will in Montgomery County, Virginia, 9 July 1810. In it he lists among others his children William McNeely, Rebecca Johnson, deceased, Molly/Matty Muncy, and Robert McNeely as well as "other children" (unfortunately for us not identified by name). Among the "other children" could have been the Elizabeth who married Michael Lowder 6 March 1805 or Mary McNeely who married David Craig 27 January 1804---both of whom identified their father as William but who could have been grandchildren of William and Rebecca (Barnett) McNeely.

Others present in Botetourt County in 1785 were:

David McNeely with 7 white persons in the household also. No information given regarding dwellings or other buildings

David McNeely with 1 white person in household. No other info.

John McNeely, also with 1 white person in household. No other info.

George McNeely with 3 white persons in household. No further information.

I might add that in 1773 in Botetourt County, Robert McNeely was constable.
in 1777 in Botetourt County, William McNeely was constable.

So that I won't repeat myself too much, could you let me know if I have sent you the data I have about the move of one of the Logan County groups to Indiana? From what we know, however, all of them did not stay there. For example, William McNeely, born about 1804 married in Rush County, Indiana, 29 May 1830 Hannah Hoffman. They were back in Logan County, Virginia, by 1850 (Census #266). On the other hand, the William McNeely, born between 1780 and 1790, who married Margaret Ballard 25 December 1810 in Kanawha County, Virginia, died before 1830 in Shelby County, Indiana, and his widow and several children were still living in Shelby County in 1850 (Census #156/159).

Using the 1810 to 1850 census records of Cabell, Kanawha, Logan, and Boone Counties in Virginia and of Shelby County, Indiana, as guides, the following could have been and some likely were the children of William McNeely, born before 1775 and his wife, born between 1750-1760:

Richard McNeely, born about 1776, married 22 July 1799 Mary Blankenship in Monroe County, Virginia.

Nancy McNeely, born 1776-1780 in Virginia, married 1) William Dingess and 2) in Shelby County, Indiana, 17 January 1832 Claibourn Rucker.

David "Jagger" McNeely, born 1776-1780, who lived in Logan County, Virginia, for awhile, moved to Indiana. I wonder if he is the one who left a widow Olive J. McNeely in Shelby County, Indiana? before October 1835.

George McNeely, born about 1787, married 3 February 1812 Elizabeth Workman in Kanawha County, Virginia.

William McNeely, born 1780-1790, married Margaret "Peggy" Ballard (see paragraph above for details)..

Elizabeth McNeely, born about 1792, married 1) Joseph Elkins and 2) Joseph Workman on 7 November 1813 in Cabell County, Virginia.

Robert McNeely, born 1776-1796, married Nancy Christian 15 September 1812 in Cabell County, Virginia, died before May 1830 in Shelby County, Indiana.

Joseph Workman, born 1790-1800. No further information.

Alexander McNeely, born 1798 in what became Cabell County, West Virginia, married Mary Clendennin.

James McNeely, born 1796-1799, married 5 August 1813 Milly/Mary Wall in Tazewell County, Virginia. May belong to David.

Sarah McNeely, born 1795-1804, married Major White 4 June 1823 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia

Possibly five additional daughters born between 1810-1820.

The parents of some of the above might be George McNeely.

The fact that Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely)(Elkins) Workman did not name any of their children George (unless, of course, one of whom we have no knowledge died young), I am inclined to believe that she was the daughter of William McNeely--possibly a William McNeely, son or grandson of Andrew McNeely (if we can attach any importance to the naming of their first child). It's quite possible that the William and/or Robert previously discussed is Elizabeth's father. As usual, we have almost too many possibilities.

If you are interested, we could take each family--one by one--and start comparing known data so that we could get closer to the answers as we did with so many of the Workman families and as David and I did for the White family. As a start, I would like your comments and corrections and additions to the following family as a starter.

Alexander McNeely, born about 1798 in what later became Cabell County, West Virginia, the son of _____ and _____ (_____) McNeely, married Mary A./H. Clendenin, daughter of Robert and _____ (_____) Clendenin. Their children, I believe, are:

A daughter, born between 1820-1825.

Cynthia McNeely, born about 1823, married James M. Workman, born about 1819, son of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman

Winefred McNeely, born about 1824, married 1) Andrew Hager, 1793-1864, son of Philip and Kate (Vannatter) Hager of Tazewell County, Virginia; married 2) Andrew Stowers, son of Larkin and Mary (_____) Stowers.

Martha Ellen McNeely, born about 1826 in Logan County, Virginia, married Henderson Hager, son of James^{jr} and Susannah (_____) Hager.

Roxy Ann McNeely, born about 1828; never married.

Nancy McNeely, born about 1829.

Evermont McNeely, born about 1832 in Logan County, Virginia, married Roxalena Roberts, born about 1834 in Cabell County, Virginia, daughter of Alexander B. and _____ (_____) Roberts. (It might be significant that Phoebe Workman married an Isaac Roberts.)

Philip B. McNeely, born about 1834 in Logan County, Virginia, married 20 April 1859 in Boone County, Virginia, to Mary Ann Miller, born about 1840, daughter of Joshua and Susannah (_____) Miller; married 2) Spencer Hill, son of _____ and _____ (_____) Hill.

Gordon J. McNeely, born about 1836 in Logan County, Virginia, married in Boone in Boone County 10 February 1857 Valera Jane Fry, born about 1839, daughter of George and Nancy (_____) Fry.

Harriet McNeely, born about 1838.

Robert C. McNeely, born about 1841 (possibly a twin)

Martha C. McNeely, born about 1841 (possibly a twin), married in Boone County, Virginia 1 December 1859 James M. Drake, a widower, born about 1835 in Cabell County, Virginia, son of Henderson and Catherine (_____) Drake.

Mary Jane McNeely, born about 1844 in that part of Logan County which became Boone County, West Virginia; married 10 December 1860 in Boone County to Thomas Copley, born about 1836 in Logan County, son of James and Rebecca (_____) Copley.

I am inclined to believe, as I mentioned earlier, that this Alexander McNeely is a son of one William McNeely rather than of David McNeely, because of the fact that most of the others in the area were not old enough to be his father. He is probably the brother of "our" Elizabeth (McNeely)(Elkins) Workman since he, too, has Boone County connections and ~~one daughter married into the Workman family.~~ Because one son was named Philip B. (probably Philip Ballard McNeely), I believe there were earlier ties to the Ballard family. That seemed to be a given name in very few southern West Virginia families although it was common in the Ballard and Hager lines.

If you can add anything to the projection of Alexander's family, I would appreciate receiving it.

I did not say so before, but I believe that the William McNeely who married Hannah Hoffman was a son of David McNeely and that William is not the only one of David's sons to return to West Virginia after a stay in Indiana. I have a very tentative projection for David's family also.

As I have been writing this letter, I believe that I may have come up with a possible lineage:

Elizabeth McNeely who married Joseph Elkins and Joseph Workman	
possibly daughter of	
William McNeely and _____	(William born 1765-1775)
who was possibly son of	
George McNeely and _____	(George born before 1765)
who was probably son of	
Robert or Andrew Workman	

Instead of George, it might be David; and then, too, that generation might be eliminated altogether. It's obvious we have much work to do.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Agnes

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P.S. I believe there must have been an epidemic of some sort about 1830-33 which killed many of the McNeelys in Shelby County, Indiana. Perhaps small pox, typhoid fever, or cholera.

Nov. 3, 1977

Dear Agnes,

I wish I could take my information and put it together like you do. I just don't have a way with words. After seeing the talent displayed in our latest book, I am almost ashamed to try and put together a genealogy of the Barker family.

Tonight is our regular meeting night. We will be electing our officers and I hope a couple of committees to take some of the work of my hands. Mr. Olafson feels that I should handle all the business affairs but sometimes it seems more than I can do. I answer all the mail, mail out our books when ordered, do all the banking and the purchasing of material. I hope they at least elect a committee to do our NewsLetter. We will be paying off our debt to Mr. Olafson for Vol. I, of our book. We need to sell 20 Vol. to do this but I thought we might as well pay the debt and get it over with. We will then owe him \$16.45 for Vol. II.

Mr. Olafson's birthday was Tuesday. We had planned to buy him a tape recorder but his daughter purchased one for his birthday, so we will be giving him a carrying case with blank tapes. Marvin Nelson has ordered a birthday cake for our members to serve tonight.

The only comment I will make on the Workman family today is this. The Godbey family History states that William Godbey married 2nd Nancy a daughter of Nimrod Workman. If James and Nimrod are different persons then Nancy would not belong in the James Workman family group.

I won't comment much on the oldest McNeely's but there was a Michael McNeely who married Agness Woods, Feb. 1769 in Bedford County, Va.. Wm. Boyd Surety. This could be the Michael who went to Madison County, Ky. along with David Sr., David Jr., George, James, John and Robert McNeely by Apr. 1789. The Woods and Wallace families were there also.

Now to the family of Alexander and Mary (Clendennin) McNeely I have completed some of the blank spaces in your outline. Enclosed on separate sheet.

I don't believe you have sent me the data on the move to Ind. by the Logan County families.

I don't know about an epidemic in Ind. in 1829-33 but in 1835 my Pinnell ancestors died in a Cholera Epidemic near Indianapolis, Ind.

Janet Hager

If you have a inquiry for a news letter send it along. Hopefully will do one by January.

Alexander McNeely, born about 1798 in what later became Cabell County, West Va., the son of _____ & _____ (_____) McNeely, married Mary A. Clendennin, daughter of Robert and _____ (_____) Clendinnin. Their children I beleive are:

A daughter, born between 1820 and 1825

Cynthia McNeely born about 1823 married James M. Workman, born about 1819, son of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman.

Winefred McNeely, born about 1824, married 1. Andrew Hager 1793-1864, son of Phillip and Catherine (Vannatter) Hager of Tazewell and Logan Co. Va.; married 2nd Andrew Stowers, son of Larkin and Mary (_____) Stowers. (I beleive the Andrew Hager mentioned above is the same who married 1st Nancy, dau of Jacob and Susan Barker in Cabell Co. 28 Oct. 1813.)

Martha Ellen McNeely, born about 1826 in Logan Co. Va. married Henderson Hager, son of James Jr. and Susannah (Reeder) Hager (James Hager Jr. son of Jacob and Sarah Hager of Tazewell Co.)

Loxy Ann McNeely born about 1828; never married.

Nancy McNeely born about 1829

Evermont McNeely born about 1832 in Logan Co. Va. married Roxalena Roberts born about 1834 in Cabell Co. Va., daughter of Alexander B. and Susan Ann (Lawson) Roberts.

Phillip B. McNeely born about 1834 in Logan County, Va. married 20 Apr. 1859 in Boone Co. Va. to Mary Ann Miller, born about 1840, daughter of Joshua and Susannah (Nickell??) Miller; married 2 Spencer Hill son of Joseph and Sarah (Midkiff) Hill.

Gordon J. McNeely, born about 1836 in Logan Co. Va. married in Boone County 10 Feb. 1857 Valera Jane Fry born 1 May 1840 daughter of George and Nancy (Haner) Fry. ^{great} (grand-daughter of Jacob Barker)

Harriet McNeely born about 1838

Robert C. McNeely born about 1841

Mertha C. McNeely born about 1841 married in Boone Co. Va., 1 Dec. 1859 James M. Drake, a widower, born about 1835 in Cabell Co. Va. a son of Henderson and Catherine (Lucas?) Drake.

Mary Jane McNeely, born about 1844 in that part of Logan Co. which became Boone County, W. VA. married 10 Dec. 1860 in Boone Co. to Thomas Copley born about 1836 in Logan or Cabell county, son of James and Rebecca (Marcum) Copley.

The only pattern that seems to emerge in this family is a close relationship either by being in the same community or by former ties to the Barker family.

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November 11, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

Your letter of November 3 arrived early this week, and yesterday I received Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. It is an excellent reference work, and I am delighted to have my copy.

I wonder if the Michael McNeely who married Agness Woods February 1769 in Bedford County, Virginia, was the same one who married the widow Rebecca Morrison 8 April 1771 in Amherst County, Virginia. Another of those intriguing problems!

Regarding the more immediate McNeely groups: I notice that in his 1850 census annotations for Boone County, Mr. Olafson identifies the father of Alexander McNeely, age 52 (Family #305), as David McNeely. Analysis of the early census records would seem to eliminate this Alexander as David's son. I believe it far more likely that Alexander was David's brother and that they were both sons of William McNeely.

To start your corrections for Volume III, perhaps we should start with p. 37 of Volume II, Family #305: Mary J. McNeely^{of} married Thomas Copley, the son of James and Rebecca (Marcum) Copley rather than Johnston and Catherine Copley as shown. At least the wedding register listed James and Rebecca as the parents.

Could you answer questions on the following two marriages mentioned in the census annotations? Vol. II, p. 44: Clarrissa Nelson in Family #287 married Isaac Gore McNeely of Logan County. Who were his parents? I can't seem to find him.

In Vol. II, p. 51, Family #301: Amanda Smith, age 10, is shown as future wife of Riland McNeely, son of Joseph and Dicy McNeely. I cannot find such a Riland McNeely in their family. When was he born? Was their son Floyd, born about 1843, also named Riland?

A few brief notes on the McNeely families of Logan County who went to Indiana: William McNeely, born 1780-1790, married 25 December 1810 in Kanawha County, Virginia, to Margaret Ballard, born about 1790, daughter of Philip Ballard. This William McNeely apparently died before the census was taken in 1830 since administration on his estate was started in 1830 in Shelby County, Indiana and finally completed 21 August 1834. Their children are known to have been

Thomas McNeely, born 1810-1815

Nancy McNeely, born about 1814 in Virginia; married 15 December 1839 to Reuben B. Jones in Shelby County, Indiana.

Andrew McNeely, born 1810-1815

Lorenzo Dow McNeely, born 1815-1820; apparently married twice: 1) Matilda King 13 February 1840 and 2) Rebecca Amos 25 November 1841, both in Shelby County, Indiana.

Burrell McNeely, born 1815-1820

A son, born 1820-1825; died before 1836

Catharine McNeely, born 1825-1830.

William McNeely, born about 1832 in Indiana.

The Robert McNeely who married Nancy Christian 15 September 1812 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, died before May 1830 in Shelby County, Indiana.

The Samuel McNeely born 1780-1790, who married Margaret Christian 5 September 1820 in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, moved before 1830 to Shelby County, Indiana. They had a family, but I have not yet identified their children.

The William McNeely, born about 1804 in Virginia, married Hannah Hoffman 29 May 1830 in Rush County, Indiana. They were back in Logan County, (West) Virginia, Family #266, by 1850. This William might have been the son of Samuel McNeely mentioned above. I believe he was the William McNeely, Jr., listed in Shelby County in 1830, with wife but no children.

More McNeely details to follow in another letter. I might mention, however, that the Nancy McNeely born ~~1776~~ 1780 who married the William Dingess who died in 1822 and whose mistress was Katie McComas, moved to Shelby County, Indiana, after she divorced William Dingess. She married 2) Claibourne Rucker 17 January 1832 in Shelby County. There are numerous lawsuits among the McNeely groups in Shelby County--most of them involving Nancy in some way. Until I did the Indiana research, most researchers thought that Nancy McNeely had died before William Dingess.

Speaking of the Dingess family brings me to another question related to census information in Volume II: On page 48, family #278, Emily Perry's future husband is listed as William Dingess, son of John and Chloe Dingess. My records show this William Dingess as having married Emaline Stollings in 1839. Did he marry a second time or did another William marry Emily Perry? I suppose this question should be directed to Mr. Olafson; and I will write to him about it.

By now you have probably noticed a few discrepancies in the Workman family census notes. I shall mention them in order that you can place them in your "Corrections and Additions" file.

Vol. II, p. 64, Family #433: William Workman married 3) Virginia Curry.

Vol. II, p. 64, Family #297: Thompson Workman was probably the son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman. His parentage not yet proven.

Vol. II, p. 64, Family #437: Thomas Workman married in Tazewell County, Virginia, rather than Montgomery County, Virginia. On the registry his wife's name appears to be Sarah Dickerson although it could be Deskins or Dickens.

Vol. II, p. 64, Family #72: Robert Workman's parents are correctly listed on p. 28, #452, as Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman rather than as Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Workman.

Vol. II, p. 64, Family #72: Sarah J. Workman married Floyd Pack, whose parents are correctly shown on page 45, Family #140, as Andrew and Eliza Pack, rather than as Augustus and Margaret Pack.

Vol. II, p. 63, Family #414: Could this James M. Workman have been the son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman rather than of Elias as shown?

November 11, 1977

As I was rechecking my Workman family notes, I noticed that I have Sarah Jane (Kirk) Workman Workman (wife of Robert Workman) as having died about 1920 at age 98. Did she divorce Robert Workman? He married three times in all. Or was it Robert Workman who died about 1920 at about age 98? Have you anything on this? I would appreciate your comments. It's really necessary to check and recheck!

If you receive any corrections and additions on my White family material, please be sure to let me know so that I can make the appropriate notations on my records.

I could write on and on, but I'd better call a halt for today.

I'm really looking forward to your Barker family publication and know that you will do a fine job.

Sincerely,

Agnes *Agnes* Pearlman

Possible query for the Boone County Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER:

Who were the parents of Elizabeth McNeely, born about 1792 who reputedly married
1) Joseph Elkins and 2) Joseph Workman 7 November 1813 in Cabell County, Virginia?
Elizabeth died in Boone County, West Virginia. Can anyone identify any of the
brothers and sisters of Elizabeth? Information gladly exchanged. Contact
Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706.

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Nov. 15, 1977

Dear Agnes,

I am glad you enjoyed Vol. II Kith and Kin. I have ~~not~~ enjoyed the articles in this Vol. I will file your corrections and use them in Vol. III. Several people have already gave me some minor corrections.

Notes on your corrections:

1. I had already corrected parents of Thomas Copley.
2. Isaac Gore or McNeely was according to Mr. Olafson a son of Sully McNeely. I beleive this to be Sally a dau. of Richard and Mary Ann Blankenship McNeely. See family #271 in 1850 Logan census. Isaac age 3. This family not located in 1860 Logan Census. Isaac McNeely married and living in Boone County in 1880.
3. Page 51, #301, Yes Riland McNeely was named Floyd Riland.
4. Emily Perry page 48 #278 is living with her sister Nancy widow of Josiah Stollings in 1860. I don't have copies of 1870 Logan and Boone County census. I will try to locate her in 1880. William Dingess did marry Emmaline Stollings.
5. Concerning Sarah Jane Kirk, first wife of Robert Workman. She seems to be living with Jackson Ferrell in 1860 census. She could have died or remarried before 1880. I will have to check and see when Robert Workman died as it isn't in my records.

How right you are about checking and rechecking info. I have so many mistakes in my records, I will never get them all corrected. I try to enter records, I am not sure of in pencil so it can be erased, but sometimes I pick up a pen and enter the info before I think.

I started group sheets on some of the McNeely family. I had never done this before and find it a hard job, with the older families and lack of records. I don't seem to find a pattern yet, but the family tends to use the name William a lot.

You mentioned that Wm. McNeely who married Hannah Hoffman might be a son of Samuel and Margaret (Christian) McNeely.

According to descendants of Samuel McNeely who married Susannah Richards, he was a son of Samuel McNeely Sr. also. Would this be correct?

I located the oldest daughter of Alexander and Mary (Clendennin) McNeely. Adaline McNeely born around 1826 married Ancil Clendenin born around 1823. According to the 1860 Boone County Census they had a child born in Cass County Mich. in 1850. As you may know Henderson and Martha (McNeely) Hager also had a child born around 1849 in Mich.

My branch of the Wyoming County Cook family was also in Mich. in 1850. Seems a lot of our families went "West" and then returned to this area.

Janet Hager

Our books are selling good. Maybe some-day we can finance our own publishing program and buy that micro-film reader we need for our library.

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November 23, 1977

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Janet:

Thank you for your letter of November 15.

Before proceeding with our McNeely evaluation, I wish to ask another question concerning William Dingess' wife or wives. Did you imply that the same William Dingess married Emmaline Stollings and Emily Perry? Or did Emily Perry marry a Stollings and then William Dingess? Or did an Emmaline Stollings marry a Perry and then a William Dingess? I was not quite sure of the meaning of your response.

Now for the McNeely clan: Since there were several men named Samuel McNeely and I have very little data about them, I can't be sure of which was which and how many times each one married. Certainly the Samuel McNeely born about 1812 who married Susannah (Family #104 Logan Co., W. Va., 1850 Census) would not have been a son of the Margaret Christian who married Samuel McNeely in 1820. It is possible, however, that this was a second marriage for this senior Samuel since he was born between 1780 and 1790.

Was the Susannah McNeely in household #104 mentioned above the former Susannah Richards? Did Samuel, born about 1812, later marry her sister or cousin Catherine Richards? The 1880 Logan County Census #302 would seem to indicate that. I have not abstracted the McNeely households of 1860 and 1870, so the answer may be waiting there for me.

Following is my speculative family for William McNeely, born before 1775 and his as yet unidentified wife ~~or wives~~:

Richard McNeely, born about 1776; married Mary Blankenship 22 July 1799 in Monroe County, Virginia.

Nancy McNeely, born 1776-1780; married 1) William Dingess, from whom she was divorced; married 2) Claibourn Rucker 17 January 1832 in Shelby County, Indiana.

David "Jagger" McNeely, born 1776-1780, died before October 1835 probably in Shelby County, Indiana; his widow at his death was Olive J. _____.
Was this his only marriage?

George McNeely, born about 1787; married Elizabeth Workman 3 February 1812 in Kanawha County, Virginia.

Samuel McNeely, born 1780-1790; married Margaret Christian 5 September 1820 in Cabell County, Virginia. May have been married before.

William McNeely, born 1780-1790; ~~married~~ before August 1834 in Shelby County, Indiana; married Margaret "Peggy" Ballard 25 December 1810 in Kanawha County, Virginia.

Elizabeth McNeely, born about 1792, died 1861-1864; married 1) Joseph Elkins and 2) Joseph Workman on 7 November 1813 in Cabell County, Virginia.

Robert McNeely, born 1776-1796, died before May 1830 in Shelby County, Indiana; married Nancy Christian 15 September 1812 in Cabell County, Virginia..

Joseph McNeely, born 1790-1800.

Alexander McNeely, born about 1798, died about 1867; married Mary Clendennin.
(list continued next page)

James McNeely, born 1796-1799; married Milly or Mary Wall 5 August 1813 in Tazewell County, Virginia. (Possibly a son of David)

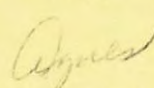
Sarah McNeely, born 1795-1804; married Major White 4 June 1823 in Cabell County, Virginia.

Five more daughters born between 1810 and 1820.

As I mentioned when I started listing the above, not all of them are necessarily siblings although I believe that most are and that their father was William. I would be most interested in your comments.

I was pleased to receive the name of the oldest daughter of Alexander and Mary (Clendennin) McNeely and especially to have the information about the Cass County, Michigan, connections. As you may recall, John K. Hinchman and his wife, Paulina White, also moved to Cass County. Several years ago I abstracted information about ~~them and~~ their children there. At the first opportunity, I will review my Cass County, Michigan, notes and see if I can find any additional McNeely clues.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I'm still using up a batch of old envelopes.

Nov. 30, 1977

Dear Agnes,

Sorry to confuse you on Emily Perry. I stay confused myself. I think I am going to lay my own research aside for a while and devote my spare time to the Society. I can't seem to do both at the same time.

William Dingess married Emmaline, a daughter of Josiah and Lovey (Estes) Stollings. At this time I do not know who Emily Perry married but it was not William Dingess.

Concerning Samuel McNeely (#104 Logan 1850) son of Samuel McNeely Sr. His wife appears as Susannah in 1850-60 Logan Censuses. 1880 gives Catherine. I don't know if this is the same woman or not. I probably typed the maiden name of his first wife into the 1880 census without checking it. Dave and I copied a lot of the info in the 1880 census from Mr. Olafson.

I got the name of Samuel McNeely Sr. as father of Samuel who married Susannah Richards from one of the many history books I have read. It was an article about the Rev. John Green McNeely.

I am enclosing some obits from the Logan Banner I thought might help you.

Janet Wager

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 6, 1977

Mrs. Janet Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

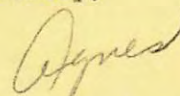
Thank you so much for sending the obituaries. I am pleased to have the data on some of the families on whom I am collecting material. Quite coincidentally, I am in the process of preparing an article on the subject of obituaries, and having those will add to my examples in the text.

In discussing Samuel McNeely, you mentioned the Rev. John Green McNeely. My mother recognized him as kin, but I do not recall that she ever mentioned the exact connection. How I wished I had listened more carefully when she was alive!

I know how you must feel trying to handle the society's work and your own research at the same time. I, too, have my hand in too many projects; and it can be quite frustrating. In the long run, however, the results are so gratifying that it makes all the efforts worthwhile. With the holidays approaching--much too quickly--some of the genealogical work will have to be set aside temporarily.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and that the new year brings much joy and success.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
May 8, 1978

Mrs. Janet Hager
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Dear Janet:

How time flies! From what I can gather from my check ledger, I never sent my membership renewal in during January for the Boone County Genealogical Society. I certainly wish to retain my membership; so a check for \$8.00 is enclosed (\$6.00 for the membership and \$2.00 for Volume III of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY).

Never have I had such a frustrating year--genealogically speaking. I had promised a new periodical in January entitled CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. Due to personal and publication delays, the first issue still is not ready. I hope it will be in the mail to subscribers by the end of the month. Also, I had long ago planned to write an article for KITH AND KIN on the Mitchell families of Boone County. It proved absolutely impossible to get it ready for Volume II; but if the Society could use it, I believe I could have it to you before your Volume IV deadline. Most of the information is already in my files. Just let me know.

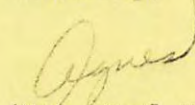
Enclosed also is a query for inclusion in one of the future NEWSLETTERS. Could you turn it over to the proper person for action.

All of you in Boone County are doing a wonderful job with your (and my) Society. I am sure it has been an inspiration to the other groups just now getting started in West Virginia.

Have you made any breakthrough on any of the lines? After I catch up on some of my commitments, I'll be writing again on our mutual lines.

I hope all is well with you and yours.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

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QUERY from

Agnes B. Peariman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92706

Who were the parents or siblings of Elizabeth McNEELY, born about 1792 possibly in Tazewell County, Virginia; died 1861-4 at Bald Knob, Boone County, West Virginia? She was reputedly the widow of Joseph Elkins when she married Joseph Workman 7 November 1813 at the home of William Elkins in Kanawha County but marriage registered in Cabell County.

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May 18, 1978

Dear Agnes,

I am sorry it has been so long since I last wrote. I have been busy doing nothing. There has been no break through on our families. I haven't been to the Archives to do any new research. We went last Tuesday and they were closed because of election day.

I hope you enjoy our latest book. We want you to do the Mitchell article but won't promise what book it will be in. We were delayed on our latest book because of promised material so we are asking people to go ahead and send their manuscripts and then we will select those to be used in each publication. I hope we can get enough people to do this so when the time comes to publish we can select those families from a wide area of Boone County, instead of having all the families from one area. Since most of our working members are from this district, our books are not covering the Big Coal River area nearly enough.

I will try to get my thoughts together and write more later.

Janet Hager

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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June 6, 1978

Mrs. Janet Hager
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Dear Janet:

I'm sorry for the delay in responding to your letter of May 18 but have been quite busy working on the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, still in the preparation stage.

After finishing this project, I will begin work again on the Mitchell family article for one of the future publications of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. There are a few questions to which I thought you might have the answer:

Who were the parents of Kate Barker who married Alfred J. Mitchell in 1876?

What was the maiden name of Adeline, wife of Benjamin Barker, whose son Joseph married Nancy Jane Mitchell, daughter of Sylvester?

Although not related to any of your lines, do you happen to know names of the parents of Fannie Smoot, born about 1857, who married Leonard Mitchell?

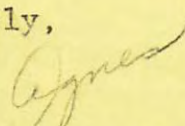
As time goes on, there might be a few other questions. As you know, I would want to make the article as complete as possible.

By the way, in the HILLBILLY which arrived today there is a query from Mrs. George T. Blair about the Barker family. A photocopy is enclosed in case you wish to contact her.

My Volume III of KITH AND KIN arrived promptly. As usual, all of you have done a wonderful job. I'm proud to be a part of such an excellent genealogical society.

I hope that the summer is an enjoyable one for you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. CARL K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

June 3, 1978 Hillbilly Query

June 12, 1978

Dear Agnes,

My best wishes on the success of your Christian Family Chronicles. I hope they are soon ready.

I am sure you will do a good job on the Mitchell Family. I have found that anything you do is done well. I am a descendant of Joshua Mitchell thru his daughter Polly who married Fredrick Comer. Their daughter Delilah married her first cousin Joseph Ball Jr. I don't know enough about the family to be of much help, but will do what I can.

Kate Barker was Nancy Kate or Catherine born 13 Sept. 1859 to Anderson William and Mary Frances (Smith) Barker. She married first Alfred L. Mitchell in 1876 and had one daughter Lurinda Mitchell. She married 2nd James Chafin 2 June 1882 in Logan County and went to Ky. to live. She died there 28 July 1890.

Adeline the wife of Benjamin Barker was born 14 Apr. 1836 the dau. of George and Nancy (Haner) Fry. Their son Joseph married Nancy Jane Mitchell 8 July 1880. She a daughter of Sylvester and Milly Mitchell.

I doubt if Leonard son of James and Louisa (Vickers) Mitchell married Fanny Smoot. I can not find a Smoot who married a Mitchell. Leonard appears in 1880 Logan Census age 23 (Ch-102-104) with wife Mary F. (Rances) age 22 and dau. Grace H. age 9/12. As you know we are correcting some of the mistakes that have been set down over the years and I feel that this is one of those mistakes.

Things have been going slow for me as I spent 4 days at Wheeling and became sick after I returned home last week. I hope to start typing my book any day now. It seems as if I never get through.

The Society has been planning an honor for Mr. Olafson for some time now. We have completed our plans. We will have an Surprise unveiling of his Portrait at the Boone County Courthouse, June 22, 1978 at 7:30 PM. We wish you were here to attend.

If you have more questions concerning the Mitchell family I will be glad to try and answer them for you.

Janet

We are glad you enjoyed the latest book. we do try, although we make mistakes.

POST CARD

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett
West Virginia 25106

July 2, 1978

Dear Janet,

Thanks so much for the Mitchell data. Every additional item will make the article that much more complete.

My files show that I obtained the information about the marriage of Leonard Mitchell to Fanny Smoot from the marriage register. I no longer have the microfilm copy here so am not in a position to recheck. If you find that this actually is a mistake, I would certainly like to know.

Although there are a few other questions, they will have to wait since I am working to "catch up" on the CHRISTIAN FAMILIES first.

When do you expect to move to Wheeling? I know everyone in Boone County will miss you and your family.

Sincerely,

July 25, 1978

Dear Agnes,

We didn't move after all and in a few days after I get my book out of the way, I will have more spare time.

I went to Logan last week, I didn't have time to look for the Leonard Mitchell - Fanny Smoot marriage record, I found while going thru the birth records a dau. Viola b. 1 Jan 1895 to Len + Fanny (Smoot) Mitchell.

By the way note page 8. Vol III Kith and Kin. Everyone tells me Jack Dempsey was a Gore instead of a Dempsey.

I will write more later.

Janet

June 29, 1978

DEAR BARKER FAMILY:

As most of you know I am preparing to publish a book entitled "The Barker Family of Southern West Virginia.". It should have a sub-title reading "Barker-Haner-Dolin Family of Southern West Virginia", as includes those families also.

This book will include known descendants of James & Mary (Smith) Barker of England and Buckingham County, Virginia, thru their son Jacob Barker who came to Kanawha County, Va. as early as 1800.

It will include the descendants (Some down to the present day) of Joseph and Jane Barker of Logan County, Anderson and Letty Barker of Logan and Boone County, William A. and Sarah Barker of Mercer and Summers County, Isaac and Spicy Barker of Boone County, Fredrick and Susan Haner and Noah and Mary Haner of Logan County, John and Mary Dolin of Boone County, and Alexander Griffith of Cabell and Lincoln Counties. (Alexanders Children only as I do not have his descendants. All other families are brought down to at least 1900 an in many cases to the present day.)

These descendants today carry many family names including, Barker, Haner, Dolin, Griffith, Sanders, Pardue, Holstein, Harless, Kinder, Kirk, Stone, Scragg, Perry, Price, Bias, Bent, Nelson, Gore, Ball Garrett, Stollings, Hatfield, Browning, Hill, Godbey, Stowers, Hager, Pauley, Curtis, Easter, Pridemore, Elkins, Adkins, Toney, Gillenwater, Miller, Bell, McNeely, Fry, Ferrell, Lewis, Keffer, Epling and MANY others to numerous to mention.

I am offering a pre-publication chance to purchase this book for \$10.00, tax and postage postpaid. After Aug. 15, 1978 the price will be \$15.00 postpaid. If you order now you can not only save \$5.00 but help to publish this book. Use the order form provided below or give it to someone else and print your name and address on a plain sheet of paper and mail with your check or money order to:

Mrs. William (Janet) Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Va. 25108
Phone 369-2704

Around 150 pages and should have a different title. after I finished, I added the family of Polly Haner so it would be a complete Haner genealogy.

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Please send _____ copies of "THE BARKER FAMILY OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA" TO:

ADDRESS: _____

ENCLOSED _____ (Pre-Publication price of \$10.00 or after Aug. 15th price of \$15.00) ZIP _____

Send orders to: Mrs. Janet Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Va. 25108

All orders will be mailed when the book arrives from the publisher around Sept. 1st to 15th 1978.

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2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 12, 1978

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewitt, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I have been so busy getting out the first issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES that it seems I let the pre-publication period expire before getting back to you regarding "The Barker Family of Southern West Virginia." Enclosed is my check for \$15 for a copy which, after I have abstracted the information I need for my files, I will probably donate to the Orange County California Genealogical Society Library. When I do so, I will request a review of the book to be placed in their quarterly.

I would be most interested in the rumors you have heard concerning Jack Dempsey's connection to the Gore family. My mother always said that we were related to Jack Dempsey, but I do not recall in what fashion.

Now that the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES is off to the subscribers, I am turning my attention to the Mitchell manuscript for KITH AND KIN of Boone County. I will be sending it as soon as possible but do not know whether I will make the deadline for the next issue. Naturally you may publish it in the volume where you feel it would be most appropriate.

Sincerely,

AGNES B. PEARLMAN

ABP:cbr

Enclosure

Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF DORA GORE

Who Passed Away August 25, 1975

Often our thoughts do wonder to a grave not far away. Where the one we loved so dearly has forever passed away. When evening time comes and we, are still setting there. In our hearts, there is longing. If only she could come home to us. We think of her so much and our eyes filled with tears, to hear her voice, and see her smile. To see her just once more. They say time heals all sorrow and helps you to forget. But so far its only proven how much we miss her yet. God gives us the strength to face it and courage to go on. For what it means to lose a Mother, no one will ever know.

Sadly Missed By:
Husband, Children, & Grand Children



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Sept. 19, 1978

your order of my book will be of benifet to you. I work into it, but I still mistakes. I plan to mail rection sheet some time

on is pushing us hard to go into the next book in Oct. If someone work he is going to be I have promised an Cook family for next it now my type - writer and I will have to new one before I do se.

After we do the upcoming work we should cut our publication program to one book a year of about 200 pages. That would make it easier on the few who are actually working. Although we have 94 members, only about 10 are doing anything to help with our work.

About Jack Dempsey. Back in June I had 2 people tell me they always heard he was a Gore instead of a Dempsey. Neither of these women are

related to the Gore family. One was my Aunt Theo Barker who is a Smoot descendant the same as Jack Dempsey. The other was Mabel Raines. Both live at Chapmansville. Theo's address is Box K-60-Rt1, Chapmansville, W. Va. 25508.

Of course you know Jack grew up out west and it is possible that records in Utah would show something. Did any of the Gore family go to Utah?

If you have other questions I will try to answer them.

Janet

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 10, 1978

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Congratulations on a job well done! I am sure the purchasers of your BARKER FAMILY OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA will find your book both helpful and interesting.

I recently sent Mr. Olafson a copy of my CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. You might wish to mention it in one of your forthcoming newsletters since it does have a section on West Virginia Christian families.

Because of household repairs, I have been slower than I expected getting to the Mitchell family manuscript. In addition, I will be leaving day after tomorrow to visit my first grandchild who was born last month. I will, however, send the Mitchell article as soon as possible. I doubt if it will arrive in time for the October edition of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, though.

Again, good luck with your publication.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman

ABP:cbr

*P.S. The copy sent to Mr. Olafson was for the Boone County
Library genealogical section.*

Oct. 30, 1978

Dear Agnes,

Thanks for your kind remarks about my book. I doubt it will be a best seller but I do know the family seems to be enjoying it.

Congratulations on your first grand-Child. I have two and I really enjoy them.

Our October Kith and Kin should be ready to mail this week. We plan to use the Mitchell family this spring.

Your Christian Family Chronicles will be wrote up in our Jan. newsletter. I am also going to suggest they mention your Census publications.

Since the Society has grown beyond our wildest dreams and things are easier to do now, I have decided to give up my post as Sec. y. so I can devote more time to my own work. I need to put all my information into order so I know what I am doing.

We will be electing new officers Thursday night. We always honor Mr. Olafson's birthday in Nov., so we will be wishing him Happy Birthday Thursday night.

I am now working on the Floyd Cook family for our next book. After that I hope to work on the Hager family.

More later

Janet Hager

P.S. Our Oct newsletter and our Kith and Kin both have items of interest to you.

Dec. 26, 1978

Dear Agnes,

I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and that the new year will be great for you.

I haven't been doing much research wise but am trying to write up the Cook family of Boone County for our next book.

We are depending on your Mitchell Family work for our next book, which will be published in April. Mr. Olafson thinks we can continue to publish two books a year, but I don't think so because we

don't have the people willing to put together the material. I still think that after this year we should strive for one volume a year.



I would like to have some time to index my material. I have added and corrected many things to my charts and census records. I have so many people I need to share this material with, I just can't get around to sending it out. Hopefully I will get it indexed according to families and then it will be easier to send to the proper person who is interested in that family.

I still have to type up and mail out corrections for my Barker Family Book, plus I would like to devote more time to Hager research.

I believe you know that I am always ready to answer any questions you may have. You have been so good to share with me.

Janet Hager



January 15, 1979

Dear Janet:

Just a brief note to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

Although there have been many interruptions to my work on the Mitchell family article, it appears it will arrive in plenty of time to appear in the next issue of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. Good luck on your Cook family article - Agnes

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett
West Virginia 25108

June 25, 1980

Dear Agnes,

It has been a long time since our letters were so fast they crossed in the mail. ha.

I have been very busy and don't have anything new to add to our Workman - McNeely family.

Since I do my work by mail, I sometimes think I will quit. Genealogy is not satisfactory without proof and that comes from lots of research in the actual records.

I have finally copied the death record of Joseph Workman and am sending you a copy. I know it is belated but at least it is proof.

Janet Hager

Woman Freda	1	1	July	Boone	Dropsy	5
Workman Charles	1	1	Aug 24	"	Diarrhea	18
Workman Joseph	1	1	Jan 17	"	Gravel	95
Workman Joseph	1	1	June 6	"	Dropsy	24
Workman B H	1	1	Sept 17	"	Consumption	27 6
Ward Mary D	1	1	August 9	"	Child's Birth	29 10
Warden Edia	1	1	Dec 22	"	Croup	11
Will Barbara	1	1	Apr 21	"	unknown	7

Roses & C Workman	Boone	non	unmarried	Workman	Friend
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James & Nancy Workman	Augusta	Farm	Workman	Elizabeth Gasper	Workman
Joseph & Rebecca Workman	Bilco	"	unmarried	J Workman	"
John & Jane Workman	Boone	Farming	Workman	R C Workman	R C
Robert & Ann Wager	Boone	House Keeper	Wood	John B Wood	John B Head of Family
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Rheumatism	
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Sore Throat	
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
 County of Boone } ss.
 I, Wm. Hill, Assessor for
Boone District in the County of
Boone, do solemnly swear
 that in making out the within list of Deaths, and
 gathering the information therein given, I have care-
 fully complied with the law, for the registration of
 Deaths by Assessors, made and provided. So help
 me God.
Wm. Hill Assessor.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary
Public in and for the County of
Boone, this 10 day of
March, 1887
Wm. Thompson, N.P.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
 County of _____ } ss.
 I, _____, Clerk of the County Court of said County,
 do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Register of Births and Deaths returned by
 _____ Assessor for said County for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1887

SURNAMES I AM RESEARCHING, NAME OF EARLIEST KNOWN ANCESTOR:

Philip Hager from Penn. to Wythe Co. Va. before 1793. Ch. to Boone 1806
John Vannatter-Fernatta from Penn. to Wythe Co. Va.-Tazewell 1800
William & Nancy Ann Locke Brooks. He b. 1752 Fauq. Co. Va. d. Tazewell Co.
James & Pheobe Clancy from Botetuart Co. Va. to Tazewell 1800
William Lucas b. 1749 to Montgomery Co. Va then to Cabell and Logan.
David & Agnes Hoffmann Preich (Price) Germany. Ch. to Augusta & Montgomery Co. Va.
George Fry I died Mont. Co. Va., son George Fry II died Giles Co. ch to Logan.
William & Margaret Sutherland Toney of Franklin & Giles Co. Va.
Hartborn & Mary Doran of Franklin Co. Va. 1784
Joshua & Rebecca Toney Ferguson of Franklin & Kanawha Co. Va. (Now Wayne)
Campbell Woods b. 1823 Nicholas Co. d. 1888 Clay Co. wife Rebecca Stephenson
Alexander & Sarah Ewing Stephenson of Greenbrier 1782. Son Joshua in Nicholas
William Dodrill English Soldier to Greenbrier then Nicholas Va. wife Rebecca Lewis
George & Mary Lewis of Bath Co. Va. He died before 1800
William Morris Sr. b. 1722 in England to Kanawha Co. 1774
Abraham Stapp-Step 1620-1678 in Old Rappahannock Co. Va. wife Dorothy North
Frances Simms b. 1759 wife of Joshua Morris son of William above
Tomasina Harwood wife of Robert Hansford of England
Josemy Adkinson wife of William Hansford of England
John Hansford wife Elizabeth b. 1595 in England son of John son of JWilliam
Sir Wm. Lygon of Madrerfield had dau Katherine m. Thomas Folliot
John Aylmer Bishop of London had Dau Elizabeth who m. Sir John Folliot son of
Thomas. Their son was Rev. Elwood Folliott, dissenting Minister to America.
Samuel & Sarah Catlett Sallis parents of Sarah who m. William Hansford b. 1680
Mary Hyde wife of William Hansford of Culpepper Co. Va. son John to Kanawha Co.
Catherine Carroll wife of William Morris Jr. b. 1746 to Kanawha Co. 1774
Peter Say m. 1809 Bedford Co. to Polly Steen. She to Fayette Co after 1835
Abigail Steen Henson mother of Polly Steen. Lived Campbell Co. Va. before 1800
Edward Moss wife Ann Belt to York Co. Va. from England 1644
John Wales of England to Isle of Wright Co. Va. He b. c1605 in England
Edward Coffee wife Ann Powell parents of Martha Coffee who m. Joshua Stapp c. 1715
James Barker wife Mary Smith from England to Buckingham Co. Va. c. 1750's
Susan Garner b. 1767 wife of Jacob Barker died Logan Co. 1848
Elisha & Elizabeth Bowles of Bedford Co. Va. he died 1838
James Workman wife Nancy to Island at Logan by 1793 from Wythe Co. Va.
Elizabeth McNeely b. 1792 wife of Joseph Workman lived at Bald Knob, Boone Co.
Benjamin Garrett Sr. b. 1733 to Cabell co. m. Nancy Grimes d. 1817 now Wayne Co.
David McComas of Augusta Co. Va. to Montgomery Co. Va. before 1790
William Burke c. 1754 father of Catherine Durke who m. David McComas above
William Godby b. 1750 wife Zannah. He d. 1833 in Montgomery Co. Va.
Obediah Dickenson father of Nancy Dickenson who m. William Godbey Jr. 1798
John Cooke Sr. b. 1752 wife Nelly Pemberton first settlers of now Wyoming Co. WV.
James and Ann Lafferty Stewart. He killed by Indians on Cow Pasture River 1757
Sir John Claye b. c. 1558 d. c. 1632 father of Capt. John Clay m. Anne c. 1610
Elizabeth Frame? wife of John Clay b. c. 1611 in England
John Wilson Sr. father of Hannah Wilson who m. Charles Clay c. 1667
Capt. Wm. & Elizabeth Mitchell parents of Mary who m. Henry Clay c. 1667
Robert Belcher father of Pheobe who m. Mitchell Clay. Mitchell b. 1735.
James Pinnell Sr. wife Ann of England father of James b. 1740 d. 1821
Joseph & Elizabeth Wright parents of Elizabeth who m. James Pinnell Jr.
Issac Lineager father of Pheobe who m. Wesley Pinnell in 1821
Joseph Ball Sr. b. 1783 Franklin Co. Va. m. 1812 Monroe Co. to Catherine Comer
Augustine Comer m. 1782 Catherine Rush son of Michael came to Monroe Co. before 1800
Joshua Mitchell b. 1757 in France m. 1788 Elizabeth Stiggard to Monroe Co.
Jacob Stallings d. 1819 in Cabell Co. wife Sarah from Maryland? to N.C.
Joel Estes wife Nancy in Cabell Co. before 1810 dau Loney m. Josiah Stallings
Philip & Nancy Ann Johnson Ballard parents of Elijah and W. Haidred Dabney, came
from Orange Co. Va. to Botetuart then Kanawha later Cabell and then Boone Co. WV.
Thomas Fowler dead by 1839 m. Elizabeth Gillespie lived Kanawha Co. before 1820
Samuel & Elizabeth Gillespie of Bath & Kanawha Co. He died 1812.
Thomas & Eleanor Gillespie. He died 1789 Augusta Co. Va.
Parker & Mary Adkins of Va. son Hezekiah b. 1759 to Kanawha, Cabell & Wayne Co.
Mary Lafon wife of Hezekiah Adkins m. Montgomery Co. Va.
John Wesley Mullins wife Jane Bailey, Rev. War Soldier to Va. in Ky d. 1811
Sarah Cathey wife of Solomon Mullins of NC, KY, Tenn., & WV. To Logan 1842
Jacob Adkins wife Pheobe Bradshaw of Franklin & Wayne Co. Va.
Abner Vance wife Susannah Howard of NC & Russell Co. Va. He died 1819
Mary Sims b. 1792 dau of Mary Partain and wife of Richard Vance
Mary Partain daughter of Drury Sims died Logan County
James Maynard Rev. War Soldier of NC to Ky then to Wayne Co. WV.
Sarah Welch wife of Jesse Maynard. He b. 1790 to Ky then Wayne Co.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

July 4, 1980

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

It was good to hear from you, and I thank you for sending the vital records on some of the Workman family.

Preparing material for publication has kept me so busy that my research activities have suffered considerably. I'm sure you have experienced somewhat the same. Two major surprises were in store for me: First, I had not expected a periodical like CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES to consume the amount of time it does in preparation and second, I had expected to make more discoveries on my own line as a result. Although I have been able to help many people, there have not been any who have traced my Christian line back any earlier than I had already.

On each line, there seems to be a point where a stumbling block is reached; and unusual efforts are required to overcome the problem. I believe that is the case with our Workman and McNeely lines--the McNeely groups in particular. Perhaps one day we will discover a lead where we least expect it. You may be sure that I will still let you know if I make such a discovery. I don't see how it will happen unless I can find more time for research once again, however.

That's just my long-winded way of saying that I have nothing to add at the moment.

Have a nice summer.

Sincerely,

Agnes



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

August 12, 1981

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Never have I had a busier, more demanding year than the past twelve months. I am finally almost caught up on fulfilling commitments, and my husband is now recovering well from a prolonged, painful post-operative course. All this by way of explanation that I have only just read the April BOONE GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY.

Thank you so much for your complimentary remarks! I must say that I miss our long letters and exciting discoveries and speculation. But then, you have been busy with your various publications and I, with mine. Indeed, I have had little time for re-search since starting publication of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. Never did I realize that preparation would be so time-consuming. I just finished and mailed the January 1981 issue to the Boone County Genealogical Society. The July issue is already overdue.

In spite of that, at the top of my priority list is completion of the article I promised last year. I had originally hoped to have a follow-up article ready in time for Boone County, West Virginia, Kith and Kin, Volume VIII. Obviously, I missed getting it there in time for that. However, the article on the White family (not nearly as long as the original) should be there within the month. Will that be in time for Volume IX? It's almost embarrassing to be sending everything so late, but I've had to adopt the philosophy of "Better late than never." When family emergencies occur, everything else must wait.

I hope this finds you and yours well. Do you think we will ever make another breakthrough on those early McNeely and Workman connections?

Sincerely,

P. S. Could you pass the word along to the editor of Volume IX of Boone County, West Virginia, Kith and Kin that the White family follow-up article is finally in the finishing stage. Thanks so much.

August 27, 1981

Dear Agnes,

As you know by now we have published Vol. 9 Kith & Kin. If your white material is ready we can use it in Vol. 10. Mr. Olafson wants to publish again this fall. I believe we should publish once a year but he still wants 2 books a year.

He also has said he quit being Editor but he has been unwilling to ~~dedicate~~ delegate authority to someone else. When ~~he~~ he was elected the last time it was understood that he would oversee other members as Editor and teach them what to do, instead he has done the work himself. He now says that Lenore Ferrell, Jean Harmon and myself should be joint Editors. That is alright with me. I believe the more people who proofread the material the fewer mistakes we will have. If I could have proofread our latest book I could have prevented several mistakes. So far Mr. Olafson proofreads his own material.

I would also like to see more of our members get involved in our work. We need to be teaching the younger members to take over our jobs in the future. Again Mr. Olafson seems unwilling to do this. There is so many things they could do.

Right now we have several boxes of books at Mr. Olafson's which needs checked for missing pages. I have suggested a checking party at his home but no one ever does anything about it. They did let me check 3 boxes of the latest book in my home. They still have 4 boxes of Vol 9 and several boxes of previous Volumes to be checked. I for one believe this should be done now, not as we sell them. I am sure the printer would appreciate all the bad books brought back at one time to be re done. Oh well I can't do it all myself so I suppose I should quit worrying about these problems.

I have about give up on several families, including the McNeely and Hager families.

I plan to publish my book
on the Hager family next year if
possible. I had hoped to find
the immigrant ancestor first but
that seems impossible so I suppose
I will start with the first record
I have of Phillip Hager in Wythe
Co. VA. in 1793. When he came,
where from and who his parents
were are still unknown.

Janet Hager



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

October 23, 1981

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I can hardly believe that over two weeks have elapsed since I spoke with you on the telephone, but such is the case. Painters whom I had expected about next week arrived to begin painting my house, so every spare moment has been spent emptying closets and reloading them again, etc. I didn't want another moment to pass before sending you what I have for inclusion in Volume X of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, however.

Enclosed is a sheet of "Additions and Corrections to Previous Volumes," which you might be able to use for printing without recopying since I have tried to use the format you have adopted in previous volumes. All you should have to do is place the page number on the sheet. I wish to point out that this page makes reference to the new article which should reach your hands shortly; that is, after Charley L. Davis and David A. Turner have had a chance to review it for possible errors.

The other enclosure is rough copy of a special Table of Contents which you might wish to use in the volume devoted to the index of your first ten volumes--if you decide to publish such an index. You will notice that this Table of Contents shows volume and page numbers of an original article about a family followed by volume and paging for subsequent articles about that family as well as corrections and additions about the family. I thought that this might be a help to serious researchers who could place photocopy of such a sheet with the original article. Let me know what you think about the idea.

If you are able in any way to correct any of the previously distributed Census Annotations for Logan County, perhaps you could show that the parents of Isabel J. Mitchell were James and Rebecca (Ross) Gore of Rockbridge County, Virginia, rather than of Joseph and Martha (Pine) Gore, as I had originally speculated and as, I am sure, Mr. Olafson probably showed. I will also notify him of this new-found information so that he can make the appropriate changes in his personal papers. She appears as the wife of Jordan D. Mitchell in the following households:

1850 Logan County, Virginia, #10/10
1860 Logan County, Virginia, #492/488

Good luck on your duties as co-editor. I so enjoyed speaking with you and want you to know that your efforts for the Society are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Enclosures



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 1, 1981

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

It was nice talking with you again.

As I mentioned, I have finally completed the various writings about which I spoke and have enclosed copies of all except the article entitled, "Those Puzzling White Family Connections." I believe it should be followed by "Military Service of the Boone County Whites" in Volume X of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. A copy of the latter is enclosed. You will also find enclosed for Volume X, "Additions and Corrections to Previous Volumes."

The final item enclosed is preliminary draft of the special Table of Contents I mentioned. After publication of Volume X, I will update the entries and provide you with final copy to be published with the index--if you and the Society decide to go ahead with that project.

As soon as "Those Puzzling White Family Connections" has been proof-read, I will send a copy to you.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

The other enclosure is letter I wrote to you a little over a week ago.

I hope your husband's condition has improved. My husband is still in the hospital.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 29, 1981

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

Enclosed is the article, "Those Puzzling White Family Connections," which is as up to date as we can make it at present. I did receive some additional data from Charley L. Davis on the family of Cornelius that has been incorporated into this copy.

I do hope the Society will be able to publish Volume X within the ^(next twelve months) year, even if the number of copies printed is reduced. I would guess that if and when the Contents/Index is eventually published, you would do well to publish fewer than the number of copies usually printed--no more than 200 would be my guess. It seems to me that only the most dedicated researchers are interested in such volumes. Nonetheless, I believe it is important for them and the major libraries to have such indexes.

Another possibility is to publish the material you now have as the first section of Volume X and then devote a second section (possibly printed on ivory colored paper) to the Master Contents and Index, in which case you could probably print a few more copies of the Volume than would otherwise be the case.

Anyway, I guess I am too far away to be in a position to offer more than random thoughts on the possibilities. All of you back there will have to make the decisions.

Good luck on the 1880 Logan Census. If there is anything you would like to have from my files, just let me know. I do have a bit on several families--particularly those related to the Christians and Mitchells. Maybe you'll still find the immigrant ancestor for the Hager line in time to include it in your book. If I ever make that overdue trip to Salt Lake City, I'll keep your search in mind.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Nov 13, 1981

Dear Agnes,

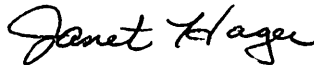
I enjoyed talking to you so much. You have been an inspiration to me for so long. Thanks so much for the material. I especially liked the Contents thing. I wish I had your talent to prepare material for publication. I know things I just can't word it right. I have never been artistic or all the other things it takes to be a good writer.

I am trying to type the 1880 Logan Census for publication, but it is going slow, my husband has taken a backset on the flu and is just now getting out again.

I don't know when we will be publishing again. Book sales are slow right now and Lenore says we can't afford to do much until later. We do hope to reprint the little book BRANCHES OF TURTLE CREEK.

After Jan. 1st I intend to work fulltime on my Hager material and get it published some time this summer. I have the material to write a very large book, but I do wish I could have located the immigrant ancestor. I also need a good title for the book.

More Later



Janet E. Hager

Box 146

Hewett, WV 25108-0146

Dec. 3, 1981

Dear Agnes,

I received the White material and you done a good job as usual. Do you have the list of Whites in the 1850 Russell Co. Va. Census. I copied part of them, if you should need them.

Dave took the 1880 Logan Census to the publisher on Monday and it should be ready next week. (see enclosed)

I haven't been doing much research lately, what with typing the census for publication and working on my Hager material.

You might want to add to your records (Workman-Barker) that my Uncle Louie "Dick" Barker passed away on Nov 18, 1981 age 71. (Also belongs in the Cook family records).

After I publish the Hager family, I intend to spend my time polishing up the records I already have on hand. I won't say I will never publish another book but I will have to think about it awhile. I have said I would like to publish the death records of Boone County for 1865 to 1900 but I don't know when.

We have reprinted Vol. 4 of KITH AND KIN. Nothing would do Mr. Olafson but to have 200 copies made. That almost broke us, so it will be awhile before we can publish anything else. Lenore and I still hope to reprint the Branches of Turtle Creek by spring. We believe we can bring in more money faster by publishing that, than anything else we can publish right now. It is taking all our dues money to put out our Quarterly and Mr. Olafson won't agree to raise the price of anything. We are hoping that if we do the Turtle Creek book we can charge \$10.00 for it. We have lots of queries from people wanting a copy of the book.

Maybe the economy will pick up in the spring and people will start spending money again.

More later



Janet Hager

Box 146

Hewett, WV. 25108-0146

Some questions regarding your 1880 Logan County, West Virginia, Census Annotations:

- #Lo-91--Exactly which John and Elizabeth (White) White were Eli's parents? The couple I have would have been too young to have been Eli's parents. Eli's wife is shown as Viola Ellis, daughter of James and Nancy (Davis) Ellis. My records show that Viola's mother may have been a Browning. Do you know which is correct? I just noticed that Eli M. White, son of John and Elizabeth White, was son of the John born about 1800. How did you determine that this John's second wife was Elizabeth White? Did the divorce papers of 1869 give her maiden name? If so, who were Elizabeth's parents?
- #Lo-109--One of the dates given after Celia's name (wife of Hickman White) seems to be an error since you show her born 1868 and married in 1865. What are correct dates?
- #Tr-45--James Maidson White married 1) Sally Riffe and 2) Sarah E. Browning; thus, his marriage to Ibbey Hinchman must have been a third marriage. Was Ibbey a widow?
- #Ha-161/182--Don't you think that if Anna Stewart were born in Kentucky that at least one of her other children would have so indicated--and that she would have had such a birthplace listed in one of her census listings? Was this James definitely the son of Benjamin and Anna (Stewart) White? How did you learn that Celia's maiden name was Varney?
- Same household: I had Comfort White listed as a female, yet the names you have listed for Comfort's spouses are also females. What is the answer?
- #Lo-89--Could you clarify discrepancy between your records and mine ^{third} on/wife of Lewis White? My notes show her to have been Vicy McCoy, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Taylor) McCoy although I don't know where I obtained such information. You show Vicy as daughter of Daniel and P. Taylor, who first married Anderson Stone.
- #Lo-207--Could this Lewis W. White be the son of James and Celia (Varney) White? This is the only other Lewis of the right age if the Lewis White (Lo-198) who married Elizabeth Hager were indeed the son of Mastin and Susan (Neese) White.
- #Lo-37--Where did you find that Charles White's widow Mary had the maiden name of White? This, of course, was Charles second wife. According to my notes, his first wife was Rachel Jeffreys.
- #Lo-26--I believe that this Thomas L. White was the one called Thomas E. White, born about 1855, of the 1860 Logan County census and that he would have been the son of Charles White by the second marriage since Charles and Mary were supposed to have been married about 1853--or did Rachel die later than 1851?

.. Jan. 1, 1982

Dear Agnes,

Happy Holiday & best wishes for the New Year.

Now to your questions.

Lo-91 I would need to check other records to assert Eli Whites Parents. He was the son of John & Elizabeth White but I don't know where we got Eliz. maiden name. About his wife Viola. Ragland listed 2 Nancys as daughters of Francis Browning, as this was most likly in error, we found that James Ellis wife was Nancy Davis by using the 1860 Logan Birth records from Richmond Va. which gave the maiden name of all mothers in that year. She was listed as Nancy Davis.

Lo-109 The date of Hickman Whites marriage should probably be 1885 as he married Celia after 1880. Ask Dave.

Lo-37 Polly White, 2nd wife of Charles White was having illegimate children by James H. Bailey by 1856 and as late as 1859. See Logan Co. birth records from Richmond. I don't know when Rachel died. I could not find Thomas birth record, so I don't know if he was a son of Rachel or Polly. I am not even sure that Charles & Polly were ever married. no proof.

Lo-89 Should have added McCoy to Daniel & P(eggy) (Taylor) McCoy.

Ha-161-182 Do you know Anne Stewarts parents? I sometime think she may have been a daughter of Capt. Ralph Stewart. If so she could have been born in Ky.

Dave added most of the material after 1880 in our new book. I haven't checked the original marriage records for mistakes.

Enclosed 1850 Russell County Va. Whites.

Janet Kagen



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

January 11, 1982

*Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108*

Dear Janet:

Thank you so much for responding to my questions concerning the 1880 Logan County Census annotations. I appreciate also receiving copy of the 1850 Russell County, Virginia, White abstracts. The latter enabled me to add some information to two of my family group records.

During the next few weeks I will have to concentrate on bringing the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES publications up to date. Never have I been so far behind. Perhaps if I can make use of a computer and word processor this year, I can finally keep current with most of my commitments.

Until next time . . .

Sincerely,



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

August 31, 1982

*Mrs. William Hager
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Hewett, West Virginia 25103*

Dear Janet:

Volume X of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, arrived; and I congratulate all of you for maintaining the fine quality of your publications.

On the chance that you may still plan to publish an index to the first ten issues with copy of the contents, I enclose an up-to-date copy of the contents. Simply return or destroy the previous copy sent to you following publication of Volume IX although it was entitled "Contents for Volumes I Through X of Kith and Kin of Boone County, West Virginia." Naturally, that preliminary copy is quite incomplete. The enclosed copy lists all the new articles as well as the corrections and additions.

I'm still hoping to complete articles on the Workman and McNeely families, but other commitments keep interfering. You will receive a copy when I finally manage to do something about these plans.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

September 13, 1982

Dear Agnes,

Received your CONTENTS in fine shape. It will sure come in handy for someone like me. I have so many things to remember anymore that I can't remember what has been published in our books and then when I get to looking for someone I have to check the front of each book.

I hope the society will publish this soon along with a surname index prepared by someone else, which includes the first 9 Vol.s.

I haven't had time for genealogy since I went to work, but I am learning a few new items as I do my title research. Of course a great many of the Mineral owners in Boone county have nothing to do with our Boone County people but I do a title on the land from our present owneres back until I locate the actual owner of the mineral, so lots of times when I do a title and run into heirship owners I learn a great deal about a family. Of course I wish I could pick and choose the tracts I work on but I can't, I have to take them as they come. HA.

I haven't filed anything since Oct. 1981, therefore I really don't know what I have learned new. Some day I will really have a job, filing all my new material and letters and getting ready to get back into genealogy. Of course I would have some time for genealogy but I now have four grandsons and a lot of family problems, therefore I spend more time taking care of grandchildren than I do anything else.

I really like the way you analyze things. I hope to see you finish some thing on the McNeely family because with your thoughts, I am then ready to see new ideas and areas never before thought of by myself.

I never dreamed of all the information contained in deed books, fidicuary records, chancery suits and so forth until I started doing title research. A amature genealogist like my self never bothered to search those things before. You can bet I know where to look in the Boone County Courthouse for information after spending 9 months there.

Thanks again for the Contents. I will see that they get to the proper person. Lenore says when election of officers come up this year that she will not be a officer. I don't know who we will get to replace her. Sue Roberss has been filling in for me. There just isn't that many local people willing to take on an office and spend hours each day taking care of genealogical society business. I know Lenore and myself neglected our families and our own research to take care of the buisness. Most people don't realize all the paper work, trips to the post office, bank, publishers, letter writing book keeping and so forth that goes along with a society as large as ours. (Most members are out of State.) On top of that there are hundreds of letters to write, books to check for errors, envelopes to address and books to mail. We just can't handle it by our selves. Jean Olafson Harmon has been promising to type the July Quarterly ever since July and it isn't typed yet even tho the information was gathered and ready for her. Since the economy is down we don't have enough money to keep our publishing program going much less pay someone t o do the typing. It takes ever dime of our dues money just to pay for our quarterly.

Sorry to complain, I know everyone has troubles, but sometimes I think you understand these things better than the average member. My typing is terrible today. I am just not in the mood I guess, and some times I get really depressed when I think about no one to do the Society work and keep it going.

Janet Hager



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

September 27, 1982

Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

I appreciate your taking the time to acknowledge receipt of the CONTENTS recently sent for KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY.

If you think it will be a long time before the index to the first nine volumes is published, perhaps you could make a photocopy for me. I would certainly be pleased to reimburse you for your time and expenses. In fact, if I purchase a computer-word processor next month as planned, perhaps I can add Volume X to the index so that both CONTENTS and INDEX would be complete for the first ten volumes.

I can certainly sympathize with the sacrifice one makes when actively involved with organizational work. For years I have worked with our genealogical society and have served on the Board of Directors of our Bowers Museum Foundation as well as several photographic societies. My personal research and publishing commitments have suffered as a result. Since I love research, I am beginning to limit some of my other activities in order to be able to have more time for such endeavors.

One of my special joys, however, is the time spent each week with my two grandchildren. Never did I realize that I would be such a doting grandmother--although I should have known since I was quite a doting mother as well.

I enjoyed hearing about the information you have discovered in the fiduciary records and chancery suits. On the few occasions when I have used such records, I have had excellent results. It's just lack of time and availability which keep me from making greater use of them.

I'll be in touch with you when I finally get to the McNeely and Workman records again.

Sincerely,

June 14, 1986

Dear Agnes,

I am writing this letter and sending a copy to Ralph Sayre to save time.

I was recently going thru some notes I had made some time ago from Montgomery County VA. the 1st Hundred Years by Judge C. W. Crush.

He listed the Company of a Captain Mayes about 1782 Montgomery Co. VA and among those listed in this Company was James Workman, Samuel Muncie, Abraham Workman & Samuel Workman Sr. Others were Peter Dingas, James & Michael Dorn, John Thompson, Peter Rife & James Addair.

Thursday Lenore Ferrell was going to the Cabell County Courthouse and since I had never been there thought I would ride down and look over the old land records. In survey Bk 1 at page 64 I found an entry indexed under Samuel Workman & William Hensley. When I looked at the entry it was to James Workman & William Hensley. Land office Treasury Warrant # 17117 dated 13 June 1783. I didn't make notes on the desc. but it was survey about 1811-12 on B Spruce Fork.

I wonder if Samuel Workman Sr. was a brother to James Workman or his father and also if he might have been the elusive Nimrod?

In 1810 James Workman purchased several hundred acres of a Dingess & French survey from Dingess & French. This land was described by survey as lying on both sides of the Spruce Fork where it enters Little Coal River (would be Madison). In 1818 James & Pelly Workman sold this same land to John Sparr. ^{DB 2/278} (John Sparr married sister-in-law of Phillip Ballard who lived about 1 mile below this tract) (He was not a son-in-law of Phillip as contended by Mr. Clafson.)

A copy of the above treasury Warrant might tell us to who it was issued.

Also a note on Dingess - Cabell Co. DB 1 page 18 deed from Peter Dingess Sr. to his sons William & Peter Dingess proves that Peter Dingess Sr. purchased the Island from John Preston. That mentioned deed probably recorded Kanawha Co. (William didn't purchase Island from Breckenridge)

I wish I had time to really study + compare
these old records.

Janet E. Hager



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

June 20, 1986

*Mrs. Janet Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108*

Dear Janet:

What a pleasure to hear from you again! I think of you whenever I am working on our mutual lines but have made no significant discoveries--thus have not written for such a long time.

Like you, I wish I had time to study the old records because I would guess that many of our answers are there just for the searching. Anyway, I do appreciate your sending the Workman and Dingess family notes.

I was intrigued by the fact that you found reference to Samuel Workman, Sr. I was aware of one Samuel Workman; namely, the one who married 30 June 1785 in Rockbridge County, Virginia, Martha Rhea, daughter of Archibald Rhea. Indeed, I have sometimes wondered if the Rhea family might be an off-shoot of the McRay/McCray family into which Joseph Workman married in Pennsylvania. I have found that some early Americans did drop the prefix Mc, Mac, or O' after several generations in the colonies. Let me emphasize, however, that I have seen no evidence that this was true for the Rhea households in Rockbridge County. My notes on Samuel Workman indicate that I speculated that he might have been a son of Daniel Workman, born about 1740, who was in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, in 1780 and who died 10 September 1823 in Logan County, Ohio. If you recall, this Daniel had a proven son named James Mc. Workman and a proven daughter named Elizabeth Workman who married Nathan Dodge, living in 1855 in Boone County, Indiana.

Have you corresponded with Dodie Browning, 813 Forest, Plymouth, Michigan 48170? She is descended from Moses and Mary (Mullins) Workman; and if I recall correctly, she also has Hensley connections. She would probably be interested in your Cabell County, West Virginia, finds.

My files are now in the process of being "computerized." As soon as that job is completed, I hope some buried information in my files will emerge. I would certainly let you know if I found anything that might be pertinent for your various genealogical efforts.

Thanks so much for writing.

Sincerely,



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

June 28, 1986

*Mrs. Janet Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108*

Dear Janet:

I believe you will find the enclosed letter to Ralph Sayre self-explanatory.

As I mentioned to him, I only wish that I had the time to pursue some of these Workman family leads.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Agnes B. Pearlman', with a long, sweeping underline.

Enclosure



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

June 28, 1986

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

When I received the copy of your response to Janet Hager's recent letter, I realized that I had failed to forward a copy of my reply to her letter to you.

From our letters, it would appear that we have some of the same information in our files; but, as always, much research remaining for definitive answers to some of the questions.

Certainly, James and Jacob Workman were on the 1801 and 1806 Kanawha County, (West) Virginia, Tax List; but by 1810 they were on the Cabell County, (West) Virginia, Tax List. Other Workman names not mentioned here also appeared! Although I do not see the document in my files at the moment, I have previously examined the sworn statement Jacob Workman made in Cabell County, (West) Virginia, in 1816 wherein he states that he had accompanied brother to Guyandotte River twenty-three years before.

Although in years past, I had shown how Daniel could easily be misread as Nimrod in the old script, I would like to add that the same possibility would apply to the name Conrad Workman, of whom there is also record in southwestern Virginia.

In addition to the Workmans of Rockbridge County, Virginia, whom I mentioned to Janet, there were others there in the late eighteenth century as well: Benjamin, William, and John--to name but three. I had not tied them to particular family groups and wonder if Anderson may have done so in her book. Did all end up in Bourbon County, Kentucky, for a while?

As you can see, I have more questions than answers. It would be wonderful to tie the miscellaneous notes together, but that would require an intensive effort for which I do not at present have the time.

Sincerely,

cc: Janet Hager



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 4, 1992

Mrs. Janet Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108

Dear Janet:

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How are you coming along on your research?

Sincerely,

Agnes

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Sincerely,

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MY HOBBY IS GENEALOGY

JANET BARKER HAGER
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HEWETT, WV 25108
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February 10, 1992

Agnes B. Pearlman
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Santa Ana, Calif 92706

Dear Agnes,

It was good to hear from you. I thought my little note might get a response. I miss our long letters of the past. It seems I never have time to write those I want to write. I do try to answer the mail that comes to my desk because I am always here, when all else fails.

I try my best with our Quarterly. I am self taught in all I do including writing, using the computer, research both Genealogical and Real Estate. I don't take enough time to use the proper English, etc. but I try. Sometimes I feel it is better to get the information out to the public, than it is to let it lay and wait for my English to be edited.

My Real Estate research takes me to several near by counties along with my work in Boone County. I never have time to research anything but the land records and what ever Probate or Chancery records that might be involved with the work at hand, but I have found lots of good information in the land records. I just don't have time to compile it into Genealogical information and get it out to the public.

I decided I was going to try and get my Hager information on the computer this winter, so that I could edit, add, delete or what ever was necessary to get it published sometime in the future. Guess what? I got around 10 pages typed. Ha Ha. I also need to enter, add and correct my Barker Book and new information on the computer, so that it can be republished, but that will have to wait also.

I don't think I have added much to my McNeely information, although I keep hoping to find a deed or something that might give us the clue we need. Our biggest obstacle is that the first Deed Book of Logan County is missing along with its 1st 12 years of information that might have helped.

The McNeely's of Rowan County North Carolina have the same names as our McNeelys'. I haven't researched them, just wrote down the names. I need to get all my little scraps of paper orgainzed.

I am enclosing the obituary of Bell Zona Smith. I don't know if she had genealogical papers or not. I collect obituaries of families I am interested in, seen her Obit and thought of you. You might locate some of her family with the names and towns.

Agnes, I am always glad to write to you. If you ever have any questions or just want to compare information, let me know. You were among the first who helped me and I still appreciate that. I miss Mr. Olafson and his knowledge. I wish I had time to go thru his papers, but I never will. I wish the Society would go ahead and give them to the Archives so that they can be cataloged and placed out for use by the public. With all his good work (and a few mistakes also) we have to appreciate him more each day.

I have a daughter who lives out side San Francisco in San Ramon. She travels to Los Angeles about once a month for a week of work.

Until next time take care and continue your search.

Love



Janet Hager



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 15, 1992

*Mrs. Janet B. Hager
Box 146
Newell, West Virginia 25108*

Dear Janet:

Thank you for your prompt response to my recent letter.

I appreciate receiving the obituary from the paper for Bell Zona (Christian) Smith. Judging from the surnames of her two surviving brothers, her mother married a Mr. Richards after the divorce from Patterson Christian.

Like you, I, too, miss our detailed exchanges. Obviously, neither of us has the time we once did for primary research--busy as we are with publishing and personal commitments. But then, publications are as important as the results of research that might otherwise be buried in our files.

This year I hope to complete monographs on several families using all the material so far accumulated in my files. The McVeely groups are among them. I'll see that you get a copy. Thank you for mentioning the McVeely groups of Rowan County, North Carolina. There might be a clue among them. I have found some in Kentucky who also carry the same given names as our West Virginia family but have never been able to determine the exact connection. They are all probably related.

I still am not fully satisfied with any of the genealogical computer programs for my Macintosh; however, I'm now beginning to enter my data once again in spite of the deficiencies of the programs. I'll probably combine two or more to get the printout results I would like. I received a demo of a "perfect" program; but after paying a substantial amount for the program itself, the developer never delivered and absconded with the money. Such seems to be the nature of the world today!

We were both fortunate to have had the advantage of working with Mr. Olafson. He was a wonderful, generous man; and I have great respect for him and do miss him. I feel that I keep in touch with you through the Boone County Genealogical Society publications, but let's make it a point to write more often.

Sincerely,



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

May 11, 1992

*Mrs. William Hager
Box 146
Hewett, West Virginia 25108*

Dear Janet:

Thank you so much for the "Note" in Boone Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. XV, No. 2, about David M. McNeely.

As you know, I am working on a monograph about the McNeely family and hope it will be completed within the year. In the meantime, you may wish to alert the southern West Virginia McNeely researchers that several groups moved to Shelby County, Indiana, and Rush County, Indiana. Some later moved back to West Virginia. For your records, you may wish to know that David McNeely's estate was probated 3 October 1835 in Shelby County, Indiana, leaving his wife, Olive J. Do you believe that this David McNeely is the one referred to as "Jagger" in Ragland's History of Logan County?

I always look forward to the Quarterly and commend you for your dedication.

Sincerely,

