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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have consulted Mr. Sigfus Olafson of Madison several times in my research on the Workman family. He has told me in a recent letter that you were a Workman descendant and had been to see him a few times to gather material for a book. He said he thought it was a general reference you were working on and not one of a specific family.

Mr. Olafson said that in a recent letter, you had mentioned a suspicion that the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins was son of the Joseph who died in Wyoming county.

The death record for Joseph of Boone county states that he was born in Augusta county, son of Joseph and Nancy. The record of the other Joseph, my ancestor, is hand written and I first interpreted it as born in Allegany county son of Lot and Hanah. The clerk interpreted it as Jos. and Hanah but I now believe it should be Jas. and Hanah. Information was given, supposedly by Jos. H. Workman, friend. I am suspecting that James Hewett Workman, brother to the other Joseph is the one who gave the information.

Since I do not know what you are looking for, I am enclosing some miscellaneous facts that I have gathered and put together with some logic and guessing. Actually it is not well organized yet as you can see. Anyway, I appreciate any help you can give me, and I will be glad to help you in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

Ralph H. Sayre
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TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Appearance of the name, WORKMAN, in earliest court records:

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- 1805, Nov. 27 old wolf scalps sold to county-Abram Workman
- 1807, Aug. 25 - Abraham Workman Court order book 1, p.256
- 1808, Oct. 25 - Abraham Workman, witness for commonwealth
- 1809, Apr. 26 - Abram Workman and wife, Margaret vs. ...
- 1803, Oct. 15 - Joseph Workman collected bounty on 3 young
wolves heads.
- Dec. 15 - Joseph Workman summoned as garnishee and swore
on oath he owed the defendant nothing.
- 1805, May 28 - Ordered that Joseph Workman, Sr. and Obadiah
Muncey be exempted from paying county levy
because of old age and infirmity.
- Note: It doesn't seem likely that this would be the
Joseph Workman, brother to James who tried to
establish a settlement at Logan in 1793 or 1794
and moved on into Boone county area in 1800.
Could it be the father of James, Joseph, Thomas
Nimrod, Anne, and Abraham?
- 1804, May 10 - Trial of William Dial, presentment. Moses
Workman was on the jury; he was also a witness
at another trial the same day.
- 1804, Nov. 15 - Moses Workman, defendant in trial.
- 1807, Mar. 24 - deed to Moses Workman
- Jul. 28 - Moses Workman vs. James Hanley
- 1809, Apr. 28 and Sept. 28 - James P. Thompson vs. Moses Workman
- 1825, Oct. 8 - Tazewell county Will Book #1, Sale of property
of James McNeely- One of the purchasers was a
John Workman.
- 1788, Jun. 16 - Anne Workman married Samuel Muncey in Montgomery
county, Va.
- 1796, Nov. 31 - Virginia legislative petition of inhabitants of
WYTHE COUNTY to form a new county of Tazewell.
Among the signers were: Samuel Muncey Sr., Samuel
Muncey Jr., Obadiah Muncey, Joseph Workman Sr.
Jacob Workman, and James Workman.
- 1803, Mar. 10 - Samuel Muncey vs. Jacob Workman, case dismissed by
plaintiffs order at defendants cost.
- 1795, Jan. 20 - Record from Wythe Survey Book #1, p.154. 57,000
Acres surveyed for Thomas Wilson, speculator.
chainmen: David Lusk and James Kirk. Marker:
James Workman.

Workman names on petitions to form Tazewell county:

- 1793, Oct. 23 - Joseph Workman, James Workman, Abram Workman, Isaac Workman and Thomas Workman.
- 1796, Nov. 31 - Joseph Workman, Sr., Jacob Workman, and James Workman.
- 1797, Dec. 6 - James Workman
- 1798 - Joseph Workman, Abriham Workman, Joseph Workman, Thomas Workman, Joseph Workman, Sr., Abram Workman, Jr., and Moses Workman.
- 1799 - Abm. Workman, Daniel Workman, and Moses Workman
- 1801, Apr. 3 - Tazewell county Tax list:
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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Joseph Workman, Sr. | 1 white male over age 16 |
| | 2 horses |
| Joseph Workman | 1 white male over age 16 |
| | 1 horse |
| Abraham Workman | 1 white male over age 16 |
| | 1 horse |

Moses Workman married 17 June 1801 Elizabeth Muncey

Children:

1. Eleanor b. ca. 1802 m. 6 Jul 1822 Acles Fannon
2. Elizabeth b. ca. 1803 m. Philip Heninger
3. Obadiah b. ca 1807 m. Rebecca Lambert
4. Moses, Jr. b. ca 1809 m. 23 Nov 1845 Mary Blankenship
5. Marinda b. ca 1811 m. John Ourey
6. John b. ca 1813 m. Sarah _____

WYTHE COUNTY RECORDS

- 1798 - James Workman witnessed a deed for land on
Clear Fork of Wolf Creek.
- 1798 - Thomas Workman witnessed a deed for land
at the head of Clinch River.
- 1800 - Personal Property Tax List
- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joseph Workman, Sr. | 1 white male age 16 or over |
| | 3 horses |
| Abram Workman | 1 white male age 16 or over |
| | 2 horses |

HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY by Henry Haymond

"William Stewart, assignee to JAMES WORKMAN, 400 acres on the Little Kanawha, on the west side of said Kanawha, in the right of said Workman's residence, to include an improvement made in 1776, with a preemption to 1000 Acres adjoining."

PIONEER WEST VIRGINIA by Josiah Hughes

James Workman, said to be the first white man to build a cabin within the Gilmer county area, came about 1776 or earlier and made his improvement on the west bank of the Little Kanawha River, then later sold his claim to William Stewart.

Among early settlers on the Guyandotte River were James Workman and his brothers who came from Tazewell about 1797, but removed to Boone county.

About the year 1800 Thomas, James and Joseph Workman, having failed in their attempt to establish a settlement where Logan now stands, became pioneer settlers of Boone county.

The Workmans -- A Pioneer Family

G.T. Swain says in the History of Logan County, West Virginia on page 51... "in 1794 James Workman with his brothers, Joseph and Nimrod, built a cabin on the Island and planted a crop of corn." In the fall of 1796, "James Workman, who was a man of family, moved his wife and children from their old home in Wythe (now Tazwell) county and settled on the Island where the three brothers continued to live until the year 1800..."

Josiah Hughes in his Pioneer West Virginia says, "About the year 1800, Thomas, James, and Joseph Workman, having failed in their attempt to establish a settlement where Logan now stands, became pioneer settlers of Boone County."

Thelma C. Anderson in her Workman Family History printed the following records of Mrs. Mary C. Workman.

"Joseph Workman and his two sons, Joseph Workman and James Hewitt Workman, were the first white settlers in Boone County, West Virginia. They took up the land for many miles up and down the major river there. As their children grew up they placed them on the different little streams and tributaries of the Big Coal River until the entire country from below what is now Van, West Virginia, to the headwaters at Bald Knob on either side of the river was owned by this family of Workmans and their decedents..."

"Later generations of the family, not knowing the value of the land, sold it for small considerations to companies that developed what is now and has been for years one of the richest coal mining districts in the United States."

In order to appreciate this early settlement, one must realize the vast amount of territory which was included within the county boundaries of 1790 through 1830. When the Workman pioneers were living in Wythe and Tazewell counties, the men of the family made hunting and trapping expeditions each fall into what is now McDowell, Logan, and Wyoming counties. They rode into wilderness on horseback, and one would return home with the horses before winter. In the spring, he would bring the horses back to get the

men and their furs. At the time the Workmans came to what is now Logan, it was within the bounds of Giles County. When they moved onto the Big Coal River and its tributaries, it was within the bounds of Kanawha County.

According to Tazewell County death records, Abraham Workman died in 1858. He was the son of Joseph and Phoebe Workman. His application for pension states that he enlisted in Monongalia County at age 16 in 1777 under a Colonel Morgan. He also stated that he was born January 25, 1761 in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Records of Pennsylvania Archives show a Joseph and Abraham Workman, brothers, who enlisted in military service in the 1750's. They were both residing in Chester County and gave their place of birth as New Jersey. By deduction, they would have been born in the 1730's.

Could it be that Joseph married Phoebe about 1751 and the first of their children were James, Joseph, and Thomas Nimrod? Abraham being born in 1761 may have been one of their younger children. James and possibly young Joseph married in Pennsylvania and started their families. Joseph married Nancy, whose maiden name was probably Hewitt. Soon after Revolutionary service, desires to explore the new territory opening up to the south grew to an irresistible point. Probably around 1784, they traveled down through Monongalia county and east to Augusta where some Workmans were already settled. Monongalia county at that time included all of the counties that now make up the northern half of West Virginia.

Around 1788, James was employed by John Breckenridge to survey a huge amount of land in Wythe county. The moved into this new territory and settled at or near a place called Burkes-Garden. Workman names appearing on petitions for the formation of Tazewell county from Wythe and Russell were James, Jacob, Joseph, Abraham, Thomas, Moses, and Daniel. Moses Workman married Elizabeth Muncey and Thomas Workman married Sarah Dickerson in Tazewell county.

Joseph Workman, born about 1780 in Pennsylvania, possibly son of James, appears in Monroe County records in 1807 when he married Hannah Reed, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah. Issue of this marriage was three sons, Benjamin, John, and Robert. Benjamin and Robert later became residents of Boone County. Joseph entered War of 1812 from Cabell county under Captain Spurlock. Cabell at this time included part of what is now Logan, Wyoming and Boone Counties. Workman cousins were already thickly settled along the Coal River and some in the Sandy and Tug River areas of what is now Wayne County.

Hannah must have died sometime soon after 1815. Again in Monroe County in 1817, Joseph married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of John and Mary. Children of Joseph and Elizabeth were Shanton, Charles, Mary, Mat, Malinda Jane, Wash and Floyd.

Shelton Raymond "Shanton" Workman was born about 1818 in Monroe County and grew up in Logan County. His first marriage came about 1840, probably while visiting an uncle in Tazewell County. He married Surilda (Razilda) Webb and they were living in Wyoming county during the 1850 Census. They had about twelve children, but were divorced about 1869. While still in Wyoming County, Shelton married Lucina Roberts and they brought their family to Cordova in Greenbrier County. Their children were Delilah, Peggy, Rebecca, Henry, Rinda, Ollie, and James.

Razilda Workman with most of the children came by covered wagon and oxen to Lewis County. They arrived at Confluence (now Orlando) about 1871. Of the older children, Wash Workman settled in Clay County, and Benjamin settled in Nicholas county. Fielden, Shelton R., William H, Zack, and Joseph L. remained in Lewis county to raise their families.

Charles W. Workman was born about 1819 in Monroe County and came to Logan county with his family. About 1840, Charles married in Fayette county, Phoebe Margaret Bailey. Raleigh county was formed out of Fayette, and of Charles and

Phoebe's children, John, George W., Alfred, and Stephen were born in that county. Rachel, Will, Pat, and Tom, were born in Slabfork district of Wyoming county. Charles and Phoebe spent their last days near Cordova in Greenbrier county where several of their children settled. Some of their children went to Oklahoma and Washington. Charles and Phoebe are buried in front of the McMillion Church on Friars Hill.

Mary Workman married Franklin Sizemore and they had children, Louisa, Miles, Wiley, Minnie, Jane, Cathany, Elizabeth, and Harriet. They lived in Wyoming county near the Workmans and some possibly married their Workman cousins. It has been told that some of the family died of tuberculosis.

James Matison Workman married Nancy Elizabeth Webb and were known in the neighborhood as Mat and Elizabeth Workman. They had eleven children named as follows: Manerva, Mariah, Reece, Andy, Mary, Ribern (Elder in the Old Regular Baptist Church), Harriet, Angelina, Oliver, Seward, and Zack. Zack was born in 1870 in Wayne County. In 1868, Reece Workman married Rebecca Fannin, daughter of Silas and Polly. It is believed that they had a daughter named Heather. The story has been passed down that after Heather was old enough to walk, Rebecca slapped her and caused her to fall into a pot of boiling water and be scalded to death. Reece, angered by this, took their infant son, Benjamin Freeland Workman, and left. This incident started a small Workman-Fannin feud, and shortly after 1870, the Mat Workman family returned to Wyoming county. From there, they split up and migrated to other counties and states.

Malinda Jane Workman married Edward Sizemore in Wyoming county. They had children named Senie, Luvenia, Calvin, Lydia (third wife of Reece Workman), Oma, and Cosbi.

William Washington Workman, born about 1830, lived with Mat and helped him farm from time he was fifteen years old until he married. Wash married Nevera "Eve"

Stanley, daughter of Joseph and Olley. Their children were Peggy (second wife of Reece Workman), Nancy, Joseph, Miles, Lobelia, Louretha, Cosbi, Nettie, Judy and John A.

They lived on a mountain above Mullens in the Barkers Ridge section of Wyoming county. Eve died and is buried on that mountain above Mullens, now known as Rinehart's mountain. Wash remarried and spent his last days at Cordova in Greenbrier County.

George Floyd Workman, born about 1856, was the youngest of Joseph and Elizabeth's children. Known mostly as "Floyd" Workman, he married in 1859, Sarah Belcher, daughter of John and Elizabeth Floyd and Sarah had a son, Allen, in 1860, and Sarah must have died soon after, because the 1870 Census shows Allen Workman adopted by his grandparents, John and Elizabeth Belcher. Floyd went to Pond Fork in Boone county and married Nancy Gunnoe. They had children named Sarah, Gordon, Mary, Rosey, Joseph, Floyd, Martha, Cosby, James, and Frank.

The Workman pioneers were a rugged people with an unquenchable thirst for exploration. Today one would think of them as "squatters" because they did not see the need to obtain land titles. Much of the land at that time was wilderness and owned by the government. There was several marriages between cousins and they always stuck together as related families. Their settlements were usually made well away from others, and when people moved in too close, they would look for new territory. Education was scarce to these people who were moving around in the wilderness through several generations; therefore, records of the family are almost non-existent. Many family Bibles have been lost and graves have been marked with little or no information.

From the pioneers to the present, we find in the Workman families, craftsmanship, independence, and religion. When any family tree branches so big; one is sure to find some bad apples. Such is true of the Workman tree, but for the most part, the name commands a high respect for the individual to whom it belongs.



"Wash"
WILLIAM WASHINGTON WORKMAN
(1830-1905)

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My research into my mother's family line, WORKMAN, leads to many descendants living in the area of your coverage. I am trying to put together family groups from the 1800's to the present, and would like to hear from all Workmans who would like their family records included in a possible book.

If you could publish my letter, I am sure several would see it who are interested and who I could not otherwise contact.

I am interested in true stories, pictures, dates of birth, marriage, and death, occupations, special achievements, or what have you for a complete Workman family record. We hope to get enough together in the near future so that a book can be published, everyone will have the chance to get a copy, and the record will be preserved for the future.

It should be added that public records are often wrong and many have been destroyed in fires. Therefore such records printed in book form have a better chance of surviving the ages.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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If it's difficult—
we do it immediately

If it's impossible
it takes a little longer



Thank You

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Dear Mr. Sayre:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 2 regarding the WORKMAN family. Perhaps by exchanging material, we might be able to properly identify some of the family groups living about 1800. Although there are numerous records in Tazewell, Kanawha, Giles, Wythe, and the later counties, it is still most difficult to distinguish between the various Joseph's, James's, Abraham's, etc.

Just by way of illustration: In the 1830 census of Logan County, there were three households headed by men named Joseph Workman:

- Joseph Workman, Sr. 50-60---the one who died in Wyoming County and who had been born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- Joseph Workman, Jr. 20-30---living in Boone County in 1850 with wife Margaret & at that time listed as 48 years old and she as 55
- Joseph Workman, 30-40-----who according to the 1860 Boone County census was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, and who married Elizabeth Elkins, reputedly Elizabeth McNeely, widow of Joseph Elkins. According to his pension papers, he was born in 1790 or 1791

Precisely who the parents of these three were is difficult to determine. The death records would indicate that the first-named was the son of Jos. & Hannah and that the last-named was the son of Joseph and Nancy. At least, that is my interpretation of the writing.

It would appear that the Abraham Workman, born 25 January 1761± in Washington Township, Pennsylvania, and who married 13 September 1785 Margaret Lightner in Montgomery County, Virginia, was the son of the Joseph Workman who married Phoebe McMay or McRay or McMeagher 4 August 1761 in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in York County, Pennsylvania. From the tax records of Tazewell County, it appears that Phoebe outlived her husband Joseph by about a year. He was (Joseph, that is) "old and feeble" in 1805 and apparently died about 1815, probably in Tazewell County. This Joseph's wedding record shows his father as Abraham; thus not conforming to any of the lineages carried forward by Anderson in her book.

Although I did mention to Mr. Olafson my suspicion that the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins was the son of the Joseph who died in Wyoming County, I now believe it more likely that he was the the grandson of Joseph and Phoebe (mentioned above) through a son Joseph, who married Nancy _____.

You will notice on the sheet which you sent me of Workman names on petitions to form Tazewell County, in 1798 there were three men named Joseph. The one listed here as Joseph Workman, Sr., would have been the one with wife Phoebe; one of the others was probably his son; the third quite likely would have been a nephew. Of course, you realize that this is just speculation.

June 28, 1975

There certainly were far more Workman families in southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia than previous accounts would have attributed. In 1797 there was a John Workman and Sina, his wife, in Rockbridge County; also a Benjamin Workman in the same county. Samuel Workman married 30 June 1785 Martha Rhea, daughter of Archibald Rhea, also in Rockbridge. There were known close ties between the Monroe County families and those of Rockbridge, so it is possible that these were closely related to the Joseph who married Hannah and Elizabeth Reed.

I would like to ask one or two questions concerning discrepancies in various accounts. Abstracts which I made several years ago of Wyoming County, (West) Virginia vital statistics showed the man who married Eva Stanley as Geo. W. Workman rather than William Washington Workman as THE WORKMANS--A PIONEER FAMILY stated. Have you anything which would clarify this discrepancy? Also, Schreiner-Yantis in her TAZEWELL COUNTY PIONEERS listed Surilda Webb as marrying a son of Moses Workman rather than the son of Elizabeth (Reed) and Joseph Workman. Any comments?

By the way: Although in a previous paragraph I mentioned that the death record of the Joseph who died in Wyoming County seemed to show his father as Jos., I believe like you that the name could have been Jas. I suspect also that James Hewett Workman was the most likely informant.

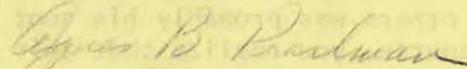
My ancestor is the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. In order to absolutely document and prove his parentage, I think it is necessary to do the same for the others with the Workman surname. Otherwise, there is too great a possibility for error. As it is, death records are notoriously unreliable as proof--or at least that has been my experience. When there is little else to go on, however, one must use them.

You might wonder about my speculation that the Wyoming County Joseph was "my" Joseph's father. I have accepted my Joseph's sworn statement of age in his pension application (for the War of 1812) as the basis for his birthdate of 1790-1 (later than the estimate given by Anderson. He thus could have been the first-born from an early first marriage to someone named Nancy of the Joseph, born about 1773, who subsequently married Hannah and Elizabeth Reed. The probability is, though, that the Joseph Workman, Jr., listed in the 1830 census of Logan County between 20 and 30 years of age would more likely fit into this category. Of course, all three of them might have been cousins. There are just too many possibilities.

I hope that I have not rambled on too much, but I wanted to give you an idea of my thoughts on the connections. Are you the author of THE WORKMANS--A PIONEER FAMILY? Do you know whether or not the John Workman, born about 1800, who married Jane Moore, was the son of the Joseph who married the Reed's? Although Jane was born in Bath County, by 1803 she was living with her parents in Monroe County.

If I discover anything significant, you may be sure I shall let you know. Do let me know what you think of the possibilities.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. It's not necessary to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the future.



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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Thank you for your June 28th reply to my inquiry. I will try to elaborate a little more on a few special points of interest. At this time I will not challenge your separation and analysis of the Joseph Workmans in the 1830 Logan county census. As a matter of information, however, I would like to go back 10-years to the 1820 Giles county census. I find a Joseph Workman, who I am sure is my ancestor and the same Joseph Workman of early Wyoming county history. He has three sons born between 1810 and 1820 which would be John, b. 1814; Robert, b. 1815 and Shanton, b. 1818. He has one son born between 1804 and 1810 which would be Benjamin, b. ca. 1808. His age places his birthdate between 1775 and 1794 and his wife's birthdate between 1794 and 1804. There is an older man in the household who was born before 1775. Ages given in the 1850 Wyoming county census place Joseph's birthyear as 1780 and Elizabeth's as 1793.

To me, it is clear and believable in Abraham Workman's pension application that he was born 25 January 1761 (no plus or minus) son of Joseph and Phoebe ? of Washington, Pennsylvania. The LDS family group sheet on him and his family gives a different date, but it appears to have been estimated from census information. I was not aware of the marriage of a Joseph Workman to Phoebe McMay (McRay or McMeagher) in York county, Pennsylvania on 4 August 1761. It is interesting and the names Joseph and Phoebe give it strong possibilities, but I am a little skeptical that they are the parents of Abraham. He would have been nearly eight months old at the time of that marriage. Because of names carried down in the family, nearness in geographic location at times, and the facts that both Abraham and my ancestor, Joseph, gave Pennsylvania as their birthplace, I suspect that James, Joseph, and Thomas or Nimrod were brothers to Abraham. Also note the distance on the map from Washington to York county, Pennsylvania.

I believe that I read in the Reference Book of Wyoming County History, by Bowman, that when the court house was located in Oceana, it was destroyed by fire.

It is my opinion that some presently existing records at Pineville have been entered back from someone's memory and singed remains of the actual records. Therefore the death record of Joseph Workman has several errors and the marriage of his youngest son, William Washington Workman is entered wrong.



Sayre

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In my early notes copied at Pineville, I have also "May 31, 1854, Geo. W. Workman, 21, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Workman, born Logan county, married Eva Stanley, 16, daughter of Joseph and Olley Stanley." Several of the Workmans did name their sons, "George Washington Workman" but I have interviewed many of the descendants of William Washington Workman, and find him to be the one who married Eva Stanley in 1854. He is the one pictured on the copy of the article that I sent you. Ruth (Workman) Taylor, now living in Pennsylvania, is a granddaughter of Wash and Eve Workman, and she sent me information from her father's old family Bible confirming the above. That and what I learned from talking with her brother G. W. "Buck" Workman who lives on Belcher mountain in McDowell county is the basis for what I said about that branch in my article.

In a statement to claim bounty land in Wyoming county on the 19th day of October, 1872, Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, aged "79-years" said "husband died in the county of Wyoming and State of West Virginia on the 8th day of November 1852 and that she is now a widow." The date that she gave for her marriage to Joseph in Monroe county does not coincide with Monroe county records. I have to believe that she made a mistake on her marriage date and the other dates are more correct.

Shanton and Sarilda (Webb) Workman are also a victim of erroneous records and maybe it can never all be straightened out. Both LDS records and Schreiner-Yantis' TAZEWELL COUNTY PIONEERS indicate that Shanton or "Shrantl" is the son of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman. Why? I have never seen the actual record, but I would say that it is the old handwritten abbreviation deception again. Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman did not live in Tazewell county and you have to agree that anything interpreted as "shrantl" has to be from poor handwriting. When the researcher saw Shrantl was son of Jos. and Elizabeth, they naturally was sure that it meant Moses and Elizabeth. Need more proof? Find Shanton and Sarilda Workman in the 1850 and 1860 Wyoming county census. Note that they live nearer to Joseph's family than they do Moses' family. I also have notes and letters from the descendants which strengthen that line of thought and provide a basis for what I said in my article about Shanton Workman's branch.

To the best of my knowledge the John Workman who married Jane Moore was not the son of Joseph who married the Reeds. Mr. Olafson has a statement from a Dorcas Dent, daughter of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, who says that her grandfather was James Workman. Mr. Olafson also recently uncovered a note that Hannah (Mrs. Daniel) Jarrel was a daughter of James and Hannah Workman. Therefore I suspect that my ancestor, Joseph, is the eldest son of James and Hannah Workman and John and Hannah is of the younger children. If you will note them in the 1820 Kanawha county census, you will see that they had several children. I am sure that John and Jane were both born before 1800. In the early Logan county history, James Workman was proclaimed a "man of family" around 1796.

Thank you very much for your interesting letter and consideration. When you write again, I would be interested in knowing what type of book you are compiling and how I can help.

Sincerely,

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Dear Cousin:

Enclosed is a continuation of my remarks on the WORKMAN connections, prompted by a letter received in today's mail from Mrs. William Hager.

I believe it is self-explanatory.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Copy of letter to Mrs. William Hager July 19, 1975

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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.

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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 Elkins 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 1790-1790, 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 (Lichter) 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,

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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.

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,

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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 ~~second~~ 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 (Workman) darrell's death record. (Although still possible!)

Joseph WORKMAN, son of Abraham, married 4 August 1761 Phoebe McMAY/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.

- ***See more 2**
likely
possibility
on page 2
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, moved to Wythe/Tazewell Co., 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 "Polly" 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/Deskins 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.

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:

Daniel Nimrod Daniel Nimrod

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} Known to have been in Rockbridge/Greenbrier/
Wythe

1. Joseph, born ante 1760 with wife Hannah, whose son Joseph married Reed's
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 1796-1800
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.



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Dear Cousin:

Here are some ideas that has been on my mind for some time. Since I have read Mrs. Anderson's theory that our line definitely comes from the Woertman who immigrated from Holland in the early 1700's, it has sounded to me like a wrong number. Do you know about the Thomas Workman whose will was recorded in Norfolk county, Virginia 25 January 1654 which mentions a brother John Workman? Also, an obvious nephew, John Workman, had a will recorded in the same county 15 February 1675. I have contacted a genealogical researcher in that area to check other records for me. I have photocopies of the wills. It is my guess that descendants of these Workmans could have possibly taken a route by sea up to New Jersey, then after a couple of generations, migrated westward into Pennsylvania and the other states.

If I picked up the right Joseph Workman in Pennsylvania Archives, he would have been born in New Jersey around 1735. He would have been age 26 in 1761 possibly the date when Joseph, son of Abraham Workman, married Phoebe McMayer (? , see later note) in York county Pennsylvania. If the same Joseph (born in 1735) were to be called "of old age and infirmity" in 1805 Tazewell county, Virginia, he would have been age 70.

It has occurred to me that the first settlers in the Logan county area may have been only, James, Jacob, and Nimrod if we are to be influenced by Hughes, Swains, and Ragland's histories. They would have been in that area from 1793 through 1800. If I have my Tazewell county tax lists correct 1801 included only Joseph Workman Sr., Joseph Workman, and Abraham Workman. These were on the Wythe county 1800 list. Joseph Sr. and Joseph Jr. are on the Tazewell list for 1802 and Joseph Jr. is gone in 1803. It could be possible that the name would remain on the tax list whether they were residents of the county or not, but if that were not the case Joseph Jr. would not have come to the Logan-Boone area before 1803.



Workman



Hornbeck



Sayre



Snow

I am nowhere near being a translator of the German language but I spent two years working with german nationals while I was in the Army and maybe that makes me a fair guesser. If the German writing was "Mecmeher", I would guess that they wrote it the way it sounded and was more correctly translated to McMayer.

I also think that we can rule out the two Isaac Workmans of Loudoun county, Virginia unless we can find some proof of relationship to our Joseph and Phoebe.

I have pension information on Daniel Workman of early Augusta county and Greenbrier county. The information does not establish his place of birth, however, ages and dates given, establishes his date of birth around 1740 which would make him of the right age to be a brother to our Joseph born in 1735. I believe that he was in Augusta county long before Joseph came into southwest Virginia and may have been a reason for Joseph's coming. The pension information mentions a son, James, and a daughter who married Nathan Dodge whose name was Elizabeth.

I, too, have been skeptical of the children listed to Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman of Tazewell county. I do not know why you suspect him of marrying twice, but I have an account from some descendants in Raleigh county which may explain his other marriage. I strongly consider that Moses is son of Daniel instead of Joseph, but that may be another "wild-goose chase".

"Moses Workman came from the Tug River area which divided Virginia and Kentucky to the Workman's Creek area which is now in Raleigh county. He married Elizabeth Scarbrough and to their marriage was born four sons and three daughters." I have noted that Elizabeth Workman is head of household in the 1840 Fayette county census.

"1. JOSEPH H. WORKMAN born about 1825, married Lucinda Monk of Ironton, Ohio. Joseph served in the 7th West Virginia Cavalry Company H. of the Civil War. Joseph died April 16, 1916 and Lucinda died August 26, 1921. Joseph and Lucinda had children: Benjamin F.; Ellender; William; Burken; Elizabeth; Mary J.; and James N.,.

"2. ELLEN WORKMAN, born about 1827.

"3. DANIEL WORKMAN, born about 1830.

"4. LEVI WORKMAN, born about 1832.

"5. MARY JANE WORKMAN, born about 1833, married 20 January 1859 to Silas Stover. She died 14 September 1911.

"6. WILLIAM WORKMAN born about 1838, married Eliza Williams.

"7. SUSAN WORKMAN born about 1840.

"A Consolidation Coal Company Tipple and Mine now stands at the location on Workman's creek where the first Workman settlement was made." A descendant of Mary Jane (Workman) and Silas Stover told me that Moses left this wife and went back to the Tug Fork area. Could this be the same Moses who married Elizabeth Muncy in Tazewell county?

The information that I obtained from Salt Lake City (LDS Records) on a family group sheet is very wrong at the top so I will not bother copying it. (this is on Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman) It gives their children as:

"1. Joseph Workman, born about 1788 Wythe county, Va.

(No other information but it may be the Joseph Jr. who married Margaret _____)

"2. Sarah Workman, born about 1790, m. 26 Dec 1810 James Marrs

"3. Moses Workman, born about 1794, m. 11 Jul 1820 Sarah Marrs

"4. Mary Workman, born about 1797, m. 21 Oct 1818 Philip Greever

"5. Margaret Phebe W., about 1799, m. J. W. Heninger

"6. Elizabeth Ann W., born about 1801, m. Philip Heninger

"7. John L. Workman, born about 1805, m. Sophia _____

Another sheet I have from LDS lists a son, Benjamin, born about 1802 who married Rosanna _____, for Abraham and Margaret Workman.

Re: Reed Family of Monroe county

Greenbrier county marriages 1781 - 1790

Alexander Reed married 22 January 1784 Rebecca Mitchell by J. Alderson

James Reed married Margaret Anderson by J. A. Bell

John Reed married Elizabeth Shanton by J. A. Bell

(I strongly suspect that this is the parents of my ancestor, Elizabeth (Reed) Workman. Her marriage record says that she is the daughter of John and Mary Reed, but her name could have been Mary Elizabeth (Shanton) Reed.)

I learned just the other day that Susan or Susannah, the wife of Benjamin Reed, Jr. who is obviously the brother of Joseph Workman's first wife, Hannah Reed, was a daughter of G. and M. Moore. It gave her birthplace as Pocahontas county, but Pocahontas was formed partly from Bath.

So you have a possible family grouping of the Margaret (Edmonson) and George Moore family. Anne (Mrs. J. P. Christian); Jane (Mrs. John Workman); Sarah (Mrs. John Dingess); and Susannah (Mrs. Benj. Reed).

By the statement from Mrs. Dorcas Dent, daughter of John and Jane, that her grandfather was James Workman and this close association of the Moore's and Reed's of Monroe county, I feel even more strongly that John Workman and my ancestor, Joseph Workman, were brothers and both were sons of James. This fall, I would like to go to Monroe county and try to locate the old Reed cemetery.

Monroe county court house, file 3, Jacket 1706

"Monroe County to wit: We John Reed and Mary Reed do hereby certify that we are willing for Joseph Workman to get license to intermarry with our daughter, Elizabeth Reed and also that we are willing for Jacob Bowyer to get license for to intermarry with our daughter, Mary Ann Reed-- The clerk of Monroe will issue license accordingly given under our hand and seals this 8th day of April 1817.

witness: Benjamin Reed
Susannah Reed

John Reed, Seal
Mary Reed, Seal

In reply to your July 19 letter to Mrs Hager I will try to give my coincident ideas paragraph by paragraph for what they are worth. Can we be certain that Dorcas (Workman) Barker is a sister to Jasper Workman. If so, I think that we can accept the court records on their father's death, that he was son of Joseph and Nancy Workman, born in Augusta county, Virginia.

I think that we can keep the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins separated from the one who married the Reeds best by geographical locations. The McNeely's, Elkin's, and the Joseph Workman who married into that family is almost totally associated with the Logan-Boone county area. In Wyoming county deeds, some land is recorded as owned by the Joseph Workman "of Boone county". Joseph Workman who married the Reeds, I believe, is traced in Giles county, then Logan as it included Wyoming in part, then lastly in Wyoming where he died. His marriages is recorded in Monroe as stated before, and he entered the War of 1812 from the county of Cabell.

Boone county death records of Jane (Moore) Workman indicate that she is the daughter of George and Margaret Moore, born in Bath county about 1799. From all I have on the Moore family, I would guess that George and Margaret Moore were married and lived in the part of Bath county that was taken in by the formation of Pocahontas county. Monroe county death record of Susan (Moore) Reed (Mrs. Benjamin Reed) says that she was born in Pocahontas county, however deduction of her age from her death date indicates that she was born April 26, 1799. That may be slightly erroneous, because I figure Janes birthdate from her age at death at July 8, 1799. More conflicts!!!!

I have not worked too much on the younger Joseph Workman whose wife was Margaret, but until I see proof otherwise, I have classified him as a son of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman.

Several of the census and court records were destroyed in wartime, and I believe what we have remaining must have been altered to confuse us. Some of them age only 5-years in each 10-year enumeration and some get 5 or 10-years younger. It is hard to believe that many mistakes could be made accidentally. From all that I have seen, I still hold to my theory that John, husband of Jane (Moore) and Joseph husband of Hannah 1st and Elizabeth 2nd (Reed) are brothers and sons of James and Hannah Workman. I, too, have hoped for and tried every way I know of to locate some "old Family Bible" to answer some of these questions. Many of the descendants that I have interviewed are certain that there is Indian ancestry somewhere in the line. I have never yet found any evidence of it.

About Daniel and Nimrod, I do not believe that they could have been confused one for the other, but on the other hand, I am not yet certain that a Nimrod Workman existed in 1793. As you say, he never shows up in any census reports. It has occurred to me the possibility that a Nimrod _____ someone else who could be an in-law to the Workmans may have been with them. If there was an Indian relationship, "Nimrod" may have been the name of an Indian scout. Who knows?

I have not yet found the records of Moses Workman in Lawrence county Kentucky. I found it hard to believe the account given by Mrs. Anderson about Phoebe, supposed sister of Jacob, having several children before marriage, then going to Lawrence county Kentucky with Jacob where she met and married Isaac Roberts. Jacob, as I understood her book, supposedly died in Lawrence county, Kentucky, but I have yet to find any record of him there. I did find a Jesse Workman and Stephen Workman, both with families, there in 1850.

In Anderson's book, I agree that #4777 on page 606 and #5017 on page 624 must be the same Joseph Workman and the one who married Nancy. 1760 plus or minus five may be close to his birthdate. On page 624, Jacob Workman's own birthdate has to be erroneous. Eleanor is in son, Joseph's household in 1850 at age 74 which would make her birthdate more like 1776. Therefore, I think we can be assured that Jacob would have been born long before 1784 as stated in the book. As for birthdates of their children, census dates and ages are within plus or minus five.

You say that the death record of Hannah (Workman) Jarrell states that she is the daughter of Jos. Workman. I had a note that the record gave "John" Workman as her father. Is this an error?

Starting here refers to
your July 16, 1975
correspondence

I have several confused possibilities relating to your two alternates running through my head. I have had since the beginning of my Workman research some notes on the James Workman who is said to be the first white man to build a cabin within the Gilmer county area. I do not think that a James Workman, born 1762 could be given credit for clearing land and building a cabin (at the age of 14) in 1776. Also "gallant soldier" trustworthy gentleman" and at the Battle of the Islands" goes with the James Workman who planted corn on the Island. If born in 1762, he would have been only age 18 at the battle, which could still be right. I have considered that it was an older James and Joseph Sr. who made the first settlement on the Island, who would have had sons named after them. Jacob, if he was at the Island too, could have left the Island and settled in the Big Sandy River area. Joseph Sr. would have returned to his family in Wythe (later Tazewell) county. James, it is stated, returned to get his family and return them to where they had planted corn I assume. If I am not mistaken, I saw "Charleston" written to the side of the Kanawha 1810 census page where James Workman is listed.

Consider that this older James Workman may have had older sons in his family of marrying age named Thomas, James, and Joseph. Then we could fit it in with what Josiah Hughes in his Pioneer West Virginia says, "About the year 1800, Thomas, James, and Joseph Workman, having failed in their attempt to establish a settlement where Logan now stands, became pioneer settlers of Boone county." We could further assume that old James had already settled his family on the Island when Mr. Breckenridge sold the land out from under him and he had to relocate. Maybe the sons tried to settle in the Boone county area, while old James and the rest of the family went on to Charleston. He may have died there soon after 1810, decided to go on to Kentucky to follow Breckenridge, or he may still be the one listed in the 1820 Kanawha and the 1830 Logan census.

In your "ALTERNATE ONE" #8. LDS records say that the Moses Workman who married Sarah Marrs was the son of Abraham and Margaret Workman. #5. The marriage record of Ann to Samuel Muncey gives her parent as Joseph and his as Obadiah. #4. It may be correct that the Isaac of Loudoun county could be another but I have seen no evidence. I have suspected that the Isaac, b. 1781 is most likely a brother to my Joseph. You can note that Isaac and Joseph 1810 and 1820 exchange places in the Giles county census. Isaac apparently goes to Kanawha county to be with James.

The Josephus Workman who married Mary "Polly" Burgess--do you know if he is son of Isaac or Thomas/ or neither?

#3. I first introduced the idea that Nancy's maiden name was Hewitt because of the middle name of James Hewett Workman. I put this together by first accepting the fact put forth in Anderson's book that Joseph and James Hewett Workman were brothers and sons of Joseph and Nancy. The book implies that Isaac and Abraham were older brothers of James H. and Joseph, but I have always thought that the first son was named after Joseph's brother and father-in-law. Of course that is speculation based on very scanty facts.

#2. Unless James Hewett Workman is a son of James and Hannah instead of Joseph and Nancy, I would more strongly believe that my ancestor, Joseph Workman, who married the Reeds, was the eldest son of James.

In your "ALTERNATE TWO" I am only guessing and estimating too, but

I think you are getting pretty close in your grouping. Let me suggest the following just for consideration.

We know that brothers Joseph, born about 1735, and Abraham, born about 1737 both entered military service around 1750 in Pennsylvania stating that they were born in New Jersey and were living in Chester county, Pennsylvania. Joseph's marriage to Phoebe McMayer stated that he was son of Abraham Workman.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Deed Abstracts and Oaths of Allegiance
 Compiled by R. Thomas Mayhill; page 89.... "Deed Book H, p. 56 James Hamilton of Philadelphia names Joseph Shippers, Jr., Atty. to re-enter land sold to Abraham Workman. James Hamilton 23 December 1749 granted to Abraham Workman of Lancaster. Workman failed to erect a house upon it as agreed. New Entry 2 September 1762."

As I stated before, I have records of Daniel Workman who was born about 1740.

I do not have many records from New Jersey other than those given in Anderson's book. On page 28, she states that Abraham Workman married Annetje (Anna) Smith. This may be the same Abraham and wife who were the parents in New Jersey of:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph, born 1735 | Came as a family to Lancaster |
| 2. Abraham, born 1737 | county Pennsylvania about |
| 3. Daniel, born 1740 | 1748 but returned to Chester |
| 4. James, born 1743 maybe | county to settle. |

1. Joseph Workman m. 1761 Phoebe McMayer and had children:

Abraham, born 25 January 1761 (varified in pension application)
 Joseph, born about 1763 m. Nancy _____ (possibly Hewett)
 Isaac, born about 1765
 Ann, born about 1768 m. Samuel Muncey
 Thomas, born about 1772, m. 1805 Sarah Deskins
 Jacob, born about 1774, m. Eleanor Jones (b. about 1776)
 Moses, born about 1777, (stated in some LDS records)
 Phoebe, born about 1779 maybe

2. Abraham Workman (no information)

3. Daniel Workman (Along with John and Sina Workman are mentioned in Abstracts of Augusta County 1760 - 1770)

Samuel, born around 1764, m. Martha Rhea 1785 in Rockbridge co.
 John, born around 1766, who already had wife Sina in 1797
 Benjamin, born around 1768 (possibly settled in Kentucky)
 James, born around 1770 (mentioned in pension records)
 Elizabeth, born around 1772, m. Nathan Dodge (in Pension records)

4. James Workman m. about 1778 Hannah

Joseph, born around 1779, m. 1. Hannah Reed 2. Elizabeth Reed
 Isaac, born around 1781, m. Susan
 Abraham, born around 1784 m. Mary "Polly" Ballard (guessing?)
 Female born 1784-1794
 Hannah, born around 1796, m. Daniel Jarrell
 John, born around 1798, m. Jane Moore (facts before given)
 Male, born 1800-1810
 Male, born 1800-1810
 Female, born 1800-1810

This sounds good, but again, with these possibilities, we would have to say that James, Joseph Sr., and Daniel were the first settlers of Logan, because we do not have a James in the family of Joseph Sr.

The foregoing pages were typed straight from head to typewriter with some haste and several interruptions. I know that there are many mistakes and I have tried to correct all that I saw.

I just noticed a couple of notes which may fit in to what I said before about James Workman going to Charleston, Kanawha county to be found in the 1810 Census. I noticed in the Cabell county Index to Deeds that James Workman purchased 200 Acres on Spruce Fork of Cole River from David French et al. So that may have been when he finally settled within the bounds of Boone county.

A note on the old James Workman who built a cabin in 1776 within the Gilmer county area is found in Henry Haymond's HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY. "William Stewart, assignee to JAMES WORKMAN, 400 acres on the Little Kanawha, on the west side of said Kanawha in the right of said Workman's residence, to include an improvement made in 1776, with a preemption to 1000 Acres adjoining."

I am sorry that this is not a better organized letter, but I hope you will pick it apart and see what can be made from it anyway. To close, I am going to include a couple of charts which may be interesting to you.

Many thanks for all your help and suggestions.

Sincerely,

*A friend,
Ralph Sayre*

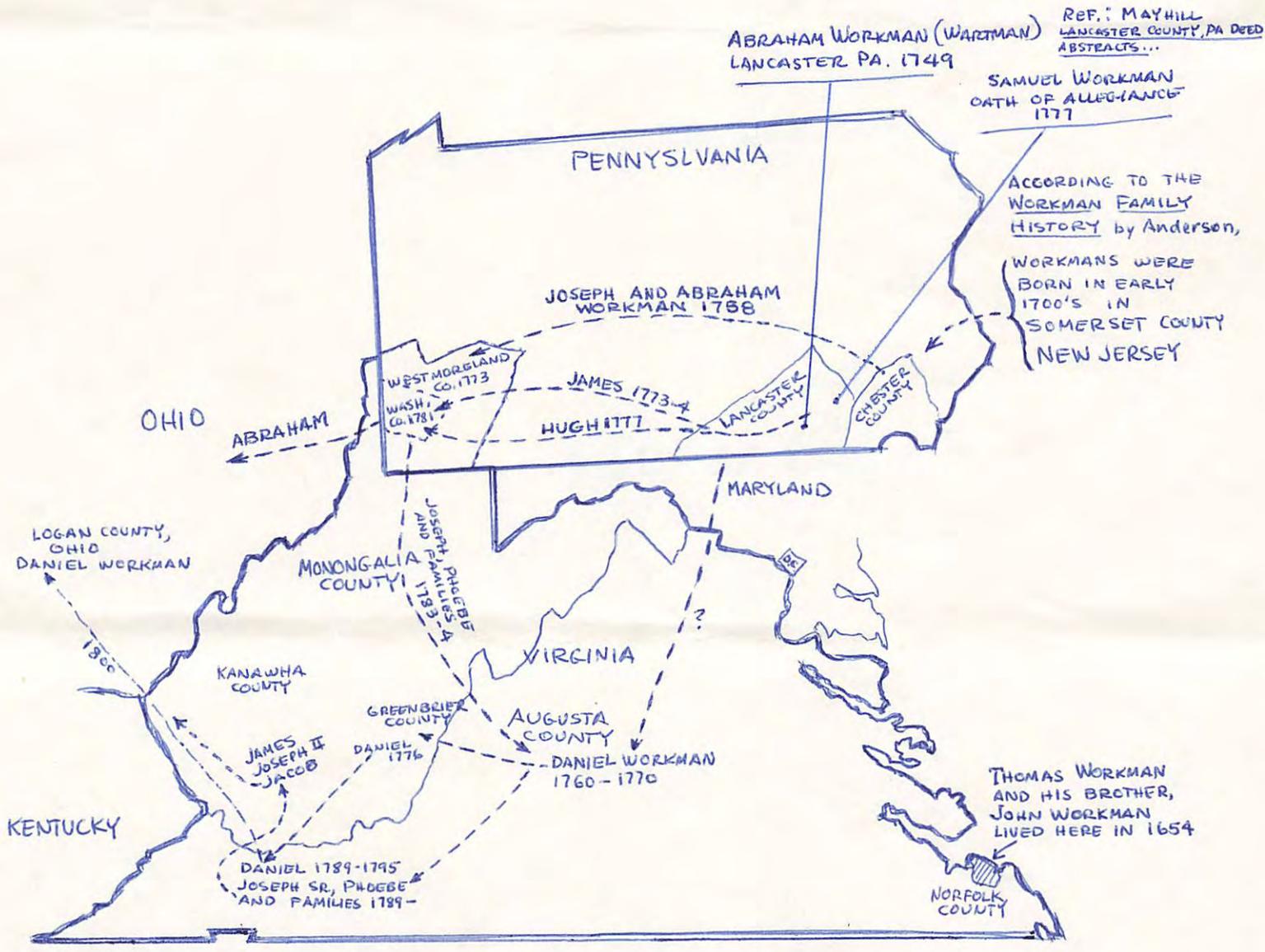
Ralph H. Sayre

rhs

cc.: Mrs. William Hager
Mr. Sigfus Olafson

WORKMAN MIGRATION IN EARLY TIMES

AUGUST 3, 1693
~~1693~~ BOSTON, MASS.
 SAMUEL WORKMAN
 MARRIED MARTHA WHITE X
 Ref: Clemens



REF.: MAYHILL LANCASTER COUNTY, PA DEED ABSTRACTS...

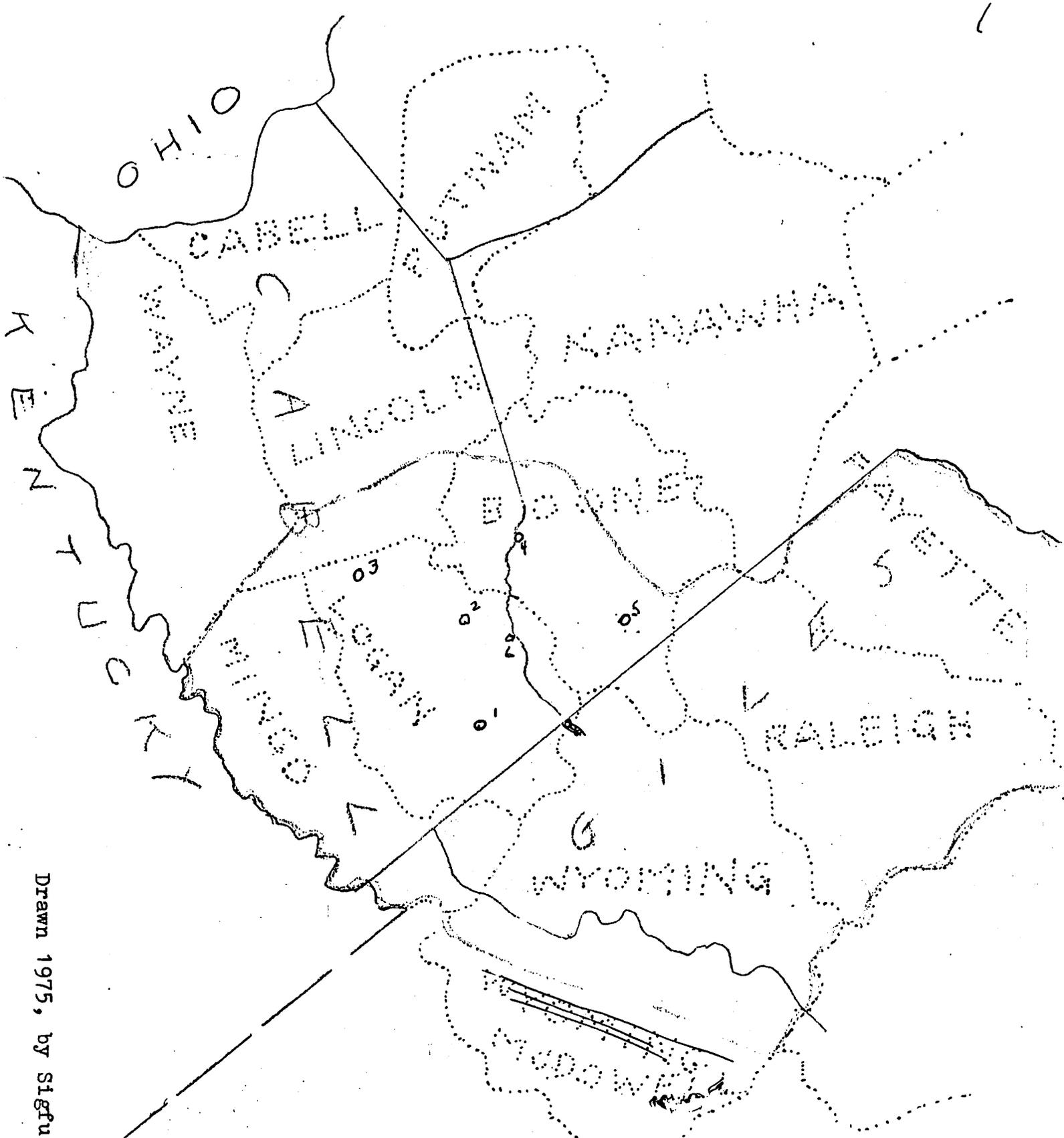
SAMUEL WORKMAN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE 1777

ACCORDING TO THE WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY by Anderson,

WORKMANS WERE BORN IN EARLY 1700'S IN SOMERSET COUNTY NEW JERSEY

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- 1- WORKMAN "SETTLEMENT" AT LOGAN
- 2 - WHERE JOSEP WORKMAN LIVED PRIOR TO MOVING TO BALD KNOB
JOHN WORKMAN, SON OF JAMES, LIVED THERE ALSO
- 3 MOSES WORKMAN IN THIS AREA - 1840-60
- 4 THOMAS WORKMAN "IMPROVEMENT" - 1809
- 5 BALD KNOB - WHERE WORKMANS SETTLED IN PRESENT BOONE
- 6 HOME OF WM. EIKINS WHERE JOS. WORKMAN AND
ELIZABETH McNEELY ELKINS WERE MARRIED - 1813

HUSBAND'S NAME JOHN (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST) WORKMAN

Date 4-75 This information obtained from
1830-1840-1850
LOGAN COUNTY CENSUS
1860 BOONE Co. CENSUS
COURT HOUSE RECORDS OF
BOONE AND LOGAN Cos.

When Born _____ Where _____
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 When Married _____ Where _____
 Other Wives (if any)
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father JAMES WORKMAN His Mother's Maiden Name _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME JANE MOORE

When Born 8 JULY 1799 Where BATH COUNTY, VA.
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 7 JULY 1878 Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any)
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 Her Father GEORGE MOORE Her Mother's Maiden Name MARGARET EDMONSON

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Hornbeck
 Snow
 Workman
 Sayre

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
F	1 MARGARET (1826)				Logan	Va.	28 Aug	1855			Date _____ To <u>Greenville NELSON</u>
M	2				"	"					Date _____ To _____
M	3 GEORGE WASHINGTON (1829)				"	"					Date <u>8 APR 1858</u> To <u>MARIAH McNEELY</u>
M	4 THOMAS (1830)				"	"					Date _____ To <u>ELIZA JANE VANATTER</u>
F	5 VIRGINIA (1832)				"	"					Date _____ To <u>Isaac RARBURN FERRELL</u>
F	6 MARY W. (1832)				"	"					Date _____ To _____
M	7 TONSIL PRICE (1834)				"	"	21 July	1900			Date <u>8 Apr. 1858 Logan Co., Va.</u> To <u>LUCY ANN McNEELY</u>
F	8 MARY JANE (1836)				"	"	27 Mar.	1853			Date _____ To <u>none</u>
F	9 DORCAS (1838)				"	"					Date <u>17 MAR. 1858</u> To <u>1. JOHN DENT(2) 2. JOE WHITE</u>
M	10 WILLIAM. H. (1840)				"	"					Date <u>15 APRIL 1867</u> To <u>CATHERINE BRINKLEY</u>
M	11 BENJAMIN H. (1842)				"	"	17 SEP.	1879			Date _____ To <u>Rebecca or Louisa Bell</u>
F	12 VALENTINE NELSON (1848)				"	"					Date _____ To _____
	13										Date _____ To _____
	14										Date _____ To _____

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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 Arminta 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 Henager, etc., and I wonder if it might be a variation of Honaker. Anyway, this definitely establishes the Elizabeth Workman who married Philip Henager 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 Henager. 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.

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 wives 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., 10-16, 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.

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 ~~between~~ 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,

Agnes

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

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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 W." in the household #260 of Jane Workman in 1850. I believe she is the wife of George Washington Workman and that the enumerator spelled Mariah as Maryah, and I have not taken the time to see if she was missing from the Peete household that year; if so, I believe this would confirm her identity since she is the correct age, and I do not think Jane would have had two daughters named Mary born within five years of each other. Mr. Sayre lists the Thomas who has wife Eliza Jane Vanatter 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 use Anderson's book in one way or another, I should like to review the basis on which I accept or reject what she has to say. The information for the Boone County group was obtained during the 1960's by Mrs. Anderson's mother from the grandson of the Joseph who married Elizabeth Neeley; namely, William #4806, son of James #4845. William was born in 1852 and would thus have been 27 years of age when his grandfather Joseph 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--an 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 names _____ and Joseph Workman, their parents, seem to have died by shortly after 1850.

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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 William--except in the obvious instances where a family Bible was obtained for dates, etc.

As for the Cabell-Wayne branch of the family: Here again I use the yardstick 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. ~~XXXX~~ The informant in this case was Alderson, born in 1833 (one generation earlier and 22 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 Alderson 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 census years any of them could have moved back and forth across the river.

I did not do research in Boyd and some of the other Kentucky counties across the river but know 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 Louise, visiting briefly in each place and still be back in Huntington within an hour--this without benefit of any super-highway.

Anyway, I started with the sworn statement of Jacob that he had been on the Island with a brother in 1793 as the basis for the Alternate One recently sent and used the brothers listed on page 624 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 Alderson's early birth date, I am inclined to accept the fact that she did have Workman children, probably out of wedlock.

As before, I have gone a little astray 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 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 *Leip*

I believe the name is definitely Leip, Leit, Leik, Lelf, Leij-- Lei?

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, *Death* → 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 who 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.*

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Dear Mr. Olafson:

It is a good idea, as you suggest to isolate each of these problems with the Workman family and get them straightened out individually if we can. My thoughts are as follows:

THOMAS WORKMAN: I believe that the Thomas Workman in the 1850 Boone county census who says that he was born about 1772 in Pennsylvania is the same who married Sarah Deskins in Tazewell county 24 November 1805. However, I believe him to be too young to be a brother to James and Joseph who planted corn on the Island. He would have been age 21 in 1793 and may have been an older son of James or Joseph.

The explanation of the marriage of his daughter, Martha, to Dr. Alexander Church was a great help to me. It was puzzling to me when I found the household of this Dr. Church with a Sarah Workman of approximately the same age who gave her birth-place as Halifax county. I could not get anything in my head but that she was the sister of Dr. Church who had married a Workman possibly and after being widowed, came to live with him. I think you have that situation exactly correct and I see nothing wrong with it. Thank you.

One thing that I cannot understand is the mention of Thomas Workman's improvement in the Dingess and French survey in 1809 and his being missed in the 1810 tax lists of Cabell county. If he were not out of the county at this time and was the son of James, living in his household, then Thomas would not be on the tax list, would he? There is a Thomas Workman on Tazewell county tax lists for 1802-3-4, 1807-9-10-11-12-13, 1815-16-17-18, and 1820, but is it the same Thomas Workman?

NIMROD: The Workmans not only came up with new Christian names occasionally, but were fairly faithful in carrying down the names of their ancestors. This is why I have been reluctant to drop this phantom planted in our minds by the historians. What you say about there being no Nimrod in early Logan settlers may be true for the Workman family; however, the name being applied to an in-law who followed or came with the Workmans may be worth consideration. The name means "hunter" and such is true of the Workmans from then until the present, but, I realize, so it was with all of the pioneers of that time. There are stories passed down in the Workman generations that Indian ancestry exists in the family. This "Nimrod" may be an Indian who was with the Workmans. The name Muncy may come from the Munsey Indians who lived in the New (West) Jersey area in the early 1600's. In two known generations the Workmans and the Munseys intermarried, so that may be where the Indian blood comes in.

MOSES WORKMAN of Fayette and Raleigh county: On this subject, the 1830 census is of very little help because this year they alphabetized everyone. All these early censuses gave very little to assist in geographical locations, but it is particularly bad that the 1830 census was alphabetized in that it is the most opportune year to locate this Moses Workman. They were having children born around 1827 on up and in 1840 Moses is gone and his wife is listed as head of household. Land and tax records for the Workman branch area 1830 and 1840 may be of some help.

Elizabeth Workman appears in the 1840 Fayette county census as Betty or Betsy Workman, who I believe to be a widow or abandoned wife of Moses. Moses and Elizabeth (Scarborough) Workman had sons named Joseph, Daniel, and William and I do not know which was first born. I suspected that Daniel was Moses' father mainly because of location. Daniel enlisted in Revolutionary services in Greenbrier county. I have some Scarborough information from early Greenbrier county records, so I would guess that the family migrated to Fayette (subsequently Raleigh) county from Greenbrier county.

It is difficult to establish an approximate age for this Moses. It was suspected that he came from the Kentucky-Virginia border area and returned there to his other family when he left Elizabeth. So he could be the same Moses who married Elizabeth Muncy.

JOSEPH vs DANIEL WORKMAN: If it were not for three facts, I would say that my ancestor, Joseph, is more likely to be a son of Daniel. 1. Joseph gave his birthplace in the 1850 Wyoming county census as Pennsylvania in 1780, and I have record of Daniel in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1765 and he was in Greenbrier in 1776. 2. None of Joseph's children or grandchildren took the name "Daniel" (Note: they did use the name James and Joseph. "James" has been carried down four or five generations.) 3. His death record in Wyoming county does not name Daniel as parent.

Everything geographical points to Daniel as his father. Daniel is in Augusta county in 1756. Augusta then is encompassing the area of Alleghany county which is mentioned in Joseph's death record. Daniel is in Greenbrier county in 1776 and not found in Tazewell area records until about 1789. The Scarboroughs are found in Greenbrier in the 1780's then in Fayette later to be Raleigh county. Joseph married twice (1807 and 1817) in Monroe county which is near to Greenbrier and Alleghany counties. Joseph died in Slabfork district of Wyoming county which is near to the Workman creek area of Raleigh county. Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman appear to have been the only ancestors of the Wyoming county Workmans. Descendants of the other Workmans appear to have stayed out of Wyoming county except a few land owners. Joseph and Elizabeth's son Charles W. Workman married about 1840 in Fayette county to Phoebe Bailey. Shanton went to Tazewell county to marry Sarulda Webb. They both came to Wyoming county to live eventually. The other children of Joseph and Elizabeth obviously married in Wyoming county.

JAMES WORKMAN: When I mentioned about old James Workman being a resident of Charleston, I was recalling seeing the word "Charleston" written in the upper left of the census sheet. Knowing that the

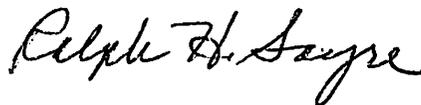
Workmans have never been Urban-loving people, I never actually believed it either. Also, I, too, noticed that the people living on either side of him are people later associated with Boone county.

JAMES HEWETT WORKMAN: I believe that the James Creek near Bald Knob may have been named for James Hewett Workman instead of old James. I believe that his middle name can be related to the story of the 1784 killing of Richard Hewett by Indians. I suspected that this Richard Hewett was a brother to James Hewett Workman's mother, but I admit that is just a shot in the dark. I have not been able to locate any genealogical information on the Hewett family yet however. I read an interesting story in a Kanawha county history on the life of a James Hewett, hermit. It said, however, that he was not related closely to the other Hewetts of the Kanawha county area.

REED: I was able, this weekend, to get back another step on the Reed branch of my tree, and confirm some information in the Workman history. I mentioned before that I suspected the John Reed who married Elizabeth Shanton in Greenbrier county records were the parents of Elizabeth Reed who married 1817 Joseph Workman. I found a Will in Monroe county records by RAMAN SHANTON and probated in 1799. It names John and Mary Read, two other daughters and a son. One of the witnesses was Benjamin Read. This strongly indicates where Elizabeth (Reed) Workman got the name for her first son, Raymond Shanton Workman. For some time I thought the name "Shanton" was a nickname, but now it is clear that his real name was Shanton. I do not believe that I have ever seen the surname "Shanton" before.

I really appreciate the interesting help I am getting from you and Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Pearlman. Thanks.

Sincerely,



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Dear Cousin Agnes:

Your most welcome letter of August 3 and 4 arrived day-before-yesterday. I spoke with Mr. Olafson on the phone last night. He was on an archeological trip with another fellow and had stopped over at a motel in Buckhannon for the night. I invited him out but he said he had not come prepared to discuss genealogy and would be lost. He was searching for people who collected Indian artifacts, and I could not help him there.

Since I have not had ample time to digest the large amount of information in your letter, I will confine my reply to the data you requested specifically and a few comments on various individuals.

You asked about JOSEPHUS WORKMAN. The only one in West Virginia history that I know of this name is briefly discussed on page 645 in Anderson's Workman Family History. His wife was MARY BURGESS, but I am not certain about the remainder of data given by Mrs. Anderson (or I should more correctly say TO her). They are found in the 1850 Logan county census. I had concluded (without proof) that he was the son of Isaac Workman because his birthplace is given as Giles county and indicated to be 1810. Isaac was the only Workman in Giles county in 1810 census. The following account was given to me May 1, 1975 by his grandson, Floyd Workman:

"Josephus Workman left Pond Fork and went to Lorado and married Polly Burgess. They had three sons, John, David, and Irven, and several daughters. They left Lorado and come down to Tony. He was a Circuit Rider for the Close Communion Baptist Church. While at Tony, he came upon the Workman Fork and settled there, and when they got disabgled to care for themselves they went to live with Irven who also settled on Workman Fork. Irven had married Emily Abbott. Josephus and Polly both died there and was buried at Tony. Irven and Emily had 3 sons, Frank, Wallace, and Floyd. 4 girls, Alice, Delpha, Lulie, and Janna. Frank died very young. Wallace married Vennie Thompson and had 4 Boys, Clyde, Claude, Nick, and June, and 4 girls, Virgie, Donna, Gladys and Claras."

This Floyd is the only living child of Joseph Irven Workman and was 88-years old at the time the letter was written.



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I have been able to find no evidence of John and Thomas Workman's families in old Norfolk county 1700 or after. They most likely did not return to the mother country. They could have migrated south to be a start of the Workmans of the Carolinas, Georgia, etc. However the thought and possibility still plagues me that they could have migrated north to New Jersey and easily make it appear that a Wortman or Woertman popped up later as a Workman.

If our ancestor, Joseph, is the one who married Phoebe in York county, he may have taken a route through Maryland and down the Shenandoah Valley to Virginia. Andrew Bruce's Returns of those taking the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland in Washington County 2 March 1778 were Joseph Workman, Stephen Workman, Andrew Workman, John Workman, and Isaac Workman. None of these served Maryland Revolutionary service. Samuel is the only Workman name in Maryland RW records.

Speaking of Reed/Workman/Moore marriages to Jones: I have discovered that a Phoebe Workman, born in Tazewell county, married a Charles Jones who was a RW soldier. She was listed in a book about RW pensioners from Virginia which I found at West Virginia University Library. I copied fairly detailed information on Charles and Phoebe (Workman) Jones family which omitted their parents. She died in Sonoma County, California 4 September 1873. I sent a request to the County Recorder in Santa Rosa for the information that they have on her, but you may be able to check a microfilm of those records there.

Russell Workman must be another mistake in the 1840 census. Squire T. Workman is a real character. He not only is in the census, but also in 1837 purchased 124 acres on Big Fork Cree~~k~~ from J. J. Ben~~o~~ist and in 1839 purchased another 125 acres on Whites Fork from Mr. Benoist. I have no other traces of Russell who may have had another name in the census of another year, or Squire T. whose middle name may have been Thomas.

The death record your requested from Monroe Records: Death Book 1, page 47; name given as SUSAN REED, age 82 years, one month, and 13-days; died 9 June 1881 of old age at Boggs. Parents: G. & M. Moore; born in Pocahontas county; record states that she was not married which probably just means that she was widowed at that time? because informant is listed as "son".

All the information that I have on Jane (Moore) Workman's death is what I copied ~~for~~ from the Boone county death records as they are microfilmed at the State Library. I am sure you have it verbatim, but if not, let me know in the next correspondence and I will copy for you the information that I have.

I sincerely appreciate the help you are giving me and I must apologize for not being able to keep up my end of it better. Anyway thanks.

Sincerely,



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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" ~~in 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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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 Owney, 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 Phillip Greever who married Mary Workman in Tazewell County in 1818 was the elder Phillip, 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 (Sulter) Lambert, a widow. His

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parents were shown as Peggy ~~Wid. Abraham~~ Workman and hers as Rebecca and Wm. Sulter. 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 ~~file~~ 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.

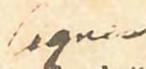
By the way: Have you anything which would clarify the birthplace given for your ancestor Abraham Workman (wife Mary "Polly" Ballard) # 423 in 1850 Boone County, Virginia, census? It seems to me that the writing clearly places his birth in N. C., which I translate as North Carolina. Is the microfilm which 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,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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

cc: Mr. Ralph Sayre
Mr. Sigfus Olafson

August 26, 1975

Mr. Ralph Sayre
Dear Cousin,

Enclosed is much more on the WORKMAN family: Letter to
Mrs. Hager and another Alternate Workman Family Lineage #3.

By the way: Who was the second wife of William Washington Workman?

Sincerely,

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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 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 ~~was granted~~.

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 ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ 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~~ ^{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. Menager; Joseph who mar. Margaret _____; Elizabeth Ann who mar. Philip Menager; John L. who mar. Sophia _____; Grisilla/Priscilla (Sulter) 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 1800 and 1800. 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 ca. 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, in 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 hsd. 1840 Tazewell) the James attributed to Thomas may belong to Abraham (James had own hsd. 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 as 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.

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August 25, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

In reference to your letter to Mrs. Pearlman of August 18, I would like to point to further evidence and suspicion that my Joseph Workman, Abraham who married Mary Ballard, and John who married Jane Moore were brothers and sons of James and Hannah Workman.

1. We have established that Jane Moore Workman had a sister Susan (or Susannah) who married Benjamin Reed in Monroe county where my ancestor, Joseph Workman married into the Reed family. This may or may not indicate a relationship to John Workman. The given names carried down in both families are similar also.
2. You say that Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman's daughter Frances (b. ca. 1809) married Tuncil PRICE. One of John and Jane (Moore) Workman's sons carried the name "Tuncil Price W." This may or may not indicate a brother relationship to John and Abraham Workman.
3. Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman had son "James Matison Workman" who was my gt. gt. grandfather. Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman named their only son, "James Madison Workman". The Ballard, Reed, and Moore families are all represented in early Monroe county records. This could indicate a brother relationship between Joseph and Abraham.
4. We, yet, need an explanation of Abraham giving his birth information as North Carolina around 1782. Is it possible that James and Hannah Workman could have had a son, Joseph, 1780 or slightly before in Pennsylvania, and been in North Carolina for the birth of another, Abraham, around 1782? It is feasible that James would name his first born, Joseph, after his father and his second, Abraham, after his grandfather?

I had a note from Swain's LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY p. 56 "Mildred Workman married John Stones, son of Crispin L. Stones (1807-1892)." which I will now assume as incorrect. In its place, I have noted from your records, "Millie Workman, b. ca. 1813, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman, married Crispin I. Stone."

On page 58 of the same reference I had noted that Admiral S. "Bill" Fry, son of John Fry married a daughter of Obadiah and Rebecca Workman. Do you have any notes on that marriage? I have not been able to locate this Fry name in either Boone or Logan county censuses.

If you would sometime when you speak with Bill Workman again, please ask him if he knows if Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman may have kept a family Bible containing family records which may still be in existence. And if he thinks so, who may be most likely to have it?

Sincerely,

Delah E. Sarno

VIRGINIA PENSION ABSTRACTS OF THE REVOLUTION, WAR OF 1812, and
INDIAN WARS Vol. 33 by McGhee

Pheby (WORKMAN) JONES, widow of Charles JONES (age 77 on May 27, 1871 which would make her birth year 1794); married November 11, 1811 in Tazewell county, Virginia, to CHARLES JONES, who was born February 1, 1784. Phoebe was living near Sebastopol in Sonoma county California in 1871.

I wrote to Sonoma county for her death records and they say they have none.

Charles and Phoebe (Workman) Jones' children were: William born 9-6-1813; Margaret born 5-26-1815; Rachel born 3-14-1816; Nancy born 1-12-1818; Catherine born 12-25-1820; Abraham W. born 12-15-1822; Phebe born 11-11-1824; Charles born 2-15-1826; Elizabeth Ann born 3-15-1828; Timothy born 10-11-1831; Louisa Marian born 9-22-1833; and Rebecca born 3-9-1839.

Since her first daughter is named Margaret and she has a son named Abraham W. Jones, one would almost certainly place her as a daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman, right?

By deduction her birthdate is 1794, but in this documentary it is more definitely given as May 12, 1793.

She died September 4, 1873.

R. Sayre

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

August 09, 1975

County Recorder
SONOMA COUNTY
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Do you have a DEATH RECORD on a Phoebe (Workman) JONES
widow of Charles Jones, lived around Sebastopol,
and died 4 September 1873?

I am trying to put together a family history on my mother's
family, Workman, and I have obtained a lot of information on
this Phoebe Jones' family from Revolutionary War pension records.
She was of the Tazewell county, Virginia, Workman's, but I do
not have who her parents were. Can you provide this information?

Re:
Death Records, 1873, Sept.
JONES, Phoebe

Parents were _____

Sincerely,

Ralph H. Sayre

Ralph H. Sayre

Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope enclosed for
your reply. Thanks.

*we have no
record of the
above death.*

SPEED LETTER



In the interest of speed and
economy, we're replying to your
letter with marginal notes.

If you need more information
please don't hesitate to call
or write.

Thank you very much for your
interest.

HERB. SNYDER, JR.
SONOMA COUNTY RECORDER

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 3, 1975

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 Love. He was listed as son of Ias./Jos. & _____ Workman. Most likely parentage would have been Ruth and James H.; however, Anderson shows this Joseph as having married Armintha 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, Barkett 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.

August 31, 1975

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Cousin,

I received your letter of August 29 yesterday and was glad to hear from you again. I believe that several true answers to the earliest Workman family relationships are buried in the early Kanawha-Logan-Boone county records of which many that have been lost may leave gaps that will never be factually filled in. However, you have a personal interest in the Workman and related families and having grown up in the area and had opportunities to absorb some of the family traditions puts you in a good position to interpret the remaining records. We are fortunate to have Mr. Olafson and his records which he was history and genealogy minded enough to record on paper over the past several years. Mrs. Pearlman has done and is doing an excellent job gathering and organizing the existing records and supporting information. Being a stranger to the southern West Virginia counties, I must rely upon what little logic that I can muster with the help given by the three of you to expand my interest in the family.

THOMAS and SARAH (DESKINS) WORKMAN

Their daughter MARTHA WORKMAN, born about 1813, married 1st JOSEPH McNEELY, and had children: Rhoda; Louisa; Andrew; Wilson; and Martha. According to Mr. Olafson, "Joseph McNeely must have died about 1855 as among the Historical Society in Richmond, on August 31, 1857, is the marriage of his widow, Martha, to Dr. Alexander Church. He was a native of New Hampshire born 1788, a son of A. & P. Church of Massachusetts."

MARINDA WORKMAN

Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia, by Netti Schreiner-Yantis, page 259, Lineage of Mr. & Mrs. Bert L. White, of Kentucky, from Tombstone, Bible Records, and Tradition states that Marinda Workman, born 24 May 1819 in Tazewell county, Va., married Robert Kilgore Green.

It gives no further information on Mr. Green, so Marinda may have preceded him in death and he may have relocated and possibly married again.

The following page, 260, gives Marinda, born ca. 1811 of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman, married to John Ourey. As Mrs. Pearlman points out this name "Ourey" probably should be "Curry".

The JOSEPH and JAMES question

I am unable to determine if James was the oldest or younger than the other brothers, but I think that we can be sure that James and Joseph were brothers. It seems that James was the most popular and apparently came to the Kanawha-Logan-Boone county area before the other Workmans. According to recorded history James, Joseph, and Jacob all were away from home and family in 1793 when they appeared at the place where Logan now stands. History recorded that "James" was a man of family and returned for them, disregarding for that moment the other brothers. Surely Joseph and Jacob both were married and had children at the time period 1793-1797.

At present, I am unable to locate my original notes where I copied the death record of Joseph of Boone county where the information was given by his son Jasper. I had it locked in my mind, however, that the name Joseph (and Nancy Workman) was spelled out and not abbreviated. You say that you have seen the original death record and the name is abbreviated "Jas." and the "a" is clear, making Joseph born in Augusta county, son of James and Nancy Workman. This may factually work out and clear up a few misunderstandings, so lets back up and start from there and regroup.

First, we must consider what Mr. Jarrell told Mr. Olafson about Mrs. Daniel (Hannah) Jarrell being the daughter of James and Hannah Workman. What we have considered before as James and Hannah and Joseph and Nancy may be more rightfully transposed to James and Nancy and Joseph and Hannah. Going back to the records of Wyoming county, this too would throw a new light on the death record information of my ancestor.

August 31, 1975

Another thing that I did not know was that your family tradition had your Joseph (who married Elizabeth Elkins) a brother to Abraham (who married Mary Ballard). The given names of the daughters "Dorcas" of John Workman and Joseph Workman would indicate the possibility of a brother relationship there. Also if we are to accept Henry Clay Ragland's work that Joseph is son of James; and Mr. Olafson's record given by Dorcas White that her father was John, son of James, then your Joseph (who married Elizabeth McNeely Elkins) would in fact be a brother to John. Still from census and military records, we have James dragging his family about quite rapidly, which, knowing the Workmans, could be true. Consider now James and Nancy Workman: in North Carolina 1782 when Abraham was born; in Augusta county, Virginia 1791 when Joseph was born; and possibly Tazewell or Kanawha county, Virginia about 1798 when John was born.

This leaves Joseph with Hannah which may be varified by my ancestor Joseph's death record in Wyoming county. Joseph is said to have been born in Pennsylvania (census info.) around 1780. Assuming that Mr. Olafson was misinformed, Hannah (Workman) Jarrell could be the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Workman. According to the 1830 Logan county census, she would have been born between 1790 and 1800. Thomas in the 1850 Boone county census also gives his birth information as Pennsylvania in 1772. If we could trust the accuracy of the death record of Joseph in Wyoming county, he would have been born about 1773 instead of 1780 as stated in the 1850 census. So we cannot overlook the possibility of this Thomas and this Joseph as being brothers. Again, too, the Thomas in the Boone 1850 census may not be the same Thomas who made the improvement on the land mentioned in 1809.

Needless to say you do have my best wishes for a successful genealogical club.

Sincerely,

Ralph H. Sayre

cc. Mrs. Pearlman
Mr. Olafson

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September 2, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
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Dear Cousin:

I received your letter of August 26 today and feel compelled to reply right away. I feel sure that your Alternate Three is hitting pretty close to the true lineage. I am still not sure that James Hewett Workman could be son of James and Nancy. The maiden name Hewett/Hewitt would go with James H. Workman's mother whether Nancy or Hannah. Workman Family History by Anderson even with its errors states that "Joseph and his sons, Joseph and James Hewett..." in the records of a Mary Workman. Lets test the possibility that James Hewett Workman was not only "freind" but a brother to my Joseph of Wyoming county. They both then would be sons of Jos. and Hanah as was given in my Joseph's death record by James H. Workman. Also in relationships according to place, James H. Workman owned land in the same area as my Joseph in Wyoming county.

Deed Book A, p. 419...July 1, 1857 to Ephraim Meadows part 90 A. on Big Fork... "in the legal title to which undivided moiety appears to yet remain in BENJAMIN WORKMAN, MATISON WORKMAN, RAYMOND S. WORKMAN, FRANKLIN SIZEMORE, and Polly his wife; formerly POLLY WORKMAN, EDWARD SIZEMORE and Jame his wife, formerly JANE WORKMAN, ROBERT WORKMAN, CHARLES WORKMAN, and JOHN WORKMAN, heirs at law of JOSEPH WORKMAN, deceased..!" Land originally surveyed 1st Sept 1821 for 180 A granted to Joseph McDonald, purchased some time ago by JOSEPH WORKMAN and JOSEPH REED by deed of record in the clerks office in Logan county...90 A. Big Fork of Guyandotte River lying at the mough of Cabin Creek.

Deed Book A, p. 563...May 20, 1859 to John Garretson, Land on Cedar Creek, Slab Fork district JOSEPH WORKMAN, JR. of Boone county, heir of JAMES H. WORKMAN, deceased at this date.

OLD WYOMING COUNTY ENTRY BOOK, p. 20... JAMES H. WORKMAN... enters 25 acres of land in Wyoming county...beginning JOSEPH WORKMANS line, running up Cedar to the forks and thence running across the above Cedar taking all the good land running down the slab crossing the point at the back of the field and thence with WORKMAN's line to the beginning. March 29, 1851.

p. 161 JAMES H. WORKMAN makes another 25 A. entry on Big fork of Guyandotte R.

p. 252 JAMES H. WORKMAN enters with Augustin Ball, 45 A. on the Big Fork of Guyandotte River. May 22, 1855.

It is possible that the Pheby Workman in early tazewell tax lists is the sister to Jacob who later married Isaac Roberts; and that Phoebe McMay (or whatever) who married Joseph in York county, Pennsylvania died before 177- and that he remarried a Hannah _____ (Hewett?); and that he in his second marriage had sons, Joseph (who married the Reeds) and James Hewett who married Ruth Halstead (NOT Alstead as Anderson has it).

I had originally thought that my great-great grandfather's name was badly misspelled Matison Workman, but I have found out from my cousins that his true name was JAMES MATISON WORKMAN and he married NANCY ELIZABETH WEBB. No one, however, has been able to give me true dates on them of birth, marriage and death.

From the personal records of Thomas Workman in Mercer county and supporting court house records, I have been able to compile the following on descendents of JOHN T. WORKMAN, son of JOSEPH and HANWAH (REED) WORKMAN. He was born April 10, 1814 in Monroe county, and I have estimated that his father and step-mother took him with them into Logan county in the 1820's. John was a carpenter by trade. His first wife was PERMELIA RICE AND they had children as follows: Rebecca born about 1833 and died unmarried April 8, 1860; Sarah A. born about 1837, married Sept 11, 1856 James P. Dunn, son of Ruben and Mary; Clayburn, born about 1838, a mechanic by trade, a Confederate in the Civil War, married Dec 3, 1857 Mary M. Goodall, daughter of Fountain and Margaret; and Elizabeth, born about 1849, married Dec 3, 1867 Jonas E. Crotty, son of James and Elizabeth.

JOHN T. WORKMAN, age 52, married February 8, 1866, MARGARET ANN SAMS, age 30, daughter of J. Harvey and Hannah Sams. They had five children: Nanny M. born Jan 20, 1868, married Feb 3, 1886 William Matison Burns; Susan, born about 1870, married March 15, 1893 Monroe J. Wickline; John H. born April 18, 1872 married November 15, 1895 Lizzie A. Basham; George William born about 1875, married August 26, 1903 Lula F. Wickline; and Joseph Harvey, born December 16, 1877 and died unmarried January 15, 1897.

I see that I left out a daughter of John and Permelia (Rice) Workman, that is, Isabella, born about 1841, married Nov 11, 1864 Benjamin F. Sams, son of Joseph H. and Hannah Sams.

I have relied on the WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY, by Anderson that it was the Robert who was the son of my Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman, who married Sarah Jane Kirk, but if you will notice in the 1850 Boone county census, Robert Workman is with his wife, Jane, and their children: Rufus, Sarah, and America at the same time William Kirk, Sr. has his daughter, Sarah (17) in his own household yet.

From Boone county Marriages 1865-1873, I have:

ROBERT WORKMAN, born about 1817 in Tazewell county married 15 June 1869 NANCY J. CAULLY, born about 1844 in Monroe co.

ROBERT WORKMAN, born about 1822 in Tazewell county married 15 May 1871 M. J. JARRELL, born about 1834 in Kanawha county. I find him in #39 1880 Boone census: Robert Workman, born about 1815; Martha J. born about 1831, with a child, Octavia, born about 1865....or could it be?

WILLIAM WASHINGTON WORKMAN, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, married 1st Eve Stanley, by whom, he had 10 children. He married 2nd, Barbara (Belcher) Grose, widow of Harrison Grose. She was the mother of Ribern Workman's second wife, Emily Grose. Ribern was the son of Wash. Workman's brother James Matison W.

Where did Samuel and Anne (Workman) Muncey (Munsey, Muncy) settle? I do not know where they were from 1788 through 1820. Mrs. Schreiner-Yantis in her book indicated that they settled in Kanawha county. I think they may have followed the Workmans.

I do not find any Muncey's or Workmans in the 1810 Montgomery county census. However in the 1810 Giles county census is Muncey's with given names: Jeremiah; Zachariah; Holten; and Tunas. Also ISAAC WORKMAN 40010-1010000 and living beside him is a "Nimrod" Smith. Isaac Workman is in Kanawha county in 1820 with Thomas and James. In Giles county 1820 we find my JOSEPH WORKMAN, I think, with an older man in his household...310011-00100-02. With the name MUNCY, we find: Tunis; Zachariah; Hotten; and SAMUEL MUNCY 000010-10010. SAMUEL MUNCY 40111 02001 is in Logan county 1830. And he is still in Logan county in 1840 with the info-123001 - 010001. There is another SAMUEL MUNCY in 1840 Giles county census with the information - 01200001 - 0002101.

I have a copy of HISTORY OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY John Gibson, which was first published in 1886. After scanning through the book for several hours and checking all the possibilities in the index, I do not find a name near to McMay or McMeagher. There is one reference in the general immigration area for a McRae. It mentions the name with other names who left Scotland for this area, the fine homes they left and how they felt about leaving. So if the McRaes were in York county in 1761 they must have left before 1800. There is no mention of Workmans ever living in Washington township. In Washington township there is mention of a McCreary family (John 1791, Thomas 1754). Do you suppose Phoebe Workman could have been a McCreary? "Ewer Chanceford Township: William M. Grove, farmer, is a son of Jacob and Martha (Tosh) Grove, who were natives of FAWN township and moved to Lower Chanceford. Jacob Grove, the father, had eleven children and was first married to Agnes Workman..." p. 101 "FAWN TOWNSHIP: John B. Gemmill, son of Benjamin and Mary (Brown) Gemmill, of York county, was born January 19, 1838, and resided on the homestead with his parents until 1861. His father died in 1878 and his mother died in 1879. He was married in 1860, to Agnes M. Workman, daughter of JOHN and REBECCA WORKMAN of Baltimore, and formerly of York county..."

I still think that there is a possibility that Abraham was speaking Washington, in Washington county, when he gave his birth information for a pension application. Did he not enter service in Monongalia county, Va. which is closer to Washington county than it is to York?

JOSEPH WORKMAN, son of Abraham, married 4 August 1761 Phoebe Mc per transcription of marriage register of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York county, Pennsylvania. Can you locate this church in 1760 to know if the marriage was performed in Washington township? Possible children and descendants of Phoebe and Joseph Workman are:

1. Abraham Workman, born 25 January 1761 in Pennsylvania in Washington township, county; married 13 Sept 1786 in Montgomery county, Virginia, Margaret LIGHTNER; he died in 1858 at Burkes Garden, Tazewell county, Virginia of "General Debility" according to his death record.

I have at least two family group sheets from the LDS records on Abraham and Margaret Workman. It seems that several have tried to research that family in Tazewell county and came up with several different versions. -stop- I just noticed something, the information that I received from Montgomery county says the date of marriage of Abraham Workman to "Margaret Litner" is August 2, 1785, NOT 13 SEPTEMBER 1786 as you have. I probably gave you the wrong date as the latter is what is on the family group sheets from LDS. Children of Abraham and Margaret (Litner) Workman may be:

1. Joseph Workman, born 1787/8, no other information.
2. Sarah Workman, born 1789-90, married 26 Dec 1810 James Marrs
3. Phoebe Workman, born 12 May 1793; married 11 Nov 1811 Charles Jones; died 4 Sept 1873 in California.
4. Moses Workman, born about 1794; married 11 Jul 1820 Sarah Marrs.
5. Mary Workman, born about 1796/7; married 21 Oct 1818 Philip Greever.
6. Margaret ? Workman, born ca. 1798/9; married James W. Heninger/Henager
7. Elizabeth Ann Workman, born ca. 1800/1; married Philip Heninger/Henager
8. John L. Workman, born ca. 1805; married 1. Sophia _____
2. _____?

and possibly one of the Robert Workmans who married in Boone county. and possibly Marinda Workman who married Robert Kilgore Green or John Ourey/Curey.

2. Ann Workman, born ca. 1765, probably in Pennsylvania; married Samuel Muncey 16 June 1788 in Montgomery county, Virginia. According to Montgomery county marriage records, Samuel was son of Obadiah Muncey and both Samuel and Obadiah appear on Tazewell county tax records 1801 through 1804 then disappear. both Samuel and Ann Muncey appear in Tazewell court records through 1804, so I would assume that Obadiah probably died around that time and Samuel relocated in Giles county, since he is there in a later census. The other Samuel Muncy in Logan county may be a son.
3. James Workman, born 1765-1775 probably in Pennsylvania, married Nancy _____ ~~nessi~~ In Kanawha county, Virginia, 1810, and 1820 census, and Logan county 1830 census. James died or may have relocated between 1830 and 1840. Probable children of James and Nancy Workman were:
 1. Abraham Workman, born ca. 1782 in North Carolina; married _____ 1809 Mary "Polly" Ballard in Kanawha county.
 2. Joseph Workman, born ca. 1791 in Augusta county, Virginia; married _____ Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins.
 3. Elizabeth Workman, born ca. 1793; married Jan. 3, 1812 George McNeely, son of William McNeely in Kanawha county.
 4. female ?
 5. male?
 6. John Workman, born 1799-1800; married Jane Moore
 7. female ?
 8. male?
 9. Hannah Workman, born ca. 1809; married Daniel Jarrell
 10. male?
4. Joseph Workman, born ca. 1762? married Hannah _____ (possibly Hewitt). If Joseph is to be one of the brothers, my ancestor, Joseph, cannot be an issue of a second marriage

of Phoebe's Joseph. History names James, Joseph, and Nimrod; or James, Joseph, and Thomas; or by Mr. Olafson, James, Joseph, and Jacob. I wonder, did Jacob actually depose that he was one of the three who lived on the Island, or just that he came to this area with them???? Assuming that my Joseph was born in 1780 of Joseph and Hanah Workman in Alleghany county Pennsylvania, the older Joseph would have to have been at least 18 years old or born about 1762, if he would be the son of Joseph and Phoebe. He would have to be older than James. Possible children from evidence previously given in this letter would be:

1. Joseph Workman, born ca. 1780, in Alleghany county, Pa., married 5 March 1807 in Monroe county Virginia to Hannah Reed. By Hannah, he had Benjamin R. Workman about 1808, who married Rebecca French; John T. Workman, born 1814 who married 1st Permelia Rice and 2nd Margaret Ann Sams; Robert Workman, born about 1815. Joseph married 9 April 1817 Elizabeth Reed again in Monroe county, and they had: Raymond Shanton Workman, born 1818; married Sarilda Webb first, and then Lucina Roberts; Charles W. Workman, born about 1819; married 3 Sept 1840 Phoebe Margaret Bailey; Malinda Jane Workman who married Edward Sizemore; James Matison Workman who was born about 1821 and married about 1841 Nancy Elizabeth Webb; Mary Workman who married Franklin Sizemore; William Washington Workman, born 15 November 1830 and married 1st Eve Stanley and 2nd Barbara (Belcher) Grose; and George Floyd Workman, born about 1836 and married 1st Sarah Belcher and 2nd Nancy Gunnoe.
2. James Hewett Workman, born about 1784; married Ruth Halstead.
5. Thomas Workman, born ca. 1772 in Pennsylvania, who may have married twice. By his first wife _____ he may have had a son, John M. Workman (who may have been the husband of Elizabeth Scarbrough of Raleigh county). He married in Tazewell county Virginia 24 October 1805 Sarah Deskins. Children may be:
 1. James Workman married Rachel Fickle and/or Mary Ann Houghbok
 2. female?
 3. male?
 4. Martha Workman, who married Joseph McNeely and Dr. Alexander Church.
 5. male?
 6. Harvey Workman, who died single
 7. David Workman, who married Elizabeth _____ (Brown?).
 8. female?

6. Phoebe Workman, born ca. 1769-1775, had a son Jesse Workman, born before her marriage to Isaac Roberts.
7. Jacob Workman, born 1770-1780 (probably 1774/5); married Eleanor Jones. Children were:
1. Joseph P. m. Nancy Osborn
 2. Stephen m. Catherine Edwards
 3. Pleasant m. Sarah Ferguson
 - 1829 purchased 120 A. on Twelve Pole Ck. from J. T. Watson
 - 1837 " 125 A. on Rt. Fk. 12-pole " "
 - 1838 " 60 A. on Rt. Fk. 12-pole from Jacob Workman et. al. (may signify old Jacob's death)
 4. Jacob Workman m. Elizabeth Deane
 - 1823 Jacob Workman purchased 60 A. on Rt. Fk or Twelve Pole Creek from Samuel Furgeson et. al. (may be old Jacob)
 - 1826 Jacob purchased 20 A. on 12-pole Ck. (may be old Jacob)
 5. William Workman m. Phoebe (Tribia) Vaughn
 6. James Workman m. Nancy Ferguson
 7. Nancy Workman
8. Moses Workman, LDS records indicate his birth year as 1777 which I think is probably more correct than 1780-1790. Lets say he was born in 1777 in Pennsylvania, and the family came to Virginia between 1778 and 1780. He married in Tazewell county 17 June 1801 Elizabeth Muncy and had children:
1. Eleanor Workman m. Achilles? Acles Fannon
 2. Obadiah Workman m. Rebecca Lambert
 3. Moses Workman, Jr. m. 11-23-1845 Mary Blankenship
 4. Marinda Workman m. John Curey or Curey ?
 5. Nancy Workman m. Eli Gore ?
 6. Elizabeth Workman m. Isaac Adkins ?
 7. female ?
 8. Henry Workman m. Nancy Dalton
 9. John Workman m. Sarah _____ ?
10. Is this the Moses Workman who married 11 July 1820 Sarah Marrs?
1. male ?
 2. female?
 3. Henry Workman m. Nancy Dalton ?
 4. female?
 5. female?
9. Isaac Workman, born ca. 1780, probably in Virginia; married Susan Leit. Their likely children are:
1. Russell Workman m. _____
 2. female?
 3. Squire T. Workman m. Nancy _____
 4. Elias Workman m. Nancy _____
 5. Josephus Workman m. Mary Burgess
 6. female?
 7. female?

As it stands, I would say a better reorganization of the basic potential children of Joseph and Phoebe should be: (1) Abraham b. 1761 m. Margaret Litner; (2) Joseph b. 1762 m. Hannah (Hewitt?); Anne, b. 1765 m. Sam Muncy; James, b. 1770 m. Nancy _____; Thomas, b. 1772 m. 1? 2 Sarah Deskins; Phoebe, b. 1773 m. Isaac Roberts; Jacob, b. 1774/5 m. Elizabeth Jones; Moses, b. 1777 m. Elizabeth Muncy and ?; Isaac, b. 1780 m. Susan Leit.

Workman Family History pages 616 and 617. Can we consider the statement on p. 617 of Rev. William Wallace Workman (Joseph 4781 Joseph 4777) now disproven; and corrected as (Joseph 4781 James)? He was son of James and Rebecca (Chambers) Workman, and states that his great-grandfather, "Joseph" was the first white settler ...and built a cabin ... where Logan court house now stands. If we can correct this and in addition take the information on my Joseph Workman's death record as truth, then my Joseph could have been one of the three brothers who came to the Island. He would have been 20-years old in 1793. Is it possible that Phoebe's other name was Hannah; i.e. Phoebe Hannah or Hannah Phoebe? Then we could have:

- Abraham 1761
- Anne 1762-1765
- James 1765-1771
- Thomas 1772
- Joseph 1773 m. 1807 Hannah Reed m. 1817 Elizabeth Reed
- Phoebe 1774
- Jacob 1775
- Moses 1777
- Isaac 1780

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The question you had on Joseph Workman's death 6 June 1879 in Boone county (re: your letter 8-26-75 to Mrs Hager). I have him classified under the parentage of Benjamin R. and Rebecca(French) Workman, mainly because the record says he was born in Giles county.

Death information that I have on Jane (Moore) Workman is 7 July 1878 at an age of 78-11-29, widow of John Workman. Information given by B. H. Workman. By subtracting her death date minus her age at death, I arrived at a birth date of 8 July 1799.

I was not able to make copies of this for Mrs. Hager and Mr. Olafson, but perhaps the information herein will reflect later in our correspondence to them. I must apologize for the disorganization and errors. I am trying to rush without the use of numerous references. I have some information on Hugh and James Workman of Washington county, Pennsylvania which I want to send you later. Again, I appreciate the time you have taken to dig into this family and help me with it.

Sincerely,

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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 Alleghany 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 Permelia #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.

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 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

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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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Re: Workman Family

HISTORY OF WEST VIRGINIA pub. 1889 by Virgil A. Lewis

p.68 "The second grant made to lands in the Upper Valley was that to Benjamin Burden, or Borden--name spelled both ways in records.
p.69...Burden at once went to Europe for the purpose of securing emigrants to settle upon his lands, and in 1737 returned, bringing with him more than a hundred families. Among these primitive emigrants we meet with the names of some who have left a numerous posterity, now widely dispersed, not only over the Virginias, but throughout the South and West--such as Ephraim McDowell, Archibald Alexander, John Patton, Andrew Moore, Hugh Telford and John Matthews. The first party was soon joined ~~xxx~~ by others, mostly of their relatives and acquaintances from the mother country. Among these latter were the Prestons, Paxtons, Lyles, Grigsbys, Stewarts, Crawfords, Cumminses, Browns, Wallaces, Wilsons, Caruthers, Campbells, McCampbells, McClungs, McCues, McKees and McCowns....They were Irish Presbyterians, who, being of Scotch extraction, were called Scotch-Irish." He makes no mention of a Workman Family, also he specifies "Upper Valley" and not being familiar with the geography and borders at that time, I am not sure that the Upper Valley would include any part of the Roanoke River. I have not yet been able to read Ragland's History; did he give a reference as to where he got his information on Borden's settlement?

*Note the
Moore name
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In George C. Greer's, EARLY VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS, he lists a Richard and Grace Workman in the Westmoreland county, Virginia, area as early as 1643. A John Workman in the Lancaster county area in 1653 and William Workman in Surry County in 1655 is also listed. I have a Xerox copy of a handwritten Will of Thomas Workman in Norfolk county in 1654 wherein he mentions a son, Thomas. The immigrant ancestor to whom, Thelma C. Anderson in her WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY tries to link our family with is Dirck Janse Woertman of New Jersey. Theodore F. Chambers in his EARLY GERMANS OF NEW JERSEY indicates only that the WORTMAN spelling evolves from WOERTMAN. Dirck Janse Woertman arrived from Holland in 1647 according to this author. It is my opinion that our Workman lineage never transpired through Woertman and Wortman.

As for the separation of the descendants of James and Nancy Workman from those of Joseph and Phoebe Workman, I do not think we will find this a reality. Apparently they have been together all at one time in the Wythe-Tazewell county area, which is a good indication that at least James, Joseph, and Abraham were brothers. Jacob, by way of his court affidavit claims relationship to the original settlers or pioneers of the Island where Logan stands. Abraham's pension application names Joseph and Phoebe as parents and Pennsylvania as birthplace. One thing that throws suspicion towards there being two James in the area is the marriage date of Joseph and Phoebe of York county. Abraham is supposedly the first born in 1761 and if James was second in 1762, that would make him only 18 in 1780 at the battle where Aracoma was killed. The original pioneer, James Workman, of Logan, had established himself as a "trustworthy gentleman and gallant soldier" possibly too early to have been born after 1760. However, I feel sure that the James who married Nancy, the Joseph who married Hannah, Abraham who married Margaret, and Jacob who married Eleanor were brothers.

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In Mary K. Bowman's A REFERENCE BOOK TO WYOMING COUNTY HISTORY she gives reference to the Rev. Andrew Workman (who is allegedly son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely, Elkins) Workman, and thereby grandson of James and Nancy) established the first meeting place of his circuit in Wyoming county at the home of his cousin, Charles Workman (who is the son of my ancestor, Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth Reed). This strongly indicates to me that there is a very close family relationship between James and Joseph. Zachariah T. Workman, son of John L. and Sophia, and grandson of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman of Tazewell, married Mary W. Cook in Wyoming county. They were living in Oceana district in 1900 which is in between Boone county and the Slab Fork district of Wyoming county where my Joseph lived and died. This could be another indication of Joseph and Abraham being brothers.

I have not seen enough definite facts to establish whether James Hewett Workman was a brother to Elizabeth Reed's Joseph Workman or Elizabeth McNeely Elkin's Joseph Workman. It appears possible either way. If we could locate his death record, perhaps that could be solved. Mrs. Anderson's book showed that it occurred in Clay county, Ohio which I discovered, as you all have, did not exist. In 1973 when I bought my book, I had hopes of finding the death record and learning his parents names, so I checked Clay county, West Virginia and found nothing on him. From the Ohio Index to the 1830 Federal Population Census which I found at the University, I found two James Workmans. One is in Logan county, Ohio, who I am sure is the son of Daniel Workman. The other is in Jefferson county and may be James Hewett Workman, but I doubt it. I suspect that he died in either Wyoming or Boone county. If you provide Mrs. Anderson with any more corrections for the Workman History, you might mention that the maiden name of James Hewett Workman's wife must be Halstead instead of "Alsted".

As for the marriage record of Joseph Workman in 1853 to Lydia Lowe, it appears to me that it may have been Moses Workman, son of Obadiah and Rebecca (Lambert) Workman. The name could have been abbreviated "Mos" and again mistaken for "Jos". By the age given, I determined that it was Moses, son of Obadiah.

Hope the Boone County Genealogical Club continues in success and many thanks to you three for the continued help.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Ohio 1820 & 1830 Census Abstracts placed with Book section.

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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.

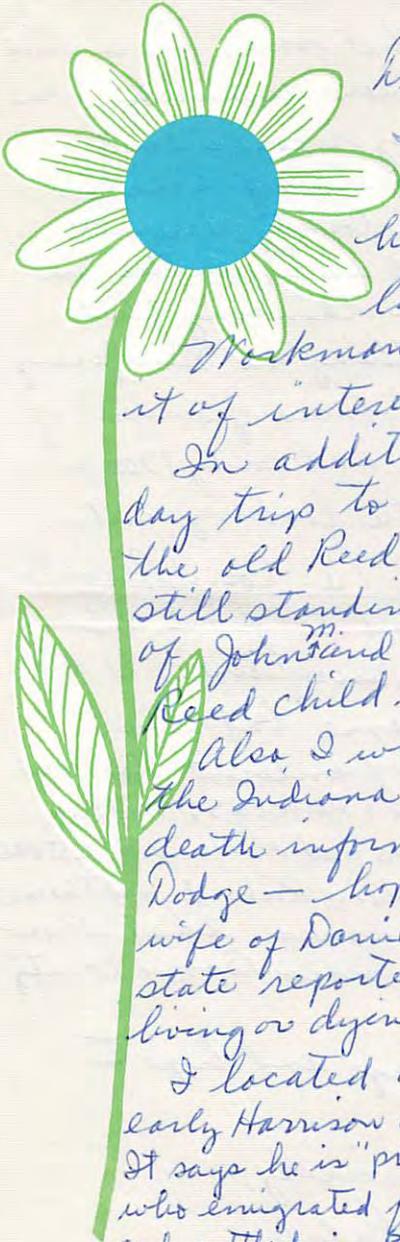
Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

CC: Mrs. Hager & Mr. Olafson

October 15, 1975

Dear Cousin:



I am sending you some more material that I have accumulated in the last couple of weeks on the Workman line. You may find it of interest.

In addition, I made a quick one-day trip to Monroe County and located the old Reed Cemetery. The only markers still standing with writing were that of John^{m.} and Margaret A. Workman and a Reed child who died young.

Also, I wrote to Boone County, Indiana and the Indiana State Library for possible death information on Elizabeth (Workman) Dodge — hoping to establish the name of the wife of Daniel Workman. The county and state reported that they had no record of her living or dying there.

I located a genealogy of Lot Wortman of early Harrison County, Ohio who died in 1839. It says he is "probably a descendant of John Wortman, who emigrated from Holland to America in 1750, and settled in Bedminster Township, Somerset county, New Jersey..." This further strengthens my doubts that the Workman lineage was ever Workman.

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An additional coincidence that may be a clue in the Norfolk county Workman research. In a book about early New Jersey records and settlers, I found in the Piscataway area a John Snow, planter, of Louisa County, Virginia. Thomas Workman was listed as a planter in Norfolk county records. I am thinking that there may have been something in New Jersey which attracted planters (tobacco growers) of Virginia in the late 1600's and early 1700's. It's a thin clue, but worth looking into.

I checked Chester County, Pa. Court Records 1681-1697 which I happened to find at West Virginia University on microfilm. I did not find the Workman name but the following names may be of interest to you. John, Margaret, Stephen, and William CHAMBERS; Arthur, Francis, and Richard COOK; Matthias and Matthew HOULSTEAD; Andrew, George, James, Jane, John, Mary, Richard, and Thomas MOORE. These are some names that show up in the area that is now Boone county West Virginia.

Hope this is interesting and hope to hear from you again.

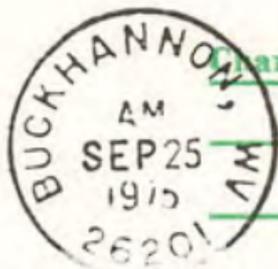
Sincerely,
Ralph

Sept 24, 1975

Dear Cousin:

A couple of thoughts on your letter of 9/19 which arrived today. The early Workmans of Virginia that I have mentioned before seem to be absent from any information we have so far on 1700-1750 Virginia. This is the approximate time of the alleged American transition from Woertman/Wortman to Workman. I may admit to that later, but first I want to test it as far as I can. I feel that the misspelling of Jacob's surname in 1820 was due to the hearer and not the speaker because it is a one-time instance and to my knowledge did not happen to his sons. Since the children of James seem to have earlier birthdates, how much earlier do you figure James married than did Abraham? I have another lead on a cemetery in Wyoming county where my Joseph is likely buried, so I may make another trip there next month. I'm sending more under separate cover soon. Sincerely,

Ralph



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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Phoebe (Workman) Jones

Born May 12, 1793. Married November 11, 1811 Charles Jones in Tazewell county, Virginia. Had children named William; Margaret; Rachel; Nancy; Catherine; Abraham W.; Phoebe; Charles; Elizabeth Ann; Timothy; Louisa Marian; and Rebecca. If Rebecca's birthplace listed as Ohio in the 1870 Sonoma county census can be believed, the family could be possibly located in the 1840 Ohio census. I cannot justify the indicated North Carolina as birthplace of Phoebe (Workman) Jones though. If she is the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman, that would place them in North Carolina in 1793, the year indicated by the affidavit of Jacob, when the three brothers first came to the Island. Abraham, son of James and Nancy Workman, gave his birthplace as North Carolina at about 1784; now Phoebe (Workman) Jones gives her birthplace as North Carolina in 1793--before and after 1790. Yet, neither James nor Abraham Workman is listed as head of household in the 1790 North Carolina Census enumeration. There is a James Workman in Camden District Fairfield county, South Carolina 1790 census listing two free white males age 16 or over and three free white females. I doubt that this is our James, however, since Joseph (who married Elizabeth McNeely Elkins) was born 1790-1 either in Augusta or Tazewell county Virginia.

Abraham Workman, born 1761 in Washington township, Pa.

Because of the marriage record of Joseph Workman to Phoebe McCreary/McRae etc. in York county, I admit the probability of Abraham's pension reference to Washington township instead of the town of Washington which is now in Washington county, Pennsylvania. It appears on my early maps that the town of Washington, if then in existence, it would have been in the section of the District of West Augusta that was formed in the county of Ohio in 1776. Abraham's brother, James, has a good possibility of having been born in that area or Monongalia county area which extended up into Pennsylvania. I do not believe that Joseph's Phoebe was a McNeely or McNeaghy.



Workman



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Sayre



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Moses Workman

Who would you say was the parents of this Moses Workman who married 17 June 1801 in Tazewell county to Elizabeth Muncy/Muncey/Munsey? I was amazed to today to find an old note that I had made in my census record transcripts about a year ago. It coincides with your theory that this Moses married second 11 July 1820 Sarah Marrs. You had said in an earlier letter that if Sarah was not the mother of Abijah Workman, she had at least raised him. In my 1850 Logan county census notes, I found "District 32--House #187. Obijah Workman, born 1819, Nancy, born 1824; children: Ty, born 1845; Sarah E., born 1846; Barbara, born 1847; William H., born 1849; Moses, born 1831; and Sarah, born 1797. Note: Could be the second wife of the Moses Workman who married Elizabeth Muncy." Another note referred me to a sketch on William Workman in Hardesty's History of Wayne, Lincoln and Cabell Counties. It says that William, born April 14, 1849 in Logan county, was the son of Henry and Nancy (Dalton) Workman. Henry was born March 11, 1820 and Nancy Dalton was born September 8, 1830, both in Tazewell county, Virginia. His full name was most likely Henry Abijah Workman. Hardesty provides another sketch on John Workman born December 10, 1852 in Wayne county to Henry and Nancy (Dalton) Workman.

I do not know who the parents of this Moses could be, but if not Joseph and Phoebe, a possibility could be Daniel and wife. As for his birth year, the 1820 census of Tazewell county places it between 1775 and 1794. Elizabeth's birth year figures before 1775. LDS records give Moses birth as 1777. They also had the Moses who married Sarah Marrs as born around 1794 to Abraham and Margaret (Letner) Workman, but I think we have pretty conclusively discredited that theory.

Abraham Workman who married Mary Ballard

When I recorded the Kanawha 1820 Census data, I had made a note beside of the "Thomas" entry that it was a "Guess--very dim and hard to read". After re-examining my notes, I am happy to correct it to Abraham, and thanks for pointing it out. It is more easy to go wrong than right in compiling these things. One thing that still throws me is the "Ham" abbreviation for Abraham instead of the usual "Abm" or "Abram". Do you believe, as I do, that Elizabeth Workman who married George McNeely was a sister to Abraham, and daughter of James and Nancy Workman?

Other Workmans in Virginia early

This week I received from Richmond some Revolutionary records which involve the Workman name. "At a Court Martial Held for Augusta County the 17th Day of April in 1777, being the day after the General Muster ..." "Capt. Fraizers Delinquents, It is ordered that the following Delinquents be summonsed to appear and show cause why they did not appear at the following...Lewis Workman for one muster."

At a Court Martial Continued and Held for Augusta County according to Ajurnment this 28th Day of October, 1783...Capt. Trotter's Delinquents ...John Workman Returned for not appearing at a private muster 30th September 1783, Acquitted."

Pittsburgh Payroll (Original) 6th October 1775 Certificates for this list amounting to one hundred and two to be delivered to Capt. Michael Cresap for himself and company...Pvt. William Workman, for 114 days, paid 6:19-6." 4th October 1775 Certificates for this list made out in the names of the claimants and delivered to Capt. Abraham Teagarten ...Pvt. Jas. Workman, for 70 days paid 5:17:0."

Romney Payroll (Original) 2nd November 1775 Certificates for this list to be delivered to the favoral Claimants. signed. M. Morgan...Capt. William Hancher's Rolls...Pvt. James Workman for 50 days paid 3:15:0."

The Family of Joseph and Phoebe Workman

Let's stick to the "Six brothers" theory for a while and the theory that my Joseph Workman of Wyoming county is a son of Joseph and Phoebe.

1. ABRAHAM, probably the first son, born in 1761; married 1785 in the Montgomery county, Virginia area. Lived his last years in Burkes Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia.
2. JAMES, must have been born 1762 if he was the second son and did all the things that he is credited with. He married probably before or as early as Abraham in 1785 in Augusta county to Nancy (probably Hewett?).
3. ISAAC, was probably the third son, born around 1767; married Susan Leit around 1800 in Wythe, Mercer, or Monroe county.
4. ANNE, born about 1769, married Samuel Munsey in Montgomery county Virginia 1788.
5. THOMAS, born about 1772 in PA; probably married once before he married 24 October 1805 Sarah Deskins in Tazewell county. He could have remained single until 1805 however if he was in fact one of the brothers who planted corn and built a cabin on the Island where Logan now stands.
6. JOSEPH, if we are able to use his death record would have been born around 1773 in PA. If he is son of Joseph and Phoebe, He most likely is THE Joseph who accompanied James and the other brother to the Island in 1793. He would be THE Joseph who patented 200 acres on Spruce fork of Cole River in 1807 or 1808 as mentioned in Hardesty's History... "to include the house wherein said Workman now lives". He would be The Joseph Workman on the 1810 and 1815 Cabell Tax lists. His marriage records in 1807 and 1817 are in Monroe county, but there is no evidence that he ever lived there. He entered the War of 1812 from Cabell county and we know that he had a family before that. According to Wyoming county history, He supposedly settled or relocated to Cedar Creek of that county in 1846.
7. JACOB, born about 1774, probably in PA; His wife Eleanor is living with their son in Wayne county in 1850 and her age indicates she was born about 1776. This is why I estimate his bd at 1774. By his affidavit in court, he came to the area with his brothers about 1793, but was not necessarily one of the three who tried to settle at Logan. He was probably not married either until after 1800.
8. PHOEBE, born about 1776 or later; married Isaac Roberts.

Keeping these things in mind, I would like to take a new look at the 1830 and 1840 Logan county census. I first ask myself which Workmans in the 1830 Logan county census, by the age of their children, would have been heads of household by 1810? I find:

Isaac	born 1770 - 1780	
James	1770 - 1780	
Joseph Sr.	1770 - 1780	(of later Wyoming county)
Abraham	1780 - 1790	
Joseph	1790 - 1800	(this is the one who married Elizabeth McNeely Elkins and appears he would have been head of house in 1810 because he has the Elkins children.)

By the analysis above Isaac and James should have been born before 1770!

Next, I ask which of the Workmans in the 1830 Logan county census would have been head of household in 1820, but by the age of their children, not in 1810? I find:

James H.	born 1800 - 1810	(probably James Hewett Workman son of James and Nancy?)
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I think he was born before 1800!

Joseph Jr. born 1800 - 1810 (This may be the Joseph Jr. listed as son of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman. Two males in house b. 1800-1810 and one female b. same. Older female born 1790-1800)

Which Workmans in the 1830 Logan county census became heads of household after 1820 by the ages of their children?

James H. Workman may belong here. It appears that he may have married around 1820 and had a daughter born 1820-1825.
 John Workman born 1800 - 1810 (married Jane Moore about 1824?)
 John M. Workman 1790 - 1800 (married around 1825; son of _____)
 Moses Workman 1800 - 1810 (married around 1824 or 25; son of _____)

Which Workmans in the 1840 Logan county were heads of household in the 1830 Logan county census?

Joseph 111120001 - 001010100 (Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman living between David Alison and Lampson Robinett and not far from the Sizemores and George Webb.)
 Joseph 0022001 - 2001001 (Joseph and Elizabeth McNeely Workman living between Tandy Burgess and Andrew Workman, with Micajah White, William Elkins, and William Walker on down the Road.)
 John 11301 - 1220001 (John is listed as head of household but appears deceased here by the age of the oldest male.)
 Isaac 1110010001 - 110001001 (This indicates that Isaac was born between 1760 and 1770 which is more reasonable)
 James H. 2230001 - 110101 (James Hewett Workman and Ruth)
 Abraham 00001001 - 001120001 (Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman; living beside Crispan L. Stone)
 Joseph Jr. 211001-011001 (possible son of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman?)
 Moses? There are two in 1840, but may be neither is the one in the 1830 census.
 Andrew Workman (We know that Andrew was born around 1814 but there is a male and female b. 1770-1780 in the house--could it be grandparents, James and Nancy?)
 010010001-200010001

Please check your notes and analyses against this and see if I have anything wrong or if you can fill in anything.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Brief Study on the Workman Family placed with books.

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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Your recent communications on the Workman family are most appreciated. Your abstracts contained in the BRIEF STUDY ON THE FAMILY WORKMAN should prove most useful to all of us.

I had postponed writing in hopes that I would be able to give a report on the early North Carolina Workman marriages, but as yet I have not had the opportunity to spend a day in Los Angeles, where such records are available.

By now you may have heard from Mrs. Hager that she is less certain about the reading of the abbreviation of the Jos./Jas. given as name of father of the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. I suppose all of us must keep an open mind on the Joseph/James interpretations until we find corroborating evidence to substantiate one or another interpretation. The same caution must, I think, be exercised in regard to the father of the Joseph who married the Reed's. I feel that there is a document somewhere which will give us the answers--the most likely being through a land transfer unless a North Carolina marriage bond can be found.

As for the migratory pattern of our ancestors: I am also keeping an open mind on that subject, too, although as you know I am more inclined toward the New Jersey-Pennsylvania-West Virginia route because of the reasons outlined in previous correspondence.

Some of the questions posed in your letter of September 20 were answered in mine of September 19 (which crossed yours in the mail). A few can be commented on again.

Further search of the Pennsylvania records would seem to support an interpretation of McRae/McRay/McCrae/McCray/McReagh/McCreagh, etc. rather than any of the others for Phoebe's maiden name. People with this name lived in the vicinity.

I believe we can be fairly certain in our assumptions regarding most of the children attributed to Phoebe (McRay) and Joseph Workman--the most questionable relating to any named James and/or Joseph.

Regards

You asked me to comment on your analysis of the census records. First, the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins would not have been head of household in 1810; he did not marry Elizabeth until 1813. Someone his age is in the household of James in 1810. Both Joseph and James Hewett Workman were missed in 1820, as I believe I mentioned previously. The Moses and John M. Workman of 1830 census are probably the sons of Thomas Workman--at least they fit the ages of two in his household in 1820 who are out by 1830. The elderly male and female in the household of Andrew Workman in 1840 were probably his wife's parents--this speculation on the basis of the fact that Louisa's mother, Nancy White, was in their 1850 household, by then a widow.

I notice that you show the Reed Cemetery marker in Monroe County as John M. and Margaret A. Workman. Previously, John's middle initial had appeared as "T." Which do you believe to be correct? Was his death date given on the headstone?

You have really accomplished a lot in tracking down information throughout Virginia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Somewhere there are some answers.

You might be interested in the fact that the brother of one of the VanDoren/Doren family who migrated from New Jersey to Monroe County, (West) Virginia, married a Reed. Alexander VanDoren, known as Alexander Doren later in life, was born 28 January 1760 in Manhen Township, Morris County, New Jersey; moved to Virginia in 1781; married Sarah Reed 20 March 1791 in Hardy County. I have never searched records in Hardy County; but after receiving this information, I am now tempted to do so. What about you?

That's about all for today. I shall look forward to hearing from you again, and you may be sure I shall send the additional information as soon as I have had the chance to abstract same.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

This will just be a quick reply to your letter of October 22nd with enclosure of the final research on the 1900 Boone county census.

I had not heard from Mrs. Hager regarding her less certainty about the Jas./Jos. interpretation. There may be some original records and documents in Richmond which would definitely clear up the mysteries of the Workman family of that period. I do not think that I will ever be able to afford a research excursion to Richmond though.

I agree that the migratory pattern of the Workmans of western Virginia is definitely through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and possibly Maryland. Placement of our lineage in New Jersey is around 1735 which leaves adequate opportunity for the Workmans of 1624-1680 Virginia to have migrated to New Jersey and produced two generations by 1735.

On the tombstones in the Old Reed Cemetery in Monroe county are: John M. Workman, April 14, 1814 - July 16, 1886. Margaret A. Workman, May 22, 1816 - July 6, 1901. Emma J. Reed, March 15, 1861 - July 25, 1866. Either I copied it wrong or there is a mistake in Monroe county records. A Feduciary record gave his middle name as "Theo" which I took as an abbreviation for "Theodore". John M. Workman must be correct.

A possible route of travel from Pennsylvania-Maryland to western Virginia was through Hardy county. Court records of birth marriage and death only date back to 1853, so I doubt that they would have anything of value to my work.

Thanks again, and I hope you have good luck when you dig into the Carolina records.

Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph H. Sayre



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1900 Boone County, West Virginia Census
INFORMATION ON THE WORKMAN FAMILY

Crook District

21.21. WORKMAN, Floyd b. July 1875 married about 1896
Rosa Bell b. Jan 1882
Joseph H. b. Mar 1896 Floyd is renting a farm.

118.118. WORKMAN, George F. b. ? married about 1865
Nancy b. ? probably Nancy Gunnoe
Frank b. Apr 1882
James b. June 1883 George F. owns a farm.

I suspect this to be George Floyd Workman, Son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, born about 1836 and married first about 1859 Sarah Belcher in Wyoming county. Is this right??

43.43. WORKMAN, Isaac b. May 1833 married about 1870
Harriet b. ? Isaac is renting a home.
Albert H. b. ? This census report says
no children were born to
this wife, but five are living. Probably a mistake.

85.85. WORKMAN, Isaac b. Jun 1872 married about 1894
Cosby b. ? Isaac is renting a farm.
Nellie b. Mar 1894
Arnold b. May 1895
Amelia b. Feb 1899

1. 1. COOK, William C. b. Dec 1840 married about 1892
Lucretia b. Mar 1860 Mr. Cook owns a farm.
Hansfort b. Oct 1891
WORKMAN, Van b. Sept 1884 stepchild
Jacob b. June 1887 stepchild
Whose wife was Lucretia?

219. 221.
WORKMAN, Jasper b. May 1828 married about 1864
Rispa b. Sep 1837 Jasper is postmaster and owns
his home. They had one child.

169.170. WORKMAN, Millard F. b. Dec 1855 married about 1876
Eveline b. Jun 1860 Millard is renting a
Everett b. Feb 1880 farm. Ten of their
Theora b. Sep 1881 ten children are living
Joseph b. Nov 1883 so one must have married
Luther b. Nov 1885 and had a home of his
John R. b. Apr 1888 own by 1900.
Venie b. Oct 1891
Elizabeth b. Jun 1894
Dell b. May 1897
William H. b. Oct 1898

32.32. WORKMAN, Nighbar? b. Mar 1856 married about 1877
Delila b. Jan 1859
Hilie b. Jul 1884 v E. Workman is renting
Alice b. Jun 1889 a farm in 1900. Five
Eva b. Jun 1890 of eight children are
Moses b. Sep 1894 living.

99.99. WORKMAN, William b. Apr. 1821 married about 1881
Virginia b. Oct. 1836 owns farm, no children by
this wife.

Boone County, Peytona District, 1900 Census

115.115. WORKMAN, Matilda b. August 1855 widow
Jessee b. May 1892 owns farm

119.119. WORKMAN, Walter b. Jun 1873 married about 1896
Margaret b. Mar 1879 owns farm
Aley b. Aug 1898

SHERMAN DISTRICT

106.106. ELKINS, Daniel Head of household
WORKMAN, Lulie b. Apr 1881 age 19, servant

99.99. WORKMAN, Gilbert b. Mar 1872 married about 1895.
Bonne V. b. Oct 1874 Gilbert is renting a farm.
Lillian b. Nov 1895 His mothers birthplace is
Vivian B. b. Feb 1898 given as Ohio.
Allen, Ernie b. Aug 1887 brother in law?

41.41. WORKMAN, John L. b. Mar 1840 married about 1866
Harriet L. b. Oct 1850
Erastus D. b. Oct 1868 owned a farm
Edgar F. b. Mar 1875
Siegel b. Dec 1879
Ornie J. b. Jun 1882
Hattie L. b. Oct 1889
Nora B. b. Dec 1892
Hattie J. b. Apr 1890 Grandchild
Gertrude Ab. Jul 1892 "
Ball, Benjamin Hb. Mar 1890 "
Higginbothom, Essie A. b. Jul 1870 daughter, widow

Boone county, Crook District, 1900 Census continued

100.100. WORKMAN, Serepta b. Oct 1848 widow renting farm
Henry b. May 1873 stepson

141.142. WORKMAN, Wallace b. Jun 1860 married about 1899.
Vernila b. May 1874 (second wife)
Wila b. Sep 1885 Wallace owns a home.
Reuhama b. Apr 1887
Rena b. Dec 1892
Lena E. b. Feb 1898

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

115.115. WORKMAN, Hugh L. b. Nov 1869 married about 1897
Laliska b. Mar 1874 renting farm

116.116. WORKMAN, James b. Jan 1855 married about 1876
Nancy J. b. Mar 1855 James owned a farm in
Mary b. Jul 1876 Washington District in
Anna b. Apr 1878 1900
Thomas b. Nov 1879
Lena b. Oct 1883
Myrtie b. Jul 1887
James b. Sep 1892
Martha b. Jan 1896

120.120. WORKMAN, John b. Nov 1863 married about 1892
Sarah A. b. Nov 1876 renting a farm
Dema R. b. Jun 1893
Valley M. b. Jun 1896

285.286. WORKMAN, Tonsel P. b. Oct 1833 married about 1859
Lucy A. b. Jan 1838 Tonsel owns a farm and
Oscar F. b. Oct 1879 six of their nine
Grandson.....John J. b. Dec 1890 children are living
Grandson....Ball, Ashford b. Nov 1885 in 1900.

40.40. WORKMAN, W. W. b. Oct 1872 married about 1899
Winnie b. Dec 1875 (second wife)
Mildie b. Jul 1899 W. W. owns a farm.
Hazel b. Jun 1894
Mo-in-Law Epling, Martha E. b. Feb 1847

343.345. WORKMAN, Josephine b. Nov 1847 widow
Eliza J. b. June 1882 renting a farm.
Lewis F. b. Mar 1887
Hattie S. b. Dec 1888
Mother.....Nancy b. Jan 1829 (father bn. Georgia)

95.95. WORKMAN, Rufus M. b. Jan 1871 single owns farm
Cynthia E. b. Nov 1823 mother, widow
Charles D. b. May 1885 nephew

SCOTT DISTRICT

289.290. WORKMAN, George W. b. Jan 1868 married about 1892
Mollie b. Dec 1867 owned a farm
Pearl b. Jul 1892
Bassil b. Dec 1895

41.42. ALDERSON, Jesse b. May 1850 blacksmith m. abt. 1883
Nadine b. Mar 1852
Nadine F. b. Mar 1884
Robert M. b. May 1887
Dollie C. b. Apr 1891
WORKMAN, Gracie Apr 1892 servant

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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. *Thank you, too, for the photocopy of Mr. Olafson's letter.*

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 Ballard
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, died 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.

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 (Muncy) 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.

Mose 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 Charley 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 (Reed) 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. *Do you have them in your file?*

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)

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December 2, 1975

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Cousin Ralph:

A few moments for a quick up-date!

Since writing last, I checked the Wayne County, West Virginia, marriage register and have been able to identify the Moses Workman who married Nancy Quin (Queen in the register) as the son of Rebecca (Lambert) and Obediah Workman:

31 January 1856 Moses Workman married Nancy Queen

Moses--age 24, single, born Tazewell Co., Va., farmer residing in Wayne Co., Va., son of O. & R. Workman

Nancy--age 17, single, born Wayne Co., Va., residence Wayne Co., daughter of A. & N. Queen

Marriage performed by Jos. Workman

Also in the Wayne County Register was the following:

7 July 1857 Abijah Workman married Frances Nelson

Abijah--age 38, widow, born Tazewell Co., Va., residing in Logan Co., Va., son of M. & S. Workman (really looks like W. & S. Workman)

Frances--age 20, single, born Lawrence Co., Ky., residing in Wayne Co., Va., daughter of J. or I. & M. Nelson

From "Microfiche" I copied the following:

9 July 1791 Jacob Workman married Mary Martin in Mecklinburg Co., North Carolina

16 November 1829 Polly Workman married Alexander Tomblinson in Tazewell Co., Virginia (probably should have been Tomblin)

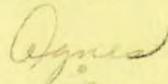
2 February 1874 Rees Workman married Margaret J. Workman in Mercer Co., W. Va.

25 December 1864 Robert Workman married Lendema J. Surface, Mercer Co., W. Va.

The Jacob Workman-Mary Martin match might ultimately prove significant.

More at a later date.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)



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HILDA L. SAYRE

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December 8, 1975

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Dear Cousin:

It seems logical to me that Abraham, James, Anne, Joseph, Thomas, Jacob, Phoebe, Moses, and Isaac could be brothers and sisters. In logical placement, I believe Joseph who married the Reeds must have been born 1770 instead of 1780 as the 1850 Census indicates and that he was the one with James and Jacob at the first attempted settlement of Logan. That settlement probably took place around or after 1797 and probably was not so drawn out as Ragland presented it. I also think that 1777 is a good and logical birthdate for Moses Workman who married Elizabeth Muncy when he was about 25. I am in the process of compiling an article for THE HILLBILLY'S Family History section. It is my hope in presenting it in this way that some interested descendant will help straighten it out before I put it in more permanent print.

Since I had made my Wayne county notes, I have ascertained that Henry Workman who married Nancy Dalton is found in different records as Henry A., Abijah, and "Biije" Workman. According to a biographical sketch in Hardesty's History of Wayne, Lincoln, and Cabell counties, W. Va., on the subject of William Workman, Henry Workman was born March 11, 1820 in Tazewell county. That would be Henry Abijah Workman. Moses Workman married July 11, 1820 Sarah Marrs (four months after Henry Abijah was born). There is little to prove that the Moses who married Elizabeth Muncy is the same unless his age is given in the 1820 record. From the sketch we know that Nancy Dalton was born September 8, 1830 in Tazewell county also. William V. Workman was born April 14, 1849 in Logan county. Another son John Workman was born December 10, 1852 in Wayne county. So the Abijah Workman who married Frances Nelson on 7 July 1857 in Wayne county is probably the same Henry Workman who married Nancy Dalton in Tazewell county. (Maybe they married in Logan.



Workman



Hornbeck



Sayre



So far, I cannot place the Jacob Workman who married in Mecklinburg county, North Carolina 9 July 1791 to Mary Martin. I would guess that records for our Workmans would more likely be found in the counties of Wilkes or Rowan. If they had a home on the Virginia border in 1783 around the time when Abraham was Snow born, there should be some records in Wilkes county.

The Rees Workman who married 2 February 1874 to Margaret J. Workman in Mercer county, is my great grandfather. His full name was Reece Carl Workman and he was born in January 1850 to James Matison and Nancy Elizabeth (Webb) Workman in Wyoming county. He married first on 8 August 1868 in Wayne county to Rebecca, daughter of Silas and Mary Fannin. Rebecca is my great grandmother, and I have not been able to find any trace of her after she divorced him in court in 1877. Reece had already taken my grandfather (Benjamin Freeland Workman), married in 1874 Margaret Jane "Peggy" Workman daughter of his uncle William Washington and Eve (Stanley) Workman, and was living in Pocahontas county by that time. They lived in Pocahontas county until 1895 when they went to Minnesota. Before they went to Minnesota, my grandfather had married my grandmother, Susan Ann Rogers, and started his own family so they did not go.

The Robert Workman who married 25 December 1864 Lendema J. Surface in Mercer county is from a family that I have not yet been able to link up. The 1840 Mercer county census at the WVU Library was damaged and I was not able to search it. In the 1850 Mercer county census, I found Polly Workman, born 1814; David, born 1834; John, born 1836; Robert, born 1838; Henry, born 1844; James, born 1846; and Andrew, born 1849. In 1860, Robert is in the household of a Schreider as a laborer. In 1860, David has his own household and family in McDowell county and Mary is nearby in the household of John and Barbara Milan (possibly Milam) and Andy is living with her. I did not find the other children. If it were not for the mention in the 1857 deed in Wyoming county, I would suspect that Mary or Polly's husband would have been Robert, son of Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman.

Hope you can find some 1770-1790 records of Wilkes county, North Carolina. Good Luck and thanks for the continued help with the Workmans.

Sincerely,



R. H. Sayre

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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} ~~xx~~ 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 Catharine 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.

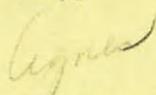
Orange had marriage of Jonathan Workman 28 Aug. 1797 to Charity Dixon.

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



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Dear Cousin:

In reply to your letter of December 19th and some additional clues, I offer the following:

Henry and Abijah Workman

Somewhere, I believe in the early land records of Logan county, I spied the names Henry A. Workman and Abijah Workman at nearly the same time and place. Quickly and without double-checking, the thought (or assumption) stuck in my mind that they were one and the same person. I had already finished my article and sent it to "The HILLBILLY" when I received your letter of the 19th. I have now verified in my notes, your statement that Henry and Abijah are not the same person.

North Carolina Workmans

I have almost no possibility of finding North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee references in my Workman research, so will appreciate anything you have time to send along that line. I have a few notes from those states on the 1790 census and Kentucky 1800 and 1810 censuses. I have not connected the Workmans that you sent me, but I am almost certain that none are directly related to the early Virginia Workmans that we descend from. The Daniel Wortman who married 13 September 1779 in Rowan county to Margaret Keratzer, almost certainly could not be the Daniel Workman who entered military service in 1776 in Greenbrier county.

Latest thinking on Early Relationships

It now appears most logical to me that my ancestor, JOSEPH WORKMAN, of early Monroe and later Wyoming county, was the brother who got mixed up in the story of the first settlement of Logan county. He was older than reported in the 1850 Wyoming county census. I am sure that they did not keep an accurate record in those days of a persons age, and when James Hewett Workman reported Joseph's age at death, it was probably 80-plus instead of just 80. I have searched Wyoming county fairly thoroughly in person and by mail, and now hold little hopes of finding an engraved tombstone for Joseph. There is a small cemetery across Rt. 10 where Joe's Branch Post Office once stood, where he was most likely buried.



Workman



Sayre



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Association for indication of migration

By the references that I have had a chance to use, I wonder if the migrational pattern of our Workman ancestors prior to 1790 was Virginia - (possibly up the Delaware River to Philadelphia and Western New Jersey around 1680 - 1700) - across Pennsylvania to Yohogania county, District of West Augusta - Monongalia county, Virginia - Wythe (later Tazewell) county, Virginia - Kanawha, (later Logan, etc.) county, Virginia?? After studying VIRGINIA COURT RECORDS IN SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 1775 - 1780 by Boyd Crumrine, I now believe that Phoebe (Mrs. Joseph) Workman's maiden name may have been correctly "McMahan" rather than McRae or McMahaer. From "the Minute Book of Virginia Court Held for Yohogania county first at Augusta Town (now Washington, Pa.) and afterwards on the Andrew Heath Farm near West Elizabeth" 1776 - 1780 we find the following trials:

McMahan v Matthews A.C.	Oct 1778	Workman, Asse. v. Saltsman P.C.	May '79
McMahan v. Hanks A.C.	Oct 1778	McMahan v. Hanks P.C.	May '79
McMahon v. Myers	Nov 1778	McMahan v. Myers	Sep '79
Irwin v. McMahan	Mar 1779	McMahan v. Pritchett, Dis.	Sep '79
Spears v. McMahan	Mar 1779	Workman v. Saltsman P.C.	Sep '79
Vaughan v. McMahan	Mar 1779	McMahan v. Hauck Dis.	Sep '79
McIlroy v. McMahan	Mar 1779	McMahan v. Linsin Agreed	Sep '79
Workman, asse. v		Workman, Asse v Saltsman	May '80
Saltsman A.C.	Mar 1779	Boice v. Workman	Jun '80
Comm. v. McMahan	Mar 1779	Jacobs v.	
Workman, asse. v		Workman and Wife A. C.	Jul '80
Warren C.O.	Apr 1779		
McMahan v Tumbleston	Apr 1779		

These trials give only surnames and were selected from several pages. Only full names were indexed and surnames showing up later in Monroe, Tazewell, Logan, Boone counties, etc., from the index were:

BARKER: Joseph (Yohogania county May 1778)

CHAMBERS: James

COOK: Edward; Jacob; Samuel; Thomas

CHRISTIAN: John

FERRELL: James

FRENCH: Robert (Ohio co)

FRY: Abraham; Benjamin; Samuel; William

JARRETT: John

LEET; Daniel; Isaac; William

MOORE: Andrew; Augustus; Henry; James; John; Terry; William

OUREY: Windle

REED: Charles; Jonathan; John; Thomas; William

VANCE: David; George; Isaac; John; Joseph; William

VANNATER: Abraham; Benjamin; Jacob

WALKER: Ebenezer; Gabriel; Isaac; James; John; Richard; Robert; Thomas

WHITE: Andrew; Edward; John; Moses; Samuel

I went by memory here and there may have been some that I missed. I noticed the name of John Neville in the Yohogania records. John Neville was Colonel of the Regiment which Daniel Workman joined at Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, in 1776. There were either two or more Neville's by that name or he was well represented in both places.

The main reason that I associate our Workmans with that area is the mention of Alleghany county in Joseph (of Wyoming county) Workman's death record. Of course there were several Workman's in Allegany county Maryland in 1790. I have discovered that Allegany county records in the 1790 Maryland Census were destroyed.

Sincerely,

Ralph

I recently copied (traced) these signatures from some old Wills that I read in Barbour county. From the second signature, you can readily see why someone not too familiar with the name may reproduce it as "Wortman" or Wartman.

Also if you do not watch someone's mouth when they say "Workman" it sometimes sounds very much like "Wortman" and "Wartman".

R. P. Workman

John Wortman

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December 20, 1975

York County Court House
York, Pennsylvania 17401

County Clerk:

Please check your index to DEATH RECORDS 1750 - 1780 and index to LAND RECORDS 1740 - 1780 for the surname, WORKMAN. My ancestor, Joseph Workman married Phoebe McCrea in York county around 1761, and I am trying to establish who his parents were.

If there are several Workmans in your indices for this period before 1780, please make photocopies and bill me for same. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ralph H. Sayre

NOTICE _____

Our death records are from 1893 - 1906

Checked through Orphans' Court for deeds of decree of real estate and could find nothing.


Clerk of Common Pleas
Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division
York, Pennsylvania
1740

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February 13, 1976

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Ralph:

I was pleased to receive your letter of January 10 and would have responded sooner had I not been busy entertaining house guests.

Before I forget, let me bring you up to date on the North Carolina research. Neither Surry nor Burke County had any Workman marriages prior to 1825. As for Tennessee, unfortunately marriage records are not currently available here. If and when I obtain microfilm of the early Tennessee marriages, I will let you know. This is particularly important since Sullivan County, formed 1779 and now apart of Tennessee, was in 1783 part of North Carolina, extending westward from Surry and Wilkes. Surry and Sullivan were the only two western counties bordering on Virginia. The other three North Carolina counties existing in 1783 which later fell into Tennessee were Greene, Watauga Old Fields, and Washington. These three, however, were south of Sullivan. It is quite likely that Abraham Workman (Janet Hager's ancestor) was born in Sullivan County when it was part of North Carolina.

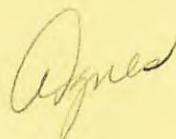
As for the early relationships: I am going to postpone any conclusions for a while yet--hoping to obtain some significant data which would clarify the situation. The most likely source would be land records in which the reference to Workman would be in the body of the document rather than as grantor or grantee. Cabell, Logan, and Kanawha Counties seem the most likely to contain pertinent information (other than Tazewell, of course). Because of the tedious and time-consuming nature of reading the necessary documents, it may be some distant date before it can be done.

Regarding land records: The Logan County land book has an intriguing entry for 1836. At that time (or in late 1835) 250 acres on Cole River was transferred from Jas. Workman to Joseph Workman & Brothers (or 13 others). This particular 250 acres is not previously shown, though. I am wondering if this might be the transaction for which we are searching. Are you familiar with this deed?

One other question that I keep forgetting to ask: Who was the child shown with Rispa and Jasper Workman in 1900? Anderson shows no issue for them.

It is possible that I might come East next month. If so, I hope we can arrange to compare notes personally.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S.: From a 1967 GENEALOGICAL HELPER query of Mrs. Roy Shipley . . . re SHUGARS, Zacharia and wife WORKMAN, Margaret lived at Burks Garden, Tazewell, VA. 1824.



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 February 21, 1976

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Dear Agnes:

Thanks again for keeping me informed on your findings pertaining to the Workman family. My own family is increasing pretty soon, and I haven't been doing much research or correspondence for the last few weeks. The baby is due tomorrow by the doctors date, but who knows; it will be any time now. My little girl is over two years old now and she has increasingly been robbing my genealogical research time. So I will be making this pretty brief and will try to answer your questions.

I do not believe that I told you that my last efforts on the Workman study concentrated on the issue of Susan Leit and Isaac Workman family. From all the evidence that I could put together I came to feel very strongly that Joseph Workman, Jr. who married Margaret and Josephus Workman who married Mary Burgess have to be brothers or half-brothers. I feel more strongly towards actual brothers.

I had no knowledge of the 1836 Logan county deed between James Workman and brothers. It may be interesting and revealing, but due to the family situation, I cannot predict when I will be able to resume my studies.

The 1900 Census lists number of children born and Number of children alive, and one is the number listed both places for Jasper and Rispah Workman. Perhaps it could be a mistake or the child may have migrated, died, or been in disgrace by the time Mrs. Anderson was gathering her information, which I believe was 1926.

I do not know how you travel when you come East, and you would be welcome to visit and exchange notes. One thought that has occurred is that our house is too small to comfortably keep company overnight. my collection of Workman notes is quite size-able, and largely unorganized, and the young children make it difficult to concentrate. If you would prefer, I could box-up my Workman papers and mail them to Mr. Olafson, then you could return them when you are finished with them. Let me know.



Workman



Hornbeck



Sayre



Snow

Sincerely,
Ralph



RALPH H. SAYRE
HILDA L. SAYRE

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December 3, 1976

Mrs. Agnes Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

I have your letter of March 1, for a reply and a try at getting back at the Workman genealogy. The summer has been very hectic for us. The young man, Dalton Wesley Sayre, was born February 23, 1976, and grew more demanding and busy as each day passed. He is now slightly over nine months old and taking his first steps.

I started dipping back into the Workman genealogy again about a month ago when I requested the Virginia state library to check their names on the earliest Montgomery county tax lists for the Workman name. As I had suspected, Mrs. Netti Schreiner-Yantis had missed this in her Montgomery county book. On June 27, 1787 James Workman was listed with 2 horses and 1 cattle to be taxed. Joseph Workman was listed at the end below September 8, with no taxable items. They were listed in the "District of Bird Smith" which in the 1790 Montgomery County book by S-Yantis included "both sides of Little River; Dry Branch, Sugar Run, south fork and west fork of Little River; Meadow and Mill creeks; and Dunkard Bottom or Mahanaim."

Two weeks ago, I paid a woman to search as many of the county records at Richmond as possible in a limited amount of time for Workman information. A copy of her report is enclosed. You will note that the Richmond copy of the Wyoming county death record of Joseph Workman is the same, but more clearly giving the parents as James and Hannah. The information could be yet incorrect, but I am now deeper in doubt. I do feel that this Joseph was born at least 1773 and possible 1770, and not the 1780 as the 1850 Census would have it figured.

I did not find anything to substantiate the ad from 1967 G. H. about a Zachariah and Margaret (Workman) Shugars living at Burkes Garden in 1824. There were no "Shugars" names in the 1820 Tazewell county Tax Lists. Have you ever been to Burkes Garden?

Hope at this time you and yours are well.

Sincerely,

Ralph



Workman



Sayre



Hornbeck



Snow

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November 15, 1976

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Dear Mr. Sayre:

Enclosed are the results of my five hour search on Workmans. They are really few and far between. I found a Daniel listed in the land patents for Virginia, but he spelled his last name Warkman, which could be Workman I suppose. Warkmans are also found in New Kent Parish Register, but not Daniel, only Mark.

I, also found quite a few Workmans in the Wyoming County Vital Statistics- births, deaths. About your Joseph Workman, I read it that his father was James and ^{mother} Hannah; friend James gave the information. Perhaps he meant that Joseph was born in what was then Alleghany but previously it was formed from Bath, Botetourt and Monroe. Have you checked Monroe County for Workmans? We have P.P. tax list for 1799-1863 and land tax from 1799-1859. By the way I was told that our West Virginia Vital Statistics only go to 1861. If you would like me to search what we have here on the other West Virginia Counties, I would be happy to do so.

You will note the Rachel and James Workman in Wythe County in 1830 and 1835. Also a Peter Wortman in Loudoun- I feel Wortman is probably a different name all together. Also, Benjamin and John Workman in Rockbridge. All of these counties could be searched further I am sure for Workmans.

← THIS HAS
BEEN MY
OPINION, TOO.
R.S.

Checked in the earlier counties for Workmans with no success in finding any of them. The film is so faded in most cases. Did not check to see if we had the same books along the wall.

Daniel received pay for serving in Dunmore's War on two occasions.

If I can be of further help in the future, please let me know. Our bus strike is still not over. I am not sure how you can correct the death record. My great grandfather's death certificate was made out wrong to the extent that my great aunt told the clerk her grandmother was Amelia Halloway and her real name was Pamela Hardaway! The two sound similiar, sometimes the clerk spells what he hears, etc.

Sincerely,
Virginia Gibbs
Virginia Gibbs

RICHMOND CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1692-1860; 1860-1915 REEL 21

John Wakeman, no Workman

NORTHAMPTON CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTOR 1733-1917 REEL 24

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WESTMORELAND CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1 1653-1831; 1831-1898 REEL 27

1663 Stephen Warman Deed Book 1 p. 206

LANCASTER CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1750-1900 REEL 17

Worman, Charles Deed Book H 1838

NORTHAMPTON CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1632-1733; 1733-1950 Reel 44

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LOUDOUN CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1757-1871; 1757-1949 REEL 68

Raymond Wortman Will Book 25 p. 439

Frances " 24 p. 166

J.C. " 16 p. 92

L.W. " 4a p. 84 will

Frances T. " 3Z p. 487 will

Arthur T. " 3Z p. 101 (161)?

Bettie " 15 p. 429

George H. " 35 p. 220 will

No early index to deeds and wills for Surry Co., Va.

SURRY CO., VA. DEED BOOK 4 1741-46; 5 1746-49 REEL 15

ALLEGHANY CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1822-1889 REEL 5

ALLEGHANY CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1822-1953 REEL 7

BATH CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTOR, GRANTEE 1791-1903 REEL 6

LANCASTER CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1669-1950 REEL 23 awfully faded

CULPEPER CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1749-1913 REEL 29a GRANTORS

CULPEPER CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1749-1913 GRANTEES REEL 30

CULPEPER CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1749-1930 REEL 39

VITAL STATISTICS WEBSTER TO WYOMING CO., W. VA. J.R. 3352 1853-1861

Wyoming County: Register of Births:

Apr 20?, 1853 Phebe Workman, white, female, father Shanton Workman, born

Slab Fork, mother Voilda Workman, G.W. Workman friend gave information

Mar. 20, 1854 Mary Workman, Slab Fork, Motcam Workman father, Elizabeth

Mother.

July 6, 1854 Ruth Workman parents James and Ruth Workman

Dec 14, 1857 Nancy E. Workman, Guyandotte River, parents George W. and Evy

part on this page was missing; Slab Fork mother Elizabeth Workman; father Morrison Workman

some pages are very faded and can not be deciphered

Register of Deaths

Nov. 8, 1853 Joseph Workman, white male, Slab Fork, Dropsy, 80 yrs

felt time should be spent elsewhere until later date

am not sure this is correct name

Register of Deaths, Wyoming Co.:

Joseph Workman, white male, died Nov. 8, 1853 Slab Fork, dropsy, 80 yrs..
parents James and Hannah Workman; born Alleghany Co., Va., farmer; consort;
friend James Workman gave information. *only death listed*

Deaths go to 1859, none after

AUGUSTA CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1745-1903 REEL 61

AUGUSTA CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1745-1930 REEL 37 GRANTORS

AUGUSTA CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1745-1930 REEL 40 GRANTEEES

WYTHE CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTOR 1790-1904 REEL 11

1830 Rachel and James Workman - Hezekiah P. Neal Deed Book 11 p. 476; 275a
Walkers Creek

1835 Rachel Workman- Elias Harman Deed Book 11 p. 527; 13 p. 161

WYTHE CO., VA. INDEX TO GRANTEE REEL 12

1830 James Workman- Mary and Elaias Harman Deed Book 11 p. 525

1830 " Easter and Hezekiah P. Neill 11 p. 525

1830 Rachell Workman etal- Mary and E. Harman 11 p. 525

WYTHE CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1790-1911 REEL 18

LANCASTER CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1669-1950 REEL 23

LOUDOUN CO., VA. DEED BOOK Q 1787-88 REEL 7

p. 79-83 11 June 1787 George William Fairfax to Peter Wortman, rents and
covenants 109a let to Peter of Shelbourne Parish, on side of Blue Ridge
part of a tract of land of 30185a called Shannondale; names Phebe Wortman
Peter' wife and his son Richard.

VIRGINIA INDEX TO LAND GRANTS AND PATENTS:

in shelves arranged according to last name and not county; library has not completed the index, but the last I heard they had gone through the counties beginning with M.

Jesse Workman 1 Aug 1842 Cabell County 20a Grants 92 p. 651 1841-42

Joseph Workman July 10, 18 34 Cabell County 40a 12 Pole Cr. Grants 83 p.257

Stephen Workman 30 Nov 1838 Cabell County 22a Grants 39 p. 652 1838-39

William Workman 12 Apr 1819 Monongalia 6½a Grants 68 p. 118

DUNMORE'S WAR INDEX in shelves in archives

*we have these grants
could check for you.*

Daniel Workman Botetourt Index p. XXVIII Capt John Stewart; p. 178 DW REC.

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p. 176

LAND CERTIFICATES INDEX behind desk at library, not listed by county, but by last name; no Workmans, etc.

MONTGOMERY CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTORS 1773-1933 REEL 11

1832 Mary Worman, Sarah and Washington Worman- Net Jones, Peggy Wineteer

DEED BOOK L p. 182; K p. 671

MONTGOMERY CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTEEES 1773-1933 REEL 13

RUSSELL CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1803-1929 REEL 13

RUSSELL CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTORS 1787-1917 REEL 8

GRAYSON CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTOR 1793-1914 REEL 7

FAUQUIER CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS GRANTOR 1759-1914 REEL 28

FAIRFAX CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1742-97; 1797-1841 REEL 26 checked 1742-97

WYTHE CO., VA. DEED BOOK 11 1828-31 REEL 5

p. 476-477 5 Aug 1830 James Workman and Rachell, late Rachel Fickle and Elias Harman and Mary, late Mary Fickle of Wythe and Hezekiah P. Neal of Scott Co., Va. \$500 275a on Walkers Creek; real estate of Mathias Fickle and Elizabeth and Thomas Fickle dec'd that fell to Esther Neal, wife of Hezekiah.

p. 525-527 5 Aug 1830 Elias Harman and Mary, late Fickel, Hezekiah P. Neal and Easter, late Fickel of Scott and Wythe Co. deed to James Workman and Rachel, late Fickel- \$500 for 275a; allotment and division agreed upon by above parties.

p. 527-529 5 Aug 1830 James and Rachel Workman of Wythe ~~and~~ and Hezekiah P. Neal and Easter of Scott Co. \$500 sell to Elias Harman 275a part of real estate of Mathias and Elizabeth and Thomas Fickle, dec'd.

WYTHE CO., VA. DEED BOOK 13 1834-38 REEL 6

p. 161-163 22 July 1835 Rachel Workman and Elias Harman and Ambrose Grayson; Rachel indebted to Grayson for \$64 to be paid on 22 Mar 1836; sells land to Harman; land fell to Rachell by heirship from estate of her father, east end of land in Wythe 50a.

SHENANDOAH CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1772-1925 REEL 50

1802 Conrad Workman or Wartman F p. 130 will;p. 156,159;

1807 Conrad G p. 214

1776 David ? B p. 318 will not sure these are Workmans

SHENANDOAH CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1772-1820 REEL 30

SCOTT CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1815-80 REEL 6 no Workmans

BOTETOURT CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1770-1952 REEL 25 none

BOTETOURT CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1770-1889 REEL 18 GRANTOR

1830 Adam Work Book 21 p. 413

ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA. INDEX TO DEEDS 1778-1848 REEL 19 GRANTEE

1797 Benjamin Workman from John Workman and w Book C p. 482

" " from Alex Hindman C p. 482

1790 John Workman from Jannet Dick B p. 110

ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1778-1925 REEL 31 none

ROCKBIRDGE CO., VA. DEED BOOK B 1788-93 REEL 2

p. 110,111 1 Aug 1789 Janet Dick of Rockbridge deeds to John Workman of Rockbirdge 32a on southside of north mountain near Walkers Creek; 33lbs.

ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA. DEED BOOK C 1794-98 REEL 2 and

p. 482-483 3 Oct 1797 John Workman and Sina ~~xxxxxx~~ Alex Hindman and Mary of Rockbridge deed to Benjamin Workman 108a on waters of Walkers Creek; 75lbs.

WESTMORELAND CO. VA. INDEX TO WILLS 1653-1950 REEL 28 did not find a Workman in index

NORTHAMPTON CO., VA. DEEDS, WILLS No. 3 1645-51; 4 1651-54 REEL 3
index very hard to read

NO BIBLE RECORD OR CHART FOR WORKMANS

*Rockbridge was formed 1778 fr Augusta +
Batelourt
Rockingham fr Augusta in 1778, did
not check.*

WYTHE CO., VA. LAND TAXES 1793-1803 no Workmans

BOTETOURT CO., VA. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST 1783-89 no Workmans

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY PATENTS-NO. 7 1679-1689 REEL 7

p. 13 Grant to Marke Warkman dividet of land called Pamptiks? containing 918 acres in New Kent County on ye north side of the Pamunkey River; Pamunky Neck beginning at mouth of Goodins Creek or swamp, etc. Transportation of 18 persons 1 Oct 1679

p. 235 Grant to Mark Warkman 200a in New Kent County, land which Robert Atkins dyed seized etc., 12 Mar 1682/3

p. 384 Grant to Daniel Warkeman 288a in Charles City County on south fork of Chickahominy River; transportation of 6 persons; 21 Apr 1684; James Lettlerwood, James Hohman, Francis Chitty, Mary Ffowke, Mary Cooke, Alice Long.

BOTETOURT CO., VA. LAND TAX 1782-1809 REEL 38 checked to 1800

DUNMORES WAR VOLUME XXVIII p. 176 Daniel Workman paid for 59 days

p. 178 Daniel paid for 80 days.

Workman History

As of 1976, the Workman surname has been in America not 200 years but more than 350 years. Thomas and John Workman are mentioned in the public records of Norfolk County, Virginia, as early as 1624. Public records of Westmoreland County, Virginia, list Richard and Grace Workman in 1643. John Workman is a name found in the 1653 records of Surry County, Virginia. Boston, Massachusetts has the marriage record of Samuel Workman to Martha White on the 3rd of August, 1693. Positive direct relationship of these colonial settlers to the known ancestors of the families in Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties, has not been found. However, the given names of Thomas, John, William and Samuel have been commonly used in most branches of the family.

Ancestry of the Workmans who came to Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties between 1675 and 1800 can be traced to Joseph Workman who enlisted April 22, 1759 at Chester, Pennsylvania, as a Private in Captain Charles Stewart's Company. He gave New Jersey as his birthplace and his age at enlistment would indicate that he was born in 1735. The name of his father given in his marriage record is Abraham Workman. The marriage register of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in York County, Pennsylvania, states that Joseph, son of Abraham Workman, married Phoebe McMeagher (or McRae) on the 4th of August, 1760/1. From New Jersey to Chester, Pennsylvania, then to York County, Pennsylvania, indicates the beginning of a westward migration. By 1780, Indian villages and strongholds were thick from the Ohio River on Westward so the migration of many white settlers turned south.

Joseph and Phoebe Workman apparently brought their family from

southwestern Pennsylvania or Maryland to settle in the area of Montgomery County, Virginia, which later by subdivision became Wythe County and then Tazewell County. Joseph Workman is listed in Tazewell County, Virginia records in 1805 as being exempt from taxes because of old age and infirmity. Family tradition has it that the original old Workman settlement was at Burkes-Garden in Tazewell County Virginia. Family tradition as was passed down by one Boone County branch states that Joseph and Phoebe's sons came by horseback into the territory which is now McDowell, Mingo, Logan, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia, to spend the winters hunting and trapping. One would take the horses back to Burkes-Garden leaving the others on foot and then return for them and the furs in the spring.

Josiah Hughes in his Pioneer West Virginia says, "Among early settlers on the Guyandotte River were James Workman and his brothers who came from Tazewell about 1797, but removed to Boone County... "About the year of 1800, Thomas, James and Joseph Workman, having failed in their attempt to establish a settlement where Logan now stands, became pioneer settlers of Boone County." Children of Joseph and Phoebe Workman and their approximate birth dates are as follows: Abraham 1761; James 1763; Anne 1765; Joseph 1770; Thomas 1772; Jacob 1774; Phoebe 1775; Moses 1777; and Isaac 1780. This article will continue with only the descendants of Joseph because he was the grandfather of the Workmans who settled in Greenbrier and Pocahontas County.

Joseph Workman was born in Pennsylvania, came to Virginia with his parents, and is probably one of the brothers who cleaned up the island where the town of Logan now stands.

Hardesty's History of Lincoln, Cabell and Wayne Counties states that in 1808 in the beginning formation of Cabell County, Joseph Workman entered 200 acres on the Spruce Fork of Cole River "to begin below the house wherein he now lives" and to extend up the West side for quantity. On the 5th day of March 1807 in Monroe County Joseph married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Reed. Benjamin R. Workman, born in 1808; John M. Workman, born 1814; and Robert Workman, born 1815 were issue of this marriage. Benjamin and Robert were residents of Boone County. John M. Workman returned to Monroe County where he raised two families and some of his descendants remain.

Again in Monroe County, on the 9th day of April 1817, Joseph married secondly Elizabeth Reed, daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Shanton) Reed. Their children and approximate birthdates are as follows: Raymond Shanton Workman 1818; Charles W. Workman 1819; Malinda Jane Workman 1820; James Matison Workman 1821; Mary Workman 1824; William Washington Workman 1830; and George Floyd Workman 1836.

Raymond Shanton Workman married first about 1840 in Tazewell County Virginia, to Sarilda (Razilda) Webb. They lived in Wyoming County and had about twelve children by the time they were divorced in 1869. While still in Wyoming County, about 1870, Shanton married Lucina Roberts. Sarilda (Webb) Workman's name appears as Razilda Workman in the 1880 census. She never remarried; but brought her unmarried children by covered wagon and oxen to Lewis County to start a new life.

They arrived at Confluence (Now Orlando), about 1871. Sometime between 1870 and 1875, Shanton and Lucina Workman moved to Spring

Creek district of Greenbrier County. Their children: were Delilah, who married January 1, 1902 William F. Butler; Peggy, who married Hezekiah "Carr" Blankenship; Rebecca C., who married first, Miles Workman, and secondly, Oliver Workman; Henry who married Judy Workman; Marinda who married January 18, 1898 Floyd Newton Faultner; Ollie, who married first Frank Thompson, and secondly, James Watson; James, who married February 7, 1901 Sarah A. Mitchell; and Armeda M. who married May 21, 1902 William W. Workman. Some of these children went to the western states to live, but some descendants may still be living in Greenbrier County. Shanton died near Cordova in September of 1890 and on the 21st of December 1902 his widow married John E. Stacy.

Charles W. Workman was born about 1819 in Giles County to Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman. Charles married in Fayette County on the 3rd of September 1840 to Phoebe Bailey. The following children were born to them in the part of Fayette which became Raleigh County in 1850. John A. Workman, born 1842, married first about 1860 to Judy A. Green, and secondly, April 14, 1870 to Clara "Kate" Bowers; George W. Workman, born 1848, married December 8, 1870 Polly Lusk; Alfred B. Workman, born 1852, married January 28, 1875 Nancy Jane Jackson; and Stephen M. Workman, born April 23, 1853, married first, Nancy E. Workman, secondly September 26, 1878 Manerva Sawyer in Wyoming County, and third April 9, 1897 Hannah C. Hankin in Greenbrier County. Charles and Phoebe with family moved back to Wyoming County in Slab Fork district where the following children were born: Rachel Workman, born 1855, married June 6, 1877 Cornelius Mullins; William W. Workman, born 1857, married April

12, 1877 Manda Ramey; James Patrick Workman, born April 15, 1861, married first August 26, 1881 Lobelia, daughter of Washington and Eve Workman, secondly he married January 9, 1913 Mehala Baldwin; and Thomas Wetzel Workman, born April 3, 1865, married March 7, 1884 Mary E. "Polly" Mullins. Charles and Phoebe Workman and family came to Greenbrier County sometime after 1880. Charles and "Feby" Workman are buried in front of the McMillion Church on Friars Hill in Greenbrier County.

Joseph and Elizabeth Workman's daughters, Mary and Malinda Jane, both married Sizemores and apparently remained in Wyoming County. Public records on them are scarce and no descendants have been located.

James Matison Workman, born about 1821 to Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman married Nancy Elizabeth Webb. Mat and Elizabeth had eleven children as follows: Manerva Workman, born 1845, married Abner Birchfield; Mariah Z. Workman, born 1847, married November 19, 1863 Alexander Moses Lane; Reece Carl Workman, born January 12, 1850, married first August 8, 1868 Rebecca Fannin, secondly February 2, 1874 Margaret Jane, daughter of Washington and Eve Workman, and third, April 20, 1927 Lydda (Sizemore) Belcher; Andrew Jackson Workman, born April 18, 1852, married September 21, 1873 Sarah Ann Pack in Wayne County; Mary E. Workman, born January 20, 1853, married about 1873 Preston Fraley; Ribern F. Workman, born April 7, 1856, became an Elder in the Old Regular Baptist Church, married first about 1876 Mary Jane Sizemore, and secondly September 24, 1892, Emily Grose; Harriet Workman, born May 1858, married March 1, 1875 Martin E. Lane; Angeline Workman, born

August 24, 1860, married January 9, 1879 John M. Wood; Oliver Workman, born 1862, married August 13, 1882 Elizabeth Nelson; Seward Ceburn Workman, born 1867, married April 7, 1892 Mary Ida Sevey in Greenbrier County; and Zachariah Ambrose Workman, born August 14, 1870, married first August 5, 1892 Christiana Sizemore, secondly October 19, 1908 Sarah Victoria Burks.

William Washington Workman, born November 15, 1830, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, married May 31, 1854 Nereva "Eve" Stanley. Their children were: Margaret "Peggy" Workman, born March 15, 1856 who married February 2, 1874 Reece Workman, son of Mat and Elizabeth; Nancy E. Workman, born December 14, 1857, married March 7, 1875 Stephen Workman, son of Charles and Phoebe; Joseph B. Workman, born February 6, 1860, married March 27, 1879 Mary Frances Acord; Miles A. Workman, born December 20, 1861, married first May 20, 1884 Nancy Cook, secondly April 7, 1892 Rebecca Workman, daughter of Shanton and Lucina; Lobelia Bethany Workman, born April 27, 1866, married August 26, 1881 James "Pat" Workman, son of Charles and Phoebe; Louretha Workman, born September 25, 1868, married April 7, 1892 Jacob Blankenship; Cosbi Workman, born July 28, 1872, married January 25, 1889 Charles McKinney; Nettie Workman, born July 29, 1874, married September 16, 1891 Samuel Workman, son of John A. and Judy; Judy Workman, born December 15, 1876, married November 21, 1895 Henry Workman, son of Shanton and Lucina; and John A., born November 21, 1879, married November 21, 1896 Priscilla Grose. Washington and Eve lived on a mountain near Mullens, West Virginia in the Barkers Ridge district of Wyoming Coun-

ty. Eve died there and is buried on the mountain and Washington came to Greenbrier County to spend his last days.

George Floyd Workman, born about 1836, was the youngest of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman's children. Floyd married November 3, 1859 Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Belcher. Floyd and Sarah had a son, Allen Workman in 1860. Sarah must have died in childbirth or soon after, because the 1870 census shows Allen Workman adopted by his grandparents, the Belchers. Floyd went to Pond Fork in Boone County and married Nancy Gunnoe. They did not live far from the Wyoming County line. They had children named: Sarah, Gordon, Mary, Rosey, Joseph, Floyd, Martha, Cosby, James and Frank.

Two sons of James Matison and Nancy Elizabeth (Webb) Workman listed above settled in Pocahontas County around 1875. They were Reece Carl Workman and Andrew Jackson Workman, both with family. Benjamin Freeland Workman, oldest son of Reece and Rebecca (Fannin) Workman, born April 2, 1870, married October 12, 1892 Susan Ann Rogers in Greenbrier County. Born to them were three children: Jack Workman, who was a long time resident of Huntersville; Bessie Workman, who married Willie Wade and lives near the home place in Greenbrier County; and Georgia Workman, who married Stacy Sayre. Reece Workman with his second wife and their family moved from Pocahontas County to Minnesota in 1895.

Andy and Sarah (Pack) Workman settled in Pocahontas County along the Greenbrier River near Seibert. Children of Andy and Sarah Workman were: Hannah E. Workman who married a Sizemore; James Madison Workman, born about 1878, married September 24, 1898 Mary Elizabeth Jane Moss; Mary Jane

Workman, born about 1881, married January 3, 1900 Albert S. Sizemore; Solomon Seward Workman, born November 19, 1882, married February 4, 1906 Bessie E. Johnson; David Workman; George Martin Workman, born February 28, 1890, married March 1, 1916 Rachel Adkins in Chehalis, Washington; Silas Vester Workman, born about 1892, married September 5, 1924 Bessie May Doss; Flora M. Workman, born November 20, 1893; Forrest Workman, born January 1, 1896, married December 20, 1918 Bessie Taylor; and Martha "Mattie" Workman, born November 20, 1898, married March 24, 1915 Charles Moses. Andy, with son, George Workman and daughter, Mattie Moses, went to Washington state about 1915. Andy Workman died there on November 1, 1917, and is buried at Lebam, Washington. Sarah died in Pocahontas County on December 26, 1928. Many descendants of this branch are present residents of Pocahontas County.

It is hopeful that a book can be completed in the near future to include all the branches of the Workman family of West Virginia. Anyone interested can create a lasting memorial to their family by contributing birth, marriage, death dates and information, reminiscences and old photos for the book. The above data has been researched and collected by R. H. Sayre, Route 1, Box 92, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

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January 2, 1976/1977

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Dear Ralph:

I was delighted to hear from you and particularly enjoyed receiving the picture of young Dalton Wesley Sayre. I know how much pleasure you must be deriving from his presence.

Needless to say, I'm glad you are returning to the Workman research. Mine, too, has been held in abeyance while I completed the indexes listed on the enclosed flyer.

Thank you for sending the Gibbs report and your reprint. A few comments will follow.

Although Ms. Gibbs states categorically in her letter that the father of Joseph Workman who died November 8, 1853, was listed as James, you will notice that the record from which she obtained the information uses an abbreviation for the name of the father. Admittedly, it does seem to be Jas. rather than Jos. See the photocopy enclosed. This is a copy of my photocopy of the record filed in Richmond, Virginia. I am always surprised when a researcher makes a value judgment when copying records--rather than showing the abbreviation as interpreted. As popular as Jasper was as a given name among the Workman groups, it is even possible that Jas. could stand for Jasper rather than James.

Have I ever discussed with you the theory that "your" Joseph Workman could be the father of "my" Joseph Workman by a marriage before he married the two Reed women? Ah well, that opens too many possibilities to get into today.

Regarding a Zachariah and Margaret (Workman) Shugars: The 1830 Virginia Census Index shows a Zachariah Sugart on page 284 of Washington County, Virginia. I believe this is probably the same individual. At that time Burkes Garden adjoined Washington County. Next time I visit the East, I hope to go to Burkes Garden.

Incidentally, my reconstruction of the birth dates of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman's children differs from yours. Particularly in the case of Raymond Shanton Workman, whom I believe to have been born about 1829. The order of their surviving children (Elizabeth and Joseph's, that is) would be: Charles W., ca. 1819; Mary, ca. 1820; James Madison "Mat," ca. 1825; Malinda Jane, ca. 1828; Raymond Shanton, ca. 1829; William Washington 15 November 1830; George Floyd, ca. 1837. Charles' middle name offers a likely clue of the maiden name of Joseph's mother.

January 2, 1976

I failed to mention earlier regarding the death record of your Joseph Workman that the death record shows the informant as Jas. H. Wortman, friend. The state following Allegany County certainly seems to be "Va." or Virginia rather than Pennsylvania. We know, though, that while Joseph was living he listed his place of birth as Pennsylvania, so I am inclined to believe that he was born in Allegany County, Pennsylvania.

Since last corresponding with you, I have received a photocopy of the first letter written in 1907 by Alderson Workman to Jesse Workman. I'll have a copy made and send it along next time I write. Please remind me. The letter was sent to me by Jesse's daughter, and from her I have learned that my estimate for the birth date for the Phoebe Workman who married Isaac Roberts was much too early. This Phoebe was born about 1795. There was another older Isaac Roberts who had a Cabell County household, and I made the inference that it was this elder Isaac whose wife was Phoebe.

Alderson Workman's letter mentions a North Carolina stay before the move to Virginia. We know that the Abraham Workman who married Mary Ballard was born in North Carolina in 1784. Jacob could have been the elder brother of this Abraham rather than the younger brother of the Abraham who married Margaret Lightner. The possibilities continue to be intriguing. I'm about ready to prepare another "alternate lineage." I just wish they could cease to be "alternates" and become the "real thing."

That's about all for now. Happy new year to you and yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure



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Dear Agnes:

This cold and snowy evening I will try to discuss a few thoughts on the Workman research and the logic behind some of my "tentative" conclusions. I have written several compositions on the Workman Family History with slightly different conclusions in each and had them published in different parts of this eastern area. I sent one to The Hillbilly about a year ago which they have not published yet. My objective isto find some reader with enough interest and family pride to challenge me and give me some true facts to build upon. So far I have struck out.

I have done considerable studies to solve the mystery of the Phoebe (McRae or McMeagher?) Workman. In the 1800 Pennsylvania Census of York county, Chanceford TWP; 200:10 there was listed a Widow McGreagor. It is possible that McGreagor was mininterpreted as McMeagher or something to that effect.

A note of interest on the North Carolina clues from The Columbian Magazine, Philadelphia, November 1786. "During the late war, the militia of Orange County, in North Carolina, were enrolled, and their number amounted to 3,500, every man of whom had migrated from Pennsylvania." I would suspect Thelma Anderson's #5475 Henry Workman was among these instead of being born in England.

I have written to the state library and to the court house in Charleston inquiring about the early Property Tax Lists for Kanawha county, but have been ignored in both instances. Do you know if there are any such lists which would possibly prove the early existence of the Workmans in that county? Also did you notice in the Bicentennial issue of The Hillbilly about James, Joseph, and Nimrod Workman having built cabins on the Island in the Guyandotte River by 1793? I immediately wrote a letter inquiring about the source of that information, but it was likewise ignored.

The History of Fayette County, by Peters-Carden, page 767 says "Joseph Workman was married to Rhoda Dickons July 18, 1849 by William Walker." I find him listed as Jasper Workman in Census and other later records but I cannot place him, can you? Could he be a son of Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Snow Workman? He was in Raleigh county censuses



Workman



Porubek



Sayre



Snow

early and in the 1900 Kanawha county census.

I agree that the parentage and birth information of Joseph Workman of Wyoming county still remains a mystery. I had considered Jasper as a possibility of his father, but because the name was not carried down in his branch, rejected it. The theory that James was his father is stronger if the James who built the cabin in 1776 on the large tract of land he acquired on the Little Kanawha River was a brother to (the Phoebe's) Joseph, and they had a brother, Nimrod. Then I would suspect this Joseph of Wyoming county to be the son of James.

Some of the facts which guided me in reconstructing the birth dates of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workmans children were as follows: Greenbrier county death records. "Selton Workman, age 76 died of paralysis September 1890. Born Monroe county son of Jos. and Elizabeth. Info given by wife, Delcina." This is Raymond Shanton Workman and by deduction his birth year would be 1814. Charles Workman, age 80, died of paralysis, December 1896. Born Monroe county son of Jos. and Elizabeth. By deduction this would place his birthdate at 1816. I have a lot of conflicting dates on the family from the census and county records. I found that James Matison Workman was properly spelled that way. I first thought it was misconstrued from "Madison" but I find it was passed down through the family as it was spelled in county records. Perhaps they spelled it with a "t" to distinguish from James Madison Workman of Boone county. If the Monroe county court dates on Joseph and Elizabeth(Reed) Workman's marriage is correct, and I think it is, then the dates for the birth of Shanton and Charles above are not realistic. I cannot recall it but I have another source which indicates Shanton's birthdate as 1818 which is more logical.

If the copy of Alderson Workman's 1907 letter comes out dark enough, maybe I can make another copy and use it to stir up some interest from the Wayne county Workmans.

Well, I am now too confused to go on, so until next time, best wishes.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of January 16. While its contents are still fresh in mind, I shall take a few moments to respond.

You asked about early property tax lists for Kanawha County. The early records are not complete. When I first began genealogical research, I abstracted the early court records for several surnames. At the time, however, I did not check for Workman since I had not begun working on this line. Mr. Olafson says that there are volumes there which it is difficult to have made available for use. I did not ask him the nature of the records.

I was pleased to receive the wedding data on "Joseph Workman and Rhoda Dickons." I had wondered what her maiden name was. I believe this Joseph, whom we have previously referred to as Jasper (because of the use of Jasper in census records), was the son of Margaret "Peggy" () and Joseph Workman, Jr. Margaret and Joseph had a son born 1825-1830 no longer in the household by 1850. So Jasper, born circa 1829, would fit.

By the way, additional evidence appeared to indicate that the woman Thomas Workman married 24 October 1805 in Tazewell County, Virginia, was indeed Sarah Dickerson--not Deskins.

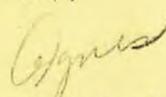
Enclosed is the letter from Alderson Workman to S. Jesse Workman, whose widow is still living. I do not have her permission to publish the letter although I'm sure it would be appropriate to use the genealogical data. She and her daughter are as interested as we are in proving the earlier connections. They are trying to find the rest of the correspondence which followed this first letter.

Is the History of Fayette County by Peters-Carden still available? I have never seen it.

How have you identified the Eleanor Workman living with Charles W. Workman in 1850? Could she not be another daughter of Elizabeth (Reed) and Joseph Workman?

I believe that some of our answers may be in Ohio, where Daniel Workman and some of his family moved.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. For the record, change the date on my last letter to 1977!

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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February 7, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Ralph:

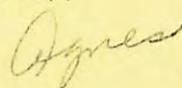
After mailing my last letter to you with the copy of letter from Alderson Workman to S. Jesse Workman, I wrote to the latter's granddaughter to let her know that it had been sent to you. I told her, too, what an excellent researcher you are.

I heard from her today requesting your address, which I sent. I feel sure she will write to you. Her name and address are: Mrs. Antone W. Hinton, 147 North Main, La Verkin, Utah 84745.

She mentioned that in the Computer File Index she had found the birth record of Benjamin Workman, son of Abraham Workman and Margaret Litner, -- --- 1801. She also found the marriage record for Margaret Letner and Abraham Workman given there as 30 September 1786 in Washington County, Virginia.

I am now working on a new "Alternate Lineage" since I have obtained so many additional names and dates that a much more accurate one can be prepared at this time. Do let me know any recent finds you may have so that the information can be included.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)



RALPH H. SAYRE
HILDA L. SAYRE

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February 5, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

In reference to your question about the Eleanor Workman living (or found in the household) with Charles W. Workman in the 1850 Census, I had copied the name as "Ellenor" and have not given much thought to her parentage. However, I did make a note that since he is in the Raleigh county area, "could this be Ellen Workman, born ca. 1827 daughter of Elizabeth Scarbrough and Moses Workman?"

I do not have a copy of the History of Fayette County by Peters and Carden, but I either used it at West Virginia University or the State Library. The authors are J. T. Peters and H. B. Carden. Besides the Workman marriages, I noted 2 Aug 1831 marriage of James B. Muncy to M. A. Sturgeon and 19 Feb 1835 marriage of Robert Scarbrough to Mary A. Scarbrough. Land grants issued 1832 John W. Scarbrough 90 A. adjacent to his own; 1832 Jacob Stover 18 A. White Fork of Cole R.; 1833 John Stover 130 A. Clear fork of Cole R.; 1834 John Bailey 150 A. Paint creek; 1838 Dickens and Scarbrough 135 A. Peach Tree fork; 1838 James B. Munsey 40 3/4 A. Cane Branch; 1860 James and Robert Scarbrough 150 A. and 132 A. Paint creek; 1861 Isaac Scarbrough 180 A. Waters of Paint creek; 1861 John W. Scarbrough 63 A. Paint creek. The reason for copying Stover information is a note from a descendant in Beckley that one of his ancestors was Mary Jane, born ca. 1833 to Moses and Elizabeth (Scarbrough) Workman, married 20 Jan 1859 to Silas Stover. She died 14 Sept 1911.

I was more than pleased to have a copy of Alderson Workman's 1907 letter and in reading it I can feel a relationship. The affinity for hunting and telling of its adventures, the brazen way he asks, "Are you a Morman? if so, how many Wives have you?" are traits which comes down also in my branch of Workmans. From his genealogical information in naming brothers and sister of Jacob, I still come up with a split.

Since he names Thomas as a brother of Jacob and the only Thomas for whom we have records is born 1772 in Pennsylvania, then the whole group would appear to belong to Joseph and Phoebe (McRae) Workman. You recall the Phoebe Workman, born 1793, who married Charles Jones, fit perfectly into Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman family until you found her in the 1870



Workman



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Census where she gave North Carolina as her birth place. Also we had considered James Hewett Workman a brother to the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. The older James was referred to as a "gallent soldier" and was a big name in the story about building cabins on the Island, etc., yet Alderson failed to mention James as one of the brothers of his grandfather. Since he indicated that he did not know "how many more" we cannot assume that James was not included, but we are left wondering. Maybe we would be wrong to assume that Abraham and Margaret Workman settled at Burkes Garden so soon after their marriage. Perhaps they, and Joseph and Phoebe, went to North Carolina about 1786 and did not return to the Wythe county area to live until about 1795. It was passed down that the Abraham who married Mary Ballard was born "in North Carolina near the Virginia border"; have you checked the theory that this may have been the part of North Carolian which later was included in Tennessee?

In thinking back over the situation with my Joseph of Wyoming county, there are a couple of possibilities which you may or may not have already considered. (1) When the clerk ask James H. Workman, who reported Joseph's death, for parent's names, perhaps he misunderstood and gave his own parent's names. (2) Then there is a possibility that James was a brother of Joseph who married Phoebe McRae, and before they left Pennsylvania, James married Hannah _____ and Joseph who married the Reeds, was born. Hannah may have died during or after the move to Virginia; then James may have remarried a Nancy _____ (possibly Hewett) and to them were born James Hewett; Abraham; Elizabeth; Hannah etc. In that case James H. Workman, friend, would have been a half-brother.

When Alderson stated in his letter that he had always heard that his grandfather came from North Carolina, It made me wonder if there was not an older James Workman (James Worthman who went to Carolina) who was the father of Jacob, Thomas, Abraham, Moses, Isaac and Phoebe. Then Joseph and Phoebe could be parents of Abraham (who married Margaret Lightner); John (who married Sina _____); Samuel (who married Martha Rhea); Benjamin (probably went to Kentucky); Joseph (who married the Reeds); Moses (who married Elizabeth Muncey); and Anne (who married Samuel Muncey). There is a possibility that Nimrod is Daniel's middle name and that these are the James, Joseph, and Nimrod Workman of history.

I believe we could unlock some of these mysteries by digging into the old Kanawha county records, but until, it seems there are just too many directions to go.

Do you have anything supporting the possibility that Eleanor Workman, b. ca 1802, who married 6 July 1822 Acles Fannon may have had issue, Silas M. Fannon, born ca. 1822 Kentucky and married Mary _____ about 1844? Silas and Mary Fannon were parents of Theodore; Easton; Rebecca; Robert Jeremiah; John; Thomas; Washington G.; Mary Belle; Celesta; and William. Rebecca Fannon, born ca. April 1850/1 married 8 August 1868 in Wayne county, Reece Workman. He left her about 1871 and she divorced him in 1877. Records on that whole family seem to have dwindled away. If you have anything which would contribute to them I would appreciate it, but do not make a special search. Reece told a grandson that Rebecca remarried, but I never found any record of it.

The following pages are a few notes put together on Jacob, Daniel, and the Wyoming county Joseph Workman.

Case of JACOB WORKMAN

Following information from April 13, 1973 letter from
Mrs. Mary E. Loar
127 W. Phila. Ave
Bridgeport, WV

1st Generation: JOSEPH WORKMAN was an elder in the Primitive Baptist Church. She should have JACOB WORKMAN here.

2nd Generation: Joseph - Missionary Baptist Preacher
James (1) Jacob - Basket and Chair maker
William (1) Pleasant - Southern Methodist Minister
Stephen - Baptist minister
Nancy - married a Mr. Binch

Joseph Workman was born in Giles county, Virginia and he married Nancy Osborn who died in 1890. She says Joseph died in 1862. Children of Joseph and Nancy:

3rd Generation: Joseph P. Jr.
Anthony
Elizabeth married a Mr. Loar (3)
Mary married Hiram Rutherford (3)
Kisiah married Jack Ballengee (3)
Sally married David Wilson (3)
JoAnnah married Hugh Adkins (3)
Nancy married Milton Bowen (3)
Alderson, born July 22, 1830 in Wayne county married Rebecca McClure, born Jan 5, 1827 in Lawrence county, Kentucky. She died June 19, 1907 and he died May 9, 1915.

4th Generation: Children of Alderson and Rebecca Workman
William McClure
Ala Jane
Joseph P.
Sarah J.
Mary Ellen
Albert Harrison
Hugh B.
Jefferson
Julia m. 12/19/1888 Perceville "Perley" Walker Smith(2)

5th Generation: Hugh B. Workman, born Oct 8, 1865, married June 30, 1886 Mary Ann Newman, who was born Dec 16, 1868 in Wayne county, W. Va. He died Jan 1945 and she died in 1955. Their children:

(3) County and Misc. records Arthur Carleton
Mabel died 1923 unmarried (2)
Ried Paul
Vivian Rebecca b. October 8, 1895 (2)

References: Keston E.
(1) Alderson Sybil unmarried(2)
Workman letter Lical b. Aug 24, 1903, m. Harry J. Gill (2)
(2) Mrs. Lical Alice b. Aug 6, 1906, m. John Nitti(2)
Gill Ernest died 4/21/1935 (2)

Arthur Carleton Workman, born Oct 23, 1888, married Oct 1, 1919 Esther Bassel. He died July 3, 1955.

6th Generation: Mary Ethel Workman married Charles Loar.

For more information, reference is made to her aunt,
Mrs. Lical Gill
Route 1, Box 8256
Lavalette, WV 25535

Case of DANIEL WORKMAN

Information from his pension files in Washington:

#S. 40725 "Daniel Workman enlisted in Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, Virginia, September 12, 1776 and served one year in Captain Matthew Arbuckle's company, Colonel John Neville's Virginia regiment."

As a resident of Logan county, Ohio, he made his pension application at the age of seventy-eight on September 25, 1818. By deduction his birthyear would have been circa 1740.

At his death, about September 10, 1823 leaving the heirs, Elizabeth Dodge, wife of Nathan Dodge and James Workman.

In 1855 Elizabeth Dodge was living in Boone county, Indiana. At that time, James Workman has been referred to as James ~~Max~~ Mc. Workman.

The soldier's only living child in 1859 was a daughter who was about eighty years old. If this was Elizabeth, it would calculate her birth year at about 1779.

Daniel Workman's revolutionary records do not state the date or place of his birth. Another statement by him on August 30, 1820 that he was 80 years old would place his birth circa 1740.

Daniel McDowell and David Jameson of Bourbon county, Kentucky signed an affidavit that they were personally acquainted with Daniel Workman and served with him.

Daniel Workman's August 30, 1820 affidavit states that he entered service "1775!" instead of "1776".

"Records of Augusta County, Virginia 1745-1800" by Chalkey Vol. III

Daniel Workman, teste to Thomas Hutchison's Will 2 Apr 1772
Daniel Workman, 1776 bee book, "no estate"

Note: In 1769 Botetourt County was formed from the southern portion of Augusta county. Therefore Daniel Workman in 1772 would have been in the upper part, north of what is now the West Virginia counties of Monroe and Greenbrier and Alleghany county, Virginia. Since he enlisted in military service at Lewisburg, he naturally would have had "no estate" in Augusta county in 1776.

Abstracts of Wythe county Deed Book #2 (two) #61

"Pg. 97--(1797) John Faucet to Hugh Grayham. 161 acres on Reed Creek (part of 406 acres surveyed for Thomas Hutchinson) for \$ 120."

On the March 23, 1815 Tax List of Giles county, Virginia are Robert Sr. and Robert M. Hutchison.

In the 1800 Census of Kentucky, is one Daniel Workman in Harrison county. Daniel Workman not found in 1810 Census of Kentucky.

Case of Joseph Workman of WYOMING COUNTY

War of 1812, Elizabeth Workman, widow of Joseph Workman, for Bounty Land Warrant, Virginia Militia, Capt Spurlock's Co. C. Mollohan, Atty., Gallipolis, Ohio... In different handwriting... "Now Marion Centre, Kansas. Your Honor will find Capt Spurlocks Rolls filed in James Wilgus (Wilgers?) Claim for Bounty Land Warrant upon which he drew 160 Acres (or received same) No. 91175. Act of March 3/55. C. Mollohan"

State of West Virginia, County of Wyoming. On this 19th day of October, 1872 personally appeared before me Humphrey Hatfield, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the county of Wyoming and state of West Virginia, William D. Cook and Leroy B. Chambers to me well known to be of good reputation for veracity and who are entitled to be believed, and who being duly sworn according to law, declares that they are resident of the County of Wyoming and State of West Virginia and their post office is Oceana, West Virginia.

Humphrey Hatfield, Justice
In the matter of Claim of Elizabeth Workman, widow of Joseph Workman, deceased, late of the County of (Wayne is written over top of Wyoming) and state now West Virginia for Bounty Land warrant under the act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1855, and 14th day of May 1856 on account of the Service of her husband, the said Joseph Workman.

These affiants further state on their oaths that they were acquainted with the Said Joseph Workman in his life time, and knows of their personal knowledge that the said Joseph Workman departed this life in the County of (Wayne is crossed through and Wyoming written above) and State of West Virginia on or about the month of November AD 1852.

They further state that they have been well acquainted with the said Elizabeth Workman, for a long period of time and knows she is the widow of the said Joseph Workman.

I hereby certify that Humphrey Hatfield before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, is now and was at the time of the execution thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Wyoming and State of West Virginia duly authorized to administer oaths; and that his signature thereunto is genuine. Witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of October, 1872. James Cook, Clerk.

State of West Virginia, County of Wyoming. On this 19th day of October AD 1872 personally came before me, James Cook, Clerk of the Circuit Court, within and for the said County and State, Elizabeth Workman, aged 79-years, a resident of the County of Wyoming and State of West Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law declares she is the widow of Joseph Workman, deceased, who was a member of Captain Spurlocks company, Virginia Militia in the War declared by the United States against Great Britain on the 18th day of June 1812. That her said husband entered the said service from the County of Cabell in the state now West Virginia on or about the 30th day of July 1812 or 13 and continued in actual service in said war until on or about the 30th day of December 1814 and was honorably

(2) JOSEPH WORKMAN of Wyoming county

discharged as she was informed by her said husband in his life time but as to the correct and true date of her said husbands entry into said service with the time when and where he was discharged she is unable to state with any certainty and has given the above statement of dates being the present impressions of her mind. She further states that she was married to the said Joseph Workman in the County of Monroe in the state now West Virginia on or about the 15th day of April AD 1814 by one Mr. John Wireman, a minister of the gospel and that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Reed. That her said husband died in the County of (Wayne was first written then marked out and Wyoming written above it) and State of West Virginia on the 8th day of November 1852 and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd, 1855 and 14th day of May 1856. She also declares that she has not received nor applied for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor did her said husband ever make such application known to her, nor did he ever receive bounty land warrant in his life time.

I hereby authorize and empower Charles Mollohan of Gallipolis Ohio my true and lawful attorney to prosecute this my Claim and to receive and receipt for my said warrant when it issues.

That my Post Office address is Joes Branch in the County of Wyoming and State of West Virginia.

I further swear that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did I adhere to the Cause of the enemies of the Government giving them aid or comfort or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States and that I will support the Constitution of the United States to the best of my ability so help me God.
Elizabeth Workman (her mark)

Witness: L. B. Chambers and William D. Cook

Note: the minister mentioned above may have been spelled Wizeman instead of Wireman. Census records bear out that there were both Wireman and Wiseman names in Monroe at an early time.

Monroe county original records conflict with the marriage date given by Elizabeth. Her information probably came from memory so I would put more faith in the handwritten records at the court house.

Joseph Workman married Hannah Reed March 5, 1807
Joseph Workman married Elizabeth Reed April 9, 1817

Joseph Workman's death date is recorded in Wyoming county conflicting with the above. November 28, 1853. His birthplace is given as Allegany county, Virginia and age of 80. By deduction this would place his year of birth at about 1773.

Contrasting with this, the 1850 Census gives his birthplace as Pennsylvania and age as 70 making his birthyear 1780.

I wrote to the National Archives (GSA) and asked them to check bounty land Warrant Claim #91175 of James Wilgers (Wilgus) for Captain Spurlock's rolls in the War of 1812 and see if any papers existed telling the exact dates of Joseph Workman's service. Their return form indicated that they could not find the bounty land claim requested. I also sent another request for them to check their "Virginia Military Bounty" files where 250,000 Acres in Ohio were set aside for Virginia and Kentucky RW veterans for the name of Daniel Workman. They say that no bounty land claim for Daniel Workman is in their files. So I struck out both times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph".

Ralph

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February 11, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Ralph:

I was pleased to receive your letter of February 5 with its detailed analysis of the Workman findings to date.

Like you, I found Alderson Workman's 1907 letter most interesting and hope that Mauna Hinton is able to locate the others in the series written about that time.

I have nothing further on the Eleanor Workman who married 1822 Acles Fannon. Since we have her as a presumed daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman and know that Moses was for a time in Kentucky, it is quite likely that Eleanor and Acles were the parents of the Fannon offspring mentioned in your letter. Next time I am at the library I will check the Computer File Index for Fannon statistics in Kentucky.

Speaking of the Computer File Index, I found the marriage of Nancy Workman to Lewis Bench 9 February 1832 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. This, of course, would be Nancy, daughter of Jacob and Eleanor (Jones) Workman and substantiates the information from Mrs. Mary E. Loar, which you sent, in that Mrs. Loar says that Nancy married a Mr. Binch. I found other later marriages for the Workman family there and will include them in my forthcoming compilation of accumulated data.

Although I may have mentioned this previously (I don't want to take the time to check through our correspondence right now), I will repeat a speculation. I believe it quite likely that the Isaac Workman who ^{was} married 11 October 1799 in Caswell County, North Carolina, to Susannah Sullivant is the same Isaac who died about 1851 in Boone County, (West) Virginia. Whether he married two woman named Susan or whether Susan Sullivant was formerly Susan Leit or whether Susan's mother Rachel ~~was~~ married first to a Sullivant and then to a Leit--or whether the writing on one of the documents was misinterpreted--I do not know. I do, however, believe we are dealing with one and the same Isaac and probably one and the same Susan. Security for their marriage was Russell Sullivant; and the first-born of Susan and Isaac was apparently Russell Workman, the first time the name Russell seems to appear in the family. Because of research I have done on the Browning family of Logan County, (West) Virginia, I know that several of them moved from Caswell County, North Carolina, by way of Wythe County, Virginia, so we might finally be on the verge of finding the answers to our questions. I have not had the opportunity of checking the Caswell County, North Carolina, land and probate records since speculating on the Workman connection to the county.

By the way, have you noticed in the 1850 census records how many North Carolina families live near your Joseph Workman in Wyoming County, (West) Virginia?

One of the big gaps in our reconstruction of the early family groups is for probable offspring of Thomas Workman through a first marriage to an as yet

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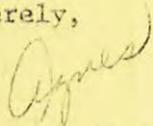
unidentified first wife. Also, there is a distinct possibility that Thomas was known to family members as Nimrod.

Although we are still dealing in considerable speculation, it is apparent that through our mutual exchange of information we have many more documented facts and have much more substantial leads than those with which we started. As a matter of fact, with the exception of the placement of your Joseph and my Joseph in a proven family group, most of the relationships can be substantiated.

I believe the fact that Alderson Workman did not identify James as one of his grandfather's brothers can easily be explained by the fact that James died shortly after Alderson was born. The ones he named lived until Alderson's adulthood. Alderson's comment that he didn't know "how many more" certainly would indicate that there was at least one other sibling of his grandfather, if not more. I base James Workman's death date of 1830-1840 on the fact that he disappears from census records following 1830 and on Anderson's erroneous attribution of a death date for James Hewett Workman of about 1840. I think in this case that Anderson simply confused the generations when copying from her notes. I am referring in this case of Anderson's WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY.

I must rush to a meeting so will leave further elaboration until another date.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Feb 12, 1977
In quick reply to your letter of 7 Feb, I heard from the Virginia State library concerning the old Personal Property Tax lists of Kanawha county, Va. They checked 1792, 1793, and 1796 books without finding any Workman names. Tax books for 1798-1800 and 1803-1805 are missing. Tax was charged to "individuals with surname workman" in 1801 and 1806. You may want to hold your next "Alternate Lineage" until I get copies showing these names. I believe I had sent you the info which I obtained from LDS in a previous letter same as Mrs. Hinton found. The 1786 marriage date for Abraham and Margaret may be when they came from Mont. county to Burkes Garden. LDS has two conflicting family group sheets on Abraham and Margaret and one lists a son Benjamin, born 1802, married Rosanna ?. I have never found any other records to support this. Until later.
Ralph H. Sayre



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 March 4, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
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Dear Agnes:

I have written to the Department of Archives in North Carolina to have them check for any Workman marriage bonds in Surry and Wilkes counties before 1800. Since I have no idea that they intend to cooperate, I will send the Kanawha Tax list excerpts that I received from the Virginia State Library, Archives Div.

All of the "A's" and some "B's" were included on the title sheets of the 1801 and 1806 Tax sheets, and I notice Davis Alderson and George Alderson in 1801. In the W's of that year is a Pleasant Webb. In 1806 is Martin and Samuel Amos. Amos, Pleasant, and Alderson became first names of Workmans in the 1800's. The name Thomas Ward appears in this list and although it seems to be rather common, the name Thomas Ward was mentioned as an in-law of the Workmans in the 1624 records of Norfolk county. Some names in the 1806 list gave more specific addresses and the three in the W's were John Wilson (12 Pole); Robert Wilson (12 Pole); and David Wilson (Teas Valley).

From the tax list we can see that James Workman possibly had the more mature family, having a male child reach age 16 by the year 1806. I think it is a safe assumption that the Caswell county, North Carolina marriage of Isaac Workman to Susannah Sullivant 11 October 1799 is the one in our group. The reasoning for placing Russell Workman as their child is sound also. I know of the 30 September 1786 Washington county, Virginia marriage record of Abraham and Margaret (Letner) Workman, and I can only think that they may have moved closer to the Washington county court house in 1786 and for some reason on the 30th of September had them record the fact that they were married. Also one group sheet which I received from the LDS Genealogical Society lists a Benjamin, son of Abraham and Margaret, born 1802, married Rosanna ? . I have never found any verification of this Benjamin and Rosanna Workman in later census or other records.

I have not heard from Mrs. Hinton yet, but will be glad to know what she can find. I hope this will help to form more definite and correct groupings in the next "Alternative Lineage".

Sincerely,

Ralph

Sayre

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enclosure placed in Workman file



Workman



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2001 North Westwood Avenue
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March 11, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for your letter of March 4.

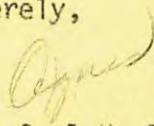
Regarding the North Carolina Workman marriages: Please refer to my letter of December 19, 1975, for a survey of results for those which took place before 1800. If you recall, the only two counties I have not checked are Surry and Burke. I had hoped before now to have had the opportunity to survey those records, but the Los Angeles Temple Library where they are housed has been closed for many months for remodeling. When it ~~reopens~~ this summer, I shall put in a day of research there. Let me know if you hear from the North Carolina Archives about this in the meantime.

I appreciated receiving the tax list information for Kanawha County, also the others. The extra white male over 16 in James Workman's household is probably Abraham who married Mary Ballard. (I am referring to the 1806 and 1810 tax lists.)

As yet, I have never checked the Kanawha County, West Virginia, death registers carefully for Workman entries. Since Squire T. Workman may have lived there when he died, it is possible that his death data would give us a clue. Do you happen to know the last census record on which Squire T. Workman appears?

I will have to curtail my correspondence for several weeks since I am working on a few manuscripts which I hope to finish. Do keep me informed of any leads.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Peatman)

POST CARD

April 6, 1977

Dear Ralph:

Janet Hager wrote to me recently stating that they had found what they believe to be the original death registers for Boone County, West Virginia, and that the parents of the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth McNeeley were given as James and Nancy Workman. This would be consistent with what we had determined to be the case from the accumulation of evidence (except for Anderson's book, wherein we thought an error had been made).

I'll keep you informed of any additional finds.

Sincerely,



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 July 5, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
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Dear Cousin Agnes,

I have been giving a little more concentration to the parentage of my Joseph Workman who married 1st Hannah Reed then secondly, Elizabeth Reed in Monroe county. As soon as you have time to turn a little attention to Workmans again, I would like you to weigh the possibility of Daniel being Joseph's father. On my copy of the death record, what everyone is so sure of as a "J" could easily be "D"--the "a" is o.k.--Could what everyone is sure of as "s" actually be "nl" ran together?

Da's Da's Hannah Workman

I haven't positively identified the true location of Culbertson Creek in the early boundaries of Greenbrier county, but take a look at the rough sketch of early Montgomery county. Accepting it for fact that Joseph was an elder son of Daniel and he were located where I have marked the "x", look at the easy access to Monroe county and the natural migration avenues to Burkes Garden, Wyoming county, Cabell county, Boone county areas.

The marriage dates of the Workmans in Harrison county, Kentucky fall in proximity with that of Joseph Workman and the Reeds in Monroe county, Virginia. Should he belong in that family group he would probably be in an age between Rosannah and Margaret.

I realize we kicked this around before and I had rejected the idea mostly because the name Daniel had not been carried down by Joseph or his descendants. The Moses who married Elizabeth Scarbrough in Fayette county did carry down the name, however, and I consider him a likely possibility.

No rush on this.

Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph H. Sayre



Workman



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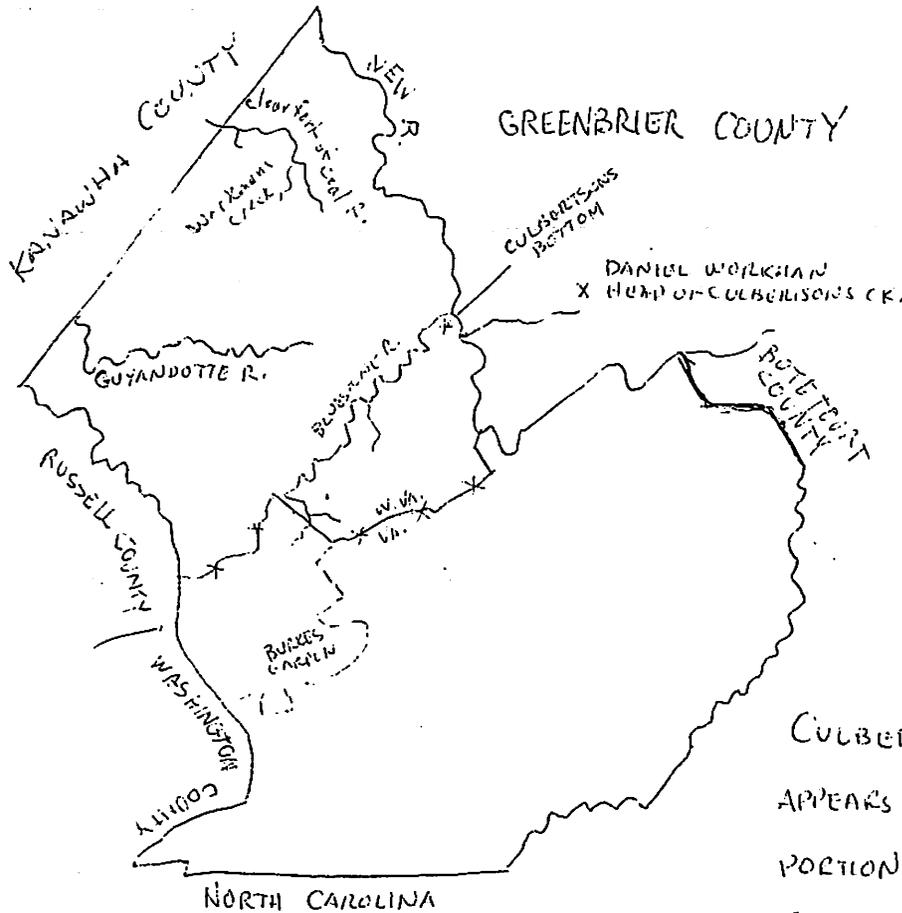


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MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1789



CULBERTSON'S BOTTOM APPEARS IN THE LEFT PORTION OF WHAT IS NOW SUMMERS COUNTY; THEREFORE, I WOULD GUESS THAT THE CULBERTSON'S CREEK WHERE DAN^L WORKMAN LIVED WAS ALSO IN PRESENT SUMMERS COUNTY. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN GREENBRIER COUNTY THEN.

DANIEL WORKMAN

From a list of surveys made early in 1774, copied by J. T. McAllister, Hot Springs, 1914, and printed recently in The Pocahontas Times as "Early Settlers on the Greenbrier River and its Watershed".

"...Daniel Workman, head of Culbertson Creek joining Joseph McClung and Charles Donally, Joseph Williams."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA - CIRCA 1790 by Netti Schreiner-Yantis

John Smith - 5,000 acres on Tom's and Joshua's Creeks of New River adjacent to James Byrnsides on Culbertsons Bottom and to Stewart. 24 March 1787.

John Smith - 5,000 acres on Big Pipe Stem Creek, back Gatliffs, 2 miles below Culbertson's Bottom. 28 March 1787.

Samuel McCraw - 960 acres on Piney River and Paint Creek of Great Kanawha, adjacent to John Smith, both sides of road from Big Painted trees to Culbertson's Bottom. 2 August 1783

Samuel McCraw - 2,500 acres on Tom's and Joshua's Creeks near Byrnsides land on Culbertson's Bottom. 2 April 1787

Samuel McCraw - 2,500 acres on branches of New River at bank of Culbertson's Bottom; 2,500 acres on Joshua's and Tom's Creeks adjacent to James Byrnsides land on Culbertson's Bottom, where Byrnside now lives; 2,500 acres on bank of Culbertson's Bottom; 2,500 acres on Bluestone. April 1787.

John Colvin is on the 1788 Montgomery county tax list but not 1789.

Harrison county, Kentucky was formed 1793 from Bourbon and Scott. 1790 Census lists Daniel Workman in Bourbon county, Ky. 1800 (Tax List) lists Daniel Workman in Harrison county, Ky. 1810 Kentucky Census does not list a Daniel Workman.

Word from the county clerk of Bourbon county suggests that there is nothing on Daniel Workman in the records there. Marriages from Harrison county court follows:

27 November 1797 John Calvin married Rosannah Workman
John Calvin and Michael Cott, surety

22 March 1809 Thomas Colvin married Margaret Workman
Thomas Colvin and Daniel Workman, surety

9 January 1809 John Workman married Polly McCaw (McCraw?)
John Workman and Samuel Bell, surety

Note the McCaw name in marriage below.

May be no connection but interesting consideration

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 4, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Cousin Ralph:

How pleased I was to receive your letter of July 5. Arriving as it did while I was in the midst of intensive White family research, I set it aside for response since I wanted to have the time to review carefully my Workman notes before replying.

Before responding to the basic questions you pose in your letter, I wish to mention in passing what might prove to be a significant discovery which came about while I was abstracting White family data in the 1880 Lincoln County, West Virginia, census. In Harts Creek Distract, #12/13 was Josephus Workman, age 70. This would be the one who married Mary Burgess. In showing the birthplace of parents, Josephus' father was listed as having been born in Nor. Car. (which I interpreted as meaning North Carolina). By the way, in addition to his wife and a daughter, he also had in the household a granddaughter, Rosa Farmer, age 13, and a grandson, Tolbert T. Hibots, age 13. Josephus listed his mother as having been born in Virginia.

Household #8/9 in the same county and district was for William M. Workman, his wife and family. Living with them were his father Obediah, age 73, and his mother Rebecca, age 75. If you want these abstracts and those of the other Lincoln County families, please let me know; and I will send them to you.

By the way, I am beginning to be impressed by the number of Workman men named John L. Workman. The John in Obediah's family is shown in 1880 as John L. Workman, and you probably recall that one of the sons of Benjamin Reed Workman was John L., and then there was John L., the son of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman, not to mention several more from the younger generations.

If you have not heard directly from other correspondents of the Boone County find, I am pleased to report that we now have access to what appears to be the original Boone County, West Virginia, death register. Janet Hager and David Turner found it in the basement of the Court House; and there the name of the father of the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely)(Elkins) was spelled out, "James." So we now know that the name which was abbreviated by later copiests with that ambiguous Jas./Jos. was in this case, James Workman. As we had already determined, James Workman as the father of this Joseph was consistent with all but Anderson's account; and I am now completely satisfied that this is the case.

The same week I received your letter, I received one from Mauna Rae Hinton in which she said that she had received the following from the Wayne County, West Virginia, Clerk's office: Pheba Roberts died Jan. 25 1860; age 60. Mother: Pheba Workman. Father: Joseph Workman. Cause of death: Cancer on face.

Although the age given is probably several years too young (other records placing her birth between 1790 and 1800)--and I believe she would have been older than nine when her son Jesse was born, the other data would tend to substantiate Alderson Workman's statement that she was a sister of Jacob Workman. She must have been a

"change of life" baby. Assuming a birth date of 1745 for Phoebe McCray (making her about sixteen at the time of her 1761 marriage), she could still have had her daughter Phoebe as late as 1795 at age fifty.

The more I review the family of Joseph and Phoebe (McCray) Workman as we have reconstructed it, the more I believe there were several additional children. Even the elusive Nimrod could have been one who left children in the care of various relatives after dying between 1793 and 1800. Only a hunch!

This does, however, bring me back to your question concerning Daniel as the possible father of "your" Joseph Workman. While possible, I still do not consider it likely. In spite of that almost unmistakable "Hannah" as his mother, I believe you will eventually find a record which shows his parents to be Joseph and Phoebe Workman. Is it possible that what appears to be Hannah on the death record (or Hanah) might be Phobah or Phabah? Certainly, if the clerk copied his information from a scribbled piece of paper brought to his office, he could have inadvertently converted Phabah to Hanah, considering the vagaries of script. The reason for my insistence in this regard is that every other additional piece of information in our possession supports the probability of "your" Joseph being one of the brothers on the Island--particularly now that we have the information substantiating the fact that James was the father of "my" Joseph.

At three years of age, "my" Joseph was obviously too young to have been planting corn on the Island. From the time of my childhood, my mother used to tell me that one of our ancestors was one of the brothers--she never said which one, only that her Workman ancestor was one of the brothers who planted corn where Logan now stands. From various documented sources, we know the identities of most of the siblings: Abraham, from his death record; Phoebe, from her death record; Jacob, from Alderson's letter; James, from Jacob's sworn statement and Ragland's account; Joseph, from Alderson's letter and Ragland's account; Thomas, from Alderson's letter; and Moses, from Alderson's letter. Those mentioned in Alderson's letter, of course, are fully documented in census and tax records. My question to you is: If "your" Joseph were the son of Daniel, what on earth happened to Joseph, the son of Joseph and Phoebe? I just noticed that I forgot to mention Isaac above, from Alderson's letter.

I also believe that there were probably several other children in addition to Ann, who married Samuel Muncey. It seems to me that Phoebe would have named at least one of her sons for her father, Hugh. Considering the way with names, Hugh could have been "short" for Hewitt; and that could have been the way the name Hewitt came into use with a grandson.

I was intrigued with your Kentucky abstracts. It would appear that Daniel Workman on his westward movement from Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia, was briefly in the area of Wythe County, Virginia, then on to Bourbon, later Harrison County, Kentucky, and finally into Logan County, Ohio. I must confess that I have not spent sufficient time on exploring the possibilities for identity of his children to offer much firm data.

My Gatliff family is the one identified as being located ^{about 1787} near Culbertson's Bottom, in Montgomery County, Va.,. Actually the Charles Gatliff who lived there for a time was a brother to "my" Mary Gatliff who married Alexander Pine, also known as James Alexander Pine. Charles Gatliff later moved to Kentucky. By later, I mean prior to 1810.

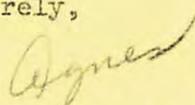
August 4, 1977

Now that we can dismiss speculation about the parentage of "my" Joseph Workman, it seems fairly certain that "your" Joseph was his uncle. I will try to keep an open mind on the subject of "your" Joseph's parentage insofar as my evaluation of the evidence will allow. However, unless I am shown evidence that there was another Joseph who could have been the son of Joseph and Phoebe (McCray) Workman, your Joseph will continue to fill the place of their son by that name---a son whom we know from the other evidence to have existed.

Incidentally, I have fairly complete records regarding the vital data of the Charles Gatliff I mentioned earlier. He was born 28 May 1748 in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, was taken as a child to Augusta County, Virginia by his parents James and Martha M. (Farris) Gatliff. Lt. James Gatliff was killed by the Indians on the Roanoke 20 March 1758 and was buried on his farm on the Catawba River. His widow moved to what later became Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and her will was probated 6 August 1799 in Monroe County. Culbertson's Bottom was variously known as that and as Gatliff Bottom (you are correct that it was later in Summers County, Virginia), and by 1908 it was known as the Calloway Barker Place.

I will be interested in your comments now that you have the information from the death records of Phoebe Roberts and "my" Joseph Workman.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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August 14, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
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Dear Cousin Agnes:

Thanks for your letter of August 4th. I was glad to get the information on Josephus and Obadiah in Lincoln county 1880. I had thought that I copied the Census information for Lincoln county, but after quite a bit of searching today, I did not turn up any. I do not know how I missed Lincoln unless it was hard to copy or missing from the WVU microfilm. I remember some of theirs was damaged. If you have the time to spare and opportunity some time, I would appreciate a copy of any abstracts pertaining to the Workmans. It is somewhat strange to find Josephus' birthplace given as North Carolina, since I am sure it was given before as Giles county, Virginia. I would say that North Carolina is incorrect, or he was born before 1810. I assume the Isaac Workman 10100-00100-00 in the 1800 Cabarrus county, North Carolina census is the same Isaac Workman 40010-10100-00 in the Giles county, Virginia census of 1810.

DANIEL WORKMAN, more thoughts on

See Mr. Olafson's letter for a more accurate location of Culbertson's Creek in Greenbrier county. I had first thought that Culbertson's Bottom was probably so named because of the merging of Culbertson's Creek with the New River and this now appears incorrect.

As you can see from the article which I put together, I would also prefer to believe that Joseph Workman of Wyoming county was a son of Joseph and Phoebe and one of the three who built cabins and planted corn at Logan. If he is not that Joseph, then there is a Joseph in Jefferson county, Kentucky on 20 August 1789, then in Shelby county Kentucky 7 August 1800 and also in the 1810 census. We could possibly apply him. The LDS records showed that Abraham and Margaret Lightner Workman had a Joseph born about 1787.

Mr. Olafson's letter, in pointing out the true location of Culbertson's Creek gives more evidence supporting the theory that Daniel could be the father of Joseph and the Moses Workman who married Elizabeth Scarbrough. Early Greenbrier county records show a David Scarbrow, who married May 3, 1786 Eliza Anderson and James Scarbrow who married September 24, 1794 Jane Shannon, by Jacob Cook. Also John Reid was married about 1784 to Eliza. Shanton by J. A. Bell. The Scarbrough name migrated to Fayette (later Raleigh) county and Reid (Reed) stuck with Greenbrier and somewhat migrated to Monroe. The apparent dominance of Reed given names in Joseph Workman's children may be an indication of a disagreement or misunderstanding with his father. Joseph's first wife was Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Reed, and their children was Benjamin, John, and Robert. Joseph's second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary Eliza. (Shanton) Reed. Their first child was apparently named Raymond Shanton after her grandfather. Matison (Madison) and Mary are also names used closely in Elizabeth's family. Consider here too that their son Charles W. Workman married Phoebe Bailey in Fayette county, close to the area of the settlement of Moses and Elizabeth (Scarbrough) Workman.

At least three of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman's children came to the Spring Creek* area of Greenbrier county to live their final days. Charles W. and Phoebe (Baigley) Workman are buried in front of McMillion Church on Friars Hill.

Joseph Workman's death record states that he died at Slab Fork, and if you locate Slab Fork on the map, it is on the Raleigh/Wyoming county border. The record says that Joseph was born (by deduction) about 1773 in Alleghany county, Virginia. That is only a short time before the record of Daniel Workman's settlement in Greenbrier county, and although that county was not formed until 1822, it could have been used as a location in 1853 at the time of his demise. The giving of Pennsylvania as his birthplace in the 1850 census, I admit, is still conflicting. I have a tendency to think that James Hewitt Workman is the one who gave death information on my Joseph, and when name of parents was called for, he mistakenly gave his own as James and Nanna which was then written in the book as "Jas. and Hanah". Either theory about Joseph's parentage leaves several questions, and in my own confused mind right now one way is about as strong as the other.

I keep thinking back on Ragland's account and wondering how James, son of parents married around 1760, could have built such a reputation as a soldier and gentleman to have been remarked upon by 1780. Abraham being the first son born about 1761 would have left James to be only around 17-18 years old by the time of the Battle of the Island. I still wonder if old Joseph with brothers James and Nimrod was not the one on the Island planting corn. James and Nimrod could have moved on and Joseph stayed in Tazewell county.

I have no comments on James being proven father of your Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (MCNeely) Elkins, except that I think it is correct. The death record of Pheba (Workman) Roberts needs some testing though. As you point out, it is very unlikely that she was born in 1800 if she was truly a child of Joseph and Phoebe. It has occurred to me that she may have been a grandchild raised by them. Even so she would have had to be older, if her son, Jesse was as old as shown in the census.

Sincerely,



Ralph H. Sayre

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July 14, 1977.

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre,
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Dear Mr. Sayre:

Right off the bat I can tell you that Culbertson's Bottom and Culbertson's Creek are some distance apart. I know this because I fished in Culbertson's Creek several times, and on my first trip there I caught the largest brown trout I ever saw, 27 inches long. I had no scales with which to weigh it.

This creek is almost^s due north of Lewisburg. To get there we would turn off at Clintonville on Rte. 60, go northeast through Cornstalk and Williamsburg, to a postoffice called Sunlight, which I no longer see on W. Va. road maps. My guess is that it would be about 2 miles west of Friar's Hill, which is on the maps. Sometimes we would go north from Sunlight and fish in the South Fork of Cherry River, and come out at Richwood. I think you can locate those places on a road map of West Virginia. *

Culbertson's Creek rises in the mountains next to Cherry River, and has spring-fed tributaries. At Sunlight it was joined by what might be called an underground stream, into which the brown trout retreated in the daytime. They fed only at night. About one-half mile southeast of Sunlight Culbertson's Creek runs into a hole in the ground and is seen no more. Local people do not agree about where it emerges but one farmer told me he lost a hog trough in it and later recovered it in Spring Creek, 3 Or 4 miles to the southeast. *

All this talk about brown trout and hog troughs will not help you solve any problems about Daniel Workman, nor can I be of any help as his name does not appear in any records of this region. I do not know how Culbertson's Creek got its name but as the name is not common I would not be surprised if it referred to the same man whose name is applied to Culbertson's Bottom. He might have lived on Culbertson's creek first. There is some beautiful land on it. But, this would have nothing to do with Daniel Workman, who probably came there later.

We have had a small genealogical society here for some time and recently published our first little volume. I was its editor and am not at all proud of it. We are getting another one ready which we expect to publish this fall.

It is rather odd that you are looking for a Moses Workman at the same time that I am looking for a Moses Workman. I had a Caroline ~~Workman~~ Ferrell who married a Moses Workman. I had him as a son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman but Mrs. Pearlman has corrected me, saying he was a son of Joseph and Margaret Workman, and I think she is right, Both Caroline and Moses are

in the Boone 1850 census, still unmarried, and my friend Dave Turner, thinks they were in Raleigh County in 1860. They are not in Boone. In 1870 they are back in Boone but I made the mistake of deciphering her name as Cordelia. In 1880 she is a widow and in 1884 she married Floyd White. That disposes of one Moses Workman and there were two others in Logan census records, and now you come up with still another one. I do not find anything in the areas with which I am familiar that I can associate with your Moses Workman. If he went on to the Kentucky-Virginia area he went to the Kentucky side.

As to the surveys you mention, if Daniel Workman was at the head of Culbertson's Creek he was perhaps 15 airline miles due north from Lewisburg, a good bit farther by road. You have the date 1774 there. The surveys you mention as adjacent to Culbertson's Bottom are about 10 years later. The whole area from Bluestone River to far down Paint Creek was surveyed and Patented in the 1780's. They were along the great prehistoric travelway that led up Paint Creek and across Flat Top Mountain to Bluestone River. By platting these surveys on topographic maps I was able to pinpoint the the location of the two painted tree sites that gave Paint Creek its name. In the early Colonial period the Ohio Indians would congregate at these sites, lay in a food supply, and then hold their war dances, which were much akin to the pep meetings our High Schools have on the night before the Big Game. At these rituals, if we may call them that, the painted trees represented the enemies they were going to attack.

Again, all this is not helping you trace Daniel Workman and his progeny, but you seem to have him definitely located on Culbertson's Creek. I see nothing that justifies your bringing him into the Culbertson's Bottom Region. The local people on Culbertson's Creek, with whom I talked, did not know how the creek got its name.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sigfus Olefson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely".

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August 19, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Cousin Ralph:

Before I become too involved with the housefullof guests, I will take a few moments to respond to your letter of August 14.

Enclosed are photocopies of the abstracts I made of Workman families in Lincoln County, West Virginia, in 1880. You will notice there (and also in my last letter) that it is not Josephus' birthplace which is given as North Carolina but that it was Josephus' father, who was supposed to have been born there.

The temple library in Los Angeles finally reopened; however, the North Carolina marriage records I had hoped to find there are not in their permanent collection. I'll have to make arrangements at the local branch library to obtain copies of the film in order to complete some of the North Carolina Workman family research.

I wish time permitted a review of my notes on James Workman. It is my belief that the one mentioned in the 1780 account was not the same James Workman of Boone County. He was more likely the James Workman who returned to Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Many of the Kentucky Workman groups are accounted for in Anderson's book. I am still hoping to have enough time to gather and analyze data for the five-state area: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia-West Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. I suppose I should add Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey to the group; but that becomes overwhelming just thinking about so many.

It has occurred to me that perhaps we should combine our census abstracts so that we don't duplicate each other's work. What are your ideas on this subject?

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures



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 December 5, 1977

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Dear Cousin Agnes:

Please excuse my long delay in answering your letter of August 19th. Along with so many domestic repairs and miscellaneous problems needing my attention, my small children are sometimes quite a bother when I sit down and try to work. My house is small and it is impossible to find an isolated place to concentrate on anything like that. Despite these obstacles, I hope to get started in compiling the final pages for my book this month.

I have decided to go ahead with it because so many are waiting to see if it can be done, no matter how long I wait there will always be new discoveries, and there will never be a final book. Someone can always correct my mistakes and continue with a book of their own. My wife typed all of last winter to complete a book on the Hornbeck family and we are expecting the complete bound books from the bindery this week. She has already sold around 100 copies, and as the money comes back from it, I am hoping to use it on my Workman book.

A few months ago I ordered a booklet titled Kanawha County Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1806 and 1809. From it I copied all the names and information that I thought would interest you and Janet Hager. Your copy is enclosed.

I appreciate all of the efforts that you have made to help me on this Workman study, and I intend to credit all of those in the book who made such contributions. The 1880 Lincoln county census abstracts will be a great help. As I try to regroup and reorganize my material within the next few months there will most likely be several that I will want to discuss with you. You mentioned combining our census abstracts. If I had made mine on regular census forms which I knew nothing about at that time, it would be a good idea. Most of mine are quickly jotted in notebooks, showing mostly just names and ages. Some do not even have house and visitation sequence numbers, so I have little to combine on that account.



Workman



Hornbeck



Sayre

JOSEPHUS WORKMAN. I did get confused in our discussion of Josephus as to his birthplace. It seems to fit--the North Carolina marriage of an Isaac Workman to Susan(nah) Sullivant and the Isaac Workman in Giles county, Va., 1810 census, when and where Josephus was born.



Snow

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Josephus then must surely be a son of Isaac Workman. The question is then--is Isaac a son of Joseph and Phoebe Workman; or was Josephus mistaking Isaac's birthplace as North Carolina because he knew that was where his father and mother were married? I know of no indication or documentation that Joseph and Phoebe were in North Carolina. Is it possible that Isaac was a brother to Abraham and son of James and _____ Workman?

Hannah
Nancy

DANIEL JARRELL. Mr. Olafson has a note that the wife of Daniel Jarrell was a daughter of James and Hannah Workman. In looking at a photocopy of a Logan county Deed Book, on 19 June 1843, the following acquired adjoining properties: Joseph Workman, Andrew Workman, Joseph McNeely, Micajah G. White, Daniel Jarrell, and John Gunnoe. Daniel Jarrell's portion is described as "...beginning at the ford of the river at the upper end of said Jarrell's land thence with Andrew Workman's lines on the east side of the river to the head of Hensleys Branch thence with Micajah G. White's lines to the head of the Old Camp Branch thence straight to the forks of Little Ugly and down the same to Granville Brown's corner thence with P wouns (Brown's) lines to the northwest line of Rutter and Etings survey and with the same to Andrew Workman's corner and with said Workman's line to the beginning containing 2000 acres more or less." This leaves a suspicion in my mind that the wife of Daniel Jarrell is more probably a sister or daughter to the Joseph who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins. → If she is the daughter of "James and Hannah Workman", then she is most likely a sister to James Hewitt, Joseph, and Abraham (who married Mary Ballard) etc. The "Nancy" remains to be explained. I believe it was James Hewitt Workman, "Friend" who gave the death information of Joseph, of Wyoming county, and when asked for "parents" by the clerk, he gave his own, i.e. "James and Hanah". Can it be that we are getting an "ear to pencil" misunderstanding in this case? They could have said, "James and Nanna" and the clerk wrote, "Jas. & Hanah", or they could have said, "James and Hannah" and the clerk thinking "James and Nanna" was said, wrote it more properly, "Jas. & Nancy". What do you think?

Due to
her age?

PHOEBE (WORKMAN) ROBERTS. I still remain confused and in question over the death record of Phoebe Roberts which Mrs. Hinton received from Wayne county. If correct, she would have been born nearly 40 years after Abraham of Tazewell county, who also gave his parents as Joseph and Phoebe Workman, and if estimates are correct, about five years before her father died of old age. This set of circumstances seem unrealistic to me. Keeping in mind Alderson Workman's letter, I am under the assumption that there has to be a mistake in Phoebe's age given in her death record. An age of 80 would be more realistic and believable. Of course there is the possibility that Phoebe was a grandchild brought up as one of their own by Joseph and Phoebe. How do you analyze this? I, too, hate to alter records even when a mistake is so obvious.

Have you been able to locate any more North Carolina records? I have lost most hope of finding much there.

I will have to call this "it" this time, and hope to be a little better organized for the next one. Until then, thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ralph
Ralph W. Savre

EXCERPTS FROM THE WYANAWHA COUNTY TAX LISTS

1806 included all or part of what is now Cabell, Nicholas, Logan, Fayette, Jackson, Braxton, Boone, Gilmer, Putnam, Calhoun, Roane, Clay, and Lincoln, the counties of.

1809 included the same except by the formation of Cabell county which took away present Cabell, most of Logan and Lincoln, and southern parts of Boone and Putnam counties.

The dates "March 15", "April 7", and "June" are written in the left hand margin on the first page of entries for the year 1806.

The notation "From the first of March untill the 27th day of May inclusive" is written on the first page of listings for the year 1809.

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1806 List

1809 List

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3. Blacks over 16
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6. Stud horses
7. Price of season

1. White males over 16
2. Slaves over 12 and under 16
3. Slaves over 16
4. Horses and cows
5. Ordinary licenses
6. Stud Horses
7. Price of season

1806 List

ADKINS, William	1	0	0	1				
AMOS, Martin	2	0	1	1				
AMOS, Samuel	1	0	0	1				
ATKINS, Berry	1	0	0	2				
ATKINS, Sharad	1	0	0	4				
ATKINS, Jacob	1	0	0	2				
BROOKS, Elisha	1	0	0	0				
BARGAR, Abraham	1	0	0	1				
BLANKENSHIP, Wm	1	0	0	0				
BALL, John	1	0	0	3				
BALLARD, Phillip	1	0	0	2				
CHRISTIAN, Allen	1	0	0	2				
CHRISTIAN, Allen jr	1	0	0	0				
CHRISTIAN, Thomas	1	0	0	1	4			
CHRISTIAN, Gilbert	1	0	0	0				
CHRISTIAN, Robert	0	0	0	2				
CAMPBELL, John	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	
DINGASS, Peter	1	0	0	4				
DINGASS, John	1	0	0	0				
DINGASS, William	1	0	0	0				
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ELKINS, Richard	1	0	0	1				
FOWLER, William	1	0	0	1				
FOWLER, Wm., Jr.	1	0	0	1				
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FOWLER, James	1	0	0	1				
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GARRETT, Benj. Jr.	1	0	0	1				
GARRETT, William	1	0	0	4				
GARRETT, Isam	1	0	0	1				
GARRETT, Robert	1	0	0	2				
(Guilandott Island)								

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HAGER, Philip	1	0	0	4				
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MORRIS, Levi	1	0	2	5				
MORRIS, LEONARD	2	0	2	6				
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MORRIS, Edmund	1	0	0	3				
MORRIS, John	2	0	0	9				
Mud River								
MORRIS, John Jr.	1	0	0	2				
MORRIS, Achilles	1	0	0	4				
MORRIS, Joshua	2	0	2	5				
MORRIS, Leonard Jr	1	0	0	0				

1806 List, continued

McNEELY, William	3	0	0	1	WORKMAN, James	2	0	0	4
McNEELY, David	1	0	0	1	WORKMAN, Thomas	1	0	0	1
McNEELY, Richard	1	0	0	0	WORKMAN, Joseph	1	0	0	1
McNEELY, William	3	0	0	2	WORKMAN, Isaac	1	0	0	0
MUNSEY, Samuel	1	0	0	0	WORKMAN, Jacob	1	0	0	0
PAULEY, William	1	0	0	0					
PAULEY, John	1	0	0	1					
PAULEY, Edward	1	0	3	6					
PAULEY, Henry	1	0	0	1					
PEMBERTON, William	1	0	0	0					
STUART, John	1	0	0	3					
STUART, James	1	0	0	0					
THOMPSON, James	1	0	0	3					
THOMPSON, William	1	0	0	1					
THOMPSON, Patton	1	0	1	1					
VANCE, James	1	0	1	2					
WHITE, Samuel	1	0	0	2					
WOOD, Nehemiah	1	0	4	2					
WOOD, Henry	2	0	2	2	0	1	3		

1809 List

Lewis ATKIN	3	0	0	8	Joseph MOORE	1	0	0	4
Adam BARGER	1	0	0	0	John MOOR	1	0	0	5
Elisha BROOKS	1	0	0	0	David MOOR	1	0	0	1
Elijah BALLARD	1	0	0	2	William McNEELY	1	0	0	1
Fielding BALLARD	1	0	0	1	John PAULEY	1	0	0	2
John BALLARD	1	0	0	2	Joseph PAULEY	2	0	0	3
Philip BALLARD, Sr	1	0	0	2	David STUART	1	0	0	1
Philip BALLARD, Jr	1	0	0	3	James THOMPSON	1	0	1	2
Thomas BALLARD	1	0	0	3	Squire THOMPSON	1	0	0	1
Robert CAMPBELL	1	0	0	0	Henry WOOD	3	0	1	1
John CAMPBELL	1	0	0	5	Valentine WOOD	1	0	0	2
Gilbert CHRISTIAN	1	0	0	0	Samuel WHITE	1	0	0	4
Robert CHRISTIAN	1	0	0	0	Tandy WOOD	1	0	0	1
Joshua FOWLER	1	0	0	1	William WOOD	1	0	0	0
Elijah FOWLER	1	0	0	1	James WORKMAN	2	0	0	2
William FOWLER	1	0	0	2	Abram WORKMAN	1	0	0	1
James FOWLER	1	0	0	1					
Asa FOWLER	1	0	0	0					
Samuel GILLESPIE	2	0	0	4					
Theophilis GILLESPIE	1	0	0	4					
Several Jones									
Robert LEWIS	1	0	0	2					
Leonard MORRIS	2	2	1	6					
William MORRIS	1	0	3	0					
John MORRIS Jr	1	1	1	2					
Carrol MORRIS	1	0	0	1					
Benjamin MORRIS	2	0	0	4					
Henry MORRIS	1	0	0	2					
John MORRIS son of H.	1	0	0	1					
Katherine MORRIS	0	0	4	6					
Capt John MORRIS	1	0	0	4					
Levi MORRIS	2	0	2	3					
Joseph MORRIS	1	0	0	2					
Leonard MORRIS Jr	1	0	0	2					
Edmund MORRIS	1	1	0	2					

Names looked for, but found in NEITHER the 1806 nor the 1809 lists are BELCHER, BRANCH, CLAY, COMER, COOK, FRY, FULLER, GODBEY, GORE, GRIMES, HEVITT, JARREL, LUCAS, MAYNARD, MITCHELL, MULLENS, NORWOOD, PINE, RUSH, ROBERTSON, SAY, STIGGARD, STOLLINGS, VANNATTER, and YARBOROUGH.

Re: Study on the WORKMAN family. The JONES names were copied in the 1806 list for possible connections in the marriage of Eleanor JONES to Jacob WORKMAN. A name in the 1809 list but not in 1806 is Isaac ROBERTS.
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2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 13, 1977

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Cousin Ralph:

As you will notice from the enclosed flyer, I, too, have been quite busy and remain so. In fact, Workman family research has temporarily taken a "back seat."

Nonetheless, I do wish to take a few moments to thank you for the Kanawha County tax list abstracts. (We must have purchased the same book.) I will also attempt to explain my views on the questions you pose.

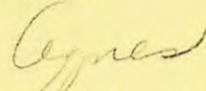
First: I believe from the evidence that Hannah Workman who married Daniel Jarrell was a sister to the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins). That her mother was listed as Hannah and his as Nancy is quite natural for the period since Nancy was a recognized nickname for Hannah during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries just as Polly was for Mary and Patsy was for Martha; and I could go on and on with a recognized list. Of course, Sally for Sarah, Dolly for Dorothy, etc. So I am not concerned that a variation of the same name appears in different places. The situation for parentage of the Joseph of Wyoming County is a different matter. We were not there, but I agree with you that the information given on the death record is probably an error and that the parents of the informant rather than of the deceased were given. All the other evidence seems to support such a possibility.

Secondly: Using various sources, I estimate the birth date of Phoebe Workman, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (McCray) Workman, as about 1795. This would have made her a late "change-of-life" baby for her mother, and her father would have been about sixty years of age--not at all too old for such an occurrence. Several of the Workman family women had children after they were fifty years of age. This is not too unusual for women who live to be ninety years old or so.

To return to the first question: There is always the possibility that James Workman was married twice--once to someone named Nancy and once to someone else named Hannah. I am more inclined to believe we are dealing with the same woman.

I shall look forward to purchasing a copy of your Workman family book, so do let me know when it is available.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201
26 April 1978

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

I have made a slow beginning in writing the Workman genealogy book. It has been a big job in getting my material in order and the organization is still in progress. I keep getting requests to wait from descendants who want to gather more material or until they see an old relative, etc., but I have decided that there will always be a reason to wait and a genealogy cannot be complete, so I am going ahead for wherever it may lead.

If it would be convenient for you, I would appreciate your further help. I seem to have misplaced my 1850 Kanawha county census notes and fear that they were destroyed. To put the "icing on the cake" we have no good interlibrary loan service at present. If you have it handy, I would appreciate what notes you have on the Squire T. Workman family there. Also any follow-up if you were able to locate them in an 1860 census.

Do you have Mrs. Thelma C. Anderson's address? I would like to obtain permission from her to tie some of the Virginia branch from her book, WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY, into my material.

Hope things have been going well with you. A few things I did not mention which have slowed me down: I have been trying to build a new septic field; It is garden and lawn time again; I have been battling a cold; and yesterday, I broke my glasses. Just a few minor set-backs.

Thanks again.

Sincerely
A friend and cousin,



Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
May 7, 1978

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

You mention a slow beginning in writing the Workman genealogy book. It couldn't be any slower than my start on CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, a periodical, the first issue of which was due in January; and I am struggling to get it out before the end of this month. Naturally, it's not just the work on the publication but all the unexpected demands and emergencies which have consumed so much of my time and energy.

Enclosed are my 1850 Kanawha County, Virginia, census abstracts for the Workman family. Apparently, the Squire T. Workman family was the only one in the county during time of 1850 census enumeration. Unfortunately, I have not had time to abstract later records. I still believe that the information lying in wait for our perusal will offer some of the clues on the southern West Virginia Workmans which we have long wanted. It will probably be several months before I can resume Workman research again--all things considered.

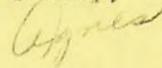
When I was last in contact with Mrs. Thelma C. Anderson during late 1975, her address was as follows:

2012 West Rosita Avenue
Burbank, California 92504

As far as I know, she is still living there.

Good luck to you on your book. I look forward to purchasing a copy.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201
June 19, 1978

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Ave.
Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

This will be just a short letter to mention a few recent happenings and lack of happenings. Troubles and necessary chores still prevent me from making any noticable progress towards a completed book.

I heard from Mrs. Anderson and she gave me the impression that she thought I wanted to republish her book and take credit for it. She said that I did not realize the time and effort spent by her mother and herself to compile that book. She further said that she did not think she should give me a blanket permission to reproduce the book, but if I would be more specific, she would consider my request. So the following weekend, I spent about four-hours going through the book and listing specific items I wished to use, and writing a two-page letter of explanation. I have not had a reply, so I do not know whether she is considering it or has decided that I do not exist. I really do not have to have her material, so I am not worrying any more with her.

The problem sheet that I enclose is not a new problem, so I do not expect you to drop everything to solve it or express a theory. But if you can think of something in the future which would shed some light on the true relationships, I would appreciate a note on it. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

If convenient, in the near future, I would appreciate the expert opinions on the following genealogical problem by:

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
Mrs. William Hager

PROBLEM: As you know, I have been trying to finalize my material on the Workman family to have a book published. I had decided through various developments to organize my ancestor, Joseph Workman, who married two Reed women, as a son of Joseph and Phoebe Workman. I too had decided to list further information on his son, Robert Workman, as unknown, and list the Robert who married Sarah Jane Kirk as a son of Thomas and Sarah.

Mrs. Esther M. Meadows of Rockport, Massachusetts, whose late husband was a descendant of Robert Workman (and Sarah), has been helping me with that line. In her correspondence of June 10th, she quoted to me from a letter she had received from a Franklin Workman, as follows: "I have a lot on the Workman family, but it is not in shape to tell very much. It will take some time to get the information together. I will try to get what I have and what Grandfather told me.

"Robert Leff Workman was my grandfather. He made his home with my father for many years in his old age.

"Joseph Workman, born 1780, son of James Workman, had three sons, Benjamin, John, and Robert. Robert had two sons, Rufus and Robert Leff (Leffwitch), and three daughters, Octavia, Gustave, and Amelia. Very little is known about Rufus other than he married a fairly well to do woman and had several stores."

ANALYSIS: (my part) The above leaves little doubt that I need to take the Robert Workman who married Sarah Jane Kirk back from Thomas and Sarah Workman and list him under Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman. However, does this confirm that Joseph was son of James and Hanah Workman and not Joseph and Phoebe? We have Ragland's history naming "Brothers" James, Joseph, and Nimrod. James Workman is an established trustworthy gentleman and gallant soldier by 1780, which makes it doubtful that he is a son of the Joseph and Phoebe (Mcmeagher or McRae) Workman who died in Tazewell county. If there was a Nimrod Workman, he could have been a bachelor who moved on West after they had to break up their settlement at Logan. James Workman was exempt from taxes in Logan county in the 1820's (do not recall which year) due to old age. Could he have been a younger brother to the Joseph who married Phoebe, and son of Abraham? Could James have married Hanah _____ in Pennsylvania where Joseph (who married the Reeds) and _____ possibly some of the Workmans of Rockbridge county, Va. were born; and then married Nancy _____ in southwestern Virginia or North Carolina? Thomas may also be a son of his first marriage. Then Abraham, James Hewitt, Joseph etc. were of his second marriage. I am told that it was not uncommon for men in the early days to have a child named the same in a second marriage as he had in the first. Again there is always the strong likelihood that they are talking of two different (Paternal) James Workmans.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 2, 1978

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of June 19 with the quotation from letter of the grandson of Robert Leff Workman.

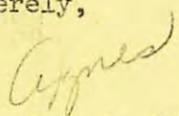
I agree that the information contained therein is a clear indication that the Robert Workman who married Sarah Jane Kirk was indeed a son of Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman. I had always continued to believe that he was. My notes show that Sarah Jane died at age 98 about 1920. Quite contradictory if, as my notes further show, Robert married 2) Nancy J. Conley in 1869 and 3) Martha J. Coon--widow Jarrell in 1871. Did Robert and Sarah Jane divorce? Or was it their son Robert Leftrich Workman who married Nancy J. and Martha J.? Or was it Robert, Sr., who died at the ripe old age of 98 with Sarah Jane having died before 1869? I would be interested in what you have on this.

As for the answer to that old question concerning the parentage of "your" Joseph Workman and "my" Joseph Workman. I really have nothing new to add to all the speculation contained in my previous correspondence. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing whether those who have passed down certain information obtained it from the written work containing abbreviations which were actually difficult to decipher. One of the possibilities we have not adequately explored (because of lack of evidence) would be that of multiple marriages. The main reason I had not entertained the idea of Phoebe (McRae) Workman having died between 1780 and 1790 is because the Tazewell County later list a Phoebe Workman as an old widow. I think it far more likely that there were two separate men named James Workman, each of whom had a son named Joseph. For all the reasons I have mentioned previously, however, I still believe that "your" Joseph will eventually be proven to be a son of the Joseph Workman who married Phoebe McRae and that "my" Joseph will prove to be a grandchild of Joseph and Phoebe (McRae) Workman through a son named James. I wish I had more to add.

I'm still trying to get out the first issue of the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

Good luck on your Workman book.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201
July 27, 1978

Agnes Branch Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Av
Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

Hope you have made some progress on your project CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES by now. I found the enclosed ad in the last issue of Pocahontas Times. Unfortunately they give no name and address, but if there is a follow up of their reunion in a future issue, I will save it for you. Blue Bend is actually in Greenbrier county, about 20 miles west of White Sulphur Springs on Rt. 92, a few miles south of a little settlement called Alvon.

Re: Robert Workman

Yesterday I had a letter from Mrs. Meadows and made a copy of it for you today. #1. Franklin Workman has given 1780 as the birthdate of Joseph twice now, and I feel that someone has obtained it from the census records, and may still be incorrect. Dr. Margaret Ballard, who did some Monroe county research for me years ago, had the opinion that 1780 may be more correct because he was likely to have given the information himself. #2. This time he says Joseph was son of "James and Phoebe" which indicated that he, too, is confused in some of his own information. Franklin Workman says that Robert and Sarah Jane (Kirk) Workman had two sons and three daughters, yet he names Octavia, b. 1864 as one of Sarah's children, and according to census information, Rufus, Sarah, Amelia, Robert Leff, Frances, and Gustave were all born preceding Octavia. Sarah and Frances could have died young or married and relocated. He didn't know much about Rufus.

He does confirm that Robert and Sarah Workman separated. I do not have any notes of issue of Robert and Nancy J. Cauley Workman after their marriage 15 June 1869, nor for the marriage 15 May 1871 to Martha J. (Coon) Jarrell. Yet, he says Robert had children by her.

REGULAR ANNUAL
Christian Family
Reunion

AT
Blue Bend Recreation Area
SUNDAY, JULY 30
Come Early—Stay Late

information which will tie in
sts. Anyway I hope it will be
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Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph H. Sayre

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Joseph Workman born about 1780 son of James and Phoebe Workman. Joseph married Hanna Reed. They had three sons, Benjamin, John and Robert. Robert 1825 married Jane Kirk they had two sons and three daughters. they separated.

Jane Kirk Workman then came to Raymond City where she married a Santrock. She had no other children

Great Grandfather Robert married a very young woman I am told by my father. They had children. I don't know their names or numbers.

Rufus son of Robert and Jane Workman very little is known. Leff. born at Peytona, Kanawha County, Virginia Dec. 1854, married Priscilla Witherow about 1874. Had 5 sons and 4 daughters. John Wesley, William Kiler, Rufus, James Lawrence, Bertha, Verge, Ida, and Eaue - Eaul ?

Robert Leff. born Dec. 5, 1854 - Mar. 12, 1945

Rufus unknown

Octavia Santrock 1864 - 1952, Husband William Santrock 1855-1934

Gustave Spradling unknown could get age from tombstone if you want

Amelia F. Shoulty born Nov. 11, 1857 - Dec. 31, 1900

Octavia married William Santrock prominent in Raymond City Coal Co.

Amelia married Frank Shoulty who was Superintendent of Raymond City Coal Co.

Gustave married a Spradling which I know very little about, she is buried at a Poca Cemetery can get information if you want it

Sons of Leff Workman and their children

John Wesley born May 1, 1876

his sons and daughters

Ray twins

Roy

John R.

Robert L.

Charles E.

Fletcher

Josephine

Mary

Della

Grace

1885

William Kiler Aug. 9, 1845 - April 1964

Wife Ruth B. Uncue April 1903

Son Clotion Mar. 31, 1925

Lance - Lauie ? April 9, 1927

Rev. Levi born Dec. 12, 1884 - Dec
his sons and daughters

William

Delbert

Theon

Willie unknown

Bertha 1911

Minnie 1927

Priscilla 1923

Dimples 1921

Simon Webster 1916

Rufus Workman living

1 son

2 daughters

names unknown

James Lawrence mar. 16, 1896 wifw Ana Rachel Clark April 10, 1898

Sons - Bradley Luther Mar. 16, 1913

Simon Trenie Feb. 20, 1915 6-6-1945

Franklin Leroy Sep. 26, 1924

William Woodrow Mar. 10, 1927

Otis Uden Aug. 1, 1930

Ralph Willard Jan. 5, 1936

Daughter

Fredia Bethelene Jan. 5, 1922

Daughters of Leff. Workman

Bertha married Rufus Hall they separated. She had one child Rufus. She later married later married A Hankin. Both are dead.

Verge married Jonhon (perhaps Jonathon) Carney, they lived in and died in Dunbar. They had 9 or 10 children, all were well educated.

Ida married Grady Wilkson, they had several children.

Eaue married a Short, they had several children

Dear Mr. Sayre:

Franklin Leroy Workman's records verify the one on the family chart that you sent to me which listed

Joseph Workman born about ¹⁷⁷⁸1778, Franklin listed his birth 1780 married Hannah Reed and children listed on your chart are the same as he gives

Benjamin - John - Robert John evidently married 2nd time to Margaret Ann (Sama.)

Some of Robert's children same as you have

Rufus born 1839 he is my husband's grandfather
Robert L (Robert Leftwich) who would be Franklin Leroy's grandfather he also lists the daughters Gustave and Octavia. There was a Sallie (Sarah) living with Rufus Workman's family in Brownstown, perhaps it was his sister Sarah or Sarah Jane

I am writing for more information and will let you know. His writing and spelling is not easy to read. When I am in Charleston in October I plan to call on him.

The Workman family I wanted to contact while in San Diego were out of State visiting their son, they are West Virginia Workman's. My son will try to reach them, they live nearby.

Weather is hot very hot and not good weather to type.

Sincerely,

Esther M. Meadows

This is the same Joseph Workman who married the second time to Robert

Elizabeth Reed on April 9, 1817 when ... was two years old.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 12, 1978

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

As always, I enjoyed hearing from you and was especially interested in the Christian family reunion held at Blue Bend recreation area. I was sorry, of course, that no address was given, since I would have liked to have contacted those who made the arrangements. It is quite possible that we would have had information to share which would have proved mutually helpful.

Thank you for sending the additional Workman family data you received from Esther Meadows. I am still hopeful that we will find some information which will solve the puzzle regarding the names and relationship of the early Workmans of West Virginia.

Best wishes for continued progress on your Workman family book.

Sincerely,

AGNES B. PEARLMAN

ABP:cbr

P.S. If you do hear of the address of anyone attending the reunion, I would be pleased to have the information. Thanks!

Third Annual Christian Reunion, held July 30, 1978
at Blue Bend in Greenbrier county, West Virginia

Descendants of Thomas and Nancy (Cline) Christian, who were
parents of twelve children:

1. Mose Christian
2. Harrison Christian
3. Lorenza Tommy Christian ... (This must be two people, Lorenza
and Tommy)
4. Henry Christian
5. Bailey Christian
6. Matilda Christian Myers
7. Margaret Christian Steel
8. Patty Christian Blankenship
9. Nancy Jane Christian Lantz
10. Lucy Christian
11. Laura Christian Doubles

Attending:

Bailey Christian, 67
Matilda Christian Myers 20
Henry Christian 19
Lucy Christian Nixon 16

CAN FIND NONE OF
THESE IN MY
PHONE BOOKS!!!

President: Kessler Nixon
V. Pres. : Zeph Christian and Ruth Myles
Secy and Tr.: Elson Meade

Sept 20, 1978

Dear Agnes,

Enclosed is the write-up on the Christian Reunion. Sorry it will not be of more help. It appears not to be an old family. I will watch the paper for any more Christian info.

Maybe these phone book names will help. I sent a lot of inquiries to the Workman's in these books a few year ago and never had much response percentage wise.

I'm still working on the book and other problems. Good Luck.

As Always

Cousin Ralph

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Reunion

The third annual Christian Reunion was held July 30, in the picnic area at Blue Bend, near Alvon.

The late Thomas Christian and Nancy Cline were the parents of twelve children, Mose, Harrison, Lorenza (Mann) Tommy, Henry, Bailey, Matilda Christian Myers, Margaret Christian Steel, Patty Christian Blankenship, Nancy Jane Christian Lantz, Lucy Christian, and Laura Christian Doubles.

Attending from those families were Bailey Christian, 67, Matilda Christian Myers, 20, Henry Christian, 19, Lucy Christian Nixon, 16, and 14 guests.

The Reunion will be held next year July 29, at the same place.

President, Kessler Nixon; vice president, Zeph Christian and Ruth Myles; Secretary and Treasurer, Elson Meade.

We urge members of the families not represented this year to make plans to attend next year.

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes in blue ink, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

1972 Mullens, Oceana, Pineville

- Mr. Fred Christian, 616 Circle Drive, Mullens, WV 25882
- Mr. Loy Christian, 1306 Guyandotte Av., Mullens, WV 25882
- Mr. Paul Christian, 938 Cook, Mullens, WV 25882
- Mr. Roy I. Christian, Pineville, WV 24874

1971 Wayne, East Lynn, Branchland

- Mr. Curtis Christian, 2095 Wolf Creek, Wayne, WV 25570
- Rev. Harry Christian, Fort Gay Road, Wayne, WV 25570

THESE ARE NOT IN 1975 BOOK

1976 Madison, Van, Wharton

- Mr. Donald E. Christian, Julian.....369-3576
Probably a Madison, WV 25130 address, however there is a Julian, WV 25529 in Zip Code Directory.

1976 Logan, Chapmanville, Gilbert, Man

Following in Logan, WV 25601 section:

- Mrs. Betty Jane Christian, Orville.....752-2694
- Mr. Earnest Christian, Orville.....752-7825
- Mr. Harold Christian, Godby Heights.....752-5413
- Sandra Adams Christian, Whitman.....239-2250

(Whitman, WV 25652)

Following in Chapmanville, WV 25508 section:

- Mr. Franklin L. Christian, Chapmanville...855-7413
- Mr. Harold N. Christian, Chapmanville.....855-3436
- Mr. McGinnis Christian, Sr., Sand Creek Road....855-9694
- Mr. Paul V. Christian, Chapmanville.....855-9204
- Ms. Thelma Christian, Caney Creek.....855-3614
- Mr. William Christian, Kitchen.....855-3114

Following in Gilbert, WV 25621 section:

- Mr. Claude Christian, Gilbert.....664-9363
- Mr. Mike Christian, Verner664-9159
- Oley Christian, Browning Fork.....664-9104
- Ozie Christian, Browning Fork.....664-3742
- Robert Christian, Horsepen Creek.....664-9400
- William Christian, Gilbert.....664-8216
- Woodrow Christian, Hanover.....664-9412

Following in Man, WV 25635 section:

- Almeda Christian, Gilman Bottom.....583-2117
- Mrs. Carolyn Christian, Accoville.....583-2372
- Dale Christian, Mallory.....583-6446
- George Christian, Verner.....583-9890

1972 Arbovale, Frankford, Hillsboro, Marlinton ~~xxxxxxx~~

Following from Frankford, WV 24938 section:

- Edna Christian, Renick.....497-2696 (Renick, WV 24966)
- Joe Christian, Rt 4, Lewisburg, WV 24901..497-2429
- L. H. Christian, Keaster.....497-2536
- Mrs. Lottie Christian, Renick, WV 24966...497-2339
- Norman Gene Christian, Frankford.....497-2770
- Rondel L. Christian, Frankford.....497-2782
- Susie Christian, Renick, WV 24966.....497-2971

1975 - JAMES T. CHRISTIAN - TOMS CK. RD. - WAYNE, W.V.
RICHARD CHRISTIAN - WOLF CK. RD. - WAYNE, W.V.

Dear Ralph:

October 10, 1978

Thanks so much for all the Christian family addresses. I do appreciate your taking the time to copy this material from the telephone directories.

I also appreciate the article concerning the Christian family reunion and will attempt somehow to find the addresses for some of the officers. I am sure I will be able to make contact somehow before the next reunion in July of 1979.

The response to the first issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES has been most enthusiastic, and I hope you will have the same success with your Workman family book.

Sincerely,


Agnes B. Pearlman

ABP:cbr

Some Branches of The Workman Tree

August 1, 1979

Gateway Press, Inc. in Baltimore has given the best estimate on printing our book, "Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE". For those of you who gave help and encouragement along the way, I would like nothing better than to give free copies of the book, but I am in need of raising some money to help pay for its printing. It will probably take another three months for them to complete printing, binding and shipping the books. To compliment those who have helped and at the same time get some of the needed funds, books can be ordered at wholesale prices for the next two months.

The book is being ordered 6" x 9" size, printed on 60 lb. acid-free paper, Smythe-sewn hardbound in grade D buckram. It should be a high-quality book and last many years. Books can be ordered at \$16 each before October 7th, 1979.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
R. H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

WHAT IS THIS BOOK, "SOME BRANCHES OF THE WORKMAN TREE"?

This book has been compiled from many years of research on the Workman name in public records plus family groups submitted by individuals. It was written with you the reader and book owner in mind. Hints and history pertaining to the origin of the Workman name are given. The book gives record of Workmans coming to America in the early 1600's. It shows by simple maps where some Workman pioneers were at different stages of American history. It could be used as a reference book to help locate Workman ancestors in the eastern and southern states in the 1790 - 1810 period. A fairly thorough family record is carried down eight generations from Abraham Workman through a son, Joseph Workman, who was born about 1735. This family went south and then came north up into what is now West Virginia and then spread to many different states. Several pictures, charts, and maps go along with this text.

Enclosed is \$16⁰⁰ for which please send me
1 copies of the book, "Some Branches of
THE WORKMAN TREE". Date August 16, 1979

\$16 up to October 7, 1979

\$22 after October 7, 1979

Name Agnes B. Pearlman

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Zip Code 92706

*Congratulations
and
Good Luck!
Agnes*



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 14, 1979

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

Your newly published book, *SOME BRANCHES OF THE WORKMAN TREE*, arrived today; and a quick perusal indicates a job well done.

If and when you do receive corrections and additions for the generations covered, I do hope you will have a page printed so that those of us who have purchased the book will be able to bring our records up to date.

Because of my work on *CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES* and miscellaneous articles, I have had little time to devote to the Workman line. It is, therefore, a special pleasure to have your book.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Agnes B. Pearlman.

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

8 March 1980

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

Hope all is well with you and family. We are still holding down the fort. We had a rough siege last week, the worst of all being young Dalton sick and hospitalized. They termed his diagnosis as "epiglottitis". LeAnna has been battling tonsillitis for over a month. Hilda nearly came down with pneumonia while she was staying with Dalton in the hospital. I had to take a weeks vacation to keep everything going.

I hope your CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES has been a success. I have received several corrections and additions in relation to SOME BRANCHES OF THE WORKMAN TREE. Thanks for referring Ruth Petracek to me on the Kirk-Workman marriage. You know the reference about Sarah Kirk, wife of Robert Workman, being daughter of William Kirk, Sr. came from Anderson's WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY. If it is wrong, I am sure that it is not attributable to Mrs. Anderson, but it always did seem suspicious to me. I may have mentioned it earlier in our correspondence. I think the information given by Mrs. Walker may be more correct.

Along the same line, I had a call from Sigel Workman, Jr. in Charleston, by which he ordered two books. He said that he had collected some information in response to my 1975 correspondence, and I suggested that he send it anyway in case I have a correction-addition supplement published in the future. What he sent confirms my suspicion that the middle name of Benjamin R., son of Joseph and Hanah Workman, was "Reed". Although the Monroe county branches of the family have been spelled "Read" "Reid" and "Reed", it is interesting to note that the "Read" spelling seems to be fairly prevalent. Note enclosed handwritten copy and p. 388 of "Some Branches..." I would be interested to know if you ever prove that Benjamin Read and John Read, father's of Joseph Workman's first and second wives, were brothers and who their parents were. These "Reads" may be a long line of their own, completely unrelated to the "Reeds".

Sincerely,



Ralph Sayre

rhs/encl.

• Martha Jane Workman Daughter of Benjamin
and Rebeckah Workman was Borne Sep the 5 1833

— Sarah Ann Eliza Workman Daughter of Benjamin
and Rebeckah Workman was Borne Oct the 25 1834

— Yaphoan F Workman son of Benjamin and
Rebeckah Workman was Borne Mar the 24 1835

— Mary Elizabeth Workman Daughter of Benjamin
and Rebeckah Workman was Borne Oct the 14 1838

— John Lewis Workman son of Benjamin and
Rebeckah Workman was Borne Mar the 19 1840 (Died
Sept 9 1906
ST)

— F. F. Workman Daughter of Benjamin and
Rebeckah Workman was Borne May the 12 1841

— Josephus Workman son of Benjamin and
Rebeckah Workman was Borne Aug 15 1843

— Harriet Ann Workman Daughter of Benjamin and
Rebeckah Workman was Borne April the 25 1847

Benjamin Read Workman son of Joseph and
Hannah Workman was Borne Jan the 5 1808
Rebeckah French Daughter of John and
Obedience French was April the 8 1808

Benjamin R Workman and Rebeckah French
was married Oct 13 1837

Erastus A. Duncan and Martha Jane Workman
was married Aug the 28 1851
Harriet Louisa daughter of Floyd White & Rhoda (Duncan) White
Marriett Louisa (White) Workman wife of John L Workman
was born Oct 5 1851 and May 13 1840 ST.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 27, 1980

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201*

Dear Ralph:

Thank you so much for sending the corrections and additions to Some Branches of the Workman Family.

Like you, I had supposed that Benjamin R. Workman's middle name was Reed; and, of course, the family record you sent establishes that to be the case.

One of my Christian family correspondents had a Tazewell County, Virginia, Reed line. So far, however, she has found nothing which would link her Reed family to yours. If a breakthrough is ever made on this, you may be sure I shall let you know.

I have had little time for research because of the publication preparations. I am planning though to go to Salt Lake City in May and hope to make a few discoveries.

I hope that you and your family have recovered from the siege. Severe colds have been plaguing my family for about two weeks, but everyone is now on the road to recovery.

In passing, response to CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES has been quite enthusiastic. I had never realized, however, how time-consuming the project would be.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Buckhannon, West Virginia

7 November 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

I haven't written or heard from you for quite a while, and I have been wondering if you are still into genealogical research--and how things are going for you otherwise. I had a bad sick spell last year and it took me most of the year to overcome it. I am now working on my Sayre lineage and finding it quite interesting.

I visited an old friend and Webb cousin last August. He has published his book on the Webbs, but he is still obsessed with the mysterious history in Wyoming and surrounding counties. When we were discussing it, I knew (or thought I did) that the census and other records do not support it. Dave thinks that many of the residents of Bearwallow Ridge and surrounding territory were Cherokee Indians fleeing and trying to protect themselves from being forced to the western reservations. He now thinks that the Webbs and Workmans both were tied in with the Cherokees some way. Perhaps it was when they were in the Carolinas before 1800. I know you did a lot of research in southwestern West Virginia counties. Have you seen anything that would support his thinking?

Another thing, Dave is trying to develop his Moore ancestry and has a librarian in Virginia working on it for him. I don't know how much he has paid her, but I have seen some of her correspondence and she throws in a lot of non-related, useless (in my opinion) material. Dave's grandfather, Edward Perry Webb married Virginia MOORE who was born 3 November 1873, daughter of David and Millie (Layne) Moore of Lawrence county Kentucky. The "Librarian" has supplied him with James Moore, b. ca. 1827 who married 1833 Mary Moore and had 11 children including his great-grandfather David Moore, b. 1844. Father of James Moore is identified as William Smith Moore who was born 1798 Washington County, Virginia. I don't expect you to get into researching this, but I know your research ran into a Moore line and wondered if you may have something that would fit into this.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope. I would like to have a word or two from you even if you can't add anything to cousin Dave's projects.

Sincerely your friend,



Ralph H. Sayre

encl.



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

December 4, 1985

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201*

Dear Ralph:

Please excuse the unavoidable delay in responding to your welcome letter, which was in my waiting mail when I returned this past weekend from a genealogical tour (coupled with visits to relatives and friends). Although the number of discoveries was limited, a few were significant; and being with loved ones was a joy in itself.

As you can see from the above, the answer to your question: Yes, I am still very much into genealogical research. For several years, however, I had been so involved with publication commitments that I had not engaged in any such work during that period of time.

Coincidentally, during the past few months I have been exchanging data with Dodie E. Browning on her Workman connections. As a result, I had just completed reviewing my notes on the family. She is descended from Moses and Mary "Polly" (Mullins) Workman. If you recall, Moses is the son of Moses, Sr., and second wife, Sarah (Marrs) Workman. If you're interested in some of my new conclusions on the men named Moses Workman, let me know so that the information can be sent to you.

*You mentioned visiting with a Webb cousin last August and refer to him as Dave; however, you did not give his surname. Could that be David A. Turner of Madison, West Virginia? His son, Ronald R. Turner, wrote a book, *Webb Families of the Virginia*, which I purchased because of the southern West Virginia connections mentioned.*

To respond to your question regarding possible connections of the Webbs and Workmans to the Cherokees: I have seen nothing that would substantiate such speculation; however, that does not mean there is no linkage.

Many years ago I discussed the tradition of Indian ancestry in several West Virginia families with Mr. Sigfus Olafson, who has engaged in so much area research. His observations corresponded to my own; that is, in only a few cases is there documentation to support the belief. I think most unions with Indians would have taken place before the nineteenth century. Indeed, I seriously doubt that any Cherokee-speaking refugees from North Carolina would have been welcomed anywhere in Virginia during the period when they were being forced to the western reservations about 1838. (There certainly seems to be no influx reflected on census records.) Indeed, there was great animosity to any Indians in what later became southern West Virginia. Not only was there competition for the land but it must be remembered that the Cherokee fought on the side of the British during the American Revolution. Most authenticated cases of admixture between white settlers and Indians of whatever tribe during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were cases where the white escaped captivity but retained close ties with his or her former captors. Thus, the number of such cases was limited. I would be interested in knowing which of the Webbs or Workmans might have been among them! Could you let me know what you have on this?

December 4, 1985

Although most of my Moore family notes are centered farther east than Washington County, Virginia, I did check them to see if I could find any reference that might be significant for your friend's search. Results were negative but might prove positive on the next earlier generation. Many of the Moore families in Washington and Tazewell Counties had their roots in Rockbridge, Bath, and Augusta Counties, where I have abstracted numerous records. By the way, is there a typographical error in your letter? You state that James Moore, born c.1827, married in 1833 Mary Moore and had eleven children, including David Moore, born 1844. Do you have correct dates since I doubt that a six-year-old was marrying?

Before closing, I'd like to say a word about my possible ties to the Sayre/Sear/Sayres/Sears family--just verified on my recent trip. Briefly, "my" Isabel J. Gore who married Jordon D. Mitchell was a daughter of James and Rebecca (Ross) Gore. (Isabel was not a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Pine) Gore, as I once speculated.) James Gore, born about 1765 possibly in Maryland, died ante 6 June 1831 in Rockbridge County, Virginia, where he had married Rebecca Ross 18 May 1790. James' father was Michael Gore, proven by deeds. In a deed executed by James Sayres/Sears (spelled both ways in documents) this same Michael Gore was identified as "loving son." I have not yet been able to determine whether James Sayres was a step-father or the father-in-law. I am inclined toward the latter but have no proof. Judging from other documentation, the deed was executed so that James Sayres would be taken care of by Michael Gore, whose wife was probably James Sayres' daughter. Does any of this seem to tie in with your own Sayre line. I have traced the families back to Montgomery and Frederick Counties in Maryland.

By the way, have you made any significant discoveries on the early Workman lines since you wrote your book?

It was so nice to hear from you again, and I look forward to what you can add to the subjects under discussion.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

P. S. There is no use to keep exchanging SASE.

GREETINGS!

Another year has passed again, and to answer questions many of you have expressed, we are enclosing this note with our Christmas card.

In November we had 12.93" of rain. There was 8' of flood water in the basement of Moore Business Forms, where Ralph is employed. There were 3 deaths in the town of Buckhannon.

Hilda works at the construction site of Stonewall Jackson Dam. Although incomplete, the dam did reduce damage to the town of Weston. The panic over the dam "breaking" was created out of a "better safe than sorry" attitude as a wooden construction form washed away causing some additional water depth in Weston (but not the reported 3 feet).

The only family member directly flooded was a niece of Hilda's who had about 3 inches in her house.

Our eldest, Alan, graduates this month from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He will be home for the holidays but will return to MA to look for employment.

Our second, LeAnna, is now 12, pretty (even with braces), artistic, learning the violin, and a help to us.

Our second son, Dalton, is very tall, dimpled, busy, and all boy. We hope he'll be our third to graduate from college - more on this about the year 1998.

And then there's Becky. She is in day care, which she loves, is a Daddy's girl - much to his delight. She shares LeAnn's artistic talents and should do well in school.

Mother (Nona Hornbeck Snow) continues active at age 85. She had cataract surgery (both eyes) this year. She is the last of the 8 children of Moses & Betty (Boyce) Hornbeck. Siblings Duffy Hornbeck, Sr. and Eva Hornbeck Teets having passed away in 1985.

Ralph continues work on the Sayre genealogy, but is hampered by a job, a family, 11 acres of hillside, eating, sleeping, etc. He was further slowed down by a need to put siding on the cellar house this summer.

Maybe with the summer's work laid aside, he can find a few extra minutes to apply towards the manuscript. Those of you involved, many thanks for your contributions and encouragement!

Oh yes, Hilda's "Passing Fancy" was a delight. Many pages of pleasure were contributed by family members and at least one person, cousin Katie Snyder Harbourt, was inspired to write some 50 poems!

The Sayre Family
1985

Buckhannon, West Virginia
December 16, 1985

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear Agnes:

No problem with the delay--I was glad to hear from you and to know that you, too, are still active in genealogy. I understand too the limited discoveries as I have had many of those days.

I remember corresponding some with Dodie E. Browning some time back. She was into quite a quandry with the Moses Workman mystery, and I could only tell her what was in the book. I had used a lot of logic and assumptions in tying together some of the relationships in Some Branches... I am keeping a file of "Additions and corrections to SOME BRANCHES OF THE WORKMAN TREE" and for that would be interested on new developments. I cannot get involved too much back in the Workman and Webb genealogy though because of my work with the Sayre research now. Several Sayre cousins are looking over my shoulder, and I definitely want to wind this up in the next year or so.

David Turner bought a book from me a few years ago and I have seen his work in the Kith and Kin booklets, but he is not the cousin. David G. Webb, Jr. is the Webb cousin with whom I have been working. Matison Workman's wife Elizabeth (Webb) had a brother Zachariah Webb from whom Dave descends. We are somewhat "removed" cousins, but address ourselves as such. Dave is a graduate of Marshall University and former Navy Officer, retired. He and wife, Helen (a Workman descendant), have a nice new home in Huntington now.

The dates I gave you are as Cousin Dave gave them to me. I don't know if Dave has mis-copied what the librarian sent him or if she has made the mistake. As I said, I think he is being too kind and generous with her. Even if the marriage date were 1843 it would be unbelievable as James would then be 16.

I was under the same assumption as you about the Indian situation until Dave got to digging into it. My mother had heard that there was a strain of Indian blood (I think from her gt.-uncle Andy Workman) far back in the line. I have had pointed out to me that every once in a while a sibling will crop up with Indian features. Alvin Workman and Maynard Workman were cited to me as examples. See their photos on page 260 of "Some Branches ..." and Alvin on page 265. Since there had been no confirmation of that suspicion in court or census records, I had not been convinced. You know the Sizemores have always claimed Indian ancestry, but they have never given any actual accounts. Being "listed on the rolls" doesn't tell me anything. I am enclosing several pages of miscellaneous information pertinent to this.

Of course, we also do not know if the Sizemores, Workmans, and Webbs all tie into the same tribe of Indians. To my knowledge there were no Workmans or Webbs escaped from Indian captivity. Of course Dave's ancestor Zachariah Webb married a Williamson, descendant of Jenny Wiley who was a captive. If I understand his theory though, the Webbs and Workmans probably had Cherokee connections in North Carolina. Old George Webb invited some of his Indian friends to live on Webb Flats, then became known as a preacher and "witch doctor" and sort of a crazy man to scare outsiders away. That way they would not have to go west to the reservations.

I am enclosing a copy of an excerpt from THE HORN PAPERS which I obtained at the West Virginia Collection, West Virginia University. It will touch briefly on a Sayers family of Virginia, and I think mention the James Sayres that you found. I also checked THE SAYRE FAMILY by Theodore M. Banta, 1901 for more information and it was not there. Not all Sayres in America are descendants of Thomas, as I am, but many of his descendants use various spellings such as Sears, Sayer, Sayers, and Sayres. That was found by Banta and documented in his book. I can trace my line from the immigrant Thomas (1597-1670) down to my great grandfather, Jedediah Sayre (1828-1902) in that book.

I have been complimented and reprimanded for information published in Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE, but no one has sent any information confirming or denying the ancestry as I published it. I had one correspondent trying to tie her "Wortman" ancestors into it, but I never heard if she had any success. So, no significant discoveries on the early Workman lines have been made since the book was published.

It was good hearing from you again, and I do hope you will have a great Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely,



Ralph Sayre and family

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encl.

P.S. If old John Reed was Cherokee, this may be a reason Joseph Workman (who m. the Reeds) was always seemingly apart from, but not far, the Boone county branch. He lived sort of in between the Boone county Workmans and Monroe county Reeds. Apparently James Hewett Workman was closest to him of the Boone county branches. RS

Dont know if I gave you the info on Dave's parents from his book, WEBB FAMILY of Bearwallow Ridge, or not. It is David Garland Webb, b. 4 Sept. 1897 Fallsburg, Lawrence, Ky m. Maude Miller, who was born 30 Mar 1899 d/o Julius Frederick and Arvilla (Taylor) Miller of Brushy Ck., Lawrence, Ky.

Parents of David "Garland" Webb were Edward Perry Webb born 16 July 1872 Wayne Co. WV who m. 5 Feb. 1896 Virginia MOORE. She was born 3 November 1873 Lawrence county, Ky. d/o David and Millie (Layne) Moore.

Just had a note from Dave. His friend and partner in Genealogy, Archie Jones, found a list of Union Soldiers in the Department of Archives in Charleston, WV as follows:

190th Militia -- West Virginia State Troops, Wyoming county
Captain Thomas Godfrey's Company
List included George Webb and Matison Workman

On Sayre information, I found this note:
from HISTORY OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Oren F. Morton, B.l.t. 1920, 1973, 1980

Early land patents (Rockbridge) outside the Borden tract:
Sayers, James, 100 acres---1760---east side Buffalo
One of list who signed guarantee for salary for Rev.
John Brown, Timber Ridge, 1753: Sayer, David

- SAYERS:**
1. David m. Elizabeth Paxton 1794
 2. John (d. 1789) m. Elizabeth _____
Ch.: William; Mary (m. Bater); Priscilla (m. Gore)
 3. Robert (d. 1756, bro. to David) Ch: Robert
 4. _____ m. Susanna Thomas by 1827

Maybe "John" should be "James" (?)

REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH OF GEORGE WEBB FAMILY

George Webb m. (1) Nancy Nuckles dau. of John Nuckles 13 Feb 1795, Botetourt Co, Va. Children: George Webb b. ca 1795 m. Elizabeth(Keller)Perdue 10 Mar 1817, Tazewell Co, Va. and Rhoda Webb b. 1800 m. Isaac Cornell 8 Nov 1822, Lawrence Co, Ohio. George Webb m. (2) Caroline Ritchie, widow of John Ritchie. Caroline had a son, John Ritchie, by her previous marriage. Child: Lucinda Webb b. 1806 m. John Jones, Lawrence Co, Ohio.

2. Joseph Francis Keller m. Susan Scott. One child: Elizabeth Keller b. ca 1784 m. (1) James Perdue. Children: a son (probably James) and Cynthia Perdue b. ca 1810 m. Jesse Dillion 8 Nov 1827, Tazewell Co, Va. Elizabeth(Keller)Perdue m. (2) George Webb. Elizabeth had a sister "Millie" or Mildred Keller b. ca 1786. Joseph and Susan were divorced ca 179. Millie went to N. Carolina with her mother to live with the Scott family; Elizabeth stayed with her father. Tragedy struck Joseph Keller when his second wife was gored to death by a bull while she was feeding corn to livestock. At about the same time James Perdue died. The shocking news that he had lost both his wife and son-in-law caused Joseph to die a short time later of a heart attack.

3. Tazewell Co, Va. Records Involving George Webb:

- 1796 - On Wythe Co, Va. list of those petitioning to form Tazewell Co.
- 1800 - On Wythe Co, Va. Tax List
 - Appointed Wm. Steelman of Rowan Co, N. Carolina to convey land for him on Dutchman Creek, Surry Co, N. Carolina (Tazewell Co. Deed Book 1 -p.3)
- 1801,1802,1806 - On Personal Property Tax List
- 1801 - Claim against Tazewell Co. - one old wolf
- 1807 - Claim against Tazewell Co. - on behalf of H. Harmon - one old wolf
- 1807 - Deed dated 27 Oct from Howard Bean acknowledged for 100 acres on waters of Maiden Fork of Clinch River
- 1817 - George Webb m. Betsy Keller Perdue by Isaac Quinn, 10 Mar
- 1820 - On Personal Property Tax List

4. George Webb m Elizabeth (Keller) Perdue. Children: Rhoda Webb b. ca 1817 m (1) John Webb Cherokee Indian)(2) John W. Simpson; Serilda Webb b. ca 1820 m Raymond Shanton Workman; Mart Patsy Webb b. ca 1822 m James Smith; Nancy Elizabeth Webb b. ca 1828 m James MaLison* Workman; Edward Perry Webb b 1829 m. Alifair Williamson; Zachariah Taylor Webb b. 1835 m. Charlotte Williamson; Josiah Webb, a minister who died early, leaving wife and 2 young sons; Alvin Webb d. enroute to Lawrence Co, Ohio. Other probable children: George Webb, William Webb, John Webb and Alifair Webb who may have married a Perdue.

5. George Webb of Webb Flats, Bearwallow Ridge, Wyoming Co. He owned more than 500 acre of land grant property on top of a mountain adjacent to the present Twin Falls State Park, near Maben, W.Va. A two-story log home he built ca 1850 now has modern siding and occupied by the Jake Dorsey family. Ruins of a home occupied by the Zachariah and Edward Webb families as late as 1854 can be seen today at the head of Still Run, just inside the east boundary of the Park. A historical book titled "Pineville" described George Webb as a man of the mountain, a preacher and authority on the use of herbs. His friends called him a "herb doctor" while his critics called him a "witch doctor." George d. ca 1872.

6. Webb Family Tradition:

- Our Webbs are related to the Boone family. If so, we may be related to John and Mary Boone Webb who were m. as Quakers in 1721, Berks Co, Pa. Mary was Daniel's aunt.
- George Webb is reported to have served as a Union cavalry officer in the Civil War. His son Edward Webb served as a Confederate private. Their units met one night at a crossroads in the Shenandoah Valley of Va. After the father and son recognized each others voices they were able to withdraw, without combat.
- Joseph Keller fought a duel against his will. At the face-off he informed his rival that he intended to shoot out the middle button of his vest. After the duel, he looked at his opponent's body and was heard to say, "I hit it !"

THE LEGEND OF CHIEF BENGE

David G. Webb, Jr., author of "Webb Family of Bearwallow Ridge," has provided a report on an Indian ancestor. For generations descendants of Alifair Williamson b 1834 who married Edward P. Webb b 1827 and her sister, Charlotte Williamson b 1837 who married Edward's brother, Zachariah T. Webb b 1835, have known that their mother, Mary Jane Wiley b 1791 who married Richard Williamson, was a daughter of an Indian chief and Jenny Wiley, famous in Kentucky history. That Indian ancestor has been identified as Chief Benge, son of a Cherokee father and a white mother.

Luther Addington, in his book, "History of Wise County," pp. 13 reported this about Chief Benge: "After the Treaty of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774, bands of Shawnees continued to come south. Their aim, however, was not revenge, but to plunder and carry away Negroes, whom they could sell for a price. The most notorious of these was Chief Benge, a half-breed Cherokee who had for so long lived among the Shawnees that he was accepted by them as a fellow tribesman and was considered of value because he knew the trails that led to settlements where pillaging would be most likely to prove lucrative. . . . Old trails traversed the terrain that is now is Wise County (Virginia), as follows: Through Pound Gap, down Guest River and across High Knob; over Black Mountain, down Callaghan Creek, through Stone Gap and into Lee County or from Stone Gap through East Stone Gap, across Powell Mountain at Maple Gap and into Rye Cove, and beyond. It is apparent that Chief Benge was familiar with all these trails since he pillaged in Powell Valley, on the Holston and on the Clinch. Benge's chief ally was a white man by the name of Hargis, who lived near Fort Blackmore and was familiar with both the country and the settlers' cabins which could be most easily attacked."

History books have recorded in detail the story of Jenny Wiley and her famous captivity which began at Walker's Creek, Va. in October 1790. A band of Indians, with a Shawnee chief headed North with Jenny and other captives to a Shawnee village in southern Ohio, along the the Ohio River. Because of high water, the band headed South where they camped along Little Mudlick in an Indian Village, located in present Johnson Co., Ky. At this village Chief Benge probably first saw Jenny. He wanted her as his wife because she spoke Cherokee and knew the customs and dances. She was an expert weaver, and was half-Cherokee, daughter of a Cheokee mother and a white father, Hezekiah Sellards, who taught her English. Benge bought Jenny from the Shawnee chief for 50 birch logs, used to make canoes. He planned to take her to his village in Tennessee where she could teach tribal squaws her weaving techniques. During a hunting trip before the Indians broke camp to return home, Jenny made her famous escape and returned to her husband, Thomas Wiley. When Benge returned and found that Jenny had escaped he became enraged and swore "bitter vengeance". He organized a band of Shawnees and headed South to the frontier of southwest Virginia where they terrorized white settlers for about three years. On April 6, 1794 Benge and his band raided the Peter Livingston farm, located on the Holston River, and took captive a large number of slaves along with Mrs. Livingston and her children. Mr. Addington further reported: "The Lee County court was in session when the news of the raid of the Livingston family was carried down Powell River. Lieutenant Vincent Hobbs, who was in charge of the State militia in that area, took a detachment of men and went to a pass in the Cumberland mountains which was used by the Indians. They found that some Indians had already gone through the pass. Going on they found two making a fire to prepare a meal. These they shot then Hobbs concluded that the prisoners had not yet come along. So, he and his men took the back trail to a pass, perhaps Powell Mountain, which he thought Benge would use. They had no more than hidden along the trail when Benge was seen hiding his Redskins and the prisoners along the trail. Hobbs shot and killed Benge." Hobbs' superior, Colonel Arthur Campbell, made a report on April 15, 1794 to the Governor of Virginia that certified Benge's death. Lieutenant Hobbs was awarded a silver-plated rife by the Governor for his heroic action. Following Benge's death, his uncle who lived near Knoxville, Tennessee threatened to take a band of warriors to kill Lieutenant Hobbs, but the threat was never carried out. Today, many of the descendants of Chief Benge live throughout southern West Virginia and adjacent states. Over 8,000 of these descendants are listed in Dave Webb's book. Some of the major family groups are Webb, Williamson, Wiley, Moore, Perry, Smith, Adkins and Nelson. For further information interested parties should write to:

David G. Webb, Jr.
101 White Heron Lane
Summerville, SC 29483

~~101 White Heron Lane~~
~~Summerville, SC 29483~~ Addr. Chg'd

24 July 1983

Dear Ralph & Hilda:

Meant to answer your kind letter so many weeks ago, but we never got around to it. We have had Helen's brothers and families for a visit. Last week we had Emmett B. Webb and family for an afternoon (see page 314 of book). They are probably double cousins. They are descendants of Lucinda Webb b 1806 who m John Jones. They are also descendants of Elias Webb. My guess is that Elias was a brother of our George Webb (Sr.).

Got into a side trip last month that really surprised us. We visited Wise and Norton, VA. I have known about my ancestor, Jenny Wiley of Kentucky history. While in captivity in 1790 she became pregnant by a Chief Bengé (see pp. 54). Found out Bengé had a Cherokee father and white mother. What threw us off was that Bengé led a band of Shawnees that terrorized white settlers in Clinch and Holston River valleys, in present Lee & Wise Counties. As a Cherokee* he was made chief because he knew the trails, hunting grounds and the location of the settlers. What really got Bengé killed on 9 Apr 1794 wasn't the killing of white settlers but his capture of numerous slaves - hundreds. Bengé and his Shawnees took the slaves North and sold them! Lt. Vincent Hobbs and his 12 men of Lee Co. Militia were honored by the Governor of VA. Hobbs was presented with a silver decorated rifle by the Governor. His superior, Colonel Campbell took Bengé's scalp to Richmond as proof that Bengé had indeed been killed. Helen and I have a photo standing on Bengé's Rock, overlooking the valley close to Norton, VA. That's my ancestor, Ralph & Hilda!

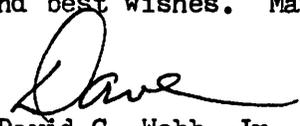
Too bad you couldn't have stayed another few days after your visit. We had delightful days at the beach during the following week. We have had 14 days in a row of 90 degrees or more. It was 103 yesterday and "just" 101 today. That's just too darn hot for us with all the humidity.

Now that we know each other we hope you can visit with us when you come South. We have a lot to see yet, and we will try to provide more sunshine next time.

In "W.Va. Hillbilly" I think I read that the dam at Jackson's Mill had withstood the attacks of the environmentalists and was being authorized for construction by US Army Corps of Engineers. Hope that helps you, Hilda.

I have told several Workman cousins that your book is either exhausted or in very short supply. I told our cousin, Leo Moore, Man, WV who is in contact with Nellie Workman that she should call you before ordering. I said I was through with genealogy for a long time, however, I'm involved with some research on the Moore, Brewer & Taylor lines.

Well, Ralph, Hilda, Leanna, Dalton & Becky we send our love and best wishes. Maybe some day we can meet Alan.


David G. Webb, Jr.

* Bengé was listed as a Shawnee in the book.

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Cousin Ralph:

Well, it has been 8 months since we returned to the Mountain State, and we are still delighted. We keep hoping you and your family can find yourselves here in the Huntington area. We have plenty of room - -three baths plus a creek next door ! I've been thinking a bit since I have done some more research on my Webb - Williamson family. It all is beginning to "gel" for me. Maybe you grasped this some time ago. The Workmans, as I have read, packed up their wagons and wintered over in the highlands, and would return to their families in the spring, in the Shenandoah Valley. I think they were accompanied by friendly Cherokees. This activity went on for a number of years, possibly late 1790's and early 1800's.

Our George Webb (Sr.) who m Nancy Knuckles/Nuckles in 1795 died in 1821 on the farm, located on Brushy Fork of the Bluestone River, Tazewell Co.,VA. Our George Webb(Jr.) born 1795 had a dau. by a Cherokee ca 1813, and her name was Rhoda Webb. I think she married young to a Cherokee "Medicine Man" who took the name John Webb. John and Rhoda had 7 known children. Then bang ! The Indian Removal Act of 1830 changed things, almost overnight. You have reported that Joseph Workman owned land on Slab Fork District, in present Wyoming Co.,WV in 1828. Why our George Webb moved to Bearwallow Ridge and settled on Workman land may have happened because Joseph was a friend of the Cherokees through his hunting expeditions and George because of his Cherokee relatives and friends. George arrived after 1830 and before 1840. I believe strongly that our George, a mountain preacher, provided a sanctuary for Cherokees on Webb Flats of Bearwallow Ridge. The story I covered in the book about our "witch" George Webb was his strategy to keep the Army away from his Cherokees, and a forced march to Oklahoma. No mystery how Raymond Shanton Workman met Serilda Webb and James Matison Workman met Nancy Elizabeth Webb.

Now skipping around a bit - -but relavant to the whole picture. Jenny Wiley b 1760,

wife of Thomas Wiley, was captured by Indians on 1 Oct. 1789, Walker's Creek, VA (in present Bland Co). Kentucky history books are full of Jenny and her famous captivity, and a park was named for her. What is not readily known is that Bengé, a Cherokee chief from the Little Tennessee River fathered Mary Jane Wiley b¹⁷⁹¹ ^(Pike Co, KY) while Jenny was in captivity. Mary Jane later m Richard Williamson on 10 Oct 1810. About 1834 the family moved to Cabell Co., VA (now Wayne Co., WV) where other Williamsons lived. In the late 1830's Richard and family moved to Micajah Ridge, about 3 miles south of Bearwallow Ridge in present Wyoming Co., WV. Richard was a farmer/school teacher. Mary Jane (Wiley)Williamson may have been as much as 3/4 Cherokee. My g-g grandmother, Alifair(Williamson)Webb b ca 1834 looks at least 3/8 Indian (see page 53). I have heard that Richard's Cherokees didn't fit in too well with the rest of the Williamson family who may have "looked down" on his half-breeds. Why settle on Micajah Ridge? I think the answer is Cherokees - relatives and friends. At the Williamson school you found Workmans, Williamsons and Webbs. At the preaching service on Sundays you found the same families again. Cherokees all over the place.

Floyd Hendricks, Jr., g-g grandson of Rhoda(Webb)Webb has provided most of my input about George Webb's Cherokee kin and friends.

Floyd has provided some information about Aunt Rhoda and her family. He said that tradition indicates that when Aunt Rhoda married her 2nd husband, John W. Simpson, I believe after the Civil War. It must have been before 1870 when George is listed without his wife Elizabeth in the Census. When Rhoda m John Simpson, George moved out of the cabin he built in 1850 (and still stands today) and moved a mile or so away to the head of Still Run where a new cabin was built for him. He died there in 1872 and was buried behind the cabin. My guess is that his wife Elizabeth is also buried there. Floyd Hendricks, Jr. has located the grave of Richard Williamson, in the Mullens Cem., Bud Mt., close to his Micajah Ridge farm. He also died in 1872. Floyd thinks that Aunt Rhoda is buried with John Simpson in the Simpson Cemetery. He is looking into that one. He also says he knows where the James Matison ~~farm~~ Workman farm was. I've rambled quite a bit. What is your response to all of this "stuff", Ralph? Best wishes to you, Hilda and the family. We love you.

Dave - Helen too!
David G. Webb, Jr.

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23 July 1985

Cousin Ralph: (and Hilda, Leann, Dalton & Becky)

Thanks for sharing with us the Sizemore/Workman materials. The report that the father of Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, John Reed who was "on the Chetokee rolls" seems quite important. It is the final link of what I call the "Cherokee Connection," involving our George Webb, (Jr.), Richard Williamson and Joseph Workman. My guess is that they saved numerous Cherokees from the Army that was force-marching Indians to the Oklahoma Territory, as per Indian Removal Act of 1830.

A sad report. Julie (Workman) Gelle, d/o Robert Workman, listed on p. 326 of your book and p. 164 of mine lost her home by a fire. Her address: Mrs. Julie Gelle, Rt 2 Box 27, Sandstone, Minnesota 55072. I know she would be quite pleased to hear from you, Ralph. She lost her 5-state spoon collection. I'm sending her a WV spoon and my Aunt Kathlee (Webb) Grimes is sending a SC spoon.

On another sad note for us. Our pastor, Charles Thompson, Vinson Memorial Christian Church has lung cancer. The odds on his recover don't seem too good at this time. We are all praying real hard that the Lord will find a way to restore his health. I'm sorry to say he was a fairly heavy smoker.

Again, Ralph, thanks a lot for the materials. Wish you and your family can come our way for a visit. We have 3 full baths and a "crick" next door! Plenty of room.

We love you.

Allen & Dave
David G. Webb, Jr.

PS Where is Alan going to live after his schooling?

Feb. 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Sayre,

Thanks for the Sizemore
file - Sorry I kept it so long.

I to have some of the Eastern
Cherokee Application of 1906-07-08

No. 10140 - Tobias Rose
filed under the Sizemores.

Son of Nathan Rose - g. son of Joel Rose
& Virginia Sizemore - d. of Ned Sizemore
Ned 3/4 George - who was 1/4 Ned Sr.
whose wife was a Cherokee Indian
Nathan Rose md Nancy Green 3/4 Mary Polley -
Nathan d. 1883. Mother alive 1907-

No. 27194 Shade Sizemore lived in
Greenbrier co. 3/4 Anderson Sizemore &
Mary J. Peyton - father b. N.C. mother
Ireland

Anderson 3/4 Owen & Rebecca Sizemore
Brothers of Shade

Cleveland b. 1845 living
Sozemell co. Va

Hiram 1849 living
Gaz. Co. Va

Franklin 1853 living
State of Washington

No 27195 D. J. Sizemore res. Oscar W.V
Co. of Greenbrier David J. Sizemore age
37 b. 16 April 1870 Jay. Co. Va.
S/o John + Matilda (Lockhart) Sizemore
father b. Ashe Co. N.C. mother Jay. Co. Va
(all brothers + sisters)

- 1- William J. March 24 1868
lines Caldwell, W.V.
- 2. G. A. Sept 19 1875
Durbin W.V.
- 3- Sarah J. May 19, 1876
Judytou W.V
- 4- Albert Jan 21 1879
Seebert
~~Jacob~~ W.V
- 5- R. L. May 8. 1882
Jacob W.V.
- 6- Martha L. Oct 3 1886
Falling Spring W.V

John Sizemore was S/o Anderson Sizemore
of Ashe Co. N.C.

He states that Anderson's children were

- 1- John - ^{Falling Springs} W.V
- 2- Shade "
- 3- Hiram ?
- 4- Cleveland ?
- 5- Lottie ?
- 6- Franklin of Forest, Wa

Ned Sizemore Cherokee Indian	3rd g.g.
Owen "	2nd g.g.
Anderson	1st g.g.

No 28792 Wm. M. Rose - of Copenthaner - Kanawha
 Co. W.V. (my father Eli Rose 5/10 Virginia
 Rose 1/10 Ned Sizemore who was 5/10 George
 Sizemore who was 5/10 Ned Sizemore who
 was a full Cherokee Indian

I don't know if any of this is any
 help. I ordered them because several
 of my family and into Sizemore -

I see where you sell books by
 your address. I would like a
 list of what you have for sale

Sincerely
 June Green

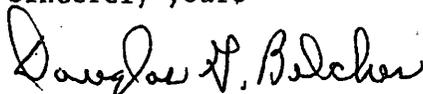
1403 South Askin Street
Martinsville, Virginia 24112
January 17, 1984

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Rt. 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear sir

I recently acquired some information on the Sizemore family that mentions the Workmans. The information appears in an Eastern Cherokee application that was submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1907. Prepared by a Mr. Wiley Sizemore, it mentions that Joseph Workman was born in Germany (probably born in Pennsylvania of German descent), and that John Reed was an enrolled Cherokee. This material and much more has been collected by a distant relative, Mr. Ronald L. Blevins, 5433 Rolfe Av., Norfolk, Virginia 23508. I hope that you can use this. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours



Douglas G. Belcher

SYNOPSIS OF EASTERN CHEROKEE APPLICATION

ECA.# 14638
Wiley Sizemore
1-23-1927

Address

Town: Sizemore
 County: Wyoming
 State: W. Va.

Birthdate: 02-10-1847
 Birthplace: Wyoming, W. Va.

Wife MARINDA JANE

FATHER FRANKLIN Sizemore

MOTHER Polly Workman

Birthplace: Ashe City, NC
 Residence 1851: Wyoming City, W. Va.
 Date of Death: 1885

Monroe City, Va.
Wyoming City, W. Va.
Living

GRANDPARENTS

George J. Sizemore
Jinney

Joseph Workman (his German)
Elizabeth Reed (dan. of
old John Reed a Cherokee on sell

Brothers & Sisters	Born	Died
<u>Miles Sizemore</u>		
<u>George</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Louisa</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>ELIJA</u>		
<u>Catharine</u>		
<u>Jinney</u>		
<u>ELIZABETH</u>		
<u>MARRET</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>MARGARET</u>		

Grandparents Children	Born	Died
<u>Franklin Sizemore</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Owen</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Alex</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>John M.</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>OMA</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Sessia</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Renia</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Betsy</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jinney</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

LINEAGE: FRANKLIN Sizemore, George J. Sizemore, George Sizemore

Old Ned Sizemore.

THE HORN PAPERS

EARLY WESTWARD MOVEMENT ON
THE MONONGAHELA
AND
UPPER OHIO 1765--1795

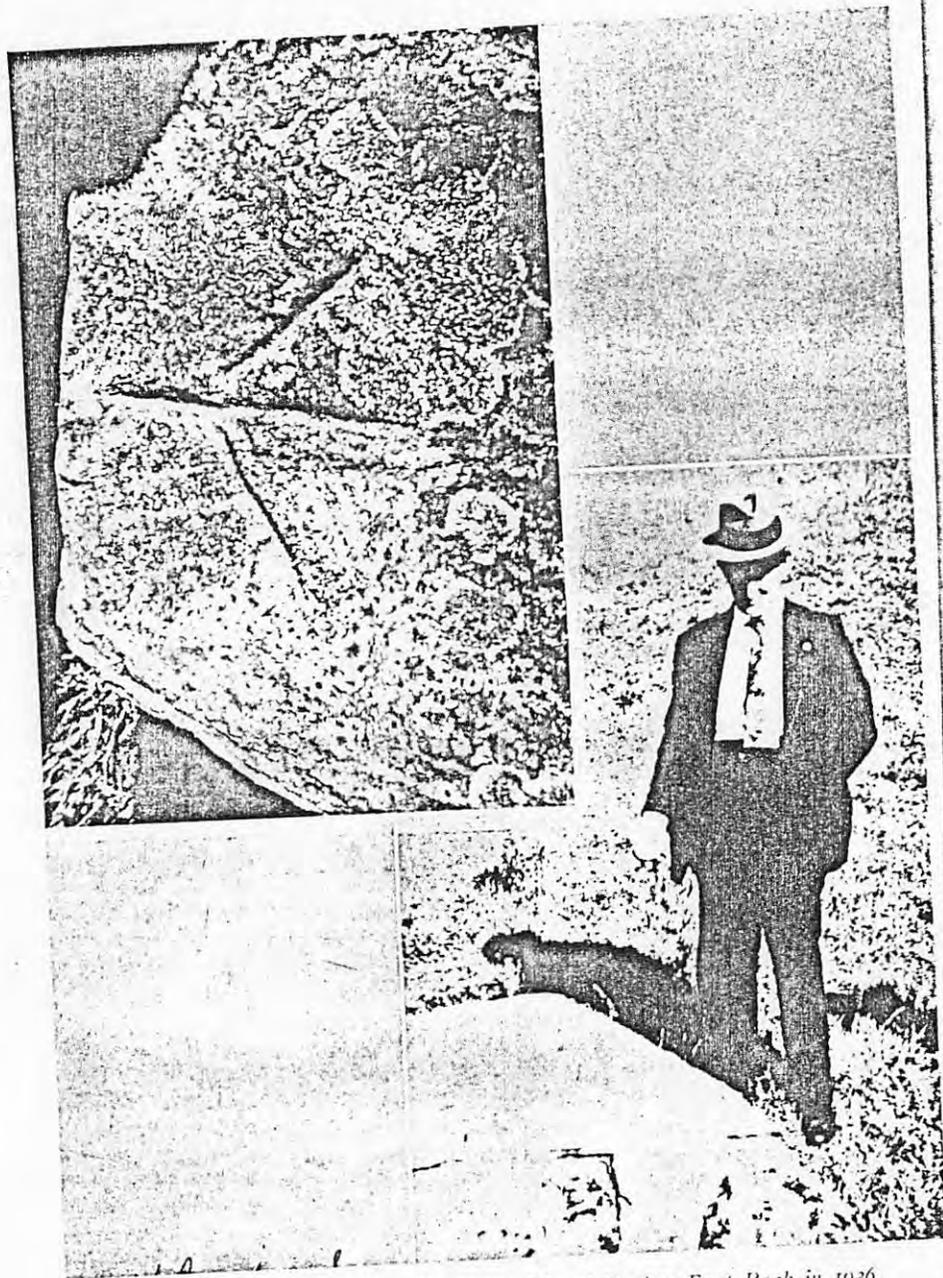
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Lower Right—The Author Visits the Site of Turkey Foot Rock in 1936
Upper Left—Close-up of the Carving on Turkey Foot Rock

mill ever erected west of the Allegheny Mountains, near the Sugar Grove Church, in Greene Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1781.

JOHN HOFFMAN was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1856. He married Miss Frye, and they had three sons and four daughters, as follows: Peter, George, Abraham, Mahala, Sarah, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Eliza Headley.

George Hoffman, the father of John Hoffman, was born in Washington Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1817. He married Susan Stegner of Philadelphia. The following children were born to them: Jane, George, Thomas, and John.

George Hoffman, the father of George, Jr., was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1784. He married Margaret Gray, and they had three sons and three daughters, as follows: Margaret, William, Thomas, George, Emaline, and Elizabeth.

John Hoffman, the father of the above George Hoffman, and his brother, Zachariah Hoffman, were the sons of Thomas Hoffman of Loudon County, Virginia. John Hoffman was born in Loudon County, Virginia, in 1746, and Zachariah Hoffman, May 14, 1749. They settled in Northwest Augusta County, Virginia (Greene County, Pennsylvania) in 1771 (Court Records—1772). John Hoffman married Sarah Leet in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1769, and in 1771 he located on a tract of land in Washington Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.

John and Sarah Hoffman had ten children: Thomas, James, Resin, John, Zachariah, William, Jane, Mariah, Susannah, and Margaret.

John Hoffman was a wood ranger in 1772 and 1773, a member of the Virginia Militia and served in Dunmore's War in 1774.

In 1776, he enrolled as a volunteer in Colonel Morgan's "border rifle corps," and was stationed at "Zanes Fort" and ferry, on the Ohio River.

These two sons of Thomas Hoffman, of Loudon County, Virginia, were the grandsons of George and Mary McGee Hoffman, of County Armah, Ireland, who immigrated to Philadelphia in 1717.

They had the following sons and daughters: Michael, Richard, Thomas, John, David, Mary, and Ann.

WILLIAM AYERS was born in New Jersey in 1762 and located in Greene County in 1784. He had four sons and three daughters: William, Jr., Silas, Jacob, John, Ruth, Amelia, and Margaret. He died in 1797. Silas Ayers, born in 1781, came to Washington

County with his parents at the age of three. He grew up in Greene County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was in the battles of Lundys Lane and New Orleans.

JAMES HAMILTON CHAMBERS, son of John and Mary Chambers, was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1750. His mother died during the voyage to Virginia in 1770, and was buried at sea. With his family, he settled in Marshall County, West Virginia. He married Rebecca Bell of Virginia and had four sons and two daughters: Benjamin, John, Joseph, William, Mary, and Margaret. In 1790, he and his two sons, Benjamin and John, settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where the sons became the first representatives of the Pennsylvania line of the Chambers family. His son Joseph lived on the old home farm in Marshall County, West Virginia. He married Rebecca Bell, daughter of John Bell of Virginia, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom was James P. Chambers, who was born September 30, 1825. James P. Chambers, married Mary Porter and located near West Alexander in 1849.

ROBERT SAYERS, son of Alexander, was born in 1752 on the estate "Beverly Manor," which his grandfather Robert Sayers purchased in 1720 and where he died in 1746. He was educated in Bedford County and was in school there when his father died in 1765. In 1767, Robert Breckinridge was appointed his guardian. In 1770, with his older brother, James Sayers, he came to Washington County, locating on land selected by John Canon for George Washington, around West Middle Town. They erected a log house of four rooms and opened it to the general public as Sayers Inn. The Sayers brothers paid ten shillings' Virginia personal property tax in 1772. They lived in the "Great Western Inn" until the district of West Augusta was formed in October 1775. At that time Washington traded this land to Colonel Marmaduke, who released it to the patentees in 1780. In 1776, he entered the army as first lieutenant of the Seventh Virginia Regiment and on April 4, 1777, was promoted to a captaincy. He served in Morgan's brigade, his regiment in 1778 being the Fifth Virginia. In May 1779, he made a brilliant address at Augusta Town on "The General Prospect of the Colonies, and the Effects of the Border Virginians on the British Army." His family lived in Augusta Town at that time, and it was just a month later that he received his honorable discharge from further war service. In 1780, when Augusta Town was destroyed, he and his family returned to Montgomery County. In 1781, he represented his county in the Virginia Assembly. He died in 1809.

wife died at Baltimore in 1716. He married a second time in 1717 and had four sons (William, Isaac, Ebenezer, and Noah) and two daughters. He became a fur trader in 1722 and explored the headwaters of the James River. In 1729, he, with Dr. Samuel Eckerlin, went to the headwaters of the Kanawha and followed the river almost to the point where the Kanawha and Fayette County line crosses the river, but established no fur camp. He returned to his family in the fall of 1729. In 1731, he and his son Isaac explored northern Virginia. While on this trip his son Isaac was captured by the Cherokee Indians. In 1734, William Zane, Sr., with his family, including his daughter Ruth, settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, where he lived until his death in 1752. His widow died in 1769.

ANDREW YOUNG was born in Maryland in 1747. He settled in what is now West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, in 1771. He married Hanna Barr. To them were born the following children: Abraham, John, Morgan, Elizabeth, Hannah, Priscilla, and Barbara. He tomahawked 212 acres on Indian Ridge that Christopher Horn tomahawked in October 1775. This land was warranted January 27, 1785, surveyed March 2, 1785, patented by his son, Abraham Young, February 26, 1786, and called "Northern Valley." Andrew Young died in 1816. His wife died in 1822.

THE SAYERS FAMILY

The Sayers or Sayre family in Greene County is descended from a line of silk merchants originally from Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, England. Thomas Sayre, the ancestor who came to America, was baptized at Leighton Buzzard in 1597, and his parents, Francis Sayre and Elizabeth Atkins, were married, according to the church record, at Leighton Buzzard, on November 15, 1591. Thomas Sayre was an assayer employed in the English mint and came to Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1638. In 1640, he appeared near what is now Southampton, Long Island, and in 1648 built there the first house built by any Englishman in New York State. This house remained as originally constructed until it was torn down in 1918. (91)

Daniel Sayre, son of Thomas, was a whaler out of Southampton. He had a son David, who settled in Cohansey County, New Jersey. David Sayre had a son David, who was the father of William Sayre, who finally settled in Greene County.

William Sayre was born in Cohansey County, New Jersey, in 1729, and married Mary Fithian in 1762. He was of the fifth

generation, beginning with the American ancestor Thomas. He moved to Beverly Manor, Virginia, and afterwards to Augusta County, which was supposed to include territory that is now Greene County. In 1769, William Sayre and family came to Northwest Virginia and located on land on the north side of South Ten Mile Creek, east of what is now known as the borough of Waynesburg. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, having enlisted at Philadelphia. After the war, he came back and completed his settlement in Greene County. He had the following children: Josiah Sayers, born 1763, who married Rhoda Drake; Phoebe Sayers, born 1766, who married James Morris; Reuben Sayers, born 1768, who died unmarried August 18, 1832; Thomas Sayers, born 1770, who married Frances Dye; Ephraim Sayers, born near Waynesburg in 1773, who married Mary Wood, and died September 1, 1858; Ruth Sayers, born 1775, who married Joseph Evans. William Sayre died September 16, 1796, and was buried at Old Fort Jackson. His will was the second recorded in Greene County.

Ezra Mitchell Sayers, son of Ephraim Sayers, was born May 30, 1812, and died March 3, 1909. He was a prominent lawyer in active practice for over sixty years. His son, James E. Sayers, was born May 30, 1845, and died September 26, 1926. He was an editor, a lawyer, and a veteran of the Civil War. His son, Albert H. Sayers, was judge of the several courts of Greene County from 1926 to 1936, and he and his sister Jane, now living at Waynesburg, are of the ninth generation.

FAMILY OF E. M. SAYERS

E. M. Sayers was admitted to the practice of the law in the Greene County Court 1835. His son, James E. Sayers, was admitted in 1874. Albert H. Sayers, son of James E. Sayers, was admitted in 1893, serving as Judge of the Greene County Courts from 1926 to 1936. James B. Sayers, son of A. H. Sayers, was admitted in 1926. His brother, Albert Allison Sayers, was admitted in 1938. Twice three generations of this family were actively engaged in the practice of law at the same time. This is believed to have established a record in the State of Pennsylvania and covers a period of 109 years to date. During this time other members of the Sayers family read and practiced law—most recently L. W. Sayers, son of Frank Sayers, and H. C. Sayers, Jr., son of H. C. Sayers.

Harriet T. Sayers, was a pioneer worker in the field of temperance, one of the very early members of the W.C.T.U. Her

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daughter, Mary, has consistently carried on the work begun by her mother.

Jane Sayers, daughter of James E. Sayers, served as Forewoman of the Grand Jury at September Term of Court in 1922, becoming the first woman in the County and State to fill this office. In 1936 she was an alternate delegate to the National Republican convention in Chicago, the first Republican woman to serve in this capacity from the Washington and Greene County District.

Thomas Sayers was born in Salem County, New Jersey, December 26, 1770. On April 23, 1795, he married Frances Dye, who was born January 7, 1777, and died February 27, 1853. He was a farmer in Washington, and about the year 1810 moved to Miami County, Ohio. A letter from him to his brother Ephraim in Pennsylvania is in possession of a descendant of the latter, who caused it to be published in a Pennsylvania newspaper. It is here given as an illustration of some of the trials to which the early pioneers of our western states were subjected early in the century. He died July 15, 1844.

LETTER WRITTEN BY THOMAS SAYERS TO HIS BROTHER EPHRAIM

Miami County, Ohio State,
the 9th of February, 1812

Dear Brother: I once more am permitted by the leave of Divine Providence, with time and opportunity, to write to you, and am happy to inform you that my family is as well as common, thank God for his mercy. I received yours of the 29th of December, and also that you sent to Zanesville, and am glad to hear that you are all well. On the 20th of last month, a day or two after I received your last letter, I started to Fort Wayne with a sled in company with five others, with whisky and flour for that garrison; it lies about a hundred miles from where I live in a northwest direction on what is called the Mamee, or Miami of the Lake. About 60 miles of the way is through the Indian lands and uninhabited. We had to encamp out five nights, the snow about 14 inches deep and the weather very cold. Some got their feet frostbit, tho' I did not; yet I am very unwell since I returned. I saw a good many Indians at the fort, some of a strange tribe called the Kickepoos from the Illinois River, but did not learn their business there. There is great talk of a British and Indian war. If there should be war with England it is probable that there will be an Indian war also; if so it will be well with you and others who are out of danger. I lately saw a letter from one of our legislators, who says that they are

about to raise a company of rangers to spy on our frontiers, who probably will be a help to our safety.

The most strange and awful news I have to relate to you is the shaking of the earth through all this country; the first shock of earthquake felt here was, I think, about the 16th of December; the last was on Friday last, first about 4 o'clock in the morning, the other about 9 o'clock in the evening. The first of the two last mentioned was very hard and the earth continued in motion for the space of two minutes, and some say more. I suppose it was not felt in Waynesburg or you would have mentioned it in your letter.

There is a copy of a letter published in a newspaper from a gentleman passing down the Mississippi, who was anchored near the Little Prairie, a little below the Chickasaw Bluffs. He stated that the earthquake, which was on the 16th of December, was very hard there, and that many of the islands sank in part and were split to pieces and the banks in places fell in in acres together, and all the logs etc., imbedded in the bottom of the river, rose up and greatly obstructed the passage down the river, and that the inhabitants of that part were moving off from the river. Other reports are going that a volcanic eruption was taken place up the Missouri River in one of the mountains, and that it bursts forth with fire and that it has destroyed a vast many Indians near it. The truth of those reports I am not able to ascertain, but true it is that it is the awful power of God to shake terribly the earth. I now come to tell you something about the land as you requested me. Mr. Smith has broke up and gone off down the river, tho' it is said full handed, and has left his lands in the hands of W. Lowery, his former agent, who is now his son-in-law, who sells to any who will purchase, tho' he does not sell much, as there has been one fourth paid and the certificate taken out, so the back interest makes it come high to the purchaser. Another thing in his favor was that Congress allowed them a year of grace, the same as is allowed on other public lands not excepted to the rights of preemption, which prolongs the time of forfeiture till the first day of next January. I advise you, if you have a mind for land here to come down next fall, and if you like, deposit your money with a receiver or some person, to enter, when forfeited, in your name. This is the best instruction I am able to give you and am but a poor adviser at any time.

I have a house and lot in Staunton; I wish you would send some one to buy it. It is frame, with a stone chimney, two fire places, a good well of water in the yard, and the lot is enclosed with a post and rail fence. I ask only \$140 for it, and the forty I would take in shoemaking, if you can send a shoemaker to purchase. I think this

is very low, and a shoemaker is very much wanted, and would meet with good encouragement, there being two tanyards near and no shoemaker. I shall be glad to see you or Rueben down here. I do not ever expect to come and see you again, as I am embarrassed with a large and expensive family, which requires my care and attention at home. We now have 12 children, four sons and eight daughters. The youngest was born on the 15th of November.

I shall omit writing again until John Dye goes up in the spring, and then I will again if I am spared, and you can do the same when he returns.

No more at present; my pen is getting very bad, and I have now encroached on the hours allotted me for sleep, and must conclude, with remembering my love to my mother, brothers and all inquiring friends. Fannie remembers her love to Polly, and so do I also. Requesting you to show this letter to my mother, I am and remain your friend and brother.

Thomas Sayers.

James and Robert Sayre, sons of Alexander Sayre, were born on the estate of Beverly Manor, which their grandfather, Robert Sayre, purchased in 1720, and where he died in 1746. Robert Sayre was born in 1752 and was educated in Bedford County. He was in school there when his father died in 1765. In 1766, Robert Breckinridge was appointed his guardian. In 1771, he, with his brother James, came to what is now Washington County, locating on land that John Canon had selected for George Washington around West Middletown. They erected a log house, consisting of four rooms, and opened it to the public as Sayres's Inn. These brothers were located there in 1773 when the Virginia poll was made. They paid ten shillings Virginia property tax in 1773, for the year 1772. When the district of Augusta was formed in 1775, Washington traded his claim to this land to Colonel Marmaduke, who later released it to the warantee and patentee, Thomas Urie, who called it "Constitution." In 1776, these two Sayre brothers located in Augustatown. Robert Sayre enlisted in the army and became a captain in 1778. He made a brilliant address at Augustatown on May 4, 1779, on the general prospects of the colonies and the great effects of the "Border Virginians on the British Army, and the British Government." He served in Morgan's brigade, and his regiment became the Fifth Virginia in 1778. Robert Sayre, whose name was written Sayers, was honorably discharged, and returned to Montgomery County, where he purchased a home near Colonel Preston. In 1781, he represented his county in the Virginia Assembly. He died in 1809.

William Sayers, a younger brother of James and Robert Sayers, came to the Sayres' home at the Great Western Inn in 1774, but the same year he located in Fincastle County, and in 1775 was deputy sheriff of the county.

JOHN SNIDER

John Snider, son of Michael and Susanna Baisfield Snider, was born in Philadelphia, February 24th, 1737. He was educated in the common branches of the English language, according to his day.

He, early in life, became much interested in sheep, and was known as the "Shepherd boy." He learned the tanning trade, but soon began to exhibit a strong desire to explore the frontier regions of the colony. This led to his parents' taking a homestead in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, one year before the county was organized.

When John Snider had reached the age of twenty years, in 1757, he met the most famous of the western frontier border settlers, Christopher Gist, who spent one day and a night at the home of Michael Snider, when on his way from Philadelphia to his home at Mt. Braddock. Through this acquaintance, John secured a position as a "sheep man" on the Cullepper plantation in Virginia. But it was only a short time until Christopher Gist employed John Snider and his young friend and assistant, Zachariah Martin, to become two of his five postriders and searchers of the frontier regions for gold and lead, which Gist had now resigned all other interests to prosecute this long desire to find these metals, as stated by the Indians.

During the years of 1758 and 1759, these postriders made many trips through the wild timbered regions from the headwaters of the Potomac River to the Ohio.

In 1760, John Snider and Zachariah Martin joined with Bernard Eckerlin and made a trip to the old Cayuga Indian settlement on the Little Beaver, but found neither gold nor lead. Late in 1759, John Snider, and the Huron Indian Village Chief "Tall Tree" of the Elk Clan became involved in some trouble over the promised sale of furs to Bernard Eckerlin, and Snider was made a prisoner for a short time but Gist soon learned of this, and he with four other men raided this small camp and released his postrider. In 1761, Snider and Martin accompanied Gist on his northwestern journey into the Lake Superior regions on the hunt for gold and lead. They found neither but did find copper ore and flaked iron ore. In 1763, John Snider and Zachariah Martin erected their



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January 8, 1986

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Dear Ralph:

I was delighted to receive your letter of December 16 with all the interesting Workman, Wiley, and Sayre family information. Although this reply is dated January 8, it was actually started on December 27. My husband's sister died the next day, and we left for New York to attend the funeral. I am only now able to get back to correspondence.

*Even though I have no desire to divert your attention from your endeavors on the Sayre book--knowing how difficult it is to complete family histories--I am nonetheless sending the following notes so that they can be added to your corrections and additions for **Some Branches of The Workman Family Tree**. Actually, some can go into your collection of speculations.*

Page 74:

Did I ever mention to you that census evaluation would indicate that Thomas Workman had been married before he married Sarah Deskins? A male born before 1794 was in his 1820 household. The following issue may have been born of this first marriage--wife not yet identified:

John M. Workman, born c. 1794, who married 1820-30 and was in the 1830 Logan County census with a male and female born 1825-1830.

Margaret "Peggy" Workman, who married James Patton Thompson in 1810 in Washington County, Virginia.

Joseph Workman, born about 1802, who with wife Margaret "Peggy" and children appears in Boone County 1850 census.

Or do you have any other ideas for the issue named above?

Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) did have a son born 1815-1820 (out of household in 1850) and a daughter born c. 1825 whom we have not yet identified. Could any of the children you have attributed to Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman have belonged to Thomas and Sarah? According to my notes, this would seem to be the case.

You did not list the Moses Workman who married Betsy Scarborough as a son of Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Workman. Was that an oversight, or do you believe that Moses, reputedly born c. 1806, was a son of someone else?

Page 77:

I have a few comments and a few questions regarding the families of Moses Workman and his wives Elizabeth Muncy and Sarah Marrs:

John Workman, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman, married Sarah "Sally" Dalton.

Page 77 (continued):

Henry Workman, although reputedly born 11 March 1820, could still have been a son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman. Because his birth took place before their July wedding date, however, I still attribute him to Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman (as you have on this page).

Abijah Workman, I believe, was probably the eldest son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman (not issue of Elizabeth, as listed on this page). Abijah married twice, first about 1844 to Nancy Perry and second on 7 July 1857 in Wayne County, West Virginia, to Frances Nelson. (You had shown only one marriage.)

Moses Workman, born about 1813, may have been a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman; however, it is just as likely that he belonged to someone else. In any event, I am convinced that the Moses who married Mary Blankenship in 1845 was the same Moses, born about 1806, who had previously been married to Betsy Scarborough. I think he was a son of Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Workman rather than of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman.

How did you decide that Matilda Workman and Marinda Workman were children of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman? As far as I know, they were not named in any of the property distribution papers, which reminds me: Whom did you name as parents of the Phoebe Workman who married Meekin Vance?

I notice that you assume that Susan Leit married first a Sullivant. Certainly that is a possibility, but isn't it just as probable that Isaac married 1) a Susan Sullivant and 2) a Susan Leit?

Page 79:

Moses Workman who married Betsy Scarborough was probably born later than the birthdate of 1791 you show. The family tradition that he left his family conforms to analysis of the census, from which one can infer that the couple had separated by 1840. A search of the records might even reveal divorce papers for the couple. As noted above, I think he was the one who subsequently married Mary Blankenship. Also, it is possible he had other issue out of wedlock.

Eleanor "Ellen" Workman, daughter of Moses and Betsy (Scarborough) Workman, married in Raleigh County, (West) Virginia, 2 June 1856 Lewis Stover, divorced son of John and Nancy.

Page 77 & 103:

All my notes identify the wife of Eli Gore as Nancy Ellis. Where did you find Nancy Workman listed as his wife?

As you can see from some of the above, I have been quite involved with the Workmans as a result of the correspondence with Dodie Browning. I am enclosing copy of one of the speculation sheets on the men named Moses Workman that I sent to her and would be interested in your comments.

I just noticed that I do not have my original copy of the sheet sent to Dodie so will enclose copy of the one she returned to me with her comments. Any extra notes in red are those just added by me.

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre

Page 3

January 8, 1986

It just occurs to me that I haven't mentioned the Cherokee Indian connections. The data you sent conforms with what I had previously accepted as fact. However many connections there may have been by late in the nineteenth century, most seem to revert back to Jenny Wiley or Ned Sizemore. After studying the ties of the Wyoming County, West Virginia, families--where their descendants seemed to congregate--I will respond in more detail.

I appreciate having the Sayre/Sayers/Sears family data and here also will comment when I next write. I want to evaluate the material which I have gathered during these past few months.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from you regarding the Workman questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Enclosure

Can you make any connections or additions to the following?

Notes in black pen by Dodie Browning
Questions in typed copy + notes in red by Agnes Pearlman

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Thomas and Sarah (Dickerson) Workman
born about 1806, "of Tug Fork of Big Sandy River"
married 1) about 1824 Elizabeth "Betsy" Scarbrough, from whom
he had separated by 1840. She was head of household
with children in 1840 Fayette County, (West) Virginia,
and in 1850 Raleigh County, (West) Virginia.

Note: I have never searched for divorce papers but believe that
this Moses Workman married again, possibly twice or more. (See below.)

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Thomas and Sarah (Dickerson) Workman (See above.)
born about 1806, had Tug River Post Office address
married 2) or 3) Mary "Polly" Blankenship 23 November 1845 in
Tazewell County, Virginia. In 1860 she was in a
McDowell County, (West) Virginia, household with her
10-year-old son; she was a servant. In 1870 the 65-year-
old Moses was head of household with 45-year-old Mary,
the only other person living with him. (in McDowell Co.)

Source? →
1860 Buchanan Co. Census
P.O. Contrary, Va.

Moses Workman 40 (B. ca 1820)
Mary 38
Nancy 16 (m.c.)
Thomas Jackson 20 (W. Va.)
Nancy " 17 (S.W. Va.)

Note: I have not been able to locate this couple in 1850, so they
may have been missed by the census enumerator or moved into one of
the Kentucky counties I have missed in my searching.

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Joseph and Phoebe (McCray) Workman
born 1780-1785
married ?1) Elizabeth Muncy 17 June 1801 in Tazewell County, Virginia;
she apparently died about 1819.

She one who died
Aug 1840
Had much more
than 26 acres

Note: Moses had 26 acres on Harts Creek at his death 1847-48.

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Joseph and Phoebe (McCray) Workman
born 1780-1785
married ?2) Sarah Marrs 11 July 1820 in Tazewell County, Virginia;
she died after 1850, when she was living in the house-
hold of one of her sons in Logan County, (West) Virginia.

Do you
know more
on this?

Note: This seems to be the Moses Workman living in Lawrence County,
Kentucky, in 1830 and in Logan County in 1840. He was in Tazewell
County in 1820. Do you know 1830 Census traced down for
Workman in Lawrence Co. ? Yes

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman
born about 1813 ? ? ?
married before 1839 Nancy McNeely, daughter of John and Mary "Polly"
(Dempsey) McNeely. Her Workman husband may not have been Moses

I don't
think this is
the one in 1840 →
the one in Logan Co. Census
unless this is the one
who was Miss Betsy
Scarborough.

Note: This Moses was living in Logan County, (West) Virginia, in 1840
(as was the older Moses above). I have not been able to locate
him in any later census and wonder if he may have been the same
Moses as the one who married Caroline Ferrell &/or someone else. No, he
was a different one because birth date of Caroline's husband later.

MOSES WORKMAN, parents and birth date still undetermined — born c. 1835
living in Boone County, West Virginia, in 1870
married before 1854 Caroline Ferrell, daughter of George and
Nancy (Farley) Ferrell; she was born September 1823-32
and later married Floyd White 27 February 1884

Sarah (Marrs)
Workman lived
Boone Co., it would
seem logical this Moses
was her son ??

Note: This Moses is believed to have died before 1876 and may have
been the one previously married to Nancy McNeely. No!

MOSES WORKMAN, probably the son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman
born about 1831-32
married about 1851 Mary "Polly" Mullins, born about 1835, and about
whom I have nothing more.

My family
Dodie's family

Note: This couple lived on Hart's Creek at 1860 Logan County census.

Isaac + Susan (heit) Workman had an unidentified son born 1845-1846
Could this have been a son named Moses?

MOSES WORKMAN, son of Obediah and Rebecca (Lambert) Workman
born about 1832 in Tazewell County, Virginia
married Nancy Queen, daughter of A. and N. Queen, 31 January 1856
in Wayne County, (West) Virginia. She was born about 1839.
Note: This couple lived with children in Harts Creek Township of
Lincoln County, West Virginia, in 1870.

Any comments you may be able to make about the preceding would certainly be appreciated.

I may have stated this before but - My Grandmother told me that her "granddaddy" came to America from Ireland when he was 12 yrs. old. Apparently other grandchildren (of his other children) were told the same story. Sayre dismisses this claim in his book, and states that "The age of 12 for Moses "probably" refers to their 1789 arrival in Wayne Co." I know from personal experience that family "tradition" often clouds facts, but usually there is a thread of truth to it.

The can document the heirs of Moses Workman who died ca 1846 (or earlier?) in Logan Co. There was only one son Moses (wife Polly) and one dtr named Eddenor (Ellen) so it is apparent that he didn't have 2 sons named Moses & 2 dtrs. named Eddenor. (which also "mucks" up my research on my "Acle" (Achilles) Jannis line.) When someone dies "intestate" it brings all heirs out of the woodwork!!

Could it be that there were 2 Moses Workmans who quitted Logan Co. who died close to the same time? and in

I still haven't found my Moses & Polly in an 1880 census. Apparently they were missed.

Do you have anything (other than some inf in Sayre's book) on the Workmans in N.C.?

We know that Abraham & Isaac were there before the Showed up in Jay, Co. - I "suspect" that some of the Workmans in N.C. married some of my Steele "kin".

Some generations probably missed in the tradition or another part of line intended.

to real proof of this. Not uncommon to have children named the same.

Buckhannon, West Virginia
Monday, January 27, 1986

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Dear Agnes:

I am home today fighting off the "flu" bug and I thought I would take the opportunity to reply to your letter of January 8th. I really do not desire to get back into any in-depth study of Workman genealogy at this time, but you have been a great help to me in the past and I want to do what I can to help you. If I had the opportunity, I could work full time on the Sayre genealogy right now.

I believe I recall you and I corresponding about a possible first marriage of Thomas Workman, before he married Sarah Deskins. My collection of letters and research notes are now owned by the state archives. As you pointed out, there was a male in his 1820 household who could have been the John M. Workman head of household in the 1830 Logan county census. I never found any later information or had contacts with any descendants of this John M. Workman, so I did not feel confident enough to place him.

In Tazewell county 1809 there was a court proceeding of Abram and Margaret Workman vs. James P. Thompson. I placed Margaret as their daughter instead of Thomas and Sarah because of proximity. I figured the Thompsons had more close association with Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman than they did with Thomas and Sarah (Deskins) Workman.

The Joseph and Margaret Workman of the 1850 Boone county census, I placed as descendants of Isaac and Susan Workman. Partly because they had a son named "Isaac;" and I believe it or a later census listed his birthplace as North Carolina.
Joseph's

Yes, it is possible that some children that I listed for Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman could belong to Thomas and Sarah--likewise for some of the other Workmans. You must know that I took a lot of liberties and used a lot of "probably"'s, and made a lot of assumptions as any genealogist must continually do until positive proof is found. I have a son, Robert, born ca. 1817 listed for Thomas and Sarah who would have been head of his own house in 1850.

I feel that the Moses who married Betsy Scarbrough was born before 1806. I had correspondence from his descendants who felt strongly that he was head of another household down in the Tug River area. I found no records to tie him down. He could have been a son of one of several of the old pioneers. The fact that he had a daughter, "Susan" made me think Isaac was a possibility, but I have no record of any of Isaac's family in the Tug River area or Raleigh county area. He seemed to fit as well in Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman's family as any of the others.

I remember tossing around the parentage of Henry and Abijah Workman as listed on page 77 and even wondering if they could have been twins. I made somewhat a mess of things here too. On page 77, I listed both as children of Moses and Elizabeth, and on page 104, both as children of Moses and Sarah. And on 104,

I picked up the second marriage and family of Abijah and Frances (Nelson) Workman.

I remember getting some family group sheets from LDS in Salt Lake City on Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman and maybe a couple of others. At this point, I cannot tell you how I placed Marinda and Matilda as daughters of Moses and Elizabeth (Muncy) Workman. I did try to use as much logic as I could muster for all my decisions. I have no information as to parents of Phoebe (Mrs. Meekin Vance) Workman.

You and I corresponded some about the Susan Leit (Leip) Sullivant question, and I never found any proof either way, so I just made a decision to publish it the way I did.

I have just done some looking to see where I found that the wife of Eli Gore was Nancy Workman. I seem to have nothing on it at this time. At this point I will have to assume that Nancy Workman is a mistake as I am sure your info on Nancy Ellis is better documented than the source I had.

So I will just leave it at that. I won't tackle the who's who in Moses Workman's problem again, but if anything definite comes out of it, I would appreciate knowing. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph H. Sayre



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January 31, 1986

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Dear Ralph:

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to the questions I posed to you about the Workman family in my recent letter.

It really is a great help to have your thinking on some of the decisions you made regarding placement of unproven children in your book. Like you, I still do not have definitive answers for many but would certainly let you know about any discoveries I might make. One of these days I hope to publish a monograph on my early West Virginia Workman connections, so I am still interested in clarifying whatever I can.

For whatever interest they might be in preparation of your Sayre genealogy, I am enclosing James Sayre/Sears/etc. abstracts I made from the Index to Deeds in Frederick and Montgomery County, Maryland.

Just today a woman in a neighboring town called me about her husband's Workman family connections and to tell me about Anderson's book, which I have, as you know. When I told her about your book, she wondered if it is still available. (I wasn't sure.) Although I believe her husband's line breaks off at an earlier date than the ones you carry forward, I have sent Mrs. Gwen Lewis your name and address in case she wishes to place an order.

Best wishes for your current endeavors with the promise that you won't have further Workman family distractions from me.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

March 1, 1986

I found this while searching Meigs county, Ohio
1850 census for Sayres.

55/48 Salem Twp. Pomeroy, PO

WORKMAN, R.	1810 Va.
Elizabeth	1812 <u>OH</u>
Caroline	1840 OH
William	1842 OH

Ralph



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May 18, 1986

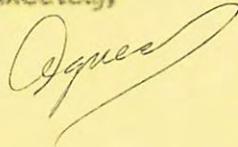
Dear Ralph:

A belated but nonetheless
heartfelt thanks for the Meigs County,
Ohio, Workman family data. He is
probably of the West Virginia groups, &
and it will be interesting to learn who
he might have been. Perhaps Russell,
son of Isaac?

I hope all is going well for your
Sayre family book.

Sincerely,

May 18, 1986



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Buckhannon, West Virginia
June 22, 1986

Dear Janet,

Thanks much for the copy of your letter of June 14th. I am always glad to hear of new developments on the Workman line, but have been busier than the proverbial "one-legged man" with the Sayre genealogy.

I always thought that there could be more clues found on the Workman family in old county records of Augusta, Botetourt, and Montgomery but never had the fortune and opportunity to search. I have been trying to keep all additional information and corrections in a separate file to eventually be combed through and added to the collection that I put into the state archives at Charleston. I have a couple of thick files now, but nothing which solves any of the questions pertaining to the old Workman ancestry.

Within all the logic that I was able to muster, and grouping the information that was available to me, it appeared that our branch of Workmans were related as I published. The line of migration and genealogical descent appeared to come from New Jersey - Western Pennsylvania and Allegany county Maryland, down through Virginia - North Carolina - back to the Tazewell county, Virginia area - then northward into what is now Southwestern West Virginia. I never was able to find any given names for the Workman family Benjamin Borden supposedly guided from England to Virginia. I never found the origin of Daniel Workman of early (1777 I think) Greenbrier county. He had a son, James, and their descendants ended up in Logan county, Ohio.

I feel certain that the Workmans listed in Captain Mayes company 1782 Montgomery county, Virginia were of the same family who arrived eventually in Boone, Monroe, and Wyoming counties. As you know the Munc(e)y, Dingess, Dorn (Thorn), Thomson, Rife, and Adair families are also in that area. In MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA - CIRCA 1790 by Yantis, a list of persons charged with taxes in 1787 who moved before they could be collected was one entry, "James Worthman--Carolina". In another list were "George Sizemore -- N.C." and "Owen Sizemore--N.C.". There were close family ties and intermarriages between my line of Joseph Workman and the Sizemores.

The data found in Cabell county is likewise very interesting. Early in my research, I tried to find an alleged affidavit concerning the three Workman brothers and mentioning Jacob Workman which was supposed to be in Cabell county records. I asked cousin David Webb and his friend in genealogy, Archie Jones to check for me. They reported lack of cooperation at the Court House and they were unable to find it. About Samuel and Nimrod--could be the same. You know the translation of hand-written records Nimrod could be mistaken for Samuel or Daniel. Ragland's history of Logan county probably originated a lot of that confusion, but yet I do appreciate having the history. We all make our mistakes if we do anything.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

cc Agnes B. Pearlman

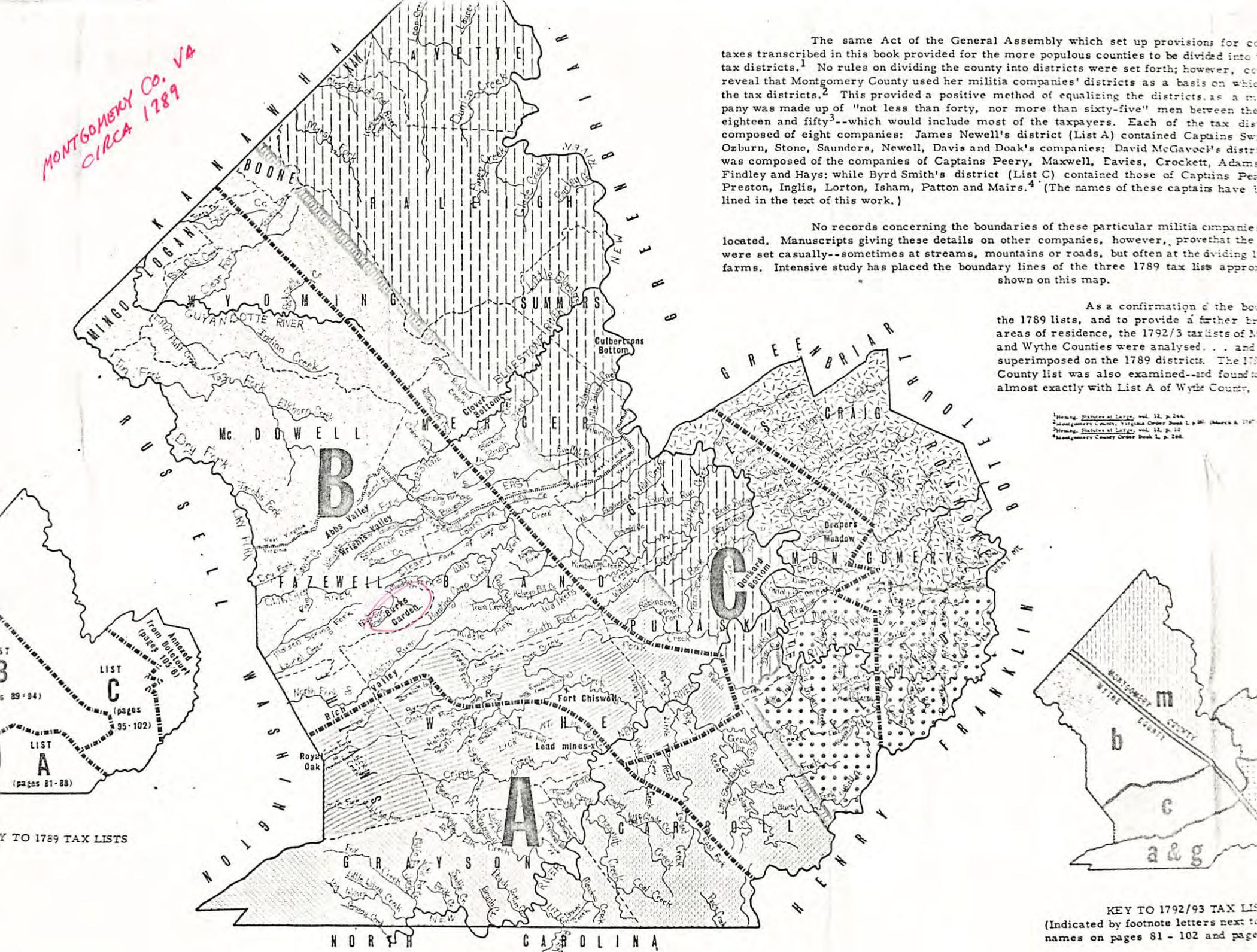
MONTGOMERY CO. VA
CIRCA 1789

The same Act of the General Assembly which set up provisions for county taxes transcribed in this book provided for the more populous counties to be divided into tax districts.¹ No rules on dividing the county into districts were set forth; however, records reveal that Montgomery County used her militia companies' districts as a basis on which to set the tax districts.² This provided a positive method of equalizing the districts, as a company was made up of "not less than forty, nor more than sixty-five" men between the ages of eighteen and fifty³--which would include most of the taxpayers. Each of the tax districts was composed of eight companies; James Newell's district (List A) contained Captains Swain, Osburn, Stone, Saunders, Newell, Davis and Doak's companies; David McGavock's district (List B) was composed of the companies of Captains Peery, Maxwell, Davies, Crockett, Adams, Findley and Hays; while Byrd Smith's district (List C) contained those of Captains Peery, Preston, Inglis, Lorton, Isham, Patton and Mairs.⁴ (The names of these captains have been listed in the text of this work.)

No records concerning the boundaries of these particular militia companies have been located. Manuscripts giving these details on other companies, however, prove that the boundaries were set casually--sometimes at streams, mountains or roads, but often at the dividing lines of farms. Intensive study has placed the boundary lines of the three 1789 tax lists approximately as shown on this map.

As a confirmation of the boundaries of the 1789 lists, and to provide a further basis for areas of residence, the 1792/3 tax lists of Montgomery and Wythe Counties were analysed. . . and superimposed on the 1789 districts. The 1792 County list was also examined--and found to almost exactly with List A of Wythe County,

¹Howe, Statutes at Large, vol. 12, p. 264.
²Montgomery County, Virginia Order Book L, p. 20 (March 4, 1789).
³Howe, Statutes at Large, vol. 12, p. 110.
⁴Montgomery County Order Book L, p. 266.



LIST C (pages 95-102)
LIST A (pages 81-88)

KEY TO 1789 TAX LISTS

KEY TO 1792/93 TAX LISTS
(Indicated by footnote letters next to names on pages 81 - 102 and page

OUT OF THE PAST

MY WEBB FAMILY DURING THE CIVIL WAR - A FAMILY DIVIDED

The Civil War divided quite a few West Virginia families. Some family members sided with the Union, others with the Confederacy, while others tried to remain neutral. My g-g-g grandfather, George Webb, born in 1795, lived on a farm on Bearwallow Ridge, Wyoming Co., Va. (now W. Va.) when the war started. Today, this farm is located just east of Twin Falls State Park, Maben, W. Va.

George had a daughter, Rhoda Webb, born about 1813, by a Cherokee. Rhoda married a Cherokee "Medicine Man" who took the name John Webb. They had a son, John Webb, born in 1837. He, reportedly, served as a Private with the Union Army. George Webb married Elizabeth (Keller) Perdue in 1817.

Probably their oldest son, George Washington Webb, born before 1820, reportedly, served as a Captain in a Union cavalry unit. Another son, my g-g grandfather, Edward Perry Webb, born in 1827, served as a Private with Company B, 36th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry.

Family tradition has indicated that George met his brother Ed on patrol one moonlit night in the Shenandoah Valley. Ed and his companions, after hearing horsemen approaching, hid behind a stone fence. The horsemen stopped at a crossroad on the other side of the fence and conferred as to which road to take.

Ed recognized his brother's voice and, reportedly called out, "Is that you Captain Webb?" George replied, "Is that you Edward Perry?" After a pause the Captain said, "Jack is coming (i.e. Stonewall Jackson), let's get out of here." Ed's service record reported his enlistment as a Private with Captain Dufield's Company, Sept. 1, 1861, Hillsboro, Pocahontas Co., Va. He

reenlisted for three years additional service on Oct. 10, 1864 at Luray, Va. His battalion participated in the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. Ed's participation in this battle has not been verified.

Zachariah Taylor Webb, born 1835, youngest son of George Webb, enlisted as a Private with a Confederate militia unit. He observed the execution of several boys without trial. This upset him so much that he returned home to Bearwallow Ridge.

Shortly thereafter a unit of Quantrill's Raiders came looking for him. It was a sad day for the Webb family. The Captain in charge arrested Zack and ordered his father George to be taken also. George's wife, Elizabeth, pleaded with the Captain to free her husband, promising the soldiers a cooked meal if they would not take George. The Captain agreed, ate the meal and departed with Zack. The Webb family was left destitute. Zack and other prisoners were taken to a stockade on the south side of the Guyandotte River, near Logan, Va. The prisoners were served raw pumpkins, and that was all.

The soldiers and prisoners, were exhausted after a hard days march. Under a full moon, while the soldiers were fast asleep, Zack organized an escape party, and released all the prisoners in the stockade, except those who were ill or too weak to walk. They built a raft and escaped to the opposite shore.

Reportedly, Zack returned to his father's farm on Bearwallow Ridge. A short time later he enlisted as a Private with a Union militia unit. Because he had five children he was discharged after only a few months service. It is believed that George Webb switched sides because of the destruction of his property by the Quantrill Raiders unit. He enlisted as a Private with Captain Thomas Godfrey's Company, 190th W. Va. Troops (Union).

He appeared on a Company Muster Roll, dated Dec. 25, 1862, as did his son-in-law, James Matison Workman, husband of George's daughter, Nancy Elizabeth (Webb) Workman, born in 1828. Another daughter, Martha "Patsy" Webb, born in 1822, married James C. Smith. On Sept. 21, 1861 he was sworn into service by the Governor of Virginia, with Company C, 151st Virginia Militia, CSA, at Princeton, Va. James' son, Ballard Preston Smith, born in 1841, was also listed as a Private on the roster of

his father's company.

Family tradition has indicated that "Press" Smith saved his father's life during, a skirmish with enemy soldiers. Another daughter of George Webb, Serilda Webb, born 1820, married Raymond Shanton Workman. He, reportedly, served in the Civil War. His involvement is unknown. Civil War service for George Webb's other sons: Josiah, John, William and Calvin is also unknown.

After the war, Captain George Washington Webb, USA, reportedly, moved to Tennessee where he married, raised a family and lived until his death. Zack Webb moved his family from Wyoming Co. to Wayne Co. It was a hazardous trip for Zack because he had to travel through Oceana, a Rebel stronghold during the war.

Local citizens had remembered his changing sides during the war. Some

had threatened to shoot him, if located. His brother, Ed in his Confederate uniform, may have saved his brother's life. Ed led the wagons with the women and children, and the accompanying livestock to Wayne Co. and safety. Zack and the men of his family walked the ridges through the area of Rebel sympathizers. Apparently the wounds of the war were healed in 1870 when the U.S. Census was taken. The families of Ed

By BYRON T. MORRIS



and Zack were living side-by-side on the Lincoln-Wayne County border, and were partners in a sawmill operation. There seemed to be no bitterness between these brothers who served on opposite sides during the war. Their wives, no doubt, were helpful in healing the wounds.

Edward had married Alifair Williamson, born 1834 while Allie's sister, Charlotte Williamson, born 1837, married Zack. Prior to

1880 Ed and his family moved to Clay Co., W. Va. Zack and Charlotte lived on a farm at the mouth of Kiah's Creek in Wayne County. Later they moved to a farm on Big Laurel Creek. Alifair and Charlotte, granddaughters of Jenny Wiley, were famous midwives known as "country doctors." "Lottie", reportedly, delivered over 2,000 babies in Wayne County and the surrounding area.

Zack remained in the

timber business until his death in 1914. Zack and Charlotte had 14 children. Over 3,000 of their descendants have been identified. Some of the major family surnames found presently in the Wayne County area are: Webb, Williamson, Perry, Moore, Wiley, Neace, Frazier, Blankenship, Maynard, Nelson, Toppins, Nester and Caldwell.

Interested readers with information about this Webb family are requested to con-

tact:

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Huntington, W. Va. 25705



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

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 1746, 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,

Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201-9707
August 3, 1986

Mrs. Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

I had meant to get back to you earlier on something that I had noticed in your reply of June 20th to Janet Hager. You said your files are in the process of being "computerized". Right now, since the last of May, Hilda and I are putting our Sayre files on disks. We bought a KAYPRO PC, and we are at this point convinced that it the best way to really handle genealogy. The seek and find capabilities and "block" moving capabilities are bound to cut out years of work by the other methods.

Anyway, what I wanted to propose is that I send you the contents of my Workman file and the "Additions and Corrections to Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE" file. I am not wanting to impose in any way, or inject a bunch more "questions" into your already monumental task, but if you would be interested in combining what I have collected with your files, surely the world would benefit. Thelma Anderson sent me some information that she wanted me to take on as a project and I have had inquiries and "exchange" data sent from various other people. I cannot find time to do anything with it while I am covered-up with Sayres.

I ask nothing in return only that you can use it. If you will let me know that you can, I will ship it to you within the week. If you do not have the capacity to handle it, that is "ok" too.

Sincerely,



Ralph H. Sayre

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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

August 12, 1986

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201*

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of August 3.

I would certainly be interested in combining the "Additions and Corrections to Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE" with my files. Exactly when the project would be completed, I could not promise since I seem to be perpetually behind in the commitments I make. Ultimately, I seem to complete each of the projects, however. Of course, until I see how much material you have, I have no real way of evaluating the job. You can be sure I will use the data, so do send it along.

Perhaps I should add that, if I should find that I cannot handle it, I would contact you and would see that some interested individual could do so.

I look forward to receiving the Workman family information.

Sincerely,

Route 1 - Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201-9707

August 18, 1986

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman
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Santa Ana, California 92706

Dear Agnes:

As promised, enclosed are my "Additions and corrections to Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE" and miscellaneous "WORKMAN" files. Please feel free to re arrange them as you see fit, and use as much information as you can from them to combine with your own records. Also feel free to quote from or refer to Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE as much as you need to in your work.

I had planned to eventually add this material to that already given to the state archives and library, Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia. If something should happen that it could not eventually be returned to me, perhaps it could be sent to them requesting it be added to "The Workman Collection".

I hope the material will fall in place with what you already have, and along with it send my best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ralph H. Sayre

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Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

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September 1, 1986

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for sending the Workman family material, which arrived intact.

I reviewed the correspondence and notes yesterday. Although I may change my mind after I begin to work with the data, at present I believe I will include a "miscellaneous section" in the volume I plan to publish on my own Workman line. Such a section could contain three parts: Corrections and additions to Anderson's book, corrections and additions to your book, and truly miscellaneous notes from your files and mine. After such work is complete, I would be happy to request that the material you sent be added to the West Virginia State Archives "The Workman Collection." Therefore, I will keep your notes boxed separately so that it will be easy to send.

I would welcome any suggestions you might have, so don't hesitate to make them.

Just in passing, you might be interested in some information I received two days ago from Mrs. Paul Cox. Copy of her letter is enclosed. Knowing that the Margaret Workman who married James Patton Thompson in 1809 was a daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Lightner) Workman should make it easier for researchers to find a record for one of her later marriages. In another letter to me Mrs. Cox shows this Margaret Workman as having married Jeremiah Shrugans before 1824. I wonder now which Margaret Workman was married to James W. Heniger!

That's about all for today.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Miner's Memories Reservoir For Songs

By JOHN KIMELMAN
Daily Mail Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Without any instrumental accompaniment or prodding from a reporter, Nimrod Workman began singing a mournful song about a woman who loses her three children in a fire but dreams that they come back to her.

In the song, the woman dreams that she sets a table for the children and that they will spend the night.

But the woman is brought back to her earthly predicament when the children tell her, "Green grass grows out of our heads, Mamma, cold clay out our feet."

The melancholy and slightly macabre verse is part of an endless reservoir of bygone songs, poems and stories in the retentive mind of Workman, a 90-year-old former Mingo County

coal miner who now lives in eastern Tennessee.

Workman, a weaver of mountain yarns and a singer of songs, was one of 13 National Heritage Fellows selected this year by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The winners, who skills represent a cross-section of American traditional folk arts, received \$5,000 each from the Endowment and a trip to Washington last week. They were honored with a Senate reception on Capitol Hill, a banquet at the National Press Club and a celebration concert at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium.

Sitting on his bed at a Washington hotel, with his wife and a dotting granddaughter nearby, Workman said his skills as a singer and story teller were a natural byproduct of his breeding.

"People, they can hear you do something and they can pick it up," he said.

"A lot of people hear something and they forget it," he said.

"My race of people, seems like they just pick up music," he said. The race he referred to is a curious blending of Scotch-Irish and Cherokee Indian.

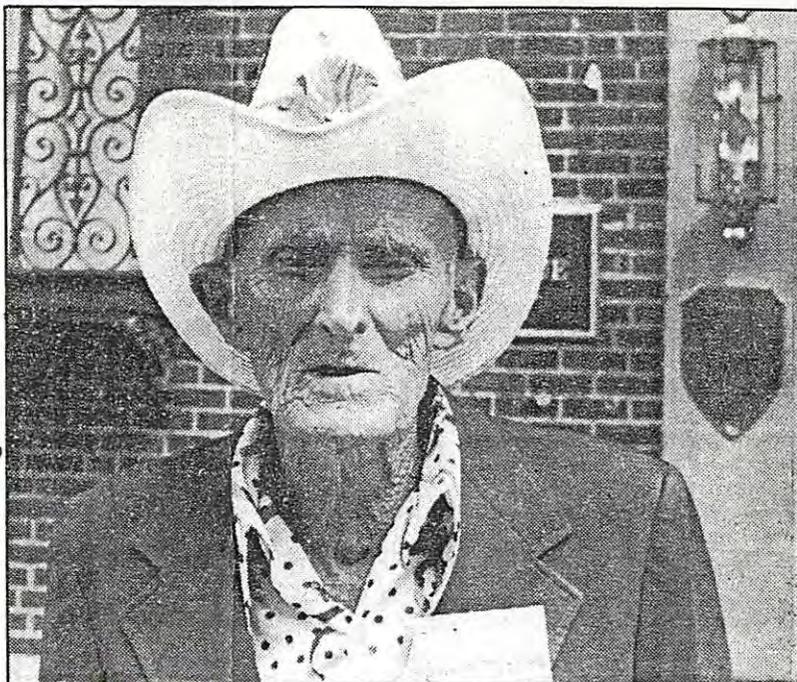
The Indian can be seen in Workman's dark, creviced face and black-brown eyes, which he enjoys twinkling for effect.

Born in Martin County, Ky., to a poor farming family in 1895, Workman was named after his paternal grandfather, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian who fought in the "Rebel and Yankee" war.

Workman says his grandfather spent countless hours teaching him songs and stories about Indian folklore, as well as old British and Scottish ballads.

His mother sang, too, and his sister, Laura, played the banjo and the guitar.

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NIMROD WORKMAN SINGS A WEALTH OF STORIES
Daily Mail Photo by John Kimelman

Hot Line

Got a problem? Need an answer? Hot Line solves problems, answers questions, cuts red tape. For help dial 348-4811, or write Hot Line, Daily Mail, Charleston, W.Va. 25330.

Q. I would like to have Andy Williams' address.

G.H. Seth

A. Write to singer Williams in care of the Agency for the Performing Arts, 9000 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

Q. Please send me the address where I can send mail to actress Catherine Bach.

R.L. Charleston

A. Address mail to Bach in care of

the William Morris Agency, 151 E. Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Q. I want to know if a moped operator is required to wear a helmet while riding on state highways. Both Putnam and Braxton County Sheriff Departments say "yes." I checked with Winfield last summer and the Cross Lanes State Police detachment recently. Both say "no." Who is right?

O.B. Hurricane

A. According to a West Virginia State Police official, the operation of

mopeds is regulated by the same laws that govern the operation of motorcycles.

Q. Could you please find out if Melvo sells its Nail Magic product in the Charleston area?

A.K. Charleston

A. Stone & Thomas carries the cosmetic.

Q. Do you know of any creams that can remove tatoos? Can you suggest a doctor who might help?

C.B. Montgomery

A. For information about plastic surgery call Betty Hammonds of the Kanawha Medical Society. The telephone number is 925-6685.

— Compiled by Mark Sadd

Beg Your Pardon

In Thursday's Daily Mail, a story on indictments handed down by a Kanawha County grand jury gave the incorrect date for people to report to Circuit Judge Robert K. Smith. People should appear in Smith's courtroom at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9.

Charleston Daily Mail Sept 19, 1986

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MEMORIES

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When Workman was 14, his parents signed a release and he walked into the mines of nearby Mingo County. He worked there for the next 42 years, until a bad back and black lung forced him to quit.

"I started working for 18 hours a day, beginning at four in the morning until late into the night."

"I would only get \$2.80 for it," he said.

It didn't take long before Workman joined the miner's fight for union representation.

"I fought with the union and Mother Jones," he said with pride. "John L. Lewis, I thought he was the greatest man in the world."

Workman has honored those heady days of union involvement in song and verse.

Along the way, he married his wife, Molly, now 74.

"They don't have enough money in Washington to buy her," Workman said.

The Workmans had 13 children. Their clan, at last count, now includes 96 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Workman's years in the mines came to an abrupt end in 1952 when his black lung and painful back caused him to pass out underground. His fellow workers carried him home to his wife.

It wasn't until 21 years later, after the creation of a federal black lung program, that Workman received any compensation.

But his hardships as a miner were his material as a song writer and story teller.

Workman himself has been memorialized in "Nimrod Workman: To Fit My Own Category," and an album of his music entitled, "Passing Through the Garden."

He continues to tour colleges and universities, receiving a welcome accorded to a bard of a bygone era.

"The kids are crazy about me," he said.

"They all want to know the old songs."



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

October 18, 1986

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201*

Dear Ralph:

Thank you so much for the Workman family articles, particularly the one about Nimrod Workman and his Cherokee Indian ties.

It would certainly be worthwhile to interview him for genealogical data. The article does not indicate where in East Tennessee he now lives. Certainly there is some confusion as to exactly who the "full-blooded Cherokee" ancestor may have been. I believe one must add a generation or so. Perhaps it was Elias' unidentified wife Nancy who was the Cherokee?

Maybe the Daily Mail reporter would know where Nimrod Workman could be located.

I am sending a copy of the article to David Webb, who might be in a position to follow through.

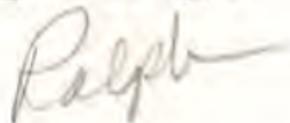
Sincerely,

Hi Agnes,

Happy New Year. I had an inquiry today about a book. MARILYN E. THOMPSON, 5715 Middlefield Drive, Columbus, OH 43220. Her inquiry was if the book included Allen Dix Workman, s/o Thompson and Eliza Jane "Vanetta" Workman. Found on Page 221 of "Some Branches..." She gave me a death date for Allen Dix Workman, "12 February 1939".

Hope all is going well with you and genealogy.

Ralph H. Sayre
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Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
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March 10, 1987

Dear Ralph:

Thank you so much for sending death date for Allen Dix Workman. I have placed the information in the "Sayre Workman Data File" so that it will be available when I finally begin work on my Workman Supplement.

Kenneth Swift, who seems to be an enthusiastic, dedicated researcher interested in pursuing such a project, will be in California later this week. His visit will give us an opportunity to compare notes.

Again, thanks for your continued interest.

Sincerely,





Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

April 9, 1987

*Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201*

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for forwarding the letters from Linda Dingess and Gene Workman. They have been added to the growing Workman file.

I assume that you responded to them concerning Some Branches of the Workman Tree. It occurs to me that I don't even know whether any copies are still available.

Kenneth Swift, a descendant of Jacob and Eleanor (Jones) Workman, stopped by for a nice visit while he was in California recently. He had expressed an interest in co-authoring the Workman Supplement, but he seems primarily interested in his lineage and the later groups who moved to Missouri.

I'm still trying to determine how best to use your notes. As I work, I find that I am less interested in the later Workman generations and really wish to concentrate on the earlier genealogical puzzles. But, of course, that has always been my primary interest in this line because Anderson and you have done such a fine job of tracing descendants.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph H. Sayre
Rt. 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, WV 26201

April 15, 1987

Dear Agnes,

This will be just a short note to answer your letter of April 9th. Hilda and I are still covered up with Sayre genealogy.

I probably still have a hundred or so copies of Some Branches of THE WORKMAN TREE. I have sent circulars to all inquiries and sell a few to phone inquiries, but have given up regular advertising.

I really didn't mean to cause you any problems by referring Mr. Swift to you. I was hoping that he could be some help to you or at least some mutual arrangement.

Also, please do not feel pressured or obligated in any way to use the information which I sent to you. Use as little or as much as you freely wish. My only concern was to take some precautions to keep from losing it. I understand your feeling about the "earlier genealogical puzzles" and give you my full support in tackling them.

You may keep what I sent you "on file" or part of it as you see fit. My only concern is in preservation.

Thanks and our best wishes to you, as always.

Ralph

The Sayre family



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

June 19, 1987

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
Route 1, Box 92
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Dear Ralph:

As always, I seem to be rushed and behind; but I did wish to acknowledge your letter of April 15. I just returned from several extended trips: San Francisco with my husband for a special gathering; Salt Lake City for a genealogical seminar and research sessions; and Washington, DC, where my daughter was a recipient of the 1987 Chevron Conservation Award.

Anyway, thank you for your encouragement and support for the Workman family projections.

In the meantime, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed Sayre/Sear/Sayres/Sears family data.

Sincerely,

Enclosures